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Fifth Army Makes New Gains On The Road To Cassino; Forts Strike Again At Reich As Rail Yards Blasted; Reds Smash Southern Anchor Of Nazis' Eastern Line

Hitler Armies Forced Away From Dnieper

Loss Of Bridgehead May Mean Sweeping Withdrawal

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Red army has smashed the southern anchor of Adolf Hitler's Russian front, forcing the Germans to retreat from their Kherson bridgehead at the lower extremity of the Dnieper river, the Berlin radio acknowledged today, while to the north powerful Soviet units, pouring through collapsed Nazi defenses in the Nevel sector in a new winter offensive, surged to within 57 miles of the Latvian border.

The loss of the Kherson bridgehead left the Germans without a good defense prospect short of the Bug river, 30 miles to the rear on the way to Odessa. Announcing the withdrawal, the German broadcast said the crossing of the Dnieper was achieved "without any loss, despite a heavy ice drift."

The big Russian drive in the north, now in its sixth day, has already overrun 500 villages and hamlets, and Russian tanks, cavalry and white-robed ski troops today were smashing forward toward Polotsk, key rail junction near the old Polish and Latvian frontiers.

The Russians drove up to the mouth of the Dnieper early in November during the height of their offensive which walled off the northern outlets from the Crimea, and at one time claimed—to be holding the entire eastern bank of the Dnieper.

The Germans, however, asserted that they still held a bridgehead on the eastern bank, across from the town of Kherson which is on the west side of the stream. The Germans also hold a bridgehead farther up the stream near Nikopol.

The Berlin broadcast said Russian forces attacked unsuccessfully at Kherson Sunday, but "since this bridgehead had become useless through freezing of the Dnieper river, it was evacuated last night unnoticed by the enemy."

The Soviet offensive, spearheaded by tanks, cavalry, and ski troops, in the Nevel area was in its sixth day, and was punching toward the rail junction of polotsk. A Moscow dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore said the Russians were "dangerously close" to Polotsk, which is near the old Polish and Latvian frontiers, while other Soviet units "brought an imminent threat" to Vitebsk.

Your Carrier Boy Will Call On You This Week

To solicit your subscription to The Herald for 1944 on an annual basis. We urge you to take advantage of the special offer, as it is definitely limited.

The current Bargain Offer is the same as last year. Delivered to your door for a year for only

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Crowd Sees 4 Hanged In Moscow For War Crimes

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Three Germans and a Russian traitor, sentenced to death for war atrocities, were hanged at 11 a. m. Sunday in Kharkov's public square, the Moscow radio announced, while 40,000 persons watched with "great satisfaction and applause."

The executions followed swiftly upon convictions Saturday by the military tribunal of the Fourth Ukrainian front, and ended the first war-crimes trial cases. Hanged were Wilhelm Langheid, a Gestapo captain; Hans



Fascist Group In Sicily Put Under Arrest

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Dec. 20 (AP)—Sixteen young Italians, including a wealthy 22-year-old girl and a poetry dabbler 19-year-old youth, are awaiting trial at Trapani, Sicily, on charges that they sought to sabotage the Allied war effort and reestablish secret fascist cells, the American counter-intelligence corps has disclosed.

The girl, Marie d'Alì, a former Rome university law student who belonged to many fascist youth organizations and was described as a member of one of the wealthiest families in Italy, was accused of financing the plot. Her father, who held a high rank in the fascist party at Trapani, disappeared before the counter-intelligence corps broke up the group.

The leader of the organization was identified as Cataldo Grammatico, 19, former section chief of the Gioventù Italiana del Littorio, fascist youth organization, who expressed his hatred of the Americans and British in poems he wrote on the side. Authorities said he admitted having cut communication lines on two occasions.

One of the accused, Pietro Cardillo, 28, who had been employed as chief clerk of the fascist organization in Trapani since 1939, was said to have confessed that the group planned an armed revolt.

First indications that some anti-Allied organization had been formed in Trapani became apparent on Oct. 14, when mimeographed bulletins were posted on the city walls, protesting against prevailing conditions, denouncing President Roosevelt and ending with the words, "long live revolutionist Sicily." The arrests revealed later that the secret group was called, "the committee of those faithful to fascism."

Corpus School Bldg. Damaged By Blast

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 20 (AP)—An explosion, believed to have been caused by accumulated gas, demolished one wing of Crosley elementary school early today, seriously injuring a janitor. Joe C. Cabrera, the janitor and the only person known to have been caused by accumulated gas, was blown through a window. No fire accompanied the explosion which was felt over a large area. School and fire officials started an investigation.

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Landing On Arawe—Rifles ready, American troops are shown in the top photo wading ashore for the invasion of New Britain island at Arawe.



The lower photo shows Yanks in their landing boats, scanning the skies for Jap planes which bombed and strafed the invaders a moment after this picture was taken. (AP Wirephoto via Signal Corps Radiophoto.)

Germans Use Rocket Bombs

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A German "secret weapon"—a glider bomb powered by rockets and controlled by radio—was described today in the first eyewitness reports of an attack on a recent diving bomber.

The glider bombs, released by eight Nazi planes, all missed, said two British marine officers who added that the attacks "looked like the day of a Martian invasion was here."

Their account of the rocket gliders was released coincident with reports reaching Spain that the German general staff had decided to put a boasted "secret weapon" into use immediately. Robert Daley, a gunnery officer, said the bombs were carried by gliders about 25 feet long and with 15-foot wingspread. One glider was slung under each of the eight twin-engine bombers striking at the convoy.

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Army Defends Canol Oil Deal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Lieut. General Brehon Somervell testified today that the \$130,000,000 Canol Oil development in Canada was made imperatively necessary by "the desperate outlook" of the war in the dark days of 1942.

Opposing the recommendations of War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson and Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes who had advocated junking the project about which they said they were not consulted, Somervell told the Senate Truman committee:

"Any inference or statement made that the Canol project was handled in a cavalier fashion and without reference to my associates is entirely without foundation."

Somervell said he had discussed the project with members of the general staff concerned and that it was "entirely outside Mr. Nelson's jurisdiction."

"There was no setup in his organization at that time in a position to help us and with jurisdiction outside the United States," declared Somervell, who ordered the development.

As for Ickes, the chief of the army's service supply declared, "practically the same thing was true." "It was entirely outside his jurisdiction," the witness continued. "We had all the data. In the petroleum co-ordinator's office as it existed at that time, there were no petroleum men available to help us."

Daylight Raids Follow Blows From The South

Innsbruck And Augsburg Transportation Centers Damaged

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—American heavy bombers struck from the west at much-battered northwest Germany in daylight today in a quick follow up to yesterday's Mediterranean-based Allied heavy bomber assaults on Innsbruck and Augsburg, 20 miles northwest of Munich, on the Brenner Pass route.

The big American planes were escorted by fleet fighters again in their renewed onslaught on their favorite recent targets—Hitler's U-boat nests and the shipbuilding ports of the North Sea. Specific targets were not named immediately.

Yesterday's first blow in the one-two punch at German industry from the west and south was made through fierce fighter opposition. The Germans threw up more than 100 planes in a futile attempt to halt the Liberator and Flying Fortress formations winging in from the south.

Thirty-seven of the attackers were shot down in flames and 22 others probably were destroyed to a loss of 18 Mediterranean-based Allied planes during the day's operations. Some of the missing Allied fliers were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

"The Innsbruck railway yards were subjected to a great and accurate bombardment," said the Allied communiqué from Algiers. In addition to the blows at Innsbruck, which lies just north of the Brenner, and at Augsburg, Mediterranean-based planes pounded rail communications at Foligno, Perugia and Arezzo in central Italy, the Terni railway junction, and harbors and shipping in the Adriatic and off Italy's west coast—including Civitavecchia, northwest of Rome, Pasman Island in the Adriatic and the Yugoslav port of Split.

Other targets hit by the massed formations of Allied bombers and fighters streaming across the channel from British bases today were believed to have been on the French coast, since one group of medium bombers streaked back across the channel in less than half an hour.

The sound of aircraft passing over the straits and the southeast coast became almost continuous as the day wore on, indicating the aerial war had been stepped up into high gear again since the last heavy raids Thursday and Thursday night.

The attack on Augsburg by American Liberators escorted by twin-engine Lightning fighters was the first on that southern German industrial city by Mediterranean-based bombers. The city was last attacked on April 17, 1942, by Britain-based RAF bombers.

Not only was the raid the deepest northern penetration of Germany from the Mediterranean theater to date, it also was the longest operation from that theater and demonstrated that from now on Germany may expect heavy attacks on her homeland from the south as well as the west.

Gandhi's Wife In A Serious Condition

BOMBAY, Dec. 20 (AP)—Mrs. Mohandas K. Gandhi, the 71-year-old wife of India's nationalist leader, has suffered another heart attack and her condition "must continue to cause anxiety," a government statement said today.

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Concessions To Railroad Workers Are Under Study

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Concessions to railroad workers in some form other than additional flat increases in basic wages are under consideration as possible measures to avert a threatened nationwide rail strike beginning December 30.

A mediation conference which began around President Roosevelt's desk yesterday, then moved to the White House cabinet room, adjourned nearly five hours later without a "final agreement." A variety of concessions for the operating brotherhoods were suggested and are under study, but apparently none of these has crystallized to the point where any agreement may be expected immediately. One participant remarked that tomorrow's meeting will be "only the beginning."

American Units Moving Toward Arawe Airstrip

By C. YATES McDANIEL

ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Dec. 20 (AP)—A steady advance up the Cape Merkus peninsula has carried American troops to the vicinity of the Arawe airstrip six miles east of the New Britain beachhead they won less than a week ago.

The operation has gone almost "according to plan" since the main force drawn from Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army went ashore on the southwest coast of the Japanese-held island last Wednesday morning.

Even enemy reaction to the American landing closely followed the expectations of Allied strategists. Reports from Arawe up to late Saturday referred to the stacking of Japanese divebombs and strafing attacks which began shortly after the invaders gained a foothold at Arawe.

Nipponese planes kept up their raids on a day and night basis but Allied interceptors proved more than a match for them.

Easing of the pressure from the air may be due to failure of the enemy attacks to prevent the expansion of the sixth army's beachhead, or to cause sufficient damage of American personnel and equipment to make continuance of the raids worth the price.

That price reached 29 planes destroyed by mid-day Saturday. The Allied Air Forces not only beat off the enemy attacks, but spread new devastation on Japanese bases along both coasts of the 300-mile long island, including a heavy fighter stab at Rabaul harbor.

Possibility that the presently unserviceable Arawe airstrip may be in American hands by this time was suggested by the headquarters spokesman's statement that the Americans are approaching the field. He said the bulletin was based on reports as of late Saturday.

Capture of the airstrip would give the Allies another hopping-off point for aerial attacks on Rabaul, the main Japanese base on New Britain, which is 260 miles from Arawe. But Allied planes already have struck at Rabaul from newly-won bases in the Solomons.

This first all-fighter sweep over Rabaul in the war was staged Friday by South Pacific fliers under Adm. William F. Halsey and testified to the creeping web of air bases the Allies are spinning around the already-battered stronghold.

Halsey's spokesman said the 80 planes came from "various South Pacific bases," but reports from General Douglas MacArthur's advance headquarters indicated at least part of the fighter force came from the new air strip carved out of the Bougainville jungles at Empress Augusta Bay, 250 air-miles from Rabaul.

