

Japanese Land Troops On Vital Sarawak Soil

Nipponese Try For Knockout Of British

Japanese Offensive Spreads Around South China Sea

SINGAPORE, Dec. 17 (AP)—Japanese forces have landed in Sarawak, a British area on the northwest coast of Borneo, it was announced today as the Japanese threw their land, sea and air forces into a spreading offensive around the South China sea.

The Japanese evidently were aiming for a quick knockout of British and Dutch strongholds, seizure of vital resources and control of the sea lanes by which reinforcements could reach the allies.

Their effort apparently was to strike heavy and scattered blows before resistance could be organized and coordinated, but this seemed to be at least partly frustrated.

The Dutch disclosed that one of their planes, supporting British resistance to the enemy landing at Miri, Sarawak, had scored a direct hit on a Japanese destroyer.

Oil was an obvious objective at Miri but the Batavia radio said "everything was destroyed before the Japanese could land... even oil plants at the port of Miri have disappeared."

The Japanese landed at Miri and nearby Lubong, both only a short distance from the Sarawak border with British North Borneo.

This was the newest spread of Japan's tactics of scattered blows, all correlated with the chief drive against Singapore, the core of British Far Eastern defense.

Besides landing on Northern Malaya, 400 miles north of Singapore, and attacking through quickly-dominated Thailand, the Japanese also have seized the mainland region of Hongkong, British No. 2 Far Eastern stronghold, and have landed in the Philippines, flanking the China sea war theatre.

Sarawak is the domain of the famous "White Rajahs." Sir Charles Vyner Brooke is the present ruler. Sarawak is under British protection.

Because of its position, situated on sea routes between Hongkong, Singapore and the Philippines, Borneo is strategically important.

(The island is about 300 miles north of Java, an equal distance east of Singapore and about 600 miles south of Manila. The entire lower half of the island is owned by the Dutch.)

The section of the communique dealing with developments in Malaya reported that fighting still was continuing along the line of the Muda river on the west side of the peninsula and said there were indications the Japanese were reinforcing their troops in the Kelantan sector on the opposite coast.

CORRESPONDENT KILLED

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 17 (AP)—A. Massey Anderson, naval correspondent of Reuters, British news agency, has been killed in action at sea.

Leaders Named For Local Civilian Defense Effort

An all-inclusive civilian defense setup, designed to protect Howard County lives and property in event of attack, was in the making Wednesday following preliminary appointments Tuesday night by County Judge Walton Morrison and Mayor Grover C. Dunham.

Many Are Nazis' Woes

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Germans were caught without crank handles to start their motors because all had been stolen by Russian boys, a writer in Izvestia reported from a village beyond recaptured Klin today.

Nazi Sabotage Plot Thwarted

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17 (AP)—A German plot to halt the export of Bolivian metals to the United States by sabotaging railroads running to the Chilean ports of Antofagasta and Antiguera has been thwarted, according to information received here today. It also was learned that the

Bolivian government had imposed a rigid censorship but whether this was connected with the reported rail plot was not clear. Bolivia produces considerable tin and lead all of which is going to the United States under a purchase agreement.

Damage Slight In Shelling Of Isles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The navy department announced today that there were no injuries to personnel during the Japanese attack on Johnston Island, which was reported late yesterday.

The navy described the action by Japanese naval forces as "weak."

Earlier, the war department said the shelling of Kahului, on the island of Maui, by an enemy submarine yesterday caused only slight damage to a loading platform of a pineapple company and there were no casualties.

Wildcat Test Slated Near Harding Pool

Materials were being moved in by the Duncan Drilling Co. Wednesday afternoon for a wildcat oil well approximately five miles southwest of Big Spring.

The test, a northwest outcrop to the thus far isolated Harding pool, was to be known as the Moore Bros. No. 1 E. E. Brindley and was due to be drilled to a depth of about 3,300 feet with rotary equipment.

Definite data on location was not confirmed immediately, but best information was that it might be about the center of the northeast quarter of section 19-33-1a, T&P.

It is approximately half a mile north and nearly that far north and west of Harding pool production. The nearest well is the Continental No. 1 Brindley in the southeast corner of the section.

Meanwhile, Moore Bros. were continuing operations on a core test a mile west of Big Spring on the W. P. Edwards tract. It is one of a contemplated series to gain information on basic structural trends.

Aged Man Slain In Convalescent Home

HOUSTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—W. F. Millwee, 80-year-old patient at the Wilson convalescent home, died today from stab wounds and other injuries received at the home Monday night.

A murder charge was filed against Sibley Criswell, 45-year-old orderly at the home.

Millwee was stabbed with a pair of short scissors and was beaten. No motive was announced by police.

FREIGHTER SUNK

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 17 (AP)—The 4,751-ton Portuguese freighter Casqueuel was reported today to have been sunk in the Atlantic. There were no details.

Jury Returns Six Truebills

Six true bills, including one for murder, were returned by the district court grand jury here Tuesday afternoon.

Franco Costello was indicted for murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Alexos Gauna early Friday morning.

A theft indictment named Mike Rivers and Jose Valdez in connection with the removal of a large quantity of clothing from a car parked near a local theater a few days ago.

Eusebio Galaves was indicted for theft from person; W. H. Purser for forgery; and two persons not in custody for forgery.

Nazis Admit Retreats On Russian Line

British Maintain Steady Pressure In North Africa

By The Associated Press Russia proclaimed a series of smashing victories in the war with Germany today, and for the first time Adolf Hitler's high command wryly acknowledged that the German invasion armies were "shortening their lines" along the soviet front and were hard-pressed on the defensive in North Africa.

The extent of the German retreat along the whole 1,500-mile Russian battleline was highlighted by a British broadcast reporting that all communications between Moscow and long-sieged Leningrad had been re-established.

Soviet dispatches said the Red armies were pushing a vast counter-offensive from Leningrad to the Black Sea, capturing hundreds of villages and towns in one sector after another, and that in some instances the Germans were running without a fight.

In perhaps the gloomiest Nazi communique of the entire war—giving the German people at least an inkling that the tide of conquest has been thrown into reverse—the high command reported:

"In the course of transition from aggressive operations to stationary warfare for the winter months, necessary improvements involving the shortening of lines now are being systematically undertaken on various sectors of the eastern front."

But Soviet dispatches pictured the Germans in headlong flight, by no means effecting a strategic withdrawal, with a Moscow communique declaring:

"The fleeing enemy is being pursued and annihilated by our troops."

Red army soldiers who recaptured strategic Kallin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow, said they found that German troops had built four-tiered plank beds in houses throughout the Kallin zone "evidently intending to spend the winter there."

Moreover, the official Berlin radio spokesman shifted in a broadcast from comment on the exploits of "our victorious German army" to a discourse on the "unbelievable difficulties" of a war which Nazi troops were fighting in Russia.

Soviet front-line dispatches said the Germans were retreating, with bloody losses, on both the north and south flanks of the Moscow defense arc.

On the North African front, British Imperial headquarters reported that heavy British pressure was being maintained on the left flank of Hitler's battered desert armies and that new progress was registered despite fierce sandstorms during the past 24 hours.

The German high command gave this terse summary of the fighting, which clearly appeared to be turning into an axis debacle:

"A heavy defensive battle west of Tobruk continued yesterday. Strong enemy attacks near Bardia were repulsed with considerable losses to the enemy."

A hint that the Italians may already be pulling out of North Africa cropped up in a British admiralty communique reporting that a fascist submarine carrying an Italian general and 19 other military officers from Libya to Italy had been sunk in the central Mediterranean.

The admiralty said the general was not among the 53 survivors.

New Light Cruiser Columbia Launched

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 17 (AP)—Without any special ceremony, the 10,000-ton light cruiser Columbia was launched today at the Camden yards of the New York Shipbuilding company.

The sponsor was Miss Jean Adams Paschal, 16, of Columbia, S. C. She was accompanied by her parents, acting Mayor and Mrs. Gary Paschal of Columbia.

Penny-A-Plane Club Gets Many Members

MARSHALL, Dec. 17 (AP)—From all parts of the nation today came quick reactions and new recruits for the growing list of a penny a plane club.

U. S. Submarines Go Into Action Against Japanese



Bomb Kills Three—The Japanese hit this car with a killing three passengers and hurting another. The bomb fragments tore through the car at all angles.



Two Can Play This Game—This is the remains of a Japanese plane which figured in the attack on Hawaii Dec. 7. The ship was shot down and most of it came to rest in pieces near a Honolulu OCO camp.



Japanese Leave Mark—This is Hanger 11 at Hickman field, the army's great airbase in Hawaii, which was singled out for attack by the Japanese Dec. 7. Wreckage of building and plane is shown.

Ex-Soldier Cooks Up Big Story On Fight With Japs

Tales of super feats during the battle of Pearl Harbor, in which he conjured three Jap planes to his credit, had landed a former soldier in the city jail here for investigation Wednesday.

The man, whose discharge dated in October showed he had been assigned to a coast artillery unit, had made his appearance at an American Legion meeting Monday evening when he started members of the organization with graphic tales of the Jap attack on Hawaiian defenses of the United States.

Several became suspicious of the man, and police announced Wednesday noon that he had admitted that the whole thing was a hoax, that he had cooked up the stories because "I wanted to be a big shot."

The yarn he spun, briefly, was this: He and fellow officers were celebrating at the time the attack took place. They managed to get a plane, and as gunner, he said he shot down three planes.

In answer to questions, he said he had flown back to the mainland on Dec. 9 with a captain and had come to Big Spring in an army plane to contact an FBI agent. He had put up at a local hotel and had developed his story in an effort to impress natives, said officers.

No charges were lodged against the man pending word from U.S. Army and federal agents.

New Ambassador To Cuba Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Spruille Braden, now ambassador to Columbia, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be ambassador to Cuba.

Braden, a 47-year old New York financier and a native of Elkhorn, Mont., would succeed George Messersmith, recently transferred from Havana to the ambassadorship at Mexico City.

Extension Of Farm Program Approved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The house approved legislation today extending for five years from Dec. 31 the soil conservation program with its benefit checks and also continuing 65 per cent of parity loans on basic crops for another five years.

The loans have applied heretofore to wheat, cotton, rice, corn and tobacco. Today's legislation adds peanuts. The senate has not yet acted.

Success Scored In Two Attacks

By The Associated Press Japan took alarm today at the reported presence of 20 U.S. submarines operating in Japanese waters even as Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet, announced that American submarines had gone into action for the first time in the 11-day-old conflict and scored success in two out of three attacks.

U.S. Army headquarters in Manila reported also that at least 26 Japanese planes had been destroyed yesterday at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, where the Japanese still maintained one of their three toeholds on Luzon Island.

Admiral Hart's cryptical statement did not identify the victims of the American counterblows—whether Japanese warships or merchant craft—or the locale of the sinkings.

The communique announcing the attack on Vigan, launched apparently to prevent the Japanese from establishing air bases necessary for conquest of the Philippines, said there had been "no change in the land situation today."

Of the Japanese planes destroyed, one was shot down in aerial combat and the remainder were wrecked on the ground, the communique declared.

The announcement said: "The enemy at Vigan suffered heavily from an attack by our air force yesterday. One Japanese plane was shot down and at least 25 more were destroyed on the ground. Fuel supplies were set afire. There has been no change in the land situation today."

In a cryptic statement, Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the fleet, declared that United States submarines had "made two successful attacks" and a third which failed to achieve its objective.

Hart explained that submarine commanders were not required to report on operations until their return to port, but said he had learned that some successes had been achieved.

Whether the attacks to which he referred were against Japanese naval forces or against merchant shipping remained a matter of speculation pending a further announcement.

Disclosure of the submarine operations was the only naval or military development of the day.

