



# AMERICANS HOLD CELLES

## Superforts Sprinkle Japanese Diet With Incendiary Bombing

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor

About 50 Superforts bombed Tokyo Wednesday, interrupting official war reports being read to the Japanese Diet.

The B-29s making their first mass raid on the enemy capital since Dec. 3 emphasized the increasing tempo of the Pacific air war that saw American fighter pilots destroy 74 Japanese planes over the Philippines and in North China.

As ground fighting in the Philippines dwindled temporarily to mopping-up operations on Leyte Island, the Chinese Communist Eighth Route Army reported it had defeated a Nipponese force 30 miles east of Loyang in revived fighting in Western Honan Province.

Four American divisions wiping out the last vestiges of enemy resistance on Leyte, killed 889 more Japanese soldiers and took 14 prisoners. Seven Yanks were killed and 21 wounded.

Reported Casualties  
Japan's war minister, Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama, told the 86th session of the Diet that American forces had suffered 509,000 casualties since Pearl Harbor. He interrupted the reading of his war report to the lower house to announce:

"Approximately 50 B-29s have penetrated the skies over the Tokyo-Yokohama area" dropping "explosives and incendiaries on several points."

An imperial communique claimed that nine raiders were definitely shot down, five probably and 27 others damaged. Four interceptors were admitted lost. Tokyo radio said crowds in the streets cheered when a Superfort fell.

"Bleeding Internally"  
"Japan is bleeding internally" from the 1,500 tons of bombs previously dropped on Tokyo and other industrial cities of Honshu Island in their first 30 days of operation, said Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell Jr., whose Saipan-based B-29s carried out the attacks. These earlier strikes knocked out one of Japan's largest aircraft plants at Nagoya, extensively damaged another nearby and hurt the big Mushima airplane engine factory in Tokyo.

Between 16 and 25 Japanese planes raided the B-29 Saipan base Christmas night—four were brought down—and Tokyo said they returned again Tuesday night.

American Liberators making their fourth successive raid on Luzon Island air bases near Manila poured 44 tons of explosives on Clark Field Christmas Day, while Lightning fighters shot down at least 39, possibly 43, of 50 Japanese interceptors. Major Thomas McGuire of San Antonio emerged from the mass dogfight with a wartime total of 38 Japanese planes to his credit, only two less than Major Richard I. Bong, America's ace of aces.

In another repeat performance P-51 fighters operating from North China bases, presumably in Communist-controlled territory, destroyed 29 Japanese planes caught on the ground at Tinian in Shantung Province.

## New-Mex Gusher Still Trying To Stage A Blowout

By JAMES C. WATSON,  
Oil Editor

Stanford Oil & Gas Company No. 1-P State, section 24-21s-34e, offsetting ordinary production in the West Eunice field in South Lea County, New Mexico, was still trying to blowout, after it had been killed with salt water and loaded with drilling mud.

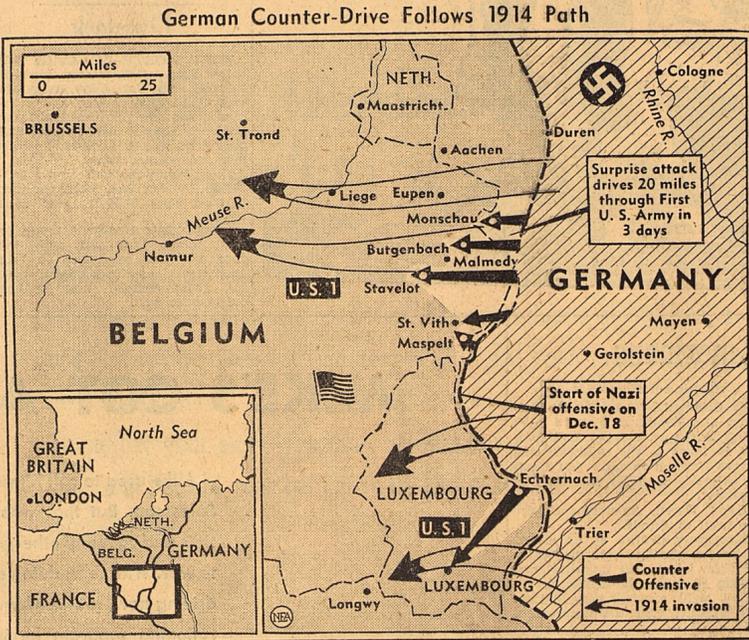
Condition of roads to the project have delayed efforts to get the test completely under control. It is being held down, but gas is trying to come out.

Operator is arranging to run tubing, in order to get a better casing on the well and will then run casing to about total depth at 3,820 feet, to try to test and complete the gusher which flowed wild for several days at a rate of approximately 100,000 barrels a day.

## Dead Brunette Found Floating In Water

HOUSTON—(AP)—The body of a black-headed woman between 30 and 35 years old and about five feet six inches tall was found floating in Buffalo Bayou here early Wednesday.

Justice W. C. Ragan, called to conduct an inquest, ordered an autopsy performed in an effort to determine the cause of death.



Map above shows how all-out German counter-offensive follows the Wehrmacht's favorite invasion path. In 1914, and again in 1940, they poured through the Aachen-Malmedy sector toward Liege and the Meuse River.

## WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

### WESTERN FRONT—

American troops hold Celles after slamming back German counterattack. Three killed, 13 injured as bombs fall on Paris.

### EASTERN FRONT—

Germans destroy military stores in Budapest as Russians charge city.

### ITALIAN FRONT—

Fifth Army forces retreat from advanced positions in Serchio River Valley.

### PACIFIC FRONT—

B-29 raid interrupts official war reports being read to Japanese Diet in Tokyo.

### AERIAL—

British-based heavy bombers spearhead aerial assault against German offensive.

### Fifth Army Retreats In Serchio River Sector In Nazi Drive

ROME—(AP)—A strong German counterattack near Italy's west coast has forced Fifth Army forces to withdraw from advanced positions in the Serchio River Valley, Allied Headquarters announced Wednesday.

The enemy thrusts came east and west of the road town of Galliano, some 14 miles inland from the Tyrrhenian Coast, after artillery preparation.

The German communiqué said Nazi and Fascist Italian troops, in a surprise attack in the Galliano area, "broke through American positions and threw back a formation of the 92nd American Infantry Division."

The Brazilian Expeditionary Force has been in operation along that sector of the Fifth Army front.

The Eighth Army front on the opposite coast was generally quiet, although the Canadians still were fanning out northeast of newly captured Rossita, clearing fortified buildings. Other Eighth Army troops were advancing in the same manner in the area of Bagnacavallo and Faenza.

### Berlin Claims V-Bombs Blast Manchester

LONDON—(AP)—Berlin said Wednesday that Manchester had been struck by V-1 bombs, indicating either that German pick-a-back planes were making daring sweeps toward Northern England, or that an improved type of V-1 has a longer range.

