

American Planes Hit Nazi-Greece

Report Slates Rommel For Supreme Command Of Entire German Army

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)— High Nazi leaders were understood today to be considering vesting supreme command of the German army in Field Marshal Erwin Rommel...

coup and extend a peace bid to the Allies in the hope of winning terms which would permit salvaging of enough of Germany's war machine...

was sent to inspect defenses in the two countries, they said. The Germans in Denmark have been plagued by continued unrest and sabotage...

County Men Are Accepted Into Service

The Selective Service office received notice Wednesday of a number of Howard county men accepted into the army and navy on the December 11th call.

Reds Pushed Back In One Sector But Gain In Others

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)— Nazi Field Marshal Von Manstein's armored divisions were within 55 miles of Kiev today after rolling through the highway junction of Radomysl, but 200 miles to the south-east...

Mercury Drop Is Felt Here

Big Spring and area dodged snow and sleet but came in for the lowest temperature since Jan. 28 when a north wind and clear skies early Wednesday brought a reading of 19.5.

Chinese Make New Gains In Rice Bowl

CHUNGKING, Dec. 15 (AP)— Important Chinese gains in the rice bowl region of Central China were announced today by the Chinese high command...

Management, Labor Flayed By Solons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)— A house naval subcommittee which has been investigating the Brewster Aeronautical Corporation today released a preliminary report sharply criticizing both labor and management for production failures...

Subsidy Vote Is Postponed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)— The senate banking committee, deadlocked on a measure to end food subsidies, postponed a vote on the legislation in an executive session today but may ballot on it tomorrow.

SHOPPING DAYS LEFT advertisement with illustration of a woman and child.

Soviet Offensive Promised This Year

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)— A Moscow broadcast to the Red army today declared "this winter will see a Soviet offensive on a larger scale than ever before."

New Britain Is Heavily Hit By Aerial Assault

Jap Bulwark Suffers Mightiest Blow Of The War By The Raid

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 15 (AP)— One of the mightiest aerial assaults of the war on New Britain Island, Japan's bulwark in the Southwest Pacific...



President Decorates Clark— President Roosevelt leans out of his jeep at Castelvetro, Sicily, to pin a Distinguished Service Cross on the aide of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark...

In the Gasmata area, important enemy supply center on the south shore, more than 100 Liberator heavy and Mitchell medium bombers in a three-hour midday attack Sunday dropped 248 tons of bombs.

While Gasmata was taking it, other attacks were made on Rabaul, the enemy's set and air base on the northeastern tip of the island...

Planes Continue To Strafe Japs

NEW DELHI, Dec. 15 (AP)— Continuous bombing and strafing attacks by United States and British air forces against the Japanese in Burma were announced today in a communique covering a week's activity by the southeast Asia command of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.

Allied Air Forces Have Devastated New Britain Isle

By HAROLD STREETER Associated Press War Writer

New Britain, the Southwest Pacific island whose invasion would constitute easily the most important ground move to date in westward operations against Japan, now has passed through the second straight month of the most sustained air offensive of the Pacific war.

The period embraces the record 350-ton bombardment of Rabaul on Oct. 12 on through the latest pounding with 248 tons of explosives given Gasmata on Dec. 12 and announced only today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Immense Covey Stages Greatest Allied Blow There

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Dec. 15 (AP)—

More than 300 American bombers and fighters struck Nazi-occupied Greece the greatest Allied blow of the air war over the Balkans yesterday, and 12 German fighters were downed in a big aerial battle...

This giant air attack against three airfields at Athens and Piraeus Harbor came as Canadian and Indian troops led an Eighth army attack that captured Caldari, six miles from Ortona on the Adriatic coast...

Air Assaults Play Big Role In Slav Victory

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)— Mounting Allied air assaults along the Yugoslav Adriatic coast have forced the Germans to abandon Ulan Island opposite Zara...

The Berlin radio reported an Allied seaborne excursion against Pag Island, north of Ulan Island. It declared coastal batteries on Pag had sunk a dully-manned Allied landing boat...

Flying Fortresses delivered the first blow at Piraeus harbor, key Greek port which was almost destroyed during the early days of the German invasion of Greece in April, 1941.

Mrs. Bearden Is Death Victim

Mrs. Nancy Janice Bearden, 56, succumbed at 10:15 Wednesday morning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bobby Hooper, 1703 Owen street, after an illness of the past six months.