The last sign of Japanese offensive operations against the stoutly defended island of Luzon was a dawn attack yesterday on Olongapo naval base 60 miles northwest of Manila.

The supposition in unofficial quarters was that the Japanese were reorganizing their forces for an attempt to reinforce the troops they landed last week at three places—Vigan and Aparri in the north and Legaspi at the southern tip of the island.

Gas Control Enacted On West Coast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes, the defense petroleum coordinator, today approved a far-reaching oil conservation program for California which was designed to assure an adequate fuel supply for American and allied forces fighting Japan in the Pacific.

The program was drawn by the industry production committee for district 5 (California, Washington, Nevada and Arizona) at Ickes' request and the coordinator asked immediate action by the committee and California's oil operators to put it into effect.

Responsibility for initiating conservation measures, including the determination of allocation schedules for oil production in California, was placed with the industry production committee.

The program would depend on all industry support and cooperation in the enforcement of its stipulations that persons engaged in the industry "produce, store, sell, market, transport, purchase and handle petroleum and its committee and approved by the coordinator."

Chinese Slash At Japanese Rear

CHUNGKING, Dec. 17 (AP)—Chinese forces were reported tonight to have delivered successful attacks north of besieged Hongkong, compelling the Japanese to shift reinforcements to cope with a Chinese threat to their rear in the Tamshui area.

Tamshui is about 28 miles north of the mainland border of Hongkong on Japanese-occupied Kowloon peninsula and about the same distance east of the Canton-Kowloon railroad.

War Relief Fund Quoted Is Exceeded

Americans of Howard and Glasscock counties had given an overflowing response Wednesday to appeals from the American Red Cross to raise \$5,400 for war emergency relief purposes.

Shortly before noon—with several workers yet to report—the quota had been exceeded by more than one thousand dollars. The total reported stood at \$6,419.77.

A considerable amount was still in sight as a generous people sought to be represented in the answer to a patriotic appeal.

J. B. Collins, county chairman for the emergency drive, expressed the conviction that none would let the exceeding of the quota stand in the way of making as great a contribution to the cause as possible.

Of the \$6,419 reported raised, \$5,919.77 actually was in a local bank. The other \$500 was represented in a telephone conversation with Berry Duff, Glasscock county drive head, Wednesday morning. The money has been raised, but has not been sent here as yet.

Volunteer workers were still making contacts Wednesday afternoon in an effort to see that as few people as possible are missed in extending the opportunity to give to the emergency fund.

Curiously, the emergency drive was having a beneficial effect on the regular roll call, which Roll Call Chairman Roy Reader closed out when the emergency quota was announced.

Many who had not responded to regular appeals to join the Red Cross were catching the spirit and coming in with their memberships. Reader said he had \$60 come in Tuesday and that he had received several dollars more since that time. Since he let the regular roll call give way to the emergency appeal, more than \$100 has come in, and now the chapter quota of 4,650 members is only about 250 away. There was good possibility that this yet would go over the top.

Besieged Marines' Comment Praised

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The terse message "Send us more Japs"—reported relayed from the heroic Marines defending Wake Island drew congressional commendation today.

Rep. Cannon (D-Mo) told the house it would go down in history with Perry's "We have met the enemy and they are ours," and Dewey's "You may fire when ready, Gridley."

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Beta Sigma Phi To Have Christmas Party On December 21st

East Ward Has Program And Social Tuesday

W. C. Blankenship was guest speaker at the East Ward Parent-Teacher Association meeting and party Tuesday night at the school. His talk was on "Not by Bread Alone."

The program consisted of songs by the first grade pupils and a reading by Darlene Sneed, "Telephoning to Santa." Sixth grade pupils gave a choral reading and Betty Lou Hewitt had the scripture.

A duet by La Verne Mosley and Bessie Holland was given and songs by the East Ward chorus were sung under direction of Bill Dawes.

A feature of the program was the Virginia Reel done by Charles Rowden, Debra Eggs, James Kinsey, Frances Wilson, Stella Stewart, Harold Griffor, Clara Thomas, Hiram Glover, Robert Schayer, L. C. Caldwell.

Mrs. Tina Carter presided and announcement of the Clara Tree Major play to begin here December 20th was made. The first grade pupils won the room count.

Pounding Given Roland Kings By Congregation

Mrs. Leon Chelf and Mrs. L. C. Nanny were co-hostesses at a "pounding" given in the Chelf home for the Rev. and Mrs. Roland C. King by members of the Trinity Baptist church Tuesday night.

Mrs. Nanny had charge of the games and refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Shull, Mr. and Mrs. Ervott Nones and E. A. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Todd and daughter, Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lemons and son, James.

Mrs. W. C. Puley, Mr. and Mrs. Nanny, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Todd and son, Ray, and daughter, Ula Mae, Mrs. W. P. Petty and daughter, Pauline, Mrs. W. C. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Carville, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Turley, A. W. Medlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dearing, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rowland, Mrs. Turner Page, Mrs. Owen Leonard, Mrs. H. Bugz, Louise Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams, Beulah Tompson, Mrs. W. S. Middleton and son, Walter Jo, Mrs. Leon Chelf and daughter, Billie Katherine, Roland King, Jr., Jo Ann King.

Several gifts were also sent by those unable to attend.

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Program Given On Happiness For Sorority

Planning a Christmas party for December 21st in the home of Mary Belle Menger and hearing a program on "Happiness" was items before the Beta Sigma Sorority Tuesday night at the Settles hotel.

Mrs. Theo Willis talked on happiness through health and Mrs. Lloyd Weston on happiness through work. A paper on happiness through emotions prepared by Myrtle Jones was read by Mrs. Paul Barrow. Dorothy Dean Sain talked on a general attitude toward life.

The sorority voted to give food to a needy family at Christmas. The group planned to attend the cantata at the First Presbyterian church December 21st and then go to Miss Menger's home for a Christmas party.

The sorority voted to invite others to participate in Red Cross first aid course to be held. Each member also agreed to buy \$1 of the defense stamps this week.

The marriage of Miss Zelma Farris and Weldon Milam on Tuesday was announced at the meeting with the presentation of a box of candy to the members by the bride.

Others present were Mrs. Hiram Knox, Jo Leatherwood, Omega McClain, Elizabeth McCrary, Miss Menger, Deortha Roden, Clarinda Mary Sanders, Mrs. Murian Smith.

Circle Five Has Social In Home Of Mrs. G. T. Hall

Voting to give a life membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service was a feature of the meeting of Circle Five members in the home of Mrs. G. T. Hall Monday.

The circle members met for a Christmas party. Mrs. C. E. Masters gave a devotional. Cornelia Frazier as guest artist gave two piano solos. Mrs. Clyde Thomas gave the Christmas story.

The circle brought food to be given for needy families. Mrs. Hall, circle leader, presented each member with a gift and she was also given a gift from the circle.

Others present were Mrs. C. E. Talbot, Mrs. R. F. McCarty, Mrs. J. B. Hodges, Mrs. Kelly Lawrence, Mrs. C. M. Watson, Mrs. K. H. McGibbon, Mrs. James A. Frazier, Mrs. G. W. Chowas.

What Not Club Has Exchange Of Gifts At Party Tuesday

Gifts were exchanged by members of the What Not club when Mrs. Euel Fox entertained in her home Tuesday. Mrs. Elvis McCrary won high score and Mrs. Robert Satterwhite won second high score. Mrs. Lonnie Coker binged.

Refreshments were served and others present were Mrs. Phil Smith, Mrs. I. T. Hensley, Mrs. Ralph Hamilton and Mrs. Leonard Coker. Mrs. Leonard Coker is to be next hostess on January 8th.

Nine Rompers Made By Women At Red Cross Sewing Room

Nine pair of rompers were completed when the First Methodist members met at 9:30 Tuesday morning at the Red Cross room to sew.

Luncheon was served to the members at the church, with Mrs. G. G. Sawtells as luncheon guest. Those present were Mrs. J. R. Manion, Mrs. L. W. Croft, Mrs. W. A. Miller, Mrs. H. M. Rows, Mrs. B. Lamun, Mrs. J. A. Myers, and Mrs. V. H. Flewellen.

Modern Woman's Forum To Meet Thursday

The Modern Woman's Forum will meet at 7:30 o'clock Thursday in the home of Twila Lomax, 1806 Runnels. All members are urged to attend as there will be a Christmas program and important business meeting.

Garden Club Will Meet Thursday For Social

The Garden club will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday in the home of Mrs. E. T. Cardwell, 102 Princeton Ave., for a Christmas party. Members are each to bring 25 cents for war relief instead of gifts.

BONDS APPROVED

AUSTIN, Dec. 17 (AP)—The supreme court today granted Bexar county a mandamus compelling Attorney General Gerald C. Mann to approve issuance of \$197,000 bonds by the county to purchase voting machines.

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Santa Favors Given At Club Party In Home

Santa Claus favors were given at the Wednesday Bridge club when Mrs. W. M. Gage entertained for members in her home Tuesday for luncheon.

The mantel was centered with miniature angel figurines and a row of graduated size tapers lined the mantel. Cedar and red berries were also used in the decorations.

Mrs. Ray Shaw and Mrs. E. J. Brooks were luncheon guests. Mrs. George Hall won club high score and Mrs. Charles Koberg won guest high score. Mrs. Fred Fowler was also a guest.

Mrs. M. C. Lawrence and Mrs. T. J. Walker binged. Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree. Others present were Mrs. G. C. Graves and Mrs. C. M. Shaw. Mrs. Brooks is to be next hostess.

Miss Laneous Notes

By MARY WEALEY

Something that we've never been able to figure out is how men can get together at an early hour in the morning and figure out business deals. You can see them in

restaurants and cafes putting a lot of pep into their sales talk. Men gather their employees together sometimes and feed them advice along

with the ham and eggs or sometimes administer a dressing down along about the second cup of coffee.

Both the big shots and little shots seem to be able to look intelligently about business, profits and losses.

The figures they write on the table cloth, from a distance anyway, seem to be as authoritative as if it were 10 o'clock in the morning.

How they do this is a mystery. Beyond the bare fact that we can't even get our eyes pried open at the breakfast hour, we couldn't discuss anything with anybody in the morning.

Along about the time the sun is high and the rest of the world is at work, then we could maybe figure high finance and big business. But not at 7 o'clock in the morning. We'd be a total loss to business at any hour before mid day.

17 Enroll For First Aid Course At Colorado City

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 17 (SpI)—Sixteen men and women have already enrolled for an advanced Red Cross first aid course which will be taught at the Colorado City courthouse during the week beginning Monday, Dec. 29, according to W. R. Charters, first aid chairman of the Mitchell county Red Cross.

The new course will be taught by Robert C. Findlay, first aid lay instructor of Abilene. Those present were Mrs. Leslie Crowder, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Lillian Pond, Mrs. Rees Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, Vera Crippen, Mrs. Willie Whitmore, Mrs. J. W. Cook, Aleme Reese, Mrs. Arlie Taylor, Mrs. Coy Harris, Alvida Crotchwaite, Sallie Miller, Beth Guldredge, Robert J. Holloway, Beas Porter, Anna Don Salvay and Dora Paul Salvay.

The Tommy Newmans Are Parents Of A Son

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Newman of Hobbs, N. M., are the parents of a son born Tuesday afternoon at the Malone & Hogan Clinic-Hospital. The infant weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces. Mrs. Newman is the former Kawana Smith, daughter of Mrs. F. F. McGowan of Big Spring.

