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## SWITCH TO NEW TANK WITH NO HALT IN OUTPUT

United Press Staff Correspondent  
DETROIT, (UP)—The automotive industry long noted for the speed with which it built motor cars and trucks, has rolled under pressure of war.

Even before Pearl Harbor, if an automobile company were able to change models by closing its assembly lines for only two or three weeks, it was considered a praise-worthy job.

Operators of the sprawling Detroit tank arsenal, has dwarfed hours' production.

This is a significant fact because the M-3 type of 30-ton tank to the M-4 without losing an inch of production schedule when the last M-3 rolled out of the arsenal and around the figure-eight concrete test track on Aug. 3.

Moreover, one top official has promised that the arsenal will produce almost as many M-4's in August as M-3's in July.

"We just haven't any time to lose," explained E. J. Hunt, in charge of tank production. "The enemy doesn't give our boys at the front any spare time and we don't feel we have any spare time here either."

For their outstanding achievement, workers and management received from Maj. Gen. L. H. Caffey, Jr., Army chief of ordnance, the Army-Navy production award.

Ground for the tank arsenal was broken Sept. 11, 1940, and the first tank rolled onto the test track April 12, 1941—six months later. Mass production of tanks was a reality there during the summer of 1941 and by January, 1942, the arsenal was seven months ahead of schedule.

The enormous amount of technical knowledge acquired by engineers on the tank-building job has been passed along to other firms embarked on similar programs.

The major difference between the M-3 and the M-4 is that the latter has a welded instead of a riveted hull, greater fire power and a turret which can turn 360 degrees.

## HOW THREE YEARS OF WAR HAVE BACKED OUT EUROPE



This was Europe when the German invasion of Poland started World War II. Britain and France joined the fight Sept. 3, but the other nations of Europe remained neutral.



By end of war's third year, the black axis shadow covers most of Europe and European Russia, but American and British land and air forces in England may soon begin to erase it in the west.

## SIX MORE JAP VESSELS HIT BY BOMBS IN NAVAL AIR BATTLE IN SOLOMONS

### Army Cadet Had First Air Training Serving As Gob

MOORE FIELD, Tex. (UP)—An Army officer who learned to fly while serving as a gob in the Navy is working for his wings at Moore Field, Army Air Force advanced flying school field near here.

First Lieut. George S. Whitman, "alumnus" of the Children's Aid Society of Rochester, N. Y., is a student officer and expects to be graduated with the class finishing September 6.

His ambition is to get into combat duty so he can "help win this war and go back to college."

At 16, Whitman joined the Navy to "see the world" and saw quite a bit of it—Panama, Hawaii, the Aleutian Islands and the West Coast of the United States. While in the fleet at Wilmington, Calif., he took up flying under a private instructor.

By 1936, he had finished his Navy hitch and had 40 hours in the air to his credit.

He joined the Army in 1937. He was sent to the Signal Corps School at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and after five months of instruction was transferred to Ft. Omaha, Neb.

When he finished two years of his enlistment he bought his discharge (a thing which can't be done in wartime) and entered the University of Nebraska. He held down several jobs on the campus and nearby community to pay his tuition.

In his sophomore year he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Organized Reserve of the Army. He thought it would be fine to come out of college and become an Army officer.

Six weeks later sophomore Whitman was called to active duty.

Eventually, came the order he had been hoping for—sending him to school to learn to be a combat pilot.

### Scrap Iron Drive Plans Being Made At Rising Star

### R. E. Bawcom Is Winner of Jersey Club's Contest

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—The Navy Department announced this afternoon that American air men had raised to 13 the number of Japanese naval ships hit in the renewed battle of the Solomon Islands and that one of the attacking enemy forces had been forced to withdraw from the battle.

Revealing that six more Japanese ships had been hit by bombs, the Navy Department stated that two of the ships were Japanese destroyers, but that the other four vessels had not as yet been identified.

Earlier the Navy Department had announced that one large airplane carrier, otherwise not identified, had been hit four times by Army bombers; one smaller carrier, the Ryuzo, had been severely damaged by navy carrier-based aircraft; one battleship had been hit by carrier-based planes; several cruisers were hit by carrier-based planes and one other cruiser and one enemy transport had been hit by United States aircraft as the battle was waged yesterday.

