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Liberators Blast Jap Planes On Manila Airdrome

By CLYDE BARTEL
Associated Press War Editor

American Liberators in a surprise attack destroyed or damaged scores of grounded planes in the first daylight raid staged by the heavy bombers on Clark Field, main airdrome near Manila, and Yank doughboys have completed the destruction of Nipponese trapped in the Ormoc corridor on Leyte Island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique Sunday relating to these principal developments in the Philippine fighting did not name the airfield from which the Liberators flew for their blow at Clark Field, but he reported two days ago the airdrome on recently invaded Mindoro Island, less than 150 miles south of Manila, had been put into operation.

Another of the daily Japanese air raids on Mindoro cost the enemy 20 aircraft shot down with two more probably destroyed. But the Nipponese continued their refusal to offer ground opposition to the Yank invaders.

The majority of 100 enemy planes on Clark Field were destroyed or damaged in the attack, the communique said; eight of nine planes which attempted interception were shot down by the Liberators' fighter escort, and installations on a large area were left in flames.

On Leyte Island, the 77th Division pressed toward the enemy's sole remaining principal escape port of Palompon, on the northwest coast, and the Americans counted 3,788 more Japanese dead in the process of wiping out the last enemy resistance in the Ormoc corridor.

MacArthur revealed for the first time that the U. S. 11th Airborne Division has been aiding in the Leyte cleanup.

U. S. Liberators of the Strategic Air Force continued their attacks on Iwo Jima, hitting it for the fourteenth and fifteenth consecutive days of raids on the Japanese airbase island 750 miles south of Tokyo.

Bomb Onekotan Island
Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, reporting the Iwo Jima raids, said also that the northern approaches

Fiscal Experts Shudder At Any Budget Mention

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Fiscal experts took a look Saturday at a prospective national debt of \$300,000,000,000 and said its management will afford one of the greatest challenges ever to confront the government.

At stake in finding a sound method of handling it are the solvency of the government, stability of the national economy and the savings and investments of every American.

These experts aren't exactly worried yet. But they are working on a budget, which President Roosevelt will submit to Congress in about ten days, which will list the debt to upwards of \$300,000,000,000.

Didn't Matter Greatly
In former years, they say, it didn't matter greatly if there was a bit of a deficit—or even a sizeable deficit—for the total debt was relatively small and there always were prospects of running into a period of good years which would permit trimming it to comfortable size.

But after this war, the government won't be able to take many chances. For it is going to cost about as much to pay interest on the debt, to say nothing of retiring it, as it used to cost for total prewar expenses of the government.

And, should peace plans prove inadequate, it would be a staggering job to pile costs of another war on top of a \$300,000,000,000 debt.

Disturbing many economists, too, is an idea that another depression

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Reporter-Telegram Will Observe Holiday

As customary, The Reporter-Telegram will not publish Christmas Day in order that employees may be with their families.

Byrnes Cracks Whip On All Racing Sports

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Jimmy Byrnes Saturday ordered the saddles off the country's race horses and numbers off the dogs, and left other sports wondering if they also will be subjected to further curtailment.

The war mobilization director, with President Roosevelt's approval, asked all racing tracks to close up by January 3, 1945, and to refrain from resuming "until war conditions permit."

Byrnes' original announcement mentioned only "horse-racing," but his office later explained that "it applies to all animal races."

Byrnes' announcement was couched in the language of an appeal to the sporting spirit of track operators, but he left no doubt that the crackdown is definite by adding:

"I am confident that the management of these tracks can be depended upon to take prompt action without the necessity of recourse to other measures."

War Demands Men

Existing war conditions demand the manpower and transportation now being used for racing meets, Byrnes said. The horse racing sport has grown to gigantic wartime proportions.

In 17 states, \$1,126,308,645 was bet during the 1944 season, of which \$55,971,232.87 went for taxes. New York's wagering topped the list at \$410,230,402 in 181 racing days.

In racing circles, Col. Matt Winn, head of the Kentucky Derby, expressed the general sentiment, saying: "There is only one thing to do

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American And Canadian Troops Advance In Italy

By SID FEDER
ROME—(AP)—Canadian troops of the Eighth Army, pushing ahead against strong opposition, have established a front more than five miles wide along the east bank of the Senio River northeast of Faenza, while American troops have made local gains near Monte Belmonte, south of Bologna, Allied Headquarters in Italy announced Saturday.

The report of the American advance was the first mention of any gains south of Bologna in weeks. The Americans have been in control of Monte Belmonte, a peak almost 2,000 feet high just east of Highway 65, for several weeks. In their 24-hour advance, they moved up 500 yards in some places against dogged German resistance.

In close support of the advances south of Bologna and north of Faenza, almost 1,000 Allied fighters and fighter-bombers struck at targets immediately ahead of the assault forces and bombed Po Valley communications and the Brenner Pass rail line.

Russians Drive On 16 Miles

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

LONDON—(AP)—A hard-fighting Russian thrust westward above the Danube River in Hungary has gained as much as 16 miles and placed Red Army troops within 100 miles of Vienna and 72 of Bratislava, Moscow disclosed Saturday night as action flamed on the southeastern front in many sectors.

The Soviet communique ignored a German radio announcement that Red Army forces had entered the southern and eastern suburbs of beleaguered Budapest in a new frontal assault, but described heavy fighting at distances northeast, north, northwest and southwest of the Hungarian capital.

Capture Nine Towns
The drive towards Bratislava and Vienna through mountainous, wooded country below Ipoly Sag and north of the Danube, captured nine towns and reached the barrier of the Ipoly River on a 10-mile front down to its confluence with the Danube, Moscow disclosed. The Russians were virtually on the river for another ten miles right up to the Ipoly Sag area.

The German DNB agency in a late broadcast conceded that the Russians actually had crossed the Ipoly and had reached the valley of the Hron (Gran) River a dozen miles farther west on former Czechoslovak territory.

Berlin, purposely obscure about the exact location of this action, claimed a German counterattack had cut off this Soviet wedge and encircled an isolated Russian grouping of troops.

War Bulletins

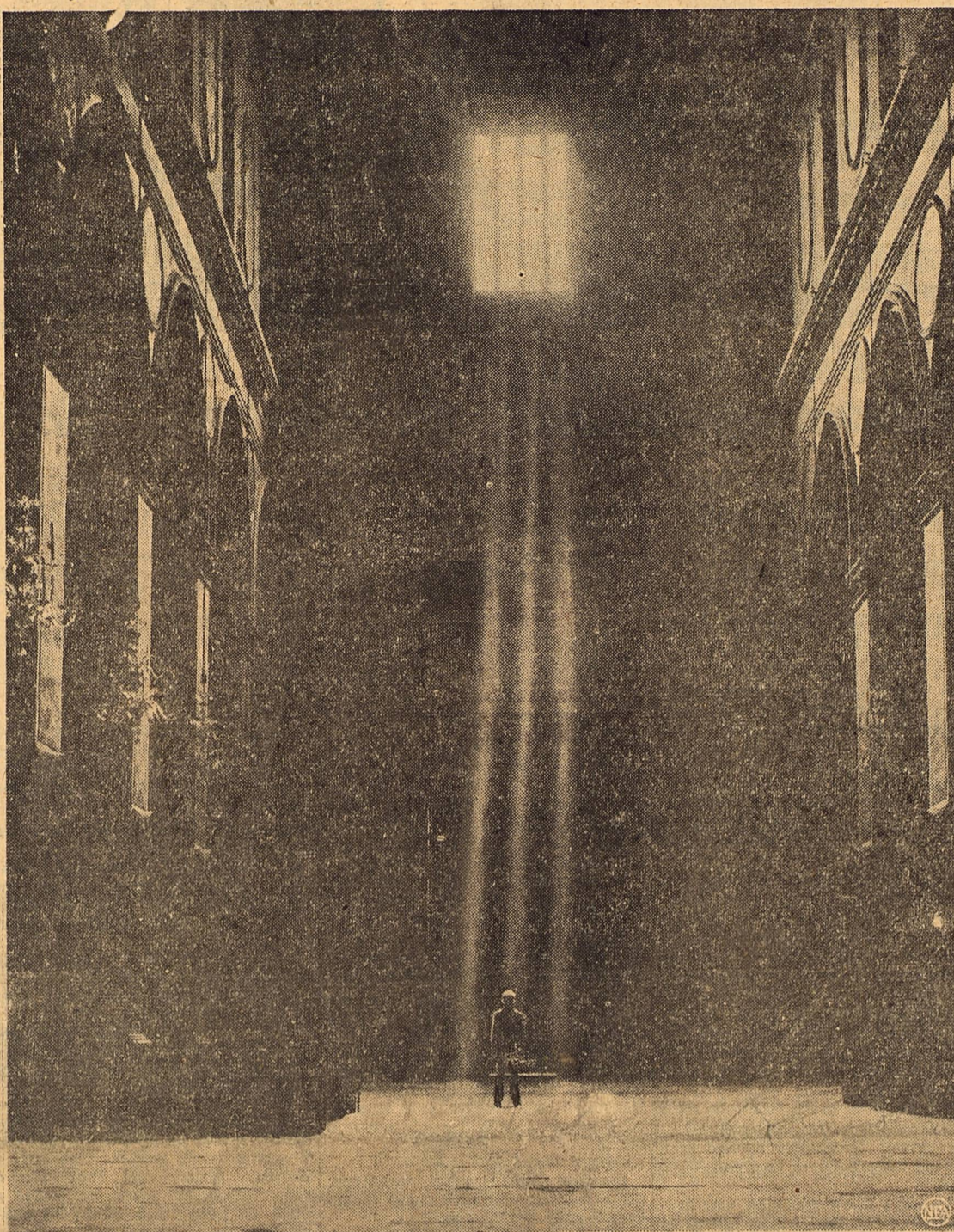
PARIS—(AP)—American relief columns, swinging up through Luxembourg and Southeastern Belgium in their first effective counter-attack, have bitten into the southern flank of the German penetration which now has reached Libramont, only 23 miles northeast of historic Sedan, Allied Headquarters disclosed Saturday night.

LONDON—(AP)—Moscow announced Saturday night a provisional Hungarian national assembly had been elected in liberated portions of that country and had started work at Debrecen to establish a new provisional government which would cooperate with the United Nations.

PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—American land based bombers struck anew at the western and northern approaches to Japan in raids announced by the Navy Saturday. The blows were delivered by bombers from Marianas bases at the Volcano and Bonin Islands and by Aleutian based bombers against the Kurile Islands.

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES—(AP)—The majority of 100 grounded Japanese planes on Clark Field near Manila were destroyed or damaged in a daylight raid by U. S. Liberator bombers.

Christmas 1944



"Yet In Thy Dark Streets Shineth The Everlasting Light. The Hopes And Fears Of All The Years Are Met In Thine Tonight."

Two-Thirds Of Nation Will See Snow For Holiday

MIAMI, FLA.—(AP)—Shirt-sleeved Miami Meteorologists promised most of the country and old-fashioned white Christmas Saturday.

But they warned that Santa Claus will find a jeep better transportation than a sleigh in the Southern States and along the Pacific Coast because there won't be snow in those areas.

The United States weather bureau, which has an eye these days for holidays and is ready to dress up a forecast when the occasion warrants, assigned to the Miami office the job of preparing a report on the nation-wide outlook.

Song Writer's Dream
By keeping their eyes on reports flowing in from other offices and not glancing out of the window at bright sunshine glistening on palm trees, the meteorologists managed to prophesy the kind of Christmas in the north that the song-writer dreamed about.

They didn't use any of the old trite forecast phrases like "rain and cold" either, in setting forth their promise in language which brought to mind candle-lit trees and gaily-wrapped packages.

"A White Christmas is in prospect for the Northern two-thirds of the United States southward through Virginia to the North Carolina mountains, in Tennessee, extreme Northern Arkansas, the Texas-Oklahoma panhandle section, and including all of the Rocky Mountain Region westward over the Sierra Nevada ranges," the meteorologists wrote.

"The Southern states will be bare of snow, and also the Pacific Coast states except for the higher mountain ranges."

1944 Exports Show Record Increase

NEW YORK—(AP)—Exports during the past year set a new record at around 74,000,000 tons, President Frank J. Taylor of the American Merchant Marine Institute said Saturday.

This compared with about 62,000,000 tons in 1943, Taylor said in a report on the year's shipping.

Yank Airforce Unleashed On Nazi Invasion

By NEW NORDNESS

PARIS—(AP)—The world's mightiest airforces unleashed nearly 4,500 avenging aircraft against German invasion columns and their rear bases Saturday amid scenes of terrible carnage.

Allied Headquarters, lifting a 48-hour time lag on front news, disclosed meanwhile that the enemy's southern wedge had reached Libramont, only 23 miles northeast of historic Sedan.

Another German spearhead in a 10-mile advance northwest of Laroche has marched 22 miles north of Libramont and 23 miles southeast of Namur, Belgium, SHAEF said. A front dispatch, covering action up until Friday morning, also said the Germans had cut a highway northeast of Hottot, which is five miles northeast of Marche and 23 miles south of Liege.

An encouraging report, the first such announcement by the 12th Army Group, said that American relief columns, striking up from the south through Luxembourg, had carved out gains in the southern flank of the German penetration north of Mersch, eight miles north of the city of Luxembourg and 35 miles southeast of the enemy spearhead at Libramont.

All Planes Flying
In the first good flying weather in three days, every type of American and British plane surged over the battle sector in Belgium, Luxembourg and Western Germany, losing a deadly hail of bombs and bullets with ravaging effect.

Incomplete figures showed that a total of 178 enemy planes had been destroyed and 17 tanks and armored vehicles knocked out. A total of 194 motor transport, 71 railroad cars, two locomotives, and seven gun positions also were destroyed.

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As Christmas Nears A Busy Week Closes

The day for which children have been waiting 52 weeks is near, and a week of many and varied Christmas activities has closed. Climax of the week for the children was the visit of Santa Claus, who was greeted by hundreds of Midland youngsters.

Highlight of the 1944 Christmas season to most of the oldesters is the double holiday, with some enjoying two and a half to three days away from normal duties.

Offices in the courthouse were closed Saturday to give employees a three-day holiday. Some oil company offices were closed all day Saturday and most of the others closed Saturday afternoon. All city offices except the police and fire departments will be closed. Most of the postal employees will observe Christmas as a holiday after spending 14 hours a day recently taking care of the Christmas rush.

Many Christmas Furloughs
Numerous Christmas events have been on the program the past week at both air fields, and still more are to come. All overseas veterans who can be spared were given Christmas furloughs and as many furloughs as possible have been granted others stationed at the two fields.

Travel in and out of Midland has become increasingly heavy through the week with the bus station and the depot crowded with persons in-

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Yanks Hit Nazi Airforce As Fog Lifts On Front

LONDON—(AP)—American fighter planes shot down 106 German fighters Saturday in fierce air battles over the Western Front as a force of more than 1,000 fighters and 400 bombers pounded German lines in an attempt to check Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's offensive into Belgium and Luxembourg.

The British based U. S. Eighth Air Force shot down 77 Nazi planes, with a loss of three American bombers and eight fighters.

The U. S. Ninth Tactical Air Force shot down at least 29 of the German fighters that came up by the hundreds in an attempt to protect the German supply lines.

Fog Lifted At Last
It was the first time in three days that protective fog and ground mists had cleared enough to enable General Eisenhower to call on Allied air might, and U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators pounded railroads and road junctions across the German frontier while rocket-firing fighters dive-bombed tank columns spearheading the drive into Belgium.

First reports said that at least 12 German tanks were known to have been knocked out, and 30 trucks carrying supplies to the front were destroyed.

Marauders joined the Lightning and Mustang pilots in the strafing of German armored and infantry columns.

For the most part the Germans kept away from the bombers and attempted only to keep the fleet American fighters away from German invasion columns.

No Christmas Snow Is Seen For Midland

Chances are extremely slim for any snow in Midland Christmas as the weather forecast for Midland and vicinity is clear and slightly colder for Sunday afternoon, and cloudy and warmer for Christmas Day.

Saturday was comparatively mild with the mercury falling to a minimum temperature of 36 degrees from 6 to 9 a.m., when the temperature began rising again. Friday's maximum temperature was 62 degrees from 3:30 to 3:45 p.m.

GREETINGS, FRIENDS
And Best Wishes for an Old-Fashioned American Christmas
The Reporter-Telegram Family

Virtually All Point-Free Rationed Commodities Will Be Rationed Again After New Year's, OPA Believes

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Virtually all point-free meats and canned vegetables will be back on the ration list by the start of the new year, it was learned Saturday night.

The OPA, reliable sources said, is prepared to announce the drastic move next Wednesday.

New point values, now being discussed, probably will be effective Dec. 31.

The decision is understood to affect, practically all cuts of beef, veal, lamb and pork as well as all major canned vegetables. The affected foods have been ration-free since last May.

Because of continuing need for freezer space in warehouses for military commodities, frozen fruits and vegetables probably will stay point-free. Jams, jellies, and preserves are not expected to be returned to the list.

Major OPA Victory
Restoration of points to the wide variety of meat cuts and vegetables will be a major victory for OPA over the War Food Administration. For the last five months OPA has recommended that point-free meats and vegetables be put back under rationing, contending that spot distribution and shortages—actual and potential—warranted such a move.

WPA, which has jurisdiction as to which commodities are rationed, rejected the proposal each time it was submitted. The dispute was climaxed last month when OPA appealed to Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, asking that he act as arbitrator.

One consideration which apparently tipped the scale in OPA's favor was the fact that the War Food Administration (Continued on Page 3)

Pro Athletes To Be Examined For Military Service

WASHINGTON—(AP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes Saturday night instructed Selective Service to review the qualifications for military service of men engaged in professional athletics.

In a letter to Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, Byrnes said it was difficult for him and for the public to understand how men can be physically unfit for military service and yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness.

To Be Recalled
In view of the manpower shortage, Byrnes added, he thought serious consideration should be given to "recalling these men into the armed services or where they have not heretofore been inducted, calling them for another physical examination."

Hershey advised Byrnes that he was directing local boards to review the classification of men known to be engaged in professional athletics.

Hershey noted in his letter that Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, had issued regulations Nov. 29 directing that no nationally prominent athletes, stage, screen and radio figures be discharged from the Army without referring their cases to the War Department for final decision.

Prior to Marshall's order, any commanding officer had been free to release men under him.

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And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:13-14.

'On Earth, Peace'

Throughout the world Americans once more celebrate Christmas, in their own homes and churches, before the altars of strange churches in strange lands, on tropic beaches and snowy battlefields, in barracks and hospitals and prison camps.

For a little time their immediate feelings of anxiety or pain or loneliness will be crowded out by the emotions of love and fellowship which Christmas always kindles. Wherever they are there will be the old carols, and the old familiar story with its triumphant hymn of the angelic host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Slowly, through defeat and despair and cynicism, the Christian world has struggled over the centuries to transmute those words into reality. And two thousand years of failure, made bitter by this present and most tragic failure, cannot erase the hope that those words arouse.

Today the struggle is not symbolic but fiercely literal. The war is in a real sense a crusade. For the Christian world is battling cruel and pagan enemies whose goal has been the destruction of peace and good will and the substitution of a slavery of body and spirit masquerading as something called Co-Prosperity and the New Order.

That enemy threat is being averted, and peace will be won. With it must come good will, for the one cannot exist without the other. Never in the history of Christendom has that fact been more apparent than now, and never have the people of Christendom been more actively, acutely determined that peace shall be built upon an enduring foundation of good will.

It is a task as hard as war itself, in which men's good will must overcome their fallibility. It will need leaders as wise and courageous as those who have led our armies.

"On earth peace, good will toward men." The wonder of it is not that the Christian world has failed of achieving that blessing, but it is still bravely trying to fulfill that promise through blood and toil and faith.

BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS

Eldon's Airpark

To the planners of America's postwar aviation one of the most important towns in the country is Eldon, Mo. (pop. 2590). For Eldon is the site of what might be called the pilot plant of our future airparks.

The municipally financed Eldon airpark is due to be completed in June. During its construction detailed records are being kept of every step—planning, site selection, property acquisition, development and financing, actual construction costs, management arrangements, operating procedure and maintenance costs, together with a complete record of all revenue.

When this is done the Civil Aeronautics Authority should have collected invaluable data to serve as a guide for other communities which are including airparks in their postwar development programs.

Airpark, incidentally, is a term chosen by the Personal Aircraft Council of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce to designate landing fields for private aircraft, as opposed to airport, a station for scheduled commercial craft.

Most small cities will not want airports, which would be as impractical as building an elaborate bus terminal for a parking lot. But even a few private flyers would make an adequate, inexpensive airpark desirable.

It is in the private field that authorities see the future of flying. Most postwar discussion thus far has been concerned with the international tangle of future commercial routes and regulations. But the commercial field has limited expansion possibilities. It is estimated that 12 40-passenger airliners will carry as many passengers across the Atlantic in a year as a ship the size of the Queen Mary in the same time.

As for private flying, the CAA and the aviation industry reason thus: At the war's end there will be 350,000 military-trained pilots, 150,000 civilian pilots and students, and some 2,500,000 men trained by the armed forces in various branches of aviation. About 2,000,000 persons have had war jobs in aviation factories, and 250,000 high school students will be taking aeronautical courses.

These add up to more than 5,000,000 potential fliers. They won't fly all fly, of course. The flivver-priced plane isn't just around the corner, and neither is the helicopter.

Private aircraft, as bare of accessories as the old Model T, will probably cost around \$2,000. But even if only one of every four prospects actually becomes a flier, a tremendous market will be opened.

The automobile in 30 years created millions of jobs and greatly expanded our whole economy. But it had to wait a decade before construction of good highways permitted that expansion.

If aviation is going to have a comparable healthy economic effect in the critical years just ahead, it cannot wait that long for adequate landing fields, the counterpart of good roads.

That is why construction of the Eldon airpark is of national importance, and a step in the right direction.

Any man who is not anxious to do better than well is done for.

An ounce of performance is worth a pound of preaching.

Still The Prayer The World Needs



Peace On Earth - Good Will To Men

Tank Lieutenant Describes One Sunday 'Party'

By HAL BOYLE

IN GERMANY—(AP)—"It was quite some Sunday afternoon tea party we threw for them," said Lt. Tom Kibler.

It certainly was! This tall, young tank platoon leader from Chattanooga, Tenn., and his boys furnished the "entertainment" and the government footed the bill.

Kibler spent Sunday morning reconnoitering in a jeep. That afternoon he was told to take a platoon of tanks and a platoon of infantry into the small village of Strab, southeast of Gey.

It didn't look too difficult—Strab already was supposed to be held by two companies of infantry and another platoon of tanks. Kibler loaded the doughboys on his six tanks and set out.

Five hundred yards from the edge of the village, a mortar stood up in the turret of his self-propelled gun, pointed toward Strab and shook his head.

"I didn't know what he was trying to tell me—but I had orders to go on," said Kibler. When his little cavalcade came out of the woods, he saw eight soldiers.

"I thought they were a bunch of Americans playing tag," said the lieutenant. "But when they started running, I knew they were Germans."

They ran into a small shack, and Gunner Cpl. Robert Dickman of Phoenix City, Ga., three in three rounds of big stuff, Kibler said. "That little house just crumbled. Nobody came out."

Then Kibler heard a ringing explosion just behind him and turned in his turret—the snout of a smoking 88 gun stuck out of the woods 400 yards away.

The German had missed—and they didn't get another chance. In the tank behind the lieutenant, Sgt. William (Frenchy) Cambre, Reserve, La., cut loose and blew the 88 and its crew skyward with one shot.

"Frenchy is one sharp tank commander," said Kibler.

Really stirred up, the Germans opened up with two more anti-tank guns just as Kibler spotted three enemy scout cars.

One shell tore the 50-caliber gun from his tank, but with his 76-millimeter gun, he blasted two scout cars, while the five tanks behind him destroyed two anti-tank pieces. Then all six tanks concentrated their fire on a barn behind which the third scout car had tried to hide.

The barn, scout car and Germans went up together.

Stopped by darkness and enemy minefields, Kibler pulled his tanks back and the gunners in his column wiped out two enemy machinegun posts which gave away their positions with tracer bullets.

"During our tea party, we got rid of about 40 Germans with 200 shells. They cost about \$4,500. Then say about 400 rounds of 30 caliber machinegun bullets at, say, another \$12.

"Then the ack-ack gunners must have expended 10,000 of the 50 caliber bullets chasing away four planes that tried to bomb us just as our party ended. At 5 cents each, that's \$500 more.

"I guess, all told, about \$5,112."

Just Like Chow Mein

SANTA ROSA, CALIF. — (AP)—Home from Italy where he served as gunner on a B-24 bomber, Sergeant Williet Wong, Chinese-American, says not to go to Italy for "real, Italian spaghetti because it doesn't hold a candle to what you can get in California."

PLAN BIG PARTY

WASHINGTON — (AP)—A reception and banquet in honor of President Roosevelt and Vice-President-Elect Truman will be given by the Democratic presidential electors the night before the inauguration.

One-Man-Army Only Wanted To Pick Few Tomatoes But Mopped Up Nazis

By HAL BOYLE

WITH THE AMERICAN SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—(AP)—It all started in a tomato patch.

The brawny artillery corporal only wanted to pick a few fresh tomatoes—but one thing led to another and before he was through he had knocked out a Nazi pillbox, two machine guns, and a heavy enemy flak gun.

And Joseph Martino did it all with captured German weapons.

The corporal, a 25-year-old 200-pounder who used to play high school football and drive a truck back in New Haven, Conn., was no stranger to heroism. He wears the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

But this day Martino, chief of an artillery observation party, wanted tomatoes, not medals.

He lay with a group of infantry soldiers held up by Germans defending the pillbox strongpoint. Nearby, a lone civilian, calmly picked tomatoes, oblivious of personal danger.

Couldn't Stand It Martino could stand it no longer: "If a civilian can pick those tomatoes I can, too," he said.

And he did. He wormed forward, picked what he wanted and got back safely. Waiting for him with a grin was the battalion commander, Lt. Col. John M. Hightower, Las Cruces, N. M.

As Martino started to crawl back to pick some more, Hightower called jokingly "Why can't you get that flak gun instead?"

"I can do that, too," Martino called back as he disappeared into some bushes. He proved his boast.

One doughboy and another artilleryman gamely volunteered to help him.

They had to cross a main highway and a high stone wall before they could get at the enemy emplacement. This wall had blocked

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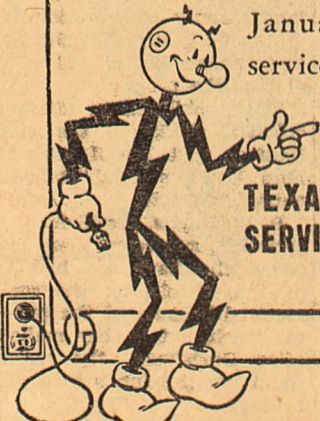
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Osmena Says American Dead On Philippines Will Bond Friendship

By The Associated Press
Americans who died on Philippine soil for Philippine independence "will be a spiritual bond" which will keep the island commonwealth in close friendship with the United States even after political separation, President Sergio Osmena said Saturday.

Osmena also invited the friendship of the South American republics. At the same time he asked consideration of his previously advocated plan for the "recognition of a separate Pacific community where in the Asiatic, Malay Anglo-American and Latin-American nations bordering on the Pacific may pull together for mutual help and protection."

Returned With MacArthur
Osmena, who left the Philippines with Gen. MacArthur in 1942 and returned with him to Leyte Island last October to reestablish the commonwealth government, spoke over the Voice of Freedom radio station on Leyte.

Reminding his people that the U. S. Congress had authorized President Roosevelt to grant Philippine independence at an earlier date than July 4, 1946, the date provided by the previous independence law, Osmena said:

"Such political separation will mean only the beginning of a new and stronger relationship between the two nations and between our nation and the whole American hemisphere."

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES SHOW HUGE INCREASE

AUSTIN — (AP)— Texas department store sales jumped 15.3 per cent in November over November, 1943, the bureau of business research reports.

TWO NEW ROUTES

Proposals for postwar air routes include two new northern trans-oceanic routes to Europe and Asia. One would go from Seattle over the North Pacific to Canton, while a new North Atlantic route would link New York and Moscow.

Bomb Bay Flyer



Stanton Griffis, above, of New Canaan, Conn., recently made a dangerous, cold and uncomfortable trip from England to Sweden, for the Foreign Economic Administration, lying prone in the bomb bay of a British Mosquito bomber. Goal of the mission was to persuade Swedish industrialists to reduce amount of ball bearings exported to Germany. Griffis, a New York investment broker, is now in Pacific as Red Cross commissioner for the Pacific Island area.

Half Of UT Students Attend Church Poll Shows

AUSTIN — (AP)— A University of Texas campus poll shows that half of the students are regular churchgoers, another one-fourth are frequent church attendants, and only a fraction more than one per cent say they never attend any church.

Dr. D. C. Reddick, journalism professor, and chairman of the faculty committee on religious activities, who announced the figures Saturday, said the poll represents a sampling of 500 students.

John Honeyman, an unsung hero of the American revolution, helped George Washington cross the Delaware.

'Gibson Girl' Creator Dies In New York

NEW YORK — (AP)—Charles Dana Gibson, 77, whose pen-and-ink creation, The Gibson Girl, was the model of American womanhood from 1894 into the 20th century, died of a heart ailment Saturday.

The artist, who had been in failing health for some time, succumbed in a New York apartment. Mrs. Gibson, the former Irene Langhorne of Virginia, sister of Lady Astor, was at his bedside.

Gibson, a native of Roxbury, Mass., had built a reputation as an artist by the time he was 25, but with the publication of alluring, lovely and fragile girls, the artist became an arbiter of fashion and manner for the whole "Gay 90's" era.

Four Dollar Sketch
Beginning with a sketch of a small dog howling at the moon, which he sold for four dollars, Gibson was a steady contributor to the old Life Magazine for more than 40 years. In 1920 he bought a controlling interest in the magazine.

Although he had more or less abandoned his best-known medium—ink during recent years, Gibson worked steadily in spite of a recurring heart ailment at his summer home at Dark Harbor, Me. He had completed an oil series of aged covered bridges near his Dark Harbor home when he suffered a serious heart attack in September.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Lt. Cdr. Langhorne Gibson, and a daughter, Mrs. John J. Emery of Cincinnati.

FISH CAN TASTE

Some fish have a decided sense of taste, and Portuguese fishermen use melon to attract certain fish which have a sweet tooth.

