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GERMAN ATTACK SMASHED

Fifty Killed And Sixty Injured In Utah Train Wreck

OGDEN, UTAH—(AP)—About 50 persons died and 60 others were injured in the Sunday crash of a speeding Southern Pacific mail-express and a slowly-moving passenger train—both westbound—on a fog-shrouded causeway in shallow waters of Great Salt Lake.

Railroad officials believed all the bodies had been taken from the tangled wreckage of nearly a dozen cars and locomotive, but workmen still toiled Monday to clear away the debris.

It was one of the worst railroad accidents in the history of the West. A woman passenger called it a "terrible screaming collision followed by the screaming, sobbing shrieks of the injured."

A sailor said a telescoped coach was "virtually pulverized, seats and bodies crushed together."

The 18-car passenger train, first section of the Pacific Limited No. 21, was running slowly along the causeway that leads to the trestle crossing Great Salt Lake when it was struck from behind by the second section, made up of 20 mail and express cars.

The locomotive of the second section bore into the rear Pullman of the passenger unit. Force of the impact sent another sleeping car smashing through the dining car and further ahead slammed one coach into the wooden coach ahead of it.

Cars of the express section piled up crossways on the track behind the engine, some of them sliding down the causeway embankment into water.

Most of the dead were taken from the rear Pullman car and from the telescoped coach.

At least 28 were service men. Railroad officials refused to hazard a guess as to the cause of the accident, but ordered an immediate investigation. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents disclosed a preliminary inquiry showed no evidence of sabotage.

Mrs. Clifford Moss of Ogden, riding in the last Pullman car of the passenger section, said she "heard a terrible crash. The car twisted (Continued on Page 2)

Red Shock Troops Clearing Buda In Burning Budapest

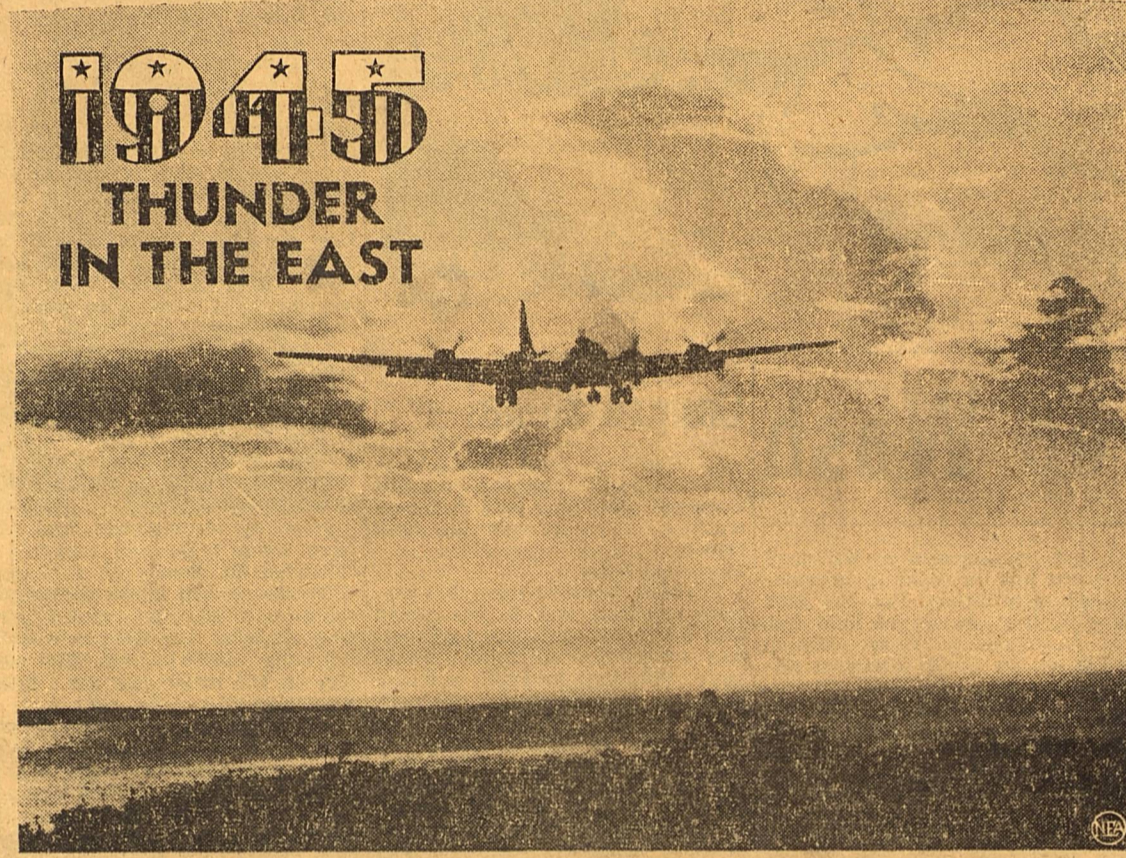
LONDON—(AP)—Hard-fighting Russian shock troops have hurled the Germans out of two-thirds of Buda, the western half of Budapest and Monday neared the Danube embankment in the center of the burning Hungarian capital.

Battling amidst scenes of slaughter unrivaled since Stalingrad, Red Army units overran 300 blocks of houses and buildings in Buda Sunday, while in Pest, eastern half of the capital, Soviet spearheads had driven three miles into inner defenses.

Simultaneously, north of the city Russian troops smashed the last enemy remnants trapped in the hills in the Danube knee and swept the Germans out of Northeastern Hungary into Slovakia on a 200-mile front from the mouth of the Tisza River to the frontier town of Satoraljaujhely.

3,700 Axis Troop Killed
A midnight Soviet bulletin said 3,700 Axis troops had been killed in the New Year's Eve battling in the heart of Budapest, making a 48-hour toll of 7,300. Twenty-two tanks and self-propelled guns were captured.

