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Navy Reveals Attack On Nauru Island

JOHN TURNER AND VIRGIL SEABERRY PRACTICE LAW TOGETHER FOR 25 YEARS

On January 1, 1944, John W. Turner and Virgil T. Seaberry, composing the law firm of Turner & Seaberry, will have completed a half century of practice together in Eastland. The firm was organized in December 1917 and began business on January 1, 1918, in improvised offices provided for them by Attorneys John D. McRae and Earl Conner, Sr., in the rear of that firm's office on the south side of the square in Eastland.

Miss Jessie Lee Ligon, just out of business college, entered the employ of the new firm on the first day they opened for business and has been with them continuously since.

The firm of Turner & Seaberry has been and is now one of the leading law firms of Texas, and enjoys a large and profitable practice throughout the State. Seaberry recalled in speaking of the firm's long practice, that their first client after opening for business in Eastland was Frank Crawford at that time owner of the Eastland Telephone exchange, and who now resides at Sulphur, Oklahoma, while their second client was Tom Harrell of Eastland and now of Kilgore. Both Crawford and Harrell are still clients of the firm and have been continuously for 25 years.

Graduating from the Texas State University, Turner and Seaberry entered the practice of their chosen profession. Turner with a firm at San Antonio, and Seaberry with a Fort Worth firm. World War No. 1 came along and the two young attorneys entered the services of their country and were stationed together at Camp Zachary Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky. Later they were both transferred to officers training school at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where they were commissioned Second Lieutenants in the artillery.

Being mustered out of the army at the close of the war Turner and Seaberry returned home. Both were tendered positions with the firms with which they were practicing when they entered the army, but the war had done something to them and they felt that they did not fit in the old job. Turner visited his father in Dallas and while there endeavoring to make up his mind what he wanted to do, he picked up a telephone directory to call a friend in Dallas and discovered he was looking in a Fort Worth directory instead of a Dallas directory. This reminded him of Seaberry and he called him and in the conversation that followed each stated that they were not going back to their old jobs, Seaberry suggesting that they form a partnership to practice law which was agreeable to Turner.

After a fruitless search for suitable offices in Fort Worth the pair decided to come to the West Texas oil fields and within a few days landed in Eastland where they have been since. Upon entering business in Eastland Turner and Seaberry, both being single, jointly purchased a home and employed a housekeeper, agreeing that the first of them to marry should have the home. Seaberry married Miss Cleo Slaughter of Dallas in 1922, while Turner remained single until 1927 when he married Miss Margaret Ragland of Paris. Seaberry got the home which he and his family still occupy.

Seaberry and Mrs. Seaberry have two children, Virgil T. Jr., who is with the United States Navy, and Nancy who is the wife of Lt. Cyrus B. Frost, Jr., Turner and Mrs. Turner have three children all students of Eastland High School.

"We thought of celebrating our quarter of a century of practice together by jointly entertaining our friends and clients, but gave up the idea because of our country's emergency," Seaberry said.

OCULAR NOTE SAYS MINISTER HAS RECOVERED

LONDON, Dec. 30, (UP)—In a characteristically cheerful note issued through No. 10 Downing Street early Wednesday, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced to the world that he has won another bout with pneumonia and that at no time during his illness had he been unable to attend to his official duties. Churchill said he now felt better than at any time since leaving England, although he would need a few weeks in sunshine to restore his strength, and joked censorship by saying, "I am now leaving the place where I have been staying for an unknown destination."

The Prime Minister stated specifically, "I have not at any time had to relinquish my part in the direction of affairs and there has not been the slightest delay in giving decisions which were required of me."

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HERO OF PHILIPPINES BATTLE DIES IN U. S. CRASH



WRECKAGE OF THE P-38 fighter plane down by Lieut. Col. William E. Dyess, 27, hero of the battles in the Philippines, littered the ground in Burbank, Cal., after it crashed, killing him. Dyess, holder of several medals for heroism, was credited with an additional act of heroism in keeping his plane from falling to the Japs after the battle of Bataan. (International Soundphoto)

LESSON FOR GERMANS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS



ONE LAST LESSON is presented to these German soldiers on the field of battle as they march to the rear toward Russian prisoner-of-war camps. Close beside the marching column of prisoners lies the body of a Nazi who died beside his shattered gun, somewhere south of Orel. (International)

J. T. Shirley Is New Manager Of The Men's Shop

J. T. Shirley, recently employed at the L. C. Burr store in Eastland, will be manager of the Men's Shop here beginning January 1, it has been announced by Saul Perlestein, owner of the store, Shirley succeeds Conard Reeves, for the past several years the Men's Shop manager, and who is entering the services of the United States military forces.

Shirley, who was employed for a number of years by the Lone Star Gas Company, has long experience in the men's clothing line. He has been with the Men's Shop for some months. He is married and has a family residing in Eastland.

Information Of Missing Girl Is Sought By Parents

Mary Louise Truly, 13, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Truly of near Eastland, is reported missing by her family who can give no reason for her disappearance. Her father lives somewhere in Arizona.

KOROSTEN, RAIL JUNCTION, IS TAKEN BY REDS

LONDON, Dec. 29, (UP)—Russian troops swept into the five way rail junction of Korosten on Wednesday, shattering German lines along an eighty-mile front guarding the approaches to pre-war Poland only fifty-eight miles away, inside the Dnieper Bend they opened a third winter offensive which carried them ten miles beyond the city of Zaporozhe.

Climaxing a seven-day drive that has hammered the Germans back as much as fifty five miles west of Kiev, Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army captured more than 250 towns and villages as they cut huge gaps in the German lines extending southward from Korosten.

The Soviets gained ten miles in twenty-four hours to move into the town of Leskov, six miles east of Zhitomir, and the capture of Belopole, twelve miles east of Berdichev, represented a six mile advance.

Boxing Bouts At The Corral For Friday Night

A number of boxing bouts sponsored by Company B, 15th Battalion Texas State Guard, will be held Friday night at 8:30 o'clock at the Corral, Ranger Community Center. These bouts are affiliated with the Golden Glove tournament of the winner of the Ranger bouts going to the district tournament at Abilene from which the winners will go to the State tournament at Fort Worth. From Fort Worth the winners will enter the National Tournament at Chicago.

There will be five bouts Friday night at the Corral, the main event being a "Grudge Bout" between entrants weighing 305 pounds and 310.

Orchard Pruning Demonstration To Be Held Jan. 4

County Agent Floyd Lynch has announced that on Tuesday afternoon, January 4th, 1944, at 2:30 o'clock an orchard pruning demonstration is to be given at Ray Agnew's place which is located 3 1/2 miles from Rising Star.

POPE AGAIN DECRIES THE RAID ON ROME

Pope Pius XII said today that the bombing of the Vatican by an unidentified plane Nov. 5 was intended to "remain concealed under a veil of mystery," and to arouse "the horror and indignation of the civilized world," the Vatican radio reported.

In his second reference to the raid within a week, the pontiff said the raid had been "deliberately planned and dishonorably and unsuccessfully screened behind the anonymity of the pilot."

The Pope's statement, recorded by U. S. government monitors, was made in an address to the armed corps of the pontifical state expressing gratitude for their speed in clearing damage caused by the raid.

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower declared the day after the raid that no Allied plane had flown within 40 miles of Rome Nov. 5.

Meeting Called To Discuss Rail R. Abandonment

A meeting of Eastland citizens as well as other interested persons from other towns and communities, has been called for Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 for the purpose of discussing the proposed abandonment by the owners and operators of the Eastland, Wichita Falls & Gulf Railroad.

The meeting will be at the Eastland Chamber of Commerce rooms. Owners and operators of the Eastland, Wichita Falls & Gulf line on December 10th filed application with the United States Commerce Commission in Washington for a permit to discontinue operation of the road and to abandonment permanently its operation.

