

REDS SMASH TOWARD POLAND

U.S. Destroyer Sinks Following Explosion Near New York Coast

NEW YORK (AP)—A United States destroyer sank in outer New York Monday after an explosion of undetermined origin which shook many sections of the metropolitan area and awakened thousands before dawn.

There were at least 163 known survivors, including 108 injured. Fifty-four of them, many with third degree burns, were at the Army hospital at Fort Hancock, N. J.

There was no announcement regarding loss of life.

Canadians In Heavy Battle For Pescara

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS (AP)—Heavy fighting raged north of Ortona where Canadian troops have fought their way to within nine miles and artillery range of the strategic Adriatic port of Pescara. Allied headquarters announced Monday.

Rain, snow and high winds limited ground operations elsewhere in Italy to patrolling, but strong forces of medium bombers attacked rail communications at Taggia, Ventimiglia and Arma Riva on the Italian Riviera Sunday, while other medium bombers attacked the rail yards at Terni, 49 miles northeast of Rome, causing explosions and fires.

Wildcats Staked In Gaines And Reeves Counties

Applications to drill new wildcats in Gaines and Reeves counties, and a prospect in Pecos—which can practically be listed in the same class—were filed in the Railroad Commission office Monday morning.

L. L. Horne No. 1 George D. Norman will be the new development in Gaines County, and is proposed to 5,500 feet, and is to start drilling with rotary at once.

The location is 660 feet from the north and east lines of the north-west quarter of section 8, block C.

Smith Clan Biggest In Army, Trailed By Browns And Joneses

FORT DEVENS, MASS. (AP)—The mail man sighs when he sees the name of Smith on a letter these days—

Lieut. Max Knickerbocker, Fort Devens postal officer, said there are more than 250 Smiths on the post at present and that 350 other Smiths have been "shipped out" but still are on the active mailing list.

The only means of identifying these men, he said, was by their serial numbers.

Next in line, he added, are the Browns and Joneses, with a few more than 200 each, and then come the Murphys and Johnsons, with 100 each.

Partisans Enter Pivotal City Of Central Bosnia

LONDON (P)—Yugoslav Partisans have occupied half of the city of Banjaluka, mining and agricultural city in Central Bosnia and staff headquarters for the Second German Tank Army entrusted with the defense of the Nazi-held Adriatic coast, the Yugoslav Liberation Army announced Monday.

Marshal Josip Broz' (Tito's) war bulletin, broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio and recorded by The Associated Press, declared that bloody fighting was raging in the streets of Banjaluka, and that many German officers and men have been taken prisoner.

Bank Deposits In Midland Hit New High—\$11,977,668

Midland bank deposits soared to new high marks Dec. 31, statements in answer to the comptroller of the currency's bank call, showed Monday.

Bank deposits totaled \$11,977,668.99, compared with \$11,018,079.93, Oct. 18, the date of the previous call.

Deposits of the two banks totaled \$8,082,569.56 on Dec. 31, 1942. Loans and discounts on Dec. 31, 1943, totaled \$1,451,363.32.

War At A Glance

EUROPEAN AERIAL—Berlin receives second heavy raid of new year.

RUSSIA—Soviets speeding toward old Polish border.

ITALY—Canadians within artillery range of Pescara.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Marines in control at Sidor, New Guinea.



The map above shows potential invasion routes through which Allies can carry out President Roosevelt's promise that Germany's European fortress would be attacked "from the east, west and south."

Rail Union Leaders Want Probe Of 'Nameless' Official's Charge That Disputes Postpone Victory

WASHINGTON (AP)—Railroad union leaders are planning to ask the Truman committee to investigate the source and reason for the anonymous statement by a high government official that threats of steel and railroad strike may have delayed victory over Germany.

Midland Quota In Fourth War Bond Drive \$1,330,000

Midland County's quota in the Fourth War Loan drive, starting Jan. 18, is \$1,330,000, according to information received Monday by Charles L. Klapproth, county chairman.

Of the total quota, \$385,000 is assigned to the county for the sale of Series E War Bonds. The remainder may be subscribed in other issues of bonds and tax certificates.

Although the best known figures in the labor movement refrained from immediate public comment, there were indications that the last (Continued on Page 6)

Action On Moscow Pledges Demanded

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators Hatch (D-N.M.) and Ball (R-Minn.) proposed Monday the State Department submit to Congress an outline of plans for the immediate formation of a United Nations pledge to carry out the postwar pledges of the Moscow conference.

The two senators, members of a team which led a Senate fight for strong international commitments before the adoption of the Connally postwar resolution, told a reporter they believed such action would force a showdown on foreign policy that might clarify that issue during the presidential campaign.

Four Army Airmen Are Killed In Crash

DEL RIO, TEXAS (AP)—Three officers and an enlisted man were killed Sunday in the crash of a medium bomber four miles north of Laughlin Field here.

The dead: Lt. Lawrence B. Smith, North Logan, Utah; Lt. Lawrence D. Lichty, Los Angeles; Flight Officer Henry Ferro, New York City; Staff Sgt. Joe A. Pyle, Kemp, Texas.

Charles E. Wilson Is Proposed For President

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (AP)—The Union Star Monday proposed Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman of the War Production Board, as a compromise Republican nominee for president.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. James M. Curley (D-Mass.) was indicted for a second time Monday by a federal grand jury here in connection with the operation of Engineers' Group, Inc., described by the Department of Justice as "a government war contracts brokerage racket."

Thirteen Killed When Blast Wrecks Fortress

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. (AP)—A thunderous explosion cracked out of the stormy sky and thousands of persons looked up to see a four-motored Army Flying Fortress plummet to earth in flames near McClelland Field, killing 13 men aboard.

Major James H. Wergen of Salinas, Calif., commanding officer of the Yucca (Ariz.) Gunnery School, was the only survivor.

Three Fliers Killed

CHATTANOOGA, TENN. (AP)—Three fliers were killed Sunday night when a four-engine Army plane crashed into two fashionable homes on Missionary Ridge, two miles from the center of Chattanooga.

Crew Of Nine Killed When Fortress Crashes

SIoux CITY, IA. (AP)—A Flying Fortress on a training flight from the Sioux City air base crashed and burned on a farm near Holly Springs, Ia., Sunday killing its crew of nine.

Twin Sister, Heifer, Lives Up To Her Name

DALHART, TEX. (AP)—There is something in a name, after all. A three-year-old heifer, named Twin Sister, has given birth to twin calves on the Ernest Guillou ranch, southwest of Dalhart.

Twin Sister received her name when, as a calf, she shared her mother with an orphan calf.

Rainfall Totals .64 Of Inch In Midland

New Year Day's rainfall in Midland Saturday totaled .64 of an inch, getting the area off to a good start on precipitation in 1944. Rainfall in 1943 totaled only 9.75 inches here.

WEATHER

Not much change in temperature.

Last Main Fortified Strongpoint On Rail Line Taken By Army

LONDON (AP)—Russia's triumphant First Ukrainian Army sped on Monday virtually in sight of old Poland following the capture of Poland's last main fortified strongpoint on the Kive-Warsaw Railway 10 miles from the border.

The latest communique disclosed that Gen Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army had made a spurt of 17 miles in a day in some places—a pace which if continued in the Poyaski sector would put it inside old Poland Monday.

Berlin Afire After 'Worst Night' Attack

LONDON (AP)—Berlin, the RAF's first target for 1944, was given its second seething bath of fire and bombs of the New Year Monday by British airmen who delivered their 60th great blow against the charred capital.

The newest attack came while fires still were burning from a 1,000-ton or bigger assault that was made early Sunday and while German rescue workers still were digging dead and injured from the ruins.

Americans Land On North Coast Of New Guinea

By MORRIS LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor

American landings at Sidor on the jungle-lined north coast of New Guinea pointed a serious threat Monday at Japanese security along the sea lanes leading to enemy island fortresses which stand between the advancing Allies and the Philippines.

Midwestern units of the 32nd Infantry Division landed without opposition at three Sidor beaches at dawn Sunday and quickly overcame slight resistance which developed after the veterans of earlier New Guinea campaigns had dug in around the airfield.

War Bulletins

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A Budapest dispatch to the Stockholms-Tidningen Monday said rumors circulating in Belgrade said the Allies were setting the stage for an invasion of Yugoslavia by making landings and establishing bridgeheads on the small islands off the Dalmatian coast in the Adriatic.

