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CISCO, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1943.

# ALLIES BLAST OPEN A GATEWAY TO RABAUL

# WELFARE XMAS LIONS CHRIST-TREE DEC. 23 MAS PARTY AT AT CITY HALL COUNTRY CLUB

d also in the delivering of announcement

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Alex Spears.

Eugene Lankford.

POSTOFFICE PATRONS.



WHAT TO BUY -- His girl told him to go into any New York store, shut his eyes, put out one hand and anything he touched would be right for her Christmas present. But there's still a question in Army Air Corps sergeant's mind as he window-shops.

ed committees to assist will have a Christmas party at he Christmas tree exercises the Country club next Tuesday hall at I p. m., December night at 7 o'clock according ecretary made their month- which all will participate. Simple It was stated that gifts will be exchanged which,

me Mrs. B. S. Huey, executive week. He stated that one of the hiss Alice Bacon, Mrs. N. A. the natural resources which have Candy-Mrs. Chick eration. Deploring the fact that e, Mrs. E. Hooks, Mrs. Leslie the people of Texas have allow-Mrs. Charles Robarts, ed their lands to waste away acing Tree and Lights-Ed- vented, he said that in the world Lee, R. W. McCauley, R. L. as a whole there are approxi der and Leslie W. Seymour. | mately 2 1-2 acres of land for gram-Mrs. Ben Krauskopf. each person on the earth. There will be more people next generanta Claus-Mrs. Paul Poe, tion, but no more land and the Sam Kimmell, Mrs. Theresa welfare of all depends on the

Mrs. J. T. Anderson, Mrs. when the war is over, Wells as Nance, Mrs. J. R. Wright, serted, and America has the Mitcham, Mrs. R. N. Cluck. in their move toward the brothp at Tree-Mrs. G. B. Lang- erhood of man. We who are at in Flint, Mrs. H. N. Lyle. fighting have a sacred task to do elivering Baskets - Rev. Les- our job here as well as they are W. Seymour, Mrs. L. A. Harri- doing theirs under much more Mrs. S. H. Nance, Mrs. Sam difficult conditions, the speaker mell, Mrs. Charles Robarts, Theresa Weddington, Mrs. High praise was given Cisco in

general and the excellent type of citizens found here by the visitor. He spoke in strong commendation, Postmaster L. H. McCrea an- also of the good wholesome ennices that the general delivery tertainment and good accommod parcel post windows at the dations afforded here to all the postoffice will be open Saturday delegates to the Soil Conservation conference.

#### FLU VICTIMS

Mayor Edward Lee, who ha een at home for the past several days with a severe attack of inluenza, was better today but is still running a temperature, Mrs. Lee stated this afternoon.

Dr. G. M. Stephenson, confined to his home this week with influenza, was at his office today YOUNK FOLKS' ed to his home this week with inbut is still weak and does not next week.

Mrs. LaRoque stated, but still feels the effects of the attack. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wallace

ing malady. Mrs. Ponsler is bet- dent of the group. ter, though still weak, while Mr. Joe E. Hays and Dr. C. E. Paul,

FIRE LOSSES GROW.

is higher than the total for any er or not they have ever bowled full calendar year since 1932 when | before. losses reached \$400,859,554.

BOMB KILLED BOYS.



SCRAP FOR JAPAN-Gathering hundreds of pounds of scrap though homes have been almost depleted in earlier drives, youngsters in Chicago's high schools launch new campaign to commem orate Fearl Harbor Day. Collectors turn out carrying signs.



LOOKING FOR A HOME-Would anyone like to give a home to (from left) Gerry, 2, Gwendolyn 6, Diane, 4? Their mother died six weeks ago while their father works irregular hours and can't properly care for them. They're waiting at Children's Aid Society, New York.