The Navy Department announcement also said that 12 more Japanese planes had been shot down. This raised the enemy aircraft losses in the battle to date to 33.

Explaining that it was still too early to estimate the outcome of the battle in which the Japanese are attempting to retake the Solomon Islands, recently captured in a combined navy and marine attack, the Navy Department said the results "are encouraging so far" for the Americans.

Eastland County marked up another winner in the Victory Bull contest sponsored by the American Jersey Cattle Club.

P. E. Bawcom of the Ranger Community was the winner of a Registered Jersey Bull which was awarded to him at Corsicana, Texas at a banquet planned in honor of the recipients. Eastland county was one of the sixty-four counties in the state that received one of the prize animals.

The contest was based on the type of dairy program that the contestant was carrying on in the respective counties.

### Alaskan Takes Up Areal Gunnery To Protect Home

HARLINGEN, Tex. (UP)—"My home's gone if the Japs successfully invade Alaska—that's why I'm learning to be an aerial gunner."

Pvt. James E. Higgins of Ketchikan, Alaska, currently stationed at the Harlingen Army Gunnery School, gave that as his reason for desiring a return trip to the Alaskan Islands as a "man behind-the-trigger."

Higgins was in Seattle when the wounded from Dutch Harbor were shipped there one week after the bombing of that defense post. His indifference and his college career ended at that time.

Higgins enlisted and he is far from unconcerned now as he trains to win his silver wings as a gunner for combat duty.

### Senate Defers A Vote On Tax Bill

### Phone Systems Help Workers On Big Plane Jobs

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—The Senate finance committee today deferred a vote on corporation tax rates in the new revenue bill, pending concrete formulation of a plan to exempt from tax special reserves set up by businesses to meet specified post-war contingencies.

RUFFALO, N. Y. (UP) Employees working on the final assembly of the new Curtiss-Commando, largest two-engine military cargo plane in the world, have a two-way telephone system to aid them in their work.

The plan was devised when it was found that due to the Commando's tremendous size and the din of near-by shop and flight test sounds at the Curtiss-Wright Corp. plant, shouted orders from one section of the plane to another were unintelligible.

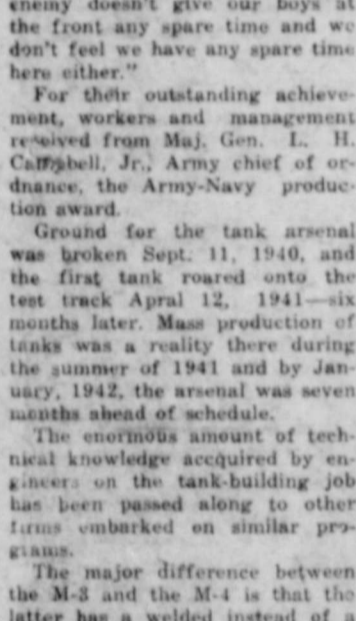
The phone system proved the answer to the handicap, enabling crews to relay messages back and forth between cockpit and tail air-cockpit and wings or landing gear.

### Baseball Ballet

First bigman Max West of Boston executes a lively pirouette as Jim Tullin's wild throw sails over his head, giving babe Young of New York a "life." Giants beat Braves, 10-2, at Polo Grounds.



### Three of a Kind



Sons Martin, who waits Navy Air Force call, and Morris, who hopes to join Army Air Forces, salute Mrs. Margaret Klingemann, San Marcos, Tex., on acceptance by WAACS.

### A CAMPOREE FOR SCOUTS TO BE AUG. 28

A Camporee for all Boy Scouts in Stephens and Eastland Counties will be held at Lake Cisco at 4 p. m. Aug. 28, which will close with a breakfast the next morning.

Almost every troop has already signified its intentions of being present.

The Scouts Pow Wow will be held Friday night, which will replace the Pow-Wow that was originally scheduled for Monday night.

The program for the Camporee and Swimming Meet has been outlined as follows:

Friday—2 p. m. to 6 p. m., swimming meet; 6:15 to 8:30, set-up camp, cook and serve supper; 8:30 to 9:45, campfire and Court of Honor; 10:15 taps.

Saturday—6:30 a. m. reveille; 6:45 colors; 7:15 breakfast and good bye.

