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Buy It In Ranger
And Help Business!

Help Build Ranger
By Buying Here!

1941 MATTRESS PROGRAM PLAN IS OUTLINED

Ruth Ramey, county home demonstration agent, has released following information about 1941 cotton mattress program Eastland County:

1940 Cotton Mattress Program carrying on into 1941 with few changes. These changes given below.

1. Total income for the family for the year 1940 to be \$500, plus for each member of the family in excess of four persons.

2. Where does the family have to be eligible for one of mattresses?

3. Live in the country. Live in a village, town or city, half of the income for the latest preceding year to be derived from agriculture.

4. Does the income mean less than \$500? The income is gross cash income.

5. How many mattresses may eligible family receive? One mattress for each two persons in the family, but not to exceed a total of three mattresses.

6. I received one mattress in 1940 program, have four more in my family. Will I be eligible to receive two mattresses in 1941 program?

7. The one received in 1940 program as one of the mattresses are to receive.

8. When do I have to get the mattress?

9. Final date for making application for mattresses in June 1941.

10. How many families make application for mattresses? The second Saturday in each month is sign up day for mattresses. Try to make plans to see the committee members on day each month. This will save time and others time.

11. Where are the committee members to be for the sign up? City Hall, North Club women in charge. Chamber of Commerce, Dan Horn and Lake Cisco women in charge.

12. Woman, Higginbotham, Bass Club women in charge. Carbon, Carbon Trading Co., Jack Chaney in charge.

13. Eastland, AAA office and home demonstration agent's office. Ranger, City Hall, Ranger Club home demonstration club women in charge.

14. When will the mattresses be delivered? The time for starting the mattress depends on time the other Bar-B-C program is completed.

15. Who is responsible for the quality mattress center and equipment needed for the program? The plan is to have four women on committee to be responsible for getting all arrangements made. This committee will be in charge of the home demonstration when plans are complete.

16. Who will be in charge of the local community mattress committee of men and women of the community.

Dublin Fears Bombs Are Prelude to Invasion



Aerial view of Eire capital, Dublin, where Irish statesmen worry over sporadic air bombings they fear may presage a lightning invasion by German troops only 300 miles away in occupied France.

Model Plane Lost For Nine Months Is Found Monday

A gasoline model airplane, belonging to Freddie Larson of Ranger, which flew away from the Ranger airport on April 14, was returned to its owner Monday evening, after being lost in the woods six miles from Ranger for nine months.

Young Larson was flying his plane, tuning it up for a model airplane meet to be held later, when it headed north from the air field. Several persons who were watching the boys and their planes, followed in automobiles, but lost sight of the model plane after it had flown a few miles.

Searchers on foot and in airplanes sought the plane for several weeks, and it was given up for lost, until J. L. Shelton and Chester Jackson found it while quail hunting. The plane was in the brush between the Caddo Highway and the Texas and Pacific Railway tracks.

The motor was in good condition but the plane was somewhat weather beaten, and appeared to have lodged in a tree for some time, where the wind whipped it about. The wings were in a fair state of preservation.

The plane was powered by a Brown Junior motor. Jackson, who is in charge of the NYA aircraft mechanics shop in Ranger, took the plane to the N. Y. A. shop, attached a battery and started the motor, which ran perfectly. Inquires brought out the information that the plane belonged to young Larson, who was delighted to get it back.

In the meantime he had secured another motor, smaller than the one which was lost, and a new plane kit, but the motor was not large enough to fly it. The motor which was lost and later returned to him is the right size, he says, to fly his new model plane.

Billy D. Hamrick New Manager of Gorman Progress

Billy Dee Hamrick of Gorman is the new business manager of the Gorman Progress, one of the older weekly newspapers of this section, succeeding T. C. Wylie, who operated the publication the past few years under a lease contract.

Hamrick, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cockrill, owners of the paper, has been employed on the paper for the past two or three years.

J. W. Cockrill, who served as secretary to Congressman C. L. Garrett of Eastland during his two terms in Washington, has gone to Washington, where it is stated, he has a position. Mrs. Cockrill, it is understood, will remain in Gorman at least for the time being.

SUITS FILED
The following suits have been filed in the 21st district court at Eastland:

L. A. Roberson vs. Addie Roberson, divorce.

In Re: Phil D. McCaules, for removal of disabilities.

Safetygrams
Remember, when you're walking your car can't stop or swerve on wet or icy streets, and drivers see you as readily as you see them.