LONDON (AP)—The German high command said Monday Nazi heavy bombers set fire to a medium-sized freighter and supply depots, and destroyed harbor installations in a Saturday night raid on Augusta, Allied-held port on the east coast of Sicily.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Flying in several transport planes, a group of fighter pilots and ground troops of the Brazilian Air Force departed Monday for an unspecified war front—the first Brazilians to leave for active operations abroad.

BUENOS AIRES (AP)—The Argentine foreign minister announced formal recognition Monday of the Bolivian government of Maj. Gualberto Villarroel who was put into the presidency Dec. 20 by a coup d'etat.

Judge Offers To Pay Couple On Marriage

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (AP)—Police Magistrate William H. Conway, a bachelor but a great believer in matrimony, has made this leap year offer:

"To the first couple I wed on Feb. 29, I'll give a \$25 war bond. After all, it's not the initial cost of marriage, it's the upkeep."

COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY ISSUES BANK CALL

WASHINGTON (AP)—The comptroller of the currency Monday issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Friday, December 31, 1943.

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Let every soul be subject unto the high powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God.—Romans 13:1.

Only The Worthy Remain Free

As the calendar heralds 1944, grim predictions of Allied political and military leaders rank foremost in the minds of all people. Nineteen-hundred-forty-four is the year of decision. It is the year of total war and destruction, death and suffering. It may well be the year of military victory—thanks to the courage of our fighting men and the American production miracle.

Armament production in the United States has reached staggering proportions. In November, every five minutes saw the birth of one new complete plane. The month's total was 8,789, of which 1,000 were heavy bombers. More than 150,000 war planes have been built since the start of hostilities.

Nineteen million tons of merchant ships were launched in 1943, compared to 1,163,000 tons in 1941.

Naval and shipbuilding has outstripped the imaginations of the wildest dreamers. About a dozen aircraft carriers were turned out in November alone. Warship tonnage in 1941 was 2,132,000. Out of the ashes of Pearl Harbor it rose to 5,000 tons in 1943, a colossus bent on the destruction of Japanese aggression and Nazi tyranny.

Tanks, guns and supplies are being produced in unbelievable quantities.

These things were made possible by the productive genius of free enterprise. In the hands of 10,000,000 American men and their companions in arms, they are America's answer to the warped leaders of Europe and Japan who have challenged our freedom.

But we have no cause to rejoice. Thousands of our men must die in 1944 to meet the challenge of the dictators. Usual year-end speechmaking and editorial phrase-making are out of place. The people were told when the war started that they would have to make sacrifices. They were told that this was a total war. And, yet, other than those who have given their men, no one has so far made an iota of real sacrifice. It is not in the cards for such a condition to continue.

Sometime in the not-too-distant future we, at home, are going to find out what total war means, even though we may never feel the impact of bombs on our cities.

A pretty good indication of how we are going to find out can be seen in the gusts of bitter controversy sweeping through the land over strikes, taxes, subsidies and inflation. They are the prelude to the storm. When it hits in full fury, the test of our love of freedom will be upon us.

No person in this nation can ever shut from his mind the awful vision of the last days of 1943 in which 1,000 Marines lay dead on the beaches of a South Pacific island. Those men died for the right to be free. We at home have yet to prove worthy of the freedom for which they died.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

First Coal, Then Steel

When John L. Lewis outbluffed or outboxed the administration, and won for his miners retroactive pay raises, the foresighted predicted that a wind had been sown which would become a whirlwind.

Now 350,000 steel workers demand retroactive increases. They can not see why they should be denied the benefits granted notably to the miners, but also to some lesser groups. "That," says one steel workers official, "is the Christmas present we get for breaking all known production records—a discriminatory slap in the face."

Production of steel was a war obligation, and deserves no Christmas present. But so was production of coal. If Lewis outwells Washington, must Murray be expected to play dumb?

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Strike Vs. War Objectives

There was something pathetic and shameful about Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's surprise press conference when he announced the Army was taking over the railroads. The mere fact that the Army was having to stop everything, right in the middle of a war, to run the railroads was a sad commentary—a ghastly confession that this is a hell of a way to run a railroad and a hell of a way to run a war.

Here is the invasion of Western Europe now being planned. Here is the Burma campaign in the making. Here is the Pacific offensive against Japan under way. All require intricate scheduling of supply and the most detailed operational scheming. All must be temporarily held in suspense while the Army moves in to buck up a broken down civilian economy and stop the threat of a strike.

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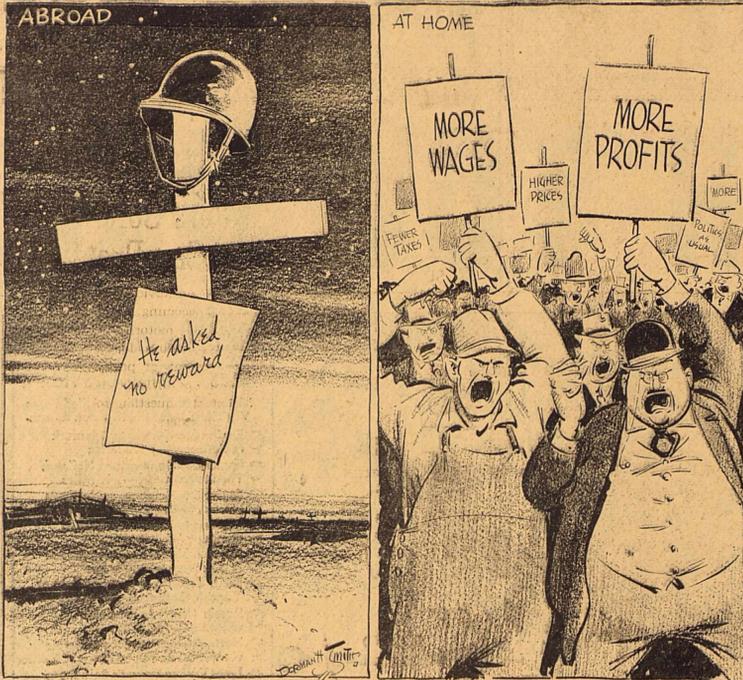


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Coming Events

TUESDAY

The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms at the county courthouse will be opened from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

The Wesley Bible Class of the First Methodist Church will meet at 3:00 p. m. in the Scharbauer Educational Building at the church.

The L. T. William Brewer Chapter of the D.A.R. will meet at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. George Rauff, 401 North Marfield. Mrs. Annie Stone and Mrs. Ernest Sitwell will be assistant hostesses.

The Young People's Missionary Societies of the First Baptist church will meet in the Educational Building of the church at 7 p. m. for the film showing of "Africa Joins The World". All young people of the church are urged to attend.

The So Sum Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Wesley Edwards, 1010 West Wall.

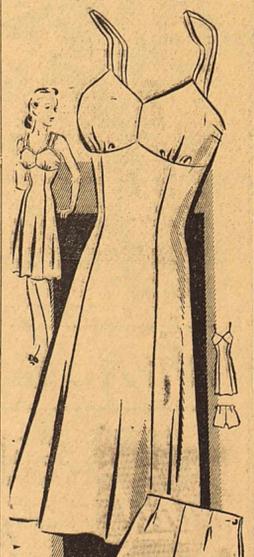
WEDNESDAY

The Play Readers Club will meet at 3:45 in the home of Mrs. Fred Wilson, 1811 West Holloway. Mrs. Ralph Brown will read "Winged Victory" by Moss Hart.

The Modern Study Club will meet in the home of Mrs. Charles Sherwood, 611 West Cuthbert at 3 p. m. Mrs. J. R. Crump is lesson leader.

The Woman's Wednesday Club

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No. Chaperon



Norma Hope Singerman, above, known to strip-tease fans as Mona Leese, may take her son, John Kenneth, 3, for a walk whenever she visits New York, if she wants to. So said Judge Joseph Sabath in Chicago, against protest of Norma-Mona's husband, Arthur R. Singerman, New York theatrical manager. Suing for divorce, he declared she should not be allowed with the child without a chaperon.

will meet with Mrs. O. B. Holt, 101 North B Street at 3 p. m. Mrs. J. M. DeArmond will be program leader.

Under the sponsorship of the Midland County Library, Mrs. J. Howard Hodge will speak over KRLH at 3:15 p. m. on "Libraries In The Post-War World".

