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Waiting for the Dust to Clear in Building

Along about October of each year, the building industry has come to expect an increase in the number of construction contracts. During the past 13 years, building activity has averaged an increase of 8.7 per cent in October over September contracts.

So while the industry waited with ink-filled pens and sharpened saws to tackle the increased volume of business it quite naturally anticipated, figures began coming in to show that something had gone haywire. Business not only failed to show the usual seasonal increase, but contracts fell off 9.3 per cent in October of this year from the September level. This situation was all the more enigmatic because the general manufacturing curve was heading upwards.

Residential building contracts in October, 1939, aggregated 29,371,000 square feet of floor space as contrasted with 32,977,000 in September. Building contracts of all kinds, including residential, totaled 44,865,000 square feet in October and 49,467,000 square feet in September. The October, 1939, total is about 5,500,000 square feet below that of October, 1938.

It is very likely that Thurman Arnold, assistant U. S. attorney-general in charge of the anti-trust division, holds the key to this disturbing puzzle. Arnold has charged into the building industry with a stiff-bristled broom, determined to pry out all the muck he may find in the corners. It is not exactly a hidden fact that Arnold, with the blessing of his boss, Attorney-General Frank Murphy, has started a general housecleaning and that he hopes to bring about decreased building costs by uncovering contractors' monopolies and union obstruction.

As long as there is any hope that building costs are to be trimmed in the near future, few prospective homeowners are going to sign contracts now. There is no point in buying more than just enough sugar if a drop in the sugar price is in prospect. If the dream cottage has waited this long, there is no reason why it can't wait a few months longer when, perhaps, the price will be substantially reduced.

October was the first month this year during which building contracts failed to exceed the volume for corresponding months last year. During the first 10 months of 1939, construction contracts were 29 per cent ahead of those in the same period last year. The October volume was off 11 per cent from that of October, 1938.

Whether Mr. Arnold's dynamic campaign will have its effect remains to be seen. It probably will. According to Bruce Catton, Washington columnist, a downward trend in construction costs has already been noticed in Pittsburgh, where a number of indictments have been returned. If nothing else, the campaign against the building industry will have a psychological effect.

Generally, however, building costs showed a slight rise in October over the previous month. Using 1926 as 100, the index in September of this year was 105.2, but in October it had risen to 106. This was higher than in peak-year 1929.

Teachers Get Ideas

Somebody is always coming along with new ideas to push education farther along the path of progress. But the Dallas (Texas) Teachers' Association now suggests that maybe a little less advancement would do the cause some good. The recommendations were made for the benefit of the Dallas public school system, but anyone who ever had the remotest association with schools will be interested.

Generally, it is suggested that schools get back to the old-fashioned theory of the "three R's." The teachers would also cut out pep squads and take athletic programs down a peg or two. And to top it off, they would like to keep youngsters in elementary schools an extra year to polish them off before sending them to high school.

Frills can be carried too far. And the trappings of progressive education can be brought to a point where the effect is lost in confusion. No matter how they're taught, readin', writin' and rithmetic must still remain part of the curriculum. Perhaps the Dallas teachers are right in believing these rudiments may as well be dished out straight.

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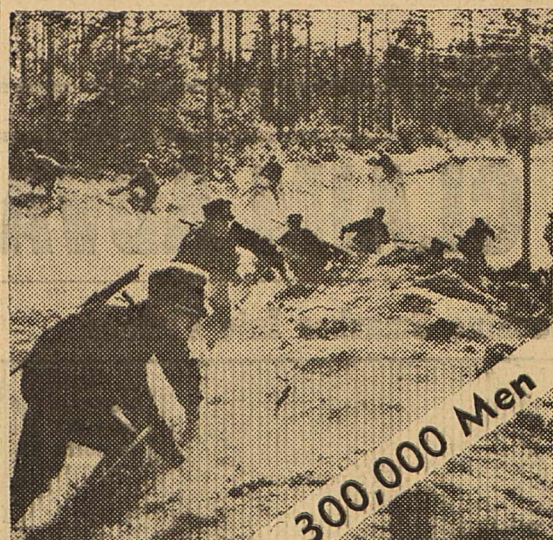
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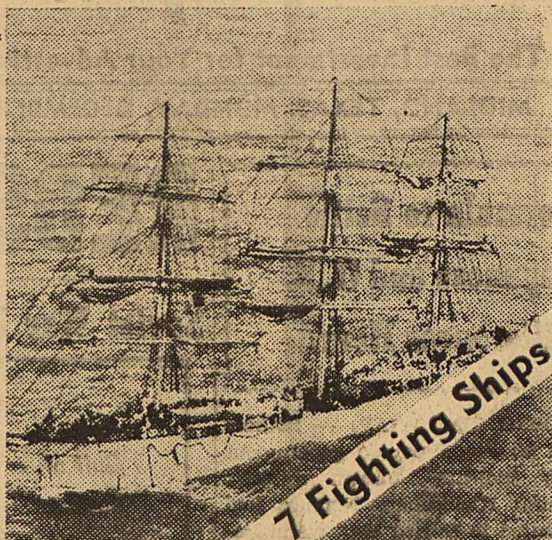
Finland

Out of a total population of 3,667,000—half the size of New York City—Finland has 300,000 men now under arms. Peacetime army strength is only 25,000, and military men estimate war strength at 125,000 trained men. The others now bearing arms are older men, youngsters, and possibly the physically unfit. Up to 100,000 of Finland's women are

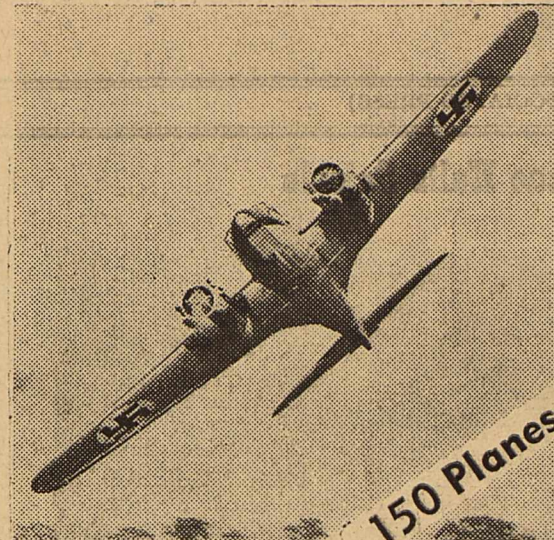
enrolled in the Lotta Svard to back up the men. The normal army strength consists of three infantry divisions, one cavalry brigade and a tank company. The air force consists of 50 hydroplanes and 100 landplanes marked strangely, with swastikas. The navy, aside from the training ship shown, consists of two coast defense battleships and five submarines.