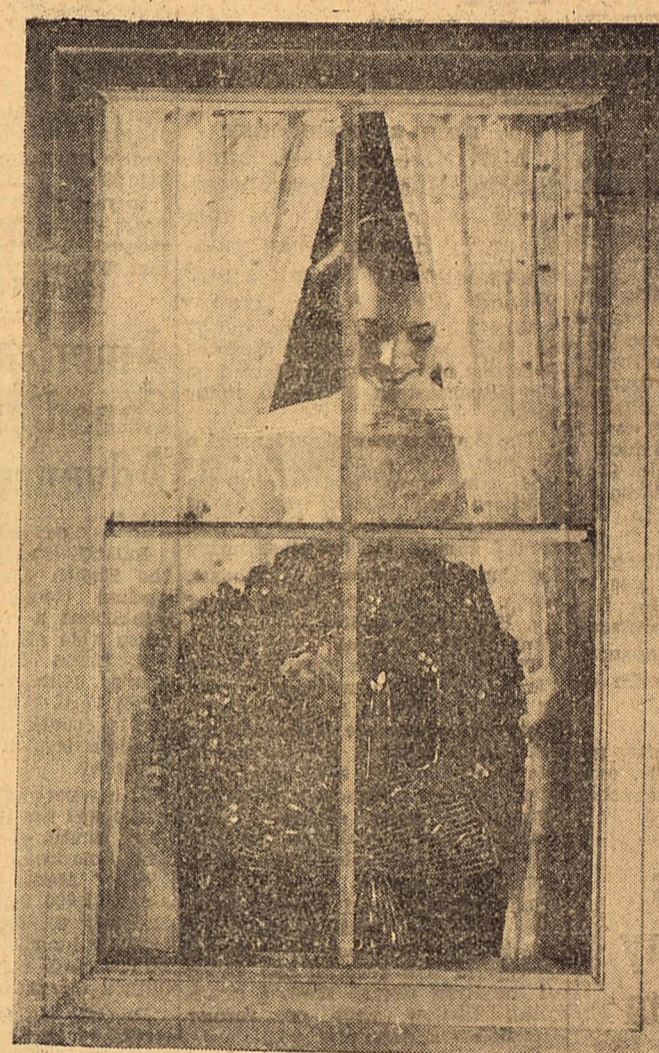
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A Merry Christmas to all....

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We salute the homemakers of America... the women who have done so much to bring peace nearer. In saying "Merry Christmas" we want to convey to the homemakers of West Texas our appreciation of their cooperation with us, as a home store. We know we have not been able to render them the service they have learned to expect... we know that we did not always have just what they wanted... but we hope to make amends when America can again concentrate upon the needs of a nation at peace, rather than upon the requirements of a wartime world.

Another Christmas... another year drawing to a close... a new year dawning which is different from the last three wartime years because it brings to us all the hope of a year of peace... of a better world to come.

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THE LARGEST AND BEST ASSORTED STOCK OF FURNITURE IN WEST TEXAS

20,000 ELAS Storm EDES

ATHENS—(AP)—Fifteen thousand to 20,000 left-wing ELAS warriors stormed the rightist guerrilla stronghold in Northwestern Greece Saturday, spreading civil war clear across the nation, as stiff fighting also erupted north of the Athens port of Piraeus where British-Indian troops landed under the support of naval guns and rocket-firing Beaufighters.

British headquarters, which only Friday night received the ELAS reply to its cease-fire ultimatum, officially declared that the ELAS assault on the right-wing stronghold around Ioannina was an "unprovoked attack" in violation of an agreement reached between the rival factions at Caserta before the original British landings in Greece.

While Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie, the British commander, and Harold McMillan, British resident general in the Middle East, conferred on the situation, Indian troops battled the ELAS members north of the main harbor basin of Piraeus, southwest of Athens.

Brooks To Investigate News Blackout On Yanks

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Brooks (D-La.) said Saturday the House Military Committee will investigate what he called a "complete blackout" of news to American fighting men abroad.

Brooks is a member of the committee, which recently completed a four-weeks inspection of European battlefront areas.

American troops abroad, he complained, are not getting enough news of the rest of the world and most of what they do get is old. The French edition of the Army publication, Stars and Stripes, he said, "gives very little news" to the troops, and "what news is given is highly colored."

Whether the blame for the "news blackout" belongs in this country or abroad, Brooks said he was unable to say, but the military committee intends to find out as soon as the new Congress convenes next month.

One of the most unusual postwar air service plans is that of rushing freshly squeezed citrus fruit from the South and West to Northern and Eastern cities, where it could be delivered on doorsteps with the morning milk.

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Bread Prices To Rise In Many Texas Counties

DALLAS—(AP)—The price of bread may be increased in 47 Texas counties Dec. 26, Reuben Williams, attorney for a number of concerns, said here Saturday.

Williams said wholesale and retail prices of the one and one-half pound loaf of bread may be raised one cent beginning Dec. 26 under an Office of Price Administration order issued to compensate for increased costs of ingredients and production.

To Raise Wholesale Price Effect of the authority, Williams said, will be to raise the wholesale price on the large loaf only from 10 cents to 11 cents and to permit an increase in the retail price from 12 cents to 13 cents.

The order, which will be effective in forty-seven counties of the Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco and Abilene trade territories, will not permit any change in the present prices for the one-pound loaf. These now are 8 cents wholesale and 10 cents retail.

Williams said statistics in this region showed that ingredients and costs of production have risen so much that a majority of the wholesale bakeries of this region have been operating at losses.

Yank -

(Continued From Page 1) and five rail arteries cut. Added to these impressive figures was the death of many German troops caught under the wings of the Allied planes sweeping over snow-covered roads where the enemy was firmly silhouetted, and the undoubted havoc caused by shattered communications.

In lifting the news security blackout on the Allied high command announced that the lower German wedge had reached to within 16 miles of the French frontier at Libramont, in the direction of Sedan, scene of the big German 1940 break-through.

Libramont is a five-way road junction 16 miles southwest of Bastogne where an American garrison still was holding out. A front dispatch also said that the Germans had occupied Mohret, an intervening town 10 miles northeast of Libramont.

Dropped Supplies American transport planes escorted by fighters swept low over besieged Bastogne, on the important Liege-Arlon highway, and dropped supplies within the city to the Yank troops.

Suit Filed In Tourist Cabin Explosion BROWNWOOD—(AP)—Relatives of three persons killed in an explosion at a tourist cabin here last January filed suit Saturday in 35th District Court seeking damages totaling \$226,000.

The suit was brought by A. J. Harper, his wife, and G. L. Waldon, all of Coleman County, against the Community Natural Gas Company. The petition asks actual and exemplary damages as a result of the deaths of the Harpers' son, J. D., 39; his wife, Viola, 29; and their 10-year-old son, James Edward.

OBsolete Tractors At the start of 1944, there were 1,450,000 rubber-tired tractors on American farms. Many of these now are obsolete and must be replaced by postwar construction.

Colorado Fuel And Iron Co. Sold By Rockefeller Family

NEW YORK—(AP)—Controlling interest in the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., an important link in the great industrial empire built by the elder John D. Rockefeller, has been sold by the Rockefeller family to a New York investment group, it was announced Saturday.

The deal was announced by Charles Allen Jr., head of a Wall Street investment firm, who said the holdings were acquired from John D. Rockefeller Jr. and Rockefeller Center, Inc.

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Texas Women Will Have Most Costly Gifts In History

DALLAS—(AP)—Wartime gifts—\$12,000 minks, \$150,000 diamond rings, \$1,000 bottles of perfume and \$100 handkerchiefs—will hang on Christmas trees and nestle in the toes of rayon stockings for Dallas women Christmas morning.

The most lavish spending spree in Dallas history has broken all records. With big automobiles, radios, phonographs and other big-money merchandise off the market, the buying has turned to little packages whose price tags are as big and bigger.

The history of retailing reflects the national income which is at an all-time peak and carrying with it a boost in the American standard of living.

Fur sales, \$12,000 minks and \$4,000 sable sets, have been more numerous than ever before, Marcus said. Rings as high as \$150,000 have been sold.

A Belgian lace handkerchief for \$100 was popular here.

As Christmas -

(Continued From Page 1) Special Christmas services have been planned by all churches of Midland, with the churches joining for a union Christmas service at 10 a. m. Monday in the Trinity Episcopal Church.

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(Continued from Page 1) favor is the prospect that the war in Europe may be drawn out as a result of the German counter-offensive. This would make it necessary to ship more food to the armed forces than first calculated, and at the same time reduce the likelihood of an early homefront surplus feared by WFA.

Another factor contributing to the decision was said to be WFA's latest estimate that the spring pig crop will be two per cent under last year's, while the agency had called on farmers for a seven per cent increase.

The impending change will re-estimate point values to practically all utility grades of beef and lamb, the cheaper cuts of pork, and probably to all grades of veal. The top grades of all these meats, except veal, already are rationed.

All canned vegetables except tomatoes are off the ration list at present.

OPA's arguments were that while some commodities are in short supply, there are substitutes available in each case. In view of this, the agency said, there should be as little rationing as possible in order to avert large food surpluses at the end of the war in Europe.

OPA acknowledged that canned vegetables were in good supply, but said that stocks were moving too rapidly, indicating a shortage before the start of the new pack next Summer.

London newspapers are now flown to Egypt in RAF transports, arriving there the same day as they are printed.

Recent bad turn of events in Europe, coupled with manpower and absentee problems in California, brought racing to the attention of

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Hitler's Barkers Broadcast Claims

LONDON—(AP)—German broadcasts trumpeted claims Saturday that General Eisenhower had been forced to drain manpower from his entire Western Front in an effort to halt Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's offensive in the north.

While asserting that weakened American forces were retreating to the south, the tone of the Berlin broadcasts indicated Nazi propagandists might be getting ready to disclose the offensive had been slowed or even halted.

One commentator after another spoke of "fierce battles" and of "throwing back repeated counterattacks." The high command's communique was headed by a paragraph saying "our troops warded off strong enemy relief attacks up to 14 times" in the Stavelot area.

The American Third Army continued to evacuate its Saar bridgeheads because General Patton had to move his forces to threatened areas on the northern sector of the vast front, said Transocean.

A later Transocean broadcast claimed Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army "started to evacuate a number of pillboxes on the Alsace-Palatinate border."

The Nazis referred to an old trick of the 1940 blitzkrieg days, broadcasting what it claimed was a report from a Belgian radio urging citizens to evacuate a number of cities, including the industrial center of Charleroi. Refugee-choked roads would hamper Allied military traffic.

Living Costs Continue Steady Rise Bureau Says WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Bureau of Labor Statistics index of living costs rose one-tenth of 1 per cent between mid-October and mid-November.

This put the index at 126.5 per cent of the 1935-39 average, 1.9 per cent above the level of a year ago.

Secretary Perkins' monthly report, released Saturday, estimated that items covered by the index represent 70 per cent of the expenditures of families who had incomes ranging from \$1,250 to \$2,000 in 1934-36.

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Panhandle May Get Snow For Christmas

A white Christmas eve for some portions of Texas was predicted by the weather bureau as a new cold wave was expected to move in Sunday.

Snow was forecast for the north-west and extreme north portions of East Texas and in the Panhandle. Wintry winds, said the weather bureau, will make the weather more bitter.

Freezing rain was due in Dallas with maximum temperatures in the 30's.

Low temperatures are expected to be 15 to 20 degrees in the Panhandle and 20 to 25 in the South Plains and in the upper Red River Valley.

Stevenson Cites Seabees And Nurses AUSTIN—(AP)—Gov. Coke Stevenson in two proclamations Saturday paid the official tribute of Texas to the Seabees and to the nurses.

Pointing to the increasing casualties that are stepping up the demand for more nurses, the governor praised nurses in military service for their "unselfishness and devotion to duty." He set aside the work Dec. 26 through Dec. 30 as nurse recruitment week.

Dec. 28 was designated as Seabee day, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the establishment of the United States Naval Construction Battalions that have played such a vital role in the war. The Seabees were praised for their "fearless and fearless" activities.

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Special New Years' Tour To Chihuahua City, Old Mexico Conducted By Pan-American Transit Bus leaving Hotel Paso Del Norte Friday, December 29, 1:00 p. m. Bus returns Sunday, December 31, p. m. Also Bus leaving Saturday, December 30 Bus returns Monday, January 1, p. m. 3 DAY TOUR — ALL EXPENSES — \$21.00 4 DAY TOUR — ALL EXPENSES — \$29.00 Transportation — Passport — Hotel (Chihuahua's Best) — Meals (Choice of Menu) — Dancing — Three Hour Excursion to Historic and Interesting Points — Other Attractions Make Reservations Early At Hotel Paso Del Norte Cigar Stand El Paso, Texas (Tours Run Every Weekend, All Expenses, \$21.00)

Liberators -

(Continued From Page 1) to the Nipponese empire were hit Dec. 21 with Alentan-based 11th Air Force Liberators bombing Okotani Island in the Kuriles. Okotani is 600 miles northeast of Hokkaido, Japanese mainland island.

Tokyo radio said a single Superfort from U. S. Marianas bases hit the Japanese capital area at dawn Saturday dropping bombs and incendiaries, and later in the day two B-29s came over the Osaka and Kobe areas without dropping explosives.

Japanese Imperial Headquarters claimed six Allied transports and two cruisers or destroyers were sunk and 12 other transport and warships including a large aircraft carrier, were damaged by Nipponese airmen in the Philippines area December 20 to 22. The report, unconfirmed by Allied sources, said the attacks were made off Mindoro Island, in the Gulf of Leyte and in the Sulu Sea.

Claim Protest Made Domei, the Japanese news agency, said an official protest had been made to the U. S. government over the alleged sinking of a Nipponese hospital ship, the Muro Maru, by American planes in a raid on Manila Harbor Dec. 13.

The Chinese high command said there was no material change in the fighting outside the Japanese-held city of Hochih, Kwasssi Province, where the enemy resistance to eastward advancing Chinese troops has stiffened.

In North Burma, the British in their drive down the Irrawaddy River have captured Tigyaina, about 125 miles above Mandalay.

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(Continued from Page 1) may set in two or three years after the war ends. Some of them believe the immediate postwar years will be relatively prosperous, that demands pent up during the war will be unleashed. Others say that the prospect of heavy delayed demands has been exaggerated, except in a few lines of consumer goods.

Depression Likely But both groups' views pretty well coincide on a sharp dip toward depression levels after two or three postwar years. Should those fears prove well founded and the national income slip back to something like \$40,000,000,000 a year, the government might find itself borrowing again to meet running expenses—and borrowing to pay interest on its borrowed money.

MERRY CHRISTMAS For many years it has been our custom to extend season's greetings to those whom we have the privilege of serving. It has been a custom to which we have looked forward with great anticipation as it always gives us an opportunity to tell you of our appreciation for your loyalty and patronage. These Christmas sentiments have been extremely personal with us because of the many contacts which we have had with our friends in the past. Our greeting this year takes on added importance. We are fully conscious of your problems, your disappointments, of dreams unrealized, and in some instances personal sacrifices. It is with full knowledge of your experiences during the past year that we attempt to convey our thoughts in this message. When we say "Merry Christmas," we want you to realize that the sentiment is deeper than the words imply. We want you to accept this as a personal message especially for you, so that you may understand our desire to share your disappointments as well as your happiness. It is for that reason we prefer to reflect the true Christmas spirit in order that those with whom we are associated may obtain a degree of happiness and understanding. Let us endeavor to make this a joyous season, employing the traditions of Christmas to their fullest extent with the thought in mind that in the not too far distant future, we will again enjoy an old-fashioned American Yuletide. Sincere Christmas wishes to you—our friends. The Officers, Directors and Employees of The First National Bank Midland, Texas

Ellenburger Projects In Winkler, Andrews And Ector Highlight Oil Operations In West Texas Regions

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor
Explorations for Ellenburger petroleum in Winkler, Andrews and Ector counties were centers of most interest from the oil fraternity at the end of the week, as most developments in West Texas, which could be, were inactive until after Christmas.

Continental Oil Company No. 1-D Walton, section 26, block 77, psi survey, on the southwest side of the proven area in the Keystone-Ellenburger pool in North Winkler County, was bottomed at 10,310 feet in lime and shale, and was taking a drillstem test, with packer at 10,180 feet.

Some observers believe the project is in the upper Ellenburger. No official call on the zone had been released by operator.

Stanford Oil & Gas Company No. 1-D University, section 3, block 11, University survey, in Southwest Andrews County, was coring from a corrected bottom of 10,083 feet in dolomite—thought by some geologists to be "re-worked" Ellenburger.

On a drillstem test at 10,054-083 feet, using a 2,275-foot water blanket, recovery was the full water blanket, and 130 feet of drilling mud, with no shows of oil and gas.

Informal sources indicate the operator is continuing to core with the hope of finding positive Ellenburger, and finding signs of production when that zone is reached—if it is.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., and Cities Service Oil Company have filed application with the Railroad Commission to drill No. 1-B EXL, as an 11,000-foot prospector for Ellenburger in West Ector County.

Location is 1,999 feet from north and 687 feet from east lines of section 19, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S. It is about two miles south of the same operators' No. 1 TXL, in section 7, block 45, TP, T-1-S, now due to test above a plug-back from 8,100 feet, after getting water in the Ellenburger, and a mixture of water and oil to about 8,065 feet. Had Some Oil?

The Texas Company No. 1 Montgocery, Central Hockley County wildcat, in labor 19, league 70, Val Verde County School Land survey, five miles north of the Slaughter pool, was swabbing to clean out and test, after treating at 4,744-8,364 feet, with 2,000 gallons of acid. Total depth is at 4,890 feet in San Andres-Permian.

ration, which had swabbed for about one barrel of oil per hour, with varying amounts of sediment, during extended testing, after acid, from zones at 7,480-7,500 feet, and at 7,520-50 feet, in the lower Permian, was reported due to start drilling ahead from total depth at 7,750 feet, in shale.

A refracer had been set at 7,591 feet, and another at 7,218 feet—placed with water. Refracers were not used, and hole had been conditioned and circulated.

It appears that operator has squeezed off all perforated sections in casing to get in shape for making more hole.

Tide Water Associated Oil Company has filed application with the Railroad Commission to drill a semi-wildcat on the northwest side of the McElroy field, in East Crane County.

The project will be Tide Water No. 1-SH University, 330 feet from the south and east lines of the south-half of the southwest quarter of section 33, block 30, University survey.

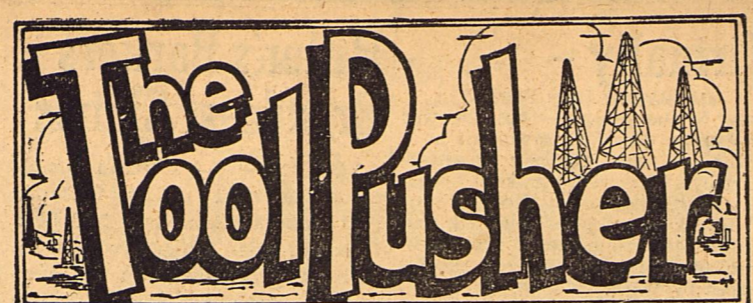
It will drill to around 3,000 feet, for McElroy pay, starting at once, with cable tools. It is one mile west and one-half mile north of nearest producing oil well.

Andrews Area Explorations
Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 BB University, one-half mile south of closest production on southeast side of the Fullerton field, in Northwest Andrews, was starting to test for oil in casing between bottom of 5 1/2-inch section cemented at 6,800 feet, and total depth at 6,906 feet.

Before running pipe, operator encountered oil in streaks and some porosity in that section. The plug on the pipe has been drilled out and the well conditioned for a test.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-A Ralph, slated 11,000-foot wildcat in section 12, block A-37, psi survey, on west side of the Fullerton area, was making hole below 8,868 feet, in lime. It could find production in the Silurian at anytime.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Keel, North Mitchell County exploration in section 22, block 27, TP survey, five miles northwest of Colorado City, was coring below 7,836 feet, in lime.



By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

STANOLIND PROMOTES W. DAVE HENDERSON AND G. G. GALLIGAN
—Promotions, involving moves from Midland for two Stanolind Oil & Gas Company men, have been announced.

—W. Dave Henderson, district geologist for the company for West Texas and New Mexico, is to go to Fort Worth, Jan. 1, to become division geologist.

—G. G. "Jerry" Galligan, landman in the district office for four years has been named district landman for the Wichita Falls area, and has already gone to that city.

—In Fort Worth, Henderson will succeed Foster J. Schempf, whom he followed on the job here, when he came to Midland about two and one-half years ago, from Amarillo.

—Schempf, according to information here Saturday, has been made division manager for all exploratory operations of Stanolind in the Houston division.

—Galligan came to Midland about four years ago from Abilene, where he was assigned for a year and a half as Stanolind representative, to open a new land department for North Texas, in the Wichita Falls headquarters.

—The development is Conoco No. 2-B Skaggs, section 23-206-37e, and is in the Skaggs field about two miles east of Eunice. This project is producing from zone at 7,700-25 feet, through 75 perforations in the casing.

During last test reported the well flowed at the rate of 11.25 barrels of 42.3 gravity oil, with no water, natural, over a plugged-back total depth of 7,725 feet, to make a full 24-hour flow of 270 barrels of clean oil, and an estimated 150,000 cubic feet per day of gas.

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—Henderson also expressed regrets at leaving this area, but he will get to come back at times, as he already has done.

—The State Highway Commission of Texas has designated that section of highway as a part of the state system, and a letter received by Robert L. Wood, of The Western Petroleum Company, a leader in that project, from Reuben Williams, Dallas, one of the three members of the highway commission, indicates something definite will be done soon on getting the road paved.

—In the letter Williams said: "The Highway Commission has designated the remaining portion of the Andrews-Eunice highway. It has been my belief for some time that this is a very meritorious project and should be added to our state system.

—The fact that a 16-mile strip on this road, from the Andrews-Seminole highway, to the Fullerton field, is now being paved, and the inference in Williams' letter that finances for improving the recently designated section might be available, indicates that likely the entire strip will be paved before long.

—This accomplishment is just a fair example of what the oil industry can do, when it needs something, and goes after it in the right manner.

NOTICES ARE OUT ON McELROY HEARING HERE ON JANUARY 10
—Official notices have been issued by the Railroad Commission announcing a hearing to be held at Hotel Scharbauer in Midland, starting at 10 a. m. Jan. 10, 1945, to consider the matter of testing to determine bottom hole pressure and potential producing capacity of wells in the McElroy field in Crane and Upton Counties.

GAS CONSERVATION EFFORTS OF RR COMMISSION SHOULD RESULT IN BENEFITS
—"The Toolpusher" congratulates the Railroad Commission for having started positive efforts to develop a program for "conserving and utilizing" natural gas resources of Texas.

HERE'S TO ALL OF YOU
—The writer of this column, and of the various other petroleum reports in The Reporter-Telegram, extends greetings of the season to all oil people, and all others of the oil industry, who have any sort of interest in oil in this area.

Lea County Had Two Big Feature Oil Activity Developments During Week

HOBBES, N. M.—Continental Oil Company is preparing to complete its discovery for commercial production from the Wolfcamp section of the lower Permian, in East Lea County.

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—The three wells in the original Skaggs field are small producers from the Grayburg-Permian, at about 3,800 feet. No. 2-B Skaggs drilled to total depth of 10,065 feet, and went into granite. It found Simpson, middle Ordovician, but missed Ellenburger.

—Since then it tested all way up to the Wolfcamp zone and found only water of various sorts, until it developed oil, with water, in this section.

—Recently operator ran a squeeze job on the originally perforated section, and then re-perforated, slightly higher than the zone which produced the water. The straight oil yield resulted. This is considered a major discovery for the state.

—Another outstanding development during the week was furnished by Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1-P State, section 24-215-34e, one location south of a small producer from the Seven Rivers-Permian, in the West Eunice pool, of South-Central Lea County.

At 3,820 feet, just as the drill entered a saturated lime, the well blew out, unloaded, and 60 hours later, as of Saturday, was still flowing a steady, hard stream of oil into pits through a 7-inch discharge line off a control head on 10-inch casing.

Operator representatives, and other qualified observers estimated the well started out around midnight Wednesday with a flow of at least 500 barrels per hour, and it was said to still be producing at about the same rate late Saturday.

nice pool have been relatively small wells, and none of them have shown such heavy pressure or petroleum production.

No Commercial Oil
Ohio Oil Company No. 1 Jones, section 19-198-39e, seven miles southeast of Hobbs, in Central-East Lea County, was shut down by orders, after taking a drillstem test to a plugged-back total depth of 5,766 feet, in the Holt-Permian pay section. Packer was at 5,713 feet.

Tool was open for 40 minutes. Recovery was 2,000 feet of oil and gas out drilling mud, with one gallon of free oil on top of recovered fluid.

The test reached a bottom of 5,779 feet, after coring at 5,770-79 feet, and getting some porosity, and shows of oil, and smells of sulphur.

It then ran a drillstem test, at 5,702-5,779 feet, and recovered 2,666 feet of sulphur water, with a slight show of oil.

Operator plugged off bottom 13 feet, with the idea of shutting off water, and possibly getting production of oil in the upper section of the horizon.

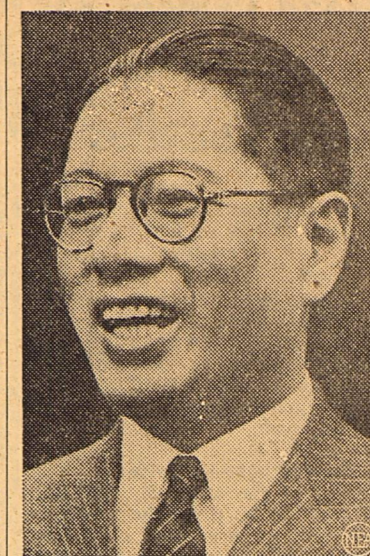
Still Looking For Something
Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Federal-Keinath, Ellenburger prospector in section 8-215-38e, about eight miles northeast of Eunice, in East Lea, was coring ahead under 9,670 feet, in lime and shale, and was expected to encounter the top of the lower Ordovician at any time.

It had corered for a considerable distance through the Simpson, and had not found any shows of oil or gas so far. The section being drilled is still Simpson.

The Texas Company No. 1 Biney, 1,980 feet from the east and 660 feet from the south lines of section 12-228-38e, is a slated 6,500-foot semi-wildcat, one location northwest of the Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 Drinkard, discovery well for Clear Fork-Permian production in the Penrose district of Southeast Lea County. It is due to start drilling at once.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 4 Leamex, section 17-175-33e, lower Permian exploration a short distance northeast of the Maljamar field in West-Central Lea, had penetrated under 6,334 feet, and was going ahead slowly, in hard lime.

Truce Maker?



Foreign Minister T. V. Soong, above, has been seated as Premier of China in a move apparently paving the way for a working agreement between the central government and the Communists of north China.

General Hugo, the father of novelist Victor Hugo, held the town of Thionville for Napoleon.

Texas Virtually Over Top On 'E' War Bond Sales

DALLAS —(AP)— Texas is virtually over the top in Sixth War Loan 'E' sales. State Chairman Nathan Adams of the War Finance Committee of Texas announced here Saturday and predicted that the state will exceed its 'E' quota this Christmas week and make the drive a success.

"This is our Christmas message to the fighting men," he said, "and there could be no better message from the folks at home. Texas has almost done it again; the end is in sight."

Fire Draws Interest Of Christmas Throng

Firemen answered an alarm at 10:15 a.m. Saturday at the Popular Store where faulty electrical wiring caused a blaze in the ceiling. It was extinguished quickly by the firemen. The damage was slight.

The fire attracted the attention of the large number of Christmas shoppers on the streets who blocked the sidewalk in front of the store.

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NEEDED FOR VITAL WAR WORK advertisement listing services: Carpenters, Iron Workers, Laborers, Rodmen (Engineer), Chainmen, Instrument Men, Clerks, Stenographers, and FORD-BACON & DAVIS CONSTRUCTION CO. or United States Employment Service Odessa, Texas.

'L' Is For Liability advertisement for SPARKS & BARRON INSURANCE AGENCY, Phone 79.

B. DUNN MOVING VANS advertisement with image of a moving van and text: 'BONDED & INSURED'.

Local and Long Distance Moving INSURED advertisement for Clothes Closets In Every Van, PHONE 2204, 2104 West Wall.

OLSCO SALES and SERVICE advertisement: Complete Engineering Service — Controlled Gas Lift Systems, MIDLAND, TEXAS, P. O. Box 1027, J. B. Richards, Phone 1228.

Highland Park Lashes Fumbling San Angelo Out Of Race 39-6

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS—(AP)—Highland Park's battering Scotties fashioned an unbelievable 39-6 defeat on defending State Champion San Angelo Saturday to advance to the final of the Texas schoolboy football race against Port Arthur.

An amazed crowd of 19,000 watched the Scots, rated no better than even choices to beat the veterans of West Texas, follow brilliant Doak Walker in rolling up one of the top-heavy scores of Interscholastic League semi-final gridiron history.

Walker passed for four touchdowns, scored one himself, kicked three extra points and figured in the other Highland Park score by starting a lateral pass play.

The Scots, flashing a tricky brand of football and boasting a set of backs Coach Tom Dennis of Port Arthur termed "the hardest drivers I have seen this season," whipped through the San Angelo line for 252 yards—most of it on blasts over tackle—and then threw in 118 yards on passes as Walker hit seven receivers in twelve throws.

Three of the touchdowns were scored by giant Harold Clark, the outstanding wingman on the field, as he romped recklessly with bullet heaves from the gifted arm of the durable Walker.

Bobcats Fumble Plenty
Highland Park scored two touchdowns in seven minutes as the jittery Bobcats committed costly fumbles in trying to handle the ball from the tricky "T" formation.

The first score came when Roe Hall fumbled following the kick-off after two plunges had gained only two yards. Jimmy Flowers pounced on the ball on the San Angelo 24. Clyde Rembert and Walker hammered the line for five yards and Walker passed to Clark for a first down on the five. Walker then plowed between left end and tackle for the touchdown. Walker's try for extra point was blocked.

The next score came when George Graham fumbled and Bill Fugita recovered on the Bobcat 12-yard line. Walker went around left end for five and then passed to Moxley, who fumbled over the goal line, but fell on the ball for a touchdown. Walker again mixed the conversion.

Highland Park got its third touchdown early in the second quarter on a beautiful lateral pass play from Walker to Flowers to Moxley, with the latter racing 59 yards for the score. This time Walker kicked the extra point.

Throw In Reserves
The Scots ran the count to 26-0 a few minutes later when Walker uncorked his first touchdown pass—a 34-yard gainer. Clark took the throw on the San Angelo 18-yard line and raced across for six more points. Walker again converted.

Highland Park got two more

touchdowns in the third period, then turned most of the work over to the reserves, who couldn't score in the final quarter.