## Midland Merchants Will Salute First Baby Born Here In 1945

Midland merchants and businessmen will welcome roally the first new white baby of 1945 born in Midland County. The new citizen will be saluted with many generous gifts upon entry into the world.

Lucky will be the parents of this New Year's baby for such gifts as blankets, baby cups, bottle warmers, baby bunting, quilts, shawls, photographs, credit coupons for merchandise, a free ride home from the hospital, and even electrified water for the baby's first bottles will be presented. Merchants have searched their baby department shelves trying to find worthy gifts for the fortunate first baby of 1945.

Dunlap's will furnish an Esmond baby blanket to ward off the cold winter. The baby and mother will get a free ride home from the hospital in one of Barrow's ambulances.

Cameron's Central Pharmacy will give \$5 credit on prescriptions for the mother and baby, and Banner Creamery will furnish a coupon book valued at \$2.50 for dairy products for the baby.

Barrow Furniture Company is going to present the mother of this first baby of 1945 with a convenient bed lamp. Iva's Jewelers has an attractive baby cup to give to this favored infant.

Smith's Women Shop has an all wool shawl awaiting the babe's arrival. Midland Hardware and Furniture Company has offered a Simmons Comfy Dry Mattress for the baby's bed.

A bottle of electrified water is the Midland Bottling Company's contribution to the welfare of the first Midland citizen of 1945.

Barron's Home, Farm and Ranch Supply Store is going to give one of its handy electric bottle warmers. A 30x42 baby quilt will be presented by the Sanders Furniture Shop.

Kiddie's Toggery is offering a baby bunting as its share of the presents. Williams Studio will take a picture of the most fortunate baby of 1945.

So, parents, if you want your new son or daughter to be this fortunate baby, you qualify by arranging for a letter from your doctor stating the exact time of birth, and the first white baby born in 1945 will be the winner of these valuable presents. The letter is to be delivered to The Reporter-Telegram as quickly as possible.

### Temperature Rises Following Coldest Weather Of Winter

Midlanders were a little warmer Wednesday than Tuesday as the temperature stood at 36 degrees at 9 a. m. Wednesday, a full 10 degrees higher than at the same time the day before.

Ice which had formed on trees, telephone and electric lines was melting. The heavy overcast in the skies was lifting over West Texas generally, and flights of air lines planes were scheduled to be resumed.

### Began Slow Ascent

The temperature started rising from the low of 26 degrees at 10 a. m. Tuesday. The rise was very gradual through Tuesday and Tuesday night.

### GERMAN GENERAL DIES

LONDON—(AP)—Gen. Theodore Geib, commander of a German army group, has died of wounds received on the Western Front, the Berlin radio said Wednesday.

## Militarists See VE Day Farther Away

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Military strategists are now tentatively adding three to six months to their estimate of a date for victory in Europe.

There is still hope in high places that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be able to turn the Allied reverse on the Western Front into an early and decisive victory. But at the moment it is a gray and waning hope, although the battle is still fluid.

Along with this sober estimate of the fighting has come a conviction that at least part of the German success was due to over-optimism throughout the Allied High Command.

Delays  
First, Allied general thought the European war would be won last fall; later they set the date for the year's end, then moved it forward to spring. Now they talk of next fall or winter.

If it actually takes until late next year to lick the Germans, the date for victory over Japan will have to be moved forward also. But in Asia and the Pacific, as well as in Europe, much of what will happen depends on Russian plans, as yet unrevealed.

There is for instance the question of whether and when the Red Army will open a full-scale offensive against Germany on the Polish front. The ground is frozen and the time is ripe since the Germans are heavily engaged in the west.

The success of the present German drive is being attributed by some authorities here partly to a failure of Allied intelligence and planning.

### Considered Typical

Very young, very old and second-rate troops found in many west-wall fortifications were considered typical of all German forces—relatively weak units held together with a sprinkling of battle-hardened regulars. Allied intelligence apparently made two great blunders.

1. It believed that the German armies in France had been almost completely destroyed.

2. It believed that it knew the strength and had guessed the intended use of German reserves backing the west wall and it considered them to be defense forces.

As a matter of fact, the German force reportedly numbering toward 20 divisions, represented a reorganization of the defeated remnants of the armies beaten in France; the use of many second-rate troops in the west wall completely camouflaged this reorganization.

### Budapest Nazis Burn Supplies As Reds Charge

By DANIEL DE LUCE  
MOSCOW—(AP)—Red Army shock troops charged upon flame-seared Budapest from snowy hills above the Danube River Wednesday. The German garrison burned military stores, dynamited public utilities and fought back grimly with field artillery scattered throughout the Hungarian capital.

Half a dozen Soviet spearheads were reported closing in on the western half of the encircled city and all German roads of escape were cut off.

### Believed In Buda

Soviet assault units were believed to have slashed some distance into the Buda district on the west bank of the Danube.

A delayed dispatch from Szekesfehervar, about 32 miles southwest of Budapest, disclosed that the Nazis had fought for the city street by street.

Thousands of German dead were reported to have lined the roads on the battlefields between Szekesfehervar and Budapest following the Russian advance. Burned out armored vehicles, many of them the latest King Tiger and Panther tanks, dotted the fields and endless columns of Nazi prisoners marched miserably to the cages, the dispatch said.

### Merchant Marine Shore Leaves Are Cancelled

HOUSTON—(AP)—All shore leaves of men of the Merchant Marine from 18 to 37 have been cancelled, Lt. (JG) Marvin Simpson, public relations officer for the War Shipping Administration announced here Wednesday.

### Weather Cloudy

## Yanks Stage Holiday Counterattack; Retain Meuse River Sector

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS—(AP)—U. S. troops in a Christmas Day counter-attack slammed back German armor that had reached to Celles, only four miles from the Meuse River and 50 miles from Brussels, Supreme Headquarters disclosed Wednesday.

By Christmas Night, American forces hurled into the path of the German bid for the Meuse, strongly held the town of Celles—only eight miles from the northern bulge of France—and were reported to have blunted a second armored spearhead which rammed to Ciney, 14 miles below Namur.

Later developments after this check two days ago to the Nazi spearhead's thrust 50 miles below Belgium were not disclosed.

The Supreme Headquarters communiqué said simply that "a few enemy tanks and troop-carriers had pushed forward in the direction of Celles" from Dinant, on the Meuse, but that "these were engaged by our forces and were driven back, some tanks being knocked out."

An 11-mile Sunday plunge had carried two forward columns of the Nazi offensive—powered by two and perhaps three armies—to Celles and to Ciney, six miles northeastward and nine from the Meuse.

The surrounded Bastogne garrison of several thousand doughboys still held out in an epic stand. General Eisenhower's relieving counter-attack from the south at last reports still was 4 1/2 miles from the city, but the front of his attack had been widened.

### Our Positions Maintained

Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt was pushing hard to the northwest toward the Antwerp supply route— from his reinforced line along the Hotton-Marche road, but "our positions have been maintained," said the Allied communique covering actions two days old.

