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## Marines On Outskirts Of Airdromes

### NEW COMMANDS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP)—President Roosevelt Tuesday announced that Lt. Gen. Jacob Devers will command American forces in the Mediterranean theater and will serve as deputy supreme commander of all Allied forces in the area.

Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, the President said, will be Allied air commander in the Mediterranean and Major Gen. James Doolittle will be assigned to command the Eighth Air Force operating out of Britain.

Devers is now commander of all American forces in Great Britain and Eaker is United States Air commander in Britain. Doolittle has been in command of the United States strategic air force in the Mediterranean.

The President also disclosed that Major Gen. Nathan Twining would command the Fifteenth Air Force operating in the Mediterranean.

The swiftness of Devers and Eaker from Britain to the Mediterranean places them with British Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, former Middle East commander selected to succeed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as overall chief of the Mediterranean theater.

Eisenhower, as commander in chief of the forces to be involved in the projected invasion of western Europe, will have with him in Britain the air commanders who had worked so successfully with him in the Mediterranean.

British Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, overall air commander in the Mediterranean under Eisenhower, already had been named Eisenhower's deputy for the new operations, and Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, who commanded American air forces in the Mediterranean, will head all United States strategic air forces operating over Europe. Doolittle will be his commander in Britain.

Twining, named to command the Fifteenth Air Force in the Mediterranean, has been commander of the Thirteenth Air Force in the Southwest Pacific.

Beyond reading a list of the command changes the President had no additional details on the Allied staff organization.

Asked about reports that Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., would go to a new invasion command, he said he was not on the list before him. Mr. Roosevelt added that he would not do too much guessing about that; that it was old womanish.

### Two Lose Lives Twenty-Seven Are Killed In Fire

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 28 (UP)—Two men were killed and twenty-seven others were injured Tuesday when an explosion and fire destroyed one third of a Texas Company gasoline station at Port Arthur.

Killed were Morris L. Smith, 32, of Ft. Worth, and R. T. Dowden, 31, of Nederland.

Three of the twenty-seven injured were seriously hurt, company officials said.

The still had been in operation several months.

A series of terrific blasts were followed by a fire which burned for several hours.

Workmen said that some of them had advanced warning from the odor of escaping gas.

Company officials and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were investigating the explosion and fire.

### SOVIET DRIVE NETS SIXTY COMMUNITIES

LONDON, Dec. 29, (UP)—The Russian army west of Kiev in a thundering drive, Tuesday, captured sixty more communities and drove down the highway from Kiev to within sixteen miles of Zhitomir, key railroad center.

The Soviet Baltic army in the north, closing around the heavily guarded German stronghold of Vitebsk, captured several populated places and were reported to be only five miles from the White Russian city, despite desperate German counterattacks.

Racing toward Zhitomir, the Russians captured the town of Korostishev, a district center fifteen miles to the east, as their five day old offensive wrestled back fully half the ground the Germans had painfully won in six costly weeks of counteroffensive.

Moscow reports said the area was strewn with German dead and abandoned equipment as Gen. Fritz van Mannstein's armored forces hastily retreated.

The Moscow daily radio communique reported at least two more towns captured to the south of this area where the Russians appeared headed straight for Berdichev and the Bessarabian border.

These were the Nekhoroshev, seventeen miles northeast of Berdichev, and Pavoloch, twenty-five miles southwest of Fastov. The Russians had previously captured Vcheraish, marking out a twenty-two mile salient posing an ultimatum threat to Rumania and an immediate threat to the Germans' important east-west communications.

When the Russians first swept out west of Kiev to capture Zhitomir on Nov. 14, the Russians maintained a line from Fastov west to Khorleyevka and Zhitomir. This German-held floor on the Kiev bulge indicated Nazi fears against a southern push and was a prelude to the determined counterattack that took back Zhitomir and rolled east to Teteriv River.

Now the Russians have broken through that floor and in addition to driving straight west for Zhitomir are pounding along the rail line southwest of Kazatin, Vinnytsa and Zherminka. This line, part of the Zhitomir-Odessa north-south communications route, is an important Nazi feeder route.