State Deficit Takes A Drop

AUSTIN, Dec. 15 (AP)—The state general fund's deficit dropped \$2,320,114 between Nov. 15 and Dec. 15 to \$21,140,678, the treasury department announced today.

Cut In Gasoline Supplies Looms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)— Price Administrator Chester Bowles warns there may be another cut in civilian gasoline supplies as the tempo increases in the war against Japan.

Oil Men Gather For Kilgore Meet

KILGORE, Dec. 15 (AP)— Six hundred oil men are expected to attend the meeting of the East Texas chapter of the American Petroleum Institute here tonight.

Nazi Captives Spread Fabulous Spring Offensive Propaganda

By WILLIAM FRYE WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)— The story being told by German soldiers captured in Italy that the fatherland is husbanding its forces for a great spring offensive was regarded in military quarters here today as propaganda of the more fantastic variety.

Grade III Tires Approved By Panel

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Food Expert Taken By Death

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 15 (AP)— Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, famed physician, health authority and head of the Battle Creek sanitarium, died during the night of the age of 91.

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CINCINNATI, Dec. 13 (AP)—Officials of War Emergency Pipelines, Inc., said yesterday the last section of "little big inch," the 1,475-mile, 20-inch pipeline from the Houston and Beaumont, Tex., refining areas to east coast terminals had been welded.

They said they expected to have 15 pumping stations in operation by Dec. 30 to provide a 150,000-barrel daily capacity and enough completed by Jan. 30 to raise the capacity to 235,000.

Sixteen Army Fliers Killed In Bomber Crash

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 15 (AP)—Sixteen men were killed last night when a bomber, on a routine combat training flight from its base at the Fort Worth, Tex., army air field, crashed into the rugged cliffs five miles north of here, the public relations officer of the Lincoln, Neb., army air base said today.

The public relations officer said there were no survivors. Names of the dead are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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'QUEENIE' PINES AWAY.—"Queenie," pet St. Bernard of Marine Cpl. Robert Arthur of Rutland, Va., gaves sadly at a picture of her master. "Queenie" has lost 14 pounds in the 10 months Arthur has been gone.



First of the three Silver Star awards to be won by Big Spring men was that earned by Platoon Sergeant Houston L. Davis, U.S. Marine Corps, it has been learned. Now a prisoner of the Japanese following his capture when the Corregidor station capitulated in the spring of 1942, Sgt. Davis, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. James Currie, was awarded the Silver Star for "gallantry in action against the enemy in the Manila Bay area."

Sgt. Davis Is First BS Man To Get Star

To Platoon Sergeant Houston L. Davis, U.S. Marine Corps, belongs the honor of having been the first Big Spring man to receive the Silver Star decoration in World War II.

He won his award for gallantry against the Japanese during the Philippine campaign in the spring of 1942, but not until recently did Mrs. James Currie, whom he listed as next of kin, divulge this honor.

Houston Davis was born at Wynnboro on June 29, 1907 and Mr. and Mrs. Currie took him under their care as a foster son. He grew up here and in 1928 enlisted in the U.S. Marines and had service with the Managua detachment

as a member of the Nicaraguan national guard in 1930. That was in the days of the excitement in the Central American jungle when Marines were employed to put down bandit attacks.

Later he was mustered out, but by the late 30's he was back in harness. In 1939 he was with the Fourth Marines on Guam and two years later was on the Philippines at the time the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor touched off the explosion of war.

Apparently he fought through the entire campaign, for Mrs. Currie was informed on May 9 that he "was performing his duty in the service of his country in the Manila Bay area when that station capitulated. He will be carried on the records of the marine corps as missing pending further information."

It also was in May that Mrs. Currie received a telegram as a "mother's day greeting from Houston L. Davis," who had been decorated for "gallantry in action on Corregidor." Then on June 17, 1942, she received the official notification from headquarters of the U.S. Marine Corps in Washington that he had been awarded the Silver Star "for gallantry in action against the enemy in the Manila Bay area." Obviously, this was Corregidor. Because of the capitulation of the garrison and the resultant loss of records, it was impossible to furnish further information concerning the award.

Since then, two other Big Spring men have won the high award for gallantry in action. Pvt. Clarence Rumpff and Lieut. Murlan F. Smith are the others to get the Silver Star.

School Standards Are Up To Par

Having completed a check of the rural schools before the start of the new year, Walker Bailey, county superintendent, reported Wednesday that all schools are apparently meeting requirements for standard schools.

