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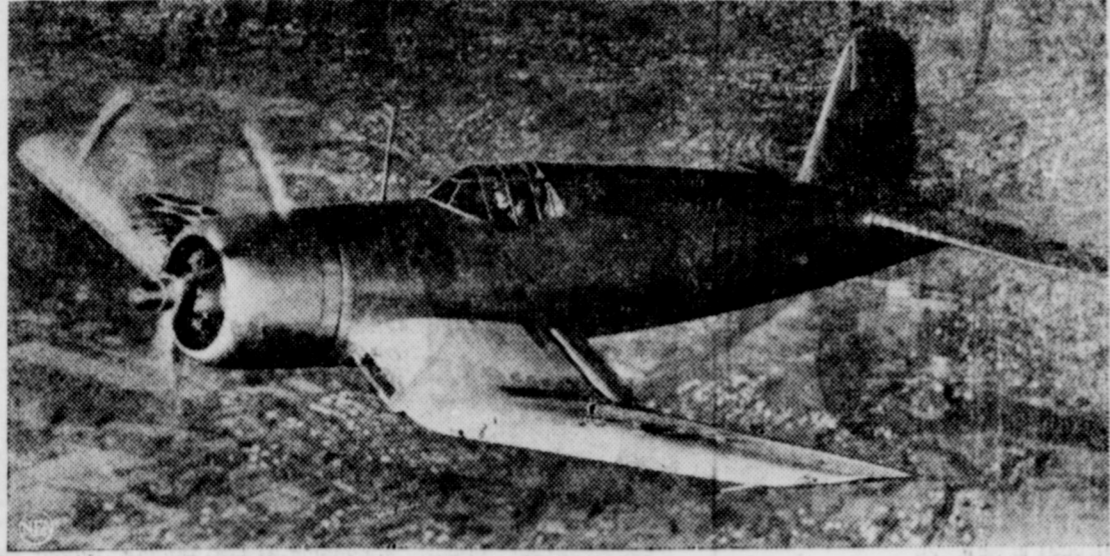
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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO BREEK FUND AT A \$307 TOTAL

A fund for the relief of the Greeks gallantly fighting against the Italians, who are invading their homeland, has reached a total of \$307.75. Following are the names of the Eastland contributors and the amount given by each:

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## Navy Fighter Called Fastest U. S. Plane



The navy's Vought F-4-U monoplane fighter, pictured above in flight over Anacostia, Md., is reported to have attained a level flight speed of more than 400 miles an hour. Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics, calls it the "fastest plane in the U. S. today."

## War and Third Term Make Best News Stories of 1940 Students At Texas Christian University Say

FORT WORTH—When a man bites a dog, 'tis said it makes news; but when the world makes war there is no doubt about it—the result is BIG news.

When students in the department of journalism at Texas Christian University were asked to name the "10 best news stories of 1940," they compiled a list in which eight of the 10 are war stories.

One exception — election of President Roosevelt to a third term—might be included without too much bickering concerning classification.

Roosevelt's third-term election rated first place in 1940 news stories by a wide margin.

"The issues were unique, the characters dynamic," one student wrote. "The nation-old third-term precedent is shattered and Roosevelt and the Gallop Poll gallop on!"

The next three stories can be ranked in any order preferred, so close did the final balloting place them. They are listed in this order: Fall of France, Siege of England and U. S. Peace-Time Conscription.

These three, and the remaining six of the "Best 10," are here listed in the order of their rank by the T. C. U. journalism students, with typical comment:

2. Fall of France. The almost unbelievable event of World War II which shocked everyone but Hitler. The highly-touted Maginot Line could stand only so much, and internal traitors were not among the things it was built to withstand. But the cry of "Liberty, Fraternity, Equality" is still cautiously heard.

3. Siege of England. The British "muddle through" an unending hail of German bombs. The eyes of the world are focused on England, declared to be the front line of western hemisphere defense. The outcome is unknown, but the white chalk cliffs of Dover still stand.

## W. J. CARMON MAKES BOND IN ASSAULT CASE

W. J. Carmon, 45 year old farmer residing near Okra made bond this morning in the sum of \$500 on a charge of assault with intent to murder Curley Brown of Corpus Christi. Brown, shot in the right shoulder with a .32 caliber pistol, went to a hospital.

Carmon told Sheriff Loss Woods that Brown was his brother-in-law and that they had been having some trouble, and that this morning about 5 o'clock Brown came to his home and awoke him and got him out of bed.

Carmon told the officers that he fired at Brown, who was advancing toward him. Brown, Sheriff Woods was informed, was taken to a Rising Star hospital and later removed to a Cisco hospital. The sheriff said, however, that the Cisco hospital authorities informed him over telephone that they had not seen nor heard of Brown.

## Garrett Names An Abilene Youth To Go To West Point

ABILENE, Dec. 18.—Robert Charles (Bob) Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jordan, 1649 Butternut street, has been appointed to West Point, his father was advised by telegram yesterday by Congressman Clyde L. Garrett.

Jordan will begin his studies at West Point next June, if he passes the physical examination.

A senior in Texas Tech, young Jordan told his father yesterday he would go from Lubbock to Camp Bowie at Brownwood Wednesday to undergo the examination.

Jordan, 20, is a graduate of Abilene high school. He attended McMurry college two years before transferring to Tech where he is majoring in business administration.

Since his appointment to the military academy is not effective until next June, he will be allowed to finish his course at Tech and receive his degree with the spring class.

that reminds me...

Back in 1776 and even again in 1812 a handful of Americans which consisted of extractions of Englishmen, Irishmen, Germans, Jews and others, had the spirit of freedom instilled into their systems, told the aggressors that they wouldn't give up that principle. This determination conquered the angle of suppression and survived. They just didn't give up and whipped the "socks" off of them.

Now comes an almost counterpart of this history repeating itself in the instance of a little nation in Europe. Greece told the Ambassadors of Italy when they insisted that Greece bow to their will "If you want it that way, come and take it." Italy decided to do that very thing much to their sorrow because Greece put up a solid front with all hands on deck to maintain their principle, not only letting the rest of the world alone, but maintaining to the last man if necessary, the integrity, peace and happiness of their own domain. The results thus far are well known in world-wide circles.

Naturally this has caused lots of suffering within their own domain among the women and children because all the resources of the nation have been put forward and used for the defense of a worthwhile country of peace abiding people.

