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CANUCKS DRIVE NAZIS FROM PORT OF ORTONA

C. M. NEVILL IN CHARGE OF LION PROGRAM

Lion C. M. Nevill had charge of the Lions program today, presenting a local talent entertainment of music and a talk on early wild life in America. Lion Carter Bales, who leaves for San Diego, Calif., on January 5 to enter the Marine branch of the fighting forces, was presented with a going-away bag as a token of the esteem of the club. President R. W. McCauley made the presentation.

McCauley also made announcement of the membership contest that will be held during January as an international feature honoring Secretary-General Melvin Jones' birthday, which occurs during that month. The membership will be divided into army and navy units and prizes will be awarded for efforts in membership increase.

Gen. W. Downie and Dr. C. E. Paul gave a piano number, as did Ray Judia, each being encored liberally. Lion Judia also read excerpts of a diary from Christopher Columbus in which he made mention of birds and sea animals seen on his landing in 1492.

N. T. Underwood, of Haskell was a club visitor.

VALLEY BUSY WITH VEGETA- BLES, FRUITS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. LaRoque have returned from a visit to the family of their daughter, Mrs. J. P. Elam, Jr., at Harlingen in the Rio Grande valley, where oranges, lemons and grapefruit are still hanging on the trees and vegetables are being shipped daily.

The weather was warm and balmy though damp from light rains and fogs, LaRoque said. The big bomber army camp makes business a mad rush and adds to the flush times prevailing in business circles of that area.

Cabbage, beets, carrots and lettuce are now being shipped, while other plantings are being made of these and other vegetables.

A prominent business man, who was past president of the Harlingen Lions club, died at Harlingen last week of infantile paralysis.

Some flu was reported in the various towns of the valley.

GERMANS LOSE MORE SHIPS TO ENGLISH

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The German fleet suffered its second major disaster in three days today when British warships in the Bay of Biscay off the coast of France sank three Nazi destroyers and damaged an undisclosed number of others.

The Nazis lost the 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst Sunday in a battle with the British Home Fleet off the northern tip of Norway.

In addition to the destroyers sent under in the crippling new pre-invasion blow by British men-of-war, aircraft of the Coastal Command sank a Nazi blockade runner.

GERMAN PRISONERS.

The war department yesterday announced that late lists of American war prisoners held by Germany included 143 Texans. Among these is Sgt. Isadore W. Gerstner, route three, Ranger, His wife is Mrs. Joy K. Gerstner. First Sgt. Bill Taylor, son of Mrs. Bessie P. Taylor of Breckenridge is also in the list.

MOORE-HAL- STEAD WED- DING TODAY

Mrs. Thelma Halsted and Wightman Moore were united in marriage at noon today in a ceremony performed by Rev. J. R. Wright of the First Christian church at his residence. Attending the Cisco young people were Mr. Moore's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cox of New Orleans and Mr. and Mrs. E. Hooks of Cisco.

Mr. Moore, son of Mrs. W. W. Moore, is the owner of the Red Front drug store and his wife has been employed there as book-keeper for several years. Both were reared in Cisco and have the good wishes of a large circle of friends.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY FRI- DAY NIGHT

Announcement was made Sunday to the congregation of First Methodist church of plans for the New Year party and watch night service to be held in the basement Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock and continuing until 12.

C. J. Turner, O. L. Stamey, Dr. C. E. Paul, Miss Lela Latch and Miss Ella Andres, working with the pastor, Rev. Leslie Seymour, have arranged for a variety of games and other forms entertainment. One feature of the evening's program will be a two-reel sound motion picture, "The Prodigal Son."

The young people and their adult leaders will decorate the basement room for the occasion, as well as provide hot chocolate. Another group, with Mrs. Jimmy Allen in charge, will have hot coffee for all who prefer it. All who come will bring cookies which, with the drinks, will be the refreshments.

Mr. Seymour states that these congregational meetings for fun and fellowship are proving to be a very wholesome part of the church program, bringing, as they do, the family groups together for informal entertainment. This New Year program is being widely observed over the Methodist church at large, he said.

GENERAL MO- TORS POST- WAR PLANS

JANESVILLE, Wis., Dec. 29.—A post-war production plan including 400,000 employees and an investment of \$400,000,000 will be undertaken by the General Motors Corp., says C. E. Wilson, president, here to attend production award ceremonies at the company's Janesville plant.

Pre-war plans will continue to operate and an effort will be made to find work for those built during the war, Wilson disclosed. The company's employment rolls have swelled from 300,000 in the spring of 1941 to 475,000 today.

General Motors, he indicated, plans no extensive entry into the aviation field after the war, but will continue to operate as before—"on the edge of aviation."

To facilitate speedy post-war production of automobiles, General Motors will manufacture the last-made pre-war models, he said.