It still was a grinding battle of huge cost in which Von Rundstedt's next moves yet were to shape up. The terrific American defense had slowed but not yet stopped the German armor.

Along the northern rim of their bulge, Germans captured Manhay, 10 miles southwest of Stavelot. Von Rundstedt kept bloody Bastogne near the middle of the bulge under incessant day and night attack, hurling in tanks which the defenders knocked out as fast as they came up.

The closest point reached by the relieving force from the south was just north of Chaumont, five miles below Bastogne. Seven miles southwest of Bastogne, Americans pressed (Continued On Page 2)

### Delegates Disarmed

The conference was so tense that all delegates surrendered their side arms at the door.

The British announced that the first shell fell at 3:10 p.m., near a British warship at Piraeus. The second landed a little later near the naval headquarters.

Nevertheless, the British said another 45-minute truce would be tention of ELAS delegates attending a second session of an all-party conference to discuss Greece's political troubles.

### Delegates Re-Armed

British guards returned the ELAS' delegates guns to them when they left the conference under a safe conduct.

"Whether Greece is a monarchy or a republic is a matter for the (Continued On Page 2)

## War Bulletins

PARIS—(AP)—American troops have thrown back German armored columns that thrust within four miles of the Meuse River, and a front dispatch Wednesday night declared doughboys were slowly regaining the initiative on flanks of the German drive into Belgium.

LONDON—(AP)—Hundreds of tons of supplies—mainly ammunition—were parachuted Wednesday to American troops cut off by the German drive in the Bastogne area.

LONDON—(AP)—Heavy bombers from Britain spearheaded another assault against the German Western Front offensive Wednesday. Favorable weather over the Continent permitted Allied planes based in Belgium, Holland and France to join the attack.

PARIS—(AP)—Three persons were killed and 13 others injured Tuesday night by bombs which fell on the Paris area near world famous landmarks. It was the French capital's first air raid since Aug. 27, immediately after the city's liberation.

LONDON—(AP)—The Berlin high command said Wednesday that a major tank battle broke out Tuesday north of Laroche in Belgium, and declared 70 tanks of the U. S. Third and Seventh Tank Divisions were knocked out.

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But the children of Israel walked down upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.—Exodus 14:29.

## Wanted: A Change Of Heart

"There ought to be a meeting of the three great powers at the earliest moment," said Prime Minister Churchill in the reluctant, disheartened speech in which he announced settlement of the Anglo-Russian dispute over Poland. And indeed he is right. Such a meeting is the best and perhaps the only hope of halting the drift away from international co-operation.

Relations among the three powers have deteriorated alarmingly since the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meeting in Teheran. Much has been done that cannot be undone. And a feeling of discouragement has settled upon the American and British people as the inspiring promises of the Atlantic Charter have been pushed aside by the emerging two-power domination of Europe.

Churchill complained that the attitude of the United States in the Polish dispute had not been precisely defined. But surely neither he nor Stalin could be ignorant of this country's basic attitude. It is found in the Atlantic Charter, which renounces territorial aggrandizement by the signatory nations, and affirms the right of a people to select their own form of government.

The people of Europe still look toward the United States and its President for leadership, and they must have been puzzled by Roosevelt's recent silence. But what could he say? To have taken sides in the Polish or Greek disputes would have been to threaten Allied military unity and to retard and jeopardize victory over Germany.

So we have kept hands off in these disputes, for any hand we had in the matter would have to be backed by some force. And what force could we use? We could not hold back our military effort in a war which is ours as well as our Allies'. And certainly we could not threaten a curtailment of postwar trade or assistance.

Such a course would be impossible for the practical reason that world peace requires economic health. We could not with logic or decency hold down Britain or Russia or China and expect thus to achieve stability. We should be committed to a course of armed isolationism that would surround us with hostility and doom all hope of international co-operation.

The great difficulty is that the whole idea of a world peace organization was really based on nothing more tangible than good will. It must have good will if it is to exist and develop. And once a government has abandoned the monest, ethical desire to sacrifice some individual gain for the common good, it cannot be compelled to recapture that desire.

Threats of force or sanctions would doom the very goal of world peace toward which this country is striving. No, what is needed is a change of heart in the Russian and British governments. Perhaps Roosevelt's prestige and persuasiveness, backed by the will of the American people, will help to bring about that change when the "big three" meet again.

To try to accomplish this is perhaps the gravest task of Roosevelt's career. To succeed would certainly be his greatest triumph.

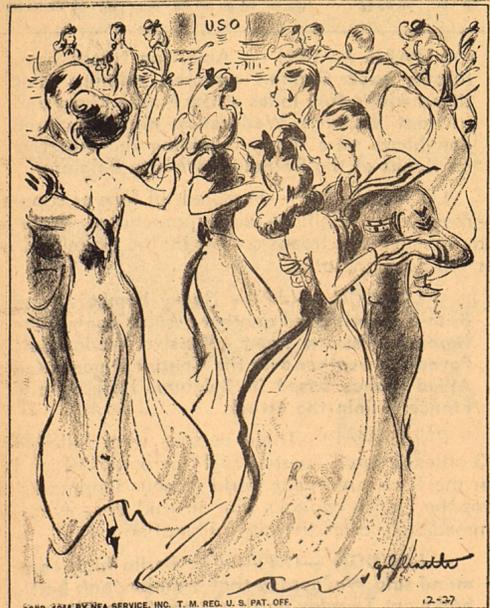
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## Crystal Ball

Back in 1939 a St. Louis millionaire engaged a hotel room, entered it, and hasn't been out since.

Any man who could foresee the hotel room shortage five years ago should be invited, even forced, to step outside just long enough to tell us when the war will be over.

## SIDE GLANCES



"It's nice of you to say I look like your girl back home—you see, I'm somebody's girl back home, too, and I hope my boy friend is saying that to some girl somewhere!"

## They've Now Joined Up With The Enemy



## Lions Club Members Have Their Children As Honored Guests

Members of the Midland Lions Club had their children as guests at the regular Wednesday meeting held at noon in the Crystal ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel.

Clint Duman won the prize of a free lunch offered by John J. Redfern Jr., program chairman, for having the most children present. James L. Daugherty won the second free lunch prize for having the youngest child present. The guest list ran to a total of 42, with 22 boys being present and 20 girls.

The first number on the formal program was the group singing, "God Bless America," led by J. H. Biggs.

Diana Daugherty was presented in a piano solo.

**Joe Conkling Talked**  
Joe Conkling, son of Russell Conkling, told of some of his experiences in the South Pacific while serving in the Coast Guard. He was discharged recently.

Last Christmas Conkling was in a hospital in New Caledonia, he said where natives entertained the patients with Christmas carols.

The Fiji Islands are among the most interesting of any in the South Pacific from the standpoint of the natives, the speaker continued and added that the natives are making quite a bit of money selling trinkets.

James Nolan read an editorial from the Oil Weekly pointing to the obligation adults owe to young boys so they will not have to fight a war.