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Daily Calendar Of Week's Events

WEDNESDAY
B & P W DANCE will be held at the Settles hotel ballroom at 9:30 o'clock.
PHILADELPHIA CLASS will meet at 7:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church.
BIG SPRING CANTON 22 and Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 o'clock at the L.O.O.F. Hall.
THURSDAY
HOWARD COUNTY HD COUNCIL will meet at 2:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church basement for the annual county-wide Christmas program and party.
HOMEMAKER'S CLASS of the First Christian church will meet at 8 o'clock with Mrs. C. M. Shaw, 809 Runnels.
G.L.A. will meet at 8 o'clock at the W.O.W. Hall.
A.A.U.W. will meet at 4:15 o'clock with Mrs. G. H. Wood, 1806 Runnels.
V. F. W. Auxiliary and Post will hold a Christmas party at 7:30 o'clock at the W.O.W. Hall.
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT will meet at 3:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church for a Christmas party.
RUTH CLASS will meet from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock in the home of Mrs. B. Reagan, 411 Lanester, for the Lottie Moon Christmas party. Members and associate members are invited.
FRIDAY
TRAINMEN LADIES will meet at 2:30 o'clock at the W.O.W. Hall.
FIRST BAPTIST Friendship class will meet at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. Larson Lloyd, 1407 Runnels.
ROYAL NEIGHBORS will meet at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. Claude Wright, 719 Galveston.
NORTH WARD P.T.A. will meet at 7:30 o'clock at the school for a Christmas party.

Miss Zelma Farris And W. E. Milam Marry In 7 o'Clock Ceremony

The marriage of Zelma Farris and W. E. Milam took place at 7 o'clock Tuesday night in the home of the Rev. Marvin Leach of Sparanburg. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Farris of Combs and Milam is the son of J. E. Milam of Greenville.

The bride wore a beige ensemble with spicewood brown accessories. Her corsage was of white geraniads. Buster Farris, brother of the bride, was the only attendant.

The couple will be at home at 229 W. 2nd in Big Spring. Mrs. Milam was graduated from Sweetwater high school and attended T. S. C. W. at Denton for one year. For the past two years she has resided here and has been employed as bookkeeper at Montgomery Ward and Caprock Electric Cooperative where she is now employed. She is a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Milam was graduated from Greenville high school and attended A. & M. college at College Station. He is employed now with the Sweetwater Cotton Oil company of Sweetwater.

Catholic Children To Have Annual Yule Party Friday

The annual Christmas party for the children of St. Thomas Catholic church will be held Friday at 7 o'clock at the church hall, it was announced Tuesday at a session of the Parish council at the rectory.

Committee in charge includes Mrs. W. D. Willbanks, Mrs. L. D. Jenkins, Mrs. Kay Williams, Mrs. H. E. Mosley and Mrs. Earl Corder.

Mrs. J. M. Morgan presided and others present were Mrs. Charles Vines, Mrs. L. J. Freeman, Mrs. Slater and the Rev. George Julian.

Rebekah Sisters Exchange Gifts

Rebekah Sisters' names were revealed and gifts exchanged at the Rebekah No. 284 meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the L.O.O.F. Hall.

A program was presented by the children of the members and gifts were presented from a lighted Christmas tree. Those present were Mrs. Eva Goodman, Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Velma Cain, Mrs. Ula Robinson, Mrs. Ula Pond, Mrs. Mabel Glenn, Mrs. Ella Lloyd, Mrs. Lois Foreyth, Mrs. Della Herring, Mrs. Sallie Kinard, Miss Opal Pond, Mrs. Lovie Barlow, Mrs. Jessie McDaniel, Mrs. Rosalie Gilliland, Mrs. Opal Tatum, Mrs. Hazel Lamar, Mrs. Julia Wilkerson, Mrs. Thelma Neal, Mrs. Maggie Richardson, Ben Miller and Jones Lamar.

Big Spring Hospital Notes

Mrs. Raymond Benton was admitted for medical treatment Tuesday.

Mrs. H. E. Dunning's condition is reported as satisfactory, following major surgery several days ago.

Mrs. C. F. Haynes, Crans, returned home Tuesday after receiving medical treatment.

Miss Marian Goodwin, Colorado City, returned home Tuesday following minor surgery.

Ramon Gauss was dismissed Tuesday following surgery.

Out Of Town Guests Attend Company Party

Employees of Coca Cola Bottling company were entertained with a Christmas party at the plant Tuesday night and included as out of town guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Brothers and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Wood of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Elliott and son of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith.

The table was placed in U-shape and lighted with electric candles. Evergreen and pine cones were down the center of the table. A silver tree lighted with blue lights held presents that were distributed by Santa Claus.

C. L. Roden, plant manager, was also presented with a gift from the employees. Bingo and dancing were the evening's entertainment.

The employees of the Big Spring plant will also attend a Christmas party tonight in Abilene given by the company. There were 45 persons present.

East Fourth Young People Hold Party

The young people's department of the East 4th St. Baptist church and the Training Union entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday night at 7:30 in the scout hut.

The Yuletide motif was used throughout the house and gifts were presented from a lighted Christmas tree. Gifts were toys which are to be sent in a packed box to the orphan homes. Christmas games were played during the evening.

Refreshments were served to Alfred and Anita Cate, Alberta Madewell, Margaret Bennett, Marjorie Mae Ely, Jessie Pearl Watson, Edith Madewell, Anna Bell Madewell.

Toko Williams, Arvia Childress, Helen Weaver, Walter Stroup, Loyce Kinman, Bob Mann, Odell Woods, Dorothy Moore, Harman Madewell, Mrs. Tom Buckner and Tommy, Margaret Cooper, Dick Davis, Billy Marie Boatler, Mrs. Sam Moreland and Barbara Ann, Mary Covling, Mrs. J. E. Miles, Lahoma Dickson, Opal Brown, Mary Pearl Mittel, Gertrude McNew, Vernith Early, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Moreland, John L. and Mary Joe, and the Rev. H. E. Dunham, pastor.

Birthday Party Honors Twila Frances Phillips

MOORE, Dec. 17 (SpI)—Arab Phillips was hostess to a birthday party honoring Twila Frances Phillips of the Knott community Monday night.

Games and conversation were the diversions of the evening. The honoree took a treasure hunt which led her to a basket of lovely gifts.

Balloons and red all day suckers were the favors.

Sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served to Everett Doyle and Hal Wesley Phillips of Big Spring, Johnnie Roy, Patsy, and Joy Beth Phillips of Knott, Donald Phillips of Knott, Frances, Freddie, and Dorothy Jean Phillips of Fairview, Bobby Earl, and Brookline Nell Phillips of Big Spring, and Floyd Martin of Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Jr. of Knott, Mrs. Earl Phillips, Mrs. Roy Phillips of Knott, Mrs. J. W. Walker of Knott, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Sr., and Twila Lomax and Anna Smith.

B & P W Club To Give Dance At Settles Tonight

The Business and Professional Women will entertain with a formal dance at the Settles hotel ballroom Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock. Harrison's Texans from San Angelo will furnish the music.

No Host Party Held In Schurman Home

A no host party was held Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schurman. Gifts were exchanged and bingo was played.

Refreshments were served and others present were Mr. and Mrs. Loy House, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Musgrove, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hillin of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schurman.

Eastern Star Holds Party At Masonic Hall

Seventy members were present at the meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening at 7:30. After the business of the meeting was over, a Christmas tree was held and refreshments were served.

Formal Dance Given By Four Couples At Settles Hotel For Club

Cedar Wreaths Used In Yule Decorations

Four couples entertained the Dance club Tuesday night at the Settles hotel with a formal Christmas party and dance. Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Matt Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. Larson Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Peeler.

The refreshment table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a crystal punch bowl. A cedar wreath lighted with colored lights surrounded with bowl. Cedar and mistletoe was used throughout the entertaining rooms. Lighted wreaths were also used on the walls.

Music was furnished by a record player and more than 80 persons attended.

University Women To Meet In G. H. Wood Home On Thursday

The American Association of University Women will meet Thursday at 6:15 o'clock in the home of Mrs. G. H. Wood for a Christmas party in place of the Ray Lawrence home as originally scheduled.

No gifts are to be exchanged but a social will be held. Members are urged to attend.

Piano Pupils Give Recital In Forsan

FORSAN, Dec. 17 (SpI)—Mrs. H. D. Williams presented her piano students in a Christmas recital at the gymnasium Monday night.

Velma Gressett played "Pickaninny Sarensade" and a chorus composed of Lovera Wilson, Darnel McClain, Charles Gressett, Peggy Painter and Fio Thomsen sang carols with Betty Jo Robertson playing the piano accompaniment.

Betty Ruth Lamb played "Breezes on the Lake," and other pupils on the program were Joanne Lewis, William Leonard, Dorothy Jean Gressett.

Holly Corsages Are Given By Hostess At Sewing Club

Favors were holly corsages when Mrs. R. F. Blum entertained the Dos por Ocho sewing club in her home Tuesday. Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree.

Donations were made to the Red Cross. Sewing was entertainment and refreshments using a red and white motif were served.

Mrs. Johnny Garrison was present as a guest and others attending were Mrs. Ches Anderson, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Garner McAdams, Mrs. C. Y. Clinkscale, Mrs. Pat Sullivan, Mrs. Hollis Webb, Mrs. W. S. Satterwhite, Mrs. H. V. Crocker.

SON IS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Salazar are the parents of a son born Monday night weighing 8 pounds and 1-4 ounce. The baby has been named Gene Everett.

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Censorship Of Press, Radio, Foreign Dispatches Planned

Needles Fly In Solons' Chamber

AUSTIN, Dec. 17 (AP)—Needles, not words, are flying in the Texas house of representatives these days.

The day after Japan's attack on America, Mrs. Homer Leonard, wife of the speaker of the house, got out her knitting needles and went to work.

She was joined by Mrs. Bees Dunlavey, the speaker's secretary; Mrs. Myrtle Lawrence, nurse to the Leonard's children; Mrs. Clara Neal, clerk to the house committee on contingent expenses, and Miss Gussie Evans, house journal clerk.

This is the entire woman's contingent in the house between sessions of the legislature.

Mostly they are turning out mittens.

Bombers Destroy Japanese Planes

MANILA, Dec. 17 (AP)—U. S. army bombers destroyed 26 Japanese planes and fired fuel supplies in a heavy attack yesterday on the beach head which the Japanese established last week at Vigan on the Luzon west coast, 200 miles from Manila, army headquarters announced today.

The announcement followed swiftly on an official disclosure that submarines of the U. S. Asiatic fleet had gone into action for the first time in the 11-day-old war with Japan, scoring successes the details of which were not immediately divulged.

Army Declines Air Hostesses

PEORIA, Ill.—Two girls of teen age entered the army recruiting office and said they wanted to file applications. "Applications for what?" said the sergeant. "For hostesses on army planes," they said. The sergeant suggested they join the Red Cross.

AP Executive Will Handle New Duties

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Censorship of the press, radio, cables and foreign mails was all but law today. Congress was looking for legislative shortcuts to affirm these and other wartime powers for President Roosevelt before sundown.

Only minor differences between bills passed yesterday by the house and senate remained to be ironed out before the censorship, which Mr. Roosevelt acknowledged "all Americans abhor," became a fact.

The job of administering censorship "in harmony with the best interests of our free institutions" was the responsibility of Byron Price, on leave from the executive news editorship of the Associated Press. He will set up his office in Washington Friday, responsible directly to the president.

Besides erecting a barrier against filtration of military data to the axis, the new, broad grant of power to the chief executive would authorize him to re-allocate federal functions, grant contracts without bidding, revise contracts and control completely the financial transactions of aliens.

Mr. Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday outlined a partly voluntary, partly compulsory censorship over all media of communication, and announced Price's appointment as director of censorship.