NOT IDLE TALK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senator George of Georgia says he is sure America's military leaders are not engaging in mere idle speculation when they talk of "beating Germany into surrender next year and that "unless we beat Germany unglued at home," the war could be nearing an end in Europe.



ANCIENT BURIAL RITE—Members of Charity of Santa Maria Perdigotte, Italy, following ancient custom, wear hoods to collect bodies for burial. Hoods are relic of days when they were considered protection for those handling people killed in plague.



DRYING OUT—The rains stopped coming in Italy, for a change, and 5th Army Yanks took advantage of sunshine to dry out a few belongings. These artillerymen begin with blankets. Old Sol was most welcome after particularly torrential three-day downpour.



SANTA FOUND THEM—A few weeks ago Gerry, 2, Gwen, 6, and Diane, 4, were looking for a home for Christmas, because their mother had died and father was working at war job. Now they have foster parents and are ready to leave Children's Aid Society, N.Y., where they had Christmas' tree and presents.

ROESER & PENDLETON, FT. WORTH, Dec. 29.—Net profit of Roeser & Pendleton, Inc., with headquarters in Fort Worth, is projected \$252,412.52 for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1943, after deducting all charges, including depreciation, depletion, federal income taxes and dry hole expense, the company says. Charles F. Roeser, of Fort Worth, is president of the company. All officers and directors are Fort Worth citizens.

NAZI AIRFIELD NEAR ROME IS BOMB-BLASTED

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Strong forces of American medium bombers blasted German airfields in the northern and southern suburbs of Rome yesterday, and a German broadcast reported a heavy death toll and considerable damage.

The basilica of San Paolo Fuori Le Mura (St. Paul Outside the Walls), one of the five patriarchal churches, in the southern outskirts of Rome was hit and damaged seriously, the German DNB Agency claimed.

The assault on the Roman airfields coincided with attacks by Mediterranean-based heavy bombers on strategic railway yards in northern Italy.

Two waves of Mitchells with an escort of invaders heavily bombed two landing grounds at Ciampino, 12 miles south of Rome, setting fire to hangars and damaging six ground aircraft.

Marauders dropped fragmentation bombs on Guidonia airfield, 15 miles northwest of Rome and Centocelli airfield, three miles south of Rome.

A DNB dispatch received in Bern said Centocelli, site of Rome's biggest military airfield, was bombed heavily and several persons were killed by machine-gun fire.

CONDITION UNCHANGED.

The condition of Judge R. W. H. Kennon, critically ill in a Ranger hospital, was reported unchanged at 4 o'clock this afternoon. However, the patient had just taken food, the hospital business office stated.

3 UNIONS CALL OFF STRIKE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Presidents of the three holdout unions—David B. Robertson of the firemen and engineers, H. W. Fraser of the conductors and T. C. Cashen of the switchmen—in a signed statement today cancelled the walkout orders set for 6 a. m. tomorrow.

This removed the last possibility of any tieup in the government's operation of the railroads of this country.

The action followed an hour's conference of the three leaders with Lt. Gen. Breason Somervell, federal operator of the roads.

The three unions were representing upward of 100,000 operating railroad employees—the only groups out of 20 national rail brotherhoods to persist this long in their scheduled wartime walkout even after government seizure of the country's vital rail transportation facilities.

The conference was called coincident with the army's pledge to keep the railroads running with troops, if necessary, and a warning by Secretary of War Stimson that the country cannot afford to lose "even for an hour" the full service of the carriers "at this grave moment, with our greatest and most crucial offensive close upon us."

VITAL POINTS IN RANGE OF REDS' GUNS

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—Powerful Russian tank and infantry forces drove forward today over the frozen eastern front, dashing aside enemy resistance and momentarily increasing their threats to envelop key junctions on the Leningrad-Odessa railroad.

Focal points of the offensives by the crack First Baltic Army and the First Ukrainian Army were the rail junctions of Vitebsk, Korosten and Zhitomir—all of which now are within easy artillery range of Red army guns.

US. MARINES AND 6TH AR- MY PROGRESS

NEW GUINEA, Dec. 29.—United States Marines, battling their way forward on the northwest coast of New Britain Island, advanced today behind tank and artillery assaults to within a mile and one-half of the Cape Gloucester air strip.

Troops of the American 6th Army, manning the initial beachhead established on the southwest coast at Arawe, pressed back their Jap adversaries and advanced to within a mile of the Arawe air strip.

GREAT SHIP- PING ACTIVITY AT GIBRALTAR

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The heaviest shipping movements at Gibraltar since the Italian invasion were reported by Axis radios today along with fresh boasts about the "impregnability" of German defenses on the French invasion coast.

The Berlin radio quoted a Madrid report that a convoy of 77 ships, mostly 10,000-ton vessels, had arrived at Gibraltar from an Atlantic crossing.