Halsey's spokesman said the raid served its purpose—not to strafe the enemy positions but to stir up the Japanese fighter planes. Forty zeros rose to meet the Americans. Six were shot down and two American fighters were missing.

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Stores Staying Open Evenings

As an aid to last minute shoppers and busy office workers, local stores beginning tonight will stay open evenings as late as 9 p. m. through Friday, the Retail Merchants' association announced.

While there is no set time for closing of the stores, the majority of owners agreed that 9 p. m. would be the closing hour. However, some stores, including Montgomery Ward and Penney, have announced that they will not close the late hours but will close at 6 p. m.

To accommodate sales people, most of the stores are staggering work hours so that while some come early, others will arrive at noon and work through until 9 p. m.

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Eighth Army Also Is Forging Ahead On Adriatic Coast

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Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army, supported by tanks, overran an enemy position in the sector along the Adriatic coast, inflicting severe losses, while advancing about a mile further inland and capturing the village of Consolvi, six miles from Orsogna.

Montgomery's artillerymen knocked out five German Mark IV tanks, bringing to 43 the total of German tanks destroyed since the start of the Sangro river battle. Of these at least 30 were Mark IV's, the largest the Germans have employed in Italy.

Fifty German paratroopers were captured from a group recently transferred from the central mountainous terrain to bolster the eastern defenses.

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Heavy losses suffered by the Germans' 90th light armored division, for the second time threatened that unit with extinction. A spokesman said reports from the Eighth Army front showed this division had lost about half its infantry strength.

Two battalions of the division's 361st regiment had been consolidated, it was said, and 2,400 infantrymen from the division's two infantry regiments had been killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

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Capture of the shattered town opened the way to the Liri valley, and four doughboys struck ahead, threatening San Vittore, only six miles from the Germans' winter line bastion of Cassino.

The allied Sunday communique said the Fifth Army men had advanced a mile beyond San Pietro. Farther northeast, other American units captured San Cerasuolo, on a 2,000-foot height three miles northwest of Filignano.

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Christmas Party In The James Wilcox Home Given For Bluebonnet Class

Mrs. F. M. Purser, Teacher, Presented With Yule Gift

The Bluebonnet Class of the First Christian Church was entertained with a pre-Christmas party in Mrs. James Wilcox's home Sunday afternoon, and hours were from 4 to 6 o'clock.

A nativity scene ornamented the mantle, and Christmas bells furthered the chosen motif.

Holly corsages were presented to guests, and gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. F. M. Purser, teacher, was presented with a gift from the group.

The refreshment table was centered with Christmas tapers in miniature log holders.

The guest list included Mrs. J. T. Burnam, Mrs. Fred Lancaster, Mrs. E. Allen, Mrs. H. L. Bohannon, Mrs. H. E. Clay, Georgia Bond, Ina Deason, Mrs. G. Milliken, Mrs. E. J. Roach, Mrs. B. Housewright, Mrs. Bill Early, Mrs. C. E. Manning, Mrs. P. A. Newsom, Mrs. Jack Johnson, Mrs. L. T. King, Mrs. A. V. Karcher, Mrs. Willard Read, Mrs. Paul McCrary.

Mrs. A. G. Hall, Mrs. P. A. Ewell, Mrs. J. T. Allen, Mrs. E. T. Sullivan, Mrs. M. M. Grove, Mrs. Ale Lysinger, Mrs. Ray Shaw.

Children's Party To Be Held At VFW Home Tonight

The VFW is sponsoring a children's party at the VFW home, 9th and Gollard, this evening at 8 o'clock.

Special entertainment for the children has been arranged, and all members of the post and their families are invited to attend.

BEGINNERS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Beginners department of the First Baptist church was entertained with a Christmas party at the church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Gifts were brought for Buckner's Orphanage in Dallas and games and songs were directed by Mrs. W. J. Alexander.

Refreshments were served and around 30 children attended.

Royal Neighbors Will Not Meet This Week

The Royal Neighbors will not meet Thursday evening due to the serious illness of Mrs. C. A. Dublin in Hobbs, N. M.

Mrs. Claude Wright, Royal Neighbors oracle, is Mrs. Dublin's daughter. She left Sunday evening for Hobbs, and was accompanied by her sister, who lives in Abilene.

FOOD INSPECTOR

McAllen, Dec. 20 (AP) — The army has begun inspection of food-vending firms in McAllen, Pharr, Mission and Edinburg in an effort to improve health conditions in the area serving Moore Field Army Air Base.

DOWNTOWN STROLLER

We were really worried for awhile, but the Settles hotel finally got its big Christmas tree up in the lobby and strung with lights and all the stuff that makes a Christmas tree. Now we really believe it is Christmas time.

Caught a glimpse of ELIZABETH McCRARY, excuse please, we mean Mrs. LORENZ GAST Monday morning. Cpl. GAST is stationed at Camp Fannin so guess ELIZABETH will be making that spot her home now.

One of those boys who hopes to get home for Christmas dinner at least is DAVID LAMUN, son of Mr. and Mrs. BERNARD LAMUN. DAVID is at A&M and wrote his folks that somehow, somehow, he hoped to manage the trip here if just for the day. SARA LAMUN, a senior at NTSTC in Denton, is already home for the holidays.

COSDEN is either going to have to start employing just married women or put a ban on their gals dating. The marriages out there have been numerous and the latest engagement-ring-wearer is PAT DAVIS, according to the Cosden chatter. ROXIE DOBBINS is the guy who was helping PAT show off her ring at the Cosden dance.

Speaking of the dance, everybody that went said it was one of the best this year. A Dallas orchestra added that final touch to make it a big success.

Dunham To Report January 1 For Training As Chaplain In Army

The Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, pastor of the East Fourth Baptist church for the past four years, Sunday received his orders to report for training as a chaplain in the Army of the United States on January 1.

He will go to Harvard for his course of instruction and will leave here on Dec. 27.

The church granted him a leave of absence for the duration and gave his family use of one of the two parsonages owned by the



R. ELMER DUNHAM

Activities at the USO

MONDAY
8:00—Fudge party and wreath making.

TUESDAY
Free alterations.
8:00—Formal Christmas dance. Post-Orchestra. . . . All GSO invited.

WEDNESDAY
6:15—Hospital visiting hour with candy and cookie shower. Games and dancing with Wednesday GSO.
8:30—Rehearsal for Christmas carols.

THURSDAY
8:00—Caroling party. Servicemen, WACs and hostesses to sing at local hospitals.

FRIDAY
7:00—Christmas tree.

SATURDAY—CHRISTMAS DAY
4:00-9:00—Canteen open, coffee.
7:30—Recording hour.

Open house to be held at club from 10:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m. with junior and senior hostesses, townspeople and army personnel invited. Fruit, cookies and coffee to be served.

WACs, soldiers and junior hostesses joined with USO officials Sunday afternoon in gathering holly, mistletoe and cedar for decoration of the local USO club.

Monday evening the group will make wreaths and other decorations for the club, and a fudge party will be held.

Hostesses assisting Sunday were Betty Penn, Joyce Glenn, Winnie Prescott, Cozy Walker, Myrtle Jones, Mary Reidy, Betty Cantrell, Mrs. Winston Harper, Kay Presley, Helen Duley, Erma Lee Gideon, Virginia Burns, Polly Allgood and Billie Frances Shaffer.

Rehearsal for the Christmas caroling party will be held at the club Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock preceding the party at 8 o'clock.

church.

Speaking for the deacons, W. R. Puckett said that a call to serve as pastor during the Rev. Dunham's absence had been accepted by the Rev. W. H. (Bill) Colson, Deming, N. M., who early last summer conducted a revival meeting here. He was due here Wednesday evening for a conference with the church.

Coming here from Santa Anna, the Rev. Dunham served as missionary for Baptist district No. 8 for three months before he was called by the East Fourth church.

During his ministry here, the church has had more than 1,000 additions, 252 of them by baptism. The church debt of \$9,000 was retired this year with the raising of \$23,000 by the church for all causes. Under his leadership, the church or its branches have founded a mission which grew into the North Nolan Baptist church, the airport mission, and a Boy Scout hut.

For 1944 the church had accepted the objective of raising \$6,000 in bonds to start an annual practice looking toward erection of a three-story educational building after the war.

The Rev. Dunham is the 137th man from his church to enter the service and will go in at the rank of first lieutenant. He is the third Big Spring minister to enter the chaplaincy, the Rev. O. L. Savage, Presbyterian, and the Rev. Blair Morris, Baptist, having entered previously.

Sea Experiences Are Recounted By Stripling Boys

One of his two sons in service is a full-fledged "moss back" and the other stopped just short of the distinction, Fox Stripling learned in letters last week from Ensign Allen A. Stripling and Lieut. John L. Stripling.

Ensign Stripling wrote that he had completed a 7,300 mile trip from his base, somewhere in the Pacific, to New Caledonia and return as second navigator on a navy flying boat.

A "moss back," he explained, is one who has crossed the equator. Not only had he done that, but he qualified as a "shell back" by having also crossed the international date line. One of the places touched on the trip was one where the Japs had bombed recently. At another place he attended a motion picture show in an old church, the roof of which had been bombed away.

Lieut. Stripling, with an army contingent, might have earned the "moss back" honor but his outfit stopped in Panama, he wrote. In his letter he described the ocean, which caused him some distress, "monotonous except in vigor." Aboard ship, chimes called three settings for each meal, and he observed that they "were bonging almost every hour of the waking day, reminding me of food I shunned and attempted to forget, or was going to eat totally without relish, or worst of all, a meal I had already eaten and was trying to hold down."

In Panama he was amazed to step from the boat to a train, which whisked them to their destination. The city near where they are stationed was described as resembling a "Mexican fiesta and a public square market."

Urchins hawked bananas, but Lieut. Stripling rebelled at paying five cents each for them in the tropics. Presently, one tyke with a bunch, offered the lot at "four-bits." He grabbed the bargain and counted his bananas. There were only nine!

HD Clubs Have Yule Party In A. C. Bass Home

The R-Bar and Coahoma Home Demonstration clubs were entertained with a Christmas party in Mrs. A. C. Bass' home Saturday afternoon, and a Yuletide motif was featured in decorations about the entertaining rooms.

A red and green color scheme was used, and refreshments were served from a table centered with fruit surrounded with holiday cedar. The arrangement was flanked by red and green tapers.

Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree and games were played.

Those attending were Miss Rhea Merle Boyles, Howard county home demonstration agent, Mrs. Ray Swan, Mrs. Tom Rodgers, Mrs. Alice McGregor, Mrs. George McGregor, Mrs. W. F. Heckler.

Lela Birkhead, Mrs. W. L. Eggleston, Mrs. E. T. O'Daniel, Mrs. Paul Adams, Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. W. C. Borden, Mrs. W. J. Jackson and the hostess.

Congress Drops All Problems Till Jan. 10

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — The 78th Congress, torn by bitter battles over mostly home front problems all year, relaxed today with all major issues on the shelf for the yule season.

House and senate will quit tomorrow for the holidays.

Returning January 10, the members will be confronted again by these issues bearing on the most widely-discussed subject of the past month—inflation:

1—The proposal to outlaw food subsidies (No. 1 White House weapon against inflation.)

2—A proposed raise in pay for 1,100,000 railroad workers (denounced by the administration's top stabilization officials.)

3—A 35-cent increase in the price of crude oil (rejected as inflationary by stabilization director Fred M. Vinson and by the office of price administration.)

A last minute-compromise put off a showdown on the food subsidy program Saturday. The senate and house decided to delay until Feb. 17 the final decision on a house-approved bill which would prohibit government-paid food subsidies as a means of keeping retail prices down.