## but is still weak and does not expect to resume practice until BOWLING PARTY W. H. LaRoque, also an influenza victim, was better today, AT 7 TONIGHT

As a part of their program have been ill this week, but both Christmas activities the young were reported better today. people of First Methodist church Judge and Mrs. Forrest Wright are to have a bowling party toare both ill and confined to their night for all members of the dehome. Judge Wright thought he would be out tomorrow, but Mrs. been reserved from 7 o'clock to Wright is not faring so well. 11 and arrangements have been Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ponsler made for all to play who will, have also been confined to their without cost to the individual, achome this week with the prevail- cording to Dick Anderson, presi-

Ponsler hopes to be out tomor- who have been asked to serve as referees for the games, say it will be necessary for the young people to be on hand by 6.30 in order NEW YORK, Dec. 16. - The to select the various teams and National Board of Fire Under- be ready to start playing at 7. writers said today that fire losses | Miss Lillian Ross Seymour, chairin the United States during the man of the recreation committee, first 11 months of the year were states that every one of the young estimated at \$332,519,000, which people is expected to play wheth-

The pastor of the church, Rev. Leslie Seymour, says he is glad to lend encouragement to this sort LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.-Two of entertainment, believing the boys were killed when a bomb management of the bowling alley one of them was fashioning with is operating the place in such a a length of pipe exploded in their manner as to merit the approval room at the Masonic Home for of all who want to see the right Children in the suburban Covina sort of recreation provided for Cisco youth.



TYPICAL WORKER-Named war production's most typical worker, at Douglas Aircraft's Long Beach, Cal., plant, Mrs. June Martir is blande, obviously good looking, a high school graduate at 16 duced the threat of a fuel crisis the marriage of Charles A. Lindbride at 17, and wife of Yank overseas at 19.

air armada of 300 or more planes has again knocked out the German Brenner Pass supply route to Italy, it was desclosed today cointhrough toward Rome

The bombing fleet smashed the vital railroad linking Germany first time and laying a devastating load of explosives across the yards Britain Island.) at Bolzano, on the Italian side of

cers were said to have pleaded ern approaches to Rabaul. guilty to participation in the murder of 30,000 Russians.

environs during the Nazi occupa- the Cape.

More than 100 workers and Red Moscow Radio is broadcasting kus, and Arawe itself. nothing but the trial proceedings and the regular war communi-

### HOPE FOR SET-TLEMENT WITH-OUT A STRIKE

that a settlement of their wage without a paralyzing strike of the operating railroad brother-

They added, however, that the WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. - MOSCOW, Dec. 16.-A Russian to whatever lengths necessary to man bombers in the Allied port at suburbs of the key railroad juncobtain their first wartime wage Bari, Italy, Dec. 2. Approximate- tion of Smela today while other

### RICE MILLS TO CLOSE; BLAME OPA ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Al- In official quarters here there though this is normally the peak was no disposition to deny that season for processing rice, the rice mills have decided to shut ducing British army supplies for down as a result of "confiscatory two or three days. In some reorders" issued by the OPA, E. spects it was the worst blow in-Harvey Steinhagen, chairman of side a protected harbor since the the OPA rice advisory committee, Japanese raided Pearl Harbor. says in a letter to Representative Howard W. Smith of Virginia.

He accused the OPA of "knowingly engineering a rice famine, AUSTIN, Dec. 16.-Liquor conrice, Steinhagen asserted is low- total seizures. er than the actual cost of the raw product.

#### BRITISH FACE STRIKES.

ing up to about \$8 weekly for conferences, died Wednesday Britain's 690,000 coal miners pro- night. In 1929 he officiated at

# BRENNER PASS SUPPLY LINE KNOCKED OUT SOUTHWEST PACIFIC TO BE ATTACKED IN FORCE SOON

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Dec. 16.—Hundreds of Allied cident with advances by land bombers were revealed today to have blasted open a possible forces fighting for a break- invasion gateway to Rabaul, Japan's biggest base in the Southwest Pacific, with 356 tons of explosives in the heaviest raid ever made in this theater.