ANCHOR POST OF THE GERMANS CRACKED ONLY AFTER STREET- BY-STREET ASSAULT OF ALLIES

ALGIERS, Dec. 29.—The British Eighth Army has captured the bitterly contested Adriatic port of Ortona and the Apennine transport junction of Castel di Sangro, keystones of the German defense line, in violent fighting all across Italy, it was announced today.

Fighting flared up in all key sectors between the Tyrrhenian and the Adriatic seas.

Eighth Army blows at both ends of its front rolled up the German wing along the Adriatic and unhinged the Nazi positions in central Italy, while on the Fifth Army front French Moroccan troops captured commanding heights and the British beat off sharp German attacks near the mouth of the Garigliano river.

The 10-day battle of Ortona, probably the fiercest since the week-long struggle by the American First Division for Troina, Sicily, ended in victory for Canadian assault units of the Eighth Army.

Smashing the last German toe-hold in the outskirts of Ortona, the Canadians plunged forward through driving snow, sleet and high winds along the Adriatic coast toward Pescara, terminus of the trans-peninsula road to Rome.

"The bitter struggle for Ortona is over," a communique said. "Our troops cleared the town of the enemy, and are continuing to advance up the coast, though hindered by wind and snow."

The anchor post of the German line cracked yesterday under the street-by-street and house-by-house assault of the Canadians.

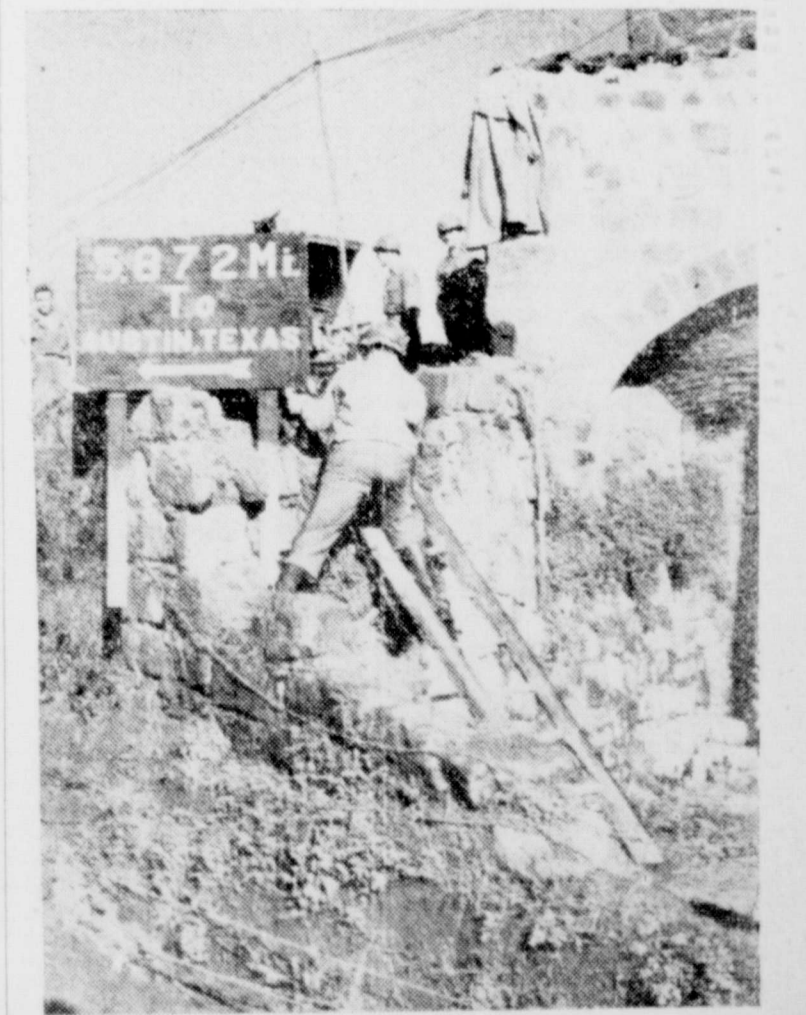
Inland from Ortona, Indian troops won new heights north of Villa and Grande and New Zealanders inched forward between Orsogna and Guadiagrele.

The battle for Villa Grande may prove another Ortona. The Indians took a ridge just north of the village but the Germans still were holding out inside it. The village, about a mile long, contains groups of houses 300 yards apart, providing the defenders with excellent strong points which must be reduced one by one.

The fall of Castel di Sangro came as a surprise, since little action had been reported in that sector on the left wing of the Eighth Army while the fight on the Adriatic was in progress.

Castel di Sangro lies at the junction of the lateral road running down from the Adriatic and the skyline route along the spine of the Apennines which links to the north with Pescara-Rome road.

