

Doughboys Resist German Attacks

Enemy Onslaught Pushes 20 - Miles Into Belgium

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP)—American doughboys and tanks struck back today at the German armor-powered counteroffensive that had cut 20 miles into Belgium, while to the north First Army patrols crossed the Roer river barrier into Duren.

American blows to stabilize the front were thrown in as the bold Nazi push probed into Belgium and Luxembourg on a 60-mile front.

The First Army maintained pressure on the Cologne front despite the menacing counteroffensive. Just before noon yesterday patrols of the 83rd division's 329th regiment crossed the formidable Roer river and pushed into Duren, stronghold city 20 miles from Cologne.

Supreme headquarters imposed security silence on the powerful German counteroffensive, but a First Army dispatch said one German tank thrust below Manchau "had some success in a frontal push" with the Germans being contained on some sectors.

The Germans were striking from above Monschau to near Echemach. The deep plunge into Belgium carried a broad flanking threat to Aachen.

The German onslaught was powered by massed reserves and supported by a new vengeance weapon of an undisclosed type. Supreme headquarters was silent on details of the battle.

But the Germans at one point were 20 miles or more inside Belgium, and 25 miles south and slightly west of Aachen. An air report told of British typhoons shooting up Nazi armored vehicles "west of Stavelot," which lies 18 airline miles and nearly 22 by road from the German border.

The First Army line had been wedged back 15 miles or more at this point. The enemy assault going in at Stavelot may have been launched from somewhere west of the Reich border itself.

The First Army patrols sent into Duren felt out one of the main strongholds on the Cologne plain, the Germans had pulled back to the east bank of the Roer on a broad front above and below Duren after weeks of long costly battle.

Heavy German artillery fire fell on the first and ninth army fronts. Ninth Army men in the Linlich area above Duren mopped up the towns of Wurm and Mullendorf.

Along the southern sector of the long western front, the U. S. Seventh Army hacked at stubborn German resistance along a line running 20 miles northwest from the Rhine. German artillery was extremely active. West of Biltche Seventh Army men battled to overcome two holdout Maginot forts. Two towns were taken in a two-mile gain northwest of Wiesemburg.

Further west the Third Army mopped up all the factory district of Dillingen, and cleaned up strongpoints in Roden, suburb of Saarlautern. Small gains were scored east and northeast of Sarreguemines.

The crucial battle was centered on the First Army sector of the fierce German lash-out, and fighting still was heavy and costly.

Press dispatches received in Stockholm from Berlin declared that the Germans were comparing their current western front operation with the Russian counterdrive in 1941 that hurled the Nazis back from the gates of Moscow.

A German spokesman who made the comparison was quick to add, however, that it could not be considered likely to create such a "turning point" in the fortunes of war as did the 1941 Soviet winter attack.

A Berlin correspondent for the Stockholm Tidningen quoted from a recently published German review of the fighting in the west, which declared the Allies were suffering losses of 6,000 killed and wounded daily, and that the U. S. Vance at a cost of 300,000 casualties Ninth Army had won a 15-mile advance.

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SUNDAY MORNING IN JULICH, GERMANY—A line of dead American soldiers edges a woods in Julich, Germany, as another Yank moves up in foreground after a bitter Sunday morning battle. At extreme left is a dead hospital corpsman who had been aiding casualties. (AP Wirephoto via Signal Corps Radio).

Reds Cross Frontier

British Forced Back In Athens

ATHENS, Dec. 19 (AP)—A strong ELAS attack on the Averoff prison has forced the British to abandon the bastion. Quisling Ex-Premier Jean Rallis, who apparently escaped during the disorder, was being sought today.

The attack on the prison was made late yesterday. This morning the British launched a counterthrust to relieve the 115 policemen, 149 wardens and members of the British garrison. A British communique said the British garrison and 130 of the Greeks in the prison and "some political prisoners" were successfully withdrawn.

The ELAS immediately began to fortify the prison.

It was estimated that some 205 men and 30 women prisoners out of 475 persons held there, escaped in the disorder. Most of the inmates were awaiting trial on political charges.

The fate of the remainder of the Greek prison attendants and the other prisoners was not immediately known.

All cells were locked when the west-wing caught fire from mortar shells.

The hunt for Rallis was taken up immediately by the British and Greeks and undoubtedly by the ELAS.

Rallis became premier in April, 1943, and resigned by his own decree the day the German commander quit Athens. Oct. 13, the 67-year-old lawyer was imprisoned by the government of Premier George Papandreou. Rallis contended he took over the premiership during the Nazi occupation to combat communism.

Meanwhile RAF headquarters at Kifissia, 12 miles northeast of Athens, was subjected to a stiff ELAS siege with noncombatant RAF clerks and base officers thus far successfully holding out against 600 ELAS troops seeking to halt strafing by rocket-firing Beaufighters and Spitfires.

The British communique said ELAS troops were being cleared from the main Athens-Piraeus highway and that imperial troops were consolidating their positions astride the route.

Elsewhere in Greece, the communique said, "there is nothing to report."

British Say Japs Kill Prisoners

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The British war office asserted today that the Japanese had worked more than 60,000 white captives under such brutal and inhuman conditions that 24,000 of them had died.

The Japanese themselves have erected a memorial to 25,000 who died in building the Thailand-Burma railway and road, the war office said. Of the 25,000 men, the war office reported, fewer than 1,000 were Japanese and the remainder were English, Australians and Dutch.

In an urge for speed, the Japanese disregarded completely "the cost in human life," the war office said. Sick prisoners were even carried to work on stretchers. Severe beatings were administered to officers and men, the statement said, and there were also cases "of torture and killing."

Huge Balloon Armed With Fire Bomb Found In Montana Forest

KALISPELL, Mont., Dec. 19 (AP)—A huge paper balloon, bearing Japanese ideographs and armed with an incendiary bomb capable of starting a major conflagration in this northwest timber empire, has been found 17 miles southwest of Kalispell, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said last night.

Announcement of the strange device, camouflaged blue and cream color, was permitted a week after Owen Hill and his father, O. B. Hill, found it while on a wood-cutting trip.

Although more than 500 residents saw the balloon, which landed in a region sometimes swept by forest fires, they heeded a warning to refrain from talking of it.

Ward Bannister, in charge of Montana-Idaho FBI offices, commented that prevailing winds on the west coast recently have been from the west or northwest. Free balloons, he added, are known to travel as fast as 200 miles an hour in swift high-air currents. Air mile distance from Cape Flattery on the northwest Pacific coast to Kalispell, is 475 miles.