The last two touchdowns came on passes from Walker to Clark. One was a 25-yard pitch that climaxed a 59-yard march. A throw to Moxley had carried 17 yards to set up the score. Art Kirby's try for point was low and wide.

The next touchdown pass was good for 33 yards with Walker bulleting over the line to Clark, who romped easily across. Walker added the point and shortly afterward retired from the game amid a thunderous ovation from the crowd.

San Angelo scored in the final minutes on a pass from Dodson to Max Box for 19 yards but Box missed the conversion. Passes by Barney Johnson had figured principally in the drive that carried 80 yards.

East-West Teams In Heavy Workouts

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Eastern and Western football stars raced through heavy workouts in preparing for their big charity game here New Year's Day.

The Eastern squad, training at the University of Santa Clara, concentrated on pass plays, stemming from the T-formation.

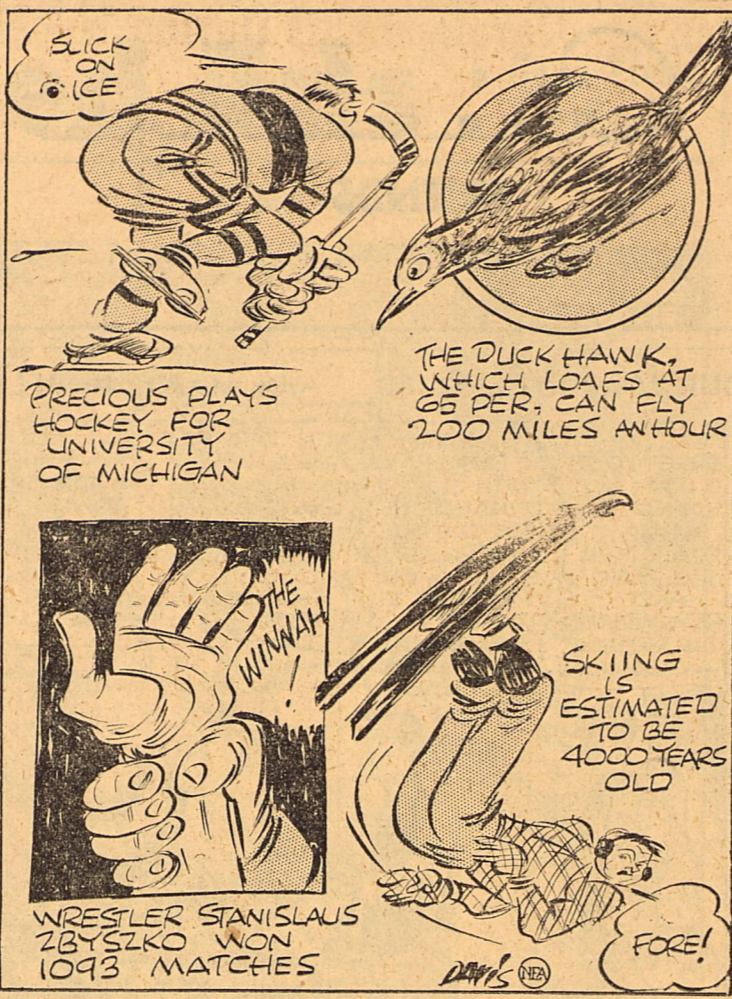
The East's two backfield combinations lined up as follows: Team A—quarterback, Frank Danciewicz, Notre Dame; left half, Dick Flannagan, Ohio State; right half, Bob Kelly, Notre Dame; fullback, Vic Kulbitski, Minnesota.

Team B—quarterback, Earl Girard, Wisconsin; left half, Jim Waltheall, West Virginia; right half, Bob Brugge, Ohio State; fullback, Jack Breslin, Michigan State.

Western coaches Orin Hollingbery and Homer Norton charted both ground and aerial plays for their players.

The main threat in the air will be furnished by Bob Waterfield, quarterback from the University of California at Los Angeles. Among

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Duke Earned Sugar Bowl Date By Staging Football Comeback Of Year

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Duke earned the New Year's Day New Orleans Sugar Bowl appointment with Alabama by staging the football comeback of the year.

The Blue Devils were lucky to be alive following games on successive week-ends with Pennsylvania, North Carolina Pre-Flight, Navy and Army. But the Dukes bounced back to break the great streaks of Georgia Tech and Wake Forest and then, in full stride, wrecked South Carolina and North Carolina.

The important post of tailback was the Durhams' sore spot early in the going due to the loss of the first two candidates because of injuries. Yet the Blues held the North Carolina Cloudbusters and Navy to the margin of a touchdown, led Army at the half in giving the Cadets their only test.

Eddie Cameron believes they might have fared better than the 27-7 count against West Point had not passer Gordon Carver broke a

finger on his pitching hand right under the gun. Carver could not throw the ball forcefully and accurately, and the handicap naturally affected the Blue Devils' running game.

Davis and Knotts Helped

Tom Davis and Ernest Knotts were the young men who brought things to a happy ending in Durham. Davis, a senior last year, lacked a semester of graduation, so when he was discharged by the Marines last summer due to an old football injury he returned for the fourth year permitted by wartime waving of eligibility rules.

A tailback in high school, Davis, the oldest man on the varsity at 28, switched from fullback to his former position for part-time duty against North Carolina Pre-Flight, Navy, Army and Georgia Tech.

Triple-threat Davis gained 461 yards in 137 snaps, an average of 3.4. His longest run came on a naked reverse against previously unbeaten Wake Forest, was good for 54 yards.

Davis completed 10 of 21 passes for 133. Only three were intercepted. He again demonstrated his worth as a receiver. Punt averages just under 40. Coaches and football writers named him the most formidable blocker in the Southern Conference. Coach Cameron labels him the most efficient defensive back in the party.

Davis, a 5-foot-11, 188-pound resident of Wilson, N. C., has earned four football letters. He is a brother of Jap Davis, Duke's All-Southern of a few years back. Fullbacking runs in the family.

Defensive Field General
A senior Navy V-12, Bear Knotts, 5-feet-10 inches and 195 pounds of guard from Albermarle (N. C.), pulls out of the line in Col. Wallace Wade's single wing style. Fast and powerful, he's a deadly downfield blocker, a hard man to take out and a savage tackler.

Dumpy Hagler, veteran line coach, calls him one of the greatest he ever drilled. Lt.-Col. Red Blaik of Army has the utmost respect for him.

Big Ray Bray says Knotts hit him harder than any other forward this year. The ex-Chicago Bear tackle played opposite the Duke stalwart in the North Carolina Pre-Flight scrap.

Knotts is the Duke defensive field general, quickly diagnoses plays. Cameron attributes Duke holding Army as well as it did and limiting Navy's powerhouse to a touchdown to Knotts' ability to so quickly place the defense properly at the right time.

Neither Tom Davis nor Bear Knotts missed a minute because of an injury.

They were able to stick in there, and you have to do that in order to carry the load.

'Work Or Fight' Order Of 1918 Also Hit Sports

By FRITZ HOWELL

NEW YORK—(AP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' request erasing racing after Jan. 3, 1945, revived memories of War Secretary Newton D. Baker's "work or fight" order of 1918 which disrupted baseball during the waning days of World War I.

Baker cracked down in the summer of 1918, giving men of draft age the alternative of employment in essential industry or enlistment in the army or navy.

Baseball was ordered to wind up its season by Sept. 1, a month ahead of schedule, and the national game—which had enjoyed a prosperous year in 1917—completed. The World Series was held Sept. 5 to 11, with Boston's Red Sox defeating the Chicago Cubs four games to two.

30 Minor Leagues Folded
The present world conflict has caused approximately 30 minor leagues to fold up, the biggest problem having centered around manpower. About 25 circuits suspended during the first World War.

Baseball's top men had nothing to say Saturday about the Byrnes statement urging the managements to refrain from resuming racing at all tracks until war conditions permit.

Will Harridge, president of the American League, elaborated slightly on an original "no comment" statement by pointing out the beginning of the baseball training season was so far off that the situation might be entirely different by the time the muscle-loosening period arrives.

Regardless of whether baseball activity is curtailed by federal edict, two recent Washington manpower orders are expected to have some effect on the national game. Those are the draft regulations calling for more men from the 26-38 age groups and a re-check of men in the 4-F classification.

Several baseball players in the 26-38 group left war plants, farm or other jobs listed as essential to return to their teams when the announcement came that men of their age no longer were wanted by the armed services.

With such men draft prospects once more, many are expected to desert baseball to return to their war jobs or go into the services. The re-check of the 4-F group may result in the loss of other players.

Bowling



CITY LEAGUE
KING-PARROTT SERVICE CLUB

| Players | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Young | 166 | 212 | 182 | 560 |
| Scott | 142 | 193 | 143 | 478 |
| Lemley | 136 | 132 | 144 | 412 |
| Steltenberg | 123 | 169 | 164 | 447 |
| Harrington | 179 | 145 | 154 | 478 |
| Handicap | 6 | 6 | 5 | 18 |
| 752 848 793 2393 | | | | |

HONOLULU OIL

| Players | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Grant | 137 | 160 | 146 | 443 |
| Weaver | 114 | 169 | 149 | 432 |
| Cassidy | 177 | 138 | 165 | 480 |
| Dunn | 110 | 194 | 161 | 465 |
| Chambers | 179 | 154 | 139 | 472 |
| 717 815 760 2292 | | | | |

SHELL OIL

| Players | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Parham | 136 | 126 | 156 | 418 |
| Cooper | 103 | 109 | 113 | 325 |
| Stall | 133 | 156 | 151 | 440 |
| Paris | 124 | 111 | 124 | 359 |
| McKinnon | 140 | 133 | 158 | 431 |
| Handicap | 39 | 39 | 39 | 117 |
| 675 674 741 2090 | | | | |

WEAVERS TEXACO SERVICE

| Players | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Gronmon | 147 | 158 | 147 | 452 |
| Bloch | 139 | 151 | 136 | 426 |
| Howard | 140 | 122 | 134 | 396 |
| Pilcher | 129 | 129 | 129 | 387 |
| Tharp | 152 | 132 | 183 | 467 |
| 707 692 729 2128 | | | | |

DUNAGAN SALES CO.

| Players | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Brown | 112 | 142 | 126 | 380 |
| Truelove | 161 | 158 | 132 | 451 |
| Ortman | 135 | 115 | 139 | 389 |
| Hubbard | 145 | 165 | 125 | 435 |
| Delabano | 165 | 125 | 141 | 431 |
| Handicap | 33 | 33 | 33 | 99 |
| 751 738 696 2185 | | | | |

ROBERSON SINCLAIR SERVICE

| Players | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Tot. |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Marshall | 189 | 137 | 189 | 515 |
| Kerr | 134 | 167 | 125 | 426 |
| Jones | 172 | 187 | 192 | 551 |
| Brown | 166 | 158 | 193 | 517 |
| Markley | 215 | 149 | 200 | 564 |
| 876 798 899 2573 | | | | |

MODEL MACHINES
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Several steel companies are using working models of cranes and steel mill equipment to teach employees the fundamentals of safety. These models, equipped with safety features such as fire extinguishers and safety guards, are used in training classes so new operators can learn how to handle loads with fewest movements. More important, the operator will learn how to avoid taking chances which might result in injury to the workmen on the floor below.

Mighty Ajax



Specialist 1/c Warren Ajax, guard in Great Lakes quintet also specializes in letters, winning three jackets at Minnesota. Blue jacket, 6 feet 3 1/2 inches, 198 pounds, dribbles and shoots with either hand.

VITAMINS FOR PRISONERS
Multi-vitamin tablets are being sent regularly to American prisoners of war in the Far East by the Red Cross. Shipments average 80,000 tablets a week, sent by air mail to Teheran, and thence through Russia to Japan.

Port Arthur Downs Lufkin Panthers 27-19

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

PORT ARTHUR—(AP)—Port Arthur's big, rugged Yellow Jackets used Lufkin's favorite weapon—the forward pass—Friday to beat the Panthers 27-19 and advance to the finals of the Texas schoolboy football race.

In the greatest game ever played on the Yellow Jacket stadium and one that had a capacity crowd of 10,000 in continuous uproar, Port Arthur used a pass, Don Campbell to Charles Davidson to take a lead in the third period that the Yellow Jackets never relinquished.

The terrific power of the big Jacket line finally beat the lighter Panthers down and despite the 179 yards Lufkin piled up by passing Port Arthur won going away.

It was a mild upset, especially in the way Port Arthur got the job done.

Neumann Is Star

The mighty Jackets, with stubby Ike Neumann, a 184-pound blizzard of a man cracking the fighting Panther forward wall to bits, roared to 242 yards on the ground.

Early in the fourth period the battling Panthers had a chance to tie the score—and at the time were leading on penetrations—but they elected to pass for the extra point and Vernon Vick, great Port Arthur center, batted the ball out of reach

Thoroughbred Horse Beats Cow Pony

MIAMI—(AP)—The thoroughbred Tiger Call beat the cow horse Joe Palooka by five lengths Saturday in a special quarter-mile match race at Gulfstream Park.

As expected, the muscular cold-blooded horse, pride of the cattle ranges, broke out of the starting gate first.

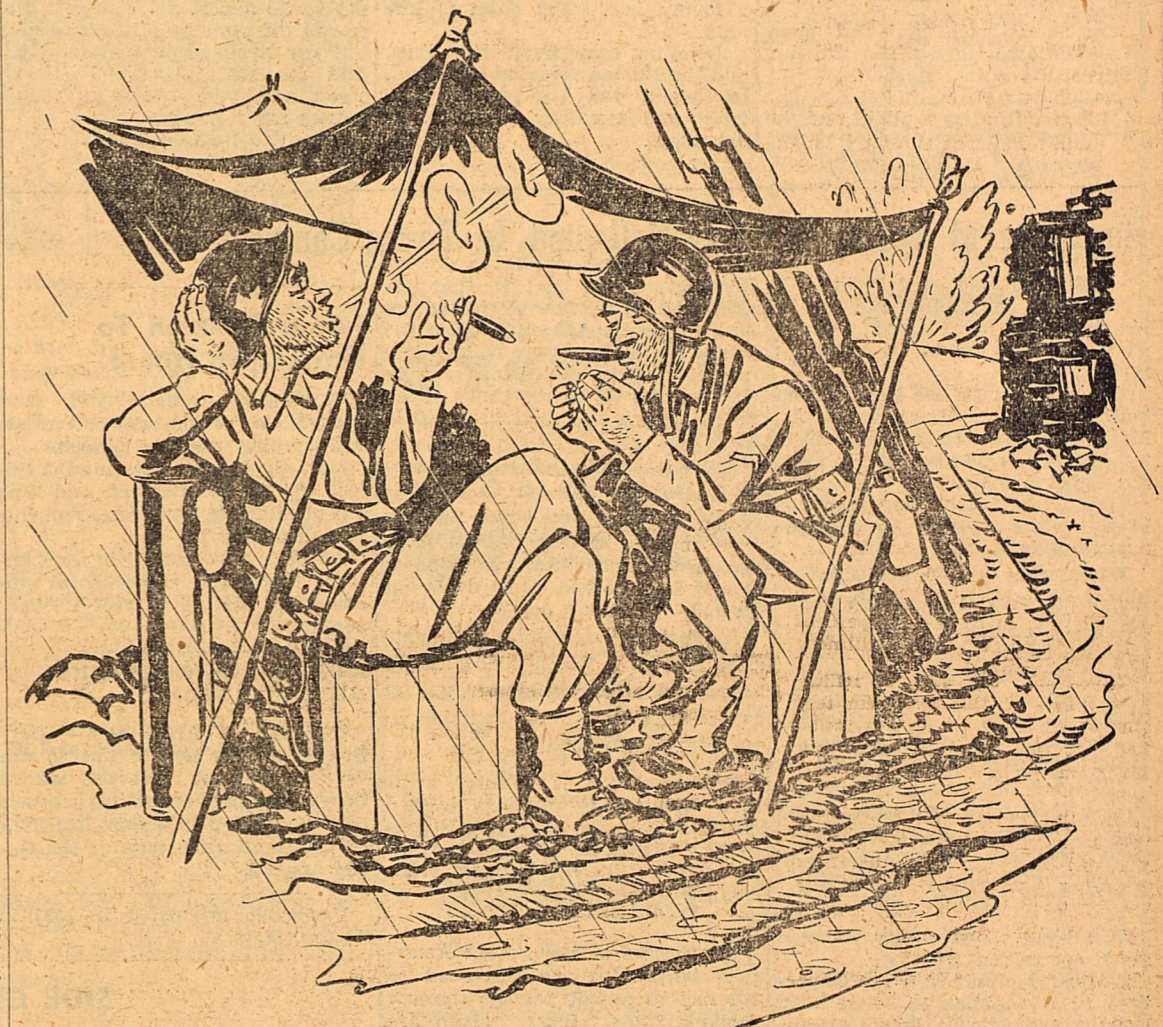
But Tiger Call overhauled him before they had gone half-way. The thoroughbred was two lengths ahead at the half-way mark, and easily increased the margin.

of the Panthers who had gone into the end zone to take the throw.

From then on Lufkin faded. In five minutes Port Arthur had the clinching touchdown. It came as the result of a pass from Campbell to Davidson that gained 10 yards with the latter falling on the Lufkin three-yard stripe. Then Port Arthur returned to the ground and after Neumann had made a yard, Campbell raced around right end for the touchdown. Neumann kicked the extra point—his third of the day—and Lufkin's last chance to win had gone.

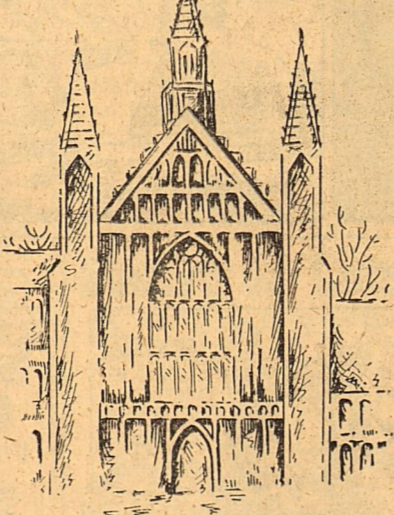
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The Christmas Spirit FINDS ITS SHRINE IN America



Christmas this year in America has been made doubly significant by the glorious sacrifice of the youth of our Nation. Somehow we believe it fitting and appropriate to remember them especially, in our Christmas Greetings. Without their efforts Christmas this year would be empty indeed. Because of their sacrifice and their willingness to serve, an American Christmas is again possible.

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The ACACIA TREE

DRUSUS and Michal stood together under the few fig trees, and approaching them Joel walked quietly. It was not in his mind to hide his presence from them, yet he was halted by Michal's cry before they saw him.

"Drusus, thou art not come to reproach me!"

"My little Michal," he said. "Thou wert Jonathan's friend, and I would not blame thee if I would forget."

"Not blame thee, Michal?" he asked. "Not blame thee when thou hast forgotten the promise Jonathan made to me?"

She said quickly, "Drusus, thou knowest the sheek that was mine when Jonathan died. Thou canst not lay upon me blame for the horror I feel near all Romans. I would not have it so, for thou wert always kind, but I cannot yet bear that a Roman hand should touch me."

Drusus was not angered at her words, Joel noted. He pleaded eloquently. "Thou shalt forget, Michal. If thou wouldst take from thy heart the horror thou hast hidden there—if thou wouldst let the bitter words fall now upon the cold earth here, they would die unremembered and finally disappear."

Michal cried sharply, "Dost thou think I nourish them, Drusus? If I should cast them now at thee, thou wouldst see how hard and cruel they are!"

The Roman looked at her anguished young face, doubting the wisdom of recalling the past to her. And both were unaware of Joel who dared not now advance.

In the silence that fell upon them Michal lived again the last day of life with Jonathan.

SHE could not afterward recall how it happened. Only in her ears she heard her husband's cry and saw the Roman's sword dripping red in the sunlight, and she put the child down by his father who appeared dead, and sent the Roman from her with words of loathing that were sharper than the sword he had unsheathed.

She knelt by Jonathan and saw that yet he lived while the quick flow of his blood soaked his garments. "Jonathan," she said, and her eyes were pitiful. "Jonathan."

Death had cleared his vision so that at last he saw her as she had always been. Her sweetness and her loving heart were evident now though he had not guessed their richness before. "Michal," she caught his whisper and her eyes brimmed with tears for his pain.

"Jonathan," she said, forgetting the wrong he had done her and sick with a longing to heal his wound.

"Malachi, Rome," he said and she nodded, unable to speak.

He said weakly, while her hands sought to stay the blood that drained from him, "A bundle of myrrh is my well beloved unto me."

He did not speak again and when Drusus came her head was upon Jonathan's hands that she held in her own and she was shaking with soundless sobbing while unheard beside her the child Malachi screamed with fear.

MICHAL drew a long breath and the Roman placed an arm about her, drawing her to him while Joel watched. "Drusus," she said, "I have given Malachi to Flavia. Canst thou not understand how I would forget Jonathan and the vows he made?"

"I would not wound thee, Michal," he told her. "Yet how can I serve thee if thou art not mine?"

"If thou wouldst serve me," she said, not knowing how clearly she spoke and that Joel heard the words, "if thou wouldst serve me, tell my husband how thou didst find me with Jonathan's blood upon me and how I grew among my flowers."

(To Be Continued)

He put his hand roughly upon her hand that reached for the child and she gazed at him with her golden eyes wide and startled and her mouth closed upon her laughter like a red bud closing its petals.

The child clung to her gown, not yet frightened by the stranger, and looked up with that look that was so like the boyish look of Drusus. And the Roman asked his brutal question. "Who is the child?"

"He is my son," she answered, and her voice was steady despite her fear.

His response brought the bright blood to her cheeks as vivid as where his fingers tightened upon her arm. "Thy child? Who is his father?"

She had guessed his identity now and she answered valiantly. "Dost thou not know that thou art trespassing? Even a Roman must know that it is not safe to insult a wife in her own home."

"Who is the child?" he demanded again.

The child was clinging to her and she put her free arm about him and lifted him against her shoulder, hiding his face there. "The son of my husband and myself," she said.

"Thou art a lovely liar," he said roughly.

"Nay," she said proudly. "I am not so. I do not follow the Roman practice."

He repeated his charge with unhurried assurance. "Thou art a lovely liar. The child is Roman."

Jonathan came upon them thus, and the Roman released her hand, leaving a red band about her wrist and a wilder fear now in her heart.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

Today's hand was another calamity in which experts participated. It just goes to show you that they strike out once in a while too.

To start with, if South had opened the king of spades, the contract would certainly have been defeated one trick. However, with the diamonds opening, East made the mistake of trying to ruff out the diamonds. He never gave himself a chance and

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| ♦ Q J 9 5 4 | ♦ A 7 6 3 |
| ♣ A 8 | ♣ K J 10 7 |

Dealer ♠

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

—By J. R. WILLIAMS

NULETIDE GREETINGS! I HOPE ALL YOU BOYS HAVE FORGOTTEN THE PAST AND REMEMBERED THE PRESENT KYUK-KYUK!

IT'D BE EASY TO BEAN HIM WITH THIS ORNAMENT, BUT I'VE GOT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T HEAR THAT MILDENED GAG!

WITH JAKE HERE AND A TURKEY ON THE GOAL LINE, THE MEALS WILL BE A GRUPELLING CONTEST THE NEXT FEW DAYS!

UM! I'LL PLACE THIS SMITLETTE ABOVE THE KITCHEN DOOR AND ASTOUND MARTHA!

OH, WHY, OH, WHY DOES HE DO THAT JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS HE DOESN'T LIKE?

THAT'S O.K. BY ME! IT'S BETTER THAN HAVING HIM BLABBIN' TO TH' ONES HE DOES LIKE—TELLING ALL MY AND THE FAMILY'S BUSINESS!

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

—By EDGAR MARTIN

GOOD NEWS TODAY! MR. RUGGLES IS DOING SPLENDIDLY

OH, WONDERFUL!

SINCE YOU'VE COME, SURE!

ROD, YOU'RE REALLY BETTER?

SWELL! AND NOW HOW ABOUT TELLING THE GIRL HOW IT HAPPENED—

I GUESS I WAS NEARLY OUT OF MY MIND BOOTS! YOU KNOW WHY, OF COURSE!

WHO, ME? WHY?

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

—By MERRILL BLOSSER

YES, MRS. MCGOOSEY, I'VE BEEN FRECKLES' LATIN TEACHER FOR TWO SEMESTERS!

I GUESS I HAD YOU PEGGED ALL WRONG, MISS KEMP!—FROM FRECKLES' DESCRIPTION OF YOU, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE AN OLD ISSUE MOTH-BALL!

MISS KEMP, DO YOU THINK IT'S WORKING?

I CERTAINLY DO! I THINK YOU'VE WORRIED HIM INTO SPEAKING ENGLISH FROM NOW ON!

DID I PLAY MY PART WELL ENOUGH?

IT WAS STRICTLY DING—HOW, MRS. MCGOOSEY—AND I DO MEAN STRICTLY!

WASH TUBS

—By LESLIE TURNER

YESSIR, EASY—THE RAID WE'RE PLANNING ON KOHOBE WILL MAKE THOSE BUCK-TOOTHED CHIMPS WHO THOUGHT UP PEARL HARBOR WISH THEY HADN'T DONE IT!

DESTROY AN INDUSTRIAL CITY OF THAT SIZE IN ONE RAID, COLONEL BRILL?

WE CAN DO IT IN TWO TRIPS, WITH INCENDIARIES—IF WE CAN PLAN THE SECOND ATTACK FROM AIR PHOTOS SHOWING WHAT WE MISSED ON THE FIRST!

THAT WAS POSSIBLE AGAINST THE NAZIS, SUH—BUT WITH JAPAN OUT O' RECONNAISSANCE RANGE, HOW—

THAT'S FOR YOU TO FIGURE OUT, EASY! I HAVE A PLAN OR TWO—ONLY TROUBLE IS, THEY WOULDN'T WORK! THINK IT OVER, AND BRING ME YOUR SUGGESTIONS

RED RYDER

—By FRED HARMAN

BY MORNIN' 'TIL FOREST FIRE WILL HAVE COOLED OFF AND WE CAN GET OUTA HERE!

THANKS TO YOU, RYDER, WE'RE ALIVE!

IF RED IS CORRECT, THE FIRE WAS A DIRECT ATTEMPT ON OUR LIVES!

RED RYDER ALWAYS RIGHT!

THEN MAYBE HE CAN PROVE IT!

YOU BETCHUM HIM CAN!

WHOA—LITTLE BEAVER! I DO HAVE AN IDEA—BUT I'LL NEED A BREAK TO DO AN HUNCH BEFORE GOVERNOR HOLLET IS KILLED!

ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN

SO? YOUR BACK DOOR WASN'T QUITE BIG ENOUGH, EH? TOO BAD! AS MAD AS I AM, I JUST CAN'T BEAR T' SEE ANYBODY SUFFER LIKE THAT—I'LL HELP YOU OUT!

OH, PLEASE, MISTER OOP, WOULD YOU?

WHY, SURE, YOUR HIGHNESS, I'D LOVE TO—JUST HOLD STILL—READY?

YES, I'M READY!

WHOMP

ALL RIGHT, WUR! ABOUT THEM JEWELS OF MINE— I WANT 'EM BACK RIGHT NOW!

Replacement Needs Of Army Reflected In Texas Camps

By The Associated Press

As battle casualties mount the Army's need for trained replacements is reflected in its activities in Texas.

The war's tempo has increased on both Pacific and European fronts. Many divisions activated and readied in the great camps of the state are fighting overseas.

Their early schooling grounds have become centers for replacement and specialized training.

Information made available by the Eighth Service Command shows infantry advanced replacement training centers at Camp Howze and Camp Maxey, and infantry replacement training centers of the basic type camp at Camp Wolters, Camp Fannin and Camp Hood, Tank Destroyers At Camp Hood.

The home of the famed tank destroyer training center is at Camp Hood. There is a medical replacement training center at Camp Berkeley, Fort Bliss is the country's anti-aircraft training center.

At all posts and camps there is much specialized training.

Trained replacements are important to a commander. Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher, with the U. S. Ninth Army in Germany, wrote Dec. 15 that instead of a steady flow of trained infantry replacements direct from the United States, men were being taken from newly-arrived divisions or from quiet sectors to fill the ranks of divisions which had high battle casualties.

Gallagher wrote that the "replacement problem has not as yet impaired seriously the overall fighting efficiency of General Eisenhower's forces, but some local commanders felt it has worked a hardship on them."

A Rome dispatch about the same time said U. S. forces in the Italian theater already had begun retraining soldiers from other branches to become infantrymen.

Twenty of the 33 infantry, armored and cavalry divisions trained or training in the five-state Eighth Service Command territory have at one time or another been in Texas camps.

The beams of the largest American battleships are restricted to 108 feet to permit passage through Panama Canal locks, which are only 110 feet wide.

Junior Canteen To Have Open House

The Junior Canteen will have open house Wednesday afternoon and evening until 10 o'clock.

Mrs. S. J. Loes presented a 16-foot tree to the Canteen and high school students donated ornaments and decorated it.

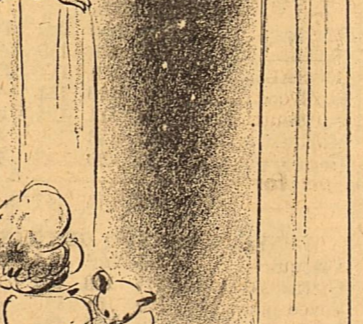
All persons interested in the Canteen, adults and grade school students, are invited to visit it Wednesday.

REJOINED FROM SERVICE

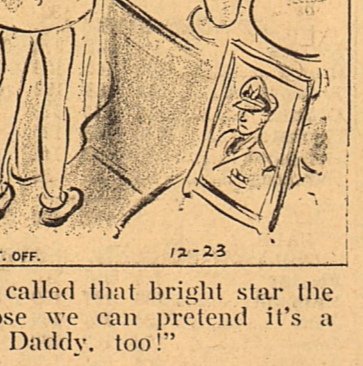
OGDEN, UTAH — (P) — Boyd Borgstrom, 23-year-old Pacific war veteran released from the Marine Corps after four of his five brothers had been killed in action, has joined the small arms crew at the Ogden arsenal.

Vaudeville originated in 1883 in Boston, Mass.

HOLD EVERYTHING



SIDE GLANCES



THIS CURIOUS WORLD

—By William Ferguson

THE SUN, BECAUSE OF ITS GREATER DISTANCE, HAS ONLY TWO-FIFTHS AS MUCH PULL ON THE TIDES AS DOES THE MOON!

