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AMERICANS STOP THE NAZIS

W. H. Taylor of Eastland Rotary Speaker Today

A most interesting talk by W. H. Taylor of Eastland and short comments by Lt. L. M. Yarbrough and Capt. Gerald Merket, featured the Rotary program today. Past President Lonnie Shockley was presented a Rotary pin by President J. W. Slaughter, as an honor due for services rendered to the club and community.

Secretary Pete Nance read a letter of thanks from Miss Doris Hamison, club pianist, in appreciation of a gift from the club. J. E. Hays reported five members absent.

Other visitors than those on the program were Wm. G. Heltzel, vice-president of the Stanolind Oil company of Tulsa, Okla., and Rufus Merket, father of Captain Merket.

O. J. Russell presented the speaker, Mr. Taylor, who plunged into his subject by saying that he really felt very humble in the presence of the young soldiers who are doing so much in the service of their country. He added that he hoped they had in mind just what they were fighting for, since he himself often wondered if he knew just what the fighting was all about.

He said that man had two sides—a spiritual and a physical side. He spoke of the joy of life when we were in tune with nature and our creator, and quoted from the poem, "Let Me Live in a House by the Side of the Road," by Edgar A. Guest.

"This country really faces great problems," Mr. Taylor said. "Not that other nations have not also faced grave problems, for every generation has," he added. "We must have courage to meet them; every man must consider himself a part of his country; whatever affects it must affect him. Therefore, fire and strength must be a part of every man's character if he is to amount to anything in life."

The speaker said that he was in favor of every people of every nation having a choice as to the kind of government they want. He did not want to force our ideas upon those of other nations.

Closing with the statement that man was going some place and that he had only begun to use his mind to think during the past few centuries, the speaker said he wanted to give way for a few words from the young soldiers who sat on either side of him at the table.

Mr. Russell then presented Lt. Yarbrough, who said that since he only flew the "hump" in India without guns, he could not bring any message of fighting action, so he would let Captain Merket have his time.

When the captain was introduced he paid tribute to the work of those non-fighter fliers, saying their work was just as important as any, for fighters would be helpless without all the other supporters.

He said he often spoke of the fun fighters had, and he added that soldiers must learn to take their troubles lightly and to see the humorous side of everything, else they would come home haggard and nerve shattered. He then, in answer to questions, went into a discussion of some of his exciting moments of action.

GUIDES IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mancill received a Christmas card from Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gude, who are now located at Northridge, Calif., where Mr. Gude has opened a general merchandise store. These former well-known Ciscoans resided at Springerville, Ariz., for a number of years and only recently moved to Northridge, a suburb of Los Angeles.

Rain Gauge Shows Almost Two Inches For Cisco Sector

George W. Downie, city secretary, who performs satisfactorily in many roles, including community Santa Claus and weather observer, informs the Daily Press that up till noon today the rain gauge at city hall registered one and nine-tenth inches precipitation.

The Cisco rain, which started Tuesday night, fell slowly, which means the most of it entered the ground, said Downie, thereby benefitting the soil much more than a heavy downpour would have done.

Howard Mayhew Is Making Good At Colorado Air Base

Along with a photo of the young man, a letter from the public relations office of the army air base at Pueblo, Colo., informs the Daily Press that Sgt. Howard Mayhew, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mayhew, Cisco, is completing his training on a Liberator bomber.

He is the engineer of his crew and is being fitted as a valuable member of a combat "team" that will carry the fight into enemy territory, the communication added.

The Ciscoan entered the service in December, 1942. His wife, Mrs. L. H. Mayhew, resides in Houston.

Labor Contracts Should Bind Both Parties Equally

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—A group of publishers representing large and small newspapers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana met here and backed up the position taken by the American Newspaper Publishers Association in respect to relations of newspapers and the International Typographical Union to which most of their printers belong.

Like a half dozen other regional groups of publishers which have concurred in the ANPA stand, the Southwestern publishers reiterated the belief that:

The principles of collective bargaining in determining wages, hours and working conditions should be maintained.

Labor contracts should be complete in themselves and should be equally binding on employer and employee.

The principles of arbitration of disputes should be maintained. Collective bargaining should be free from influence of one-sided laws enacted by or affecting only one party to the bargaining.