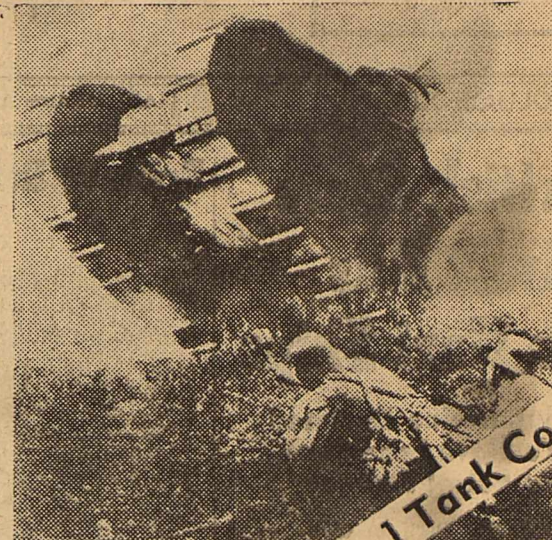
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Russia

The army of the Soviet Republics draws from almost unlimited manpower. Military authorities put the potential trained men at 14,000,000 out of a population of 168,000,000. Practically, experts believe, Russia can keep in the field only a few more than 2,000,000. The peacetime army is 665,000 men, including 26 infantry divisions, 14 cavalry divisions, three

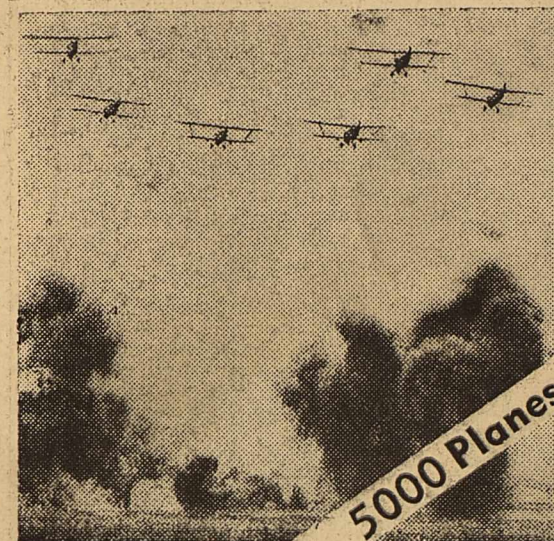
mechanized divisions, 50,000 fortress troops and 28 mobile regiments. The air arm is a mystery, but 5000 ships is considered a conservative estimate and it may run three times that number, including many obsolete planes. The navy is headed by five old battleships, backed by 11 or more cruisers, 23 or more destroyers and 200 or more submarines.



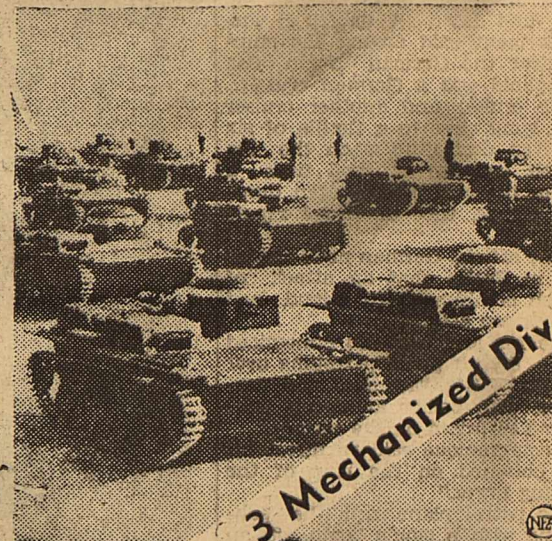
2,000,000 Men



239 Fighting Ships



5000 Planes



3 Mechanized Div.

The Town Quack



It's a good tonic to spend a whole day with 50 or 75 newspaper publishers. They are a philosophical lot. Business doesn't come as easily as it did in 1929, nor even in 1936 and '37, but they are awake to newer methods of attracting national advertising and to serving their local advertisers to the best advantage. They know the radio has come to stay, but they recognize the vast difference in the two fields and are firmly convinced that the time-tried newspaper still has its place of importance in the steady grind of the world. Newspapers have had to contend with a lot of off-colored so-called methods of advertising, due to the craze for moving merchandise through the use of coupons, box tops and the giving of premiums. Some nationally recognized commodities have been exploited through the use of premiums, and a territorial salesman for a well known brand of coffee admitted that he no longer sold coffee, he sold the silverware which he was offering as premiums.

But the publishers are welcoming many of their former national advertisers back to the fold. This is especially pleasant because these advertisers have taken time out to try the other media and have found that the time-tried newspapers were best. So the publishers are optimistic. There is a tendency in all papers to improve service to provide the best facilities their com-

munities can support. New equipment, better and faster news and picture services and features are being taken on. The newspapers are not going to give ground, but are going to set a fast pace.

There are many young men holding high positions with Texas daily newspapers these days. It takes young, live blood to keep up the necessary enthusiasm to meet newer kinds of competition. And young men are being trained for these jobs at colleges and universities in a very practical way. This applies both to editorial and business departments. The old-time tramp printer also has given way to the steady, dependable, studious, technical man who keeps abreast of his field and works to the best interests of his employer.

The Reporter-Telegram has been fortunate in securing that kind of employee. Few changes are made in personnel over a period of years. We may get in a rut from time to time, but The Reporter-Telegram strives at all times to work for the best advantage of Midland. If you are not getting that kind of service out of your home-town daily newspaper, you have a kick coming.

The management welcomes such criticism and will strive to correct the situation. Use your daily newspaper.

New Oldsmobile in Demonstrations Here

Several Midland motorists received the thrill this morning of driving the 1940 Oldsmobile with the hydromatic drive when J. R. Austin, zone manager of Dallas, was here with a demonstrator. This new car is "clutchless" and is reported to be one of the outstanding achievements in the motoring world. Delivery to dealers will not be made until next year.

Texas Today

You will not find catfish a la chorizo on any of the menus in Texas' numerous Mexican and pseudo-Mexican restaurants, but it is as native to Mexico as mesquite, and almost as potent.

Texans who live along the Rio Grande and as far inland as San Antonio need no introduction to the chorizo. It is a sturdy, red-faced, chunky little sausage of variable but pungent ingredient. When you have eaten chorizo, you know you have eaten something. If you are allergic to garlic, leave it alone. The chorizo packs a skin full of punch; if you are a sedentary person and not accustomed to such robust fare, you are likely to be reminded of your folly for hours after partaking of one.

The catfish needs even less introduction. The lowly chuehead or blue cat or channel cat with his drooping whiskers, pale eyes and mur-

derous fins is a major item of diet anywhere in this broad state. Scorned in effete eating circles, the catfish nevertheless is evaluated by many as the equal to mountain trout in delicacy or texture and flavor, and his ubiquity is another point in his favor. This, of course, is dependent upon skill in cookery; the lack of such skill has been known to spoil more esteemed fish or fowl.

Down at Don Martin lake in Mexico, not far from Eagle Pass or Laredo, and famed as an angler's paradise, the Mexican guides not only will show you how to catch catfish, but how to cook them. They have learned to combine over a bed of glowing mesquite coals the fine flavor of this fish with the charm of the chorizo. This country cookery becomes with them a rite to be performed, of necessity, with great deliberation and a charming "why hurry?" attitude that bears rich fruit.

My mentor was one Santiago, who laid his fire of mesquite roots with care in an altar of stones

along a rocky ledge on the banks of Don Martin. When he had the fire blazing blue-bright, he let it alone and spent the next half-hour enticing a fine channel cat from a nearby hole. Decisively and derisively he rejected in order a three pound bass and several blue cats; he wanted channel cat, and of course no one had told him how to broil a bass. He also wanted channel cat of a certain size, and it turned out the fish he finally selected weighed about two and a half pounds. Later it developed the

grill in which he cooked it would not hold one larger; nor would the necessities of the occasion permit one smaller. After all, it had to feed two people, including Santiago. The fish in hand, the fire burned down to a bank of coals, he got down to business. First he removed the head and the other inedible parts, slitting the fish in the center of the belly and leaving the two flaps of meat dangling for future reference. Then, with a sharp knife, he cut

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BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET BACK HOME? OH, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT!

WATCH FOR SANTA DEVELOPMENTS AT MIDLAND DRUG CO.

Christmas Theme Employed at Area Council Luncheon

The Christmas theme was followed in decorations for the tables when the Odessa chapter was hostess to the area council of Beta Sigma Phi with a luncheon at the Odessa Country club Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. Tiny cranberry trees, imitation snow, and mistletoe, along with fall leaves brought a holiday atmosphere to the scene.