WHEN THE SUN AND MOON PULL TOGETHER, WE HAVE HIGH OR SPRING TIDES; WHEN THEY PULL AGAINST EACH OTHER, WE HAVE LOW OR NEAP TIDES.

WERE HAND GRENADES USED BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR?

A DRAWING ROOM ORIGINALLY WAS CALLED A WITHDRAWING ROOM...AND MEANT A PLACE TO WITHDRAW TO.

ANSWER: Hand grenades have been used for 1000 years.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

—By LAURENE ROSE DIEHL

THERE WE ARE! THE SLEIGH IS LOADED TO THE TOP, AND I'M READY TO GO, BUT, GAY—HOW ARE YOU YOUNGSTERS GOING TO GET HOME?

OH, PLEASE, SANTA, HA, HA! LET US GO WITH YOU, YOU CAN DROP US OFF AT OUR HOUSE!

NOW, ISN'T THAT STRANGE—IT'S THE VERY PLAN I HAD IN MIND!

SO AWAY SANTA SAILS ON HIS ANNUAL TRIP WITH BONNIE AND TED ABOARD HIS SLEIGH, AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS SAILING ALONG OVERHEAD. THEY ALL HOPE YOUR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR IS A VERY HAPPY ONE.

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Good Things to Eat 4

XMAS fancy fruits and nuts — large variety, real quality. Your patronage appreciated. Dillard & Nix, S. Main St., by Dillard Cafe. (235-14)

Lost and Found 7

LOST—Bunch keys, return to 1108 E. Wall or call Johnnie's Taxi, 9538. (247-2)

LOST—Brown fox style coat, probably in Petroleum Bldg. Call 1084-J. (248-1)

STRAYED—Paint horse, weighs about 300 lbs. Right foot has old wire cut. G. F. Chisholm, Rt. 1, Box 34A, Midland, Phone 9055-P-3 (248-1)

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Help Wanted 9

WANTED—Handy man or boy, combination job, painting, etc. Haley Hotel. (236-12)

WANTED—One wash and grease boy, white or colored. Top wages. Standard Service Station, 601 W. Wall. (248-1)

WANTED—One station attendant. Top wages. Standard Service Station, 601 W. Wall. (248-1)

MAID wanted, full or part time. Phone 117, 900 S. Baird. (248-3)

WAITRESSES wanted. Apply Scharbauer Coffee Shop. (120-1f)

WANTED: Retail milk route driver. Must be reliable with good references. Apply in person. Banner Creamery. (193-1f)

WAITRESS wanted, day or night work. Excellent working conditions. Apply Cactus Cafe. (291-1f)

WANTED—Experienced waitresses, good money, short hours. Apply Log Cabin Inn. (169-1f)

SODA GIRL wanted. No night or Sunday work. Apply in person only. City Drug. (206-1f)

DUMP TRUCKS WANTED: To haul caliche, Andrews County, Texas. Pay 35¢ per 4 yard load mile. Long job. Trucks now making an average of \$40.00 per day. Will hire 15 trucks between December 20th and January 1st in order to start second crushing plant. Call Floyd Hunter, Supr. Office phone 82, Residence 39, Andrews, Texas. (244-12)

TRUCK route salesman wanted. Work out of town. Salary and commission. Kraft Cheese Co. Phone 1067 or 2152-W. (245-6)

JANITOR wanted, Midland Public Schools. Phone 279-W. (246-3)

CREDIT MANAGER needed. Good chance for advancement. Apply Montgomery Ward, 111 S. Main, Phone 396. (246-3)

WANTED—Boys or girls 16 years old, men or women for day or night messenger duty, bicycle or walking. Good salary. Apply Western Union. (246-6)

Situations Wanted 10

SOLDIERS wife, permanent, wants job plotting logs. 501 W. Storey, Phone 722-J. (248-1)

EXPERT linoleum laying. All work cash. See Foster, 409 N. "D." Phone 1109-J. (219-52)

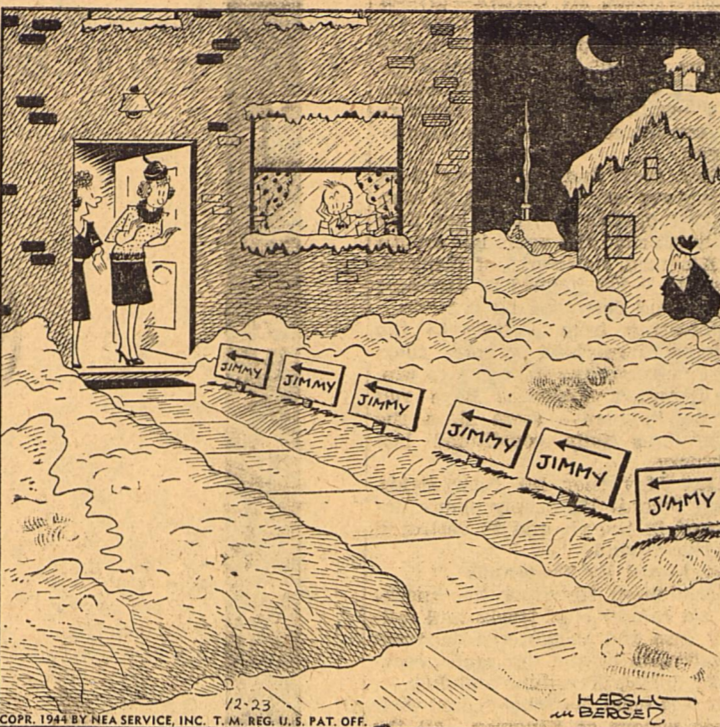
SEWING wanted. 1303 N. Marienfield. (243-24)

WILL keep children in my home by hour, day or week. Phone 1444-J, 1009 S. Big Spring. (245-6)

TWO reliable girls, 13, will stay with children afternoons and nights. Phone 1327-J or 1892-J. (245-3)

ALL SORTS of land office experience, pipe line, production and drilling experience (cable and rotary), good education, high school and business college, over draft age, scouted for major companies. Box 84, McCamey, Texas. (246-3)

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RENTALS

Wanted To Rent 21

REWARD—Army couple need apartment or room. Wife willing to help with housework or take care of children if necessary. Will be here about 6 months.—Phone 1200, Room 647. (248-1)

WANTED—Sleeping room or apartment by officer and wife. Phone 9526, J. D. Kelly. (248-6)

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UNFURNISHED house urgently needed by Jan. 1st by family of four. Call 429-R. (240-9)

OFFICER and wife want room or apartment. U. H. Schumann, Phone 9526. (245-6)

FOR SALE

Household Goods 21

FOR SALE—Household furniture, including gas stoves, radio, twin bed, floor lamp, electric clock. Phone 2382-W. (248-1)

FOR SALE—Electric range, small dresser. Phone 117, 900 S. Baird. (248-3)

FOR SALE—Beautiful lightwood, pre-war high chair, converts into small table and chair. On casters. Large hardwood play-pen on casters. Crib with link springs. New waterproof mattress. Phone 2134-W. (247-2)

WANTED—Used furniture and stoves, any amount. Highest prices paid. GALBRAITH'S 319 E. Texas Phone 746 (206-1f)

HOOSIER kitchen cabinet, gas heaters, androns, men's cowboy boots, size 11; cornet, childs desk, numerous other articles. 700 W. Storey. (246-2)

ANTIQUUE white oak dinette table with four red leather upholstered chairs. Phone 1894-R after 6. 2101 W. Kentucky. (246-6)

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RADIOS and Service 27

FOR SALE—12 tube Philco radio console model. Telephone 47-W. (248-1)

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GOOD variety evergreens, flowering shrubs, roses, shade, fruit and nut trees; If in need of trees and shrubs, pruned or moved, call 1494-W-1, Baker Bros. Nursery. In business since 1884. Will be here next year. (244-26)

Wearing Apparel 32

PAIR boys leather chaps for sale. 709 N. "D." Phone 1837. (246-3)

Livestock and Poultry 34

DEAD animals wanted for gunpowder. Free pickup service day or night. Call collect 484, Big Spring Soap Works, Big Spring, Texas. (134-121)

Pets 35

REGISTERED golden blonde Cockspaniel, 6 weeks old. Phone 2334-W. (247-3)

Feed 36

FOR SALE—2500 bundles of good feed. Call Burris, 72. (248-3)

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Shattuck Plumbing Co. 308 N. Weatherford St. Phone 2046-W. (238-1f)

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REAL ESTATE

Real Estate Loans 60

IS THERE A DEBT ON YOUR FARM OR RANCH? If so see your nearest National Farm Loan Association about the new Long Term, Low Interest rate on Federal Land Bank loans. You may save many dollars each year on reduced interest rate. Stanton-Midland NPLA, Stanton, Texas. (242-30)

Houses for Sale 61

7 ROOM frame with half block of ground. Large double garage with wash room and storage. Nice fences and shrubs. 140 feet of pavement, along side, 4 blocks from south ward school. Immediate possession. Priced at only \$6,500. Terms if desired. SPARKS & BARRON (247-6)

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FOR SALE: 200 acres; 1/2 in cultivation; 4 room house; windmill; lots of good water; mineral rights. Phone 1734-W. Box 306. (239-12)

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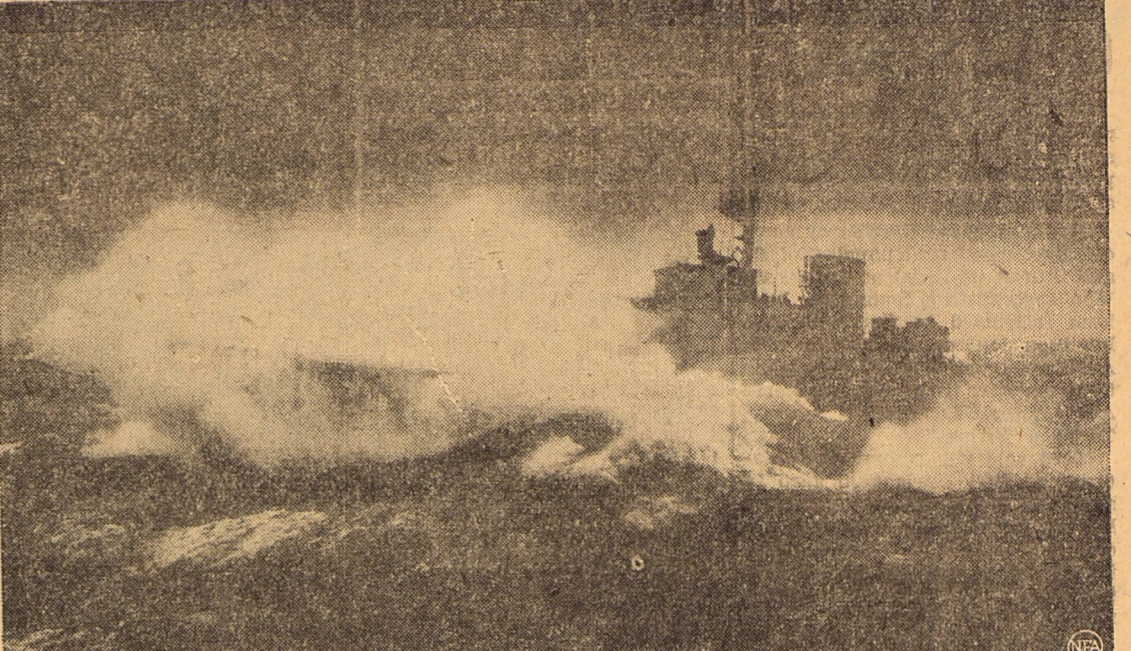
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It's Cold—and Damp—On This 'Forgotten Front'



(USCG photo from NEA) With the U-boat threat practically eliminated, little is heard of the "Battle of the Atlantic," these days, but the lads of the Navy and Coast Guard, who helped pull the trick, still carry on in weather that gets dirtier and dirtier. In photo above, a Coast Guard combat cutter fights through one of the furious gales that howl over the North Atlantic as winter approaches.



Released by U. S. War Department, Bureau of Public Relations.

CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS—For the first time in the history of the United States Army the Chaplain's Corps is headed by a major general. The promotion of Chief of Chaplains William R. Arnold to two-star rank has been announced by the War Department. In the Corps serving under him are 7,700 Army chaplains representing all leading religious faiths. Chaplain Arnold was born in Wooster, Ohio, June 10, 1881. He was graduated from St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, and from St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York, where he completed his theological education. He was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Church in 1908. In 1913 he was appointed chaplain in the Army and promoted through the grades, attaining the rank of colonel with his appointment as Chief of Chaplains. In 1941 he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

Wild Man Clips

American Sailor In African Hairdo

AP Newsfeatures GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.—His African haircut is one war experience Seaman 1/c H. J. Townsend is not going to forget. In a letter to his parents, the sailor, related: "This French African barber pulled me down on a seat like a high chair with the legs knocked off. With a wild look in his eye he started slashing with a razor. To get him away from my throat, I pointed to my hair. "He'd take a clip here and a slash there. When he clipped here I was there and when he clipped there I was here. Then he'd clip and I'd duck. When he finished I still had some hair but it didn't look like I had it on straight. "Then he asked me if I wanted perfume. I said no. Well, after the perfume he turned me loose with a burning scalp, bleary eyes and a sweet smell."

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JUDGE OTIS DIES KANSAS CITY.—(AP)—U. S. District Judge Merrill E. Otis, 60, who sentenced T. J. Pendergast, political boss, to prison on an income tax charge, died Saturday.

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Senate Provides 'Ace In Hole' On Air Matters

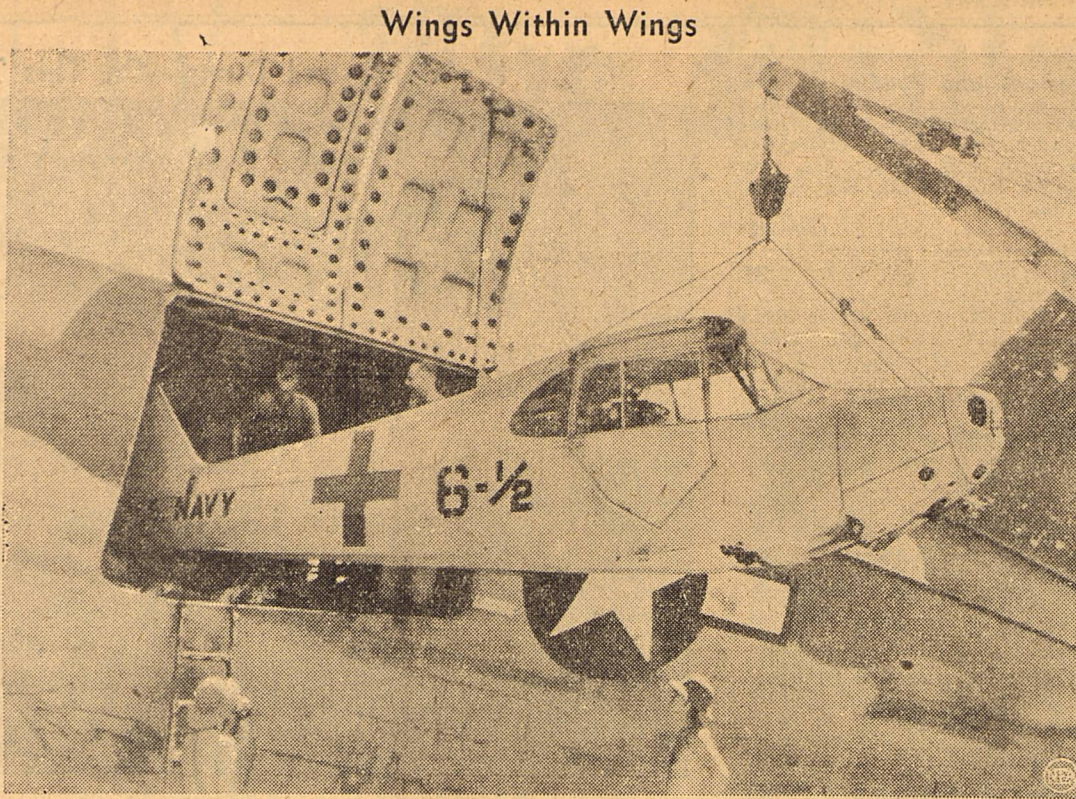
WASHINGTON —(AP)— Senators maneuvered Saturday to provide an ace in the hole for the State Department when it sits in on the final determination of aviation rights.

Chairman Mead (D-NY) announced that members Tunnel (D-Del) and Burton (R-Ohio) of the Senate War Investigating Committee have been instructed to find out what has been done or will be done with American-constructed airports when they make a flying trip to North Africa after Christmas.

To Keep "Strings"

Mead said the committee is determined that Uncle Sam keep a string on the world-wide system of landing fields which military engineers have built in foreign countries until it becomes certain that this country will share in aviation rights in those countries.

Along with their clean shirts Tunnel and Burton will pack committee instructions to check the coordination of American civil, military and relief agencies abroad, to inquire into the tapering off of lend-lease, to learn plans for the postwar disposition of facilities and to find out how much oil is coming out of the Middle East for the fighting fronts.



Freight crewmen unload one of two Navy cub hospital planes delivered to Peleliu airfield, in the Palau group, by a huge Curtiss Commando transport. The 1200-pound planes were part of the cargo carried by the big plane on a routine flight from Guam.

Twins Together Again

FRESNO, CALIF. —(AP)— Twin brothers, Corporals Harley and Harvey Feole, 21, who never were separated until they joined the Army, are together again — by presidential order after their grandmother, Mrs. Charles Feole, Royal Oak, Mich., had written the request to the President. The boys enlisted together, but were sent to different camps. Now they are both at the Air Service Command training center here.

SMALL FAMILY SAVES MOST

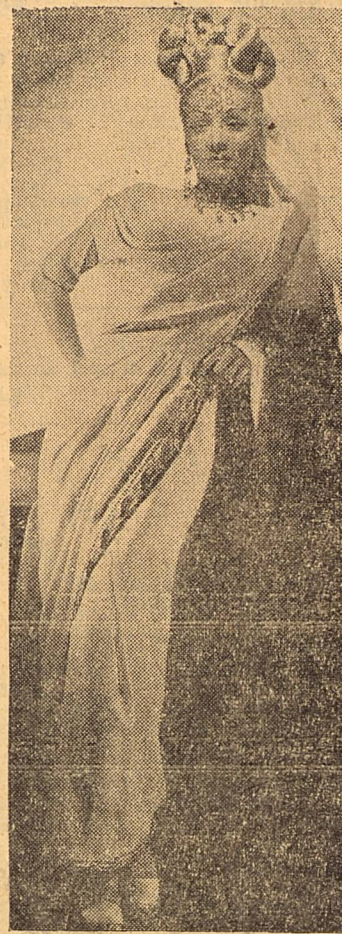
Recent survey for the American Fat Salvage Committee revealed that the small family, with the limited number of red ration points each month, saves the most fat—the two-member family leads all the rest. The young housewife, under 25, is found to be just about half as good a saver as her senior of 50 years of age.

Church Attendance On Christmas Eve For Greater Faith

With the time near for Midland's fourth wartime Christmas, members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are urging citizens to attend some church Christmas Eve as a means of approaching "Toward A Greater Faith," the theme of the JayCees' Christmas activities program.

"Probably never again in our lifetime will most of us feel the need of greater faith more than now," Ray Gwyn, chairman of this part of the JayCees' Christmas activities program, said. "With bleak battle news coming from Europe attendance at church will help restore our faith in the ultimate victory of right over forces of evil."

Jamilla



Glamorous Marlene Dietrich, who plays Jamilla, Queen of the Dancing Girls, opposite Ronald Coleman in M-G-M's new Technicolor film, "Kismet," which opens at the Yucca Theater Sunday through Wednesday.

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'Al's Assassins' Wipe Out Japs As Mere Routine

By CLYDE FARNSWORTH HEADQUARTERS, CHINESE-AMERICAN COMPOSITE WING, SOMEWHERE IN CHINA —(P)— A group of Chinese and American pilots of this unique organization has become one of deadliest combinations of any air force — "Al's Assassins" — while flying P-40's, ordinarily considered obsolescent fighter planes.

They took their nickname from their group commander, Col. T. Alan Bennett of Orlando, Fla., but they really clinched the name last month at Kingmen, northwest of Hankow, when 14 P-40's jumped 20 Japanese planes and destroyed all but one.

Operating from a base in the Chinese hinterland, where fliers must outsmart the Japanese to win, Al Bennett's Assassins have run up an impressive score since the group was fully constituted last February.

Last May they hit their stride. Their record: 126 enemy planes destroyed in the air and 50 destroyed on the ground.

Slaughtered By Thousands

In addition, the group has knocked out hundreds of trucks and railway cars and slaughtered Japanese cavalrymen by the thousands, especially during May, June and July.

It was team play that scored their great victory at Kingmen. All the squadrons of the group were represented in the force of 14 P-40's that swept the Peiping-Hankow railway Oct. 27 as a prelude to the Kingmen attack. Eight of the 14 fighters were piloted by Chinese, the usual predominant ratio now employed in missions of the CACW.

The flight was led by Lt. Col. William N. Reed, 27, of Marion, Ia., a squadron commander.

Reed Led Attack

Reed led the flight that day for a strafing pass along a train loaded with gasoline and soldiers. Going in head-on, he knocked out the locomotive first, then strafed the cars.

Afterwards each plane still carried hundreds of rounds of ammunition, so Reed calculated the fuel needed for the return flight, and suggested to his comrades: "Let's drop in on Kingmen — just to see what's doing."

Kingmen often was used by the Japanese for staging night attacks with medium bombers.

The P-40's had just enough gasoline and daylight left for this impromptu mission, so they barreled into Kingmen and surprised the enemy.

"We found 20 Japanese planes landing or circling above the field," Reed said. "There were 12 medium bombers, some of them already taxiing and others with their wheels up, and eight Tojos were up there giving them top cover. So we barged right in and joined the bombers in their traffic pattern."

Too Late!

The Japanese gave battle, but too late. Within a few minutes 11 bombers had crashed in flames or been riddled on the ground, and all enemy fighters had been shot down. "Al's Assassins" got away with only a few inessential bullet holes in their planes.

Reed and two other Americans share the group's top honors: six confirmed victories apiece. The others are Major William L. Turner, 25, of Idalou, Texas, who already had three confirmed and a DSC ribbon for previous service in the Southwest Pacific; and Major Raymond L. Callaway, 28, of Grove City, Minn. Both were squadron commanders, and Turner is now group executive officer.

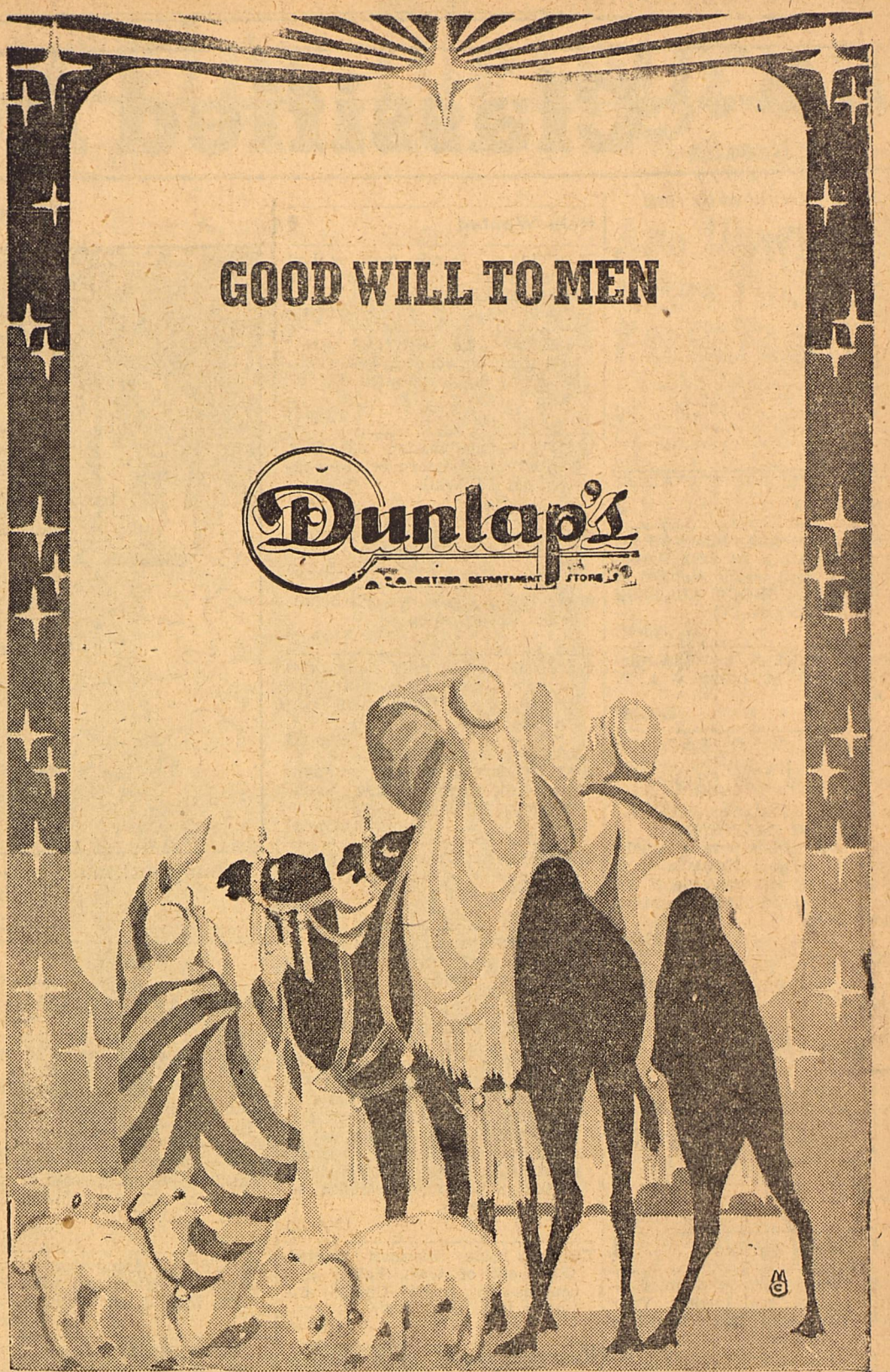
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Reassuring Gleams Begin To Creep Through Week's Bleak Battle News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

Bleak battle news from Europe confronted home front readers this Christmas Eve week end; but reassuring gleams were not lacking.

It seemed clear that the week old Nazi surprise counter attack in Belgium and Luxembourg was approaching its crisis. It had hurtled deeply through American First Army forward echelons on that once dormant sector but was slowing up short of any decisive result beyond throwing Allied winter offensive plans out of gear.

American losses, unquestionably heavy both in battle casualties and material, are yet to be revealed. The cost to the foe also still is to be reckoned except for one factor of tremendous significance. Every man, tank, plane or gun put out of action in enemy ranks represents relatively a greater inroad into German reserve strength than does any similar American or Allied loss.

Factor That is the factor that in the long run will crush Germany in total defeat. That is the circumstance which inspired the ringing battle order call by the Allied generalissimo, General Eisenhower, to his troops.

"By rushing out from his fixed defenses the enemy may give us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat," the Eisenhower battle order said.

At trans-Atlantic distance the timing of that order seems possible of greater significance than its specific language. It was withheld nearly a full week; issued while the strict Allied censorship limiting disclosure of the exact position of the still largely fluid front still held good. Battle progress reports were still from 24 to 48 hours behind actual developments.

From that circumstance as well as from its tone and nature it seems reasonable to infer that General Eisenhower sent his message to his armies at the moment when redispotion of his forces to meet the enemy threat was virtually completed. He called upon them not to stand, but to strike back.

Opportunity There was no "backs-to-the-wall" or "die-at-your-post" flavor to his summons. On the contrary the gen-

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Berle Is Slated For Brazilian Embassy

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Adolph A. Berle is slated for appointment as ambassador to Brazil, it was learned authoritatively Saturday.

Berle resigned as Assistant Secretary of State in the recent departmental shakeup.

He has had long experience with international and political affairs although this will be his first foreign diplomatic post.

Berle came to the department in the early days of the New Deal as one of President Roosevelt's brain trusters.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, contains 325,811 square feet of exhibition floor space.

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Sub-Debs To Give Annual Christmas Dance For Pledges

The Sub-Deb Club will have its annual Christmas party Monday night in the Scharbauer Hotel Ballroom. The dance is given by members in honor of the pledges.

Members of the club are Grace Baker, Phyllis Chancellor, Barbara Brown, Shirley Jones, Jean Ann McLaughlin, Marilyn Miller, Ann Tucker, Dorothy Rae Wolcott, Marcille McClure, Patsy Pope, Sammie Lee Gard, Sally Hull, Barbara June Cowden, Patsy Lou Arrington, Alma Faye Cowden, Elizabeth Ann Cowden, Mary Catherine Graham, "Puddin'" Sivalls, Evelyn Wemple, Pat Ruckman, Mary Ann Goddard and Ann Cleveland.

Pledges are Shirley Cooper, Emma Sue Cowden, "Mumsy" Cowden, Jean Devereux, Dorothy Faye Holt, Norma Jean Hubbard, Patsy Patterson, Frances Puett, Vangie Theis, Jessica Turpin, Dorothy Turner, Lucille Wemple, Susan Hemphill and Tiny Brown.

Approximately 250 high school and college students are invited.

Bride Of Sailor



Mrs. Connie Mack Cook, bride of SOMB/c Connie Mack Cook of Midland, is the former Miss Beatrice Fulbright of Fort Worth. The couple is now on the West Coast.

Program For Union Service Christmas Day Is Announced

Sponsored by the Midland Ministerial Association, a union service will be held in the Trinity Episcopal Church at 10:00 a.m., Christmas Day. The Rev. Hubert Hopper, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church and president of the association, will preside.

To open the service, the congregation will sing the ancient carol, "O Come All Ye Faithful." The Rev. R. M. Hocker of the Church of the Nazarene then will give the invocation, which will be followed by a Scripture reading by the Rev. Paul Cox of the Assembly of God Church.

Following the offering of the morning prayer by the Rev. John E. Pickering of the First Christian Church, the Rev. Will C. House of the First Methodist Church, will preach the Christmas sermon.

The Rev. W. C. Mann will give the benediction which will close the service.

Other hymns which the congregation will sing will include "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Miss Jane Butler will be organist for the service.

Home For Holidays



Miss Phyllis Ann Chancellor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chancellor of 110 W. Missouri St., is home visiting her parents for the holidays. She attends Hockaday School in Dallas.

Catholic Christmas Program Will Begin With Midnight Mass

Christmas services at St. George's Catholic Church will begin at 11:30 p.m. Sunday night, with a half-hour program of Christmas music preceding the traditional First Mass of Christmas which will be celebrated at midnight.