Meanwhile, Nazi commentators on the Berlin radio told of Russian preparations for a big winter offensive. They said the Red Army was massing men and materials on the way to Krakow, Southern Polish stronghold on the threshold of German Silesia, and were probing Nazi lines in East Prussia.



A Superfortress soaring off Saipan, into the rising sun, symbolizes what will be America's great task of 1945—carrying the Pacific war in ever more punishing intensity to Japan itself.

Hitler Screams Defiance To World; Says War Will Not End In Coming Year

LONDON—(AP)—Adolf Hitler warned his people Monday that the defeatists within their midst would be destroyed and declared that "the end of the war will not come before 1946 unless by a German victory, because Germany will never capitulate."

In a speech that sounded apathetic, Hitler described the war as "a merciless struggle for existence" and said, "We are going to destroy everybody who does not take part in the common effort for the country or who makes himself a tool of the enemy."

His radio address broke a silence of more than five months, but did not completely erase the mystery that has surrounded him since the night of July 29, when he hurried to the microphone and told of a bombing attempt on his life.

Most veteran London monitors agreed that the speech was in Hitler's voice. However, Louis P. Lochner, chief of the former Associated Press Bureau in Berlin, said that if the voice was Hitler's he is a totally changed man. Lochner pointed out that the speech imitated Hitler as far as pronunciation was concerned, but was "completely lacking in the old Hitler passion and consuming fervor."

The broadcast was broken frequently by an incoherent ghost voice. The German radio said Hitler (Continued on Page 2)

Nine Hurt In Early Sunday Auto Accident

Four Midlanders and five Odessans suffered injuries when their cars collided near the Ector County line on the Midland-Odessa highway, early Sunday morning but a check of the hospitals Monday revealed that only minor injuries were suffered.

The accident occurred when, according to the Odessa sheriff's office, Frank Wood, driver of the Odessa car, attempted to pass a bus, both vehicles westbound. The eastbound car, driven by Bill Bailey, of Midland was struck by Wood's car, both careening off the highway according to officers. Eyewitnesses stated that a severe fog was considered responsible for the wreck.

The fire from Odessa, all high school students, were in addition to Wood, Lavern Jensen, Juanita Woods, Joyce Tolver and Barney Dewey.

Riding with Bailey were Morris Pruett, Veda Weaver and Ruth Bogart all of whom suffered shock and minor injuries.

Three B-26 Flyers Fall In Offats Bay

GALVESTON—(AP)—Three members of a B-26 bomber of the Galveston Army Air Base were believed dead Monday after their ship crashed into 30 feet of water in Offats Bay near here Sunday.

Coast Guard divers are attempting to recover the bodies of the crew from the sunken wreckage.

Firemen Respond To First Call Of Year

Firemen were called out at 3:20 a. m. Monday to answer their first alarm of 1945 when a call came from the Farmers Cooperative Gin.

Four bales of cotton were burning at the gin. The fire was soon under control and loss of the four bales was the only damage.

Yanks Spend New Year's Over Tokyo

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

American airmen celebrated the New Year over Tokyo. Others hit the southern and northern approaches to Japan in the closing days of 1944—a year that saw the destruction of some 10,000 enemy planes and more than 2,000 ships.

Between incendiaries falling on major industrial cities of Japan's principal island, unconfirmed Axis broadcasts boasted that the Mikado's bombers have sunk or damaged 33 American transports and warships in a convoy of 50 ships before it reached Mindoro Island in the Western Philippines.

Confused enemy reports listed 13 more transports and three cruisers as victims of Japanese bombs and said only 14 U. S. ships—all damaged—were seen at Mindoro.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that 32 more Japanese planes raided Mindoro air bases 150 miles south of Manila. Fourteen were shot down.

On Leyte Island, where the first crucial battle of the Philippines was fought, Yank infantrymen killed 1,191 more Japanese and took 15 prisoners. A total of 117,997 Japanese have been reported killed in the fight for Leyte.

Allied aircraft taking off from Leyte, Mindoro and other former Japanese strongholds in the Western Pacific, lashed at enemy airdromes and sank seven Japanese ships ranging from a sizable freighter to tugboats.

Two Jima, midway between the Saipan-B-29 base and Tokyo, was bombed for the 23rd successive day, while rocket-firing Mitchell bombers raked other islands in the Bonin and Volcano group.

Superforts from Saipan gave Japanese on Honshu Island a restful New Year's Eve. From mid-evening until dawn, B-29s flying alone or in pairs raided the industrial cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Yokohama and the Yokosuka naval station. Others were reported on the west coast of Honshu, heretofore untouched by American bombs.

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz who directed the American 1944 advance across the Pacific said 1945 would see British naval forces in action in Japanese waters and they "will carry their share of the load."

Unopposed British troops occupied Rathedaung, 25 miles north of Akyab, their objective on the West Burma coast. Other imperial forces crossing the Chindwin Valley in a pincers move on Mandalay advanced to within 16 miles of Yeu. The town is 70 miles north of Mandalay.

Von Rundstedt Loses Eighteen Tanks In Bastogne Attack

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS—(AP)—Third Army troops have shattered a strong German counterattack seeking again to pinch off Bastogne, while other forces of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton were reported Monday to be striking heavily northeast to the narrow 13-mile waist of the Belgian bulge.

The counterattack cost Marshal von Rundstedt 18 tanks.

The Germans hit with tanks, artillery and infantry at Chenogne, southwest of Bastogne, and north of Letrebois to the southeast.

At these points, the enemy columns were five and a half miles apart.

Supreme Headquarters said the northern flank of the Ardennes salient was quiet. Northeast of the corridor to Bastogne, Patton's men were attacking to the north-east. Immediately south of Wiltz, the Third Army made some progress northward. Farther east, the Third captured Reisdorf south of the Sure River and four and a half miles east of Diekirch.

