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36 Dead, 60 Injured on Nazi Warship

Star Witness



Miss Mary Jo Miller, Illinois school teacher who fled to Dallas to testify against E. R. Wyatt, Nacogdoches school teacher, on trial for bombing a residence, Mount Auburn, Texas, where she was visiting in July, 1938, with alleged intent to kill her. The two teachers once taught in the same school. Miss Miller claims Wyatt tried to force his attentions upon her, making it necessary she move to another city.

Russians Are Expelled From League Today

Branded as Aggressor In Battles Raging With Finn Troopers

GENEVA, Dec. 14. (AP). — The League of Nations, by unanimous vote of its council, today expelled Russia because of her invasion of Finland.

Four members of the council, including Finland, abstained from voting on the expulsion motion. The others were China, Yugoslavia and Greece.

The league leadership last night put up to the assembly a bold resolution to brand Russia an aggressor against Finland and turn the league secretariat into a co-ordinating general staff for war material and humanitarian aid for the struggling Finns.

The resolution itself was regarded by diplomats as the strongest that had come out of the League since it tried to crack down on Italy with sanctions in the Ethiopian war. In that case, however, the League did not eject, but declared Italy the aggressor.

One of the clauses of the resolution carried immense potential punch. After urging the member states to do everything they could to give material and humanitarian help to the Finns, the resolution continued: "The assembly authorizes the secretary-general of the League to lend the aid of his technical services for the organization of assistance to Finland as outlined above."

One part of the resolution empowered the league secretary-general to invite the United States to cooperate with League states in helping the Finns. The United States was not mentioned specifically, but in Geneva's official language the phrase "non-member states" is almost synonymous with the United States.

China's veteran League diplomat, Wellington Koo, whistled when he saw the phrase to co-ordinate League help for Finland. "China got nothing like that," he said. Koo fought for the same thing but got only a wordy resolution and little practical help.

Weekly Livestock Auction to Open Here Tuesday

Inauguration of a weekly livestock auction sale, to be held at Midland each Tuesday, was announced today by J. T. Jenkins, secretary-manager of the newly organized and incorporated Texas Cattle Sales, Inc. First sale will be Tuesday, December 19, at 12:30 o'clock noon.

Location of pens and auction ring is at the Cotton Warehouse, across street west of the Midland Cooperative Gin in southeast Midland. New pens have been constructed, with the ring and seats for bidders inside the large warehouse. Equipment is said to compare favorably with the best in West Texas.

Any kind of livestock may be sold through the auction sale, the manager stated, although cattle will be pushed strong, due to the strategic position of Midland as a cattle center.

H. L. Hull will be auctioneer. He is nationally known, having conducted auction sales in 43 states. He formerly conducted the sale at Henrietta, Texas. The usual rules and fees will prevail, as are in effect at other auction sales, it was announced. Livestock must be in the pens by Tuesday morning to sell that day.

British Destroyers Collide, 122 Dead

LONDON, Dec. 14. (AP). — The admiralty reported today the destroyer Dutchess had collided with another warship and sunk with an indicated loss of 122 lives. One officer and 22 men were saved.

The other ship, not immediately identified, was undamaged.

German Liner Quits Vera Cruz in Try To Reach Home Port

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 14. (AP). — The German liner Columbus, 32,581 tons, slipped out of Vera Cruz early today on what was an apparent attempt to reach a German port through the allied blockade.

The Columbus has been in port here since the outbreak of hostilities.

VISIT RELATIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams of Carizzo, New Mexico, visited relatives here earlier in the week.

Midland Mason Again Named District Deputy

Claude O. Crane, leader of local Masonic circles, has been named district deputy grand master by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, having received his certificate today. The district comprises lodges in Midland, Rankin, McCamey, Big Lake and Garden City.

Last year, Judge J. Wiley Taylor, former Midland man now of Big Lake, was deputy grand master. In the three years prior to that, those serving in the office were Roy McKee, Percy Mims and R. V. Hyatt, all of Midland.

Evening Classes in Oil Production to Be Launched Here

Through cooperation of Superintendent W. W. Lackey and the board of education of the Midland schools the American Petroleum Institute is sponsoring a class in "Petroleum Production Practices" to be held at the Midland high school.

This class will meet for twenty-four weeks, meeting twice a week with two hours for each meeting, and is open to anyone who might be interested. The first meeting will be Thursday, December 14, at 7 p. m., in the high school building.

The organization of the class depends on obtaining at least twelve paid-up members. The cost for this number will be \$5.50 each, which includes a textbook that becomes the property of the member; but if more than twelve members are secured the cost will be reduced in proportion.

The course covers the basic principles of petroleum production, beginning with some of the fundamentals of petroleum geology and extending through current producing practices and problems. Many of the sales engineers located in Midland have expressed their willingness to describe field operations and equipment, such as acidizing, shooting, cementing, multi-cylinder engines, drilling equipment, etc.

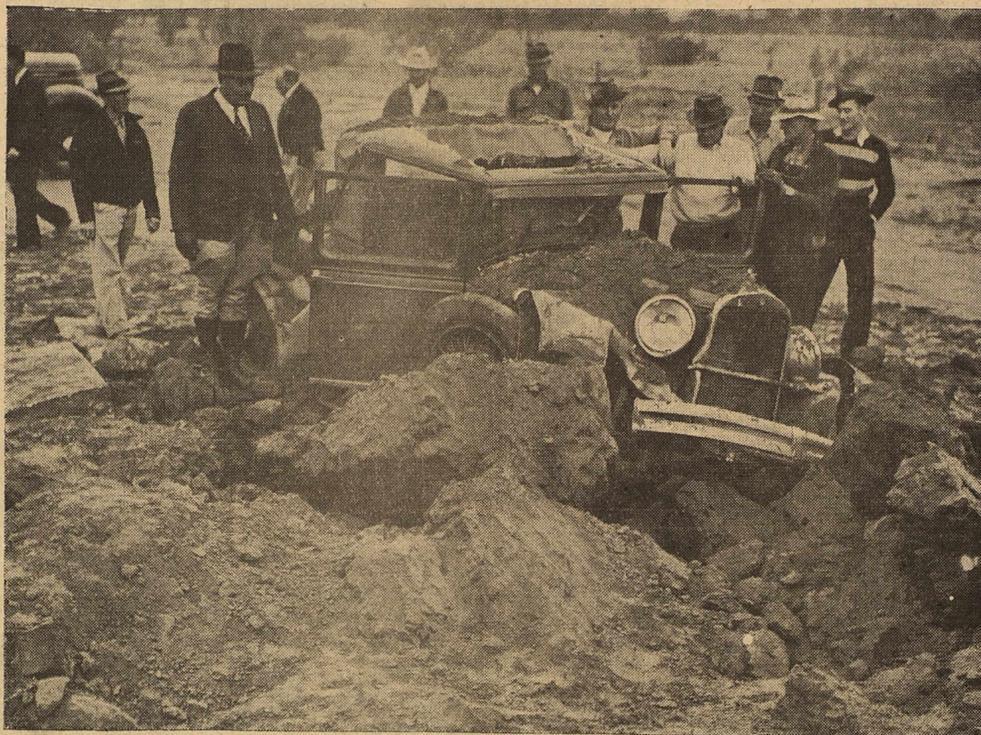
Eight Lose Lives as Mine Sweeper Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 14. (AP). — The mine-sweeping trawler William Hallett sank today with the loss of eight lives after striking a mine.

HAS APPENDECTOMY.

Billy McGrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McGrew, underwent an appendectomy in a Midland hospital Wednesday night.