The program of Christmas carols will be presented by the church choir, under the direction of Paul G. Schaefer. Featured on the program will be Mrs. Marthann Nobles and Lt. Hugh Taylor, who will sing "O Holy Night" accompanied by the choir, and Caroline Schaefer, who will sing "Silent Night." Two of the carols which will be sung will be "Joy to the World" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

To Sing Korman's Mass

For the First Mass of Christmas which will be celebrated by the Rev. Frank Triggs, O.M.I., pastor, the choir will sing the Christmas Carol Mass of Korman, with the male voices chanting the Proper of the Mass. At the Offertory, Mrs. Dorothy Griffith, Mrs. Helen Kent, Lieutenant Taylor, and Sgt. Paul Bowman, and the choir, will sing Novello's "Adeste Fideles."

The Christmas sermon will be delivered by Father Triggs, and the service will close with the singing of "The First Noel."

Ray De Wolfe will be organist for the services.

Because of the small seating capacity of the church the program and Mass will be broadcast over KRLH, with Major Jack Moore giving a commentary to assist the radio audience in following the service.

Honeymooning In Illinois



Mrs. Lucien W. Soulon, the former Miss Evelyn Caffey, is spending the Christmas holidays visiting her husband's family in Champaign, Ill. Pfc. and Mrs. Soulon were married in the manse of the First Presbyterian Church Dec. 14, after which they left for their honeymoon trip. Mrs. Soulon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Caffey.

Ann Ulmer Will Leave Thursday For El Paso

Accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ulmer, Miss Ann Ulmer will leave Thursday for El Paso, where she will represent Midland as its sun princess in the tenth annual Southwestern Sun Carnival.

After registering Friday with the committee in charge of the Carnival at its headquarters in the Hotel Paso del Norte, she will be a guest at the queen's dinner, which the Queen of the Carnival gives each year for her court.

The queen will be crowned the following evening, with a coronation ball capping the day's activities. Ted Weems and his orchestra will supply the music for the dance, and escorts for the girls will be officers from a neighboring army post.

Will Attend Reception

On Sunday afternoon, the sun princesses and their army escorts will be guests at a reception given by the queen's mother at one of the El Paso country clubs. That night, the queen and her court will be presented formally at a reception in Juarez.

The annual New Year's Day Sun Bowl football game, which will be played this year between the University of Mexico and Southwestern University, will mark the climax of the girls' activities.

For the queen's dinner, Miss Ulmer will wear a green crepe dinner dress. Her formal gown for the Coronation Ball will be of blue marquisette, and her gown for the Presentation of Juarez will be sky-blue trimmed with sequins.

Brownies Of Troop 4 Give Christmas Party In Honor Of Mothers

Brownies of Troop 4 gave a Christmas party and program for their mothers in the Junior High School Music House, Wednesday afternoon.

Patsy Yeager began the program with "Welcome," then a group of the girls presented a play "At A Brownie Meeting." Evelyn Heil played a piano solo, and Jan Houck presented two violin solos. Games were played, and the Brownies and their guests sang Christmas carols, with Anna Bess Doyle as soloist. A shadowgraph, "Noel," was presented by Bonnie Lou Mason and Ruby Lee Glenn. Refreshments were served.

Mothers and daughters attending were Mrs. A. Houck and Jan, Mrs. W. B. Lark, Carole and Linda, Mrs. W. Heil and Evelyn, Mrs. J. Carter and Catherine and Jerry, Mrs. W. McDonald and Diane and Cynthia, Mrs. L. Kuykendall and Ruth Nell, Mrs. U. A. Hyde and Darleen, Mrs. W. Curran and Nell, Mrs. J. Heidelberg and Helen Joy, Mrs. J. Warren and Nancy, Mrs. C. E. Goss, grandmother of Patsy Yeager, Mrs. H. S. Crawford, leader, and Brownies Sue Ann Tarkington, Wannetta Woodruff, Carla Mae Lea, Barbara Whitson, Ruby Lee Glenn, Anna Bess Doyle, Ruth Wanelle Green, Bonnie Lou Mason and Edie Mae Hamlin.

Kansas Couple Is Married At Chapel

Miss Ester M. Hofaker of Logan, Kansas was married to 2nd Lt. Lloyd Carver of MAAF in a double ring ceremony Thursday evening in the Post Chapel. Chaplain Bannen Y. Swope officiated at the ceremony that had as its holiday background Christmas trees and traditional wedding music by post organist Sgt. Donald M. Gillett.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Melvin States also of Logan. Her husband is Lt. Carver's best man. For the ceremony the bride wore a dark blue velvet afternoon dress, white kid gloves and a corsage of gaidioli. Her attendant was attired in an aqua afternoon dress, and had a gladioli corsage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hofaker. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carver also of Logan.

The wedding group attended a small wedding supper after the ceremony. After a brief stay, Mrs. Carver will return to her studies at Hayes State College, Hayes, Kansas.

Girls Give Dance For Midland And Rankin Young People

Hazelle Midkiff and Mildred Brinson entertained with a party and dance at the T. O. Midkiff home Thursday night. Refreshments of colts and tarts, decorated in holiday fashion, were served to the young people.

Guests present from Rankin were Jack Garner, "Tuffy" Barfield, Melvin Peckett, Gordon Holdr, Tommy Hall, Ario Cleaver, Alice Midkiff and Billy Midkiff.

The Midland guests were Mona Jo Glass, George Holt Glass, Ann Thorne, Beth Shirley, Tommy Newcome, Loyce Midkiff, Maydelle Midkiff, Joan McDonald, Katherine Manville and Joan Kerr.

W. W. Virtue Company Is Making Plans For Larger Store Here

The W. W. Virtue Dry Goods Company has leased the building at Main and Texas Streets, which is now occupied by Midland Motors, and in 1945 will have one of the finest and most modern department stores in West Texas.

Paul Howell, district manager of the company, announced that a long-term lease has been signed with J. B. Hoskins, owner of the building.

Howell said the Virtue company hopes to obtain possession of the building soon after the first of the year and plans now are being drawn for the new store. The building will be remodeled completely, both the exterior and interior. It will be of modern design when the store moves to it. It will have a new front and a large lobby. The floor will be of textile block. The building 50x140 feet will triple the space of the company in Midland. Departments will be expanded and new departments will be added when the firm moves to its new home, Howell said.

Modern lighting equipment and modern fixtures will be installed throughout the structure.

RETURNS TO RUSK

Miss Margo Ford who has been employed in Midland has returned to her home in Rusk, Texas.

GIVES FIFINELLA TEA

Joan Steinger honored the Fifinella Club with a Christmas tea in her home Saturday afternoon. All members and past members who are home for the holidays were invited. Guests attending exchanged presents.

READ THE CLASSIFIED

Norma Jean Hubbard Gives Formal Dance

Miss Norma Jean Hubbard entertained the younger high school crowd with a formal dance in the Midland Country Club Friday evening. The club was decorated for the festivities with red and silver. A refreshment table was centered with a large punch bowl with trays of sandwiches and cookies.

Approximately 100 of the young high school set danced to the music of the juke box during the evening.

Texas University Girls Arrive Home

Misses Dorothy Watson, "Gina" Stolte, Janice Pope and Ann Vanaman arrived from Texas University Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

altair candelabra, against a background of poinsettia plants and bouquets of white flowers. A miniature crib with life-like figures will dominate one side of the altar.

On Christmas Day, Chaplain Swope will conduct services at 10 a.m., using the subject, "The Power of a Babe," as his sermon topic. Sergeant Gillett will include a special program of Christmas music for this service.

Cadet Tom Is Home

Cadet Charles Tom from the military Academy of Saint Edward's University, Austin is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tom, of 406 W. Illinois.

Venice has 177 canals.

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the opportunity of renewing old acquaintances which otherwise might be forgotten.

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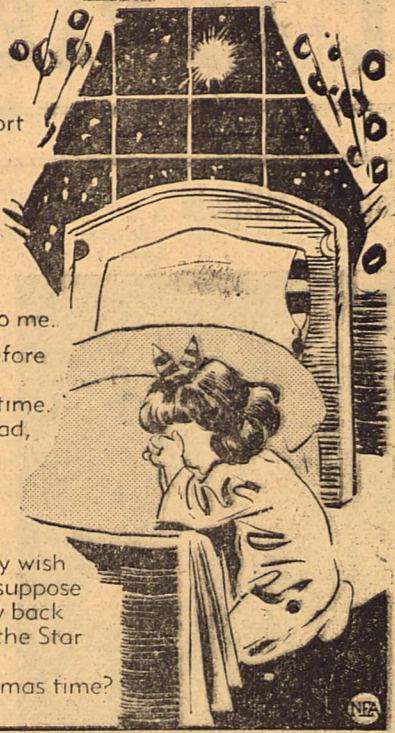
CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By Robert Duncan

DEAR LORD, my prayer Is going to be a different sort This year, last Christmas time I was just a little girl This year I'm five Instead of asking for A whole big bunch of toys And pretty things to wear, I'm going to humbly pray That you'll bring Daddy back to me.

You see, I didn't understand before That he was going far away To fight, and stay a long, long time. But now I know why Mother's sad, And why the star Is hanging in the window I'm five, and understand.

And so, dear Lord, since you And Santa Claus can't make my wish Come true this year, don't you suppose That you could bring my Daddy back Before another year, and have the Star Of Bethlehem become The one and only star at Christmas time? Amen.



Nursery Play School Has Christmas Party For Nursery Pupils

Mrs. A. C. Moore and daughter, Mildred, gave a Christmas party for the Nursery Play School Thursday afternoon at the school. Ladies assisting in the entertaining were Misses. Elvora McConnell, Judy Frazer, Alvon Patterson, Jack Wright, E. Frank Allen, Rach, Betencourt, Watkins, Tommy Withrow, J. W. Thorpe and Miss Evelyn Brewer.

Santa arrived and distributed gifts of candy, fruit and toys to the children. He stayed and visited with the children for an hour.

Children who were invited were Sharon Joy Allen, Vicki Sara Anderson, Chris Arnold, Penny Ashley, David Atkins, Sandra Kay Aycock, Terry Aggers, Neil Auten, Terry Bellman, Stephen Betencourt, Stephen Boesen, Louis Butler, Byron Butt, Bryan Muedgen, Anne Brooks, David Brock, Terry Broadway, Preston Bridgewater, Michael Brady, obby Boswell, James Black, Frankie Bineman, Patricia Anne Berglund, Marjorie Benjamin, Deatra Bell, Becky Beckman, Sharon Beck, Richard Banks, Patricia Bamert, Billy Catchpole, Joe Campbell, Johnny Carter Jr., Sturat Chancellor, Jimmy Chester, Gary Chilcott, Holle Jeanne Chopp, Barry Clayton, Buttan Clendeman, Lorraine Coelwyn, Nancy Lee Connor, Janice Cook, Charles Corbin, Douglas Corvett, Jay Coulter, Don Cox, P. A. Cox Jr., Carol Anne Crago, Anne E. Cremon, Jack Russell Crockett.

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Red Cross Reports Are Given At Last Meeting Of Year

The Midland Chapter of the American Red Cross held its last meeting of the year Thursday evening at the City Hall. Chairman Paul F. Osborne opened the meeting and Mrs. W. A. Waldschmidt acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Vina Lee Vance.

Osborne read a letter from Basil O'Connor, national chairman of the American Red Cross, who has just returned from a tour of the European theater of war. Mr. O'Connor praised the work of the Red Cross overseas, and stated that the Midland chapter had contributed a share in making possible the extensive work done by the Red Cross of the nation. He conferred with Generals Eisenhower, Patton and Clark, and added that the Red Cross representatives were active in every theater of war.

The announcement of Mr. E. M. Funkhouser as War-Fund chairman was made by Osborne. Reports of Mrs. J. M. Haygood on Home Nursing and Mrs. L. G. Lewis on Camp and Hospital were read. Other reports given were Mrs. Ross Williams on Surgical Dressing, Mrs. J. E. Hill on the Gray Ladies, Mrs. Fred Fuhrman on First Aid, Mrs. William Y. Penn on Prisoner of War Service, Mrs. E. T. Corbett on Home Service, Mrs. A. J. Cooper on Public Information, and Mrs. J. T. Walker on the Red Cross Sewing.

Presbyterians Plan Christmas Program And Special Cantata

The Reverend Hubert H. Hopper of the First Presbyterian church as his text from the Scriptures in the 11:00 service Sunday morning. It is "an exhortation to accept the free redemption of Christ and the prophecy of Christ's glory."

The music will be in the keeping of the Christmas spirit with the choir singing the congregation in the singing of traditional "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Mr. Hopper's sermon Sunday morning will be "The Anticipation of Christmas."

A Christmas Cantata entitled "The Mystery of Bethlehem" by Healey Willan will be presented by the choir Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. This program of Christmas music will take the place of the regular 8:00 p.m. evening worship. The public is cordially invited to attend.

VISITS HUSBAND

Mrs. Thomas McGuire flew to San Antonio Friday to spend the holidays with her husband, Capt. Thomas McGuire, who is on a temporary assignment there.

Don Pass, Linda Pedrazzini, Cliff Robert, Rebecca Reeves.

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Meet The Missis by Louise Johnson ONE OF 'EM

She doesn't want her son to be President. Her maternal instinct reserves that privilege for her daughter who, at this writing, is no more than a subject for discussion in the postwar plans of her parents.

With deep conviction she assured us that she has no claim to fame, that her life has been uninteresting, and that her only career consists of making a home for her 16-months old son, Bobby, and her



husband, an aviation cadet at M. A. A. P.

However, after a bit of persuasion she swept aside her cloak of modesty, revealing an unusually diversified life. In spite of her youth she has already enjoyed a career packed with a celebrated glamor that would well be the envy of many an aspiring young girl.

Her school days were happy and carefree, filled with a minimum of diligent study and a maximum of parties and proms, an admiring throng of lovelick swains, and a great ambition that was further inspired when she heard her first opera in New York City.

Pausing in the lobby of the Metropolitan, she proudly lifted her eyes to the portraits of former prima donnas who had made opera history. One grand lady in particular smiled benignly down on her with an expression of warmth and encouragement. It was her grandmother—Lola Chalfonte.

That settled it. She had the voice, the background, and the ambition but needed only the inspiration of this portrait to nudge her into action.

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Lt. William Noble Receives Promotion

15TH AAF IN ITALY—William C. Noble, 23, bombardier on a B-17 Flying Fortress operating from a 15th AAF base in Italy, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Lt. Noble is the son of Mrs. Susie G. Noble, of Midland, Texas. Lt. Noble, who attended the University of Texas, entered the armed forces in May, 1942. He received his wings and commission March 18, 1944, and was then assigned to overseas combat duty with the 15th AAF in the Mediterranean theater of operations. A veteran of 28 combat missions over Nazi-occupied Europe. He has been awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf cluster for meritorious achievement in aerial flight.

Lt. Col. Recer's 90th Division Is Commended By Patton

Mrs. B. W. Recer, 501 N. Marienfield, was notified last week that the anti-aircraft battalion which her husband, Lt. Col. B. W. Recer, commands, received a commendation from Lt. Gen. George Patton for its "valorous and magnificent feats."

The commendation was issued to Lieutenant Colonel Recer on Nov. 12 for the part which the 90th Division had in the capture and development of a bridgehead over the Moselle River. In the commendation, General Patton stated that "this will rank as one of the epic river crossings in history."

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Post returned Friday from Fort Worth where they attended the funeral of John H. Erlissen, Mrs. Post's brother who was buried in Fort Worth Thursday.

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Christmas Catholic Service At MAAF Will Begin With High Mass On Christmas Eve At Post Chapel

With the Catholic Military Choir furnishing the background music, the Rev. Patrick J. Toomey, post chaplain of Midland Army Air Field will celebrate High Mass at Midnight Christmas Eve at the MAAF Post Chapel.

For the service, the chapel will be decorated with large Christmas wreaths and poinsettia plants with the lights of two huge Christmas trees and the altar candles providing the only illumination.

The service will begin at 11:30 p.m. with a program of Christmas carols sung by the choir, which is composed entirely of military personnel, and is directed by Blanche R. Dansby. The traditional "Joy to the World" will open the program followed by "The Snow Lay on the Ground," an old English carol with music by the modern Scandinavian composer, Grieg. These will be followed by "Resonet in Laudibus," 14th Century Gregorian, and the familiar "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

As midnight approaches, the soldier-servers will light the altar candle while the choir sings "Adeste Fideles" and "Silent Night."

The Gregorian Introit from the First Mass of Christmas, "Dominus ad dicit ad me" will be sung by the cantors as the priest enters the sanctuary, and the "Missa Brevis in Honor of St. Anthony" by Wilkins will be used for the Ordinary of the Mass.

For the Gradual, "Teucom Principium" by Lipp, a modern setting in chant style will be sung. After the Offertory Proper, Cpl. Myron Testament, tenor soloist will sing, with a three-voice accompaniment, Cesar Franck's "Panis Angelicus." The three-voice accompaniment will be composed of Pvt. John Gerardo, tenor, and T/Sgt. Harley Spencer and Lt. John J. Cuff, baritone. At the Communion, the choir will sing, "In Splendoribus Sanctorum" from the Gregorian Propert.

Mass will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament opening with a baritone solo, "Ave Verum" by Mozart, sung by Lt. W. D. McCluskey. The congregation then will join the choir in the singing of the traditional "Tantum Ergo." The joyful, "The First Noel" will serve as the recessional.

Sgt. Donald M. Gillett, post organist, will preside at the Hammond. In addition to the Midnight Mass, there will be a Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. at the chapel on Christmas Day.

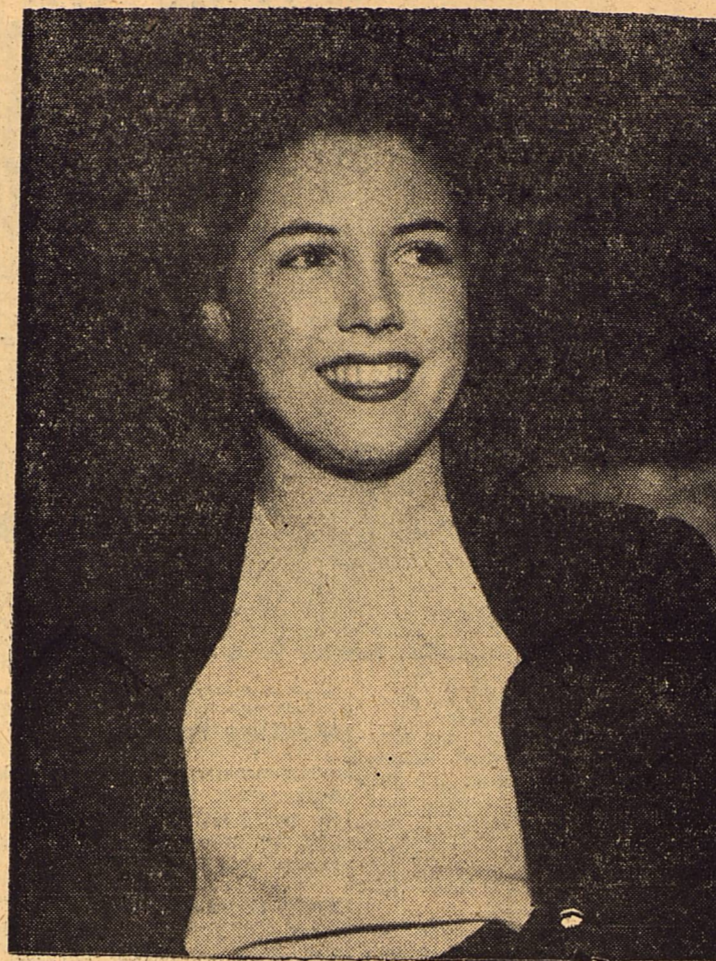
Thirty-Two Families Receive Goodfellow Purchase Certificates

Thirty-two needy Midland families received certificates from the Goodfellows Club which enabled them to obtain food for Christmas dinners, Iy Pratt, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce welfare committee, announced Saturday.

Total contributions to the Goodfellows Club fund reached \$425.28 Saturday, including one of 81 cents made by a pre-school age children's dramatic club which they had in their treasury. Other contributions announced Saturday were the T.E.L. class of the First Baptist Church, \$2, and an anonymous contribution of \$3.

Most of the food certificates went to elderly persons unable to work, but some went to younger persons who are unable to work because of illness.

Pyote Sun Princess



Miss Bobby Tubbs, a smiling brown-eyed brunette, has been named the Sun Princess to represent the Pyote Army Air Field at the tenth annual Southwestern Sun Carnival in El Paso Dec. 29 to Jan. 1. An employee of the field, Miss Tubbs' vivaciousness has made her a favorite among field personnel, where she has appeared in many GI-sponsored activities, both as a singer and as an actress.

Huge Crowd Of Children Was On Hand To Welcome Santa Claus At MAAF Chaplains' Party Saturday

Almost three hundred children of all ages were on hand Saturday afternoon to welcome to Midland Army Air Field a jolly old gent in a bright red suit who flew in straight from the North Pole just to attend the annual Chaplains' Party for Children of Military Personnel.

Santa was met at the flight line by the older children, who then formed a parade behind the "jeep-sled" which carried him to the post theater, where the party was held.

While the guest of honor was recuperating from his long and strenuous journey, the children were treated to two special movie features, "Winter Serenade" with Gloria Jean, and "What's Cooking Doc?" with that star of stars, Bugs Bunny.

Santa then reappeared to see that each child received a personal gift from him, and for several minutes the "ohs" and "aahs" of the recipients filled the theater as the gay gift wrappings were torn off to disclose many varieties of toys. Among the gifts which were the delight of the boys were periscopes, toy tanks, a convoy set, baseballs, aeroplanes, and miniature battle-ships, while the little girls examined with obvious pleasure the unusual character dolls, dressed to represent girls of other countries, W.A.C.s, WAVES, nurses, and brides, and the tiny tea and cooking sets.

For the toddlers and infants-in-arms there were stuffed animals, pull toys, rattles, roly-polies, blocks, and rag dolls.

As a special feature, a large life-size giraffe-slide, made especially for Santa by the Hobby Shop, was raffled off during the afternoon's festivities.

Sing Christmas Carols

After the main events, the children settled down to enjoy their new gifts and their bags of Christmas sweets, made and filled with candies, fruits, and nuts by members of the Spotters Club. Christmas carols then were sung around the huge beautifully-decorated Christmas tree.

The party was arranged by Chaplains Patrick J. Toomey and Barron Y. Swope, with Chaplain Swope playing the part of Santa Claus. Members of the Midland and Odessa Spotters Club, with Mrs. Ralph Pickett and Mrs. Burton H. Rowden as chairmen, assisted the chaplains with the innumerable details.

The toys were secured through the cooperation of the Post Exchange Officer, Lt. Richard Glaser, and the giraffe-slide was through the courtesy of Personnel Service Office. The "jeep-sled" was driven by S/Sgt. John Vitale, dressed as "Dopey" the dwarf.

The making of the "jeep-sled" and the giraffe-slide was made possible by the Public Services Office which is under the command of Major Russell Brown. This office

Leland Leonard Now Hurls For Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—For Marine Private Leland Leonard, 25, the game of baseball has double value—it helps him relax and it keeps him in good fighting shape.

The former Midland, Texas, hurler has reaped the double harvest, because he is pitching for a field artillery unit team at this base. Leonard is taking full advantage of his spare time away from actual combat training to play ball.

Coming Events

- SUNDAY—**
The Salvation Army USO will have a Christmas tea for all service men and their wives from 5 to 8:30 p.m.
- MONDAY—**
Union Christmas Service at Trinity Episcopal Church 10 a.m.
- Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. M. C. Ulmer; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. C. E. Bissell.
- TUESDAY—**
The order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. for initiation and a New Year's Eve party. Hostesses will be Juanita Hicks and Nora Lynn Campbell.
- Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Gordon Holcomb; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. Forest Hunter.
- WEDNESDAY—**
Spotters Group No. 1 will meet with Mrs. C. S. Scott 2008 W. Holway.
- Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. E. A. Culbertson; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. C. O. Fredregill.
- THURSDAY—**
Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Frank Aldrich; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. H. W. Hull.
- SATURDAY—**
Hostess for the Junior Canteen from 3:30 to 6 p.m. will be Mrs. A. Knickerbocker.

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Midland County Library Now Has Over 15,000 Books

The Midland County Library was established in Texas when it was set up in 1929. Since then the institution has built up its stock of books to the point where it now has more than 15,000 volumes.

Since the library is supported by public taxes all citizens of Midland County have a right to use and enjoy its facilities, and use of those facilities are on a steady increase.

In the two-month period of October and November 1,500 more books were checked out than in the August and September period.

Midland children are encouraged to read by the custom of the library having a story hour at 3:30 p.m. each Saturday. Attendance at the story hours is increasing.

A program of films has been arranged for showing to the children in January. The films will be of an educational nature about forest fires, jungle and other subjects.

The staff at the library gives the public much information. When the recent bond show was given at Midland Army Air Field, a replica of a magnolia tree was needed. The scenic artist called at the library to learn what a magnolia tree looked like.

The library has an outstanding collection of geological works, and geologists from all West Texas write to the Midland library for material.

Episcopalians To Hold Candlelight Service

As its Christmas Eve service, the Trinity Episcopal Church will observe the traditional Candlelight Service at 11:30 p.m. Sunday night. The service will be conducted by the Rev. R. J. Snell, rector, and will consist of Holy Communion and the singing of Christmas carols, with the choir singing a special anthem, "Glory to the King of Kings."

The annual Christmas party of the Sunday School Department will precede the service, and will begin at 7 p.m. Featured on the program for the party will be the showing of a motion picture entitled, "The Birth of Christ."

VISITS IN MIDLAND
Mrs. J. M. Stiles of Ammonia, Texas, is in Midland for the holidays visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Sevier of 1202 West Tennessee.

Bertha, daughter of Friedrich Alfred Krupp, gave her name to the "Big Bertha" cannon of World War I.

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We are certain that the Christmas spirit will predominate everywhere not only for this coming season but for the years to come. It will result in genuine contentment for all the peoples of the world at a time when such happiness is essential to maintain perpetual peace.

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The Peace of Christmas

This Season, more than ever before, we realize the true significance of Christmas. As in years past, we have looked forward to the opportunity of expressing Season's Greetings to our friends and customers, and this year is no exception.

Much has happened within the past year to alter our habits and customs. Such changes have been necessary, and we have gladly tried to do our part. Because of these changes, the true meaning of Christmas is brought home to us more forcibly. Christmas is a tangible thing that means so much in a chaotic world. It is a season of good fellowship to which American people look forward with enthusiasm. It is the one time of the year when cares can be forgotten, and an occasion which you can treasure through the months to come.

We are sure that you have had your problems and your cares. You have had your share of disappointments. It is because we are fully conscious of your problems that we want to attempt to bring a note of cheer to you at this Christmastime. With sincere feelings of friendship and appreciation, we wish for you a very happy Christmas.

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At least one time in the year we can be happy. The contentment and enjoyment of abundant life is greatly in evidence at this one season of the year—Christmas. On this great significant occasion we need to lean toward those things for which Christmas stands.

We need the spiritual help that comes from associations and thoughtfulness of loved ones and friends. It tends to offer encouragement to us after the experiences of the year filled with unsettled conditions, with sacrifices, and in many cases—unhappiness.

Let us remember those things for which Christmas stands, obtaining from these remembrances the confidence that will enable us to meet the problems of the future with heads unbowed.

May we wish you a happy season for this and many more years to come.

Merry Christmas

WILSON'S

Name Dates And Judges For 1945 Stock Show At Committee Meeting

Dates for the four-county stock show to be held in Midland were set at a meeting of the show committee held at the courthouse Friday, County Judge Elliott H. Barron, president of the committee, announced Saturday, March 20 and 21 were named as dates for the event.

Entries will be limited to boys hogs under the supervision of a vocational agriculture instructor or a county agent. All entries must be in by March 15, and all calves entered in the show must have been born after September 1, 1943. Counties to be represented at the show are Midland, Glasscock, Martin and Upton.

Same Judges

The same judge were named for the 1945 show who judged in the 1944 event. Frank Newsom, county agent for Brewster County, will judge the calves. H. M. Carter, vocational agriculture instructor at Sterling City, will judge the lambs and hogs.

Barron was reelected president of the show committee at the Friday meeting, and Harlan Howell was reelected secretary. Committees to have charge of various details in

connection with staging the show will be named later.

A large entry list is expected for the event, Howell said, as 329 animals are being fed in the four counties by 4-H Club boys and FFA boys. Lambs are most popular animals with the club members, as there are 250 of them being fed. Twenty-five hogs and 54 calves are being fed in the four counties.

Committee members present at the meeting were Barron, Howell, T. H. Martin, county agent of Martin County; Warren Skaggs of Midland; Charles Cox of Garden City; A. D. Collingsworth, vocational agriculture instructor at Garden City, and Dick Midkiff and A. G. Bohannan of Midland.

Cpl. Macon C. Cecil Arrives In England

Cpl. Macon C. Cecil has arrived in England, he said in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cecil of Midland. He arrived there November 29.

Corporal Cecil entered the Army in January 1942. He is serving as an aerial gunner.

MAAF Prop Wash

From the nineteenth of December right through to New Years Eve, the holiday season will be celebrated at Midland Army Air Field with decorations and celebrations, parties, dances, and caroling. And at the chapel, religious observance of the spiritual significance of Christmas day.

Inaugurating the holiday season an enlisted men's stag party was held at the Service Club on Tuesday night. The G.I.s had good entertainment and lots to eat. The officers followed the example set by the enlisted men and had a stag party and buffet supper on Wednesday night. On the same night Midland Army Air Field's Symphony Orchestra provided the second in a series of concerts at the Service Club.

Something new in the form of a "fatigue dance" held the spot light at the Service Club on Friday night. Enlisted men wore fatigues and danced with girls clad in slacks to the music of the MAAF "Sextette." It was a lively gathering and promises to be the first of many more.

On Saturday night the cadets ran a dress-up dance at the Hotel Scharbauer in Midland.

Open House
The officers' club will be the scene of an open house Christmas Eve celebration which will include games, refreshments, music, and dancing. Also on Christmas eve the WACs will hold a confidential little party for WACs only at their day rooms.

Dinner will be the biggest event on Christmas Day, and the meal that will be prepared for officers and enlisted men will be the most fabulous repast that the bombardier base has seen since Thanksgiving Day.

Throughout the afternoon on Christmas day the various organizations at the "Hell from Heaven" School will hold individual parties in their respective day rooms. Carols, refreshments, gifts, and entertainment will be ample and the holiday spirit will prevail throughout the day. An enlisted men's Christmas Dance will close the day's festivities. Dancing is scheduled from nine until 7 o'clock at the Post Service Club.

