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# Germans At Bay In Soviet Trap

## 3,000 Warplanes Bombard Enemy Cities

### U.S. Airmen Plaster Kiel And Muenster

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR  
LONDON — (AP) — RAF Mosquito bombers hit wrecked Berlin Tuesday night and other British planes pounded targets in Northern France, following up one of the greatest daylight aerial assaults of the war by some 3,000 planes including U. S. smashers at Kiel and Muenster.

Not a single plane was lost in the night raids which included mosquito forays over Western Germany and minelaying operations, the Air Ministry said.

The stab against Berlin was the first since a great RAF attack Monday morning.

#### Blast Shipbuilding Yards

American heavy bombers cascaded explosives by daylight Tuesday on shipbuilding yards at Kiel, and railway targets at Muenster, both in Northwest Germany.

Joint British-American communications said the attacks were pressed home effectively despite heavy clouds which obscured both targets and that fierce fires were left raging in Kiel, site of a great German naval base and submarine pens.

The raids were carried out by formations of Flying Fortresses and Liberators which, with their American and British fighter escorts, constituted a fleet of some 1,500 planes that stretched out across the sky 100 miles.

#### France Is Bombed Again

They were executed in conjunction with a daylong series of bombings attacks on targets in France by British and American planes. Altogether approximately 3,000 Allied aircraft took the air, probably the greatest air- (Continued on Page 2)

### President Calls Board To Weigh Railroad Wages

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Roosevelt has ordered the reconvening of an emergency board to consider the unsettled wage claims of the 1,100,000 non-operating railroad employes. These claims were not before the board when it recommended sliding scale increases of 4 to 10 cents an hour.

The board, headed by Judge Elwyn Shaw, of Springfield, Ill., will consider the claims for additional pay, either for or in lieu of overtime.

The non-operating employes refused to accept the President's offer to arbitrate the additional claims except on conditions to which the carriers disagreed. The President and the carriers held that arbitration should consider the sliding scale increases as well as the additional claims, and the employes wanted arbitration limited to the overtime claims.

### Allied Troops Are Training In Africa For New Invasions

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — American, British and French troops are undergoing training throughout French North Africa for coming assaults across the Mediterranean against the Germans, it was disclosed Wednesday.

North Africa was officially described as "one vast training center for troops destined for future operations," with camps scattered throughout Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

Realistic training in landing operations is being given at Mediterranean and Atlantic coast centers, while, inland, troops are being trained in battle conditions in the mountains, muddy plains, bogs, swamps and heavy woods.

The Americans and British are newly arrived troops while the French are those recently retrained.

### Chinese Prepared For Counter Offensive

CHUNGKING — (AP) — The Chinese armies are preparing to launch a general counter-offensive this year. Minister of Information Liang Hsiang-chao told a press conference Wednesday, but he added that launching of such a drive would be contingent upon Allied operations in other theaters.

### WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

RUSSIA — Germans admit their troops abandoning Berdichev.

ITALY — Allies seize two important heights.

EUROPEAN AERIAL — RAF Mosquitos hit Berlin. Daylight bombers smash at Kiel and Muenster.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — Americans down ten Zeros in Marshall Islands.

### National Jaycee President Will Visit Midland

Bruce Palmer of Flint, Mich., president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce; Ward Martin, president of Kansas Jaycees; and James E. Oliver of Houston, president of Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce, will visit Midland Tuesday while on a tour of Texas cities.

John Ben Sheppard of Glade-water and Taylor Cole of Midland, directors of the national organization; Clint Dunagan, Midland, state vice president, and Lynn Crosley, president of Dallas Jaycees, also will accompany the national president.

The group of officials will be guests of Midland Jaycees at a luncheon in the Roosevelt Room of the Cactus Cafe Tuesday noon.

Civic leaders and heads of service and civic clubs will be invited to attend. Russell Howard, president of the Midland club, said.

The national and state officials will visit 14 Texas cities. They will come here from Brownwood.

### Pork Rationing Holiday Refused

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Despite pleas by farm state congressmen, government food officials Wednesday rejected a proposed two-week "holiday" in the rationing of pork products.

The Office of Price Administration and the War Food Administration declared in a joint report that a survey showed there is no country wide pork surplus, and that a temporary lifting of rationing might result in "chaotic conditions of supply and distribution."

CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN ODESSA  
The annual meeting for election of officers and directors of the Midland - Ector - Andrews Cattleman's Association will be held on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8, in the commissioners' courtroom in the courthouse at Odessa.

### WEATHER

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### Allies Get Control On Italy Front

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — Allied armies in Italy have seized two commanding positions against fierce Nazi opposition, it was announced Wednesday, and bomber fleets reaching into Bulgaria and Yugoslavia dealt three hard blows to German Balkan communications.

Fifth Army troops advancing a little more than a mile west of Venafro stormed a 2,300-foot height in Samucro Ridge two miles northeast of San Vittore, gaining complete dominance of that bastion of the German winter line on the Rome road.

Indian units of the Eighth Army seized a spur on a mountain ridge in pushing forward several hundred yards against enemy machine gun fire southwest of Tommaso near the Adriatic.

### Smash Rail Yards

U. S. 15th Air Force Flying Fortresses smashed railway yards and a bridge at Dupnitsa, 50 miles south of Sofia, capital of war-weary Bulgaria.

American Mitchells scored five hits on railway yards and the station at Doboj, 55 miles north of Sarajevo, in Yugoslavia, and pounded barracks and troop concentrations at Travnik, 30 miles northwest of Sarajevo, tinder box of the first world war.

Indian troops were reported to have captured a mile and a half southeast of recently captured San Tommaso and to have advanced up the Ortona-Migliamio road almost to Tello in support of the push by Canadian troops up the Adriatic coast toward the strategic port of Pesara.

In other air operations Tuesday, medium bombers struck at barracks and troop concentrations at Travnik and at railway yards at Boboj, both in Yugoslavia.

Two enemy planes were destroyed. All Allied aircraft returned.

### Panhandle Reports Freezing Weather

By The Associated Press  
West Texas and the Panhandle reported below-freezing temperatures Wednesday while other parts of the state enjoyed milder weather and clear skies.

The mercury dropped to nine below zero at Dalhart, in the northern Panhandle. Amarillo's reading was 19 degrees and Pampa recorded 17.

Ablene recorded 30 degrees, Dallas 34, Waco 37 and El Paso 29.

### SCHOOL BURNS

CORSICANA — (AP) — Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Kerens, Texas, high school Wednesday. The loss was estimated at \$42,500.

### Survivors Of Destroyer Which Sank Off Sandy Hook



Survivors of the U. S. destroyer which sank off Sandy Hook demonstrate their happiness to be safe ashore after they landed on Staten Island. (NEA Telephoto.)

### New Ordovician Wildcat In Pecos Staked By Humble

By JAMES C. WATSON  
Oil Editor

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 B. F. Smith is a new 6,000-foot wildcat to explore for Ellenburger production in North-Central Texas.

The project will be 2,105 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the east lines of section 12, block 145, T&STL survey. Nearest Ordovician production is approximately four miles north in the Bryce McCandless No. 1-101 Atlantic, which recently discovered a new source of petroleum near Owego.

Another Ellenburger producing area in the general vicinity is the Wentz pool, around seven miles east of the new Humble location. Drilling will be started immediately with rotary.

Humble has a spread of 3,040 acres in the district. Standard Oil Company of Texas has a northeast outcrop and Woodley Petroleum Company owns projection on the east.

Nearest Oil Slaughter  
Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company is to drill two outcrop operations on the northeast side of production in the Slaughter field in West Hockley County.

Texas Pacific No. 1 W. R. Waggoner will be 580 feet from the south and east lines of labor 21, league 45, Rains County School Land survey, and one location north of a producer.

Texas Pacific No. 9 Rains County fee, Acol, 3, will be 580 feet from the south and east lines of labor 22, league 45, Rains County School Land survey.

Both explorations will dig to (Continued on Page 5)

### Wrecked Destroyers Are Identified As Turner And Leary

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Navy has disclosed that the destroyer which blew up off Sandy Hook Monday was the 1,700-ton USS Turner, and that the destroyer lost in the Atlantic after being torpedoed on Christmas Eve was the 1,890-ton USS Leary.

The Turner blew up in New York harbor with such violence that men and guns were hurled into the sea. Coast Guard cutters rescued 132 enlisted men and two officers. Normal complement of the ship was more than 160 men and officers, but the names of those missing have been withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The Leary, which was commissioned Dec. 5, 1919, was armed with four 4-inch guns and one 1-inch gun. Her normal complement was 145 men but would be higher in wartime.

### Prohibitionists Hope For Order From President

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Anti-Saloon League of America, representing the organized forces against liquor, kept on the sidelines Wednesday in a Congressional fight over prohibition.

Dr. George W. Crabbe, general superintendent of the league, said he believed the objectives of legislation introduced by Representative Bryson (D-SC) could be accomplished by a Presidential order.

A House judiciary subcommittee will start hearings next week on the Bryson bill, which would outlaw for the war's duration all beverages containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume.

Interviewed in his old-fashioned second-floor office sandwiched in between several tap-rooms within a stone's throw of the capitol, Crabbe said his forces would continue to implore the President to order national prohibition as a war measure.

"At any time the President finds that drinking is interfering with the war effort, he may put an end to it by decree," he declared. "He has told us to take the ruffles off our pants and he has said how much coffee and sugar we can use."

Crabbe added that in his opinion there is no doubt that drinking is having an adverse effect on war production through absenteeism and other forms of Monday-morning lassitude.

### Poles See Crisis In Red Army Advance

LONDON — (AP) — As the Red Army advanced into old Poland, the Polish government newspaper published in London asserted that the Russian thrust was "the most serious political and moral crisis" of the war and the Polish cabinet, after a meeting here Tuesday, announced that the government's attitude would be made public soon.

The newspaper said that Allied opinion "senses the danger which threatens. The man in the street in London or New York is asking himself whether the Russians are coming as liberators or invaders."

### Partisans Smash Eastern Bosnia Nazi Offensive

LONDON — (AP) — Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) announced Wednesday the prolonged German offensive in Eastern Bosnia had been smashed and Yugoslav forces had regained enemy-occupied territory, including the important town of Vlasenica, 30 miles northeast of Sarajevo, where huge stores of war material were captured.

Tito's communique, broadcast by the Free Yugoslav Radio, said the Partisans were also on the offensive in Western Bosnia along the strategic Bosansky Nove-Prijedor-Banja Luka railway, and that Yugoslav and German troops were still locked in bitter street fighting inside the city of Banjaluka itself.

The battle for this Croatian capital, headquarters of the Second German Tank Army defending the Adriatic Sea coast against a possible Allied invasion from Italy, was now in its fifth day, with tanks and big guns being used by both sides.

Tito Tuesday asserted that his troops had succeeded in wresting half of the city from the defenders in bloody house-to-house fighting and that his guns had rendered the nearby airfield useless, but Wednesday his communique admitted that German and Croat Quisling reinforcements had "filtered (Continued on page 2)

### Congressman Cites Liberty Ship Breaks

SEATTLE — (AP) — Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) reported Tuesday night that the Liberty ship S. S. Chief Washakie had sustained breaks in its structure three times on one Alaskan voyage.

"Of the nine Liberty ships known to have split at sea," the member of the House Naval Affairs Committee said, "the story of the Chief Washakie is second only to that of the John P. Gaines, from which 10 men are still missing."

### Rumania 'Kindlier' Toward Hungary

LONDON — (AP) — The Morocco radio, quoting a Zurich dispatch from Budapest, said Wednesday the Hungarian parliament had met secretly to discuss Hungarian-Rumanian territorial differences.

Rumania has indicated a willingness to discuss such differences, the dispatch said, as a result of the Red Army's advance nearer her borders.

