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# THIRD ARMY BROADENS THRUST

## Fall Of Buda Expected To Come Hourly

LONDON—(P)—Fall of Buda, western section of Danube-straddling Budapest, appeared to be only a matter of hours Tuesday as the doomed Nazi garrison crumbled before attacking Russian forces utilizing virtually every weapon known in modern warfare.

A Moscow broadcast early from Moscow said the greatly outnumbered German and Hungarian defenders had lost more than 1,000 men killed Monday in savage street fighting and had been compressed into an area less than four miles wide and a mile deep.

(A Cairo broadcast Monday night said all the Germans had been driven from Buda, but there was no confirmation from Russian or German sources).

**Captured 200 Blocks**  
The communists also said Soviet forces had occupied 200 additional blocks in Buda Monday, bringing to 600 the number now under Russian domination.

Katuzhas, giant rocket mortars, were brought into the capital on fleets of American-made trucks to blast street fortifications. Desperate German counterattacks with tanks and self-propelled guns were crushed in the overwhelming Red Army assault with flamethrowers and heavy guns that threatened to demolish the battle-scarred capital.

Other Russian forces captured 14 more places and drove within two miles of Losonc (Lucence), Slovak communications hub on the Hungarian frontier above Budapest.

Moscow reports said a new offensive against Austria was expected to get underway as soon as the conquest of Budapest was completed. The German high command was reported to have included Vienna in the "threatened zone" and started partial evacuation and other emergency measures in the Austrian capital.

**Shell-CSOC 1 TXL Flowed 97 BOPH In 3-Hour Test**

Shell Oil Company, Inc., and Cities Service Oil Company No. 1 TXL, West Ector County wildcat discovery in section 7, block 45, TP, T-1-1, flowed an average of 97 barrels of clean oil per hour during a three-hour test, after treating section at 7,886-8,020 feet, with 1,000 gallons of acid, through four casing perforations to the foot.

Operators were taking an official Railroad Commission potential test on the new well Tuesday, and it is reported that it will then be completed. Gas-oil ratio during the three-hour preliminary test was 1-077-1. Gravity of the oil from the zone, at the time it was tested by drillstem was 41.6. No water was recovered with the oil.

**2 More Wildcats**  
Gulf Oil Corporation has filed application with the Railroad Commission to start drilling during the week on two more wildcats to test for Ellenburger production in West Crane County.

Gulf No. 1-E U. Henderson estate will be 660 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the east of section 25, block B-27, psi survey. It is three miles south of nearest Ellenburger production on the Waddell ranch in the Sand Hills-Ellenburger pool. It will drill to around 7,500 feet. The drillsite is on a 689-acre lease.

Gulf No. 1-E-A H. Scott estate and others, will be 660 feet from the south and 680 feet from the west lines of section 20, block B-20, psi survey. It is three miles west and north of closest Ellenburger production (Continued on Page 6)



Charter members of the new IHSOBY's (I Haven't Seen Our Baby Yet) Club compare pictures of their offspring at a Red Cross Club in Brittany, France. Left to right are: Pvt. Fred D. Davis, Jr., of Pine Bluff, Ark., who organized the club for fathers whose babies were born after they were shipped overseas; Cpl. Gustave Stowe, of Deerfield, Wis.; Sgt. James W. Mason, of Birmingham, Ala.; and Pvt. Robert S. Anderson, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Byrnes Advocates Re-Examination Of All 4-Fs And Induction In The Type Of Work That They Can Do

By The Associated Press  
Drastic manpower proposals, edging closer to the "work or fight" act which lawmakers have long avoided, were thrown Tuesday into the battle on the home front.

Advanced by James F. Byrnes, the program would force 4-F men into war roles and put statutory teeth into manpower rules if present labor controls fail to spur the Nation's armament output to needed levels.

The suggestions, made by Byrnes Monday night in his first report as Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, are still merely threats. They are, moreover, at the mercy of a Congress which has shown reluctance to interfere with a man's freedom to choose his job.

But war agency officials prophesied that the whip-cracking document would add momentum to the home front effort merely by disclosing the sternness of enforcement measures which the administration is willing to support.

Platly predicting that larger draft calls in the next few months would aggravate the manpower shortage, Byrnes proposed stern measures for 4-Fs not doing essential work. "Induct Them All!"

He proposed that Congress make it possible to induct them all, then assign them "to things they can do" despite their physical impairment.

This might mean limited service in the Army, Byrnes said, or steering the inductees into jobs in critical war plants—by which means the government could see that they stayed in war work.

Congress could decide, he said, whether the latter would stay in uniform and whether they would be working for the government or for the war contractor.

Striking at agricultural deferments—which he said cover "the largest remaining source of young men for military service"—Byrnes said it was necessary to reconsider the standards by which youthful farmers are deferred from military duty.

## Land Based Planes Strike Luzon Island

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor  
Squadrons of land-based U. S. planes making their first strong double strike at Luzon Island, where the decisive battles of the Philippines will be fought, blew up a Japanese ammunition train and probably sank eight enemy ships, including three warcraft.

The successful attacks revealed apparent Japanese preparations to meet an expected invasion of Luzon or to strike at nearby Mindoro Island, where Tokyo radio has said Americans were bringing in reinforcements.

New ship arrivals and the southward movement of ammunition trains emphasized a Pacific Fleet comment that Japanese leaders "know they must not lose" the battle of the Philippines.

U. S. bombers and attack planes caught the ships in Lingayen Gulf, the original Japanese invasion route 150 miles north of Manila. They left three large freighter-transports, two small freighters and three escorting warships sinking.

**Hit Four Trains**  
On Southwestern Luzon across a narrow water channel from Mindoro, 50 Marine Corsairs attacked four ammunition trains. One was (Continued on page 2)

## Navy Announces Loss Of Four Tactical Ships

WASHINGTON—(P)—Loss of a submarine, a medium landing ship and two motor torpedo boats was announced Tuesday by the Navy. The 1,525-ton submarine Harder is overdue from patrol and presumed lost, a communique said.

The landing ship LSM 318 and the PT 300 were lost as a result of enemy action in the Philippine area, and the PT 311 was lost to enemy action in the Mediterranean area.

## Woody Wilson Is Acting Manager Dunlap's Store

C. P. (Woody) Wilson Tuesday became acting manager of The Dunlap Company's Department store here, succeeding J. B. Hoskins who has been promoted to manager of Dunlap's store in Lubbock, the largest establishment of the organization.

Hoskins departed Monday night for Dallas, St. Louis and New York on a buying trip. Wilson has been assistant manager of the Midland store, which was purchased more than two years ago by Dunlap's.

He has been connected with the store more than ten years, serving Wadley's before the Dunlap company purchased the establishment. He announced that all department heads and personnel will remain with the store and said no major changes are planned at this time.

## WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press  
WESTERN FRONT—U. S. Third Army broadens thrust at narrow waist of Nazi bulge; Nazi gains slight on U. S. Seventh Army front.  
EASTERN FRONT—Fall of Buda appears only matter of hours.  
PACIFIC—Land-based U. S. planes strike at Luzon Island, blow up Jap ammunition train, probably sink eight enemy ships.  
AERIAL—Escorted American heavy bombers invade Western Germany again Tuesday; revised figures show at least 221 German planes wrecked in Monday's wide-spread combat.

## FBI Arrests Two German Spies In NY

NEW YORK—(P)—Arrest of two Nazi agents, trained in espionage and sabotage, who were landed by U-boat on the Maine coast last Nov. 29, was announced by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI.

Hoover identified the men as William Curtis Colepaugh, 26, U. S. citizen of Natick, Conn., and Eric Gimpel, 35, native of Germany, who was a radio engineer in South America. The arrests were made several days ago in the New York area.

Hoover said the men supplied a full story of their activities since landing at Hancock Point in Frenchmen's Bay, Me. They came ashore in a rubber boat at night. Hoover said they carried automatic revolvers, compass, camera, secret inks, and a variety of draft papers and discharges from the Navy.

They had been supplied with \$60,000 in American money, of which \$56,574.61 remained at the time of the arrests.

Commenting on the arrests and the recent discoveries of two Japanese balloons in Oregon and Montana, which he said might have carried spies instead of explosives, Hoover declared there was evidence of an espionage and sabotage offensive against the entire American Hemisphere.

The last known landing of enemy agents was announced June 28, 1942, by Hoover after four men landed June 13 at Amagansett, Long Island and four others June 17 at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. All eight were captured and six were later executed.

Hoover said Attorney General Francis Biddle would decide what charges would be placed against Colepaugh and Gimpel.

## Holiday Deaths Now Total 254

By The Associated Press  
A total of 254 persons were killed in the United States during the three-day New Year's holiday weekend.

## Nazis Claim Total Of 427 Allied Planes

LONDON—(P)—Escorted American heavy bombers invaded Western Germany before noon Tuesday, primed to meet any repetition of the Nazis' sudden New Year's Day show of aerial strength. It was the 11th consecutive day of heavy bomber activity.

Revised tallies showed at least 221 German planes wrecked in Monday's widespread combats, while Berlin declared 427 Allied planes were destroyed, most of them on the ground, in morning swoops on fighter bases behind the Western Front.

Some 300 German planes darted in at treetop level over scattered American and British bases a few minutes after daylight Monday, but some Allied fighters already were in the air and swirling dogfights developed.

At least 188 raiders were knocked down, 105 by RAF fighters, 35 by American Mustangs, and 48 by British and American ground gunners.

Thirty-three other German planes were reported destroyed in other daylight operations, 17 of them falling to American fighters escorting 400 big bombers raising Coblentz and an oil plant 20 miles east of Hammover.

The bag of gunners aboard the heavy bombers was not disclosed immediately, nor was the number of bombers lost.

Allied headquarters conceded some aircraft were wrecked around on fighter bases, but did not confirm German claims of 323 British and American ships ruined around, 79 in air duels, and 23 by anti-aircraft fire over Germany—a grand total of 427.

Allied announcements listed 27 fighters and two medium bombers, lost during the day, and eight RAF bombers during night assaults on a fuel plant near Dortmund and rail yards at Veehwinkel near Dusseldorf.