Called by Sox and Uncle Sam



Eugene Stack, 22, believed first property of major league baseball club to be drafted by army, packs up to report at induction center. The Saginaw, Mich., pitcher, owned by Chicago White Sox, was called for spring training after he won 19 and lost 11 with Lubbock, Texas, last season.

987 Families In County Applied For Mattresses

The following figures give information on the mattress program for 1940 and 1941: 987 families made application for mattresses in 1940, 877 was approved and 736 of the number were completed. The others are to be completed within a few weeks time.

The first applications for the 1941 program were taken December 14, and since that time 473 families have made application for 776 mattresses. Families may make application for mattresses for the 1941 program through June 30. There will be one county-wide sign up day each month, the second Saturday. Committee members will be at central places for the convenience of the farm families. You may get your application by writing the home demonstration agent for same.

Brother Of Ranger Woman Dies Tues.

Word was received in Ranger early Tuesday morning of the death of Ernest Rucker of Grand Saline, brother of Mrs. L. W. Meador of Ranger. Death occurred at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Meador had been in Grand Saline, at the bedside of her brother, and had returned to Ranger Monday night.

Funeral arrangements had not been made today, but it was said burial would be in Grand Saline.

History In Making 1940-Day By Day

SEPTEMBER
—President calls 60500 national guardsmen for year's active duty.

3—U. S. trades 50 overage destroyers to Britain for lease on bases in Western Hemisphere.

5—Gen. Ion Antonescu takes over in Rumania.

6—Carol abdicates Rumanian throne flees with Magda Lupescu. Michael new king.

Conn. fighting as heavyweight, wins chance at Louis with Pastor kayo.

7—Germany sends 1500 planes in 24-hour raids on London. Vichy government holds Daladier Reynaud, Gamelin under "protective arrest."

House passes conscription bill. 9—Roosevelt signs five billion defense bill; two-ocean navy under way.

Maine goes Republican. Don McNeill tops Bobby Riggs to win National Singles tennis title.

10—Italians bomb Palestine. 12—Explosions rip Hercules Powder plant in New Jersey; 47 killed.

Delayed action bomb threatens historic St. Paul's in London. R. A. F. hits Berlin railroad stations and Tempelhof airdrome.

13—German bombs hit Buckingham Palace, Downing Street. Wilkie leaves on western tour, visits Chicago stockyards.

14—Italy invades Egypt. Dick Chapman wins National Amateur golf tournament at Mamaroneck, N. Y.

15—Speaker William B. Bankhead (Dem., Ala.) dies. Rayburn his successor.

16—Roosevelt signs conscription of all males, 21 to 36. National guardsmen report for service.

First 1941 Rookie From County Joins The Regular Army

Roy A. Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parks, Route 2, Ranger, was the first youth from Eastland County to enlist in the United States Army in 1941, it was announced today by Patrick Hossley, in charge of the Army Recruiting Office at Eastland, where he enlisted.

Hossley announced, also, that at present there are 106 vacancies in the Puerto Rican Detachment, Air Corps; 18 in the Air Corps and General Headquarters, Barksdale Field, La.; 14 in the 18th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.; nine in the Field Artillery, Second Observation Balloon Squadron, Fort Sill; three in the Seventh Signal Service, Fort Sam Houston and 13 in the Medical Detachment, Camp Bowie.

Child Buried In Eastland Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 10:00 a. m. at the Methodist church in Eastland for Barbara Voneil Buckee, 11 month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Buckee. Rev. Lance Webb, pastor of the Eastland Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in the Eastland cemetery with the Hanner Undertaking company in charge.

The child died at Kilgore, where the parents are now residing, last Saturday.

Free Movie Tickets Again Available To Times Subscribers

Because of popular demand the Ranger Times is to give two guest tickets to the Arcadia Theatre each day to subscribers of the paper if they will call in person at the Times office for the tickets. This offer is made possible through the cooperation of B. E. Garner, manager of the Arcadia.

Each day the name of a subscriber will be put in a box on the front page of the Times, offering free tickets to the person named, for the show playing at the Arcadia Theatre the following day.

Under no circumstances will it be possible to substitute names for those contained in the box, nor to issue the tickets for any show other than the one listed in the box. Tickets will be good for that show only, and will not be transferable and will be subject to the defacement tax of three cents each, payable at the box office of the Arcadia Theatre.