Across the divide on the Fifth Army front, Moroccan Goumiers who fought in the mountains of Tunisia and Sicily continued their advance in the 3000-foot Mainarde Mountains.



LONG VOYAGE HOME—First stop Rome, on to Berlin, and finally home to good old Austin, Tex. In jovial mood, clowning Yanks spend spare time erecting 5,872 miles to Austin signpost on road to Eternal City. In long run, that's most direct route.

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JUSTICE AND VENGEANCE.

Herbert C. Pell, in a current magazine, says: "There is danger that calm, honest and just expressions of right will be seized upon to confuse the community and make people confound justice and vengeance." There may be fewer sentimentalists in this country than Mr. Pell thinks. The hangings of German officials in Kharkov have had little condemnation here.

What is the difference between Justice and Vengeance? Simply this: Vengeance is emotional. People inspired by it lose their heads, let themselves be swayed by mob spirit as quickly and as terribly as those moved by the original spirit of destruction. Justice, on the other hand, uses the mind. It weighs human deeds, motives, dangers in the balance. Then it moves forward swiftly to clean out wrongs, to protect humanity from future wickedness.

The clear and open trials of the Nazis at Kharkov, followed by the immediate execution of the criminals, seem eminently just and right. Men guilty of such atrocities, acting under orders so wicked, are like wild animals roaming the streets of a city. They must be put out of the way. They must not be allowed to endanger or contaminate other members of the human race.

Mob vengeance, torturing them in turn as they had tortured others, would have debased those who carried it out. Swift and certain official trials and execution keep humanity and human justice on a high plane, where they belong.

NO HELICOPTER SOON.

Anyone who had an idea of going down to a department store at the last moment on Christmas Eve, either this year or next, to buy a helicopter for the family, had better abandon it and stick to the good old toy railway and fur coat for a few years. G. W. Mason, president of Nash-Kelvinator, says: "So far as I know, there are no production plans afoot anywhere in American industry that will result in a 1944 model helicopter to serve any of the happy purposes that are being forecast for these novel craft in peacetime." Mr. Mason ought to know, since his firm is commissioned to build military helicopters for the navy, under arrangement with the Sikorsky Aircraft Division of United Aircraft Corp.

This doesn't mean that no helicopters will be built. There will doubtless be experiments here and there by factories not too driven by war needs. But it will be quite a while yet before the neat little flier-copter will be sitting on almost every garage roof and hopping here and there as fancy dictates.

Television has quite a way to go, too, before it gets into quantity production. Not every hunter or summer cottager will have a duck-boat soon, either. The time for all these things—and more, many more—is coming. But it isn't here.

Imagination is not barred, however. How about a surriding, duckieep helicopter?

SPREADING SAVAGERY.

An impression grows, among thoughtful people, that the greatest peril now, with all the killing, is the danger of brutalizing the human race. The Nazi Germans under Hitler and his gang seem almost to have substituted brutality for their lost religion, spreading cruelty, terror and extermination over the world as if it were a sacred duty.

War is never mild or humane, even when used as the last resort in a good cause. Inevitably it means destruction of life and property. But the Nazis have gone to lengths never before adopted by a civilized nation in modern times. They are to be classed with Nero and Caligula and their kind, in the degenerate days of the old Roman Empire, men whom Dorothy Thompson, in a study of this subject, classes as "psychotics" or "emotional madmen." Such madness, as she observes, creates inability to distinguish between good and evil, in spite of "all inhibitions normally imposed from childhood by education and religion."

This madness must be suppressed like that of mad dogs which, with free range, would destroy their masters and spread death through the world.

OTHER EDITORS

Railway Crisis.

Dallas News: Until the inside strategy of railway labor leadership is known, it will be difficult to appraise the consequences of the president's order placing the nation's railroads in the hands of the Army. If the union leaders pursue the policy that was adopted by John L. Lewis after his first brush with the president, we have not seen the last of the difficulty. There are reasons to believe that this will not be the case.

Drew Pearson's story of the "inside" of the controversy, re-

leased only a few hours before the order was issued, stated that the railway unions were unanimous in their agreement not to strike and that the president had been tipped off to this fact. But the union leaders were irked at what Pearson calls Roosevelt's "dramatics" in by-passing the Mediation Board and determined that he should not get the credit for settling the strike. The labor leaders wanted the case to remain with the Mediation Board. If this was actually the situation, one comes to the conclusion that the president's order was either (1) pursuance of a "dramatic" course aimed at getting the credit for the settlement or (2) action based upon the sincere opinion

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The fort, a refuge on the old frontier.

Is sleeping now with crumbling, falling walls.

But to a Texan it is very dear.

For all its worth his memory recalls.

And now the prairie flowers blooming there

Are an unceasing requiem and prayer.

