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BY PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Here at the headquarters of the U. S. armored forces, they think of Lieut.-Gen. Jacob L. Devers, who has just been assigned to command in the European theater of operations, as the man who was always saying, "Let's go! I'm wasting time!"

If he carries that motto with him into action in Europe, the assumption is that Jackie Devers will be pushing that second front idea for all he's worth. "Let's go!" he'll be reminding his subordinates as well as his subordinates. "I'm wasting time!"

General Devers commanded the armored forces from his headquarters here at Fort Knox from the summer of 1941 until he got his European assignment. While he was here, he kept reminding the War Department in Washington, from time to time, that he had a lot of trained armored divisions ready to go. Even then he felt he was wasting time.

He can't claim credit for being the father of the armored force. Primarily, he was a field artillery officer. His basic idea when he became commander of the armored forces was that the only excuse for any kind of a vehicle was to get a gun some place, in a hurry. It was on that basis that he tripled the size of the armored force in little more than a year.

When the responsibility of deciding what types of armored vehicles the U. S. should adopt was placed on General Devers, he made his decision that the proportion of light, medium and heavy tanks should be ordered so that production could be begun with a minimum waste of time.

The M-7, self-propelled 105-mm. howitzer, known in Africa as "the priest," is one of the new weapons whose development General Devers had a large part in pushing. It was a bigger, heavier weapon than had ever been mounted on a self-propelled chassis. It was the Devers doctrine of using a vehicle to get a gun some place in a hurry. And it more than justified the faith he placed in its design in Africa.

He is 35, but gets credit for being 10 years younger. His wavy, colored hair is just turning gray at the temples. He's 5-foot-10, weighs around 170, and is a bit on the bandy-legged side, as though he might have been a cavalry officer.

No martinet, no stickler for details, Devers' success as an armor officer has been his ability to hurry up and get right to the heart of any issue and then get on from there. He has a reputation for getting paper work and red tape. In his staff meetings with subordinate officers at Fort Knox, his subordinates need to try to get their things before the general. Usually, they say, he was always well ahead of them.

He preached a lot of thoroughness, along with all his hurry-up tactics. "You build the best gun mount you can design," he kept telling his armored force staff here at Fort Knox. "Then you mount on the best gun you can make. On that gun you put the best available sight. The gun and the carriage are wasted if you don't have a good sight. Then to aim that gun you have to get a good gunner. If the man who uses that sight isn't any good, the good carriage, gun and sight are wasted. So make good gunners."

For a Pennsylvania Dutchman out of York, Pa., Jackie Devers' given credit for being one of the Army's greatest hustlers. If anyone who wants this second front in '43, he should be it, the man.

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U. S. ARMY LEADER

Word puzzle grid with clues and answers. Clues include: 1,5 Pictured U. S. Army man, Maj.-Gen. Bolivar; 11 Lyric poems; 12,13 and five; 14,15 months; 16 Kind of cloth; 17 Suffix; 18 Ocean; 19 Distant; 20 Light brown; 21 Novel; 22 On account; 23 Toward; 24 Cleaning; 25 Advice; 26 Virginia; 27 Gape; 28 Sprunged; 29 Sift god; 30 Unabated type; 31 Appears; 32 Ditch; 33 Either; 34 Parent; 35 Atmosphere; 36 Ruthenium.

SERIAL STORY Beth Carter, WAAC

BY LORETTE COOPER

IN THE FIGHT CHAPTER XVII

"Halt! Who is there?" a soldier's voice called. Beth felt a tremendous surge of relief. "Officer of the post," she replied.

"Advance slowly, officer of the post, and be recognized." She moved slowly toward the voice. She could see no one. She realized what a target she was for a cat-eyed soldier's aroused suspicion.

Suddenly a powerful flashlight beam was on her—for only a second, just long enough for the sentry to see her, but not long enough for her to make certain within even a few feet where the beam was coming from.

"Continue to advance," the sentry ordered. She took another two steps, then fell.

"I... I can't. I'm injured." The sentry was at her side in an instant. "You're Lieutenant Carter?" he asked.