### Hitler's Chancellery Is Destroyed By Fire

STOCKHOLM — (AP) — A bomb set fire which burned furiously for four hours after the heavy RAF raid Monday virtually gutted Hitler's sprawling chancellery, and left scarcely a room useable, a traveler said Wednesday.

More than 100 firemen battled the flames and engaged in rescue work. The traveler, who left Berlin Tuesday, said he had heard nothing about the fate of persons reported trapped in a shelter under the chancellery.

### Japs Are Now On Defensive If Not Actually On Run

By WILLIAM F. BONI  
Associated Press War Correspondent  
SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA — (AP) — On the basis of eyewitness observation of all three amphibious landings which Sixth Army forces have made—at Arawe, New Britain, Dec. 15; Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Dec. 26, and Saldor, New Guinea, Jan. 2—it is safe to say the Japanese are on the defensive throughout the Southwest Pacific. In fact, they're almost on the run.

With the exception of one small defensive stand at Cape Gloucester since the invasion, all three invasions were accomplished virtually without opposition.

Since those landings, only the opposition at Cape Gloucester has been worth mentioning. There, Wednesday's advance from headquarters of General MacArthur's Sixth Army, killing 200 enemy soldiers Monday in shattering a counter-attack made in the Borgen Bay area. Approximately 1,500 Japanese have been slain at Cape Gloucester since the invasion.

The character of the opposition on the whole reflects credit on the intelligence sections of the various services which chose the sites where the Japanese were expected to be weak.

The smoothness with which each landing was executed — they constituted almost letter perfect teamwork between the Navy, Army and Air Forces — left the definite impression however, that each would have been successful even against a substantial defending force.

### Steel Rings Tighten Around Desperately Fighting Reich Army

MOSCOW — (AP) — Nikolai Vatutin's long-expected drive against the Germans' central Ukraine positions gained momentum in the plains south of liberated Belaya Tserkov Wednesday while Marshal Fritz Von Manstein's troops battled desperately to hold back the Russians from seizing their badly-needed lines of communication.

The Nazis were counter-attacking repeatedly, seeking to keep control of the railway running from Belaya Tserkov and Tsvetokov westward to the Odessa-Lwow line. They also were fighting hard in the Smela area to hold the railroad running south to Novo Ukrainka and westward to a junction with the Odessa road. Another communications line which the Nazis battled desperately to retain was the highway connecting Belaya Tserkov with Zvenigorodka, 60 miles to the southeast.

Through this entire network of rail and road communications in the lower middle Ukraine it became a race between Von Manstein's harassed forces to get out of untenable positions before they are completely encircled by fast moving Russian spearheads driving in from the southwest and west.

### Bombs Roar Prelude To Isle Attack

By The Associated Press  
Far-ranging Allied planes are smashing at Japanese positions in every sector of the Pacific battle front in what appeared likely Wednesday as the forerunner of new landing assaults on the enemy's ocean bases.

American and Australian flyers peppered the Japanese in the Southwest - Central Pacific area where they still have positions to impede the Allied drive to the north and the west in the direction of the richest holdings of the Nipponese Empire.

From bases in China, potential jumping off place for future raids on Japan itself, U. S. 14th Air Force units struck into Thailand Monday, bombing the Japanese base at Lamphang, while other fighter-bombers hit the enemy-occupied town of Pingka in Western Yunnan Province of China.

Japs Fight Harder  
The Japanese are putting up stiffer resistance in the Marshalls. Latest raids, announced Tuesday, brought out 30 Zeros over Tarao and an equal number rose to de- (Continued on Page 2)

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## War Bulletins

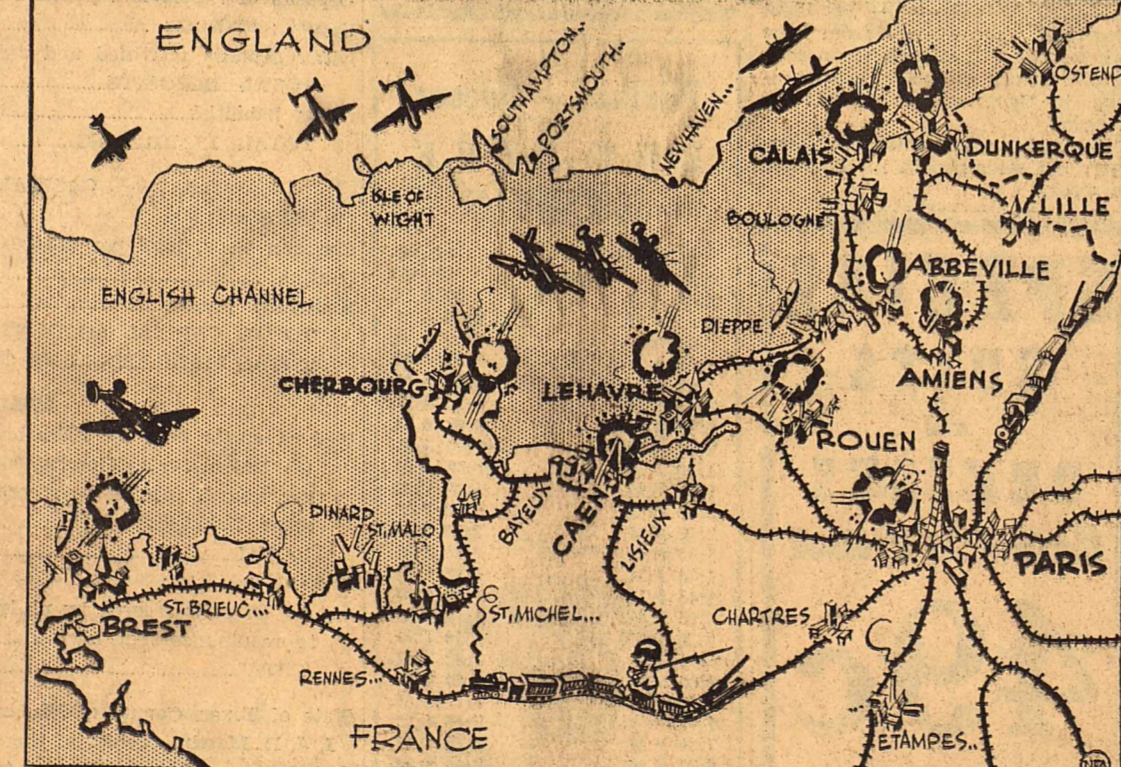
LONDON — (AP) — The German high command said Wednesday that Nazi troops had abandoned the eastern part of Berdichev, important Russian railroad junction 25 miles south of Zhitomir and former headquarters of Marshal Von Manstein.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — Lt. Gen. Sir Oliver Leese is the new commander of the British Eighth Army fighting in Italy, succeeding Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, it was disclosed.

BERN, SWITZERLAND — (AP) — The Basler National Zeitung said Wednesday Allied bombings so far had destroyed 50 per cent of greater Berlin, with another 25 per cent badly damaged.

CHUNGKING — (AP) — Chinese troops have captured all villages surrounding Owchihkow, the Japanese held port on the Yangtze River north of Tungting Lake, and are advancing on the suburbs of the city, the high command announced.

### INVASION PRELUDE: Smashing Nazi Supply Line



First blows of the great Allied invasion of Fortress Europa are struck by the massed Anglo-American air might. One of their most important early missions is to knock out the supply lines which Germany feeds men and munitions into the invasion coasts. Allied airmen are constantly battering at key rail junction points like Lille, Abbeville, Amiens, Rouen, Caen and have again bombed the Paris area, heart of the French railroad system.



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For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.— Job 19:25.

Home Nursing

The American Red Cross hopes to find a million women this year who are sufficiently interested in their families' health to spend a total of 24 hours in home nursing classes.

For some reason housewives have been slow about enrolling for home nursing courses. This might be because they do not understand what is involved.

Home nursing training does include a minimum of elementary first aid—what to do and what not to do in case of a bad fall, croup, acute abdominal pains, asphyxiation, etc. But this is incidental.

Primarily, the course teaches how to take temperature, pulse and respiration, and what the results mean, so that one can talk intelligently with a busy doctor or know whether it is urgent to call one.

It tells how to recognize early symptoms of illness, what to do to protect the family from communicable disease, how to take care of infants and young children.

The current outbreak of influenza emphasizes the value of such training. There aren't doctors enough to go around, and there aren't enough trained nurses.

The course, given under trained nurses and using actual classroom practice as a teaching method, requires a minimum of two hours a week and a maximum of four hours until the student has attended 24 hours of classes.

She undertakes no commitment of any kind to use her training outside of her own home. There is no charge.

What the medical profession thinks of the need for such training is suggested by the action of the New York County Medical Society in recommending that physicians urge women to take advantage of the Red Cross' offer.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Good Spotting

One evening in mid-October, it now is permissible to report, a Junkers 88 bomber that had spanned the Atlantic ocean flew across the eastern United States and landed at Wright Field, Dayton.

The bomber was one which a young German pilot, who decided the war had gone far enough so far as he was concerned, delivered to an Allied airfield in the Mediterranean. It was brought to this country for study by our experts.

Such alert, intelligent spotting is encouraging. So is the fact that three were numerous occasions when the Junkers would have been shot down if its American crew had not identified themselves thoroughly.

It doesn't take long to discover that constant worry is something to worry about.

The fellow who doesn't spend too much time minding the other fellow's business usually knows a lot about his own.

High Court Hears Dr. Newton's Case

AUSTIN —(P)— An attorney for Dr. William R. Newton contended in Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday the trial court erred in not granting a continuance so that the defense could produce witnesses to testify Dr. Newton and his wife were in Houston the night Dr. Roy Hunt of Littlefield was wounded.

Dr. Newton was convicted of assault to murder the Littlefield physician on May 21, 1942 and sentenced to seven years.

Dr. Hunt and his wife were slain Oct. 26, 1943, and a convict is being held for questioning in the slaying.

Attorney E. A. Camp, appealing the assault to murder charge, asserted no motive has been shown for the alleged attempt on Dr. Hunt's life in 1942. Mrs. Newton also was indicted on the assault to murder charge but has not been tried.

Three Fatally Hurt In Army Plane Crash WASHINGTON —(P)— An Army plane crashed and burned in a vacant lot in Congress Heights, Washington residential district Wednesday. Police reported three persons were fatally injured.

The London Zoo has several fish with eyes that shine like motor headlights in the dark.