The ticket obtained at the Times office must be changed, at the Arcadia Theatre box office, for regular theatre tickets, and the defacement tax paid at that time.

Peace Objective Is Based On A Defeat Of Axis Partners

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt's long-range peace objectives aroused diplomatic interest today because the role of the United States in any peace is based upon ultimate defeat of the axis partners.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy with occasional light rain in Southeast portion, otherwise scattered cloudiness tonight and Wednesday with high cloudiness increasing over southwest portion, slightly colder in north portion tonight.

22—Japan invades French Indo-China.

De Tristan baby rescued as lumberjack captures abductors.

23—British fleet fires on Dakar, French African port, to permit De Gaulle forces to land.

24—French bombers give Gibraltar heaviest raid in Dakar reprisal.

25—Heroic London firemen fight fires as bombs fall. British gives up Dakar siege.

RAF Hero Is Revue Heroine



When Royal Air Force flyers forgot their grim jobs long enough to stage a revue for R. A. F. funds, Freddie Carpenter, above, took the title role in "Sunburnt Snowflakes," which had to do with a Hollywood star breakfasting in bed.

Woman Is Stranded In Juarez After Afternoon Visit

EL PASO, Tex.—For 26 years Mrs. Anna Goetz Jones lived in the United States. She came to this country a 16-year-old Latvian girl aboard a steamer on which she was stewardess.

She went ashore in Baltimore, stayed, married an American and became an Americanized as most Americans born here, but now she can't return to this country from Juarez, Mexico, where she went on an afternoon's visit from El Paso.

Her entry is barred because she entered the country illegally in 1914 when she went ashore at Baltimore.

Latvia has been absorbed by Russia, and it isn't likely that she could return there.

An El Paso attorney has appealed to Washington for aid for the stranded woman. Meanwhile her husband is looking for work here while she waits in Juarez for permission to return to the United States.

Mine Idle 60 Years Will Produce Iron

WEST PORTAL, N. J.—A Jugtown Mountain iron ore mine, inactive since the Lake Superior deposits were opened more than 60 years ago, has resumed operations.

According to Harry M. Roche of Dover, a consulting engineer and an official of the newly incorporated concern, reconditioning of the century-old mine is being rushed, and at top operation it is expected to produce 800 tons of ore daily.

Stockmen Move To Bar South American Beef From The U. S.

FORT WORTH, Jan. 7.—The American National Livestock Association today opened a fight to bar "diseased" South American meats from entering this country under the administration-sponsored reciprocal trade bargain.

Rumors that President Roosevelt will lift the embargo on Argentine beef as an "emergency relief measure" were rife among the 200 stockmen here for the meeting today.

BRITISH ANSWER AXIS HINT OF BLITZKRIEG WITH FRESH ATTACKS

Abilene Camp Is Bringing A Boom In Business There

ABILENE, Tex.—Construction of a new 2,230 acre army camp has brought a business boom to Abilene.

Hotels, cafes and coffee shops are doing a land office business. Vacant rooms, apartments and houses have been occupied by persons employed on the cantonment project.

Construction is underway on the first of several hundred buildings to be erected before February 15, completion date for the camp.

The initial work was on the administration building which will house permanent officers of the construction quartermaster's staff contractors and architectural engineers. This will be a three-wing structure with 18,720 square feet of floor space.

The building will have two wings 36 by 160 feet and one 36 by 200 feet, all to be connected by passageways. The contractors will occupy the largest wing and the two smaller ones will be occupied by the construction quartermaster and the architectural engineers.

Excavations were dug for 10 of the camp's warehouse buildings which will be 153 by 80 feet each. Construction of the warehouses will start as soon as materials arrive.

The camp will have 21 general warehouses. Other buildings will include: 4,573 portable prefabricated tent frames for officers and men, 21 recreation buildings, a post office building, two fire stations, a theater building, 138 mess halls, 17 motor repair shops, 144 bath houses and lavatories and a 710-bed hospital.

The first shipment of prefabricated tent frames was to arrive Jan. 10. After that date the contractors expect to receive about 160 tent frames daily.

The cantonment was to be encircled by a five strand barbed-wire fence.

Work at present is on a seven day schedule, but double shifts are to begin as soon as lighting facilities for night work are provided, the contractors announced.

More laborers, both skilled and unskilled, are being put on the payroll daily by the contractors, architectural engineers and the construction quartermaster.

Building other than at the camp will include the creation of power lines to the cantonment area, laying of water mains and the extension of telegraph and telephone communication facilities to the camp.