In the swimming events to be held Friday, the following events have been listed:

- 1—back stroke, 25 yards.
- 2—side stroke, 25 yards.
- 3—Life saving for two-man teams, including approaches, holds, and carries and chain rescue for three-man teams.
- 4—Free style swim, 50 yards.
- 5—Four-man relay, 200 yards.
- 6—Diving, including front or swan dive, jack knife, plain back dive and two optional dives.
- 7—Four-man patrol relay, 200 yards (8 scouts).
- 8—Medley relay, three scouts, 150 yards, using breast, back and free-style stroke.

### STALINGRAD IN SERIOUS SPOT TODAY

The German threat to the South Russia bastion of Stalingrad mounted today with Soviet reports that 750,000 German troops were advancing behind a spearhead of 25 armored divisions.

The Nazi forces were moving toward Stalingrad from three directions—the northwest, the west and southwest—and on the Frontal western sector were within 40 miles of the Volga River center.

Soviet reports indicated that the Germans massed a great superiority of numbers in tanks and aircraft in the offensive and made it plain that the best Russian efforts have only checked or temporarily slowed the movement of the German advance guard.

Chinese forces were driving ahead with new vigor against the Japs in Chekiang Province and reported that they had the "Bomb Tokyo" air base cities of Chubien and Lishuri under virtual siege.

The Japanese appeared to be moving out of this area, transferring their attention further north.

### Brazil Picks Up Enemy Aliens By Thousands Today

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil. (UP)—More than 1,000 Germans and Italians have been arrested during the past four days in this city and nearby states alone.

Additional thousands, upon which no check has been possible, have been taken into custody in the outlying states, it was reported here today.

### Needs a Good Tip



Puzzled troop train porter wonders how he'll get 40 winks.

### Iowa Girl Fears Man Shortage Will Hurt Her Chances

SYDNEY, Australia. (UP)—The Sydney Daily Telegraph printed the following letter from Miss Marilyn Reuter of Iowa:

"Please do all you can to prevent marriages between United States soldiers and Australian girls.

"Already thousands of American girls face spinsterhood and lives of loneliness because of a shortage of marriageable men occasioned by the war. It is injurious to the mental and physical health of American womanhood to be permanently frustrated of the instinctive desire to marry and create a home."

### Schools Will Have Victory Fitness Clubs This Year

AUSTIN, Tex. —A great deal of the exercise Texas school boys and girls will get this fall in the Victory Physical Fitness Clubs to be organized by the University of Texas Inter-scholastic League will be taken outside the gymnasiums, League officials declare.

Roy Bedichek, League director, points out the possibility of taking history classes on hikes to Texas historical shrines and of correlating nature study with the physical fitness designed to tighten soft muscles.

### Morton Valley Church Of Christ To Hold Revival

The Morton Valley Church of Christ plans to hold a revival meeting which will begin Friday night, August 28th. Hatten B. Gist of San Antonio will do the preaching. The series will continue for ten days.

Members of this church as well as the general public are invited to attend the meeting.

### Cotton Famers To Get Allowance On Cotton Wrapper

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (UP)—Texas cotton farmers will receive 7-pound per bale allowance for cotton wrapped in cotton patterns this year.

The new program, under which cotton is substituted for the traditional jute wrapping, is the culmination of years of intensive action by state and federal agencies to get buyers and handlers of cotton to make allowance for the additional cotton in a bale wrapped with the fabric.

Cotton patterns and ties on a 500-pound bale weigh about 14 pounds while the jute wrapper and ties weigh from 21 to 22 pounds, Fred Rannels, assistant administrative officer of the AAA in Texas, said.

The cotton bale covering not only gives a neat appearing and well protected bale, but permits the packing of more lint per bale and gives producers an opportunity to use a fabric manufactured from their own product, he explained.

### Recruiting Officer Will Be Here Again

A recruiting officer from Camp Barkley, Abilene, will be at the Chamber of Commerce office Thursday morning for the purpose of interviewing any prospective recruits, and 15 farmed their transportation to the camp at Abilene for induction in the Army.

The office makes a regular weekly trip to Eastland County, stopping at Ranger from 9 to 10 a. m. each Thursday, at Eastland from 10:30 to 12 and at Cisco from 12:30 to 2:00 p. m.