He did not comment on the probable purpose of the balloon, nor its point of release, but said it was a "free balloon, capable of making only one flight" and that it was not a weather balloon.

The balloon was 33 1/2 feet in diameter and armed with a six-inch bomb containing "aluminum and some oxide."

A 70-foot fuse had ignited, then sputtered out without causing any damage.

Bannister said the Japanese ideographs stated date of manufacture and inspection, and that the balloon was "high quality paper," treated with varnish.

The incendiary device, he added, apparently had been fixed so as to consume the balloon.

Jap Factories Bombed Again

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Superforts smashed again today at Japanese factories in a double-edged bombing campaign to eliminate the source of Japanese planes that have been pouring in an unending stream into the Philippines, where 742 were knocked out last week.

American ground forces advanced unopposed on Mindora Island of the central Philippines in sharp contrast to fierce fighting on Leyte. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the Japanese 26th division has been annihilated in a crushing Yank vise on Leyte and the U.S. 77th division has seized an airport near Valencia in the center of bloody Ormoc valley.

Dozens of Superforts sweeping out of western China bombed Kyushu Island industries in southern Japan today.

Official Tokyo reported they struck at Omura, whose aircraft factory has been the objective of three previous raids.

An Imperial communique said between 30 and 40 B-29s made the attack on the heels of a double blow yesterday by nearly 200 Superforts against Hankow and the Mitsubishi aircraft plant at Nagoya on Honshu island.

The Japanese made an unconfirmed claim that Nipponese planes sank two warships and two transports and damaged two others off Mindoro.

Chinese turning the tables on the invaders in Central China drove to within six miles of Cheng-Kiang, "Golden City" on the railway 81 miles west of the former U. S. airbase at Liuchow in Kwangsi province.

The daylight blows followed an attack last night by some 300 RAF Lancasters on German warships sheltered in the Baltic port of Gdynia north of Danzig. Other British bombers struck Nurnburg and Munster.

One enemy plane was destroyed in the night operations which also included attacks on airfields well behind the German lines. Five British planes were missing.

The night blows followed up an emergency daylight mission by 1,100 Britain-based American planes which bombed the Rhine rail hubs of Cologne, Coblenz and Mainz—centers feeding Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt's powerful counteroffensive.

Allied planes supporting American First Army ground troops battling the German counteroffensive shot down 46 enemy aircraft yesterday out of a force of more than 300. Eleven Allied fighters are missing.

Christmas Rush On
Blame no one but yourself if you must wait in line to mail those Christmas packages, for you were warned in plenty of time.

Monday, all day, there were three lines of desperate people waiting to get their packages mailed in the postoffice. Tomorrow the lines will be even longer. Nat Shick, postmaster, said it might be a good idea for those would-be mailers to come early in the morning then perhaps there wouldn't be more than 20 people in each line.

GAINESVILLE WOMAN DIES
GAINESVILLE, Dec. 19 (AP)—Mrs. Viola Patterson, about 65, died in a hospital today three hours after she was burned when a kerosene stove ignited.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 19 (AP)—In the Spanish-speaking villages of New Mexico last night sped the word that "the sign of peace is in the western sky."

Newspaper offices here were swamped with calls, some of them from distant points over the state, reporting observation of the sign as Venus shown like a jewel on the upper horn of the new moon.

Origin of the interpretation, professors at New Mexico University said, was in Spanish-American folk lore.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19 (AP)—The unusual phenomenon of an eclipse of Venus by the moon was witnessed here last night. The National observatory reported that the moon moved from west to east to cover the other planet for nearly 30 minutes.

Southwest Sees Unusual Phenomenon
By The Associated Press
San Antonio from 8:15 to 8:45; at Fort Worth it started at 8:34 p. m. In far West Texas and the Panhandle, the moon glided by Venus, its northern edge skimming by the planet. On a line from Texarkana through Fort Worth and on to southwestern Texas, the moon barely covered Venus.

Several thousand Big Spring residents gaped at the unusual placement of Venus and the moon Monday evening. While there was no eclipse here, Venus barely skirted the rim of the moon to give a perfect star and crescent effect. J. C. Douglass, Sr. remembered a similar effect here approximately 15 years ago. Telephone service bogged down as friends hurried to call attention of others to the phenomenon.

FDR Puts Quick End To Senate Fight On Names

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The senate fight against six state department nominations neared collapse today when President Roosevelt made known he would only send back the same names if confirmation is blocked now.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), who has been leading the fight against the six appointees, said Mr. Roosevelt had informed him that he would renominate the six when the new congress meets in January if the senate was prevented by lengthy debate from voting on the group before Christmas adjournment.

Administration leaders, announcing that a vote probably would be reached during the afternoon, forecast the confirmation of the following:

Joseph C. Grew, named as undersecretary of state, and five assistant secretaries, Archibald MacLeish, Nelson Rockefeller, W. L. Clayton, James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes.

Pepper said he was authorized by the president in a telephone conversation to announce to the senate that Mr. Roosevelt had said that any of the nominees who did not carry out the president's policies while in office would be removed immediately.

It had been the contention of Pepper and others that the nominees were "out of character" with administration policies.

The Florida senator told newsmen that while there obviously was nothing to be gained by continuing to fight the appointments, he and others reserved the right to vote against any of the nominees they choose.

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Farm Labor Meeting Wednesday At Settles
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WLB VACATES ORDER
DALLAS, Dec. 19 (AP)—The National War Labor Board has vacated an order of the Eighth Regional WLB which directed that members of the United Laboratory Workers Union, independent, be used on research or experimental work in the fluid catalytic cracking pilot unit of the Texas Company, Fort Arthur, Tex., the regional board said today.

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After the postoffice Monday had its biggest day of the Christmas season and set a new record for letter cancellations with 45,649, Postmaster Nat Shick predicted Tuesday that receipts, already at a peak, would approach \$140,000 for the year.

The peak cancellations Monday compared with 22,788 for the same date a year ago. Cancellations for the first 18 days of the month amount to 330,031 against 309,480 for the same period last year, a gain of more than 20,000 or 6.6 per cent.

Despite the influx of mail and the record out-going volume, all packages and letters were delivered or dispatched by nightfall, Shick reported. Two army trucks helped distribute the avalanche of parcels. Tuesday the regular force was able to stay abreast of the still brisk movement of mail and barring possible bottlenecks at terminal points, Shick did not anticipate a repetition of the Monday outpouring.

As of Dec. 15, receipts showed more than \$1,200 gain for the month and the postmaster estimated that this advantage would at least be doubled by the end of the month. Last December a record of \$16,388 was set in receipts. This year the postmaster anticipated it would be near \$19,000, which would boost the \$120,000 total for 1943 near the \$140,000 mark.