(Washington sources said the Allies were believed marboth sides of the Alpine Pass, hit- shalling powerful air, sea and ground forces for an assault ting Innsbruck. Austria, for the "soon" on Rabaul, which lies at the northeastern tip of New

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that his bombers, tlying more than 150 sorties in ceaseless waves throughout Tuesday, had "devastated" Arawe, site of a good WAR CRIME harbor on the southwest coast of New Britain 260 miles southwest of Rabaul and the surrounding area.

Japanese installations, supply dumps and native villages throughout the target area were smashed by demolition GIN, RUSSIA bombs and left wreathed in flames. Not a single Japanese fighter rose to challenge the raiders and all returned safely

Reconnaissance reports indicated the raid, following ficially announced today that the close on a month of pulverizing attacks on Gasmata, 82 miles first war guilt trials held by the east of Arawe, and other key areas in western New Britain Soviet Union have started in probably had completed the task of knocking out all Japa-Kharkov, where German offi- nese airdromes and other defenses guarding the southwest-

The first waves of bombers over the Arawe area wreck-That number of Russian civili- ed Japanese machine-gun and anti-aircraft posts, installaans, it was said, were either shot, tions, communications, camp areas and trails at Amulet Planburned, tortured or suffocated to tation, which extends from a point 2 1-2 miles east of Cape death by gas in Kharkov and its Merkus along the coast to approximately 1000 yards beyond

Then came formation after formation of four-engined Army men watched the proceed- Liberators and twin-engined Mitchells and attacked bombguilty, and the proceedings are ers at intervals of a few minutes. They hit Pilelo Island, just offshore where three native villages were occupied by nation by Moscow Radio. The the Japanese; Kumbun Island, two miles west of Cape Mar-

In addition to dropping 356 tons of bombs-six tons more than the previous record load dropped on Rabaul itself last Oct. 12-the mighty air armada strafed the area with 174,000 rounds of ammunition.

A small force of Mitchell and Marauder bombers simultaneously dropped 28 tons of bombs on the Gasmata area, which still was smoldering from Monday's 248-ton raid. Dust and clouds of smoke prevented accurate observation of results. No opposition was encountered.

### FT. WORTH, Dec. 16.—Bellef NAZI PLANES REDS PROMISE that a settlement of their wage increase demands will be reached SINK 17 AL-GERMANS STILL railway workers was expressed LIED SHIPS HARDER BLOWS

men who operate the nation's Seventeen United Nations mer- spearhead, enlarging a possible war-vital rail equipment are not chant ships, including five Amer- springboard for a winter drive "bluffing," and are ready to go ican vessels, were sunk by Ger- into Rumania, pushed into the ly 1,000 persons, among them 37 Soviet forces regained the initia-American naval men, were killed tive in the see-saw battle west of

> ter other sources of unquestion- ter "harder than ever before." able authority had put the total number of vessels lost at 17, approximately 50 per cent of the total amount of shipping in Bari harbor at the time.

#### 94 ILLICIT STILLS.

coincident with the most abund- trol board inspectors seized and ant crop in American history." destroyed five illicit stills last The ceiling price fixed on milled month, bringing to 94 the years

#### NOTED MINISTER DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- Rev. Dr. William Adams Brown, 77, Presbyterian minister who was one of LONDON. Dec. 16.-A demand the founders of the World Council by the Mine Workers' Union for of Churches and represented immediate wage increases rang- America at several foreign church berg and Anne Spencer Morrow.

Kiev and seized several villages. Secretary of War Stimson dis- A special broadcast to the Red

closed casualty details and the Army asserted that the Soviets oss of American ships today af- would hit the Germans this win-



(U. S. Army Air Forces photo)

TYPICAL-For "Salute to the WAC Day," Pfc. Wilma Hugunin of Indianapolis, Ind., has been designated the typical WAC. She's with the Army Air Forces at Buckingham Field, Fla.

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#### HOME SWEET HOME.

We hear a lot about the sort of letters families and business men with that kind of sweethearts should write to give our fighting men and wo- can put it over men confidence and a feeling of closeness to home wherever | Cisco Masons attending the school superintendent, and J. M they may be. We don't hear enough about the news they meeting of the grand lodge of Burnett, of Eastland, who is reshould get from American industry to assure them that Texas, at Waco, report one of the ceiver for the Guaranty State some of the things they are fighting for, freedom of opportunity and jobs, will be reality after the war. This is one tunity and jobs, will be reality after the war. This is one of the prime responsibilities of American business today.