### Hatley Accepts Position With Aircraft Plant

P. O. Hatley, for the past several years principal of Ranger High school, and before that a teacher in the grade schools, left today to accept a position with the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation in Ft. Worth.

Hatley stated that he will be in the office of the personnel department and that the position promised to be of a very pleasant nature. He also said that he was compelled to accept the position now or let it go, and that it meant too much to be passed up. Had this not been the situation, he said that he would have waited until the end of the school term in January before accepting the place.

Mrs. Hatley and the family will join Hatley in Ft. Worth after the close of the current school term.

### Welfare Worker Cancels Trip

C. C. Peeks, investigator for the Old Age Assistance work, who was due to be in Ranger several days this week will be unable to keep his appointments due to the fact that he is ill.

Persons who were scheduled to call on the investigator will be notified by mail as to when he will be able to see them.

### Firing Ends at San Pietro, Taken by Yanks After Hard Fight



BATTLE FOR SAN PIETRO, ITALY, one of the hardest-fought engagements in the current Italian campaign, ended with the Yanks in occupation of what was once a thriving mountain city. For a week, native women huddled their families in caves as the Americans bombarded the Nazi positions in a furious battle to dislodge the enemy. Then, emerging as shown in the U. S. Signal Corps



radiophoto above, the natives joyfully asked for and received food and clothing from the Yanks. In one of the churches in the city, blasted to rubble during the battle, the statue of the Madonna of the Waters escaped damage. It miraculously had escaped unscathed once before during a devastating earthquake in the city in 1815. United States Army Signal Corps photographs. (International)

### FIND READING PUBLIC WANTS BOOKS ON WAR

CHICAGO, (UP)—People do not read books simply for recreation now, according to the American Library Association; they are demanding more books that deal in war information.

Librarians find the reading public wants books describing the foreign countries where service men are stationed, books that deal in technical information and business and rationing regulations. Housewives seek books that give advice on adjusting their households to wartime living conditions.

The Victory Book Campaign, sponsored by the Library Association in co-operation with the USO and American Red Cross, has collected and will distribute more than 15,000,000 books to soldiers and sailors overseas.

When servicemen are demobilized after the war, and industrial workers return to normal peacetime living, the Library Association believes that adult education will assume growing importance.

It cites the many educational opportunities now offered in the Army and Navy, which should be continued when the veterans return to civilian life.

Veterans of the 18-25 age groups who joined the armed services instead of going to college, will need books to readjust themselves to new or different civilian jobs.

American libraries recently have been opening in Latin-American countries of Mexico, Brazil, and Nicaragua. These libraries are financed largely by the United States government, and administered by the American Library Association.

At least \$150,000 worth of books have been distributed as gifts to the Latin-American libraries, and the special funds for the restocking of research libraries in devastated war areas.

### Unions Agree To Cancel Strike

WASHINGTON, (UP)—The threat of a crippling war time strike of railroad employees ended today when three holdout unions assented the War Department that they "will take no action that will impede the successful prosecution of the war and that they will immediately cancel the strike order".

### Hopkins Denies Writing Note On Willkie Chances

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
August 17, 1943

Dear Humphrey:

What has been done in the matter? Will you write me, please. What developments in the other situation? Willkie is going to be the man, in my opinion, and I can promise you good cooperation from that quarter if you think it would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,  
Harry Hopkins

Dr. Humphrey Lee,  
Southern Methodist University,  
Dallas, Texas.

Here is a photostatic copy of a letter which Nelson C. Sparks, former Republican mayor of Akron, O., claims Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's close adviser wrote to Dr. Humphrey Lee, President of Southern Methodist University, predicting that Wendell Willkie would be the next Presidential candidate.

### Marshalls Raided By Navy Bombers

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii, Dec. 28, (UP)—Navy Ventura bombers and Helicat fighters made a low-altitude attack Sunday on Japanese shipping and installations in the Jaluit Atoll of the Marshall Islands and Army Liberator bombers dropped fifty tons of bombs on Wotje Atoll, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced Tuesday.