"I never expected to see you here, sir." Then he was confused. "Or should I say sir?" "Sir suits me," Beth said.

He turned the light, its beam carefully guarded so that it would not shine vertically, onto her ankle. It was swollen, despite the wrapping.

"I've got to get you in," he said. "It's a long way. But we should be able to have a stretcher here in a couple of hours."

BETH heard the anti-aircraft guns again. Two hours would be too late.

"Tell me all about it while the captain works on my ankle," Beth said.

"I got down within a few minutes of the time your radio message came through—they signaled me to let me know that my identity was established. You can imagine I was spending some pretty bad minutes up there."

"You were in a dangerous place," Beth said. "I heard the anti-aircraft guns."

"I wasn't thinking of myself," Brit said, and he took her hand in his. "I was thinking of how you might have been killed in that jump."

"Anyone would have done the same thing. I couldn't fly a plane, so there was nothing left for me except to jump."

"Have it your way—I'm going to tell a different story in dispatches. What I have to tell the general will read like fiction."

He looked at her. She couldn't help but keep a blush from her cheeks.

"It's not over yet, though, Beth," Brit said. "We're expecting a raid within a few hours. I haven't been able to get much out of Lita's pain, but I believe the Japs put a message through to his base, wherever it may be. I'd say there will be a raid by tomorrow evening at the absolute latest, and maybe by tonight. By the way, how do you feel?"

The medical captain interrupted. "If you think I'm going to give you a CC pill and mark her duty you're wrong, Major."

"Of course not," Brit agreed. "We'll compromise," Beth said. "We'll cut out the CC pill, but I'll be marked duty. I'm able to sit up, and when I get some nourishment I can answer a telephone or watch a spotter's chart or something else. You need every man you can get out in the field. I know darned little about this island's defenses, but I know this much. I'm in this fight to the end!"

(To Be Continued)

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BATTLE STATION CHAPTER XVIII

OVER her meal, Brit assigned Beth to new duties. He took from his pocket the American forces' tactical plan.

"Our problem in tactics was worked out long ago," he said. "Yes, I know."

"The problem now is one of logistics. You're right about every man helping—even the chaplain'll be out there, encouraging the men. We've got to get placements fixed in a hurry—more placements than we had yesterday by a whole lot. This island has only two defenses from an air attack—anti-aircraft artillery and barrage balloons. We don't have a fighter plane, or for that matter, an airplane of any sort here. They'll be here in time, but not in time to save us unless we figure out a way to survive the blasting we're undoubtedly going to get sometime soon."

"Can guns and balloons win for us?" Beth asked.

"I don't know what Washington has to say on that subject, but I think they can. Look what they did for London and a hundred other English cities! If they're good enough for a Britain battered by hundreds of raiders in a single night, we ought to be able to figure out a way to make them good enough for us against a raid of perhaps 20 planes."

"What do you want me to do, Brit?"

"Just this: I want you to stay in headquarters, right on the end of that field telephone. You know what the tactical plan is. You may have to wait hours, but when the proper moment comes, I'll be depending on you to give the order that will put everything we have into the fight. Do you think you can do that?"

"I'll do my best," she said. "That will be enough."

SHE turned her head and looked past him at the concrete wall which was designed to protect headquarters against bombs. She knew that it was thick but she also knew that it was not thick enough to withstand a direct hit. It was up to the Coast Artillery to see that no direct hit came. This nerve center of a future American offensive in the Pacific must continue its work toward the day when victory could be advanced with one mighty thrust at Japan's heart.

"Where will you be?" she asked. It was not a doubting question, or a critical one. It was simply that she wanted to know—for, whether he knew it or not, her heart would be with him.

He did not answer for a moment. Then he made the longest speech she had ever heard him make.

"Out here in the war zone everybody does what he can. I'm responsible for everything that goes on here. I can delegate authority but I can never delegate responsibility."

"I'm going out and make my way from emplacement to emplacement, from foxhole to foxhole, from gun to gun, from balloon bed to balloon bed."