Pipeline Explosion Demolishes Automobile



A series of explosions which raced along 40 miles of oil pipeline from Ryan, Okla., to Archer county, Texas, caught the automobile shown above driven by Roy H. Brinkley, Wichita Falls WPA worker, as he traveled to work on U. S. Highway 370, ten miles southeast of Wichita Falls, Tuesday. The blast ripped the concrete paving to bits and demolished the car. Brinkley was stunned but suffered only minor injuries.

Major Company Operation Told About by Kemler

H. J. Kemler, general manager of the West Texas and New Mexico division of the Shell Oil Company, Inc., with headquarters at Midland, was guest speaker at the Rotary club today, giving high lights of "how a major oil company operates."

Mr. Kemler told briefly of the integration of major companies but confined his treatise to the set-up of the operating company itself. With a managing head, who usually is an officer in the concern, the company then is divided into groups which function under department heads who work in close relationship to the managing head.

The company's operations consist principally of the (1) exploration and (2) exploitation departments, each branch being headed by highly trained and scientific men, with the personnel composed largely of those who have had similar training.

The exploration group includes geologists, paleontologists and the various other scientists who find oil producing lands by scientific rather than the "old hit and miss" systems. Few wildcat operations are started by major companies unless the areas have been geologized favorably.

Land men look after the trading for properties, scouts report on competitive activities to the land and geological departments, and the title and rental sections handle details necessary to property holding of the properties.

Under the exploitation group, there are the production, engineering and drilling departments, with their affiliated sections. The part played by contractors was pictured by Mr. Kemler, although he said the major company's tools still are used as the yardstick for costs of drilling, production and other phases of the industry.

He told of the long period of production life of the methods used to get the maximum recovery at the minimum of cost, of economic methods, engineering methods such as control of gas and water and of scientific devices now in use by the production departments.

Major companies also have their automatic departments, claims, purchasing, personnel, legal, accounting and other sections.

He spoke of the friendly relations of the major companies and the independent operators and declared there will always be a place for the independents in the industry.

Following his address, Mr. Kemler answered many questions which were propounded by members of the audience. He was introduced by Tom Sealy who declared that Midland depends largely on the oil industry for its business, hence a talk on operation of a major company should be of general interest.

Annual Lions Club Party for Ladies Scheduled Tonight

With Santa Claus as the guest of honor, the annual ladies' night Christmas party of the Midland Lions club will be held in the Methodist annex on North Main street this evening at 7:30 o'clock, attendance of more than 150 club members, their ladies and guests being expected. The turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, will be served by the women of the First Methodist church. President Claude O. Crane will preside.

Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive shortly after 8 o'clock, a reception committee having been appointed to welcome the gentleman from the North Pole. Following a brief address by the guest of honor, Santa Claus will distribute gifts to all members and guests in attendance.

An interesting and entertaining program, including vocal solos, violin numbers and an accordion solo, has also been arranged for presentation at the affair. The event, annually one of the most enjoyable occasions on the club calendar, is expected to be one of the most successful ever staged by the Midland Lions club. The committee in charge of the party is composed of George Philipps, chairman; Ellis Conner, D. E. Gabbert, Bob Scruggs and Bill Holmes.

Emergency Crop and Feed Loans Are Now Available for 1940

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Midland county, and applications for these loans are now being received at District Clerk's office by J. G. Dougherty, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

This early opening of the loan program in Midland county is part of a plan recently announced by the Farm Credit Administration whereby emergency crop and feed loans are being made available immediately in all areas where farming conditions are seriously affected this year by drought.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

As in former years, the money loaned will be limited to the applicant's necessary cash needs in preparing and cultivating his 1940 crops or in purchasing or producing feed for his livestock.

Borrowers who obtain loans for the production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crop financed or, in the case of loans for the purchase or production of feed for livestock, a first lien on the livestock to be fed.

More Than 700 See Production Of 'Stage Door'

Opening a program which sponsors believe will be a permanent and valuable part of the cultural and entertainment activities of the town, Midland's Little Theatre Wednesday evening presented as its initial play a capable production of the Kaufman-Ferber "Stage Door." A crowd of approximately 750 at the Yucca theatre gave appreciative attention to the 30 Midland players who made up the cast.

Directed by Mrs. Wilmer B. Stowe, the players staged a smoothly-flowing performance, displaying both talent and technique in the handling of their roles.

Durelle Van Zandt as Terry Randall was outstanding; so was Alva W. Butler who won the delighted applause of the audience as Mattie the maid; Vann Mitchell was convincing as the bombastic Keith Burgess; Sue Kenderline as the acid-tongued Judith gave a realistic portrayal; and so on down through more than a score of other characters.

Taking roles in the three-act play which portrays the life of a group of girls in a theatrical boarding house in New York were:

Frances Gillett, Alva W. Butler, Lucille Johnson, Evelyn Haag, Dorothy Carr, Pauline McMurray, Sue Kenderline, Juanita Sherrod, Veda Hodge, Dorothy Perkins, Allene Tixer, Ida Beth Cowden-Oliver, Marian Wadley-Reese, Jessie Moody-Parsons, Elinore Chase, Georgia Goss, Jewel McClish, Durelle Van Zandt, Vee Kasper, Dalton McWilliams, Jack J. Harrison, Charles Reed, Don McKinlin, S. Ross Carr, Vann Mitchell, Ruth Elizabeth Breyer, L. H. Tiffin, J. A. Duffeyes.

"Stage Door" is the first of three presentations planned by the Little Theatre for this season.

Choir to Present Sermon in Song

In preparation for the special Christmas program to be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the choir of the First Baptist church will hold rehearsal at 7 o'clock tonight. It has been announced by J. Boyd East, director.

The program Sunday evening will not be a cantata but a sermon in song, he said. It is entitled "The Life of the Christ of Christmas." Many of the old familiar Christmas carols will be used in its presentation.

The program will be open to the public.

HAS BLOOD TRANSFUSION.

Mrs. Sterling Hanks, accidentally shot while on a hunting trip earlier in the week, received another blood transfusion today. Hospital authorities said she was doing "fairly well."

More Offerings for Finnish Relief Fund Are Received Today

Two other donations, bringing the total to \$8.00 were received today for the benefit of the Finnish Relief Fund being sponsored in Midland by the Reporter-Telegram.

M. D. Cox today presented his check for \$5 and Angelo Smyrle gave \$1 for the fund. Two other \$1 offerings were made yesterday. All money received by the Reporter-Telegram will be mailed to ex-President Herbert Hoover, chairman of the drive in the United States. Persons desiring to contribute to the fund are urged to mail or bring money to the Reporter-Telegram, marking it "Finnish Relief Fund."

German-Russian Treaty Is Signed

BERLIN, Dec. 14. (AP). — The German-Russian friendship and boundary treaty initiated September 28 was ratified today by Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop and Russian Ambassador Schkharzoff.

Sandhills East Extension Well Flows 219 Barrels in Three Hours After Acid

Flow of 50 barrels of oil per hour through 2-inch tubing was registered after initial acid treatment of 1,000 gallons in Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 33 J. B. Tubbs et al, extending the farthest northeast production in the Sandhills deep Permian pool of western Crane county approximately one mile east by southeast. Gas volume was rated at 960,000 cubic feet per day after first acid.

After re-treating with 3,000 gallons, the well flowed 218.8 barrels of oil on a three-hour test after cleaning out and now is shut in awaiting potential gauge. It is bottomed at 4,400 feet, and tubing is set at 4,374. The well flowed by heads naturally.

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 5 M. B. McKnight, Ordovician test northeast of the Sandhills pool, is drilling out at 5,590 feet.

