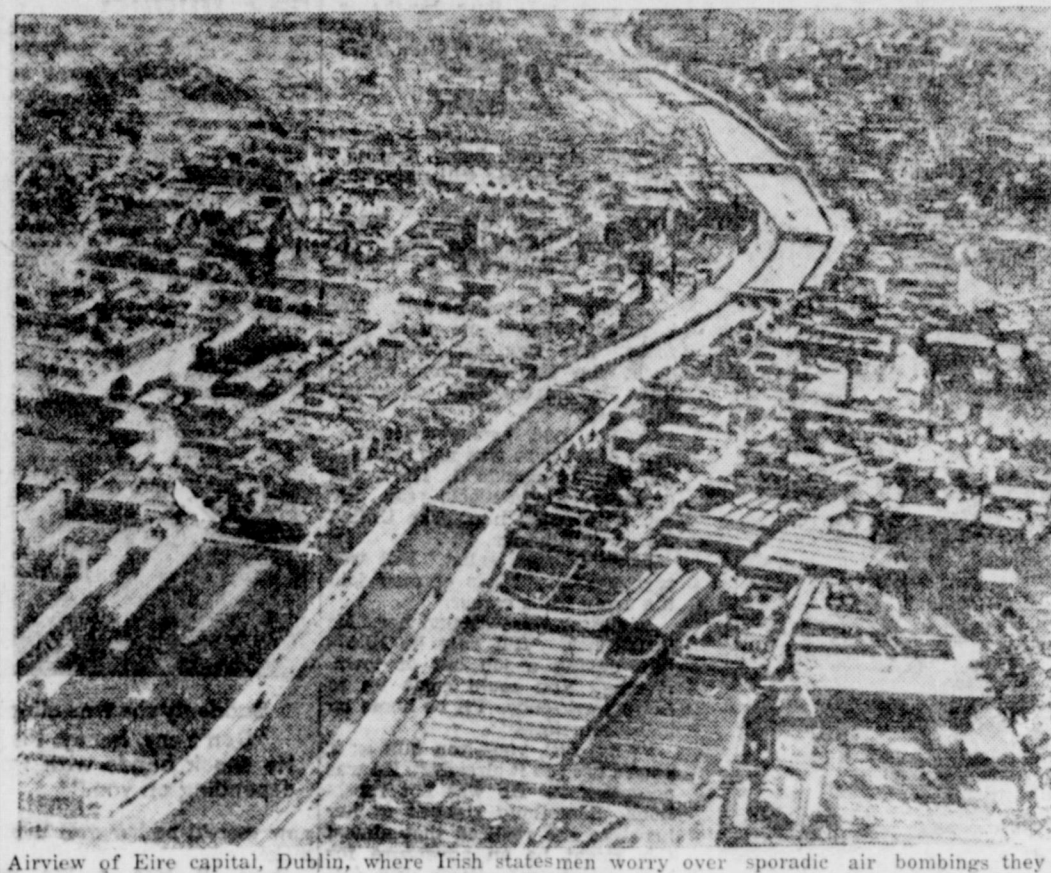


1941 MATTRESS PROGRAM PLAN IS OUTLINED

Miss Ruth Ramey, county home demonstration agent, has released the following information about the 1941 cotton mattress program for Eastland County: The 1940 Cotton Mattress Program is carrying on into 1941 with a few changes. These changes are given below: What income level is given for 1941? The total income for the family for the year 1940 to be \$500, plus \$50 for each member of the family in excess of four persons. 2. Where does the family have to live to be eligible for one of the mattresses? a. Live in the country. b. Live in a village, town or city. (If living in the town, village or city, half of the income during the latest preceding year has to be derived from agricultural occupation.) 3. Does the income mean less expenses and debts? No. The income is gross cash income. 4. How many mattresses may one family receive? Each eligible family may receive one mattress for each two persons in the family, but not to exceed a total of three mattresses. 5. I received one mattress in the 1940 program, have four members in my family. Will I be eligible to receive two mattresses in this program? No. The one received in 1940 counts as one of the mattresses you are to receive. 6. When do I have to get the application in? The final date for making application for mattresses in June 30, 1941. 7. When may families make application for mattresses? The second Saturday in each month is sign up day for mattresses. Try to make plans to see one of the committee members on this day each month. This will save you and others time. 8. Where are the committee members to be for the sign up? Rising Star, City Hall, North Star Club women in charge. Cisco, Chamber of Commerce, Word, Dan Horn and Lake Cisco Club women in charge. Gorman, Higginbotham, Bass Lake Club women in charge. Carbon, Carbon Trading Co., Mrs. Jack Chaney in charge. Eastland, AAA office and home demonstration agent's office. Ranger, City Hall, Ranger Co-Workers home demonstration club women in charge. 9. When will the mattresses be made? The time for starting the mattresses depends on the time the other program is completed. 10. Who is responsible for the community mattress center and the equipment needed for the work? The people of the communities. Best plan is to have four women and three men on committee to be responsible for getting all arrangements made. This committee contact the home demonstration agent when plans are complete. 11. Who will be in charge of the local community mattress centers? The committee of men and women of the community.

Dublin Fears Bombs Are Prelude to Invasion



Airview of Eire capital, Dublin, where Irish statesmen worry over sporadic air bombings they fear may presage a lightning invasion by German troops only 300 miles away in occupied France.

Model Plane Lost For Nine Months Is Found Monday

A gasoline model airplane, belonging to Freddie Larson of Ranger, which flew away from the Ranger airport on April 14, was returned to its owner Monday evening, after being lost in the woods six miles from Ranger for near nine months. Young Larson was flying his plane, tuning it up for a model airplane meet to be held later, when it headed north from the air field. Several persons who were watching the boys and their planes, followed in automobiles, but lost sight of the model plane after it had flown a few miles. Searchers on foot and in airplanes sought the plane for several weeks, and it was given up for lost, until J. L. Shelton and Chester Jackson found it while quail hunting. The plane was in the brush between the Caddo Highway and the Texas and Pacific Railway tracks. The motor was in good condition but the plane was somewhat weather beaten, and appeared to have lodged in a tree for some time, where the wind whipped it about. The wings were in a fair state of preservation. The plane was powered by a Brown Junior motor. Jackson, who is in charge of the NYA aircraft mechanics shop in Ranger, took the plane to the N. Y. A. shop, attached a battery and started the motor, which ran perfectly. Inquires brought out the information that the plane belonged to young Larson, who was delighted to get it back. In the meantime he had secured another motor, smaller than the one which was lost, and a new plane kit, but the motor was not large enough to fly it. The motor which was lost and later returned to him is the right size, he says, to fly his new model plane.