—FAVE C. ADAMS.

that the Mediation Board could not handle the situation even assuming that the labor leaders would agree not to call a strike if the case were turned back to that body. Of course, it could have been a mixture of the two motives.

Whatever conclusion may be

drawn as to the objectives in the controversy, the public should keep in mind that railway ownership-management was not a party to it except in its willingness to abide by whatever order it received from the government. The public should keep in mind also the difference between the present order and that of President Wilson in December, 1917, putting the railroads under government operation. At that time, the rail system of the nation was breaking down. The sudden deluge of wartime tonnage had brought the system of that day to the brink of chaos. Whether the government really bettered conditions in the long run by taking over is subject for debate.

The rail lines of America have improved much in equipment and technique since World War I. One of the outstanding wartime jobs of the nation has been the smoothness with which the railroad system has moved with dispatch both war and civilian tonnage which is several times that of World War I.

As for the merits of the president's award of a raise of 9c an hour, it is difficult to pass judgment until the total amount added to the national income is known. It will be the impact of this net increase upon the national economy that will further the inflationary processes which is the ba-

nie issue in all present wage disputes. In passing, the fact cannot be overlooked that the members of the railroad labor unions are among the highest paid in the nation.

Nor can the fact be overlooked that the big brotherhoods recently rejected Judge Vinson's proposal of a graduated raise which would give more to the lower brackets and less to the upper brackets of the wage scale.

The president's next job is to see that the Army carries out with determination his wage award, keeps the railroads running efficiently and turns them back to private management as soon as possible. While government con-

trol in World War I might have been effective in meeting the temporary emergency, the national reward at the end of the war was a worn-out rail system that had to be rebuilt over a period of years after private enterprise resumed operation. Neither the railroads nor the public deserve this sort of penalty as a result of rail efficiency in handling the traffic of World War II.

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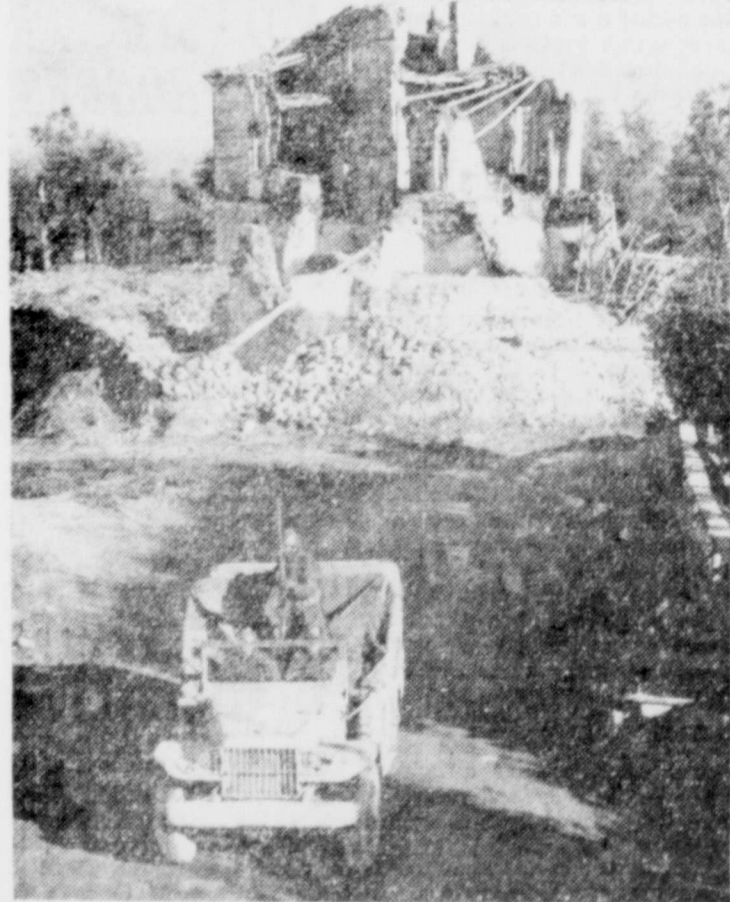
GLITTER GOWN—Sparkling rhinestone stars and crescent moon give this sophisticated blue crepe dinner dress that "heavenly" look. Modeled by film actress Janet Blair, gown is one she chose for personal wardrobe.



HOLY NIGHT—Star of Bethlehem shines down on Holy birthplace in Nativity scene on view at New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. Little Patricia Osborne, 3 years old, gazes reverently at life-sized reproduction of Christmas scene.



FREE TO STROLL—Britain's number one Fascist, Sir Oswald Mosley, released from prison because of ill health, keeps eyes to ground as he and Lady Mosley return to Shaven Crown Inn, Oxfordshire, from daily stroll. Sir Oswald walks with cane.



FIGHTING FRENCH—Equipped with American weapons and clothing, Frenchmen are fighting in Europe for first time since fall of France. Rolling past shattered wreck of house, poilus of Second Morocco Division speed through war-torn Italian town on way to front lines.