## Bank Deposits Break Records

Bank deposits in Midland soared to a new record December 30, statements of the two banks here showed Tuesday.

The deposits totalled \$17,513,497.72, exceeding the deposits of a year ago by more than \$5,000,000.

Deposits of the First National Bank Dec. 30, 1944 totalled \$12,460,433.13 and of the Midland National Bank \$5,053,064.59.

## Nazi Gains Held To Minimum On Seventh Army Battlefront

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS—(P)—The Third Army has broadened to a mile and a half its arrowhead pointed across the narrow waist of the Belgian bulge north of Bastogne in the great, continuing battle to split the German salient.

American infantry, tanks and planes exacted a great and growing toll of Field Marshal von Rundstedt's materiel. The Germans had lost fully 100 tanks and armored vehicles, 208 planes and hundreds of other implements of war.

Below Bastogne, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. widened to six miles the corridor feeding his main offensive thrust by capturing the villages of Houmont, five and a half miles southwest, and Chenonge, four miles southwest of the road center. At last reports, the Third Army was 13 miles from the U. S. First Army flanking the north side of the bulge.

Two Attacks Repulsed  
Supreme Headquarters said Tuesday that two German counterattacks were repulsed in the area of Champs, three miles northwest of Bastogne, and near Viller-l'Etoupe, five miles southeast. The communiques reported progress northwest of Molroy, a much exchanged hamlet.

Von Rundstedt's attacks against the U. S. Seventh Army around Bitche and eastward to and along the Rhine appeared in preliminary appraisal to have netted little gain. These probably were the first of several strong diversionary efforts.

General Eisenhower's communique said the Americans "made small gains in the Saarlautern bridgehead." This was the first account of any attacks initiated along the Saar by the American since von Rundstedt's December offensive broke up the Allied drive for the Rhine.

Headquarters disclosed that Echemnach (pop. 3030) at the base of the bulge had been in American hands since Dec. 28, and that Third Army infantry had crossed the Sure River at this point in Luxembourg right on the German border. No reason was assigned for the delay in the announcement.

## School District Consolidation Has Majority

Further returns from the election held in six school districts of the county Saturday indicate residents of the districts are overwhelmingly in favor of consolidating the districts in one. Returns for the Stephenson district had not come in at noon Tuesday.

The returns for the Warfield and Cotton Flat districts followed the same trend as the district which reported returns Saturday night. At Warfield the vote was 10 to 1 in favor of consolidation. At Cotton Flat it was 17 to 0.

The Saturday night returns showed Midland 117 to 4 in favor of consolidation; Pleasant Valley, 10 for and 0 against, and Valley View 25 for and 1 against.

He went on to say that the districts which have reported returns so far have taken a progressive step. County Judge Elliott H. Barron said, "School officials now can make long range plans which will result in an outstanding school system," Judge Barron declared.

## H. P. Fagg Dies In Breckenridge

H. P. Fagg, 39, co-owner of the Midland Jewelry Company, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday in a hospital in Breckenridge, Texas, after a short illness. Pneumonia caused his death.

He went to Fort Worth for the Christmas holidays to visit with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fagg, who came to Texas from their home in Eldora, Iowa. En route home, Fagg became ill and entered the hospital in Breckenridge last Thursday.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Faye Fagg of Midland. Funeral services will be held in Eldora, Iowa.

Fagg had engaged in business in Midland since 1927.

## Weather

Partly Cloudy.

## War Bulletins

LONDON—(AP)—Unofficial sources here which claim contact with the German underground said Tuesday they had received a report that Field Marshal von Rundstedt was temporarily out of action because of the recurrence of a serious stomach ailment.

ROME—(AP)—Fifth Army patrols probed enemy positions Tuesday in the Serchio Valley sector of the Italian Front, where the short-lived Nazi thrust of last week appears definitely ended.

SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS—(AP)—(Via Navy Radio)—American airmen flying the sky trails to Tokyo reported tiny Japanese-held Alamagan Island in the Northern Marianas was aflame Tuesday, apparently from the eruption of its very active volcano.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Radio Tokyo warned Tuesday that a "Japanese-manufactured rocket bomb will make its appearance in the Pacific war soon."

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If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.—1 Samuel 7:3.

## The Missing Charter

There has been a great to-do over Roosevelt's admission that there never was an "original" Atlantic Charter, and that consequently nobody ever signed it. Most of this to-do, however, can be traced to senators, reporters and columnists who never had much sympathy with the sentiments of the document itself.

Their concern developed only when it could become a vehicle for expressing their dislike of the President or their dislike and suspicion of Churchill and British policy. And they have a perfect right to speak out with these opinions. But their opinions do not alter the fact that the triumph or defeat of the Atlantic Charter's sentiments does not depend upon the existence of a document printed on parchment or vellum, and duly signed and sealed.

Perhaps they have been misled by the title. The dictionary defines a charter as "an instrument in writing, from the sovereign power of a state or country, executed in due form, granting or guaranteeing rights, franchises or privileges." So the so-called Atlantic Charter isn't a charter.

It is not written or executed "in due form," nor does it guarantee anything. It is a declaration by Roosevelt and Churchill (neither a sovereign power) who, the document states, "deem it right to make known certain common principles in the national policies of their respective countries in which they base their hopes for a better future for the world."

Despite the reference to "national policies," which a President of the United States properly may declare, the declaration is really an expression of two individuals' hopes and beliefs, even though the individuals happen to be national leaders. These hopes and beliefs are invariably preceded in the document by such phrases as "they believe," "they desire," "they hope."

What is important is that Roosevelt's and Churchill's declaration struck the right note. Even though there is no original document, all 26 nations at war with the Axis subsequently subscribed to the "joint declaration... known as the Atlantic Charter" in the signed and official Declaration of the United Nations.

So it is idle to assume that since no "original" Charter ever existed, its principles never existed either. No one argues that the perfection of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is marred because, as the story goes, its final draft was written in pencil on brown wrapping paper.

Preponderant American opinion holds the aims of the Atlantic Charter to be right and just. Whether all the other 25 signatories still hold the same view is another question, a big one, and a cause for real concern.

## More Promise Than Hope

A bill to "stimulate discussion" of full postwar employment has been introduced in the Senate by a Military Affairs subcommittee headed by Senator Murray of Montana. Its tentative, diffident presentation suggests that the authors may think the bill more likely to stimulate discussion than employment.

There is nothing diffident or tentative about the measure itself, which would put the achievement of jobs for all on a bookkeeping and budgetary basis. It opens with a laudable declaration on which there can be no argument: "Every American able to work and willing to work has the right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries, or shops, or offices, or farms, or mines of the nation."

To help realize this right the President would transmit to Congress annually a "national production and unemployment budget." This would contain an estimate of the number of jobs needed in the year ahead, and an estimate of private investment during the same period.

If the investment didn't promise to take care of all the needed jobs, then the President would set forth a program for encouraging more investment. And if this failed to balance the books, he would include in his budget a program of federal investment.

Essentially this bill seems to be an attempt to put on a predictable basis the familiar peacetime operations of the Roosevelt administration in the employment field. But it doesn't look like any guarantee of Roosevelt's campaign promise of 60,000,000 peacetime jobs.

It seems logical that the first step in our postwar employment program should be creation of an economic atmosphere in which an unprecedented 60,000,000 jobs can exist. To do this it will be necessary to modify some of our present and necessary taxes and restrictions so that new capital, ventured in the creation of new jobs, may have a reasonable expectation of profit and expansion.

But the new bill proposes to encourage private investment only after an unsuccessful attempt has been made to strike a balance between capital and jobs. And that is bound to involve some difficult and unpopular bookkeeping.

For if a lump investment is to be translated accurately into new employment, the Bureau of the Budget will have to estimate not just minimum pay rates, but entire payrolls. And some new businesses might be obliged to conform to the estimates.

Everyone is in favor of jobs for all. But when a bill sets out to promise new jobs without making provision for their private creation, it is setting out to pile up more billions onto our enormous national debt with a new era of "made work." That is something the country can't afford.

## The Eternal Optimist



## OPA Orders Industry Wide Survey Of Crude Oil Producing Costs

WASHINGTON (AP)—An industry wide survey of crude oil producing costs has been ordered by the OPA to determine whether ceiling prices are adequate or an increase should be granted.

Chester Bowles, price administrator, said the survey was ordered at the request of the House Small Business Committee and various individual producers, but that action did not mean a change in OPA's position that there should be no general price increase.

"This will give us additional data for determining whether OPA's stand against a price increase is justified," said Bowles.

The House Committee made its recommendation for a survey after receiving testimony from members of the industry. One of its hearings was held in Austin.

Appointment of a national crude oil industry advisory committee will be one of the first steps. It will be composed chiefly of independent producers, but contain representatives from major oil companies.

Bowles said also that he would appoint a national industry advisory committee representing oil refineries, which would have as one of its functions the determination whether the refiners could absorb any general price increase to producers.

OPA in the past has granted individual adjustments in producers' ceiling prices, and premium payments financed by government funds also have been granted since Aug. 1 to stripper pools.

## Fortress Crew Bails Out, Setting Automatic Pilot; No Crash Report

ALEXANDRIA, LA.—(AP)—One of ten members of an Alexandria Army Air Field four engine bomber suffered minor leg injuries when the crew parachuted after the plane caught fire Monday night near Waco.

The injured flier was listed as second Lt. Joseph L. Kelley, Savannah, Ga.

No word has been received regarding the plane. A board of officers was appointed to determine the cause of the accident.

(At the Blackland Army Air Field at Waco, Lt. Charles J. Doherty, public relations officer, said the crew bailed out after setting the automatic pilot. Nine hundred gallons of gasoline were left in the plane's tanks, he said.)

## Mrs. Davis' Father Is Seriously Ill

George White, father of Mrs. Chappell Davis of Midland, is seriously ill at his home in Shreveport, La. Mr. and Mrs. Davis departed Tuesday afternoon for Shreveport.

## Cotton

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Cotton futures at noon Tuesday were 5 to 25 cents a bale higher. March 22.08, May 22.01, July 21.74.

In Massachusetts, liquor advertisements are forbidden by law to use pictures, names, characters or phrases from the Bible.