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Called by Sox and Uncle Sam History In Making 1940-Day By Day

SEPTEMBER —President calls 60,500 national guardsmen for year's active duty. 3—U. S. trades 50 overage destroyers to Britain for lease on bases in Western Hemisphere. 5—Gen. Ion Antonescu takes over in Rumania. 6—Carol abdicates Rumanian throne flees with Magda Lupescu. Michael new king. 7—Conn. fighting as heavyweight, wins chance at Louis with Pastor Kayo. 8—Germany sends 1500 planes in 24-hours raids on London. Vichy government holds Daladier, Reynaud, Gamelin under "protective arrest." House passes conscription bill. 9—Roosevelt signs five billion defense bill; two-ocean navy under way. Maine goes Republican. Don McNeill tops Bobby Riggs to win National Singles tennis title. 10—Italians bomb Palestine. 12—Explosions rip Hercules Powder plant in New Jersey; 47 killed. Delayed action bomb threatens historic St. Paul's in London. R. A. F. hits Berlin railroad stations and Tempelhof airdrome. 13—German bombs hit Buckingham Palace, Downing Street. Willie leaves on western tour, visits Chicago stockyards. 14—Italy invades Egypt. Dick Chapman wins National Amateur golf tournament at Mamaroneck, N. Y. 15—Speaker William B. Bankhead (Dem., Ala.) dies. Rayburn his successor. 16—Roosevelt signs conscription of all males, 21 to 36. National guardsmen report for service. Italian troops take Sidi Barrani, British base in Egypt. British refugee ship torpedoed in Atlantic; 83 children die. 18—Cincinnati Reds clinch National League pennant by defeating Ph's in 13th. 20—Marc de Tristan, 3, scion of wealthy San Francisco family, is kidnaped; \$100,000 ransom asked. 22—Japan invades French Indo-China. De Tristan baby rescued as lumberjack captures abductors. 23—British fleet fires on Dakar, French African port, to permit De Gaulle forces to land. 24—French bombers give Gibraltar heaviest raid in Dakar reprisal. 25—Heroic London firemen fight fires as bombs fall. British gives up Dakar siege. 26—Roosevelt puts embargo on all scrap steel and iron, except to Britain and Americans. 27—Japan joins the axis. Rookie pitcher blanks Cleveland, pitches Detroit Tigers to American League pennant.

987 Families In County Applied For Mattresses

The following figures give information on the mattress program for 1940 and 1941: 987 families made application for mattresses in 1940, 877 was approved and 736 of the number were completed. The others are to be completed within a few weeks time. The first applications for the 1941 program were taken December 14, and since that time 473 families have made application for 776 mattresses. Families may make application for mattresses for the 1941 program through June 30. There will be one county wide sign up day each month, the second Saturday. Committee members will be at central places for the convenience of the farm families. You may get your application by writing the home demonstration agent for same.

Billy D. Hamrick New Manager of Gorman Progress

Billy Dee Hamrick of Gorman is the new business manager of the Gorman Progress, one of the older weekly newspapers of this section, succeeding T. C. Wylie, who operated the publication the past few years under a lease contract. Hamrick, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cockrill, owners of the paper, has been employed on the paper for the past two or three years. J. W. Cockrill, who served as secretary to Ex-congressman C. L. Garrett of Eastland during his two terms in Washington, has gone to Washington, where it is stated, he has a position. Mrs. Cockrill, it is understood, will remain in Gorman at least for the time being.

Drilling Delayed On Abbott Well

Drilling was to be resumed today on the Danciger Oil & Gas Company's Mary Abbott test southwest of Cisco, following a breakdown Monday. The well has been drilled 25 feet into the Caddo lime, which was topped at 2,960 feet, with a good showing of both oil and gas reported.

Pioneer Resident Of Ranger Dies Tuesday

Mrs. W. W. Crabb, a pioneer resident of Ranger, died at her home, Desdemona Boulevard, Tuesday at noon. Funeral arrangements were not made immediately, and are awaiting arrival of relatives.

Safetygrams

Remember, when you're walking, that cars can't stop or swerve quickly on wet or icy streets, nor can drivers see you as readily when windshields are obstructed.

Legislator From Normagee Will Be Given Seal No. 1

AUSTIN, Tex.—Rep. Roger A. Knight of Normagee, Leon county, will occupy seat No. 1 in the house of representatives at the session of the 47th legislature which opens Jan. 14. Seat No. 1 is in the extreme northwest corner of the house. J. T. Ellis of Maxwell will have seat No. 2 which is in the southeast corner. All even-numbered seats are on the south side of the house; odd-numbered seats are on the north side. Seats one to 31 face toward the south on the north side of the speaker's rostrum. Seats two to 32 face north and are on the south side of the rostrum. The other seats all face west and are arranged in six rows of double desks, from north to south and nine full rows from east to west. The seats nearest the entrance are grouped with three double desks and three singles. Few members from counties with more than one representative sit together. The nearest thing to a bloc seating of representatives from the same county is the arrangement by which representatives Lester Boone and V. E. Goodman of Tarrant county are seat-mates and Rep. Jack Love, also of Tarrant, sits directly in front of Goodman. Gene M. McNamara and Gordon Davis of McLennan are seat-mates with Rep. Eugene McGlasson of the same county in front of McNamara. Travis county's two representatives, Joe Carrington and Jimmy Stanford are seat-mates in desks 21 and 23. Reps. Pat Dwyer of San Antonio, J. E. Winfree of Houston and P. L. Anderson of San Antonio make a little bloc of horse race advocates seated on the north row at adjoining desks. Maps of the house seating have been prepared by Sergeant-at-Arms Ernest Boyett and were blueprinted by Land Commissioner Bascom Giles for convenience of the members.