R. D. Scruggs, chairman of the membership campaign which is to be staged in January, named W. E. Neely, Frank Monroe and John J. Redfern, Jr., as team captains for the campaign.

Hubert Hopper, president, presided.

## Tin Can Shortage Raises Children's Hopes

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. —(AP)—A drastic shortage of tin cans to process the 1945 Arkansas spinach crop is threatened because early transportation of Texas spinach into this state has used part of the available supply, Arkansas growers declared at a meeting Tuesday.

## Americans -

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near Cobreville. They cleared Holange and Timtange, 6 and 8 miles below Bastogne, entered Luttbhausen 10 miles to the southeast and fought German infantry and tanks in Echdorf, 12 miles southeast of Bastogne.

Below Duren, Americans cleared the town of Winden. Doughboys cleaned up an enemy pocket near La Gleize in the Stavelot area, taking 150 prisoners, and seizing 38 tanks, 70 half-track vehicles, eight armored cars and six self-propelled guns, the communiques said.

On the Seventh Army front, slight gains were made in forested areas west of Wissembourg, and in the high Southern Vosges an enemy raid on Thann was repulsed.

In a front dispatch Tuesday night Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher said there were growing indications that the German high command had decided to risk the heart of the German army in this Western Front effort. He added:

"The next few days should tell the story, with strong prospects for the greatest battle of the second World War in the offing."

## ELAS -

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Greeks and the Greeks alone to decide," the prime minister told the assemblage.

Britain's only interest in using her troops in the current civil war, Churchill asserted, is to bring an end to disorder and make possible an election by secret ballot.

Churchill declared that British troops came to Greece "with the knowledge and approval" of President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin and in the belief that all Greeks, including the commander of the ELAS army, wanted them.

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## OPA Makes Two Zones In Sharon Ridge Field

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The Sharon Ridge pool, in Seury and Mitchell counties, has been divided into two zones. One to be known as Sharon 1700-foot zone has a premium of 35 cents; the other, Sharon Ridge 2400-foot zone, 25 cents.

The Pursley pool, in Jack County, was removed from the list.

The Bob Rose field was added at 35 cents, and Aspermont field at 25 cents.

## Cotton

NEW YORK—(AP)—Noon cotton prices were unchanged to 15 cents a bale higher Wednesday. March 21.93, May 21.87, and July 21.49.

## Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle 800: calves 500; active, strong; medium to good slaughter steers and yearlings 11.00-14.25; cutter and common steers and yearlings 7.00-11.00; good beef cows 10.00-12.00; good and choice fat calves 12.00-13.50; common to medium calves 8.00-12.00. Hogs 600; good and choice 180-270 lb. butcher hogs 14.55, the top; packing sows 13.50-75; pigs 12.50 down. Sheep 1300; steady; medium to good lambs 12.00-13.75 with top paid for load averaging 92 lbs.; good woolled yearlings averaging 97 lbs. 11.75; common and medium grade ewes 5.50.

## Nazis Scare Belgians With New Bogey Weapon

LONDON—(AP)—A German radio station which has been trying to panic the Belgians ever since opening of the Nazi offensive said Wednesday Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's forces were using an atomic bomb in the new attack.

"This is the type of bomb on which the Allies had claimed to have a monopoly," the announcer said. The "Germans used it at St. Vith. Wherever such a missile is dropped all animals and plants cease to exist. Huge areas of land are scorched, woods are consumed, and any human being caught in the hurricane is shattered to smithereens."

## Postal Clerks Clear Christmas Parcels

Postal clerks were busy Wednesday at the Midland postoffice clearing out the enormous number of Christmas parcels which were jamming all available floor space.

The number of parcels in the postoffice was expected to be back to normal Thursday, N. G. Oates, acting postmaster, said.

All of the Christmas cards which had accumulated during the Christmas rush were expected to be delivered by Thursday, Oates predicted.

## Southwestern Bell Plans Huge Expansion

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Wednesday announced plans for a 140-million-dollar postwar construction program for Missouri, parts of Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Shields R. Smith, general manager, said the program will be in addition to the money spent for normal growth of business and will result in a net increase of about one-sixth of the company's present plant investment of \$41,000,000.

## Former MAAF Officer Missing In Action

First Lt. Eltinge H. Read, 30, a former instructor at Midland Army Air Field, has been reported missing in action over Germany since November 15.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in November, 1941, and received his commission September 3, 1942, at which time he was given his assignment as a bombardier instructor. His home was at Halley, Idaho.

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Also in the interest of conserving war-vital tetra-ethyl lead, P. A. W. has directed that less of it be used in the manufacture of all Regular gasoline. Consequently the octane number of this product has been reduced from 72 to 70.

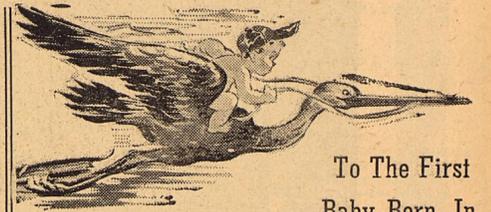
So, if your Humble Station is temporarily out of Esso Extra, or if Humble Regular does not perform in your car like it did in the past, please remember that tetra-ethyl lead is really at war... just another of those small sacrifices all of us at home are asked to make in the interest of an earlier Victory.



# First BABBY Contest 1945

## The Merchants Of Midland Salute a New Citizen!

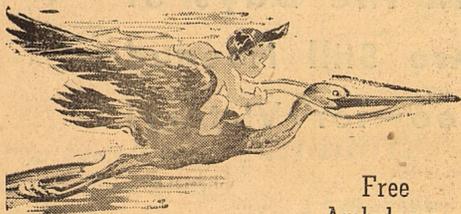
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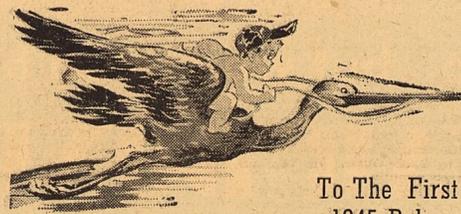
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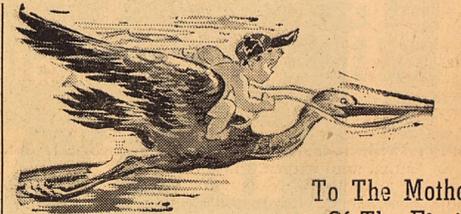