"If some place a man is needed right then to help lift a gun into place, I'm going to be there. If somewhere else a man needed to swing a pick or shovel for five minutes, I'm going to swing that pick or shovel. I'm going out to make sure everything I can do there we are prepared the best we can be."

He left her. She did not mind his going, even though she wanted to talk to him. She knew how he felt. She had that feeling now, too. They were all one army, and whether they wrestled with training problems at Fort Des Moines or supply problems in jungles or problems of bombs and bullets in some remote battleground like that, they were all fighting for the same cause and the same flag.

BETH finished her coffee. She smiled to herself. Then she said one sentence aloud, musing, "I won't let you down, Uncle," she promised.

She balanced herself on the crutches that had been given to her. The pain was still in her ankle but it was nullified by an excitement and an exaltation in her soul. She went clumsily toward the major's office but no one noticed her clumsiness.

She sat down in Major Brit Jackson's chair, at his desk. She laid the tactical plan he had given her atop the desk. She pulled the field telephone close and then placed a test call over it. She was reassured by the knowledge that she was connected directly with the island's vitcheboard, and that the phones from every major area on the island were plugged in so that she could talk to all of them simultaneously.

She sat, at first tensely, then little by little relaxing. The hours passed. She did not want them to hasten by. She wanted every one to be long enough so that a mountain of work could be done. For it must be done.

Finally the message she was waiting for came.

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Farmer Raises Tree Crop For Rifle Stocks

Clarence Kluckhorn is the tree farmer whose finest walnuts were sent to a Dubuque, Ia, gun stock mill. Last year 82 trees were cut and shipped and 250 walnut seedlings were planted in their stead.

Kluckhorn has farmed his trees just as the best agriculturists farm their small grains. He takes great pride in his trees, which now are forming the stocks of Garands and other army rifles in all American theaters of war.

STITZER, Wis. (UP)—American farmers are performing great feats of production for the war effort but in the Grant county community a 66-year-old bachelor farmer is raising and harvesting a crop of trees.

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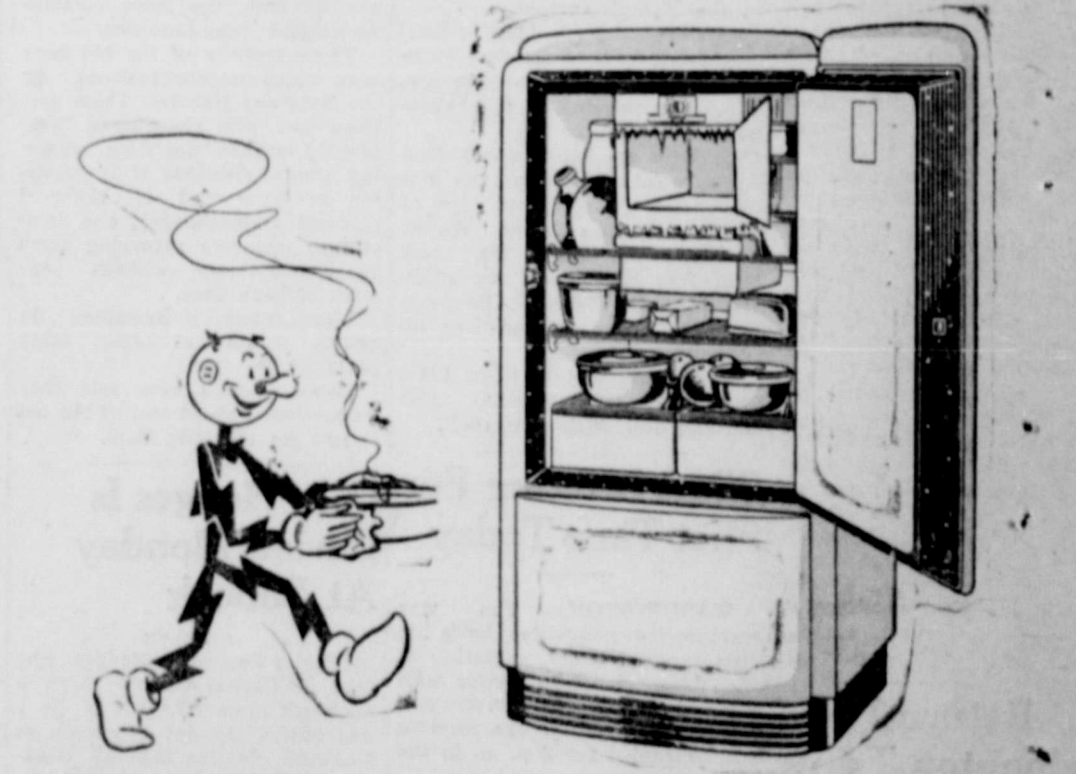
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How to Defrost Your Electric Refrigerator Quickly

