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Mrs. Blackburn Died Last Night At Home on 10th

Mrs. R. F. Blackburn, 80, died at her home on east Tenth street at 8 o'clock last night, following illness of nine weeks.
Deceased, the widow of the late F. Blackburn, was born July 1, 1864, in Dallas county, Tex., and was united in marriage to Mr. Blackburn October 12, 1879, at Huntsville, Stephens county. She had been a devout member of the Methodist church since the age of 14 years.
Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at the home of the deceased, with burial in the cemetery at Gunnsight, by Rev. C. A. Warden of Eastside Methodist church will officiate.
Surviving children are four sons and four daughters, as follows: F. Blackburn, Cisco; J. Marion Blackburn, Breckenridge; J. W. Blackburn, Seranton; Roy Blackburn, with the army in France; Mrs. May Ayers and Mrs. Bertha Sutton, Cisco; Mrs. Maud Turner, using Star; Mrs. Nettie Marshall, Crawford. There are also 30 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

Capt. Gerald Merket Told of 8th Air Force Raids

Capt. Gerald Merket of the Eighth Air Force, home on a 21-day leave, was guest speaker at the Lions luncheon today, talking in generalities of his experiences in his many bombing raids over Germany and France. T. C. Williams of Camp Hood was also a visitor.
After his introduction by E. T. Thomas, the captain, who has only been back from England seven days, coming on a P-54, said he was glad to meet his friends in Cisco and added that while the fighting had been tough the boys had lots of fun between times. In speaking of the preparation for D-Day, he said it took a real scrap to effect a landing, adding that the credit for success was due the land forces who bore the brunt of the fighting. He also paid tribute to General Patton, whom he said fought with his troops in the front and not in the rear, as one might suppose. He spoke of the brilliant drive of the Third army through France, which he said was a matchless one.
Captain Merket gave the German soldier and air fighter his due for their bravery, saying that the air force conducted clean fighting, but he could not say much for the ground soldier; he added that the German fighter, wherever you might find him, was as good as any in the world.
Speaking of the clothing worn on bombers that went to such altitudes, he said fur coats would not keep one warm, but that an electric coat was worn for warmth. Oxygen and weather were the most important factors to the air force.
The speaker told of the V-1 and V-2 German bombing of London and other parts of England. He said the English were not as frightened as the Germans expected. He paid high tribute to the English character, which he said was persistent and devoid of fear. We like the English as we get better acquainted with their ways, and added that probably they might like us better after closer association.
Replying to questions, Captain Merket said the Germans seemed to be well-fed, especially the army, the German people were so used to being dominated by their superiors that it was unlikely they would ever give up until the army surrendered. It looked like a long, hard fight to him, as the Germans have a wonderful power of recuperation after being bombed or defeated in any way. Towns, railroads, supply or manufacturing centers, seemed to rise again within a few days after being bombed to the ground. That power of come-back makes the German soldier a worthy foe to battle.



RAMMED BY JAP PLANE—Officers examine damaged engine cowling of their B-29 Superfortress after a Jap Tony fighter plane had crashed head-on into the engine while ship was on mission over Japan. Nip's wing sheared off, it crashed into another Jap plane and both fell.

Nazis Bomb Paris; Three Killed and Thirteen Injured

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Three persons were killed and 13 others injured last night by bombs which fell on the Paris area near world famous landmarks. It was the French capital's first air raid since Aug. 27, immediately after the city's liberation.
The casualties were the occupants of a house in (13 words censored).
Some damage was caused to buildings (11 words censored) where two bombs fell.
The bombers were not officially identified, but the fact that only a few appeared over the city virtually precluded any possibility that the bombs might have been dropped by accident from Allied aircraft.

AMERICANS IN CHRISTMAS-DAY COUNTERATTACK STOPPED BIG DRIVE 4 MILES SHORT OF GOAL

PARIS, Dec. 27.—U. S. troops in a Christmas Day counterattack slammed back German armor that had reached to Celles, only four miles from the Meuse river and 30 miles from Brussels, supreme headquarters disclosed today.
By Christmas night, American forces hurled into the path of the German bid for the Meuse strongly held town of Celles—only eight miles from the northern bulge of France—and were reported to have blunted a second armored spearhead which had rammed to Ciney, 14 miles below Namur.
Later developments after this check two days ago to the Nazi spearhead's thrust 50 miles into Belgium were not disclosed.
The supreme headquarters communique said simply that "a few enemy tanks and troop-carriers pushed forward in the direction of Celles," four miles from Dinant on the Meuse, but that "these were engaged by our forces and were driven back, some tanks being knocked out."
An 11-mile Sunday plunge had carried two forward columns of the Nazi offensive—powered by two and perhaps three armies—to Celles and to Ciney, six miles northeastward and nine from the Meuse.
The surrounded Bastogne garrison of several thousand doughboys still held out in an epic stand. Gen. Eisenhower's relieving counterassault from the south at last reports still was 4 1/2 miles from the city, but the front of his attack had been widened.
Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt was pushing hard to the northwest—toward the Antwerp supply route—from his reinforced line along the Hottin - Marche road, but "our positions have been maintained," said the Allied communique covering actions two days old.
It still was a grinding battle of huge cost in which von Rundstedt's next moves yet were to shape up. The terrific American defense had slowed but not yet stopped the German armor.
Along the northern rim of their bulge, Germans captured Manhay, 10 miles southwest of Stavelot.
The closest point to Bastogne reached by the relieving force from the south was just north of Chaumont, five miles below Bastogne. Seven miles southwest of Bastogne, Americans pressed near Cobreville. They cleared Hollange and Timange, 6 and 8 miles below Bastogne.
German patrols were active on the Holland front again yesterday. Below Duren Americans cleared the town of Winder.
Doughboys cleaned up an enemy pocket near La Gleize in the Stavelot area, taking 150 prisoners, and seizing 38 tanks, 70 half-track vehicles, eight armored cars and six self-propelled guns, the communique said.
On the Seventh army front, slight gains were made in forested areas west of Wissenboursi, and in the high southern Voges an enemy raid on Thann was repulsed.
In a front dispatch last night, Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher said there were growing indications that the German high command had decided to risk the heart of the German army in this western front effort.
He added:
"The next few days should tell the story, with strong prospects for the greatest battle of the Second World War in the offing."

