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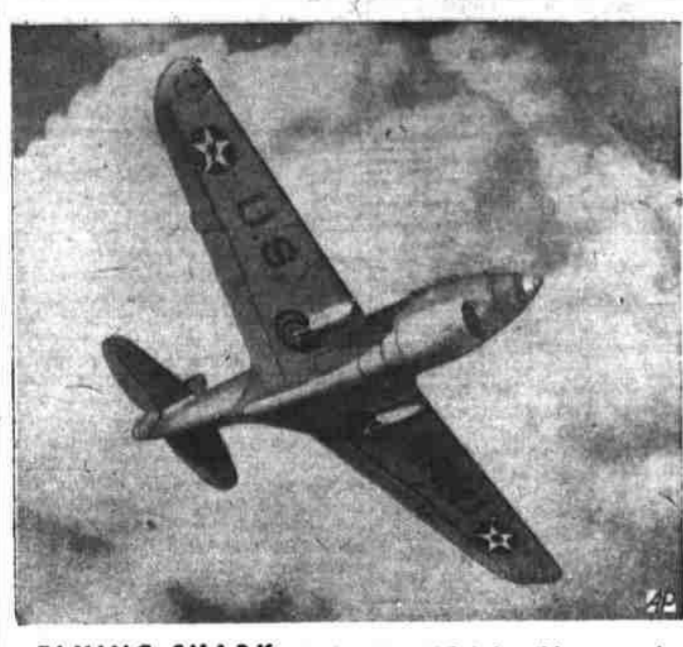
(AP—Associated Press)

BIG SPRING, TEXAS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1940

Eight Pages Today

Cotton Crop Figures Cut By Government

12,686,000 Bales Of Lint Predicted In Latest Compilation WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (AP)—The agriculture department today estimated this year's cotton at 12,686,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight...



FLYING SHARK—Gaping "mouth" helps this army air corps P-40 pursuit ship resemble a hungry shark, as it skims over Selfridge field, Michigan.

Unit Road System Defended In Talk

A staunch argument in behalf of Howard county's unit-system of lateral road construction, improvement and maintenance—a system inaugurated some 15 months ago with resultant savings to the county and increased road construction—was laid before Big Spring chamber of commerce directors Monday by County Judge Charlie Sullivan...

JANUARY DRAFT QUOTA SET AT 24 MEN HERE

Howard county's selective service quota for January was placed at 24 men, according to information received by the local board from state headquarters Monday morning.

British Stop Nazi Steamer In Caribbean

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 9 (AP)—The 5,033-ton German freighter Idravald, her attempt to run the British blockade a failure, either in British hands today or at the bottom of the sea.

Carnarvon Castle Repairs Rushed

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 9 (AP)—While other British warships were reported searching the south Atlantic today for the German raider whose shells punctured the Carnarvon Castle's steel hull, the damaged British auxiliary cruiser prepared to get back into the fight for control of Britain's vital food lines by tomorrow night.

Cotton Quota Vote Checked

County committeemen Monday canvassed returns from the marketing quota referendum Saturday and left the official figure at 461 favoring the cotton quotas as 15 opposed.

HOWARD COUNTY'S BALANCE OF CASH INCREASES SHARPLY

Howard county's cash balance jumped sharply during November as current tax payments boosted the reserve from \$53,761 to \$115,045.

C. Of C. Plans Activity For Coming Year

Annual Membership Drive In January Talked By Directors Chamber of commerce directors, in their luncheon meeting at the Settles hotel Monday, laid groundwork for an approaching new year of activity.

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Baptists Will Convene Here

An all-day meeting of the Texas Statewide Sunday school revival will be held at the East 4th St. Baptist church Tuesday.

Polish Legation In Hungary Closed

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 9 (AP) The Polish legation closed its doors today by request of the Hungarian government—once Poland's closest friend.

SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET

School board members will hold their regular session in the administrative offices at 7:30 p. m. today.

Weather Forecast U. S. Weather Bureau

WEST TEXAS—Fair north and east portion. Increasing cloudiness with intermittent rain southwest portion tonight and Tuesday.

Battle Of Egypt Starts Again As Desert Armies Clash

GREEKS CHASE ITALIANS FROM ARGIROCASTRO

ATHENS, Dec. 9 (AP)—Fierce fighting beyond Argirocastro was reported today between Greece's advancing army and the Italian rearguard, strongly entrenched to cover the retreat of the main fascist body to the north and west.

Italian Navy Gets New Commanders

ROME, Dec. 9. (AP)—The Italian navy, as well as the army, functioned under new command today after a shake-up by which Premier Mussolini apparently intends to intensify the nation's war efforts.

FIREMEN GET BIG STACK OF TOYS TO FIX

Signs of the approaching Christmas were evidenced Monday as firemen surveyed a growing stack of old toys and County Superintendent Anne Martin saw the probability of a paycheck for teachers in advance of the holiday season.

Negroes Will Face Theft Charges Here

Deputy Sheriff Denver Dunn was to leave Monday afternoon for Sweetwater to take four negroes into custody on misdemeanor theft charges.



SEA BATTLE NEAR SOUTH AMERICA—Cross indicates approximate location of sea encounter between British merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle and a German raider, as reported by informed sources at Montevideo, Uruguay.

British Take 500 Italian Prisoners

Skirmish was First Action In Sector In Three Months By The Associated Press Indications that a long-awaited battle of Egypt may have started—breaking a three-months stalemate—arose today when the British African command reported that British troops clashed with Italy's desert armies "on a broad front" in western Egypt.

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Perkins Upholds Wage-Hour Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Secretary Perkins asserted today that defense needs at this time did not warrant a breakdown of wage and hour legislation.

San Angelo Woman Held For Forgery

LaVern Norris, San Angelo, was held by city police Monday on charges brought by county officials for forgery.

STATE TAX VALUATIONS SHOW LARGE INCREASE OVER 1939

AUSTIN, Dec. 9. (AP)—Valuations for ad valorem taxes in Texas for 1940 totaled \$4,273,321,619, an increase of \$59,930,182 over last year and the biggest jump ever recorded.

REA Builds 58 Miles Of Power Line

O. B. Bryan, project supervisor of the Rural Electrification Administration, announced Monday that 58 miles of power lines were completed and meter installation would be inaugurated Tuesday.

British Set Big Fire At Bordeaux

LONDON, Dec. 9. (AP)—A great fire was started by British night air raiders among buildings between two of the dock basins in the German-held French port of Bordeaux, the air ministry news service said today.

Shopping days till Christmas. Toy Dept. 13 Shopping days till Christmas.

KNOW YOUR "LITTLE MERCHANT"

If you live on the north side of Big Spring, the little merchant delivering your Herald to your door each afternoon and Sunday morning is ELTON CAMPBELL.