RATION REMINDER

(December 29, 1943)
Gasoline—In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.
Sugar—Stamp No. 29 in book four is good for five pounds through January 15.
Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in book one is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "Airplane" sheet in book three is good for 1 pair.
Meats, Fats—Brown stamp L, M, N, P, and Q are good through January 1. Brown stamp R is good through January 30. Brown stamp S becomes good January 2 and remains good through January 29. Spare stamp 1 on the first page of war ration book four is good for 5 points for the purchase of pork through January 1.
Processed Foods—Green stamps D, E, and F, in book four are good through January 20.

Late Bulletins

WASHINGTON (UP)—Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the U. S. Fleet, predicted that Germany will be defeated in 1944, revealed today that plans already had been made to shift Allied might from Europe to the Pacific whenever victory over the Nazis "seems near at hand."

ROTARIANS TO MEET

The Eastland Rotary club did not meet Monday noon, their regular meeting day, but will meet Monday, January 3, 8 P. M. (North) Wilson is president of the club.

B. P. Davenport Dies Wednesday at Stamford Home

Judge B. P. Davenport, brother of Judge Geo. L. Davenport of the 91st district court, died early Wednesday morning at his home in Stamford following an illness of a year's duration. Judge Geo. L. Davenport, accompanied by his wife, left immediately upon receipt of the news of his brother's death, for Stamford.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Stamford followed by interment in a Stamford cemetery.

Judge B.P. Davenport one time lived in Ranger where he was engaged in the hardware business. While there he studied law and was granted license to practice. He moved from Ranger to Stamford in 1908 and opened a law office. Later he was joined by Judge Geo. L. Davenport and the two practiced law together in Stamford for a number of years. Geo. L. returned to Eastland county, while his brother continued the practice in Stamford.

A successful business man and lawyer, Judge Davenport was a life long member of the Methodist church. Among the immediate survivors are the widow, a son and daughter, Mrs. A. S. Hawes of Abilene, and B. P. Jr., of Stamford.

Lions Hear Talk On Old Mexico

Members of the Eastland Lion's club, attending their last meeting of the old year of 1943, Tuesday, heard a very interesting talk on our sister Republic of Old Mexico, given by City Manager K. B. Tanner. Mayor Victor Cornelius, in charge of the program for the day, presented the speaker.

Bruce Eberhart of Rising Star was present at Tuesday's meeting the guest of County Agent Floyd Lynch. Les Short, recently elected to membership in the club, attended for his first time. The program for next Tuesday's meeting will be in charge of Duffey Frazier.

Rachel Pentecost Carstens Completes Basic Training

Rachel Pentecost Carstens, seaman second class, of Eastland, has completed her basic training and indoctrination course at the Naval Training School (NRS), Bronx, New York, and has received orders to report for further instruction at U. S. Naval Training School (Yoemen), Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Seaman second class Carstens is a graduate of Eastland High school and attended North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington.

TWO LOCAL DEATHS

D. M. Cordor, 99, died Wednesday night at the home of Mrs. Nellie Fite, Chastain Addition Eastland. Funeral services followed by burial, was held at 4:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Eastland cemetery. The deceased had no living relatives.

DIES IN OKLAHOMA

Lloyd H. Richardson, formerly of Eastland, died in Oklahoma City, Wednesday, December 22. He was the son of Mrs. W. H. Richardson of Eastland and a brother of Mrs. G. W. Turner, Eastland Rt. 1.

HAS HEART ATTACK

C. C. Martin, of Oiden, employed by the Lone Star Gas Company at Plant No. 3, Ranger-Eastland Highway, suffered a heart attack Tuesday morning about 4:00 o'clock while at work. He was rushed to the Payne Hospital in Eastland where physicians say he is getting along well. He had previously suffered a similar attack about 4 years ago.

SECOND RAID WITHIN WEEK BOMBERS TAKE LIGHT DAMAGE

PEARL HARBOR, (UP)—Navy medium bombers, presumably twin motored Vega Venturas, raided the Japanese phosphate-producing island of Nauru, 400 miles west of the Gilberts, Tuesday destroying an ammunition dump and starting several large fires.

The raid was the second in less than a week. Several of the Navy planes were damaged slightly, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's command said.

Nimitz also announced that a lone Navy Liberator bomber on a search mission in the Marshalls Monday damaged a tanker.

Navy and Army planes have been jabbing at Nauru since last April in an effort to keep the Japanese air strength there at a minimum.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in New Guinea, Dec. 30—American Marines have overcome sharp Japanese resistance to continue their advance to within a mile of Cape Gloucester, New Britain, air dome, the high command announced Thursday.

The Leathernecks, aided by tanks, artillery and bombers, pushed forward a half mile in a day's fighting against enemy opposition which had stiffened considerably since the Cape Gloucester invasion last Sunday.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said that the beachheads established to the east and west of the cape, had been generally expanded with the aid of artillery and aerial pounding.

The Marines driving toward the air dome are operating on the east side of the cape, from the Borgen Bay area.

The Japanese launched strong attacks against the Marines' Borgen Bay flank, while at the same time strengthening their defenses on and near the air dome.

Cpl. Tranthum Of Eastland Is Killed In Action

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Tranthum of Eastland, formerly of Ranger, were notified December 24 that their son, Cpl. Jack Tranthum, had been killed in action in the South Pacific.

No details of the death were given and the parents were awaiting further word from the government. Cpl. Tranthum had been in the South Pacific for several months and was serving with an amphibious unit.

Cpl. Tranthum made his home in Ranger with his parents, while a small boy and later moved with them to Eastland where he was educated in the Eastland schools.

Texas Guardsmen On New Britain

WASHINGTON, (UP)—American casualties on the Island of New Britain thus far have been light despite severe Japanese opposition from the start. The War Department announced today. Simultaneously it disclosed that the first American units to land on the Southwest Pacific island consisted of Texas National Guard cavalry with field artillery from Idaho.

JURY COMMISSION

A jury commission appointed by Judge B. W. Patterson of the 88th district court and composed of W. F. Walker, Cisco; Noble Hagar, Gorman; and Port McGlary, Eastland, Wednesday drew two lists of jurors, 40 each, for petit jurors for service during the January term of the 88th court.

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By B. C. House

One of the subjects we used to argue about in school: "Was the boy in the wagon when he fell out?" Well, he was bound to have been in the wagon or he couldn't have fallen out of it.

On the other hand, he wasn't in the wagon when he fell out—he was out of it.

So serious is the loan shark evil that a nation-wide investigation is being launched by federal authorities and Texas was selected as the starting place, which shows that this State is worst of all.

The illegal toll—amount to many millions of dollars in our State and to hundreds of millions over the entire country—while sharks are collecting in the form of 240 per cent interest and more, is slowing down the war effort.

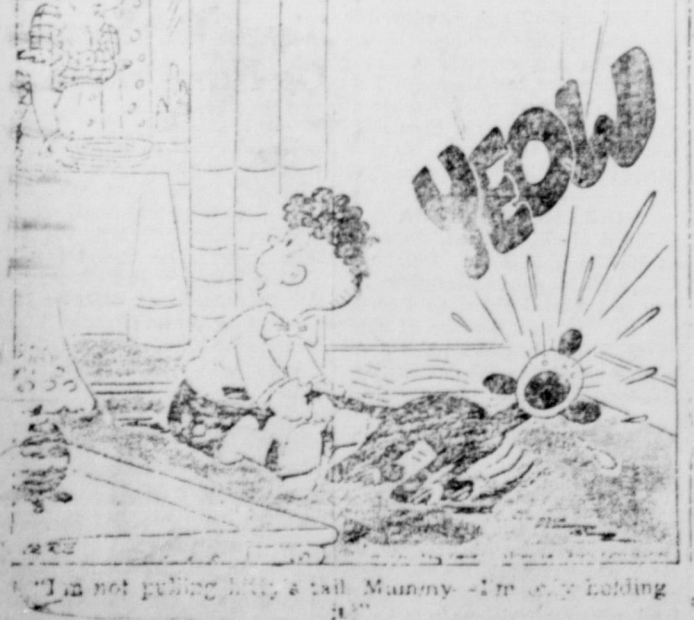
War workers are being paid white and so can't buy bonds, officials declare, and, in many cases, worry—caused by trying to keep up the heavy usury payments has reduced the efficiency of workers in turning out planes, guns and ships.