An example of what can be done by a company to let R. A. St. John, William Reagan, the First Presbyterian church of its men and women in the service know that they not only Sidney Martin, W. R. Cabaness that city. It is said Mr. and Mrs. have something to fight for, but something to come back to, and Goodner Bedford. can be found in the Curtis Candy Company of Chicago. Dr. D. Ball, Dr. Charles Hale paved highway between the two Simply assuring the 750 employes of this firm that they will and Dr. J. W. Howell compose the cities making it very convenient have jobs to come back to has not been enough to satisfy its. The former board was composed daily business affairs in the counfounder and president, Otto Schnering. He has also made of Dr. J. W. Gregory, Dr. W. E. ty seat. Mrs. Burnett, who was provision that certain employe benefits they have enjoyed, payne and Dr. D. Ball. The new reared in Cisco, has a very large such as pensions, profit-sharing and insurance plans, will board has been sworn in and has circle of friends and well wishers still be available for their protection when they return. He named Dr. Ball as chairman. The here, all of whom join the Cisco also writes personal letters to them every month, and sends them boxes of the candy such as they used to help make, as well as samples of new food products developed by the comwell as samples of new food products developed by the com- new board will recommend Dr. pleting her third term as county pany. They also get the news of the company's activities Brice or some other physician to school superintendent and it and the activities of their fellow workers who are now in the serve during the coming year. the consensus of opinion she has service, through a monthly news letter, and the firm's 4,500 | The city physician is elected by made one of the best superintendemployes at home have formed "7 for 7" clubs which divide the city commissioners. Dr. Brice ents Eastland county has ever employes into groups of seven and provide that each mem- has given the office his best at- had. ber of these groups write regularly to seven fellow employes now on the fighting front.

lesser degree by every firm that has one or more men or was elected chairman of the state usual charge. The jurors are as women in the armed services. Such interest shown from teachers association at the recent follows: R. Q. Lee, foreman homes and business makes good soldiers better fighters, be- meeting in Fort Worth. Other John W. Thurman, Ranger; Lee cause they fight that much harder to preserve and come back to the things they left and that they know are awaiting their

#### RULE BY FORCE.

Under the threat of strikes, the government's entire price and wage stabilization program has degenerated into a series of sparring-for-time compromises.

The final surrender to force came with imposition of the current work contract between the government-operated coal mines and John L. Lewis. The country needed coal. The miners seized upon that need, to get more money, even f it wrecked the war effort. the subsequent shotgun contract. Wayne L. Morse, public member of the War Labor Board, observed: "The contract proposed in the instant case is not a collective-bargaining contract. Its legal status is an anomaly. However, it does purport to set forth the terms of a wage agreement which is to prevail in all the coal areas. It is to be applied to the private property of citizens who were not parties to the contract. It is true that the contract supposedly is to govern for only the period of time during which the mines are operated by the government, but it is a virtual certainty that the mine owners will have to accept a contract embodying the same conditions when their mines are returned to them, or be faced with strike action. The mine owners best of all know this to be a fact. They had no voice in determining the terms of the contract, yet their property interests are vitally affected thereby. Private property interests throughout the country have the right to be concerned and alarmed over such a procedure.

Individual liberty cannot be retained where unbridled force is superior to law.

#### DEAD PIGEONS.

From the standpoint of maximum results with minimum bomb loads, the allied raid on the Moehne and Eder dams is generally conceded top place on the air war score board. The two dams furnished electricity to the German war machine. In spite of heavy anti-aircraft defenses, they were destroyed in a few minutes by hard-hitting British bombers.