## Livestock

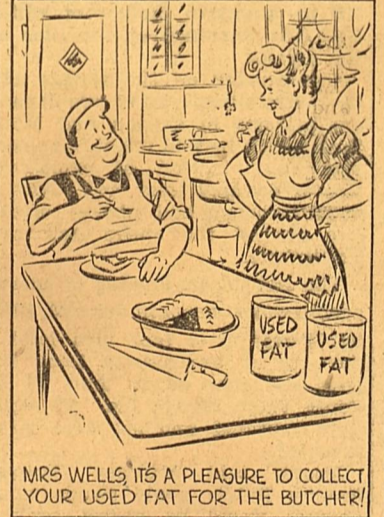
FORT WORTH.—(AP)—Cattle 3-200; calves 2,100; fully steady to shippers and small butchers; large packers talking lower prices; medium to good steers and yearlings 11.50-14.00; a few good beef cows 10.00-11.00; butcher cows 7.00-10.00; good and choice fat calves 12.00-13.25; stocker calves and yearlings mostly 8.00-11.50.

Hogs 1,300; steady; good and choice 180-300 lb butcher hogs sold at the 14.55 ceiling while good and choice 150-175 lb averages 13.25-14.25.

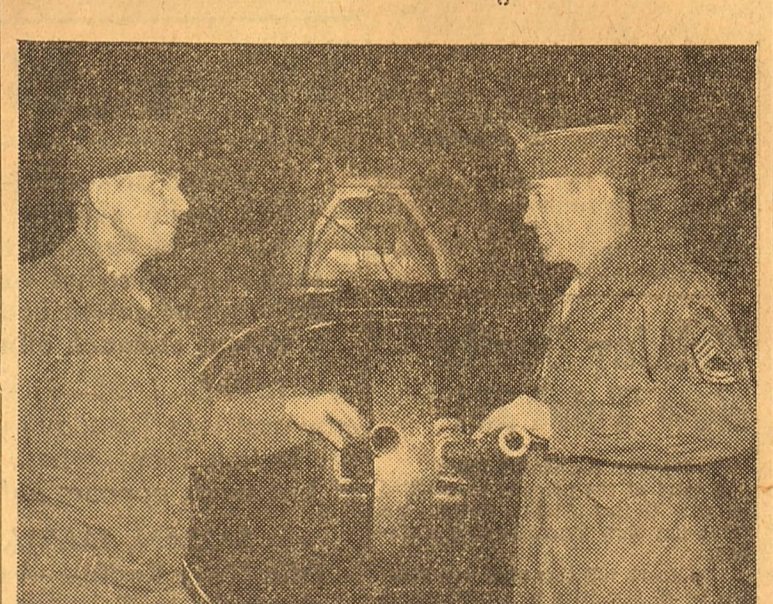
Sheep 3,500; steady; good and choice fat lambs 13.50-75; medium and good yearling sheep 11.00-75.

There are about 19,000 deaths in the United States each year from suicides.

## FATSO...



## Cousins Meet In England



Two Texas cousins, Capt. Homer J. Laws (left), 42, of Mount Vernon, and T/Sgt. Reuben C. Hemingway, (right), 28, of Midland, recently were reunited at an Eighth Air Force B-17 Flying Fortress base in England. Sergeant Hemingway, in charge of a Second Armored Division tank maintenance section, was wounded while fighting in France and evacuated to a hospital a short distance from Captain Laws' station. When he was able to walk, he obtained a pass to visit his cousin who is the armament officer of the 452nd Bomb. Group, a unit of the Third Bombardment Division which received a Presidential citation for its now historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of a Messerschmitt aircraft factory at Regensburg, Germany. Sergeant Hemingway is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hemingway of Midland.

## Allied Pilots See New Nazi 'Foo Fighters'

A U. S. NIGHT FIGHTER BASE, FRANCE.—(AP)—American fighter pilots engaged in flying night intruder missions over Germany report the Nazis have come up with a new "secret weapon"—mysterious "balls of fire" which race along beside their planes for miles like will o' the wisps.

Yank pilots have dubbed them "Foo Fighters", and at first thought they might explode, but so far there is no indication that any planes have been damaged by them.

Some pilots have expressed belief that the "Foo Fighter" was designed strictly as a psychological weapon. Intelligence reports seem to indicate it is radio-controlled from the ground and can keep pace with planes flying 300 miles per hour.

Lt. Donald Meiers of Chicago, Ill., said there are three types of "Foo Fighters"—red balls of fire that fly along at wing tip; a vertical row of three balls of fire which fly along in front of the planes, and a group of about 15 lights which follow the plane at a distance, flickering on and off.

While dispatches hint that they are radio controlled, the fact that they travel along with a plane or stay a certain distance ahead would tend to confirm the belief that they instead are magnetic. Thus, the metal of a plane would attract them, at the same time holding them at a distance. Radio control from the ground or another plane would not permit such apparent accuracy in control.

The glow, coupled with the possible magnetic action, might come from the type of gas they contain to aid in their electrical qualities and to add to their buoyancy.

## Arizona Farmer Captures Escaped German POWs

PHOENIX.—(AP)—The seventh and eighth German U-boat prisoners to be captured since 25 staged a sensational break here Christmas Eve were taken in custody Monday night by a farmer.

H. R. Duffey, agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, reported the escapees, Navy Capt. Hans Werner Krauss and Helmut Drescher, were caught 12 miles west of Casa Grande, Ariz.

## Stevenson

(Continued from Page 1) of appointments made since the last general session.

As plans for the new session began shaping—House and Senate chambers were spic and span and bustling with pre-session activity—the governor said he would prefer a simple inaugural ceremony on Jan. 16, one week following the session's beginning.

A joint House-Senate committee on inaugural plans will be named after the session begins and members will confer with the governor and lieutenant-governor as to their wishes. Governor Stevenson said he saw no need for an outdoor inaugural ceremony that the oath could be administered perhaps in the hall of the House of Representatives without fanfare or much formality.

## Land Based

(Continued from Page 1) blown up and three damaged. Twenty locomotives were attacked in the same area.

Fifteen Japanese planes raided Mindoro, while U. S. air forces damaged five Japanese vessels in raids reaching from the Dutch Indies to Iwo Jima, southern outpost of Tokyo, which was hit for the 24th consecutive day.

Premier Gen. Kuniaki Koiso warned the Japanese that they must look forward to increasing air raids and "greater difficulties" as the Americans attack with "greater recklessness."

A Pacific Fleet report said that with most of Japan's outer strongholds "reduced to impotence or ashes" the home islands are now open to attack by naval task forces as well as bombers. But, it cautioned, "the road to Tokyo is rough and long... the hardest battles in the Pacific war are still to come."

Current reports of land fighting came largely from the cleanup campaign on Leyte Island in the Philippines, where 995 more Japanese were killed, and Burma with Japanese withdrawing from virtually every front.

The only active Japanese opposition was to prevent reopening of the Burma Road. Associated Press War Correspondent John Crover speculated the end of the Burma campaign is "merely a matter of months."

British troops occupied the village of Kadama, on the rim of Burma's rice bowl. Advance units were 88 miles from Mandalay. In the south unopposed British units took over the east bank of the Mayu River, 25 miles north of Akyab.

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## New JayCee Executive Secretary To Manage State Office In City

Brian Murphy, 30, new executive secretary of the Texas Junior Chambers of Commerce, arrived in Midland Tuesday to start his duties. Clint Dunagan, president of the state organization announced.

Murphy has been a member of the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce for a number of years and was vice president of region three, comprised of 42 East Texas counties. He was with Western Union at Dallas 11 years.

In the past the 11 members of the executive board have devoted much of their time to work of the organization, but since the manpower shortage has become so acute they found it increasingly difficult to devote as much time as they would like to the organization, Dunagan said. A decision was made in December at a board meeting in Dallas to create the post of executive secretary to handle much of the detail work.

In addition to other duties Murphy will edit the "Lone Star JayCee," official magazine of the state organization. He will have his office at the Dunagan Sales Company.

The Christmas issue of "The Peptomist," Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce magazine, said of Murphy's work as vice president of region three: "Brian Murphy has spent a lot of time and money as vice president of region three, and travelled 11,910 miles on JayCee business in the past six months."

In the six months ending November 30, Murphy visited 33 of the 55 Texas clubs, conferred with officials of 11 of the remainder. He attended regional meetings in each of the seven regions of Texas, as well as attending board meetings in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, and a national board meeting in Omaha, Neb."

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## British Refuse Negrin Right To Broadcast

LONDON.—(AP)—The British government has refused to permit the former Republican premier of Spain, Dr. Juan Negrin, to broadcast Tuesday night to a meeting in New York's Madison Square garden called to urge establishment of a democratic regime in Spain.

A motion filed in U. S. District Court challenged the Justice Department right to bring the civil suit, alleging that because of the 1942 law the complaint "fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted" and that the court "is without jurisdiction of the subject matter."

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## Parents Of First 1945 Baby Want Home In Midland

Parents of Midland County's first baby of 1945, Thomas Vincent Ford, Jr., are anxious to obtain a home or apartment in Midland so Ford may obtain employment here. They have been residing in Stanton temporarily, until they can obtain living quarters in Midland. The family recently came to Texas from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Thomas Junior was born at 1:14 a.m. Monday in the Western Clinic Hospital.

Merchants and businessmen of Midland had prepared a royal welcome for the first baby of the year. Gifts included:

A photo of the child by Williams Studio, a Baby Bunting by Kiddies Toggery, a baby quilt by the Sanders Furniture Shop, an automatic electric bottle warmer by Barron's Supply Store, a bottle of Electrified Water by the Midland Bottling Company, a Simmons Comfy Dry Mattress by the Midland Hardware and Furniture Company, a \$5 all wool baby shawl by Smith's Women's Shop, an attractive baby cap by Iva's Jewelers, a convenient bed lamp by the Barrow Furniture Company, \$2.25 worth of coupons by the Banner Creamery, \$5 credit on prescriptions by Cameron's Central Pharmacy, an Esmond baby blanket by Dunlap's Department Store, and a free ride home from the hospital in Barrow Funeral Home Ambulance.