Mustering Out Plan: \$85 Monthly For Year

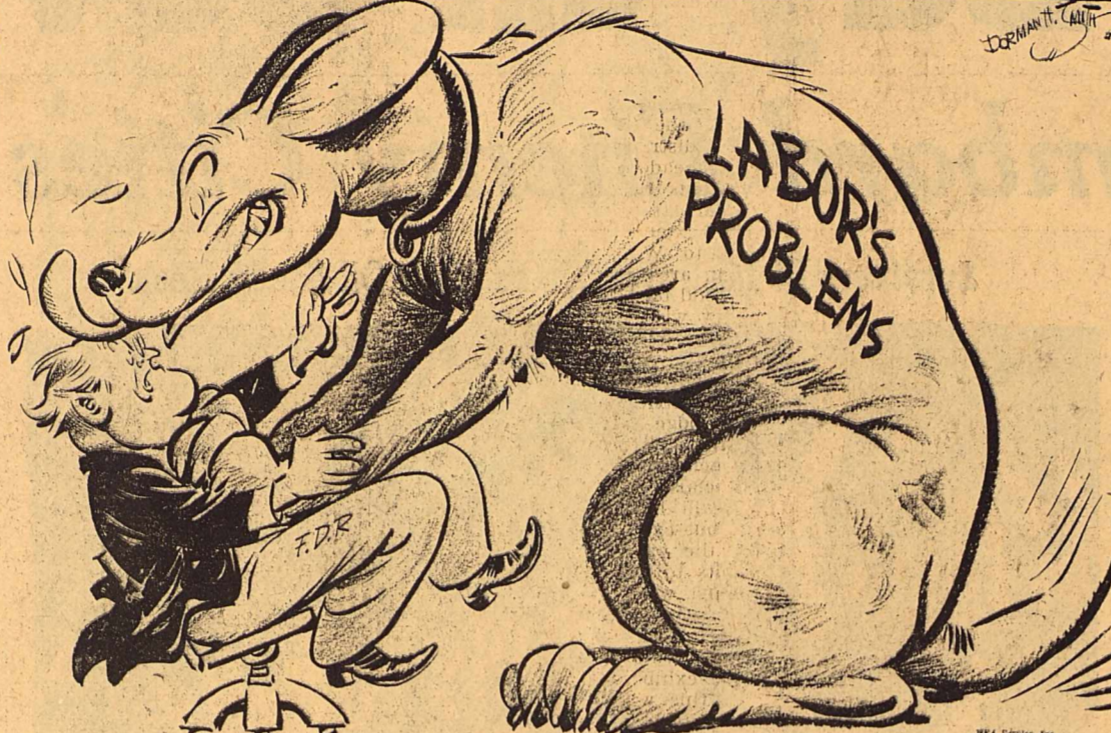
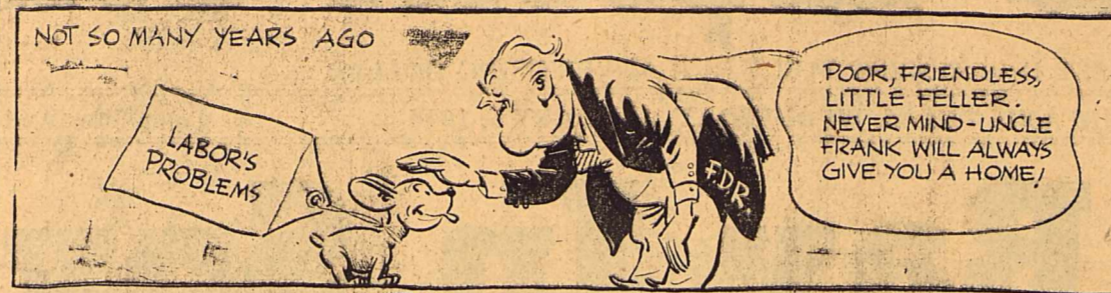
WASHINGTON —(P)— A new mustering-out pay plan for guaranteed discharged service men an average minimum of \$85 monthly for at least 12 months after their release was whipped into legislative form Wednesday by Rep. Ploeser (R-Mo.).

Livestock

FORT WORTH —(P)— Cattle 2-400; calves 1,400; slow and uneven; good and choice steers; and yearlings about steady; medium and low grade steers and yearlings weak to unevenly lower; cows steady to weak; bulls and slaughter calves fully steady; good fed steers and yearlings 13.00-14.25; common to medium steers and yearlings 7.50-12.00; beef cows mostly 7.50-9.50; canners and cutters 4.50-7.50; above 7.00-10.00; good and choice fat calves 11.50-13.00; common to medium butcher grades at 8.00-11.00; culls at 6.50-7.50.

Hogs 3,500; butcher hogs and sows steady; common to medium weights weak to lower; good and choice 200-300 lb. butcher hogs 13.55 to packers with an extreme top of 13.65. Good and choice 170-190 lb. averages 11.75-13.00 and good 145-165 lb. 9.50-11.25; sows 10.75-11.25; plus 3.00-4.50. Sheep 4,500; fat lambs steady to 25c higher; yearlings and ewes steady; medium to choice fat lambs 13.00; medium yearlings 11.00; cull to good ewes 5.50-6.25.

The Pup Grew Up



Ten-Point Plan For Reconversion To Peace Production Is Advocated

By ALEX H. SINGLETON WASHINGTON —(P)— A sweeping 10-point program for shifting the nation's industrial machinery from war to civilian production under the direction of a "reconversion czar" was advanced Wednesday by Rep. Tolan (D-Calif.) to prevent postwar "chaos and confusion."

- 1. Immediate appointment of a single administrator to coordinate federal, state, local and civilian agencies. 2. Creation of a central "board of directors" composed of three members of the House, three of the Senate, and a representative, each from agriculture, labor and industry. 3. An advisory council appointed by the governors of the 48 states to balance sectional needs and to furnish the central agency with information on possible channels for relieving unemployment. 4. Appropriation of sufficient funds to retain a staff of skilled technical experts to chart the steps necessary for conversion to peacetime production as war needs slacken. 5. Formation of a Congressional pilot committee to draft any necessary reconversion legislation. 6. Institution of immediate surveys by local communities and by the states to determine their own employment potentialities and post-war labor prospects. 7. Creation of a new agency—similar to the small war plants corporation—to aid little industries in reconversion. 8. Use of local draft boards as community employment centers for returning soldiers. 9. A long range study of new products, new materials and new inventions in the "back-to-work" program. 10. Determination of what disposition should be made of government owned industries.

U. S. Airmen -

made ever thrown into action in a single day. Total Allied air losses were listed as 25 planes—a remarkably small percentage of the great number of craft participating. At least 17—possibly more—German fighters were reported shot down in vain attempts to intercept the raiders. Of the enemy planes destroyed, the U. S. heavy bombers accounted for four and their fighter escorts for eight.

More than 3,000 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were unloaded on Germany and France during the day—a large proportion of the total falling in Kiel and Muenster. Both cities have been raided repeatedly.

The trip to Kiel—situated near the extreme northwest corner of Germany—represented an over-all flight of more than 1,000 miles for the big American bombers and their fighter escorts, which were equipped with special auxiliary fuel tanks for the long foray.

Muenster, a city with a normal population of more than 100,000, is situated about 200 miles southwest of Kiel and is a vital link in German railway communications with France and the defenses on the invasion coast.

It was attacked by American heavy bombers three times in recent months—the last time Nov. 11. The Kiel shipyards, which have turned out such warcraft as the Luetzow and the Giesesau, was last raided by the Americans Dec. 13, when Flying Fortresses and Liberators loosed 900 tons of bombs on the target with good effect.

Two of the enemy raiders were shot down. One returning flier said the vast fleet of warplanes literally darkened the heavens, and another said the regularity with which the big bombers unloaded their cargoes of explosives reminded him of a relay of dump trucks in operation.

Perhaps in retaliation for the heavy Allied assaults, the Germans sent a comparatively small number of planes over Britain Tuesday night, giving London a 32-minute air raid alarm—its first since last Sunday night. Bombs fell in one London district and in one area in the home counties, causing some damage and casualties.

Two of the enemy raiders were shot down. Heavy fighting was reported from all parts of the irregular front by the Yugoslav war bulletin. It revealed that the Germans were massing troops in Doboj, Derwent, Travnik and Sarajevo with the apparent intention of mounting much stronger offensive operations in Central and Western Bosnia.

Vines for producing wine were first planted in South Africa in 1658.

Soviet Newspaper Writer Calls Willkie "Political Gambler"

MOSCOW —(P)— Pravda, the official Communist Party newspaper, attacked Wendell Willkie Wednesday because of an article he wrote for the New York Times dealing with Russia and the status of Poland and the Baltic states.

Dmitry Zaslavsky, a Pravda writer, accused the U. S. presidential nominee of 1940 of "muddying the waters" in an effort to entice presidential support from persons who do not trust the Soviet Union as well as to win sympathy from those who do.

"Such a political gambler destroys confidence," the Pravda comment said. The newspaper added that the Baltic question was the business of the Soviet Union and only in which "Mr. Willkie should not interfere."

"As to Finland and Poland, without mentioning the Balkans," Pravda said, "the Soviet Union knows how to deal with them and does not need the help of Mr. Willkie."

Personals

Capt. and Mrs. Tom Sealy are visiting friends in Midland. Captain Sealy is stationed at Del Rio, Texas.

Pfc. W. T. Stroud of the Pearl Harbor Marine base, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Carl Barnhart.

G. B. Hallman has returned from El Paso.

Frank Gardner, who has been ill in a Midland hospital, is recovering.

Results Of Petroleum Study Are Announced

HOUSTON —(P)— The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the Humble Oil and Refining Company Wednesday disclosed the results of a four year study of the behavior of petroleum in its original reservoirs below the surface of the earth.

Pools with widely varying geologic characteristics and operating conditions were studied in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and in Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, and Argentina.

Some of the survey's conclusions: The rate at which oil is withdrawn from its underground storehouse has an important bearing on the probable ultimate recovery from a particular field.

Careful control is essential. Careful control of well pressure and other operating factors is essential if recoverable oil is not to be left in the ground.

The number of wells or the distance between them has little practical effect in the long run on the total amount of oil that could be brought to the surface, provided the rate of withdrawal of oil from the reservoir as a whole and from its various portions is properly controlled.

Studied were three types of underground energy—dissolved gas drive, gas cap drive and water drive—and the relative efficiency of each was estimated in its effect on ultimate recovery of oil.

Up to a certain point, the survey concluded, "the greater the restriction on the rate of production from a particular field the more thorough will be the recovery of oil from the sand."

Congratulations To Pfc. and Mrs. W. J. Newkirk on the birth of a son Wednesday.

Economic Issues Split Roosevelt Court Appointees

WASHINGTON —(P)— A sharp division has developed among three Roosevelt appointees to the supreme court over interpretations of law relating to economic questions.

Brought to light in formally filed opinions which employed the bluntest of language, the rift showed Justices Hugo L. Black and Frank Murphy arrayed against positions taken by Justice Felix Frankfurter, long-time adviser to President Roosevelt.

Black and Murphy, taking issue with Frankfurter's doctrines, asserted that he proposed in one case to interpret the patent laws on the basis of his "personal views on 'morals' and 'ethics'" and that in another relating to the making of utility rates, he made "what is patently a wholly gratuitous assertion as to constitutional law."

In both cases, Frankfurter was a dissenter, and Black wrote opinions concurring with the court's majority which he devoted entirely to taking issue with the reasons given by Frankfurter for dissenting. Murphy signed these opinions by Black, one of which stated:

"For judges to rest their interpretations of statutes on nothing but their own conceptions of 'morals' and 'ethics' is, to say the least, dangerous business."

Steel Rings -

(Continued from Page 1) east, were among the strongpoints listed as overrun.

The great battle to drive the Germans from the Dnieper Bend has begun. Foe risks disaster.

The military question for the moment is whether Von Manstein has waited too long. Already Vatutin has swung deeply beneath his positions and generally, the Germans are badly outflanked from the west. The enemy is running the risk of a major military disaster if Vatutin can force an encirclement.

The number of Germans strung out from the plains south of Belaya Tserkov to Nikopol presumably is at least 500,000. They presented a fairly solid front from the steppe south of Belaya Tserkov southward to Smela, Kirovograd, Krivoy Rog and Nikopol. The main German weakness is on the flanks.

On Von Manstein's left flank, the Russians have cut behind him south of Pliskov in Vinnitsa Province. Now on his right flank, he faces the danger of having the Red Army surge across the lower Dnieper any place between Nikopol and Kherson at the mouth of the river.

Bombs Roar -

(Continued from Page 1) fend Wotje. Without loss, American Army bombers shot down a total of 10 Japanese planes and probably seven more.

Another continuing air offensive has weakened the enemy at its main New Britain base of Rabaul. Australian Beauforts dropped 32 tons on the Lakunai airfield Sunday night and South Pacific fighters returned the next day. The American flyers destroyed 11 of 30 interceptors.

In current ground fighting, American Marines shook off a sharp counterattack at Cape Gloucester; the Sixth Army task force at Salador on the north coast of New Guinea, occupied a position three miles wide and three miles deep; and Australians who advanced 15 miles in three days reached a point 80 airline miles from Salador, where American landings were made last Sunday.