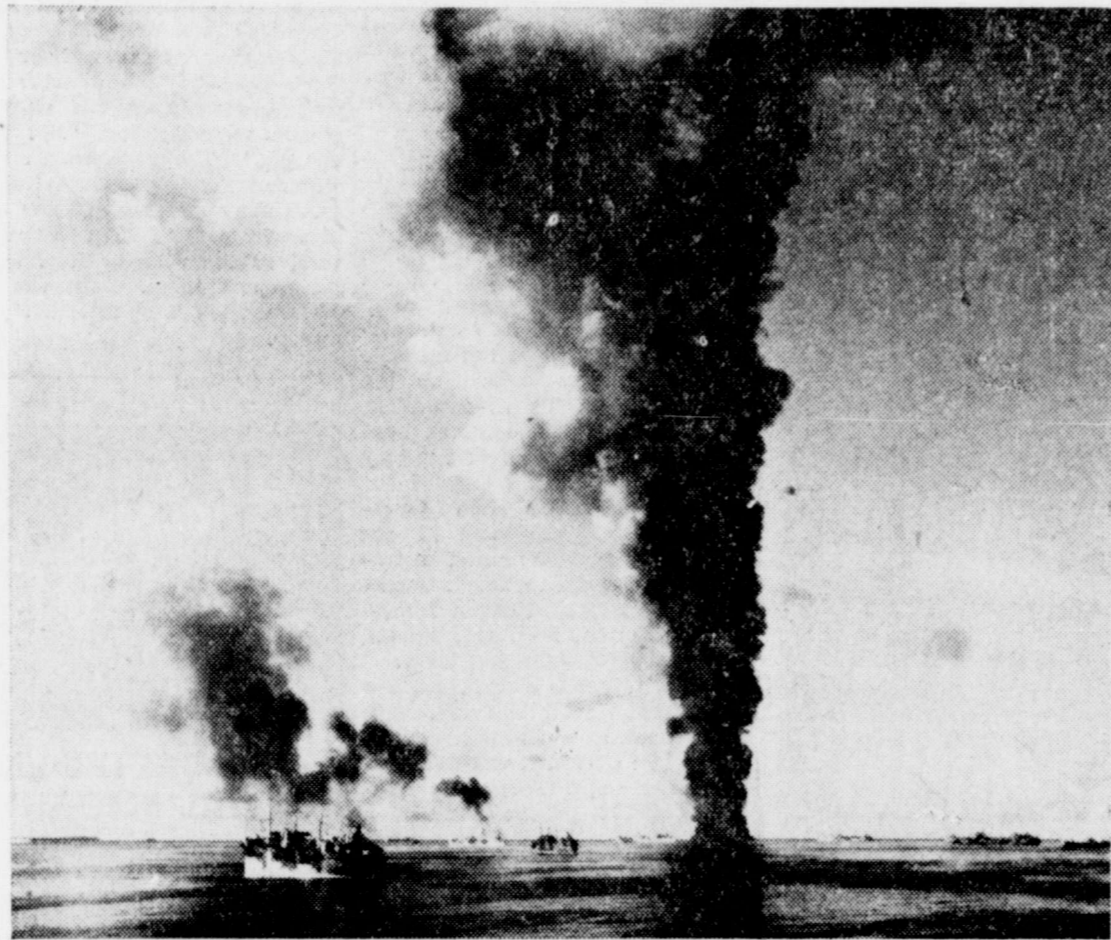
Action of the publishers follows the Typographical Union's recent changes in its laws which, publishers assert, departs from the principle of free collective bargaining and arbitration of labor disputes.

The I.T.U., one of the oldest unions in organized labor, has been dealing with American publishers for over seventy-five years.

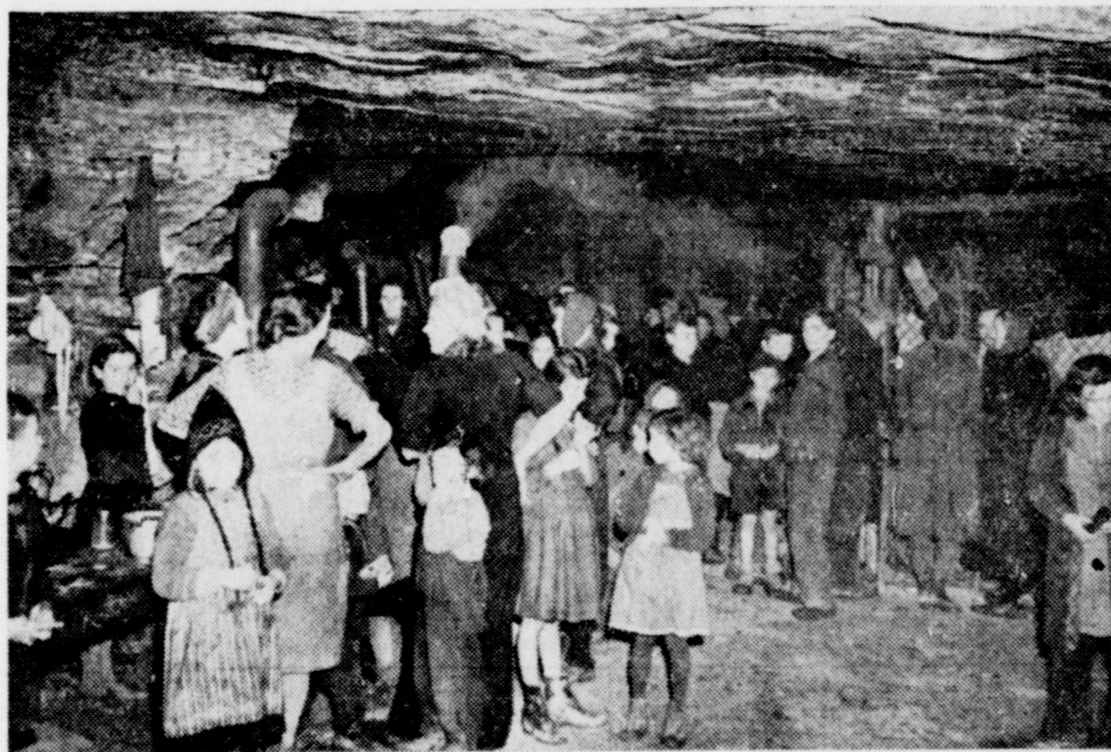
While relations between newspapers and their printers have been generally harmonious in the past, publishers now see danger of a disruption of happy relations by the union's attempt to make its own laws supersede the process of collective bargaining and arbitration.