Bingo Party
On Wednesday night of this week, a Bingo Party will be held at the officers' club. For the enlisted men the MAAF "Symphony Orchestra" will present the third in a series of concerts at the Service Club.

An enlisted men's Bingo Party is scheduled for the Service Club on Thursday night; the same night will see a cadet graduation dance at the Ector County Auditorium in Odessa.

The Service Club will be the scene of a mammoth New Year's Eve Dance for enlisted men and their guests. The officers will hold a similar get-together at the officers' club.

Religious observance of the traditional Christmas season began on Christmas eve with a Catholic Midnight High Mass at the Post Chapel. Additional Masses were to be held at eight thirty and eleven fifteen on Christmas Day; Protestant services were to be held in the Chapel at ten o'clock Christmas morning.

Section "C" Ramblings:

On Christmas Day, Section C will hold "open house" in three of its day rooms, for members and their families, and plans have been made to feature a musical combination in each day room. Singing of Christmas carols and the feasting of fruit and nuts is another attraction for the open house affair. All three rooms have been decorated in gay yuletide colors.

The volunteer musicians who will furnish the music for singing, all members of Section C, are: Pvt. Reuben Quintero, electric guitar; Cpl. Robert J. Schroeder, guitar; Cpl. Joseph F. Nodge, violin; Sgt. Harry G. Carbonella, mandolin; Cpl. Dominic Bonelli, bass fiddle. Pfc. James D. McLaughlin will be the featured vocalist.

Several of Section C's members have been on the road this last week, with the MAAF musical-revue "Take It From Us," which played Big Spring last Tuesday night and Pyote this past Thursday night. Included in the group was Pvt. Chic Horn, Pfc. Americo G. DeMichele, S/Sgt. Herbie Pierre, Pfc. Harold McComb, Pvt. Walter

M. Rosenblatt and Pfc. Warren Streeter. And not to forget, one of the Section officers, Lt. Allan J. Phaup also made the trip. He was one of the Seven Florodora Girls, put on by an entire officer-cast.

First Sgt. Jessie T. Evans reported back from furlough last Wednesday, and has been assigned to duties as first sergeant of the Second Platoon of Section C. He recently returned from overseas, after spending eighteen months with the 8th and 9th Air Forces in the European Theater.

The spotlight fell on Cpl. Howard Black and Pvt. Chick Fair last Thursday, when Lt. Col. James P. Glenn, Section Commander, commended the two soldiers for being the Section's outstanding War Bond buyers. Corporal Black turned in a purchase slip for a \$3,000 War Bond, and Private Fair followed up with a slip for a \$1,000 War Bond.

Section "A" To Serve Egg Nogs:
Members of Section "A" have been very busy the last few days in getting ready their day room and reading room for their "Open House" party on Christmas Day. Both rooms have been done up in Yuletide fashion with all the trimmings and colorful lights, and a big Christmas tree completely decorated stands in the center of each room. The work of dressing up the rooms was under the direction of Capt. Ralph McDill, Section Commander, who was assisted by Lts. Algernon Montgomery and John J. Cluff.

A refreshment consisting of "egg nog" will be served to the Section's members and their guests, and Christmas gifts will be presented to each who attends the "open house" party.

Two Soldiers Get A Surprise:

Last Wednesday night two soldiers on MP duty at the main gate of the bombardier base, received the treat of a lifetime, when a group of Christmas carolers rode up to their gatehouse in one of the Post's open-air line-taxis, and caroled three numbers for them. The two were Sgt. Robert L. Wade and Cpl. Walter M. Anderson. The carolers were led by Chaplain Patrick J. Toomey.

WACs To Carol Patients:

The many activities planned by the WACs of MAAF for the Holiday Season have kept them very busy. Caroling started last Monday, and will continue on through Sunday when they all assemble in groups to go caroling in the Station Hospital for the patients in the evening.

After the Christmas Eve caroling session, the WACs will hold a Christmas Eve party in their day room, where exchange of gifts, games and refreshments will be enjoyed by the members. The party will be a strict WAC affair, with no guests invited.

Frazen Represents Equitable Company

L. H. Frazen, who has been appointed special representative in Midland for the Equitable Life Assurance Society, came to Midland in 1943 to work on an Army contract for converting used bombs back into steel.

He was awarded the Army contract following seven years of traveling the Southwest as a steel broker with headquarters in Dallas. While in the steel brokerage business he dealt in foreign steel exchange with England.

Came To Texas In 1937
Frazen came to Texas in 1937 from his former home at Monroe, Mich. He attended the University of Toledo and the University of Michigan.

The special representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society said he planned to make Midland his permanent home. He has two children and lives at 711 South Fort Worth.

COUNTRY CLUB HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Midland Country Club will hold open house Sunday afternoon, December 24 from five until seven p.m. All members are invited to attend.

That's the Word for It



The warning on the sign in photo above is short—and emphatic, if not sweet. Near it, British sappers are at their dangerous task of locating and digging up mines at Geilenkirchen, Germany.

Conclude Series Of Christmas Programs

The last of a series of four Christmas radio programs sponsored by the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce as a part of its Christmas activities program was heard at 8:30 Saturday night when C. G. Cooper read the famous "Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens.

The first program of the series was the choir of the First Methodist Church, presenting a program of Christmas music. This was followed by the choir of the First Baptist Church in a program of Christmas music. Third program of the series presented the choir of the First Presbyterian Church.

U. A. Hyde, chairman of this feature of the JayCee's Christmas activities program, arranged for the programs.

Preston Returns To Station After Tour

Lt. James E. Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Preston of Midland, has returned to his station at Miami Beach, Fla., following an inspection tour of overseas squadrons.

Lieutenant Preston is serving as a technical wing officer with the Eighth Service Command.

Soldiers In India Getting Cigarettes

American soldiers stationed in India can still get the cigarettes they want, but do without many other things enjoyed by civilians over here, Sgt. Eugene B. Cecil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cecil of Midland, said in a letter home.

The paragraph in his letter concerning the cigarette situation read as follows: "According to all the reports we get over here cigarettes are hard to get in the States. Well, the civilians are finally finding out this is a rough war. It is true that we get all of the smokes we need, but just think of the things we don't have that they take for granted. If some of the people at home could see how this country lives they would never complain again."

Accident Injuries Fatal To Odessan

SAN ANGELO—Earl McMurlen, 46, of Odessa, died Friday in a hospital here from injuries suffered last Wednesday in an automobile accident near Sterling City.

Mrs. Pearl Newman Elliott, 32, of Odessa, was killed almost instantly when McMurlen's car crashed into a stalled trailer-truck.

Warren Fulton Death Declared Accidental

SAN ANGELO—Justice of the Peace Hugh Jackson Friday in an inquest verdict said Warren D. Fulton, 28, San Angelo tire dealer, died here Thursday from an accidental gunshot wound. A bullet entered his chest.

Make Surgical Dressings

Army wives reporting to the Salvation Army U. S. O. on North Main Friday morning to make bandages for the MAAF Post Hospital were Mmes. A. M. Baird, V. M. Bertram, R. D. Glasser, A. J. Goldberger, J. Guy, G. R. Hulse, E. G. Benjamin, and A. E. Bellman.

Christmas Greetings
and All Happiness in the New Year

BARNEY GRAFA

Christmas Tidings

Christmas tidings and the best of good wishes to each of you who have favored us with your friendship and good will in the years past.

We are interested in each of you and we desire to share your disappointments as well as your happiness. If the past year has been one of trying times, we want you to know that you are foremost in our thoughts and we sincerely trust that the Yuletide Season will help you in some measure to find a greater joy than has ever been your experience.

We Will Be Closed Through The Christmas Holiday

KING'S DRIVE INN

Merry Christmas

To You, and You!

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OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

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It is a big order, we know, but we are sincere in the knowledge that our friends deserve all three.

It is good to think back over the events of the past year, and to pick out those things which are bright and cheerful. These occasions overshadow the dark spots and simplify the task of forgetting dreams un-fulfilled. Your thoughtfulness to this organization is deeply appreciated, and because of this we deem it a privilege to express Season's Greetings. Our sincere good wishes to every one.

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GREETINGS

To one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This is an old, old wish, but one that is sincere. It conveys our thoughts explicitly.

May next year see us all more contented with the knowledge that the sacrifices you have made have been worthwhile to the maintenance of our way of living.

Cash & Carry Grocery & Market

THE GLOW of YULE LOGS

Reflects the spirit of Christmas in a manner which best expresses our sincere good wishes to everyone.

In this brief, simple message, we wish to convey our Christmas Greetings, and trust that you will accept them in the true meaning in which they are presented. May the new year hold for you every success and may your every ambition be realized.

Merry Christmas

Elder Chevrolet Company

Merry Christmas

Everyone is happy to have Christmas come. Its spirit has a way of bringing to the surface, for outward expression, the cordial feelings of goodwill which friends and loved ones have for each other every day of the year.

Regardless of what the coming years hold for you and yours, whatever the disappointments may be, we trust you will remember that our thoughts are of our friends and we are seeking the brighter side of things that may result in peace, happiness and contentment for all.

CITY CABS

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SPORTS BOMBER

The MAAF Invaders, one of the tallest aggregations in West Texas, officially opens the basketball season against Pecos on December 23.

To take advantage of the team's height, speed and great reserve strength, Lt. Loyal Marker, coach of the gigantic Invaders, has been employing to good advantage a two-team system, a fast break and constant, relentless drive from start to finish.

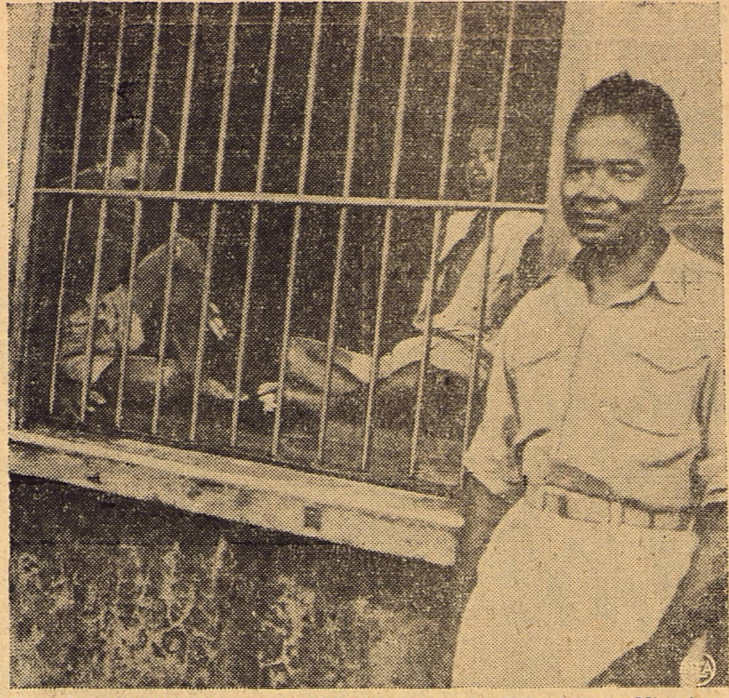
A possible starting line-up consists of two six-foot, three-inch guards, Pts. George Reimer, Jollet (Illinois) high school star, and Joe Fink of Butler University fame; two six-foot, four-inch forwards, Lt. Andy Hall from John Marshall, the little colleges with the big basketball teams, and Cpl. Dick Weldmeyer, slim speedster from Western Michigan.

Numbered among the powerful reserves are Pvt. Johnny Greaney of St. Johns University, Sgt. Clarence Cline, dead-eye from Simpson College, and the University of Iowa, and Capt. George Swerer of Colorado University.

Starting for the MAAF Invaders against Midland No. 2 in the practice game at Midland High School gym last Monday evening were Sgt. Walter Spink and Cpls. Dick Weldmeyer, Harvey Pierce, Neil Berry and Ike Dubow. This unit played throughout the first quarter and were replaced at the start of the second quarter by a team consisting of Capt. George Swerer, Lts. Andy Hall and Manford L. Kistler, Sgt. Clarence Cline and Pvt. George Reimer.

The half-time score, 15 to 14 for the Invaders, indicates that the unit was not enjoying an "on" night. The teamwork and shooting were more accurate in the second half, and Coach Emery's charges went going away, 31 to 27.

Filipinos Call 'Em 'Monkey Men'



Two Jap civilians, captured after they swam ashore from a Nip ship sunk off Mindanao, in the Philippines, were "caged" by Lt. Enrique Carason, right, Provost Marshal, of Cadre Malibog on Leyte. Filipino patriots, respecting the Japs' civilian status, did not execute them.

referring turned in by S/Sgt. Bud Hummell of the Physical Training Department in the practice game between the MAAF Invaders and Midland No. 2. Sergeant Hummell did not have an easy task before him in handling the game, but his work was of the highest caliber.

building center. The training schedule includes not only the fundamentals of fencing but also an all-around conditioning program. The fencers open each practice session with calisthenics, rope skipping, shadow boxing and road work.

LANKY HOOPSTER ON BEAM

Figuring in the 31 to 27 victory of the MAAF Invaders over Midland Airport No. 2 in a practice game at the Midland High School gym last Monday was lanky Lt. Andy Hall of North Bergen, N. J.

The six-foot, three-inch hoopster learned his basketball as a center for Union Hill High School in Union City, N. J. From there he moved into fast company at John Marshall College one of the biggest "little" colleges in Eastern basketball competition.

Lieutenant Hall studied business administration at college and later, following his enlistment in the aviation cadets, won his wings as a bombardier at San Angelo.

His agile power and deceptive ball-handling have won the notice of Coach Curtis Emery at recent practice sessions, and it is expected that Lt. Andy Hall will see plenty of action against Pecos on December 23, in the opening game of the season.

FENCING MOVES INTO SPOTLIGHT

A fencing team is now being organized by the Physical Training Department, and it is hoped that several matches will be arranged with other posts in the West Texas area. A squad of aspirants for the fencing team meets regularly for practice and training at the body

MEDICS STILL LEAD EM LEAGUE

The second round of the enlisted men's touch football league continues on its way with the Medics' team in front. The Medics, victors in the first round, are headed for a repeat performance with two victories already to their credit. They continued on their winning ways with a victory over Section A, 12 to 0.

MAAF KEGLERS WIN AGAIN

The MAAF keglers won a close battle over the Texaco team in Midland last Sunday afternoon, for their second victory in three starts. The winning combination consisted of Lt. Burt Woskoff, Cpl. Dennis R. Richardson, Pfc. Robert A. Krumske and Pvt. Carlton B. Bogert. The keglers who are competing against local clubs are making arrangements for out-of-town bowling matches with military and civilian teams.

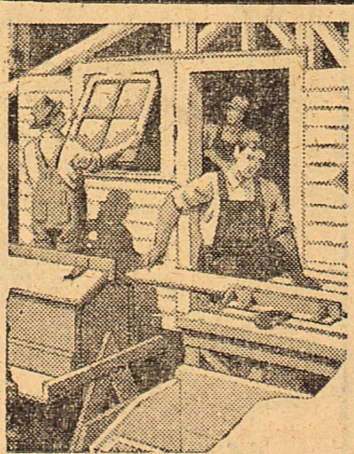
PYOTE WACS POUNCE MAAF WACS

With just one practice to their credit the MAAF WACS' basketball team journeyed to Pyote Army Air Base last Sunday to play the WAC basketball team of that post. Considering that they had practically no practice, the team made a very good showing for itself. The final score was 23 to 8 in favor of Pyote, but as the game progressed the players improved. The score at the end of the first quarter was 16 to 2, and at the end of the first half was 18 to 6. The next game scheduled is for January 2, with the Stanton High School team. The team hopes to be able to get in some practice by then, so that it can have a better chance to win.

MAAF BOXERS GETTING TOP EXPERIENCE

The boy building center is the scene of great activity these days as preparations go on for entering an MAAF team in the coming Golden Gloves tournament. Lt. Lindy Borghensani, boxing director, claims he will have a strong team to enter in the popular boxing competition which will be underway at the end of January or early February.

Among the most industrious of the boxing group are two privates one a lightweight and the other a heavyweight. The little man is Pvt. John Lane, the big one Pvt. Arthur Simmons. Both fighters are working with Lieutenant Brown, who has competed in numerous Golden Gloves bouts himself and with Lt. Nicholas Babobitis, another amateur boxer with considerable experience in the ring.



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Army Ground Forces Taking Midland AAF Personnel From Field

The recent physical profiling of Army Air Forces personnel at Midland Army Air Field has resulted in minor shipments of men from the bombardier base into the Army Ground Forces, it was announced Saturday by Post Headquarters.

The transfer of AAF enlisted personnel to Army Ground Forces is being accomplished according to a five-point plan, to fill the increasing needs for soldiers at the fighting fronts. The five points are:

- (1) Success in military operations is dependent upon the best efforts of all arms and services. (2) At this time the Army Ground Forces needs a large number of men who possess outstanding physical qualifications. Army Air Forces personnel transferred to the Army Ground Forces possess these qualifications. (3) Army Air Forces personnel are being transferred where they as individuals can make their greatest contribution to the war effort. (4) The Commanding General, Army Air Forces, appreciates the personnel contributions of all men who are being transferred in building the greatest Air Forces of all time. (5) The transfer is a military necessity and entirely in the best interest of the War effort.

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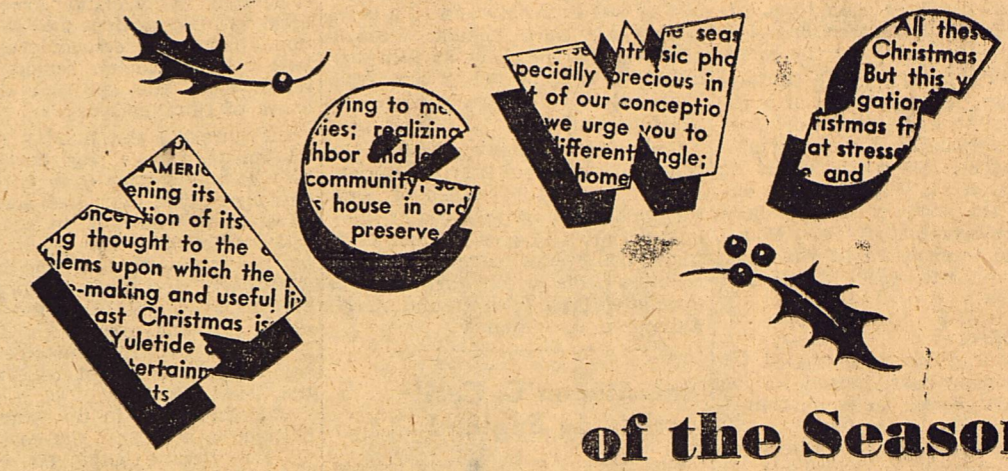
WEEK OF DEC. 24th, 1944 (Days of the week abbreviated)

- Week-Day Schedule
6:45 - Pep-Up Period
7:30 - News (Barrow Furniture, M.W.F)
7:45 - Bread of Life
8:00 - Breakfast Club
8:15 - Church of the Nazarene (S)
9:00 - Mathematical Madhouse (M-F) (Lamesa Merchants)
9:30 - Morning Classics
9:45 - Morning Devotional
9:55 - Mrs. Buyer (S)
10:00 - News (Holsum Bakers)
10:15 - Morning Musicale
10:30 - Musical Quiz (T-S) (Odessa Merchants)
10:55 - Lanny and Ginger (M,W,F)
11:00 - News (Butter-Kist, T, Th) (Ace of Clubs, M, W, F)
11:15 - Melody Time
11:30 - Dr. Amos R. Wood
11:35 - Luncheon Appetizers
11:45 - White's "Between the Lines"
12:00 - Serenade (Stanton Merchants)
12:15 - News (Dunagan Sales)
12:30 - Luncheon Serenade
12:45 - Minimax Roundup (Higginbotham, Lamesa)
1:00 - Cedric Foster (Iva's)
1:15 - Rev. W. R. Mann (Th)
1:15 - Church of Christ (M,W,F)
1:30 - Ladies Be Seated
2:00 - Morton Downey
2:15 - Orchestra
2:30 - Listening Post
2:45 - Temple Baptist (Odessa) (Th)
3:00 - Time Views the News
3:15 - Johnson Family
3:30 - Sons of Heaven
3:45 - Music
4:00 - Library Program (Th)
4:15 - Chick Carter
4:30 - Superman
4:45 - Hop Harrigan
5:00 - Terry and the Pitzes
5:15 - News (Texas and Pacific)
5:30 - Tom Mix
5:45 - Reverie Time
6:00 - Fulton Lewis
6:15 - Varieties (Dr. Watt, Odessa)
6:30 - Jam Pot Supper
6:45 - Assembly of God (S)
7:00 - Confidentially Yours (T, Th, S)
7:15 - News (Banner Creamery)
7:30 - Freedom of Opportunity (F)
7:30 - Classic Time (M-Th)
7:45 - United, W)
8:00 - Gabriel Heatter
8:15 - Music (Home Furniture, T, Th) (West End Magnolia)
8:30 - American Forum of the Air (T)
9:15 - George Hicks
9:30 - Song Shop
10:00 - Red Arrow News (M,W,F)
10:15 - Henry Taylor
10:30 - SIGN OFF

Sunday Schedule

- 7:30 - Organ Rhapsodies
7:45 - Sunday Serenade
8:00 - Musical Varieties
8:30 - Meditations
8:45 - South Side Church of Christ
9:00 - Radio Bible Class
9:30 - Southernaires
10:00 - AAF Symphony Flight
10:30 - News
10:45 - Hawaiian Music
11:00 - First Presbyterian Church
12:00 - Luncheon Serenade
12:30 - News (Jo Ann Shop)
12:45 - Hit Parade (Jo Ann Shop)
1:00 - Lutheran Hour
1:30 - Musical Varieties
2:00 - Sunday Musicale (First National Bank, Odessa)
2:15 - Musical Favorites
2:30 - Baptist Church (Crane)
3:00 - Darts for Dough
3:30 - Sunday Meditation
4:00 - Chesapeake & Ohio R. R.
4:30 - Abilene Christian College
5:00 - Radio Hall of Fame
6:00 - Diamond Drama (Iva's)
6:15 - Cleveland Symphony
7:00 - News (Texas Electric)
7:15 - Health in Action (Dr. Schlichling)
7:30 - Melodic Moments (First National Bank, Midland)
7:45 - Gabriel Heatter
8:00 - First Baptist Church
9:00 - Evening Reveries
9:30 - Old Fashioned Revival Hour
10:30 - SIGN OFF

The Best



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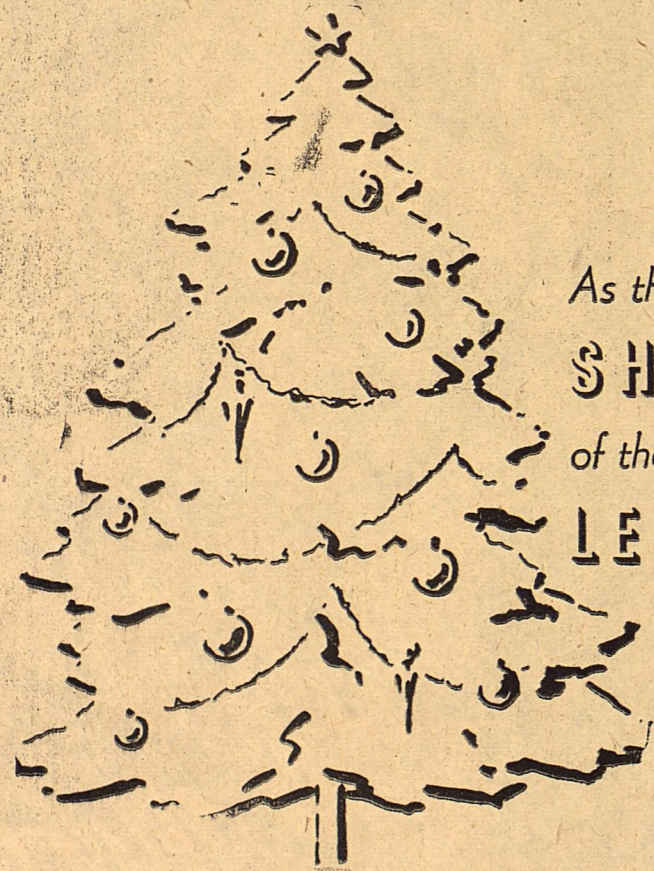
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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That you may find peace in the midst of strife and that you may find strength to meet the problems which confront you every day of the year. May you have vision and enthusiasm and may you have every happiness which will assure you genuine contentment. Sincere greetings to you and your friends.

MIMS & CRANE



As the SHADOWS of the Year LENGTHEN

The Christmas season brings to a close another twelve months during which time all of us have had experiences which we will remember for many days to come. Some of these incidents we will treasure in our hearts. Other experiences we may endeavor to forget but it is our sincere wish that from the past year we will receive untold benefits which will strengthen us in preparation for the coming year.

And so as the shadows fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our Christmas greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact and to wish for you all the better things that life affords.

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Merry Christmas TO YOU, ... YOU ... and YOU!

We sincerely believe we have a host of friends in this community, none of whom do we wish to overlook in saying "Merry Christmas". We would like to see each of you personally to express our Christmas sentiment, but this we cannot do.

As you read this, please keep in mind that it is written with sincere appreciation of the good fellowship we have enjoyed. Whatever has happened within the past year—come what may in the future— at Christmastime we like to forget the tribulations caused by conditions and pause for a few minutes of peaceful meditation with our friends.

We wish you a season of joy and a new year which will see peace and good will for all.

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The Night Before Christmas

'T WAS the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutter, and threw up the sash.



And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot:
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

THE moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below;
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick!
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

AS dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky,
So, up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound:
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,

HIS eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry:
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, a little round belly
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

HE spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of aistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere they drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

First illustration of our American Santa Claus was this odd little drawing which appeared in 1848, when this poem was printed as a book under the title "A Visit From St. Nicholas."



Courtesy Charles Francis Press, Inc.

CLEMENT C. MOORE

John M. Cowden Football Contest Finals Announced

Football is still in the air at Junior High School. This week Mrs. Tolbert, principal, and A. C. Black, instructor, announced the finals in the sixth and seventh grades.

There are four sixth grade rooms. Their advisory rooms and room scores are as follows:

Miss Kennedy's room, 6A, twenty-one points.

Miss Beasley's room, 6B, sixteen points.

Miss Musick's room, 6C, twelve points.

Miss Webb's room, 6D, six points.

Buster Brown of 6B is high point man with a total of 12 points. Dewayne Bush of 6A is a close second with a total of ten points.

The results for the finals of the sixth grade are:

Centering
1. James Brown, 6B; 2. Bobby Holt, 6C; 3. Allen Nelson, 6D; and 4. Roy Mann, 6B.

Punting
1. Dewayne Bush, 6A; L. C. Thomas, 6C; Buster Brown, 6B; and Graham Mackey, 6A.

Place-Kicking
Buster Brown, 6B; L. C. Thomas, 6C; Norman Drake, 6A; and Jimmy O'Neal, 6D.

Passing
Dewayne Bush, 6A; Billy French, 6C; Charles Crowley, 6B and Norman Drake, 6A.

Football Charging
1. Richard Hull, 6A; Rhoads Puetz, 6D; W. E. Brown, 6A; and Leon Cline, 6B.

Seventh Grade
For the seventh grade there are two rooms. They, with their total scores are:

Black's room, 7A, twenty-four points.

Miss Ballwe's room, 7B, thirty-one points.



Arnold Baker of 7B is high point man with a total of thirteen points. This is the highest score that has been made in the contests. Cecil Stephens of 7A has a total of ten points.

The final results of the seventh grade are:

Centering
1. Sammy Koen, 7B; Dan Dickinson, 7A; Jessie Armstrong, 7A; and Homer Snodgrass, 7B.

Punting
1. Cecil Stephens, 7A; Arnold Baker, 7B; Sammy Koen, 7B; and Cecil Wells, 7B.

Place-Kicking
1. Arnold Baker, 7B; 2. Cecil Stephens, 7A; 3. Wayne Richardson, 7B; and Harold Cutbirth, 7B.

Passing
1. Arnold Baker, 7B; 2. Cecil Wells, 7B; 3. Cecil Stephens, 7A; and 4. Wayne Richardson, 7B.

Football Charging
1. Luther Mooney, 7A; 2. Homer Snodgrass, 7B; 3. Harry Wright, 7A; and 4. Dan Dickinson, 7A.

The preliminaries in the eighth grade are in progress this week. The finals will be announced next week.

STRANGE PARENTS

On Guadalupe, eggs of the bush fowl hatch out in a mound of fermented leaves and sand, raked over them by the mother, and the young never know their parents.

IF WE HAD A WHOLE SHELF OF BOOKS, WE DOUBT VERY SERIOUSLY IF WE COULD FIND ANYWHERE IN THEM A PHRASE MORE BEAUTIFUL, MORE APPROPRIATE, OR MORE SINCERE THAN "MERRY CHRISTMAS" IN EXPRESSING THIS CHRISTMAS SENTIMENT. WE WISH FOR YOU ALL THE THINGS THAT WILL BRING YOU THE HAPPINESS YOU SO RICHLY DESERVE.

Greetings FRIENDS

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SECTION THREE

Senate Spikes Postal Raise; Awaiting Study

WASHINGTON—(AP)— Old Santa Claus fell on his face this time. He was pushed. The Senate did it. So your postman won't get a raise this Christmas. Maybe next year. But he almost has it: \$400 a year for every postal worker.

The House approved the raise, 133 to 1. Just before it skipped out for Christmas last Tuesday night the Senate talked about it, did nothing, put up the shutters, went home.

So in the new congress it will have to start from scratch. Senator Bailey (D-NC) threw the blocks on the raise this year. He had some reasons. The Post Office Department opposed it, too.

Before going into the reasons against, here are some of the arguments for the raise:

There are postoffices in 43,000 communities. The postal service has 350,000 employees. Less than 300 make over \$4,500 a year.

There are inequalities in pay-scales in the postal service. The \$400 raise wouldn't clear up all that. But it would help.

The workers most familiar to the public—mail carriers and clerks—start out at \$1,700 a year.

Then They Stop
They get raised \$100 a year until they reach \$2,100. Then they stop. No more raises unless they moved up to a better-paying job through examinations.

Now there are 102,000 clerks and carriers making \$2,100. Another 19,000 make between \$1,700 and \$2,100.

The last time they had a raise in their basic pay was 1925, the year in which Congress last voted itself a raise.

Two years ago Congress gave postal workers a wartime increase of \$300 a year. This expires next June.