Geologists To Hear Address On China

Miss Minnie Alexander, who spent 15 years in China as secretary to an American missionary, will speak at the Midland Geological Society luncheon Thursday noon in the Cactus Cafe.

The subject will be "Fifteen Years In The Interior Of China." Dr. R. W. Harris is program chairman.

Miss Alexander now is employed by a Midland oil company.

Midland - Odessa BUS LINE SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Leave Midland - Odessa, Leave Odessa - Midland, and times for various routes.

Willkie Can Win If War Is Ended-Tobin

NEW YORK —(P)— Daniel J. Tobin, international president of the brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), predicts that Wendell L. Willkie will win the 1944 Republican presidential nomination and will defeat the New Deal if the war is ended by election day.

Writing in the January issue of the International Teamster, his union's official organ, Tobin, who served three terms as labor campaign committee chairman for the Democratic National Committee, added that he considered the possibility of the war's ending by election day unlikely, however.

He predicted Willkie, the 1940 Republican nominee, would win nomination again because he said Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and other middle-western states were strong for him.

Connally Supports No-Politics Stand On Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON —(P)— Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate foreign relations committee Wednesday threw his support behind efforts to keep post-war policy issues out of the 1944 Presidential campaign.

"The time has come for all responsible elements in the United States to unite in support of a thoroughly American foreign policy," Connally said in an interview. "That policy embraces the determination to prosecute the war to complete and crushing victory over our enemies."

"It embraces the intention to establish thereafter an international organization for the stabilization of peace, and for its preservation. It calls for the use of that organization in the suppression of aggression, by peaceful means, if that course proves effective, and if not, then by force of arms."

Son Born Day After Father's Crash Death

AUSTIN —(P)— A son was born here to the wife of Lt. John Henry Smith, 24 hours after Smith died with five others in the crash of an Army transport plane en route from Florida to Columbus, Ga.

Smith was assistant doorkeeper for the House of Representatives at the last session of the Texas Legislature.

Sinatra Leads Youth In March Of Dimes

NEW YORK —(P)— Frank Sinatra has been given the job of enlisting the support of the nation's youth in the 1944 march of dimes.

Announcing appointment of the singer as chairman of the campaign's youth division, Basil O'Connell, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said the appeal to youngsters would be made primarily through radio.

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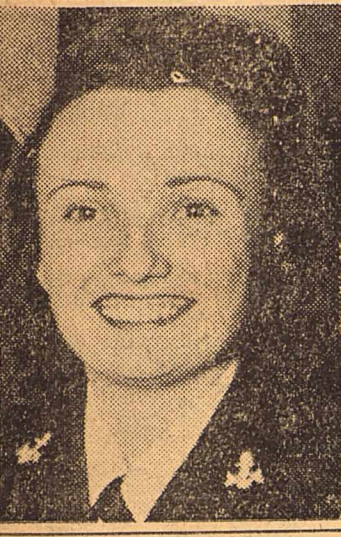
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## WAVE at T. C. U.



First WAVE in the nation to be stationed with a V-12 college training unit is Yeoman Carza M. Yater, now on duty at Texas Christian University. A native of Cleburne, Yeoman Yater released a sailor for active duty with a destroyer escort. "Being the only woman sailor on duty at a T. C. U. gives me something of a goldfish bowl complex, but it is nice to be near home," she says.

## WMU Circles Meet Jointly At Church

The Woman's Missionary Union circles of the First Baptist Church met Monday in the church. The Lottie Moon Circle had charge of the program and the Lockett Circle was hostess. The meeting opened with singing of the hymn, "The Morning Light Is Breaking," and Mrs. S. M. Erskine gave a prayer for the new year. Bible study was conducted by Mrs. R. R. Palmer, and Mrs. S. L. Alexander led the study of "Citizens of the Kingdom." Those taking part in the program were Mrs. G. B. Rush, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Tom Carr, Mrs. Floyd Pace, Mrs. J. P. Edwards, and Mrs. R. O. Collins. Mrs. R. D. Blaydes closed the meeting with prayer. Those attending were Mrs. Russell Howard, Mrs. J. M. White, Mrs. A. A. Jones, Mrs. John Dunagan, Mrs. B. C. Girdley, Mrs. Bill Epley, Mrs. Vernon Yearby, Mrs. E. R. Powell, Mrs. C. J. Ward, Mrs. C. C. Pierson, Mrs. Barbara Wall, Mrs. Billie Gilbert, Mrs. Harrell Cheves, Mrs. M. D. Cox, Mrs. V. Z. Wren, Mrs. Leon Arnett, Mrs. Blaydes, Mrs. O. L. Bevil, Mrs. R. W. Harris, Mrs. F. A. Wycoff, Mrs. McEldowney, Mrs. Erskine, Mrs. W. H. Spaulding, Mrs. G. G. Hazel, and Mrs. Palmer of Norman, Okla., a special guest.

## Faris Family Arrives Here From Louisiana

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Faris and their two children, Candy and John, have moved here from Lake Charles, La., and are staying temporarily at the Crawford Hotel. Mr. Faris is divisional exploitation engineer for the Shell Oil Company.

## RED CROSS OFFICIAL CONFERS WITH LEADERS

Mrs. Kenneth W. Jameson of St. Louis, general field representative and supervisor of all activities of Red Cross chapters in the mid-western area, was in Midland Tuesday conferring with chapter officials on the Red Cross war fund drive which is scheduled to open March 1.

## Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press  
Meats, Fats, etc.—Book three brown stamps R and S valid through Jan. 29. Book four spare stamp No. 2 good for five points of fresh pork and sausage through Jan. 15.  
Processed Foods—Book four green stamps D, E and F good through Jan. 20. Stamps G, H and J valid through Feb. 20.  
Sugar—Book four stamp 29 good for five pounds through Jan. 15.  
Shoes—Book one stamp 18 and book three "airplane" stamp No. 1 good indefinitely.  
Gasoline—In Southwest 9-A coupons good for three gallons through Jan. 21. B and C coupons good for two gallons; B-2 and C-2 coupons issued for five gallons each.

## Low Necklines



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Low necklines are one of the strongest fashion trends for the coming spring—and they're perfect on the juniors set style, the Basque dress. The charming ensemble of Basque and Bolero lends itself to any fabric—any color. Have lots of them for spring and summer!  
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## 'Miracle of Happiness'



Declaring the past year has been a "miracle of happiness," Mrs. Lola Swinnerton Warren, noted as the "Stone Woman," is pictured with her husband, Theron W. Warren, in their Chicago home as they celebrated the first anniversary of their marriage. She's victim of rare malady which turns victims to "stone."

## Mrs. Joe Mims Heads Pen Campaign Here

WITH THE AEP IN ITALY — (P) — News notes from along the front:  
Back in Denison, Texas, Robert L. Cox always got a candy cane each Christmas from Mrs. Venita Hartson, a neighbor. It was a sort of standing joke between the Cox and Hartson families.  
Tony Giarraputo, who ran the candy kitchen in Denison, always made the cane but this year Tony closed his store because he was getting old and because materials were so hard to get.  
But when Mrs. Hartson reminded him of the annual candy cane, Tony hobbled out into his own kitchen and made the peppermint cane, giving it to Mrs. Hartson with tears in his eyes and the words:  
"For the colonel, God bless him, he's a gooda boy."  
Robert Cox, a lieutenant colonel of infantry now, had just a touch of a catch in his own voice when he got the gift and the note about Tony shortly afterwards.  
But he and the other officers and men of his command post had decided to share their Christmas candy with the kids of war ravaged Mignano.  
So the candy cane went to a little five-year-old Italian boy whose bandaged head showed the effect of a German mine and whose home was a filthy cave.

## Heads Pen Campaign

A campaign to collect every broken and discarded fountain pen in Midland County is being conducted by the Midland Salvage Committee, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Joe Mims, committee chairman for women salvage activities.  
Contributions began Jan. 3 and will continue through Jan. 8.  
All pens contributed will be repaired for distribution without cost to American service men overseas. Distributions of the rebuilt pens will be handled by Army chaplains who will see that the pens go only to service men who do not have workable pens.  
The collection here is being made at the request of the Texas Salvage Committee, and is endorsed by the chief of chaplains, U. S. Army, and other Army and government officials.  
All pens will be sent immediately by the Midland Salvage Committee to Emerson McCord at Houston, who will do the repair work at no cost and send the rebuilt pens to the Army for distribution by overseas chaplains.  
Fountain pens should be left at the Chamber of Commerce office, the Red Cross office at the schools.

## Anita Dies In Vain; Elephantine War Power Is Wasted

DETROIT—(P)— Yes, Anita did die in vain, if you have to look at it that way.  
A mound of earth over a 20-by-15 foot grave hid Anita's 12,000-pound carcass Wednesday, and none of her 4,000 pounds of fat had found its way into the war effort.  
Anita—she was the Detroit zoo's favorite elephant—had to be buried because a fat rendering plant could not get a crew to the zoo in time. Zoo Keeper John T. Millen said the condition of the carcass would not permit further delay.  
The elephant's fat was to have been used for explosives. Anita, injured in a fall into the elephant house, had to be destroyed, and the Wayne County Salvage Committee entered a race against time in trying to find a rendering plant capable of handling Anita's great bulk.  
Florida's oldest living thing is "The Senator," a cypress near Orlando, 3500 years old.

## Lucas Offers New Soldier Vote Bill

WASHINGTON — (P) — Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) offered a new absentee vote bill for service personnel Wednesday in place of the leave-it-to-the-states resolution which the Senate substituted for his original measure.  
Announcing he would formally introduce his revised proposal Monday, while the Senate substitute still dangles in the House elections committee, Lucas said:  
"If a man can stop a bullet he ought to have the opportunity to cast a ballot. . . . There's nothing the states can do that will take away the necessity for a federal ballot."  
The Illinois senator still wants a ballot commission, as provided in the original bill drafted by himself and Senator Green (D-R.I.), but its powers would be sharply pruned so that its duties would be almost entirely administrative. The four-man, bi-partisan commission would prepare the war ballots, turn them over to the Army and Navy, and after they had been filled out, transmit them to the 48 secretaries of state.

## Man, 80, With Ballbat Too Tough For Bandits

CHICAGO — (P) — The two gunmen who entered a west side shoe store Tuesday night, paid scant attention to the aged man behind the counter, proceeded about their larcenous business.  
One bandit approached the clerk, John Heyduk, flourished a revolver and told him to put up his hands. Heyduk, who is 80 years old but agile, knocked the gun from the robber's hand.  
When he stooped to retrieve it, Heyduk reached under the counter, dropped a baseball bat and clubbed the bandit. The second robber helped his dazed companion from the store.  
Heyduk, who had been watching the store for his son, John, was telephoning police to report the attempted holdup when his son returned.

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## TFWC Will Sponsor Annual Art Exhibit

The crusade for the betterment of art and music on the American home front does not go forgotten because of the war, for it is just such things as these we are fighting for.  
So the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs has announced its intentions of continuing the annual art exhibits held in Austin. Instead of holding the exhibition at the fall convention, paintings will be displayed at a district showing in the TFWC headquarters at 2312 San Gabriel Street in Austin.  
Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, president of the eighth district of the TFWC, said the program of fine arts has always been one of the chief objects of the organization. Jan. 23 will be the opening date for the eighth district art exhibit in the Austin headquarters.  
All Artists Eligible  
All artists in the eighth district, north extending west to El Paso, north to Wink and east to Big Spring, are invited to enter. They may send one or as many paintings as they wish. There will be no restrictions on the size of the paintings, and first, second and third prizes will be awarded. The contest is not restricted to TFWC women. Mrs. Hodge said, but is sponsored by the club women for the encouragement of art and painting.  
Officials in charge announced they will handle all exhibits with care, but exhibitors are expected to bear the expense of shipping the exhibits to Austin and back.  
Young women students at the University of Texas will act as hostesses for the musical tea Sunday, Jan. 23, which marks the opening of the exhibit.  
"In this war I believe it is fitting to keep alive and promote art, and the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs is offering this opportunity to artists and urging them to enter the contest," Mrs. Hodge said Wednesday.  
Artists planning to send exhibits should address them to 2312 San Gabriel Street, Austin.