Subsidy advocates and opponents are expected to use the breathing spell to try to whip up further senate support for their viewpoints.

Final decision on the railroad pay increase is up to the house.

The oil price increase was voted by the house last week and sent to the senate where it got caught in the recess rush.

South Has Increase In Bowl Grid Games

NEW ORLEANS — War-time football has caused an increase in post season bowl games in this section.

Two Mississippi high school teams played in the "Raisin Bowl" at Meridian, so named because the game was played to raise funds for the National War Fund and community chest.

And at Baton Rouge, La., soldiers at Harding Field will play a benefit touch football game which they call the "Finger Bowl."

Greenville, Miss., High and Holy Cross of New Orleans played in the Times-Playmate's 11th annual "Toy Bowl" game Dec. 3, while Nicholls High of New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss., met in the "Shrimp Bowl" at Gulfport.

The big game here, the 10th annual Sugar Bowl classic, will match Georgia Tech and Tulsa on New Year's Day.

Study Club To Meet Wednesday Afternoon

The Child Study club will meet with Mrs. W. E. Wright, 510 Washington, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

All members are urged to attend.

OFFICE TO CLOSE

C. B. Strain, Highway Patrol license examiner, said Monday that he driver's license division of the office would be closed for the holidays on December 25th and again on January 1st.

Four To Entertain With Luncheon

Four hostesses will entertain with a bridge luncheon in the officers club at the Big Spring Bombardier School Tuesday.

The group includes Mrs. Herman Katkow, chairman, Mrs. James M. Jones, Mrs. O. C. Weatherly and Mrs. Fred Schmidt.

Officers' wives are cordially invited to attend.

First Christian Council Serves At The USO Club

Women of the First Christian church served as hostesses at the Big Spring USO club Sunday afternoon during hospitality hour which was held from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Refreshments were served by the group which included Mrs. Fred Lancaster, Mrs. Ed Allen, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. Harry Lees, Mrs. George Hall, Mrs. H. G. Hill, Mrs. C. M. Shaw, Mrs. H. R. Vorheis and Mrs. G. W. Dabney.

A/C and Mrs. Clarence R. Redding of Montgomery, Ala., are visiting here with Redding's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Redding.

Wedding Vows Read In Post Chapel By Rev. H. C. Smith

In a candlelight ceremony read Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the post chapel at the Big Spring Bombardier School, Patricia A. Maynard of Hohokus, N. J., and Cadet Earnest F. Angelicola, Jr., were married by the Rev. H. Clyde Smith, pastor of the First Methodist church.

Pre-nuptial music was played by Sgt. Ethel Lewis, organist, who also played the traditional wedding marches.

The bride was dressed in a pink accessories, and she carried a bouquet of tulle and pink roses.

Mrs. Juanita Allen, matron of honor, wore a light blue dress with matching accessories.

The bridegroom was attended by Cadet Herbert Anderson.

Babeite Blakefield of Fort Arthur is in Big Spring visiting with her aunts and their families, Mrs. Bernard Fisher and Mrs. J. M. Fisher.

Caroling Party Held After Church Service

The young people of the First Christian church went on a caroling party following services at the church Sunday evening, and Patsy Holcombe and Fannie Sue Hall, led the group in the singing of Christmas carols.

Those taking part were Mrs. Cliff Wiley and Mrs. H. E. Clay, leaders, J. Y. Blount, Wilma Peters, Nelta Knowles, Eve White, Marjorie Locke, Kenneth Cannon, Doris Jean Clay.

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Pre-Holiday Dance Held In Officers' Club At The Post

Officers and their guests were entertained with a pre-Christmas dance in the officers' club at the Big Spring Bombardier school Saturday evening.

Buffet supper was served at midnight, and music for dancing was furnished by the post orchestra.

Capt. Frank Argus, who is in charge of the club, has announced that open house will be held in the club on Christmas eve and Christmas day. The main lounge has been decorated for the coming holiday, and a large white Christmas tree has been included for the coming parties. Other decorations include a miniature fireplace, complete with Christmas stockings.

A New Year's Eve party will be held on December 31st, and guests will be furnished with horns, paper hats, confetti.

The dance will start at 9 o'clock, a floor show will be presented at 10:30 o'clock, and a buffet supper will be served at 12:30 o'clock.

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Bowen Sells Line For Three Million

PORT WORTH, Dec. 20 (AP)—Sale of Bowen Motor Coaches to M. E. Moore of Texas and Little Rock and three other men for more than \$3,000,000 cash was announced Saturday by R. C. Bowen, president of the Texas bus line. The announcement was made shortly after the contract was signed. Headquarters of the lines will remain in Fort Worth. All personnel will be retained. Moore was elected president of the line by the new owners, Bowen said.



On The Job—One of the busy technicians serving a wide West Texas territory is E. C. Masters, proprietor-operator of the electric company that bears his name, and who is pictured here in his shop, where he specializes in electrical jobs that are "hard to do." Mr. Masters stays on the job long hours, but is remembering the Christmas season to extend greetings to all his friends and customers. (Kelsey Photo).

Masters Sends Yule Greetings To Customers

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He is sending this engraved message on a double thickness of heavy bond paper measuring 9 1/4 x 6 1/2 inches and is folded in the middle. Following the patriotic theme it carries a picture of the statue of liberty with halos of red, white and blue surrounding the torch. The card is white with a red border at the top and a blue one at the bottom.



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Few Cage Teams Still Unbeaten

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Basketball's pre-holiday shopping rush has cleared the shelves of many of the perfect record clubs and left the persistent Christmas week fans a skimpy schedule of coming attractions.

Among the mighty who fall off the top perch during the rush hours of the last few days were Michigan, Purdue, Marquette, Dartmouth, Ohio State, Western Kentucky State, Iowa State and Missouri.

Uncle Sam has three especially gaudy exhibits in Great Lakes, winner of five straight including a 58-52 decision over Purdue, Norfolk Naval Training Station with nine in a row and Camp Grant with four successive wins.

Great Lakes' pair of Paul Armstrong and Herman Schaefer, former Indiana U. and Fort Wayne pro teammates, appear to be the scoring combination of the nation with 72 to their team's 123 points in two games during the week.

Iowa is the only western conference unbeaten club with three wins including a wild 82-point Iowa record score against Illinois State Teachers when Frosh Center Dick Ives exploded 37 points to break all former Hawkeye individual marks.

Depaul's Demons, bound for the east soon, loom as one of the great midwestern teams after winning their seventh straight from Indiana, 81-43 as six-foot-for-27 points.

Bob "Poothills" Kurland and his seven-foot stretch had the east talking as he paced the Oklahoma Aggies to triumph over City College of New York and Temple. Bob's goal tending activities inspired some eastern coaches to advocate a change in the rules raising the basket to 12 feet.

The Aggies, now heading for home, are unbeaten in five. Kentucky appears to be a red hot number in the south, smearing Ohio State and Cincinnati during the week, and heading into Illinois tonight. Arkansas with three wins is the only unbeaten team in the Southwest Conference where little Southwestern has been upsetting the king pins again, drubbing Texas and Baylor.

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Razorbacks Up To Old Tricks In Southwest

By The Associated Press
The Arkansas Razorbacks are leading the way in practice games of Southwest conference basketball with three straight victories while the other five teams that have seen action all have been defeated.

Texas A. and M. hasn't yet tasted competition. Arkansas holds victories over the Conway Independents, Pittsburg, Kan., Teachers and Springfield, Mo., Rangers, and next week the Porkers journey into the east on an exhibition inter-sectional schedule during which they will play City College of New York, Albright and De Paul.

Texas, which had rolled up four wins, promptly lost two in a row—falling before Southwestern and Chase Field of Beville. Southern Methodist also dropped out of the all-victorious column by losing to Childress Army Air Field.

Only five games are scheduled this week with Arkansas meeting Camp Chaffee at Fort Smith, Ark., and Southern Methodist playing Majors Field at Dallas tonight, Texas playing Kelly Field at San Antonio tomorrow night, Chase Field at Beville Wednesday night and Corpus Christi Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi Thursday night.

The standings to date:
Team—W L Pts. Op.
Arkansas 3 0 187 110
Soul. Methodist . . 2 1 150 128
Texas 4 2 280 248
Texas Christian . . 2 3 165 175
Baylor 1 2 87 127
Rice 1 2 122 125
Texas A&M 0 0 0 0

Results last week:
Sheppard Field 29, Texas Christian 23.
Southwestern 50, Texas 41.
Southern Methodist 51, Bergstrom Air Field 46.
Arkansas 42, Pittsburgh, Kan., Teachers 37.
Texas Christian 49, Texas Tech 43.
Rice 61, Ellington Field 48.
Texas Tech 39, Texas Christian 37.
Childress Air Field 58, Southern Methodist 45.
Southwestern 37, Baylor 28.
Arkansas 65, Springfield, Mo., Rangers 40.
Childress Army Air Field 58, Southern Methodist 45.
Kansas State College ASTP 42, Kansas State 30.
Baylor ASTP Team 32, Southwestern 30.
Southwestern 57, Baylor Univ. Varsity 28 (second game).

Sgt. Cozby One Of 'Unfortunates' In Italian Invasion

M'CLOSKEY GENERAL HOSPITAL, TEMPLE, Dec. 20—Sgt. Joe B. Cozby, 25-year-old soldier from Ballinger, says he was "one of those unfortunates" wounded in the first day of the Italian invasion.

"After eight months in North Africa," said Cozby, "I was ready for the invasion. So what happened? My section was out after some trouble-making 88 mm. guns, and while we were taking cover in an irrigation ditch, I crawled out to see if I could locate the guns. A mortar shell exploded about ten yards away and shrapnel hit me in the chest and stomach. And we'd only gone 1,000 yards from the beach.

Final Game To Be Played At Dallas Stadium

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor
For the eleventh time in twenty-four years of Texas interscholastic league football Dallas gets the final game and never before was a championship battle quite so attractive.

San Angelo's rugged Bobcats and Lufkin's versatile Panthers are going to meet at Dal-Hi stadium Christmas day as the climaxing feature of the grandest race of them all—a campaign the critics have labeled as the best both from the standpoint of gridiron brilliance and interest.

It's ground games of magnificent power on parade. Saturday San Angelo came roaring back in two 67-yard drives that scored touchdowns and edged out a fine Highland Park eleven 21-20. Lufkin also had the stuff when the chips were down to smash from behind to tie the score 7-7 and topple Goose Creek on penetrations.

Meeting at Waco yesterday, officials of the two schools chose Dallas after they had deadlocked on playing at Fort Worth or Houston. And they voted to do away with the penetration rule in this game, so if San Angelo and Lufkin battle to a tie they will go into the record as co-champions.

The Dal-Hi field site, with a seating capacity of 21,445, represents travel of 265 miles for San Angelo and 175 for Lufkin. San Angelo announced it would arrive in Dallas Thursday in time for a work-out at the North Dallas field. Lufkin will roll into town Friday and have a practice session at the Adamson high school gridiron.

The Dallas chamber of commerce will pay for printing the tickets and all expenses incident to conduct of the game. The admission price will be \$2.00 with a \$1.00 rate for service men. Should Dal-Hi field draw an anticipated 20,000 fans it will mean Lufkin and San Angelo will receive the largest out from any final game was something over \$11,000 to each competing team.

San Angelo and Lufkin each has played thirteen games and their records are similar. San Angelo has rolled up 392 points and allowed the opposition 74; Lufkin shows 378 points to 60.