The 50-year old newsmen, who asked and obtained a leave from the Associated Press once before—to join the A. E. F. and win the bars of an infantry captain overseas, left his post in New York yesterday. He could not discuss his plans, he said, until he was established in Washington.

Youngsters Contribute Much To War Efforts In Texas

By the Associated Press

Texas children — aroused like their elders over the war with the axis—are chipping in with their pennies for Texas' war effort.

Little youngsters barely walking, the 'teen age in school, are cooperating by the thousands for defense.

Tiny Betty Oliver of Amarillo—age two and a half—has swapped her savings of 1,350 pennies, a \$2 bill and a silver dollar for defense stamps. She's going to boost that total to \$18.75 so she can buy a \$25 maturity value bond.

Last week Amarillo school pupils bought \$1,249 worth of stamps.

Bobby Taylor's heart is in the right place. Two weeks ago burglars stole his dime bank. The money was going for a defense bond. Eager to help somebody, he shined his grandpa's shoes, donated the proceeds to Houston's Mile of Dimes campaign for the needy.

Robert Holmes of Gladewater, age 12, got a silver dollar for every birthday. Everytime his report card was better than his sister's he got another dollar. Tuesday he took his savings—\$19—to school, put the sum in a locker, told his teacher to call the post-office about a bond. When he returned to get the money, it was gone.

Meanwhile, Texas' cooperation in defense continued unabated.

The Salvation Army—pledged its entire facilities in Texas and a staff of 1,000 Tuesday night to Gov. Coke Stevenson for any civilian defense use. The pledge came from Lieut. Col. William George Gilks, commander.

The Gregg county defense council announced that East Texas oil fields would be blacked out "some time in January," darkening the cities of Gladewater, Kilgore, Longview and Henderson. Gas flares would be extinguished by order of the railroad commission.

Dallas recruiting offices for the army, navy and marines announced that 300 men enlisted Tuesday.

The war had its peculiar twists Tuesday.

In Dallas, President Houston Nichols of the City Transportation company said women will begin driving Dallas taxicabs early in January to help fill gaps in the ranks of the company's employees who are resigning rapidly to go into defense industries and military service units.

Enforcing the letter of the law, Dallas police stopped a station wagon carrying several foreigners and took them to headquarters. Officers understood the suspects to say they were Germans. But they turned out to be Japanese—British and Dutch subjects who are dancers in a show that has appeared in several North Texas cities. They were released.

Other highlights on the Texas war front:

CORPUS CHRISTI — commissioning ceremonies for a section base completed this week at the U. S. naval air station to serve as a link in a chain of five supply bases for the inshore fleet will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday.

DENTON—more than 1,000 coeds of North Texas State Teachers college, house mothers and wives of faculty members signed up Tuesday night at a women's defense rally to do various types of war work—sewing various types of kits, first aid, ambulance driving.

DENISON—defense bond drive launched at mass meeting Tuesday night.

DALLAS — enlistment blanks were depleted when 1,500 young Dallas business women formed the Dallas career girls defense corps Tuesday night.

Iceland Laska Hamburgers

PORTLAND, Ore.—What Iceland needs is not a good cigar—but a good hamburger stand. That's the opinion of Marine Pvt. James I. Smith, stationed on the frigid island, who says the food is fine but "a good old American hamburger" would look awfully good.



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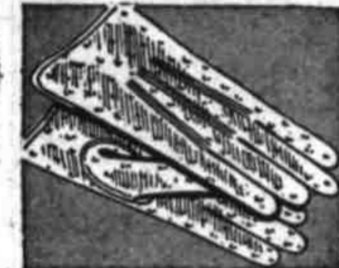
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Rayon & Cotton! **Dress Socks** 2 for 25c **13c**

You won't find better looking patterns for the money! Short and regular lengths!



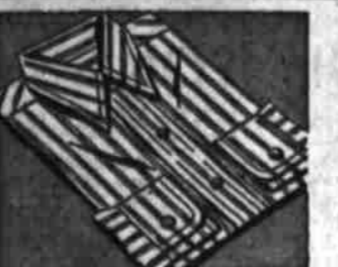
Give her something to wear! **A New Skirt** Pleats! Tweeds! **2.29**

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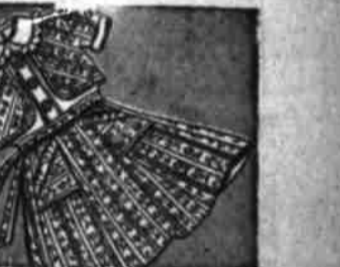
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Bright and Gay for the Holiday! **Girls' Dresses** Sizes 7 to 14 **69c**

Even new peasant styles! Tub-fast percales. Well made! Sizes 7 to 14.....79c



Men who know value choose **Fine Fur Felts** Styled by Brandon **2.98**

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For Everyone On Your List! **Boxed Hankies** 3 in a Box! **59c**

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A Bell Ringer Gift Value! **Crisp Aprons** Colorful **49c**

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Sure to be appreciated! **Give Silk Hose** First quality! **79c**

You know she'd love glamorous 3-threads! Stretchy rayon tops for longer wear! Real values!



Baking Beauties by Conson **Thirsty Towels** Huge 22"x44" Size! **29c**

Such fashionable designs! Exceptionally thick and soft! So absorbent and strong, too!



Outstanding Value **Dress Socks** Worth More! **29c**

Every pattern a sure-fire winner! Short or regular lengths! Rayon with cotton.



It's a Slipper! A sports shoe **"The Lounger"** It looks hand-down! **1.98**

His favorite—indoors or out! In soft brown leather, top grade, with hand-laced effect!



Zip goes the Talue, and on go her **Felt Booties** with striped cuffs **79c**

So cozy for frosty little toes! Darling in bright red or blue with striped velour cuffs!



In Christmas Colors **Kitchen Sets** 3 Useful Pieces **25c**

Gift-wrapped! Large kitchen towel, knitted dish cloth, terry pot holder. Red, green.



Such a "Grown-Up" Meal **Boxed Hankies** For the Kiddies! **19c**

3 cute little hankies (or 2, with a piece of jewelry for the girls). Darling designs.



A Bell Ringer Gift Value! **Lacy Panties** Buy for yourself! **29c**

Her favorite knitted rayons, dolled up with big splashes of fine lace! All styles!



Full Zip Front! Flap Pockets! **Boys' Sweaters** Made Like \$1.98 Sweaters! **1.69**

20% wool worsted with cotton in a snug rib knit. Double knit military collar. 2-tone colors.



The Perfect "Little" Gift! **Boxed Hankies** 3 in a Box **19c**

Lace and hemstitching and dainty embroidery make them look so expensive! Cotton.



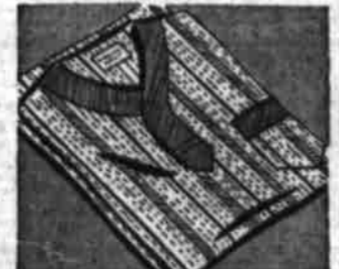
You Can't Go Wrong on a **Shirtwaist** Collarless Wrapped! **1.29**

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West Wins 2 Out Of 3 Non-loop Tilts

Steers Rap Oklahomans,
28-25; Owls Tag Tech,
55-43; Aggies Tumbled

By the Associated Press
Southwest conference basketball
teams won two out of three games
last night with non-conference
foes.

The University of Texas Longhorns swept a two-game series
with Southeast Teachers of Okla.,
winning a tight defensive battle
28 to 25. Les Sander led the
Texans in scoring with nine points.
Curtis led the visitors with seven.

In Houston 2,000 fans saw Rice
defeat Texas Tech and the Texas
Agriculture loss to the polished
Phillips '66' squad from Bartlesville,
Okla., in a doubleheader at Sam
Houston coliseum.

Rice, with Bob Kinney scoring
21 points, beat a stubborn Tech
five 35 to 45.

The Phillips aggregation, boasting
several all-Americans, defeated
the Aggies 74 to 42. Howard
Engleman, who won all-American
honors at Kansas University, made
20 points for Phillips.

Rice and Phillips meet in the
second game of Wednesday night's
twin bill. Texas Tech and the
Agriculture will play in the first game.

Hogan Awarded Vardon Trophy

CORAL GARLES, Fla., Dec. 17
(AP)—Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa.,
officially was awarded the Harry
Vardon trophy today by the
Professional Golfers association.

Although two tournaments remain
to be played this year, Hogan
clinched the trophy by his
second place finish in the \$10,000
Miami open. It gave him a total
of 284 points. Hogan collected \$1,
275 in the Miami meet to bring
his year's golf earnings to \$17,333.

East Texas Field Blackout Planned

GLADEWATER, Dec. 17 (AP)—
The East Texas oil field will be
blacked out "sometimes in January,"
the Gregg county defense
council has announced.

The council, composed of business
men and public officials, will
make arrangements. The blackout
was proposed recently by
Gladewater Jaycees.

The Texas railroad commission
will order gas flares extinguished.
Four cities—Gladewater, Kilgore,
Longview and Henderson—will
be darkened.

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Sports

The Big Spring Daily Herald

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Buff Basketeers Edge Steers 14-13

Big Spring ran into a hitch last
night when the Steer cagers at-
tempted an invasion of the Foran
gymnasium—the Buffs came from
behind to slip by the Herd, 14 to
13.

Tuesday's show likely will be the
Big Springers' last appearance un-
til after Christmas. Coach Edward
Marcum said Wednesday morning.
A pair of games matched with
Stanton were called off due to a
couple of the Stanton cagers being
expelled from school.

Horace Bostick led the Big
Springers, turning in a
smoothly operating game, on the
offensive as well as the defensive.
The Steers held a 10 to 7 ad-
vantage at the close of the first
half but in the third quarter plus
determined crew of Forans plus
a small court combined to put the

Buffs in the lead. As the third
quarter ended Foran had a 11 to 10
margin. In the final round Big
Spring turned on the steam but
were unable to overcome the hard-
battling Buffs.

Peppy Blount and James Fallon
delivered a fast offensive game but
Bobby Cowley and J. R. Smith,
Foran ace, were not to be de-
nied.

Starting lineup:
Big Spring—Bostick and Earnest
Bostick, guards; Blount, center;
Womack and James Fallon, for-
wards.

Foran—Long and Dunlap, for-
wards; Smith, center; Peak and
Cowley, guards.

Substitutes for Big Spring—Tid-
well; for Foran—Lujan, Oglesby
and Wadsworth.

Letter To Editor— Writer Says Prayer Needed To Guide US Through War

To The Editor:
"Our country is now engaged in
the most terrific and awful war
ever known. Hundreds of our
fine young men and women are being
killed and thousands more
may lose their lives before the
conflict ends.
"That we have brought this war
upon ourselves by getting away
from God and His plans for us is
recognized by clear thinking people.
"We can bring death and defeat
by trusting in human power alone
to win, or we may, with God's
help, be victorious over all en-
emies.
"God has richly blessed America
in various ways, and has been
merciful and long-suffering with
his wayward people. Our United
States President and Commander-
in-Chief asks us to pray. Our men
going to war request that we pray.

Can any loyal Christian refuse.
Much prayer, both individual and
united, should be offered.
"Wednesday is with most of
our denominations the time for
our mid-week prayer service.
Let's fill our churches tonight
and often, and pray most earnest-
ly and sincerely for ourselves,
our great leaders, our fighting
forces, and the entire defense
program.
"Can we not hear the voice of
God saying as of old, 'If my peo-
ple which are called by my name
shall humble themselves and pray,
and seek my face, and turn from
their wicked ways; then will I
hear from heaven, and will forgive
their sin, and will heal their land.'
[This letter is signed "Citizen,"
but the real signature of the writer
is supplied for our files in ac-
cordance with policies.—Ed.]