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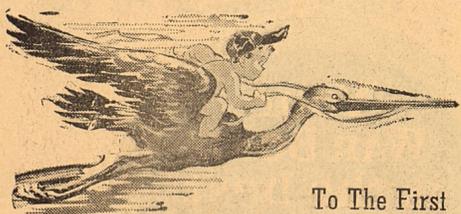
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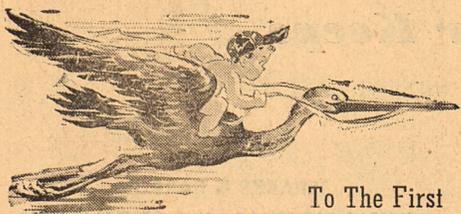
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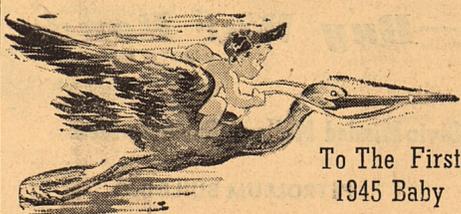
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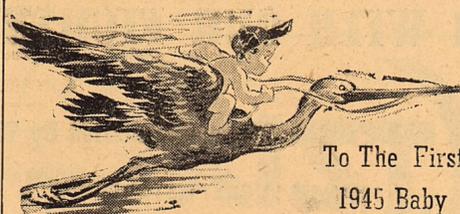
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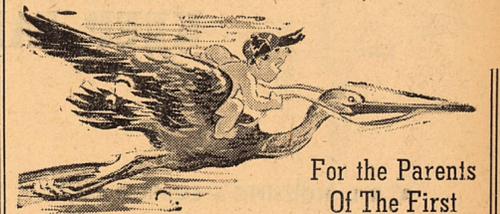
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Remember this touching picture of a little girl's farewell to her war-bound daddy? Appearing shortly after Pearl Harbor, it touched the hearts of millions of Americans and helped to launch the greatest voluntary savings program in all history.

That girl is three years older today. In that time, our enemies have been pushed steadily back toward their own frontiers . . . thanks in no small measure to the overwhelming flood of tanks, ships, planes and guns that more than 85 million Americans have poured into the fight through their purchases of War Bonds.

But her daddy is still at war—the fight goes on—the money you've put into Bonds is still needed, just as it was after Pearl Harbor. **KEPT IN THE FIGHT—KEPT IN WAR BONDS—IT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR VICTORY—AND FOR YOU.**

For just as that little girl has grown, so have the War Bonds you bought three years ago. The \$100 Bond you paid \$75 for then is already worth more than you paid—and how swiftly the time has passed! In another year it will be worth \$80—at maturity, \$100. Here's money you'll need later—for education, repairs, replacements, retirement—just as your country needs it today.

So let this picture remind you—**HOLD TIGHT TO YOUR BONDS!**

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# Society

## MAAF To Hold Symphonic Concerts

Music steps to the fore at Midland Army Air Field this week as the first in a series of recorded symphonic concerts is heard at the Post Chapel on Thursday night at eight o'clock.

Featured presentations at the first concert will be Beethoven's Third Symphony (Eroica). Rounding out the evening of music will be "Russian and Ludmilla Overture" by Glika, ballet music from "Faust" by Gounod, "Air" from "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, "Prelude and Fugue in E Flat Major" by Bach.

Records of the concerts, which will be held every Thursday and Sunday evenings, following New Years come from the well stocked record library at the Post Chapel.

At the present time there are available 125 albums of recorded symphonic music, including nine Bach albums, nine Beethoven albums, and eleven Brahms. Four Tschalkowsky symphonies, as well as Rimsky-Korsakov and Shostakovich are represented.

The concerts will be held for all military personnel at Midland Army Air Field and their guests.

## Give Class Party For School Pupils

Mmes. Fred Keb, Guy Mabee and Ted Greene were hostesses for a Christmas party Thursday of last week for the pupils of Miss McLaughlin's eighth grade class of the Junior High School.

Games were played and refreshments of doughnuts, oranges and apple juice was served to the young people.

Railroads hauled an average of 1,116 tons of freight per train in 1943, contrasted with an average of 708 tons in 1920.

## Congratulations To

Capt. and Mrs. John R. Couch on the birth of a boy, born Dec. 23, in the post hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Mitchell Jr. on a girl, born Dec. 24.

OZARKA WATER CO. welcomes these new arrivals. Phone 111 and a bottle of OZARKA will be delivered to you free.—Adv

## Lemon Juice Recipe Checks Rheumatic Pain Quickly

If you suffer from rheumatic, arthritis or neuritis pain, try this simple, inexpensive home recipe that thousands are using. Get a package of Ru-Ex Compound, a two-week supply, today. Mix it with a quart of water and the juice of 4 lemons. It's easy. No trouble at all and pleasant. You need only 3 tablespoons full two times a day. Often within 48 hours—sometimes overnight—appetite returns and pain is gone. If the pain does not quickly leave and if you do not feel better, return the empty package and Ru-Ex will cost you nothing to try as it is sold by your druggist under an absolute money-back guarantee. Ru-Ex Compound is for sale and recommended by Midland Drug Co. and drug stores everywhere.

## Ray Gwyn Office Supply Will Be Closed

December 24th through January 1st

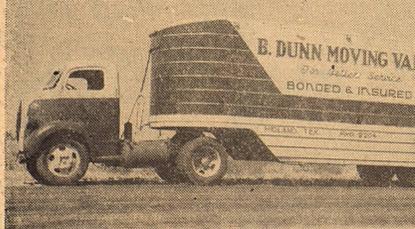
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Lucky looker Martha Gray shows you how to spend a winter's day provided you are at Cypress Gardens, Fla., and capable of aquaplaning at a mile-a-minute clip in water sport show for members of the armed forces.

## Ferry Group Plans Christmas Dance At City Auditorium

The Eighth Ferrying Station located at the Midland Municipal Airport will have its Christmas Dance at the Midland Municipal Auditorium Thursday night and will feature the music of Gene Gardner and the Fifth Ferrying Group Orchestra from Love Field at Dallas. Gardner and his band will fly to Midland for the dance which begins at nine o'clock and is expected to last into "the morning."

Limited Bids  
Due to the size of the auditorium, only members of the ferry station and their guests will have bids, according to Special Service Officers at the station.

Gardner played for Orrin Tucker, Clyde Lucas, and others and is expected to provide the brand of music so dear to the hearts of the GIs and their pals. Other members of the fourteen piece orchestra have had extensive experience with big name bands from coast to coast.

VISITS WITH PARENTS  
Mrs. W. C. Blackburn and daughter, Susie Ann, from Houston are visiting with Mrs. Blackburn's parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Whitmore.

## Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press  
MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book 4 red stamps Q5, R5 and S5 valid indefinitely. Five new red stamps will become valid Sunday, Dec. 31, on which date new point values for meat become effective and many cuts will be returned to rationing. Butter point value was increased from 20 to 24 points a pound on Dec. 26.

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 4 blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2 valid indefinitely. On Jan. 1 five new blue stamps will be validated. Changes in vegetable points become effective Dec. 26, when canned peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach were added to ration list. Other changes in processed food point values will take effect Dec. 31.

SUGAR—Book 4 stamp No. 34 good indefinitely for five pounds. All other coupons have been cancelled. Another sugar stamp will be validated Feb. 1.

SHOES—Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

GASOLINE—14-A coupons good everywhere for four gallons each through March 21. B-5 and C-5 coupons good everywhere for five gallons; B-4 and C-4 coupons will expire Dec. 31.