There is no direct comparison of the teams since neither played an opponent of the other. San Angelo has had closer games, being held to one-touchdown margins twice and one-point in another. Lufkin did not play a close one until last week with Goose Creek.

Coincidentally, both Coach Jewell Wallace of San Angelo and Coach J. C. (Buck) Prejean of Lufkin are serving their first seasons, and also, it is the first time in the finals for each school.

The elevens stack up about even in weight and both are experienced. Each boasts a bruising running game with San Angelo probably strongest in this department but with Lufkin best in the air.

With award of the final to Dallas, the city gets two big games on consecutive Saturdays to close out the year. Jan. 1 Texas meets Randolph Field in the Cotton Bowl.

Army Takes Over Baltimore Plant

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP)—Army officials who took over the Baltimore plants of the Western Electric company on presidential order, sought today to resume full-scale production while union and management representatives maintained deadlocked on future labor policies.

Brig. Gen. A. A. Farmer, Philadelphia Signal Corp depot commander, and his staff marched quietly into the plant just before noon yesterday and set up operations, but aside from a statement that the company and the union had agreed to resume work, there was no announcement on a settlement of strike issues.

'Unknown' Nabs Golfing Honors

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20 (AP)—The tournament in which anything can happen left the name players trying to explain how Steve Wargo, Jr., a Miami spare-time golfer, won the \$1,000 top prize in the Miami Open yesterday with a straight par score of 280.

National Open Champion Craig Wood blamed the course at Miami Springs. Veteran Gene Sarazen thought winter rules should have been allowed. Johnny Bulla, the Atlanta airline pilot, just didn't understand.

Bulla, whose final card was 38-33-71, tied for third place with Ena Willie Turnesa, former National amateur champion, with a score of 284.

Wood has never won here in years of trying. He finished with 289 and a fifth-place tie. Only Sammy Byrd made a serious bid to overtake Wargo. Byrd turned on the heat coming in for a 33, and his total of 283 was good enough for 7000 second place money.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Only one pro football team—the Bears, of course, ever played in the Chicago all-star game in August and then went on to win the league title playoff in December—our guess is that the Redskins won't repeat that one.

They were good enough to make the Giants laugh in defeat yesterday, but they took quite a pounding and it's doubtful their line will be "up" another week.

As for Sammy Baugh, all he did besides using those passes to the receivers like a second baseman coming up with a grounder and shooting it to first, was to pull off two crucial quick kicks—one of the longest ever made in a playoff, and get under the Giants' passes before their own receivers.

Think the fans liked it? Well, yesterday's 42,800 put the National League's total attendance for 42 games 36,000 over last year's figure for 55 games.

No Ticker
Discounting in advance any more gambling rumors that may turn up, only one Redskin lost his shirt in yesterday's game. . . . After the third quarter Bob Masterson changed a badly torn jersey right in the middle of the field. . . . After pulling on a fresh one that looked as if it had just come from owner George Marshall's laundry, Bob wriggled a couple of times then trotted off the field. . . . apparently the fresh shirt was too tight.

One-Minute Sports Page
The Hollywood Park race track may reopen this spring if the army gives it the green light. And if it does, Santa Anita may run a meeting at Hollywood. . . . Nat Fiescher is getting ready the third and biggest edition of his ring record book and appeals to all retired boxers and to managers of active ones to send him their records. . . . Bill Hulse, Gunder Haegg's shadow last summer, will receive the metropolitan A. A. U. meritorious award medal tomorrow night.

Today's Guest Star
Tommy Fitzgerald, Louisville tracks had their most financially successful year in history. This is surprising especially in view of the fact that the wartime civilian shirt-tail comes three inches shorter.

Pro-Gran Notes
When Andy Farkas threw—and completed—a pass for the Redskins yesterday not the least surprised person in the press box was the Washington spotter, who remarked that he thought Farkas wasn't supposed to get the ball at all and just threw it because the play called for a pass. . . . Philadelphia and Detroit, two cities which never enjoyed much advance sale, already have comfortable backlogs of season reservations for the 1944 pro football season.

Survey Is Tracing Turkeys' Flight
EDINBURG, Dec. 20 (AP)—State game officials are carrying out a test on the Hop Hopper ranch in Brooks county to determine the range covered by wild turkeys during their seasonal wanderings. Oliver C. Aldrich of Edinburg said feed is given the birds at a selected spot each day.

Batting Title Officially Goes To Luke Appling

CHICAGO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Luke Appling, the 34 year old veteran whose entrance into the army probably means the end of a brilliant major league playing career, today took official possession of the 1943 American league batting championship.

The star Chicago White Sox shortstop, who reported for duty at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Saturday, won the 1943 hitting title with a mark of .328, final official league figures show.

Playing in every game, he made 192 hits in 588 times at bat, and was the ninth player in the league's history to cop the crown more than once. His first championship was in 1936, after six years with the Sox, when he blasted a lusty .388.

With nearly 200 players—including many heavy clouters—in the armed forces, league hitting slumped for the second consecutive year to .249, eight points under the 1942 average and 17 below 1941, the last pre-war season.

Only four regulars hit .300 or better—Appling and Ralph Hodgin of Chicago and Rookie Dick Wakefield and Roger Cramer of Detroit. In 1942 seven regulars reached the .300 circle and 16 made it in 1941.

Team batting honors went to the Detroit Tigers who chalked up a mark of .261 to displace the Boston Red Sox. Although minus Joe DiMaggio and other members of their peacetime powerhouse, the world champion Yankees loled out 100 home runs to lead the circuit in such production for the 24th consecutive year.

Rudy York, Detroit's slugging first baseman, took individual home run honors with 34, three more than his nearest rival, Charley Keller of the Yanks. York also led in total bases, 301.

Another Shortage: It's Men's Pajamas

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Christmas rush uncovered a new shortage—in men's pajamas.

"In normal times only two-thirds of the men wore pajamas," one merchant explained. "Now the other third has stopped sleeping in their underwear—they can afford the luxury of pajamas."

THE CLUBHOUSE

By BUS HAM
WASHINGTON — So many new things are coming out of the war that a complete rearrangement of the post-season bowl football set-up may become a by-product of peace negotiations, whenever they materialize.

This new line-up of teams for the January 1 parties at Pasadena, New Orleans, Dallas, Miami and possibly a few other spots would be based on conference affiliations and all-star selections.

The idea is the brain-child of seasoned football men who served as coaches and directors of athletics during peace times. They now are members of the armed forces, therefore their identity cannot be disclosed.

Briefly, the whole idea would swing on the selection of players on an all-star basis as in the popular East-West Shrine benefit game in San Francisco.

Only seniors would be eligible. Certain conferences would be committed to participating in certain bowls each New Year's Day.

Example: Take the Rose Bowl. The Big Ten and Pacific Coast only could play in it. Or, if the Big Ten persists in its aloofness toward bowl games, the Pacific Coast conference stars could be divided to form North and South all-star teams and meet at Pasadena.

Assignments by conference for the four major bowls could work out this way:
Rose — Big Ten vs. Pacific Coast or North Pacific vs. South Pacific.
Sugar — Southeast vs. Big Six.
Cotton — Southwest vs. Missouri Valley.
Orange — North Atlantic vs. South Atlantic (from any conference).

Kirtland Team Wins Bombing Olympics

CHILDRESS, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Kirtland army air field team yesterday won the army air forces 10th all-American bombing olympic. Second place went to Carlisle AAF third to Childress AAF.

Connie Hopes For Another Pennant

By JACK SMITH
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (AP)—Connie Mack, who'll be 81 years old Thursday, isn't quite his usual self these days.

"The years go on; time is going pretty fast," he says. The sparkle is still in his eyes; the smiles still play across his lips; he's as erect and hearty as ever; and he'll tell you "I feel very much like a boy in a lot of respects"; but perhaps for the first time the gaunt, gentle old man of baseball admits to a touch of sadness as he awaits another birthday.

Berry Named Head Of Phone Union

At an area meeting of the Southwestern Telephone Workers union here Saturday evening, W. D. Berry, Big Spring, was chosen as chairman of the Midland district.

Other officers named in the area were Bob Kline, Midland, vice-chairman, and Jack Keene, Midland, secretary. About 25 union members participated in the session.

The parley was preceded by a Christmas program for local telephone employees and their families, and Santa Claus came to see approximately 40 persons at the party. After the union, the annual Bell Telephone employees get-together was held in the Settles ballroom with 80 couples taking part in a dance.

Former Mitchell Co. Resident Succumbs

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 20 — Last rites were said Saturday afternoon for Thomas Berry Roddy, 74, from Kiker chapel in Colorado City with the Rev. Charles B. Brinkley, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Mr. Roddy, a former resident of Mitchell county for many years, died in a Stamford hospital Friday morning. He was born in Hamilton county, Tex., Feb. 21, 1869 and was married to Miss Edna Smith. His wife died in Colorado City 15 years ago.

In 1930 he moved to Stamford where he had made his home since. He was a farmer until he retired. Two sons and two daughters survive him. They are John T. Roddy, Stamford, Earl S. Roddy, Aspermont, Mrs. O. V. King and Miss Lella Roddy, Colorado City. Three sisters, Mrs. H. E. Chesley, Mrs. Lula Main and Mrs. Q. Brunk, all of Hamilton, and three grandchildren also survive.

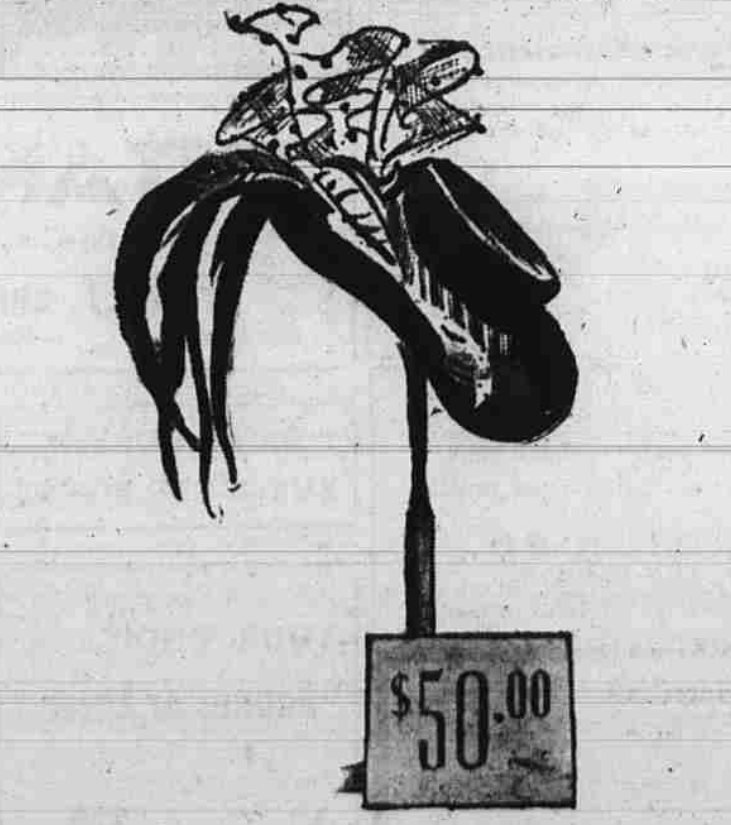
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Editorial - - - Through Hitler's Back Door?