The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms will be opened from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

The Business Women's Unit of the Red Cross will meet from 7:30 to 10 p. m. in the courthouse.

FRIDAY

The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms in the county courthouse will be opened from 9 a. m. to 12 and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

SATURDAY

The Treble Cleft Juvenile Music Club will meet at 9:30 a. m. at the Watson School of Music.

A Bingo party for officers and wives at the Officers' Club at the Midland Army Air Field, at 8:30 p. m.

BIG INCREASE IN FREIGHT
MEXICO CITY —(AP)— National Railways of Mexico reported freight shipments in 1943 increased 150 per cent over those of the previous year.

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WPB And OCR Are Learning ABC's Of SA, As Women Tell Their Needs

By EDNA CHANEY

When Arthur M. Whiteside, head of WPB's Office of Civilian Requirements, asked the women of America (missing me, incidentally) what they most wanted the New Year to bring them, they answered as one great voice: "Elastic tapes and alarm clocks!"

Is Romance completely dead? Can American women expect to hold their place as the world's most attractive women with demands like that? They can.

Dear Mr. Whiteside: Did you, or any other male, try keeping up a pair of rayon hose with a pair of synthetic garters? Let me tell you a little something about the garter situation while hastening to assure you it borders on the unreal. Substitutes include such articles as the old-fashioned arm band, or sleeve holder; men's garters; men's suspenders, cut and stitched to fit; strips of deer dead girder; string; cord; and the old reliable "Indian knot." And still American women's knees are baggy. Their chic, dainty beauty is fast becoming a thing we speak of in past tenses. And these tragic little substitutes should hang heavily on the heads of WPB. With man's usual clan, they took away the

kind of stocking that fits; took away our braces and then have the effrontery to ask us what we want!

Well, we don't want cake, Mr. Whiteside! We want the elastic tapes for garters with "give" and as an afterthought, you might conserve materials by making our stockings about dime size around the legs, so they wouldn't have so far to go. Then give us an alarm clock so we can get up early to enjoy our new-found knees.

Romance, like revolutions, is built of funny little disconnected things, isn't it?

Rose Queen Returns To School, Dishwater

PASADENA, CALIF.—(AP)—Queen Naomi Riordan, 17, and her six princesses sat in the royal box while 68,000 "subjects" paid her homage.

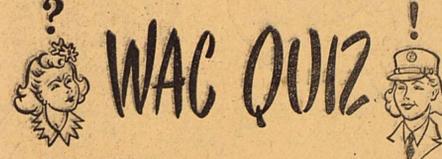
Now it's bobby socks and back to school; the royal gown and crown are back in the closet. Suppressing a queebly yawn, she plunged resolute fingers into sudsy dishwater.

The Tournament of Roses is over.

101-YEAR OLD WOMAN DIES

DALLAS —(AP)— One of Dallas' oldest residents, Mrs. Martha Matilda Bell, 101, died Sunday.

Normally, a battleship carries 59 typewriters, but only 30 in wartime.



WAC QUIZ

Question: What will I do in the WAC?

Answer: Any one of 155 important Army jobs. Maybe you'll do photographic work with the Signal Corps. Maybe your weather observation, dispatching and servicing planes. They're repairing bombsights, making aerial maps. Directing air traffic from control towers.

Question: How many hours a day will I work on the job?

Answer: That depends on the job. Ordinarily you'll have a regular working day. But war emergencies may call for extra duty—and a WAC is proud of being on the job, and smiling, whenever she's needed!

Civic Theater Will Meet In Auditorium

The Civic Theater will meet Monday evening for a regular first of the month business session. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. in the Civic Auditorium. All members are urged to attend.

MEXICO ANNOUNCES ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— An anti-inflation program for Mexico, including sale of bonds to retire money from circulation, was announced by Secretary of Finance Eduardo Suarez.

Railway, highway and other government bonds will be offered the public at good interest rates, Suarez said.

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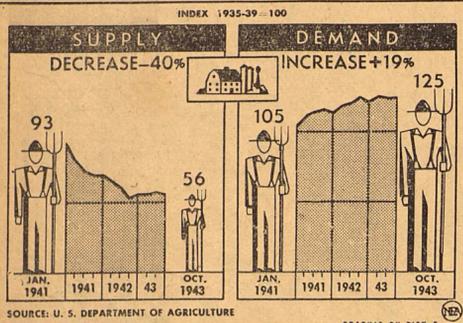
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PRESENTING EACH WEEK NEWS ABOUT LIVE, PROGRESSIVE FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS OF MIDLAND

FARM LABOR AND THE WAR



Tillman's Bakery Products Excel In Value, Flavor

Here is some food for thought—about food. Nourishment is of first importance. Digestibility must be a close second. Taste undoubtedly rates third place. Appearance and aroma ought at least "show."

To have them all nowadays you must possess either good judgment or good luck. Nobody can pass good luck to you, but good judgment can grow from facts and evidence.

Facts and evidence of the qualities desired in food are found in abundance at Tillman's Bakery, 119 South Main Street. Finest ingredients in everything from ginger snaps to fancy cakes give Tillman's products the utmost in nourishment and digestibility. Mixing and baking skill add taste, appearance and aroma. You're inclined to eat the things on the way home after buying them.

Produce Sally Ann Bread

One of Tillman's famous products is Sally Ann Bread. It contains as much enrichment in vitamin B1 and other elements as any bread in the country, and is exceptional in flavor.

Steady growth in patronage through the years since W. C. Tillman went into business in Midland is proof of constant quality and value.

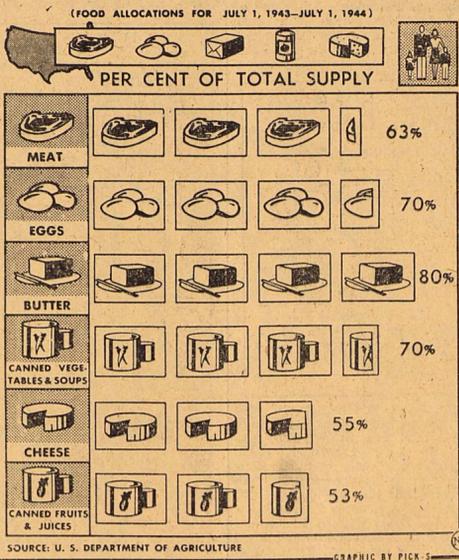
One thing that will never change in the bakery is the high standard of ingredients, said Tillman. He added:

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Frank Drake, manager of the parts department and shop, has won hundreds of friends through 18 years of contact here with men and women with automobile troubles.

Good advice—so vital until new cars can be produced—is free at Midland Motors.

The agency offers the best in used cars at reasonable prices.

Commands Canadians



Lieut.-Gen. Kenneth Stuart, above, Canadian army chief of staff at Ottawa, has been appointed to the newly created post of chief of staff, Canadian Military HQ, London. He will also succeed, temporarily, Lieut.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, in command of Dominion overseas forces.

Alphabetic Skeletons Hang Around Capital

Despite the orders of Congress that they be abolished, the WPA, NYA and CCC are still hanging on, in much skeletonized form of course, while they are being liquidated. WPA, scheduled to be closed out next June, still has more than 100 employees winding up its affairs.

NYA recently was voted a six-month extension to finish up its business, and CCC has a \$20,000 appropriation for the same purpose. The Public Works Administration (PWA), also supposedly abolished, still has seven employees.

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Tables Turned: Blood Given By Soldier Girl

NAMPA, IDAHO —(AP)— Tables were turned recently and, instead of a civilian donating blood to the armed forces, a member of the armed forces donated blood to a civilian, thereby saving a life.

In answer to a newspaper-radio plea for blood of the rare type AB, Private Lucille Mosgar, 24, WAC aerial photographer stationed at Hill Field, took time off from her duties and gave a transfusion, credited with saving the life of Mrs. Tod Streshly, Nampa, Idaho, housewife.

Now Private Civilian Has Gone Into Army

WILLOW LAKE, S. D. —(AP)— It had to happen, in an Army that has already discovered "Sergeant Sargents" and "Corporal Generals" in its ranks. Now it has a "Private Civilian" Pvt. Civilian Forde of Willow Lake, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

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INTO the office of the dean of Adelbert College hastened a chunky young man with hair like a tortoise-shell cat. He glared down at the astonished dean, upraised a sturdy arm like a traffic officer, and bellowed:

"If they dare to come out in the open field and defend the gold standard as a good thing, we will fight them to the uttermost!"