Now comes an appeal to the American people sponsored by those who are interested in defending something dear to the hearts of all of us. Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. . . to give a large or tiny mite for the relief of those who are in dire need during these days of tragedy in thousands of homes who gladly sacrifice their comforts for the defense of a beloved country. Grecian women and children need help. . . and badly. . . and now is the time to give the large or mite. . . according to your own conscience.

Eastland has been fortunate to have in our midst during the past twenty or thirty years a number of citizens who are of Grecian extraction, yet are true Americans from every ideal of Americanism. They are a part of us. . . and need us now. Some of them still have relatives over there who are dear to them. . . and they want to help. They cannot do it all, and an appeal is out now to give if you want to or if you can. What ever funds are donated will be for the benefit of the dictators or for those who would seek power. We do not believe any citizen of the United States would seek money for a despot. . . whether he be German or Italian or Greek. Greece didn't ask for the aggression on them. . . it was forced on them. . . because it is truly for the preservation of democracy.

Now. . . here is the story. . . a committee will call on you. . . for funds. . . if they do, just say. . . you will or you won't. . . but a courteous "yes" or a courteous refusal. . . will give this committee the feeling that you are with them just the same. But if you can find a little spot in your heart to give a little. . . even just a little. . . it will relieve you of something that might gnaw on your heart later. . . don't turn them down even if you only give a penny. . . the cause is so worthy.

Atterbury said "The smallest act of charity shall stand us in great stead." The Bible said "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." Wordsworth said "The

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## BRITISH MIGHT FIND ADVANCE IN LIBYA IS EASING UP PROBLEMS

### DEFENSE BASES TO BE PUT ON MISSISSIPPI

By HENRY A. DeSHONG  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
NEW ORLEANS.—The muddy Mississippi river, lifeline of the nation's inland water-way system, is being studded with military defense bases along its lower reaches.

Army and navy air bases and the largest Coast Guard station in the country are in preparation along the shores where the Father of Waters passes, rolling down to the Gulf of Mexico.

They are in addition to Barksdale army air field at Shreveport, La., and two of the largest of the army training camps, all of which are within short distance of the river. The government directly is spending more than \$30,000,000 on projects in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi.

New Orleans, which Gen. Andrew Jackson saved from invasion by the British in 1815, is being surrounded with air and naval bases.

The navy is completing its greatest Coast Guard station on the west bank of the river, within sight of Shalmette, where Jackson's defenders repulsed the British led by Gen. Edward M. Pakenham.

Two thousand Coast Guardsmen and officers will train simultaneously in the abandoned World War shipyard at Algiers, being renovated and equipped with a powerful radio station at an approximate cost of \$500,000.

The other main new centers are the shores of Lake Ponchartrain and Baton Rouge, the state capital.

An army air corps tactical unit, a National Guard aerial training station, a naval reserve training station, and a military hospital have been ordered built along the Lake Pontchartrain shoreline, adjoining New Orleans airport and within the city limits.

Lake Pontchartrain is located strategically within five minutes flight of the Mississippi and 10 minutes from the open Gulf. The big "inland bay" connects with Mississippi Sound of the Gulf and is connected by canal with the Mississippi.

The War Department has ordered \$950,000 spent on the tactical unit station there to house the 21st wing headquarters, 30th bombardment squadron (heavy), and the 38th bombardment squadron, comprising about 215 officers and 1,750 men.

The National Guard air base is to cost \$400,000 and the naval reserve air base \$500,000. The War Department has allocated \$1,358,000 for its new general hospital there.

By J. W. T. MASON  
United Press War Expert  
British troops now operating on the Libyan side of the Egyptian border are seeking to consolidate their positions in enemy territory by driving against the port of Bardia, about 10 miles within the Libyan coast, line. With the fall of that stronghold, British warships will have more favorable opportunities to cooperate in strengthening the new front.

Whether the British offensive will seek immediately to press farther into Libya should depend largely on the Italian morale, and the facilities for establishing new British supply bases. The main British depot is at Mersa, Matruh, about 150 miles inside the Egyptian desert, terminus of the railway running eastward to Egypt, Cairo and Suez.

To continue major operations into Libya will require new advanced bases in the vicinity of the frontier. The problem of transport, however, has been modified by the capture of Sollum and will be further simplified if Bardia passes into British hands.

These coastal positions permit supplies to be landed from ships, bringing stores and reinforcements from Alexandria. Such an operation would be easier than organizing desert transport; but success would depend on the number of vessels the British have been able to divert for Mediterranean use.

If the requirements of Atlantic shipping have compelled curtailment of the British mercantile fleet in the Mediterranean, more time will be required for organizing further pressure against Marshal Graziani. The British, however, apparently have captured great quantities of Italian supplies, and these may be used for supporting to some extent any immediate advance which an opening in the Italian lines may invite.

The next major objective for a continued British offensive, after Bardia, should be the Mediterranean port of Tobruk, west of Bardia. If Tobruk were to fall, the succeeding objective would be the port of Bomba, 50 miles farther west.

Operations against these two coastal strongholds would be assisted by British naval bombardments. The distance to be traveled by the land forces is not extensive for mechanized units, since the roadway within Libya presumably has been strengthened by the Italians for their use.

If the Italians were driven out of Tobruk and Bomba, their plight would become precarious. Their main base of Benghazi, about 175 miles farther west would have to be defended at all cost. Its loss would spell complete disaster.

But, in defending Benghazi, the Italians would be fighting with their backs to the Mediterranean. Their only other way of retreat would be southward, into the desert regions and so into Tripolitania, the western province of Libya, bordering the French colony of Tunis.

The nearer the British are able to press the fighting toward French territory, the more disquietude must develop among the axis leaders concerning the eventual position of the French North African colonists. Continued defeat of the Italians in Libya should have more influence than any other possible operation at this time to stimulate a renewal of the belligerent spirit among the French Africans.

They know one of Italy's war objectives is to acquire a large part of French North Africa and the territory would be lost if the axis should win the war. The British African offensive should give hope to the French of survival in Africa. Thus, if the Italians are wholly overwhelmed in Libya, French colonial participation in the war might well be brought nearer.

## Mexicans Discover All About Draft

By United Press  
DALLAS, Tex.—Several Mexicans returning from work in northern beef fields were unaware until they reached Dallas that they were supposed to have registered for the draft weeks ago, draft board officials said.

## Wickard Predicts Migrant Increase



Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, above, testifying before House committee investigating migratory workers' problems, said distressed agricultural conditions will probably result in more rather than fewer transients. He said many potential migrants will be unable to stay on their farms if the government does not lend a helping hand.

## ROOSEVELT IS BLAMED FOR ARMING DELAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Republican congressmen today blamed President Roosevelt for the delay in the national defense program and demanded that he name a boss for re-arming.