Lines were long at the parcel windows Tuesday morning, but by noon clerks had reduced the number waiting to only a few. Another brisk run was anticipated during the afternoon.

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Social Calendar Of Events For Week

TUESDAY
PHILATHEA CLASS OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH will have its annual Christmas banquet at 7 p. m. at the church.
PARISH COUNCIL AND ALTAR SOCIETY will meet at 7:45 at the church.
EAST 4TH BAPTIST W.M.S. will meet at 3:30 at the church.
REBEKAH LODGE will meet at the IOOF hall at 7:30.
HIGH HEEL SLIPPER CLUB will meet in the home of Pat Corcoran at 7:30.
WEDNESDAY
CHURCH OF CHRIST LADIES BIBLE STUDY will meet at 2 p. m. at the church.
CADET WIVES CLUB will meet at the Cadet Club at 3 p. m.
V.F.W. AUXILIARY will have a Christmas party at the V.F.W. home at 8 p. m.
FIREMEN LADIES will meet at the WOW hall at 3 p. m.
THURSDAY
G.I.A. will meet at the WOW hall at 3 p. m.

Christmas Program And Covered-Dish Luncheon Held For Baptist W. M. U.

A program for the season of prayer and the taking of the Lottie Moon offering was held when the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Union met Monday morning at 10 at the church.
Mrs. J. A. Coffey led the first program and brought an appeal for prayer for the Baptist workers in Hawaii. Mrs. E. Reagan led the prayer. Mrs. R. W. Crain brought an appeal for prayer for the Baptist mission workers in Japan followed by a prayer led by Mrs. R. C. Hatch. Mrs. Coffey closed her part of the program with an appeal for prayer for the workers in China. Mrs. W. J. Alexander led that prayer.

Activities at the USO

WEDNESDAY
8:15 - Hospital visiting hour at the post; Lillian Jordan, chairman.
9:00 - Christmas bingo.
all GSO and Servicemen.
8:30 Caroling at State Hospital
THURSDAY
8:30 - Formal dance: post orchestra.
FRIDAY
8:00 - Section K buffet supper and dance at the post.
SATURDAY
8:30 - Recording hour.
7:00 - 9:00 - Cakes donated by Home Demonstration club.
Every G. S. O. girl is reminded to:
1. Spend one hour at the U. S. O. on Christmas day.
2. Bring a gift for the Christmas tree by Saturday.
3. Have their mothers make a batch of candy.

All G. S. O. girls and senior hostesses are invited to take part in the activities this week.
If there are any church organization or individuals who would like to go Christmas caroling on Wednesday of this week, be at the U. S. O. at 8 p. m. Cars are needed for transportation.

Homemakers Class Christmas Party

Mrs. A. S. Woods entertained the members of the Homemakers Class of the East 4th Baptist Church with a Christmas party in her home Monday evening.
The group gathered around the Christmas tree to exchange gifts and presented Mrs. Woods with a woolen blanket while Mrs. Clara Belle Rayermann softly played Christmas carols at the piano. Refreshments were served from a table laid with a handmade lace cloth centered with red candles, miniature Christmas trees banked with mistletoe on a reflector.

Those attending were Mrs. James Roy Clark, Mrs. W. W. Bennett, Mrs. S. D. Thompson, Mrs. J. O. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Denton, Mrs. T. F. Hill, Mrs. Bob Wren, Mrs. C. R. Bird, Mrs. D. P. Thompson, Mrs. W. O. Leonard, Mrs. A. F. Gilliland, Mrs. Estella Yates, Mrs. C. M. Harrell, Mrs. Cecil Floyd, Mrs. Eula Clifton, Mrs. Clara Rayermann, and the hostess.

TOWNSEND RESIGNS
AUSTIN, Dec. 18 (AP)—Chairman W. J. Townsend of the state liquor board today tendered his resignation, effective Dec. 31, to Gov. Coke R. Stevenson. Townsend, of Lufkin, will become county attorney of Angelina county next Jan. 1.

COLD USE 666 Cold Preparations as directed

MARVENE takes the place of soap Does a Better Job 7 Times Sudsier Than Soap

Circle 3 Honored With Christmas Dinner Monday

Mrs. Rowe Presented Life Membership; Gifts Exchanged

Members of Circle number 3 of the First Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. W. A. Underwood for a turkey dinner Monday at noon.
The Christmas motif was carried out in the decorations of the table and the centerpiece was a miniature Christmas tree.
After dinner the guests retired to the living room where gifts were distributed from a lighted Christmas tree. The chairman, Mrs. W. A. Underwood, was presented with a gift from the circle and Mrs. H. M. Rowe received a life membership certificate.
At the business meeting it was announced that all pledges had been paid in full. A review of the year's work was given by Mrs. Underwood. Following the dinner and party the group went to the Methodist church for a union meeting with the other circles.
Those present were Mrs. J. L. Terry, Mrs. J. R. Manlon, Mrs. M. Rowe, Mrs. C. A. Schull, Mrs. J. B. Sloan, Mrs. A. J. Cain, Mrs. F. B. Wilson, Mrs. T. G. Adams, Mrs. S. T. Eason, the hostess, Mrs. Underwood, and a guest, Mrs. Olga Carnegie of Detroit, Mich.

Scouts Honor Veva Apple On 12th Birthday

Girl Scout troop number five honored member Veva Gene Apple with a party on her 12th birthday anniversary Sunday afternoon in the home of their leader, Mrs. J. C. Douglass, Jr.
Games were played and gifts were presented to the honoree. Refreshments were served from a lace laid table centered with a decorative birthday cake surrounded by holly and spruce. Red tapers burned from either end of the refreshment table.
Those present were Betty Hamrick, Lavelle Davis, Marilyn Carpenter, Billie Jean O'Neal, Jean Robinson, Dixie Dixon, Bobbie Jean White, Sue Nell Nall, and guests, Barbara June Greer and Beckie Rogers.

Girls Discover They Have No Husbands

ALLIANCE, Nebr., Dec. 19 (AP)—Four Alliance girls who thought they married Air Force paratroopers here last August have discovered the nuptials were false, "performed" by a soldier impersonating an army chaplain, County Judge Penrose E. Romig said today.
The "ceremonies" were conducted in an Alliance Army Air Base barracks which the girls were persuaded was an army chapel, and the paratroopers have since gone overseas, they told Judge Romig.
The judge asserted the girls discovered no marriage certificates had been recorded in Box Butte county court here after applying for government allotment checks. None of the girls has heard from the men since they left for overseas, the judge said they informed him. Officers at the Air Base, which has been transferred since from the Troop Carrier Command to the Second Air Force, asserted they had no knowledge of the case.

