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## Ex-United Press Baseball Writer Is Proud of His Air Force Alma Mater

By LT. GEORGE KIRKSEY (Former United Press Baseball Writer)

They handed me a little piece of cardboard the other day which says "1st Lt. George Kirksey has satisfactorily completed the course prescribed by the Army Air Force Technical Training Command, Officer Training School, Miami, Fla."

Now I am one of those six-week wonders—a former civilian wearing Uncle Sam's khaki, trying to function as an officer in the Army Air Force. For the past weeks at Miami Beach, they've tried to teach me fast and furious for several hundred others just like me—Jim from a law firm, Warren from a gas company, Charlie who used to sell cars, Harry who was into about ice boxes, Johnny from Wall Street, and Joe who used to be an insurance salesman. I didn't know it was a job teaching that you had to say "Yes, sir," and "No, sir," and pull in their bellies and stick out their chests, to stand at attention for 15 minutes at a time (it seemed like three hours and 15 minutes). But they did it.

They taught us how to write a military letter, where and when NOT to salute (and if you don't think the "When Not" isn't tough to learn then you are a long way off the beam), how to defend an airport, how to rescue a drowning swimmer, how to give a squadron close order drill, how to function on courts martial, commissions and boards, how to identify military aircraft, how to run a mess hall, the rules of warfare, how to conduct yourself in the presence of a general, and what to do if a top sergeant wants to buy you a drink and a jiffon other things military.

In fact, they threw the whole military book at us. It's a far cry from four years at West Point to six weeks at Miami Beach, but considering the difference in time—three years and forty-six weeks—they did and are doing a tremendous job at the Miami Beach Officer Training School.

present duty calls for them to convert greenhorns into future Air Force officers—and only 42 days in which to do it. Brother, they have their hands full but what a job they're doing.

They have produced officers at a pace that the brass hats in Washington never dreamed possible. They have turned out men who are going to play outstanding roles in the big battles of the sky which'll be fought in Egypt, Australia, India and over the far-flung battle fields and skyways from the White Cliffs of Dover to the endless steppes of Russia. Some of them will wind up here in Miami, but when you see 'em come marching into Miami Beach to receive their commissions, you'll be looking like a bunch of runners on a hot-heel traveling salesman's tour. You have your doubts.

It was August graduating day in the officer's mess, when a lieutenant stepped to the mike and read the next station of duty, is one you'll never forget. It was a dramatic scene even for a hard-boiled reporter who thinks he's seen and done everything. A bunch of old guys from 30 to 50 who have been retreated, whipped back into mental and physical condition and rushed through a tabloid military course sat there on the edge of their chairs waiting in silence to hear where they were to begin the biggest tasks of their careers.

The lieutenant's sharp staccato barked off the names and assignments.

The names exploded out of the mike and the old guys, with smiles on their faces and songs in their hearts, were on their way to the wars—a gang of officers who'll do the vital work on the ground so the pilot and the bombardier and the gunner and the rest of the air crew can gash the Nazis and the Japs out of the sky and off the earth.



HELPING UNCLE SAM'S PILOTS CRACK THE AXIS are these Duncan Field, Texas, aircraft technicians. All are members of mobile air depot groups, soon to be overseas in action against the enemy. In the oval Duncan soldiers are shown putting final touches on a big flying fortress. Upper left, a sergeant is spot-welding airplane parts. Upper right, two sergeants are operating a big radio transmitter and receiver. Lower right, a non-com is "phonine" instructions from the control tower to a pilot. Lower left, two corporals are repairing a plane fuelizer. Quick ratings and quick action now are promised by the Air Force to men enlisting in air depot groups.

## NAZI "VICTORY" OVER A BRITISH CONVOY IS NOW VICTORY FOR THE BRITISH

Admiralty Reveals That 40 Nazi Planes, Maybe More, Two Submarines, Maybe Four More, Lost By Enemy, As Bulk Of Convoy Reaches Port Safely.

### AMENDMENT ON FARM PRICES GETS SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP)—Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, said today that the administration had sufficient votes for adoption of its compromise farm amendment to the anti-inflation bill.

Just before the Senate convened for the fifth day of debates on the measure, Barkley said that "many senators" had told him they would support the compromise.