Army Recruiter At Eastland Sent To Station At Vernon

Patrick Hossley, who has been in charge of the Eastland Recruiting Service of the United States Army, and who has spent one day each week in Ranger and one day in Cisco, received notice Tuesday that he is being transferred to Vernon on Thursday.

Hossley was in Ranger throughout Tuesday, and will spend a part of the day at Cisco Thursday before leaving for Vernon. He had made his headquarters in Eastland since last June.

Hossley stated that enlistments in the army were few during December, but that three had been signed up at Ranger on his last visit and that he had appointments to interview several others.

It was not known today whether the Eastland recruiting office would be re-opened later. In the meantime, Hossley stated, anyone wanting to join the army should contact the recruiting office in Fort Worth.

Navy Expecting 4,000 New Planes During This Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of naval aeronautics, told congress today that the navy expects to increase its air strength by 4,000 planes this year, but still has very few modern planes.

The navy added but 445 planes last year, Admiral Towers told the house naval affairs committee at the hearing today, adding that "I am very impatient about it."

The admiral stated, however, that causes for delay in delivering modern planes to the navy had been eliminated to a great extent and that he thought 1941 would see the navy's air strength greatly augmented by new deliveries of fast, well-armed planes.

A. J. Baum of Abilene, formerly of Ranger, died suddenly at his home Tuesday morning, shortly before noon, according to word received here early this afternoon. Funeral arrangements had not been made, but it was presumed they would be held at Abilene Wednesday.

Baum, while in Ranger, operated a wedding shop on Pine Street, later closing out the business and going to the West Texas oil fields, where he operated a shop for a time.

Before moving to Ranger Baum made his home in Abilene. Survivors include his widow and one daughter.

Ship Losses For 1940 Reported High

LONDON, Jan. 7.—British, allied and neutral shipping losses by enemy action during 1940 were more than in any year of the World War, except 1917, but the admiralty announced today there had been a sharp decrease in losses during the past three weeks of December.

The losses for the entire year were listed as more than 3,500,000 tons, but for the past three weeks losses have been unusually light, the Admiralty announced.

NYA Offers Aid For Bomber Plant Work

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Minimize the Hardships!

Naturally, it is going to be impossible to summon hundreds of thousands of young men from civilian life into the military service outside causing hardships of varying degree.

But every effort ought to be made to minimize those hardships and hold them down to what proves absolutely necessary.

For instance, this has happened many times: a young man is ordered to report for service, and given five days' grace to clean up his affairs and cut the ties of civilian life. He quits his job, gives up his lodgings, turns over his business if any to others; sometimes he even sells most of his clothes and possession. Then he reports at camp as ordered. Given a final physical examination there, he is rejected, and sent back to pick up what threads of his civilian life he can pick up again.

The New York Selective Service Administration, Col. Arthur V. McDermott, has had to issue a warning to draft eligibles that they may be thus rejected at the induction centers, and advising them to keep this in mind in arranging their affairs, so as to avoid, so far as possible, the resulting dislocations.

To begin with, employers ought to realize that this often happens, and try to keep a man's job "on ice," so to speak, for a few days after he is called up, so that he may resume it if he is rejected and returned. Others similarly affected might well try to show the same consideration.

Best of all, of course, would be to give the selectee a final physical examination before he leaves the home community. Whether this is possible to arrange or not, we don't know. But it should surely be considered, with a view to putting such a system in effect if that proves practicable.

If not, many of the inevitable hardships can perhaps be minimized if selectees themselves will guard as carefully as they can against possible last-minute rejection, and if those associated with them in business and personal life will cooperate to the fullest possible extent.

It is likely that the selective service system, perhaps with modifications, will continue for many years. Paul G. Armstrong, Illinois director, has been quoted as saying that in his opinion, it will continue long after 1945, when the present setup ends by law.