While Germany's disastrous power dam experience still blazes in headlines, officials in our own government have come forth with a postwar program for continued expansion of hydro-electric power development in this country. A billion dollars was spent on government hydro power dams prior to the war. The latest proposals would add another five or six billions, the intention being to gradually shift a large proportion of our electric generating capacity over to a handful of huge government tax-exempt hydro-electric dams, thereby displacing hundreds of highly-taxed investor-

Aside from the important consideration of whether the American people are ready to accept socialization of the electric industry, is the equally important question of national defense. Hydro-electric dams are dead pigeons in modern war. They are conspicuous, expensive to build, slow to repair, and when breached, lay waste miles of countryside below them. Germany was forced to build such dams because of a fuel shortage for steam plants. The United Statess, on

the other hand, has plenty of fuel. Air warfare has served a timely warning against depending on a few giant hydro-electric power dams. We should think twice about spending huge public sums on more such projects in the name of defense. Germany has learned the hard way.

Already, war planes are shuttling back and forth across the Atlantic, flights are being made in the Pacific to attack enemy positions which would have been safe from air raids only a few years ago. If another war comes, no spot on earth will be beyond the reach of attack by enemy air forces.

### December, 1923

tending from Cisco were Messrs. Rev. W. M. Anderson, pastor of

Tells, Mr. Ralson and Misses man; I. C. Underwood, Gorman; professor of psychology, philoso-Theresa Lee. Travis Watson, Nel- Will Koonce, Rising Star; John phy and education at TSCW at Yunk, Marshall and Monsees. M. Knox, Eastland; R. D. Mahon, Denton told a dinner meeting of

ond Mrs. Tanquerary"-Mrs. I

Miss Ulala Howard, county



LADY SANTA-Manpower shortage is responsible for appearance Santa Claus at Saks Fifth Avenue, New York department store. Daisy Belmore, British actress, makes up for role before greeting youngsters. She tells them that Santa is too busy to



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Joe J. Godbey, George H. ers, Ranger; J. E. Brewer, Gor- and government, Dr. L. H. Moore, Godbey occupied the pulpit Eastland; Bill Schultz, Rising the junior chamber of commerce the Fort Worth Christian Star; J. E. Lewis, Eastland; Jack Wednesday night.



rs present were Williams, Ranger; William Mey- leadership in politics, education

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Mrs. J. T. Fields was leader ( Stars and Stripes, Forever; Sol- an interesting program presented

Yunk, Mrs. Kate Allen, Mrs. Nance.

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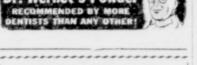
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by Mrs. W. A. Cox followed. The Seymour, Mrs. S. H. Nance, Mrs. program closed with group sing- S. H. McCanlies, Mrs. Homer Mrs. C. E. Paul, retiring chair- Wm. Joyner, Mrs. O C. Lomax.

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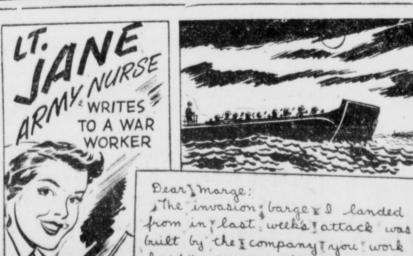
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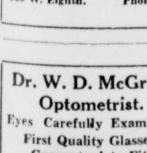
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As Christmas approaches let us not forget our soldiers-many of them in battle areas across the seas.

Remember that they are far away from home, and would like to be with their families Christmas. Although they won't be able to come home this year, we can help to bring them home next Christmas.

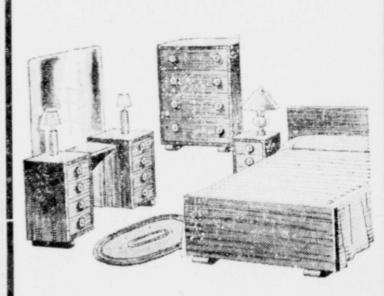
You can help bring them home by saving your used fats and turning them in to your grocer. It doesn't matter what kind of fat or how much you can give, every drop is precious. One tablespoon of fat will make five machine gun bullets or enough smallpox vaccines for seventy-three men. So, you see, our government can use these fats in more than one way.

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