Landreth Production Corporation and Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 1-A J. L. Johnson, central Ector wildcat 2,310 feet from the north and west lines of section 43, block 43, township 1 south, T. & P. survey, this morning was drilling at 4,177 feet in lime. Some oil staining had been noted in samples of lime at around 4,150 feet.

Western States Gasoline Corporation No. 3 Humble-Coons, in the northwest part of the North Cowden pool in northern Ector, Sinclair-Prairie Oil Company No. 4 Fay Holt flowed 634.25 barrels of oil on official 24-hour Railroad Commission test. Total depth is 4,284 feet in lime, and the well was shot. Gas volume gauged 450,317 cubic feet per day, giving it a gas-oil ratio of 710-1.

Second Cedar Lake Well. Stanolind Oil & Gas Company

REPAIRS TO BE MADE IN HARBOR

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 14. (AP). — The German pocket battleship Graf Spee, her steel rent by British guns and 36 of her crew dead, clung to her refuge in this neutral port today while two of three British cruisers which engaged her in a 14-hour running battle yesterday stood guard at sea. (It was first reported the German ship was the Admiral Scheer.)

A third cruiser, the crippled Exeter, which was knocked out of the fight after four hours of cannonading, limped into Rio de la Plata to a position 12 miles off Montevideo.

Reports were current many were dead and wounded aboard the Exeter, but nothing official had been issued on casualties either among crews of the Exeter or her fellow fighters, Achilles and Ajax, all of which were damaged.

More Baskets For Needy Are Needed in City

With Christmas only 10 days off, response to the Christmas basket program for the needy families of the community has been very limited and unless local citizens become more interested in the program many unfortunate families of Midland will go hungry on Christmas day, according to members of the welfare committee of the chamber of commerce which committee is sponsoring the project.

A check-up early this afternoon showed that only six of the 177 needy families listed at the chamber of commerce office have been "adopted" by individuals or organizations.

Persons wishing to assist in the program by supplying baskets of groceries to needy families are requested to call by the chamber of commerce office in Hotel Scharbauer as soon as possible to select the family or families they wish to help. Persons not wishing to arrange for or deliver their baskets personally may leave their donations at the chamber of commerce, which organization will handle all details.

Individuals and organizations of the city have always responded readily in taking care of the needy families of the community at Christmas time and it is hoped that every family listed will be taken care of this year as in the past. The need is great and it is up to the more fortunate citizens of Midland to see to it that no persons in Midland goes hungry on Christmas day.

80 Known Dead When Armament Plant Goes Up in an Explosion

BUCHAREST, Dec. 14. (AP). — Eighty persons were killed and 200 injured today in an explosion at a cellulose plant under military control at Zarnesti.

Whole families were wiped out in their sleep by an early morning blast of an overheated 1,000-gallon kettle of cellulose.

Wind spread flames and chlorine fumes over the village.

the Exeter, but nothing official had been issued on casualties either among crews of the Exeter or her fellow fighters, Achilles and Ajax, all of which were damaged.

Sixty of the German warship crew, normally 926, were injured. Otto Langmann, German minister to Uruguay, charged crewmen were suffering from lung and eye injuries resulting from gas shells fired by the British.

The British admiralty denied such shells were used. Langmann prepared to request permission for the German ship to be allowed to remain in Montevideo long enough to make repairs without risking internment.

The French merchantman Formosa, prize white, the Nazi warship was seeking when the battle began, reached port today with many passengers shaken by the engagement they had witnessed.

The battle was fought within the Americas' neutrality belt, and much of it was within sight of the Uruguayan shore where the reverberating roar of the great guns was heard and the flashes of gunfire observed.

(Officials at Washington said, however, that probably no issue would be raised on this question.)

They said the Graf Spee was within her rights under international law in taking refuge for repairs, but that she would have to leave within 24 hours after repairs are completed.

Uruguayan port authorities, nervous because their shore had been exposed all day to the booming six and eight-inch guns of the British

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (AP). — The National Broadcasting company broadcast from Uruguay today said the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee apparently was being prepared to sail almost immediately from Montevideo.

The announcer said the battleship's officers apparently planned to give battle to the reinforced squadrons of British cruisers lying in wait off the coast.

men-of-war, and the 11-inch mouthpieces of the German, kept curious crowds at a distance as the battleship dropped anchor, apparently seriously damaged.

The battered warship, which had haunted South Atlantic shipping lanes since September when she (See NAZI WARSHIP, page 4)

Christmas Carols Through the Ages



GOOD KING WENCESLAS

"Good King Wenceslas looked out, On the Feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, Deep, and crisp, and even..."

King Wenceslas ruled Bohemia from 928 to 935 and was known for his many kindnesses. Legend has it that he and a servant once carried meat, wine and wood to a peasant through deep snow. The page was overcome by cold, but found himself miraculously warmed by setting his feet in his master's footsteps. Words written in England in 1852 were set to a 16th century folk tune.

8 Shopping Days Till Christmas

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Deciding Block-Booking

When Congress meets in January, it will be asked to consider a bill introduced by Representative Matthew D. Neely, West Virginia Democrat, who would ban block-booking of movies by Hollywood distributors. Advocates of the bill protest that present methods of booking films makes it impossible for theatre managers to separate the wheat from the chaff.

Word is now getting around Washington and Hollywood that a certain movie, which panned the legislators, may have a lot to do with the final vote on the Neely bill. It is said that a lot of congressmen, who were invited to see the film, at a National Press Club showing, were so burned up over the depiction of congressional life that they have been won over to the Neely bill.

Without regard for the merits or disadvantages of the bill to bar block-booking, it is to be hoped that the congressmen won't take a stand one way or the other, on an issue of this kind simply because they happen to be sore. After all, it isn't the first time they've taken a public ribbing. That's one of the things they get \$10,000 a year for.

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Staggered System Urged For School Graduations

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Exodus of students from high schools and colleges in small groups instead of armies is suggested by Dr. Shirley A. Hamrin, Northwestern University professor of education.

"It's a mistake to graduate whole classes at the same time," he said. "By leaving school in smaller groups students could be absorbed in industry and the professions without waiting months or years for a job."

He foresaw a growing tendency for students to take jobs whenever the opportunities opened and to finish their education by part-time study. He said it would result in a better balance between education and employment and would prevent the sharp break which youngsters now experience between graduation and their first jobs.

A confused Hale Center cafe owner put this sign in the front window: "We will serve Turkey dinner every Thursday in November until we find out for sure when Thanksgiving will be."

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A SMALL DEPOSIT HOLDS ANY BULOVA UNTIL XMAS

Dear Santa

Dear Santa: Please bring me a punching bag, some boxing gloves, a Gene Autry gun, a big tractor, and a doctor's kit. Please bring me some fruits, nuts, and candy.
Tony Dunagan.
P.S. Don't leave any oranges.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, a cradle, a nurse's kit, an iron and ironing board, and fruit, nuts, and candy.
Love,
Marilyn Dunagan.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a rabbit, a ball, a Dick Tracy gun, and a horsey.
Walter Benton Dunagan.

Dear Santa: I have been a very good girl. I want some skates, a doll with a crown, a desk, house slippers and a little doctor set.
Betty Jean Wilson.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll with clothes and a telephone set.
My sister Marjorie wants a bicycle for Christmas.
Dorothy Barron.

Finnish Successes On Karelian Isthmus Claimed Wednesday

KIRKENES, Norway, Dec. 14. (AP) — Russian troops, advancing rapidly through the Petsamo district, are approaching Salmijarvi near the Norwegian frontier and Finns seem to be preparing to withdraw from the town to defense lines further south.

Five towns in the region, Salmijarvi, Kolsjoki, Tullevi, Koivolahti, Koveranta, are ablaze.