## German Ace Decorated With Highest Nazi Honor

LONDON.—(AP)—Germany's newest and highest decoration has been awarded to Col. Hans Ulrich Rudel, 28-year-old airman credited with destruction of 403 tanks and 700 vehicles among other accomplishments, the Berlin radio said Tuesday. The decoration was described as golden oak leaves with swords and diamonds to the knight's cross of the Iron Cross.

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# Society

## Doris Jean Shockley Becomes Bride Of Lt. John D. Bowden In Twilight Service At First Christian Church

White tapers in tall candelabra lighted the altar decorated with baskets of white gladioli and white carnations against a green background when Miss Doris Jean Shockley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Myers, became the bride of Lt. John D. Bowden Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bowden of Fitzgerald, Georgia, at the First Christian Church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Rev. John E. Pickering read the ceremony before a gathering of relatives and friends.

Miss Marian Newton was at the piano for the nuptial music, playing "Memories" as the prelude. She accompanied the soloist, Miss Billy Ann Hill, who sang "I Love You Truly" and played "Liebestraum" during the recital of the vows. The traditional wedding marches were played for the processional and recessional.

**Groomed In White**  
The bride was gowned in white satin. The full skirt ended in a short train, the bodice had a sweetheart neckline, and the puffed sleeves ended in long-fitted cuffs trimmed with buttons. Her fingertip veil was caught by a banding of blossoms. She carried a white prayer book with her name inscribed in gold, topped with a white gascania and white satin streamer. Mrs. Leland Foster, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor and her only attendant. She wore a coffee-colored formal, with a full skirt gathered on a band set in at the waist, and a square bodice with sleeves of lace. The same material was used to border the square neckline of the dress. Her flowers were a corsage of pink carnations.

Lt. Paul Friberg of MAAF was best man for the bridegroom. After the wedding a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill, 400 North D, with Mrs. Roy Franks of Oklahoma City, aunt of the bride, serving the cake, and Miss Betty Saulbury, also of Oklahoma City, assisting in the serving. Mrs. Bowden has been a resident of Midland for a number of years, attending Midland schools. She also attended Draughton's Business College in Dallas.

Lieutenant Bowden attended the University of Georgia before entering the armed services. The couple are at home here.

## Lt. Martin W. Boxer Is Mess Officer For Midland AAF Hospital

Lt. Martin W. Boxer of Galveston, Texas has recently assumed his new duties as Hospital Mess Officer at Midland Army Air Field. Finances and food are his responsibilities, keeping the patients properly nourished his main concern.

Lieutenant Boxer is not a newcomer to Midland, having been a member of cadet class 43-9. Following his graduation from the world's largest bombardier school, Lieutenant Boxer served overseas for nine months. As a bombardier in a B-24 against the Germans, the Texan completed thirty combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and a Distinguished Unit Citation.

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## Miss Gene Broadway Is Bride Of Lt. Boyle In Chapel Ceremony

The Post Chapel was the site of a double ring wedding ceremony Saturday evening uniting Miss Gene Broadway of Memphis, Tenn., and Lt. Isaac D. Boyle of MAAF. Chaplain Bannen Y. Swope read the vows.

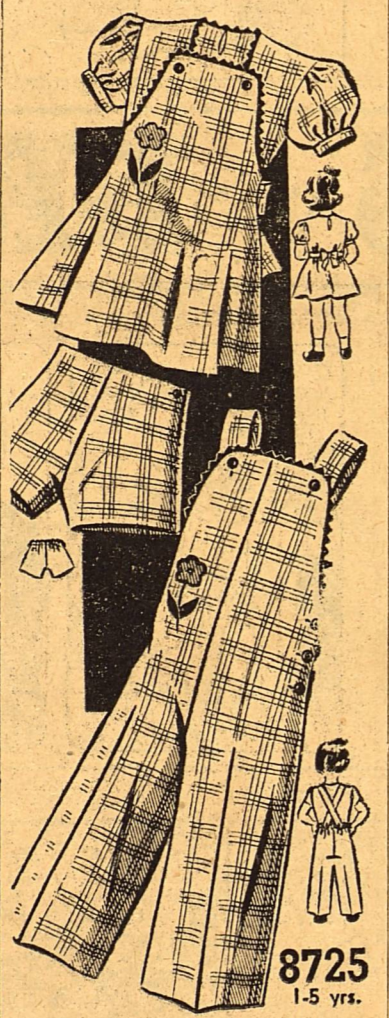
Mrs. Geneva Rains, also of Memphis, was the bride's Matron of Honor and only attendant. The bride wore a moss green gabardine afternoon dress, with white gardenias. Mrs. Rains was dressed in a black crepe afternoon dress with a yellow rose corsage.

Lt. John C. Cowart of MAAF acted as best man for the bridegroom. Mrs. Boyle is the daughter of Mrs. C. G. Broadway of Memphis, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Boyle of Memphis. The couple plan to make their home in Midland.

## Goes To St. Louis

Miss Muriel McHargue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McHargue, will leave Wednesday morning for Graduate Medical Technician's School in St. Louis. Miss McHargue attended Texas Tech in Lubbock.

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## FUR-INSULATED FASHIONS



By EPSIE KINARD NEA Staff Writer

**NEW YORK**—The woman to whom the word "mink" is magic can have all the warmth and luxury of the fur in a dress, with the fur woven into the fabric, thanks to the newest miracle to emerge from test tubes.

These fabulous looking fabrics, which owe their silky texture, enduring wear and crease-resistance to fur fibers, have as much as 20 per cent mink, muskrat or silver fox woven into a blend of rayon and wool yarn.

Enough of this exciting new yarn—which is expected to crash the millinery, shoe and upholstery fields as soon as production can be expanded—has been woven to make 700 dresses bearing labels of top-flight designers. At the right you see one of the season's most popular models with shirred shoulder detail and a mink-tailed belt, but photography doesn't do justice to the fur-toned sheen of the mink and muskrat which fleck the pastel blue or rose color of this dress.

Also to be featured in stores from coast to coast, as soon as enough fabric has been woven to produce full lines, is knitwear glistening with silver fox. Giving you a glimpse into the future is the silvery gray sweater, stocking cap and gloves shown at the left, which has 25 per cent silver fox fibers woven into a blend of wool and rayon.

## Young People's Vesper Service At Christian Church Held Sunday

A Young People's Vesper service at the First Christian Church Sunday evening was featured by the Rev. William J. Hall's message, "The Light Switch." A program was presented and devotionals were given by Misses Shirley Brunson, Dorothy Wright, and Miss Mary Lou Price. Miss Betty Pickering accompanied Bill Price in a clarinet solo "Melody in F" and Miss Patsy Lou Arrington in a vocal solo "Just For Today."

After the worship service the group went to the social hall for a watch party and friendship circle. The Rev. and Mrs. Pickering were in charge.

Refreshments were served to Miss Sharon Lee Cornelius, Miss Shirley Brunson, Miss Dorothy Lynn Butler, Bill Price, Miss Patsy Lou Arrington, Bob Frederick, Miss Betty and Eloise Pickering, Gene Dupuy, Irvin Reecer, Bobby Hunter, DeJoy Statton, Miss Dorothy Sue Wright, Arthur Rounds, Paul Reecer and Mrs. B. W. Reecer.

## County Officials Start Another Term

Two County officials began their new term of office Tuesday morning. Frank Midkiff took the office of Arthur Judkins as commissioner of Precinct 3, and A. G. Bohannan took the place of J. L. Dillard as commissioner of Precinct 4.

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## Coming Events

**TUESDAY**—The Enlisted Men's Wives will meet at the Salvation Army USO at 8:00 p.m. to roll bandages for the maternity ward of the MAAF post hospital.

The Lt. William Brewer Chapter of the DAR will meet at 2:00 with Mrs. George Glass, 911 West Texas. Cohostesses will be Mrs. George Kidd and Mrs. Erma Mancill. The recent announced that each member is to bring a pocket sized edition of a book to be added to a box for the adopted LCI ship.

The Wesley Bible Glass meets with Mrs. L. J. Baker from 4 'til 11 West Illinois at 2:00 o'clock for a business and social meeting. All members are urged to attend as it is the first meeting of the new year.

Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be Mrs. L. J. Baker from 4 'til 6, and Mrs. J. F. Bizzell from 7 'til 9.

The Civic Theater will have its regular monthly meeting in the Civic Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. A one-act play will be presented during the meeting, and a refreshment social will be held following it. The name and plans for the next play will be announced, says president, Steve Briggs. All members are urged to attend, and all other persons interested in theater work are cordially invited.

Mrs. Bellman's Group 8 will be hostesses at the Officer's Club for the officer's wives' meeting, Tuesday at 1:30 p. m.

**WEDNESDAY**—Lutheran Parish Workers will meet at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. A. Teinert to elect officers.

Junior Canteen hostesses will be Mrs. Earl Chapman from 4 'til 6, and Mrs. E. W. Statton from 7 'til 9.

Mrs. J. Howard Hodge will review the popular best seller "So Little Time" over KRLH at 6:30 p.m. in an extra program for the county library.

The Play Readers Club meets at the home of Mrs. DeLo Douglas at 3:30.

**THURSDAY**—Junior Canteen Hostesses will be Mrs. Ellis Conner from 4 'til 6, and Mrs. M. T. Hartwell from 7 'til 9.

Over the Midland County Library Radio Program on KRLH at 4 p.m., Miss Velma Barrett, Editor County Librarian, will discuss the best children's books of 1944.

**FRIDAY**—The Belmont Bible Class of the First Methodist Church will meet Friday at 3 p.m. at the church.

Junior Canteen hostesses will be Mrs. L. L. Butler from 4 'til 6, and Mrs. E. R. Osburn from 7 'til 9.

The Modern Study Club meeting has been postponed until January 10.

Mrs. A. D. Colburn and Mrs. C. D. Clayton's Spotters group is responsible for the rolling of bandages at the Salvation Army USO at 9:30 a.m. All wives of military personnel are invited to help.

**SATURDAY**—Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be Mrs. J. D. McClure from 3:30 'til 6, and Mrs. Milwar Miller from 8 'til 10:30.