MANY HONOR VELEZ

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—Mexico City settled down to normal today after the trek of more than 100,000 persons Wednesday to the funeral of Lupe Velez, Hollywood actress who took her own life.



END OF A TANKER—Darkening as the oil-fed flame bites deeper into the doomed ship, a column of smoke marks the death throes of the USS Mississimewa, an oil tanker set afire by enemy action in the Pacific. Other ships in Fleet Train stand by for survivors.



UNDER COVER—These German refugees from near Saarlautern defied the Gestapo to evacuate their homes on the Franz Von Papen estate, wait for a meal in the unused mine into which they fled in their minor revolt. Note stove smoking behind crowd, which had been freed by American Third Army units. Also that most of them are women and children.



HAYFOOT, STRAWFOOT—Smiling happily, these GI's pose in the huge, clumsy straw boots they found in a brewery in Sarreguemes, on the Third Army front. Boys are T/5 Joe E. Maxwell, of Rolla, Mo., and Pvt. Gerald Murrell, of Rochester, N. Y.

Johnston's Air Group Won High Praise For Work

AT A 12TH B-25 AIR BASE, Corsica.—First Sgt. Melvin R. Johnston of Cisco, Tex., is now authorized to wear the distinguished unit badge, signifying he is a member of a 12 air force B-25 Mitchell bombardment group which has received the war department citation "for its part in destroying the Benevento, Italy, marshalling yards with devastating effect."

The citation reads in part: "Distinguishing themselves through extraordinary heroism and unswerving resolution, the combat crews destroyed 18 of the attacking planes." Joining his present group 25 months ago, Johnston is serving as his squadron's first sergeant. His mother, Mrs. Dinnie L. Johnston, lives on route three, near Cisco.

COLOSSAL OUTPUT

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—More than a billion dollars in equipment was turned out during 1944 by Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., George H. Bucher, president, announced.

Patient Nazis Dig Thru Rock, Escape From Arizona Pen

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 28.—Individual Nazi prisoners worked many months boring in rock a 200-foot tunnel through which twenty-five Germans escaped from the Papago Park camp during the last weekend, Col. William A. Holden, commandant, announces.

Only six of the escapees, all submarine personnel, have been apprehended since Sunday night in an ever-widening search. Navy Capt. Jurgen Wattenberg, 43, is the ranking member of the nineteen at large, which includes eleven other navy officers, many of whom are linguists.

Holden said the tunnel, large enough only for a man to crawl through, started underneath an outdoor coal box and went from twelve to fifteen feet below the ground surface.

The bore passed under an irrigation canal paralleling the east fence and the exit was near a second canal.

"Construction of the tunnel," Holden explained, "must have taken many months because obviously only one man could work at a time." The rock was composed of crusts of calcium carbonate of varying degrees of hardness.

"We don't know for certain," the commandant added, "but we believe the prisoners may have had only coal stove fire shovels for tools in cutting the rock."

"The rock removed from the bore must have been granulated and distributed as soil about the camp grounds, which are gravel surfaced."

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and other peace officers were maintaining a close watch of the Mexican border, 191 miles south of Phoenix.

Holden said several of the officers and men at large had been studying Spanish. Some of them speak French and Danish. Several speak English.

Doyle Lee Jobe, Gorman Boy, A-1 Peanut Producer

Doyle Lee Jobe, Gorman 4-H club boy, produced 70 bushels of peanuts per acre this year and, after paying all expenses, had cleared \$455.