Woman Is Stranded In Juarez After Afternoon Visit

EL PASO, Tex.—For 26 years Mrs. ANNA Goetz Jones lived in the United States. She came to this country a 16-year-old Latvian girl aboard a steamer on which she was stewardess. She went ashore in Baltimore, stayed, married an American and became as Americanized as most Americans born here, but now she can't return to this country from Juarez, Mexico, where she went on an afternoon's visit from El Paso. Her entry is barred because she entered the country illegally in 1914 when she went ashore at Baltimore. Latvia has been absorbed by Russia, and it isn't likely that she could return there. An El Paso attorney has appealed to Washington for aid for the stranded woman. Meanwhile her husband is looking for work here while she waits in Juarez for permission to return to the United States.

Child Buried In Eastland Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 10:00 a. m. at the Methodist church in Eastland for Barbara Voncill Buckee, 14 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Buckee. Rev. Lance Webb, pastor of the Eastland Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in the Eastland cemetery with the Hammer Undertaking company in charge. The child died at Kilgore, where the parents are now residing, last Saturday.

Mine Idle 60 Years Will Produce Iron

WEST PORTAL, N. J.—A Jugtown Mountain iron ore mine, inactive since the Lake Superior deposits were opened more than 60 years ago, has resumed operations. According to Harry M. Roche of Dover, a consulting engineer and an official of the newly incorporated concern, reconditioning of the century-old mine is being rushed, and at top operation it is expected to produce 800 tons of ore daily.

Peace Objective Is Based On A Defeat Of Axis Partners

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt's long-range peace objectives aroused diplomatic interest today because the role of the United States in any peace is based upon ultimate defeat of the axis partners.

THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain in Southeast portion, otherwise scattered cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with high cloudiness increasing over southwest portion. Slightly colder in north portion tonight.

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First 1941 Rookie From County Joins The Regular Army

Roy A. Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parks, Route 2, Ranger, was the first youth from Eastland County to enlist in the United States Army in 1941, it was announced today by Patrick Hossley, in charge of the Army Recruiting Office at Eastland, where he enlisted. Hossley announced, also, that at present there are 106 vacancies in the Puerto Rican Detachment, Air Corps; 18 in the Air Corps and General Headquarters, Barksdale Field, La.; 14 in the 18th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.; nine in the Field Artillery, Second Observation Balloon Squadron, Fort Sill; three in the Seventh Signal Service, Fort Sam Houston and 13 in the Medical Detachment, Camp Bowie.

Army Recruiter At Eastland Sent To Station At Vernon

Patrick Hossley, who has been in charge of the Eastland Recruiting Service of the United States Army, and who has spent one day each week in Ranger and one day in Cisco, received notice Tuesday that he is being transferred to Vernon on Thursday. Hossley was in Ranger throughout Tuesday, will be in Eastland Wednesday and will spend a part of the day at Cisco Thursday before leaving for Vernon. He had made his headquarters in Eastland since last June. Hossley stated that enlistments in the army were few during December, but that three had been signed up at Ranger on his last visit and that he had appointments to interview several others. It was not known today whether the Eastland recruiting office would be re-opened later. In the meantime, Hossley stated, anyone wanting to join the army should contact the recruiting office in Fort Worth.

Stockmen Move To Bar South American Beef From The U. S.

FORT WORTH, Jan. 7.—The American National Livestock Association today opened a fight to bar "diseased" South American meats from entering this country under the administration-sponsored reciprocal trade bargain. Rumors that President Roosevelt will lift the embargo on Argentine beef as an "emergency relief measure" were rife among the 200 stockmen here for the meeting today.

Ship Losses For 1940 Reported High

LONDON, Jan. 7.—British, allied and neutral shipping losses by enemy action during 1940 were more than in any year of the World War, except 1917, but the admiralty announced today there had been a sharp decrease in losses during the past three weeks of December. The losses for the entire year were listed as more than 8,800,000 tons, but for the past three weeks losses have been unusually light, the Admiralty announced.

BRITISH ANSWER AXIS HINT OF BLITZKRIEG WITH FRESH ATTACKS

Abilene Camp Is Bringing A Boom In Business There

ABILENE, Tex.—Construction of a new 2,230 acre army camp has brought a business boom to Abilene. Hotels, cafes and coffee shops are doing a land office business. Vacant rooms, apartments and houses have been occupied by persons employed on the cantonment project. Construction is underway on the first of several hundred buildings to be erected before February 15, completion date for the camp. The initial work was on the administration building which will house permanent officers of the construction quartermaster's staff contractors and architectural engineers. This will be a three-wing structure with 18,720 square feet of floor space. The building will have two wings 36 by 160 feet and one 36 by 200 feet, all to be connected by passageways. The contractors will occupy the largest wing and the two smaller ones will be occupied by the construction quartermaster and the architectural engineers. Excavations were dug for 10 of the camp's warehouse buildings which will be 153 by 80 feet each. Construction of the warehouses will start as soon as materials arrive. The camp will have 21 general warehouses. Other buildings will include: 4,573 portable prefabricated tent frames for officers and men, 21 recreation buildings, a post office building, two fire stations, a theater building, 138 mess halls, 17 motor repair shops, 142 bath houses and lavatories and a 710-bed hospital. The first shipment of prefabricated tent frames was to arrive Jan. 10. After that date the contractors expect to receive about 160 tent frames daily. The cantonment was to be enclosed by a five strand barbed-wire fence. Work at present is on a seven-day schedule, but double shifts are to begin as soon as lighting facilities for night work are provided, the contractors announced. More laborers, both skilled and unskilled, are being put on the payroll daily by the contractors, architectural engineers and the construction quartermaster. Building other than at the camp will include the erection of power lines to the cantonment area, laying of water mains and the extension of telegraph and telephone communication facilities to the camp.

Former Rangerite Dies In Abilene

A. J. Baum of Abilene, formerly of Ranger, died suddenly at his home Tuesday morning, shortly before noon, according to word received here early this afternoon. Funeral arrangements had not been made, but it was presumed they would be held at Abilene Wednesday.

NYA Offers Aid For Bomber Plant Work

FORT WORTH, Jan. 7.—The National Youth Administration today offered the City of Fort Worth a crew of 600 youths to remove brush and trees from the 1,200-acre site of the \$10,000,000 bomber assembly plant to be built here.