Electors Cast Votes For FDR In Balloting

AUSTIN, Dec. 19 (AP)—There was no element of suspense or surprise in the votes cast here yesterday by Texas 23 democratic electors. All named Roosevelt for president and Truman for vice-president.
Filled with praise for those who labored in the political vineyard with them, they were equally critical of those who had worked against them.
Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, who campaigned for the anti-Roosevelt Texas Regulars, was the subject of one critical act.
Jim Strong of Carthage proposed that O'Daniel be excluded from a dinner planned in Washington January 19 by the National Democratic committee for Democratic Electors, officials and congressmen.
Strong's motion was adopted unanimously.
Homer L. Pitts of Odessa, temporary chairman, presided over the electoral meeting. Other temporary officers were: Vice-chairman, Mrs. Clara Driscoll of Corpus Christi; Secretary, Mrs. Dallas Scarborough of Abilene; Assistant Secretary, Edwin Hawes Jr. of Wharton; Parliamentarian, Geo. W. Eddy of Dallas.
All electors were present but T. S. Jones of Canadian and G. C. Harris of Greenville, both reported ill. Substitutes were L. R. Granberry of Celeste for Harris and Elmer L. Lincoln of Texas-kana for Jones.
EXECUTION TOMORROW
HUNTSVILLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—The execution of J. B. Stephens, convicted of murder in Ellis county in the slaying of Deputy Sheriff Jess White, was scheduled at the state penitentiary early tomorrow.

Christmas Seal Sales Net Large Sum Locally

Sales of Christmas seals has netted approximately \$2,500, considerably more than was on hand for the same time last year but still around \$1,000 short of the goal, Mrs. J. C. Douglas, treasurer, reported Tuesday.
Of the amount raised thus far, \$300 was contributed by school children and \$468 was raised by the wives of bombardier school officers. In addition, two local hospitals have credited the account of the Howard County Tuberculosis association with \$100 each, same to be applied on the association's x-ray checks in positive reactors to tuberculin tests.
Mrs. Douglass was confident that additional response over the holidays and after the first of the year would result in the attainment of the goal.
The ambitious program of co-operating with the city-county health unit in testing Howard county school children, plus a similar program for this year has resulted in increased budget demands for the association, Mrs. Douglass pointed out.
Besides furnishing thousands of patch tests, the association also has financed further checks by working cooperatively with hospitals in taking of x-rays and other diagnostic procedure as well as extending dietary aid to affected or particularly susceptible families.

'Sons Of Republic' Present Lone Star Flag To Navy Head

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. Pacific Fleet, Dec. 19 (AP)—Members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, have presented to Admiral C. W. Nimitz, USN, commander in chief, U. S. Pacific fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, a large Lone Star flag, symbol of the republic before it entered the union nearly a century ago.
The presentation was made at Pacific Fleet headquarters by Vice Admiral C. H. McMorris, USN, chief of staff, on behalf of Mr. Harry Pennington, president of the sons of the Republic of Texas.
Admiral Nimitz is a member of the sons of the Republic of Texas. He is a native of Fredericksburg, Tex. and his boyhood was spent in nearby Kerrville, Tex., where he still maintains his residence.

Reverend Bonham Addresses Baptists

Christmas should be a season for making the human heart determined on more goodness, and the Christian life alive with love and positive living, the Rev. Ivy Bonham, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, told the First Baptist Brotherhood Monday evening.
These things would be wholly in keeping with the spirit of the season, he said, for they are emulations of Christ. He stressed the need for more love as the only hope for ultimately founding an enduring peace.
Roy Reeder was named as master of ceremonies for the January meeting of the Brotherhood. Miss Roberta Gay was accompanist for the meeting, held in the church basement. Mrs. R. V. Hart and Mrs. E. E. Bryant, in charge of foods, served a Christmas dinner to two score men.

HENRY NAMED DIRECTOR
ARKADELPHIA, Ark., Dec. 19 (AP)—Rev. O. G. Henry, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, has been appointed director of Presbyterian religious education and publications for the southwest area. He will move to Dallas Feb. 1. The southwest area includes Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.



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Intermediates Have Party

A Christmas tree was held and gifts exchanged when members of the Intermediate department of the First Methodist Church met in the church basement for a Christmas party Monday night.
The group played games and sang Christmas carols. Refreshments carrying out the holiday motif were served.
Those present were Dorothy Purser, Virginia and Nlah Jo Hill, Rosa Mae and Dorothy Taylor, Doris Guess, Joyce Howard, Bonnie Dempsey, Reba and Donnie Roberts, Clarice Terry, Jean Ellen Chowns, Rosa Neil Parks, Early Wright, Jim Barkley, Clyde Smith Jr., Billie Jean McElhannon, Murph Thorp, Jr., Jimmie Jones, Billy Coleman, Richard Laswell, Paul Shaffer, Sam Thurman, Don Woods, Dale Pritchett, H. V. Crocker, Eugene Moore, Mary Johnson, Helen Rutledge, Carolyn Claiborne, Joe Dorsey, Jean Harrington, Mrs. W. A. Laswell, Mrs. Clyde H. Smith, Mrs. G. W. Chowns, Mrs. W. L. Myers, the sponsors, Sgt. and Mrs. Skeeter Salisbury, and Jack Haines.

ARTILLERY SHELLS NEEDED
DALLAS, Dec. 19 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Marks, War Production Board representative for a three-state region including Texas, yesterday said 60 and 81-mm mortar and 105-mm artillery ammunition production "was urgent" and must be increased 65 per cent to meet war demands.

Sub-Debs Solemn Rites

The Sub-Deb Club met in the home of Janet Bobb, December 18 to hold their annual solemn ceremony.
As Billie Jean Anderson, president, read the pledge each girl was welcomed to be a member of the club. The thirteen new members are: Melba Anderson, Pat Curry, Cecelia Long, Betty Sue Sweeney, Bobbie June Bobb, Anna Clair Waters, Luan Wars, Nancy Thompson, Cody Selkirk, Wilma Jo Taylor, Betty Lou McGinnis, Mary Nell Cook, and Helion Blount.
Following solemn ceremony the girls exchanged Christmas gifts. Mrs. Mon Battle, sponsor, poured tea from a silver service surrounded by holly and pine burrs. A salad course was served and the group sang club songs.
Old members present were Billie Jean Anderson, Pattie McDonald, Janet Robb, Mary Lou Watt, Celia Westerman, Wynelle Wilkinson, and the sponsor, Mrs. Battle.