Task Force Led By Texan Came Through Safely

EAST OF MARCHE, Belgium, Dec. 26.—(Delayed)—Their faces blacked, their helmets and armored vehicles left behind, the fighting 400 of "Hogan's task force" came out of the woods through 10 miles of enemy lines this morning.
Isolated and encircled miles from any help, they had been given up as lost after six days. But out of slightly more than 400 men who struck across no man's land all but about 20 returned, including their commander, Lt. Col. Samuel M. Hogan of Pharr, Tex., whose wife lives in Fort Worth.
Here is what they had done:
Penetrated enemy lines more than 30 miles.
Been trapped by three panzer divisions outnumbering them literally hundreds to one.
Fought such a mobile, cagey battle they managed to keep the enemy confused and at bay on all sides until their gas ran out.
Dug into a village high point when their own cause seemed hopeless and served so effectively by radio as "forward observers" right in the midst of the enemy that they called artillery shots which broke up a major enemy counterattack along the whole sector.
Refused to surrender, although they appeared to face almost certain annihilation.
Damaged their armored vehicles, rendering them useless to the enemy, and made a bold Christmas night escape afoot, slipping out of a trap just as the Germans' snapped the teeth shut with an artillery and mortar barrage and an infantry attack.
Hiked over a hilly timbered hog-back 10 miles to safety.

High School Final Be Broadcast At 2:20 Saturday

A special radio network of 34 stations has been arranged by Magnolia Petroleum company to broadcast the final game for the 1944 Texas high school football championship between Highland Park of Dallas and Port Arthur high school. The game will be played in Memorial Stadium, Austin, Saturday, December 30.
Ves Box, who is one of the ace football radio reporters, will cover the play-by-play description of the game, with Charles Jordan, equally as well known, handling the color and descriptive accounts of the participating teams. The broadcast will begin at 2:20 p. m.



WAR HAVOC IN DURWISS—American soldier looks lonely as he walks up cleared street through terrible wreckage of what had once been the thriving town of Durwiss, Germany, scene of bitter warfare. Although not a single building was whole, streets were rapidly cleared.

New Yorker Says Cattle Men Thumb Noses at Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Declaring the cattle industry "thumbs its nose" at government food control, Representative Celler (D., N.Y.) said today he will ask the new congress to compel price ceilings on live cattle.
Celler denounced what he termed "a cattle bloc" which he said "steers the government any way it wishes."
"It exerts immense pressure in Wyoming, Kansas, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, North and South Dakota," he said in a statement.
"It says the consuming population of the cities of the East be damned. This bloc, meanwhile, lines its pockets with nice profit while retail butchers must sell at ruinous prices."

Bell Phone Company To Spend Huge Sum Money

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Plans for a \$140,000,000 special construction program after the war have been announced by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, C. L. Stewart, division commercial superintendent, said Tuesday.
The contemplated expenditure will be in addition to the money regularly spent for the normal growth of the business, Stewart added, and will result in a net increase of about one-sixth in the company's present plant investment of \$441,000,000. Of the total amount, about \$53,000,000 will be spent in expanding and improving communications in Texas.
The Southwestern plan, which will cover Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, is part of the Bell System's proposed billion-dollar long-term construction program. Carrying out the plan, Stewart pointed out, will depend on general business conditions and the availability of manpower, materials and investment funds. Approximately ten years will be required for completion of the Southwestern program.
"Our first objective after the war," Stewart said, "will be to provide service to the thousands of persons now on the waiting list for telephones, a project which will take many months to complete and cannot be started until Bell System manufacturers have filed war contracts and can resume production of telephone equipment on a large scale of civilian use."
"Another important feature of the proposed plan will be the further extension of rural telephone service, which was started before, and interrupted by, the war."

Luzon Plastered With 88,000 Lbs. Of Bombs Monday

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 27.—Land-based American bombers for the fourth consecutive day blasted Japan's airfields at Manila on Luzon island, now regarded as vulnerable to reinvasion by Yank forces mopping up in the central Philippines.
Clark field was the principal target as it was in two of the previous attacks. It was plastered Monday with 88,000 pounds of explosives, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.
The Japanese showed a disposition to make a fight of it. They sent up at least 80 interceptors, of which 39 were shot down by Yankee fighter escorts. Four were listed as probably down. The day's bag brought to a total of Japanese planes shot down in 46 hours in the Philippines. The Americans had not shot down two days.

Portland Grocers Ignore OPA; Selling as Usual

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Stricter ration rules clamped down on the country today, but a number of Portland grocers were selling canned corn, peas and asparagus—without points—just as usual.
Freely accepting blue and red stamps which the OPA invalidated as of midnight, grocers explained they had not received any official OPA order.
"Even if we had," said one merchant, "we couldn't possibly take inventory, erase ration point marks from stock, and write on new ones all on a day when workers are off to make up for pre-Christmas overtime. The only way we could possibly comply would be to close our canned goods and sugar departments, and we do not propose to do that."

Artillery Men of Camp Bowie Dance Hosts Thursday

The Daily Press is requested to announce that Battery A of the 49th armored field artillery, thirteenth armored division, Camp Bowie, will entertain the young ladies of Cisco at a dance to be held Thursday evening on the roof of Laguna Hotel. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p. m. Music by 45th tank battalion band.
The entertainment committee is composed of Sgt. Peter Mair, Corp. John Riley, Pfc. Pat Dinello and Pfc. Edward Weeden.
The chairman of the committee said: "There will be refreshments and we extend a cordial welcome to all. We look forward to a very pleasant evening with you."