More power to authorities, federal, State and local, in their effort to end the sabotaging of the war effort that loan sharks are guilty of.

Readers enjoy pointing out typographical errors but when one

J. W. Cooper
Notary Public
Eastland, Texas.

Knights of Pythias meet every Tuesday night at Castle Hall, South Side of the Square
Tom Lovelace
K. R. S.



"I'm not pulling any tail, Manny—I'm only looking."

FIND READING PUBLIC WANTS BOOKS ON WAR

CHICAGO, (UP)—People do not read books simply for recreation now, according to the American Library Association; they demand more books that deal in war information.

Librarians find the reading public wants books describing the foreign countries where service men are stationed, books that deal with technical information and business and rationing regulations. Housewives seek books that give advice on adjusting their households to wartime living conditions.

The Victory Book Campaign, sponsored by the Library Association in co-operation with the USO and American Red Cross, has collected and will distribute more than 15,000,000 books to soldiers and sailors overseas.

When servicemen are demobilized after the war, and industrial workers return to normal peacetime living, the Library Association believes that adult education will assume growing importance. It cites the many educational opportunities now offered in the Army and Navy, which should be continued when the veterans return to civilian life.

Veterans of the 18-25 age group, who joined the armed services instead of going to college, will need books to readjust themselves to new or different civilian jobs.

American libraries recently have been opening in Latin-American countries of Mexico, Brazil, and Nicaragua. These libraries are financed largely by the United States government, and administered by the American Library Association.

At least \$150,000 worth of books have been distributed as gifts to the Latin-American libraries, and the special funds for the restocking of research libraries in devastated war areas.

FOOD PEAK IS PREDICTED FOR THE NEW YEAR

CHICAGO, (UP)—The national consumer industry, with \$17,000,000,000 in retail sales during 1943—today is shattering one record after another about as fast as our fighting men are shooting holes in the Axis military machine.

C. M. Chester, chairman, executive committee, General Foods Corp., said today.

"Any way you look at it, food is one of the really great success stories which history will write of America's all-out offensive against the aggressors," he stated.

"During 1943, there was produced and distributed a record volume of food, despite almost insurmountable difficulties and shortages of machines, materials, packaging, fertilizer, transport, and labor, including 8.8 per cent fewer food processing employees and 7 per cent fewer store employees than in 1942.

"Even with many familiar food items short or entirely missing, 125,000,000 American civilians were served a diet more abundant and nutritious than most people elsewhere knew. On top of this, the industry provisioned 10,000,000 in the armed services, and sent mountains of food abroad. In fact, a fourth of our agricultural food production was allocated to military, Lend-Lease, and other special needs, compared with the 14 per cent in 1942 and 6 per cent in 1941.

"Altogether, the industry today probably is feeding more than 151,000,000 persons here and abroad.

"Looking ahead, the industry during 1944 expects, war and weather permitting, to break its 1943 tonnage. Even with the fattest of pocketbooks, housewives will not be able to buy enough of all kinds of foods they are willing to buy, and there may be new shortages; but no one is going hungry.

Missing Gas Drum Contains Explosive

MISSING GAS DRUM 14 mesh ROCKFORD, Ill. (UP)—If any one finds a black gasoline drum which recently disappeared from a refrigeration servicing concern here, it should be handled with care—and not sniffed.

"That drum," warned William Welty, refrigeration service man, "carries 35 pounds of lethal gas which can snuff out a man's life in a twinkling."

The gas, added Welty, is highly inflammable and a powerful explosive and could cause heavy damage to a room as well as kill or seriously injure anyone near it.

ETTA KETT



By PAUL ROBINSON



OIL AND GAS SHOW FOUND IN HODGES WELL

Drilling crews on the North American Oil Consolidated's R. H. Hodges Number 1 well, being drilled on the R. H. Hodges farm in the east part of Ranger reported today a good show of oil and gas had been encountered in a sandy lime from 3396 to 3398.

The well will be tested as soon as the pipe has been set and cemented. The 6 5/8 inch pipe was being set today. According to the crew, indications are that the well will make a producer though no estimate could be made as to the number of barrels.

The gray lime which was encountered above the oil level was

topped at 3365 and a light show of oil was found in this formation. The well is located about 3-4 mile from the main part of Ranger, and 660 feet north and west lines of the Hodges farm. It is in the Francis Blundell survey.

GETS COP AFTER HIM
MADISON, Wis. (UP)—The lieutenant who is a Major and Major who is not a major is a paradox which has proved embarrassing to a Truax Field chaplain.

The chaplain's name is Major C. Waldrup. His rank is first lieutenant.

While visiting a soldier at the Madison police station recently, the chaplain signed the register "Major Waldrup."

A husky policeman eyed the lieutenant's silver bars on his shoulders and demanded an explanation.

Waldrup hurried into his usual explanatory speech.

Buy War Bonds

Lt.'s Wife Whacks Gong rhusba:d Wøn

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Back in 1931 the Japs gave Frank E. Walton, Jr., a gong for swimming victories in Tokyo. Sound of the gong, they said, would bring victories, and it looks like they were right.

For every time Walton's wife, Carol, beats the gong—which she does quite frequently—the "Black Sheep" squadron is kicking the Japs around in the South Pacific. Walton, now a first lieutenant, Air Forces, in the Pacific, won the gong by defeating Japan's best backstroke swimmers in a 100-meter race.

Lieutenant Walton's wife is now the keeper of the gong, and anyone who wants to can come up the front walk and give it a whack.

In between hammering the gong for her husband's squadron—and all the other squadrons—Mrs. Walton "hammers" on Flying Fortresses at a Lockheed aircraft plant.

WACS ALL FOR CIVILIAN LIFE AFTER THE WAR

FORT OGYETHORPE, Ga. — (UP)—Will mustered-out female soldiers be de-feminized after the war?

The answer from the third Wac Training Center at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., is a loud "no."

Headquarters of the Wac camp have announced the result of a recent survey among 100 Wacs chosen at random.

In answer to the question: "What will be the effect of military living on women in the service? Will they be willing to pack their uniforms in moth balls and put on an apron again after the war? Will they be willing to settle down to quiet civilian offices again?" the Wacs had a ready answer.

"We'll go on being women," one said. "When I get home I'll cook all my favorite dishes let my hair grow long, make a new curtain for the living room, buy a pair of high heeled blue sandals, and never get up at six o'clock as long as I live."

The Wacs said that far from wanting uniforms when they are civilians again, they could best appreciate a backless evening gown and other "non-GI" luxuries.

Forty seven of the 100 Wacs questioned had a snapshot of a young man in uniform tucked in their shoulder bags, sent daily V-mail letters to their men and plan to be homemakers. Some are already wives and mothers of servicemen.

As for the office workers, 24 Wacs were "on leave" from civilian jobs. The other 29 were just out of college and plan to begin a civilian career, maybe follow some profession learned in the Wac; six had independent incomes and spent their first "working" hours of their lives in the Army. They all were anxious to get back to civilian life as soon as possible.

But until the war is won the soldier "wouldn't exchange her trim uniform for the smartest civilian ensemble in the world."

Coast Guard Cook Retires
Quoddy Head, Me. (UP)—Boatswain's mate R. W. McIsaac has retired after 34 years as cook at the Quoddy Head coast guard station. And during this time he estimates he has served more than half a million meals and has washed a pile of dishes as high as the Eiffel Tower.

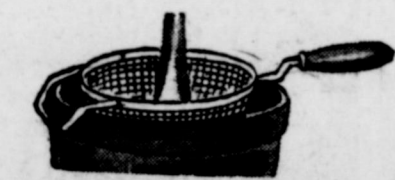


SIZZLE Japs and Nazis With Your Waste Kitchen Fats

TWO pounds of waste fat will produce the glycerine required to fire five anti-tank shells. As the attack expands our soldiers need more and more shells for killing Japs and Nazis. This means the need for more and more waste kitchen fat is urgent. Homemakers must provide it. They will. For isn't killing about all our enemies understand? Their brutal savagery in beheading allied prisoners and annihilating whole towns can be stopped only with shells and more shells. Save every ounce of waste fat!