The new amendment would direct President Roosevelt to take into consideration farm labor costs when he fixes price ceilings on farm commodities.

Sen. Barkley said that no vote was expected on the measure today. He said that a number of senators still want to speak on the bill, and that debate will continue until Monday.

### Man Receives Four Promotions A Month From U. S. Army

KEEVERVILLE, Tex. (UP)—Jim Weatherly, former Kerr County attorney, received four Army promotions in four months.

He volunteered on April 7, became sergeant on April 25, and was made a staff sergeant June 19, a technical sergeant Aug. 13, and received his commission as a second lieutenant on Aug. 27.

Weatherly was a former 215-pound football ace at Scribner Institute and Baylor University. He is a crack rifle shot and in college also was outstanding at basketball and baseball. He is now on duty with the present major's office of the Eighth Service Command, San Antonio.

### Woman Follows An Ambition To Work As A Mechanic

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. (UP)—It didn't take a war to turn Mrs. Honey Finenko into a full-fledged mechanic. It was her childhood ambition.

She has worked in a bicycle and motorcycle repair shop. She is her husband's mechanic when he participates in motorcycle races.

More than three years ago Mrs. Finenko took a vocational high school course in acetylene electric welding. Later she studied mechanics.

### Committee On Nutrition Has First Meeting

The Eastland County Committee for the Nutrition Program of the American Red Cross met in Eastland on Monday night.

Mrs. Ita R. Parrish, Home Supervisor of Farm Security Administration, was elected president of the group, and Miss Lovetta Morris, home economics teacher at Alameda, was elected secretary.

### Execution Stay Is Issued For A Doomed Man

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—A thirty day stay of execution was ordered today for Fidel Contreras, who was to have gone to the electric chair at Huntsville after midnight Saturday for the desert slaying of Enrique Vallejo on the highway between El Paso and Carlsbad, N. M.

The stay, recommended by the pardon board, was approved by Gov. Stevenson to permit a sanity hearing for Fidel Contreras after prison doctors reported that he was mentally ill.

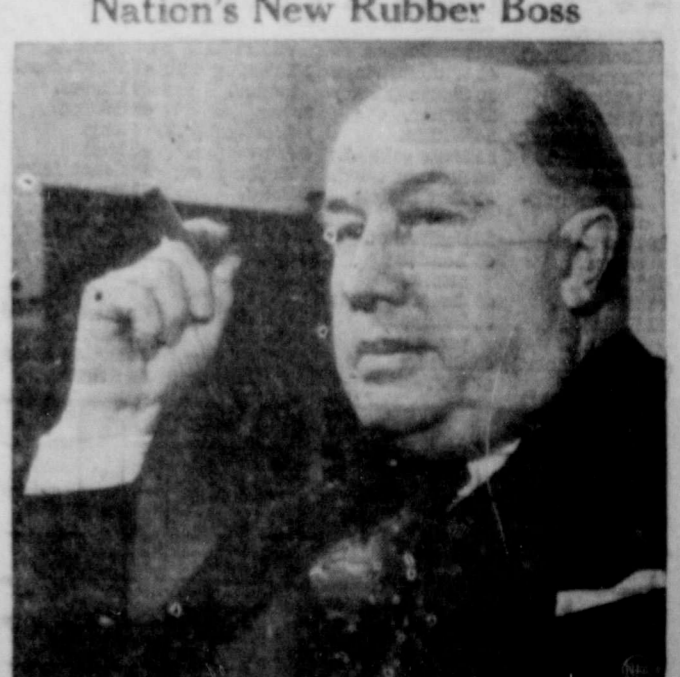
### Air Raid Stops Quisling Meeting

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 25—The national meeting of Norwegian Quislingites in Oslo was interrupted today by an air raid which began the moment Vidkun Quisling finished speaking, reports from Norway said today.

The fire then spread to a motor gas Tire Company, which lost a ton and a half of camel back tarpaulin rubber and about 400 tires belonging to customers.

### Nation's New Rubber Boss

An exacting executive, Union Pacific associates know rubber czar William Jeffers as a man who expects action from those working with him—and gets it.



## ETC of C Sees A Farm Labor Shortage Threat.

LONGVIEW, Tex. (UPI)—Citing relief in this war-torn section with manpower shortages on farms and in many East Texas industries becoming a live issue, the East Texas Chamber of Commerce believes, three East Texas counties within the past week discontinued use of county funds for relief.