## Rev. Hubert Hopper To Speak At Meeting

Honoring members of the Midland War Price and Rationing Board, a joint luncheon of the Rotary and Lions clubs will be held in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer Thursday noon.  
The Rev. Hubert Hopper will be the principal speaker. He will be introduced by Paul Nelson, Lions Club president. Roy McKee, president of the Rotary Club, will preside.  
All pens will be sent immediately by the Midland Salvage Committee to Emerson McCord at Houston, who will do the repair work at no cost and send the rebuilt pens to the Army for distribution by overseas chaplains.

## Baptist Youths Enjoy Film On Africa

The Young People's Missionary Societies of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday night in the Educational Building of the church and heard a program that climaxed three months study of missions in Africa. Societies included were the Sunbeams, the Royal Ambassadors and the Girls' Auxiliary.  
The meeting's program with singing "The Morning Light Is Breaking" and was followed with prayer by the Rev. Vernon Yearby. Mrs. S. L. Alexander led the devotionals on "Let God Direct Your Life." The film showing of "Africa Joins The World" contrasted Africa of 100 years ago and today. A Professor Quiz contest on Africa closed the program.  
About 65 young people were present.

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## Woman Now Teaches School Bus Driving

SANTA FE, N. M. — (P) — New Mexico bus drivers will be taught the fine points of their job—by a woman.  
Mrs. E. L. Martin of Silver City took over as instructor for the state school bus division when her husband resigned. She made such a success of her first short course for drivers that others have been scheduled.

## Coming Events

THURSDAY  
The Friendly Builder's Class of the First Methodist Church will have a monthly party at 8 p. m. in the home of Mrs. E. J. Voliva.  
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.  
The Belmont Bible Class will meet at 3 p. m. in the Scharbauer Building of the First Methodist Church.  
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 6:30 p. m.  
The AAUW will hold its regular monthly luncheon at 1 p. m. in the Scharbauer Building of the First Methodist Church.  
Appendicitis kills someone in the United States every 26 minutes.

## Wesley Class Enjoys Varied Program

Miss Frances Ferguson was a special guest when the Wesley Bible Class met Tuesday afternoon in the Scharbauer Building. The subject of the lesson study was "Faith" and the devotionals were from 11th Hebrews.  
Mrs. H. M. Reigle read the poem, "In the Beginning Again."  
Their most embarrassing moments were related by Mrs. Velma Stewart, Mrs. S. H. Gwyn, Mrs. John Ficke, Mrs. T. A. Fannin and Mrs. W. A. Black. Mrs. Black also gave a humorous reading.  
Those attending were Mrs. Reigle, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Nolen, Mrs. Wilmoth, Mrs. Mary Lou Snodgrass, Mrs. Minnie Crumley, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Gwyn, Mrs. J. M. Hughes, Mrs. Margaret Parr, Mrs. L. C. Stephenson, Mrs. Fannin and Mrs. Mollie McCormick.  
Mrs. Reigle and Mrs. Stephenson were hostesses.

## Earl C. Buffington Advanced To Captain

Word was received this week from Earl C. Buffington, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Buffington of Midland, that he has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. He is stationed in Sicily.  
Mrs. E. D. Richman of Midland is a sister of Buffington.  
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# Gideon Planish

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THE STORY: Gideon Planish, freshman at Adelbert College in 1910, is refused membership on the upperclassman debating team. In revenge, he and Hatch Hewitt start a Socialist Society.

III  
THE dean of Adelbert College said feebly, "You again?"

Gid's expression declared that they were old and helpful friends; that he was fond of this aged pal, and glad to give him new vigor and ideas.

"Yes, sir, I thought you ought to know that I have founded a secret Socialist club."

"Well?"

"I just thought, if it was forbidden to have revolutionary clubs, I'd better report it, so it would be okay. Gosh, I guess it must be awful unusual to have secret juntas in Adelbert!"

"No, not unusual; a little annoying, perhaps, but not unusual. But it is somewhat rare for the chief instigator to come in and inform us."

"Would you like me to wind up the club, Dean? I'd be glad to, if you'd let me in on the course in Forensics. And in the circumstances, I guess I'd have to be taken into the debating society, too."

"Please—go—away!"

"Well, sir, you'll remember I warned you."

UPON Gid's suggestion, the Socialist League challenged the college debating society to a discussion of the government ownership of railroads, and that official body accepted, with the notion of having a practice match before the classic annual contest with the great University of Winemana.

As he was often to do in his later career as a professional promoter of ideas, Gid nearly convinced himself of the truth of his own crusade. He was deciding to go out and nationalize all rails, he was beginning to believe he had invented collectivism, when the catastrophe struck them.

On October 2nd, they had the news that the plant of the Los Angeles Times, which had been warring with union labor, had been blown up, with nineteen deaths. And the Adelbert Socialist League blew up with it.

The League now had nine members. Most of them would have preferred to meet dramatically at Hatch's stable, in conspiratorial darkness, but they were up against reality. They weren't merely defying God and the House of Morgan now; they were in danger of getting demerits from the dean. The executive committee gathered in a corner of the Y.M.C.A. lounge at three o'clock on a bright afternoon.

Gid panted, "Meancometorder, Lissen, Comrades, I think we better get the hell out of this Socialist club, or turn it into a literary society."

"You're going to lay down and take it? You mean you don't dare to face the ruling class and defy 'em when there's something to defy 'em about?" demanded Hatch.

"Not at all! We'll call our literary society the Wall Whitman League. That's defiant enough for anybody! Whitman never went to college!" explained Gid. "There's nobody wants to hammer tyranny more than I do, but this isn't the time for it."

That was the death of the Adelbert Socialist League, and for the funeral there were no hymns, no flowers, and only such exhibits of Christian resignation as were provided by Francis Tyne.

ON the day after the decease of the Socialist League, Gid sought out the secretary of the college debating society, reminded him that it had been announced on all bulletin boards that the society would debate with the Socialists, who had blown up the Times, personally, and suggested that the only way out of such a perilous connection would be for the debating society to elect Gid a member. Then, he might possibly think about killing off and generally disowning the League.

The debating society met, in haste, changed its constitution so that freshmen might be admitted, elected Gid, and thanked him for something—they weren't quite sure what—that he had done to save Adelbert's oratory from shame. Late in the spring he was actually on the debating team which invaded and conquered Erasmus College; and the fame of

Gideon Planish promised to be as firmly established in the glorious annals of the college as that of Old Pug, for eleven years the baseball mascot.

Erasmus College was in Eastern Ohio, and Gid had never been so far East—almost into New York State!

With his associate debaters, including a very large junior who sang grand opera in Dakotan, he traveled on a day coach to Erasmus. They had large stickers, "Adelbert Champion Debaters," on their suitcases, and they talked in enormous voices about taxation, to improve the minds of their fellow passengers.

At the debate, in the college chapel, there wasn't as large a crowd as he had hoped; in fact, there were less than a hundred—in fact, there were less than seventy-five. The hosts explained that it just happened that there was also a basketball game to-night. But as Gid spoke, the crowd seemed to stretch out endless, and they were all his, all looking at him, all listening to him, and his power was on them.

For a moment he found it amusing that what he had to say was the opposite of what he would have said for the Socialist League. Then it was the truth, and the only truth, and he had invented it. He maintained that the government ownership of railroads was not only inefficient but naughty. He played on figures as on cello strings, and wound up his message like a Beethoven finale:

"I think we have shown by the statistics of railroad operation in New Kamchatka how wasteful is the political control of transportation. But there is another aspect that is even more important: the spiritual side of this economic crime against suffering mankind."

"How would you like it if you were one of our fine, honest toilers, say, like a conductor on your own K line here, a man who has supported his family and paid his debts and his charities and his lodge dues, and been loyal to his State, his country, his God, and his company, and he finds that some apparently innocent passenger is nothing but a snooper, a Government spy, put there on the train by inimical politicians and bosses to see how many cash fares the conductor knocks down? Do you think any man could carry on, like the fine, honest workmen ought to in our land of liberty, in that atmosphere of political intrigue and distrust? Oh, to ask that question is to answer it! And so, finally, do you know what that kind of stuff is? It is nothing less than that menacing, that subversive, that most European doctrine—SOCIALISM!"

And Gid and God and the Adelbert team won the debate.

(To Be Continued)

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
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	♠ Q 9 8 7	♥ A 2	♦ A K 4 3

Duplicate—None vul.  
South West North East  
Pass Pass Pass Pass  
2 2 A Pass Pass  
3 3 Double Pass Pass  
Opening—♠ K 5

card suit and his close double of three hearts gave him a top score on today's hand. When East's opening lead held the first trick, she shifted to the ten of spades because of Goren's spade bid. Declarer won with the queen, led a diamond and finessed the jack. Goren won with the king and returned the king of spades. Now East and West had a spade trick established and still had the ace of hearts, the trick needed to defeat the contract.

## More Cotton Or Less Cattle, Texas Riddle

DALLAS—(P)—A. L. Ward, director of educational service, national cottonseed products association, said here Texas must either increase its cotton acreage or cut its livestock production.

"There's no use investigating what's happening to all the protein feed," Ward said. "The answer is that there wasn't much to start with."

In the year 1930, Texas harvested over 16 million acres of cotton. It is estimated Texas harvested less than eight million acres in 1943. On Jan. 1, 1930, Texas had on its farms and ranches 6,500,000 head of sheep and lambs. On Jan. 1, 1943, Texas had on its farms and ranches 7,518,000 head of all cattle and 10,677,000 head of sheep and lambs.

HUNGER EVACUATION  
There are reports that about 1,000,000 Parisians will be evacuated to rural areas this winter because of the food shortage.

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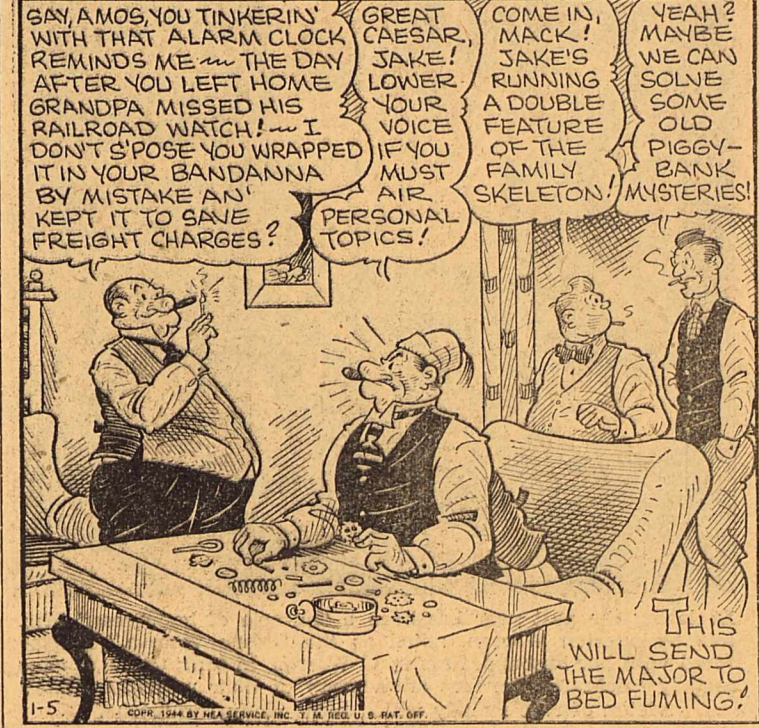
## Double Check On Tax Yields Surplus Cash