The battle remained fluid and indecisive.

Both armies had the same aim: to pinch off large segments of opposing troops. The Germans once again appeared to be striving for the road center of Bastogne where the 101st Airborne Division said "Nuts" to von Rundstedt's demand for surrender.

Battle dispatches covered action only up to Sunday morning. These reported German resistance stiffened south of Wiltz and said Nazi artillery was more active east of Bastogne and in the Saarlautern bridgehead area in the Saarland.

Supreme Headquarters confirmed the capture of Rochefort, 25 miles northwest of Bastogne. A front dispatch reported only patrol action along the north side of the bulge.

The determined enemy efforts to cut into the Bastogne salient from both sides betrayed his anxiety lest this area become a springboard for a drive across the Belgian waist to trap an estimated three to five German divisions west of Bastogne.

Saturday night accounts, finally passed by censors Monday, said the Third Army had gained up to two miles in eight hours in a renewed tank and infantry drive northeastward from the Bastogne sector. The attack was along a seven mile front west and southwest of Bastogne. It progressed smoothly without real resistance until it reached a point two miles south of St. Hubert where German defenses stayed the advance.

The southern edges of Moirey, 11 miles west of Bastogne, and Remagne, 10 miles southwest, were reached before the foe cracked down with artillery, tanks, self-propelled artillery, mortars and small arms.

New Year Comes In Quietly In Midland

Midland went into the second day of a double holiday Monday with the majority of the stores and offices of the city closed for New Year's Day.

The new year was ushered in quietly in Midland with only a few scattered gun shots being heard as the clock struck midnight.

Traffic was light on downtown streets Monday morning as most of those enjoying the holiday seemed to prefer to remain at home.

Travel in and out of Midland over the weekend was reported heavy as many Midlanders took advantage of the double holiday to make trips.

Temperature Falls Below Freezing Mark

The temperature fell below the freezing mark in Midland at 5:30 a. m. Monday with a low of 30 degrees registered. This was well below the minimum temperature for Sunday when 36 degrees was registered at 7:30 a. m.

The maximum temperature for Sunday was registered at 5:30 p. m. when the mercury climbed to the 46 degree mark.

Congressional Conflict Might Make Fireworks

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A new Congress comes to town Wednesday to worry with the problems of war and its aftermath—and to wonder a bit wistfully about a raise in pay.

The salary business isn't immediate—anything they do on this won't be effective for two years—but these other problems are waiting on the capital doorsteps for the 79th Congress:

1. Compulsory military training.
2. Finances for the war and a foreign policy for its conclusion.
3. Liberalized Social Security providing more benefits for more people.
4. War and postwar tax adjustments.
5. Industrial reconversion.

The new Congress will be more firmly in Democratic hands than was its predecessor—due to numerical gains in the 1944 election—but that doesn't necessarily guarantee smooth and easy sailing for the ad- (Continued on Page 2)

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

WESTERN FRONT—Third Army shatters German counterattack seeking to pinch off Bastogne; other Allies strike to narrow waist of Belgian bulge.

EASTERN FRONT—Russians near center of burning Hungarian capital.

ITALY—Fifth Army recaptures ground taken by Germans east of Serchio River.

PACIFIC—Americans resort to Indian-type warfare in cleaning up on Leyte; British occupy Rathedaung, 25 miles north of Akyab.

War Bulletins

LONDON—(AP)—More than 1,600 American warplanes Monday hit a German oil refinery at Dollbergen, northwest of Brunswick, and the railroad network in the Coblenz area. At least 800 Fortresses, herded by 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, took part in the attack on the 10th successive day of one of the war's greatest sustained offensives.

ROME—(AP)—Fifth Army troops pressing forward in the Serchio River area of the Italian Front, have recaptured all the ground taken by the Germans east of the river in their recent heavy attack, Allied Headquarters announced Monday.

ATHENS—(AP)—A new visit of an ELAS delegation to British Commander Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie to discuss a possible truce in the Greek civil strife was reported Monday after Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens became Regent of the nation.

LONDON—(AP)—Early Russian recognition is expected for a Polish provisional government proclaimed Sunday night by the Soviet-sponsored Polish Committee of National Liberation at Lublin.

Weather
Fair.

THE WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVED

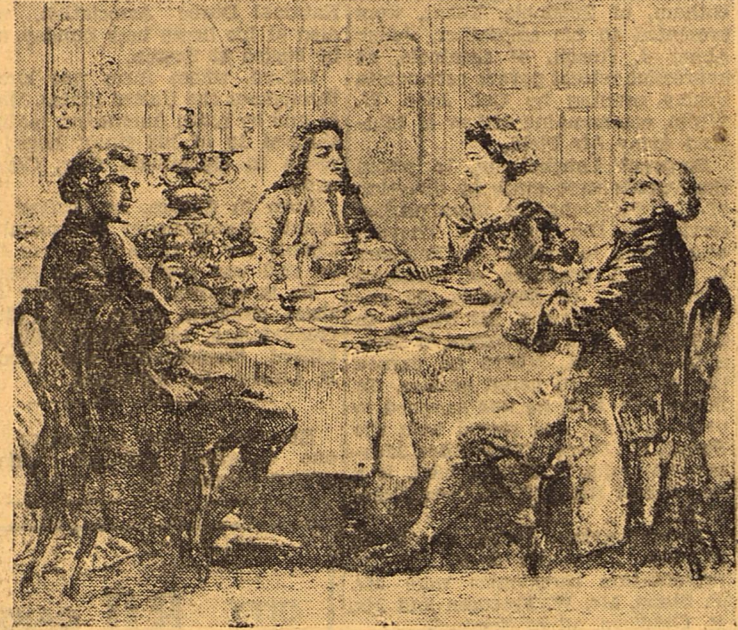
A Day in a Virginia Planter's Life (April 1713)

IN the midst of a dream Edward Swain awoke, and for a time he hardly knew that he had been dreaming. It seemed very real, a scene from life, yet it was misty in spots, as dreams are. Parts of it were funny too, but at first he could not remember exactly why. Oh yes. He had been captured by a war party of the Tuscarora Indians who took him to their camp. After awhile they brought him out to where they were all sitting around a fire, and from their malicious looks he knew that they intended to make cruel sport of him.