### Winsome Winner



Double trouble for other beauty contestants is Madeline Layton, Maywood, N. J., who represents her state in the Miss America contest and her home town in a statewide sweater girl contest.

### Stevenson Also Has Pet Phrase

AUSTIN, Tex. — President Roosevelt's phrase "no worthwhile comment," has a counterpart in the frequent expression used by Texas' Governor Coke R. Stevenson.

In the morning conference with the Governor (resumed after the leaving of Former Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel) newspaper correspondents invite the governor to comment on anything of current interest.

His reply usually is "I do not know that anything I might say would be beneficial." He used the phrase repeatedly in connection with University affairs.

### Special Rodeo Edition To Be Printed Sunday

The times will issue a special rodeo edition, to advertise the Annual Labor Day Rodeo, as it has in the past, and which proved so effective in getting word of the rodeo to the people of this section of the country.

The Special Rodeo Edition, with 5,000 copies printed for the motorcades to be staged, will come out Sunday, in order that it may be distributed on Monday and Wednesday, just prior to the opening of the rodeo on Saturday.

This edition will serve as the main advertising medium through which word of the rodeo will be carried to the many communities to be visited.

Merchants will be contacted between now and Saturday to secure their cooperation in helping to advertise the rodeo.

### County's A&M Project House Ready For Boys

Boys that desire to stay in the Eastland County A. & M. Project House for the September term of school should make reservations now. Send your \$5 deposit to Eastland County Project House, Box 5658 College Station, Care of L. K. Condon. The purpose of this house is to assist boys get through college as cheaply as possible. It saves the boys about a third according to information received.

For further information write L. K. Condon, College Station, Tex., or contact County Agent Floyd Lynch of the Extension service of A. & M. College.

### Longhorns Open Season On Sept. 19 With Air Cadets

AUSTIN, Tex.—The University of Texas Longhorns will open their 1942 football season with a game here on September 19 with the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station eleven, Coach D. X. Bibb has announced.

This game—proceeds of which above expenses, will go to the Navy Relief Fund—will precede the University's regular schedule which begins September 26 with a game with Kansas State College.

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### Nazis On Move In Egyptian Desert; Big Battle Looms

CAIRO, Egypt. (UP)—German columns are on the move in the Egyptian desert, and a new battle may be near.

British observers have spotted Nazi tank forces deploying along the southern sector of the Egyptian defense lines.

### THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—No change in temperatures this afternoon and tonight.

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## This Is Not Prosperity

There is an unfortunate tendency to think of the current economy as a boom, an era of prosperity and happy days (financially) that are here again.

That is crooking thinking and dangerous. True, there are more men and women at work than ever before. They are receiving the highest wages in history. For the first time in years the farmers are enjoying a sellers' market at top prices.

Those are most of the elements which traditionally have been symbols of prosperity. But times have changed. Now these things do not mean happy days. Taken in their context, they provide a brilliant red flare warning against danger ahead.

There is plenty of money. Almost everybody has more than he is used to. But he can't eat money. He can't wear money. He can't tune in money and listen to a broadcast. He can't ride to the seashore or the golf links in money. He can't keep his butter from melting in summer, or his milk from souring, with money.

Beyond a certain point, which is quickly reached, money is useful only so long as there are necessities, conveniences, luxuries for which money can be exchanged.

Up to now, and to a decreasing extent for the next few months, the unprecedented flow of money to wage-earners can be translated into those concrete possessions which constitute genuine prosperity.

There still are used cars—some with excellent tires—to be had; electric refrigerators, radios, sport equipment; all the things so many have wanted so long, and were denied for lack of enough money.

But very soon, when existing stocks have been depleted, money will lose much of its present virtue, because there will be only a limited supply of goods to be bought.

There is every reason to suppose that Americans will not suffer for lack of adequate, wholesome food, although variety will be less and some items will be scarce. There should always be ample clothing, though quality and style will not be what we consider essential.

But food and clothing do not denote prosperity. They do not provide for what we consider the American way of living.

Real prosperity is present only when after satisfying the subsistence needs for food, clothing and shelter, a people is in position to acquire also the conveniences, the comforts the minor luxuries of life.

So when we think of taxation and wage induces, lets not fool ourselves that we can give enough and leave enough to preserve or improve the American standard of living.