They were Camp, Franklin, and Walker. Other counties are known to be considering similar action.

The East Texas Chamber has written J. S. Murchison, Director of the Texas Public Welfare Department, to ask permission to study that department's records on the volume and expenses of relief in the state.

Each East Texas county is being circularized to get the latest official opinion of Commissioners' Courts on continuing relief.

Among questions asked are these:

"Do you think the Federal Government should continue giving away 'surplus' commodities?"

"Do you believe that labor is being kept from war industries and farms because of relief being available?"

"In your opinion is continuance of relief harmful to civilian morale?"

"Would you favor discontinuing the use of your county's funds for all relief except for bona fide unemployables?"

County officials opinion at the recent Government Institute sponsored at Nacogdoches by the regional chamber seemed strongly critical of the present system of relief.

### Just In Case



Drena Guaraldi, 5 years old, gets her metal tag from Mrs. V. Guaraldi in wartime San Francisco's identification preparedness program.

### Freshman Class Is Organized At A Meeting Here

The Freshman Class of Ranger Junior College met for its first business meeting of the year Wednesday.

The meeting was called to order by the sponsor, Miss Madocks, who also acted as chairman.

Those elected to office were Lee Roy Pierce, president; Forrest Keith, vice-president; Meta Ann Scott, secretary; Geneva Cooper, treasurer; Irene Wilson, reporter.

## The Axis Turns on Hitler



The axis turned on Hitler when all males but a lad of 17 in the town of Axis, Ala. (Pop. 125), entered the armed forces. Perched atop the town's identification sign is a black cat named—that's right Hitler!

### School Physical Fitness Clubs Are Being Sponsored

AUSTIN, Tex.—Texas Public School physical fitness clubs—operating this year under the sponsorship of the University of Texas Interscholastic League—will soon be viewing a motion picture of a real physical fitness school.

Movies taken during the recent training school for Texas coaches and school officials at the University of Texas are now being edited and prepared for distribution. The finished product will be ready by Nov. 1. It was estimated by R. J. Kidd, athletic director for the Interscholastic League, which will circulate the film.

"We believe this picture will show men and women and boys and girls of Texas how important our fighting forces consider physical condition," Kidd declared, pointing out that the Navy sent 18 of its top men here to conduct the special institute.

Films were made by Dr. D. K. Irace, chairman of the University's department of physical and health education and director of the statewide physical fitness program for Texas youth.

### Six Enlist For Service In Navy

The following named men were shipped from Navy Recruiting Sub Stations operating weekly in the post offices at Cisco, Eastland and Ranger on Wednesday, September 23rd:

Paul R. Davis, 20, Route 3, Cisco, Hospital Apprentice, Second Class.

J. D. Carr, 20, Route 1, Cisco, Seaman, Second Class, Navy Construction Regiment.

Vernon B. Breeding, 20, Route 2, Clyde, Apprentice Seaman, Class V-6, General Service.

Stanley W. Windham, 17, Oplin Apprentice Seaman, Class V-6 General Service.

Morris Y. Sellers, 20, Goldswain, Apprentice Seaman, Class V-6, General Service.

Willie A. Williams, 20, Box 528, Ranger, Apprentice Seaman, Class V-6, General Service.

Yonnan Carl Martin of the Navy Recruiting Station, Abilene, is at the Post Office of the following cities Wednesday: Cisco, 9:30 to 11:30 a. m.; Eastland, 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.; and Ranger, 3:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps.

## The Government Must Have Your Scrap Metal Now

This newspaper is in receipt of the following telegram from Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the United States War Production Board, which is self-explanatory:

"The prompt and enthusiastic action of your newspaper in accepting leadership in the vital Salvage Program is the kind of answer I expected in my challenge to the American people. If we are to maintain and increase production of the planes, tanks, and ships needed by our fighting men and fighting Allies, we must get in every pound of scrap in this country—from the homes, from the farms, and from industry. A successful Fall campaign conducted by the American Newspapers, in cooperation with state and local salvage committees, will avert a serious decline in steel production and will add to our stores of other scarce materials. As chairman of the War Production Board, I call upon every citizen of the United States to make this campaign a success, by gathering and turning in all the scrap metals, rubber, and rags that can possibly be spared. Let towering victory stockpiles in every community in the nation stand as symbols of America's defiance to the Axis."