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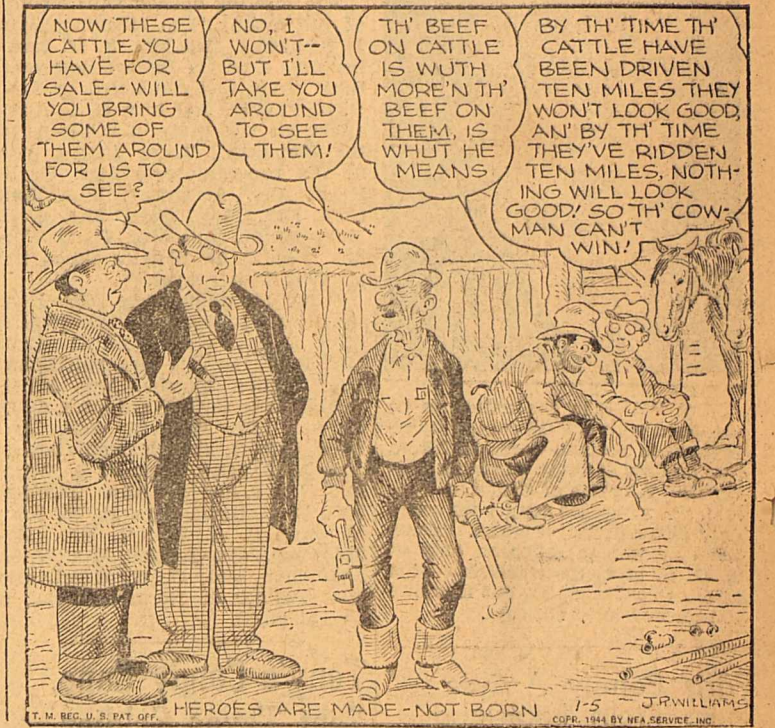
## British Fliers Like 'Products' Of America

SALT LAKE CITY—(P)—Two RAF pilots, Frank Morgan of London and Ronald Swain of Nottingham, covered a lot of territory in a few words while on a visit here.

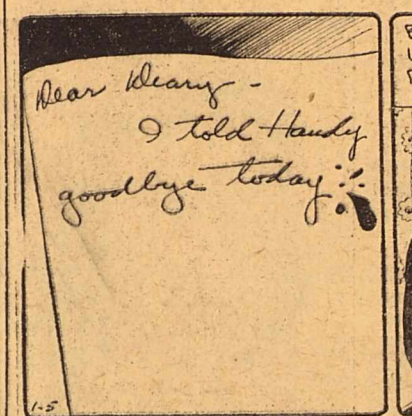
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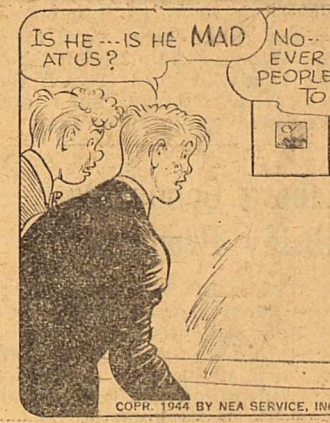
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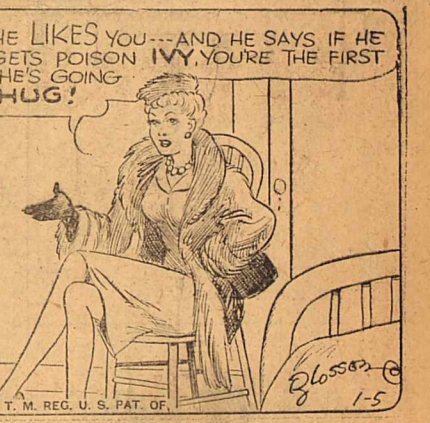
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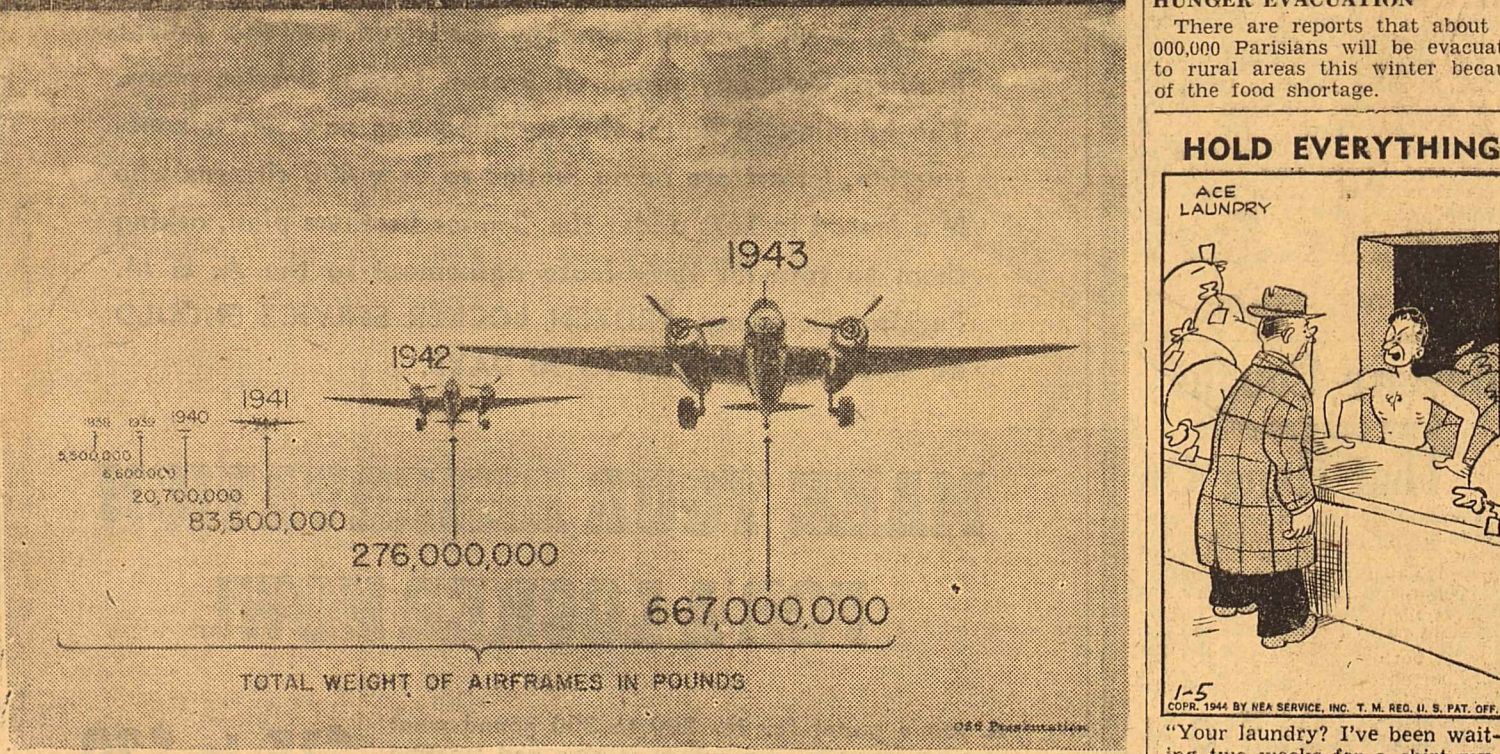
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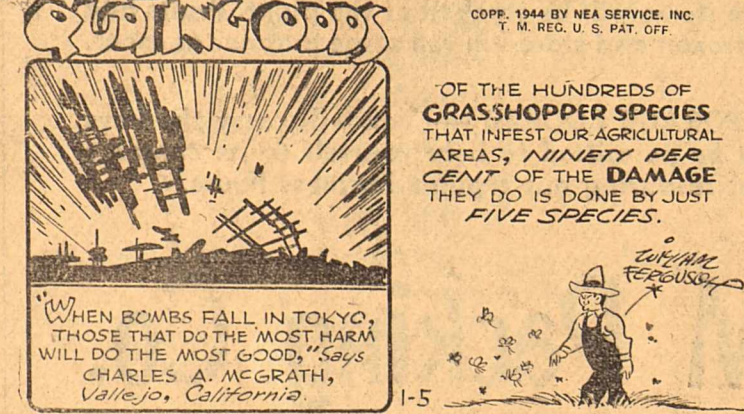
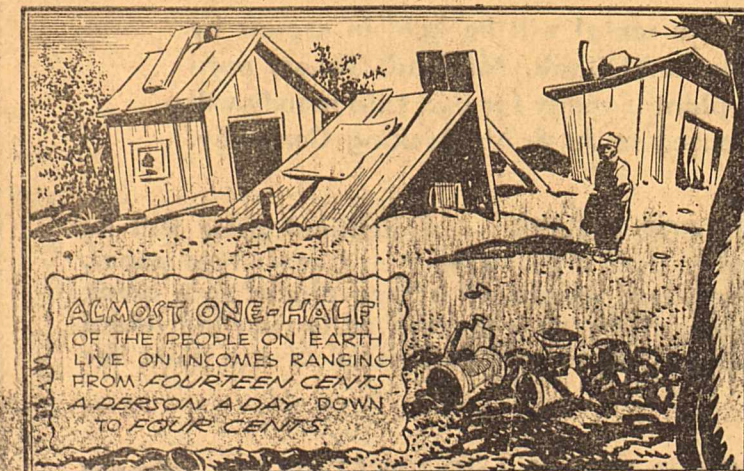
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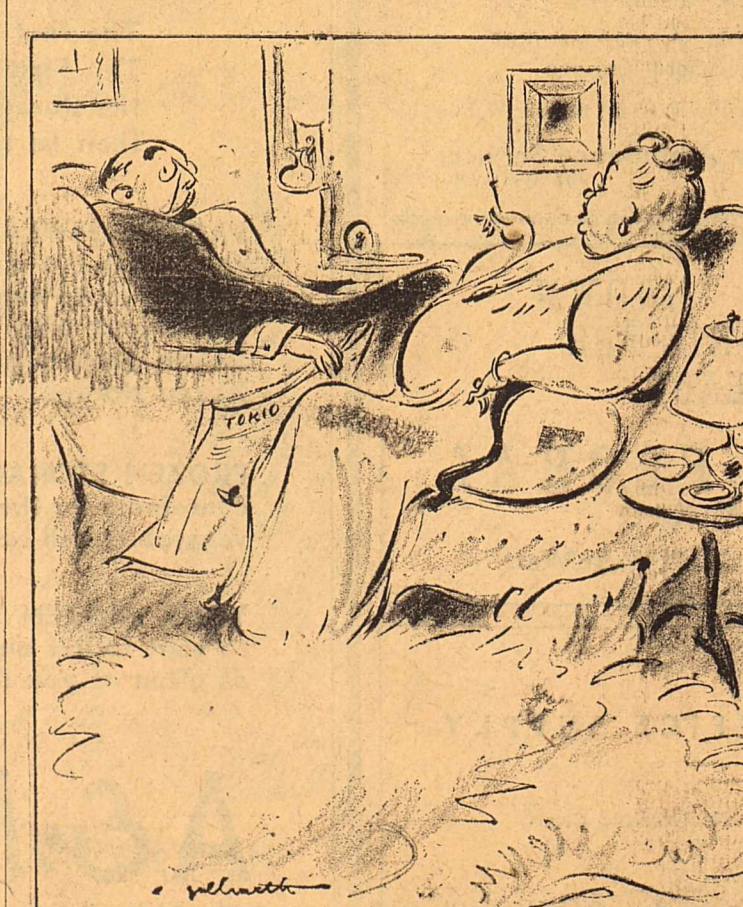
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LOST: White gold ladies' Bulova watch. Reward, Phone 28.

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FOUND: If Lee Baker will call, his wallet has been found. Reporter-Telegram.