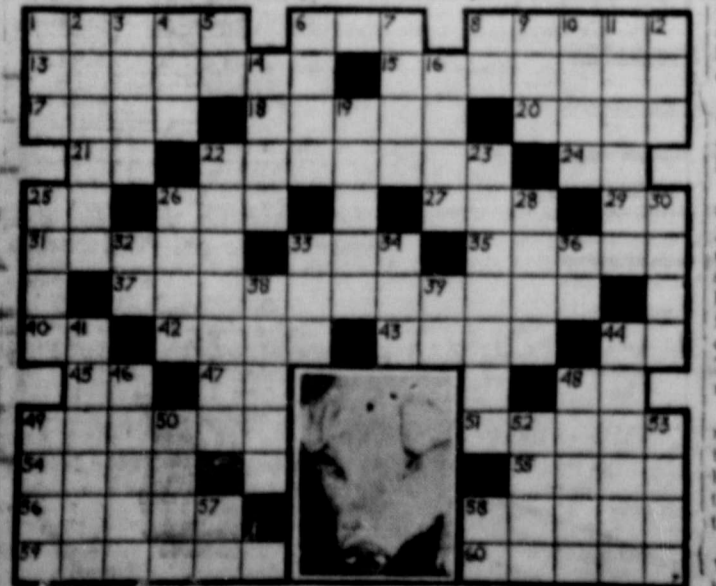
This being the case, every effort should be made to iron out kinks in the system so that it may function smoothly and with a minimum of dislocations and hardships for the men concerned.

At lot of us are surprised at where we are because we didn't look where we were going.

The nation's fire losses in 1940 ran over 300 million—enough to burn up the insurance companies.

SOURCE OF FOOD

- HORIZONTAL
1 Hog.
6 Its young animal.
8 It is a —legged mammal.
13 One who parades.
15 Pertaining to an areola.
17 At the top.
18 To compute.
20 To contradict.
21 Half an em.
22 Opposite of merit.
24 Preposition.
25 Credit (abbr.).
26 Males.
27 Spirit of the stream.
29 Type standard.
31 Pertaining to osmium.
33 Rowing tool.
35 Self-esteem (abbr.).
37 Paraphrase.
40 Compass point (abbr.).
42 To prepare for printing.
43 Harbor.



Getting Interested in the Classified Section



OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



Truck Driver Who Was Fatally Burned Recovers Quickly

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex.—A. J. Williams, young oil company truck driver, today is nearing complete recovery from burns so severe his life was despaired of six months ago. Dr. Calvin Kessler attributed the injured youth's recovery to sulfanilamide. "This man's recovery is so remarkable it probably will be looked upon by all orthodox physicians as more or less an accident reported," Dr. Kessler said. Williams was burned when a highway collision threw flaming gasoline over him from the truck he was driving. He was brought to a Breckenridge hospital and physicians removed what charred clothing had not been torn from his body by rescuers, who caught him when he ran and rolled him on the ground. He suffered deep burns from the edge of his hair on the back of his neck, down both legs to his heels. "When a third of more of the surface of the body receives major burns the patient is in grave danger," Dr. Kessler said in describing the case. "With nearly half of Williams' body burned, I felt there was little left to do except to try to ease his suffering. Then, I decided to try sulfanilamide. "Slowly Williams began to mend. The dead, burned skin turned black, peeled off in slabs, but without pus and the troubles that attend supuration. We cut the skin off with scissors. "After days of lying in bed Williams began to regain use of his limbs. Today he is on the road

TO RECOVERY—and it appears skin grafting will not be necessary. New skin is growing back. Williams now is sitting up, wheeling himself through the hospital in a chair.

BROTHERS 302 IN DRAFT PORT HURON, Mich. — Two brothers here and in nearby San ducky each drew the same draft number, Philip Allen, 24, and Edwin Allen, 22, each drew 302.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

Advertisement for Kwik-Kopier featuring a portrait of Joseph Stalin and text: 'JOSEPH STALIN ENTERED A THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN TO STUDY FOR THE PRIEST HOOD! HE WAS EXPELLED SOON AFTER!' and 'Kwik-Kopier THE HEXAGONAL CELLS OF BEES AND WASPS ARE NOT PLANNED THAT WAY! THEY ARE CYLINDERS UNDER PRESSURE.'

SERIAL STORY

CONSCRIPT'S WIFE

BY BETTY WALLACE

YESTERDAY, Martha Marshall had been engaged to Paul Elliott for two years before she met Bill Marshall, Paul's school chum. And she had married Bill less than a month later. Now, still a bride, she and Bill make a foursome with Paul and Suzanne Brecker. Times registration for draft, Bill is in class "A" since Martha is financially independent and Bill's work is not essential to defense. When one day, there is a letter for Bill. He has been drafted.