The following program was presented:

Welcome—Marie Bennett, president of the Odessa chapter.

Song—"The Black and Gold of Beta Sigma Phi"—The group.

Introductions.

Echoes of the last meeting—Reports of various chapters.

Talk—"The Purpose of the Area Council Meeting"—Marguerite Bivens of Midland.

Violin solo—Annette Campbell of Odessa, accompanied by Pat McFall of Odessa.

Reading—"The Camel's Back"—Juanita Nance of Odessa.

Toast to the Bride—Gracie Guber of Odessa, honoring the seven members of that chapter who have married.

Chapter news exchange—Various chapter, with Ruth Pratt speaking for Midland.

Song—"Within Our Hearts"—The group.

Going from Midland were: Mrs. Riley S. Parr, Miss Maedelea Roberts, Miss Ruth Pratt, Miss Alma Heard, Mrs. S. R. McKinney, Miss Marguerite Bivens.

Miss Vee Kasper, Bride-Elect, Is Complimented at Shower Tea Sunday

Choosing a color scheme of blue and yellow, a trio of hostesses including Miss Ruth Lusk, Mrs. Jessie Parsons, and Mrs. William N. Cones, entertained at the home of the latter, 1107 W. Illinois, with a shower tea honoring Miss Vee Kasper, bride-elect of James Edward Halferty of Goldsmith, Sunday afternoon from 4 o'clock until 6 o'clock.

A silver bowl of blue delphiniums, and yellow chrysanthemums carried out the dual color-theme in flowers for the tea table which was laid with a cloth of Queen Ann's lace and appointed with silver. Tall blue candles glowed in the silver holders, each bearing three of the tapers.

Miss Gladys Herrell presided at the tea service.

Yellow and blue sandwiches and wee cakes iced and decorated in yellow and blue repeated the favored colors on the plates.

Mrs. Lee Feldt assisted the hostesses during the afternoon.

The bridal gifts were on display during the tea hours.

The invitation list included: The honoree, Mrs. Paul Kasper, Mrs. Alden Golladay, Miss Geneva Risinger, Mrs. Bob White, Mrs. Lee Feldt, Miss Edna May Elkin, Miss Gladys Herrell, Mrs. R. R. Herrell, Mrs. H. L. Beckman, Mrs. W. L. Douthit, Mrs. Willis Shropshire, Mrs. W. W. West, Mrs. E. E. Reigle, Mrs. Jim Moore, Mrs. Ralph Trusehl, Mrs. J. D. Bodkins, Mrs. Jerry Norris, Mrs. Hal Peck, Mrs. Chas. Lineham, Miss Ellen Pearson, Mrs. Tom Carr, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Russell May, Mrs. Eddie Flannery, Mrs. Forrest McFarland, Miss Billy Ferguson, Mrs. Ralph Harp, Mrs. Delevin Brockett, Mrs. Freeman Egolf, Mrs. Olin Pierce, Mrs. Louis Chase.

'Rip Van Winkle' Opens Children's Theatre Play Series This Evening

First of the three plays to be given in Midland this season by the Clare Tree Major Children's Theatre will be presented at the high school auditorium this evening at 7:30 o'clock. "Rip Van Winkle" is the production to be seen tonight and tickets, at 50 cents for children and 75 cents for adults, may be purchased at the door. Season tickets will also be on sale until the curtain rises.

The Child Study club is sponsoring the plays and proceeds will go to the toy loan library maintained by the organization.



In a little village in the foot of the Catskill Mountains in New York, lived Rip Van Winkle and his wife Hilda. They had two children, Judy and Little Rip. Rip was a jolly, pleasant fellow. The children of the village loved him. He told them stories and played with them. He sat with the men outside the Inn, over which swung the portrait of George III, and chatted and laughed with them. The whole village found in Rip a pleasant, helpful friend, except the one person whose right it was to expect it, his wife Hilda.

When Rip and Hilda first married, Rip was well-to-do. He had inherited several houses and a large farm with a good house on it. But Rip's besetting sin was idleness. He could not bring himself to work and care for the farm. Hilda soon found herself the working half of the family. When children came, she was unable to keep up with everything that needed to be done. In the meantime Rip gave away, or loaned to anyone who asked him, everything he owned, until at last they had nothing left but a few acres of land—which Rip was always promising to tend, but never did—and a house badly in need of repairs.

All this lay havoc with Hilda's temper. Unable to influence her easy-going husband in any other way, she scolded and nagged, at the same time carrying on as much of the farm work as she could, to provide food for her family. Then one day

Plans Made for Rally of Christian Young People

Plans were perfected at the meeting of the Senior Endeavor Sunday night at the First Christian church for entertaining young people of the Christian churches of West Texas at a rally here Friday, opening at 4:30 o'clock. About 125 young people are expected.

Committees were appointed to make arrangements for the meeting.

Doris Jean Shockley was program leader for the evening. A roundtable on the discussion and meaning of Bible verses opened the program. Topic for study was "Into All the World". Taking part were: Betty McCarroll, Mary Lee Snider, Jimmie Pickering, Glenna Jones, John Pickering, Francis Mickey.

Nell Ruth Bedford, president, called the meeting to order and presided at the business meeting which preceded the program.

Nineteen were present.

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not get it in alone quickly enough to keep it from spoiling. Twice she had sent little Judy to find her father to ask him to help but when she walked home in the hot sun to prepare the noon meal she found Rip dancing with the neighbors outside the Inn. She did not know they were celebrating the repeal of the Stamp Act, for which Benjamin Franklin had been working so long. She saw Rip dancing with the big brown bear, which Hans had trained from the time he had found the little woolly cub on the mountain side. It was the last straw. Furious, she ordered him never to enter her house again. Poor Rip picked up his gun, called his dog, Wolf, and left her.

That evening, Rip, in a glen high up on the mountain, heard a voice calling him. He saw a little man carrying a keg on his shoulder. Rip hastened to help him, but though the man gave up the keg, he answered nothing to Rip's chatter. Soon other men joined them, dressed in old-fashioned Dutch clothes. They began to bowl, and every time the same pins tumbled, it sounded like a great roll of thunder. They motioned Rip to open the keg and they drank, signing to Rip to drink also. He did so. Soon he fell asleep.

When he awoke he found his clothes ragged, his hair and beard white and his gun rusted and broken. He went to the village. But everything was strange to him. An Indian he had never seen before was showing the war dance and other ceremonies before the Village Inn, which now had over the picture of George Washington instead of King George. Rip's own house was empty and broken. Rip had slept for twenty years.

He was almost desperate, when he heard a young matron calling the child in her arms "Rip." It was Judy. It did not take long to convince her that he was her lost father. She took him home, to live

Two Tips for Cake "Snackers"



A tasty feast for cake-lovers is this upside down cake, topped with pineapple and shredded coconut and served with whipped cream.

COCONUT UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

One and one-quarter cups sifted cake flour, 1-4 teaspoons combination baking powder, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 3-4 cup granulated sugar, 1-4 cup softened butter or other shortening, 1 egg, well beaten, 1-2 cup milk, teaspoon vanilla.

Four tablespoons butter, 1-3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed, 3-4 cup shredded coconut, cut in wedges.

Sift flour once, measure, add

COCKTAIL: salmon souffle, egg sauce, parsley potatoes, green sauce, parsley potatoes, green peas, romaine salad, coconut upside down cake, coffee, whipped cream, milk.

baking powder, salt and sugar, and sift together three times. Add butter. Combine egg, milk and vanilla. Add to flour mixture, stirring until all flour is dampened; then beat vigorously 1 minute. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in 8x8x2-inch pan or 8-inch skillet over low flame; add brown sugar and coconut and cook, stirring until thoroughly mixed. On this arrange pineapple wedges. Turn batter out on contents of pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 50 minutes, or until done. Loosen cake from pan with spatula. Turn upside down on dish with pineapple on top. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired. Serve warm.