The Petsamo district is the narrow corridor of Finnish territory on the Arctic ocean.

HELSENKI, Dec. 14. (AP) — The Finnish army declared last night that the Russian invasion had been brought to a standstill on the Karelian isthmus after a fortnight of bitter mid-winter fighting, and that fiercely attacking Red troops on the eastern front had been repulsed in most places.

New attacks by air and sea were turned back, the Finnish command said, and the 800-mile land front from the Gulf of Finland to the Arctic ocean remained substantially the same.

"Great losses" to the Red army resulted when the Finns counter-attacked successfully on the eastern front, just north of Lake Ladoga, a communication said. Many prisoners were taken, and five more soviet tanks and four pieces of field artillery were captured. Other tanks were reported destroyed on the isthmus.

Finnish coastal artillery "annihilated" enemy forces attempting to force away along marshy roads skirting the northeastern shore of Lake Ladoga, the communication said, and transport detachments near Saunamanti were forced to turn back.

Other coastal artillery, firing from Koivisto island in the Gulf of Finland, bombarded Red troops operating on the mainland. Koivisto island is offshore from Murola on the Karelian isthmus where heavy fighting has been reported in the Russian advance upon Viipuri, Finland's second city.

The Red air corps dropped bombs from above the clouds in the vicinity of Hanko, southwestern naval base, and Tammsaari, 20 miles inland from the tip of Hanko head, the Finns reported.

Of fighting on the eastern front, the communication said: "The enemy is continuing fierce attacks which for the most part were repulsed."

One ounce of gold can be beaten out so thin that it will cover an area of 146 square feet.

The Town Quack



J. Boyd East and R. C. Conkling answered our request yesterday for a copy of the New York Sun's editorial on "Is There a Santa Claus?" We expect to take advantage of their offers and have this poem in print about the day before Christmas. As we have said often, the only holiday observed fully by the employees of The Reporter-Telegram is Christmas. So we will publish our Sunday, December 24, paper and skip Tuesday, the next issue appearing Tuesday afternoon, December 26. The Sunday paper will carry the Christmas greetings of Midland advertisers and will contain some interesting Christmas features.

All over town, complimentary remarks are being heard about last night's Little Theatre presentation of "Stage Door." This organization deserves a lot of credit and patronage in all of its undertakings. No doubt, the public will await with interest the next production.

Many a Midland youngster will go without Christmas unless the citizens respond to the annual Christmas basket fund in a substantial manner. Your check, left at the chamber of commerce, will help get this worthy project on a sure-footed basis.

One of Midland's earliest negro citizens, Porter Carson, died at San Angelo the other day after a lengthy illness. He had worked as porter at the Liano Barber Shop for around thirty years. One of his boys, familiarly known as "Pokey," was said to have been the first colored child born in Midland.

Most merchants report that although the Christmas shopping started a little slowly, it has been up to a high pitch the last week and stocks are being depleted right along. Shoppers will do well to round up their gift buying rapidly now, assuring better selections. One woman, who does nothing but wrap Christmas packages, said she has used more than 20,000 yards of ribbon and probably is about half through.

This was sent in: "Supplication of an oppressed oil man—Please, O Lord, deliver me from these iniquities that assail me. I am highly-compressed into a marathon, burned by the sun, run over by fire-chief, wrecked by the railroad commission, gripped by carter pills, bullied around by the jersey, kicked by the flying red horse, engulfed by tide-water, drowned in the Atlantic, shell-shocked until I am so numb that my fortitude to withstand punishment is eroded away by germ proof process."

The difference twixt the A. P. I. and the I. P. A. is quite droll—The A. P. I. gets the dough—The I. P. A. the hole.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, If Murphy don't get 'em, then Ikes must.

Compliments of the nickel for grandma clubs.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
Reporter-Telegram
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The surprise attack which was to have opened the Smith committee's investigation of the National Labor Relations Board has been postponed. The hearing got under way here Dec. 11 in a more or less routine manner.

Without saying anything about it, the committee had planned to open its hearings early this month in California. This would have given it the highly-publicized west coast maritime labor situation (Harry Bridges) to work on, and would have had it in California dividing headlines with the LaFollette committee, which is just beginning its Associated Farmers probe.

Illness of Charman Howard Smith upset the plan, however, Congressman Smith is recovering from a severe attack of flu; is regaining his strength by daily auto rides and by walking in the garden of his home at Alexandria, Va., but won't be well enough for travel until after the first of the year. Revised plans call for a visit of the committee to California sometime in January.

BATTLES AT STATE BARRIERS

HEARDING up Harry Hopkins' drive to remove interstate trade barriers is a tall, slim, sandy-haired chap named Paul Truitt, of the Industrial Economics Division of the Department of Commerce. He's been in that job only since Aug. 1; came to Commerce from the Treasury, where he had been on special assignment from the Temporary National Economic Committee in a study of government purchasing. He came to Treasury, in turn, in 1938 from an executive post with Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Truitt is a quiet, soft-spoken chap who plays golf in the 90's, has a somewhat better game of bridge, and would rather like to be a farmer. In biting into the state trade barrier tangle he is tackling one of the items which Harry Hopkins wrote down on his "things to do" calendar when he

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NOTICE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership, agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes, Title 105, relating to limited partnership, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted is Horton and Bixler; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is that of public accounting; and the same will be transacted in the City of Midland, Texas, and surrounding territory; that the names of the general partners of the firm are Jerry Norris and Oscar E. Clendennen, both of Midland County, Texas, and the name of the special partner is Rodney B. Horton of the City of Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, New Mex. That the capital contributed by the said Rodney B. Horton, special partner, is \$400.00 in cash. That the period at which partnership is to commence is the 28th day of November, 1939, and that it will terminate on the 31st day of December, 1940.

Jerry Norris
O. E. Clendennen
General Partners.
Rodney B. Horton
Special Partner.
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Texas Today

By The Associated Press

Petroleum and gas and their products have made history for the north end of the Texas Panhandle-Plains region, while a college professor at the south end has made history for a lot of folks with fixed beliefs about natural species. Long pipelines transport Panhandle gas to sections of 14 states, including Texas, but Dr. R. A. Studhalter, professor of Zoology at Texas Technological college, after painstaking study declares the sting of a scorpion or large centipede is no worse than a bee's and "the tarantula is a fine, clean pet."

There is no physical relationship between petroleum and bugs, of course, but Dr. Studhalter's assurance should fortify housewives to nonchalantly brush aside stinging insects when lighting the range.

The sequence of the Panhandle's oil and gas history is unbroken. Its first oil well, the old No. 2 Burnet in Carson county just south of Borger, still is pumping. It was brought in April 6, 1921, for initial production of 175 barrels and hasn't missed a day's yield. It was 3,045 feet deep and produced from granite wash formation.

A short time ago the well's production dropped to 20 barrels a day and as an experiment the owners deepened it to 3,094 feet, and in a test it pumped 199 barrels in 24 hours.

Until the time it was deepened the well had produced 126,000 barrels of oil. The last seven years it has been under proration.

The well came in about three years after discovery of the gas field in Potter county.

Speaking of the veterans, one oil man remarked, "18 years of steady production in one pay and then with the hole deepened only 52 feet into another and more prolific pay is good enough record for any oil well in any oil field."

When the Panhandle's gas field, larger than any other known reservoir, was tapped the potential was estimated at from three to forty trillion cubic feet. Almost seven trillion feet has been used and estimates of gas left in proved territory run from ten to thirty trillion feet. That's a lot of gas!