THE WAR TODAY: American Navy Will Strike Japs Soon

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Wide World War Analyst

There is grim satisfaction in the
warning to his people by Lieut.
Commander Tomingo of Japanese
imperial headquarters that prob-
ably twenty Yankee submarines—
big ones with a long cruising ra-
dius—are operating off Japan.
Concrete indication that Tomingo
may be right is found in our
Admiral Hart's report that U. S.
submarines have made two suc-
cessful attacks. The nature of the
victories isn't disclosed but we can
wait for that, just so long as we
know Santa Claus is on his way.
This strikes me as a very en-
couraging sign, because it means
we are beginning to swing into of-
fensive action in the crucial battle
area.

It is pleasing to feel that these
under-water boats are the pilot
fish which signal the advent of
American naval and air rein-
forcements. I don't mean that
literally, because there is no in-
dication where the submarines
came from, but it has been more
than ten days since the attack
on Pearl Harbor, and a fair
stretch of Pacific can be crossed
in that time. The golden hours
which we have gained through
the grand defense made by our
forces should pay returns before
long.

It wouldn't be surprising to see
a big naval engagement break out
almost any time now. Our fleet is
hunting the Japs, and if they pur-
sue the lines which their strategy
thus far has indicated they are
bound to fight to keep us from
bringing aid to our bases, since
Japanese success depends on se-
curing and holding control of
these.
From the standpoint of the ulti-
mate outcome of the battle of the
Pacific the fierce attack of the
Japanese against the British on
the Malay Peninsula is more im-
portant than the assault against
the Philippines. The Japs, of
course, are trying to fight their
way down the peninsula to the
great naval base of Singapore, the
fall of which presumably would de-
liver into their hands the great
wealth of the Dutch East Indies.

DiMag Voted Outstanding Athlete Of '41

Ted Williams Named
2nd; Louis Places 3rd;
Grid Taxes Back Seat

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—For
breaking all major league con-
secutive hitting records with a
string of 36 straight games, Joe
DiMaggio was voted the outstand-
ing male athlete of 1941 by a mar-
gin of more than 2 to 1 over his
nearest rival.

The New York Yankee outfielder
who batted .357, piled up a total
of 157 points as 42 of the 52 sports
experts participating in the As-
sociated Press' annual poll placed
him first on their list. He was
given either second or third place
on 20 other ballots.

Ted Williams, who is hitting
.406 for the Boston Red Sox be-
came the first major leaguer in
many years to surpass the .400
mark, ran second to DiMaggio.
DiMaggio's record of 36 straight
games is a total of 74
on the basis of three points for
first, two for second and one
for third.

Joe Louis, heavyweight boxing
champion, outscored Williams in
the number of first places, receiving
10, but wound up third with
64 points for his unprecedented
performance of successfully de-
fending his title seven times dur-
ing the year.

With Craig Wood, U. S. open
golf king, finishing fourth with 37
votes, football was completely
routed for the first time in three
years.

The voting:
Joe DiMaggio, baseball... 42 137
Ted Williams, baseball... 3 74
Joe Louis, boxing... 10 64
Craig Wood, golf... 1 27
Don Hutson, football... 4 23
Bruce Smith, football... 3 16
Cornelius Warner-
dam, track... 2 14
Frankie Sinkwich,
football... 2 13
Bill Dudley, football... 0 7
Frank Leahy, football... 1 6
Bud Fisher, baseball... 1 6
Bob Feller, baseball... 0 5
Bill Smith, swimming... 1 5
Leslie MacMillan, track 1 4

Nineteen Cowboys Get Grid Awards

ABILENE, Dec. 17 (Sp)—Nineteen
members of the Hardin-Simons
University Cowboys, Border
Conference co-champions, will re-
ceive football letters, Coach War-
ren Woodson announced today.
Awards are subject to fall semes-
ter academic requirements.
The letter men named Johnny
Boren, Snyder, Tex. halfback, and
Harold Prescott, Phoenix, Ariz.,
end, as co-captains for 1942.
Three seniors, H. C. Burrus,
Truett Rattan, Maitador tackle,
and Murray Evans, quarterback,
captain, Burk Burnett, were named
members of the Border Con-
ference all star eleven, named
by loop coaches.
The H-SU monogram award win-
ners: including six seniors, eight
juniors, and five sophomores:
Ends, Burrus, Prescott, and R.
V. Rucker, Abilene sophomores.
Tackles, Rattan, Robert Thomp-
son, Haskell senior, and Floyd
Hooten, Temple junior.
Guards, Ed Beeman, Barnhart
senior; Jug Bennett, Graham junior,
and Eugene Starkey, Seymour
sophomore.
Centers, Eddie Sprinkle, Tusco-
la, and Huddle Bagley, Brownfield,
both sophomores.
Backs, Evans, Boren, VanDever,
senior; Gayle Campbell, Tyler junior;
Tommy Chadwick, Colorado
City junior; Joe Stribling, Tex-
arkana junior; Hank Brown, Sit-
terton sophomore; Errol McAtee,
Houston junior.

Kansas City Man To Speak Here

The Rev. Oscar Hudson of
Kansas City, Mo., will speak to-
night at the Church of the Nazare-
nes, the Rev. Ernest Orion, pas-
tor, has announced.
The service will begin at 7:45
p. m.

—RADIO PROGRAM—

Wednesday Evening
5:30 Supper Dance Varieties.
6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
6:15 Here's Morgan.
6:30 The Lone Ranger.
7:00 News.
7:15 Hank Keen In Town.
7:30 The Bandwagon.
8:00 Sport's Reporter.
8:10 Musical Interlude.
8:15 Wally Johnson's Orch.
8:30 Adventures In Melody.
9:00 Raymond Gram Swing.
9:15 Dance Hour.
9:45 News.
10:00 Sign Off.
7:00 Musical Clock.
7:30 Star Reporter.
7:45 Musical Clock.
8:00 Morning Devotional.
8:15 Musical Impressions.
8:30 Morning Concert.
8:45 What's Doing Around Big
Spring.
9:00 News.
9:15 John Agnew, Organist.
9:30 Singing Strings.
9:45 Easy Aces.
10:00 Neighbors.
10:15 Our Gal Sunday.
10:30 Sweetest Love Songs.
11:00 KBST Preview.
11:05 Dr. Amos H. Wood.
11:10 Howard County TB Ass'n.
11:15 The Airliners.
11:30 U. S. Navy Band.
12:00 Smalin' Ed McConnell.
Thursday Afternoon
12:00 Cuckoo's Reporters.

Stamford Plays Comanche To End Class A Race

By the Associated Press
Only one game remains to be
played to wind up football for the
year in the Class A division of the
Texas intercollegiate league.

That also will end play in all
divisions except Class AA which
goes on to a state championship.

Nine regional champions have
been determined in the A class.
Phillips defeated McLean 26-19
yesterday to win region 1 honors
while Gaston was downing Center
25-7 to come through in region 6.

Comanche plays at Stamford
Friday night to decide the region 3
title and end play in Class A for
the year.

District championships in steam
football also have been de-
termined. They are:
1—Groom, 2—South Lockett, 3—
Vera, 4—Byron, 5—Sparenberg,
6—Sterling City, 7—Sylvester, 8—
Trent, 9—Tulsa, 10—Pottsville,
11—Josephine, 12—Indian Rock
(Gilmer), 13—Winona, 14—Cham-
pion not reported, 15—Diboll, 16—
Devers, 17—New Waverly, 18—
Pearland, 19—Markham, 20—Hal-
lettsville, 21—Coupiland, 22—Prairie
Lea, 23—Tacey, 24—Campbellton,
25—Ben Holt, 26—Los Fresnos.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (Wide
World)—Seems to be open season
for suggestions on how the sports
program can be made to fit the
military program. Joining the
rush, how about postponing the
building of that basketball hall of
fame and stinking the dough from
the "golden ball" games (which
will be played in every state) into
defense bonds? There might even
be a surplus for the Army and
Navy relief funds. The Naismith
memorial wouldn't lose out, either.

...Scop Latimer of the Green-
ville (S.C.) News comes up with
the idea that colleges should de-
clare freshmen eligible for varsity
athletics and the seniors ineligible
—because most of them will be
heading for the army anyway....
Wouldn't that one go over well
with football coaches who are set
with senior squads for next year?
...Dixie conference already has
made a start by voting to let the
rookie play.

Explanation?—
Corporal Earl Flora, former
Ohio State Journal sports writer
now at Randolph Hall, Tex.,
writes Sports Ed. Bob Hoopy this
week about postponing the
Oregon score....Story is that just
before Duke got the Rose Bowl
bid, Oregon State wired Texas
that the Longhorns could be in-
vited if they would cancel the
Oregon game....Seems the coast
boys figured they couldn't "gam-
ble" the Rose Bowl prestige
against the chance that Oregon
would knock Texas off....So the
Texans went out to show them
just what sort of a gamble it
would have been.

Calling names—
In Chattanooga, Tenn., they're
already calling Duke an Oregon
State the "Tobacco Bowl"...How
about a fresh name for an East-
West game played in the south?
....And next Sunday's pro play-
off is being tabbed as the "Snow
Bowl," which seems appropriate in
view of the fact it was so cold in
Chicago last week that the pe-
pers reported those red-hot Bears
from the ball in the last few sec-
onds of the game.

Use Of Christmas Seals Is Urged

Use Christmas seals on the back
of all letters and packages to be
mailed between now and Christ-
mas, the Howard County Tubercu-
losis association urged Tuesday.
While remittances for seals con-
tinued to drift into the treasury
and boost receipts near the \$500
minimum goal, chapter officials
turned the force of their campaign
to encouraging use of the seals.
Those who have not secured
them as yet may get supplies ei-
ther at the Cunningham & Phillips
No. 1 store or at the Douglas ho-
tel.

Here's refreshment right out of the bottle

Pause...
Go refreshed
Coca-Cola
Busy people know what the
pause that refreshes with ice-cold
Coca-Cola really means. It's
a little minute long enough to
enjoy a moment's rest and
refreshment... the buoyant re-
freshment of ice-cold Coca-Cola.

South Is Mecca Of West's Winter Sports

ATLANTA, Dec. 17 (AP)—The
southland today becomes a mid-
winter sports mecca as it adopt-
ed the Pacific Coast's war-or-
phaned football games and race
horses.

Two of California's colorful grid
classics—the Rose Bowl and the
East-West all-star—were blacked
out by army orders and transplanted
in the south. California's racing
tracks were closed.

It will give Dixie the nation's
top three football bowl games, two
star-studded intercollegiate battles,
and a winter horse racing pro-
gram jammed with big names.

More than 200,000 fans are ex-
pected to pack stands in a holiday
week of thrilling football.

This is the lineup:
Dec. 27—North-South all-star
game, Montgomery, Ala.
Jan. 1—Duke and Oregon State
in the shifted Rose Bowl game,
Durham, N. C.
Jan. 1—Fordham and Missouri
in the Sugar Bowl, New Orleans.
Jan. 1—Georgia-Texas Christian
in the Orange Bowl, Miami, Fla.
Jan. 3—East-West all-star game
in the Sugar Bowl, New Orleans.

The army, which requested can-
cellation of the Rose Bowl game
at Pasadena, approved the con-
test in Durham, and Duke Uni-
versity will play host to a record
crowd of 55,000 at \$4.40 apiece.

Lookin' 'em Over

By Jack Douglas
"Speed and spirit—that's what
football teams of today must have
to get along." Blair Cherry, mem-
ber of the Texas University coach-
ing staff, said here yesterday.