"Yes, yes," the dean said, soothingly. He was an aging man and a careful scholar, for Adelbert was a respectable small Presbyterian college. And he was used to freshmen. But Gid Planish was furiously going on:

"Having behind us the producing masses of this nation and the world, supported by the industrial interests—"

The dean interrupted, "It's 'commercial interests,' not 'industrial interests.' If you must quote William Jennings Bryan, do be accurate, my young friend."

Gid looked pained. Through all of his long and ambitious life—he was now eighteen—he had been oppressed by just such cynical misunderstanding. But he knew the Bryan speech clear to the end, and he was a natural public leader, who never wasted any information that he possessed. He roared on:

"—supported by the commercial interests, the laboring interests, and the toilers everywhere, we will answer their demand for a gold standard by saying to them: 'You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold.'" and look, Dean, I got to take Forensics and Extempore Speaking, I got to, that's what I came to Adelbert for, and I asked the prof—"

"The professor?"

"Yuh, I asked the prof, and he said freshmen can't take Forensics, but I got to take it."

"Don't you think that Freshman Rhetoric and a nice course of Freshman English, Wordsworth and the daffodils, would satisfy you?"

"No, sir. I guess maybe it sounds highfalutin, but I got a kind of message to deliver."

"And what is your message?"

Gid looked out at the waiting-room. No one was there but the dean's secretary. He insisted, mounting on his own eloquence:

"It seems to me, what this country needs is young men in politics that have higher standards of honesty and more profound knowledge of history, and, uh, well, of civics than the politicians of today, and who will advance the unfinished work lying before us of leading this country to, uh, higher standards of Freedom, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Freedom, and—well, I mean higher standards of—"

"Of Democracy?"

"That's it. Of Democracy. So you see I got to take Forensics."

"How do you spell Forensics, young man?"

"I guess it's f-o-r-e-n-s-i-k-s. Can I take it?"

"No."

"What did you say, sir?"

"I said 'no.'"

"You mean I can't take Forensics?"

"No."

Gid went away, a little bewildered, as later in life he was so often to be bewildered by the world's inappreciation of people who want to help it.

A thin devil of a classmate leered at him as he crossed the waiting-room.

AT Doc's Bar-B-Q Lunch, Gid was taking refreshment, this late afternoon of his second day at Adelbert College.

Next to the broad-armed chair which was also his dining-table, he found the lean devil whom he had seen in the dean's office.

"How you makin' out?" said the devil.

"Oh, all right, I guess."

"Did you get in on the public-speaking course?"

"No, damn it."

"Why don't you try for the debating team?"

"Gosh, I've tried to try already."

Gideon Planish

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I went and saw the captain, and he told me you can't get on the team 'till you're a sophomore. Gosh, I guess they don't want freshmen to be intellectual and idealistic here! But I don't suppose you care a damn about that."

"What makes you think so?"

"You look so— Say, what do they call you?"

"Hatch Hewitt, my name is."

"Gideon Planish, mine is."

"Pleasedmeecha."

"Pleasedmeecha."

"What makes you think, do I care can freshmen be idealistic in this dump, Mr. Planish?"

"Well, I'll tell you, Mr. Hewitt; it's because you look like you'd make fun of sentimentalists."

"Maybe I would, at that, Mr. Planish. But that's because I am an idealist."

"Is that a fact, Hatch? Well, well, is that a fact! Say, I'm tickled to death!"

HATCH'S room was a stable, Gid romantically found; an old small stable built for a team of inconsiderable horses, leaning and shaky, with hayseed caked about the windows. But it was as orderly as a widow's tea-room; a cot-bed in one stall, and in the other an old wood-stove and a wooden table with a dozen exactly arranged books.

"I do my own cooking here and just go to Doc's barbecue for a cup of coffee and company. With what I've saved, and a syndicate of papers for college needs, I'm working up, I'll get through," said Hatch. "But this dump must look pretty messy."

"It's grand! It's Bohemian! Vie de Bohemia!"

"I hate Bohemians."

"Oh!"

"I like order and precision."

"Oh, you do!" Gid was not too meek about it.

"You—I suppose you have a handsome apartment, with a fumed-oak Morris chair."

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

Mrs. A. M. (Helen) Sobel continued her march of victories by winning the women's team-of-four championship, the first event in the recent national tournament. Her teammates were Mrs. R. C. Young of Philadelphia, Mrs. Wilkinson Wagar of Atlanta and Mrs. J. E. Folline of Richmond. Later in the week Mrs. Sobel won the open team-of-four championship, which gave her two firsts in the Fall Nationals.

Mrs. Sobel	♠ Q 3	♥ A K 6 5 4 2	♦ 8 5 2	♣ 9 6
♠ A K 10 8	♥ 7	♦ 7	♣ 9 5 2	
♠ Q 1 9 3	♥ A K 7 6 4	♦ A 8 4 2	♣ K J 10 7	
♠ 10 9	♥ 7	♦ 7	♣ 5	
♠ Q 3	♥ A 8 4 2	♦ 7	♣ 5	

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South North East West
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♣ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
Opening—♠ 9. 3

Mrs. Sobel was confronted with an interesting problem on today's hand. West won the opening lead with the king of spades. Hoping to find her partner with the doubleton spade, she continued with the ace. Now that the damage was done, West continued with a spade and Mrs. Sobel (North) had to select her discard. Would you discard a club or a diamond? If you discard a club, you lost the contract.

Mrs. Sobel discarded a diamond and cashed the ace and king of hearts, which left two good hearts outstanding. Then she cashed the ace and king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, establishing a good diamond in dummy. A trump was led with the hope that hearts would break three-three and four-odd would be made. When this did not happen, Mrs. Sobel won the club return with dummy's ace and the good diamond was led, on which she discarded her other losing club. Thus West could cash only the queen and jack of hearts and the ace and king of spades.

NEWLY RICH ARE SQUANDERING MONEY
MEXICO CITY (AP)—Recent sharp price increases in Mexico are due largely to reckless spending by the public, the National Confederation of Chambers of Commerce said in a bulletin.

The organization asserted there are many newly rich "who like to distinguish themselves by their squandering and are always willing to pay double or triple the reasonable price. Vanity is the accomplice of inflation."

Chopped up and squeezed, one ton of cider apples will yield 140 gallons of juice.

HOLD EVERYTHING

"Look out for that tree—not too fast—careful now!"

"Gid, if you can't get into the debating club, why don't you—I'm going to start a Socialist Society."

"What? But socialism is against the home and marriage!"

"What of it?"

"Of course there's Gene Debs."

"Exactly."

"I hear he's a grand guy."

"Exactly. And you'll have a lot of debates, and you can be in 'em. Maybe we'll challenge the entire college to a debate."

"That would be swell. I'd like to show up those galoots while wouldn't take me in! I sure would! When do you start your society?"

"It's just started this minute. It only takes two fearless guys like me and you to unsettle one little college."

"Let's go!"

That was the entire struggle involved in the conversion of Gideon Planish to socialism. His conversion was to take longer, a little longer.

(To Be Continued)

Fire Damages Odessa Bank Building Sunday

ODESSA (AP)—Fire, starting from an explosion in the heating unit damaged the First National Bank building Sunday. Ten persons, working in the building, escaped injury.

Damage was estimated at \$20,000.

Have you read the ads today?

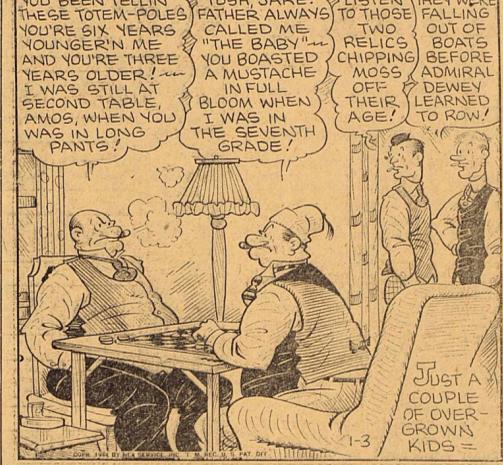
McGregor Cafe Operator Is Shot To Death

WACO (AP)—Nash Oliver, assistant district attorney, said murder charges would be filed Monday against two negroes for the death of William H. Braswell, 45, cafe operator at McGregor.

Braswell was shot to death about midnight Saturday while en route home from his cafe. Officers said he apparently resisted a holdup, and that two negroes made statements in connection with the case.