FUEL OIL—Old period four and five coupons and new period one and two coupons good throughout the current heating year. In Midwest and South period three coupons also good now and valid throughout heating season.

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## Army Censor Plays Santa Claus

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—An Army censor played Santa Claus to Sherry Betchen, who received a letter from Pvt. Frederick Lake, explaining that departure for overseas service wrecked his Christmas shopping plans.

The censor penned a postscript "for heaven's sake, write to him—and buy yourself a present from Freddie with this dollar."

## New York Butcher Shops Reopening

NEW YORK—(P)—Many butcher shops, closed Tuesday in a protest against OFA regulations, reopened Wednesday with the receipt of partial supplies, a police survey showed.

A police count of 264 retail meat shops in the lower East Side showed only 96 closed Wednesday, third day of a butcher-sponsored meat holiday, as compared with 136 Tuesday.

Most of the stores open were reported to have received some supplies. Results of the police survey were substantiated by the department of markets which made an independent tabulation.

Butchers began the shutdown Christmas Day in protest against lack of ceiling prices on livestock.

## Former Help Returns Everything She Broke

ARKANSAS CITY, KANS.—(P)—Mrs. Ralph Oldroyd received a package of scissors, costume jewelry and knickknacks—plus \$2.50—from a person employed in her home years ago.

A note said the articles were to replace some that were lost or broken during the employment, and the money was to cover any incidental damage that had been forgotten.

It was news to Mrs. Oldroyd. She had known anything had been lost or broken.

## Pilot And Passengers Have Grim Reminder

WOODWARD, OKLA.—(P)—A pilot and his four passengers escaped injuries in a crash landing near here. Highway Patrolman W. I. Fletcher said. But they had a grim warning.

"They lit in a cemetery."

## FIRE DESTROYS HUGE WOOL STOCK

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—A four-alarm fire early Wednesday destroyed 3,200,000 pounds of wool and the Kensington plant of Hyman Brodsky & Son Co., almost trapping seven employees and threatening for a time an adjoining oil plant containing 186,000 gallons of oil.

Company officials said reprocessed wool was valued at \$1 a pound and that their night foreman, Charles Seiler estimated 3,200,000 pounds had been destroyed. They declined to estimate the total damage.

## Crude Oil Production Shows Some Increase

TULSA, OKLA.—(P)—United States crude oil production increased 21,520 barrels daily in the week ended Dec. 23 to 4,721,550 barrels daily, the Oil and Gas Journal reported Wednesday.

California output was up 3,500 barrels daily to 888,750; Illinois, 7,800 to 204,200; Kansas, 12,100 to 279,200; Michigan, 50 to 52,750; Oklahoma, 1,200 to 359,400.

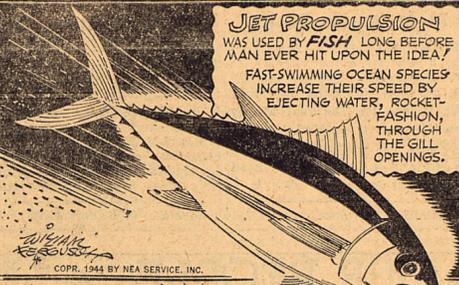
Texas production was unchanged at 2,111,550 barrels daily. Louisiana had a decline of 350 to 361,050; East Texas, 100 to 371,000; and the Rocky Mountain area, 2,480 to 122,300.

## JAVA EXPORT

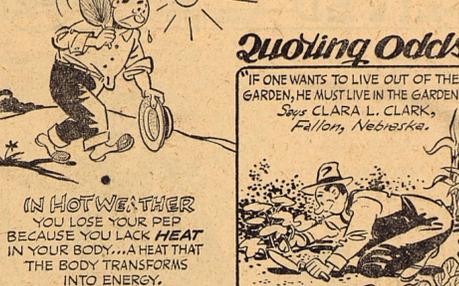
Dragon's blood, a red-colored resin derived from the root of a rattan palm and widely used to color varnishes and lacquers, is one of the leading exports of Java in normal times.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



**JET PROPULSION**  
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**IN HOT WEATHER YOU LOSE YOUR PEP BECAUSE YOU LACK HEAT IN YOUR BODY...A HEAT THAT THE BODY TRANSFORMS INTO ENERGY.**  
T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

## Eisenhower Warns Nazis Not To Harm Foreigners

LONDON—(P)—Gen. Eisenhower warned the Nazis Wednesday not to harm foreign workers in Germany, declaring "grave penalties will fall on those who are guilty of treating them badly."

The Luxembourg radio said the Allied commander's warning was carried in leaflets printed in many languages and dropped over Germany.

## French Firing Squad Executes Traitors

PARIS—(P)—A military firing squad Wednesday executed Henri Chamberlain, alias La Fonte, Pierre Bony and six other members of Vichy's French Gestapo who were convicted of collusion with the Germans against French patriots during the occupation of France.

## David Lloyd George Announces Retirement

LONDON—(P)—David Lloyd George, who led Britain to victory in the last war, announced Wednesday he would retire from Parliament when his term expires, on advice of his physician with the 81-year-old statesman is known as the "father" of the House of Commons, where he has sat for 54 years.

## PIONEER AP MAN DIES IN CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND, CALIF.—(P)—Ben McInerney, 72, pioneer Associated Press telegraph operator, who opened the first overland AP leased wire to San Francisco in 1894, died at his home here Tuesday.

## Beware Coughs That Hang On

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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## Twenty Companies Fail To Halt Kansas City Fire

KANSAS CITY—(P)—Fire raged Wednesday through three big buildings at Seventh and Central in the downtown warehouse district.

Twenty Kansas City companies, making no headway after five hours of fighting, called further help from the Kansas City, Kas., department.

The blaze, smoldering since early morning in the basement of a building housing a floor wax manufacturing company, suddenly burst through the windows and roof and spread quickly to two other buildings.

The agent for the building first to catch fire said it and its contents were valued at \$2,250,000. The building is owned by Thomas B. Evans of Fort Worth.

## Texas Wants To Return To Be A Real Democrat

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—Lt. Comdr. Carl L. Estes, Texas newspaper publisher and oil man, expects to return "to Texas to be a real Democrat," after the war.

Estes, Democratic friend of former GOP Governor Arthur H. James, made the statement before leaving Willow Grove Naval Air Station for sea duty.

## Chairman Cannon Says No House Changes

WASHINGTON—(P)—Chairman Cannon (D-Mo) of the House Appropriations Committee said the Democratic majority plans to retain Sam Rayburn (D-Texas) as speaker of the 79th Congress.

He said the Democrats, who will caucus next Tuesday, plan no change in the House organization.

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Spokane Has Such Noisy City Detectives

SPokane, Wash.—(AP)—Detectives Mike Vecchio and August Bettinger, in search for a man reported by neighbors as missing for days and probably dead, tried to get into his house, but the doors and windows were locked.