Red Army Shock Troops Charged Budapest Today



THE BURGERMEISTER—GI's of U.S. First Army, during their house-to-house search of Weisweiler, Germany, after the city's capture, found this dummy, dressed it up, provided a hat and umbrella, and named it the "Burgermeister." Note bottle.

Red Army Shock Troops Charged Budapest Today

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—Red army shock troops charged upon flame-seared Budapest from snowy hills above the Danube river today. The German garrison burned military stores, dynamited public utilities and fought back grimly with field artillery scattered throughout the Hungarian capital.
Half a dozen Soviet spearheads were reported closing in on the western half of the encircled city and all German roads of escape were cut off.
Soviet assault units were believed to have slashed some distance into the Buda district on the west bank of the Danube.
A delayed dispatch from Szekesfehervar, about 32 miles southwest of Budapest, disclosed that the Nazis had fought for the city street by street.
NOTED SENATOR DEAD
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Blair Lee, first United States Senator elected by popular vote, is dead. Leader in Maryland legal and political affairs for 60 years, the 87-year-old former senator died last night at the home of his son, Lieutenant Colonel E. Brooke Lee, near Sandy Spring, Md.

VIOLENT DEATHS

Twenty-seven violent Texas deaths have already been reported during the Christmas holidays. Fourteen died in traffic accidents; fire took four lives; one man was slain; two hunters died from self-inflicted gunshot wounds while climbing fences; one died in a plane crash and a boy was shot accidentally.

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AMERICANS

The Germans gave the Allies a bad headache for a Christmas present. Not since Pearl Harbor had there been such a blow as the breakthrough in Belgium. But viewed in retrospect, perhaps it was needed to give this nation another waking-up. Such an attitude makes the recent set-back endurable, though still bitter to the American soul, and especially to those who have loved ones on the German front.

We have here a vast and scattered population, unified by language and spirit, but naturally rather slow to action in matters concerning the whole nation. Various regions may become immersed in their own affairs and appear, at times, to care little about their distant neighbors or "the rumble of a distant drum." But "when the blast of war blows in our ears," there is a sudden fusion of thought and rise of patriotic emotion that sweeps away all other considerations.

From the beginning, this nation composed of many nations, no matter what its internal differences might be, has never failed to rise as a unit against alien perils. Also, our more recent citizens, recruits from all lands, have risen en masse to defend their adopted country. Look at the faces in our war pictures. They are a fraternal fusion of all the nations on earth, fighting for their homes and their principles.

ELECTING A PRESIDENT

Quietly and without notice the presidential election took place toward the end of December. Most people think it happened on Nov. 7. But the

meeting of the electors is the real presidential election.

Nowdays this seems rather silly and might some time be dangerous. Several times the popular choice and the winner in the electoral college have been different. The people wanted to give Grover Cleveland a second term in 1888, as his 100,000 plurality over Benjamin Harrison showed. The distribution of electoral votes elected Harrison. In 1876 Samuel J. Tilden had 250,000 plurality over Rutherford B. Hayes. A vehement attempt to transfer disputed electoral votes from Tilden to Hayes finally succeeded, but in the process came near to bringing civil war. This year there was a plan, which failed, to have electors who had been chosen to support one ticket, actually vote for some one else whose name was not before the people.

Sooner or later such a defective system of choosing the president will be done away with. Thomas J. Curran, secretary of state for New York, told the New York presidential electors the other day that their meeting might be the last in history. It will be interesting to see whether he is right.

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OTHER EDITORS

Federal Control of Schools

Scottish Rite News Bureau: The Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions adopted resolutions, November 14, 1944, at Iowa City, Iowa, against any federal interference with the educational programs of the several states. The resolutions followed an address by Dr. R. W. Devoe, President of the Association and Regent of the University of Nebraska, in which he attacked Senate Bill 637 now on the calendar of that body.

In the course of his remarks, Doctor Devoe recited the provisions of the bill in their relation to the Federal Constitution and a sound public policy affecting education.

The bill calls for two appropriations aggregating \$300,000,000. One is for \$200,000,000 to be used in the payment of teachers' salaries of the elementary and secondary school levels, in addition to those sums paid by the states for such teachers in 1942. The other fund is for \$100,000,000 annually to be used on the basis of financial need to equalize school opportunities of the above-mentioned levels within and among the several states.

Doctor Devoe said no controversy should exist as to the need for increasing the pay of the teaching profession in most of the schools of this country, nor the need for equalization of educational opportunity generally by lifting all of the poorer educational facilities up to the best, as nearly as possible. While both are requisite for the improvement of the welfare of the youth of the country through adequate education, these needs are, he contended, problems purely of the state and not of the Federal Government.

Arguing that there is no power delegated under the constitution to the federal government to control, regulate or in any manner deal with education within the states, he declared that constitu-

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tionality of the measure pending in congress is sustainable only on the theory which supports federal subsidy to local government under the welfare clause. A federal subsidy for the schools, under the provisions of the pending bill, would be unsound constitutionally and as a public policy.

In support of his position he said, among other things, that the bill tends to fix a minimum salary scale for teachers of the public schools. The United States Commissioner of Education is required to call upon the state educational authorities to make reports to the commissioner as expenditures of the federal allotments and for a statement on the progress of education in the state which accepted the allotments. The cost of determining the progress is paid out of a percentage of each allotment made by the commissioner to the state. Audits, reports and repayments to the United States of amounts unexpended, lost or misapplied are required to be incorporated into the joint agreement between the state educational authority and the federal government. All of these provisions of the bill, Doctor Devoe holds, are unsound in public policy and in derogation of the constitutional authority resting in the states to establish and control their educational programs.

In further support of his position, Doctor Devoe declared that the studies and surveys pertinent to the best use of the allotments to the states for the purpose of equalizing educational opportunities, as provided in the bill, go to the very heart of educational theories bearing upon what textbooks shall be used and what general educational policies shall be followed. The question of progress and the best use for which public funds should be expended for educational purposes is a controversial issue among educators throughout the country.