LIGHTENING SPICE CAKE

One and one-fourth cups flour, 1-2 teaspoon baking soda, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 1-2 teaspoon mace, 1 cup sugar, 1-2 cup Brazil nuts, chopped, 2 eggs, 1 cup thick sour cream.

Mix and sift flour, soda, salt, mace and sugar. Add Brazil nuts. Break eggs into a bowl; add thick sour cream and beat thoroughly, and beat vbebeA3xemsflamfvyv Stir in flour mixture gradually and beat vigorously 2 minutes until smooth and creamy. Pour into well-buttered pan; sprinkle with Brazil nut topping and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 35 minutes, or until done.

Nut Topping

One-quarter cup brown sugar, 1-4 cup chopped Brazil nuts. Mix sugar and nuts. Sprinkle over top of cake before baking.

City-Council Federation to Sponsor Institute

City-Council Federation of Midland will sponsor an institute at Hotel Scharbauer here Friday. The meeting will open in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Reports will be heard from the district chairmen of Monahans, Odessa, Stanton, and Big Spring, as well as district chairmen of Midland.

Visiting chairmen from the towns named, as well as presidents of clubs in those towns, will be guests of the Midland Federation for luncheon in the Blue Room at 12:30 o'clock. Other clubwomen are invited to attend, plates being 50 cents each.

Mrs. Earl Powell of Stanton will report on the state Federation meeting at Wichita Falls last month.

Mrs. Hal C. Peck will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. Bacon Teaches Lesson for Naomi Class Sunday

"Spreading the Good News" was the subject of the lesson taught by Mrs. Ila Bacon at the meeting of the Naomi class at Hotel Scharbauer Sunday morning.

The devotional, from Psalms 103, was presented by Miss Mary Lowry. Lesson reading was led by Mrs. Carl W. Covington.

Mrs. J. B. Sanders played the offertory.

Repetition of the Lord's prayer closed the meeting.

Fourteen members were present. The class will hold a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. W. P. Knight, 1201 W. Missouri, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A baby shower will be held in connection with this.

Pollution in Offats Bayou, west of Galveston, destroyed 90 per cent of the oysters in private and public beds this year. Gordon Gunter, marine biologist of the state game, fish and oyster commission, after a survey listed possible causes as sewage, storm drains from the city, or city incinerator and dump.



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NEA Service Sports Writer

PAUSE for a moment neighbor, before you mark your ballot for the best coaching jobs of the year and lend an ear to some propaganda for Edwin C. (Babe) Horrell.

Horrell, first full-time coach in UCLA history (Bill Spaulding doubled as a member of the Physical Education faculty), has brought the Bruins to the highest peak they've ever known.

And when mighty Southern California comes rolling into Los Angeles, Dec. 9, the big, bad men of Troy will be playing a one-time conference door mat for the right to represent the west coast in the Rose Bowl.

Not bad—not bad at all for a gent who this year became a head coach for the first time in his career. After winding up his active days as All-American center in 1924 as a member of Arty Smith's famed California Wonder Bears, Horrell assisted Bill Spaulding with the guards and centers, intermittently from 1926 to 1931, and then regularly until this year when he became head man.

FACED SAME SITUATION ANDERSON HAD AT IOWA

TRUE enough, Spaulding left him with some outstanding performers, but he was faced with much the same situation Eddie Anderson found at Iowa—he'd have a whole of a first team but they'd have to do a lot of football playing because the reserve material just wasn't there.

The Uclans won four, lost four and tied one in 1938, which wasn't anything over which the alumni could glow. By way of preparation for Troy this year the Bruins beat Texas Christian, Washington, Oregon, California, Washington State and tied Stanford, Santa Clara and Oregon State.

Sparkplug of the UCLA attack—and a true All-American if ever there was one—say coast critics—is Kenny Washington, the 195-pound negro halfback who does some really amazing things with a football. A senior, Washington is a brilliant ball-carrier either at cracking a tackle or sweeping the ends. He's one of the best passers on the coast. Two years ago as a sophomore he completed one 66 yards to Hal Ehrson for one of the longest aeriels ever seen.

SPEED COMES NATURALLY TO JACKIE ROBINSON

OF considerable help is his running-mate, Jackie Robinson, another colored lad who has as fast a pair of legs in football togs you'll find anywhere on the continent. Dazzling speed comes naturally to the Robinsons. Brother Mack was an Olympic sprinter for Uncle Sam in 1936. Jackie came up from Pasadena Junior College and has another year of competition.

Ned Mathews is a smart quarterback and good blocker. Fullback Bill Overlin is the best line-cracker on the squad and is a consistently good punter.

Statuesque Woodrow Wilson Strode, another negro brilliant, holds forth at one end and is a swell pass receiver and defensive player. Don MacPherson, only 178 pounds but smart and fast, deploys at the other terminal.

The tacklers are corkers. Mladin Zarubica at 220 pounds is as hard to move as his name is to pronounce.

That Winning Combination



Babe Hornell, inset, who has done a great job in his first year as U. C. L. A. coach, hopes Ken Washington, triple-threat Negro star, will have another big day Dec. 9, when the Uclans meet Southern California in Los Angeles.

Del Lyman at the other side weighs five pounds less.

Jack Sommers was a good enough guard to make all-coast. He pairs up with John Frawley, 200-pounder who hails from Miles City, Ia.

Martin Matheson isn't a brilliant center but he's rugged and works awfully hard at his job.

SMELL OF ROSE MAY ACT AS STIMULANT

WASHINGTON and Robinson might match anything Southern California has in brilliance, but on the face of things the Trojans have too much sheer power for the Uclans.

Horrell didn't get a chance to perform in the Rose Bowl even though he played three years with the unbeaten Wonder Bears. The players voted down the chance, preferring to work during the holiday vacation.

The boys don't have to go to these extremes to get through college these days, and despite the fact that the Trojans are heavy favorites Horrell and his Bruins will be playing it to the hilt.

The smell of roses can act like aromatic spirits of ammonia in a situation like this.

The PAYOFF

BY JESS RODGERS.

A friendly visit from Murry Fly and Taylor Rushing, superintendent and principal, respectively, of Odessa schools, during which they voiced a complaint regarding "inaccuracies" in our story written the day before the Midland-Odessa football game. Our apologies for any inaccuracies

statements in the story.

If Pecos and Brady officials, meeting in Big Lake this afternoon decide to play their bi-district game on a neutral field this week-end, it should be hard to turn down the offer Bill Clyns is prepared to make them this afternoon.

Clyns left for Big Lake prepared to offer the two teams free rooms for dressing before and after the game, a banquet to be given after the game, free use of the field and free publicity throughout the week on the game.

If Coach Clayton Hopkins of Pecos is the least bit superstitious Clyns doesn't have a chance. Frank Medanich, star of the Pecos team, has played four games against Midland in as many years and he has never appeared to be more than just another bloke named Frank. After many of his minor games, he has been hailed as all-state. It was the poor game Medanich played against Midland in 1938 that kept him off the all-district team and he was no better this past season. Hopkins may decide the name "Midland" is a jinx to Medanich and want to get the big boy on another field for the game.

Some more all-district teams chosen by scribes of the area:

Hal Sayles, the Abilene sports editor, announces the teams he chose in conjunction with coaches and others.

Sayles named seven linemen, but said there were too many good backs to limit the secondary to four, so selected five.