Results of the attack on the Japanese ships were not announced but the presence of enemy craft at Jaluit was taken as evidence that the Japanese still were sending reinforcements in expectation of an early American move northward from the Gilbert Islands.

All planes returned from the Jaluit attack but two Liberators were lost in the attack on Wotje. They shot down one Japanese Zero fighter.

CHICAGO, (UP)—An 1828 hotel price list found recently here shows the Green Tree Tavern charged \$25 for breakfast and supper, \$37 1-2 for dinner and \$12 1-2 for a room per night.

### Data Sought On Birth of Former Ranger Resident

Through the American Red Cross the City of Ranger has received a request from Mrs. Carl E. Tinsley of California for information concerning the birth of her husband who has been killed in action.

According to the information received, Carl E. Tinsley was born in Ranger in October 1920. His parents died in his infancy and he was reared by Mrs. K. E. Bushby.

Anyone who has any information in connection with this person or knows the whereabouts of Mrs. Bushby is requested to contact employees at the City Hall at once.

### Tribute to 10 Grandsons

WOONSOCKET, R. I. (UP)—When Mr. and Mrs. Edouard Mandeville celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary Jan. 1, they will dedicate the day to their 10 grandsons on active duty in the Army and Navy. Five of the grandsons are overseas.

### Sloan Completes Mechanics Course

SHEPARD FIELD, Tex.—Pfc. Lee Stone, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stone, Rt. 2, Ranger, Texas, has graduated from an intensive course in airplane mechanics and now is prepared to join the ranks of "coverall commandoes" who keep our American planes aloft.

Shepard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the largest schools of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, training specialist technicians for the ground crews which "Keep 'Em Flying."

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

### Employ 71 P. C. Women

ALBANY, N. Y. (UP)—A State Labor Department survey showed that during 1943 women comprised 71 per cent of the employees in retail stores and miscellaneous service industries as compared with 68 per cent in 1942 and 62 per cent in 1941.

### Cuts of Men, Women In Service Wanted

The Ranger Times wishes to secure all available cuts of men and women in service to be used in an edition of the paper this week. Many who had cuts made for the servicemen's edition published in September have taken these cuts for other use and the Times wishes to secure them for this coming edition.

It will be greatly appreciated if persons who have cuts of their service men and women will bring them to the Times for immediate use, after which they will be returned to the owner.

### FOOD PEAK IS PREDICTED FOR THE NEW YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (UP)—Like many other U. S. war industries, foodstuffs—our most essential consumer industry, with \$17,000,000,000 in retail sales during 1943—today is shattering one record after another about as fast as our fighting men are shooting holes in the Axis military machine.

C. M. Chester, chairman, executive committee, General Foods Corp., said today.

"Any way you look at it, food is one of the really great success stories which history will write of America's all-out offensive against the aggressors," he stated.

"During 1943, there was produced and distributed a record volume of food, despite almost incredible difficulties and shortages of machines, materials, packaging fertilizer, transport, and labor, including 8.8 per cent fewer food processing employees and 7 per cent fewer store employees than in 1942.

"Even with many familiar food items short or entirely missing, 125,000,000 American civilians were served a diet more abundant and nutritious than most people elsewhere knew. On top of this, the industry provisioned 10,000,000 in the armed services, and sent mountains of food abroad. In fact, a fourth of our agricultural food production was allocated to military, Lend-Lease, and other special needs, compared with the 14 per cent in 1942 and 6 per cent in 1941.

"Altogether, the industry today probably is feeding more than 151,000,000 persons here and abroad.

"Looking ahead, the industry during 1944 expects, war and weather permitting, to break its 1943 tonnage. Even with the fastest of pocketbooks, housewives will not be able to buy enough of all kinds of foods they are willing to buy, and there may be new shortages; but no one is going hungry.