They worked a 48-hour week in wartime and make slightly more than straight time for each hour of overtime over 40 hours.

Letter carriers have to buy their own uniforms. Unless they get a permanent raise their salaries will be at a 1925 level while living costs have gone far beyond that.

The \$400 raise would permit letter carriers and clerks to start at \$2,100 and reach the salary limit when they got to \$2,500.

Both Opposed
Senator Bailey and the Postoffice Department—or rather, Postmaster General Walker—opposed the flat \$400 raise because:

The Department has made a lengthy study of postal service salaries. Within a few weeks it will have recommendations ready to give Congress.

Instead of a flat increase across the board—\$400 to the man making only \$1,700 and \$400 to the man making \$9,000—the recommendations are expected to suggest:

Increases of various kinds, in different grades and for people making different salaries from bottom to top.

In this way present inequalities could be smoothed out and the whole salary structure of the service made fair to all.

Pvt. Jerry King Is New Entertainment Director For MAAF

A good portion of the splendid music in Midland Army Air Field's spectacular war bond show, "Take It From US," was provided by Pvt. Jerry King of New York. And it is easy to understand why Private King can produce such mellow music, for he has been a professional musician for seventeen years.

When his grandmother bought him a piano for his sixth birthday, he started on a career as a pianist a career that has brought him many moments of joy and sadness over the years as he has traveled from coast to coast and time and time again, providing the music and merriment for gay evenings in the North, South, East and West. His travels have taken him to the finest hotels in the nation: The New Yorker, the Fleetwood in Miami Beach, the Westward Ho in Phoenix, the Paris Lane in Buffalo, the Lord Baltimore in Baltimore, and others too numerous to mention. One of his favorite spots is the Anchor Room in Washington, D. C. where he enjoyed a run of thirty-two weeks.

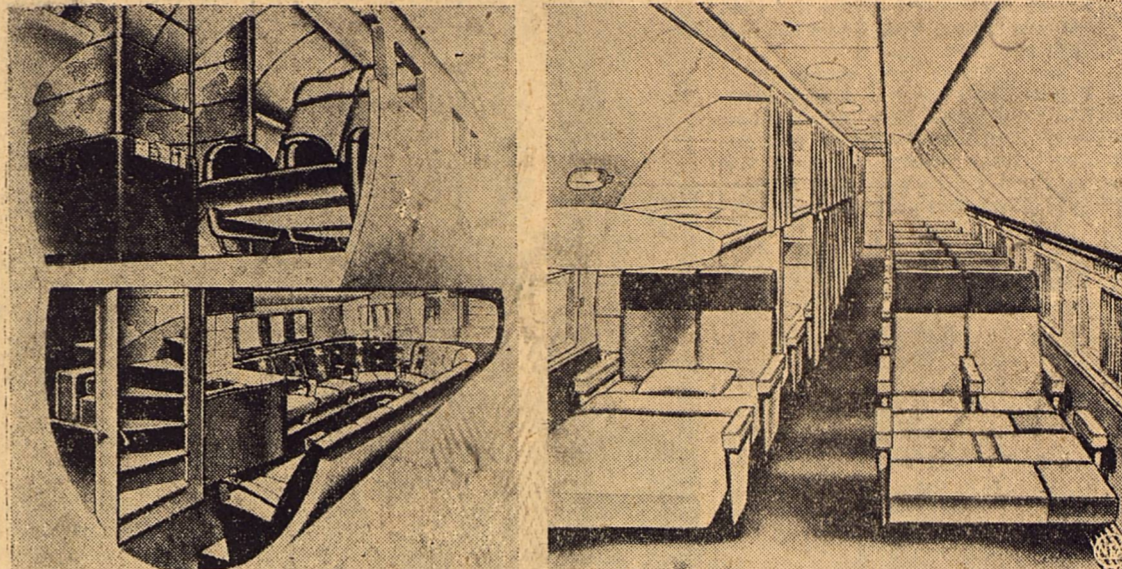
Played At Walter Reed
The most appreciative audience for whom he has played was the group of soldiers at Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C. With his wife, a singer who worked with him for four years prior to his induction into the army, Jerry King managed to do a turn at least once a week for the men in the hospital.

Pvt. Jerry King is now listed as entertainment director for personnel services. In this capacity he plays the piano with the band, he works with all shows produced at Midland Army Air Field, and he assists the USO performers who visit the bombardier school.

At Christmas time this year Private King hopes to be able to greet his wife upon her return from a tour of the Aleutians where she is entertaining American soldiers.

Grand Coulee dam contains enough concrete to build a highway from New York to Seattle and back.

Here's How You'll Ride in B-29 After the War



These B-29's that have blasted the Japs will be the last word in commercial air travel after the war. Here is an artist's conception of sections of the Boeing 377, which will be the plane's postwar designation. At left is a cross-section showing the two-deck feature—upper used for day passenger seats convertible into berths, and lower a dining room and cocktail lounge. Right shows how seats are converted into uppers and lowers. Plane will have 36 berths, and cabin will be pressurized for flying over storms.

HARRY LANGDON DIES

LOS ANGELES—(AP)— Harry Langdon, veteran comedian of the stage and screen, died Friday after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. Langdon, who was 60, had been ill for several weeks.

ANTS FLAVORED SALAD

West Coast American Indians, to flavor their "miner's lettuce," placed the plant near a nest of red ants. The salad acquired a vinegar taste from the formic acid left by the ants running over the leaves.

STREAMLINED SHELLS

Streamlining the back end of airplane bombs would be a useless procedure. Such projectiles travel faster than sound, and thus, air cannot flow in behind them.

Junior High School Baseball Contest Results Announced

The John M. Cowden Junior High School girls have completed their first baseball contest. The following rooms won:

Miss Rutherford's room, 5A, won the fifth grade contest.

The players were: Mary Jo Hehl, Peggy Reed, Murphy Baxter, Hester Read, Dianne Anderson, Jo Ann Drake, Joan Turner, Betty Jane Pitzer, Mary Wilson, Gail Black and Peggy Ann Henson.

Miss Kennedy's room, 6A, won the sixth grade contest.

The players were: Eddie Darnell, Sue Johnson, Betty Wilson, Mary Ferrington, Margiebeth Carter, Betty Leftwich, Annie Ruth Long, Mildred O'Donnell, Peggy Minear and Betty O'Neal.

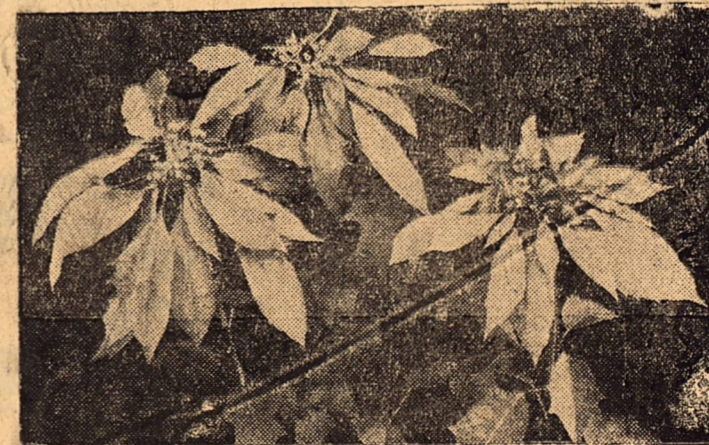
Mr. Black's room, 7A, won the seventh grade contest.

The players were: Loretta Hall, Mildred Baker, Denzil Ann Kemp, Pauline Rasco, Helen Cartwright, Wanda Mashburn, Patsy Sartain, Myrna Faye Johnson, Zana MacKechney and Doris Evans.

Miss Lowry's room, 8A, won the eighth grade contest.

The players were: Peggy Lou Whitson, Bobbie Jean Hale, Jeanette Vaughn, Janis Davis, Lynn Dell Moore, Alice Marie Dorman, Calva Ann Frizelle, Neil Wayne Cole, Barbara York and Mary Lynn Mann.

Season's
Greetings
to Our
Many Friends



The Midland National Bank

Oil Fields In England Are One Of War's Best Kept Secrets

By ROSETTE HARGROVE
NEA Staff Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND—War forced England to produce not only every ounce of food out of her land but also compelled her to extract every drop of oil out of her soil. So today she has her little oil fields at home as well as those vast ones in Asia and other continents.

It has now been revealed that Britain managed to maintain her oil supplies in those critical days of 1940-1941, when the U-boat campaign was at its height and sinking tankers in the Atlantic in tens and twenties, thanks to her efforts to bring to the surface every ton of oil she could produce at home. Today British oil fields are yearly supplying the country with 25,000,000 gallons of high-grade crude oil—a relatively small but very appreciable contribution to the vast quantities of petrol and oil needed to turn and grease the wheels of the Allied war machines in the European theater of operations.

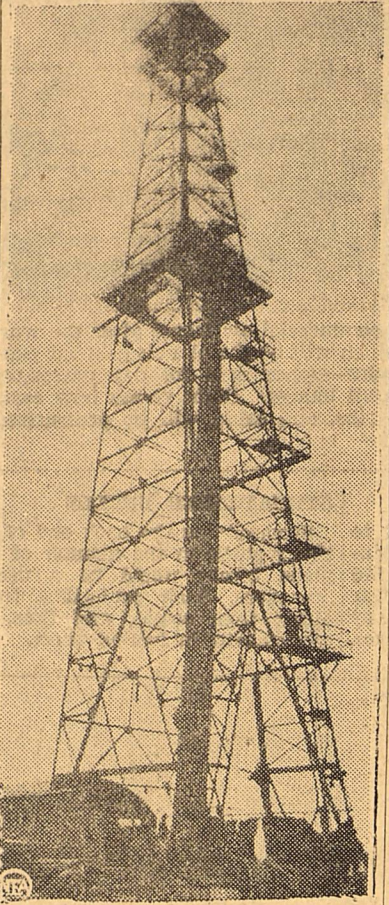
Britain's oil fields have been one of the most closely-guarded secrets of the war.

Started In 1818
Local knowledge of the existence of oil deposits in England goes back some centuries, but there are no records of attempts ever having been made to put them to any use. About 100 years ago oil was found flowing into a coal working in Derbyshire, where for more than a year a ton a day was collected and sent to a local refinery, there to be separated into burning oil, lubricants and paraffin wax. This discovery remained without sequel, however, and for many years afterwards there was nothing to prove the existence of oil deposits either there or in other parts of the British isles.

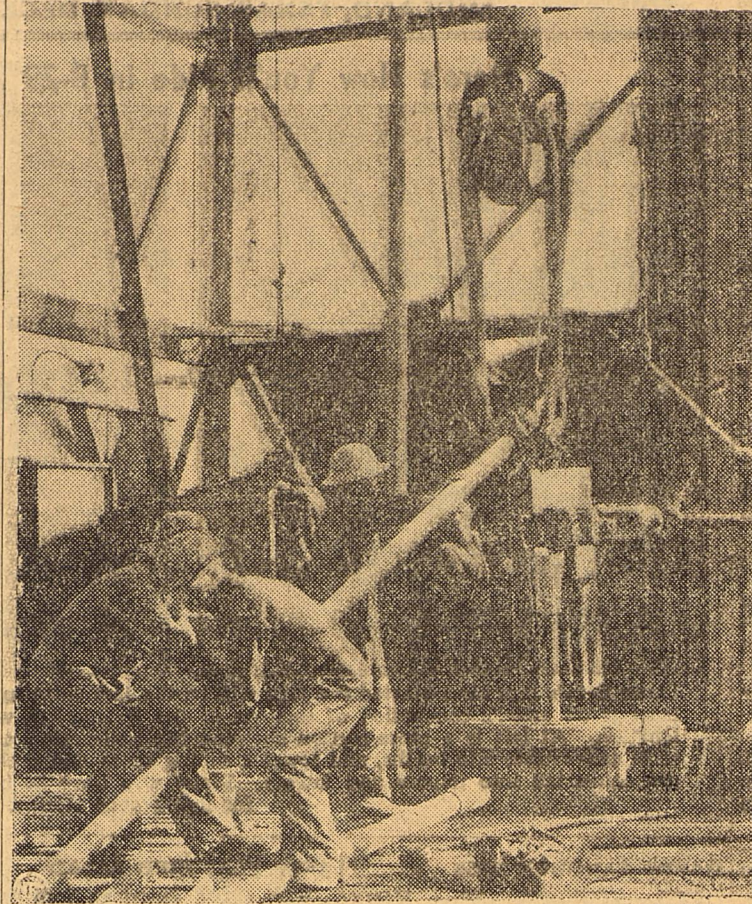
The first serious attempt to investigate Britain's indigenous petroleum resources was made in 1918. At that time, under the pressure of urgent war demands, the government decided to undertake a certain amount of exploratory drilling. When the second World War broke out, 20 areas in Great Britain had been tested by the Anglo-Iranian Company, but total production did not then exceed 967 tons. Their

rapid wartime development—100,000 tons a year from some 230 wells scattered over many square miles—is the culmination of painstaking prospecting and drilling. By 1941 the target optimistically set by the British Oil Control Board was 100,000 tons a year. This figure has now been achieved.

The oilfields are essentially a British achievement. Skilled British technicians were called home from Persia to supervise and instruct local workers in what was for them an entirely new field of work. Early last year, however, sup-



Derrick over England's deepest oil well. Bore is already sunk 7,460 feet. Location is secret.



Final length of drill comes up, drill is removed and core of rock is taken out for examination by geological engineers, to determine how near the drilling is to oil. The scene is not Texas, but England.

plementary assistance was given by American drilling contractors.

Anything less suggestive of an oilfield to the British trained by the movies to expect a collection of unsightly derricks and a generally untidy landscape would be difficult to imagine. Few visual evidences of the work exist. Apart from the offices, stores, workshops and laboratories, all compactly grouped at headquarters and the gathering sheds, every care has been taken to ensure that rural amenities are preserved.

Location Is Secret

The 7-foot electrically driven pumps dotted over the rich pasture land and tree-clad hillside are no more unsightly than the mechanical farm implements which ply among the pumps.

Oil being a national necessity, nothing is allowed to stand in its way. Farmers have been compelled to let official prospectors experiment on their land. On the other hand, every possible care has been taken to allow the farmer to carry on his own job, that of producing foodstuffs. "Milk and oil from the same fields" has been the motto of the planners. The area of the main field—the

principal single continuous formation—is about two miles by half a mile. The oil-bearing strata being worked lie between 2,000 and 2,500 feet below the surface. The work on the oilfield in question has called for the drilling of some 1600 shot-holes covering an area of 1300 square miles. The deepest well is about 7,000 feet deep.

That the creation of this new industry should have been kept secret for so long, not merely from the world but from the people of these islands, is surely unique in the history of oil. Censorship has just released the story but the exact location of the oil fields remains a military secret.

Thieves Steal Yule Tree From Police

PORTLAND, ORE.—(AP)—The annual Christmas party for the municipal court staff featured plenty of turkey, but no Christmas tree. Somebody stole it the night before from police headquarters.

There are about 30,000,000 men, women and children on farms in the United States.

'Long Handles' Come In Handy For Yanks Fighting In Snow

WITH THE SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION INSIDE THE SIEGFRED LINE—(AP)—Caught without snowcaps by an early winter storm, one group of ingenious doughboys camouflaged their dark, drab uniforms by donning long white woolen underwear. It hid them from snipers.

"We painted our helmets white and put on oversized underwear drawers and shorts over our regular uniforms," said Corp. John K. Smith of Louisville, Ky.

"It worked pretty well. On the first day we wore those suits, nine of us came up to the platoon command post ready to go on patrol.

"We looked mighty odd, so I walked up behind one guard and suddenly yelled: 'Surrender!' in German. His eyes almost popped out of his head when he whirled around and saw us."

Straggler
Told by a military police commander to follow an attacking infantry company and collect stragglers, Pvt. T. S. Collins of Forest, Ga., walked and walked without finding the outfit he'd been assigned to work with.

Finally, the lost MP sat down in a roadside ditch to try to figure out the route. Across the road, a perspiring doughboy crawled up from a ditch and called over: "What the devil are you doing over there?"

"Looking for stragglers," explained Collins. The other soldier shook his head.

"Don't think you'll find any stragglers around here, bud, unless they belong to the Heine army. You see, I happen to be the lead scout in this man's attack."

Anxious To Surrender
It happened in the cellar of a fire-swept house. Lt. Earl W. Burrier of San Antonio, was preparing to launch a rifle grenade. He felt a tap on his shoulder and heard a voice near his ear.

"Shut up," said the busy lieutenant. "You sound just like a damned Nazi."

Again came the tapping on his shoulder—and again the voice. Burrier angrily whirled, thinking one of his soldiers was playing a joke on him. Behind him stood a German, respectfully anxious to surrender.

Merry Christmas

Two such simple words. Yet no other words can say the same thing better! To them we add three more, equally familiar words spoken to convey a meaning no other phrase fulfills. Happy New Year. And in saying that little, we say a lot—for we express every good wish it is possible to have for your immediate enjoyment of the yuletide holiday—and for your future and good fortune in the year to follow! Thank you for your past patronage—and we look forward to always serving you to the best of our ability.

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Santa Has Traded His Reindeer

In this day and age old Saint Nick has gone all out in his efforts to please his friends. In some distant parts of the globe he may even surplant his reindeer and sleigh with a jeep . . . or a tank . . . or a P-40 . . . but knowing him like we do, we know that he will find a way to bring the true spirit of Christmas to all.

It is a comforting thought and a blessing to know that regardless of the unhappiness and disappointments which have been the experiences of many the past few years, there remains the traditional feeling of good cheer at Christmastime. Let each of us be conscious of the things that are expected of us this present season. Let each of us spread cheer and happiness and good fellowship with all those whom we come in contact to perpetuate the glories of an American Christmas.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

To All **AMERICANS**
And Friends of Americans

Because of the sacrifices of American youths—and their willingness to serve, an American Christmas is again possible. Without their efforts Christmas this year would be of small importance.

It is fitting and appropriate that we remember them at this glad season of the year. At the same time remembering our friends here at home who have also made tremendous sacrifices in order that the American way of life may be maintained.

We wish you all the best possible.

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It's here! The BIG DAY! That one day of the year to which each of us look with eager anticipation. It is the day when all of us, at least for the moment, can relax and enjoy the fellowship of loved ones and friends.

We enjoy our friends all through the year, it's true, but there's something about Christmas that makes it stand out as the one day of the year when the cares of the morrow are forgotten in the spirit of cheerfulness that is evidenced at Christmastime.

And so, as we gather with our loved ones, our neighbors and friends, let's receive comfort and happiness from the thoughts of courtesies and friendly acts of kindness which we have enjoyed during the past year. And on this BIG DAY of the year, please accept our sincere good wishes for the days of next year.

Dunagan Sales Company

Texas Highway Accidents Hit Twelve Hundred

BY WILLIAM E. KEYS

AUSTIN—(AP)—Texas highway accidents involving defective automobiles are soaring this year but oddly enough these mishaps cannot be blamed in an increase of road deaths.

The reason, theorizes Safety Department Director Homer Garrison, is that drivers of cars with poor brakes, thin tires, dim lights, wobbly steering gear and other defects realize the condition of their vehicles and make allowances for it while driving.

Well and good, says Garrison, but when the overall traffic picture is considered, it is not good. For 10 months of this year fatalities increased 7 per cent over the same period last year and while November's and December's traffic fatalities have not all been written there are indications the year's road death toll will surpass last year's by 8 per cent.

Final Score High

The final score will be about 1,273 deaths for this year.

Garrison assigns two reasons for the increase: pre-occupation of drivers (you may call it war nerves, if you wish) and lack of enforcement personnel.

The types of fatal accidents are running true to form with collisions between vehicles, between vehicles and pedestrians and running off the highways at the top of the list.

Although defective motor cars are not contributing directly to the growing death list they are figuring more and more in non-fatal accidents on highways outside of city limits. This year have involved this type of automobile.

That's a 100 per cent increase over last year.

LARGEST AND SMALLEST

The world's largest living creature, a blue whale, has a weight of about one billion billion billion times that of the world's smallest creature, a tiny type of germ.

Railroad Commission Advocates Study Made Of Waste Flare Gas

AUSTIN—(AP)—Prospects were good Saturday that a committee of engineers would be named soon to make a study of the possibilities of utilizing flare gas from Texas Oil wells, which is now generally wasted.

Railroad Commission Chairman Beauford H. Jester said that several oil companies had responded favorably to the suggestion for appointment of such a committee, and that the plan would be followed if others would join in. He said he believed they would.

First Outgrowth

The development was the first tangible outgrowth of this week's conference to study plans for conservation and better utilization of Texas natural gas resources. The suggestion was made at the conference by William Murray of Houston, a petroleum engineer formerly associated with the Railroad Commission and the Petroleum Administration for War.

Flare gas or casinghead gas is that which is produced incidentally along with crude oil. It is burned or popped off simultaneously with such production. Murray told the conference that dependable figures on just how much of this gas is being wasted could lead to concrete plans for utilizing it.

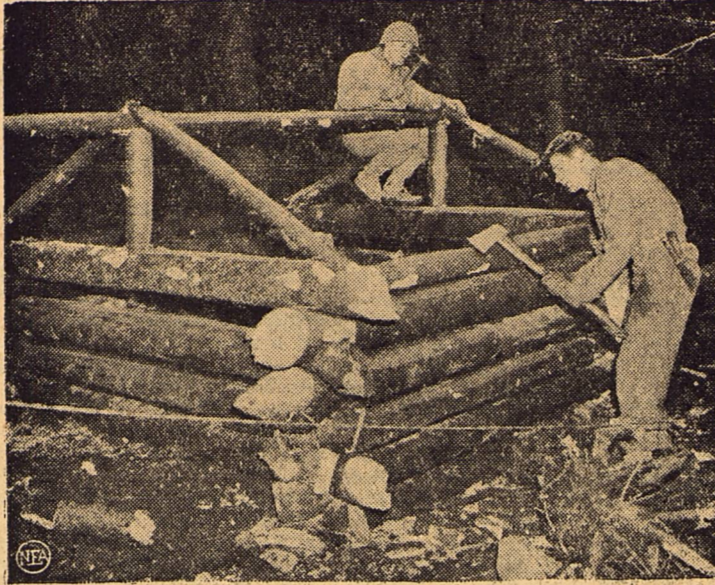
He suggested that a committee of petroleum engineers study 20 given fields where it is known there is much waste of this gas. A study made in 1942 showed that at least a billion cubic feet of casinghead gas was being wasted daily in Texas, Murray said, but the study was admittedly incomplete.

RUSSIA REBUILDS

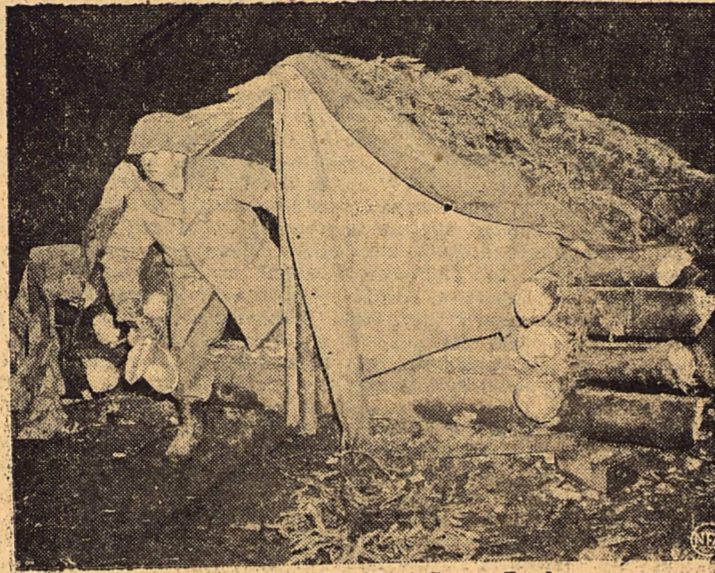
LONDON—(AP)—The Moscow radio declared Saturday that plans already are under way for the construction of 90 new cities in the Soviet Union to replace those shattered by war. More than 1,000 architects have been put to work drawing up preliminary plans.

In 1825, Sing Sing prison was known as Mount Pleasant prison.

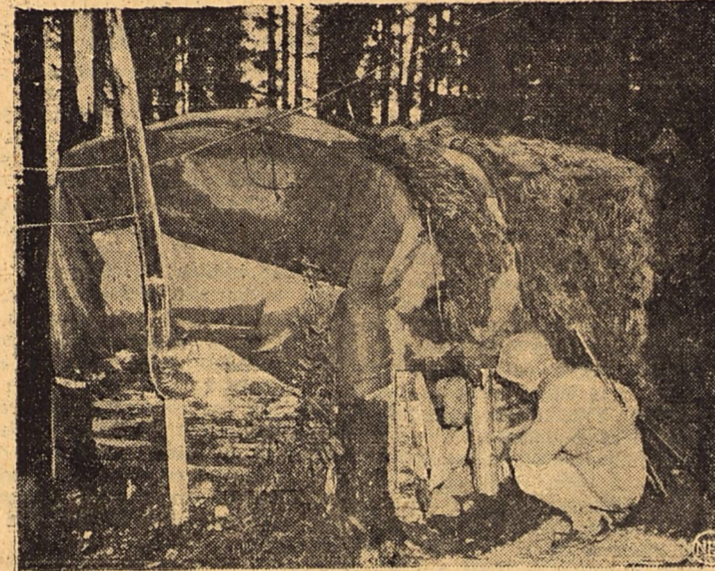
'Give a Man a House . . .'



Axmanship Is a "Fine Art" In This Case



Home Is Built—Next Comes Food



A Super-Job Gets a Critical Eye

There's no housing shortage in Huerfeno Forest, Germany—the Yanks made sure of that when they moved in by constructing log huts for themselves, as shown in above pictures. Some cabins are insulated with brown sugar cement bags; walls are "chinked" with clay just like those of early American pioneers. Evergreen coverings are camouflage. (Photos by Andrew Lopez, NEA-Acme War-pool photographer.)

Propose Expansion Of Cotton Research

ABLENE.—Southern cotton is in a dangerous economic position, said Senator George Moffett, Chillicothe, back from 10 days of Congressional hearings called to consider the industry's problems in all phases. Moffett attended the Washington session as representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He heads the WTCC's tri-state cotton allotment committee. The Texan on return announced he will press on the oncoming 49th legislature to appropriate substantial funds for greatly expanding research in cotton, and also for study of other Texas crops, and for setting up industrial laboratories in state colleges "for aiding new businesses to produce and market the results of our researches." E. T. Hardin, president of the WTCC, said the organization will join Moffett in presenting the case to the legislature and in pushing for the appropriation.

FDR Says Best Way To Help Is To Stay On Job

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt said Saturday the best way fighting men could be assisted on the home front is by people sticking to jobs which maintain the steady output of needed supplies.

Roosevelt began a news conference by declaring that several persons had asked him to say how Americans at home in this Christmas season can most help the fighting forces.

Budget Nears Completion

The President also asserted that his financial budget for the 1946 fiscal year was coming along toward completion, but he said the new Nazi offensive in Belgium had not caused changes in it.

The budget, Roosevelt declared, has to be based on assumptions that the war will last a certain time and that it is being worked out now.

Roosevelt had nothing to add on plans for another Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting. He said Tuesday that time of a get-together was highly speculative.

Communities Should Begin Planning For Postwar Developments

WASHINGTON—(AP)—State and local governments can start planning their projects under the \$3-173,250,000 three-year postwar highway program.

The 44 state legislatures meeting in 1945 should give "prompt and vigorous attention" to the highway program, President Roosevelt said in signing the measure setting it up.

The program, Roosevelt said, "becomes a challenge to the states, counties and cities which must originate the specific projects and get the program ready for construction after the war ends."

State would supply \$1,500,000,000 on a 50-50 matching basis to be eligible for the larger share of the federal funds authorized by the bill.

Congress is authorizing the federal contribution did not make an actual appropriation for this purpose. That will come later.

UT Faculty Still Sides With Rainey

AUSTIN—(AP)—A faculty committee poll of the University of Texas teaching staff Saturday brought a declaration by 230 that they considered Dr. Homer P. Rainey's reinstatement as president essential to the welfare of the school.

Seventeen declared themselves to be against Dr. Rainey and his reinstatement.

Faculty member numbering 240 voted they felt remaining regents who had voted for Dr. Rainey's dismissal should resign.

The coast of Venezuela was the first part of the American mainland sighted by Columbus.

One out of every five U.S. adults is employed in growing, processing or distributing food.

The fact that light has a definite speed was brought out by Ole Roemer at Paris in 1676.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We see no reason to change our Christmas sentiment this year, although we realize the difficult times that all have been through. We are equally conscious of the importance of Christmas and the opportunity it gives us to renew old acquaintances and to encourage new ones. Let us set this one day aside to forget the unpleasant associations of life and to remember the pleasant associations of friends and loved ones. Let us look forward to a season of complete enjoyment; making the best of the facilities that are ours. We wish each of you a joyous Yuletide and a Season of contentment.



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A FRIENDLY WORD

The value of a friendly word at Christmas or at any other time carries a significance unsurpassed. It adds to the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the knowledge of having friends during times such as those we have experienced during the past months. A friendly word is something that is indelibly impressed in the minds of people who have endured sacrifices and difficult times.

It is with full knowledge of the real meaning of a friendly word that we express our Christmas Greetings to you. When we say, "Merry Christmas," we want you to accept it as a word of cheer and goodwill. May all the blessings of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends.

TO OUR FRIENDS

The dictionary is full of high sounding words and definitions, but search as we may, we can find no better substitute to express our season's greetings than the time worn phrase—Merry Christmas.

Merry



Christmas

AMERICANS EVERYWHERE

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It is our sincere wish that we may have a part in making your Christmas full of good cheer and fellowship. We want to add something to the happiness of every person in this community.

Perhaps this little message will help you forget the unpleasant incidents and experiences of ordinary days. May brighter days be the compensation for your sacrifices toward making this a better world in which to live. May you find the beauties of life around you and the opportunities for the service it affords.

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Connie Mack Spends Birthday On Coast; Daddy Of 'Em All Is Now 82

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor
NEW YORK—It's time to do another piece on Mr. Cornelius McGillicuddy, and it couldn't happen to a finer man.

Mr. Mack's 82nd birthday was celebrated quietly in a Los Angeles apartment, Dec. 23. With him are Mrs. Mack and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Nolan.

To take a complete rest, Mr. Mack—everybody calls him Mister—passed up the major league meetings in New York for one of the mighty few times since they were first held. Out are the usual winter speaking engagements, and there is absolutely no work on the agenda.