Duck Hunter Astounded At Male-Female Duck

SIDNEY, Neb.—(AP)—Art Closeman, a veteran Sidney hunter, is anxious that lots of people see the duck he shot—he's quite sure they won't believe it's the real McCoy when they see it mounted.

One Dead And Three Injured In Accidents

WACO —(AP)—Edwin Talley, of Taylor, was fatally injured and his wife, Mrs. Thelma Talley, was seriously injured in a highway accident one mile south of West, late Tuesday.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

We can't know the extent of the damage which the German offensive has done the Allies until General Eisenhower launches his major counter-attack and puts Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt's flashing steel to the full test.

General Eisenhower hasn't yet lost his opportunity of administering a knockout to his opponent. Still, von Rundstedt by clever generalship has maneuvered himself into such a position that when he has to face the full strength of the Allied counter blow he may be able to pull back into his old position in the Siegfried defenses and thus avoid having his forces cut off and annihilated.

The Western Allies naturally are watching anxiously for the development of the Russian drive against the Vistula front toward the German frontier. That would be calculated to ease the situation on the Western Front immeasurably.

Greetings FRIENDS The Studio Will Be Closed Thru Jan. 2nd The Midland Studio 210 W. Texas Phone 1003

The WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVED by W.E. Woodward

A Puritan Village in 1680

WAITSTILL WALLING had lived in Sudbury all his life. He claimed, in his expansive moments, that he was the first white child born in that community.



(The Bettmann Archive)

Puritans who offended against the law or proprieties were sentenced to the stocks on the village green. (Chapter IV.)

In 1680 Walling, then 43 years old, was one of Sudbury's leading citizens, popular with everyone from the minister down to the farm hands.

During King Philip's War Walling served as captain of the local defense company and, in 1676, had saved the village from total destruction during an Indian raid.

such houses were ever built in the other colonies. The word "salt-box" was used to describe them because they were shaped like the salt receptacles in New England kitchens.

When Captain Walling looked over the smoldering ruins he felt an "inward" and unequipped "leasure" in smoke, he reflected, "and I'm glad to see the lot of it."

The front door on the ground floor opened on a short entrance hall. On the right of the entrance was the common room; on the left, the combined kitchen and dining room.

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A PURITAN VILLAGE IN 1680

ON a bright, sunny morning in April of the year 1680 a young man waited patiently on a bench in the Walling garden for the constable to come out on the "suns" and depart.

"It is, sir, a man named Brown. He seems to do all the work on the place. Jerry Sheldon, when he's in the tavern and his cups, boasts that he's retired."

"I fear, sir, that you may have to deal soon with Jeremiah Sheldon and his wife."

rather thick Captain Walling said, "Is there something that you wish to speak to me about?"

"They are, Captain. Quarreling like cat and dog. Everybody is talking about it. It's the same story all over. Mistress Sheldon says Jerry won't work, and she has to do everything. She declares that she works her hands to the bone, milking the cows, making butter and cheese, brewing the beer, cooking, washing and taking care of the children while he won't turn his hand to a thing."

"You're a graduate student, I think. Is that so?"

"I have a man for the farm, I believe," said the Captain. "Is that so?"

When the silence had become rather thick Captain Walling said, "Is there something that you wish to speak to me about?"

School Starts For Enumerators In Farm Census

A school for enumerators who will gather information for Midland County's share of the national farm census started Wednesday morning in the commissioners' courtroom at the courthouse.

Deadline Near For Dairy Applications

Dairy producers of Midland County were reminded Wednesday by William H. Waddle, secretary of the Midland County AAA, they have only the remainder of this week to make their applications for dairy payments for the September and October period.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE WITH MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY



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By J. R. WILLIAMS



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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



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By EDGAR MARTIN



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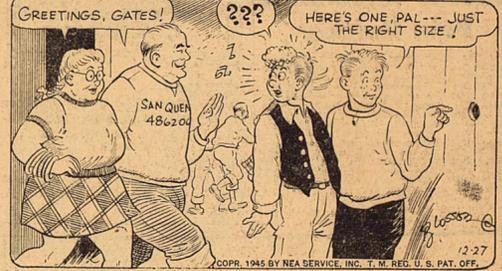
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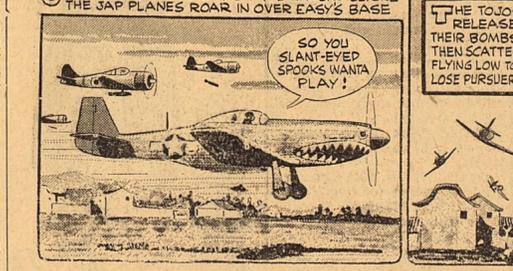
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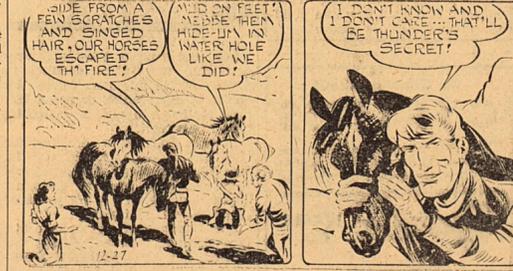
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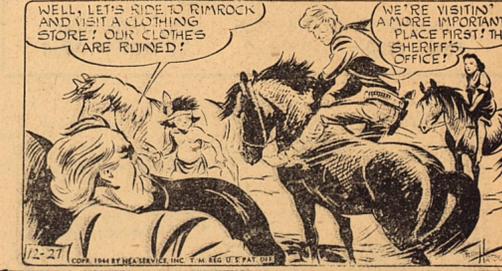
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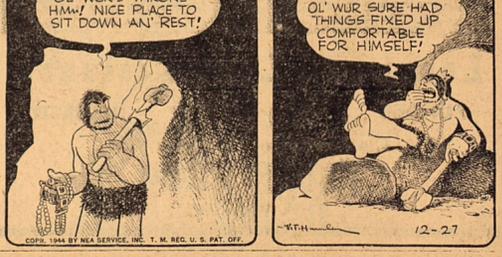
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Teen-Agers May Be Next Year's Top Football Carriers

By BUS HAM WASHINGTON (AP)—Teen-age players will carry the ball for most college teams next fall if the Army and Navy induct their 4-F's. Such a development was seen as a distinct possibility Wednesday at the Office of War Mobilization...

Orange Bowl Teams Arrive For Practice

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Determined to make every minute count before their New Year's day tilt with Georgia Tech, 21 Tulsa football players will take over the University of Miami's practice field for their first Orange Bowl game workout in Florida.