### Late Bulletins

BERN, Switzerland, (UP)—Pope Pius XII visited bombed-out areas in the suburbs of Rome immediately after the American air raid yesterday, according to information from the Italo-Swiss frontier today.

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles today backed up a warning that the nation's stock of new automobiles for civilians is down to a five-day supply in normal time by cutting the January rationing quota to the all-time low.

### THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Generally fair today and tonight except partly cloudy extreme east portion. Continued cold. Lowest temperature tonight 25 to 30 degrees north portion except 20 to 25 extreme northwest, 25 to 32 central portion. Frost south portion. Thursday partly cloudy and warmer.

### QUANTITIES OF IAP SUPPLIES CAPTURED AS ENEMY FLEES

By United Press

Marine tanks and riflemen converged on the Cape Gloucester air dromes in northwestern New Britain today as veteran Australian jungle fighters, bursting suddenly out of the Ramu River Valley in New Guinea, massed for an assault on the important Japanese coastal base of Madang.

An Allied communique revealed that Marine forces flanking out from their twin beachheads in the Cape Gloucester area had driven through the jungles to within 1 1/2 miles of the strategically important airdromes, meeting only light opposition from the enemy garrison.

Huge quantities of supplies, ammunition and artillery were captured as the Japanese withdrew under a steady battering from the Marines a ground and swarms of Allied planes aloft.

Fifty miles across the tip of the mountainous island, U. S. 6th army troops beat off enemy counter attacks and resumed their drive inland from the Arava peninsula, after having been forced back momentarily from some of their advanced positions.

On the Russian front, Red armies hammered at the gates of Zhitomir and Korosten in a sweeping offensive which had recovered nearly all the territory lost to the Germans in the Kiev salient.

The capture of both Zhitomir and Korosten, key German bastions of a 100-mile northwest Ukraine front, appeared a matter of days if not hours. Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's forces were credited with defeating and routing the German army massed to stem the Soviet drive, and it was reeling back in full retreat.

### British Sending Many Dresses To Russian Women

By Shirley Ann Harmon  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
LONDON, (UP)—Homeless Russian heroines of Stalingrad will be walking around in frocks designed by Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen.

The British dress industry is sending 90,000 frocks and 50,000 coats to the Soviet as a good will gesture. The clothing will carry special labels carrying greetings in Russian from the industry.

Never before have Soviet women had the opportunity of seeing, much less wearing, such a large assortment of Western dress styles.

British manufacturers, retailers and wholesalers are contributing the frocks and coats, which will represent half million dollars worth of material and labor. Packing and export will cost another \$16,000.

Wartime utility and austerity dresses, the only kind the government allows to be manufactured here, will make up the shipment. Despite restrictions on trimming, pleats, and material, the average British woman is dressing better than ever before. With the utility dress, mass production in clothes came into existence here for the first time and the designs of famous couturiers were made available to the general public.

Today I saw on the racks of a well known British wholesaler some of the 500 dresses he has contributed. They were all smart. One was gray flannel with trim Peter Pan collar of white and a white handkerchief in the shoulder pocket. Another was a black and white polka dot print such as you see on Fifth Avenue in spring time.

Under a special arrangement with the Board of Trade the clothing industry is being allowed coupons to replace those it must surrender in sending dresses to Russia.

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WASHINGTON Report

Suggest Public Drinking Hours Be Rationed, Too Plight of Disabled Vet Already U. S. Problem

By HELEN ESSARY Central Press Columnist

WASHINGTON—That hard liquor shortage that keeps the national spirit low can be managed, so some hotel people say, by rationing. Not rationing the liquor. Rationing the drinking hours.

WASHINGTON HUSBANDS are hoping their wives didn't ask for one of those new platinum mink coats for Christmas. Honest brown mink isn't what it used to be. What's a mere \$2,000 for a fur coat when inflation has one foot in the door?

PROBLEMS OF TODAY as expressed in books seem to be experiences of war and thoughts on peace. The publishers and authors are whanging out such volumes with the recklessness of a new bus driver making a sudden turn.