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Minimize the Hardships!

Naturally, it is going to be impossible to summon hundreds of thousands of young men from civilian life into the military service outside causing hardships of varying degree.

But every effort ought to be made to minimize those hardships and hold them down to what proves absolutely necessary.

For instance, this has happened many times: a young man is ordered to report for service, and given five days' grace to clean up his affairs and cut the ties of civilian life. He quits his job, gives up his lodgings, turns over his business if any to others; sometimes he even sells most of his clothes and possession. Then he reports at camp as ordered. Given a final physical examination there, he is rejected, and sent back to pick up what threads of his civilian life he can pick up again.

The New York Selective Service Administration, Col. Arthur V. McDermott, has had to issue a warning to draft eligibles that they may be thus rejected at the induction centers, and advising them to keep this in mind in arranging their affairs, so as to avoid, so far as possible, the resulting dislocations.

To begin with, employers ought to realize that this often happens, and try to keep a man's job "on ice," so to speak, for a few days after he is called up, so that he may resume it if he is rejected and returned. Others similarly affected might well try to show the same consideration.

Best of all, of course, would be to give the selectee a final physical examination before he leaves the home community. Whether this is possible to arrange or not, we don't know. But it should surely be considered, with a view to putting such a system in effect if that proves practicable.

If not, many of the inevitable hardships can perhaps be minimized if selectees themselves will guard as carefully as they can against possible last-minute rejection, and if those associated with them in business and personal life will cooperate to the fullest possible extent.

It is likely that the selective service system, perhaps with modifications, will continue for many years. Paul G. Armstrong, Illinois director, has been quoted as saying that in his opinion, it will continue long after 1945, when the present setup ends by law.

This being the case, every effort should be made to iron out kinks in the system so that it may function smoothly and with a minimum of dislocations and hardships for the men concerned.

At lot of us are surprised at where we are because we didn't look where we were going.

The nation's first losses in 1940 ran over 300 million—enough to burn up the insurance companies.

SOURCE OF FOOD

HORIZONTAL

1 Hog.
6 Its young animal.
8 It is a legged mammal.
13 One who parades.
15 Pertaining to an areola.
17 At the top.
18 To compute.
20 To contradict.
21 Half an em.
22 Opposite of merit.
24 Preposition.
25 Credit (abbr.).
26 Males.
27 Spirit of the stream.
29 Type standard.
31 Pertaining to osmium.
33 Rowing tool.
35 Self-esteem.
37 Paraphrase.
40 Compass point (abbr.).
42 To prepare for printing.
43 Harbor.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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26 SPA
27 NAPIES
28 TIER
29 LEES
30 RUES
31 HERA
32 SOAR
33 IMPROVED
34 PUBLIC

VERTICAL

1 Mineral spring.
2 Sprinkles.
3 Metal.
4 Pile of cloth.
5 Verbal ending.
6 Baby carriage.
7 Species of wild cattle.
8 Southeast (abbr.).
9 File.
10 Olive shrub.
11 Mortar tray.
12 Stormed.
13 To attempt.
14 Opposed to odd.
15 Light strap.
16 Periods of 10 years.
17 Genus of tapers.
18 Its chief food.
19 Mud.
20 To jog.
21 Its important food.
22 Mountain (abbr.).
23 Hops kiln.
24 Knock.
25 Into.
26 Sugar sand.
27 Toward.
28 To sprain.
29 Ceremonial.
30 On fire.
31 French soldier.
32 Tatar lancer (abbr.).
33 To poke.
34 Sour.
35 To proceed.
36 Mother.

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Getting Interested in the Classified Section



OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



AND HIM, TOO

Truck Driver Who Was Fatally Burned Recovers Quickly

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex.—A. J. Williams, young oil company truck driver, today is nearing complete recovery from burns so severe his life was despaired of six months ago.

Dr. Calvin Kessler attributed the injured youth's recovery to sulfanilamide.

"This man's recovery is so remarkable it probably will be looked upon by all orthodox physicians as more or less an accident until more similar cases are reported," Dr. Kessler said.

Williams was burned when a highway collision threw flaming gasoline over him from the truck he was driving. He was brought to a Breckenridge hospital and physicians removed what charred clothing had not been torn from his body by rescuers, who caught him when he ran and rolled him on the ground.

He suffered deep burns from the edge of his hair on the back of his neck, down both legs to his heels.

"When a third of more of the surface of the body receives major burns the patient is in grave danger," Dr. Kessler said in describing the case. "With nearly half of Williams' body burned, I felt there was little left to do except to try to ease his suffering. Then I decided to try sulfanilamide.

"Slowly Williams began to mend. The dead, burned skin turned black, peeled up in slabs, but without pus and the troubles that attend supuration. We cut the skin off with scissors.

"After days of lying in bed Williams began to regain use of his limbs. Today he is on the road

BROTHERS 302 IN DRAFT

PORT HURON, Mich. Two brothers here and in nearby San dusky each drew the same draft number, Philip Allen, 24, and Edwin Allen, 22, each drew 302.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

JOSEPH STALIN

ENTERED A THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN TO STUDY FOR THE PRIESTHOOD!

HE WAS EXPELLED SOON AFTER!

KWIK-KOPPER

THE HEXAGONAL CELLS OF BEES AND WASPS ARE NOT PLANNED THAT WAY! THEY ARE CYLINDERS UNDER PRESSURE.

WHO SAID, "DASH THE TORPEDOES, GO AHEAD," "DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP," "OUR COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG."

ANSWER: Farragut, at Mobile Bay; James Lawrence, in battle between Speake and Shannon; Stephen Decatur, in the Mediterranean.

SERIAL STORY CONSCRIPT'S WIFE BY BETTY WALLACE

YESTERDAY: Martha Marshall had been engaged to Paul Elliott for two years before she met Bill Marshall, Paul's school chum. And she had married Bill less than a month later. Now, still a bride, she and Bill make a foursome with Paul and Suzanne Decker. Comes registration for draft. Bill is in Class I since Martha is financially independent and Bill's work is not essential to defense. Then one day, there is a letter for Bill. He has been drafted.