1. Strain into a clean wide-mouthed can and keep in a cool place like inside the gas refrigerator.
2. When you have a pound of waste fat, take it to your nearest butcher or grocer who now pays you for it with brown meat stamps.
3. Do not send any fat along to help kill Japs and Nazis that is still being used or which might have to be replaced.

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY



The Modern Homemaking Bulletin of our Home Economics Department gives latest food and nutrition facts to help you make every ounce of food count. Get your free copy each week at your Lone Star Gas Company office.

Have a "Coke" = How's it outside?



... from Juneau to Jacksonville

In Alaska, as at home, the American soldier finds that to say Have a "Coke" makes strangers into friends. Around the globe, Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes,—is the high-sign between friends.



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Greetings to

OUR FIGHTING FRIENDS ABROAD

We feel a debt of gratitude to you for the Sacrifices you have made and are making to keep our beloved country—America—Free. Wherever you are, we wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

OUR FRIENDS AT HOME

We sincerely wish you the best things life holds. May the New Year of 1944 be a glorious one, and may your blessings continue. We want to take this means of expressing our thanks for your loyal patronage.

NEHI BOTTLING COMPANY

LOUIS RIFKIN
PHONE 129 WEST MAIN STREET EASTLAND, TEXAS

YOU PROMISED TO GET RID OF THAT LITTLE BRAT'S DOG, ZERO. MY WILD WOLF'S JUST A WOOLY WHITE LAMB.

YOU POOR FOOL! I'LL NOT LISTEN TO YOUR PREACHING. IF YOU SQUEAL, WHOLL BELIEVE YOU?

I'M NEITHER SQUEALING NOR PREACHING.

- BUT YOU'RE FOOLING WITH DYNAMITE!

DYNAMITE! BAH! MONGRELS LIKE YOU AND ZERO DONT FRIGHTEN ME.

GLORYOSKY! YOU MEAN ZERO KIN COME RIGHT INTO THE SCHOOLROOM WITH ME? GEE, ZERO, NOW YOU'LL BE AN EDUCATED DOG.

I ARRANGED EVERYTHING. ZERO GOES TO SCHOOL WITH ANNIE, STARTING TODAY.

THAT'S A WONDERFUL IDEA. NOW ZERO WILL BE WITH ANNIE DAY AND NIGHT. IT WILL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOUR MEN TO PROTECT THEM.

DONT FORGET, ZERO, YOU GOTTA ACT TERRIBLE NICE IN A SCHOOL ROOM.

IF YOU JUMP OR BARK OR MAKE ANY NOISE, THE TEACHER WILL GIVE YOU A BAD MARK FOR DEPARTMENT.

THE WALL IS MOVING!

IT'S A SECRET DOOR! IT WAS OPEN WHEN I CAME THROUGH HERE BEFORE!

TONTTO! COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THAT DOOR FROM OPENING ALL THE WAY!

HOLD IT, TONTTO! IF IT GOES ALL THE WAY IT WILL SHUT IN THE RAILROAD MEN! WHEN THIS DOOR OPENS ONE TUNNEL, IT CLOSES THE OTHER!

HEY! NO CUTTING IN!

I'M NOT CUTTING IN—GOTTA TELEGRAM FOR MIKE WYNN! IS HE HERE?

YEAH!—HE'S AROUND!

I'LL SIGN FOR IT!

HEY! SMOOTH JOINT YAGOT HERE! HOW'S CHANCES TO JOIN?

WHAT'S THE TAX?

FIFTY CENTS A MONTH GIVE HIM A MEMBERSHIP CARD— I'LL FIND MIKE.

THIS WAS SUCKER.

By PAUL ROBIN

The Methodist Broadcaster

Weekly News Of
First Methodist Church
J. Daniel Barron Pastor

NEW YEAR'S EVE

On New Year's Eve the church will be open from nine till midnight. There will be activities for all ages. You are invited to watch with us the old year out and the new one in.

Sixty-six subscriptions went in. That is an all time record for us. If you do not get your paper soon after the first of January, kindly let us know.

HOME OFFERING
The Methodist Home offering reached \$313.60. The Martha Dorcas class has sent in previously \$37, making a total of \$380.60 for the church this year. This is an all time record for us.

the sermon subject Sunday morning.

A REAL BLESSEDNESS
"The Blessedness of Anonymity" will be the topic for the vespers at five.

YOUNG ADULTS
Young adults, married and single, under 35 are invited to join the new Young Adult Fellowship. It meets at 9:45 Sunday mornings in what formerly was the Booster Room.

CHURCH SCHOOL
During the new year it would be helpful to you and the school if you attended church school regularly. We have a well organized and competently directed church school with an excellent program. We invite you to attend it Sunday.

JACK TRANTHAM
The sympathy of the church family goes out to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Trantham in the loss of their son, Cpl. Jack Trantham, who was killed in action somewhere in the South Pacific.

AFTER THE WAR
To aid us in our thinking through the problems to confront us after the war, Bishop Francis J. McConnell has written a little book called "The Church After The War" which sells for only twenty-five cents. We have forty copies for your convenience.

RECOMMENDS 'TARZAN'
CLEVELAND, (UP)—The man to lead a native uprising against the Japs in Singapore is none other than Johnny "Tarzan" Weissmuller, according to "Singapore Joe" Fisher who operated a movie theater in Britain's one great outpost. Fisher claimed the native population worshipped the Tarzan pictures and jammed the house every time one was shown, most of them usually staying through the film twice.

Morton V. P.T.A. Met On Tuesday, December 14th

(Delayed)
The Morton Valley P.T.A. met in the auditorium of the school house Tuesday, December 14, the president, Mrs. J. W. Harrison was ill so Mrs. Thad Henderson, presided. Mr. Higginbotham's room gave an interesting program of songs. The P.T.A. voted to send a crate of oranges to the hospital at Camp Bowie. An assorted selection of gifts was sent also. The eighth grade won the prize for having the most mothers present. Those present were: Mrs. Thad Henderson, Mrs. A. F. Peck, Mrs. Cecil McBeth, Mrs. T. L. Wheat, Mrs. D. D. Franklin, Mrs. Florence Cooper, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Homer Donley, Mrs. P. L. Crossley, Mrs. Sherman, Misses Marie Ramsey and Miss Opal Ramsey and Mrs. Josie K. Nix.

Chaplain From South Ends Up In Far North

NOME, Alaska, (UP)—The fortunes of war have brought to this frozen outpost a chaplain who had never seen a pair of skis and had spent his entire life in the warm climate of southern Louisiana's bayou country until he was assigned to Alaska.
He is Capt. Julius A. Pratt, post chaplain of the Army camp near Nome, and he has probably traveled as far on skis and behind a dog team as any soldier in Alaska during the last 16 months.
"When I stepped off the plane at Nome and got a look at the place I thought I must have been a bad boy to get assigned to this post," Pratt said. "But since then I have visited several other posts up here and I'd rather be stationed at Nome than any other place in Alaska."
Chaplain Pratt had to learn much about skiing because the post is scattered over a wide area

and the soldiers cannot get to a central meeting place for services during the winter. Pratt makes the rounds regardless of the weather and tends to discount his activities as being commonplace around Nome. But troops relate how he accompanied them on maneuvers that saw temperatures drop to 35 degrees below zero.

He carried a portable altar, when it was possible, and set it up in snow-bound huts where his communion wine—with an alcoholic content of 12 per cent—froze like water.
Every year in Nome a Christmas party is given for all the children, Eskimos and white. Stockings are filled with oranges, apples and other presents, and there is a Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by a real reindeer. Last Christmas Chaplain Pratt was the Santa Claus.
"People remarked that it was the first time they had ever known a Santa Claus with a southern accent," the chaplain says. "but I told them this one was from the South Pole."

Draft Dodger?