You can save time and keep frozen foods from thawing by using a quick method of defrosting your electric refrigerator. Consult your refrigerator instruction book for a defrosting method recommended by the manufacturer, or try suggestions below.



- 1. Turn the control switch to "off" and remove everything from the freezer compartment. Wrap frozen foods with several thicknesses of paper and put them on a refrigerator shelf. They won't thaw out in the short time required for defrosting.
2. Fill a pan or baking dish with hot water and place on the bottom shelf of the freezer compartment. Do not use the quick-release type ice trays for this purpose, as they usually are coated with a thin film of wax that will wash away in hot water.
3. Clean the food compartment and racks with a solution of one quart of cool water and a teaspoonful of baking soda. By this time, the layer of frost should be melted from the freezer compartment, which also should be cleaned with the soda solution.
4. Wipe the refrigerator dry and refill the ice trays. Old ice cubes collect food odors and sometime acquire a stale taste. Then turn the control switch to "on".

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Texas Trade Is Up 35 Per Cent

AUSTIN, Tex. —Composite

index of Texas business for April indicated that trade was approximately 35 per cent better than in April of last year, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Coincidentally, the Texas index of non-agricultural payrolls was 44 per cent better than for the corresponding month a year ago, Dr. F. A. Buechel, associate director of the Bureau de-

clared. Total non-agricultural payrolls in Texas are now more than twice what they were in 1929, the banner pre-war year, he announced.

Sharp increases in payrolls and farm cash income are reflected in department and apparel store sales. Dollar sales in these types of retail establishments rose nearly 14 per cent from March to April, were 20 per cent above April a year ago.

In This Case It Pays To Be Accurate

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—The Houston Shipbuilding Corporation is launching ships so rapidly that officials in charge of launching ceremonies are having difficulty in securing sufficient champagne to christen the craft, and gay ribbons in which to wrap the bottles.

Two bottles are on hand at each launching, the extra to be used in case the first misses when the sponsor takes the swing. So far, none of the sponsors at Houston Shipbuilding yard launchings has missed the target and the second bottle, in that case, is presented to the sponsor.