Then he stood up and began to talk to them. All of a sudden he knew their language—or so he dreamed—and he made a jolly speech, and told some jokes. He was surprised at himself; he had no idea that he could speak so well. The Indians roared with laughter.

After his thoughts about the dream had drifted away Swain was still only half awake, so drowsy indeed that he did not realize where he was. He turned over on the soft feather bed and was about to drop into a doze, when he heard the hall clock downstairs strike six. It had a loud, dull, hammer-and-anvil note that quivered in the air, and was very different from the thin, silvery sound of his own clock at Belmore plantation. All at once he knew that he was in the home of his friend Harry Randall, near Williamsburg, where he stayed as a guest whenever he attended the meetings of the House of Burgesses. The dark curtains of the bed were drawn close together in the fashion of those days, when people were mortally afraid of night air so he did not know the sun had risen.

BUT he was wide awake at once and before the last quivering sound of the clock had died, on the air he was getting up. It was his custom to rise at 7 every morning; it was also the custom of everybody else in colonial Virginia except a few lazy sluggards. He went to a bedchamber window and looked upon the awakening day. The sun was just above the horizon. Its long, level rays gilded the tops of the pine trees and ran across the brown fields. The April green of the new leaves on the trees made intricate patterns against the bleacher whiteness of the sky. Behind the house, in full



(The Bettmann Archive)

Eighteenth century Virginia was famous for its hospitality. (Chapter III.)

view from his room, were the slaves' quarters—tiny log cabins with white smoke coming from their clay chimneys. Near them were the stables, the kitchen garden and the sprawling blank-faced barns. Slow-moving white and black servants went about their tasks with the sedate and dignified reluctance of unpaid labor. A Negro girl came from the cow-shed with a wooden pail full of milk. At the border of an adjoining field a white man of servile condition was hitching a horse to the harness of a plow.

As Edward Swain looked leisurely over this sunlit and peaceful scene he thought it is wonderful to be alive. But this pleasant idea had hardly entered his mind before it was slashed to pieces by unfriendly memories that came like armed men prepared to ravage and destroy.

In some way, Edward recalled, he had offended Governor Spotswood. If he only knew what he had done he might make amends, but the Governor—when asked point-blank in any way. Nevertheless, on that same day, he withdrew Edward Swain's proposed appointment as deputy treasurer of the colony.

And that was not all. At this session the House of Burgesses sat down on the bed to calculate a number of days on his fingertips—at this session of 2 days had lost more than 50 pounds sterling in cards and dice. It was more than he could afford. Thank God, the session is now

Nothing To That MAAF Training!

BURLINGTON, IOWA—(AP)—Midland Bomber School figured in a tall tale that got honorable mention in the 1944 awards by the Burlington Liars' Club.

Via Postmaster, New York, Major Walter E. French sent this story to the club:

"An old bombardier was talking to a new bombardier about their relative proficiency in bombing. Said he to the young bombardier, 'Where did you train?' 'Midland Army Base,' was the reply.

"Hell," was the caustic rejoinder. 'No wonder you're good. I had so many perfect hits while I was training there that my plane made a groove in the sky, and all your pilot had to do was to get your plane in the groove.'"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority
Let's start the New Year off with one of the outstanding defensive hands of 1944. I think you will admit, after looking this hand over, that there is not a good player in the country who would not all for the play.

The second club was ruffed by the declarer. He led a small heart to dummy's queen and finessed the queen of spades, which held. Now he played the ace of spades and East, without a moment's

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♠ 8 6 2	♥ 6 4	♦ J 9 7	♣ A K 10 5
♠ 4	♥ J 9 7	♦ A K 10 5	♣ 3
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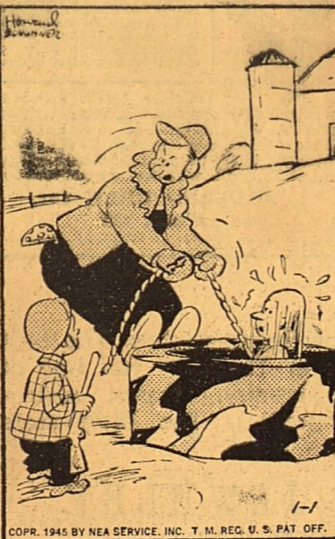
Duplicate—E-W vul.
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass
Opening—♠ K.

hesitation, put on the king. So the declarer led the ace of hearts, picking up dummy's king, ran a few hearts, and then led the four of spades and finessed the nine spot. Was he surprised when East won with the ten. East then led back a club and the declarer went down one.

Of course the declarer could have gone up with the jack and made five odd, and if East had not played the contract to four odd. But East gambled five odd against three odd and won.

The Bureau of Animal Industry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture was founded on May 29, 1884.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"How many times must I tell you not to camouflage the well!"