But it takes a lot of gas. Nine pipeline companies run lines out of the Panhandle's 2,480 square mile proved field. The lines measure from 18 to 26 inches in diameter and carry gas to New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. They connect with networks of lines spreading out all over the north and east. Hundreds of towns and communities get their gas from a territory that not so many years ago used cow and buffalo chips for fuel.

The field's daily production approximates 1,700,000 (billion) cubic feet. There are nearly 1,500 wells. It isn't a simple trick to transport gas in pipelines. You don't merely turn it in the lines and let it go. The pressure isn't sufficient and gas will stand still like anything else if there isn't some pressure. Booster stations, which build up the pressure, force the gas on its way. It takes several days for a given cubic foot to go from a Panhandle well to Mrs. Homley's kitchen stove in Detroit, but there are enough cubic feet ahead and behind it to keep the flow even and regular. And Mrs. Homley never has to worry about her gas. It's ready when

BRIDGES' FATE UP TO LANDIS

HARRY BRIDGES' status as a west coast labor leader may be settled finally before this year is out. A decision is expected from James M. Landis, whom Secretary Perkins named special examiner to hear the Bridges deportation case. Hearings were held last summer and early in the fall; briefs from both sides were filed with Landis late in October.

It is up to Landis to decide whether Bridges is to be deported. Technically, Secretary Perkins can overrule him; in practice, the decision of the examiner in a case like this is generally final.

TOWNSEND STILL STRONG

The Townsend pension campaign in Pennsylvania is beginning to send out political rumbblings. Dr. Townsend and Senator Sheridan Downey are just finishing a tour of the state, and they drew some heavy crowds. In one city, where 5000 people got into a 2500-capacity hall to hear them, a Republican county committeeman told the senator:

"If the Republicans and Democrats had combined to put on a mass meeting here, they couldn't have got half the crowd you people did. Where are you folks going, anyhow?"

Whether they get there or not, the doctor and the senator are going in the general direction of a controlling voice in next year's presidential election. As a tangible sign of their presence, they are leaving in Pennsylvania a chain of 20 radio stations which will broadcast Townsend plan programs four times a week from now until election day.

R. H. Eckhardt of Kerrville, while carrying his rural mail route, observed two bucks with antlers locked. It required the services of the game warden and two helpers to untangle the animals, one of which was dead.

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she makes up her mind to make hot biscuits for supper.

Oh, Dr. Studhalter, if you are still there—

First reading of his unqualified limitations upon the power of scorpions, centipedes and tarantulas to harm humans, if not, indeed, bring them to a violent end, pointed a challenge at traditional beliefs. Widespread acceptance of legends of their ferocity is not surprising because few persons willingly become guinea pigs from testing the potency of their venom or attempt to domesticate these insects.

But research led to surprise. Turning to that invaluable aid to the uninformed, Mr. Webster's dictionary, it was found that Dr. Studhalter had not pioneered for all people in shattering "these natural fables." Mr. Webster's makers of definitions, cloistered through they are in distant Massachusetts, already knew the truth.

The scorpion is defined in the big book as having a "narrow segmental tail bearing a venomous sting, very severe though rarely fatal to man."

The Texas tarantula is identified as a "large, heavy spider of the European Avicularia, and allied genera of the family Theraphosidae," but the benefits of taming it are not touched upon, nor is it suggested it is pretty to look at. On the other hand the larger species of centipede is described as being able to "inflict painful, but not serious, bites," while the whip scorpion, which Studhalter also declares is

harmless, is classified as having "no sting."

Dr. Studhalter, still dwelling upon life on the plains, says "a toad upon your number of insects it eats in its lifetime, and that a crow can eat 100 grasshoppers at each of its several daily meals. A centipede, he explains, might effect the skin as so many pin pricks would "but it is no more poisonous than a bee," and the much-dreaded "mountain boomer" can do no more harm than nip one's fingers.

Despite these explosions of myths, plains housewives will continue to grab the broom when hairy spiders invade their kitchens.

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Martha Holloway Circle Hostess to "Kidnap" Party

It was all in a spirit of fun when members of the Martha Holloway circle of the Baptist W.M.U. went on a "kidnap" party Wednesday morning. At 8 o'clock, circle members called upon members of the other W.M.U. circles and "kidnaped" them in whatever attire they happened to have chosen for early morning wear.

The "victims" were then taken to the home of Mrs. A. W. Wyatt, 515 W. Holmsley, where, instead of being held for ransom, they were served a coffee course and a prize was presented to the one whose costume was most laughable. Mrs. John Dun-

agan was winner of this. This social hour closed the party.

Some of the circle members called upon were not at home but a number responded to the "kidnapers." Present were the following: Mmes. S. T. Cole, Martha Holloway, S. C. Doughty, Ray Hyatt, Myrtle Scarborough Smith, C. A. Travelstead, M. D. Cox, Bob Preston, John Dunagan, J. M. White, Garber, W. W. Wimberly, J. V. Hobbs, J. M. Gilmore, T. A. Cole, S. L. Alexander, Martin Duvall, J. Webb Miller, H. D. Bruce, Flake Young, Brooks Pemberton, Eula Mahoney, Clarence Hale, Clyde Cowden, R. V. Lawrence, J. C. Hildman, C. Shafer, Robert T. Cox, Austin Flint, N. W. Bigham, R. O. Collins, A. W. Wyatt, Paul Filson, George Phillips, R. Chansler, W. M. Schrock, Ernest Neil.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

Girl Student Likes Machine Shop Grease

CLEVELAND, O. (AP)—Celia Vardy, 17, takes greasy hands and broken fingernails with a grin—for she is enrolled in the machine shop class in suburban Cleveland high school.

"It's a lot of fun, just being down here and seeing what goes on," she said, turning down a easting on a large metal lathe. "I like running a lathe, but filing is not so wonderful—not that I don't like that too, but I don't have the strength for it."

Celia said she likes to get her hands dirty.

"And I certainly do down here," she said. "I break so many nails now that I have given up using nail polish."

All Members Attend Christmas Party Of Modern Study Club at Link Home

Two musical numbers and a reading formed the entertainment selections at the Modern Study club's Christmas party held at the home of Mrs. L. C. Link, 1411 W. Texas, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. F. C. Cummings sang "The Virgin Slumber Song" by Max Reiger. Mrs. Tom Sealy played a violin solo, "The Holy City" by Adams. Mrs. John M. Hills was accompanist for both selections.

Mrs. Cummings presented a reading by Julia Peterkin, "A Plantation Christmas."

During the business session, Mrs. H. E. Voigt was elected treasurer to complete the year, following the

White and Green Yule Decorations Employed at Party

The "White Christmas" theme was emphasized in white and green decorations when Mrs. E. H. Davidson complimented the Merinda club with a morning bridge and luncheon at her home, 900 W. Storey Wednesday.

White reindeer posed on drifts of artificial snow on the mantel, in bright contrast to the greenery of fir.

The green Christmas tree was lighted by white candles.

At one o'clock, games were concluded and a luncheon was served.

In the table appointments the white theme was again favored, with a centerpiece of white chrysanthemums ranged on a reflector.

Present were all club members including: Mmes. J. W. Bradberry, C. L. Brawshaw, E. R. Osburn, Roach, Herring, J. F. Sirdevan, W. W. Studert, Ralph Troseth, and the hostesses.

Coming Events

FRIDAY.

Third in a series of Christmas recitals will be presented by piano students of Mrs. Lee Cornelius in the upstairs room of the First Christian church Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the program which will be a costumed presentation dealing with farm life.

Belmont Bible class will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. C. G. Murray, 701 N. Colorado, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Each member is asked to bring a contribution to aid in packing a Christmas basket for a needy family.

Methodist League council will meet at the annex Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Lucky Thirteen club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. T. Walker, 301 N. Loraine, Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Hundreds of members will be special guests.