CHURCHILL UNDECIDED
LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—A spokesman at 10 Downing street said today that "nothing has been decided" as to whether Prime Minister Churchill will make a broadcast review of the war and political situation within the next few days.

Gypsy Cooper Honors High Heel Club With A Christmas Party

Members of the High Heel Slipper Club gathered in the home of Gypsy Cooper Monday night for a Christmas party and the exchanging of Christmas presents.
The house was decorated with the Yuletide theme and the mantle was lighted by white candles in silver holders on either end surrounded by evergreens with a white miniature madonna in the center surrounded by holly and red ribbon sprayer with silver. The centerpiece of the table was a miniature reindeer on a reflector surrounded by cedar with a miniature house on a snow covered hill. The buffet table held a triple candle holder with red burning candles surrounded by mistletoe and pine burrs in evergreen.
Favors of pink and white satin bags of Mals Oul sachet tied with green ribbon, the club colors. Muriel Floyd, president, presented the clubs gifts to the sponsor, Champe Phillips. After the exchanging of gifts which had been placed beneath the Christmas tree, the group was served a relish plate and a fruit juice cocktail from a crystal punch bowl.
The members went to the Settles Hotel for dinner following the party.
Those attending were Muriel Floyd, Evelyn and Bobbie Green, Wilda Watts, Pat Cochran, Virginia Neel, Doris Morehead, Kathleen Little, Ann Blankenship, Jean Murphey, Evelyn Arnold, Millie Balch, Champe Phillips, and the hostess, Gypsy Cooper.

BANKER DIES
FORT WORTH, Dec. 18 (AP)—John H. Eriksen, 54, vice president, cashier and a director of the Continental National bank here, died Sunday night at Tucson, Ariz., where he and his wife were visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mary Adele Oleri.

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Opposition To Treaty

Opposition mounts to ratification of the Anglo-American oil agreement. Oil interests and those interested in the oil industry have viewed it as a proposition with dangerous possibilities, both internationally and domestically.

Aside from any international political complications, the treaty has been viewed with considerable alarm as another cartel. This point is well taken, for we view cartels with suspicion. In the final analysis, they generally amount to an international trade monopoly—and monopolies generally work to the harm of consumers.

There are embodied in the proposed treaty certain references to production of crude oil, if interpreted with all the latitude of the language in the treaty, could result in disastrous results to the domestic oil industry. Texas, being the foremost oil producing state, naturally is vitally concerned.

In this connection, the commission to administer the terms of the treaty could have exercised more or less arbitrary powers. Oil men have countered with several worthy proposals which would eliminate many of the objectionable features. Among them would be stipulations that the treaty apply only to oil in the international petroleum trade; another would delete reference to production of crude oil; the powers of the commission be made advisory only; and that it not be construed to apply to any operation of the domestic petroleum industry. In addition, each country may take such action as it may desire to limit the amount of petroleum which may be imported.

Researchmen Good Soldiers

"How much 100-octane gasoline is there in crude oil and how is it extracted?"

This is a question raised by the director of research for a leading oil company. His answer is a little startling. There is no 100-octane gasoline in crude. He goes on to say that "the basic ingredients of this vital war material (aviation gas) are made by chemical synthesis methods using certain petroleum fractions as raw materials."

"Prior to the start of the war effort the total United States production of 100-octane gasoline was about 25,000 barrels per calendar day. Currently it is produced at least 20 times that rate."

He need not add that it did not even for research men, we would have had to get along with an aviation fuel only about three-fourths as efficient, and that could easily have made a lot of difference in our war effort.

This is but one of the many accomplishments of research men and if we overlook them, we pass up some of the outstanding heroes of the war. While they have fought nobly with their ingenuity

The War Today

by Dewitt Mackenzie Associated Press War Analyst

The great German drive out of the Rhineland bears the earmarks of being a colossal gamble in an effort to disrupt Allied plans for an offensive and so achieve an indefinite delay out of which Berlin hopes might grow a compromise peace.

Speculation at this juncture regarding the immediate future of the attack should be cautious, since the security news blackout imposed by the Allied high command leaves us without sufficient facts upon which to base a studied judgment. Taking a longer range view, however, we can say that Allied superiority in manpower and material insures our victory. Therefore, while it would be folly to regard the situation lightly, there certainly is no occasion for developing "nerves."

We have plenty of precedent to show how far a battle-front can bend without suffering disaster. For example, your columnist was right in the path of the final German tornado of 1918 in the valley of the Somme on the British front. This was the time, you will recall, when Field Marshal Haig issued his famous "backs to the wall" order of the day to his armies. That was the Kaiser's final fling, and it all but crashed through—but the Allied line held.

I'm not suggesting the present situation is as bad as was that in the spring of 1918, but there are similarities. The beautiful thought about the Somme show is that it was there the Kaiser broke his back. The same thing could easily happen to the Germans in the present battle.

The German high command may have decided to make this offensive the decisive battle in the west, instead of waiting for it to be staged on the open plain of Cologne just west of the Rhine. It's a great and dangerous gamble, but it's difficult to criticize the decision as an act of desperation.

Under the strain of war, they also are among the foremost soldiers of peace for their discoveries constantly are baring the secrets of nature and making them useful to man. Moreover, they are constantly finding ways to maximum use of their resources, thus making them conservationists of our resources.

"Good Old Lines" Are Now Unsafe

By ROBBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD — They're re-making "The Virginian" but it won't be the same unless they keep that classic, hoary line: "When you say that, smile!"

Paramount was sure today's audiences would roll in the aisles if the line, which was a dramatic high spot of the play and earlier film versions, were retained. Then, the studio wasn't so sure: as a precaution, they decided to shoot the scene two ways and let preview audiences decide.

But today's audiences — let's face it — we're tough on yesterday's drama. Lines that electrified Mom and Pop, lines that in their time left even daring old Broadway gasping with pleasurable shock, are today's melodramatic chestnuts, wonderful for burlesquing but extremely risky if played straight.

Columbia is taking no chances either, with its "A Thousand and One Nights." It's being filmed for children and grown-ups, but when Adele Jurgens announces that she's the genie-of-the-lamp Phil Silvers is there to inquire if she's "Genie with the light brown hair."