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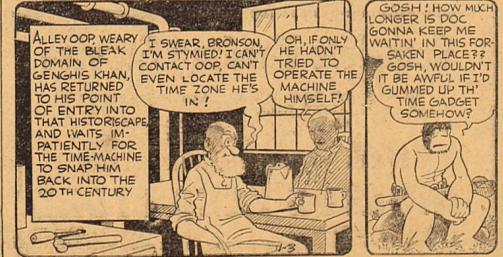
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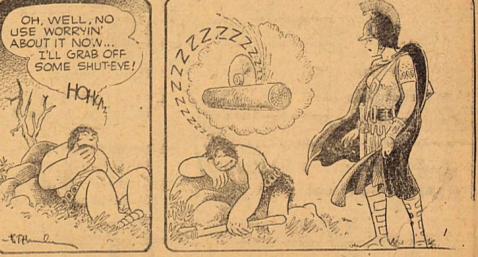
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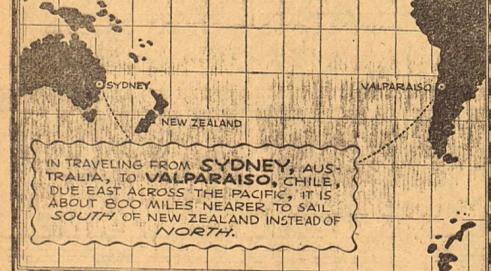


—By V. T. HAMLIN



THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



IN TRAVELING FROM SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, TO VALPARAISO, CHILE, DUE EAST ACROSS THE PACIFIC, IT IS ABOUT 800 MILES EARLIER TO ALL SOUTH OF NEW ZEALAND INSTEAD OF NORTH.



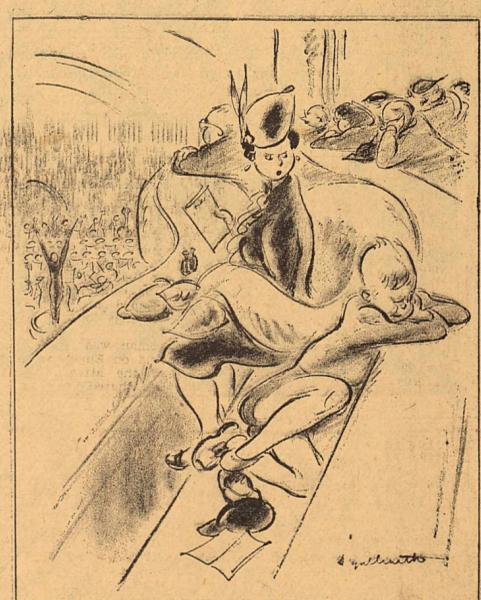
SOMETIMES IT'S THE SHARP THINGS THAT CAUSE FLATS, Says EVA KOURI SOLOMON, Wichita, Kansas.

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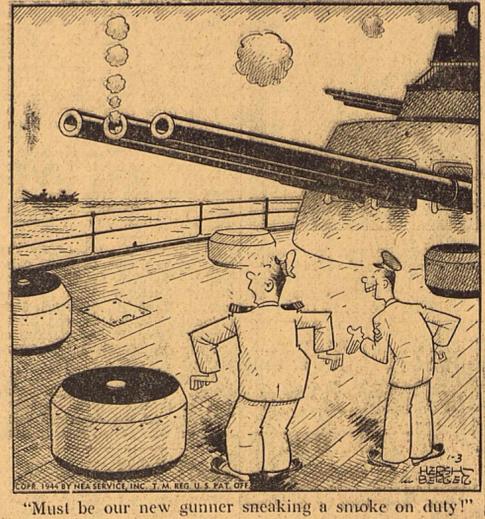
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"Must be our new gunner sneaking a smoke on duty!"

Card of Thanks 2

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Help Wanted 9

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Wanted To Buy 26

WANT to Buy, a 5 or 6-room house. M. H. Beebe, Plainore Bowling Palace. (254-6)

REAL ESTATE

Houses for Sale 61

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FOR SALE: New six-room house with bath, frame stucco; six-room house, two baths, frame stucco. Phone 1710-J. (256-3)

Lots for Sale 62

LOT, 300 South Atlantic, for sale with well and 4-ft. wire fence all around lot. Also other improvements. See Mrs. Doyle Lester, 1109 South Big Spring. (257-1)

Livestock and Poultry 34

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For County Judge ELLIOTT BARRON (Re-election)

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For County Attorney JOE MIMS (Re-election)

For County Clerk SUSIE C. NOBLE (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor-Collector J. H. FINE (Re-election)

For County Commissioner: Precinct No. 1 J. C. ROBERTS (Re-election)

Precinct No. 2 J. C. BROOKS (Re-election)

Precinct No. 3 W. M. BRAMLETT (Re-election)

Precinct No. 4 FRANK MIDKIFF (Re-election)

A. G. BOHANNAN

Diary Shows Nazi Storm Trooper's Change To Haired Of German Army

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ANTWERP —(P)— Allied headquarters has released a diary of a former storm troop leader in the Hitler youth movement captured in Italy which showed that the young Nazi had had a complete change of heart after less than a year of fighting. Extracts from the diary, as released by headquarters, included these: Jan. 15, 1943—"What excitement. My first day as a real soldier."

Personals

Miss Doris Jane Preston has returned from Lubbock where she was the guest of her sister and husband, Lt. and Mrs. J. R. Flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Briggs have returned from Colorado.

Clay Floyd and children, D'Aun and Eugene, have returned to Fort Worth after spending several days visiting in the home of Floyd's mother, Mrs. B. W. Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Daniel of the Blue Grill Courts and Cafe have gone to Sweetwater for a visit.

Mrs. Essie Stafford has returned from a two weeks visit in North Hollywood, California, with her sister, Mrs. George McIntyre.

J. Wray Campbell left Monday for Dallas where he will consult a physician.

Dismissals at the Western Clinic Hospital Sunday included Mrs. A. W. Putnam and baby, Mrs. H. M. Can and baby, and Virginia Peters.

Mrs. W. C. Blackburn and daughter, Susie Ann, of Houston, who have been visiting Mrs. Blackburn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Whitmore, will return to their home early this week.

Partisans - (Continued from Page 1)

portedly main headquarters of Marshal Tito's staff, and is the southern terminus of a military railway running from Zagreb to the Vrbas River.

The Yugoslav communique reported hard but inconclusive fighting throughout Eastern Bosnia, Hercegovina and Montenegro, with the Partisans on the offensive in the two latter provinces.

The German high command Sunday claimed the capture of the island of Milet off the Dalmatian coast in the Adriatic Sea, in what was regarded as a renewed flurry of Nazi naval activity reflecting their nervousness over the possibility of an Allied Balkan invasion by that route.

Midland National Bank Declares Dividend

The Midland National Bank has declared a 5 percent semi-annual dividend.

Directors of the bank also have increased the surplus account from \$54,000 to \$75,000 which now makes the capital \$75,000 and surplus \$75,000.

Last Main - (Continued from Page 1)

frostbite," a Moscow broadcast said in emphasizing the desperate plight of the retreating Nazis.

The Moscow radio, in a broadcast recorded in New York by the Federal Communications Commission, quoted Stockholm sources as asserting that Gen. Kurt Zeltzer, chief of the German army general staff, and Gen. Alfred Jodl, Adolf Hitler's personal military adviser, had arrived at Von Manstein's headquarters on the Russian front.

The broadcast said, had been given "very great powers" by Hitler, including authority to remove army commanders from their posts.

The rampaging Soviet forces also were reported advancing far to the north in White Russia. There, the First Baltic Army was said to be less than 45 miles from Latvia after storming 40 villages and killing 3,000 Nazis north and northwest of Nevel, in a drive helping to encircle the German-held bastion of Vitebsk.

The Berlin radio finally acknowledged the loss of Zhitomir, which the Russians captured last week. By German account the Russians were attacking on an 80-mile front near that rail center in slush and mud caused by an unseasonable thaw.

Fresh Russian attacks with five divisions were said to have penetrated German lines locally in the Dnieper bend southwest of Dnepropetrovsk.