It would knock the world's eyebrows clear up to here if Anglo-American ground and air units should show up on the Russian front to add steam to the Russians' winter offensive, now apparently getting under way in the vicinity of Leningrad.

As an alternative to a frontal assault on the continent from the British Isles, the western democracies might find the Russian front less costly and far more productive of decisive results in a far quicker time.

The problem of supply would not be as difficult as it sounds. It is known to one and all that we have poured vast quantities of all sorts of military gear into Russia by way of Iran. There is every

reason to believe that these supplies gave the Russians that margin of superiority which they have put to such good use.

An Anglo-American drive along the shore of the Black Sea into Rumania would quickly knock that quivering country out of the war. With a Black Sea port in Rumania in Allied hands, and with passage-way through the Dardanelles wangled from the Turks, Hitler's three satellites—Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria—would have to capitulate. Thus the war in Europe might conceivably end without an invasion from the west.

It may sound like a wild dream, but you can bet that Hitler isn't overlooking the possibility.

There is not the slightest doubt

that invading Europe from the west would be an extremely costly and dangerous operation, unless it is delayed until Germany is a great deal weaker than she is at this moment. The obstacles to be overcome are simply staggering. The whole coastline is one continuous fortress. Casualties would be enormous.

What more natural, then, than to select a point of invasion where the front is extremely fluid and where the enemy already has more than he can handle?

Hitler knows not where the blow will fall, but he knows it's coming somewhere—and it won't be long in coming.

Washington Daybook— Alf Landon Still Totes Some Weight With GOP

By JACK STINNETT
WASHINGTON—Your capital in wartime:

"I'm just on my annual trip to the east; there's nothing particularly political about it," said general Alf M. Landon, former Republican presidential nominee and one-time Kansas governor, as he plumped down his bags in the Mayflower hotel.

The next day he was guest of honor at a Capitol luncheon given by Sen. Arthur Capper (R-Kas.) and that night was guest speaker at the 78th Congressional Club (freshmen GOP). The next evening Republican National Chairman Harrison E. Spangler tossed a party for him. Also on the non-political calendar was a dinner by E. F. Colladay, the Republican National committeeman from the voteless District of Columbia.

At most of the parties, off the record and on, the man who came in second in 1936 blasted away at the proposal that both parties adopt the same foreign policy plank at their 1944 convention, and so far as foreign policy is concerned (and only that far) eliminate politics from the coming campaign.

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Capital Comment - Beckworth Finds Idleness

By GEORGE STIMPSON
WASHINGTON (Sp)—Congressional committees employ some queer ducks for investigators. I doubt whether some of them could track an elephant in the snow.

Cong. Lindley Beckworth, of Gladewater, thinks bureau and division heads should be rewarded for reducing rather than increasing the number of employees under them; "Efficiency in many government departments could be brought about by reducing the number of employees."

Considerable idleness, he says, prevails in some government agencies in Washington that he has personally inspected. "No doubt, much of this idleness stems from the fact that there has not been enough work to keep all the employees busy or from the fact that poor management has prevented proper assignment of the work. I have always believed that a person should give a dollar's worth of service for a dollar's worth of pay."

Cong. Sam Russell, of Stephenville, says he can't understand why "people who claim themselves to be Democrats can sponsor and vote" for such legislation as the anti-poll-tax bill. "Unconstitutional measures" of this type are "punitive in their setup and character" and are designed to punish "the real Democratic states of our country" which have been "the bulwarks of democracy and which have throughout all the years carried the banner of the Democratic party."

Cong. O. C. Fisher, of San Angelo, inserts in the Congressional Record this from Mrs. Charles F. Bailey, of Ballinger:

"We observed in our town world community day Nov. 11, with interracial, interdenominational prayer service for peace. Three hundred attended and a ballot was taken at the close of the service. . . . This is our way of telling you we want a just and lasting peace for all nations. We know the price and demands of an abiding peace, which are more deep-rooted in sacrifice than war, and we are willing to meet those demands. We know the best statesmanship will be ineffective without the animating will of the peoples. We vote for 'liberty and justice for all' and mean all."

Not one present, says Mrs. Bailey, voted against the two proposals on the ballot, which were:

(1) Would you be willing to instruct your senator and representative in Washington to vote for a bill that would authorize the United States to join a world organization for the purpose of insuring a just and durable peace and share in its expense and all other responsibility involved? (2) Would you be willing to continue for a period after the war such wartime regulations as the rationing of food, gasoline, and restrictions of travel, etc., if such were necessary to relieve distress, restore order, and help other nations?"

Director William Mann swapped a Texas dealer out of a Mouflon for the Washington zoo. A Mouflon is a species of Sardinian sheep and is one of the ancestors of the domestic sheep of which there are so many in West Texas.

Wright Patman gives us this gloomy thought to think of: "In a gambler's desperate last chance to win, Hitler may resort to gas and germs—pulling the temple of civilization down with him."

Police Saturday issued a reminder—as if the docket wasn't reminder enough—that a campaign to tighten up observance of traffic regulations is getting underway.

Four paid the minimum one dollar fines Saturday on traffic counts. These included double parking; parking in unloading zones, and running red lights on right turns.

Police were paying particular attention to the regulation which requires that the motorist come to a complete stop before making a right turn on a red light. Many drivers, said officers, had developed a habit of sailing around on these turns.

'DRY' RAILROAD QUITS
COLUMBIA, S. C. (U. P.)—The only "dry" railroad in South Carolina has been disbanded. The train ran a three-mile stretch from Due West, S. C., to Donalds, S. C. It never once transported intoxicating liquors, and only in emergencies made a Sunday run

LOSER TAKE ALL By Adelaide Hazeltine

Chapter 1
A blinding flash of lightning, slicing through the dark, streaming torrent of rain, lit up the imposing stone mansion as Ann Harrington's taxi drew slowly up the drive. A terrible, rending clasp of thunder which seemed to rock the car with its violence failed to prevent Ann from drawing an incredulous breath.

At first she thought it a slightly ominous omen that she should be taking over Terrence House in weather like this, but she mentally shrugged off the thought. This was hers, all hers.

The house rose three stories from the ground, its walls built of rough white rock quarried from the bluff that sloped down to the river behind it, its architecture distinctive and rugged like Augusta Terrence herself.

Grand Gussie, Ann's mother always called her. No one knew where she got the name but it was probable that Jeremiah Ter-

rence himself invented it in an effort to find an affectionate term for the Rock of Gibraltar.

Now Grand Gussie was dead. Bert Renfrow wired Ann a week ago and she had come as soon as she could train a new girl to take her place in the rate office. As heiress to Terrence House she would never need a clerk's job again.

Ann paid the driver and scurried up onto the porch. She stared at the brass knocker. Over it hung a discreet sign reading, "Terrence Mineral Spring Hotel." That sign hadn't been there during Ann's childhood for the hot springs hadn't been discovered until a few years ago.

Then she went in and walked to the desk. Standing there, hesitant, she looked more like Alice entering Wonderland than the owner of Terrence House. She seemed younger than her nineteen years with rich brown eyes that had a way of appealing to you. As though clouded with dreams just floating to the surface. Her hair beneath the pin-cushion tam lay in silken coils to a length even with her resolute little chin.

"So it's you!" Sarah Townsley greeted her. Her yellow-green eyes held a cool challenge and she didn't waste a smile.

"I came as soon as I could," Ann said and was glad she could make it sound impersonal. She knew the nurse had always resented her. Now she seemed openly hostile. "Did you attend to—everything?"

"Everything!" Sarah's lips pressed out the word as though it encompassed far more than Ann's question implied.

"I suppose I'll occupy Mrs. Terrence's suite," said Ann.

"Mrs. Terrence's suite is already occupied," said Sarah, "by Jerry Lane's lawyer."

"Jerry Lane's lawyer? Who— who's Jerry Lane?"

Sarah lifted perfectly arched brows which matched her perfectly coiffured blonde hair. "You'll know soon enough," she said with evident relish. "He's sent his lawyer to take over Terrence House."

The suite on the third floor to which Ann was presently shown

consisted of a small living room, an adjoining bedroom and a bath. Though it was on the back it had a nice view of the Flatte River. Standing a moment at the window Ann could see the water rolling along at the foot of the bluff while beyond rose the stacks of the new defense plant Grand Gussie had mentioned in her last letter. Between the river and the factory myriad lights twinkled through the rain. That would be the trailer camp where many of the workers lived.

But Ann's thoughts were not on the view. Her mind was whirling with questions about the unknown man who had sent a lawyer to take possession of her grandmother's house.

She turned to her bags, unpacked a silk jersey frock of flesh pink and slipped it on.

Then she was ready to have an understanding with this lawyer of Jerry Lane's.

She found him sitting at Grand Gussie's desk in the center of her office-living room, surrounded by an accumulation of feminine ware that only 70 collecting years could produce. Tender memories flooded over Ann as she saw the familiar array of miniature elephants on the what-not, the teak-wood box on the table, the hand shaped vase with artificial roses in it, the dragon in a silver coil around Jeremiah's photograph.

But something was missing and in a minute Ann knew it. It was the pink and gilt fillgree cage and Matilda, the pet parrot.

"I—I'm Ann Harrington," she said instead.

"Yes, I know all about you." He was short and thick set. His small dark eyes were set too close together and he was smoking a fat cigar. "I'm telling you from the first that I've no concern in this case except to get what belongs to Jerry Lane."

"Perhaps you'd be good enough to explain."

"Yes, I represent the grandson of Mrs. Terrence's only brother." He knocked cigar ashes on Grand Gussie's Chinese rug.

"But I never heard my grandmother mention such a person."

"Probably not. She and her brother didn't exactly agree."

Hollywood— Donald Barry Of Texas Clearing Movie Hurdles

By ROBBIN COONS
HOLLYWOOD— Donald Barry in a red-haired, blue-eyed Spanish-Irishman from Texas and a most remarkable fellow. He's famed in the saddle-and-spur epics, but that's not why he rates a special page in the Hollywood joke book. He rates because he's the only man I know who ever climbed a studio fence, masqueraded for six weeks as an employee, and won brief glory as an executive.

And he makes a remarkable yarn of it.

He was fresh out of Texas, and broke. He wanted to crash picture. He'd heard that RKO was about to make a big musical. The rear of the RKO lot backs up on a cemetery, and he knew a spot where the fence was low.

"I just slipped over," he says, "and walked around the lot as if I belonged. I saw a big crowd of girls outside one stage, and I knew that was my musical. So I stepped up and called the girls inside, and I lined them up and divided them into groups—show-girls, dancers, and just cuties. So when Lou Brock, the producer came on he thought I worked there, and I helped him pick the girls. Then I took their names and 'phone numbers, and it was a good thing because no one else did. . . . Then, next thing I knew, I had a private office and a secretary, and was helping Brock on the picture, "Flying Down to Rio." But I still wasn't getting paid. After six weeks I asked Brock, "How about a job?"

"Aren't you on the payroll?" he said. "Then what are you doing here?"

"Trying to impress you," I said.

"So he put me on as assistant producer. I was 20 years old, uninhibited, and I'd say what I thought. He liked it, but I stepped on a lot of corns—I didn't know about studio politics. But I got things done, and Brock was sorry when he had to fire me."

So lean days were on again. Barry sometimes slept on a bench in a Hollywood cemetery. After a short career as an advertising peddler for a movie trade paper, he turned actor. Just went down and tried for the role of Dude Lester in a road company of "Tobacco Road," and got it. So he was discovered for pictures, and went back to RKO through the front gate this time. And that led to the westerns at Republic, where he's still restlessly active, ambitious, and still has the crust that prompted him to climb a fence and take charge of a picture.