CONSPIRACY to evade military service has been charged against German-born Gert Hans von Gontard, 37, above, New York cafe society figure and said by federal authorities to be the grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, St. Louis brewer. Four other men were charged by federal authorities in the case. (International)

Church of Christ

A. F. Thurman, Preacher
Corner Daugherty and West Plummer Streets
Sermon subjects for Sunday, January 2:
"Behold the man — Our vow to Him."
11 p. m.
"The word of life — why hold it forth."
7:30 p. m.
Come one — Come all. Glad to have you with us — CO's.

Baptist Church

Homer Starnes, Pastor
9:45 a. m. — Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. — Morning worship.
7:00 p. m. — Training Union.
8:00 p. m. — Evening worship.
Monday:
7:30 p. m. — W. M. Z. and G. A. Wednesday:
8:00 p. m. — Mid-Week Service.
Thursday:
7:00 p. m. — Church services.

First Christian Church

Rev. A. J. Blunk, Pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Men's Bible class, Judge Clyde Trissom, J. E. Collins, L. L. Galt are teachers, 10 a. m.
Morning worship and communion service, 11 a. m.
Evening worship 7:00 p. m.
Youth's Choir meets 8 to 9 p. m. Wednesday night.
Missionary Society meets first Monday in each month.
Church board meets first Sunday night in each month.

The Church of God

At Lamar and West Valley Streets
W. E. Hallenbeck, Pastor
Program for the week:
Sunday
Sunday School—10:00 A. M.
Preaching—11:00 A. M.
Young People Meeting at 7:15 P. M.
Evening Services at 8:30 P. M.
Wednesday
Midweek prayer services at 7:45 P. M.

Church of The Nazarene

P. L. Pierce, Pastor
South Halbur Street
Mass Saturday, New Year, at 9:00 a. m. by Father Duesman.
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St. Frances Catholic Church

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Association To Meet In Ft. Worth

On January 11-12
COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (UP)—The Texas Agricultural Workers' Association will hold its annual meeting in Fort Worth Jan. 11 and 12, according to an announcement by Mary Ann Grimes, Textiles and Clothing Specialist of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and secretary of the organization.
Specialists from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Agriculture, the Texas A. & M. College system and business leaders will discuss various phases of agriculture.
D. T. Simmons, is president of the association.

Free Haircut, Candy Given Youngsters

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—Some 300 youngsters were only too happy to visit the barbershop the other day.
And the reason for that was peppermint candy given to them in addition to free hair cuts by the Master Barber's Association and Journeyman Barbers of Ft. Worth.
This was the 11th year that the barbers had given Christmas haircuts to children from the All Church Home, Lena Pope Home and Tarrant County Orphan's Home.

Pistol Packin' Arab Jailed At Wedding

JERUSALEM, (UP)—Two shots from a pistol provided 25-year-old Costandi Jouze with renunciations of two Turkish love songs at the wedding feast of a friend, but the Jerusalem Military Court was less easily impressed than the singer and it sentenced Jouze to serve 3 1/2 years.
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Three constables heard the second shot and carried Jouze off to jail. His sentence is subject to confirmation of the general officer commanding British troops in Palestine.

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Bradon Walsh



IS ANYTHING MISSING?



Mexico-Born Grow Taller In U.S.

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Mexican children brought to Texas tend to grow taller and undergo other physical changes, Dr. Marcus S. Goldstein, University of Texas anthropologist, announced after painstaking measurements of 2,000 individuals.

In his investigations, Dr. Goldstein used members of 176 families in Texas and 129 families in Mexico.
Among the "tangible conclusions" announced in a bulletin are:
1. Both Mexico-born and Texas-born children are taller than their parents. Greater increase in height was noticed among children born and reared north of the Rio Grande. Statistically, Texas-born sons were found by Dr. Goldstein to be 3.54 centimeters taller than daughters in Mexico.

2. Heads and faces of children taller than their fathers, and 2.21 centimeters taller than the sons living in Mexico. The increased height of Texas-born adult male children is roughly almost an inch and a half above the height of their fathers.
Texas-born daughters are 2.54 inches taller than their mothers and 1.15 centimeters taller than on both sides of the international boundary are smaller than those of their parents. Texas-born sons show a length of head slightly greater than their parents. Texas-born daughters reveal a sharper decrease in head length than in head width.

3. Hands of Texas-born children are significantly longer and narrower than those of their parents.
4. Texas-born sons weighed 3.3 kilograms less than their fathers and Mexico-born sons 4.97 kilograms less.

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The Baptist Herald

Rev. Homer J. Starnes, Pastor
First Baptist Church

We are now in the days of the dying year. We do well to look back and to take stock. The year has passed by as if on wings. We have had opportunities for doing good that have gone unimproved. Many of us have lived below our privileges. Shall we not let the failures and the successes of the past serve as stepping stones to better things for the future. The year is gone and will never return. So let us not look back with regret but press forward toward the mark.

The dying year can but usher in the New Year. We now face it with all its possibilities for both joy and sorrow; for both disappointments and happiness. It cannot be known just what the year holds in store for us. For many it will bring heart break. Of that we can be sure. But if we steadfastly look to Him who has our times in his hands, good will come from whatever the new year may hold.

As one seeking to serve in your midst in spiritual matters I would urge all of us to register new vows in heaven. We ought to be better men and women than we have been in the past. We should be truer and labor more for the cause of Christ. Let us be willing to give up all for the Saviour who gave his all for us. Let us live so pure and upright that when our boys come home they will find both adults and young people the same kind of people they left.

May 1944 be filled with happiness and peace that passeth understanding for the people of Eastland. May the loved ones wherever they be have the assurance

ance of Divine guidance and protection. And we could wish that ere the year passes that many who are far away from loved ones may have the joy of a visit home.

Wouldn't it be fine if among our resolutions would be one to give the church a greater place in our interest throughout 1944. If we would live a purer and better life, we must not leave the Christ out. Many church members do not attend Sunday School, Training Union, worship services, etc. Such unconcern is not honoring to God nor fair with self. Apart from the services of our churches most of our lives spiritually will be starved. Plan now to be in Sunday school somewhere Sunday and to continue all through the year.

Bad weather, sickness, and Christmas have combined to lower the attendance upon church services. The usual number will be back in Sunday school more quickly if every teacher will do some personal visiting. Shall we not attempt to have every one on roll present for the first Sunday of the New Year. This is a personal appeal to our good workers to be busy this week in the work of the church. Make Sunday a banner day.

The sermon themes for Sunday are as follows: (morning) "Hope for our untried tomorrow." 1944 is untried. What does it hold for us? Can we find hope and assurance for the days ahead? Come Sunday and let us think together on the answers given by Scripture to these questions that may course through our minds. (evening) "Race for life's race." Paul likens life to a contest with its struggles and victories. We want to run a successful race. What instructions has the Great Coach left us?