Cherry made Big Spring a stop
on his tour through this area look-
ing over the crop of gridsters
graduating this year.
According to Cherry, the days
when a lot of brawn and a fair
amount of speed were all that a
footballer needed are past. Now-
days players must be imbued with
a will to win plus super-speed.
College football has reached that
stage where clubs in the same con-
ference are just about even-step-
ping so far as material coaching
and tactics are concerned—that
extra something, fire, is what
makes the difference between a
winning ball club and a losing
one.

One thing Cherry is not back-
ward about—he predicts another
great year for Texas. He declared
that Texas didn't have another
Jack Crain, Malcolm Kutner or
Fets Laydon on the list as yet but
time may turn up gridster to fill
their shoes. Furthermore, he pointed
out that the crop of freshmen
in three years time develop in-
to a machine similar to the one
that performed this season.

Cherry figured Peppy Blount,
Big Spring basketballer, was as
likely appearing a lad as he had
been in some time. Peppy's en-
trance into college is far in the
future but Cherry vowed the six-foot
four inches Big Spring would
make some college cage coach's
eyes gleam when he is ready for
upper bracket competition. Partic-
ularly, Cherry was pleased by
Blount handled himself on the
court.

As for the business on hand,
Cherry did not care to commit him-
self too much—it was Horace
Bostick who was the main topic of
his conversation.

Wilson Decisions Lemons To Keep NBA Feather Title

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11 (AP)—
Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson needed
only one fist, his left, to decisively
outpoint Richie Lemons last night
and keep the National Boxing As-
sociation featherweight champion-
ship he won from Richie here Nov.
18.

The 27-year-old Pittsburgh ne-
gro, veteran of 10 years in the
ring, calmly set about his work
in the first round and either won
or drew in all of the first nine. He
had such a big lead by the time
Lemons frantically began trying
for a knockout in the tenth that he
just protected himself through the
last three of the 12 beats.

Louis Begins Training For Buddy Baer Scrap

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. Y.,
Dec. 17 (AP)—Joe Louis began
training today for the twentieth
defense of his heavyweight ring
title, a rematch with ponderous
Buddy Baer in Madison Square
Garden on Jan. 6.
Louis' share of the purse will go
to the Naval Relief Society.

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Local Needy Due Christmas Cheer

No more eloquent argument could be given for the inherent generosity of the people of this area than to cite the outpourings to Red Cross, the Tuberculosis association and through the purchase of defense bonds and stamps in recent weeks.

Possibly \$11,000 has been given outright to the Red Cross and to the Howard County Tuberculosis association in the past month. This is nothing short of remarkable. There are no accurate figures to date, but it probably is safe to say that around \$40,000 or more has been invested in government issues here within the past fortnight. And this certainly is most commendable.

As important as are these things, we should not lose sight of our community responsibility in spreading good cheer on Christmas Day.

The urgency begat by national emergency dictated immediate and concerted attention to mass relief work. Now the first shocking wave of that demand has passed. It is time, we believe, that folks begin to give a little more concern to local relief problems along with all the other ones.

Many are the ways in which the needy can be helped on Christmas Day. One of the simplest ways is by contributions to the Salvation Army, either in money or in food. Kettles are on the streets and coin boxes in the stores to receive cash contributions, and barrels are in several groceries to receive gifts of food. Make use of them.

Practically every church and its component parts has some sort of relief project for the Yuletide, thus furnishing another opportunity. Many, however, will prefer to do their work individually—and this avenue has unlimited possibilities except that some check ought to be made through the Salvation Army to avoid duplication.

But whatever form it takes, we hope that people of this area will seriously turn to the business of seeing that the less fortunate share in the goodness of the land on Christmas Day. There is no surer way to get the real Christmas spirit than to start giving.

Dorothy Thompson Says—Thanks, And Cheers, Due Our Allies In Russia

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

A hand across the sea to the Russians, and a firm clasp, and the honesty to be grateful. There is a comradeship and a community of the brave, of all resisters, of all stubborn defenders of their homes that transcend ideologies.

It was not Russia that assaulted Europe, but the least European of European nations, led by the least European of European leaders—Hitler. Hitler began by de-Europeanizing Germany and turning it into a tartar horde leaping cries from de-humanized throats. Now he whimpers to "Europe"—do a prostrate blood-stained, broken and dismembered Europe, a Europe with her walls carved in and the wind whistling through—to rise with him against the "Eastern menace," the Russians, the while he lets loose those great Aryans and Europeans the Japanese against the New World!

But Russia stands at Moscow, and, hurling back the invaders in the most heroic exploit of this war, offsets the disaster at Pearl Harbor and confounds his plans.

This is one war. There is a new axis: London-Moscow-Chungking-Washington. All Asia except the Island Terror on our side. All the New World. And Europe—waiting. No matter what the leaders say, Europe waiting.

The retreats are only a repetition of an experience common to all. While the Japs were sinking ships before confused and unbelieving eyes, the Russians were reversing the tide on another front, which is also our front.

A great cheer of applause for brave men, fighting en masse, and with intelligence.

A military victory—and a political victory. The announcement that Russia will make peace with Britain and the United States makes peace.

The great strategist, with his peasant shrewdness, really plays a very little game. It is apparent that as he hoped temporarily to appease the Anglo-Saxon powers by his attack on Russia—sending Hess as the tempter to Britain—the Japanese were to come in at Moscow fell. But great enterprises must elude. They didn't. Too late to call back the Japanese ships—he can only recall General Marshal Fedor von Bock.

In such a moment, his whole propoganda has turned against him. It was clever of him to declare war first—it was not clever of us to allow him to do it. But events decide who is clever. In the midst of the debacle before Moscow, the official German spokesman found it well to deny that his fusher had declared war on America. No, he had just taken cognizance of an existing fact.

Why this moral retreat? The answer is obvious. The German people remember that last June Hitler declared war on Russia, promising a swift victory. But the victory is not there and many more than a million young Germans are dead, and the armies of the axis are retreating. Now, in this moment, he declares another war! And the German people must be saying, "Is he insane?"

Sure, brothers, he always was. But interesting is the cry from his own lips: "Roosevelt is insane!" Obviously somebody must be crazy, for the situation is abnormal!

In the first world war, Germany had two popular and arrogant slogans: "Many Enemies, Much Honor," and "War Declarations Received here." Afterward, in defeat, the people remembered these slogans, and turned against their makers. Yet, even these slogans, made Germany the honorable victim. The new slogans are "Hero War Declarations Issued."

Result—the shrewdest allied diplomats could have tried in vain forever to create a British-Russian-Chinese-American alliance. For that is the alliances of the world—reckoned in global terms.

Hitler succeeded. It is his great

Man About Manhattan—Billy Rose Says Stuttering Sam One Of Broadway's Best Chorines

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK—At an interfraternally dinner at the Commodore the other night, Lowell Thomas, toastmaster, arose and said, "As I greet you this evening, I am aware that there are probably more important people among you in the audience than there are on the speaker's platform. And as an example, I'll point out a few. Yonder, for instance, sits the man who lifted Beta Theta Pi out of obscurity last year. The only trouble was, there weren't enough Betas in the country to do any good."

Whereupon Wendell Willkie, grinning like a shaggy, white-tipped bear, arose and cried, "Lowell, for the last 20 years I have been simply amazed at the unmitigated gall of Kappa Sig. As Thomas happens to be a Kappa Sig, this produced a great howl. Thomas then passed to other pleasantries by introducing the speakers but getting their fraternalism scrambled.

Among these speakers was the national commander of the American Legion, and the heads of two great universities. As each speaker rose, he gravely acknowledged the applause, then prefaced his remarks by properly identifying his fraternal affiliations. It was one of the high lights of a rich, full-bodied evening.

That's a smart little move on the part of that curio-art shop proprietor in Sixth Avenue. He sells paintings, curios and biographies of the great composers. To make his windows more attractive, he has in them tiny busts of Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Chopin, Beethoven, Wagner, and all the other musical greats. They're smart little gadgets to stick around on your library shelves.

This will kill you. The chief surgeon for the N. Y. State guard is Lieut. Colonel Spink!

Little Nancy Walker, the No. 1 glamour comedy clix of "Best Foot Forward," has been signed by MGM.

Billy Rose thinks Stuttering Sam is the ideal Broadway showgirl. "The fact that she stutters," says Bill, "does not interfere in the least with the conventional show girl pattern, for these young ladies, like children, should be seen but not heard."

Sam was merely tall when she came up from Fort Worth to work for Billy Rose, but now she is a full-fledged Broadway institution. She can glance out over the crowds at the Diamond Horseshoe and identify more faces than Billy can.

Hollywood Sights and Sounds—Star-Spangled Review Lists Shows Worth Seeing Over

By ROBBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD—Another year, another star-spangled revue. . . . Since the kind old lady in the fifth row has been good enough to ask, here are some of Hollywood's 1941 pictures I wouldn't mind seeing again. . . . "Citizen Kane," "Sergeant York," "The Little Foxes," "Dumbo," "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," "One Foot in Heaven," "Tom, Dick and Harry," "Meet John Doe" (which I still like though it took many a rap), "All That Money Can Buy," "The Lady Eve," "The Devil and Miss Jones," "Ladies in Retirement," Hitchcock's "Suspicion" (but not Hitchcock's "Mr. and Mrs. Smith"), "The Maltese Falcon" and maybe one or two more. . . .

But I'd just fast from "That Hamilton Woman"—in spite of Vivien Leigh and the Battle of Trafalgar. . . . "So Ends Our Night"—one night I thought never would end. . . . "Hudson's Bay," in which Melsu Moo-nee he's too much. . . . "The Bad Man," which was bad Henry, and too much of same. . . . I'd include "This Woman Is Mine" except for the pretty scenery—but a lot of people don't care for pretty scenery. . . .

There was no color film in the year to equal for richness Mamoulian's "Blood and Sand" . . . and so comedy funnier than "Here Comes Mr. Jordan"—including all the works of Abbott and Costello, Bob Hope, Jack Benny and the other professional comics. . . .

Come next year's Oscar season, Cary Grant ought to be a stand-out, if for nothing else than that lean-jerking scene in "Penny Serenade" in which he appealed to the Judge for his cheer-Id. . . . But Fredric March ("One Foot in Heaven"), Robert Montgomery ("Rage in Heaven") ought to be in the running too—did I forget someone? On the distaff side, there'll be Bette Davis (it's a habit) and Ida Lupino and Martha Scott and Ingrid Bergman—and just on general principles, meaning consistency, there ought to be Barbara Stanwyck and Rosalind Russell. . . .

There ought to be a special piece of candy in Olivia De Havilland's Christmas stocking for adding so much to every picture she's in—remember her wink in "The Strawberry Blonde"? And an extra bright apple in Humphrey Bogart's sock for taking over the parts George Raft wouldn't play—and making a stack of hits. But Santa ought to leave switches for Deanna Durbin—and Universal, too—for the putting that's keeping them apart, and Deanna off the screen. . . .

Headed for the glory road, inevitably after the year's pictures, are these: Lana Turner, Rita Hayworth, Teresa Wright ("The Little Foxes"), Veronica Lake and (maybe) Gene Tierney. . . . Seems to me Gene Tierney's being pushed too far too fast, but I may be wrong. . . . The wondrously, Victor Mature, Bob Stack among the novelties Galas. . . .

She Stayed Out—SAN JOSE, Calif.—Percy Holdkian hung a sign on his house, reading: "Dear Wife, Keep out Percy." The court awarded her a divorce.

THE PHONE BOOTH MURDER

by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter 31
CAUGHT

It dawned on Asay, after a moment or two, that Lady Boop was really driving! She wasn't sneezing or weaving or swaying as she had in the big sedan. She was driving like a human being on her own side of the road, and her rate of speed was steadily increasing.

"If she should ever find out what that car can do!" Asay murmured unhappily. "Oh!"