CHAPTER II

SHE seemed to hear him saying it again. "I've been drafted." And the room was still swimming around her. "Honey," Bill pleaded. "Darling, don't look like that. It's nothing. If I have to go, I have to go." Martha steadied herself. Her husband's face came back into focus. She saw his crisp dark curls, the tightened line of his lips. Her fingers went up, to pat his cheek.

So he had been conscripted, after all. There was nothing they could do to change it. He would go away. For a whole year. His country needed him. The United States of America.

"Lots of men enlist," Bill was saying softly. "Lots of men join the army for a career." His arms were around her. He kissed her. "I'll only be like like having a job out of town, Martha. You could come up to camp week-ends. I'll be home on leave sometime."

"Why, Bill, you—you talk as if you're used to it already." He was accepting it. He was not rebellious. Something stabbed at her heart as she realized that almost this might be an adventure for him. A change. Something different. Perhaps, he even welcomed it.

Bill was like that. He had curiosity and a boundless thirst for excitement. Marriage had not settled him. THEY walked out into the street. Peg, so rusty and dilapidated, so contrary, was suddenly "Bill's," she said. "I can drive up to see you."

"Yes, if the camp's not over 10 miles away. I wonder—where do they send the men from this vicinity?" He added thoughtfully, "Funny, how you never give the army a thought. I bet I can't name two forts, off hand. And what I remember from ROTC drill in high school, you could stick in the eye of a needle."

Separation. She looked at him hungrily. She must remember the line of his jaw, the blue of his eyes, the way his hands were big and capable on the wheel. She bit her lip. They had never been separated, not even for a night, since the minister had said the solemn words over them. And now, they'd be apart for a year. A whole year. It stretched before her, barren and endless.

"In case I never told you before," Bill was saying. "I love you, Martha."

"In case I never told you," she whispered. "I love you, Bill Marshall."

AT the Air Transport plant, Martha said, "I'll ask for time off. I want to stay with you every minute, until you—leave."

She stumbled as she got out of the car. The blood pounded in her ears. It seemed to her almost as though she was saying farewell to the gay and careless life she had known until now. Saying farewell to the laughter and dancing and the irresponsibility.

The country had given her husband a stern duty to perform; and she, as his wife, had her part in it, too. She'd have to stay home, alone and waiting. She'd have to come to this office every morning. Not as before, simply because it made things easier—but because



Suddenly she was clinging to him. "Bill! Oh, Bill, darling! Don't cry, honey, I'll be thinking of you every minute. WI He shook hands with Paul. "Take care of her, boy. He's depending on you."

now there'd be her own living to make. Duty, it was a big word. Strangely, an unfamiliar word. Martha Marshall thought, as she walked into the sunny office where

turned into the station drive. There's parking lot's jammed." Laughing and girls who were carrying handkerchiefs, were getting out of the other cars.

"I'm not the only one who's a weeper left behind," Martha said. "My boy inside, the station was crowded and noisy. As they pushed through way toward the gate, Paul's hand touched hers. "Reminds me of a scene they'll never see. Kissing the boys. The boys are gone."

Martha's eyes stung. She quivered. But she had to smile. "You'll write to me, Bill, won't you?"

Bill set his suitcase down. "This is it, honey. His arms were around her, and suddenly she was clinging to him. "Bill, darling, don't cry, honey. I'll be thinking of you every minute. He shook hands with Paul. "Take care of her, boy. He's depending on you."

MARTHA stood there, a tough stone, as Bill mounted the steps into the train. Bump, appeared at a window, over the corner of her lips and smile she waved to him. "Ma"

A voice cried, "All aboard! Get aboard!" There was the rattle of wheels. The train began to move. Martha waved tearfully. Suddenly she was much trying to keep up. "Bill, don't forget me. I'll be waiting for you."

Paul said, "Martha, don't forget me. I'll be waiting for you. She scarcely heard him. Ship running along beside the train. h eyes on Bill's face. "But, darling, goodbye. But she had another moment of selfishness. She ran as if, somehow, she could prevent being left behind. But inexorably the train moved faster. Martha's face was a mask of pain. Then it was gone. She had dropped to her side. "I'm alone."

Paul was running toward her. All at once, she was back. "Paul," she cried wildly. "Paul, I'm a conscript's wife. (To Be Continued)

RED RYDER

By Harold Lloyd

Comic strip panels for 'RED RYDER'. Panel 1: 'PROFESSOR! ANSWER IF YOU CAN!' Panel 2: 'I'M ALIVE! MR. RYDER! HELP!' Panel 3: 'RED RYDER! COME UP QUICK! GAMBLER FELLAS COME UP CANYON!' Panel 4: 'NEVER MIND BANKS AND JUKE--TH PROFESSOR FELL DO THIS WELL--GET EVERY FOOT OF ROPE WE HAVE!'