Crust? "It's just ambition," he says. "I want to do things, and I go ahead and do them."

The Timid Soul

He paused to clear his throat behind a stubby hand. "I believe they hadn't seen each other for years."

"Then I don't understand how this man can have any interest in Terrence House. My grandmother left it to me."

Mr. Baxton shrugged. "Did she give you that impression?"

"Impression?" She told me a dozen times that it was to be mine, that she would leave it to me in her will."

The man fumbled with some papers on his desk. Finally he said, "But there is no will. We've searched thoroughly. Perhaps Mrs. Terrence intended to make one and didn't."

Intended? A cold wind of premonition blew across Ann's brain. Grand Gussie had been notoriously careless about details and though she had been shrewd enough to make a fortune she might, conceivably, have neglected to make a will. It wasn't impossible. That's what frightened Ann.

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6. Moving wagon
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8. To a point
9. Unit of work
10. Ignited again
11. Army officer
12. On the ocean
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14. Government session
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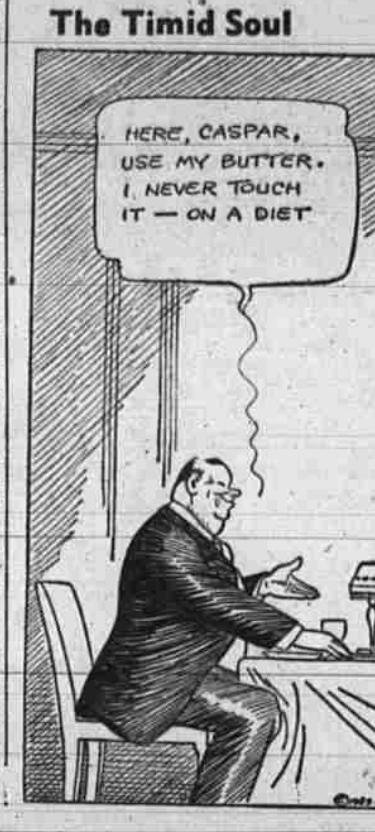
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10. Unit of weight
11. Corners
12. Shade of brown
13. Prepare for the press
14. Tipping
15. Samoan seaport
16. Gastropod mollusk
17. Vessels for heating liquids
18. Feminine name
19. Part of a ship
20. Bar legally
21. Seywals
22. Was aware
23. Male figure used as a supporting column
24. Science of mountains
25. Golf club
26. Transatlantic telegraph
27. Foreign
28. Burning
29. Lamb's pen name
30. Fencing sword
31. Female sand-piper
32. Purpose

The Timid Soul

HERE, CASPAR, USE MY BUTTER. I NEVER TOUCH IT—ON A DIET

OH—OH! I WOULDN'T DARE. THE MENU SAID—ONLY ONE PAT OF BUTTER TO A CUSTOMER. THANK YOU JUST THE SAME

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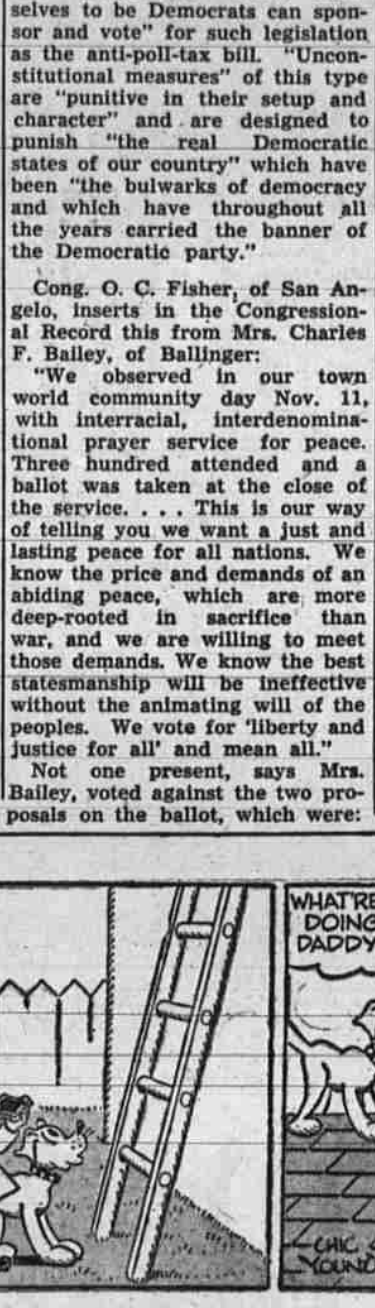
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I'M TAKING MY LIFE IN MY HANDS TO FIX THAT RADIO AERIAL

I'LL NEVER MAKE IT—THE ROOF IS SO SLIPPERY—OH!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, DADDY?

12-24



Barney & Snuffy

YEAH, SNUFFY—IT'S ME, B. GOOGLE-- NO KIDDIN'—I GOT A 15-DAY SHORE-LEAVE!! OKAY—I'LL DO AS YOU SAY-- I'LL TAKE TH' BUS ARRIVIN' TOMORROW. HA-HA--HOW'S ARID NECK, YOU DESERT-RAT? DON'T FORGET MY CORN-SQUEEZIN'S HO-HO-

JEEPERS!--WHAR IN THUNDERBOLT DID I HIDE THAT INFLUNNEL SPADE? TIME'S A-WASTIN'

COME BACK, YE IDJIT! IT'S TH' JUGS I'M ENTOMBIN'! HAVEN'T YE HEERED TELL GOOGLE ARRIVES SUN-UP?

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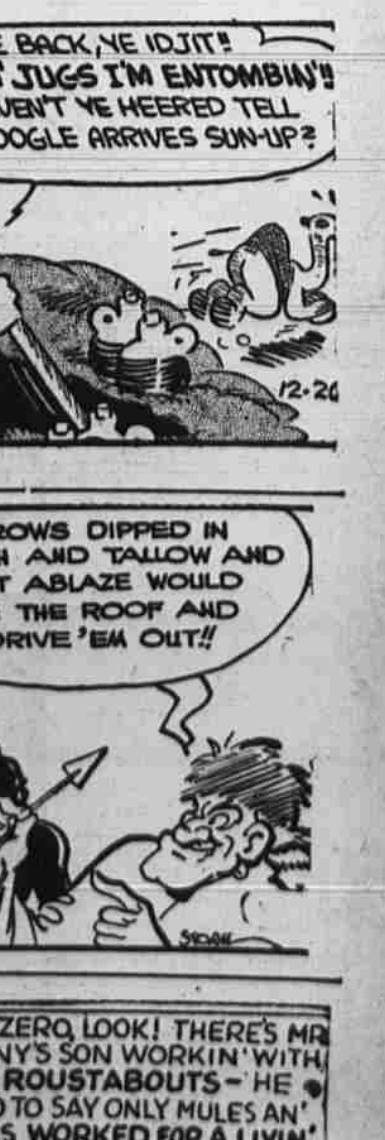
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FOR SALE — 1939 Ford Coupe. Good tires. Call 1642-J or see at 113 E. 16th St. after 6 p. m.

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FOR SALE — 1934 Pontiac Sedan, good tires. See at 811 E. 13th St., after 5 p. m.

VERY clean 1935 Hudson Sedan, with good tires and radio; \$350. See after 4:30 p. m. at 404 Galveston St.

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FOR SALE — 21 1/2 ft. National trailer, like new, good rubber; \$675 cash. Apply at El Nido Court. H. M. Graham.

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WILL pay cash for 1936 or 1937 Ford. Must be in good condition. 5 air tires, reasonable price. See J. M. Warren at 213 E. 2nd St.

Lost & Found
LOST — Lady's brown kid glove, on Main St., in downtown Big Spring. Reward: Rena Cowey, General Delivery, Midland, Tex.

LOST: Black rubber tank wagon hose, 1 1/2" diameter, 10' long. Lost between airport and town. Call Magnolia, 367.

LOST: Billfold containing \$70, important papers and receipts. Finder please call 1254 or notify P. O. Box 510.

Persons
CONSULT Estella The Reader. Heffernan Hotel, 305 Gregg. Room Two.

WANTED — A ride for two, to Wichita Falls Friday, Dec. 24, also return following Monday if possible. Will share expenses. Call Gertrude Johnson at Douglass Hotel, room 405.

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FUR coats remodeled and altered. Years of experience. See Mrs. J. L. Haynes, 508 1/2 Scurry, Phone 1724-J.

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Help Wanted—Male
WANTED—Experienced lubrication man. Apply at Lone Star Chevrolet.

WANTED: Electrician; good pay, steady work. Give age and qualifications. Address Box TC, % Herald.

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Household Goods
SEE Creaths when buying or selling used furniture; 20 years in furniture and mattress business in Big Spring. Rear 710 E. 3rd. Phone 602.

DIVAN for sale, cheap; wool mohair upholstery. 2104 Nolan.

ONE bedroom suite, springs and mattress, one electric train, one Goodrich radio, and boy's bicycle — all priced reasonably. 219 Main, or phone 111.

Livestock

TWO good rambouillet bucks, also nice fat turkeys. See Charlie Robinson, 6 miles east on Coahoma road.

FOR SALE: Good milk cow; to be fresh Jan. 15; one Jersey bull, 14 months old. See W. H. Gilliam, Sand Springs.

Pets

ONE love bird may be had by paying for this ad. Also cage for sale. Ross-Barbecue Stand, 904 E. Third St.

Poultry & Supplies

TURKEYS for sale; 6 miles east of Big Spring on Highway 80. N. G. Hoover.

FOR SALE: Good new and used radiators for popular make cars and trucks. Guaranteed. Peurifoy Radiator Shop, 800 E. 3rd. Ph. 1210.

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—Oliver 70—1941 and 1942 tractors, three-row lister bottom, double row planter and cultivator with each. Two good mules, and 1800 lb. work horse. Other miscellaneous team equipment. O. L. Williams, Phone 758, or J. E. Nixon, Coahoma.

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FOR SALE—Children's metal toy tricycle, fire engine, push cart and wheel barrow; also bed springs. See at 1011 Johnson, in rear.

W. T. THORP has paper shell peacocks for sale. See them at Shroyer Motor Co.

Wanted To Buy

Household Goods
FURNITURE wanted. We need used furniture. Give us a chance before you sell, get our prices before you buy. W. L. McCollister, 1001 W. 4th.

Miscellaneous
WILL BUY your clean cotton rags. Shroyer Motor Co. 424 East 3rd.

WANTED—Clocks to repair; we buy broken clocks. Wilke, 106 W. Third.

WANTED: Used radios and musical instruments. Will pay cash for anything. Anderson Music Co., phone 856 or call at 115 Main St.

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APARTMENT wanted Jan. 1, furnished or unfurnished. Permanent tenant, promises good care; no children or pets. Write Box H. J., % Herald.

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\$50 REWARD — Desire before Christmas, two-bedroom house, nicely furnished, close to school. Call 1903 or call at Cabin No. 10, Mayo Court.

OFFICER desires furnished house or apartment. Call 921-R.

Real Estate

Houses For Sale
ONE 3-room house and lot, chicken yard and chicken houses, well located. See D. C. Minchew, Coahoma, Texas.

Real Estate

Houses For Sale
LEAVING state, must sell. Six-room house, furnished or unfurnished, eight-room duplex with two complete baths. Well located, terms if desired. Phone 770-W. R. Lewis Brown.