Children's Service League will meet with Mrs. Robert Jones, 505-A N. Marienfeld, Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

SATURDAY.

Midland University club will hold its Christmas dance in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Schenbauer Saturday night from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock. Jack Amlung and his orchestra from Mineral Wells will play. The dance will be informal and invitational.

Story Hour will be held in the children's library, at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

T.E.L. class will have a Christmas party Saturday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. Lena Wimberly hostess at her home, 617 W. Texas.

Fur Mittens

Winter sports gloves must have both warmth and smartness. New mittens of soft natural gray rabbits' fur lined with knitted wool have both these requisites, and are practical as well as good looking, since the natural gray pelt shows practically no soil. They come in large and medium sizes.



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Mrs. Byerley Is Director for Fine Arts Study

Religion formed the basis of the program study at the meeting of the Fine Arts club with Mrs. W. F. Trappell, 214 South L street, Wednesday afternoon. Subject for the day was "Molders of American Thought" and Mrs. L. G. Byerley was director.

Mrs. A. P. Shirey presented a paper on "The Religious Background of American Culture" in which she traced the history of religion from early times in England through the day of the Puritan and down to the first and second generations after the coming of the Pilgrims to America.

Mrs. Byerley read the concluding paper on "The Church of Today" in which she discussed religion as a whole.

During the business session, the club voted \$50 to be used for Christmas baskets for the needy, this amount to include medical aid for children.

Members present were: Mmes. Tom C. Boho, Charles Brown, Byerley, E. H. Ellison, Curtis Gilmore, J. Howard Hodge, George Kidd Jr., Roy Parks, Shirey, Fred H. Wilcox, E. Hazen Woods, and the hostesses.

FEMININE FANCIES

By Kathleen Eiland

Newest idea in parties in our town is the "kidnap" party in which the guest is invited to go along at a time just as she was when the invited called. Sounds very informal and hilarious.

Anyway, if we are going to be kidnaped, we'd rather be kidnaped for a party than for anything else we can think of.

Costume jewelry numbers among its more original items decorative clips that contain wet perfume bottles. A nice idea for milder who is addicted to alluring fragrances.

Also from metropolitan quarters comes word of a "perfume necklace." This is a necklace strung with wet glass perfume bottles and with two little glass funnels (of all things!) so that the wearer may fill the vials with her favorite scents.

Can you imagine anything more darling (and more wacky, to borrow an expressive slang term?)

When you come to think of it, it is astonishing how many of the most delightful things in the world are the things which are frankly nonsensical.

We never could abide the idea of testing all one's likes and dislikes in the cold glare of reason rather than in the impulsiveness of the heart, anyway. Give us a little nonsense now and then or we'd find the world a very forbidding place.

A New York writer assures us that lingerie is way ahead in the rankings of favorite Christmas gifts. "This was shown in a survey of millions of December sales slips.

Take note, all you gift-hunting husbands, brothers, and cousins.

And if your lady is the kind that fancies herself in the role of the sophisticate, do choose black lace lingerie. It's tops in glamor and excitement.

Did you know that luminous paint, such as is used in countries where black-outs are the rule, has been introduced in America? It is used for painting designs on sweaters for evening, and sounds like the most truly and utterly "different" note in all the fashion news we've read recently.

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Home Arts Club Holds Christmas Party Wednesday

Mrs. B. W. Recer was in charge of entertainment at the Home Arts club Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Eula Mahoney, 614 West Tennessee, Wednesday afternoon.

During the business session, Mrs. John B. Mills reported on the Christmas basket which the club is to give to a needy family. Mrs. J. meeting of the safety council.

Mrs. Mills was appointed chairman of the committee to plan next year's program. She will be assisted by Mrs. Clinton Dunagan, Mrs. Guy Breneman, and Mrs. Drummond.

Gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree by Mrs. Paul Filson. A party plate was served to one guest, Mrs. Geo. Wright of Odessa, and the following members: Mmes. H. L. Albrecht, N. W. Bigham, Breneman, M. D. Cox, Clinton Dunagan, John Dunagan, Drummond, Filson, B. C. Girdley, Mills, Ernest Neill, Recer, and the hostesses.

Mrs. Kotyza Is Hostess to Club, Guests at Bridge

Mrs. Fred Kotyza, 664 Cuthbert, was hostess to members of the Dos Reales club and a quartet of guests with a dessert-bridge at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

A wreath of cedar greens over the fireplace and a decorated Christmas tree brought a breath of holiday spirit into the house.

Few tables of bridge were played with a first prize going to Mrs. F. L. McFarland and second to Mrs. Ed Reichardt.

Guests were: Mmes. Fred Brasted, Osburn, Reichardt, Bob Clarke. Dos Reales members present were: Mmes. A. M. McClure, McFarland, H. T. Newson, J. C. Williamson, and the hostesses.

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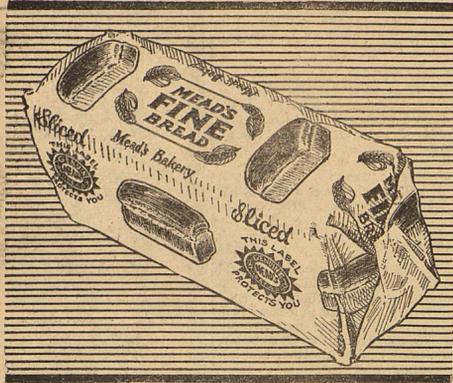


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Wednesday Bridge Meets at Home of Mrs. Ben Black

Wednesday Bridge club met for its bi-weekly party Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ben Black, 111 North G street.

and the hostess. The party was in courtesy to Mrs. Barron Kidd who was presented with a guest-gift from the hostesses.



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Food items section including Soap 5c, Sugar 25c, Pumpkin 15c, Mince Meat 25c, Nuts, Grapes, and Oranges.

Food items section including Pork & Beans, Tissue Roll, Soap, Raisins, and Lux Flakes.

MEATS section featuring Armour's & Peyton's Quality Beef (Steaks, Oysters, Bacon, Hens, Sliced Bacon) and other products like Corn, Peas, and Flour.

Safeway Apple Sale advertisement with a list of prices for various apple products like Delicious, Winesaps, and Pears.

Quality Texas Oranges advertisement with prices for different sizes and quantities.

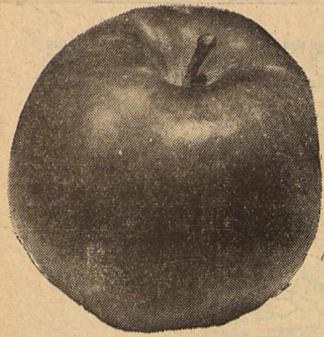
Fresh Pork advertisement listing prices for Roast, Sausage, and Pork Chops.

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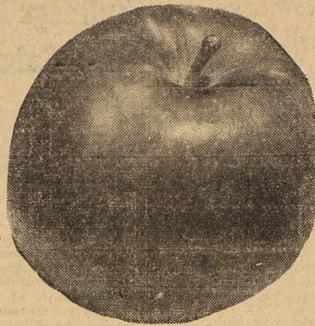
Wemple Assumes RCA Radio Dealership. Fred Wemple, owner of Ever-Ready Auto Service, is announcing in this issue of The Reporter-Telegram...

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CHERRIES
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Eight District Champions Pair Off in Quarter-Final Battles

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF.

DALLAS, Dec. 14. (AP).—Eight teams, only three of them undefeated, square off Friday and Saturday in the quarter-finals of the Texas Interscholastic League football race.

From the record standpoint Sweetwater and Austin High led the field—neither having been defeated nor tied and Austin boasting one of the finest defense records ever compiled in eleven games.