It wasn't so long ago, 20-odd years, that Katharine Cornell was knocking Broadway over in a play so shocking that movies could five it years later, only after careful laundering: "The Green Hat." The noble long-suffering heroine explained her bridegroom's suicide euphemistically. Boy Fenwick, she said, "died for purity." Today, with a national campaign waged against venereal diseases, audiences might reasonably wonder why Boy Fenwick hadn't read up on his problem in, say, the women's magazines.

Was it "Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model," who declaimed with gestures that "rags are royal raiment when worn for virtue's sake?" The sentiment is true even today — only today's audiences know that Nellie can mix virtue with War Bonds and maybe a fur coat besides by getting a war plant job.

"Your blows are as nothing to the bruises on my heart!" cried the heroine of some forgotten old play after her ever-loving man had beaten her.

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Life's Darkest Moment



Hal Boyle: Enterprising Yanks Do Not Complain Of Cold And Mud; They Make It Do

By FRANKLIN BANKER (Substituting For Hal Boyle)

A U. S. FIGHTER-BOMBER BASE IN BELGIUM, Dec. 14 — (Delayed) — Gritting their teeth against the rain and icy winds of Belgium and France, men of the Ninth Air Force are getting set for winter by building little communities of shacks out of whatever material they can lay their hands on — usually captured from the Germans.

Boys at the Lightning base commanded by Col. Clinton C. Wassen, Dover, Ohio, getting wind of a big German lumber depot near Metz, sent seven trucks. Cheers went up when the convoy returned from the 250-mile round trip with enough prefabricated building parts to construct a mess hall, hospital headquarters and other huts.

Staff Sgt. William O. Orr, architectural draftsman from Mount Sinai, N. Y., directed construction with the aid of captured blue prints.

"We found that Belgian impressed labor had taken pains to fix the Germans up by designing beams that didn't fit, putting

notches in the wrong place and leaving out certain panels." Orr said.

Most living quarters are pyramidal tents and the Yanks have been busy boarding up the sides and laying wooden floors. One of the snappiest tents in all Belgium, a "double-decker" affair, was built by three lieutenants.

Instead of the usual four foot walls this enterprising trio built a wall six feet high with a canvas tent over the top. On the first floor there is a small bar, desk, chairs, lounge and even a sink with faucets attached to a tank outside. A ladder leads up to "second floor" sleeping quarters.

"Some of the boys make any sincere complaints about the mud and cold. They just look around and try to improve their lot. For example members of an anti-aircraft battery found themselves a little trailer about the size of a Toonerville Trolley which used to belong to a couple of German officers. This they converted into a warm and dry "mess hall."

It is "owned" by Sgt. David Cahill, box 59, Port Arthur, Tex., and several others.

Today On The Home Front—Japanese Evacuees And Their Problem

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — It is not finished: The problem of handling the evacuated west coast Japanese and Japanese-Americans.

Within the next year they will go back to the coast or find new places to live. For many it will mean starting life over again: New homes, new land, new communities which will accept them, or make them feel unwanted, or try to force them to leave.

The supreme court has ruled that the mass-evacuation was not unjustified. Some of those Japanese and Japanese-Americans were disloyal.

But the court has also ruled that after those people had been evacuated the government had no right to detain anyone found to be loyal.

But 110,000 were evacuated and held then in relocation camps. The majority still are there.

So the army has ruled that, after Jan. 2, those evacuees considered loyal may return to the west coast.

In March, 1942, the government forced the 110,000 to leave California, the western half of Oregon and Washington, and the southern third of Arizona.

This was after the west coast had been declared a war theater, after wide fears of espionage and sabotage, and after west coasters had demanded removal of the Japanese.

The evacuees were placed in relocation centers under control of the War Relocation Authority (WRA).

What that meant may be understood from this: Until 1924 Japanese could enter this country. They could not become citizens. After 1924 no more Japanese could enter. Thus those who were here remained aliens.

The citizenship which was denied this first generation of Japanese (Issei) was granted their children (Nisei) and their children's children (Sansei). They did agricultural work mostly. Some owned west coast homes and land. Some leased property.

Upon evacuation they had to sell their lands and homes—probably at a real loss in many cases — or

lease them. Some of those who have left the camps will surely turn longing eyes toward the coast because, for many of them, it is the only home they ever knew.

Some disheartened by what has happened to them already and remembering the attitude toward them on the coast, probably will want to settle anywhere but there.

But wherever they go American communities will face the problem of accepting these people who have been found loyal—for only such will be released—or treating them as suspects or outcasts.

RRC Considers Plan For Oil Production

AUSTIN, Dec. 19 (AP) — The Texas railroad commission today considers a statewide oil production pattern for January and then turns to discussion of an extended natural gas conservation program.

The statewide proration hearing precedes a scheduled informal discussion on gas conservation in which all interested parties are invited to participate.

The general discussion will be followed eventually by hearings on individual gas and oil fields with a view to adapting for each pool specific means for improving gas conservation, the commission announced.

The commission began yesterday—and recessed until Wednesday—a special hearing involving gas conservation in the Stratton and Agua Dulce fields of Nueces, Jim Wells and Kleberg counties.

Specifically, the hearing was on application of the Chicago Corporation and the Gulf Plains Corporation which had been ordered by the commission to sever pipeline connections for alleged failure to comply with pressure maintenance regulations.

The severance order, however, will continue on that basis, announced Chairman Beauford H. Jester, until the regulatory body writes a new gas conservation order for Stratton and Agua Dulce.

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Changed Attitude Needed By Texans Toward Hospitals For Mental Cases

A sane approach to insanity is one of the ways which Texans as individuals may assist in what promises to be an increasingly grave problem of dealing with mentally ill wards of the state. This is one of the conclusions of the state board of control in a pamphlet which is to be broadcast over the state by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene.

Mental illness is a community problem before it becomes a state problem, the board points out. Yet there is in Texas an attitude expressed in calling mental hospitals "insane asylums"; the population of state institutions "inmates"; and a certain social ostracism visited upon the persons and families of those afflicted with a mental illness.

"Mental illness is no respecter of 'first families'; it may strike just as pneumonia or any other bodily disease," the board warns. And a changed public attitude is needed toward institutions for juveniles. "These institutions are places where psychologists, social workers and teachers attempt rehabilitation of wayward youth by kind and just leadership; they are not just 'junior penitentiaries.' They seek to instill training in high ideals of character, citizenship and honesty," the pamphlet observes.

While the present administration of the board of control, which supervises state institutions, has made forward strides in handling these institutions, the fact remains that in the things used as standards, Texas lags far behind the national standards.