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## MEXICAN COLORS



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Lots of the interest of fashions for South and Summer is in the skirt, as in the picturesque little dress shown above, of Mexican inspiration. This is made of a linenlike rayon in border print, with the skirt of green, rust and yellow stitched onto the bodice but nonetheless wrapped to the side. Skirts of many new sunback dresses are designed with most of the fullness in back, and daytime skirts are frequently buttoned down one or both sides to the hem.

## MAAF Spends Quiet New Year's Day

New Year's Day at Midland Army Air Field marked a quiet, business-like start to another year of war. It is true that New Year's eve was a night of joyous revelry, but with the dawn came the serious business of winning the war.

Another year of training has been inaugurated at the headquarters field of the nation's bombardier training program. This time a different panorama appears, as the new year promises to hold only one cadet graduation, whereas in the past years many classes of bombardier cadets departed from Midland Army Air Field for combat duty against the Axis forces.

The new year sees Midland Army Air Field in the process of changing from the AAF Central Flying Training Command's key bombardier base to its premier graduate school for returned combat bombardiers.

## Mercury Falls From 56 To 40 Degrees

The temperature in Midland took a nose dive at 6 p.m. Monday and fell from 56 degrees to 40 degrees at midnight. The mercury remained steady at 40 degrees from midnight until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday when it started falling slightly. It fell one degree in an hour.

The maximum temperature for Tuesday was reached at 4 p.m. when the mercury ceased rising at the 56 degree mark.

More than 11,000 Jewish refugees fled from their homes in Germany to Palestine in the nine months following April 1, 1933.

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## Communications At MAAF Have New Officers

Lt. Herman L. Miller of Atlanta, Mich., and Lt. Wayne D. Smith of Faribault, Minn., are new communications officers for the Army Airways Communications System now stationed at Midland Army Air Field.

Both students of meteorology, the new officers spent several weeks together at Yale University studying radio communication before coming to the bombardier base.

Lieutenant Miller is a graduate of Gaylord High School in Michigan; he later studied electrical engineering at the University of Michigan. Lieutenant Smith graduated from Faribault High School in Minnesota and then pursued a liberal arts course at the University of Minnesota.

## Major Stater Gets Bronze Star Medal

**HEADQUARTERS 41ST DIVISION, FAR PACIFIC**—Major Emil Stuter, of Shrinier, Texas, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for conspicuous personal valor, meritorious achievement and a deep devotion to duty on the field of battle.

Major Stuter, who is currently in the swirl of the fighting in the Philippines, came overseas in January, 1942, and since has participated in five amphibious actions in this theater of warfare, four of them with the slashing 41st Jumpers.

Prior to being called to active service in June, 1941, Major Stuter was engaged as an engineer with the Soil Conservation Service, stationed successively at Midland.

## Episcopal Bishop To Address Lions Club

Bishop C. S. Quin of Houston, Episcopal bishop of the Diocese of Texas, will address members of the Midland Lions Club at their regular meeting Wednesday noon in Hotel Scharbauer.

Arrangements for the bishop to address the club were made by the Rev. R. J. Snell, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church.

## Cupid Hits Stride During December

December was a banner month for Cupid in Midland, with 42 marriage licenses issued during the month at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble. Although June is the traditional month for weddings, 14 more licenses were issued in December than in June, when 28 licenses were issued.

Marriage licenses barely missed going at a one-a-day rate, with 365 being issued during the year, missing the one-a-day rate only because 1944 was a leap year.

## Sergeant Seymour Arrives In States

T Sgt. Joseph A. Seymour Jr. arrived in San Francisco Sunday night from the South Pacific where he has been serving in the Marine Corps for the past 27 months. He entered the Marine Corps in July, 1941.

Sergeant Seymour expects to be in Midland within a week to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Seymour Sr.

## Turns In Fire Alarm Then Collapses

**ATHLENE**—(AP)—As flames swept the home of W. A. Stephenson, assistant Dean of Hardin Simmons University here Monday, Ed Dickerson, 77, paint contractor, telephoned in the alarm and then collapsed.

Firemen found his body between the telephone and an outside door.

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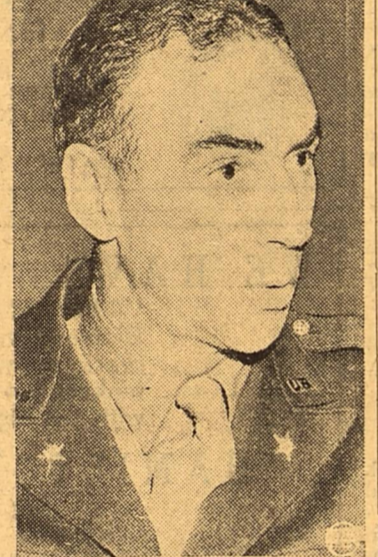
THE WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVED by W.E. Woodward

A DAY IN A VIRGINIA PLANTER'S LIFE (1713) Mrs. Randall seldom smiled or laughed on account of her teeth. They were black with decay and many of them were missing.

THE WAR TODAY By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

The Polish question—which long has been one of the delicate problems of the British-Russian-American combine—has come flaming in to the new year like a rocket-bomb, and nobody knows where its going to land.

G. I.'s 'Prof.'



Maj. Gen. Frederick H. Osborn, above, head of the Army's Information and Education Division, intends that 800,000 soldiers will be better educated when they return to civilian life.

Wichita Falls Daily Times Misses Publication

WICHITA FALLS.—Members of the International Typographical Union, who Monday failed to report for work, had returned to their posts Tuesday.

Ration Calendar

MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book four red stamps Q5 through X5 now good. No termination dates have been set; OPA says none will be invalidated before March 1.

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By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority Here's another great defensive play to start 1945 off with.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, South, West, and East, and a duplicate E-W vul. deal.

point, the declarer threw Hazen in by leading a small heart. How can East and West defeat the contract? Hazen leads the six of spades.

GI Joes Don't Like To Be Called GI Joes

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—(AP)—Santa Barbara, Calif., is being regarded as Government Issue, said a spokesman for a group of overseas veterans at the Army distribution center.

Methodists Oppose Military Training

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(AP)—The Methodist Conference on Christian Education unanimously adopted a resolution Monday night opposing compulsory military training in peacetime.

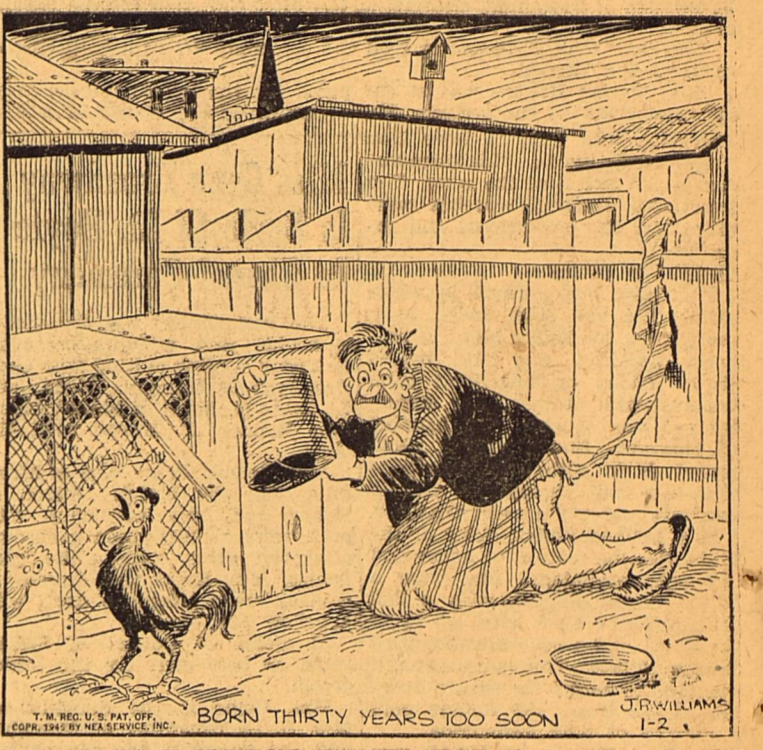
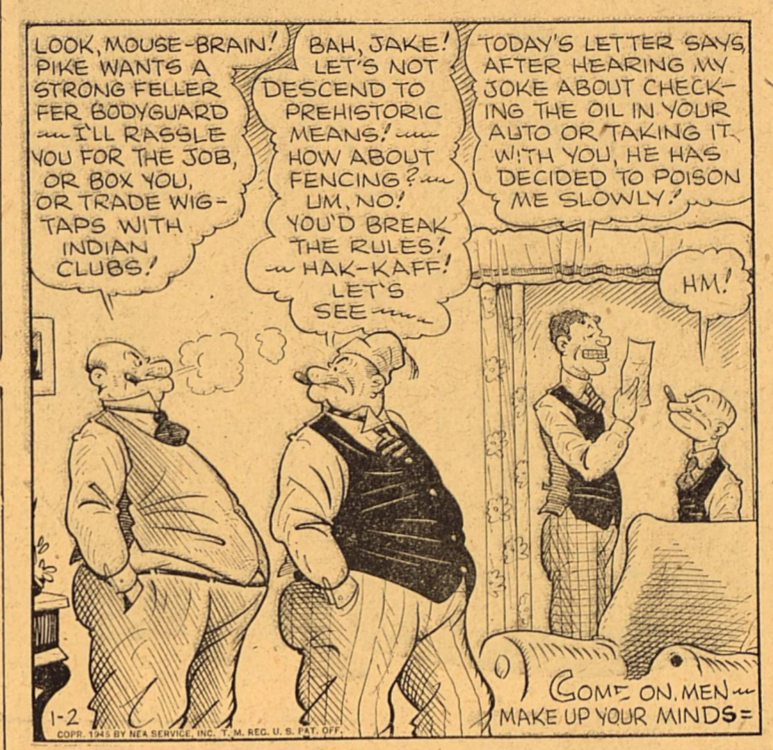
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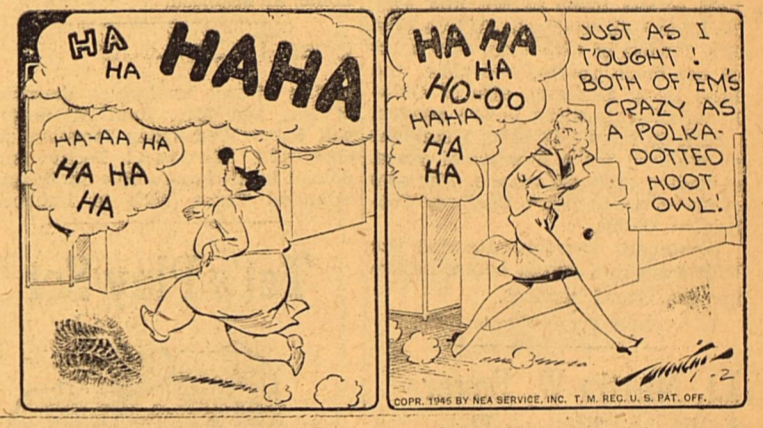
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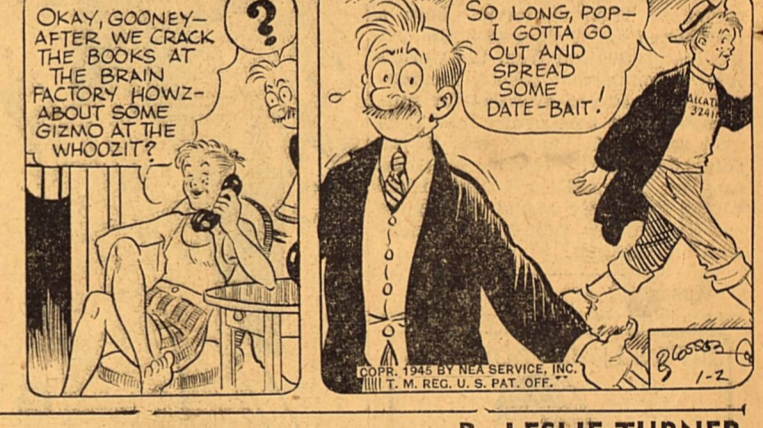