"DONALD M. NELSON."

### Children Are Badly Stung By Hornets

BRASHER FALLS, N. Y. (UP)—It was the usual result when four youngsters stirred up a hornets' nest. All were violently stung.

The youngsters ranging in age from five to eight, encountered the pest of yellow jackets while at play. The hornets pursued the children to their homes. One child had a wool suit and the hornets clinging to it tenaciously.

Fifteen hornets were removed from one child's scalp where they had burrowed into the hair.

Firemen used chemicals to wipe out the hornets' nest.

THE WEATHER  
WEST TEXAS—Little change this afternoon, tonight—intermittent rains extreme south tonight.

# Ranger Rodeo, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 25-26

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Our Rent Is Due

Many Americans labor under the delusion that their country owes them a living and the right to life, liberty and the pursuit to happiness.
An even greater number—intelligent enough to know that the privilege of being an American has been bought for them by the tears and blood of those who went before—nevertheless are complaisant about their good fortune and take the American heritage for granted.

Those men who have volunteered, those men who have been drafted, their wives and children and parents are paying their rent.
How about the rest of us?
Those who whine about the hours they have to work, the pay they get, are not paying their rent.

Those who believe everything bad about our allies, and spread alarming and disturbing rumors, are not paying their rent.
Those who argue that we can not win—and those who contend that we can not lose—are not paying their rent.

STAR-SPANGLED SINGER
Answer to Previous Puzzle
HORIZONTAL
1. Pictured singer.
10. Bustle.
13. Poker stakes.
15. Colors.
16. Verily.
17. 1418.
18. Monkey.
20. Music note.
21. Bachelor of Arts (abbr.).
22. Compass point.
23. Pig pen.
25. Street car.
27. Donkey.
29. Each (abbr.).
30. Transpose (abbr.).
31. Girl's name.
34. Looks fixedly.
38. Prehistoric.
39. Stone implements.
40. She is an singer.
41. Showy.
42. Railroad (abbr.).
43. Right (abbr.).
44. Right of.
46. Without wings.
50. Saint's (abbr.).
53. Either.
54. Within.
55. Hour (abbr.).
56. Piece of wood.
58. East Indies (abbr.).
59. Soaks flax.
61. Bombing attack.
63. One that tones.
65. Philippine peasant.
66. Citadel.
67. Rib.
VERTICAL
1. Takes up with tongue.
2. One.
3. Court (abbr.).
4. Affirmative.
6. Exclamation.
7. Void.
8. Genuine.
9. Bone.
10. Morning (abbr.).
11. Lairs.
12. Units.
14. Rusted.
16. Rough lava.
19. Symbol for.
21. Per.
24. Shouters.
26. Abstract being.
27. Checks.
29. Change.
30. Small candle.
31. Deputy Clerk of Sessions (abbr.).
32. Long fish.
33. Snake.
35. Rocky pinnacle.
36. Bitter vetch.
37. Speak.
41. Watch face.
44. Harbor.
45. Section.
46. Any.
47. Melt.
48. Great Lake.
49. Parcel of land.
51. Grief.
52. Ireland.
54. Lives.
57. Sailor.
60. Toward.
61. International language.
62. Doctor (abbr.).
64. Negative.

No Restrictions on Burning This



CARBON NEWS

By EVELYN MASSEGGEE
The Freshman class put on a play entitled "Taint Funny McGee". Those on program were Oma Lee Hogan, Gene Underwood, David Nowin, Perlene Holiday, Robert Ables, Don Gene Martin, Trixie Derrick, Jannice Reed, Angeline Underwood and students from Junior and senior classes were Bobbie Joe Lewis, Bessie Merte Baker and Devita Puttman.
First and second year home economics class had a game party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ford took Joe Ford back to Abilene Thursday. He had returned home before starting school in Abilene.
Mrs. Linnie Lewis' mother has been very ill this week.
Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Massegge are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter born to their daughter, Mrs. F. H. Cockerham in Fort Worth last Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Martin of Longview has returned home after visiting her mother here.
Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Sandlins have announced the arrival of a baby boy. They named the baby Billy Dalton.
Mr. and Mrs. William Reagan from Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. Haggie Hall this week.
Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hall visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaughn visited in DeLeon this week.