One basis of comparison is patient load per nurse and attendant. In Texas the average is 13 patients; nationally, 9.3 patients. Another is the percentage of graduate nurses on the staffs of the state hospitals. The Texas average is only 3.7 per cent, as compared with the national average of 10.1 per cent. The American Psychiatric association sets up as a minimum requirement, one physician for each 150 patients. In Texas, each physician must handle 310 patients.

What needs to be done—in addi-

tion to a change in the public attitude toward mental illness and delinquency—in the opinion of the board includes these things:

A pay scale for eleemosynary employees adequate to attract and hold people who wish to make a profession of institutional work. And an increase in personnel — doctors, psychiatrists, trained nurses, attendants and others.

In the field of facilities, the system's needs include facilities for the care, recreation and education of mentally ill, deaf and blind, delinquent, tubercular, and old people. Particularly recommended are: a home for neglected old people; and a training school for delinquent negro girls.

In the more abstract areas, the board sees the need for continued education and training for the 3,800 employees of the system; a program of self-sufficiency for each individual institution in furnishing such things as food and clothing and other supplies; an elevation of standards so that, in the post war period, the state hospitals may be used for training doctors and nurses; specialized education for teachers for the institutions; a

textbook in the public schools dealing with mental hygiene and related subjects.

There is also a vast field for what is called outpatient service. None of the state institutions has attempted to maintain clinics for advice to patients and relatives of patients at other points than where the institution is located; yet it is recognized that the earlier mental illness is discovered the more easily it may be cured.

And the board believes its institutional staffs should have the time, and the training, to inform people in general about their work in order to forward community work in mental hygiene.

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IN UNIFORM

Pfc. Edgar J. Bailey whose wife, Emma Bailey, lives at 1110 E. 5th street, has been promoted to corporal, according to advices from the Fifth army in Italy. He is a gunner with the 91st "Powder River" division.

Pvt. Donald J. Mason, USMC, whose wife and son, Jimmie, reside at 1606 Young, has been graduated from the infantry and Browning automatic rifle section of school at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif. Before enlisting he was employed here by the Coca Cola Bottling Co. His mother, Mrs. Ellie Mason, resides at 406 Temperance.

Among the soldiers fighting with the 363rd infantry regiment in the current Florence-Golgosa offensive in Italy is S/Sgt. William E. Pate, Big Spring, who is a squad leader. Cpl. T. J. Freiger, Cuthbert, Mitchell county, also is in the same infantry.

William Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McLure, Fort Worth, has been promoted to the grade of technical sergeant with the 15th AAF in Italy. He is an aerial engineer and gunner in southern Italy. A graduate of Big Spring high school, he entered the army in May 1922.

Pfc. J. C. Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gross, 1209 W. 4th, has reported at a Third AAF base at Gulfport, Miss., for training as a tail gunner. He entered service at Ft. Sill, Okla., in Sept. 1942.

T/Sgt. Lonnie Driver, who returned to the states December 12 after 31 months in the Aleutians Islands and Alaska, is here visiting his cousin and family, Mrs. R. V. Forestry. He is also visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Driver, of Gorman. Sgt. Driver will report to Miami, Fla. after a 21-day leave.

Pvt. Patsy Stalcup of the WACS is home in Big Spring for a 21-day sick leave. She was previously stationed at Lima, Ohio, United States Recruiting Station. When her leave is over, Patsy will be stationed at the Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Radio Program

Tuesday, Evening

8:00 Terry & The Pirates.
8:15 News.
8:30 Tom Mix.
8:45 Music For Swing.
9:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
9:15 Dance Orchestra.
9:30 Christmas Gold.
9:50 Dance Time.
10:00 Confidentially Yours.
10:15 Treasury Salute.
10:30 Concert Music.
10:45 Gabriel Heatter.
10:55 Farm News.
11:00 American Forum of the Air.
11:15 Andy Russell Show.
11:30 Dance Orchestra.
11:45 News.
12:00 Henry J. Taylor.
12:15 Sign Off.

Wednesday Morning

6:30 Musical Clock.
7:00 Martin Agronsky.
7:15 Bandwagon.
7:30 Gladia News.
7:45 Bob Wills.
8:00 News.
8:05 Breakfast Club.
9:00 My True Story.
9:25 Aunt Jimmie.
9:30 Cliff Edwards.
9:45 Songs By Bing Crosby.
10:00 Breakfast At Sardi's.
10:30 News.
10:45 Serenade In Swingtime.
10:55 Lanny & Ginger.
11:00 Glamor Manor.
11:30 Amos R. Wood.
11:35 Musical Interlude.
11:45 Between The Lines.
Wednesday Afternoon

12:00 Ranch Music.
12:15 Christmas Carols.
12:30 News.
12:45 Homer Rodeheaver.
1:00 Cedric Foster.
1:15 International News Events.
1:30 Ladies, Be Seated.
2:00 Morton Downey.
2:15 Palmer House Concert Orchestra.
2:30 Listening Post.
2:45 Bandwagon.
3:00 Views of the News.
3:15 The Johnson Family.
3:30 Christmas Stories.
3:45 Turkey Capers.
4:45 Hop Harrigan.
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5:15 News.
5:30 Tom Mix.
5:45 Trail To Glory.
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7:00 Hasten The Day.
7:15 Sunny Skylar Serenade.
7:30 Human Adventure.
8:00 Gabriel Heatter.
8:15 Farm News.
8:30 The Cisco Kid.
9:00 Raymond Gram Swing.
9:15 The News Analyst.
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Rotary Club Gives Scouts Neckerchiefs

At the Boy Scout Troop No. One meeting Monday night, Sam Cooper of the Rotary club presented each scout present a neckerchief from the club.

Troop No. Two will have a Christmas party Wednesday night, and the mothers of Troop No. Five will give the boys in that troop a Christmas dinner on Thursday night, H. D. Norris, Big Spring scout executive announced Tuesday.

The boys of Troop No. 3 are now building a cook shack and outdoor oven at the camp site on the round-up grounds, Norris said.

The executive reported that five boys have signed up so far to attend the Buffalo Trail Council camp at Fort Davis beginning Dec. 28. These boys are B. B. Lees, Gilbert Sawtelle, Harold David Berry, Reed Collins, James Fannin and Gerald Barrow. Norris announced that arrangements had been completed for the boys attending the camp to look through the giant telescope at the MacDonald observatory, in Fort Davis.

British Withdraw Hess Statement

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP) — The British Press association today distributed and then withdrew a story, press association said the fereed a leg fracture recently when he jumped over a banister during "a brain storm." In canceling the story, press association said the war office reported there was no truth in the statement that Hess had broken his leg.