Doyle Lee, says Floyd Lynch, county agent, is one of the boys composing the 1944 demonstration team that emphasized the advantages of organic matter in the soil. And he practiced what he preached, for after his peanuts were dug he sowed vetch and rye at the rate of 30 pounds of rye and 30 pounds of vetch, to which 100 pounds of superphosphate was added.

MORE GLORY FOR 36TH

WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 28.—Veteran Texas doughboys added another page to the brilliant history of their 36th Infantry Division. Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th army commander told the fighting men from the Lone Star state in an official commendation. For their "outstanding achievement," General Patch sent the special commissions to his most travelled divisions—the 36th and 45th, which made up the U. S. Army 6th Corps for the southern French landings—and to all other 6th Corps troops.

ENEMY SLOWS DOWN AND DIGS IN EVERYWHERE; DECISIVE PHASE OF STRUGGLE IS NEAR

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The American First army went over to the attack on two sides of the Ardennes salient today in a series of punishing counter-blows that cut off the most advanced German spearhead east of the Meuse, wedged deep into the enemy's southern flank and hurled part of the Nazi force in eastern Luxembourg back into the Reich.

Field dispatches apparently 24 to 36 hours ahead of an Eisenhower communique said the battle of the Ardennes had entered its second and perhaps decisive phase with the Germans stopped everywhere and American tanks and infantrymen on the offensive at many points.

Shaken by five days of merciless aerial bombardment that wrecked at least half their armor and motorized transport, the Germans were reported digging in frantically at scores of points around the perimeter of their 1,500-square mile salient.

Despite the more optimistic front reports, there was no disposition at headquarters to claim that the Germans had lost the initiative permanently.

It was revealed officially that the Nazis have committed two panzer armies and an infantry army aggregating more than 20 divisions—200,000 to 300,000 men—to the battle of the Ardennes.

The most spectacular American comeback was at the western tip of the bulge, where fast-moving First army infantrymen and artillery cut behind a panzer column that had penetrated within four miles of the Meuse at Celles.

United Press War Correspondent Ronald Clark reported that a fairly large force of Nazi tanks and troops was encircled between Celles and Rochefort, 10 miles to the southeast, and was being pounded heavily by shellfire. American infantrymen at last reports were closing in rapidly to finish off the cornered enemy, Clark said.

That the danger to the Meuse had not been averted entirely, however, was indicated by a headquarters announcement that small groups of German tanks had been sighted as far west as Beauraing, five miles east of Givet on the Meuse and the nine miles south of Celles.

Enemy armored patrols in relatively light force also were reported operating in a 100-mile triangle tipped on Beauraing and extending back 11 miles east to Rochefort and 19 miles southeast to St. Hubert.

The headquarters information, which continued to run 24 to 48 hours behind actual developments, described the situation in the Celles and Beauraing areas as "fluid."

Front dispatches, insisted, however, that the Americans had regained the initiative, at least temporarily, and that there were indications the Germans were abandoning any attempt to cross the Meuse in that sector.

At one point in the Celles area, American fliers reported, the Germans were burning supplies and equipment to prevent them from falling into enemy hands, a strong indication that they were ready to withdraw.

At the same time, American counter-attacks along the southern flank of the great salient were biting steadily deeper into the Nazi flank.

CATTLE RAISERS

FT. WORTH, Dec. 28.—The first 1945 meeting of directors of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association will be held in San Antonio Feb. 6. Henry T. Bell, secretary-treasurer of the association, said today.

Army Will Seize Montgomery-Ward Stores 7 Cities

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Saying "We are today at a crucial point in the war," President Roosevelt directed the army to seize Montgomery Ward properties in seven cities.

The government "can not and will not tolerate interference with war production in this critical hour, Roosevelt declared in a statement.

The presidential order said the WLB reported to him that labor disturbances involving nearly 12,000 workers now exist in the plants in the seven cities.

"Strikes in wartime can not be condoned," Roosevelt's statement said, "whether they are strikes by workers against their employers, or strikes by employers against their government. All of our energies are engrossed in fighting a war on the military battlefronts. We have none to spare for a war on the industrial battlefronts. It is up to us to uphold and strengthen our machinery for settling disputes without interruptions of production. We can not do this in a total war if we permit defiance to go unchallenged."

The President said Montgomery Ward, under the leadership of Board Chairman Sewell Avery, "has waged a bitter fight against the bona fide unions of its employees throughout the war, in reckless disregard of the government's efforts to maintain harmony between management and labor. Its record of labor relations has been a record of continuous trouble."

Montgomery Ward, he added will not be allowed to set aside the government's wartime policies "just because Mr. Sewell Avery does not approve of the government's procedure for handling labor disputes."