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OLDEN NEWS

By MRS. G. W. SIMER
OLDEN, Sept. 23.—A nice rain fell Saturday and the first north-winter air just around the corner.
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Adams and Helen, were called to Ft. Worth to attend the funeral of Mr. Adam's sister, who was killed in car accident near Waco.
Mrs. Lillie McMinn has returned from a visit to Fort Worth, with her daughter there.
Grandmother Rice of Ft. Worth is visiting her son, W. E. Rice.
Mrs. Fannie Clark has sold her property north of the railroad to a Mr. Yates of Ovallo. We understand he will move in at once.
L. M. Stewart is very ill at his son's home in Breckenridge.
Mrs. W. A. Barnhill is having extensive repairs on her property near town. Bud Colburn is doing the carpenter work.
Mrs. Carl Meroney is moving to the Thomas place.
Mrs. Stella Jarrett has returned from Houston where she visited her son and family, over the week-end.
Tom Wingo was in Eastland Mon-

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Read how young Georgian escaped kidney misery. Quick relief thanks to famous Doctor's tonic. Sleeps like baby now.
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And you can't miss its distinctive taste!



Mr. Kent Hulsey of 1747 Broad St., Augusta, Ga., gives credit to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root for helping him get rid of sluggish kidney misery.

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- 1. Keep Bulbs and Shades Clean. Lamp bulbs, glass diffusing bowls and lamp shades collect a film of dust that greatly decreases the amount of light you receive. Use a damp cloth to keep bulbs and glass shades clean, and dust cloth and parchment shades frequently. You'll get as much as 20 per cent more light!
2. Use Light-Colored Shades. Lamp shades that are dark on the under side absorb light, while light-colored and white shade linings reflect light. Use shades on all lights, for they help direct more light on the book or newspaper you are reading.
3. Place the Light Near the Place it is Needed. The intensity of illumination decreases rapidly as the distance between the light and the object increases. Keep your lamp as close as practical for maximum illumination.

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**THIS CURIOUS WORLD**

By William Ferguson



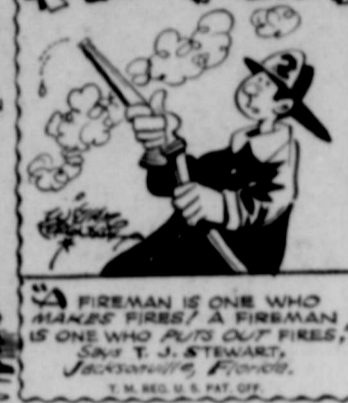
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A FIREMAN IS ONE WHO MAKES FIRES! FIREMAN IS ONE WHO PUTS OUT FIRES. SAYS T. J. STEWART, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA. T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.

**DESDEMONA**

By MRS. W. C. BEDFORD

DESDEMONA, Sept. 22—Mrs. D. Brian left Thursday for a visit with her sons and their families in West Texas.

The Baptist Women's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the church for the Bible study, which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. D. Martin. Members who were present were: Mmes. Grace Bray, Sid Tarpley, J. S. Dishman, Lewis, W. H. Kirk, Floyd Moore, R. A. Brown, J. H. Jackson, Charles McFatter, and H. D. Martin.

Mrs. Raymond Jones left Sunday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gaston Sanders, to spend a few days in St. Louis with Gaston Sanders, brother of Mrs. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Skipping and two small sons, spent the week end near Brownwood with her father and her brother and family, who were moving to a ranch near Mercury.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rushing

and children drove up to Wichita Falls, Sunday to take his sister, Mrs. Wesley Adams, and two children, Fayzell and Doyle.

Gene Gentry who is going home after having been here two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Grace Bray. Mrs. Adams was recently married to a staff sergeant at Sheppard Field.