The pre-Christmas check of the schools is an annual visitation made by the county superintendent.

Knott News

KNOTT, Dec. 15—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Nichols and family of Bledsoe are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nichols.

Mrs. J. H. Airheart received a Christmas greeting card from Cpl. S. T. Johnson, who is serving with the armed forces overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nichols have returned from a business trip to Hamilton.

Mrs. Herschel Johnson and daughter of Childress are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gross.

Doris Grau of Dallas is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grau.

Mrs. Arnold Lloyd has purchased the Grady Dorsey grocery store and Mrs. A. J. Lloyd is operating the store.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Smith have received word that their son, Harmon Smith, is stationed at Houston with the navy.

Mrs. Willie B. Walker of Seattle, Wash., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roman.

Lieut. Winton McGregor, who is stationed in North Carolina, is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. J. McGregor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick spent the weekend in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sanderson have moved to the Tolbert farm which was vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick.

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Mrs. Raymond Chapman. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jones of Ackerly were Sunday visitors in this community.

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 5:15 News.
 5:30 The World's Frontpage.
 5:45 Superman.
 6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 6:15 The Johnson Family.
 6:30 Halls of Montezuma.
 7:00 Calling S-A-N-T-A.
 7:30 Bing Crosby.
 7:45 News.
 8:00 Gabriel Heatter.
 8:15 Freddie Martin's Orch.
 8:30 Soldiers With Wings.
 9:00 Walter Hughman.
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 9:30 News.
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By Lichty



"Banking is pretty dull these days—I miss the old days when I could assume a steely look and bark 'No!' to someone wanting a loan!"

Safety Grad Is Happy In Work

The basic safety engineering class, sponsored here last spring by the Big Spring Safety Council, has paid off handsomely for Charles Leon Harvey.

Harvey took the 96-hour course, instructed by Otto Peters, and as a result is now employed as a safety inspector for the Kaiser Ship Yards at Richmond, Calif.

He wrote Peters that he was an inspector on the graveyard shift, which, despite all-artificial light workings, had the best "frequency and severity rate of all the three shifts" in that particular yard, which happened to be the largest.

The job is a big one, for there is only one safety man to every 1,000 employed, said Harvey. "I can't tell you how happy I am in my new work," he wrote. "I look forward to the beginning of each shift. I'm getting the best of schooling, actual experience, every day and my dream of becoming a full fledged safety engineer is coming true." He paid tribute to his instructor here and for the training he received in the local class.

NO CHANCE
 ST. ANTHONY, Idaho (AP)—M. E. Briggs, his son, Bill, and Reed Lyons tramped in a y miles through snow in near-zero weather.

At last they sighted a flock of geese. All three men fired simultaneously.

Only one goose dropped — the one at which all three had aimed.

Fats Waller Dies Suddenly

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15 (AP)—Fats Waller, 39, noted negro dance band leader, died today on a train in the Kansas City union station.

A representative of the coroner's office said after a preliminary examination that he had suffered a heart attack. The body was removed to an undertaking parlor and a further examination was expected to be made.

A physician who had been called to attend another patient was summoned to Waller's car. The station master's office said that Waller collapsed while talking with his manager.

Waller, known privately as Thomas Wright Waller, attended Paderewski concerts in New York at the age of 10, studied under Carl Bohm and Leopold Godowski, and regarded low-down boogie-woogie as definitely beneath his nimble-fingered piano.

Despite his respect for the classics, he paid taxes on a reputed income of \$72,000 in 1941—and jazz did it.

Known internationally as Fats, he weighed 278 pounds.

Waller composed such hits as "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Fats' Too Big," the music for "Connie's Hot Chocolate," "Keep Shufflin'" and the current Broadway success "Early to Bed."

Cub Pack No. 13 To Change Meeting Date

Members of Cub pack No. 13 have been notified by W. D. Willbanks, cubmaster, of a change in meeting time to Friday afternoons. The meeting this week will be held at 1602 Gregg street Friday at 4:30 p. m. and each boy is especially urged to attend in order to re-register.

The meeting is a Christmas affair, too, and there will be gifts for those present, said Willbanks. Since an inspection is apt to be held, members were urged to wear uniforms and badges.

Gun For Hubby Causes Comment

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—The cop asked the blonde why she wanted a permit to purchase a gun.