Fearing the effect of the provisions of the pending legislation as initial steps of interference with state school programs, Doctor Devoe said that, even if federal control as a matter of practice should not be exercised over our elementary and secondary schools, as contended by the proponents of the measure, the germs of federal control are concealed in it. Its enactment into law would be

inimical to the best interests of our educational program and to the welfare of the country at large.

Concluding, he said: The power that controls education in America is the power that controls and will ultimately determine the destiny of America. The solution of our educational problems lies in an aroused public opinion of the necessity of the states to assume the control and responsibilities of our educational program in all its varied aspects. Opposition to federal control of education is not based on abstract theories of states' rights, nor on any hypothesis that federal agencies will desire to injure education. It is based on the fundamental concept that democracy is in danger whenever centralized control of the thought of the nation is established. The world has seen too many "youth movements" serve as the bulwark of dictatorships for us lightly to assume we can adopt the pattern and escape the results. —E. R.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

The State of Texas, County of Eastland.

Whereas, by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the 91st District Court of Eastland County, Texas, on the 23rd day of October, A. D. 1944, wherein B. L. Hargus, Jr., is plaintiff and C. R. Bond is defendant, on a judgment rendered in said court

against said defendant and in favor of the said plaintiff, for the sum of One Hundred & 00/100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I have levied upon and will on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1945, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. at the Court House door of said County, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of C. R. Bond in and to the following described property, levied upon, to-wit:

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The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for \$100.00 in favor of plaintiff, together with all costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds to be applied to the satisfaction thereof.

John Hart, Sheriff, Eastland County, Texas By A. M. Hearn, Deputy. Dec. 26, 1944

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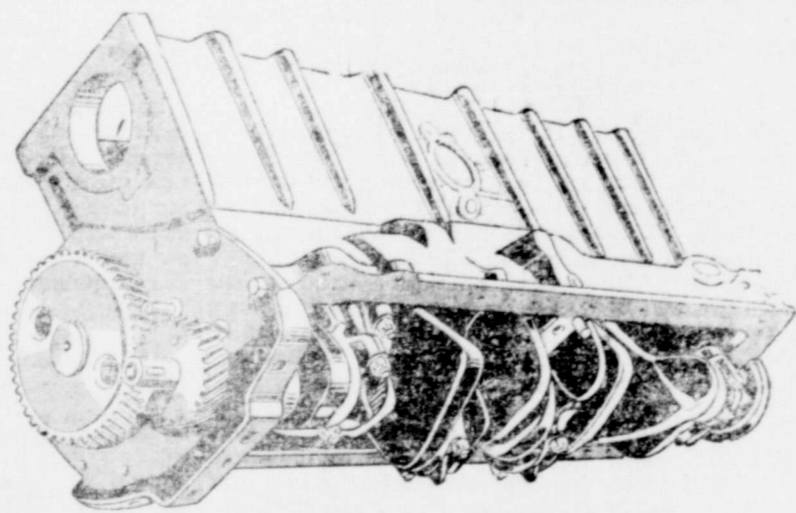


PIGMY FLAT TOP—Former merchant ships converted into airplane carriers by Royal Navy in Canada, also carry cargoes. This one is loading up with wheat before joining a convoy. Navy flyers use only 100 feet in takeoffs and landings on these vessels, which are only 380 feet long.

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FORMER CISCOAN WEDS AT SAN ANGELO

Miss Pauline Wooten of San Angelo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wooten of Cisco, became the bride of Lee A. Rochester in a double-ring ceremony performed November 22 by Dr. K. P. Barton, Methodist minister.

The bride was dressed in a white wool suit, stitched in gold, with black accessories. Her corsage was of white orchids. The bride's attendants were Mrs. Florence Schmidt of Philadelphia and Mrs. Eddie Wooten and Mrs. Elmer Lee Hurley of San Angelo. Ed Black of San Angelo attended the bridegroom as best man. Other attendants were Warren Able and Barney Johnson of San Angelo.

Mrs. Rochester was reared in Cisco and attended Cisco high school. She has recently been employed at San Angelo. Mr. Rochester formerly of Houston, is connected with Boehme's bakery as manager at San Angelo.

The couple left for a wedding trip to Monterey, Mexico. The bride wore a traveling suit of gray chalk striped wool and carried black accessories.

They will be at home at 620 west Madison street, San Angelo, after returning from Monterey.

WMU HELD BUSINESS MEETING TUESDAY

Women's missionary union of First Baptist church met at the church Tuesday afternoon for monthly business meeting. Mrs. E. J. Poe, president, was in charge and opened the meeting with group singing of "Rescue the Per-

ishing." Mrs. W. H. LaRoque led the prayer following.

Mrs. L. A. Harrison read minutes of previous meeting in the absence of Mrs. F. B. Clappitt, secretary. It was voted to donate an amount sufficient to make the Lottie Moon offering reach the sum of \$275; reports were given by circle chairmen and others of work done and assignments accomplished during December.

The meeting closed with several prayers offered for service men on the battle fronts in Europe.

HAYS-CARTER WEDDING AT BAIRD SATURDAY

Mrs. Bernice Hays, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Satterwhite of Breckenridge and Truly H. Carter, son of Mrs. Mollie Carter of Carbon, were married Saturday evening at 6 o'clock in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Davis at Baird. Mr. Davis, former pastor and close friend of the couple, performed the double-ring ceremony in the presence of immediate relatives and a few friends.

The bride wore an aqua crepe dress with black and white accessories. Her corsage was fashioned of tulle and roses. After the holidays the couple will make their home in Cisco.

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Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. D. J. McGough of Laredo have arrived to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boatman and Mrs. Dee Cobb.

Miss Euna Fay Callerman of Ft. Worth is here to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Callerman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Horn and daughter Addie Mae have moved to Cisco and Miss Addie has taken a position with the Boss Glove company. We regret to lose these good people.

Mrs. J. M. Boatman and Mary Lou Fleming are now employees at the Boss Glove factory in Cisco.

Steve Rogers is on the sick list.