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SOMEONE wanted to hang out clothes. Phone 1113. (257-3)

WAITRESS wanted. Chicken Tavern, one block west on West Wall. (259-6)

WANTED: Young men, clerical work, retail stores, West Texas. Permanent work and room for advancement. Write Box 1831, Midland, Texas. (259-6)

Situations Wanted 10
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Wanted To Buy 26
CLEAN, Soft Cotton Rags wanted, 5c pound. Reporter-Telegram. (258-1f)

WANT to Buy, model "A," with or without tires. Phone 1531-W. (258-3)

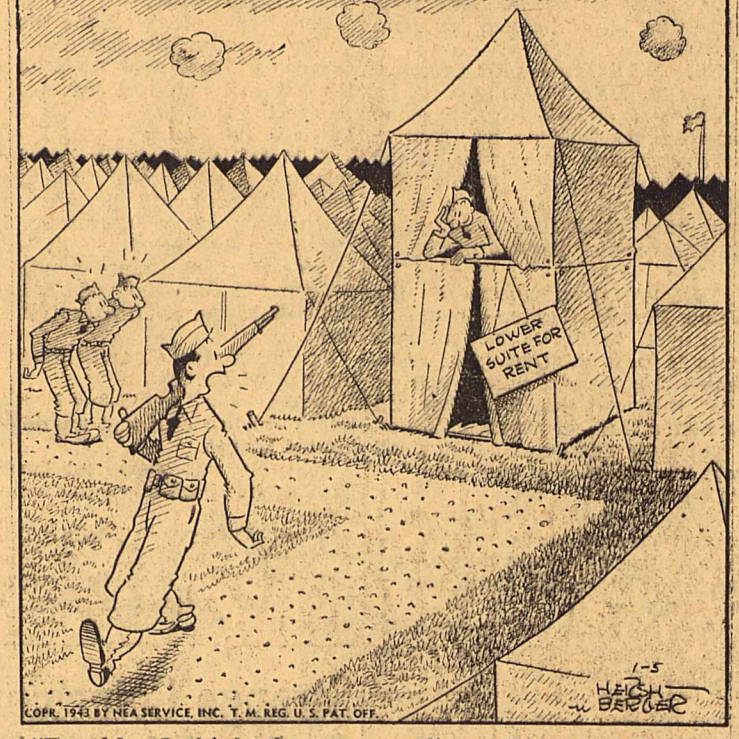
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NEW Surge milking machine for sale at discount. No certificate necessary. Also nearly new McCormick-Deering electric milk cooler box. R. C. Best Jr., Midland, Phone 166-W. (259-6)

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STRAY bay horse mule; good size, unrationed. Also few springer cows. Six miles East, Johnnie Graham. (254-6)

FUNNY BUSINESS



"Frankly, I think the commanding officer is going to frown on your apartment idea!"

FOR SALE

Miscellaneous 23
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By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

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—Leo R. Newfarmer and C. W. Faris are new department heads in the Midland office of Shell Oil Company, Inc.

New Wildcat -
(Continued from Page 1)
around 5,000 feet for the regular Slaughter pay.

TEXAS MOVES MUNICH; PROMOTES GENE PRICE
—Martin F. Muench, lease man in the land department of The Texas Company's Midland office for four years, has been transferred to Abilene and put in charge of scouting and lease work of the company.

WEST GEOLGISTS WILL HOLD ELECTION
—New officers for the West Texas Geological Society will be elected at its annual meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday night.

Strict Renegotiation Or Profiteering Seen As Tax Battle Choice
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Opponents of war contract renegotiation law liberalization gathered their forces Wednesday in a drive to overturn new tax bill amendments and insisted that Congress must decide between renegotiation and war profiteering.

Political Announcements
Charges for publication in this column: District and State Offices...\$25.00 County Offices...\$15.00 Precinct Offices...\$7.50

Great Movie Scripts Go Into Scrap Drive
HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—What to do with movie scripts that earned the film industry millions of dollars? One studio cleaned out its files and donated tons of paper to the salvage drive.

Producing Days In Sand Hills Field Cut
AUSTIN—(AP)—The Railroad Commission in special orders Tuesday reduced the number of producing days in January for the Sand Hills (Ordovician) field, Crane County, from 23 to 17 days because of a finding of excessive water production in some wells.

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Funeral Services Are Held In Garden City For Pioneer Rancher

GARDEN CITY—Funeral services for S. R. Cox, 82, pioneer rancher of Glasscock County, were held at the home Monday afternoon. The Rev. B. C. Welch, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lubbock and a former pastor here, conducted the services with the Rev. Wilson D. Keenan, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church here, assisting.

Deputy Kills Convict Attempting To Escape
BEAUMONT—(AP)—Sheriff Sam Scherer of Anahuac said James O. Pearson, 34, was shot to death Tuesday at Conroe after he had disarmed an officer and attempted to escape.

Spanish Fighting With Germans, Say Russians
NEW YORK—(AP)—Spanish soldiers are fighting side by side with the Germans on the Volkhov front in Northern Russia despite assertions by Gen. Francisco Franco that all Spaniards have been called home.

City Council Ready For Day Of Victory
HARTFORD, CONN.—(AP)—If the United Nations defeat Germany during 1944, Hartford will have a victory celebration and the aldermen will appropriate money for it.

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### 83rd Air Base Wins Two Games From Teams Here

Cagers of the 83rd Air Base Squadron of Midland Army Air Field tucked two basketball victories under their belts at the Midland High School gymnasium Tuesday night. The contestants provided plenty of thrills for the fans, and the crowd was one of the most enthusiastic of the season.

The soldiers defeated the Midland High Bulldogs 35 to 22 in the first game, and the Midland High Faculty 48 to 25 in the second contest.

With a fast start the soldiers piled up an 18 to 4 halftime score over the Bulldogs. The youths rallied in the second half but were unable to overcome the wide margin.

**Wiedmayer Takes Honors**  
In this game Dick Wiedmayer was high point man for the Air Base with 12 points. Harvey Pierce with nine was second. Bill Richards copied honors for the Bulldogs.

In the contest with the faculty, Clarence Cline took the honors with 14 points. Pierce was second with 10 points. Coach Gene McCollum was high scorer for the faculty with 14 points. Jack Mashburn scored five points.

At halftime the score was 15-15. The Bulldogs will clash with Monahans High cagers Wednesday afternoon and Friday night Stanton High School's teams come here.

### Midland Bowlers Organize League

Bowlers, at a meeting Tuesday night of the Midland Bowling Association, organized a City League and its schedule of team play will start Wednesday night, Jan. 12. Eight teams will be in the new league.

A. Boring was elected president of the league, Sgt. George Seybold vice president and P. D. Grommon secretary-treasurer.

Lockley Hall will captain a team for the Mackey Motors Company and Sergeant Seybold will captain a team from the Midland Army Air Field. Dew Grant will head a team in the Honolulu Oil Company. Grommon will captain Hotel Scharbauer's entry.

A team from the Shell Oil Company will be headed by Boring, and Lt. Frank A. Licordia is organizing a team of lieutenants at M.A.A.F. Don Scott will head another team. Warrant Officer Charles L. Brown will captain the eighth entry.

### Majors' Expansion Into Canada Urged By Phillies' Prexy

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)—Northward into Canada, not westward, is the logical direction for major league baseball to expand, contends Bob Carpenter Jr., youthful president of the National League Phillies.

"The youngest major league president in the game" turned thumbs down on the proposed westward expansion of big league baseball when he said:

"The expansion program of the majors westward to the Pacific Coast is at least 15 years off because it will take that long to perfect safety in air travel."

By that Carpenter said he meant westward expansion would be sidetracked until air travel is made as safe as "sitting in your office."

Montreal and Toronto are both "good baseball towns," the Phillies' president said. "It would further our good neighbor policy by including two Canadian cities into membership of the American and National leagues—if and when such franchises are available."

### 'Young' Stagg, At 81, Sees College Trend Back To Football

CHICAGO —(AP)—Amos Alonzo Stagg, the "young" man who went west and found a new coaching career at 71, believes that some colleges which abandoned football last year will resume it next fall.

Noted coach of the year by the National Association of Football Writers, Stagg was back here Wednesday receiving plaquets from old friends of his University of Chicago days.

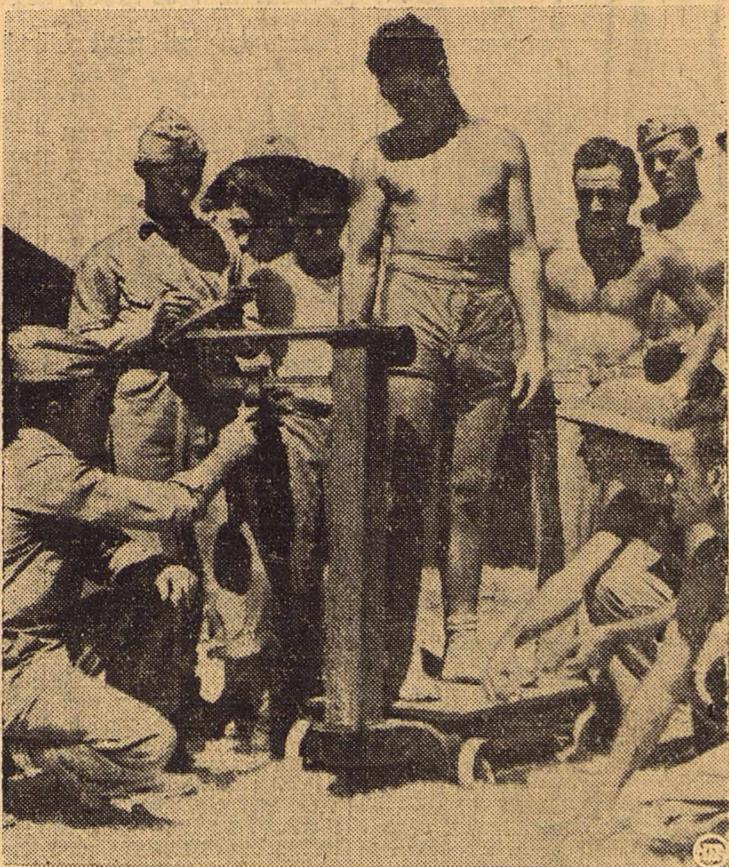
The "Grand Old Man of the Midway," coach of the Maroons for 41 years before he took over the football situation at little College of the Pacific 10 years ago, turned out one of the nation's strongest teams last fall.

**Remains Enthusiasm At 81**  
At 81 he retains the enthusiasm and vigor of a man half his age. He sees the game as a splendid physical and mental conditioner, believes it should not be abandoned because of the war.

"We coaches who decided to carry on in 1943 made no mistake," he said. "The educators who discontinued the sport are the ones who made a mistake. However, some of the schools on the West Coast which discontinued athletics last year apparently are ready to resume next fall. I think Stanford will be one and several others up north also are ready to return."

**29,995 On Casualty Lists Of Australia**  
SYDNEY —(AP)—Australian army casualties since the outbreak of war total 29,995, Army Minister Frank Forde announced Wednesday. In addition to 10,884 killed, 15,332 wounded and 3,779 missing, 25,895 Australians have been taken prisoners.

### From Japs To Jabs



Members of Marine gun crews weigh in at Red Cross office somewhere in South Pacific to enter All-American-All-Service boxing tournament. Cpl. Pat Graham weighs Pfc. Roman Jaworowicz as Cpl. Joe Gagliolo jots down poundage.

### Baseball Obeys 'War Order' To Maintain Game

By FORD C. FRICK  
President of the National Baseball League

NEW YORK —(AP)—No one knows how the developments of 1944 will shape the programs of baseball.

We faced 1943 with the determination to carry through a pennant race as near like peace-time as could be done while giving full cooperation to the high command in war economies, transportation emergencies, drives for war funds and war bonds, and the various other contingencies as they came up.