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Austin of Houston, one of the heaviest teams ever to play in the Interscholastic League, faces a dazzling offense from Austin High.

which has in Travis Raven probably the most dangerous runner of any school—and a wizard at kicking extra points. He also is quite a passer.

Here is the schedule for the quarter-final round:

Friday: Sweetwater at Lubbock, 2 p. m.

Saturday: Sulphur Springs vs. Woodrow Wilson at Dallas, 2:30 p. m.; Waco at Tyler, 2 p. m.; Austin High vs. Austin (Houston) at Houston, 2:30 p. m.

Sulphur Springs is the third undefeated team left in the race. Although the Wildcats have been twice tied.

Here are the records of the quarter-finalists:

Lubbock—won 7, lost 3, tied 1; 144 points to 53 for the opposition.

Sweetwater—won 10, lost 0, tied 0; 307 points to 73.

Sulphur Springs—won 7, lost 0, tied 2; 127 points to 38.

Woodrow Wilson—won 9, lost 1, tied 0; 217 points to 33.

Waco—won 9, lost 1, tied 0; 319 points to 75.

Tyler—won 8, lost 1, tied 2; 248 points to 71.

Austin (Houston)—won 9, lost 1, tied 1; 136 points to 71.

Austin High—won 11, lost 0, tied 0; 219 points to 18.

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Brumbelow Says Basketball Rule Changes Are Good

FORT WORTH. — "They're all good, but they are minor changes and will not affect the game noticeably."

This sums up the opinion of Coach Mike Brumbelow of Texas Christian University concerning the changes in basketball rules for this season.

One of the best changes, Coach Brumbelow says, is the one which, during a free throw, requires that the ball pass through the basket or touch the rim before being touched by a player.

"This change cuts down the tall boys' advantage," he points out. "Previously the big boys could reach up and tap the ball into the basket for two points on a free throw."

This year, in the event of a tie game, the rules grant each team an extra time-out in each overtime period.

"This is a change for the better," Brumbelow thinks. "With the game speeded up, the boys will need all the rest they can get, especially in an overtime period."

On a technical foul this year the opposing team, after the free throw, puts the ball in play out of bounds at mid-court.

"This rule may be all right, but we'll have to wait and see how it works out," the TCU coach says.

This season, in case of a personal foul, the offended team may waive the free throw and elect to put the ball in play from out of bounds at mid-court. In case two throws have been awarded, the choice applies to the second.

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Bulldogs Drub Big Lake Twice; Meet Fabens Here Friday Night

Midland high school basketball teams won two games last night when they journeyed to Big Lake and defeated the first and second teams of that school.

The Midland first team copped a 30-19 decision and the "B" team came through with one of the rarest of all basketball wins, a shutout, winning by 19-0.

The first team will meet the strong Fabens team here tomorrow night at eight o'clock. The Fabens team is reported to be one of the strongest in the El Paso district and will be favored to win over the locals.

Several games have already been played by the Fabens boys. Tickets are on sale by students now, priced at 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for students.

In last night's main go, Lindley of Big Lake captured high point honors by scoring five field goals and a free shot for 11 points. Gee of Midland was second with 9 points, and right behind him came Davis and Kelly, Scharbauer and Hyatt.

Some effective guarding by Scharbauer and Hyatt kept the Big Lake boys from ever scoring a point. So clean was the guarding that not a foul was called against the Midland boys.

The box scores:

| Team | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Midland | 12 | 6 | 30 | 5 |
| Big Lake | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Player | fg | ft | tp | pf |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Edson f | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Lindley f | 5 | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| Webb c | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Beach g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Guyne g | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Lambert g | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 8 | 3 | 19 | 10 |

| Player | fg | ft | tp | pf |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Batts f | 5 | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| Mallonee f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kelly c | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Scharbauer g | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hyatt g | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 9 | 1 | 19 | 0 |

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|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hughes f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edson f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lindley c | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Classcock g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kiker g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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LEGALS

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The 5th District of the Texas Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs has held its annual conference in Midland, October 21 and 22, 1939, and the success of this conference has been due to the co-operation of individual citizens, and civic and business organizations of Midland, as well as members of the Texas Federation,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that District 5 thanks and extends its appreciation to the following: Midland Chamber of Commerce Local Lion's Club Hotel Scharbauer Local American Legion Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hodge of The Yucca Theatre Midland Reporter-Telegram West Texas Office Supply Co. The City of Midland and its local Park Manager Judge Charles Klapproth Mrs. J. H. Goodman Mrs. Ruth Ramsell Miss Clea Dee Tate Mrs. Frank Miller Mrs. Tom Sealy Miss Nancy LaForce of the Goss Dance School First Baptist Church Our State Federation and particularly Miss Meta Meadow, our President-elect Leaders and members of the two new clubs, Pecos and Big Spring, whom we welcome to our midst, and to our able District Director, Miss Maria Spencer, for her work in bringing about the success of this Conference.

Be it further resolved, that this body go on record as expressing its appreciation of the work done in District 5 by Miss Juliet Kelly, Secretary of the Abilene YWCA and for many years a most active member of the B. & P. W. Club, and expressing sorrow for her death.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be given our gracious Hostess Club, the B. & P. W. Club of Midland; to the Executive Secretary and the President of the State organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys Ripley, Chairman
Frances Carter
Janelle Stodgill.

CLEVELAND, O. (UP)— A device which will ring a bell when carbon monoxide gas in garages becomes too concentrated was shown at the American Conference of Occupational Disease and Industrial Hygiene here.

U. of P. Establishes War Reference Service

PHILADELPHI, (UP)— The University of Pennsylvania Library has established a War Documentation Service for the present European conflict.

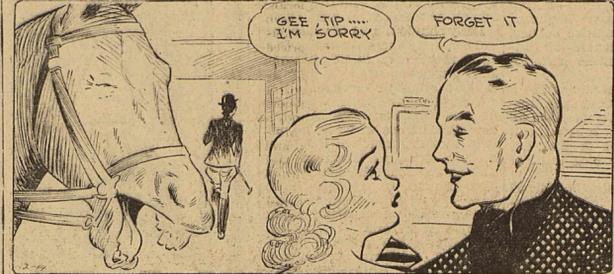
A card file is being completed in which will be listed books, newspapers, magazine articles, pamphlets, radio broadcast scripts, individual citizens, and civic and business organizations of Midland, as well as other material pertaining to the war.

Already more than 4,000,000 items, covering the collections of 150 major libraries in this area, have been listed.

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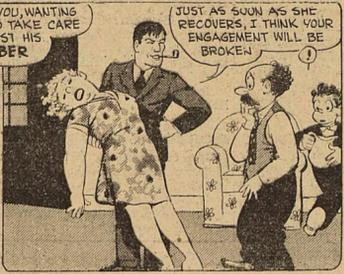
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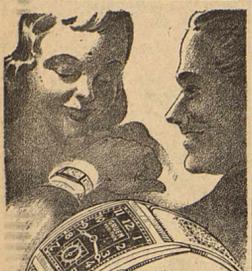


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Oil News—

(Continued from page 1) Sloan No. 1 Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald was reported to have logged no shows in drilling to 5,081 feet in



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lime. Crockett Deep Test. Preparations were being made to core in Continental Oil Company et al No. 1 J. S. Todd community block, Crockett county Ordovician wildcat, after it had drilled to 7,000 feet in gray dolomite.