"I might want to sing 'Pistol Packin' Mama,'" said Helen Jepson, the opera singer "or I might need it for protection; not everybody understands classical music."

(She really bought it as a Christmas gift for her husband, who collects guns. Please don't tell him!)

Skilled Jobs Open In Navy Yards

More than 30 different skilled trades jobs top the list of Navy civilian employment needs at the Mare Island Navy Yard, Vallejo, California, and Hunters' Point Dry Docks, San Francisco, California, Mac Winkler, civil service representative said today, opening a joint recruiting drive with the Navy to secure the urgently needed personnel.

Transportation will be furnished appointees to the place of employment where they are assured adequate housing facilities at moderate rents.

"Qualified applicants will receive appointment at the same time they apply," Winkler emphasized.

The Navy pays excellent wages and time and one half for all overtime, Winkler said.

Skilled tradesmen, not engaged in essential war work now, are urged to apply for these Navy jobs at USES, 103 1/2 E. 2nd St., Big Spring on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 10 a. m. to 3:00 p. m.

Appointments will be made according to War Manpower Commission regulations.

More Transportation Production Needed Says Truman Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Warning that "a break down, or even a diminution in transportation service" would have "incalculable repercussions on our war effort" the senate Truman committee demanded today increased production of railroad, truck, barge and airline equipment.

With the railroad industry's transportation burden growing constantly, its equipment deteriorating and its manpower problem acute, the committee declared, "it is folly to assume that there is no limit to the strain it can withstand."

The committee praised the railroads for a "remarkable record" but said heavier loads and shortages of essential materials "are tending to wear out the equipment faster than replacements are being provided."

The committee, headed by Senator Truman (D-Mo), blamed past "confusion" among government agencies for delaying construction of railroad equipment, and said army, navy, lend-lease and other demands have retarded replacements of essential civilian trucks and parts.

BUGLER BAGS BUGLER
 BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, Solomons—Marine Bugler Robert L. Greenwell, Henderson, Ky., spotted four Japanese advancing. He opened fire, killing the leading man. The others fled.

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Editorial - - -

Railroads Looking Ahead

Railroad executives, who used to regard passenger traffic as something of a bother, seem to have changed their minds.

that field are optimistic about holding their own against airplanes and buses because they plan to offer lower fares, new streamlined equipment, new service and modern merchandising methods.

that the roads have learned their lesson about tariffs. As one executive put it: "We shall have to reduce rates after the war and do it quickly and thoroughly."

Capital Comment—

Cheery Greeting Makes Whole World Brighter

By GEORGE STIMPSON WASHINGTON—Several members of Congress have already left Washington to go home for the holidays.

Judging from talk I've heard on Capitol Hill, some senators feel that we ought to suspend the war until Congress can make an investigation to determine how Wendell Willkie captured the Republican presidential nomination at Philadelphia in 1940.

mayor of Corpus Christi as being "gray-haired, handsome and apparently rich." Roy pleads guilty to the first charge.

Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District News

Norman Read's ranch north of Coahoma still has an abundance of grass but Read said he was going to feed some cake this year. This is only the third time in 25 years that caking has been necessary and the Read calves have always been tops.

Washington—'Good Neighbor' Policy Takes A Blow On Chin

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON — One of the phrases becoming stock around here is "anything can happen in Washington and generally does."

In answer, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs Nelson A. Rockefeller declares that our expenditures, including military establishments, in Latin America haven't been over \$600,000,000.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS: 1. Spring, 2. Bristly, 3. Lively, 4. Cure, 5. Architectural pier, 6. Whiskered vehicle, 7. Press, 8. Let it stand, 9. Three-sided figure, 10. He still, 11. Moment, 12. Comparative ending, 13. Masculine name, 14. Beverage, 15. Pips, 16. Artificial language, 17. Child, 18. Literary fragments, 19. Above.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

CHICAGO (P)—Mrs. Gertrude Frisch stopped by her dry goods store in the morning for a few minutes, left and forgot to lock the door.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

- 1. Devoured, 2. Green film, 3. Exposed copper, 4. Deeds, 5. Share, 6. Test, 7. Search, 8. Metal tag of a lace, 9. Buzalouzi, 10. Diligence, 11. Historian, 12. Click beetle, 13. Overtaxes, 14. Flower container, 15. Pair of the eye, 16. Simperton, 17. Outer covering, 18. Laid out with hope of return, 19. Ugly, 20. Knitting knot, 21. Extreme, 22. Janus of the maple tree, 23. Additions to documents, 24. Stacked, 25. Feminine name, 26. Skips, 27. Dog's delight, 28. Seaweed, 29. Light bed, 30. By way of.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-30.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 31-50.