Mr. Roosevelt, meanwhile, conferred further on his new plan for lending or leasing war materials to Great Britain, which would be repaid in kind at the conclusion of the war.

He also vetoed the Walter Logan bill to curb federal agencies' authority, saying it would "produce the utmost chaos" at present. The house immediately sustained his veto.

In London the Roosevelt proposal to lend or lease war materials to Britain was hailed in the British press as the first concrete example of how the United States could give Britain unlimited aid without becoming involved in the war.

## Porcupine Is Found Near A Texas Town

COTULLA, Tex.—There are a few porcupine in Texas, but they are so scarce that the finding of one is news. Dogs belonging to Ottopperwein caught one recently and came home full of quills, according to the Cotulla Record.

The porcupine gave the animals such a terrific fight that it filled one dog so full of quills that it was necessary to kill it. Later in the day Mr. Topperwein found the porcupine. It was still alive, but was badly injured.

## Newspaper Man Is No. 1 Citizen At Sweetwater

SWEETWATER, Dec. 18.—Luther M. Watson, publisher of the Nolan County News, Sweetwater, Tuesday night was named No. 1 citizen of Sweetwater at the close of the ninth annual Lions club minstrel.

Watson last week was elected president of the Sweetwater luncheon club, oldest civic club in the city. He served as mayor of Sweetwater in 1937 and held four terms on the city commission.

## SUBS ACTIVE WHILE GREEKS, BRITISH GAIN

Possibility that German submarines are attacking another British convoy was seen today when two ships radioed distress calls from the same vicinity, 400 miles northwest of Scotland.

The ships were the 10,746-ton Dutch freighter, the Pendrecht and the 9,800-ton Norwegian freighter Dalroren. The British liner Napier Star, 12,196 tons, also radioed an attack, but the location of the ship was not given in the radio call, and her position was not immediately determined.

Survivors of the Canadian liner, Western Prince, sunk several days ago, reached England today, recalling that the vessel carried a valuable cargo, including American-made bombing planes.

London announced today that a British submarine had sunk a 7,000-ton German supply ship off Belgium.

Meanwhile the British reported steady gains against the Italians in Africa and the Greeks claimed continued successes in Albania, despite severe blizzards, snow and sub-zero weather.

Bardia, important Libyan base, was being evacuated, Royal Air Force pilots stated after they had staged raids over the Italian base. It was believed that the fleeing Italian troops were cut off from Derna, however, and the British predicted that two divisions of crack Italian troops would be captured.

British planes also aided the Greeks in Albania, as the Greeks captured Kiusura, another Italian base on the road to the Berat oil fields.

German air raids on Britain slackened, while British leaders insisted that the nazis are preparing for an invasion attempt before spring. These rumors of invasion were given an impetus by the renewed vigor of Royal Air Force raids on German invasion bases in occupied France and the low countries. The British said some nazis towns were damaged so badly by RAF raids that 850,000 children are being evacuated.

British housewives protested against a milk shortage, which the Germans claimed was a "riot."

## Draft Board To Be Inactive for Holiday Season

The Eastland County Draft Board office on the second floor of the courthouse at Eastland will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 21 to Monday, Dec. 30, it was announced Tuesday morning. This closing announcement is in keeping with instructions from the State Board at Austin.

The Eastland County Board also announced that there would in all probability be no call for additional draftees in this month, but would be a call on or about January 13 for 25 men. Volunteers to the number of 12 have been registered to date and the local board is hoping that as many as 13 more volunteers will be received before the date for the call thereby making such call unnecessary.

Volunteers will be accepted at the Eastland county draft office any day.

## Friend of Laval Is General Delegate In Occupied France

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The official German news agency, DNB, reported today that Fernand de Brinon, close friend of former vice premier Laval of France, has become general delegate of occupied France.

Laval yesterday was released from custody of the Vichy government after an agent of Adolf Hitler held a hasty conference with Premier Petain.

## Bratton Is Found Guilty Of Theft

R. L. Bratton, tried Monday in 88th district court on a charge of cattle theft, was found guilty by the trial jury and his punishment assessed at two years confinement in the state penitentiary with the sentence suspended.

## Prize Winner Consistent

MIDDLETON, Conn.—A champion of prize winners is Mrs. Bernice O. Frissell. Many of her home furnishings were acquired through winnings in national contests. In all, she won 80 contests. But her last prize was her biggest—a \$1,400 airplane.

## The Weather

WEST TEXAS—Rain southeast portion, cloudy elsewhere tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

## Driving Intoxicated Case Is On Trial

Geo. Rayne went to trial this morning before Judge B. W. Patterson in the 88th district court on a charge of driving an automobile on the public highways while intoxicated. He is being represented by Dabney & Dabney while the state is being represented by District Attorney Earl Conner.

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## Don't Cripple a Great Service

It looks as if the manufacturers of airplanes and the American War Department are heading for a stubborn controversy and it also looks as if the War Department is on its way to committing a serious blunder.

In its justifiable anxiety to get on with the rearmament program, the War Department has filed with the Priorities Board of the National Defense Advisory Commission a request that it study whether manufacture of commercial airplanes should cease, with all facilities being devoted to war planes.

Companies most affected are preparing vigorously to fight. The directors say the number of commercial planes they have on order or in prospects somewhere around 100—is not great enough to seriously cripple the nation's rearmament effort and, furthermore, that it is necessary to retain their commercial business against the time when defense work will cease.

This does not stress the biggest argument of all—that to stop work on commercial planes would cripple seriously the vast commercial flying business of the United States and the ambitious plan to increase flights to foreign lands. The War Department's plan would interfere with necessary replacements for lines now operating in America and with the building of new planes especially adapted for great cross-ocean flights.

Flights of American airplanes on regular schedule outside the United States still capture the imagination. The line across the Atlantic to Lisbon is today the main passenger and mail link between America and Europe. In the fight for the business and friendship of Latin America there has been nothing more potent than the flying service between the United States and the big cities to the south.

Th prodigious hops from California to Honolulu and thence to Manila in one direction and to New Zealand in the other open new avenues of trade. Furthermore, it is planned to extend the line from Manila to Singapore and to start a new line from America to South Africa.

In the meantime America will be developing a set of young pilots who know the Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Pacific as they know the back of their hand. In case of war, they could quickly become ace pilots.

Raisins would be more popular with some people if they didn't take up so much room in mince pies.

The U. S. Mint in Denver is having a tough time making money as fast as it's needed. Yes, we understand!