Midland Men Hold Reunion In Europe

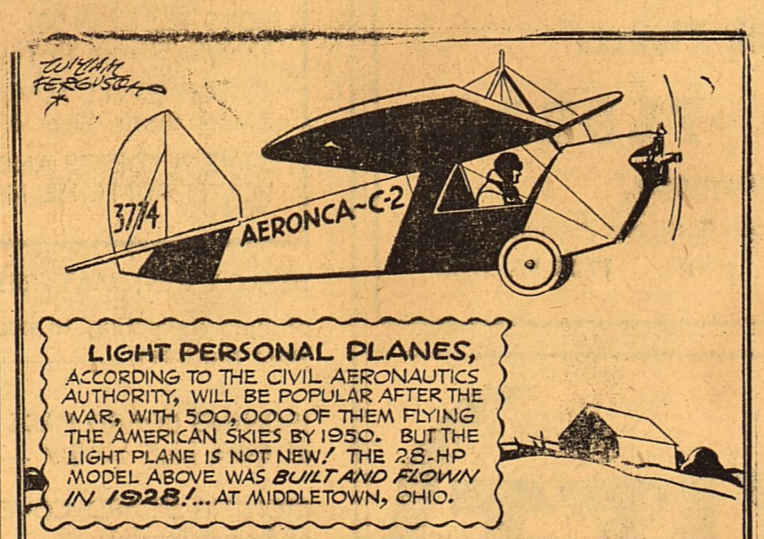
A U. S. TROOP CARRIER BASE, EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS—The reunion of Staff Sergeant Aldredge Estes, Jr., with his close friend, Pfc. John Dublin, Jr., 22, both from Midland, was disclosed recently at this U. S. Troop Carrier base in the European Theater of Operations.

Sergeant Estes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldredge Estes, Sr. As an aircraft specialist, attached to a mobile repair unit, Sergeant Estes keeps delicate instruments in workable order.

Dublin is an armorer for a Heavy Bombardment unit in the Eighth Air Force.

The trolley car, incandescent lamp, automobile and cash register were among inventions patented in 1880.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



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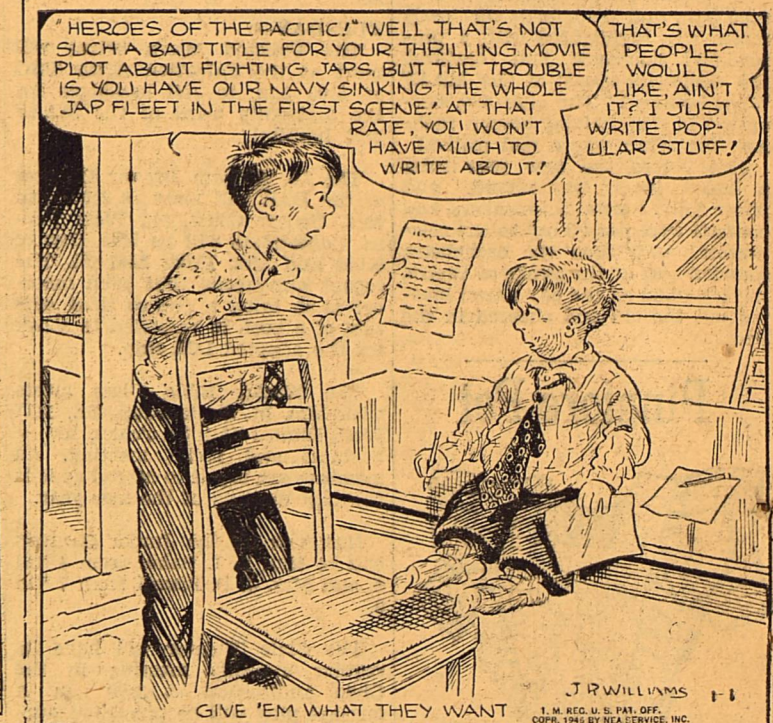
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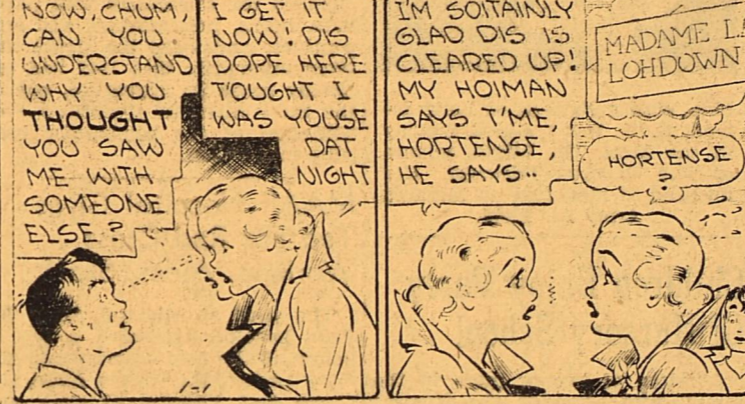
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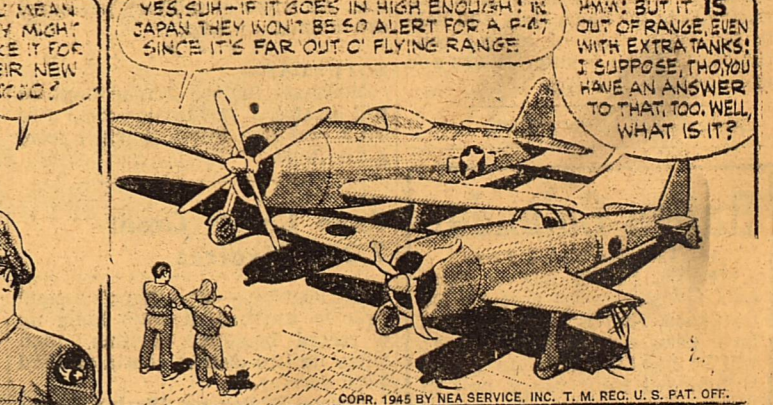