FOR SALE — 4-room modern house, two lots, south part of city, \$2,100, possession soon. Also 5 houses, two lots, close to \$4,250. Brings good rent. Phone 449. C. E. Read.

FOR SALE—House and lot, well and windmill. Priced reasonably; located at Lenora, Texas. See Mr. Charite Forgas, 1200 W. Third St.

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FOR SALE: Well improved 160 acres farm 8 miles southwest Big Spring. 100 acres in cultivation, plenty of good water. Four-room house, with bath, Butane System, Magic Chef cook stove, Servel Electrolux. Also four-room house for farm help. Mrs. O. O. Craig, 431 E. Park St. Phone 1274.

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320 ACRE farm 13 miles from Big Spring, \$30 per acre. 160 acres 10 miles from Big Spring, well improved. Can get possession of either. Phone 449, C. E. Read.

Real Estate

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WANTED TO BUY: Two or three-room house. Will pay cash or trade in 18-ft. trailer house. A. W. Burdine, Miller Trailer Camp, 601 E. Third.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO RAY SMITH, GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A. D., 1944, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, at the Court House in Big Spring, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of Decem-

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Maybe we better warn him to keep an eye on his reindeer, too—I know Pop would love to sink his teeth into a nice venison steak!"

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A DEATH-TRAP? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT'S LIKE THIS—I WUZ WORKIN' ALONE IN HERE—POLISHIN' DOOR-KNOBS—AN' WHEN I KNOCKED OFF I JEST COULDN'T FIND MY WAY OUT! I BEEN LOST FER THREE DAYS!
G-GOSH!

DICKY DARE
WELL, WAGS, I DID IT! I FIXED THAT "HAP SLAPPY" UP SO'S HE'LL NEVER FORGET IT!
ONE O' TH' GOBS HAD GIVEN ME SOME MOLASSES CANDY— I GOT IN TH' GALLEY WHEN TH' COOK WUZ N'T LOOKIN' AN' MELTED IT IN A L'L PAN.
AN' I Poured THAT STICKY STUFF RIGHT INTO HAP SLAPPY'S BUNK! HAR HAR!
ALL RIGHT, SQUIRT, LAFF! GO WAN! LAFF!

MEAD'S fine BREAD

SUPERMAN
LOIS LANE'S AMAZING NICE, SUSIE, HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT CLARK KENT IS SUPERMAN AND IN HER FANTASTIC DREAMS, SHE HAS JUST SUCCEEDED IN PROVING HER POINT!
I FOOLED YOU INTO REVEALING THAT YOU AND UNCLE CLARK ARE ONE AND THE SAME PERSON, DIDN'T I?
ADMITTED, SUSIE— BUT THOSE WHOPPERS FIBS YOU TOLD TO TRICK ME ARE NOT FIBS!
MY X-RAY EYES DISCLOSED TO ME THAT ELEVATORS ARE GOING UP— AND JUST KEEP GOING UP!
AND THE CITY RESERVOIR IS UPSIDE DOWN AND ALL THE WATER IS POURING OUT.
CAN YOU BEAT THAT?

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OIL HEARING SET
AUSTIN, Dec. 20 (AP)—Beauford Jester, chairman of the state railroad commission, today announced the next statewide oil prororation hearing would be held here Wednesday, Jan. 19.

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The Man From Down Under
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Richard Carlson-Donna Reed

Rationing Hits Salvation Army's Yule Distribution

Wartime rationing is going to deal a body blow to Salvation Army Christmas baskets this season unless the people of Big Spring come to the rescue.

Maj. L. W. Canning, in charge of the Salvation Army work here, said that although he was prepared to buy the necessary items for baskets, it is impossible to obtain several because of ration points. In a telephone conversation with district ration authorities at Lubbock, he was told that the only way these items could be had was for others to surrender points for them and then make a gift of the item to the Salvation Army.

Consequently, Major Canning urged that those who can and will give such items as sugar, meat, milk, butter, shortening and beans either bring them by the Salvation Army Citadel or get in touch with him before the end of the week. Other articles, not on the ration list, will be accepted gladly, he said.

CALENDAR

Tuesday
BRIDGE-LUNCHEON will be held in the officers' club at the Big Spring Bombardier School. Luncheon served at 1:30 o'clock.
REBEKAH LODGE meets at the IOOF hall at 7:30 o'clock.
B. & PW CLUB will meet at the Settles Hotel at 7:15 p. m. for a formal Christmas banquet.
ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC Altar Society and Parish Council will entertain children of the Sunday School department with a Christmas party at the church at 7:30 o'clock.
ORDER OF THE EASTERN Star meets at the Masonic hall at 7:30 o'clock.
FORMAL DANCE to be held at the USO Club.
Wednesday
CHILD STUDY CLUB to meet with Mrs. W. E. Wright.

Public Records

Marriage Licenses
Charles T. Zoring, and Esther Katherine Burk, both of Shelbyville, Ky.
G. C. Burke, San Pedro, Calif., and Mrs. Beulah Brooking, Stanton.
Ernest Angelico, Jr., and Patricia A. Maynard, New Jersey.
Carlos Mendez and Ysabel Enriquez, Knott.
John D. Musick, Atoka, Okla., and Lillian Jane Heinze, Nardheim, Tex.
Eldredge Wayne Raborn, Lamesa, and Jackie Marie McQuire, Sand, Tex.
Warranty Deeds
D. B. Crawford to William W. Crawford, \$1,000, one half interest in and to lot 6, block 10 in city of Big Spring.
E. O. Ellington and wife to Roy Green and wife, \$8,300, lot 12 in block 45 in original town of Big Spring.
P. M. Rowland et ux to Melvin Foy Ray et ex, \$2,600, south 40 feet of lot 11 in block 7 in Earl's Addition to Big Spring.
Russell L. Edison and wife to J. E. Fort, \$2,030, all of lot 8 in block 38 in original town of Big Spring.
Building Permit
Clarence Shaw to move a trailer house to 303 Orkney street, cost \$4.

Democratic Squabble Grows More Heated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The feud between the senate's northern and southern democrats got its second wind today, Senator Guffey (D-Pa) asserting he would not be "forced out" as chairman of the party's senatorial committee and Senator Byrd (D-Va) demanding that Guffey be replaced immediately.

Guffey, who has offered his resignation, told a reporter that he was not going to be placed in the position of being ousted because of attacks that had been made on him for his charge that southern democrats had joined an "unholy alliance" with republicans against the administration's service vote bill.

"I don't want the job," said Guffey, "but I'm not going to be forced out."

Oslo Damaged By Ship Blast

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20 (AP)—Oslo was shaken today by exploding ammunition thrown into the city by the blowing up of a German munitions ship in the harbor, 24 hours earlier.

The German-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau called the blast the worst catastrophe the Norwegian capital ever experienced.

The hotel Bristol was requisitioned as a hospital for great numbers of wounded. There was still no official list of casualties, but first reports said only four were killed.

"There was no blackout in Oslo last night," the Scandinavian Telegraph bureau said. "The whole town was lighted by huge fires."

"German soldiers are fighting the fires today but they are forced to duck into shelters regularly because of recurrent explosions. Many streets are barricaded because of the force of blasts from bombs and shells thrown into the city. Enormous damage was caused in the harbor area, which now is evacuated."

The explosion occurred at 2:30 p. m. yesterday while the Germans were unloading the munitions ship. Thousands of persons were thrown to the ground or shaken by the blast which was felt for miles.

Windows were smashed all over the town, but the main street, Karl Johann, and the town hall suffered especially. Several cases of looting from open store fronts were reported.

Slavs Inflicting Heavy Casualties

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Red-starred Yugoslav Partisans, maintaining their attacks despite the winter's first heavy snows, are pressing the Germans on a half dozen sectors of Yugoslavia, inflicting heavy casualties on them, a communique broadcast by Marshal Josip Broz (Tito's) headquarters announced today.

The main fighting was reported in eastern Bosnia and four areas of Croatia where the Patriots went over to the offensive after thwarting the Nazis' sixth attempt to wipe out the Yugoslav army of Liberation.

A communique said yesterday that the patriots had penetrated the suburbs of Banja Luka in Bosnia and had served the Banja Luka-Prijedor military railway, one of the most important Nazi supply routes in north-central Yugoslavia.

Crowd Shouts For King's Abdication

NAPLES, Dec. 20 (AP)—Demands for immediate abdication of King Vittorio Emanuele were cheered by 5,000 citizens of Naples yesterday at the first free political mass meeting in Italy since the fascist regime took control in 1923.

Decorating the walls of the huge Teatro Politeama were placards reading "the king must go" and "down with the fascist king."

The crowd was showered with leaflets from the balconies declaring the people demand a democratic government and calling for the monarch's abdication.

The meeting was a testimony to the late Giovanni Amendola, well-known Italian newspaperman beaten to death by the fascists.

Record Citrus Crop At Season's Peak

MALLEN, Dec. 20 (AP)—The biggest and richest citrus crop in Texas' history moved toward the peak of its winter shipping season today after weathering last week's Rio Grande valley's first freeze of the season, a mild one, which failed to deter the harvesting of hardy fall vegetables.

More than 10,000 cars of citrus have already been marketed this season with resultant revenue of \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to shippers and growers. Indications are that the valley will top last year's citrus income of \$45,000,000.

TO SEEK HOUSING
MALLEEN, Dec. 20 (AP)—A three-man committee including the command officer of Moore Field, Army Air Base, will go to Fort Worth and Dallas soon to ask Federal Housing Agency permission for construction of 40 to 50 rental homes here to relieve a critical housing shortage.

Here 'n There

The division of fine arts of Texas Wesleyan College presented Merline Merwin, daughter of Mrs. Culin Grigsby in a student recital last week in the fine arts auditorium. Miss Merwin, pupil of Miss Mary Slawson, played "Für Elise" by Beethoven.

Seth J. Boynton, Jr., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at the Romulus Army Air Field and is assigned as service pilot with the third Ferrying group. Lieut. Boynton was a flight instructor at the Stamford Flying school and joined the ferrying division as a civilian pilot in August. Lieut. and Mrs. Boynton, the former Emily Stalcup, are now at home at 2725 Telegraph Road, Dearborn, Mich.

Carter L. Nelson is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the AAF Pre-Flight School for pilots at Maxwell Field, Ala. He will receive nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training preparatory to beginning actual flight instruction.

Sonora Murphey, chief clerk at the ration office, was back at work Monday following a weeks illness.

B. F. Robbins, general chairman of the ration office, notified personnel that he would be "back on the job" Monday after a leave of almost four months.

Firemen made a midnight run Sunday to 104 W. 8th, where a divan had ignited. The piece of furniture, it was thought, had ignited from a cigarette from an overturned ash tray.

The city of Big Spring is still having power trouble in trying to test wells located on the W. B. Currie ranch in northern Glasscock county. After securing a power unit, a test was run on a well for 40 hours before the unit went out. At that time the water level was holding steady at a rate slightly in excess of the 75 gallons estimated previously.

Pfc. Joseph C. Woods is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Woods, 603 Temperance street. Pfc. Woods has just completed a course at Keeler Field, Miss., and is now stationed at Liberal, Kas.

Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Clear to partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Lowest temperature tonight near 30 degrees.

WEST TEXAS: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday; lowest temperatures 23 to 28 in the Panhandle and near to slightly below freezing in South Plains and north portion of Pecos valley and east of Pecos river tonight.

EAST TEXAS: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday; cooler in north and central portions this afternoon; temperatures near freezing in Red river valley tonight.