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YESTERDAY: Bill seems almost dead to get away from the drab life of the city. And before he realizes it, the day for his leaving has arrived. Paul is on the train with them. As all voices should be silent, Paul looks out for Martha. The train moves. Martha faces Paul. "I'm conscript's wife now."

Paul was sarcastic about the way Suzanne set the table, took over the task himself. "It's simply not your line, Suzanne. Martha moved in between them then, laughing, ordered Paul into the living room. Suzanne was furious.

Martha Marshall stood on the platform, watching with tear-blurred eyes as the lights of the train grew dimmer and dimmer in the distance. She scarcely noticed when the crowd of people began pushing toward the stairs. Someone behind her said wearily, "Well, that's over." For Martha, it wasn't over. It was just beginning. She thought of the empty apartment—the silence and the memories that were waiting for her—and her heart tightened. Paul touched her arm. "You didn't eat dinner," he said. "Do you want to stop somewhere and have something now?" "I—I couldn't, Paul." "I know," he said, his nose pressed against the glass. He bounded out as Martha opened the door. He licked her hand. Then he looked behind her, his head cocked to one side, listening intently. He seemed to be asking, "Where's Bill?" "He's gone," mumbled Martha. "Come for a long time, guess I am hungry, after all." She couldn't face the empty apartment. Not just yet. . . . "You must have been hungry," said Paul, in a restaurant a few minutes later, as she lifted a roll to her lips and put it back without tasting it. "Now, listen, Martha. You've got to be reasonable. He's not going off to do or die—nobody's going to take potshots at him. It's just training." "I know," she smiled wanly. "I know." "Well, for Pete's sake, buck up!" "I'll try." He fiddled with his fork. "I promised, Bill, I'd take care of you. There was a wry little smile around his mouth. "I'm not going to let you mope. Why, you won't even have time to miss the guy. Because you and I are going to be very gay. Very patriotic, see? The chin up, the spirit fearless, and body parked in a movie every night." But she couldn't summon even a smile, so he took her home. After he had said goodnight, Martha threw herself on her bed. The tears which had been dammed up so long came freely then. She cried with her face in the pillow where Bill's head had lain, every night. She cried with her fists balled up and Butch worried and restless on the floor under her bed. After a while, he crawled up and licked her comfortingly. "Oh, Butch," she wailed. "Butch, how are we going to get through a whole year without him?" Butch jumped up on the bed and did his doggy best to assure her that it could be done.

Next morning, in the office, she was ashamed of having been such a fool. She greeted Paul with a cheerful smile. "The food is over," she said. "From now on, it's stout heart, iron control, and bring on the gaiety." Paul grinned. "None of Bill's dark good looks or the boyish charm. But when he smiled, like this, his plain, bony face became oddly charming." (To Be Continued)



W. J. RHODES Breckenridge



F. A. DUNIGAN Breckenridge



C. W. HOFFMAN Eastland



J. E. WHITESIDE Brownwood



JOE A. CLARKE Albany

NEW OIL OFFICIALS—Above are shown the 1941 official family of the West Central Texas Oil & Gas association. W. J. Rhodes of Breckenridge is president; C. W. Hoffman, Eastland, F. A. Dunigan, Breckenridge, J. E. Whiteside, Brownwood, and Joe A. Clarke, Albany, are vice presidents; Malcolm M. Meek, Abilene, is treasurer.

NEW OIL ASSOCIATION SEES A BRIGHT 1941

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex., Jan. 7.—W. J. (Billy) Rhodes, new president of the West Central Texas Oil & Gas association which was named in December to succeed Joe A. Clarke of Albany, foresees a brighter picture of the oil business in Texas for 1941 than was presented in 1940. "The prospects for 1941 are at least as good and probably better for 1941," he said Saturday. Then he tackled on a few reservations. "We may possibly get to produce more oil in 1941, but we're not looking for any boom." Statisticians, he said, had predicted the increased demand for oil in 1941 will be greater by six to nine percent. "That ought to make it possible to produce more oil," he said. "If there were any foreign markets left, the prospects would be good, in spite of the heavy increase in imports of foreign crude into the United States."