Visitors in the Joe Hale home Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Callerman of Eastland, Mrs. E. C. Callerman, Mrs. Edward Callerman and Kenneth Boatman.

Peter Morris and his brother Earl Morris of Lubbock visited in this community Sunday.

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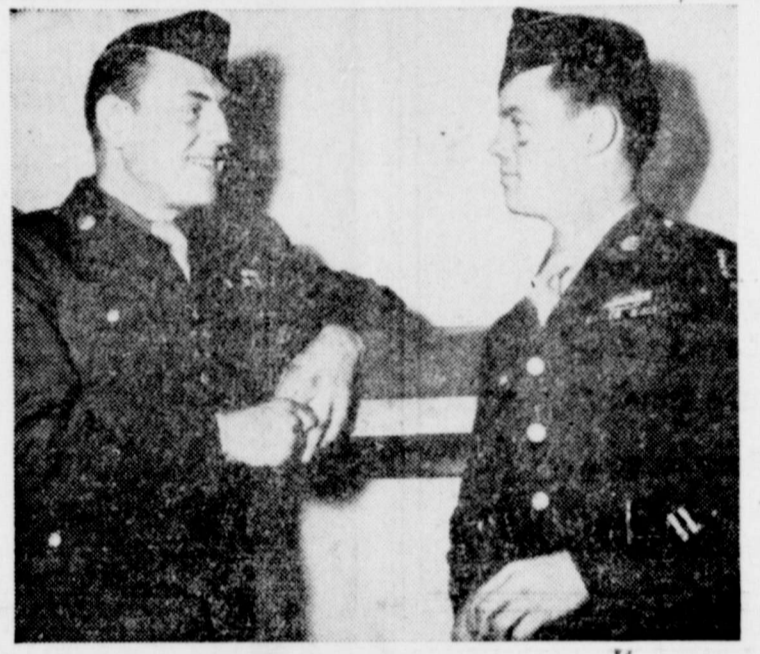
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SEP PALIN DROVE GREYHOUND TO A 5-LENGTH VICTORY IN THE HAMBLETONIAN.



TEEN AGE VETS GO HOME—Holders of multiple decorations, including Purple Heart, James Garvin, 17 (left), and Raymond Wallace, 15, both of Chicago, have been returned to civilian status via Fort Sheridan's Separation Center. They are veterans of grueling battles in Germany, but "too young."



K-9'S WITH MANY MISSIONS—All told, these canine warriors, pets of the airmen holding them, have completed 93 flying missions with their owners. Left to right, owners and pets are: Joseph Hagan and "Nose Wheel"; John W. White and "Nimitz"; Thomas Denson and "Tailskid" and Frank T. Dorsey and "Snuff." Hagan had 40 missions.



ANOTHER JAP PLANE BITES THE WATER—Here a Nip plane burns on the water while an Independence Class U. S. carrier maneuvers to avoid other Jap planes. This was part of the action which took place during the second Battle of the Philippine Sea.

NEED MORE WACS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Recruiting for the Women's Army Corps will continue in 1945 with emphasis on obtaining qualified hospital technicians. The war department, announcing this, said there is an acute need for medical and surgical technicians. WACS recruited for this duty will be given specialized training.

Did John L. Sullivan Fight With Stomach Ulcer Pains?

The famous heavyweight champion was noted as a voracious eater. Could he have eaten and fought as he did if he suffered after-eating pains? Don't neglect stomach or ulcer pains, indigestion, gas pains, heartburn, burning sensation, bloated and other conditions caused by excess acid. Get a 25c box of Udga Tablets from your druggist. First dose must convince or return box to us and get DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK. At Maner's Pharmacy and Drug Stores everywhere.

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A particularly cold day isn't sufficient excuse to miss being outdoors. Even a day when the rain isn't too heavy will make both you and your baby feel better for having had a brief walk outdoors. You will both have better appetites.

It is easy to let other interests, or some extra work, or visitors, interfere with the daily walk. Only with determination can any schedule be maintained during these busy days with inadequate help.

Another important item on the schedule is regular and enough sleep. Adults get along much better if they have regular hours of sleep are not enough. A cross or irritable baby may be just a tired one.

A baby has more personal rights than adults because he is more helpless and dependent. Fond relatives must and can learn to adapt themselves to the baby's needs. The baby should not be required to adjust to the whims of friends and relatives.

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BRIEFLY TOLD

Mrs. Bill Andrews came in this week from Gulfport, Miss., where she has been with her husband, Lt. Bill Andrews. She plans to remain in Cisco for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Greenhaw. Mrs. Andrews is the former Miss Rivers Greenhaw.

Cadet Corp. Melvin Sandler of Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Sandler, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott and daughters Jo Ann and Mary went to Ranger Sunday for a visit with Mr. Scott's mother. They spent Christmas day at Eastland where they were joined by Mrs. Scott's brother and wife, Lt. and Mrs. L. J. Lambert of Ellington Field and Houston for an all-day visit in the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Isenhower and family went to Putnam Christmas day and participated in a family reunion in the home of Mrs. Isenhower's parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Gardenhire and daughter Patsy spent Christmas with Mr. Gardenhire's mother and family at Frankell.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lewis and son of Ft. Worth visited relatives in Cisco and Eastland Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Mary E. Forbus left this week for California where she has accepted a position with the

army air field near Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pippen and sons Bennie and Harold spent Christmas with relatives in Abilene. They returned by way of Albany for a visit with friends, where the boys remained for a longer visit.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Birt Britain Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thompson of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Britain and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Clement.

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Stephenson enjoyed visits from a number of out-of-town guests Christmas day. Those with them were Dr. Stephenson's brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stephenson of Paint Rock, Dr. and Mrs. O. Stephenson of Sweetwater and Master Sgt. and Mrs. T. K. Topfer of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleaman Agnew returned to Rule Tuesday after spending several days here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Agnew.

Motor Mch. Mate and Mrs.