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- 56 Exclamation of joy.
- 57 Symbol for tellurium.
- 58 Mother.
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## University To Have Nursing Courses

AUSTIN, Tex.—A course in nursing techniques will be opened for University of Texas co-eds this fall, to train them as Red Cross nursing aides.

Enrollees will work six hours each week at Brackenridge Hospital. Dr. Caroline Crowell, University physician for women explained. Students taking the course will receive credit for a year's physical training.

More goods—war and civilian are moving over rails than ever before in U. S. history. Around 500 freight trains move through the Pittsburg, Pa. area every 24 hours, an average of more than 20 and hour, carrying a total of between ten and thirteen thousand loaded cars.

The Army is saving great quantities by substituting steel for brass in shell cases.

The early colonists here were grasers rather than farmers, and as early as 1660, great herds of cattle roamed over the prairie, tended by hard-riding, practical cowboys.

Read the Classified Ads.

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**BOYS' SANFORIZED BAND OVERALLS 98c**  
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Bug Has Lights Like Automobile

GALVESTON, Tex. (UP)—A new kind of bug—according to Mrs. H. W. Catching—has made its appearance in Galveston and is "spoiling the dim-out regula-

tions." Mrs. Catching says the bug resembles a long, slender cockroach, not very large, and has "lights" that shine opposite its eyes on the back of its head. "They can turn on those lights dim or bright, just like an automobile," she says.

A Waterbury, Conn., woman and her daughter who recalled the shortage of fats during the last war, and began saving fats December 7 have contributed 130 pounds of fats thus far to the present drive. An alibi is something a husband thinks his wife believes.

MOTORCADE IS BEING URGED AS A PRE-RODEO FEATURE

As soon as announcements were made in Ranger Tuesday that the annual Labor Day Rodeo would be conducted this year, with the dates set for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, there was an immediate demand for an immediate motorcade to be formed, to advertise the show.

Legion Will Plan Installation of Its New Officers

The regular weekly meeting of the Carl Barnes Post No. 69 of the American Legion will be held Thursday night. All members of the post have been urged to be present as plans for the installation of officers will be made.

Capt. Angus Will Address Lions Club

Capt. Hershel Angus, who is visiting in Ranger while on a five-day furlough, will address the Ranger Lions Club at its regular meeting Thursday at noon. It was announced today by Joe N. Graham, president of the club.

Farm Saboteur Takes A Licking

COLLEGE STATION.—The saboteur on the farm front will take a licking in Texas this year. "This saboteur's name is erosion and he's been eating up thousands of dollars but we're beating him to the draw this year," says George Slaughter, chairman, Texas AAA committee.

School Children Attend Free Show

A crowd of between 600 and 700 school children attended the annual J. C. Penney show at the Arcadia Theatre this morning, guests of Joe N. Graham, manager of the store.

SERIAL STORY BANNERS FLYING BY MARY RAYMOND

CHRISTIE'S LAST FLIGHT

CHAPTER XII

"I was in our World War that I got that letter from a French girl—one of those Mademoiselles from Armentieres that the song is written about, I guess. Bart's mother was saying, 'Anyway, Christie, she wrote that she was in love with my husband, and what, in so many words, was I going to do about it?'"

"What did you do?" Christie asked. She had come to Bart's mother after a visit to the doctor. "Why, I wrote back that I could understand how she felt because I was in love with him, too. But I didn't tell her she could have him, as she probably wanted me to do."

"One day, a long time after the war, my husband said he wanted to get something off his chest. There had been a romance—a very mild romance it was. He had danced with this French girl, taken her out to dinner a few times, kissed her under a moon—which is just as romantic in France as it is anywhere else in the world. There might have been a different ending, if I had been hot-headed and suspicious, my dear."

"But you don't understand, Mother Sanderson. Bart is in love with Sandra." "Then why was he so miserable and upset about you last Friday night? Walking up and down his room like a caged animal, not eating his dinner, staring into space. Why, he acted like a crazy man, Christie."

"Last Friday?" Christie cried. "Was Bart here last Friday?" "Mrs. Sanderson nodded. "He came to see you; the girl came along for the ride into town. Then he went to the apartment and you were out. Somebody told him you were in a little park nearby. When he came back here, he was in an awful state. He said he would spend the night here. I asked him if he didn't find you in the park, and he said, 'Yes, I found her.' The way he looked—wild. You all had quarreled, hadn't you, Christie?"