CHAPTER II

SHE seemed to hear him saying it again. "I've been drafted." And the room was still swimming around her.

"Honey," Bill pleaded. "Darling, don't look like that. It's nothing. If I have to go, I have to go."

Martha steeled herself. Her husband's face came back into focus. She saw his crisp dark curls, the tightened line of his lips. Her fingers went up, to pat his cheek.

So he had been conscripted, after all. There was nothing they could do to change it. He would go away. For a whole year. His country needed him. The United States of America.

"Lots of men enlist," Bill was saying softly. "Lots of men join the army for a career."

His arms were around her. He kissed her. "It'll only be like—like having a job out of town, Martha. You could come up to camp week-ends. I'll be home on leave sometime."

"Why, Bill, you—talk as if you're used to it already," he was accepting it. He was not rebellious. Something stabbed at her heart as she realized that almost this might be an adventure for him. A change. Something different. Perhaps, he even welcomed it.

Bill was like that. He had curi-



Suddenly she was clinging to him. "Bill! Oh, Bill, darling, don't cry, honey. I'll be thinking of you every minute." He shook hands with Paul. "Take care of her, boy. I'm depending on you."

ously and a boundless thirst for excitement. Marriage had not settled him.

THEY walked out into the street. Peg, so rusty and dilapidated, so contrary, was suddenly dear. "It's a good thing we have Peg," she said. "I can drive up to see you."

"Yes, if the camp's not over 10 miles away. I wonder—where do they send the men from this vicinity?" He added thoughtfully, "Funny, how you never give the army a thought, I bet I can't name two forts, off hand. And what I remember from ROTC drill in high school, you could stick in the eye of a needle."

Separation. She looked at him hungrily. She must remember the line of his jaw, the blue of his eyes, the way his hands were big and capable on the wheel. She bit her lip. They had never been separated, not even for a night, since the minister had said the solemn words over them. And now, they'd be apart for a year. A whole year. It stretched before her, barren and endless.

"In case I never told you before," Bill was saying. "I love you, Martha."

"In case I never told you," she whispered. "I love you, Bill Marshall."

now there'd be her own living to make. Duty, it was a big word. Strangely, an unfamiliar word. Martha Marshall thought, as she walked into the sunny office where

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SERIAL STORY

CONSCRIPT'S WIFE

BY BETTY WALLACE

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YESTERDAY, Bill seems almost glad to get away from the drab routine of the store. And before Martha realizes it, the day for Bill's leaving has arrived. Paul goes to the train with them. As Bill swings aboard he tells Paul to look out for Martha. The train leaves. Martha faces Paul. "I'm a conscript's wife now."



PAUL FOLLOWS ORDERS

CHAPTER III

MARTHA MARSHALL stood on the platform, watching with tear-blurred eyes as the lights of the train grew dimmer and dimmer in the distance. She scarcely noticed when the crowd of people began pushing toward the stairs. Someone behind her said wearily, "Well, that's over."

For Martha, it wasn't over. It was just beginning. She thought of the empty apartment—the silence and the memories that were waiting for her—and her throat tightened. Paul touched her arm. "You didn't eat dinner," he said. "Do you want to stop somewhere and have something now?"

"I—I couldn't, Paul." Out in the car, Butch was whining, his nose pressed against the glass. He bounded out as Martha opened the door. He licked her hand. Then he looked behind her. His head cocked to one side, inquiringly, "Where's Bill?"

"He's gone, boy," murmured Martha. "Gone for a long time. There's just you and me, now."

"Well," Paul said, gently. "There's me, too. Remember, I promised Bill I'd look after you." Martha didn't answer. She patted the dog's head and remembered the far-away day she and Bill had first seen him. He'd been a scrawny little pup in the arms of a weeping small boy.

"My father don't want him," the boy said, huddled up on the curbstone. He had looked at them with tragic brown eyes. "I just can't take him to the pound. They'll g-g-gas him."

The puppy had pathetic bowed legs and a funny, wrinkled little snout. Martha and reached for him and the little boy asked eagerly, "Do you want him, Missus? Do you? He's a good dog. He don't eat much. Honest, he don't."

Bill coughed. "I'll give you a dollar for him." "Gee, Mister!"

For nights afterward Martha had had to get up to feed the scrawny little pup. He had to be house broken, and there was the problem of what to do about him while they worked.

Bill cursed himself for ever having bought the animal. Yet he was the one who said, "It's tough on you, coming home from the office and straightening the dump, anyway. Let's get a woman to help—she could fix our dinner, too—and then she'd be here to let the pup out during the day."

"Martha," said Paul, touching her arm. "Martha, what is it?" SHE shook the memories from her. She mustn't go off into daydreams like this. There was so much to remember—but she had to keep going, had to bear up. After all, she thought, trying to whip herself into being sensible, she had been alone before she married Bill.

Butch scrambled back into the car. Martha got wearily in behind him. Paul didn't ask if she wanted him to drive. He simply held out his hand for the key.

They were almost home when Martha said, "Wait, Paul. I—"

Paul was sarcastic about the way Suzanne set the table, took over the task himself. "It's simply not your line, Sue." Martha moved in between them then, laughing, ordered Paul into the living room. Suzanne was furious.

"You call up Suzanne right away! The first thing to do is drive the blues out of the apartment with a steak dinner, radio music, and loud talk."

So at 5 o'clock Suzanne drove up to the plant in her smart gray coupe. Martha and Paul squeezed in. They stopped at a supermarket and bought quantities of food. In the kitchen, Martha donned an apron and Paul, appropriating the only other one available, began supervising production. He was sarcastic about the way Suzanne set the table, took over the task himself.

"It's simply not your line, Sue." "Oh, isn't it? I'm very domestic, underneath."

"You make the coffee, Sue. Anyone can make coffee. Just measure it right, add—"

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J. E. WHITESIDE Brownwood



JOE A. CLARKE Albany

NEW OIL OFFICIALS—Above are shown the 1941 official family of the West Central Texas Oil & Gas association. W. J. Rhodes of Breckenridge is president; C. W. Hoffman, Eastland, F. A. Dunigan, Breckenridge, J. E. Whiteside, Brownwood, and Joe A. Clarke, Albany, are vice presidents; Malcolm M. Meek, Abilene, is treasurer.