Mr. Mack has not been in contact with the Athletics he founded since his departure. The bus-

ness end of the Philadelphia club was left in the hands of one son, Roy, player transactions in care of another, Earl, who eventually will succeed his illustrious father as field marshal.

Never In Better Health
The weather on the coast has been perfect. Mr. Mack has kept out in the sun. The result is that he has not been in better health in 20 years. He will not return east until the A's assemble for spring training.

Much fuss was made in Philadelphia about Mr. Mack's 60th anniversary as a manager last Aug. 4. Three days later he managed one of the teams in the All-American boys' game at the Polo Grounds.

He participated in fetes in connection with both events with the enthusiasm for which he is



Long May It Wave

famous, and the activity took something out of him. He was forced to take a two-weeks vacation, following which he skipped the second half of double-headers and such, turning the A's more and more over to Earl Mack, who did an excellent job, by the way.

Writing of Mr. Mack, you like to speak of some of the more unusual attributes of this amazing octogenarian—his indefatigability, patience, kindness and sense of humor. He jumps out of his chair and grabs your coat, which seems

rather incongruous—you ought to be doing that for him.

Mr. Mack's penchant for mispronouncing names, and how he regrets having permitted reporters of his early catching days to abbreviate his to boxscore proportions. How he answers every letter personally, many of them in longhand. How he keeps in touch with all of his boys in the armed forces.

The most timely story on Mr. Mack, however, is in regard to how Buck Newsom finally found someone who could manage him. Bobo drove managers all over America to distraction, but he worships Mr. Mack.

The Hartsville Hot Shot pitched better ball for Mr. Mack last season than the records show, repeatedly volunteered as a relief worker, easily could have won 18 as against 6, losing the difference by a one-run margin.

Mr. Mack did it by patting the big kid who is Louis Newsom on the back and giving him a kindly dressing down.

The past has never been able to catch up with Mr. Mack, president, manager and chief cook and bottle washer of the Athletics.

Long may that famous score-card wave.

Navy Needs More Men For Radio Jobs

The Navy needs and must have more radio men, personnel of the Navy recruiting office announced. Opportunity is afforded in the war's newest and most thrilling field—radio. Radio technicians have many important duties in the Navy, such as installing, repairing and maintaining radio communication equipment, radio direction finders, submarine detection apparatus and other extraordinary electronic devices. A radio technician will be qualified for many key positions in such fields as television, industrial electronics, broadcast radio, aircraft radio and many other scientific occupations.

Upon successfully passing the Eddy test you may be enlisted as a seaman first class, with pay to start with \$66 a month.

A Navy representative is in Midland each Thursday afternoon, with offices in the basement of the post-office building, for the convenience of men in this area. However, no trips will be made from Dec. 25 through Jan. 7.

India has 38 cities with population of more than 100,000.

Europe's Royal Pretenders Continue Hope That Hitler's Downfall Will Be Means Of Restoring Their Kingdoms

By JOHN A. PARRIS, JR.

AP Newsfeatures
LONDON—A handful of royal pretenders to Europe's disputed thrones are hoping that the downfall of the dictators and the liberation of their countries will mean a call for them.

The odds are 100-to-1 against the men who would be kings, but as the war has lengthened their chance of ascending long-discarded thrones have improved. Now in neutral capitals they are nursing their hopes, while in Allied capitals their agents work night and day to convince the "proper" people that monarchies should be restored.

The would-be guests at this royal picnic are Archduke Otto of Hapsburg; Prince Henri de Guise, the Comte de Paris; Don Juan, son of the late King Alfonso of Spain, and Granddukes Vladimir and Gabriel "last of the Romanoffs" and pretenders to the throne of the Russians.

Weney's On Don Juan
The best bet in the monarchy stakes at the moment appears to be Don Juan, 31, head of the royal house of Spain, but a resident temporarily of Lausanne, Switzerland. Generalissimo Franco has said that he would not oppose restoration of the monarchy, but that the time was not yet ripe for that move.

While Don Juan has been sitting out the war in neutral Switzerland, a dozen other members of the royal family have been living in Spain, and five are officers in the Spanish army. One young Infante (as members in the line of succession to the Spanish throne are known) was killed in action with the Carlist forces supporting Franco in the civil war.

Dean of those resident in Spain is the Prince Don Carlos de Bourbon, who married into the Spanish line by taking the hand of Maria de las Mercedes, elder sister of the late King Alfonso.

Another on the anxious seat is Archduke Otto, 31, pretender to the thrones of Austria and Hungary, who flew secretly to Lisbon from the United States some months ago when the Russian armies crossed the Hungarian frontier and headed toward Vienna.

Persons close to Otto disclose that he has high hopes of being called to Vienna and placed in a "position of leadership."

His chances of returning as ruler seem open to question, but many observers believe that if Otto had the support of the Russians he could do so.

It is conceivable that the Russians, being realists, might consent to a king in Austria if he were likely to provide settled government and showed a friendly attitude toward the Soviet and a hostile one to the Germans.

In Official Family

It was an obscure custom official in the regime of Otto's father, Emperor Franz Josef, who sired a backward, sickly child later to achieve fame as Adolf Hitler.

Another hardworking pretender who has been trying for years to convince the world that France should return to monarchy is the Comte de Paris, Prince Henri de Guise. This 37-year-old, dark, slim heir of the Bourbons was reported wounded only a few weeks ago when he crossed the Spanish border into France.

The French government immediately ordered his arrest, but he apparently was spirited safely back to Spain to await another 100-to-1 chance. From the best available information, it appears he has little chance to achieve his life's ambition.

Lost By Gestapo

The fate of Grandduke Vladimir, 27, cousin of the late Czar Nicholas, of Russia is shrouded by war. Vladimir, a resident of Paris, was collared by the Gestapo and deported to the Reich last summer a few days before the Germans evacuated the French capital. No word of his whereabouts has been received from the Reich.

But Paris is not without the "last of the Romanoffs" in the tall, elegant person of Grandduke Gab-

riel, also a cousin—albeit a more distant one than Vladimir—of the Czar.

Like many Romanoffs in Paris before them, Gabriel and his wife, Princess Anna, are living a frugal hand-to-mouth existence. They lived in enforced idleness during the German occupation and with the aid of the White Russian colony managed to evade both the Gestapo and the wolf at their Parisian door.

Members Are Bulky
Before the war, Gabriel's wife ran a swank Parisian fashion house but when the Germans came she closed up. Textiles were hard to get, she said, and besides she didn't want to attract attention to the Romanoff name.

The grandduke, who used to be a social secretary for an American woman in Paris, Miss Denise Clover, is busy working on his memoirs. They already fill 1,000 pages and he's still going strong.

But Gabriel, a former member of the Czar's Imperial Guards and still strikingly handsome at 61, is worried about their legal status, since their only papers are old League of Nations passports for persons without nationality.

"This means, in fact, we are prisoners and cannot leave Paris," he said bitterly. "My uncle, King Gustav of Sweden, would be pleased to see us but we can't accept an invitation from him."

Princess Anna tried to console the grandduke with the observation: "It doesn't make any difference—even if we could leave Paris, we could not afford to make the trip."

Actually, however, the invitation from King Gustav is only hypothetical. None of the Romanoffs have heard from him in years.

Cooperation Will Create Postwar Jobs

"Control by any group, organization or government agency is not the solution to the problem of postwar employment," Claude E. Belk, state director of the War Manpower Commission, declared in a statement.

"The industrial achievements of this nation and of Texas in the last four years have not come as the result of regulation, regimentation or executive order," he declared. "The road to victory has been opened by the concerted, cooperative and co-ordinated actions of people working together," he continued.

"Continued cooperation of people working together will be effective in achieving job stabilization in the postwar period.

The fire control equipment of a battleship costs more than \$1,000,000.

It is time for the joys that come from good fellowship and from the remembrance of loved ones and friends whom we hold dear.

As you enjoy the pleasure of opening your Christmas packages and the atmosphere which surrounds such occasions, please keep in mind that we are remembering you for the courtesies which you have extended us in the past; for the many favors large and small which have made our career in your community more enjoyable and more worthwhile.

Let's all realize for a day at least the lid is off and it is our moral obligation to ourselves and to our friends to make this a delightful Christmas and one to be long remembered.

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and
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Don't Throw This Away

We know you are busy at Christmas time and we know that many Christmas sentiments find their way to the waste basket, but before discarding ours, we want you to know that it is presented in all sincerity and with genuine appreciation for all the kindness that have been ours in the past. We are grateful for the good things that have come our way, many of them undeserved perhaps. Believe us when we say this greeting comes from the depths of our hearts.

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B & B Food Store

CHRISTMAS

gives as a grand opportunity to forget our cares and to lose ourselves in the glorious atmosphere of the good fellowships of friends and loved ones. It's the American way of life and we, as Americans, appreciate the happiness and contentment resulting from this ideal.

Wishing You a

HEARTY CHRISTMAS SEASON

and a New Year which will see many happier days.

Carson Feed Store

Old Glory

Old Glory waves over American homes at Christmas time. The Stars and Stripes are symbolic of the true meaning of an American Christmas. It represents a freedom of doing the things we want to do—of being happy, with loved ones and friends.

Although the Yuletide is celebrated throughout the world there is no place where people are more privileged to enjoy this festive occasion as happily

as those within the boundaries of this nation. This is our heritage—to participate in the freedom made possible by our courageous forefathers who founded this nation on the basis of Liberty and Justice. It is our moral obligation to carry on the traditions of Christmas as a definite part of the American way of life. This is what we mean when we say we wish you a merry American Christmas.

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Harris-Luckett Stores

Parcel Window At Postoffice Open Sunday

The parcel post window at the post office will be kept open Sunday in an attempt to deliver some of the hundreds of parcels which have flooded the post office, N. G. Oates, acting postmaster, said Saturday.

No parcels will be accepted for mailing Sunday.

Despite working 14 hours a day for the past several days, a number of days after Christmas will be required before all of the Christmas cards not mailed first class can be delivered. Literally thousands of cards bearing the cent and a half stamp are jamming the post office.

Parcels have been coming into the post office from outside Midland at such a rate the basement of the post office has been filled with them for the past week.

Dr. Chester F. Lay Accepts Presidency Of Illinois School

AUSTIN—(P)—Dr. Chester F. Lay, 49, professor of accounting and management at the University of Texas, has accepted the presidency of Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale, Ill.

Dr. Lay was recently named to the post and had postponed acceptance pending the obtaining of a release from his contract with the University of Texas. He said the new position offered a great challenge and opportunity, although he regretted leaving Texas.

He is nationally known in the field of business education.

ROSE PETAL JELLY

In Armenia, Egypt, and several other Eastern countries, rose petals are used to make jam or jelly. The red buds are pounded and mixed with sugar, water, and isinglass, and cut into small squares. Whole buds are left in for decorative purposes.

Girls Liberated By Yanks



Lt. J. B. Keeley, of Houston, Texas, is raised by Ukrainian girls in celebration of their liberation from forced labor in German factories in Schirneck by Americans of the 6th Army. The girls were brought there by the Germans from Ukraine. (—NEA Telephoto.)

Set January Date For Scouter Meet

The annual meeting of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in Big Spring January 19, Scout Executive J. V. Niedermayer announced Saturday. An attendance of more than 300 are expected from the 15 counties making up the council territory.

Charles Paxton of Sweetwater is president of the council and will preside at the meeting and banquet.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

Pfc. Edgar G. Dill, husband of Mrs. Hazle Dill of Midland, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is stationed at the Smoky Hill Army Air Field at Salina, Kan.

Voting Saturday Will Determine Midland School System Of Future

By JOHN H. FLEMISTER

Voters of six schools districts of the county have less than a week in which to make up their minds whether or not the six districts shall be consolidated, as Saturday is the day of the election.

Voters in the Valley View and Stephenson districts will vote at the Valley View school. The Cotton Flat school will be the site for the election in that district. Warfield voters will ballot at the Mid-Tex building. The election in the Pleasant Valley district will be held at the A. G. Bohannon ranch.

Midland Votes At Courthouse School officials emphasized that in this election the voters in both of Midland's voting precincts would vote in the basement of the courthouse.

Voters in the rural districts will ballot on whether or not they wish to become a part of the Midland Independent School District. Voters in the Midland district will vote on whether or not they wish to let the rural districts come in with Midland.

Plans for the consolidation were worked out by school officials, parents of students and others interested in better educational facilities. Students in most rural districts of the county have been enjoying the facilities of the Midland

school system by being transported in by buses.

Growth of Midland has crowded the Midland school buildings to such an extent that new arrangements must be made to take care of the students.

Proponents of the consolidation plan believe by combining the six districts a building program can be inaugurated after the war which will provide the students living in the rural districts and those in Midland with a school plant where too many students will not be placed in a room, additional courses can be offered and a full faculty of well qualified teachers can be employed.

GLASS RESISTS ACID

A new glass for laboratory utensils, acid containers, safety goggles and other purposes in which protection against the action of hydro-fluoric acid is essential has been developed. The discovery is expected to simplify the handling of this industrially important acid, which is used in scientific laboratories and in such industrial operations as the pickling of metals, etching of glass, processing of textiles, manufacture of fluorides and ceramics, and at a catalyst in oil refining and synthetic rubber manufacture.

Trader Tex Won't Admit He Is Hero Of Big Naval Battle

HOUSTON —(P)—Trader Tex thinks the captain of a certain escort carrier was spreading it on a bit thick when he called Tex the greatest hero of the greatest naval engagement in history.

Tex is Lieut. (J.G.) Leonard Ernest Waldrop, of Liberty, 28 year old pilot of a Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber. In certain islands of the Pacific, the Trader is also known as the one man wave of destruction.

He admitted, during a visit to Houston recently that the smashing of the Jap fleet off the Philippines on Oct. 25 was a great naval engagement.

The Navy says you can't name the carrier whose life Tex saved. Tex saved the carrier by strafing and exploding two torpedoes which were headed straight for the ship.

Made Eight Attacks

On that same day he made eight attacks on the Jap ships which the Seventh Fleet encountered off Leyte Gulf. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross for those attacks, and the citation says he dived on the enemy alone, out numbered and in the face of heavy and concentrated anti-aircraft fire. He hit two battleships and two cruisers and started a cruiser and a destroyer and came back with a hole in one wing big enough for a man to jump through with a Mae West on.

Sighted Wakes

"I sighted their wakes and saw the carrier was trying to out-manuever them," Tex said. "But it couldn't have dodged both of them. I wrapped my ship in a tight turn and saw one of the torpedoes was porpoising. Just as it hit the surface I gave it a burst from my wing guns and it exploded about 200 yards from the ship. The second one porpoised up half a minute later and I exploded it. That's all there was to it."

The carrier's guncrews, warned they were being attacked by torpedoes, took care of their own tin fish after that. Tex flew on after bigger game.

He got the Navy Cross for saving the carrier.

Back at Saipan he won the Air Medal for his part in supporting the Marine landings.

Now home on survivor's leave, the Navy pilot hopes to be back soon trading souvenirs with the islanders, and hot steel with the Jap fleet.

NEEDED LOTS OF FOOD

Diplodocus, ancient dinosaur, was so large (about 100 feet long) that scientists figure a 700-pound daily diet must have been necessary to sustain it.

MOST POPULAR SHRUB

The lilac was the most popular flowering shrub in America for 200 years, a reign which ended with the aftermath of World War I.

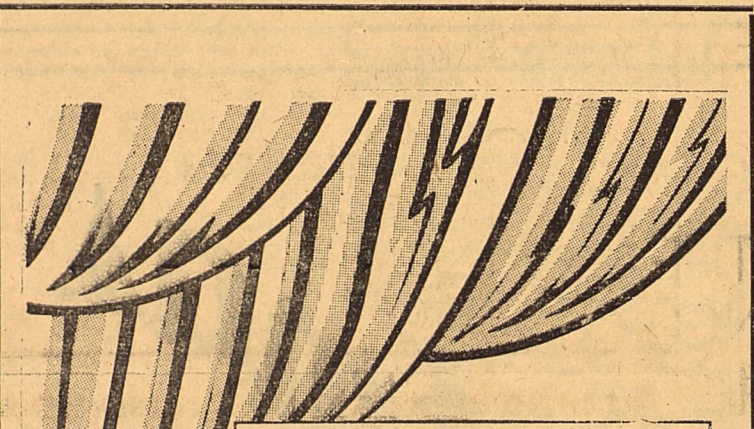


With the passing of each year, our Christmas Greetings to you become more and more an essential part of our lives.

This year, perhaps more than ever, we have looked forward to the opportunity of sending a message of good cheer to you. We are aware of the disappointments that have been yours; we are familiar with the good things in life which have been yours to enjoy. And at this Christmas time, we want it to be one of those great occasions which you will long remember as being a happy season, full of hope for Health, Peace and Contentment.



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After reviewing the events of the past months and experiencing the problems which confront us under existing conditions, it is only natural that we welcome the peace and quiet of the Christmas season. It is comforting to know that we can free ourselves of the distracting thoughts that occupy our minds during ordinary days.


It is difficult this year to express words which will bring comfort and peace to those whose homes and normal lives have been affected so greatly because of the American desire to maintain our way of life. Whatever we might say in this message may sound trite but please understand that our thoughts are sincere and genuine when we say that we wish you a Merry American Christmas. It is our way of expressing ourselves at this time and to let you know that we fully appreciate the trials that have been yours, the determination with which you have met abnormal situations.

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Through the
CENTURIES




It is a far cry from the crude manger of Bethlehem the world of today with its modern structures of worship.

But as time goes on and the world continues to progress, it is interesting to observe that the one custom that has remained unchanged is the observance of the coming of Him whose birthday we celebrate.

May His teachings predominate now at a time when the world seeks peace and contentment. This is our Christmas wish this year.


May we wish you all the joys of the Yuletide.




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Maquis Forces Had Their Own Maid Of Orleans

By TOM WOLF
NEA Staff Correspondent
ORLEANS—This is the story of a modern Maid of Orleans—a complement to history which must not be lost in the backwash of the martial riptide which has already left Orleans far behind.

Like the famous St. Joan, this modern Maid of Orleans rode in the vanguard of the resurgent French forces which refused to accept enslavement. She, too, won her greatest victory here in this castled city on the banks of the Loire.

Helene, as we will call her, is much more than the wife of the leader of the Maquis for a large region of France—although she is that, too. One small episode illustrates the importance of her leadership in her own right:

While I was talking with her in a handsome apartment in the shadow of the Norman towers of the Cathedral where St. Joan knelt to thank God for a similar victory more than five centuries ago, a captain of the Maquis interrupted our conversation. His men were fighting the Germans a few miles away and they needed some instructions. Was Mme. Helenes husband available? He was not.

"Very well," said the captain. "My instructions are to ask your orders in case of your husband's absence."

Most of Helen's story can now be told with safety, for the gestapo already knows many of its details. The Germans have had a handsome price on her head for three years—one which, according to a friend who recently slipped through the lines, has been considerably increased now that Helene is safe in Allied hands.

Charm and Vitality
Helene is a charming, vital brunette, now probably in her middle thirties. Her husband, a French regular army officer, refused to sign a pledge of loyalty to Petain in 1940, so he was relegated to a desk job in the supply branch. For two years after the armistice he used his job to build up a secret arsenal of material which he managed to "misdirect" to Morocco in anticipation of the Allied landings.

In December, 1942, his mission ac-

complished, he left the army and went underground. Helene went with him. During the next two years Helene lived in dozens of places, under dozens of names, always only one step ahead of the Gestapo or betrayal. She was far more than just her husband's housekeeper, confidante and chief adviser. She often did the most dangerous jobs, because a cool woman could smile her way out of jams which would often have been fatal to a man.

"Much of my job," Helene told me, "was carrying the most secret orders—the coordinates, for example, of the location where arms were to be parachuted by the Allies.

"This was the most dangerous part of the job, not so much because it would have meant torture and death if I'd been caught, as because it would have meant that precious arms would be parachuted to the Germans instead of us. But the reward was worth the risk. You can't imagine what a wonderfully thrilling thing it was to stand in a field or a wood at midnight, waiting for the hum of airplane motors, and watching containers of arms and ammunition float down exactly where we were waiting. Tons and tons came down. The Germans got very, very little of it."

The toughest times for Helene followed the arrests of her accomplices. "No one can hold out indefinitely against the gestapo tortures," Helene said. "You might as well make up your mind to that. So when someone was caught, we had to move. I'll never forget the bravery of one old woman of 65. She did wonderful work for us, hiding tired airmen in her Paris home until we could prepare forged identity and ration cards for them. One day the Gestapo caught her. I didn't know it until the next day when she managed somehow to get a message to me.

"The Gestapo had broken her right arm, her left leg and her jaw. They had hurled her small body time and time again against the wall of the torture chamber. She warned me to move quickly. She knew she could not resist much longer telling what she knew."

Dozens of Problems
Each move brought dozens of problems for Helene. "I have clothes and possession scattered in at least a dozen places in Paris and Lord only knows how many elsewhere. When we got word to move, we moved—quickly." Usually Helene tried to stay with a friend, avoiding the necessity of registering.

"You can imagine the problems of running a house under these conditions," Helene continued. "Somehow we managed to do it. We got food and clothes on the black market. Our biggest clothing problem was for American fliers. They're too big to look French. When we had a lot of them at once—once we had 80 in one group and had to buy them a boat to sail them to England—it was awful. Food was easier. Often we ate in restaurants frequented by the Gestapo. The greatest danger was double agents—men working with both the Gestapo and the Resistance, and selling to the highest bidder."

In the beginning of May, 1944, Helene and her husband left Paris to lead the Maquis in the field. Here in the country the danger was multiplied, for strangers—especially women—are easy to spot. "I can assure you," said Helene quite conversationally, "that it has been awful not being able to sleep for four years without one ear open for the Gestapo's 4 a.m. call."

But the job had to be done. When it was done, when the Maquis triumphantly fought into Orleans and to a junction with the American Third Army, in the vanguard rode Helene, modern Maid of Orleans.

Nervy Nazi Spies Take 'Boy From Hills' For Ride

By HAL BOYLE
NEAR STAVELOT, BELGIUM—(P)—German spies were inside the American Army's frontlines Saturday.

A captain and three privates wearing Uncle Sam's uniforms drove along a forest road in a jeep. They halted near Capt. Fordyce Gorham of Coudersport, Pa. Gorham, like all other soldiers, had been warned to watch for enemy troops or spies dressed in American garb.

But Gorham was busy with his own battlefield problems. He noted only that the man in the front seat wore a mackinaw and helmet with captain's bars, and that the other three soldiers—apparently privates—wore sweaters and carried rifles and carbines.

"I'm from blank corps," the strange officer said pleasantly. "I'm looking for my tanks. Have you seen some go along that road to the next village?"

"I hear some have, but you can't get across the river because the bridge is out," Gorham replied.

"How are things going?" the other captain asked casually.

Gorham gave him the usual Army answer to such a question: "All fouled up."

After a half-hour conversation the stranger started to leave, then stopped and asked—"gotta cigarett?"

He lit the borrowed cigarett and drove away.

A little later things began to pop. At the very edge of the front Pvt. Theodore Watson of Brooklyn, was standing near a stone farmhouse as American tank destroyers approached to engage an enemy tank which had been firing into Yank positions.

Suddenly two jeeps sped up the road. From one jumped the man who had talked to Gorham a short time before. Four other men, also masquerading as American soldiers, jumped out of the other vehicle.

Watson, who is a medic and carries no weapons, became suspicious. When he heard one of the strangers call to another in a heavy, worried German accent, "where is it?" he felt sure he was right.

Jumping out he pointed to the eight men and yelled to doughboys in foxholes, "They're Germans!"

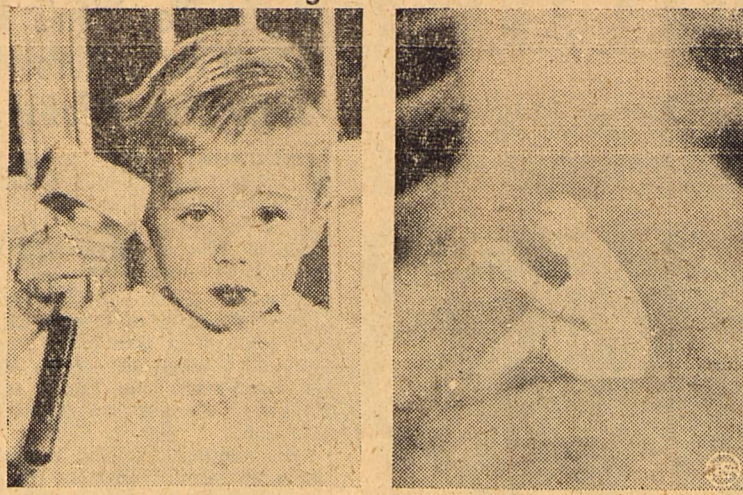
The eight men, who apparently had been looking for the Nazi tank to guide them back to their own positions, took off like deer for the German lines.

"Shoot them, they're Germans!" Watson shouted. But because the fleeing men wore American uniforms the doughboys hesitated. They fired just as the eight men reached a woods and wounded one of the Germans and two American soldiers nearby. However, all eight Germans escaped.

When Gorham learned of the incident he recalled his own encounter with four of the spies and exclaimed ruefully:

"I'm a boy from the hills, and

Strategic Withdrawal



Probably 2½-year-old Marvin Pulven, of Mason City, Mich., has no intention of eating that mallet he brandishes at left, above, but his parents wouldn't be surprised if he tried it. He's pictured after having a toy soldier which he swallowed removed from his esophagus. Child was flown to Chicago, where surgeons at the Children's Memorial Hospital removed the soldier, seen lodged in his gullet in X-ray photo at right.

HEALTHY APPETITES

Sea elephants eat as much as 500 pounds of fish every day. These creatures reach a length of 20 feet. In zoos, they are fed every two hours.

NEW TYPE BUSES

New city type buses will feature many innovations, among them a new body designed to seat 41 passengers comfortably, an improved automatic transmission for smoother riding and greater safety, and a revolutionary heating and ventilating system.

this time I was taken in by city slickers. Me — who's supposed to know about things like that!"

Let's Not Forget!

When we go about spreading Christmas cheer—let's give a thought to the youth of our nation who, by their sacrifices and efforts have made possible our enjoyment of the Christmas season!

TO THEM, AND TO YOU...



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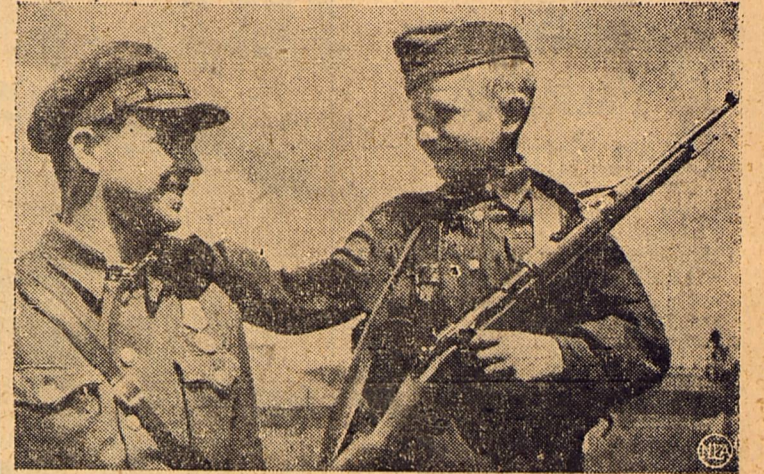
HOSPITAL SHIPS

American hospital ships are the best equipped ships of their kind, each ward complete with surgical dressing room, diet pantry, utility room, linen locker, toilet and shower. For the patients who can enjoy them there is a recreation room, a library, sun decks and dining saloon. Elevators take bedfast patients to the sun deck. Modern laboratory, ample X-ray equipment, and a big supply of necessary medical and surgical equipment, assure homecoming wounded veterans the best possible care.

MULTI-PURPOSE FIGHTER

Multi-purpose fighter planes may eventually eliminate dive bombers and torpedo bombers. Pacific operations have shown that the Navy's new fighters can be used as mast-head and glide bombers, and take up their fighter role after dropping their bomb loads.

Like Father, Like Son

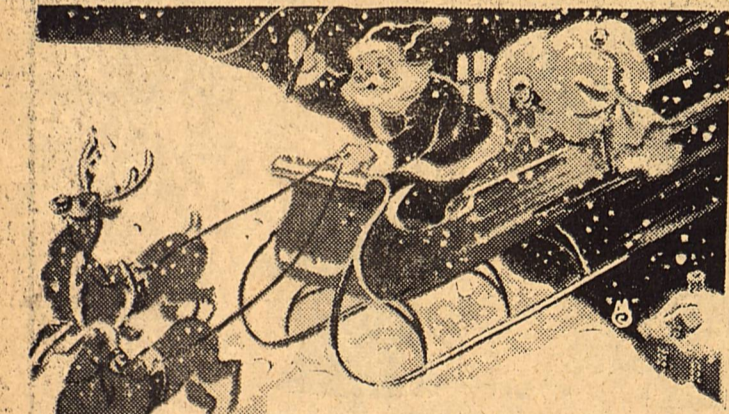


A father and son who fight Germans together, as members of a Russian guerrilla band, A. Volynets and his boy Nikolai, 13, are pictured in the newly-liberated town of Vileika. The father considers his son one of his best scouts.

May Rule Greece



Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens, above, is reported to have accepted an offer to become regent of Greece, following settlement of civil strife there.



With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year

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From the times of our forefathers, America has enjoyed a traditional Christmas. It has always been and will always continue to be a festive season of good fellowship and good cheer. It is a time for remembering friends and loved ones, one to give thanks for those blessings which America enjoys.

Although our lives have been affected by circumstances and events within the past months, the spirit of Christmas remains unchanged. From the pleasures of the Yuletide season today we gain strength with which to meet the problems of tomorrow. From the thoughtfulness of those whom we hold dear, we obtain a sense of well being and a desire to create greater achievements.

The American Christmas must remain traditional regardless of conditions and events. It is our obligation to keep alive the glorious customs that have been the predominating factor of the American Christmas for many, many years.

Let us be happy and considerate of others this Christmas so that we may obtain the greatest enjoyment the season offers. This is our Christmas wish for you.

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Christmas Season

The season to which we have been looking forward has arrived and with it the happy experiences of renewing old acquaintances and the opportunity of expressing our feeling of friendship to those whom we serve.

It's not a normal season, to be sure. But it remains for those of us at home to maintain the true spirit of Christmas that those who are in distant points may eventually return to the normal American way of life.

We are proud of the heritage of Christmas and as the season approaches, we extend to you, and to those dear to you, wherever they may be, a Merry, Merry American Christmas.

Your Midland Chamber of Commerce