The well entered the Ellenberger, lower Ordovician, high structurally at 6,256 feet but thus far has not shown for commercial production. Zay Kimberlin of Midland No. 1 J. W. Robbins et al, Permian test in northwestern Crockett, is pulling tubing preparatory to plugging off water believed encountered in the last 30 inches in drilling to 1,880 feet in lime. The well had flowed sulphur water by heads at 20-minute intervals, accompanied by some gas, after setting 2-inch tubing on bottom, with packer 30 inches up from total depth. After plugging off water, operators will test show of oil encountered immediately above the water.

H. D. Wilcox No. 2 Jones & Co.-field, Presidio county wildcat, is drilling below 2,026 feet in lava. Olson-McCandless No. 1 Crockett, Ordovician test two miles southwest of the Apo pool in northern Pecos county, is drilling at 3,915 feet in lime. Eight and one-half miles northwest of the Apo, Humble No. 1 Young still is shut down for engine repairs at 2,906 feet in Permian lime.

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It's Fun—and Hard Work—to Put on Little Theatre Play

By J. A. DEFFEYES

The Little Theatre of Midland opened and closed Stage Door last evening at the Yucca theatre to an appreciative audience—almost a full house. Head and shoulders above any criticism I heard of the performance was this. "It was smooth." That was no accident. Mrs. Wilmer B. Stowe, director, and Mrs. Donald L. McKibbin, assistant director, planned it that way. They had help, too. The programs contained the names of seventy-seven persons—Patron and Associate Patron Members, production staff, executive council, and the cast of characters—all contributing to an excellent performance.

A list of thirty characters in a two hour and fifty minute performance is too long for comment on all the individual merits. It is difficult to say that this one or that one stole the show. They took turns at stealing it.

Rough spots? Why dwell on them? The show was given for entertainment. We were entertained. That is sufficient.

After the performance, Mrs. N. A. Lancaster, President of the Little Theatre, gathered the persons concerned at her home at 1705 W. Indiana to "talk it over." They talked. At first, they tried to step out of character, and found that they did not know many of their fellow actors real names. They soon gave it up, and stuck to stage names. Husbands and wives found it embarrassing to be introduced as Mr. and Mrs. Stage Name. Example: Mr. Oliver Haag was "Mr. Big Mary."

Incidentally, Big and Little Mary (Evelyn Haag and Dorothy Carr) clung together during the entire evening. S. Ross Carr as David Kingsley, continued to look romantic and prosperous. Ida Beth Oliver, as Jean Maitland, did not shake off the "Hollywood Air." Dorothy Perkins, as Kaye Hamilton, did not take the group from Ruth Elizabeth Eyerley, (Mrs. Shaw) I thought, "Durelle wasn't acting. She's just naturally that sweet."

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At that, Alva W. Butler, who was Mattie the Maid (now minus the chewing gum and song) reminded us, "I did a bit of walking across the stage, myself." We laughed again at the many humorous spots she gave to the play. The party was almost over before a practical person, not one of the actors, asked, "How much money did we make?" "I don't know," answered several. "Does anyone know?" They didn't. Although it took money to do the show, they were not performing for money.

"I enjoyed it," on the tip of everyone's tongue, included in the party, the show, and some even dated it back to include rehearsals. With the Midland Little Theatre an actuality, and plans already under way to give us a better show next time, I left that party knowing more than ever that it is a lot of fun to put on a show.

Grover Cleveland was the first President of the United States to leave his country while serving office. He went beyond the three-mile limit while fishing off the Atlantic coast.

Oil Shutdowns May Be Discontinued in February—Sadler

AUSTIN, Dec. 14. (AP).—Removal of statewide shutdowns of Texas oil production, beginning next February appeared as a possibility Wednesday.

Jerry Sadler, member of the Texas railroad commission which regulates production in the nation's biggest oil state, announced he would raise the subject at a statewide prorotation hearing here Friday.

He added it was his intention to recommend readjustment of field allowances so that all pools could produce on a seven-day basis and keep state output within the U. S. bureau of mines recommendations. Daily shutdowns, 12 of which were ordered for December, were resorted to months ago in an attempt to keep production under the bureau's estimate of market demand.

Coincidentally Sadler announced he and Chairman Lon A. Smith had agreed there would be no more field allowable increases this month because estimated December flow was approaching the bureau recommendation of 1,438,000 barrels daily and because there had been "too much false testimony regarding market demand." Hearings set included: Dec. 21, increased allowances for the Dirks field, Bee county; Griffin field, Jones county.

HAS BACK INJURY.

J. Y. Bryant sustained a serious spinal injury Wednesday when a house he was tearing down fell upon him. He is in a Midland hospital where he was treated for the injury to his back and for a cut on the head.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

The condition of D. E. (Shorty) Holster, Reporter-Telegram shop foreman, who underwent a major operation yesterday in Dallas, today was reported to be "as well as could be expected."

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Definition of "Open Saloon" Is Upheld By Attorney General

AUSTIN, Dec. 14. (AP).—Attorney General Gerald C. Mann Wednesday upheld the validity of the state liquor control act as it defines an "open saloon."

The attorney general's opinion as to validity had been requested by Chairman W. D. Bradford of the state liquor control board who in a letter accompanying the request asserted belief the definition in effect had declared the wine and beer establishments were no saloons, was unreasonable on its face and therefore

was void. Mann replied that the legislature, in defining "open saloon," acted in obedience to the command of the people as indicated in the constitutional amendment repealing prohibition, and the attorney general has no authority to annul such legislative action.

"The attorney general should never advise law enforcement officers that a criminal statute was void merely because it is deemed unreasonable in its terms, Mann said at the outset of his opinion.

"Where a statute is plain and unambiguous in its terms, and therefore, construes itself," he declared, "the courts will not strike it down merely because it appears to be unreasonable in its provisions, or that it was conceived in unwisdom.

"While the supreme court has at times struck down legislative act because it was unintelligible in its terms, and therefore, unenforceable at law, and, in many instances

has declared void legislative enactments because they were passed in violation of constitution provisions, we know of no case where that court has annulled a statute on the single ground that it may have been considered to be an unreasonable or unwise enactment."

After quoting the legislature's definition of the "open saloon," Mann asserted the statute was "plain and unambiguous," was not susceptible to judicial construction, and could not be held void "because it may be thought to be unreasonable in its definition" of the open saloon.

Before the opinion was requested by Bradford as chairman of the board, he had proposed to the board that permits to sell beer and wine on state highways be cancelled and no more issued.

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Cotton Breaks \$2.50 On the Bale on Mart

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (AP).—Cotton broke nearly \$2.50 a bale today under profit selling brought out by the recent spectacular rise. Some losses were recovered in late trading.

British Casualties Are Listed at 2200

LONDON, Dec. 14. (AP).—Prime Minister Chamberlain said today Great Britain's total casualties during the first three months of the war were approximately 2,200 compared with 12,500 during the first two months of the World War.

IN WHEEL CHAIR.

Miss Dorothy Dublin, in an El Paso hospital for treatment of infantile paralysis and complications, is now being set up in a wheel chair daily as part of her treatment, relatives here have been informed. The plucky Big Spring girl, whose fight against the dreaded disease brought her the admiration of newspaper readers over a wide area, is the grand-daughter of Mrs. J. R. Dublin of Midland.

WEIGHTY PROBLEM

DETROIT.—The Tigers have granted Red Kress permission to play basketball to get his weight down. The shortstop already is 25 pounds lighter than he was at the close of last season.

NAVY'S BIG MARGIN

ANNAPOLIS.—Navy's 10-point margin over Army this year was the largest the Middies have scored over the Cadets since 1907.

Love Cuts School Roll.

SALEM, N. J. (U.P).—When the roll was called in Salem High School, Marie Hoer, 16, and Harry Hogate, 19, failed to answer to their names. An investigation revealed that they had been married.

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