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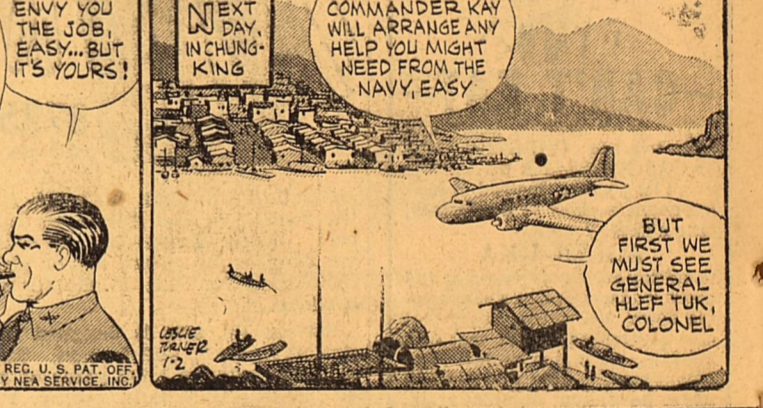


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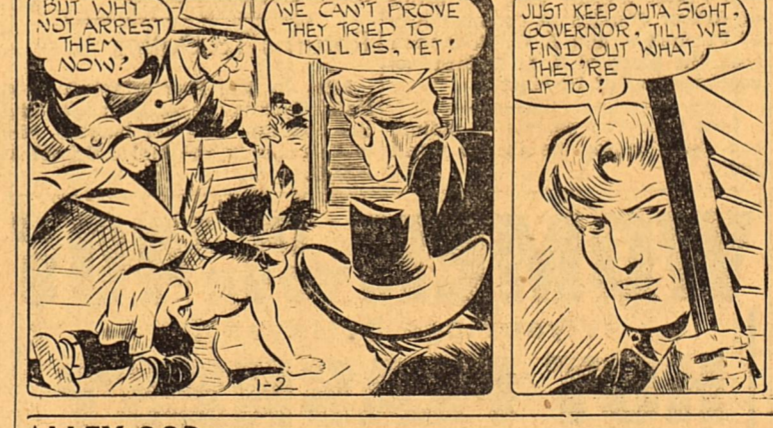
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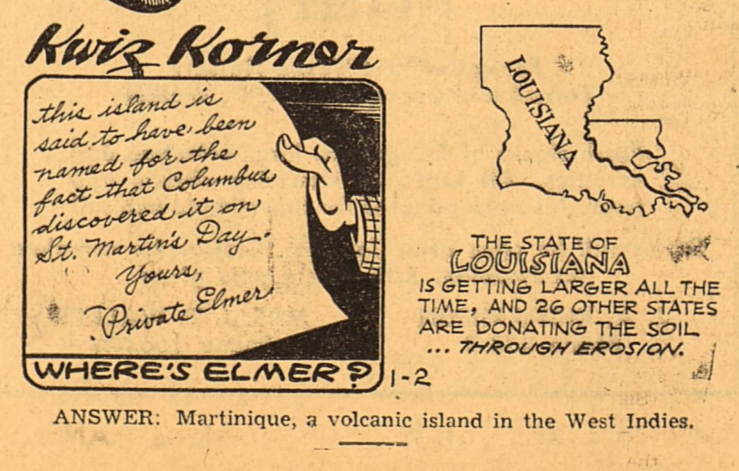
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LOST—Oblong Eisenberg clip, vicinity Cactus or Crawford. Reward. Phone Room 218, Crawford. (255-3)

LOST: Black cockerspaniel dog; answers to "Mickey," tag No. 82, Ballinger, Tex. Reward. Phone 111. (243-3)

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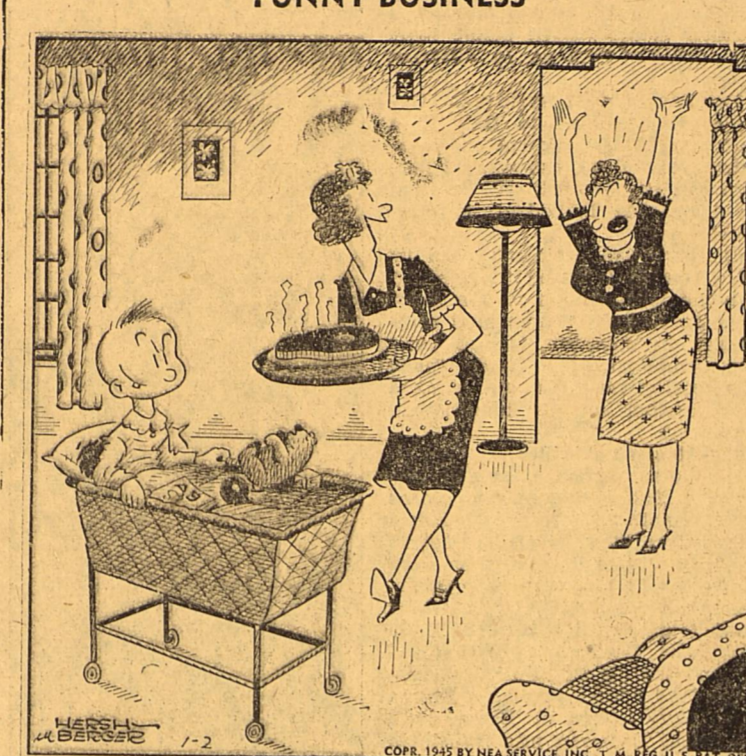
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Stopping up of war production has dimmed the immediate rosy future expected on the home front. Though Mr. and Mrs. America won't suffer any hardships as far as food and clothing are concerned, they'll continue to pay ration points and still will have to do without most of the household wares curtailed at the start of the war.

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spring and summer, and war production needs loom larger, the anticipation of new mechanical refrigerators, innerspring mattresses, vacuum cleaners is gone. "Spot authorization" scheme to get these things started here and there has been nipped off for at least 90 days.

So few vacuum cleaners and refrigerators were started in the short time the plan moved ahead that all must go to frozen stockpiles to be doled out to most essential users. Brass wire, still short of military requirements is expected to hold up electrical appliances such as toasters and fans for another six to nine months.

Some smaller items are being stepped up with new supplies of copper, replacing unsatisfactory substitutes in safety pins, slide and snap fasteners, mechanical pencils, and plumbing and heating fixtures. Alarm clocks are made in greater quantities each month, but have not caught up with needs of war workers.

The full dinner-table which wartime U. S. citizens have enjoyed is expected to continue as overall abundant food supplies are foreseen for 1945.

Sugar meats, canned vegetables, shortening, and coffee, however, may come in for even increased ration shifts to make ends meet. Sugar supplies are so low that conservation pleas are going out.

Your meat dishes early this year will have to be more ingeniously extended. Supplies will be well below last year, with the biggest cut in pork and lamb. Beef, favorite in most households, promises to be more plentiful and better with the large corn crop.

Supply experts are guessing whether 1944 major vegetable packs, with big military purchases taken out, will last till this year's pack is in.

A storm is brewing in the coffee cup, though supply figures show no cause for alarm now. On Oct. 31 over 4 1/2 million 132-pound sacks were on hand (well over three months' supply) in contrast to the less than 1 1/2 million sacks Dec. 31, 1942, when rationing began. Brazil's contract for one million sacks a month started in the end of last year when growers contended they could no longer sell at old prices, must have five cents more per retail pound. OPA refuses this price rise on a cost-of-living item used in millions of homes. If coffee growers hold out foreseeing a possible European market, rationing will go in at once.

With cotton cloth far short of needs, and Army demands for woolen garments high for the coming quarter, there is no chance of any clothing restrictions being lifted during the first six months of the year.

Another two million pounds of yarn added to the program for children's knit-wear will mean a big increase, but there's little hope that it will keep up with shopper's demands.

Shoe rationing is certain to stay through the first quarter, probably a good deal longer as leather supplies now look. Even the low-priced shoes the shoe trade has asked to have ration-free won't be generally let loose, but will be tapered off in more liberal temporary ration-free periods, with the first free period likely to come in January or February.

Office of Defense Transportation foresees another stay-at-home year with continued anti-convention and travel campaigns, and a drive to have vacations spread throughout the year instead of bunched up next summer when military rail use may be at its highest for West Coast shipping, and for returning soldiers.