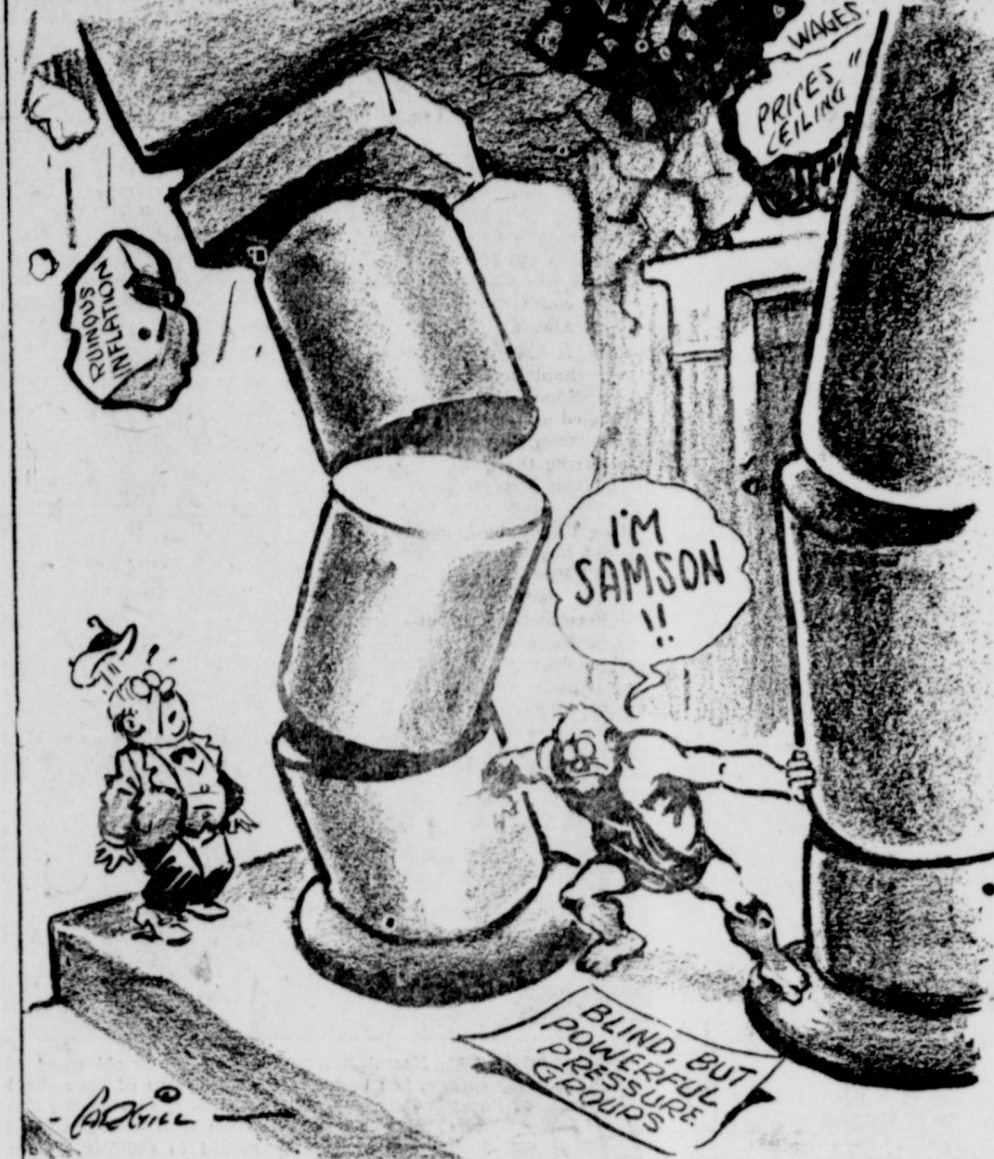
Mexico Begins Power Project Utilizing Snow

MEXICO CITY (UP)—Melted snow from the summit of Iztaccihuatl—whose three peaks look so much like the head, breast and feet of a woman that it is called the "sleeping lady"—may soon provide hydro-electric power for four states under a project now being studied by government engineers.

The plan to utilize run-off from the thick snow cap that blankets the Mexico City landmark the year around for producing electric power is unique on this continent. The proposed works would cost in the neighborhood of 30,000,000 pesos (about \$6,000,000) and would increase the output of electricity in the states of Puebla, Mexico, Morelos and the Federal District approximately 75 per cent according to government engineers.

Scores of these engineers and geologists have for sometime

EVERY AGE PRODUCES ONE!



been conducting investigations of the feasibility of the plan and recently it was decided to carry it out with the backing of government as well as some private capital.

By a series of tunnels into the mountain water will be conducted through a network of canals encircling the peak into reservoirs. From the reservoirs it will be forced through pipes down a 500-foot drop through giant turbines. The waters will later be piped throughout the surrounding district for irrigation and private uses, according to the plan.

It has been estimated that the sun melts as much as 600 cubic meters of water every minute of the Iztaccihuatl snow bank, all of which is now going to waste.

Nearly 1,000 men, including millinery, forestry and irrigation en-

gineers, are already at work on the preliminary phases of the project. Many of them live in crude huts and tents on the mountain slopes.

Revived Hemp Industry Sees Place After War

CHICAGO (UP)—War Hemp Industries, Inc., said the war had revived the ancient industry of hemp rope production in the United States with fair promise that it would continue during peacetime.

"Until the Civil War," the corporation said, "hemp was grown here in abundance, but with the expansion of world trade it could not compete with fibers grown in the Far East with cheap labor."

"From the peak production of 75,000 tons in 1859, our crop fell off to 1,000 tons a year. This year's tonnage, however, is expected to exceed that of 1859."

"Approximately 20,000 growers have signed up with the government to harvest 185,000 acres, and 62 processing plants are under construction."

"A new gatherer-binder developed by the International Harvester Co., simplifies the harvesting process and will enable us to compete with cheap foreign labor after the war," officials of the company said.

Cotton Bowl Game To Be Broadcast Again By Humble

Following a custom inaugurated with the first Cotton Bowl game, the Humble Oil and Refining Company will again broadcast this traditional football classic New Year's Day.

This year's Cotton bowl contenders will be the Texas University Longhorns, winners of the 1943 Southwest Conference and the Randolph Field Ramblers, one of the leading service teams in the nation. Two veteran Humble announcers will be on hand to report the proceedings. At 1 p. m. Vex Fox will open the broadcast with a description of the colorful pregame activities. At game time—a few minutes later Kern Tins will take over for a play-by-play report of the game.

Stations which will carry the game are members of the Texas Quality network—KPRC, Houston; WFAA, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; as well as KNOW, Austin; KRIS, Corpus Christi; and KRGV, Waco.

Electricity Output Raised 75 Per Cent

NEW YORK, Dec. (UP)—The nation's public utility plants since September, 1939, have increased their electricity production by 75 per cent and have stepped up their generating capacity by 25 per cent, the Edison Electric Institute reported today.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION SETS RECORDS IN 1943

By Robert J. Sullivan
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. (UP)—American industrial production soared to new record levels in 1943 as the United Nations took the offensive all over the globe.

The nation's war plants and shipyards were producing planes, munitions, ships and other war materials at unprecedented rates, and War Production Board officials believed the United States was approaching peak production.

The national income boomed to an estimated \$145,000,000,000 for the year, and the government spent approximately \$84,000,000,000 to run the war. At the end of 1943, expenditures for war and defense since July, 1940, approximated \$150,000,000,000.

Employment rose to a new all-time peak of 64,600,000 persons in September, but then tapered off moderately. Estimates placed the number employed in civilian industries at the year-end at 39,500,000, against 32,700,000 in December, 1940.

Most of the major production problems were solved or on the way to solution, according to WPB chief Donald M. Nelson, who reported that the November war production index stood at 665, up 18 points from October. The index is based on 100 for November, 1941.

The Federal Reserve Board's seasonally adjusted index of industrial production, which started the year at 223 per cent of the 1925-29 average reached an estimated December figure of 247 per cent, a record high level.

To meet the demand for planes to blast Germany's production facilities, the United States stepped up its production of military aircraft near the end of the year to an annual rate of 100,000. Actual production of war planes for 1943 was estimated at 85,000 units.

The country's shipyards, spurred by the need for vessels to carry supplies to our fighting men and allies, produced a record of 19,000,000 lightweight tons of ships this year against 8,000,000 last year, and in 1944 are expected to turn out 21,000,000 tons.

Steel production approximated a record of 89,100,000 net tons, some what below the original goal but still far above the 1942 total of 86,030,000. Despite several serious coal strikes, prompting government seizure of mines, bituminous coal production rose to an all-time high of approximately 587,300,000 net tons from 579,508,000 in 1942.

New record highs also were reached by the production of cigarettes, crude oil, electric power, rayon yarn, and paint, varnish and lacquer.

Machine tool production dropped to an estimated \$1,130,000,000 from \$1,317,000,000 in 1942, coincident with the virtual end of war plant retooling. Building slumped sharply with lumber and cement output down in reflection. Loadings of revenue freight on the nation's railroads were lower on a car basis but a record on a tonnage basis.

Wool consumption showed a jump, although it failed to touch a record level, but cotton use fell moderately. Foot and shoe production was sharply below 1942. Park clearings ran ahead of last year, but were below record levels.

8 Go From Village of 17

HART'S LOCATION, N. H. (UP)—This tiny mountain village is really pitching in to help win the war. Of its 17 inhabitants, eight have joined the armed forces.

wait hours from 126,000,000,000 in 1939.