Hess' "nervous and mental condition has deteriorated in the last few months," said the withdrawn story.

Hess was Adolf Hitler's deputy until he flew to Britain on a mysterious mission in May, 1941.

The press association said its information came from unofficial sources. It reported Hess was often surly and sulky and refused to speak to his guards.

"He has become morbid-minded and these attacks are the culmination of his morbidity," the association declared.

Hess has been examined by nerve and mental specialists, the account added. For a time he was detained in a well-appointed apartment, it said, but he is "now in the country."

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Locker Plant Stages Christmas Celebration

Approximately 50 persons participated in the Christmas party for Big Spring Locker Plant employees and their families Monday evening at the plant at 109 Goliad.

A barbecue was served along with traditional stew, while wives of the employees brought covered dish luncheons. In charge of arrangements were Marvin Sewell and Jim Kinsey, operators of the concern, and guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greene and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Piner.

Names Of Women On Social Security Should Be Changed

Elliott W. Adams, representative of the social security board in San Angelo, warned Tuesday that women should have their names on their social security cards changed after they are married or a possibility may arise which will result in a loss of money.

Adams warned that if a person takes either a part time or full time job during the holidays he should be sure to give the social security account number to the employers.

The representative advised that the social security account card be kept in a safe place and added that only one card throughout the worker's life is necessary.

If the card becomes lost, Adams said, the owner should ask at the social security field office at the USES in Big Spring for a duplicate. Applications for securing either a duplicate or a new account number may be had at the USES offices at 105 1/2 E. 2nd street or at the postoffice. The applications should be mailed to the Social Security Board, 414 Rust Building, San Angelo.

Border Patrol Seeks Men With Army Life

Men with experience in the armed forces are especially desired for employment as border patrolmen with the immigration and naturalization service, E. A. Wright, civil service representative, announced Tuesday.

This type of work includes patrolling the Mexican border throughout West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Wright stated that all men between the ages of 21 and 45 who are of average height and have strong physical endurance may apply at the U. S. Employment Service, Thursday, Dec. 21 at 9 a. m.

Men who pass the physical and oral examination will be appointed immediately and sent to a 30-day training school where they will study Spanish, immigration and naturalization law, radio telegraph, use of firearms, self-defense and cooking. From there they will be assigned to a position and begin their regular duties as a border patrolman.

WOODS-USING INDUSTRIES

VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 18 (AP) — A vast postwar development of woods-using industries in the south is predicted by C. P. Kelly, acting president of the Forest Farmers Association, who says that in the years to come the woods plastics industry alone will produce "more different items of everyday need than anyone can now estimate."

Here And There

The Big Spring-Howard County Health Unit series of health dramas usually heard on Friday night has been postponed until Jan. 12, it was announced by the health unit.

Lillian Hurt, pianist and De Alva McAllister, soprano, will present a musical program Wednesday night for the chamber of commerce radio show. The program will be heard at 7:30 p. m. over radio station KBST.

Dr. J. M. Woodall returned Monday evening after completing some post-graduate work in pediatrics at Tulane university.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Derrick will be in Anson during the weekend for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Smith. Mrs. Cook is a sister to Mr. Smith.

Bobble Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Barron of 903 E. 13th, has volunteered his services in the Navy and will leave soon for Memphis, Tenn., where he will begin his training.

Cpl. and Mrs. Pete Kling and their daughter, Louise Ann, were in Big Spring Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Aubrey O. Nichols has received mail from her husband, Cpl. Aubrey Nichols, who is with the Medical Corps somewhere in England. Cpl. Nichols trained with the 64th Field Hospital Camp at Ellis, Ill. He writes that the people in England are very friendly but sad.

Coincident with the announcement by President W. M. Whyburn that Texas Tech is hopeful of securing an aeronautical engineering laboratory through loan of government equipment, the name of Weldon Christian, Big Spring, now in the U. S. navy, was listed as one of the five students who have graduated from the department of mechanical engineering with an aeronautical option.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 19 (AP) — The livestock market was generally steady on cattle and calves here today. Estimated receipts Tuesday compared with actual arrivals on the like day of last week were: cattle 3,700 and 4,206; calves 2,500 and 2,578; hogs 1,300 and 1,252; and sheep 4,000 and 7,604.

Medium to good slaughter steers and yearlings ranged from 11.00-13.75 with cutter and common kinds at 7.00-11.00. A few good beef cows brought 10.00-11.00; common to medium cows 7.90-9.50; and canners and cutters 4.00-7.00. Stockers scarce and nominally steady.

Good and choice 180-270 lb. butcher hogs brought the top of 14.55. Good and choice 150-175 lb. averages sold at 13.50-14.25. Heavy butchers cashed at mostly 13.80. Packing sows turned at 13.25-50. Stocker pigs brought 10.00-12.50.

Medium and good lambs sold at 11.00-12.50, top price being paid for lambs with No. 1 pelts. Good shorn yearlings brought 11.25. Cull to medium ewes cashed at 4.50-5.75. Light weight feeder lambs brought 10.25.

Anderson Promoted To Major General

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP) — Orvil A. Anderson, U. S. Eighth airforce deputy commander for operations, has been promoted to major general, and Walter E. Todd, deputy chief of staff for operations, has been made a brigadier general, it was announced today.

With Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the Eighth, the two men map the Eighth's battle strategy, making final decisions on targets to be attacked and dispatch thousands of fighters and heavy bombers every month on missions to Germany.

Todd, 37, was born in Gonzales, Tex. He left the University of Texas in 1924 to enter West Point.

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WHAT TO DO WHEN A FUSE "BLOWS"

Fuses are the safety valve of your electric wiring. When one "blows out," it is a sign that something is wrong. Find the lamp, appliance or cord that caused the fuse to blow, and disconnect it. If you can't locate the short-circuit (which is the cause of most blown fuses) you may need the services of an electrician to correct the trouble.

HOW TO REPLACE FUSES

You can save time and inconvenience by keeping a supply of fuses on hand so that you can replace a blown fuse quickly. Just follow these six suggestions of Reddy Kilowatt:

1. Know where the main and branch circuit fuse boxes are located in your home or store.
2. Disconnect the appliance, lamp or other electrical equipment that caused the fuse to blow.
3. Before removing or inserting a fuse, first open the main switch to cut off the electricity.
4. Look for the blown fuse. Usually the metal window is blackened where the thin metal strip has burned in two.
5. Replace the burned fuse with a new one of proper size (15 Amp. for branch circuits; 30 Amp. for the main circuit). Then close the switch.
6. Don't try substitutes for fuses. They afford you no protection and are dangerous.

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