The thought made him shudder, and his foot to jam down on the accelerator.

Like the other instruments on the dashboard, the speedometer didn't work, but Asay estimated that the car was going just a little slower than it had been. Like Asay's truck, the coupe's engine made a lot of noise and throbbed violently, but apparently nothing could compel it to pick up speed.

And meanwhile the Porter's headlights had decreased to mere glimmers, barely visible in the thick fog.

Lady Boop, Asay decided, was finding out what the car could do, all right!

He practically stood on the accelerator, but the coupe continued to slow down, little by little.

At the North Quisset fork, the coupe's engine gave a little cough and stopped entirely, just as the red light flashed off and Lady Boop started across the intersection.

Asay got out, raced for the roadster, grabbed at the top bracket and hung on, and at the same time kicked forward at the door button with his foot.

A moment later he swung himself inside the car and landed heavily on the leather seat beside Mrs. Clutterfield.

"Oooh!" she said.

"What do you think you're doing?" Asay demanded breathlessly as he reached forward and snapped off the ignition. "What do you—"

"Did you see me?" Mrs. Clutterfield turned a beaming face toward him. "I drove!"

"You certainly did! You—"

"I hit eighty," Mrs. Clutterfield said with simple pride.

"I don't doubt it!" Asay said.

"What—"

"I never saw anything like it before in my life!" Mrs. Clutterfield told him. "No feat!"

"What?"

"No feat! You don't have to do anything at all with your feet! That's what the trouble was," Mrs. Clutterfield said. "I was always so worried about my feet, I couldn't think to watch the road! Did you see how wonderfully I steered? Did you see me—what kind of car is this?"

"It's a Porter Sixteen, as it belongs to me," Asay said. "I might add that it's a special custom-built job, that it don't grow on trees, and if you'd hurt it, the coat would have been something more than considerable, Mrs. Clutterfield. What in time made you take—"

"What will you sell it for?"

"What'll I sell it for? I won't," Asay said. "With Bill Porter going into the tank and airplane engine business, the chances of my getting another car like this for some time is mighty slim. Now, why'd you take this? Where'd you get the nerve to—"

"Mr. Mayo—you see, I know who you are!" Mrs. Clutterfield wagged an aching finger at him. "I found out all about you! Mr. Mayo, I'll pay any price you ask for this car! I've got to have this car! I've got to!"

"Wa-el," Asay said, "I'll order you one like this. But you can't have this particular model. It's got sort of special innards. I can have Bill get you the stream-lined model he's got, an' have

it doled up any way that strikes your fancy. Pleased with silver, if you want. But in return, you'll think you might fork out somethin' to some worthy cause, maybe, an' kind of show your gratitude in a nice, practical way?"

"Why, if I didn't have Alfred," Mrs. Clutterfield said, "I could afford to do lots of things! Alfred costs so much!"

"How much?"

"She told him, and Asay whistled at the sum she named.

"I don't think," he said, "that you'd even feel an ambulance a month! Golly, Mrs. Clutterfield, he's been bleedin' you! An' to think I let him ease me out of that century note! Huh! Well, now we got this settled, you get over here an' I'll drive back to the Inn!"

Mrs. Clutterfield absolutely refused to move.

"You said I could have this until you got me another, and I'm going to have it, and I won't move! I won't stir from this wheel!"

Asay sighed.

"Well, I s'pose if you got here, you can get back," he said. "Look, what impelled you to take this, anyway?"

"I saw someone outside," Mrs. Clutterfield said, "and I opened the living-room window for a breath of air—it was so stuffy in there with all those policemen! I slipped out without saying a word to anyone, because I thought from his cap that it was—"

"Wasby Doane," Asay said.

"Oh, no, not Mr. Doane! I thought it was Alfred. But it wasn't. It was a soldier!"

"A soldier?" Asay said. "You mean, one of Hanson's troopers?"

"No, a soldier. A regular soldier. It rather surprised me, too," Mrs. Clutterfield said. "He didn't see me at first, and I followed him across the lawn to your car. He stood looking at it several minutes, and then he caught sight of me, and walked quite quickly away up the road. And it was such a beautiful-looking car, and so unusual, that I went over and looked at it. And then I got in—so easy to get into, isn't it? No steps to trip over, and I pressed this little button, and away it went. Just like a saucy little whiff of down!"

"That's the first time in my memory," Asay said, "that anyone ever called a Porter Sixteen a whif of down! Huh. A soldier—now I wonder if it's humanly possible that Jennie an' I got caught up with! Mrs. Clutterfield, where do you think we'd be likely to find the Hingham? Neither of 'em had come back to the Inn when you went out, had they?"

"Oh, they never get home from the Theater till all hours! Perhaps, if you want to find them now," Mrs. Clutterfield said eagerly. "I could drive you over to the Theater?"

Asay hesitated.

"Wa-el," he said, "a bargain's a bargain, I s'pose. Drive me over there. Only, till you get the feel of this craft, don't let hit hit eighty, huh? It's kind of foggy, you know."

Mrs. Hingham

En route to the South Pochet Barn Theater, Mrs. Clutterfield's driving was nothing less than masterly, and Asay told her so when he got out.

"Mind waitin'?"

"Oooh!" Mrs. Clutterfield said, "I'm just so happy! I don't care how long you are, Mr. Mayo! I always knew I could drive, if I just kept on trying!"

Asay bent over and removed the ignition key.

He paused for a moment in the Theater's little lobby and looked thoughtfully at two pictures of Ann Joyce tacked on a portion of

Trailer Tintypes



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WANTED registered barber. Apply Big Spring State Hospital. Call Superintendent at 1600.

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WANTED: Woman with heater-equipped car to take elderly woman riding, visiting about three afternoons week. Write Box P. C. 7 Herald.

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Houses CUTEST little four room furnished home in town, available Dec. 1, 900 11th Place. See J. L. Wood, Phone 259-J.

FIVE room unfurnished house, 708 E. 3rd. Call at next house west. Phone 467.

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FIVE room furnished house; \$85; available Dec. 20. 804 Douglas.

FIVE room unfurnished house located at 1008 11th Place. Apply 008 Johnson.

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GOOD farm for sale or lease near Lamesa. Miller Tire Shop, 601 West 3rd.

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Map in Speeding Auto Perilous RATON, N. M. - Mrs. Margaret Dorsey won't take any more naps in a speeding auto. While snoring in the back seat of a car she tumbled out upon the pavement as the machine hit a 60-mile-per-hour clip. She suffered no serious injuries.

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wait for an answer. She's in a hideous mood. "How d'you get backstage?" The fellow waved his hand vaguely toward the bare stage. "There's a door. You can't miss it. You can't miss her, either." He stumbled on past Asay and out of the Theater, and Asay with a shrug, walked down the inclined floor to the door the young man had apparently meant. Mrs. Hingham swung open the door as Asay reached for the knob, and for a moment the two of them stood looking at each other. She was in a hideous mood all right, Asay thought. There were spots of dark color on her high cheekbones, and her eyes were flashing with anger. She recognized him, too, and that seemed to add to her general state of bad temper. Before she could explode a word of the speech she was obviously preparing to fire at him, Asay pointed his finger at her and wagged it in Hanson's best menacing manner. "I want you!" he said sharply. "I'm Asay Mayo. Sent here by Lieutenant Hanson of the state police. He wants to see you about the murder of Ann Joyce this afternoon. Come along!" If he had announced his firm determination to tar her, feather her, and hang her from the nearest tree, Asay thought, Mrs. Hingham couldn't have willed any quicker than she did. After taking a stumbling little

Crossword Puzzle ACROSS 1. Neck piece 2. Tropical resin 3. First woman 4. Pleasure boat 5. Part of a flower 6. Devour 7. Three-pronged spear 8. Nonsense 9. Tree 10. Dismal failure 11. Asses 12. Metallicness 13. Jumping animal 14. Roman household god 15. Respond 16. Negative 17. Kind of fur 18. Fere 19. For example 20. Quits 21. Building 22. Location 23. Downy 24. College song 25. Bird 26. Bird's nest 27. City in Spain 28. Asses' nose 29. Carpenter's tool 30. Male chess piece 31. Roman deity 32. Green letter 33. Consumption 34. Period of time 35. Vegetable 36. City in Portugal 37. Game 38. Making chicken 39. Devices for moving fruit 40. A king of Judah 41. Laid at once 42. Term 43. Bard 44. Large marine gastropod 45. Incur 46. Frigate 47. Frigate 48. Sub unit 49. Contain 50. Address 51. Metal 52. Fury 53. City 54. City

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SCORCHY SMITH "A..." "LUCKY THAT IT WAS EMPTY! NOW IF I WERE ON ZOR'S SIDE I COULD VERY EASILY GET RID OF YOU, BUT..." "CLICK!" "YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME... GET DOWN BEHIND THIS MACHINE-GUN!"

"YOU'LL KEEP HER OCCUPIED WITH THIS..." "WHILE I GO AFTER LEE!"

"IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL NOT SNEAK INTO THE STUDIO FOR YOUR SCREEN TEST!" "CLICK!" "HE HUNG UP!"

SUPERMAN "IS THIS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, MR. STUART?" "WHAT WOULD THE MOVIES BE WITHOUT PUBLICITY?" "PLEASE, MR. KENT! THIS ISN'T A FUNNY JOKE, NOW, SMILE!"

"SO THIS IS HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR! I'M ACTUALLY ENJOYING THIS AFTER ALL! THERE GOES THIS TELEPHONE!" "CLARK KENT SPEAKS!" "IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL NOT SNEAK INTO THE STUDIO FOR YOUR SCREEN TEST!" "CLICK!" "HE HUNG UP!"

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PATSY "SAY - WHAT'S TH' BIG IDEA?! ... A PERFECT STRANGER WALKING IN HERE BIG AS Y'PLEASE AN' ANSWERIN' MY PHONE? - I DON'T LIKE IT!" "BUT, MR. HIGGINS - YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! - IT IS MY PURPOSE TO BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS..."

"SO I CAME HERE TO OFFER MY SERVICES AS YOUR MAU-SERVANT!" "WHAT'S A VALET! NOW TAKE IT EASY! - I DON'T WANT ANY! - BESIDES, BIZZI, YOU'RE BARRIN' UP TH' WRONG TREE! - PRANSER FIERED ME TONIGHT! - I DON'T EVEN HAVE A JOB MYSELF! - I'M ALL WASHED UP... TH' PICTURE WAS A FOP!!"

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DICKIE DARE "MYA, DOG PUTTERRY! WHERE'S ALL THE GAWT?" "IN THEIR BUNKS, DICKEY! WE FOUR ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH GOOD SEA LEGS, IT SEEMS!"

"PERSONALLY, I ENJOY EATING BATHING - DON'T YOU DAVE?" "CHOK!" "MIBOSH, THERE SHE GOES AGAIN!" "SCISE ME, PLEASE! I-ER, SWALLOWED SOMETHIN' BACKWARDS..." "BOY - SHE'S AFTER DAN ALL RIGHT! - AN' SHE'S SMART, AS WELL AS BOLD! WE'RE BOLDLY AS SHE'S BOLD! SHE'S BOLD AS A COUPA RABBIT IN A CAGE WITH SIBS!"

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Five Killed As 2 Trains Meet Head-on

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 17 (AP)—The west bound Katy Flyer, passenger train of the M.K.T., crashed head-on into the standing eastbound Flyer four miles north of here early today, killing three trainmen and injuring five other railroad employes.

No passengers were hurt seriously. By dawn everyone in the wreck had been accounted for.

Two of the locomotives were pitched from the rails into an embankment. Baggage cars were split open and tossed on end by the impact. A third locomotive and the passenger cars remained upright. The standing train had two locomotives.