Supt. and Mrs. Charles A. Skipping and little sons, Curtis and Ray, drove up to Eastland on business Thursday.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Monday afternoon at the Methodist church and had the program from the booklet, "For the Facing of This Hour." Line members and two visitors, Mrs. Fannie Kinney, of Stephenville and Mrs. Cleta Smith of Victor, were present. The special topic of the program was "Youth of Today." Those taking part on program were: Miss Mollie O'Rear, and Mmes. Claud Pair, S. E. Snowgrass, Charles Lee, Cleta Smith, W. C. Bedford, Bell Smith, and H. B. Clark, after the program, Rev. Clark invited the members and visitors to come

into one of the Sunday school rooms where he had placed large slices of watermelon on tables. Members went out on the beautiful church lawn to eat the watermelon. Quarterly reports were made out which showed more than \$13.00 would be sent to conference treasurer and \$6.99 had been spent on local work.

Constable W. A. Saint drove up to Eastland Sunday afternoon to take a young man who had been found in a large culvert near the home of R. Miles, when found the young man was almost naked, unconscious and nearly starved. He was brought into town and given food and coffee and revived so that he could talk. He had no papers or anything about him by which he could be identified. Not one thing was found in his pockets except an empty rubbing-alcohol bottle. After phone calls had been made to several places, a sheriff from another county thought he could identify him as an escaped prisoner. There had been a heavy rain Saturday and quite cold weather and he had been in the culvert two days with cold water over him.

The many friends of Wayne Morrow were glad to see him here Friday. He had come over with his father, Charlie Morrow from Sipe Springs. Since his graduation here in May 1941, he has worked in a Safe-Way store in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has volunteered for the U. S. Navy and expects to leave soon.

Dendemann cotton gin owned by T. H. Key and son, T. A. Key, began the season Wednesday by ginning three bales and have ginned several since then.

Friends of Miss Alice Brown were pleased to see in county papers a complimentary notice about her, as she had been on the first program at Texas State College for Women, at Denton, where she is a senior, majoring in journalism. She is the editor of Lass-O the college weekly paper. Her sister, Miss Marjorie Brown is a freshman at the college. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown.

Mrs. Hulon Pullig, of Gorman and her sister, Mrs. W. H. Powers, came over Sunday afternoon and visited a number of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Baker and daughter, Betty of Olden visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rushing and daughters, Friday night.

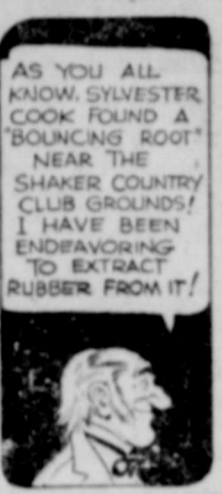
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heeter drove over to Stephenville on business Thursday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. George Crenshaw.

Misses Vernell and Charlotte Joiner, of DeLeon, were guests of their cousin, Miss Oma Mae McClellan, Sunday afternoon.

**ALLEY OPP**



**FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS**



**RED RYDER**



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**Don't Be Fooled By A Full Junk Yard!**

**DON'T LISTEN TO PEOPLE WHO SAY --- "THEY CAN'T NEED SCRAP VERY BADLY. LOOK AT THAT JUNK YARD, OR THE AUTO GRAVE YARDS --- THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF SCRAP. AND REMEMBER THE LAST TIME WE HAD A DRIVE THE STUFF SAT AROUND FOR WEEKS." TELL SUCH PEOPLE THESE TRUE FACTS...**

Of course the junk yards are full. They are "factories" that turn out finished scrap—sorted, broken up, and bundled... ready for the mills of America. The scrap has to go through these yards, and it keeps going through fast!

The auto graveyards too, are busy. They specialize in used car parts, but produce plenty of scrap as well. In June alone, these yards moved 450,000 tons—for they are required to junk within 60 days as many cars as they buy.

As for Salvage Depots — communities all over the country are staging drives. All this scrap can't be taken away at once. The junkies can't handle it and the mills

can't store it. But every pound is needed and will be used. We've got to pile it up ready for instant use at any time.

The day when all junk yards are empty, when the auto graveyards are cleaned out, when all the local scrap stockpiles are gone—that is the day to dread. It is a day to avoid at all costs.

So remember—steel is needed to fight the war, and millions of lives depend on it. This steel is made of 50 per cent scrap—and the mills have not enough scrap to last even 30 days longer. Don't fail to do your part in this emergency.