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WILL BE "HAS-BEENO" The term Mikado is used by foreigners to designate the emperor of Japan, but not by the Japanese themselves. Their word is "Tenno."

Stolen 70-Passenger Trailer Bus Recovered

KENEDY—(P)—A 70 passenger, six wheel trailer-type bus owned by the Painter bus lines, which disappeared Saturday from a San Antonio parking lot, was recovered here Monday.

Officers from San Antonio said no arrests had been made.

TO CHALLENGE PRESIDENT

PANAMA—(P)—National Assembly delegates who have taken refuge in the Panama Canal Zone will meet within 10 days to elect a new president to challenge the continuance in office of President Adolfo de la Guardia, Deputy Alfredo Aleman, a leader in the movement, said Monday night.

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# Sports Bomber

**INVADERS ADOPT AN EYE FOR THE HOOP METHOD**

Lt. Loyal T. Marker, coach of the MAAF Invaders, has announced that all members of the basketball squad will shoot fifty foul shots every day. To facilitate the schedule, Coach Marker has a huge cardboard poster containing the names of all members of the squad, with a spot next to each name for the daily shooting record.

Every man will take fifty practice throws every day and record his score on the chart. Comparative skill will become apparent and general shooting accuracy will unquestionably improve.

It will be the responsibility of every man to get his practice throws in every day. He may do it at any time of the day and at any convenient place at the Post Service Club, at the Midland High School gym, or at the physical training field.

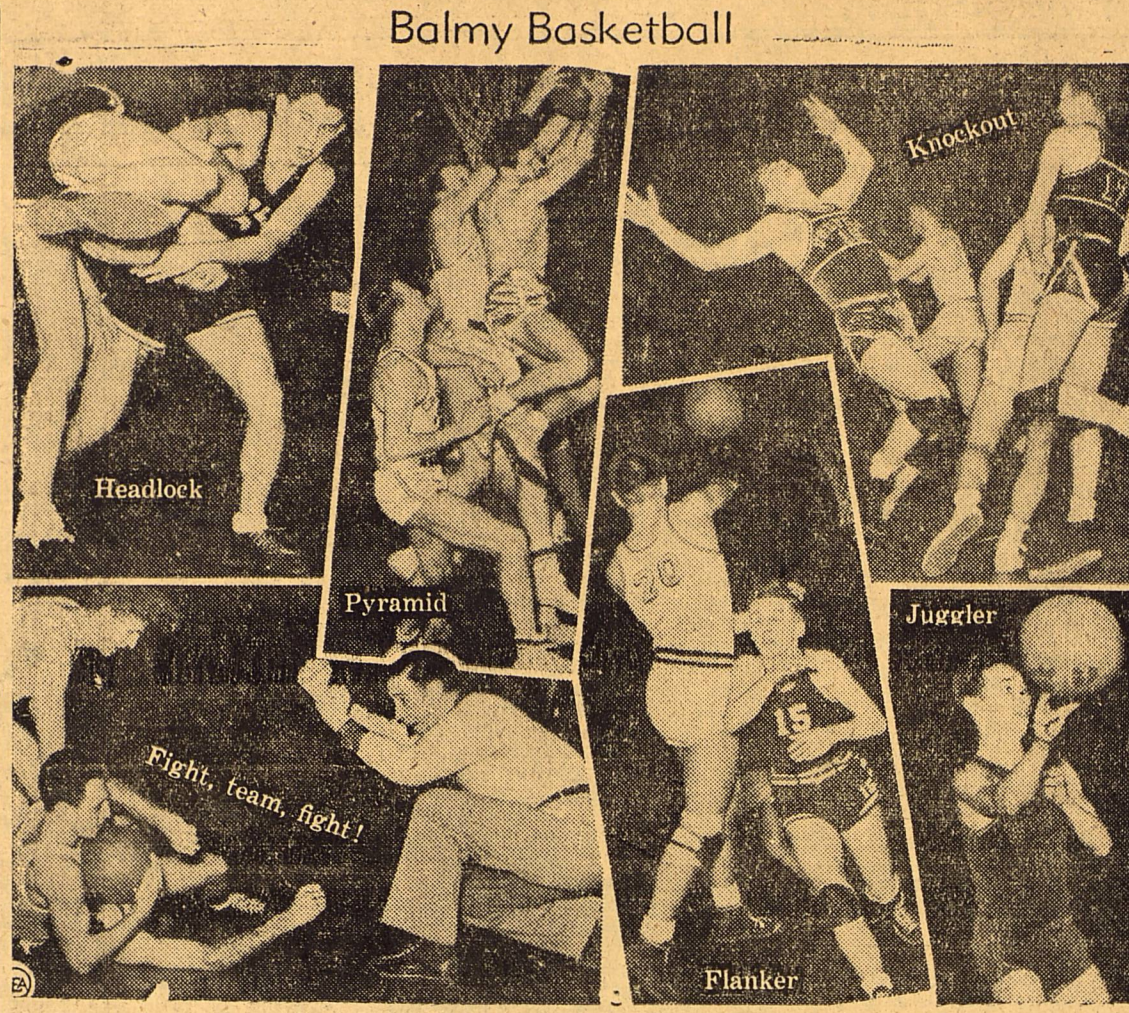
**BOMB-BLASTERS**

Lt. Loyal T. Marker having returned from a two weeks' refresher course in physical training at San Antonio, Lt. Lindy Borghensani and S/Sgt. Leslie M. West, the Oklahoma Kid, will journey to the same place in the near future. Program planning, rehabilitation, and new physical regulations will be the problems under consideration as the Army Air Forces go all out to standardize the whole physical training program.

Selected as captain for the MAAF Invaders in the opening basketball game of the season against Pecos Army Air Field, Pvt. Joe Flank played a bang-up game at center for all but the last few minutes of the contest. Before he was forced out on personal fouls, his control of the rebounds was little short of phenomenal.

Cpl. Nell Berry was the only member of the Invaders' team to play through the game without a replacement.

The Midland basketballers sank eight out of twelve free throws against Pecos, with Cpl. Ike Du Bow having a perfect round of four for four.



## Pirates Tuck In Sun Bowl 35-0

EL PASO—(AP)—The Southwestern University Pirates went home Tuesday with their second Sun Bowl championship tacked away—this time the most smashing triumph ever registered in the Sagebrush classic.

The Pirates stormed on land and in the air to a 35-0 victory over outclassed National University of Mexico, a team that could gain only 39 yards rushing and which wound up with a minus 50 at passing.

**Easy Pickings**

Southwestern, which beat New Mexico 7-0 in last year's Sun Bowl, found the Mexican team easy pickings Monday, romping to 212 yards rushing and pitching passes for 196.

A crowd of 13,000 turned out to watch the Pirates score in every period with Guard E. J. Blodzinski, Halfback Rudy Flores, End J. D. Urey and Fullback R. E. McDonald getting the touchdowns—Flores making two, Halfback J. A. Francis booting five extra points.

## Sugar Bowl Game Shatters Records

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Two Sugar Bowl records fell in Duke's 29-26 victory over Alabama here Monday.

The 8-for-8 forward passing performance of 18-year-old Freshman Harry Gilmer, representing all of Alabama's aerial efforts, set a new bowl mark of 100 per cent completions.

The total score of the game—55 points—was another record, topping the 38 total made by Georgia Tech and Tulsa last year.

**Texas College Beats A&T In Negro Bowl Game**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(AP)—Center Willie E. Green was almost the whole show when Texas College of Tyler, Texas, defeated A. and T. College of Greensboro, N. C., 18-0, in the annual Negro Flower Bowl game Monday.

He scored two touchdowns, one from 32 yards on an interception and the second on an 88-yard run. He set up the third touchdown by intercepting a pass.

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Bert Brandt, famous Acme Newspictures-NEA Service frontline photographer, poses, above, wearing one of the souvenirs he brought back from the German front. One of a large stock found in Gestapo headquarters in Aachen, it is a Nazi "Victory Cap." Brandt says that he was told in Aachen that the Germans were so sure of crushing the Allies that they had not only designed, but had actually produced this gaudy headgear, to be worn by German officers in the victory parades in Paris, London, Moscow and, likely enough, to the Nazi mind, Washington. It is flashy and cocky-looking, but like so many things Nazi, its phony quality becomes apparent on close examination.

## Save The Ammunition

DUCHESNE, UTAH—(AP)—The way William Nerbach of Salt Lake City tells his hunting story, he didn't need any shells to get his deer. He found a buck with its rear hoof caught between two small trees, seized the antlers and slashed its throat with a hunting knife.

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## Georgia Tech And Eastern All-Stars Only Favorites To Fall From Grace In Many Bowl Games On New Year's

NEW YORK—(AP)—It was Happy New Year for all the favorites except Georgia Tech and the East All-Stars in the annual January 1 football deluge played before more than 360,000 fans at 10 different sites.

Ranging from GI versions in Marseilles, France and in Italy to a customary 91,000 turnout in Pasadena's Rose Bowl, the general pattern ran pretty much true to form on team and individual performances.

Southern California stretched its Rose Bowl win string to eight by handing Tennessee a 25-0 setback, their first of the season, and completing an unbeaten, though twice tied campaign. Jim Hardy threw two scoring forwards and sneaked over another on the hidden ball play.

**Duke-Alabama Thriller**

Oklahoma Aggies, paced by All-America Bob Fenimore who scored twice, smothered Texas Christian, 24-0, before 37,500 at Dallas' Cotton Bowl, but Duke had to come hard in the closing minutes before catching Alabama, 29-26, for a Sugar Bowl triumph that thrilled 72,000 customers. The running of Tom Davis and George Clark finally overcame the brilliant passing of Freshman Harry Gilmer of Bama.

Georgia Tech ran into trouble in its Orange Bowl date with Tulsa as the Golden Hurricane startled 30,000 fans by striking for a two-touchdown lead in the first period and never letting up before earning a 26-16 decision. Frank Broyles kept the Engineers in the game on his second-half tosses. But Freshman Perry Moss was the Tulsa Ace.

The Western All-Stars, sparked by the chucking of UCLA's Bob Waterfield, shoved over two last quarter scores to shade the East, 13-7, in San Francisco's Shrine charity game that drew 60,000 persons. Frank Dancewicz of Notre Dame had pitched to Jack Mead of Wisconsin for the Eastern T.D. in the first 10 minutes.