Mexico Omits Argentina From Minister Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mexico is calling a meeting of foreign ministers but is excluding Argentina.

The conference, for which no definite date has been set, is to deal with postwar problems. Not only does the plan for the meeting keep Argentina outside the fence from the rest of the American republics, but it provides that these nations will look into the Argentine case without any representatives of that nation present.

SEAWOLF IS LOST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The U. S. submarine Seawolf is overdue from patrol and presumed lost. The navy's announcement today said the vessel was under command of Lt. Cdr. Albert M. Bontier, of White Plains, N. Y., who is listed as missing.

TEXAS HOG TOTAL

AUSTIN, Dec. 28.—The Federal division of agriculture statistics reported here today that hog production in Texas in 1944 was about 41 per cent below the record total reached in 1943. But this couldn't be the reason for the butcher having no bacon, for 1944 hog production was still 11 per cent above the 10-year average.

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TIME TO BUCK UP

"Critical Weapons Behind Schedules" says a headline. "Top Programs All Off from WPB October Goals."

And the people who are jarred and maybe worried now are those who have got themselves into a foolish state of mind, where they imagined that the war was nearly over, and they could ease up physically and mentally. There have been too many such people in American homes and war factories.

It is better to toughen our spirits than weaken them. Nobody knows when this war will end, and by the same token, nobody knows what we may have to go through before our enemies lay down their arms. The one sure thing right now is that peace seems to recede, even while we hopefully try to grasp it. The way to hasten the end of this war era is to work harder and faster than ever, on all the war fronts. The men in arms are doing their share. Those in the factories and in all other branches must do the same.

Incidentally, it is well to remember that the Americans on the western front are fighting in the worst weather in 40 years, against the most cruel and relentless enemy this nation ever had.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

Most people, in order to eat, must work. Therefore, most people, whether they realize it or not, are interested in how America's great industries will be governed after the war. There is a definite trend toward all-embracing Federal control in place of the independent management of private citizens. Aside from the point of who most people would rather work for, millions of John Browns—pri-

vate citizens like themselves—or a single all-powerful boss, the government, there is the further consideration of what is best for the country.

History has proven that industry run and owned by private citizens is more productive and more conducive to the national welfare than any government enterprise could ever hope to be. An excellent comparison can be found in the American railroads which were operated by the government in the first world war and are privately managed in the present war. In the words of Nation's Business: "Today the railroads are carrying just about double the daily load of the earlier war—are doing it with one-third fewer locomotives, one-fourth fewer cars and 500,000 fewer men. They are doing it with none of the congestion and delays of that time and are doing it with their own resources. Moreover, instead of costing the taxpayers nearly \$2,000,000 a day, as did government operation of the railroads during the first war, today's operations are paying more than \$5,000,000 a day in taxes."

Private industry has its faults. They should be corrected as rapidly as possible. But private industry has its advantages—advantages that should swing public opinion in its favor in the important decisions to come.

NO ESCAPE

The need for increasing government revenue drives the alert tax official to the site of the least sign of financial prosperity, as surely as the keen scent of the desert coyote is attracted to the smallest green bush nourished by the tiniest stream of water. Scientists may boast that the horizon of invention is unlimited; but we can depend upon it, no matter how

fast science moves it can never outstrip the tax collector. He is figuratively sitting on the laboratory doorstep waiting for new things to be invented so he can tax them.

There is no escape. A heavy tax burden will be our constant companion for years to come. This grim fact should be kept firmly in mind when the easy spenders try to tell us that we owe the public debt to ourselves, and for that reason there is no cause to worry over proposals for new and monumental government peacetime extravagance.

OTHER EDITORS

Home-Front Example

Ft. Worth Press: It is not pleasant to read that hundreds of American soldiers—officers as well as enlisted men—have been arrested behind the combat front in Europe for stealing huge quantities of gasoline, cigars and other army goods and selling them to the French black market.

Yet we at home can ill afford to raise our hands in holy horror. The men in the army are not all Galahads—they are a cross section of American life. Some of them are dishonest, some can be corrupted by "easy money." When hundreds out of their millions go wrong, it is not our place to condemn. It is our duty to ask ourselves whether we can set them a better example. And, beyond doubt, we can.

We can so behave that we will give the men in uniform less excuse for cynicism, less cause to feel that, while we ask them for extraordinary sacrifice, we seek for ourselves more than usual profits and pleasures and demand exemption from even the minor inconveniences of wartime.

To hear some of us talk, it is a terrible thing that the government has called a halt on horse racing and dog racing, and is ordering a review of the draft status

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of all men engaged in professional sports. But we should welcome these steps, and complain only that they have not been taken long before this. For certainly racing is not essential to these times, and obviously it does add extra burdens to the already over-loaded transportation systems. And certainly many professional athletes could be doing something more useful than playing games.