"Oh, Mother Sanderson, you're an angel," Christie breathed. "If I had only come before!"

his familiar quizzical smile that was half a scowl. "What's up, Christie? Decided to finish those flying lessons?"

Christie shook her head. "Just one more lesson. I want to take my solo cross-country flight."

"All right. You can have your old plane. By the way, you haven't forgotten that promise you made Bart about flying?"

"No, but he won't mind, this time."

She watched the plane being warmed up, climbed in and took the controls with a sure, firm grasp. "This was different from that first solo. How frightened she had felt when she found herself up in the air alone. And different, too, from that trip to Lakeville with Stephen, racing against time. But today she felt secure and confident. The world which had crashed around her a few days before was so absolutely right again that nothing could go wrong."

Fifteen minutes later, Christie was circling over the air port. She spoke into the microphone: "Christie Sanderson speaking. Give me landing directions."

In a moment, stern and curt, came the reply: "You're not to land, Mrs. Sanderson." Christie's excited voice again: "I've got to land. It's something of utmost importance to Lieutenant Sanderson. I've got to come in."

"These are orders. You're to go back where you came from."

staged that little reception—an extra rough one—to get you back here quick. Lucky I was at our apartment when Russ called and I broke all speed limits to beat your plane."

Bart kissed her long and hard. "I had come home to write the truth out of you," he said after a moment, "to find out why I had seen you in another man's arms."

Christie laughed softly. "We were racing, and there was a little ditch. When I stumbled, Stephen caught me. I suppose you would have preferred having me pitch straight down on my nose."

"Much preferred," Bart's voice was grim. "That little ditch was big enough to plunge me straight into hell. Darling, all I had to do to put myself back on the torture rack was to think of it again. Then, today, something snapped. Somehow, I knew you weren't to blame, and that your letter didn't make sense. So I came home."

"When I found out you'd come to town with Sandra and didn't come near me—"

"So that was why you wrote that letter?"

"It made sense to me, then," Christie said. "Sandra was coming back for good," Bart explained. "Seems she got fed up entertaining the boys and gave up her job. She asked if she could drive back with me."

"Bart, we were a pair of idiots." They stood, arms close about each other. Nearby was the plane. To Christie it seemed symbolic of something; its strong silver wings outspread. Wings like these, and the men who flew them, would keep her country free. Bart's thoughts must have been traveling along with hers, for he said, slowly: "This war isn't a private affair of men. There's probably going to be a real place for women flyers before it's over. Civil air patrol, transporting planes, just a moment ago I watched you come down from the sky, Christie. I could feel how sure and calm you were. I was proud of you. That's my wife, and she's a born flyer." I said, Darling, I'm going to release you from that promise. It wasn't fair of me. It's up to you."

Christie's arms tightened around him. "I guess you're going to do all the flying for our family, Bart." She was smiling. After a moment, she said: "I'm very well satisfied with ground work. Besides, there's a lot of knitting I'm going to have to do. Not only for the soldiers and sailors, but for one of Uncle Sam's future young Americans! It's likely to keep me very, very busy."

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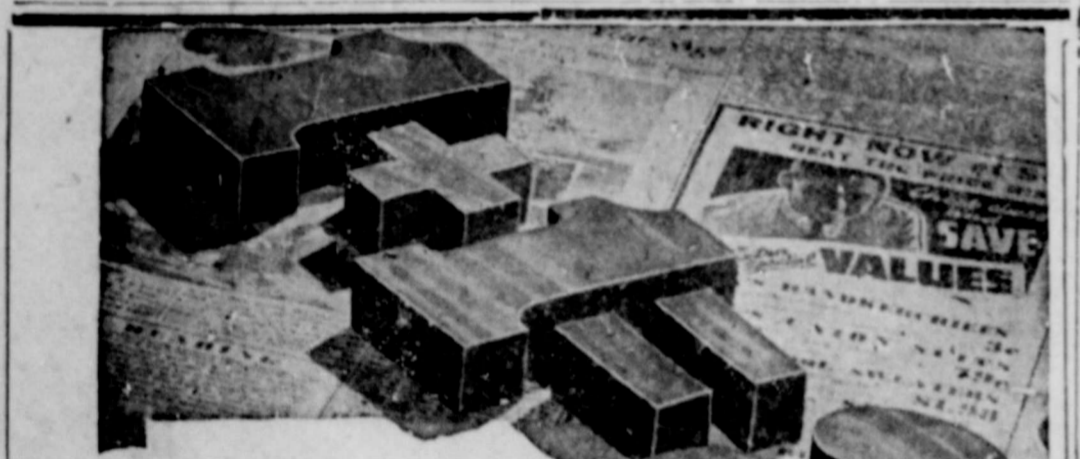
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### Society, Club and Church Notes