TEMPERATURES

City	Max.	Min.
Ablene	57	29
Amarillo	38	24
BIG-SPRING	61	28
Chicago	43	20
Denver	43	27
El Paso	57	35
Fort Worth	58	37
Galveston	64	47
New York	44	36
St. Louis	45	29

Local sunset today at 6:45 p. m.
Sunrise Tuesday at 8:43 a. m.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 20 (AP)—Cattle 3,000; calves 1900; steady to weak; steers and yearlings, common to good grades 8.00-13.00; beef cows 7.75-10.00; fat calves 8.00-12.00; stocker steer calves 8.00-11.50; heifer calves 11.00 down; feeder steers and yearlings 8.00-11.50.

Hogs 1500; steady to weak; top 13.65 for good and choice 200-270 lb.; good 150-195 lb. averages 10.00-13.00; sows 11.00-75; pigs 4.00-10.00.

Sheep 4300; steady to weak; lambs 8.00-12.25; ewes 5.50-6.50; feeder lambs 10.00 down.

Labor Dispute Hits Capital Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Washington newspaper readers had their news dealt out to them in small portions today as labor differences between composing room employees and the four publications cut morning papers down to thin, ten-page editions and was expected to affect afternoon papers similarly.

FSA Engineer Here To Check On Farms

Frank G. Harrison, Amarillo, regional engineer for the Farm Security Administration, is here to make a final check on several farms in Howard and Martin counties on which FSA has options for the tenant purchase program.

There are four farms in Martin and one in Howard county already appraised for tenant purchase loans. Harrison is making a survey to ascertain what physical improvements will be needed to make the property yield a more economic return. Several other farms in both counties may be included under the current purchase program.

New OPA Rules Listed For Gas On Cars Sold

The OPA notified the local ration office Monday that a plan to go into operation on January 1st involving the surrendering of rations on transfers of vehicles will call for close cooperation between the county tax collector's office and the ration board.

Applications for new vehicle registrations are made through the tax collector's office and a close check will be made to see that outstanding gasoline coupons for vehicles to be sold are returned to the rationing office before the vehicle is transferred.

Before selling or transferring, the owner is required to send any coupons he has in his possession to his ration office and obtain a receipt in duplicate. The original copy of the receipt will be presented to the county tax collector with the new owner's application for registration of the vehicle. The purchaser must use the duplicate of the receipt when he applies to the ration office for gasoline rations.

In the event that the sale or transfer of the vehicle is handled in any county other than the home county of the seller, the surrender of rations and issuance of duplicate receipts should be handled by the board in which the transfer is made. Proper notification should be forwarded of the transfer and surrender of rations to the home board of the party selling or disposing of the vehicles.

Dealers and other persons holding new or used vehicles, including passenger cars, commercial vehicles or motorcycles for resale, will be required to file an inventory with the ration board of all such vehicles on hand as of the close of business December 31st and obtain a receipt for each vehicle.

Beginning January 1, no vehicle is to be sold or transferred unless this receipt in duplicate is given to the purchaser at the same time. Scrap dealers must have on hand a receipt for each vehicle they receive beginning January 1st. The receipts must be retained for at least one year if the vehicles are to be scrapped.

London Surprised Marshall Not To Direct Invasion

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Reports from Washington that Gen. George C. Marshall would not head an Allied invasion of western Europe have caused great surprise in London where the U.S. chief of staff had long been accepted unofficially as the logical selection.

British officers, although reluctant to accept the reports, seemed to feel that even if a change has been made it was not necessarily done to put a Briton in command. They pointed out that while British and Canadian troops might outnumber the Americans in the early stages of the campaign, the Americans probably would be preponderant later on.

That huge American forces are steadily pouring into Britain was disclosed, meanwhile, by yesterday's London newspapers.

"U.S. troops are 'strap-hanging' across the Atlantic on a non-stop run by great fleets of transports," said the Chronicle, The People, while the Chronicle reported that "Great Britain x x x is about to become a mighty springboard for a United Nations leap on Hitler's fortress."

Heavy Cut Ordered On Newsprint Use

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The War Production Board today ordered deep cuts in the 1944 use of paper by newspapers, magazines, book publishers and commercial printers.

The restrictions are designed to save 1,250,000 tons of paper in 1944. Consumption of paper has been running far ahead of pulp production, the WPB said.

The newspaper publishing industry's total allotment of paper in the first quarter of 1944 will be reduced 23.6 per cent, to effect a savings of 205,709 tons from the 869,296 tons used by the industry in the first quarter of 1941, the base period for estimating allocations.

Martelle McDonald's Father Succumbs

Word was received here Sunday of the death of District Attorney Martelle McDonald's father, R. McDonald, at 11:25 a. m. Sunday in Normangee, Tex.

Funeral services will be held today in Normangee. Mr. McDonald succumbed following a long illness that became critical Friday. The McDonalds left for Normangee Friday morning.

Mexican Makes Bond On Stabbing Charge

Nativida Borela, charged with assault with intent to murder, was released Sunday after he made bond set in justice court at \$1,000.

Borela was charged by the sheriff's department as an outcome to a stabbing in the Mexican section of town on December 12th when Prudencio Subio was injured.

Gas Tax Proposal Is Referred To C-C Committee

In special session Monday, chamber of commerce directors referred to the oil and gas committee, with authority to act, the matter of a resolution favoring a severance tax on Texas natural gas for inter-state transmission.

The resolution was proposed originally by the Tyler chamber of commerce, which cited that it means the depletion of Texas gas resources to the endangering of secondary oil recovery by injection of natural gas into petroleum sands, and that the fuel would be transmitted to the eastern area where coal reserves are estimated sufficient for four centuries of industrial and domestic operation.

Dr. P. W. Malone, chairman of the aviation committee, reported on a meeting with Continental Air Lines officials here Sunday and said that if army approval of the service is granted, it is possible that service might be started within 60 days.

An appeal for local memberships in the US 87 Highway association, which proposes to seek traffic over the connecting link between the Alaskan-highway at Sweetgrass, Montana, and the Pan-American highway at Laredo, was made by Joe Pickle, who predicted tremendous interest in Alaskan and Latin and South American areas after the war.

Directors voted to dispense with the regular meeting Dec. 27.

Scouts To Collect Waste Paper Here

Boy Scouts and Cubs of Big Spring will stage a two-day paper collection campaign—here Wednesday and Thursday, it was announced Monday by scout leaders.

Residents of the city were asked to collect their magazines, old papers, cardboard, old books, and any sort of paper which they can contribute to the drive. These should be left in bundles on the porch or sidewalk by Wednesday night on one of the two days.

A market already has been secured for the material, said H. D. Norris, field scout executive, so that it will not be a question of securing the paper only to have to dispose of it for want of an outlet. It is, he said, part of a current nationwide paper-salvage campaign.

Recent magazines and good books donated by residents will be turned over to the USO for distribution to men on troop trains, he said.

V. H. Flewells' Brother Succumbs

V. H. Flewells left Monday noon for Belton to attend the funeral of his brother, Fred Flewells, who succumbed unexpectedly Sunday.

In ill health for several months, his brother nevertheless had shown signs of improvement until death. Rites likely will be held Tuesday, but arrangements are pending the arrival of a son who is stationed by the army on the West Coast.

Twenty Arrested On Gambling Charges

There was practically "standing room only" in the county jail Monday morning after a weekend of activity on the part of the sheriff's department that netted 20 men for gaming.

Sheriff Andrew Merrick said that the group was on a "picnic" west of Big Spring Sunday afternoon with gaming as the principal form of entertainment when they were apprehended.

In addition, the constable's department arrested one for disturbance and four for drunkenness. One charge of driving without an operator's license was also filed.

Favorable Report Given On Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The news from Prime Minister Churchill's sick bed was all good today.

A bulletin released yesterday afternoon said his temperature was normal and that the pneumonia which sent him to bed somewhere in the Middle East was disappearing.

The latest bulletin made no reference to an irregularity of pulse mentioned Saturday. This had given some uneasiness since the 69-year-old prime minister is being attended by a heart specialist.

Facilities For Airline Checked

Continental Air Line representatives and the City of Big Spring Sunday checked over requirements of the air transport company for terminal facilities here if and when the army approves operation of the El Paso-San Antonio route authorized by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Here for Continental were R. J. Carmichael, traffic and cargo manager, Ken Allen, public relations, and Dick James, pilot, all of Denver, Colo. The three had been guests at a breakfast meeting Sunday when Big Spring city and chamber of commerce officials and civic and business leaders talked with the airline men.

Carmichael said that the company was anxious to start the line as soon as army approval was forthcoming and that if equipment and personnel could be made available, it was hoped to inaugurate two schedules daily.

Terminal needs, he told city officials, would be limited for the time being. Space requirements at the airport administration building could be limited to that needed for radio equipment, ticket office and baggage compartment, according to the traffic manager. If two schedules daily are installed, then four persons would be required at the Big Spring terminal.

Continental's representatives sought reaction of Big Spring men to schedules, and Postmaster Nat Shick checked with the group on the same subject with view of improving mail service.

Sunday afternoon Carmichael, Allen and James went to San Angelo for Monday conferences and Tuesday were to return here. City Manager Boyd McDaniel and city commissioners thought that somehow space and other arrangements for Continental could be worked out satisfactorily to all concerned.

Sub Attack In Gulf Revealed

GALVESTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Return of the submarine menace to shipping in the Gulf of Mexico was revealed with the landing here in early December of 16 survivors from the crew of an American merchant ship torpedoed in the gulf.

The survivors brought here were adrift in a lifeboat for three days and 18 hours before being picked up.

Torpedos of vessels in the Caribbean and the South Atlantic have been announced in recent weeks, but this marks the first time in more than a year that a U-boat has invaded the gulf to stalk merchant shipping.

Blissard's Exploit Published In News

Lieut. Grover C. Blissard, Jr., 24, son of G. C. Blissard of Big Spring again made the headlines Sunday in the Dallas Morning News when he was interviewed on his miraculous escape from a hazardous bombing mission in North Africa.

Lieut. Blissard, who is conversing at McCloskey General Hospital at Temple where he is learning to walk with an artificial leg, was found at the Dallas Red Cross plasma station, giving blood. It was transfusions of the plasma that saved the frostress pilot's life.

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Holiday Programs At State Hospital

The Big Spring State Hospital started a round of Christmas observances Sunday afternoon with a special Christmas service conducted by the Rev. Weldon Porterfield, pastor of the Wesley Methodist church.

Mrs. Evelyn Fulton, recreation director for the hospital, directed the hospital choir in special Christmas music.

Today many of the patients were to be feted to a picture show and Tuesday time was to be allowed for shopping before the occupational therapy Christmas party during the afternoon. At 7:30 p. m. the patients were to have their Christmas dance.

On Thursday at 8:30 p. m. a program of Christmas carols will be led by Sgt. Joe Kling of the Big Spring Bombardier school. The program is being sponsored by Howard Bell, director, and Mrs. Anne Gibson Houser of the USO and the choir will include soldiers, WAC members, and USO hostesses.

Friday morning will bring the traditional Christmas tree party and in the evening Santa Claus will pay a visit to the hospital. On Saturday, Christmas Day, there will be a distribution of gifts to patients in the wards during the morning and in the afternoon a large number will witness a picture show. Highlight of the day, too, will be the Christmas dinner with turkey, dressing, glibet gravy, cranberry sauce and all of the trimmings. Dr. C. A. Shaw, superintendent, authorized the round of Yuletide events for patients.

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