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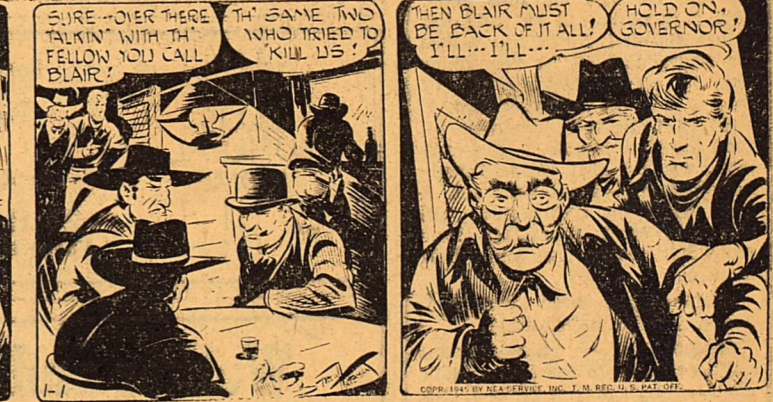
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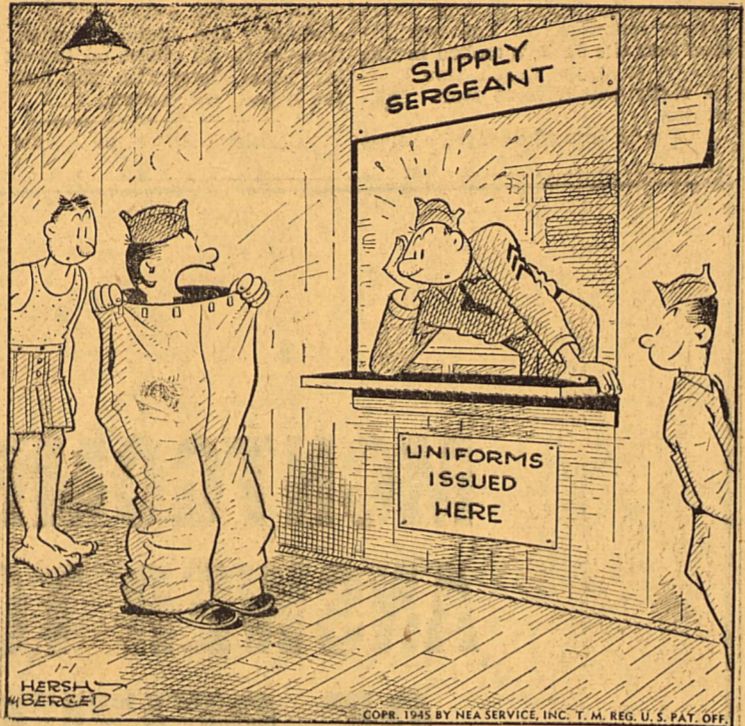
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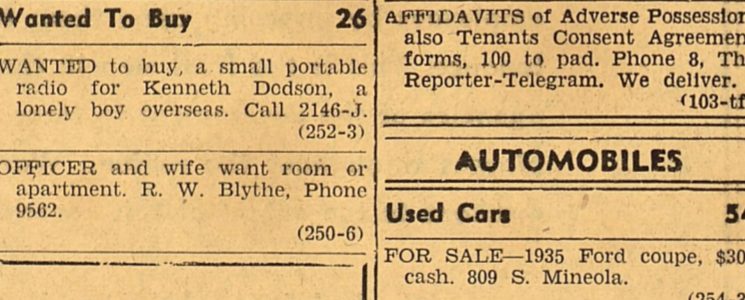
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THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

We shouldn't lightly shrug aside Hitler's (?) New Year's Eve defiance that "the end of the war will not come before 1946 unless by a German victory, because Germany will never capitulate."

What we do have to worry about is the spirit of that message. It's the spirit which we've seen exemplified in the Hitlerian counter-offensive out of the Rhineland.

That's the lesson which we should get from Hitler's speech, and we shall indeed be foolish if we don't take it to heart.

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DALLAS—(AP)—Several legislative proposals, which may spotlight the multiplicity of proposed measures for the 49th legislature opening Jan. 9.

Must Raise Salaries "I am not suggesting that we must tax to raise the money, but the average Texas school teacher is drawing a year-round salary of less than \$100 a month."

Rep. W. O. Reed expects to see legislation offered to place the control of feeder airlines within the state under the control of the Texas Railroad Commission.

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"Oil And Gas Journal" Gives Much Information In International Issue

EDITOR'S NOTE: With all Midland oil offices closed for the New Year holiday, no routine reports were available Monday.

By H. STANLEY NORMAN Managing Editor, "The Oil and Gas Journal"

TULSA, OKLA.—Drilling activity in Allied and friendly oil countries will more than double in 1945 in fulfilling the assignment to furnish larger proportions of military fuel.

The Journal's International issue features four-color maps and charts reflecting the salient developments of the past year and projecting operations through 1945.

Extensive expansion of refining facilities in the Persian Gulf is reported in detail.

Evidence is unfolding and reported by the Journal that currently-accepted estimates on petroleum reserves of the Middle East will prove far too conservative.

World crude oil production, the Journal estimates, averaged 6,998,825 barrels daily in 1944 compared with yield of 6,335,535 barrels per day in 1943.

A signed article in the International number by Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum administrator for war, tells in detail the vital part played in Allied military operations by foreign petroleum.

Davies expresses the hope that "the peaceful nations of the world can reach harmonious arrangements for the development of the world's resources so that for all time—in the words of the Anglo-American agreement—adequate supplies of petroleum shall be available to the nationals of all peaceable countries at fair prices and on a non-discriminatory basis."

Full-page, four-color maps show outcrops of the important sedimentary systems of the Gulf Coast, Mexico, Caribbean and South American areas.

Steel vs Wood A fire lighted in a steel rubbish can was only two feet above the top, while flames from the same type of fire in a wooden barrel jumped nine feet, in a recent test.

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Cartoonist Looks At 1944's Record



Most Port Arthur Regulars Will Not Return

AUSTIN—(P)—The tumult and shouting die and two fine football teams are back home leaving memories of one of the best-played and most exciting final games in Texas Interscholastic League history.