The 1943 increase in production was 32,000,000,000 kwhrs. or 17 per cent above 1942, compared with a rise of 20,700,000,000 kwhrs, or 12 per cent in 1942 over 1941.

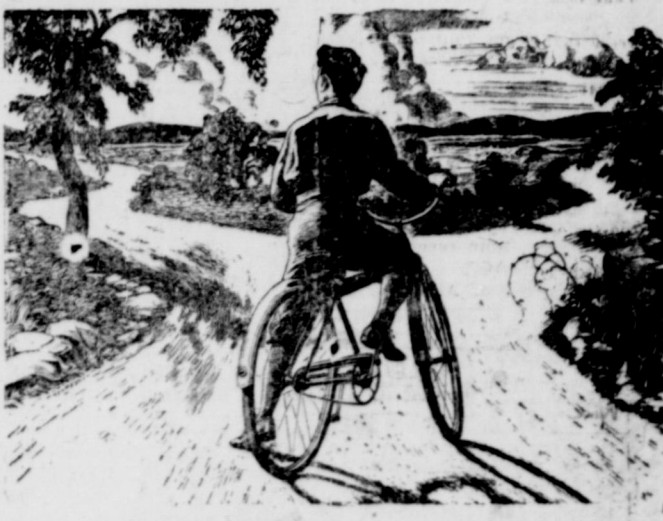
Pre-Flight Cadets Set Swim Records

MORAGA, Cal. (UP)—Pool records at St. Mary's Pre-Flight School tumble every week because of the Navy's insistence that every pilot be not only a swimmer but also an aquatic expert.

Lt. Comdr. Willis O. Hunter, director of athletics for the Airfield, said the Navy considers ability to stay afloat for long periods more important than speed swimming and hence the Pre-Flight cadets make new swim for distance marks every week.

The latest record of several miles and 255 yards was set by Cadet Howard Svendsen, Elgin, Ill., who was in the water five hours and 55 minutes.

Lt. (jg) Ferron C. Loebe, Pre-Flight swimming instructor, took an afternoon off recently to show how easy it was. He swam 850 widths of the Pre-Flight pool to cover 12 miles and 130 yards in seven hours and five minutes. When he realized he'd be late for evening chow, he ate a chocolate bar on route.



Freedom of CHOICE

WITH ALL THE TALK about freedoms, what about freedom of choice?

After all, freedom of choice can mean the same thing as all the other freedoms people are talking about—and a few others besides. In large measure, freedom of choice is what this war is about.

Freedom of choice means such ordinary things as trying soy beans in the southfield next year, if you think it's the thing to do. It means buying the kind of flour you think gives you the best biscuits. It means you and your boy doing the deciding whether he'll go to college, or learn to be a toolmaker.

Freedom of choice is the soil in which character grows.

This freedom of choice—and its counterpart, a sense of responsibility for the decisions made—has done much to develop the character that is going to win this war—on the battle fronts, on the farm, in industry. And when the victory is won, the kind of America we have fought and worked to preserve must be a country in which every man and woman, and every boy and girl, will have freedom of choice in even greater measure. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Hear the General Electric radio program: "The G-E All-Goal Orchestra" Sunday 10 p.m. EWT, NBC—"The World Today" every weekday 6:45 p.m. EWT, CBS.

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To Our Customers—

We aren't worried about the New Year when we remember the fine spirit of cooperation that you have shown in your dealings with us in 1943! Surely, the American people cannot fail while such a spirit motivates their actions. We wish to thank you for your patience and understanding during these critical months.



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Firing Ends at San Pietro, Taken by Yanks After Hard Fight



BATTLE FOR SAN PIETRO, ITALY, one of the hardest-fought engagements in the current Italian campaign, ended with the Yanks in occupation of what was once a thriving mountain city. For a week, native women huddled their families in caves as the Americans bombarded the Nazi positions in a furious battle to dislodge the enemy. Then, emerging as shown in the U. S. Signal Corps



radiophoto above, the natives joyfully asked for and received food and clothing from the Yanks. In one of the churches in the city, blasted to rubble during the battle, the statue of the Madonna and the Waters escaped damage. It miraculously had escaped unscathed once before during a devastating earthquake in the city in 1615. United States Army Signal Corps photographs. (International)

Society

OLDIERS ARE ENTERTAINED

The Eastland Service Club carried 400 boxes of cookies and candies to Camp Bowie soldiers on Christmas. The club also entertained about 35 soldiers from Camp Bowie on Christmas Day and Christmas night, giving a dance for them Christmas night.

ALPHA DELPHINS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Alpha Delphin club had their annual Christmas party Wednesday afternoon, December 22, at the Eastland Community club-house. Mrs. Herman Pasque was program chairman. Mrs. J. D. Farron read a Christmas story, "The True Inn Keeper," by John Haynes Holmes.

Ensemble singing of Christmas carols accompanied by Mrs. H. H. Durham at the piano was a part of the program.

Hostesses were Mesdames I. Le Roy Arnold, Aubrey Van Hoy, George Cross and E. S. Pordue.

Gifts were distributed from the tree by Mrs. K. F. Page, president.

SCALE RUNNERS MUSIC CLUB HAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Charlotte Van Hoy entertained the Scale Runners Music Club with a Christmas party Wednesday, December 22, at 4:00 p. m. at her home. The house was decorated with a lighted Christmas tree, bells and greenery.

A program of music and reading was given, closing with Christmas carols and games. A tea plate carrying out the Christmas motif was served to about 30 members present.

Mrs. A. F. Taylor, counselor, assisted Mrs. Aubrey Van Hoy in serving.

BEEHIVEN JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB MET ON DECEMBER 20TH

The Beehiven Junior Music Club met Monday night, December 20, with Mrs. A. F. Taylor. The home was decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. A program consisting of piano numbers and a Christmas story, followed by the singing of Christmas carols, was given by the members. Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree.

A tea plate carrying out the Christmas motif was served to about 27.

BAPTIST CHURCH TO ENTERTAIN WITH STAR GAZER'S BANQUET

The Intermediate Department of the Baptist Sunday school will be entertained by the church Friday night at the church when a Star Gazer's banquet will be given. Rev. Cooper Waters of Cisco will be the guest speaker. Mrs. W. G. Womack will be presented in a dramatic reading, and Misses Mary Ruth Gilliam, Sarah Staines and Gladys Womack will sing.

MESDAMES C. J. OWENS, LAVELLE NATHAN ENTERTAIN WITH BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. C. J. Owens of Eastland, Mrs. Lavelle Nathan of Rankin, entertained with a bridge party Wednesday afternoon at the Community club house. About 72 invitations were served.

MRS. J. F. COLLINS ENTERTAINS FOR SON ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Mrs. J. F. Collins entertained in

Dr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Brent McPherson and daughter, of Hope, Arkansas, arrived Sunday for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. Smith's daughter, and Mrs. McPherson's sister, Mrs. W. E. Brazier and family.

PERSONALS

Lee Grubbs of Roswell, New Mexico, spent the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Fronia Grubbs, and sister, Mrs. Carl Johnson and Mr. Johnson.

Miss Emalee Hart, who is attending school in Fort Worth, was here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hart. She is a former sweetheart of the Eastland Lions Club and was thirteenth on Tuesday's luncheon.

Elmer Grubbs and son, Donald Lee of Dallas were guests of Mr. Grubbs' mother, Mrs. Fronia Grubbs, Christmas day.

Saula Perlestein, owner of the Globe clothing store in Ranger, and of the M-n's Shop in Eastland was here Wednesday on business.

Robert Kinnaird and family left Monday for their home in Cleveland, Ohio, after several weeks here visiting Mr. Kinnaird's father, R. C. Kinnaird, and brother, Donald and sister, Miss Roberta Kinnaird.

W. H. Linkenhoefer and wife of Goddard spent the past week end in the home of their son, W. W. Linkenhoefer and family. Also visiting in the Linkenhoefer home were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harlow of Dallas.