Sayles' selections:

First team: End—Bill May, Sweetwater. End—Bobby Savage, Big Spring. Tackle—Russell Wilkins, Odessa. Tackle—Arthur Jordan, Odessa. Guard—Alan Pike, San Angelo. Guard—Paul Klatt, Midland. Center—Audrey Gill, Sweetwater. Back—Eddie Freeze, Sweetwater. Back—Lefty Bethell, Big Spring. Back—Jay Francis, Midland. Back—Pap Hendrick, Sweetwater. Back—Jackie Vaughn, Lamesa.

Second team: End—Gus White, Lamesa. End—Campbell Owens, Sweetwater. Tackle—Travis Ables, Abilene. Tackle—Buck Johnson, Sweetwater. Guard—Hal Battle, Big Spring. Guard—Lea Tripp, Odessa. Center—Red Coates, Odessa. Back—J. W. Stewart, San Angelo. Back—Dell Truelove, Midland. Back—Alvin Caudle, Odessa. Back—Parramore Sellers, Abilene.

Honorable mention: Ends—Bates, Odessa; Ruckers, Abilene. Tackles—Holiday, Lamesa; Foster, Midland; Ratliff, Sweetwater; Tasso, Odessa; Brown, Abilene. Guards—Stovall, Abilene; Montgomery, Sweetwater; Wright, San Angelo; Eldson, Midland.

ALL-AMERICA GIRL-FIVE VERSIONS FOR 1939



Anita Jo Simmon

HERE are the All-America girls for 1939—chosen by experts who are All-America themselves.

If there is a woman behind every heroic deed of man—and if you're cherishing le femme, look no farther. The smile of any one of these co-ed lassies would be enough to send meekest bench-warmer on to feats of glory.

Blond Anita Jo Simmon, 18, of Haskell, Texas, has been inspiration for Texas A. & M.'s cyclone fullback, John Kimbrough, for the past seven years. Miss Simmon is a sophomore in the Texas School of Mines and Metallurgy, El Paso, and is concentrating on business ad-



Inez Potter

ministration. She doesn't go in for athletics herself.

Inez Potter, Kansas City blond, dates University of Missouri's Paul Christman, quarterback. Miss Potter is 18, majors in journalism at M. U. where she is a sophomore, one of Kappa Alpha Theta's brightest.

Also blond, tall and 21 is Jean McKeon of Long Beach, Calif., for two years the reason behind Harry Smith's brawny skill as guard in University of Southern California's line. Miss McKeon is junior in S. C. school of education and a Delta Delta Delta.



Mildred Burt

STUDY of costume and design take up part of Miss Mildred Burt's time—curly-haired William (Bud) Kerr, Notre Dame All-American end, takes up a part of the rest.

Miss Burt's home is in Saint Albans, Long Island. Last summer she worked at the New York World's Fair in the Italian building. She is 22, a graduate of the McLane Art Institute.

Nineteen-year-old Barbara Miller, liberal arts major at the Uni-



Barbara Miller

versity of Iowa, has known Half-back Nile Kinnick since last spring and is more than a little responsible for shooting him up to an undisputed berth on the All-American eleven.

Miss Miller comes from Sioux City, Ia., does not bother about athletics except when Kinnick is on the field baffling opposing teams. She is a member of Delta Gamma social sorority, engaged to marry her football hero. And she is the only member of the All-America girl aggregation whose hair is not blond. Her hair is brown, and she likes it that way.

Many of the other All-America football stars refuse to confine their attentions to any single girl, prefer to spread their personalities over the campus at large.

Southwest Standings

Team	W.	L.	T.	Pts	Opp
Texas A&M	6	0	0	132	8
Baylor	4	2	0	76	55
S M U	3	2	0	47	27
Texas	3	3	0	65	94
Arkansas	2	3	1	60	85
T C U	1	5	0	66	100
Rice Institute	0	4	1	31	88

(Ties count half game won, half game lost.)

Full Season Standing:

Team	W.	L.	T.	Pts	Opp
Texas A&M	10	0	0	198	18
Baylor	7	3	0	136	81
S M U	5	3	1	105	54
Texas	5	4	0	106	125
Arkansas	4	5	1	115	117
T C U	3	7	0	116	119
Rice Institute	1	8	1	71	130

This Week's Games:

Saturday—
At Dallas—Southern Methodist vs. Rice Institute.
Last Week's Results:
Texas A&M 20, Texas 0.
Arkansas 23, Tulsa 0.
Southern Methodist 14, Texas Christian 7.
Baylor 10, Rice Institute 7.

Leading Scorers:

Player	G	Td	Pts	Fg	Pts
Kimbrough, A&M	10	10	0	0	60
Crain, Texas	9	8	8	0	56
Conatser, A&M	10	7	0	0	42

16 High Grid Teams Poised for Start of the Run-Off Battles

BY HAROLD V. RATLIFF

Sixteen teams roar down the championship trail in Texas school-boy football this week with Waco's mighty Tigers riding in the driver's seat.

District champions from an original field of 101 teams, they square off Friday and Saturday in games that will cut the list to eight.

The high-scoring Tigers, rolling along as did Waco teams of the title days of the twenties, still retain their favorite's role although several clubs boast better records from the won and lost angle.

Seven clubs unbeaten although five of these have been tied. Waco lost its opening game but since then has compiled an outstanding record. The Tigers now have eight wins and one loss with 292 points to the opposition's 62. It is the largest scoring total in the state.

Pairings have all been made for the bi-district round although a champion is yet to be named in District 4 where Austin (El Paso) and El Paso high finished in a tie for the lead. The executive committee will select the district representative at a meeting today.

Here's how they line up this week: Friday: Electra at Lubbock (day), Sherman at Sulphur Springs (day), Breckenridge at Waco (day), Tyler at Naacogoches (day), South Park (Beaumont) at Austin (Houston) (night); Saturday: Sweetwater at El Paso (day), Woodrow Wilson (Dallas) at Masonic Home (Fort Worth) (day), Austin at Brownsville (night).

Sweetwater Unmarred

Sweetwater and Austin were the only teams to reach the bi-district round without being defeated or tied. Sulphur Springs, Masonic Home, Breckenridge, El Paso High and Gainesville were defeated but were tied. However, Gainesville lost to Sherman by the penetration route.

Tyler is the runner-up in scoring in the state with 275 points and Sweetwater is third with 267.

Masonic Home Strong

The two top games of the state are considered those to be played at Fort Worth and Waco. Masonic Home is back with a team the critics rate stronger than the Mason

outfit that reached the semi-finals last season. But Masonic Home clashes with Woodrow Wilson, considered Dallas' best eleven in a decade and the only club that has been able to beat Waco.

The winner of the Masonic Home-Woodrow Wilson game is freely picked for the semi-finals, with Sweetwater generally rated the team due to meet the Masons there.

The Waco-Breckenridge winner is expected to be the finalist from the lower bracket with Austin or Brownsville picked as the semi-finalist.

Team Records

Records of the teams remaining in the running:
Lubbock—won 6, lost 3, tied 1; 124 points to 53 for the opposition.
Electra—won 8, lost 1; 255 points to 47.

Sweetwater—won 9, lost 0; 267 points to 47.
Austin (El Paso)—won 7, lost 2, tied 1; 113 points to 53.
El Paso High—won 9, lost 0, tied 1; 210 points to 38.
Sherman—won 4, lost 5, tied 1; 66 points to 99.