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON ARMY'S LAND QUOTA A NEW DEFENSE HEADACHE; DISPOSSESSED TENANTS HAVE NO PLACE TO GO

WASHINGTON—Your Uncle Sam's latest defense headache seems to be coming from 10,000 tenant farm families, kicked off grade A farm land by the army in acquiring huge tracts of land all over the country for artillery ranges, powder factories, aerial bombing target areas, military airports and cantonments.



BRUCE CATTON

As the United States government seldom lets the right hand know what the left is doing, the FSA crowd is usually called in after the damage is done, the land acquired, and the tenants moved out. What gets the FSA goal is that the army seems always to need the best land in sight, never the scrub land. Given a wide, level, well-drained, fertile plain, and the army is sure to want it for an airport. Or nice, rolling pasture land. That makes the best shooting range for the big guns. Chief problem is finding new land in the displacement areas—land trying to keep the purchases from sending land prices sky high. Sometimes, where FSA can get the land, it simply releases tracts to the displaced farmers. In some areas of the south it can frequently get an entire plantation, on which a number of farmers can be established.

Senator Has Plan To Take Care Of Traffic Damage

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Irresponsible motorists would be forbidden to drive automobiles until damage claims are settled under a proposal which Sen. Jesse Martin of Fort Worth may offer to the forthcoming Texas legislature. Martin's plan would allow a citizen to hold a driver's license while an unsettled damage judgment was in effect against him. When the damage claim was settled, the operator's license would be restored.

The senator said that persons with property are the usual victims of automobile damage suits because even a judgment is worthless if it is against a penniless person. He believed that his proposal, if adopted, would cause a great increase in the number of collision damage suits filed.

But he added that irresponsible drivers, even those without attached property, would "think twice" before driving carelessly if they faced a suspension of their driving privileges. Rep. Jack Lewis of Tarrant county is studying a safety club plan to increase the cost of driver's license fees from 25 to 50 cents. Income from the additional 25 cents would be used to increase the number of highway patrolmen.

One Armed Bandits Donate To Charity

SHREVEPORT, La.—Police raided three night clubs and confiscated six slot machines, then had trouble deciding what the law provides for disposal of money found in the "one arm bandits" at the time they were seized. Judge J. F. McNiss settled the matter. He ordered the money turned over to charity.

TAYLOR—Development of production in the View townsite.

FISHER—Indicated opening of a new pool near McCaulley on the Mayberry farm and subsequent leasing in that area "for further development."

SHACKELFORD—Development of Black ranch shallow production by Georgian Oil corporation, opening of several new areas in the Bluff Creek sector of Western Shackelford, and its increase in shallow drilling in many older fields.

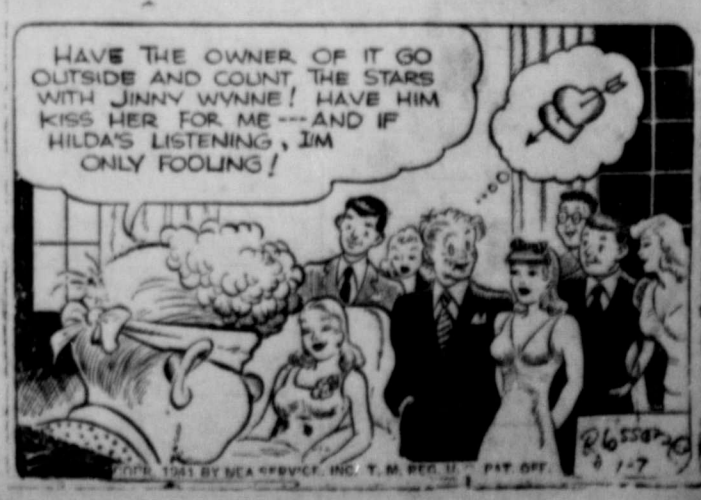
CALLAHAN—Opening of a gas and oil area northwest of Baird and on the Jackson and Dyer ranches north of Baird near the Shackelford county line.

STEPHENS—Extensions of the Loving and Stripling pools, with opening of first Mississippi production in the Stripling area.

Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser



OUT OUR WAY—By Williams



ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



South Dakota Has Amazing Resources

South Dakota Museum News declares in a survey of state resources. Examining the four distinct geographical areas in the state, the article said South Dakota has an unlimited supply of stone for building, clay for pottery, cement, gravel, undeveloped oil and natural gas fields. "Minerals of wealth—coal and gold—are underground."

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