So with the new extensions of rationing, and so with the government measures to enforce man-power regulations and assure workers for vital war industries. This is a season for good resolutions. Let us on the home front remember how much we expect of those on the fighting front—so much that, when a few of them yield to temptation and steal army goods, we are shocked and grieved. Let us resolve to meet our lesser duties, hardship and deprivations with something of the cheerful gallantry shown by the great majority of them.

March, 1928

(Cisco American Files.)

"The pony and saddle bags of the early itinerant preacher have given place to the fliover," said Rev. C. O. Shugart, presiding elder of the Cisco district of the Methodist church, with headquarters at Cisco, when solicited for an interview by the Cisco American and Roundup man.

"This is particularly true of the presiding elder, who formerly preached and held quarterly conference, and whose sojourn in any community usually lasted from Friday till Monday. Today we have many activities and duties of which he knew nothing. For example, in the month of February eight Sunday school institutes were held in the Cisco district, also one district rally. "On a recent Sunday I preached three times, held two quarterly conferences, and traveled a little more than 100 miles. The management of the Cisco district involves some 1,500 miles of travel per month, much of which is done at night, as it is easier to get the people together at night than during the day."

"The district includes all of Eastland and Stephens counties, with part of Brown, Comanche and Erath. From Cisco it is some sixty miles to its limits on the northeast and northwest; more than fifty miles to its southwestern extremity; while the distance to the farthest church on the southeast is about sixty-five miles. Cisco is about as near the geographical center of this territory as any other town.

"The district comprises 19 pastoral charges, of which 11 are stations or half stations. The following towns are included: Breckenridge, Eastland, Ranger, Desdemona, Gorman, De Leon, Dublin, Carbon, Rising Star and Cisco. "Last year the district made a particularly good showing, with 1,043 additions to the church, about half of which were on profession of faith. There was a net gain of 262 in membership, a showing equaled by only three other districts of the ten comprising the Central Texas conference. We were third in per capita contributions, the total for all purposes being \$17 per capita.

"At present a church is under construction at Carbon, and plans are under way for the erection of a \$45,000 religious education building at Breckenridge. The new \$100,000 church building at Eastland is nearing completion, and will be formally opened by Bishop John M. Moore on Sunday, April

22. A new church was opened at Rising Star a little more than a year ago."

Attendants at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening for the musical program of the choral choir of the church report one of the very best programs of those given so far. The choir was at its best in the selections, "O Come, Let Us Sing," "Bless the Lord," "The Majesty Chorus," and "Wake the Song of Jubilee," all of which were vigorous, well rendered, and well received. The Blue Bonnet trio rendered a high type of music, as usual, and was enjoyed by the large assembly. "The Old Rugged Cross," by Rev. B. C. Boney, "Father in Heaven," by Miss Zelia Blanche McClinton, and "Life's Railway to Heaven," by Mrs. Ben McClinton, as well as the vocal duet by Mesdames A. E. Jamison and W. W. Wallace, were each given praise by the audience. Mrs. Fred Mollendick presented a musical monologue. "Compensation" in a very effective manner, and Miss Irene White played Beethoven's "Sonata," and MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose" at the pipe organ. After an hour and thirty minutes the director was told repeatedly at the door as people were leaving, "Not long enough!" The response in both attendance and enthusiasm has assured the appearance of this type of program more often in the future, so the director Rev. B. C. Boney announces. Both worship periods were well attended yesterday.

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NETS REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY

Eastern Star chapter held the regular meeting and initiation service Tuesday night at Masonic hall. Mrs. Lalia Smart, worthy president, opened the meeting in regular form, following which the pledge of allegiance to the flag was made. Minutes were read by Mrs. Mary E. Brown, secretary. Mrs. M. E. G. Brown, secretary, presented reports from committee chairmen and reports given.

Initiation ceremony followed in which all officers took part. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, January 9.

Christmas dinner in regular form was held at regular meeting on Monday. The guests at noon included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weiser were hosts at a lovely dinner Christmas day at their home in Humble. A large turkey with all the garnishings was served to the guests at noon.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Weiser, Henry Stroebel, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stroebel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. McLean and Virginia Weiser.

NOON DINNER SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brewer, who have recently moved to Cisco, retained a number of relatives and friends in their home on west eighth street Sunday. A sumptuous meal was served at noon and the afternoon was spent in conversation.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Butler and Mrs. Stan-

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HOUSTON PIONEER DIES

HOUSTON, Dec. 28.—A six-day meeting to discuss the de-conditions will be held in Houston since 1860 and watched by many who had lived in the city. The meeting was held today in a local hospital. Bert-education. The family stopped en- route in New Orleans, where Ber-

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COSTLY FIRE
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—Damage was estimated at \$2,399,000 in a fire which destroyed a five-story mercantile - stocked building and damaged adjacent structures in Kansas City Wednesday.