Sulphur Springs—won 6, lost 0, tied 2; 120 points to 38.
Masonic Home—won 8, lost 0, tied 1; 197 points to 51.
Woodrow Wilson—won 8, lost 1; 196 points to 33.
Breckenridge—won 9, lost 0, tied 1; 234 points to 49.
Waco—won 8, lost 1; 292 points to 62.
Tyler—won 7, lost 1, tied 2; 275 points to 71.
Naacogoches—won 6, lost 4; 112 points to 94.
Austin (Houston)—won 8, lost 1, tied 1; 166 points to 77.
South Park (Beaumont)—won 9, lost 1; 162 points to 24.
Austin—won 10, lost 0; 199 points to 12.
Brownsville—won 7, lost 0, tied 3; 113 points to 25.
Austin's Defense Best

Austin has the best defensive record, allowing but 12 points for the season. Sherman reaches the bi-district play-off with more losses than wins and outscored by the opposition by 33 points. Brownsville held the distinction of being unbeaten in two years although the Eagles have been tied five times.

Pioneer Resides in County for 58 Years

DICKENS (AP)—James (Uncle Jimmy) Askins, 78, is the oldest continuous male resident of Dickens county, having lived near here since 1881. He was a cowboy and a freighter in the early days.

"When I came to Dickens county the only store was the old Doekum store near Espuela," he said. "There were Indians here, or at least they used to come through here and camp here for weeks and months."

"I came with my father and we lived for a long time in a dugout. I first worked for the Matadors, then freighted to Colorado City, our nearest railroad town. It was 90 miles to Colorado City and there was no road, just a sort of trail the ranchers fixed up for the wagons to get through."

Later a store was started at Soldiers Mound, between Dickens and Spur, where soldiers under Gen. McKenzie fought Indians in the 70's when he was clearing West Texas of hostile redmen. Settlers came in and made homes near the store.

Mrs. Askins as a small girl, came to the county in 1880, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, she has lived here since.

"Stage Door" Will Open Midland's Little Theatre

An engaging troupe of young women aided here and there by a capable auxiliary of men, has been working for some time now preparing "Stage Door" for presentation to a Midland Little Theatre audience on Wednesday evening, December 13, at 8:30 at the Yucca Theatre.

The plot serves as a vehicle for the expression of the conviction of co-authors George Kaufman and Edna Ferber, both inveterate lovers of the legitimate theatre, that dramatic talent is often coarsened or extinguished by contact with the screen. All the way through, the play presents engrossing situations and amusing cross-talk and by-play.

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things and suffering these disappointments. It takes the whole cast to make the play. There isn't a role that doesn't contribute materially. The stage is never idle. Girls take the spotlight in groups that are constantly shifting, breaking and changing into others each as entertaining as the last.

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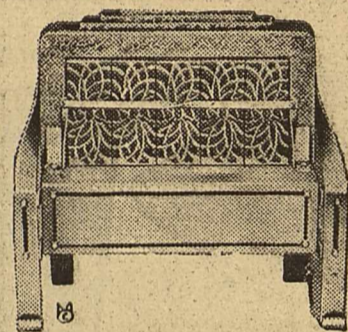
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Human Side of War Painted for Co-Eds In Soldiers' Letters

WACO, Texas. — The human side of the war—how it affects individuals in the warring countries—has been pictured to Baylor University students through two co-eds, Ellen Middlebrook of Nacogdoches and Amelia Roots of Denison, in the publication of parts of letters they have received from European friends.

Both the girls spent the summer abroad, left Europe at the very outbreak of the war, and since their return to the campus have received frequent communications fromelligerents.

A French lieutenant in the air forces, now on the Western Front, writes in humorous pathos: "It's a terrible job; we're at a certain place close to German territory and are supposed to watch them. Unfortunately they seem to object strongly to our flying over their lines and it sometimes makes things a bit awkward. It should be great fun if the weather were decent. But it somehow adds to the feeling I have that Hell is nothing but a cold, damp, gloomy place, carefully hidden somewhere on the Western Front. . . I'm just a fool, terribly weary, tired, cold and hungry. Some people will never know what this life is like, but after all it is much better that you don't."

An American newspaper correspondent, after a hazardous journey through the warring frontier, writes from Switzerland: "When we finally reached Zurich and Lucerne, we saw more military preparations than one would imagine possible for such a pacific community. . . Paris a week ago was a different city from what it was last summer. Now it's a place of darkness, but the people are confident and prepared for whatever may happen. The war is tough on these people; tearful partings at Paris railroad stations do more than almost anything else to point out to me the human side of a great war."

And an Englishman, in the same mail, advised the co-eds: "By the way, don't believe the things in the American newspapers about the war."

From a medical student in England: "Things have certainly been happening in this part of the world since I last saw you. All our friends are in active service, but Bob and I are completing our studies at the university. At the moment I am watching one of our boats on patrol for submarines. . . We are wondering when the war is going to finish so that we can return to Paris or come over to America for a visit."

But the most pathetic and forlorn of all letters comes from a French soldier on the Western Front: "This is quite a new feeling to me—just considering that nothing will ever be important again, for I'm here tonight but where shall I

be tomorrow? I hope you don't find me gloomy because I'm really not—just regretting a few things from the time I lived in a civilized world. "This morning I was on duty at the bar. Everyone in our squadron has to serve once at the bar as a tradition. And my training, which is not much, brought me some wild insults. Another lieutenant went so far as to prophesy that I shall never be a staff officer if I do not learn to mix a better Manhattan. The poor guy two hours later went out with a two-gunner for a trip over the frontier. He didn't want to pilot the plane himself so he sat in the observation cockpit. When the plane landed two hours later, he was

Rain or Shine, the Pay Goes on for All In the U. S. Army

It never rains on the army—at least not enough to cut into a soldier's pay.

Sergeant Harry G. Haines, United States Army recruiting representative, leaning back, a tiny neat hole through his cheek and a mouthful of blood—machine gun bullet—another one who shall never be a staff officer. Today, he; tomorrow, who?

Stationed at Sweetwater, pointed out today that young men from this area who enlist in the army will not lose time because of bad weather or sickness. The pay goes on just the same.

"And the pay," Sergeant Haines declared, "is a lot better than some people think it is. It varies from \$21 to \$157.50 a month, but that is only part of the picture. "A soldier doesn't worry about the cost of clothing, food or rents. Neither does he have to think about doctor's or dentist's bills—Uncle Sam takes care of all that. Out of his regular pay the soldier pays only for his haircuts and laundry—leaving a pretty neat net."

The recruiting representative, who has been around the army many years and knows most of the answers, can't figure out why young men worry along with hardly a dime in their pockets when vacancies exist in various branches of the army. "Any enlisted man may learn a trade that would bring him a good income if he left the army," he explained.

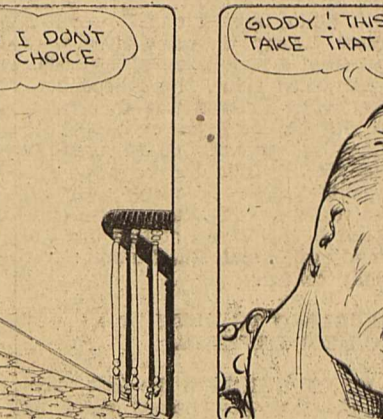
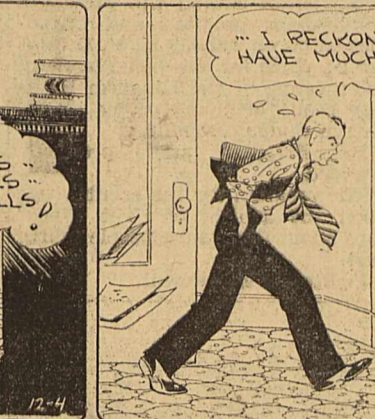
"Much of the army is motorized today. There are excellent schools for radio operators, motor mechanics and numerous specialists schools for the air corps. The medical department will train men as x-ray, dental or general laboratory technicians. There are dozens of other

opportunities open—and the soldier gets paid while he learns.