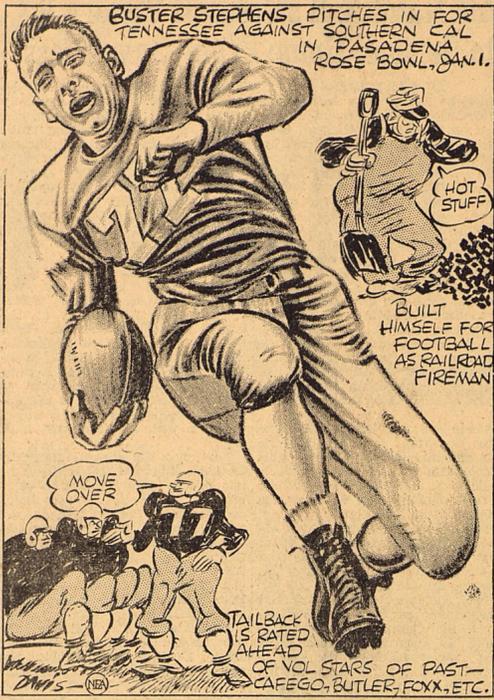
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Sports ★ Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

NEW YORK—(AP)—In announcing the ban on racing and calling for a review of the draft classification of professional athletes, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes said it was difficult to understand how the Four-Effers could "be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness."

Service Dept. Although the Camp Lejeune, N. C. Marine basketball squad has lost four star players, since starting practice, it still has plenty left...

Gus Lesnevich To Meet Phil Muscato In Ring

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(AP)—World Light Heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich's performance in his return to the ring Wednesday night may provide a preview of the comeback problems of other champions now serving with the armed forces.

East-West Teams Use Trick-'T' Formation

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—For the first time in the 20-year-history of the East-West classic, the 1945 New Year's Day game in Kezar Stadium will be a demonstration of T-formation football.

FORMER DRUGGISTS' HEAD DIES NEW HAVEN, CONN.—(AP)—Hugh P. Beirne, 52, president of the National Association of Retail Druggists in 1942, died Tuesday night of a heart attack.

Port Arthur's Tom Dennis Has Beautiful Record In Coaching

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF Associated Press Sports Editor Tom Dennis, the University of Texas football great who has been a high school coach for some 20 years, thinks he should already have an undisputed state Championship.

It was in 1937 that Dennis came up with what he calls his greatest team. It had everything. But it was wrecked by a district ruling that prevented the use of twelfth graders on the squad.

Moot Question The twelve-grade matter went into the courts but never was settled there, the question being moot before the supreme court received it.

Operating behind this big, capable line are four fast backs with most of their power running being done by Ike Neumann, a 184-pounder. The other jacket backs are light.

Army Hospitals Get Clean Bill Of Health From House Committee WASHINGTON—(AP)—Except for isolated cases of such things as "dehydrated" patients and the use of ancient eggs, Army hospitals got a clean bill of health Wednesday from the House Military Committee.

Warning Issued On Cashing U. S. Checks WASHINGTON—The number of forged endorsements of stolen government checks, chiefly allotments to dependents of service men and women, has increased in 1944 over 1943, Frank J. Wilson, chief of the United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, reported Wednesday.

Politicians Should Attend To Business' AUSTIN—(AP)—The state executive board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has suggested that the 49th legislature attend to barely essential business, then go home.

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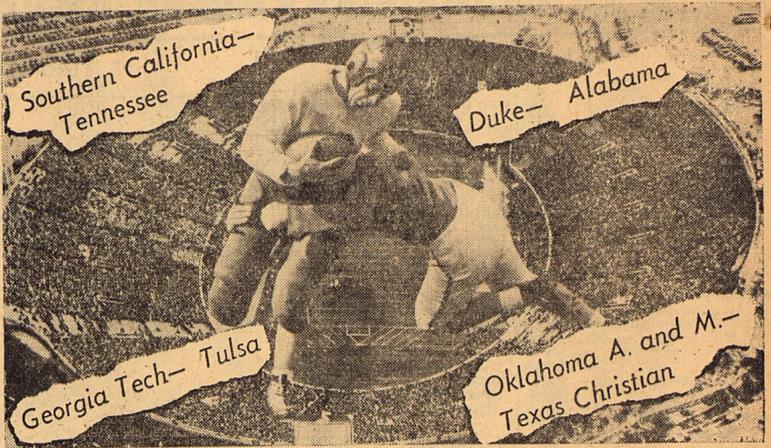
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Grange Would Like To Be Different, But Fears Books Have Bowl Games Dead Right



By RED GRANGE PASADENA—Southern California is a 1-to-4 or 20-point favorite over Tennessee in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Duke is given a two-touchdown margin over Alabama in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl. Georgia Tech is judged a touchdown stronger than Tulsa in their rematch in the Miami Orange Bowl.

As much as I would like to be different, I fear the books have the correct slant. They usually do, as a lot of people were convinced when they refused to string along with their aid myself, after I warned what would happen to Navy in the Army game. I can't help but remind you that I called the big one right on the dot.

As for the most worth while of all New Year's attractions—the East-West Shrine Hospital game at Kezar Stadium, San Francisco—I like the East. For the very good reason that in this third year little Andy Kerr, George Hauser and Bernie Bierman have the pick of more and superior athletes, led by the versatile and resourceful Les Horvath of Ohio State.

It has been said and written that Tennessee is being led to slaughter, and that's the case from where I sit, as Southern California bids for its eighth straight victory in the Tournament of Roses without its star of a year ago, George Callahan, out with a bad knee. Tailback Callahan's loss hurts, but by no means wrecks. Bob Morris is a speedy and capable replacement.

The Trojans have in Capt. Jim Hardy one of the more skillful passers and T quarterbacks and every advantage, including Navy and Marine trainees and tradition, easily could prevail by as many as five touchdowns.

Duke tackled its best, acquitted itself creditably. The Blue Devils certainly were the finest losing club in the country, finished like whirlaway in the stretch. Eddie Cameron has stickout backs in Tom Davis and Gordon Carver and is strong in the middle. As in the case of Army against the Dukes, Alabama will have to pass and run outside to get anywhere in particular.

Like Tennessee, Alabama started from scratch following a year's layoff. Durlham has the Navy and Marine margin, figures to prevail by three touchdowns. Hurricanes Can't Take It Tulsa pours it on, but can't take it.

While the Golden Hurricanes have no Glenn Dobbs or Clyde Lefore in their backfield this trip, not once have they failed to score enough to win two or three games. On the two occasions when they bumped into class, however,

what this year was a rather weak Southwest Conference by playing them close to the vest, but that will be difficult to do against the brilliant Bob Fenimore and his Oklahoma A. and M. company. Everything, including comparative scores, points to considerable daylight between these teams. Don't celebrate too much the night before, enjoy the game even if it's only over the air, and have a Happy New Year!

They won in the Sugar Bowl, 20-18, a year ago, and I look for them to repeat in another thriller. Texas Christian prevailed in a

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'Politicians Should Attend To Business' AUSTIN—(AP)—The state executive board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has suggested that the 49th legislature attend to barely essential business, then go home. The board passed a resolution here Tuesday to that effect, specifically asking that the 49th legislature do nothing but pass the appropriation bills necessary to operation of state government. The resolution expressed the belief that other matters could be laid aside until the defeat of Germany. Money and manpower both could be saved by a short session, the trainmen said.

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