Skett Fambro left today for Cleveland, O., where he has been assigned as instructor with the naval air force at General Motors Corporation. Instructor Fambro recently completed his missions overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brandon of Putnam visited in the homes of W. I. Agnew and Paul Huestis Christmas day.

Word has been received by parents of the young man that Fred Steffey, Jr., graduated on December 26 from a government electrical school in St. Louis.

Mrs. Donald White returned to Houston Monday where she is employed after a holiday visit here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Poe.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffey during Christmas were their son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Finis Steffey of Texarkana and Mr. Steffey's brother Carl Steffey and family of Odessa.

W. B. Statham has returned to Abilene after spending Christmas at his home in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cousins and daughter Barbara spent Christ-

mas with relatives in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hogue and son Bobby are visiting relatives at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDaniel returned Monday night from Dallas where they spent Christmas with relatives. They were accompanied home by their daughter Miss Polly McDaniel student at Texas University, who will spend the week with her parents.

Jack Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Osborn, left last night for San Diego, Calif., after a visit here with his parents. The young man recently completed his boot training at the naval base there.

Mrs. W. B. Dryden has returned to Bryan after a holiday visit here in the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fryar of Stephenville spent Christmas eve in the home of their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanders.

Pvt. W. B. Britain returned to Camp Hood Christmas day after spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Sentell Caffrey

and daughter Linda have returned to their home near Hobbs, N. M. They were accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. E. Caffrey.

Mrs. Gay Weaver of Abilene visited in the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. George Christie over the holiday weekend.

Mrs. Weldon Isenhower is spending the week at Trent with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn.

Those present at the annual Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Poe, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Poe, Carbon; Mr. and

Mrs. S. N. Poe, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Poe, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Poe, Eastland; Mrs. W. E. Spencer, Cisco; Cadet Robert Poe, Blackland air field, Waco; Joe Tom and Mary Jeannette Poe, Cisco; Marjorie Poe, Eastland; Misses Lucile Furr, Carbon; Dorothy Nell Pugh, Ella Andres and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer.

Miss Betty Lou Muller returned to Austin Monday night after a holiday visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Muller.

Word received this week by Mrs. G. C. Flaherty stated her son Pfc. Charles Flaherty, who has been a hospital patient in

England, has returned to army duty on the western front.

Mr. and Mrs. George Christie were pleasantly surprised by a visit from their son, Lieut. Robert H. Christie, who came in Sunday from Pensacola, Fla., for a short visit with them. He was accompanied by a friend, Lieut. Hankakowski of New Hampshire. They were accompanied to Fort Worth Monday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Christie and Miss Marilyn Shertzer.

Pfc. Tom Reilly of Camp Barkley and Pfc. Henry Sendlein of Camp Bowie were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Muller. Both young men are residents of New York state.

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But Mike still keeps plenty busy. For as cars get older customers need his help more.

He must see that tires are cross-switched regularly and recapped in plenty of time—that batteries are recharged often enough to counteract the effects of short-trip driving. He must check oil and oil filters often and keep a watchful eye out for little things that could cause trouble.

His days begin early and end late and he works short-handed most of the time. But whether you drop in to spend a precious "A" ticket or just get some free air Mike greets you with a genuine smile of welcome. For as Mike says—his job today is to be a good Humble Service man—with accent on the "service."



Tetra-ethyl lead, when added to gasoline, reduces the octane number of the gasoline and reduces or eliminates motor "ping." But tetra-ethyl lead has recently become a critical war material... so critical that the Petroleum Administration for War has directed all refiners of premium grade fuels to limit their production of such gasoline to one-half the amount produced during the six months prior to June 1944. This reduces drastically the amount of premium gasoline available to civilians.

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

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

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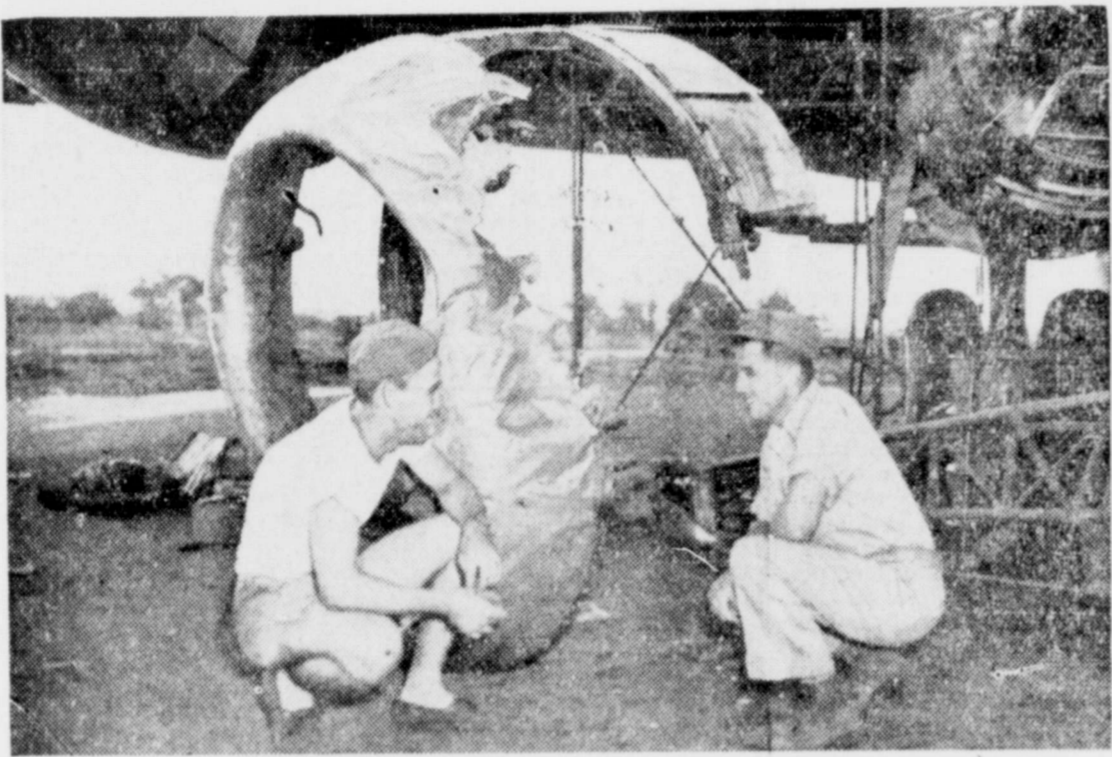
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NAZIS FAIL TO REACH MEUSE