That morning rush would be solved if folks realized that coffee cooks quicker if put on 10 minutes earlier.

A German paper mill has started making writing paper from potato plant vines. For mash notes?

## GOD OF BEAUTY

### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Greek god of beauty.
- 6 He was one of the most important gods.
- 12 Long inlet.
- 13 Dress.
- 15 To total.
- 16 Courageous.
- 17 Swine.
- 18 Volcano scoria.
- 20 Being.
- 21 Passers-by.
- 23 Self.
- 24 Forgetfulness.
- 26 Signal for help.
- 27 Became wearied.
- 28 Inharmonious relation.
- 30 Father.
- 31 Sea eagle.
- 33 Test.
- 34 Correlative of buck.
- 37 He carries a god of — or — and lyre.
- 38 To perform.

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

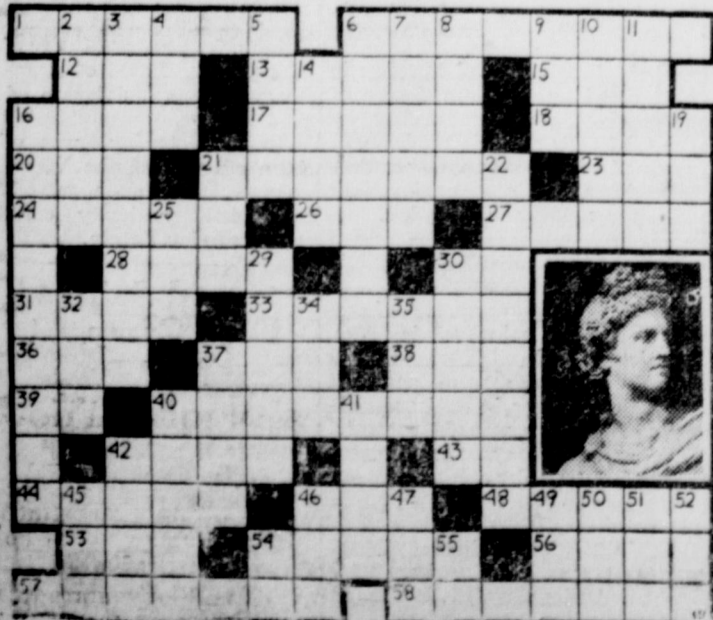
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### 10 Unoccupied person.

- 11 Maxim.
- 14 Kitty.
- 16 One of his famous statues, "Apollo."
- 19 Deity.
- 21 To fondle.
- 22 Frightens.
- 23 Color.
- 29 Rock.
- 30 Nut.
- 32 To decay.
- 34 Barley.
- 39 And considered the — form of man.
- 40 House.
- 43 Northeast (abbr.).
- 44 Pitchers.
- 46 Frost bite.
- 48 Floats.
- 53 Period of time.
- 54 Loom bar.
- 56 Bitter herb.
- 57 He was also god of — or — curing.
- 58 He is

### VERTICAL

- 2 Inclined.
- 3 Whetstone.
- 4 Youth.
- 5 Bones.
- 6 Prayers.
- 7 Crescent-shaped figures.
- 8 Twelve months.
- 9 Dance movement.
- 42 Queen of heaven.
- 45 Tiny.
- 46 To scold.
- 47 Vigor.
- 48 Simpleton.
- 50 Bear.
- 51 Fabulous bird.
- 52 Coterie.
- 54 Half an em.
- 55 Note in scale.



## 'When Do We Call in the Big Boy'



## State Must Change Its Security Law

AUSTIN, Tex.—Whenever a state goes into partnership with Uncle Sam on a proposal, it finds out eventually that the federal government insists upon being the controlling partner.

Texas learned it on old age assistance early. The same lesson now is being learned again in connection with unemployment compensation.

Texas set up an act for participation in this form of social security. A flat rate was fixed for early contributions to the fund and provision made that by 1941 the rates would be adjusted according to experience tables. It was enacted that the experience should be based on 1939 and 1940 figures and that 1938 would be assigned a figure averaged from the other two years.

Uncle Sam refused to accept this so the unemployment compensation commission has a staff working overtime to get up 1938 experience figures and is preparing an amendment to the state act to make such figures usable.

State Sen. Allan Shivers of Port Arthur, sponsor of the unemployment compensation bills, said he anticipates no difficulty in obtaining prompt action when the legislature meets next month.

## Thanksgiving May Again Be Subject Of Controversies

By United Press

AUSTIN, Tex.—Cong. Lyndon Johnson of Texas won his first election to congress by a campaign endorsing President Roosevelt's new deal, stock and barrel. In congress he has continued his admiration for the new deal and has fought its battles. His district has received many of the substantial benefits from new deal spending.

Now he is about to be drafted for the task of opposing President Roosevelt on a subject that apparently has been very dear to the presidential heart—the date of Thanksgiving.

Austin's chamber of commerce has resolved against the third Thursday Thanksgiving and proposes that the presidential privilege of so designating it be curbed. It suggests an act of congress to designate the fourth Thursday as the annual Thanksgiving Day.

As congressman from the Austin district, Johnson is the one to whom other congressmen would look for introduction of a bill proposed by Austin citizens. What happens to the movement may be interesting.

## MODERN MENUS

BY MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX  
NEA Service Staff Writer

CHRISTMAS dinner should be congenial, intimate and not too massive. Whereas Thanksgiving dinner is the great ceremony of harvest, Christmas dinner is just part of the great Christian holiday. Food must, of course, be social and plentiful, but eating is only part of the day's festivities.

Since Christmas dinner is not complete without children at the table, the menu should be adjusted partly to young digestive systems and youthful favorites.

For the small family, a large roasting chicken or capon is a good choice. So is a large duck. If goose, the traditional Christmas bird, is chosen, remember that goose is rich and therefore do not serve too many other rich dishes with it. Roast beef, tender, red in the center and nicely browned on the outside, is another favorite and it takes little watching in the cooking. The Christmas menu should be planned to give Mother as little work in the kitchen as possible. She is a member of the family, too, and it isn't fair to ask her to spend her holiday over the stove while the rest of the family waits before the Christmas tree.

Let's study a few special menus designed for small families with children, planned to make the day as easy as possible on the cook, and keyed to very moderate food budgets.

### 1. CHICKEN

Celery and olives, roast chicken with cranberry necklaces, giblet gravy, stuffed baked potatoes with browned grated cheese, green peas with chopped mint, orange, nut and lettuce salad, peppermint stick ice cream, coconut layer cake with red wintergreen candy decorations, fruit cake, coffee, milk, assorted mints, raisins and nuts, cheese.