Cpl. John Moody, former Morris Brown fullback, sparked for the Fifth Army in its 20-0 shellacking of the 12th Air Force in the Italian Spaghetti Bowl before 25,000. Mid-game features included a USO performance by Ella Logan and crowning of two bowl queens.

The soldiers in France subdued a Riviera Bowl for last year's Arab Bowl classic in Africa, and 18,000 turned out at Marseilles to watch the Railway Shop Battalion unit smother the Army All-Stars, 37-0.



(U. S. Navy Photo from NEA). Newly-appointed Fleet Adm. William D. Leahy, USN, chief of staff to the Commander-in-Chief of the U. S., is shown above wearing his new five-stripe uniform. Changes consist of a one-half-inch stripe added to dress uniform sleeves, with the summer uniform to carry five-star insignia on the collar instead of four.

## Five-Striper

By BONNIE WILEY AP Newsfeatures Writer

RENO, NEV.—Eddie Quilla and David Savidge get their thrills riding a tandem at 50 miles an hour down the steep slopes of 9,000-foot Mt. Rose.

And, now that the mountain's snow-covered, Quilla and Savidge are equipping their tandem with skis, so that they can slide down the mountain side.

Because they feel it would not be sporting, Quilla and Savidge have not reinforced their bicycle in any way and are in constant danger of having their transportation fall apart beneath them from the constant strain of the terrific speed.

"We built the tandem ourselves," Quilla says. "It's made of two Victory bikes welded together on one frame. People tell us we're crazy but we don't mind. It's a real thrill to tear down that mountain road and I wouldn't miss it for worlds."

Mrs. Quilla, her fingers crossed, follows the paid by auto, keeping track of the speed and ready for emergencies.

## All-State Teams To Be Announced On January 7

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF Associated Press Sports Editor

DALLAS—(AP)—Football, except for the post mortems on why San Angelo lost by 33 points to Highland Park and reasons why little Willie Jones of Hot Rock didn't land on the All-State team, is over in Texas.

It was the greatest season for the schoolboys in 25 years of inter-scholastic league football. Interest was never higher, attendance was at an all-time peak and the game itself was better played than ever before.

**Two Smart Teams**

Two smart teams met in the schoolboy final at Austin. Port Arthur had the better club—that could be seen after ten minutes of play—but this Highland Park eleven was good enough to win the state title most any season this writer can recall.

The Associated Press All-State team will be released next Sunday. There'll be a lot of argument, but anything worthwhile causes talk. If there was no fuss about it, there wouldn't be enough interest to warrant such a selection.

## Midland Country Club Stockholders To Meet

Stockholders of the Midland Country Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 to elect officers and transact business presented at the session.

Announcements concerning the meeting have been sent to stockholders by W. C. Chancellor, president of the club, and W. I. Pratt, secretary-treasurer.

## Air Service Command Steals Bowl Thunder

LONDON—(AP)—The Air Service Command stole a day on the other football bowl games and chalked up a 13-0 victory over the Eighth Air Force Sunday before 35,000 fans at White City stadium. The game was for the United Kingdom American championship.

## Topping Rumored Bidding

BROOKLYN—(AP)—Latest wrinkle to the Brooklyn Dodger sale situation has Dan Topping rumored bidding for the 50 per cent of the stock held by the heirs of the late Charles Ebbets.

## Football Strangers

SALT LAKE CITY—(AP)—Usually Utah University's football teams feature little but home state talent. However, the Utes, first three touchdowns last fall were scored by ball carriers hailing from Colorado and Idaho.

Ants have a great variety of food preferences—some are carnivorous, others feed upon nectar and honey-dew, others gather seeds and some live on fungi which they cultivate.

## Oklahoma Aggies Snow TCU 34-0

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS—(AP)—The Oklahoma Aggies are kings of college football in the Southwest and as far as 37,500 folks who turned out for Monday's Cotton Bowl game are concerned the Cowboys can include points East, North, West and South.

The Cowpokes, with dashing Bob Fenimore giving an All-America exhibition, finished their greatest season by pouring a 34-0 defeat on the backs of Texas Christian's Horned Frogs—the most lopsided triumph registered in nine years of Cotton Bowl history.

**Didn't Look Back**

Fenimore didn't look back as he raced through T.C.U. for 63 yards, passed 136 more and scored two touchdowns—one of which he set up with his accurate tossing.

The Frogs never got past the Aggie 35-yard line and they reached that point only by intercepting a pass.

But Oklahoma A. and M. was no one-man affair. Jim Spavital, a bruising smashing fullback, battered the T.C.U. line for 120 yards, while Cecil Hankins not only stabbed the Frog forward wall to pieces but put on a grand pass-catching show.

And the mighty Aggie line gave up just 31 yards to T.C.U. runners. The Frogs made 74 in the air, almost half of it on a throw completed in the final seconds against the cowboy reserves.

That second team took over in the fourth period to score a couple of touchdowns with ease after the Aggie regulars had pounded the Frogs into only passive resistance.

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and is on a 1,472-acre lease. Scheduled drilling depth is 6,000 feet.

**Keathley Tests Arzon**

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Federal-Keathley, East Lea County, New Mexico prospector for pay in the Ellenburger, was botomed at 9,736 feet, in Ellenburger lime, and was taking a drillstem test.

A test was run for one hour at 9,822-9,728 feet. A 2,940-foot water blanket was used. The recovery was the full water blanket and 240 feet of gas-cut drilling mud, with a show of oil.

The hole was then cored from 9,728 feet to 9,736 feet. No shows were reported from the core, and the current drillstem test is last development.

Humble No. 1 Parrott, East-Central Upton County in section 3, EL survey was drilling ahead past 7,765 feet, in shale—having made 15 feet of new hole since resuming drilling after tests above old total depth at 7,750 feet.

**No Test On Cravens**

Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware and Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Cravens, North-Central Lubbock County exploration, was pulling packer to re-run, after the swab had failed to go through the appliance when it was set at 5,290 feet over plugged-back total depth of 6,120 feet.

No test has been secured on that section, which has some oil possibilities.

Frank and George Frankel No. 1-E University, wildcat test in section 22, block 13, University survey, one mile southeast of nearest production on the southeast side of the Fullerton field, in Northwest Andrews County, had drilled to a total depth of 7,060 feet, in lime and was to acidize and test the lower section.

The formation above 7,030 feet had tested for about three-quarters of a barrel of oil per hour after considerable acid.

**Washing Hole With Steam**

Continental Oil Company No. 1-D Walton, section 20, block 77, psi survey, on the southwest side of the Keystone-Ellenburger field, in North Winkler County, was botomed at 10,477 feet, in white lime, and was washing the hole with steam. No oil shows have been reported.

Sohio Production Company No. 1-A Todd, Crockett County exploration in section 14, block YZ, EL survey, was on a total depth of 6,260 feet, and was to take Schlumberger survey before going deeper.

Brown Drilling Company No. 1 Schumacher, labor 2, league 208, Reagan County School Land survey, in Southeast Gaines County, had progressed below 5,503 feet, in lime and was continuing.

**Magnolia Martin Testing**

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Martin, Central Andrews County Exploration, in section 13, block A-47, psi survey, testing through the upper section of the Fullerton horizon was on a total depth of 7,085 feet, and was to run a drillstem test.

A test was taken at 6,985-7,055 feet, for one hour. Recovery was 90 feet of drilling mud, with no water, oil or gas. Cores had shows signs of gas, some indication of water, and some sign of oil.

The Texas Company No. 1 Montgomery, Central Hockley County wildcat discovery, in labor 19, league 70, Val Verde County School Land survey, was still swabbing to test, to a total depth of 4,980 feet.

**Looks Like A Discovery**

The section from 4,867 feet to total depth had been re-treated with 2,000 gallons of acid, and in latest 24 hours had swabbed 150 barrels of fluid, of which 28 percent was basic sediment and acid water. At the end of that period the recovery was five barrels of fluid per hour with a 28 percent shake-out. The remainder was oil.

Texas Co. 1 Garmon, Southeast Tarrant County prospector, in section 95, district 11, SP survey, is preparing to plug and abandon on a plugged-back total depth of 5,004 feet.

**Another Plug-Back**

Texas Co. 1 Johnson, section 41, block 42, TP survey, T-4-N, in Southwest Borden County, had tested to a plugged-back total depth of 7,055 feet, and had no shows is now plugged-back to 6,394 feet, and will test above that level.

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## City Back To Normal Following Holidays

Midland was back to normal Tuesday following the double New Year holiday, with stores and offices all open following a two-day shutdown.

The double holiday passed quietly with only two calls for police in the two days. The call Sunday was for a cotton bale fire at the Farmers' Co-operative Gin, while Monday's call was from a residence where someone had thrown some bricks on the porch.

The post office and public offices were open once again, and citizens living on city and rural delivery routes were looking forward to the postman coming by.

Although holiday travel was heavy, all who purchased tickets at the bus station were able to find seats on the buses.

The banks were doing a rushing business Tuesday morning following the two-day closing.

Students in Midland schools were preparing to resume their class work Wednesday.

## Triumphs Of 1944 Cost 82,634 Yanks

WASHINGTON—(AP)—"We regret to inform you..."

Messages like that went to the homes of 495,023 Americans in uniform during 1944.

They bore the news that a son, a husband, a brother, had been killed, or was wounded, missing, interned or a prisoner.

Official Army and Navy casualty figures, as of Dec. 14, disclose that 82,634 Americans lost their lives in combat during the year.

Of these, 70,676 were in the Army and 11,958 in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

An additional 318,157 were wounded—288,312 in the Army and 29,845 in the other services.

Still another 94,261 were missing in enemy hands or interned—including 68,053 in the Army and 6,208 in the sea services.

That's the price of the triumphs of 1944.

## Mother Of James R. Record Dies In Dallas

DALLAS—(AP)—Mrs. Katie Cross Record, 84, mother of James R. Record, Fort Worth newspaperman died Monday night in a Dallas sanitarium.

Other survivors include: Phil C. Record and Tom Record, and a daughter, Mrs. J. M. North, all of Fort Worth.

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