**Fidelis Matrons to Be Entertained.**  
The monthly social for the Fidelis Matrons' Class of the First Baptist church will be held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Ross Hodges. All members are invited to attend.

**Oil Belt Golf Association Meets**  
Members of the Oil Belt Golf Association met in Cisco Tuesday morning for a business meeting and golf matches, and a picnic lunch at noon.

In the business meeting officers for the year were elected with the following chosen to serve the club: president, Mrs. Virginia Hettie of Brownwood; vice-president, Mrs. Ara Hodge of Stamford; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Eugene Baker of Ranger; and reporter, Mrs. Zachary of Stamford.

In matches played during the day Mrs. G. C. McGowan and Mrs. J. T. Watt were winners from Ranger.

Those from Ranger attending the meeting were, Misses McGowan, Watt, Bill Mayes, Walter Davis, Lester Crossley, E. F. Latham, T. J. Powell, Baker and Pete Gillespie, a member of the Ranger club residing in Eastland.

#### Royal Neighbors Meet

The weekly meeting of the Ranger Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America was held Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Odd Fellows Hall with Mrs. Laura Todd presiding as orator. Roll call was answered by 12 members with Mrs. E. F. Arterburn and Mrs. Carrie Henry reported ill, and Miss Ann McEver's father reported in the hospital.

Communications were read by the recorder, Mrs. Frances Butcher and plans were made for the district convention to be held in Ranger, October 9. During the business session Mrs. Gussie Tankersley was appointed to serve as outer sentinel for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Butcher was appointed to serve as district secretary during the coming convention and the orator appointed Mrs. Childs as marshal and Mrs. Fiddler as assistant marshal for

the convention. The penny prize was furnished by Mrs. Todd and won by Mrs. Ethel K. Butcher.

#### Rebekah Meet.

The regular meeting of the Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 was held at the I.O.O.F. hall Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock with Noble Grand Viola Brink presiding.

Roll call was answered by 12 members with a number reported absent due to illness. Routine business was transacted and the penny prize which was furnished by E. S. Brink was won by Kate Marrs.

### PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perkins, Jr., have returned from a vacation spent in Big Springs where they visited Mrs. Perkins' parents. Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Goldman and in Sweetwater where they visited her grandmother.

Mrs. B. H. Rand of Heath is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Baumgardner of Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Adie Williams, Mrs. L. Wilhelm and daughter, Geneva have returned from Marlin where they attended the funeral services of Bud Cagle an uncle of Mrs. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stone and daughter are visiting in Talco.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford spent Tuesday in Dallas.

Mrs. G. L. Hatton of Eastland was the guest today of her son, John Hatton and Mrs. Hatton, while enroute to Louisiana for a visit with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Landreth of Mingus who were injured in an automobile accident this morning are patients in the West Texas Hospital.

Miss Rosemary Bruce is in Weatherford for a visit with Miss Martha Louise Granstaff.

The Nazis have ordered Germans who picked fruits and vegetables to supplement their meager diets to turn this food in at collection depots.

### Church Night to Be Held Wednesday By the Methodist

Church night will be observed at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening at 8:00.

Mrs. Leslie Hagaman has arranged a musical program as follows: A brief Sing Song of popular songs, Violin music by Murrel Dean Murrel; Men's quartet, and some piano selections by Miss Pester. Rev. J. D. Barron of the Methodist Church, Eastland will

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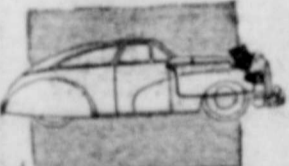
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