### 2. ROAST BEEF

Cranberry juice cocktail, rib roast of beef, horseradish brown

### TOMORROW'S MENU

**BREAKFAST:** Grape and lemon juice, creamed dried beef on toast, muffins, coffee, milk.  
**LUNCHEON:** Oyster stew, crackers, sliced oranges, raisin cake, tea, milk.  
**LOW COST CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Celery, stewed chicken with dumplings, creamed carrots, mashed potatoes, cranberry jelly, steamed fig pudding, lemon sauce, coffee, milk.

### 3. HAM OR PORK

Either a loin or ham of fresh pork makes a low cost festive Christmas main dish. Cook it in a slow oven for at least 2 1/4 hours. Grapefruit, tangerine and grape cust, roast loin of pork, brown gravy, sweet potato pudding, apple and cranberry sauce, buttered parsley white onions, mixed greens salad, mince pie, cheese, vanilla ice cream with grenadine sauce, nuts, raisins, mints, coffee or milk.

### 4. FAT FOWL

For the budget which is very low, even though the Christmas spirit is high, use a fat fowl. Stew it to tenderness and serve with light dumplings flecked with minced parsley. Begin the meal with crackers sprinkled with grated cheese dusted with paprika and run under the broiler to melt the cheese. Cranberry jelly, fluffy mashed potatoes, buttered cauliflower, a fresh green salad and a steamed carrot pudding with foamy sauce will complete the low cost festive Christmas meal.

The laws are designed primarily to prevent "Gretna Green" marriages, widely publicized in recent years. Twenty-three of the 30 states require either advance notice of intention to marry before a license will be issued, or a waiting period between issuance of the license and the pre-marital health well.

# SHOPPING WITHOUT HOPPING

In the hospital amphitheater a man in white is about to operate. His eyes are intent upon the X-ray negative brightly illumined on the screen. The X-ray is an indispensable guide—without it he would have to make uncertain, dangerous probings.

The advertisements are your guides to intelligent buying. Like the surgeon, you can avoid wasted effort and save time by charting your course before you act.

Relax in your favorite easy chair and look through the interesting pages of this paper. The advertisements are store windows brought to your home for comfortable inspection. Avoid aimless hopping from store to store, trying to find what you want!

Read the advertisements—then go direct to the stores that have what you need, at the prices you want to pay!

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DUDE COLLEGE

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YESTERDAY! Andre and Lona...
CHAPTER XXVIII
WHAT Lona Montoya should do...

racks, he could use ranch branding irons for an attractive dining room chandelier, he could make a floor of cement and flagstones that would be both fireproof and patterned better than any rug he might buy...

"Why yes, you know him, Wesley, Andre Girardeau. Fine young man. He has business connections down in Guaymas on the west coast of Sonora, and Guaymas is also a resort town, as you may know. He and Ronnie and some other girl named—let me see—Lona? Is there a Lona somebody in the college here?"

But not until next morning, Saturday, could he go back to the school. He had no time to lose this day, so at 9 o'clock he bought three thick T-shirts and drove straight from the butcher shop to the ranch home. Workmen were busy clearing up the debris of the house...

Mr. Bailey was suddenly serious, intent. He jabbed a pencil at Wesley. "Son," he said, in low tone now, "that fire was no accident, either!"

He never finished. He had jumped up, half dancing in his excitement, and all at once he just ran to his car and hastened away, leaving an elderly man smiling after him and slowly shaking his head. There is no explaining the impulsive actions of youth, reflected Mr. Bailey; especially of youth when Ronnie was involved.

"Good morning, son! Glad to see you. Want you to look over plan for the new house right away." "Glad to, Mr. Bailey. And say brought out some meat. Happy in a real good steak barbecue, son, Bailey. If you could explain to me how I can charge a noon meal, why I would like some expert touches on the steaks for you and me and Ronnie. We could do it in the outdoor area—wonderful weather here, isn't it?"

"Yes, Wesley! The fire drew every army man over here, naturally. Some thief went right in, at the sight off and took it away. Only four hours those ships haven't been guarded since the new sight was put into them. The sight was lifted and bradded down, too, of course, but that didn't stop the thief."

As for Wes, though, he broke all speed records for his old car in driving to town. And he tried to think while speeding. A lot of details needed thinking out. He braked to a sudden stop at his home and ran to the telephone. Then he stopped short. He couldn't remember the name of the ranch where Girardeau stayed, if ever he knew it.

"Perfect! Perfect! All around Ronnie isn't home. But don't let that interfere, son. I can give you as much as you think as you wish. You'd never know I was eating with indignation." Wesley felt let down. He had expected—hoped—to find Ronnie. But he knew from experience that she seldom "stayed put."

"No, not a clew. Of course—nobody on the quiet, now—the agencies are onto it. But haven't learned a single thing!" Wesley was astounded.

He tried to telephone Lona Montoya, but she was out. Back to his car, he drove fast then to the office of the United States Border Patrol in this area, and luckily did find Inspector Sheridan Starr there.

Pilot Clears War Zone Mail For Refugee Families

NEW ORLEANS—Alexander Denny and his amateur office are keeping scores of separated families and lovers communication with each other in all parts of the world. Denny, retired ship wireless operator, has become a one-man ring house for letters needing to be re-mailed between families in belligerent countries. His grows in volume daily, because his value as a "middleman" gives word-of-mouth praise and many ships and in dozens of ports of the globe. Denny handles are intended to be sent between England and gum, his native country. But only way a Belgian can get a letter through to England is to mail it to a neutral country and have it reposted for the British Isles.

So many seamen of both countries depend on the New Orleans man as a medium, and the mail trip that is only a few dozen miles in peacetime is now more than 5,000 miles. Denny estimated that he has served as contact man for at least 100 families separated since the European war broke out. He has located wives for worried husbands, and seafaring husbands for wives stranded in belligerent lands. His hobby often requires Denny to translate letters, especially those written by foreign seamen to their sweethearts in the United States. Several marriages have resulted from his works as romantic intermediary. Coincidences and luck, Denny explained, augment his knowledge of ships and seafarers in his re-direction of the mails. He told of one case in which a seafaring friend mentioned another seaman whose wife was trying to find him.