MRS. SELECMAN DIES.

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—Mrs. C. C. Selecmán, 69, wife of Methodist Bishop Selecmán of Oklahoma City, died at the Methodist hospital here yesterday.

DEAD AT 96.

DALLAS, Dec. 29.—B. M. Kiker, 96, father of Rev. Ira C. Kiker, executive secretary of the Methodist North Texas Conference Board of Education, died

yesterday at the Royal Arch Home for Aged Masons in Arlington.

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NOTICE, BOWLERS.
 All those interested in bowling will please meet at Laguna roof garden at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, to organize a winter bowling league. DR. C. E. PAUL, Acting Chairman. 81

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LEWIS STARRS HOSTS AT RECEPTION.
 Honoring their daughter, Miss Hope Starr and her guest, Miss Sara Bedford of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Starr entertained Christmas eve with a reception in their apartment at Laguna hotel. A silver star with radiant light directed the guests to the door of the Starr apartment and musical-toned sleigh bells, attached to a cord, announced their arrival.

Upon entering, a harmonious arrangement of Christmas decorations was observed. A symmetrical and beautifully lighted Christmas tree stood in a corner of the living room and at the side was a dramatized scene of the nativity with background of blue. Light from the star, placed above the madonna and infant, reflected a soft radiance on the face of the babe in the manger. Figures of silver deer adorned the window and on the window seat a unique scene depicted "Old Santa" in a sleigh, drawn by reindeer, just entering a miniature village. A pretty arrangement of mistletoe and holly with lighted Christmas candles, flanking the sides was placed near the dining room door.

Light refreshments were served throughout the evening.

Among those who remained for dancing were Mrs. W. W. Milner and daughter Mrs. Burzinski, Mrs. Dorothy Stutenroth, Mrs. L. C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Franz Essl, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Baley,

Dr. and Mrs. Paul M. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson, Mrs. H. B. Dierdorf and son Beecher Dierdorf, Mrs. Myrtle Anderson, Mrs. Martha Sones, Mrs. Vida Stephens, Corp. Borberry Mr. and Mrs. Austin Flint and daughter Jane Flint, Sgt. Foy, Rex Ramsower, Elbert Tipton, Mrs. Muriel Shook, Fred Sterley, Jr., Sgt. Usry, Joe Ben Rice, the honorees and the hosts.

WAGNER-ROWCH WEDDING DEC. 24.
 Miss Oleta Wagner of Brownwood became the bride of Woodrow Rowch of Camp Bowie in a ceremony held December 24.

Mrs. Rowch is the daughter of Wm. Wagner of Brownwood and attended Brownwood high school. Mr. Rowch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rowch of Eastland and a grandson of Mrs. Della Davison of Cisco. He graduated from Cisco high school and is now in the army. He is attached to the signal corps at Camp Bowie.

The couple will make their residence in Brownwood for the present.

C. E. HAILEYS HOSTS TO RELATIVES.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hailey were hosts to a number of out-of-town relatives Christmas day. All of Mrs. Hailey's brothers and sisters were present with the exception of a sister, Mrs. E. Miller of San Antonio.

Those visiting with them were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Whisenant and Alma Rene Roberts of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Goodwin and daughter Nina Marie of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Rodgers and son Jimmy of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Slaughter and

sons John Dean and Jerry of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whisenant and son Robert Dale and daughter Mary Frances of Cisco.

FIRST BAPTIST W.M.U. BUSINESS MEETING.
 Women's missionary union of First Baptist church met in a business session at the church Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. W. D. Hazel presiding in the absence of Mrs. Paul Poe, president.

Minutes of previous meeting were read by Mrs. L. A. Harrison and reports by various circle chairmen were made. Mrs. E. J. Poe, treasurer, also read a report. Mrs. M. F. Underwood community missions chairman, made assignments for the coming month, after which the meeting was dismissed with special prayer for the men in uniform.

COUNCIL GROUP IN WINSTON HOME.
 Group three of First Christian church council met in the W. R. Winston home Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. A. J. Ward brought the devotional, using Matthews, chapter 2, as a base. Mrs. W. J. Armstrong read an article from World Call magazine entitled "Inasmuch," based on Matthew 25, verses 34-45; Mrs. W. R. Winston offered the prayer following.

Mrs. I. A. Brunkenhoefer directed the short business session and at the close a social hour was held.

Refreshments were passed to Mrs. A. J. Ward, Mrs. James Flournoy, Mrs. I. A. Brunkenhoefer, Mrs. W. J. Armstrong, Mrs. A. J. Sanders, Mrs. Edward Lee, Mrs. J. S. Mobley, Mrs. W. R. Winston and Miss Marie Winston.