Port Arthur's Big Yellow Jackets hammered Highland Park (Dallas) into 20-7 defeat Saturday for the Twenty-Fifth Annual State Championship—and take it from Port Arthur followers: It was well indeed that the Jackets cashed in this year. Next season Coach Tom Dennis really will have to start from scratch.

Highland Park, only two of them return next season. A. J. Dugas, star guard, and Brant Smith, reserve end, will be back. That means ten of the eleven starting players depart, in addition to six first line reserves.

On the other hand, Highland Park will come up with a veteran squad, Doak Walker and Clyde Rembert, regular backs, and Bobby Duke, starting center, finish their eligibility; also Junior Eldredge, reserve back. All others on the starting team, along with the bulk of the squad, will return.

Classified Ads bring results

W. J. Murray Jr. Is To Head Oil Engineers On Gas Saving Problem

CORSICANA—(P)—William J. Murray, Jr., of Houston has been named to head a committee of petroleum engineers to aid the Texas Railroad Commission in studies to prevent waste and conserve gas in Texas fields, Beauford H. Jester, state commissioner, has announced.

This was one of the last acts of Jester in his capacity as chairman of the commission. Olin Culbertson becomes chairman Monday. The newly formed committee will meet

WHOLE HOG
SALT LAKE—(P)—A mask over the eyes wasn't enough. Victims of a holdup reported a handit work a burian sack over his head, with holes cut for his eyes and mouth.

ONLY TRIP TO BOWL
STATE COLLEGE, PA.—Penn State played in the Rose Bowl only once, in 1923. Lost to Southern California, 14-3.

in Austin within the next ten days. Murray formerly was an engineer with the Railroad Commission and later was with the Petroleum Administration for War with offices in Houston. At the present time he is connected with a firm of independent oil operators at Corsicana.

Foothall Bowl Starting Times

NEW YORK—(P)—Starting time and opponents of New Year's Day football bowl games: (Central War Time.)

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.—(Southern California vs. Tennessee) 4:30 p. m.

Orange Bowl at Miami—(Georgia Tech vs. Tulsa) 1:00 p. m.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans—(Duke vs. Alabama) 2 p. m.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas—(Oklahoma A&M vs. Texas Christian) 1:15 p. m.

East-West Shrine Bowl at San Francisco—(East All-Stars vs. West All-Stars) 4:00 p. m.

Sun Bowl at El Paso—(Mexico vs. Southwestern of Texas) 3:00 p. m.

Spaghetti Bowl at Marseilles, France—(Army All-Stars vs. Railroaders).

Vulcan Bowl at Birmingham, Ala.—(Tuskegee vs. Tennessee State) 2:30 p. m.

Lily Bowl at Hamilton, Bermuda and Pineapple Bowl at Honolulu to be played Sunday, Jan. 7.

SPORTS BOMBER

Midland Army Air Field boxers are rounding into top physical condition as they train for the Texas Golden Gloves tournament. The boxing team is under the direction of the physical training department.

Among the outstanding battlers in the aggregation is Pfc. Arthur Simmons, rough heavyweight from Lubbock. Pfc. Simmons is a six-foot, 200-pound bruiser who packs plenty of authority in the vicious right hand that has floored three of his sparring mates during the past week.

Private Simmons will be appearing in his first Golden Gloves competition. With a break in the draw, his powerful punching should carry him far in the boxing tournament.

Considerably smaller than Simmons, but no less industrious, is the lightweight hopeful, Pvt. John Lane, of Knoxville, Tenn. Lane's terrific speed is almost blinding as he pounds punching bags and sparring partners alike. Entered in the novice class, Private Lane figures to go far.

The PT department is counting heavily on Simmons and Lane in the Texas Golden Gloves tourney, which will start late in January. The dynamite Simmons packs in his wallop, and the speed Lane has in his fists and his footwork are the foundation from which the PT boxing coaches are working in bringing the MAAF team along.

Milledgeville, Ga., who achieved a score of 90 by doing 114 sit-ups, 16 chin-ups and the 300-yard shuttle run in 43 seconds. In recognition of his achievement, Cadet Johnson was awarded a medal.

The 20-year-old Cadet Johnson, who stands five feet, ten inches tall and tips the beam at 165 pounds, played football at Middle Georgia College in Hardwick, Ga. His athletic experience also includes baseball, track and bowling.

Runner-up was Cadet Lawrence H. Wharton, of Austin, who was on the track team at the University of Texas. He, too, made a score of 90; he did 114 sit-ups, 24 chin-ups and ran the shuttle distance in 50 seconds.

S/Sgt. Bud Hummel of the physical training department announced that the average performance for the whole class of 44-53B in the PFR was exceptionally high.

Russell R. Holster Receives Commission

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, FRANCE—Second Lt. Russell R. Holster, Midland officer now serving with the 36th "Texas" Division on the Seventh Army front in France, was recently commissioned after completing a course at the first Officer Candidate School in France. Previous to receiving his commission the lieutenant held the grade of Technical sergeant.

During his 21 months overseas Lieutenant Holster has served in Africa and participated in the invasions of Italy and southern France. His mother, Mrs. R. R. Gray, resides in Midland, Texas.

The local soldier's division was the first to land on the mainland of Europe in World War II.

match his sports memory with anyone else.

Keeping track of sports facts has long been his hobby, and he has at his finger-tips a ready command of facts and figures on sporting events that would amaze the layman.

As sports writer, coach and athlete himself, he has been associated with athletics in one way or another for many years. Cadet Glover has received twelve major letters in college athletics at Detroit Tech for his skill in basketball, track and golf.

His intense interest has led him into promoting as well as participating, and he has sponsored basketball games, boxing bouts and golf tournaments throughout the Detroit area. In the past eight years he has at one time or another acted as competitor, sports writer, commentator, master of ceremonies at sports functions, coach, promoter, manager, referee and fan.