Butter Shortage Is Dictator's Hazard

PHILADELPHIA—Butter—or the lack of it—eventually may lead to the downfall of Europe's dictators, according to Dr. Elice McDonald, director of the Biochemical Research Foundation of the Franklin Institute. Lack of a proper proportion of butter in the diet of the armies will lead to weakening of the soldiers, Dr. McDonald said. He quoted the result of experiments on rats which showed that a deficiency of oleic acid, derived from butter, hampers digestion of fats and causes lowered vitality and higher susceptibility to diseases.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—The high rock wall around Salt Lake City's famed Temple Block, site of the Mormon temple and tabernacle, will be covered soon with ivy. Planting of the vine was ordered by L. D. S. authorities in line with a general beautification program.

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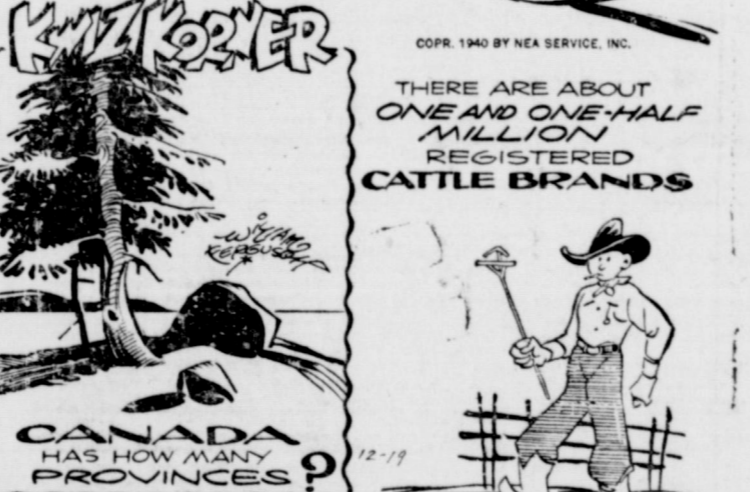
ED RYDER! WELL RESERVED RUINS OF INDIAN CLIFF DWELLERS! AT AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY! YES, BUT THE 'CITY OF GOLD' SHOWN ON YOUR OLD SPANISH MAP IS LOCATED IN THE BURNING CANYON! WANT FOR ME HERE! WANT TO LOOK ABOUT FOR ANCIENT RELICS? OKAY, PROFESSOR? THE PROFESSOR'S CLIMBING UP! GRAB HIM AN I'LL PULL UP! THE LADDER SO'S RYDER CAN'T FOLLOW! YEH, LEW! THEN WE'LL MAKE THE PROFESSOR READ US TH' WRITINGS ON THE FURRING MAP OF HIS!



Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser



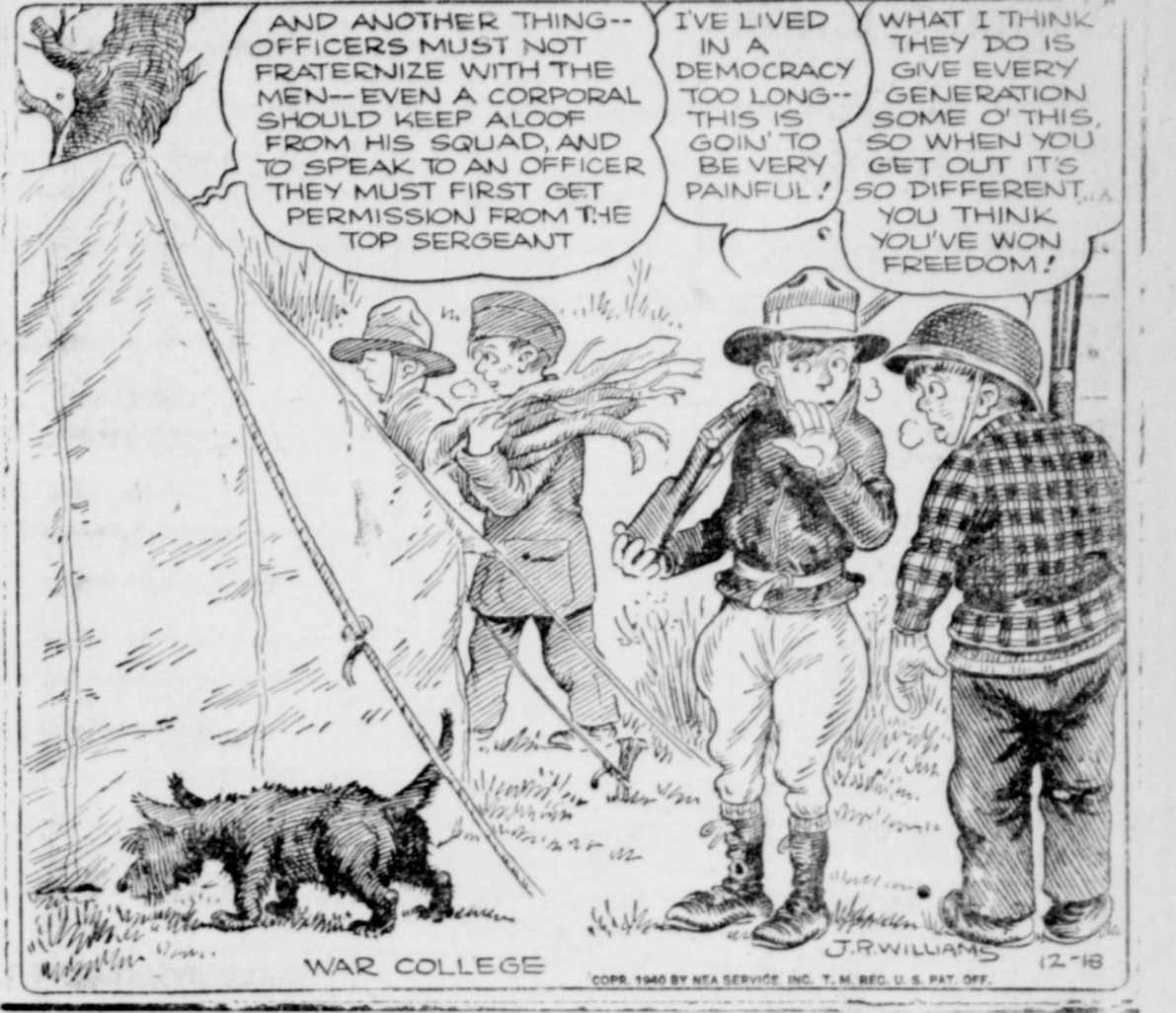
THIS CURIOUS WORLD



THE PAY OFF

EVERYBODY, especially the umpires, regrets Paul Waner's release by the Pittsburgh Pirates. It does not mean that the elder Waner is finished as a major leaguer, although he will be 38 when another campaign rolls around and was forced to wear glasses last season. Big Poison, called that though he stands only 5 feet 8 1/2 and never weighed more than 160 pounds, hit 290 in 89 games in 1940, and would be useful to several big league outfits as an extra outfielder. He was the Willie Keeler of his time. He really hit where they were not, but he has been fading for the past three summers. Waner was Papa Bill Klem's favorite person... the umpires' ideal. Big Poison never squawked. If a ball was close enough to the plate to be called a strike, it was close enough to be hit. WANER recited Klem's favorite story in discussing players kicking about third strikes. Back in the old Cub days of Frank Chance, Wildfire Schulte was ordered to take two strikes. Called out on a third, Schulte, a quiet, orderly fellow, turned for the bench in a manner that made it plain he considered Umpire Klem correct. Chance wasn't particularly fond of athletes who admitted they were out, so the Peerless Leader met Schulte half way and demanded that he register a protest. Always a soldier, Schulte ankle back to Klem, and, according to the umpire, this is what he said: "I just want to explain, Bill, that I took the first two for Chance and the last one for myself." EARLY in his illustrious career, Waner was convinced that batters who wait with two strikes on them frequently take the long walk back to the drinking fountain. Waner did everything he tackled well. He was a champion left-hand golfer... a crack shot... a great hunter. "To be done correctly and well, a thing must be done naturally," he says. Paul Waner, a little gentleman, was a natural from the spring day in 1923, when he broke into professional baseball as a pinch-hitter, and won a game for the San Francisco Seals with a home run with two on in the 11th inning.

OUT OUR WAY . . . . . By Williams



ALLEY OOP . . . . . By Hamlin



Make Them Happy with ELECTRICAL GIFTS. Give Her a Gift that Brings Year-Round Freedom from Many Tiring Kitchen Tasks! Buy Electrical Gifts NOW. Illustration of a woman using a kitchen appliance.

# Society, Club and Church Notes

### CHOIR PRACTICE TONIGHT

Practice will be held tonight by the Baptist Choir for the Christmas cantata and all members are urged to be at the church at 7:45. Mr. G. W. Womack is director with Mrs. D. L. Kinnaird organist.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY TONIGHT FOR JR. DEPARTMENT

The Junior department of the First Methodist Church will hold their Christmas party tonight at 7 o'clock in the junior department rooms at the Church, it was announced today.

### P. A. HAS YULE PARTY AND PROGRAM TUESDAY

The South Ward Parent-Teacher association entertained with the

## DOES YOUR NOSE CLOG AT NIGHT? DO THIS

Put 3-purposes Va-tro-nol up each nostril... (1) It shrinks swollen membranes, (2) Soothes irritation, (3) Helps flush nasal passages, clearing mucus, relieving transient congestion.

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FOR SALE - Handsome fireplace grate. First class condition. If interested write box 302, Eastland.

FOR RENT - 5-room house, newly papered, 517 E. Sadosa. A. B. Cornelius.

FOR RENT - December 1st - 6-room unfurnished house, 1312 South Seaman St.

NEED MONEY? Are your car payments too large? Do you need additional money on your car? Let me try to help you. Frank Lovett, 301 West Commerce. Telephone 90.

## Peck's Father Plays Short at 80



Roger Peckinpugh, new manager of the Cleveland Indians, comes by his baseball talent naturally. Here is his father, Frank C. Peck, in a baseball uniform, who at 80 is star shortstop of the St. Petersburg, Fla., Three-Quarter Century team, all members of which are at least 75. He's shown during practice.

annual Christmas party and program at the School Tuesday afternoon. Theme for the program was on "The Wise Use of Leisure Time." Mrs. Joe Stephen, president, presided.

An editorial on the program theme was brought by Mrs. Gerald Wingate followed with the assembly singing "God Bless America."

The "Birth of Christ" was read by Miss Hazel Pafford with the Yule season song, "Silent Night" sung at the close of her talk by the assemblage.

Mrs. Garner Kinard brought a talk on The Wise Use of Leisure. Exchange gifts were distributed from the beautifully decorated tree. Refreshments of bran muffins, jelly and coffee were served.

The association packed two boxes of gifts for a needy family. Present: Misses A. K. Garrett,

W. L. Tyson, C. W. Young, Gerold Wingate, W. R. McGowan of Longview, A. E. Ashley, Gordon Seabourn, Pearl Smith, J. Y. Jordan, G. H. Kinard, E. Jackson, H. Rhinard, Robert Webb, W. F. Adams, J. C. Stephens, J. A. Gold, A. J. Grigsby, Cecil Sylvester, C. W. Massengale, A. M. McBea, C. S. Eldridge, Guy Robinson, C. E. Moore, L. Y. Morris, Joe Bailey, Pat Crawford, H. N. Bassett, Frank Hightower, Miss Sally Bowlin.

## Ben Hamner Has A New Cadillac Funeral Coach

The Hamner Undertaking Service of Eastland of which Ben Hamner is the owner, has just accepted delivery of a new Cadillac combination ambulance and funeral coach, which is the very latest thing in vehicles of this kind and the first in Texas.

It was built especially to order and has a 163-inch wheelbase, air-conditioned for both warm and cool air, two-inch insulation for the curtains of vibration and sound and is powered by a 150 horsepower engine which has a cruising speed of 75 miles per hour and a top speed of 120 miles per hour.

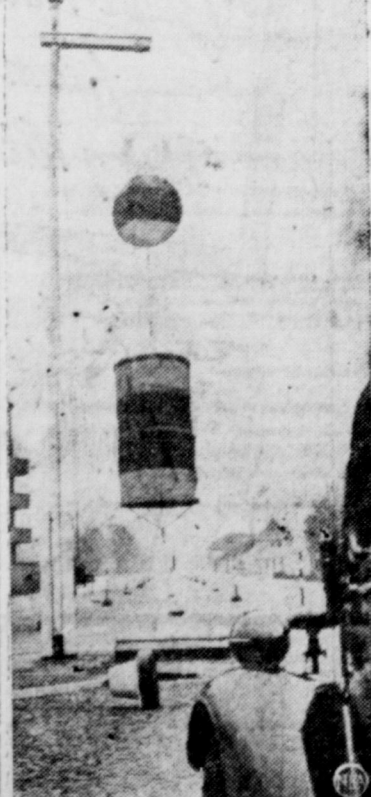
Elaborately finished the new vehicle has every modern convenience and Mr. Hamner is very proud of it. It cost him upward of \$3,000.