**Get Your Scrap Ready For The Drive That Starts Monday!**  
WATCH THIS PAPER FOR DETAILS OF THE BIG SCRAP DRIVE AND WHAT YOU MUST DO TO HELP

**NEWSPAPERS' UNITED SCRAP METAL DRIVE**  
THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY RANGER TIMES

**SERIAL STORY LUCKY PENNY**

BY GLORIA KAYE

**PENNY'S PLAN DEVELOPS**

**CHAPTER X**

ON winged feet, Penny raced toward the office. All around her lights were beginning to pop into windows. Hastily dressed householders poured out of their homes, and soon a stream of people was rushing to the scene.

The Kirktown Fire Department had speedily rounded itself. She heard the siren as the engine sped along Central avenue. It seemed to her that hours had passed before she reached the Courier office.

She searched the faces at the scene of the fire. An eternity passed when she saw Jim—safe. His face was a study in bitter anger. His lips were tight, his head hunched low between his broad shoulders. Jim's fists were so tightly clenched that his knuckles showed white. Penny pressed back tears. Then anger overwhelmed all other emotions. She shared Jim's bitterness.

She walked over to him, looked up into his eyes. She offered him comfort without saying a word.

"Let's go, Penny," he said. Finally, they pushed their way through the crowd, toward Jim's car. Penny shivered, despite the warmth of the night. Jim peeled off his coat and wrapped it around her shoulders.

"This is it, Penny," Jim said. "Castro has asked for a showdown. He'll know he's been in a fight before I'm finished."

"Please, Jim," she pleaded. "Please, for my sake, don't do anything you'll regret. I know what you're thinking. I know Castro has it coming to him. There are other ways. Don't spoil it now."

Jim's smile was bitter. "A lot of people have tried appeasement. It doesn't work. You can't talk peace with a guy who has a gun stuck in your ribs. This is war, Penny. It's time to give Castro the only kind of treatment he understands."

"I know, Jim," she said. "I feel the same way. Castro is going to get just the kind of treatment he's entitled to. Listen to me, Jim. I want you to hear my plan, now."

Rapidly, she was tumbling swiftly on she presented her idea to Jim. As he listened, she watched the changing light in his eyes.

"Penny," he enthused, "you're a genius. Boy! Wait until they see our paper this week. Your stunt will work! Why, Castro has walked right into our arms."

**EXCITEDLY**, he planned with her.

"First, we have to see how much damage has been done to the plant-

if we can't print ourselves, I'll take the Courier into the city. I have a friend who'll be tickled pink to help me out. I'll get Lou MacDonald lined up. This is sensational!"

Jim couldn't stay depressed after that.

"I'll take you home, Penny. You need some rest. Meanwhile I'll check in with the fire department. Besides, I'll have to get a story on the fire. I want to find some eye-witnesses. I hope no one was hurt. A lot of windows were smashed by the blast."

His brakes squealed as he tortured them to a stop in front of Penny's door.

"Good night," he said. "Don't worry about anything. I'll see you in the morning."

"Good night, Jim," she said, reluctantly. "Take it easy."

Penny knew that if Midge had returned a light would be shining in the window. She knew that Midge would have much to say and many questions to ask. She was glad the house was dark.

At the door, she stopped, listening. She thought she heard the faint sound of footsteps, speeding lightly away. She sensed, rather than saw, a shadow fading away.

Fumbling for her key, Penny called at first didn't see the note tacked on the door. When she did notice the ragged slip of paper, a chill rushed through her.

Cautiously, she unfolded the message. In big red letters, hastily scribbled, Castro had delivered his warning.

"Shut up—or else. Take a tip from us. Leave town tonight."

**WHEN** Penny arrived at the Courier office next morning, Jim was in overalls. The sun filtered through the broken basement window.

"Hello, Penny," Jim greeted happily. "Watch your step there. Some of the nails are pretty rusty."

"Good morning, Jim," Penny answered, as cheerfully as she could. Hours before she had determined that no note of anxiety would penetrate her voice.

"The damage isn't as bad as I thought it would be," said Jim. "The office got the worst of it. It'll take more than a bomb to blow up that old press. And our linotype has gone through worse than a little fire. The boys were down as soon as the firemen were let them in. We have most of the mess cleaned up already."

Penny looked over the damaged room critically. Desks and counter were shattered splinters. Burned papers soaked with water and chemicals were piled in a corner, ceiling high. She wondered if the

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