Mrs. Blackburn Capt. Gerald Merket Died Last Night Told of 8th At Home on 10th Air Force Raids

Mrs. R. F. Blackburn, 80, died at her home on east Tenth street at 8 o'clock last night, following illness of nine weeks. Deceased, the widow of the late R. F. Blackburn, was born July 1, 1864, in Dallas county, Texas, and was united in marriage to Mr. Blackburn October 12, 1879, at Stephens county. She had been a devout member of the Methodist church since the age of 15 years. Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at the home, with burial in the cemetery at Gunnsight, C. A. Warden of Eastside Methodist church will officiate. Surviving children are four sons and four daughters, as follows: R. F. Blackburn, Cisco; J. Mation Blackburn, Breckenridge; J. W. Blackburn, Seranton; Roy Blackburn, with the army in France; Mrs. May Ayers and Mrs. Bertha Patton, Cisco; Mrs. Maud Turner, King Star; Mrs. Nettie Marshall, Crawford. There are also 30 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

Capt. Gerald Merket of the Eighth Air Force, home on a 21-day leave, was guest speaker at the Lions luncheon today, talking in generalities of his experiences in his many bombing raids over Germany and France. T. C. Williams of Camp Hood was also a visitor. After his introduction by E. T. Thomas, the captain, who has only been back from England seven days, coming on a P-54, said he was glad to meet his friends in Cisco and added that while the fighting had been tough the boys had lots of fun between times. In speaking of the preparation for D-Day, he said it took a real scrap to effect a landing, adding that the credit for success was due the land forces who bore the brunt of the fighting. He also paid tribute to General Patton, whom he said fought with his troops in the front and not in the rear, as one might suppose. He spoke of the brilliant drive of the Third army through France, which he said was a matchless one. Captain Merket gave the German soldier and air fighter his due for their bravery, saying that the air force conducted clean fighting, but he could not say so much for the ground soldier; he added that the German fighter, wherever you might find him, was as good as any in the world. Speaking of the clothing worn on bombers that went to such altitudes, he said fur coats would not keep one warm, but that an electric coat was worn for warmth. Oxygen and weather were the most important factors to the air force. The speaker told of the V-1 and V-2 German bombing of London and other parts of England. He said the English were not as frightened as the Germans expected. He paid high tribute to the English character, which he said was persistent and devoid of fear. We like the English as we get better acquainted with their ways, and added that probably they might like us better after closer association. Replying to questions, Captain Merket said the Germans seemed to be well-fed, especially the army, the German people were so used to being dominated by their superiors that it was unlikely they would ever give up until the army surrendered. It looked like a long, hard fight to him, as the Germans have a wonderful power of recuperation after being bombed or defeated in any way. Towns, railroads, supply or manufacturing centers, seemed to rise again within a few days after being bombed to the ground. That power of come-back makes the German soldier a worthy foe to battle.



RAMMED BY JAP PLANE—Officers examine damaged engine cowling of their B-29 Superfortress after a Jap Tony fighter plane had crashed head-on into the engine while ship was on mission over Japan. Nip's wing sheared off, it crashed into another Jap plane and both fell.

Nazis Bomb Paris; Three Killed and Thirteen Injured

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Three persons were killed and 13 others injured last night by bombs which fell on the Paris area near world famous landmarks. It was the French capital's first air raid since Aug. 27, immediately after the city's liberation. The casualties were the occupants of a house in 13 words censored. Some damage was caused to buildings (11 words censored) where two bombs fell. The bombers were not officially identified, but the fact that only a few appeared over the city virtually precluded any possibility that the bombs might have been dropped by accident from Allied aircraft.

AMERICANS IN CHRISTMAS-DAY COUNTERATTACK STOPPED BIG DRIVE 4 MILES SHORT OF GOAL

PARIS, Dec. 27.—U. S. troops in a Christmas Day counterattack slammed back German armor that had reached to Celles, only four miles from the Meuse river and 59 miles from Brussels, supreme headquarters disclosed today. By Christmas night, American forces hurried into the path of the German bid for the Meuse strongly held town of Celles — only eight miles from the northern bulge of France—and were reported to have blunted a second armored spearhead which had rammed to Ciney, 14 miles below Namur. Later developments after this check two days ago to the Nazi spearhead's thrust 50 miles into Belgium were not disclosed. The supreme headquarters communique said simply that "a few enemy tanks and troop-carriers pushed forward in the direction of Celles," four miles from Dinant on the Meuse, but that "these were engaged by our forces and were driven back, some tanks being knocked out." An 11-mile Sunday plunge had carried two forward columns of the Nazi offensive — powered by two and perhaps three armies — to Celles and to Ciney, six miles northeastward and nine from the Meuse.

Task Force Led By Texan Came Through Safely

EAST OF MARCHÉ, Belgium, Dec. 26.—(Delayed)—Their faces blacked, their helmets and armored vehicles left behind, the fighting 400 of "Hogan's task force" came out of the woods through 10 miles of enemy lines this morning. Isolated and encircled miles from any help, they had been given up as lost after six days. But out of slightly more than 400 men who struck across no man's land all but about 20 returned, including their commander, Lt. Col. Samuel M. Hogan of Pharr, Tex., whose wife lives in Fort Worth. Here is what they had done: Penetrated enemy lines more than 30 miles. Been trapped by three panzer divisions outnumbering them literally hundreds to one. Fought such a mobile, cagey battle they managed to keep the enemy confused and at bay on all sides until their gas ran out. Dug into a village high point when their own cause seemed hopeless and served so effectively by radio as "forward observers" right in the midst of the enemy that they called artillery shots which broke up a major enemy counterattack along the whole sector. Refused to surrender, although they appeared to face almost certain annihilation. Damaged their armored vehicles, rendering them useless to the enemy, and made a bold Christmas night escape afoot, slipping out of a trap just as the Germans' snapped the teeth shut with an artillery and mortar barrage and an infantry attack. Hiked over a hilly timbered hogback 10 miles to safety.