## English Boy Now Lives With Indians

SANTA FE, N. M.—When 8-year-old John Dade returns to England with the other war refugees, he can tell his friends he's seen the real America—the kind of country many of them imagine America to be—complete with Indians.

John has come to Santa Fe to live at the U. S. Indian school for the duration of the war.

## Germany's Sign of Peril Ahead



When motorists approach a gas or rest station and see a yellow and blue signal like that pictured above they pull up short. The signs are warning that an air raid alarm is in progress.

## That Reminds Me

(Continued from page 1)

charities that soothe and heal and bless, lie scattered at the feet of men like flowers." The Koran has in part "Prayer carries us half way to God, fasting brings us to the door of His palace and almsgiving procures us admission."

Summing it all up in a few words... A donation at this time for the relief of the women and children of Greece is something that your heart will feel that you have done a worthy deed and rendered a contribution worthwhile... How about it... let's give now and do it gracefully... kindly and considerately.

Oh yes, by the way, we do not agree with Mr. Rickenbacker that in the statement he made recently that "never again will the people of America enjoy the liberties they have now... or that they will never again live the life of freedom and happiness that they are living now, regardless of the outcome of the present war." That's all hokey... and you and I know it because as in the beginning of this scolumn... 1776 and 1812 proves it. We had more hazards then than now... we didn't give up then... and we will not now... find the doubters... and you will find the "nigger in the woodpile." Let's smoke them all out. It's your America and ours... It's above suspicion... keep it inviolate... defend it to the limit... and let no man besmirch it or smear it in the filth of lustful power... keep that always in mind and we as citizens can never lose.

## Hunters Warned By Health Officer Of Rabbit Fever

AUSTIN, Tex.—Since rabbits—diseased rabbits—have been recognized as the source of tularemia (rabbit fever) which has a human contract in handling animals, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, today issued a

## Fight It Out in Handicap Match



Fritz Xivie, left, wearer of the welter wreath, and Lew Jenkins, right, lightweight leader, fight 10 rounds at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 20. Xivie has agreed to come in at 143, which will give him an advantage of several pounds. The welter title is not at stake.

warning to hunters, market men, foodhandlers, and housekeepers to take certain precautions in handling or preparing the game for the table.

The precautions, as outlined by Dr. Cox:

"Be sure you bag only healthy animals, while you are hunting, the animal that seems dazed or stupid is likely to be a sick one—infected with the germs that cause rabbit fever. Avoid that kind.

"Don't handle the game with bare hands when preparing the meat for the market or the table. The infection may be picked up from the fur, as well as from the organs or flesh of the animal.

"If it is impossible to use gloves, wash the hands thoroughly with soap and hot water after handling a rabbit.

"Burn the paper or other wrappings that have been in contact with the game.

"Cook rabbit meat thoroughly."

Dr. Cox described tularemia as a seasonal disease, with the peak of prevalence occurring in the fall during the hunting season.

Contraction of tularemia is possible through handling or skinning infected animals; through preparing the infected meat for cooking or other use; through the bite of infected ticks—which spread the disease from animal to animal—and even through crushing the infected ticks in the hands. The infectious material can be absorbed through a mere scratch or break in the skin.

"The disease usually starts," Dr. Cox said, "with symptoms that resemble gripe or influenza. Illness begins with headache, chills, fever and vomiting about three days after exposure. Tularemia in the early stages may be mistaken for typhoid fever. Often an ulcer develops where the germ enters the body. Glands at the elbow or in the armpit become enlarged and painful. Weight is lost. The family doctor should be called without delay when symptoms develop that suggest rabbit fever. Illness lasts approximately three weeks, followed by a convalescent period of two or three months. Immunity occurs after one attack of the disease.

"The infection is found principally in wild rabbits. Rabbits raised on rabbit farms are usually free from ticks—which carry the infection—and so far, the disease has not been transmitted by domestic rabbits. Thorough cooking destroys the germs that cause tularemia."

## Draftee Tests For Lung Ills Costly

TROY, N. Y.—It will cost the government approximately \$250 per case to detect tuberculosis among men drafted for military service, according to Dr. Robert E. Plunkett, who is in charge of the X-ray examinations in New York state.

However, the tests will guarantee an army free of tuberculosis and will ultimately save the government money, he added. During the World War, many tubercular men were passed by physicians and subsequently cost the government an estimated \$11,000 per patient for treatment. Dr. Plunkett said.

Small X-ray machines using 7-cent film will be used to detect the presence of tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases and enlargement of the heart. Every state except Nevada and South Dakota, where there are no requisite health agencies, will employ the plan.

The army is unable to give the examinations now because of a lack of trained X-ray technicians but ultimately will take over the program, Dr. Plunkett said.

## Hunter Tells of Buck As An Abductor

KENNEBAGO, Me.—This is the deer hunting story of a buck which kidnaped a hunter and almost prevented him from telling the tale.

Ernest Creamer of Greene says, and he insists it's true, he felled the animal with a rifle shot on the Kennebago river bank. Thinking it dead, Creamer straddled the buck for operations with his knife. Immediately the animal arose and raced with Creamer on its back.

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## LETTERS SANTA

Dear Santa: Please send me a little sister, Robby Kay. Thank you to Gene Ashley.

Dear Santa Claus, a nice boy all year long and Mrs. Daffern for you to bring me a drum, a horn, a train, a teddy bear, a can of some nuts and some don't forget to send me a picture of my mama. And don't forget my friend, John Whatley, Harvey Albright, and

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# Our Customers Wrote This Advertisement

Recently we asked a large number of our customers this question, "If you could have only one wish for this Christmas, what would it be?" Almost without exception the answer came back, "Good Health!"

Truly, there is no more precious possession than good health. In the light of real value, all other things shrink to insignificance by comparison.

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WE PUT "GOOD HEALTH" AT THE HEAD OF THE LIST AT OUR HOUSE.



...and we have this to add about health protection

America has made great progress in stamping out many diseases that have threatened the health of the nation. However, the common cold is responsible for more than two hundred million illnesses each year. Therefore, along with our Christmas wishes of "Good Health to you and your family," we add this practical suggestion... guard against catching cold!

This is the season of the year when strict precaution against catching cold is of vital importance. Any sudden change of temperature, such as occurs when you go from a warm room into an unheated part of the house, chills your body and makes you an easy prey to the attack of the cold germ. Play safe! Don't give a common cold an even break! Provide adequate heat and a circulation of pure, warm air in every room of your house during the short winter season.

AFTER ALL, "GOOD HEALTH" PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS IN HAPPINESS.



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