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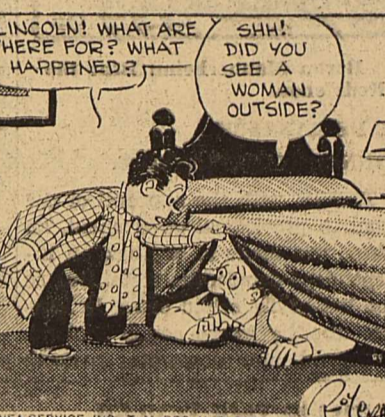
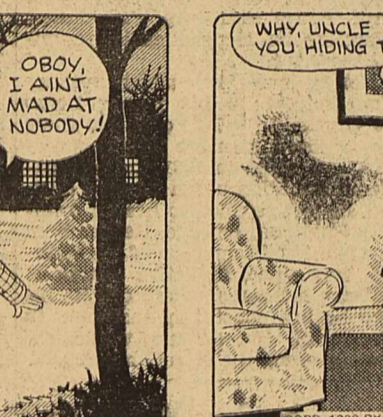
Natives of the Lake Nyasa region of Africa use a bread the sole ingredient of which consists of small brownish flies, known as kungu. They capture the flies by running into the thick swarms with baskets, and then knead the flies. There are dozens of other

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



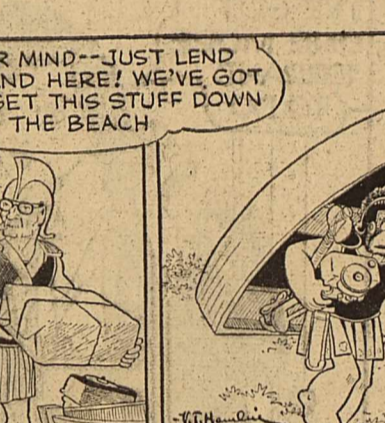
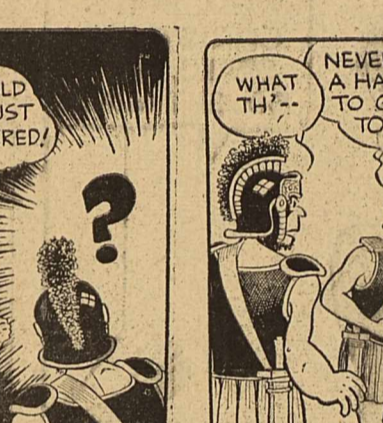
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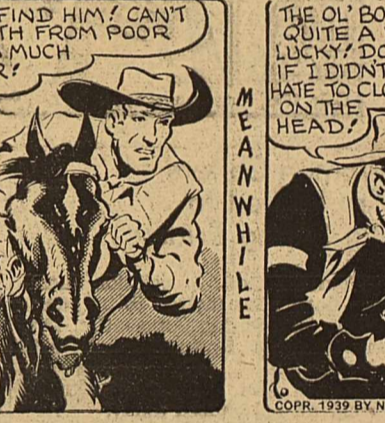
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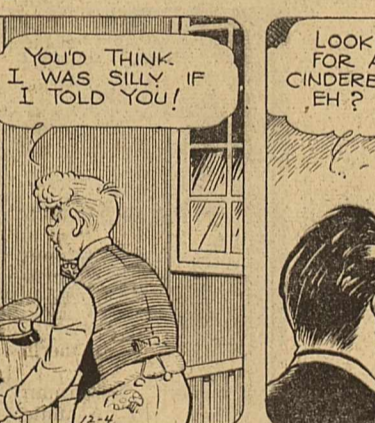
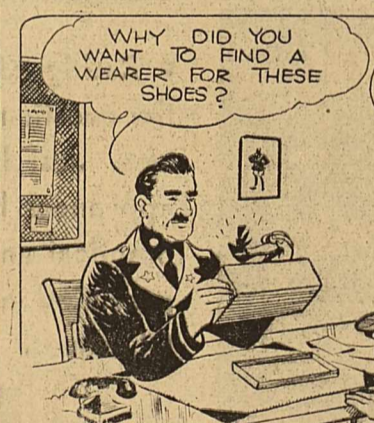
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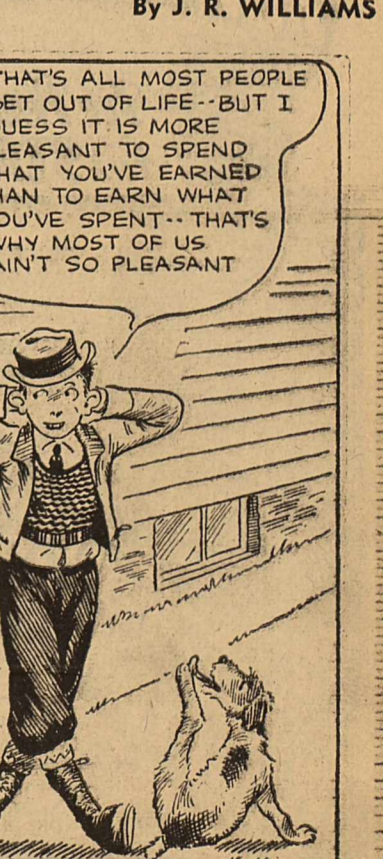
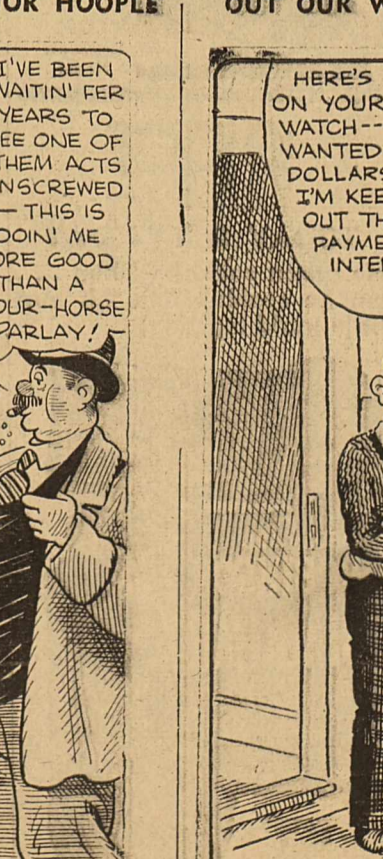
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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

with MAJOR HOOPLE

OUT OUR WAY

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A MAGICIAN'S MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

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Mannerheim, Liberator of Finns, Back at the Front Fighting Reds

By NEA Service.

WHEN Russian leaders insisted that Finland either get rid of Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustav Emil Mannerheim or suffer invasion, they knew what they were about.

Mannerheim has spent the past 20 years of his life fighting Bolshevism. Almost single-handed, he kept Finland from falling into the hands of the Reds in 1918, and he has been a political bulwark against Communism ever since.

Mannerheim, more than 70, an old-time Swedish-Finnish aristocrat, now is out on the front again, leading the Finns' defense organization. He can still spend hours in the saddle or on his feet, personally inspecting troops or defense lines.

A large proportion of the people of Finland look on him as their George Washington, the man to whom it owes its independent existence.



Baron Mannerheim: Beat the Reds once.

became "Red Guards," supported by Russian refugees and native Reds. The country, as many times before in its history, was ransacked.

Mannerheim started on a small scale to organize a White Guard army in the north of Finland. Working his way south, his strength gradually grew, and with the aid of a full German division under Van der Goltz, finally defeated the Red forces at Viborg, April 28-29, 1918. White terror then followed Red terror. Thirty thousand lives were lost from a population of 3,500,000.

On these ruins, the independent democratic Finland was then built. In 1919, Mannerheim organized the "Skyddskorps" of 100,000 men to keep order while the republic was organized. The following year all controversies with Russia were supposed to have been settled by the Treaty of Dorpat. But friction never really ceased.