WAC TEAM ON THE MARCH

The MAAF WAC basketball team, which is coached by Lt. Mary King, the WAC's commanding officer, are not to be outdone by the MAAF invaders, as they, too, will attempt to establish themselves firmly in the basketball world. On Tuesday night, they will meet the Stanton High School girls' team in the Stanton gym, and on Sunday, January 14, they will set out for Pryte AAF where they will attempt to make up for their first loss of the season, when the Pryte WAC team defeated them, 23 to 8.

SPORTS IMPRESSARIO

Cadet Dean L. Glover, sports impressario from Detroit, Mich., is a mid-western John Kieran. His respect for the information. Please sports expert is too great for him to question the superiority of the former New York Times correspondent, but Cadet Glover is ready to

Sports Roundup

NEW YORK—(P)—A few firsts for January first. . . . The first baseball pitcher to strike out four men in one inning was Robert Matthews of the Athletics, on Sept. 30, 1885. . . . His catcher, Milligan missed not just one but two third strikes. (That one isn't on the record book yet). . . . Although runs batted in weren't made an official part of baseball records until 1920, they were first recorded in 1876 when a St. Louis man offered a weekly prize to the player who drove in the most runs from third base. . . . Leo Houck, who fought over 200 professional bouts, received \$1,500 and a pair of boxing gloves as his first purse in 1907. His biggest was \$1,600 and expenses for fighting Harry Lewis in Paris four years later. . . . Ten years after that—in 1921—Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier drew the first million dollar fight.

First sports question of 1945: How much sport will we have?

DOUBLE TROUBLE

After Oklahoma U. closed its football season, Coach Shorter Luster spent ten days on the Texas Gulf Coast recovering from flu. . . . Returning healthy and well browned by the sunshine, Shorter reported: "That's two tannings we got in Texas this year." (Ed's note: Texas U. 20, Oklahoma 0).

BOWL SERIAL

The Sugar Bowl is the only bowl game that hands out no Annie Oakeys. Even the 37 members of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association have to buy their own tickets. . . . Although Texas Christian is underdog in the Cotton Bowl game against Oklahoma Aggies, the Horned Frogs have the Southwest Conference's best won-lost record since they joined the loop in 1923. . . . Tulsa's Henry Frnka, with a 35-5 record in regular season games as a college coach, needs to win the Orange Bowl tussle with Georgia Tech to break even in post-season tussle with Southeastern Conference clubs.

Drastic Reduction In Tire Allotments

Increased military demands for tires has made it necessary to drastically reduce tire quotas for January in this district, officials of the district office of the OPA announced Monday.

The officials pointed to a recent statement by General Eisenhower that armies fighting against Germany face such a tire shortage it threatens to tie up 10 per cent of the military vehicles by February as cause for the cut in the tire quotas.

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT ON POST LEAGUES

Basketball is rapidly crowding tough football out of the sports spotlight as preparations get under way for inter-post intermural league competition.

Center of attraction is the newly-organized MAAF Invaders, composed of the best basketball talent on the post. This powerful aggregation will play a schedule of approximately twenty games against colleges and army posts in the West Texas area.

A post game, composed of teams representing all squadrons on the field, will get under way in the middle of January. Approximately twelve units will battle it out for the championship of Midland Army Air Field, and Col. John W. White, commanding officer, will present a trophy to the winning team.

Already in pursuit of the championship, teams from Section A and Section C have held several practices at the Service Club. Sections B, E and F have all announced practice schedules for the first week in January. It is expected that the league competition will open with a bang.

Rounding out the physical training department's basketball program will be a series of inter-mural games. Individual platoon teams, and units composed of men from the same barracks will battle it out during physical training periods.

PHYSICAL FITNESS PACE-SETTER

Top honors in the recent physical fitness rating examinations among cadets at the bombardier base went to Cadet Jephthal C. Johnson, of

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MONTGOMERY WARDS ANSWER TO THE ORDER OF SEIZURE BY THE PRESIDENT

The order of the President to effect the seizure of the property and business of Montgomery Ward is a violation of the Constitution of the United States which the President has sworn to uphold and defend. The Congress, which is the sole law-making authority under the Constitution, has given the President no power to seize the non-war business of Montgomery Ward.

The purpose of the President's order is to enforce by an exercise of arbitrary power. Orders of the War Labor Board which the courts have declared to be merely advisory and legally unenforceable. The courts have held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the government and that, since the orders are merely advisory, no government official has the right to impose punishment on those who do not comply.

The President's order does not arise from any failure on Wards part to pay fair wage rates. Wards policy is, and has been, on to pay wages as high or higher than those paid by other employers in the community for similar employment. Wards only objection to any of the War Labor Board's wage recommendations has been in those instances where the Board has arbitrarily demanded that Wards substantially increase its rates above those of its competitors in the highly competitive retail field.

The President has ordered the Army to restrict the liberties of Wards employees by imposing upon them the closed shop in the form of union maintenance. This is the final step in the coercion used by the administrative agencies of the government to force the closed shop upon employers and employees throughout the nation. Wards has long believed that when the public awakens to the extent of this coercion, it will rise in indignation.

Wards defense of the freedom of its employees has not been prompted by any feeling of anti-unionism. All employees at Wards are free to join or not to join a union, as they wish. Wards fully recognizes this privilege and has assured all employees that their opportunity with the Company will be the same whether they are union members or not.

Wards cannot in good citizenship accept or obey the commands of those who have no legal power to give them and who are seeking to deprive Wards of its Constitutional rights and liberties. Wards takes this position in defense of the Constitutional rights and liberties of every citizen of the United States.

The issues are now before the courts, where Wards has sought for two years to have them decided. Wards welcomes the opportunity to present its case to the courts.

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