Livestock

FORT WORTH —(P)— Cattle 2000; calves 1200; steady; medium to good slaughter steers and yearlings 12.00-13.50; long-aged yearlings averaging 825 lbs. at top; cull to common steers and yearlings 8.00-11.50; good beef cows 10.00-11.00; common to medium butcher cows 9.00-50; fat calves 9.00-12.00; calves and yearlings 8.00-13.50; heifers 11.00 down; stocker steers 8.00-10.00.

Hogs 2200; steady; good and choice 200-300 lb. butcher hogs 13.55-65; good 170-190 lbs. 11.85-18.00; good 146-165 lbs. 9.50-11.40; stocker pigs 9.00 down; packing sows 10.75-13.50.

Sheep 2000; steady; common slaughter lambs and feeder lambs 9.50-11.50; cull and common ewes 5.50-7.50; medium ewes up to 6.00.

Classes Are Resumed In Midland Schools

Midland schools resumed classes Monday after the Christmas vacation, with regularity and a surprisingly small number of absences.

The Midland High School reported about 55 students failed to report Monday, which is a less than average figure for post-holiday rolls.

Wildcats - (Continued from Page 1)

covery well for the Wentz pool. Drilling is to start Jan. 5.

Spraberry Backs Up Again - Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware No. 1 Spraberry, Southeast Dawson County exploration, plugged back to a reported new bottom of 6,375 feet. As soon as the plug is ripe the operator plans to do more testing.

Before the new dose of cement was pumped in to build the hole up from the first-stage back-up, the project tested by swabbing a total of 26 hours.

During the first nine hours recovery was 12 barrels of oil and 31 barrels of water; in the next eight hours the swab developed three barrels of oil and eight barrels of water, and in the last eight hours, the operator reported the recovery was 19 barrels of oil and eight barrels of water.

And The Evans, Too - After drilling out the plug on the 7-inch casing set at 4,850 feet, Seaboard and Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 1 Lloyd Evans, Southwest Cochran County development, swabbed out 120 barrels of salt water and no oil.

The hole is to be plugged back, to try to eliminate the water. No exact point for termination of the retreat was announced.

Harless Starts Pump - Woodley Petroleum Company No. 1 Harless, discovery of production in the Clear Fork line in the Smyer area of East-Central Hockley County, was scheduled to start a pumping test sometime Monday. The equipment was all in place and ready to start lifting the fluid.

Farmer Found Water - Woodley No. 1 Farmer, Yoakum County exploration two miles north of the Wasson field, drilled out cased plug which had been put in from the original total depth of 5,333 feet to 5,319 feet and made new hole at 5,340 feet.

In that new section 12 gallons of water per hour, which could not be exhausted, was developed. The operator is now preparing to plug back to about 5,319 feet and will re-activate the pay section above that level.

The development swabbed for approximately 75 barrels per day after a 5,000-gallon acid treatment about 10 days ago.

Bay Takes Gauge - C. U. Bay No. 1 Bitler & Lowe, recent discovery two miles northeast of the original Pullerton field in Northwest Andrews County, was taking an official Railroad Commission potential test Monday.

Union Oil Company No. 2 Biles, north outpost to the Union pool production in Northwest Andrews, was swabbing to clean out and try to make kick off after treating with a total of 17,000 gallons of acid.

Union No. 3 Biles is preparing to drill out plug on 5 1/2-inch pipe set at 6,815 feet in cement, on the bottom of 6,920 feet.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Logsdon, between the Pullerton and the Bay discovery, had reached 5,276 feet in lime.

Andrews Wildcats - Signal Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Fisher, Andrews County wildcat, had reached 4,002 feet in anhydrite.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Carter, deep prospect in Central Andrews, was making hole under 10,655 feet in lime and shale.

Humble No. 1 Cox, West-Central Gaines County exploration, was digging past 10,570 feet in lime.

King and Bay No. 2 Blair, Northwest Gaines County wildcat, had bored to 5,355 feet in hard lime and some chert.

Continental Oil Company No. 1-A Jones is still grinding out the cement plug and had reached 10,470 feet.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 Jones, had progress to 2,560 feet in redbeds.

Sohio Producing Company No. 1 Allsup, Northwest Lynn County wildcat, has reached 5,335 feet and is having trouble with cavings.

Globe Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Williams, Hockley County prospector, is making hole below 6,021 feet in lime.

Shell Still Checking - Shell No. 3 Sealy-Smith, Northeast Ward County exploration, took a drillstem test at 10,422-10,445 feet and held the tool open for 30 minutes. There was a slight blow of air at the start and then no more. The recovery was 12 feet of dolomite with no shows of oil, gas or water.

A core at 10,445-455 feet pulled out five feet of fractured dolomite, with poor to fair sulphur odor on fresh breaks. A core is now being cut from 10,455 feet.

Shell No. 4 Sealy-Smith is running 10 3/4-inch casing to a bottom of 3,345 feet.

Humble No. 1 Barnes, Pecos County Ellenburger wildcat, had drilled below 4,260 feet in lime.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Price was going ahead below 12,922 feet.

No Shows In Schleicher - Phillips No. 1 Callan, Schleicher County wildcat, was at 4,738 feet in lime and dolomite. A drillstem test from 4,606-4,738 feet made a recovery of 350 feet of drilling mud with no shows during a 60-minute test.

Humble No. 2-B Sawyer, Irion County prospector, had reached 8,605 feet in lime and shale and was drilling ahead.

Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 Seth Campbell, Winkler County, Ellenburger wildcat, was still fishing off a bottom of 9,333 feet.

Sinclair Prairie No. 4-A Walton, in North-Central Winkler, had made hole below 8,320 feet.

Sinclair Prairie No. 1 Grisham-Hunter, Southwest Andrews County Ordovician effort, had progressed to 3,516 feet.

Globe Oil & Refining Company and Forest Development Corporation Colden estate, Pecos County Ellenburger exploration, has reached 6,339 feet and is preparing to take a Schlumberger survey.

Shell No. 1 Cox, Northwest Andrews wildcat, was making hole under 7,400 feet in lime.

Shell No. 1 Johnson, Ector County

W. M. Bramlett Is Candidate Precinct 2 County Commissioner

W. M. Bramlett, Midland County farmer, Tuesday announced his candidacy for county commissioner Precinct No. 2.

He has been a resident of the county since 1935 and has farmed in the precinct since coming to this section.

Americans - (Continued from Page 1)

ations gave the Allies a foothold on both sides of the Vitiaz Straits which lead to Truk and other Japanese bases in the Caroline Islands to the north and to the Philippines to the northwest. First of the three recent thrusts was the Dec. 15 landing at Arara, on the southwest coast of New Britain.

Evidence that Rabaul could no longer be counted on as a primary Japanese base to stem the Allied tide was seen in the destruction wreaked by American planes in recent raids and disclosure of a new bomber base only 250 miles from the smashed bastion of New Britain.

Solonons - based planes have downed 129 and probably 146 fighters, by count at South Pacific headquarters, over Rabaul in the eight days ending last Thursday. Still heavier blows appeared likely with disclosure of a new American field for light and medium bombers near Piva on the west-central coast of Bougainville. A fighter strip at Torokina has been in operation since Dec. 12.

Enemy positions on Bougainville itself shared attention with often-bombed Rabaul.

In Chungking, the cost of the bloody battle for China's "Rice Bowl" was assessed at nearly 100,000 men killed and wounded, of which China acknowledged 54,000 casualties on her own side.

Canadians - (Continued from Page 1)

within nine miles of Pescara, from which an important lateral road leads to Rome, after fighting a 24-hour battle to clear the Germans from a long, low hill on the Adriatic coastal road. The Nazis retreated to positions just south of the Arielli River.

The fighting along the Adriatic was typical of the German tactics described in the official review of the Allied 15th Army Group which stated that the Nazis "are depending every feature, every position in hopes of wearing down the Allied attack to prevent the Allies from building up enough reserves to deal any great blow."

Episcopal Men Will Entertain Ladies

Members of the Episcopal Men's Club of Trinity Church will entertain their wives at dinner at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday in Hotel Scharbauer, Chappell Davis, president of the club announced.

The talking cathedral film, "Journey Into Faith," will be shown at the meeting.

A brief parish meeting to receive reports for 1943 will follow the club's program.

Col. Topping Heads Camp Wallace Unit

CAMP WALLACE, TEXAS—(P)— Col. Frederick L. Topping assumed command of the anti-aircraft replacement training center here Sunday succeeding Brig. Gen. Harold R. Jackson, the camp public relations officer announced Monday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES - Marriage licenses were issued at the county clerk's office to Willard H. Heasley and Mrs. Marie Mannon; Rolin E. Sanders and Mrs. Zelah M. Gravette, and Oscar O. Moore and Lucille Letfwich.

pro prospector, had reached 5,350 feet in lime.