NEW OIL ASSOCIATION SEES A BRIGHT 1941

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex., Jan. 7.—W. J. (Billy) Rhodes, new president of the West Central Texas Oil & Gas association who was named in December to succeed Joe A. Clarke of Albany, foresees a brighter picture of the oil business in Texas for 1941 than was presented in 1940.

"The prospects for 1941 are at least as good and probably better for 1941," he said Saturday. Then he tackled on a few reservations. "We may possibly get to produce more oil in 1941, but we're not looking for any boom."

Statistics, he said, had predicted the increased demand for oil in 1941 will be greater by six to twelve percent. "That ought to make it possible to produce more oil," he said.

"If there were any foreign markets left, the prospects would be good, in spite of the heavy increase in imports of foreign crude into the United States."

State Regulation Rhodes said he hoped the conditions affecting production and the independent operators will be enhanced by such improvements in state regulation that will put the industry on a basis where it can plan better for the future.

Another hope for the new year was that not only the state, but also local officials will realize "there's such a thing as taxation to the point of diminishing returns."

"All of us in Texas," he said, "have got to realize our crude must sell in competition with the same kind of crude produced in other states. If we erect too high trade barriers, we are faced with the loss of additional markets for Texas oil."

"We've already lost the market for 75,000 barrels of oil a day as the result of too much taxation and the unsettled conditions of our regulatory program," he said.

Among the bright spots of 1940 he pointed out that new discoveries were less than any year of the past five or six. Preliminary reports indicate that when the figures for 1940 are completed, they will show the United States consumed more oil than was discovered, he said.

"And that's the first time it has happened here in seven years."

"In the fact of that condition," he said, "it looks like there will be an increase in development and prospecting for oil in promising areas."

Rhodes said he would announce 1941 committees of the West Central Texas Oil & Gas Association next week.

By Counties Looking back on 1940, it was seen that the year was among the quietest in many for this territory. Highlights of the year's activity included these, by counties:

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON ARMY'S LAND QUOTA A NEW DEFENSE HEADACHE; DISPOSSESSED TENANTS HAVE NO PLACE TO GO

BY BRUCE CATTON NEA Service Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON.—Your Uncle Sam's latest defense headache seems to be coming from 10,000 tenant farm families, kicked off grade A farm land by the army in acquiring huge tracts of land all over the country for artillery ranges, powder factories, aerial bombing target areas, military airports and cantonments.

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JONES—Development of Palo Pinto production east of Stamford along the Jones-Haskell county line; opening of a north extension to the Avoca field by King Oil Company of Wichita Falls; the end-of-the-year discovery near Stith by Danciger Oil & Refineries; opening of a two-pay field west of the Hawley field by Thomas D. Humphrey of the Triplett farm.

COLEMAN—Further development of the Strawn and Novice production; extension of the Echo pool; development of the Santa Anna gas field.

EASTLAND—Development of flush heavy production in the Carbon pool of southern Eastland county; opening of a Caddo lime pool southwest of Cisco by Jones & Stamey and Groover & Rose of Albany.

RUNNELS—Completion of first flush production from the Palo Pinto lime near the old McMillan pool, and boost of activity in that area.

THROCKMORTON—First attempt at shallow sand water-flooding on a large scale in this district, by Dean Brothers of Fort Worth near Woodson; renewal of deep wildcat exploration.

STONEWALL—Opening of the district's first commercial Mississippi lime production by the Shell Oil company in the south part of

Senator Has Plan To Take Care Of Traffic Damage

By United Press FORT WORTH, Tex.—Irresponsible motorists would be forbidden to drive automobiles until damage claims are settled under a proposal which Sen. Jesse Martin of Fort Worth may offer to the forthcoming Texas legislature.

Martin's plan would allow a citizen to hold a driver's license while an unsettled damage judgment was in effect against him. When the damage claim was settled, the operator's license would be restored.

The senator said that persons with property are the usual victims of automobile damage suits because even a judgment is worthless if it is against a penniless person. He believed that his proposal, if adopted, would cause a great increase in the number of collision damage suits filed.

But he added that irresponsible drivers, even those without attached property, would "think twice" before driving carelessly if they faced a suspension of their driving privilege.

Rep. Jack Love of Tarrant county is studying a safety club plan to increase the cost of driver's license fees from 25 to 50 cents. Income from the additional 25 cents would be used to increase the number of highway patrolmen.

One Armed Bandits Donate To Charity

By United Press SHREVEPORT, La.—Police raided three night clubs and confiscated six slot machines, then had trouble deciding what the law provides for disposal of money found in the "one arm bandits" at the time they were seized.

Judge J. F. McInnis settled the matter. He ordered the money turned over to charity.

TAYLOR—Development of production in the View townsite.

FISHER—Indicated opening of a new pool near McCaulley on the Mayberry farm and subsequent leasing in that area for further development.

SHACKELFORD—Development of Black ranch shallow production by Georgian Oil corporation, opening of several new areas in the Bluff Creek sector of Western Shackelford, and an increase in shallow drilling in many older fields.

CALLAHAN—Opening of a gas and oil area northwest of Baird and on the Jackson and Dyer ranches north of Baird near the Shackelford county line.

STEPHENS—Extensions of the Loving and Stripling pools, with opening of first Mississippian production in the Stripling area.

ALLEY OOP

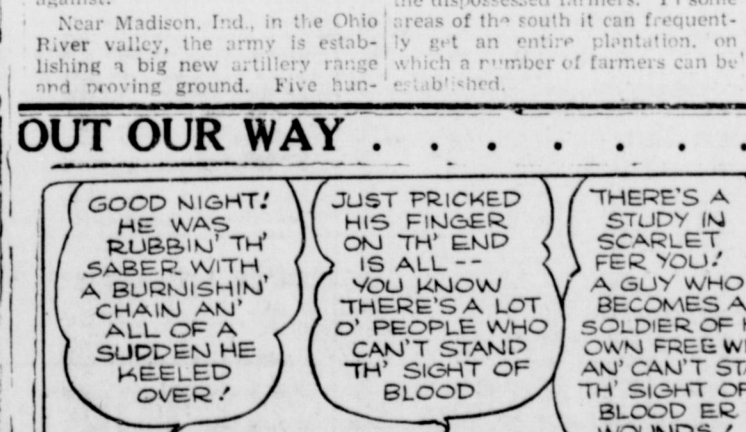
By Hamlin



AND I SAW A SWELL SWORD AT YABU'S—IT WAS A BARGAIN! YA BETTER MAKE SURE IT'LL CUT THRU ROMAN ARMOR BEFORE YOU BUY IT!



THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! HOW IS IT THAT I OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, CAN UNDERSTAND THE SPEECH OF THESE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS?



HMW! I THINK I HAVE IT...AS WELL AS THE WHY OF ALLEY OOP'S APPARENT USE OF MODERN ENGLISH. THE SPIRIT SPRANG DIRECT FROM AN EARLY ERA IN THE LIFE OF MANKIND!



THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ABOUT TIME TRAVEL THAT GIVES ALL PARTIES THE POWER INSTANTLY TO INTERPRET SPOKEN THOUGHT!



NOW ISN'T THAT JUST LOVELY!



GETTING MY MAGIC BELT BACK FROM CLEOPATRA ISN'T GOING TO BE HALF AS TOUGH AS I ANTICIPATED!

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



GOOD NIGHT! HE WAS RUBBIN' TH' SABER WITH A BURNISHIN' CHAIN AN' ALL OF A SUDDEN HE KEELED OVER!

JUST PRICKED HIS FINGER ON TH' END IS ALL -- YOU KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO CAN'T STAND TH' SIGHT OF BLOOD

THERE'S A STUDY IN SCARLET FER YOU! A GUY WHO BECOMES A SOLDIER OF HIS OWN FREE WILL AN' CAN'T STAND TH' SIGHT OF BLOOD ER WOUNDS!

THEY SAY THAT'S A SIGN OF A WEAK STOMACH--WELL WHEN ALL PEOPLE GIT LIKE THAT THERE'LL BE NO MORE WARS. FOR WHEN TH' FIRST GUY GIT'S HIT BOTH ARMIES WILL ALL DROP OVER IN A FAINT AN' TH' WAR WILL BE OVER!



YOU BETTER JOIN THE PARTY--WE'RE PLAYING FORFEITS, AND I'M THE JUDGE!



WHAT IS IT --- FINE OR SUPER-FINE?

FINE--- (AND IT BELONGS TO FRECKLES!)



HAVE THE OWNER OF IT GO OUTSIDE AND COUNT THE STARS WITH JINNY WYNNIE! HAVE HIM KISS HER FOR ME ---AND IF HILDA'S LISTENING, I'M ONLY FOOLING!

South Dakota Has Amazing Resources

VERMILION, S. D.—The future prospects of South Dakota are amazing, the University of

South Dakota Museum News declares in a survey of state resources.

Examining the four distinct geographical areas in the state, the article said South Dakota has

"an unlimited supply of stone for building, clay for pottery, cement, gravel, undeveloped oil and natural gas fields.

"Minerals of wealth—coal and gold—are underground."

Society Club and Church Notes

PLEDGE SERVICE HELD BY METHODIST W.S.C.S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met Monday afternoon at the church for Pledge Service. Mrs. Wade Thomas presided.

Mrs. Bert McGlamery brought the introduction to the afternoon program and stated that there were 1,135,000 members of the W.S.C.S. since the re-organization of the society.

Mrs. Lane Webb presided over the program and presented Mrs. Ed Willman who brought a poem, "Stretch Out Your Hand." Mrs. Wade Thomas sang a solo, "I Gave My Life For Thee," prefacing the pledges made. The Lord's prayer was repeated in union.

Present: Mmes. Bert McGlamery, Wade Thomas, Lane Webb, W. H. Mullings, Frank Crowell, W. F. Davenport, Frank Castleberry, G. H. Kinard, Billie Walters, M. H. Kelly, R. A. P. Poole, Ed Willman, W. E. Coleman, Anna Day, H. L. Russel, Earl Bender, Anna Townsend, Herman Foust, F. M. Kenny, Joe Stephen, W. P. Leslie and Mrs. E. R. Townsend and Mrs. Milton J. Gaines, new members.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Civic League and Garden Club will meet Wednesday at 3 o'clock in Woman's Clubhouse for regular monthly session. Election of officers will be held.

BAND BOOSTERS TO MEET

The Band Booster Club will meet tonight at high school band room at 7:30, it was announced today. All members and every one who is interested in the Eastland Band are urged to be present.

CLASSIFIED

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.

He's Uncle Sam's Youngest Soldier



The army's no place for softies, but evidently age has nothing to do with it. Private Harry Wohlfiel, Jr., pictured at Fort Custer, Mich., where he's attached to 50th Field Artillery, is 15. He's believed to be youngest soldier in U. S.

TEXAS CLUB FEDERATIONS BEING ORGANIZED FOR 1941-1942 ADMINISTRATION

Last week the Texas Club women of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs began organization of the 1941 and 1942 administration with the appointment of board members and departmental chairmen. The first meeting of the new state board directors will be held Friday in Fort Worth and the eight district presidents will complete their appointments this week at the meeting Thursday at the Woman's Club in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Mark H. Leverett of Mead, president of Sixth District, of which Eastland is a member, announced the personnel of the district's board, including the chairman of standing and special committees.

Three Eastland club women have been named by Mrs. Leverett to serve this term. Mrs. Victor Ginn will be department chairman of the Fine Arts; Miss Marguerite Quinn, chairman of the Penny art fund department. Mrs. James Horton was named department chairman of Junior Club.

Local Recreation Project Activities

Wednesday, January 8th, the Eastland Independent Men's Team, sponsored by the Recreation Project, will meet the NYA Team from Ranger at the Eastland High School Gymnasium. The time will be eight o'clock. The Eastland team has won sixteen games this season, not having lost a game. All interested in good basketball are invited to attend this game.

An interesting program is promised by the Recreation Department for the regular Adult's Folk Night at the American Legion Hall tonight. Included on the entertainment program is the High School Sextette, directed by Mr. Baldwin.