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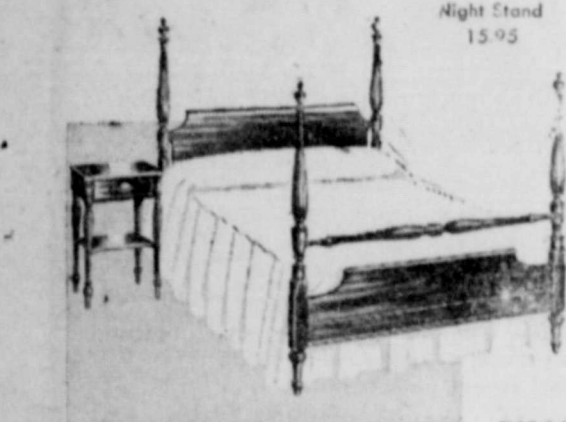
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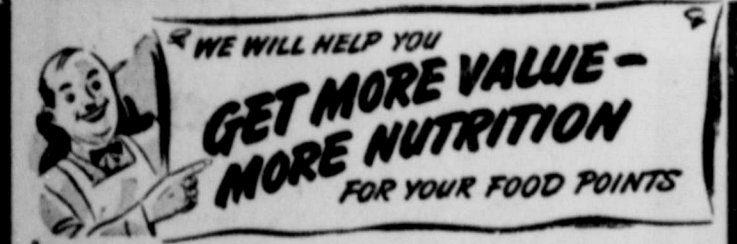
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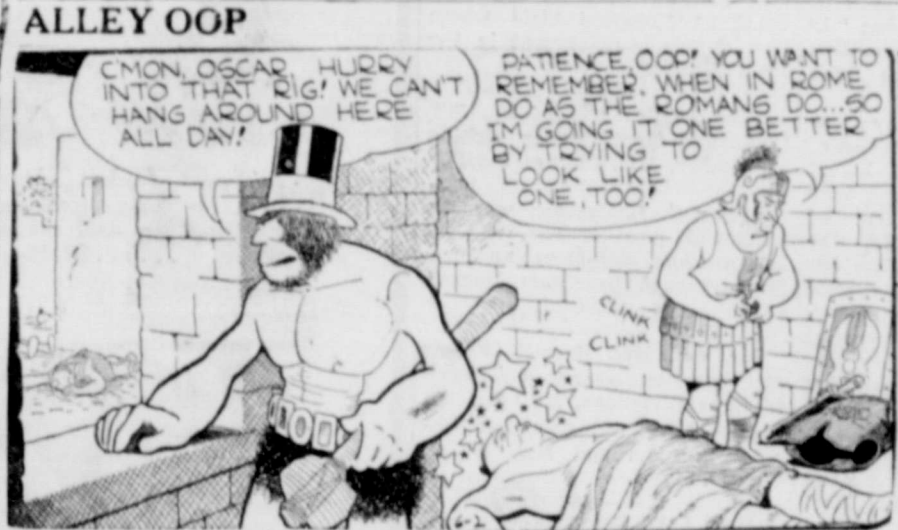
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MASONIC LODGE Call meeting Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738 A. F. & A. M. Tuesday night 8 p. m. A Fellowship Degree will be conferred.

Visitors welcome, all members urged to be present. Election of officers for the ensuing year. Dick A. Jones, W. M. J. F. Donley, Sec.

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Engagement and Approaching Marriage Of Miss Swaney, Mr. Hatten Announced

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Fannie Dell Swaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Swaney, to Mr. Frank Hatten, son of Mrs. G. L. Hatten of Eastland, was announced Monday afternoon when Mrs. Swaney entertained at her home with a tea from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock. The wedding will take place June 15 at the Post Chapel at the Advanced Flying School at Dauglas, Arizona, where the groom-elect will be graduated late in June.

Receiving the guests at the tea were Mrs. Swaney, Miss Swaney, who was attired in an afternoon dress of white dotted with red and with red trim, Miss Jane Matthews, Mrs. Hatten mother of the groom-to-be, and Mrs. A. Huffman of Breckenridge, sister of the groom-elect.

Ladies Bible Class Meets On Monday

The Ladies Bible Class of the Church of Christ met Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church.

An arrangement of white gladioli and fern formed the centerpiece for the martel in the living room and low bowls filled with daisies were placed about the room. The tea table was laid with an imported cloth of embroidered linen with lace insets and centered with a crystal bowl filled with white gladioli and fern. Three branch crystal candelabra held tall white tapers which lighted the table, at one end of which was the crystal punch bowl, herPiding bee punch bowl. Presiding in the dining room were Misses Doris May, Mercedes Pearson and Cia Faye Morgan and Mrs. James Sanders and Mrs. R. B. Thomas. Other members of the house party were Misses C. E. May, Ross Hodges, A. J. Ratliff, Jack Urban, and J. E. Matthews.

Announcement of the marriage was made on the tea napkins which were engraved in silver with the names of the betrothed couple and the date of the wedding.

A number of prenuptial parties will honor the bride-elect before she and her mother leave for Arizona.