Globe No. 1 Henderson, Schleicher County development, was digging around 5,632 feet in lime.

Congratulations To

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson on the birth of a daughter Sunday.

Lt. and Mrs. E. C. McCullough on the birth of a daughter Sunday.

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Instead of making high-sounding speeches about post-war plans, pro football leaders are busy planning for the 1944 season, war or no war. The Boston club, which has nothing but a franchise, has hired Tillie Marston, the old TCU and Dodger back, to scout for players; the Philly Eagles, who probably will split away from Pittsburgh, recently signed Marvin Blecker, ex-Southern California fullback and Harry Thayer was looking for more prospects at Saturday's East-West game. And Owners George (Wetwash) Marshall of the Redskins and Harry Howren of the Norfolk Shamrocks have been talking over a "farm" deal if the Dixie League operates. Howren, incidentally, reports that Atlanta and Birmingham are anxious to join the Dixie League.

Pride Goes For A Ride

Charles L. "Bumpus" Jones, who celebrated his major league baseball debut in 1892 by pitching a no-hit game for Cincinnati against Pittsburgh—and never won another National League game—is even more famous among old timers for his wildness than for that singular record. On one occasion Bumpus, pitching for Toledo, gave 15 bases on balls but the score recorded only 14. Jones was so steamed up about the omission that he visited the newspaper offices to rebuke the writers and then jumped the ball club.

Twirling The Dials

Ear witness impressions of bowl games. Louisiana State's Steve Van Buren must be a whale of a football player, but what really won for the Tigers was their ability to intercept passes when the going was tough. What? Another touchdown in the Sugar Bowl? Who's winning anyway? If the war doesn't last too long, Glenn Dobbs is likely to make pro grid fans forget all about Sammy Baugh. He couldn't do much passing with a wet ball, but those 60 and 70 yard kicks must have been something. And Alvin Dark didn't do anything to contradict the folks who claim he is the best back in the South this season. Wonder if those Arkansas A. and M. Bollweevils feel seedy? Too bad the all-East team couldn't have borrowed Aram Ebrahimian from Zeke Bonura's "Arab Bowl" game and Georgia Tech's Ed Scharfshwerdt to team up with Hoernschmeyer and Sembsaughter. The football broadcasters aren't always clear about the plays, but they seldom miss a substitution.

Basketball Gets Sports Spotlight

NEW YORK—(AP)—With football having written its own seasonal obituary in the Jan. 1 bowl games, college basketball hops to the task of dominating the winter sports pages.

While the business of determining the various conference champions is slated for the coming weeks, enough has transpired in preliminary games to indicate that Illinois again will be strong in the Big Ten, Kansas in the Big Six, Arkansas and Rice in the Southwest, Southern California in Far West, Dartmouth in the East, and Duke and Kentucky in the South.

BATTING CHAMP MAY NOT RETURN TO MAJOR LEAGUES

CAMP LEE VA.—(AP)—Luke Appling, American batting champion, who arrived at this quarter-master center for his basic training a few days ago, said he probably would not return to the major leagues as an active player after the war.

DIES AT AGE OF 102 YEARS

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Funeral services will be held Tuesday for Mrs. Elizabeth Daniel, who died at the age of 102.

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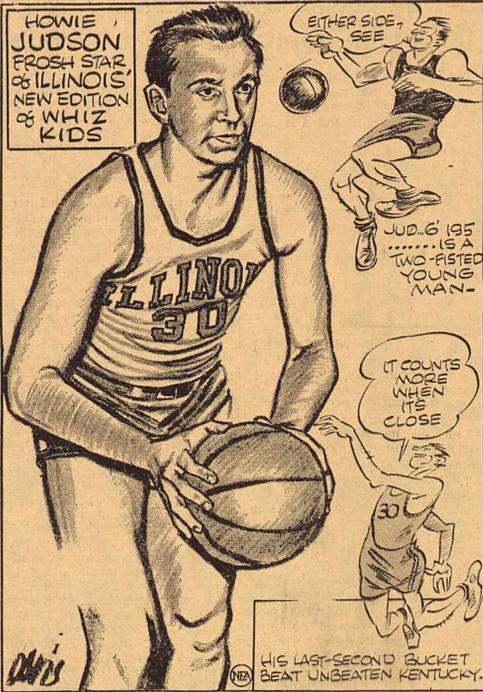
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New Whiz Kid



Gunder Haegg Says Andersson Will Be 1944's Track Star

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Gunder Haegg, the Swedish distance ace who was named the No. 1 athlete of the year, is convinced he has reached the peak of his career and won't break any more world records, but Monday predicted that his fellow countryman, Arne Andersson, will be 1944's great track star.

Haegg says he will not compete this year unless, perhaps, against the Hungarians or Danes.

It was Andersson who wiped out Haegg's mile standard with a 4:02.8 performance in the Swedish National Festival at Goeteborg while Gunder was touring the United States.

Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

Sheppard Field 56, Texas Tech 46
Baylor University ASTP Unit 49, Southern Methodist University 46.

Two College Students Die In Dormitory Fire

KEENE, TEXAS—(AP)—Lee Roy Birdwell, 15, and Virgil Dye, 17, died in a fire which destroyed West Hall, boys' dormitory at Southwestern Junior College here.

Billy Krohn of Gulfport, Miss., received a back injury in a leap from a second floor window and 12 other boys fled unhurt into Sunday's cold rain in their night clothing.

H. L. Shull, business manager, estimated the loss at \$30,000. Cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Violent Accidents Cause 242 Deaths

By The Associated Press

The nation awoke from another gay New Year's weekend Monday to find violent accidents had taken at least 242 lives.

During 54 hours preceding last midnight 150 persons were reported killed in motor vehicle accidents, and 92 died in fires, drownings, and 22 died in other mishaps.

Gasoline rationing and other factors was believed to have kept traffic deaths down considerably. The National Safety Council estimated the normal automobile death toll for a three-day holiday period would have been at least 225.

Highest death toll for any state was that of California, where 39 persons were killed.

Ohio's water snakes are not poisonous, but are frequently vicious and strike repeatedly when handled.

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By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst

Russia's great new offensive, which is plunging into the German line with such devastating effect, represents the formal opening of the decisive and final phase of the European war—the beginning of Allied land onslaught which soon will see the inauguration of the vital second front in France.

This time a year ago the Red Army at Stalingrad was putting the finishing touches on Hitler's hopes of winning the war. From that moment the master gangster went on the defensive.

In the intervening 12 months the Russians have forced the powerful German war machine back across the steppes until the Muscovites are battling at the old Polish border west of Kiev. From Stalingrad to the border is more than 700 miles, each foot of which has been wet with the blood of the hundreds of thousands of men who have struggled there.

Winter Aids Russians

Russia's winter finally has come to the full aid of the Soviet forces. Big Russian offensives are under way in three sectors of the thousand-mile front: in the Dnieper Bend, where the Germans are gravely endangered; in the Kiev bulge, which now is a corridor to the Polish border; further north in the Vitebsk-Nevel zone, where the attacking forces are headed for the neighboring Latvian border.

The position of the Germans in all three sectors undoubtedly is serious. It would be a delectable morsel to roll under the tongue if we could say that catastrophe was imminent for the Hitlerites, but while they're certainly going to crack one of these days, we shall be wise if we wait a moment before predicting that this happy moment has arrived.

Germans Adopt Program

I think we shall get a more balanced picture of the situation if we take another look at Hitler's strategy. After Stalingrad, the German high command adopted a program which was divided into two phases:

1. They were to fight delaying actions on all fronts, in the hope that some fortuitous circumstance—such as Allied discord or internal trouble in some Allied country—might bring luck.
2. When the pressure got too hot for the Hitlerites to withdraw on all fronts to their own borders—their inner fortress—where they would make a final stand in an effort to achieve a stalemate.

Now there's no indication that the Fuehrer has altered this strategy. Indeed, it's a logical plan for him to pursue, and all his tactics have been in direct accord with it.

Retreats Have Been Orderly

Many times the Germans have been in terrible danger, and their losses in men and material have been colossal as they have retreated. But despite the frequent appearances of disaster they have continued to maintain their battle line as a whole—or at least they have done so up to now.