SON HONOR GUEST AT CHRISTMAS DINNER.
 A turkey dinner in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Purifoy, honored their son, Pvt. Robert Caleb Purifoy, paratrooper, with the 151st infantry at Camp Mac Kall, N. C., who left early in the afternoon for his post.

A number of out-of-town relatives and friends were present and the occasion was one of pleasure, though mingled with sadness at the early departure of the honoree.

Those spending the day together were Pvt. Robert Caleb Purifoy, Miss Bettle Jo Barkley of Anson, Mrs. A. L. Purifoy, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Baker and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Purifoy and family of Ballinger, Robert Purifoy of Mineral Wells, Bill Purifoy and the hosts.

HUGE RANCH SOLD.
 HOUSTON, Dec. 29.—The 22,500-acre Double D Ranch, property of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Davenport is being sold to George Knobe, Houston oil man. The ranch is in Starr and Hidalgo counties. Consideration was reported as \$2,600,000, including Davenport's 1-16th royalty interest in 18,000 acres of land in the Rincon oil field of Starr county.



PARTY FOR ORPHANS—Entertained in London by crew of U.S. 8th Air Force Marauder, British orphans get party hats and toys. Airmen hosts are (from left) Lt. Homer Fansler, S. Sgt. John Halour, Lt. Peter Stefano, S. Sgt. J. Brennan and Lt. Edward Shea.



TANK IN THE STREET—Wrecked remains of homes, blasted roads and felled trees greet Allies as they slog way through muddy Italian boot to Rome. Photo shows American tank stalled in heap of rubble on desolate street in Mignano, now in our hands.



SANTA CLAUS—Russian children pending first Christmas in America were introduced to Santa Claus by Mrs. Roosevelt at party given in New York by Russian War Relief. Children called President's wife Snegorouchka, or Snow Maiden.

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LT. JANE ARMY NURSE WRITES TO BILL'S MOTHER

Dear Mrs. Jones, Your Bill asked me to write and say hello and assure you that he is on the mend. He is having his Purple Heart decoration sent to you he says,

because the used kitchen fats you've been turning in probably contained the glycerine which went into the medicines that saved his life. His Marine squad was cut off

by the Japs and sat tight for 4 days before reserves came up. I've never had a braver patient or one who talked about his mother's cooking so much.

I'm sure you'll keep turning in your used kitchen fat for our munitions and medicines. Bill says write soon and often.

Lt. Jane Lee, for Bill Jones

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WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF BECOMING A PETTY OFFICER?

WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE YOU OUGHT TO QUALIFY AS A PETTY OFFICER. THERE'S AN OFFICER HERE WHO CAN CHECK YOUR QUALIFICATIONS!

WOULD I DO MY OWN KIND OF WORK? THEY WOULDN'T MAKE A COCK OUT OF ME, WOULD THEY?

AS A SHIP REPAIR MAN YOU'LL BE DOING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME KIND OF WORK AS IN CIVILIAN LIFE... USING NAVY TECHNIQUES OF COURSE!

IF I JOIN I WANT SHIPS OR COMBATANT SHIPS AND SOME ARE AT ADVANCE NAVAL BASES. YOUR MAIN JOB WILL BE FIXIN' RATHER THAN FIGHTIN'!

YOU MAY GET IT... BUT SRU'S ARE PRIMARILY SHIP-FIXERS. SOME ARE ON REPAIR SHIPS AND SOME ARE AT ADVANCE NAVAL BASES. YOUR MAIN JOB WILL BE FIXIN' RATHER THAN FIGHTIN'!

Jones visits the Navy Recruiting Station for SRU information. He learns that good mechanics may qualify as petty officers. SRU's continue the trades in which they are skilled in civilian life... Most SRU's will serve outside the U.S.A. after a few months training.

BRIEFLY TOLD

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Siddall and mother, Mrs. M. J. Herring of Houston, and Mrs. Siddall's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harris of Hot Springs, Ark., arrived Friday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Qualls. Mr. Siddall returned to Houston Monday and Mr. and Mrs. Harris have returned to Hot Springs. Mrs. Siddall and mother remained for a longer visit here.

Miss Polly Porter returned to Austin Tuesday after having spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Porter. Miss Porter is a student at Texas University.

Rev. and Mrs. Cooper Waters and children Anna Lake and Mike returned Monday from Wichita Falls where they spent Christmas.

Miss Marion Chambliss and Mrs. Edward Lee spent today in Fort Worth.

Miss Ruby Lee visited her niece Miss Ruby Lee Blanton in Dallas over the weekend.

Mrs. Jasper Daniels returned to Fort Worth today after spending Christmas at her home in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wendle have returned from Austin where they spent Christmas.

Mrs. W. H. Symank was ex-

pected to return from St. Louis today where she was called by the death of an aunt. While absent, Mrs. Symank became ill with flu, which necessitated her remaining there longer than she had planned.