New Yorker Says Cattle Men Thumb Noses at Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Declaring the cattle industry "thumbs its nose" at government food control, Representative Celler (D., N.Y.) said today he will ask the new congress to compel price ceilings on live cattle. Celler denounced what he termed "a cattle bloc" which he said "steers the government anyway it wishes." "It exerts immense pressure in Wyoming, Kansas, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, North and South Dakota," he said in a statement. "It says the consuming population of the cities of the East be damned. This bloc, meanwhile, lines its pockets with nice profit while retail butchers must sell at ruinous prices."

Bell Phone Company To Spend Huge Sum Money

DALLAS, Dec. 27.—Plans for a \$140,000,000 special construction program after the war have been announced by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. C. L. Stewart, division commercial superintendent, said Tuesday. The contemplated expenditure will be in addition to the money regularly spent for the normal growth of the business, Stewart added, and will result in a net increase of about one-sixth in the company's present plant investment of \$441,000,000. Of the total amount, about \$53,000,000 will be spent in expanding and improving communications in Texas. The Southwestern plan, which will cover Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, is part of the Bell System's proposed billion-dollar long-term construction program. Carrying out the plan, Stewart pointed out, will depend on general business conditions and the availability of manpower, materials and investment funds. Approximately ten years will be required for completion of the Southwestern program. "Our first objective after the war," Stewart said, "will be to provide service to the thousands of persons now on the waiting list for telephones, a project which will take many months to complete and cannot be started until Bell System manufacturers have filled war contracts and can resume production of telephone equipment on a large scale of civilian use. "Another important feature of the proposed plan will be the further extension of rural telephone service, which was started before, and interrupted by, the war."

Red Army Shock Troops Charged Budapest Today

MOSCOW, Dec. 27.—Red army shock troops charged upon flame-seared Budapest from snowy hills above the Danube river today. The German garrison burned military stores, dynamited public utilities and fought back grimly with field artillery scattered throughout the Hungarian capital. Half a dozen Soviet spearheads were reported closing in on the western half of the encircled city were cut off. Soviet assault units were believed to have slashed some distance into the Buda district on the west bank of the Danube. A delayed dispatch from Szekesfehervar, about 32 miles southwest of Budapest, disclosed that the Nazis had fought for the city street by street.



WAR HAVOC IN DURWISS—American soldier looks lonely as he walks up cleared street through terrible wreckage of what had once been the thriving town of Durwiss, Germany, scene of bitter warfare. Although not a single building was whole, streets were rapidly cleared.

High School Final Be Broadcast At 2:20 Saturday

A special radio network of 31 stations has been arranged by Magnolia Petroleum company to broadcast the final game for the 1944 Texas high school football championship between Highland Park of Dallas and Port Arthur high school. The game will be played in Memorial Stadium, Austin, Saturday, December 30. Ves Box, who is one of the ace football radio reporters, will cover the play-by-play description of the game, with Charles Jordan, equally as well known, handling the color and descriptive accounts of the participating teams. The broadcast will begin at 2:20 p. m.

Portland Grocers Ignore OPA; Selling as Usual

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Stricter ration rules clamped down on the country today, but a number of Portland grocers were selling canned corn, peas and asparagus—without points—just as usual. Freely accepting blue and red stamps which the OPA invalidated as of midnight, grocers explained they had not received any official OPA order. "Even if we had," said one merchant, "we couldn't possibly take inventory, erase ration point marks from stock, and write on new ones all on a day when workers are off to make up for the Christmas overtime. The only way we could possibly comply would be to close our canned goods and sugar departments, and we do not propose to do that."

Artillery Men of Camp Bowie Dance Hosts Thursday

The Daily Press is requested to announce that Battery A of the 496th armored field artillery, thirteenth armored division, Camp Bowie, will entertain the young ladies of Cisco at a dance to be held Thursday evening on the roof of Laguna Hotel. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p. m. Music by 45th tank battalion band. The entertainment committee is composed of Sgt. Peter Mair, Corp. John Riley, Pfc. Pat Dinello and Pfc. Edward Weeden. The chairman of the committee said: "There will be refreshments and we extend a cordial welcome to all. We look forward to a very pleasant evening with you."

Red Army Shock Troops Charged Budapest Today



THE BURGERMEISTER—GI's of U.S. First Army, during their house-to-house search of Weisweiler, Germany, after the city's capture, found this dummy, dressed it up, provided a hat and umbrella, and named it the "Burgermeister." Note bottle.

NOTED SENATOR DEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Blair Lee, first United States Senator elected by popular vote, is dead. Leader in Maryland legal and political affairs for 60 years, the 87-year-old former senator died last night at the home of his son, Lieutenant Colonel E. Brooke Lee, near Sandy Spring, Md.

Luzon Plastered With 88,000 Lbs. Of Bombs Monday

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 27.—Land-based American bombers for the fourth consecutive day blasted Japan's airfields at Manila on Luzon island, now regarded as vulnerable to reinvasion by Yankee forces mopping up in the central Philippines. Clark field was the principal target, as it was in two of the previous attacks. It was plastered Monday with 88,000 pounds of explosives, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today. The Japanese showed a disposition to make a fight of it. They sent up at least 50 interceptors, of which 39 were shot down by Yankee fighter escorts. Four more were listed as probably downed. The day's bag brought to 72 the total of Japanese planes shot down in 48 hours in the Manila raids. The Americans lost six fighters on the two days.