So, while anything may happen at a time like this, we must recognize that Hitler's strategy calls for retirement under present circumstances.

Hitler's business now is to pull back towards his inner fortress, so as to get set for the attack on two fronts. He may try to hold on new lines as he falls back, but one would expect him to try to keep moving pretty consistently until he is close to home. In short, his retirement doesn't necessarily represent a rout, though, of course, an army retreating under heavy enemy pressure always is in danger of collapse.

Roosevelt Takes His Office Along On War Journeys

By JACK STINNETT

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But times have changed in the quarter of century since Woodrow Wilson took precedent by the forelock and went abroad. Now, wherever the President goes the White House goes also.

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Work Carried On

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Nice Niece, Knox

Now it's the "wallet" girl—subject of a photo small enough to be carried in an admiring serviceman's wallet. Instead of being pinned up, First nominee is blonde Jacqueline White, above, comely actress niece of Secretary of the Navy Knox. She was named "wallet" girl by the 13th Armored Division, Camp Bowie, Tex.



White Collar Group Ills To Be Studied

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The white collar worker will start the New Year briskly by having his economic aches, pains and tattered pocketbook examined publicly.

The Senate sub-committee on wartime health and education, headed by Senator Pepper (D-Pa.) will begin hearings Jan. 25 on the white collar worker's living conditions, living costs and income.

There are perhaps between 10 1/2 and 15 million people in the white collar class in those on a fixed income, life pensioners, are included.

Industrial workers in this war have been able to get their income up to an all-time high in various ways: through labor organizations, strike threats, general need for manpower.

Not so white collar workers.

Traditionally they are the group which suffers in the transition of a country from a peacetime to a wartime economy. They are the last to receive salary increases because their demands can be least effectively expressed. While they wait, living costs rise as they have in this war, and then their money is worth even less than before the war.

Cargo Plane Crash Kills Three Men

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—A cargo plane overshoot Mines Field and crashed Sunday night, killing three men and damaging three houses and a power line.

The falling craft crushed an automobile, decapitating its occupant, Louis E. Westphalen, 23, of suburban Lennox.

Reports from the scene said two Army men on the plane were killed but a mortuary said it had received bodies of three Army men.

Francis A. Pluff, 35, of Dallas, Texas, a civilian radio operator on the plane, was injured.

Second Lt. Robert L. Hall, 35, attached to the base weather station at Hills Field, Utah, walked away from the wreckage, escaping with shock.

A motor dropped off the plunging ship and fell into a bedroom at the home of George F. Dopheide.

Fire sputtered through the wreckage and exploded ammunition, investigators said, but no one was wounded.

Meat, primarily pork, will be the largest item of food to be shipped from the U. S. to Great Britain in 1944.

Goebbels Captured But No Kin To Joe

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—Several weeks ago the Fifth Army captured a German private named Hitler.

Sunday the same Allied troops captured another Nazi private named Goebbels (first name unavailable).

The Fifth Army reported that Private Goebbels hurried to disclaim all relationship with the German propaganda minister.

USE U. S. SURGICALS

In contrast to the period before the war when 85 per cent of the surgical instruments sold in this country were either made in Europe or of imported steel, American Service hospitals all over the world are now equipped almost entirely with materials manufactured in the United States.

Receives Commission



Lt. John B. Thomas Jr. of Midland recently received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps at Camp Davis, N. C.

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Mussolini's Sky Yacht In Service Of Allies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—The Northwest African Air Force coastal command announced Monday a luxurious flying boat which had been built especially for Benito Mussolini is being used on special missions by the Allies.

A considerable force of Italian flying boats is being used by the Allies for sea rescue work.

Practices Shooting When He's Held Up

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Victor Volda wasn't certain he could fire a gun; he never had tried, until two robbers tried to hold up his liquor store. Volda seized a revolver he bought two years ago for such an emergency. One robber fled, but the other fell, wounded in the shoulder and abdomen.

Police congratulated Volda and gave him more cartridges.

Approximately 3000 miles a year is traveled by the average American in normal times.

British Down 13 Japs Over Burma; U. S. Raids Made

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Allied aircraft shot down 13 Japanese planes and probably destroyed or damaged several others in a brisk air fight over Southern Burma Dec. 31. Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters announced Monday.

The communique said the battle broke out when Japanese aircraft attempted to attack Allied light coastal forces which were returning to base from operations including a bombardment of Japanese defense positions on Ramree Island off the west coast of Burma.

Reviewing widespread operations in both the northern and southern Burma theaters from Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, the communique reported only one Allied plane missing.

CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING—(AP)—"Sky Dragons" of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th U. S. Air Force opened their 1944 activity with a bombardment of the Japanese headquarters, barracks and communication centers in Central Burma the following day.

A communique from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters said large fires were started at Teho Va. All the American planes returned safely from their missions.

Rail Union -

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of the anonymous criticisms had not been heard.

One of the railroad union leaders, evidently more resentful even than when he first heard of the criticism, Friday night, said he probably would ask the Truman committee to see where the responsibility lies for seizure of the railroads and failure to settle wage demands.

Blame Administration

This official insisted upon anonymity because generally he makes public statements only in conjunction with associates. He said a formal statement probably would be made in a day or two.

Rail union chiefs previously had blamed the administration for the situation and disclaimed any union responsibility for any "psychological comfort" Hitler may have gotten out of it.

Senator Truman (D-Mo.), chairman of the committee investigating the war effort, has demonstrated sympathy with the railroad union's demands.

Americans Operate New Airfield In Solomons

WITH U. S. FORCES ON BOUGAINVILLE—(AP)—Carved out of heavy jungle at the base of the fuming volcano, Mount Bagana, a 6,500-foot field for light and medium bombers is now in operation in the Northern Solomons.

It is within less than 250 miles of Rabaul and only 850 miles from Japan's mighty naval base of Truk. Called Piva Field after the river village of that name, it was built with disregard of danger from enemy bombing and ground patrols. It was dedicated Christmas Day.

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New District Agent



W. I. Marshall, for almost 15 years county agricultural agent of Tom Green County, now is district agent of the Extension Service District 6, comprising 32 Southwest Texas counties. Marshall succeeds James D. Previt who filled the position for six years prior to his selection as acting director of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service.

Japs Claim Sinking Of Two Transports

By The Associated Press

An imperial communique broadcast Monday from Tokyo declared without Allied confirmation that Japanese aircraft had sunk a medium-sized transport and at least one smaller one off Cape Merkus, New Britain, Friday morning.

The communique, recorded by The Associated Press, also reported that a formation of 106 Allied planes had "attempted" to attack Kavieng, New Ireland Island, New Year's morning. The Japanese high command admitted loss of seven planes, but asserted 10 of the attackers were shot down.

Losses totaling 15 planes were said to have been inflicted on Allied aircraft attacking Rabaul Saturday and Sunday.

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Simplified Tax Plan Is Proposed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A major legislative operation designed to make it unnecessary for millions of persons to file any federal income tax returns at all was proposed Monday by Rep. Carlson (R-Kans.). Most income taxes would be deducted automatically from wages and salaries under his plan.

The Kansan, a member of the tax-initiating ways and means committee and author of the Ruml pay-as-you-go bill, described present revenue statutes as "a hodge-podge of language that cannot be correctly and definitely interpreted by a Philadelphia lawyer."

Proposes Tax Bill Remedy

Declaring simplification to be "the No. 1 tax job" for 1944, he inserted in the Congressional Record his own suggestions for remedy, as follows:

1. Simplify and improve current withholding provisions so as to eliminate the need for any returns to be filed by 30,000,000 of the 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 taxpayers. "This could be done by adopting a graduated withholding from wages and salaries," he said, "and at the same time allowing a percentage of income exemption" in lieu of the present deductions for other taxes paid, interest and contributions to churches and charity.
2. Combine existing personal income tax laws into one base and rate. "Under existing law we have one base and varying rates for the regular income tax and a separate base and rate for the victory tax," he said. "Every taxpayer must wade through this nightmare of confusion in order to determine his liability."
3. Repeal earned income credit. "There is sound argument for retaining the earned income credit, but its retention greatly complicates our tax return and is of little actual benefit to the taxpayer."

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7:25 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
7:55 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
8:20 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
9:20 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.
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2:55 P.M.	3:35 P.M.
3:50 P.M.	4:10 P.M.
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