Miss Alice Slicker returned Tuesday from Tucson, Ariz., where she spent Christmas with friends.

Misses Catherine Mae and Polly Ann McDaniel left Tuesday for Austin to resume their work at Texas University after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDaniel.

Raymond Reames, naval pilot training student at Texas University, and Mrs. Reames, are spending the holidays in Cisco with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Reames and Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs.

Miss Doris Ruth Dyson of Stephenville is a guest of Mrs. Eldon Anderson, Jr., in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lawson.

Bailey Wayne Barr of Cross Plains is a guest of his uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie have been ill of influenza for several days of their home, 812 W. Twelfth street.

Miss Mary Martha Mitcham has returned to Southern Methodist University after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Mitcham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bollinger and children of New Braunfels spent Thursday night and Friday with Mrs. Gregg Simpson while enroute to Odessa to spend the holidays with Mrs. Bollinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Simpson, former residents of Cisco.

Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. H. T. Rogin of Mojave, Calif., are spending his furlough with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Olson and

with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Kleiner.

Mrs. E. Ford entertained several members of her family Christmas day. Out-of-town visitors included Mrs. W. R. McCarrell, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cabaness and son, Ozona; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stevens and son and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Henderson and daughter, Lubbock.

Friends and relatives in the home of Mrs. Della Davison, 611 W. Ninth street, Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rowch

Mrs. Callie W. McAfee has returned from Fort Worth where she spent Christmas with relatives.

Misses Dorothy Jean Anderson and Wanda June Bond have returned from a visit to Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hamby of San Angelo visited her sister Mrs. Myrtle Anderson here during Christmas.

and son, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and daughter, Olden; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams

and children, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Rowch, Brownwood; Pfc. Robert L. Rowch, Bryan, and Miss Marie Rowch, Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Eugene Rowch and daughter of Beal, Calif., Christmas guests of Mrs. Rowch's grandmother, Mrs. Della Davison, have departed for home.

Mrs. Gregg Simpson spent Christmas with her husband Pfc. Gregg Simpson at Camp Wolters.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mouten, December 15, a daughter—Billie Jean. Weight, six pounds.

Cadet Bill Collins of Jones Field, Miss Dora Fay Collins of Fort Worth and Pfc. Bill Graham of Tarrant Field were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Warren Christmas day.

Miss Lela Latch is able to be up again after a severe attack of flu.

Mrs. Mabel Kaykendall and sons, W. E. and Wendell of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Finis Lafoon and son Charles, Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Nichols and children Vernon and Neil, Baird; Mrs. Bill Austin, Houston; Mr. and

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Mrs. Bob Latson, Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Latson and daughter Jan of Cisco visited in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Latson, Sr., during the holidays.

Pfc. H. D. Doyle and wife of Sheppard Field spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Doyle.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Latch during Christ-

mas were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Latch and daughters Paula and Barbara of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Latham and daughter Jean of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Dendall and children Lenora, Bobby and Mary Jane of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stewart and son of Dallas spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Doyle and his mother Mrs. Mary Stewart. Mr. Stewart will

leave Tuesday for the navy and Mrs. Stewart and son will remain in Cisco for the duration.

COTTON GINNINGS.

Mrs. Lannie Mancill, Eastland county cotton statistician, says that as of December 13 cotton ginnings totaled 1,1331 in the county during 1943. During the same period last year 1,045 bales were ginned.

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LADY: And how's the best way to do that?

REDDY: Defrost it regularly.

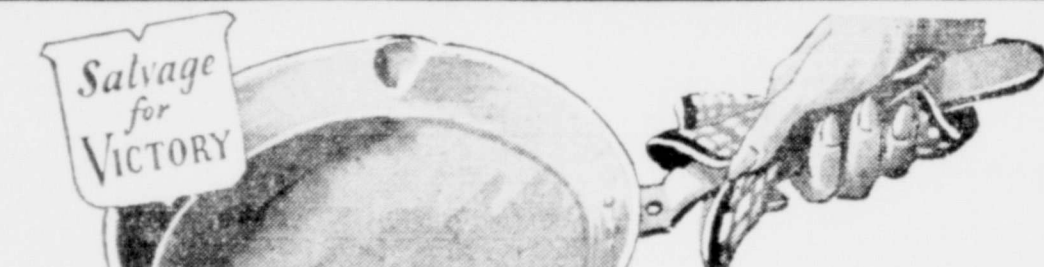
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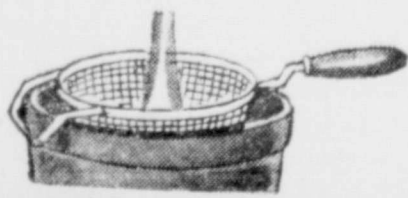


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