**Baseball News Is Popular**  
The testimony from all fronts was that baseball fans now in the Army and Navy found the news from the baseball leagues as popular a topic of interest and argument as in their civilian days.

We played our schedule last year with teams composed mainly of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, some 4-7s, some plus-30s, some sub-19s. We face a season coming up in which the outlook is for fewer of the family men in our lineups, more of the other groups.

President Roosevelt wrote to Judge Landis Jan. 15, 1942, a month after Pearl Harbor.

"I honestly feel that it would be best for the country to keep baseball going."

The National League's aim for 1944 is to carry through on the commander-in-chief's assignment.

### 180 Golfers Enter Los Angeles Open

LOS ANGELES —(AP)—For the first time since the war began, major golf competition returned to the Pacific Coast Wednesday as a field of 180 pros and amateurs, including seven former titholders, squared off over rain-soaked fairways in the \$12,500 Los Angeles Open.

Often a champion of other events but never successful here, Byron Nelson served strong pre-tournament notice that he's back in stride and expects to break into the winner's column at last to lay claim to the \$4,375 first prize.

**Nelson Shoots 65**  
In a preliminary round Tuesday, the big Toledo, Ohio, pro and Ike Greenberg, Los Angeles amateur, tied with Lloyd Mangrum and Al Behrstock, another local Simon pure, for a pro-amateur best ball of 64 over a par 72 course. Mangrum had 67, while Nelson shot 65.

Former titholders entered are Harry Cooper, who won the first tournament here in 1926; McDonald Smith, a four-times winner; Jimmy Thomson, Johnny Dula, Ed Dudley, Craig Wood and Jimmy Hines.

Not present to defend his title is Ben Hogan, who won the last tournament in 1942 with a 72 in an 18-hole play-off of a tie with Thomson.

### Dog Catcher Branches Out In His Profession

TOPEKA, KAN. —(AP)—The Kansas capital's dog catcher report for 1943 shows:

In addition to dogs galore, he picked up one snake, a coyote, a ground hog, a raccoon, five rats, a turkey, ten rabbits, six chickens, 11 opossums, six squirrels, two goats and 80 cats—all dead.

### Untaxed 'Gas' Sales To U. S. Increase

AUSTIN —(AP)—The state comptroller reports distributors sold 153,987,274 gallons of non-tax-paid gasoline in November to government agencies in Texas compared to 103,031,954 gallons tax paid to other users.

### Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK —(AP)—If Sgt. Joe Louis and his traveling soldier-boxers want a real fight instead of exhibitions, Sgt. Allen La Combe is ready to give it to them.

Not that Sgt. La Combe will do the fighting—he's the kid who used to promote the "Turkey Bowl" football game in New Orleans and he's issuing this challenge on behalf of a boxing team which recently won the Persian Gulf Service Command and the Middle East titles.

What they really want is for Sgt. Joe, Ray Robinson, Jackie Wilson, etc., to visit them in Iran, but La Combe promises that heavyweight Ralph Ivins, former Newark, N. J. pro; Lightweight Woodrow "Rock" Campbell of Meridian, Miss.; Welterweight Tony "Smoker" Williams of Hollister, Calif.; and Middleweight Harold Augusta of St. Louis, will give the big boys a real tussle.

### Drawing De Fine Line

During the recent fuss between Ray Dumont's National Amateur Baseball Congress and the National Amateur Baseball Federation about who should govern amateur baseball, someone asked Prexy Dumont the definition of a "semi pro" club.

"You tell me the difference between an amateur and a professional," countered Ray, "and I'll give you the definition of 'semi pro'." Traditionally, an amateur is a guy who won't accept a check—which makes a semi-pro a guy who'll take what he can get but prefers cash because it never bounces.

### Rejects Purple Heart; It Might Worry Folks

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y. —(AP)—Pvt. Leonard Fierst, home on leave, explained why he refused the Purple Heart award after he suffered a saber wound during a skirmish on Guadalcanal.

He said he knew his parents would be informed of the award—and he was afraid they would worry about him.

### Texas Flu Epidemic Now 'Fairly General'

AUSTIN —(AP)—The influenza epidemic in Texas is now "fairly general," the State Health Department said in reporting 13,330 new cases.

While the infection is described as being mild in form, a spokesman said incidence was not leveling off nor had its peak yet been reached. Seven-year median for the week was 1,254 cases.

The new figure, including all cases reported for the week ending Jan. 1, is considerably larger than the 9,397 cases reported for the week before.

At least 16 counties reported 200 or more cases each.

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### THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Day after day the American and British air forces based on Britain are drenching the coast along the English Channel with bombs directed at a multitude of objectives which are described mysteriously as "invasion targets," that is, targets which must be reduced before the Anglo-American land forces can be put ashore for their drive on Berlin.

Tuesday, for instance, American medium bombers slashed at Nazi installations in the French coastal zone for long hours. Authorities are silent as to the exact objectives but unofficially it's suggested that our men were hunting emplacements for rocket-guns—Germany's new "secret" weapon.

The Allies aren't taking chances on this rocket-gun, for the experts of all countries know that such weapons can be constructed to throw shells containing terrific explosive power over long distances.

**May Save Thousands Of Men**  
The rocket-gun, however, is only one of our problems. The spade-work now being carried on by the caring and uncanonically skillful Anglo-American air fleets, in the face of fierce enemy counter-blows, is a labor which will save untold thousands of our men when the day of invasion finally arrives.

We can have the satisfaction, however, of knowing that the Allied High Command is doing all possible to lessen the dangers. As remarked the other day by General H. H. Arnold, chief of Army Air Forces, the primary aim of his command "is to make the coming invasion of Germany as economical as possible by drastically reducing the war potential of the Third Reich and its satellites."

Among the targets on the invasion coast are railway communications and rolling-stock, which can move Nazi supplies and troops up to the battle line. Air fields and ground-based warplanes are constant objectives, for invasion will be accompanied by a titanic conflict in the air.

**Other Prime Targets**  
Heavy artillery emplacements are a particular menace. Even one battery of guns could easily destroy a warship, and could play havoc with a great and closely packed fleet of transports carrying troops and equipment.

Tank bases also are prime targets. One of the greatest threats our invasion forces will go up against will be mines—both of the sea and land variety—which are all the more fearful because they are hidden dangers.

**Unsung Heroes Of The Sea**  
Dare-devil mine-sweepers — the unsung heroes of the sea—will run their noses up into the fields of floating explosives and clean out many of the mines. In fact, these little heroes are constantly at this dangerous work.

The land mines are dealt with largely by bombing and shelling from warships in the pre-landing stage of invasion. However, most of the mines are small and easily replaceable so that the task of detonating them is never ending.

All this Allied preparation is serving a double purpose right now: it's paving the way for the invasion, and it's holding off German troops and warplanes in Western Europe, thus aiding the Russians in their mighty new drive.

### Board Will Recodify Texas School Laws

AUSTIN —(AP)—Recodifying of Texas school laws will be undertaken by a joint legislative committee meeting here Jan. 17.

"The present laws are so complicated and confusing they have hindered the progress of education," said Sen. Karl Lovelady of Meridian, committee chairman.

### Egg Bears Initials Of Family's Children

OSHKOSH, WIS. —(AP)—The initials "J. S." were clearly outlined in raised letters on the stove of an egg boiling on the stove at the C. C. Smith home.

Mrs. Smith wishes now that she hadn't said anything to the children about it. Each of the four youngsters promptly laid claim to the egg as their very own. All have the same initials — Jane, James, Joan and Jean.

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### Stalin To Greet Four Little Girls, Red Patriots Through Occupation

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW —(AP)—Marshal Stalin, who in the course of the war has greeted all kinds of people from chiefs of state to simple Russian peasants, is looking forward to shaking the hands of four little girls who have become supreme patriots.

These girls are named Svetlana, Lily, Galina and Valentina. The story of their underground activities is thrilling all Moscow at the moment. They were in the province of Khar'kov during the Nazi occupation and, in a small way, they carried on a campaign that gave the Gestapo plenty of worry.

All four are members of the Young Pioneers League—an organization of the Soviet open to girls 10 to 14 years old. During the occupation they made a solemn oath to wear their red ties. This they did by hiding them under their dresses.

But their allegiance did not end with the wearing of red ties. They produced a "wall newspaper" which they pasted up in a remote section of the city where German guns had blown down most of the buildings.

Once the paper was up the little girls would go along the streets and say to Soviet women, "Auntie, I know where you can find some wood for your stove. Look over by the ruined houses."

In this way they drummed up quite a bit of circulation for their paper.

At another time they pasted up pictures of Lenin, Stalin and President Kalinin. They drew and posted

contributed through the Red Cross. In unpacking them, he was attracted by the violin because something inside it rattled.

Captain Cutler, whose home is in Philadelphia, Pa., juried the violin until the object inside came out. He was fascinated to find that the rattle inside had been made by real rattles, off a snake.

But his greatest astonishment came when he reported the strange discovery to his hut mate, none other than Lieutenant Obney. The latter insisted on seeing the violin right away.

Surely enough, there was the place where he had cut a small hole in it 15 years or so ago trying to get the rattles out.

"It's the same fiddle," he said; "the one my aunt gave me when I was 11. She took it back after I failed to show interest in music besides losing my rattles in the thing. I never could get them out."

Lieutenant Abney concluded it was obvious that his aunt, Mrs. Fred Abney of Brownwood, had finally disposed of the old violin by contributing it to the armed forces.

### A. & M. Packing Co. To Install Frozen Locker Service Here

The A. & M. Packing Company announced Wednesday it has purchased the contracts from Conner Brothers Company for a proposed frozen locker service in Midland and that it hopes to have the service available within 60 days.

Construction of an addition to the company's plant, east of Midland, has started. It will be 30 by 100 feet and is designed to accommodate the new frozen locker service. Some materials have been received.

The A. & M. Packing Company plans to have 300 lockers. More than 400 citizens already have signed contracts for lockers. Officials of the company said plans announced by the Conner Brothers will be carried out in the new plant.

In addition, the company will offer complete slaughtering, processing, cutting, wrapping and freezing service.

Officials of the A. & M. Company are H. M. McReynolds and S. L. Alexander.

### 77 HOSPITALIZATION PLANS

Thirteen million Americans are members of 77 hospitalization plans throughout the country, according to 1943 figures.

AN OUTER ALEUTIAN ISLAND BASE —(AP)—This island, in the uncharted opinion of First Lt. Fred S. Abney, is nothing less than that fabled terminus of human adventures and hopes—the end of the earth.

He never expected anything from as far back as his childhood to catch up with him here, especially now that the island's small pile of sand and tundra is sealed by snow and its lonely shores battered by wintry seas.

But Lieutenant Abney, whose home is at Brownwood, Texas, got a surprise.

By strange circumstance he found at this far end of the earth, the violin that was given to him when he was 11 years old in Brownwood, and the rattlesnake rattles that he prized as a pocket piece in his boyhood days.

**Crate From Red Cross**  
It happened like this: Shortly before Christmas, Captain J. Linwood Cutler, special service officer here for the Army's Eleventh Air Force, received a large crate of musical instruments,

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### Nazis Admit Wedge Separates Armies

STOCKHOLM —(AP)—A German military spokesman admitted Wednesday that the Nazi winter defensive line on the eastern front had been split by a "very deep penetration," dispatches from the German capital said.

The spokesman was represented as making no effort to hide the fact that the Russian offensive had rolled up the German defenses in the Kiev sector, splitting the lines into two fronts, one 300 miles and the other 480 miles long.

The Swedish correspondent said they were given only a black picture of war developments on both sides of Germany as they met with the spokesman in the bomb-damaged foreign office with fires still blazing in Berlin from the heavy RAF raids of Sunday and Monday.

**SELF-DOCTORING RISES**  
The limited availability of civil medical service in wartime accounted for the 25 per cent increase noted recently in public self-medication.

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