Everyone interested in pocket checkers tournament is asked to submit his name at the Safe Haven Community Center by Thursday January, 9th. This tournament will be in the form of a ladder tournament, and there will be no restriction as to age.

Philadelphia Will Have Coast Guard

PHILADELPHIA. — A new coast guard district, designed to protect the vital industries in the area along the Delaware river, is being established with headquarters in Philadelphia.

The new district, which will coincide with the Fourth Naval District of Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, will comprise eight Coast Guard stations, stretching from Point Pleasant, N. J., to Lewes, Del.

Commander Eugene A. Coffin, who previously was in charge of the cutter Taney on patrol duty in the Pacific, will head the Philadelphia district.

The staff of the Philadelphia office will be increased from 9 to 45 men and at least three patrol boats are expected to be added to the four already in service.

CHEMURGY SCORES AGAIN

TULSA, Okla.—Chemurgy has added another product to its long list of usable materials obtained from waste or surplus farm and forest derivatives. The latest, according to Dr. Harold A. Levy, New Orleans consulting engineer, is a transparent adhesive tape made from common starch under water, and coated with curative chemicals.

Alice Lawyer Heads South Texas Bar

ALICE, Tex.—Frank B. Lloyd, of Alice, was elected to head a regional association of attorneys from six South Texas counties at an organization meeting here.

Lawyers from Jim Wells, Duval, Brooks, Kleberg, Kenedy and Starr counties attended the initial meeting, at which Judge Few Buster of Temple, president of the Texas State Bar Association, and L. Hamilton Love, Corpus Christi, vice president, were honored guests.

J. W. Wilson of Falfurrias was elected vice-president and Paul Worden, Alice, was named secretary.

Cedar Is Swallowed Result Nearly Fatal

GREENSBORO, Md.—One year ago, 16-year-old Robert Thornton swallowed a cedar twig during the excitement of a baseball game.

Pleurisy developed from the poisons of the wood, then pneumonia set in. Eight bronchoscopic treatments failed to produce the twig and finally, in a delicate operation, the lower lobe of the lung was removed and a drainage tube inserted to save his life.

During all the treatments and operation no trace was found of the twig. The boy suffered a coughing spell recently—and coughed up the twig.

Slate Pit Worker In Quarries 70 Years

PEN ARGYL, Pa. — Eighty-year-old Edward Jackson has been employed in the slate quarries for the past 70 years and is still going strong.

Jackson says that no other man in the slate belt can equal his record. At present he is employed as a blockmaker at the Jackson Bangor Slate Company where he works beside men 30 years younger.

THIEF RUNS UP PHONE BILL

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—Mrs. Waldo Graff told police that she didn't so much mind the loss of napkins and tablecloths stolen from her home, but the thing that really peeved her was the discovery that the thief had run up a \$20 toll in a telephone call to St. Louis.

Police Bit Confused By An Excited Call

BOSTON.—When an excited person telephoned police that "a man has taken the gas pipe," an ambulance and a squad of cars were sent to the scene.

By two-way radio, the desk sergeant received the following report: "The fellow took the gas pipe, all right, but it's a theft, not a suicide, and the gas is leaking. Get a repair crew here in a hurry!"

Motorists Really See House In Mid-Road

HADDONFIELD, N. J.—That old motorist gag about finding a tree or a house in the middle of the highway became a reality at Haddonfield when amazed drivers did see a house in the middle of the road.

The dwelling, a convent, was being moved from one site to another a block away when the timbers gave way. The house remained in the middle of the road overnight, and the nuns remained in the house.

MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Between 75 and 100 persons attended the Eastland Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting at TESCO Club last night and a very interesting meeting was held. Matters of vital interest to Eastland and Eastland county were discussed.

Benny Butler, publisher of the Cisco Daily News, addressed the meeting.

COP ASPIRANT VERSATILE

PHILADELPHIA. — Stan Sokolis, 1932 Pennsylvania football captain, professional wrestler and lifeguard, in training to be a Philadelphia policeman. Sokolis' ambition is to be attached to the Crime Prevention Bureau and transform "dead end" kids into respectable citizens.

HOUSTON TAXES SOAR

HOUSTON, Texas.—The cost of living in Houston is going up for property owners, showing a 22 per cent tax hike in a year. Houstonians paid \$757,252 more in current city, school and library taxes during the first 11 months of 1940 than in the same period of 1939.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

IF YOU ARE EXTREMELY UGLY, YOU CAN'T JOIN THE U.S. ARMY. NO MATTER HOW PERFECT YOU MAY BE OTHERWISE.

EL PASO, TEXAS, IS ABOUT 300 MILES FARTHER WEST THAN GARDEN CITY, KANSAS... BUT WHEN IT'S NOON IN EL PASO, IT'S ONLY 11 A.M. IN GARDEN CITY.

WHY DO CIGAR DEALERS OFFER A CUSTOMER THE WHOLE BOX... SO THAT HE MAY PICK OUT THE DESIRED NUMBER?

ANSWER: Not because of any federal law, as many people believe, but merely as a sanitary measure.

NEXT: What our ancestors thought about potatoes.

Bluff Burglar Is Lacking Fine

PHILADELPHIA.—Authors are searching for the West Philadelphia "bluff burglar" who seems, always gets "blu away from his job."

For example, he entered home of Hyman Sherman awakened Sherman when stumbled over something in hall.

"Is that you, Meriam?" man asked sleepily, thinking shadowy figure in the hall one of his three daughters, was no answer.

"Rose?" Sherman tried. Still silence.

"Is that Phyllis?" Sherman ed, and again—no answer.

"You'd better answer or shoot," Sherman shouted, bluff number one, as he held weapon.

"It's William," the wife voice from the hall answered. Since there is no William the Sherman family, Sherman toward the hall shouting: "I'll kill you Adolph Adolph!"

That was Sherman's bluff. There isn't any Adolph in his family either, but the or fled.

Police believed it was the man who awakened another Philadelphia several nights previously and when challenged like a dog.

That also was an error—wasn't any dog in the house.

SAILORS GET GREETING

PHILADELPHIA.—Sailors the U. S. Navy's Asiatic Squadron received special holiday greetings from school children in the delphia area. The greetings menu covers made by sixth, seventh and eighth graders under the direction of the Southeastern branch of the American Red Cross.

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