Theft of \$30,000 By Woman Led To Employer's Death

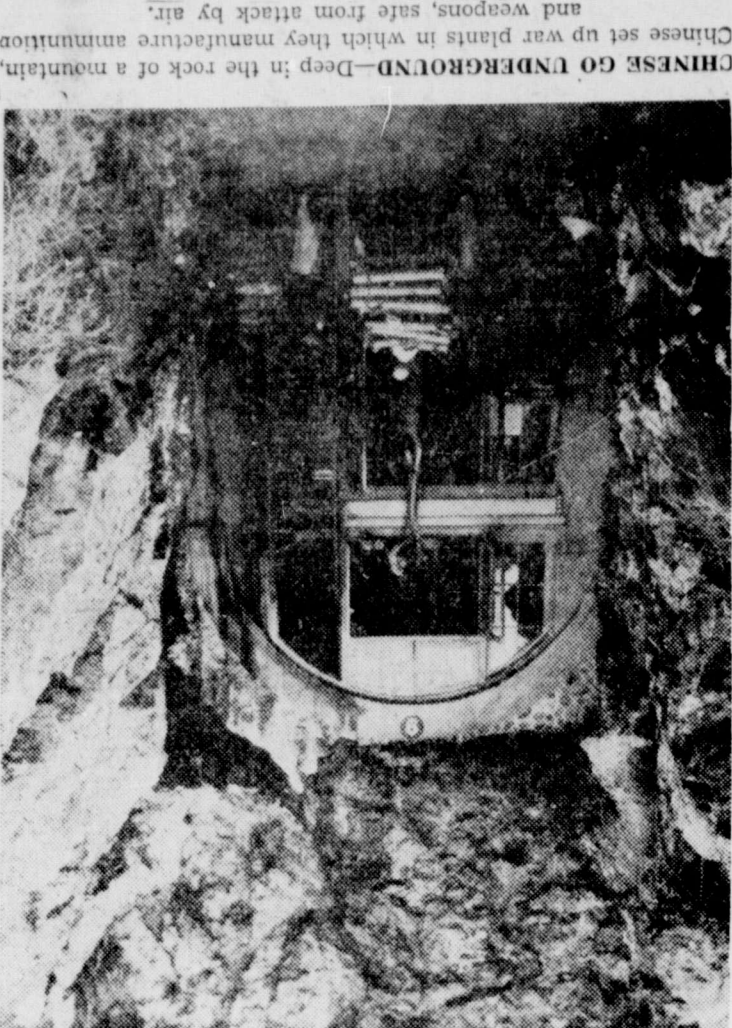
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Theis have ruined me—this was the tragic line added to the story of "Lady Robin Hood" by her one-time employer.

The words were penned in a note left by Oscar H. Gropper, who fell to his death from a eighth floor hotel window. He was owner of Gropper, Inc., a leather goods firm, from which Mrs. Madeline Dunham, 22-year-old secretary, recently was accused of stealing some \$30,000 to give pay raises to employees. Mrs. Dunham, under arrest on a grand larceny charge, but at liberty on bond, burst into tears and sobbed, "Oh, God," when told of Gropper's death.

"I never would have believed the man could be affected that way," she exclaimed. "He seemed such a sensible person."



HALF A PACK'S BETTER THAN NONE.—Combat diver Lt. Lloyd Kinser of the Don De-Spar Convalescent Center, brings back seas custom of cutting pack of cigarettes in halves, and using hold-ers. Here he shares cigarette with Wanda Wilson, who finds she gains three hours smoking time per pack.



CHINESE GO UNDERGROUND—Deep in the rock of a mountain, Chinese set up war plants in which they manufacture ammunition and weapons, safe from attack by air.



JINX BRINGS MEMENTOS.—Jinx Falkenburg, Columbia movie actress, displays a few of the many souvenirs she collected on her-ican troops. She traveled by air and military truck on the trip.



RETURN.—PHM/1e Harry Tobin (left) just in from California on 12-day furlough, greets his brother, Pvt. Josh Tobin, as the two meet in Penn Station after being separated for 32 months.



COUPLE OF BEATS—Five-year-old Blue Hawaii, champion American-gated saddle horse from Lexington, Ky., receives flattering attention from Muriel Louise Bender at the Chicago horse show. Muriel is an accomplished rider, but declares that anybody could ride a horse like the champ.

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BRIEFLY TOLD

Mrs. Karon Frye and sons Jimmy and Jack Frye of Longview spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hale while enroute home from a visit in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Moore and daughters, Alma Lois and Joan Gayle of Dallas were recent visitors in the home of his sister Mrs. Barton Philpott.