The dead: P. H. Handley, Sedalia, Mo., engineer. F. M. Truett, Sedalia, Mo., engineer. Richard Small, New Franklin, Mo., fireman.

A Federal Bureau of Investigation agent said he believed the wreck the result of a clear accident.

E. S. Humphrey of Mokans, fireman on the east bound train, said the westbound Flyer crashed into his locomotive "traveling about 50 or 60 miles an hour."

He was bruised and cut and had an injured leg.

"We apparently had a bum set of orders," he told an Associated Press staff man at the hospital, but added quickly he didn't mean they had been tampered with.

The St. Louis-Dallas trains normally pass at the wreck scene, one taking a siding.

PHILIPPINES: Caught In The Middle



Four Injured In Dalhart Train Wreck

DALHART, Dec. 17 (AP)—Movement of two troop trains was delayed and four persons were injured early today when six cars of a regular westbound Rock Island passenger train derailed at Naravise, 66 miles southwest of Dalhart.

The troop trains were following directly behind the Californian on the Chicago-Los Angeles run.

Six cars of the Californian were derailed, one turning over, after the locomotive and eight cars passed safely over what railroad officials believed was a broken rail.

Four injured men were taken to Tucumcari, N. M., for hospitalization. Their names or condition was not available here. Ten ambulances and doctors from Dalhart went to the scene of the wreck. The train was carrying approximately 400 passengers.

Railroad officials did not expect a lengthy delay on the Rock Island's main line. They said 300 yards of track was torn up, but that there was no serious obstruction of the right of way. They expected traffic to be resumed as soon as new track could be laid.

The derailment occurred at shortly before 1 a. m.

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Automobile Tire Ban Is Extended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—OPM officials said today that the prohibition on manufacture and sale of automobile tires and tubes, except to fill top defense orders, would be extended until the first week in January.

The original order, effective December 11, was to have expired December 22 and was described as preliminary to direct rationing of tires to civilian consumers.

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Markets At A Glance

NEW YORK
STOCKS—Lower; steel, motor, rubbers lead decline.
BONDS—Narrow; prices quietly shaded.
COTTON—Easier; liquidation and hedging.
SUGAR—Quiet; Cuban hedge lifting.
WOOL TOPS—Improved; spot house transferring.

CHICAGO
WHEAT—Lower; government offers loan wheat.
CORN—Unsettled; good demand for consumers.
HOGS—Fairly active; 10-15 higher; top \$11.40.
CATTLE—Yearlings steady, weighty steers weak; supplies large.

Weather Forecast

(Owing to the value of weather reports and forecasts to unfriendly powers, the weather bureau at the request of military authorities has curtailed the publication of current weather data. Special warnings of severe or dangerous weather conditions, such as storms or cold waves, will be given as wide dissemination as practicable, including radio broadcasts. The weather bureau will resume regular service in whole or in part, when such resumption may be accomplished without detriment to the national defense.)

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Considerable cloudiness, mostly high, tonight; little change in temperature.

WEST TEXAS: Increasing high cloudiness becoming mostly cloudy in the Panhandle and South Plains, and partly cloudy elsewhere tonight. Slightly colder in the Panhandle tonight.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy, warmer in east and south portions tonight.

City..... Max. Min.
Arlene..... 71 43
Amarillo..... 66 36
BIG SPRING..... 68 41
Chicago..... 44 32
Denver..... 49 37
El Paso..... 61 32
Fort Worth..... 63 40
Galveston..... 67 45
New York..... 49 40
San Francisco..... 60 44
St. Louis..... 50 29
Sunset today, 5:44; sunrise tomorrow, 7:41.
(The amount of precipitation less than .10 are not published.)

Grain

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP)—A drop of more than 2 cents a bushel in wheat prices at one time today measured the market's reaction to disclosure of government plans for eventual disposal of approximately 170,000,000 bushels of 1939-40 grain it owns.

Wheat closed 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 lower than yesterday, December \$1.23 3/4, May \$1.26 to 1.26 1/8; corn 1-8 higher to 3/4 lower, December 78 7/8, May 83 7/8 to 84; oats 1-3 lower to 1 1/8 higher; rye 1-4 to 1-3 down; soybeans 1 5/8 to 1 7/8 higher.

Wool

BOSTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—(USDA) The Boston wool market was firm today. Moderate quantities of fine territory wools of average to good French combing lengths were sold at \$12-13, scoured basis. Wools of good French combing length with a fair per cent of staple lengths brought \$13-15, scoured basis. Graded three slight blood combing territory wools brought 96-98 cents, scoured basis, and graded one fourth blood wools sold at 92-93 cents, scoured basis.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 17 (AP)—(USDA)—Cattle 2,800; calves 2,000; generally steady; common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings 7.50-10.25, good grade offerings 10.50-11.50, few choice yearlings to 12.00; beef cows 6.25-8.00, canners and cutters 4.00-6.00; bulls 6.00-7.75; good and choice fat calves 9.25-10.50; common and medium lots 7.25-9.00.

Hogs 2,400; mostly 10-15 higher than Tuesday's average; top 11.25. Good and choice 180-250 lb. averages 11.10-25; good and choice 150-175 lb. 10.15-11.00; packing sows and pigs steady; packing sows 8.75-10.00; stocker pigs 9.00 down.

Sheep 1,600; all classes steady; few mixed grade fat lambs 10.25 down; good woolled yearlings 8.50; two-year old wethers out at 8.50; aged wethers at 6.50; fleshy feeder lambs 9.00 down.

Cotton

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17 (AP)—The placing of price ceiling on additional constructions of cotton textiles caused selling and lower levels in cotton futures here today. The market closed 12 to 15 points net lower. The tone was barely steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	16.56	16.57	16.56	16.43B
Feb.	16.87	16.94	16.80	16.80
July	17.04	17.05	16.90	16.90-97
Oct.	17.07	17.13	17.01	17.01
Dec.	17.26	17.28	17.18	17.16A
Dec.	17.21	17.21	17.21	17.21B

B—Bid; A—Asked.

Antelope Dinner for Troops
CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Wyoming national guardsmen at Fort Lewis, Wash., who miss the antelope they used to hunt in their home state have a surprise coming. At the suggestion of Gov. Nels H. Smith, the state game and fish commission has announced that 20 antelope will be killed in overstocked areas, dressed and shipped to the guardsmen.

Food shortages in Italy have been intensified by curtailment of imports of several basic products, the department of commerce says.

Chester Ray Davidson Dies

Chester Ray Davidson, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Davidson of 208 Brown street, died in a local hospital Tuesday evening, following a long illness.

Born in Mitchell county January 4, 1925, he is survived by the parents; four sisters, Mrs. Opal Dunbar and Misses Helen, Virginia and Irene Davidson of Big Spring; six brothers, Jack, Doyle, Billy Joe, Clifford, Floyd, Bell and Ernest, all of Big Spring; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. L. M. Davidson of Big Spring; and the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Wagner of Shreveport.

Services have been set for 4 p. m. Thursday. Pallbearers will be W. E. Shaddock, Guy Simmons, B. E. Madry, Joe Watt, Scott, Millard Stinnett and Vernon Ahrens. Eberly Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

The influx of Americans and other war workers has overtaxed housing facilities in Bermuda, the department of commerce reports.

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Funeral Rites Set Here For J. B. Winn Jr.

Funeral for J. B. Winn Jr. who was killed in an automobile accident in San Diego Sunday, will be held at Eberly funeral home Thursday afternoon, the exact hour being indefinite.

Mr. Winn, 44, had lived in California about 20 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia; four brothers, Major Winn of Borger and W. M. Fred and E. F. Winn of Big Spring; five sisters, Mrs. Belle Letters of Odessa, Mrs. Mae English of Dumas, Mrs. Rena Shanks of Borger, Mrs. Lois Button of Surrency and Mrs. J. B. Ferris of Ranger.

Continental Oil Group Meets Here

Continental Oil Corp. sales representatives were holding an area-wide conference here Wednesday to discuss matters pertaining to the end of the year's business.

Here for the party, held at the Settles hotel, were C. L. Oden, Fort Worth, assistant division manager, John Simmons, Sweetwater, Curtis Black, Brownwood, H. O. Green, Abilene, L. W. Winston, Midland, Harmon Price, San Angelo, and J. B. Nelms, Lubbock, district agents; and H. W. Smith, Big Spring, W. H. Maxwell, Bronte, P. G. Butler, Colorado City, Irvin Wright, Lamesa, Guy Bradley, O'Donnell, Raymond Redman, Post City, Ira Gladden, Rotan, Herman Doaks, Snyder, and J. G. Cooper, Sweetwater.

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Will Couch Of Eastland Dies

Will Couch, a resident of Eastland and relative of several Big Spring persons, died Wednesday morning in a local hospital.

The body will be sent overland by Eberly funeral home for funeral services and burial at Eastland Thursday.

Survivors include three brothers, Robert L. Couch of Seattle, Dick Couch of Charleston, South Carolina and Jeff Couch of Baldr; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Chandler of Shawnee, Okla.; seven nieces, Mrs. J. W. Marchbanks, Mrs. Herbert Whitney, Mrs. H. G. Hill, Mrs. Dave Leatherwood and Mrs. Garlie McKinnon, 1 of Big Spring, and Mrs. Pearl Penney of Corpus Christi and Mrs. R. F. Schermerhorn of Dallas, formerly of Big Spring; and a nephew, Carl Merriek of Big Spring.

CHRISTMAS BONUS GIVEN

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 17 (AP)—Barcoy Oil company announced that Christmas bonus checks of one-fourth of a month's salary would be mailed today and tomorrow to its 600 employes. The company operates refineries in Wichita, Kas, Corpus Christi, Tex. and Barnsdall, Okla.

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Recruiters Report Lull

Recruiting activities struck a slight lull at the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army stations here Wednesday, but both branches were still getting plenty of inquiries from young men.

The navy announced it had handled 16 acceptances during the past seven-day period and that six men of the number had been shipped. Tuesday evening a negro was sent to the Dallas station for examination as a mess attendant.

Sgt. Troy Gibson of the army post said that he shipped one man Tuesday evening and had two others ready to go Wednesday evening.

He also announced that the opportunity existed for the first time for high school graduates to become commissioned officers as navigator - bombardiers. Requirements are a high school education, single, and passage of general classification tests, a physics test and a general mechanical aptitude test.

Bufford W. Baker, Coahoma, who has the necessary college requirements, left Wednesday to submit to aviation cadet physical examination at San Angelo.

Basic Defense Plans Mapped

Basic organization of a county-wide civilian defense unit was mapped at a conference between County Judge W. S. Morrison, Mayor Grover C. Dunham and other community leaders here Tuesday evening.

A meeting of all recommended for specific committee chairmanships was scheduled for Friday evening when the entire organization plan will be explained. Following that appeals will be made to all civilians to volunteer for particular service under some division of the master plan.

Essentially the civilian defense plan deals with health, safety, welfare and other related activities. Practically every phase of life that has any connection with the defense effort of the nation is touched in some way by the plan, passed on to local authorities by the governor in response to a request from Mayor LaGuardia of New York, national civilian defense director.

One Pitch Knocks Out Rabbit

YOUNGSTOWN, O. — James Cole is wondering whether he ought to donate his pitching arm to baseball. Cole took his son out hunting the other day and they spied a rabbit sitting. He threw an apple at the cottontail to scare it. The apple hit the rabbit squarely and knocked it unconscious.

Long Lost Teeth Recovered

CADILLAC, Mich.—Mrs. Susie Boyce of Hobart lost her false teeth 35 years ago. The other day she got them back. A neighbor, Ray Loomis, found them in his potato patch.

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