W. F. Collie of San Antonio spent the Christmas holidays here with his family. Also in the Collie home were Mrs. Collie's sisters, Mrs. De. Poe Lovett of Olney and Mrs. C. C. Kinnaird of Abilene.

Miss Lila Anne Love student nurse at Harris Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holidays here with her father, W. V. Love and grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Love.

Clarence Love of New Mexico spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Love, and brother, W. V. Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Holmes and son, Allen, of Big Spring, spent the holidays here with Mrs. Holmes' mother, Mrs. C. A. Peterson, and her sister, Mrs. Allene King.

Sgt. Harold Kinnaird and wife of San Antonio are expected here as New Year's Day guests of Mrs. Kinnaird's sister, Miss Ruby Lee Oglesby and mother.

Mrs. E. A. Wesson of DeLeon spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. I. C. Inzer and Mr. Inzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Thompson of Oil City, New Mexico, were guests the week of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Inzer. Mrs. Inzer and Mrs. Thompson are cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller had their daughter, Miss Nellie Lee Miller of Dallas, and their son, Howard and wife of I-on Plant, in their home for Christmas.

Miss Virginia Garrett, attending Hardin-Simmons University at

Abilene, visited relatives here the past week.

Bob Sikes of the National Supply Company of Corpus Christi, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sikes.

J. C. Whitley, wife and children, spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. John Whitley, in Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Erp and son of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Reeve of Gorman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Muirhead Christmas. Mrs. Erp and Mr. Reeves are brother and sister of Mrs. Muirhead.

Norman Caton of New Orleans was an Eastland visitor Tuesday.

Miss Julia Parker, secretary of the Dson of Arts and Science, Tex. Tech, Lubbock spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker. She returned to Lubbock Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joyce Johnson of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Webb and children of Abilene, visited Mrs. J. L. Johnson and Miss Virginia over the past week end.

Misses Patsy Sparks and Elizabeth Ann Sikes returned Tuesday afternoon to Lubbock where they are attending Texas Tech.

Charles Lee Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Jones, left Tuesday for a visit to his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Burns in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Looney and son, L. B. and wife, spent Christmas day with Mr. Looney's sister, Mrs. W. H. Holland in Brady.

Cpl. Jack Germany, son of Mr.

and Mrs. C. J. Germany, who has been in the air transport corps at Lawton, Washington, came in Monday for an eight day furlough to be spent here. He has been transferred to the air corps at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, as an aviation cadet. He is just out of the hospital as a result of an attack of flu.

Sgt. Walker W. Germany, draftsman in the Intelligence Department U. S. Air Corps and located in New Guinea, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Germany, that he is sick and expects a transfer soon.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Erp and son of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Reeve of Gorman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Muirhead Christmas. Mrs. Erp and Mr. Reeves are brother and sister of Mrs. Muirhead.

Norman Caton of New Orleans was an Eastland visitor Tuesday.

Miss Julia Parker, secretary of the Dson of Arts and Science, Tex. Tech, Lubbock spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Parker. She returned to Lubbock Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joyce Johnson of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Webb and children of Abilene, visited Mrs. J. L. Johnson and Miss Virginia over the past week end.

Misses Patsy Sparks and Elizabeth Ann Sikes returned Tuesday afternoon to Lubbock where they are attending Texas Tech.

Charles Lee Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Jones, left Tuesday for a visit to his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Burns in Oklahoma.

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MICHIGAN GIRL QUEEN OF ROSES



MICHIGAN-BORN GIRL, Naomi Riordan, above, 17-year-old co-ed of Pasadena Junior college, has been chosen 1944 queen of the annual Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Cal. She will reign over the festivities held on New Year's Day in connection with the Rose Bowl football game. Naomi and her family moved to California from Michigan two years ago. (International)

Art Is Helping To Win The War

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Many University of Texas ex-students are proof of the fact that art is helping win the war.

Here are a few now in uniform or active in war work: Sgt. Jack Kollam of Del Valle, weather observer in England; William Stewart of Beeville, Officer in the field artillery; Billy Westfall of Rusk, bomber pilot in Italy; Ed Ivy of Waco, instructor in navigation school at Cadizbad, N. M.; Joe Schwarting of Waco, in the Navy; Luther Bookout of Santa Rosa, Marine artillery officer in the Pacific; and John Rosenfield of Dallas, studying to be an interpreter with forces in Asia.

It's All Because Of Christmas Time

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—The inevitable has happened. One of Fort Worth's "pistol packing mamas," officially a new member of the police force, gave her first ticket to a woman.

The amazing thing is that no one got hurt—the woman receiving the ticket took it graciously and even complimented the lady "cop".

A Few Timely Drops Help

Prevent Many Colds from Developing!..

Works Right Where Most Colds Start!

Beware of colds! At the first warning sign of a cold—first sniffle or sneeze—put a few drops of VA-tro-nol up each nostril. This specialized medication is designed to aid natural defenses against colds and so help prevent many VICKS colds from developing if used in time. VA-TRO-NOL Try it! Follow directions in package.

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FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein, Guernsey & Ayrshire heifers, \$25 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with five heifers.—Home tend Farns, McGraw, N. Y.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Cremulson relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your doctor to sell you a bottle of Cremulson with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

A regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastland National Bank, Eastland, Texas, will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, between the hours of 1 and 2 p. m., on the 11th day of January, 1944 being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the stockholders meeting.

GUY PARKER, President.

County Clerk and Mrs. R. V. Galloway has as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Galloway and daughter, Mary Marjarette of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cearley and daughter, Hesta Sue of Amarillo; Mrs. H. C. Penn of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Watson of Breckenridge, and Miss Marie Galloway of San Antonio.

Fred Brown, vice president of the Eastland National Bank, and Mrs. Brown, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. S. E. Brown, and sisters, Miss Irene Brown and Mrs. Viola Coon, in Loring, and her mother, Mrs. B. F. Dulaney and sister, Mrs. Tom Barry of Colorado City.

M. D. Gibson, wife and daughter, Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McGough of Rising Star were guests the past week end of Mrs. R. F. Braly, Mrs. May Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Satterwhite.

Wesley Beard and wife of Dallas were holiday guests of her mother, Mrs. May Harrison, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Beard. Also in the Beard home for the holidays, were Mrs. George Bennett and daughter George Ann of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Peard of Dallas.

Pvt. Charles Lovelace of Camp Walters spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lovelace.

Miss Virginia Garrett, attending Hardin-Simmons University at

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Gala NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT SHOW!!

FRIDAY - DEC. 31 AT 11:30 P.M.

Special Screening of the 1944 SCREEN HIT!

EDDIE BRACKEN BETTY HUTTON IN "MIRACLE OF MORGAN'S-CREEK"

SMITH, their grandson, Delman Smith and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Franklin, all of Dallas; their son, Maurice; Mulligan of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caton of Cross Plains were the guests of relatives and friends in Eastland County Sunday.

C. E. Matthews, wife and three sons, and S. W. Matthews of Hawley were guests the past week end of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trendwell. Mrs. Trendwell is the daughter of S. W. Matthews and sister of C. E.

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Red SKELTON Cleaner POWELL

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"Hoppy" Rides Again!

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Genevieve GARSON PIGEON

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Roosevelts Observe Christmas At Home—First Time Since 1933



Nation's no. 1 family, President and Mrs. Roosevelt and children, observe Christmas in their own home at Hyde Park, N. Y., this year—first time since Mr. Roosevelt became Chief Executive in 1933. Three of the five Roosevelt children were present but James and Elliott, both officers in the service, were unable to join the reunion. Franklin, Jr., and John, both Naval Lieutenants, received Christmas leave and were on hand. Also present was Mrs. John Boettiger, the only Roosevelt daughter. From the left are Curtis Boettiger; Lieut. Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., his wife holding son Christopher; Franklin, III; the President; Anna Boettiger on floor with son Jimmy and Haven, son of John Roosevelt; standing at right of President are Eleanor Boettiger; Mrs. John Roosevelt holding daughter Ann; Mrs. Roosevelt and Lieut. John Roosevelt.

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Saturday, Jan. 1st

New Year's Day

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