Mrs. Lee Ames and daughters, Helen and Joyce and Miss Mash Williams of Fort Worth spent the week end in Ranger visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and children of Hamlin were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ballock.

Mrs. A. H. Lester of Hico is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Corby.

Mr. and Mrs. John Melburn and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Melburn and children of Tacoma, Washington, are visiting in Ranger, while enroute to Houston.

J. E. Brady, who is a patient in the West Texas Hospital, is reported to be seriously ill.

Preston Burks went to Fort Worth where he spent the week end visiting friends.

Pvt. Russell H. Quinn of Camp Walters is the guest of his mother, Mrs. H. L. Quinn.

Mrs. H. D. Knight and children Harold Gene and Norma Rhea and Miss Mary Fern Francis of Dallas are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker.

Those attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hooks, Thomas J. Seabolt, Mrs. Sue Jacoby, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Pattison, Mrs. Verba Wagley Hawkins of Cleo, and Noel Judy, Cpl. and Mrs. Joe B. Norton and son, Donnie, and Misses Mary Beth Clem, Mildred Balch and Katherine Howard. The young couple will make their home temporarily in Mineral Wells, Texas.

V. V. Cooper, Sr., and Mrs. C. C. Cross have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cooper of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cooper of Houston, Mrs. Annie Laura Jensen and Carl Jensen of Abilene, and C. C. Cross of Houston.

Francis Fengler of Dallas was the week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fengler.

Scenes From Arcadia Picture Wednes.



Clara Prelinger and Joan Bennett in scene from their latest picture, 'Margin For Error', from the hilarious stage play by Class Booth Lock.

Dr. E. V. Mooney of Dallas was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bordeaux over the week end.

Dorothy Byas of Dallas spent the week end as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Byas.

Wanda Sue Watson, who has been a patient in the City-County Hospital, was removed to her home Monday.

Miss Fern Browning, who has been a patient in the City-County Hospital, was removed to her home Tuesday.

Frank Ames is a medical patient in the City-County Hospital and is reported to be resting well.

Mrs. Nola Williamson, who underwent major surgery Tuesday at the City-County Hospital, is reported to be resting well.

F-O Bob Palmer of Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. W. C. Palmer.

Mrs. John Ussery, who is a medical patient in the City-County Hospital, is reported to be improving.

Miss Josephine Robinson of Mineral Wells is the guest of her father, Ben Robinson and her sister, Zelma and Ann.

MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

F. G. Rodgers, left today for Cambridge, Mass., where he will study in the Chaplain's School at Harvard University. Rodgers was accepted for service as a chaplain on May 25, and yesterday was ordered to report at once. Two sons of the Rodgers are also in service.

While the men are in service Mrs. Rodgers and daughter, Elizabeth will make their home in Dupton where Elizabeth will enter TSCW in the fall.

Word has been received that Maurice Franklin now serving with the signal corps has landed safely somewhere in the South Pacific.

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Ale James Ratliff who has been stationed at Bryan and also at Randolph Field has been transferred to Sheppard Field at Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Ann Miller who enlisted in the WAAC recently has received a call to report for basic training at Ft. Devers, Mass., on June 13.

After basic training she will be placed, at her own request somewhere within a radius of 300 miles of Ranger. Mrs. Miller attended business college in Ft. Worth and Ranger Junior College. Before entering the WAAC she was employed by the government.

She is the daughter of Pete Cramer, and a sister of Miss Kate Cramer.

Upshaw To Head Meat Program

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. (UP)—E. L. Upshaw, state representative of the Food Distribution Administration in Austin, has been named to head the war meat marketing program in Texas, it has been announced by B. F. Vance, chairman of the state USDA War Board. The program's purpose is to route meat in legitimate channels of distribution to meet demands of the armed forces and provide for civilian requirements. It will also help to stamp out black markets which have been taking heavy toll of supplies, creating meat shortages throughout the state. Other objectives of the program are to promote sanitation in the slaughtering and handling of meat, to prevent waste and conserve by-products and to make the slaughter system operate more effectively.

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