RECALLED TO DUTY TO HEAD DEFENSE.

MANNERHEIM in the first days of the new government acted as regent, for there was some talk of a monarchy. But when the first election of a president was held, and Prof. Karlo Stahlberg was chosen, Mannerheim stepped aside, resigned as regent.

For a time the aging military hero retired to his manor house at Villnäs in the lake country, where he enjoyed hunting and country life. But when in 1931 the international situation again became critical, he was recalled to head a council of national defense. He has been the No. 1 military man of his country ever since, in active charge of defense measures, where despite his age he has constantly inspected in person all the defense works, especially along the Karelian peninsula.

"EVERYTHING HATEFUL" TO RUSSIANS.

BUT to the Red minority in Finland, and to all Russian Reds, he is anathema, standing for everything hateful to them.

When the Russian Czars ruled Finland, the Mannerheim family was highly-placed at the Russian court. The young baron was brought up in the smartest Russian military schools, and attended Czar Nicholas II at his coronation. He fought in the Russo-Japanese war, leading cavalry raids against the Japanese near Mukden. By the time the World War came, he was a cavalry general, and commanded Russian troops in Galicia and Bessarabia. But when the Russian revolution came, he left the Russian service and returned to Finland.

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FINNISH RANSACK

FINNISH COUNTRYSIDE.

THERE, with the approval of the Russian provisional government, an effort was made to organize an independent democratic state. But as the Bolsheviks seized power in Russia, disorder swept across Finland. Unpaid and desperate garrisons

TILLIE THE TOILER

by Russ Westover

I'VE GOT ONE MORE ERRAND TO DO

WELL, IF IT'S CHRISTMAS SEALS, I'VE BOUGHT MINE

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Women Golfers Are Invited to Big Spring Friday

Women's Golf Association members have been invited to be guests of the Big Spring Association Friday at Big Spring, along with women golfers from Odessa and Lubbock. Mrs. W. B. Harkrider, president, announced today.

Guests are asked to be at the Country Club at Big Spring at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

All golfers planning to go from Midland are asked to call Mrs. Harkrider at telephone 239 on Wednesday.

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle, a football and a pair of boxing gloves. My address is 693 West Kansas St. Your friend, Dale Stice.

Presbyterian Young People Plan Program For Christmas Eve

Young people and children of the Presbyterian church will present a candle-light program and Christmas carols on Sunday night, December 24, plans for this being made at the meeting of the Kingdom Highway group of young people at the church Sunday evening.

Bill Ferguson, group president, presided.

The program for the evening was upon the subject of "The Word" with about four young people taking part.

Eighteen were present.

Coming Events

TUESDAY
Junior High PTA will meet at the Junior High building Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Executive board will meet at 2 o'clock with all room mothers urged to be present as important business will be discussed.

Martha Holloway circle of the WMU will present a program at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in observance of the Lottie Moon week of prayer.

Adelante club will meet with Mrs. B. K. Buffington, 514 W. Holmesley, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock for a bridge-luncheon.

Bridgette club will meet with Mrs. Lamar Lunt, 1107 W. Indiana, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Edelweiss club will meet with Mrs. W. W. LaFore, 602 S. Main, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY
Kara Scarborough circle of the

WTSTC Leases 320 Acres for Planes

CANYON (AP).—Dr. J. A. Hill announces leasing by West Texas State college of a half section of land two miles north of Canyon as the laboratory flying field for the civilian pilot training program now under way here.

The lease is for 1 1/2 years, subject to renewal, and is an arrangement with Wilson Campbell of Canyon, the holder of the lease on the Jacobson property. A hangar will be built by the Amarillo air service headed by Thornton Oxnard.

Oxnard and associates will begin flying instruction immediately in connection with their federal contract. Twenty students are taking the course. Ground training is being given by Supt. J. W. Reid of Dumas, who comes here twice a week. He is a former army pilot. The landing field will be designated as an approved landing field on flying maps.

The college also has another aviation project taking form. The N. Y. A. vocational groups on the campus are building an aviation mechanics work shop under the football stadium, and it will be equipped with machinery valued at more than \$60,000 by the government. David Blether of Amarillo will teach this course.

Parks Board Chief Refused Education

SEGUIN (AP).—Frank D. Quinn, executive secretary of the Texas State parks board, turned down the opportunity of a college education because his father would not agree to let him play professional baseball for which he was grooming himself.

The school of experience probably proved more profitable than a university education. He attended a Memphis, Tenn., business college and at 18 became a stenographer for the Delta Pipe Land company of Mississippi, a 40,000-acre cotton plantation. Within a few years he was promoted to office manager and then assistant to the president, L. K. Salsbury. When Salsbury resigned and organized the Cotton Estates company, he made Quinn secretary-treasurer and later general manager.

His prowess on the high school baseball team at Ackerman, Miss., landed Quinn in the manager's berth of a semi-professional baseball club when he graduated from high school. The University of Mississippi impressed with a winning team plotted by the 16-year-old manager and his own feats on the diamond, offered him inducements to attend the university and predicted a professional career for the youthful semi-pro star. But his father harbored different ideas about professional sports. So his son went to a business college instead.

Quinn is probably the only chamber of commerce manager in the United States who brought an oil field to his town with his own money and that of his associates. The business men of Seguin staged a banquet in honor of Salsbury, Quinn and Joe Marr when they brought in a gusher six miles east of town. But the next 11 holes were dry, and what is worse, the discovery well went dry soon after the banquet.

"After producing 25,000 barrels we had to shut the well in because all available storage tanks had been filled. When we opened it up again the gas pressure had left and so had the oil," Quinn said.

Bringing in this oil field endeared Quinn to the people of Seguin and they elected him their chamber of commerce manager for five years. His outstanding achievement was when he teamed up with Max Starcke, then mayor of Seguin, in the development of one of the best municipal playgrounds in Texas—the Max Starcke park—which paved the way for his present position as manager of the state parks system.

Quinn is descended from a pioneer Texas family, his great-grandfather, Robin Quinn, having been one of Sam Houston's soldiers.

"Interstate" Anglers Are on the Increase

WASHINGTON (AP).—The bureau of Fisheries reports a steady growth in the ranks of the "interstate" angler—the fellow who often believes the fish are thicker far away.

Thirty states sold 276,552 tourist licenses to visiting fishermen for \$338,056 in the fiscal year 1938, an increase of 300 per cent in five years. Sales of these permits in Texas numbered 758. The bureau's report showed the state sold 803 in the fiscal year of 1938.

Michigan, which established an all time high of 95,087 tourist licenses issued last year, led all states in the number of permits of this type during each annual period in the past five years.

Proceeds from all forms of fishing licenses aggregated \$10,220,787 in 1938 the bureau reported. The states expended a substantial amount of this for administration, educational work, and restocking of streams.

Children to Honor Highway Officials

CHILDRESS (AP).—The Children's chamber of commerce and board of city development will honor the three members of the state highway commission, Harry Hines, Robert L. Bobbitt and Brady Gentry, the state highway engineer, Julian Montgomery, division 25 engineer G. L. Brasher, and all employees of the 25th division with a banquet Dec. 5.

Invitations will be issued to newspaper men, city and county officials, chamber of commerce and civic leaders throughout northwest Texas and to all of the 25th division highway workers in Childress, Hall, Colingsworth, Cottle, Motley, Dickens, King, Knox, Hardeman, and Floyd counties.

The banquet will be an expression of appreciation from Children's citizenship to the highway department for their work in developing West Texas highways.

Party Postponed

The Naomi class Christmas party which was scheduled for Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. P. Knight has been postponed indefinitely.

GODMANS RETURN.

Rep. and Mrs. Jas. H. Goodman have returned from Lubbock for a visit of several days.

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