Guests of Mrs. J. E. Crawford, Mrs. A. T. Boland and Miss Mabel Daniel at the annual Christmas dinner in their home were Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Tunnell and daughter, Miss Gwendolyn, Mrs. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Daniel of Abilene; Dr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Bettis and daughter of Houston and Miss Eva Durham of Fort Worth.

Mrs. L. C. Pingree of Bridgeton, Mo., who was Miss Edessa Brown of Cisco before her marriage, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Effie Brown, at 504 west Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Skipper of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hamby of San Angelo were weekend guests of Mrs. Myrtle Anderson and daughter Miss Dorothy Anderson. Mmes. Hamby, Skipper and Anderson are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanders and daughters Dorothy Ann and Mary Ellen Sanders spent Christmas day with Mr. Sanders' parents at Stamford.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Bettis

daughter of Houston spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. T. Boland and his aunts Mrs. J. E. Crawford and Miss Mabel Daniel.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Algie Skiles Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ledbetter and daughter Ruthie Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter and daughters Annette and Carolyn and Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Brummett of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Rogers of Baylor University, is spending the week with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gunn at their home in Humbletown. Her twin sister Miss Jane Gunn remained at Baylor University.

Mrs. Jewel Swanzey and daughter Gwendolyn and Miss Annabel Tabor of Clyde spent Wednesday here with their aunt and cousin Mrs. R. M. Brummett and Mrs. Algie Skiles.



1945 ROSE QUEEN — You wouldn't think there was another like her, but pretty Mary Rutte, this year's Queen of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif., is a twin. Her dad's a colonel of infantry at Camp Shelby, Mont.

town for a longer visit with relatives.

George Fewell returned this morning from Brownwood where he visited his friend Forrest Snyder the past few days.

Corp. Bobby McGowen who received his gunner's wings at Kingman, Ariz., last week, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McGowen. Following his visit here he will leave for Tampa, Fla., where he will join the air forces.

Mrs. George Paulsen of Abilene spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. Oscar Reich and family of Shady Grove community. Mrs. Paulsen is an employee of the Abilene Reporter.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Hooks spent

today in Breckenridge where Mr. Hooks transacted business.

Mrs. L. A. Burket and daughter Mrs. Clifton Stiles and son Tony spent Christmas in Eastland with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Barron of Cross Plains visited Mrs. Barron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall during Christmas and Mrs. Barron



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ADMIRATION—Baron and Baroness Joseph van der Elst admire original of one of the masterpieces of Flemish painting reproduced in his book on the people and art of Flanders—"The Last Flowering of the Middle Ages." She was the former Allison Robbins.

remained for a week's visit here.

Word received by Mrs. J. A. Robertson this week stated that her youngest son Pfc. J. J. Robertson with the U. S. army in the



BONG GETS MEDAL—Backed by American Flag, Major Richard Bong, top-ranking Yank air ace, proudly wears the Congressional Medal of Honor, pinned on his blouse by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in ceremony held on Leyte Island.

East Indies, has been raised to the rank of corporal.

Leslie Culp, Miss Annie Mae Simpkins and Marshall Simpkins are guests this week in the home of Mrs. W. C. Ivie.

Bill Morrison has returned to his work at Odessa after spending Christmas in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders

of Brownsville came by Cisco where they were joined by their daughter, Betsy Saunders, who left with them for Oklahoma to visit Mr. Saunders' parents during Christmas and the holidays. Mrs. George Saunders is the former Velma Morrison.

Miss Ida Mae Collins returned to Fort Worth Wednesday after having spent Christmas in the

home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Nance and daughter Patsy had a dinner guests last evening Mr. and Mrs. Hartman McCall and children, Baytown; Mrs. Ford Taylor, Ballinger; Miss Cathey Brann, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nance of Cisco.

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THE STORK BRINGS THE NEW YEAR WILL HE FIND GLOOM OR JOY OF VICTORY

Santa Claus found much gloom along with the Christmas—time joy because mothers and fathers were saddened by news from across the seas that could bring only sorrow.

The Germans in fiendish delight dealt Uncle Sam and the Allies a surprise blow that left many vacant chairs at the firesides of America, and these will never more be filled — "Missing" is a word that brings sorrow to homes in Cisco and over every state in the union. Many have died and many more will answer the last roll call before the little 1945 babe gets fairly started in the new year.

But let us resolve that out of this sadness a more determined people will arise during the year just arriving, and that the blood that is being shed will not have been in vain. Let's make the home front in Cisco a solid one for an all-out support for whatever is needed to give our boys the victory over their foes.

WE WISH YOU HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS DURING 1945.

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