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Hollywood Sights And Sounds—

Movie Actors Step Right Into Their Audiences

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD — A little wink, as the advisers to the lovelorn might remark, can lead to a pretty lot of familiarity.

That's how it all started, if memory serves. With a little wink. Some forgotten heroine in some forgotten silent movie winked it over the hero's shoulder, in the fade-out cliché.

teen" and the forthcoming "Hollywood Canteen." Warner's "Thank Your Lucky Stars" followed the novel (in the circumstances) procedure of having its celebrities appear doing things they'd never dream of doing in their own pictures.

Now Universal has one of the step-right-up-and-call-me-Kid epics on the fire in "Three Cheers for the Boys." Orson Welles, Marlene Dietrich, W. C. Fields, Charles Boyer and a raft of others (but not George Raft) play themselves as U. S. O. tourists.

It was funny when one of the Marx brothers did it some time back, asking you how on earth this scene got by the Hays office, but then it was a novelty, and you expected zanyness from the Marxes.

But now it's almost as common as that other innovation, adopted from the horse operas, of casting screen stars as themselves. You always expected Gene Autrey to play a cowboy named Gene Autrey, and Roy Rogers a cowboy named Roy Rogers.

There's been a rash of this let's-be-our-selves business on the screen this past year, due mainly to the cycle of all-star musicals that began with "Star Spangled Rhythm," letting everybody in, in a chummy way, on the alleged off-screen personalities of Paramount's great ones.

Metro's "Thousands Cheer" teems with experts in illusion, mostly playing themselves at a giant U. S. O. show.

Pete looked. Across the road about two hundred yards away near the plant entrance, the entire night shift, with exception of the few who were working overtime, were milling about in wild disorder, yelling and gesticulating.

Now, having organized their forces and led by a tall wild-eyed man in denim, they were starting across the road.

The refrigerator railway car used in transportation of perishable vegetables was devised in 1837.

Postal receipts this year are expected to total 900 million dollars.

The Unseen Audience



Buttering the Guest

Now, a scant twenty feet separated them from the mob. Suddenly, Kitty darted from behind Pete. Hair streaming in the wind she ran toward the mob, arms waving. "Stop!" she cried. "Stop!"

For a moment they did not recognize her. Flying stones, sticks and a few bricks filled the air about them. A rock grazed Kitty's cheek. Now, they saw her, and paused uncertainly, their forward ranks slowing those behind. "It's Kitty!"

As she waved her arms for silence, a spell seemed to come over the excited mob. They stopped. Their hands dropped to their sides while they leaned forward to catch her words.

"Listen, people," she said, her voice ringing clear and distinct in the crisp night air, "You've got this deal all wrong . . . The hell we have!"

"No," Kitty protested. "I say you're all wrong. You don't understand . . ."

"Sure, you have!" a voice cried and a wavering row of heads nodded agreement. "Then, at least, you'll listen to what I have to say."

carelessness. He'll never fly again." She paused and looked into the eyes of the crowd, seriously, earnestly. "Don't you think that the man who had a father like that and who has a brother like that, deserves a chance to explain why he did what he did?"

"Kitty reached over the side of the car and took Pete's hand. He helped her to step from the car. "It's all yours, now," she whispered as he took his place on the seat she had left, "Good luck . . . and remember . . . I love you."

For a moment, Pete gazed apprehensively at the sea of faces upturned toward him. A myriad of conflicting thoughts, danced wildly in his mind. This was, he thought, the toughest spot in his life. He knew that he had to say the right things because far more than personal safety was at stake in the production, the very life-blood of the plant, rested in his hands.

"You got something, there!" a voice blared out, and the crowd laughed. "So, I sold Mr. Melvin on the idea of having an investigator, a real mechanic, report the qualifications of the men so that they could be placed where they belonged. Someone had to do the job, unpleasant as it was . . . and it fell on me to do it. I swear to you, I didn't like it. But it had to be done, not for me, or for you, but so that we might get out more ships for our boys over there. He paused and waved a hand toward the plant. "But, we failed," he said, "Because you didn't co-operate and"

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