As soon as a soldier is discharged from a hospital, government pay to his wife and children stops automatically. And the poor fellow, often crippled in body and distressed in spirit, is turned loose at the job of making a living in the civilian world.

FORMER GOVERNOR J. P. M. LONDON can do a little Viennese waltz. I danced with him myself the other night at Friendship at one of Mrs. Evelyn Walker McLean's exciting dinner parties.

LAFF-A-DAY



"What's your hurry? You stared long enough at that window of golf clubs and checkered linen!"

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. Seize, 2. Boat, 3. Wanderer, 12. Hunting inn, 13. Variety of cornucopia, 14. Fruit of the oak, 15. Part of "to be", 16. Heals, 17. Corners, 20. Backward, 23. Log, 27. Regret, 28. Large, 30. Astonishment, 31. Encounter, 32. Wild ass (Avis), 35. Abolish, 37. Violation of a law, 40. Chrysalis, 44. Grates, 45. More infrequent, 46. Metal tag, 47. River (So Am.), 48. Malt beverages, 49. Rock debris at cliff base



CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation JMFYOCPY OYVMOJYJG CKZCIG DCPY PDMGY EDM SM IYIMXP PDYJ—VOMLFY.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: POVERTY IS A THOROUGH IN-STRUMENT IN ALL THE ARTS—PLAUTUS.

Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Mexico-Born Grow Taller In U. S.

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Mexican children brought to Texas tend to grow taller and undergo other physical changes, Dr. Marcus S. Goldstein, University of Texas anthropologist, announced after painstaking measurements of 2,000 individuals.

In his investigations, Dr. Goldstein used members of 176 families in Texas and 129 families in Mexico. Among the "tangible conclusions" announced in a bulletin are: 1. Both Mexico-born and Texas-born children are taller than their parents.

their fathers, and 2.21 centimeters taller than the sons living in Mexico. The increased height of Texas-born adult male children is roughly almost an inch and a half above the height of their fathers.

on both sides of the international boundary are smaller than those of their parents. Texas-born sons show a length of head slightly greater than their parents. Texas-born daughters reveal a sharper decrease in head length than in head width.

4. Texas-born sons weighed 2.3 kilograms less than their fathers and Mexico-born sons 4.97 kilograms less.

2. Heads and faces of children

3. Hands of Texas-born children are significantly longer and narrower than those of their parents.

Try A War-Ad

Insurance advertisement for C. E. MAY, 211 MAIN STREET. The text 'C E M A Y' is written vertically on both sides of the word 'INSURANCE'.

Large advertisement for HAMILL'S, INC. featuring 'AFTER CHRISTMAS CLEARANCE' and 'BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9 O'CLOCK THURSDAY MORNING DECEMBER 30 TH'. It lists various clothing items and their clearance prices, such as 'LOOK 33 SUITS TO CLEAR AT \$9.98 TO \$29.98' and 'BEAUTIFUL 3-PIECE SUITS PRICED TO \$35 EACH TO CLEAR AT 19.98 22.98 24.98 Each'.

YOU'RE TELLING ME! By WILLIAM RITT Central Press Writer

STALIN'S field marshal uniform, judging from those Tehran photos, strikes a new note in military garb. It looked like a suit of pajamas topped by an officer's cap.

A coincidence, says Zedek Dumkapf, is when the weather is what the weatherman said it would be.

Grandpappy Jenkins is shopping for a pair of ear plugs. Says he's just getting ready for the Surrender Day celebration.

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, whose U-boat campaign is flopping, has been called for a conference by Hitler, according to a report. Looks like Karl is sunk along with his subs.

Diapers being sent to the Arabs are being used by them as shawls and hats. Apparently, everyone over there is grown up.

Headline: "Allies Bomb Heart of Naziland." What heart?

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### Art Is Helping To Win The War

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Many University of Texas students are part of the fact that art is helping win the war.

Here are a few now in uniform or active in war work: Sgt. Jack Kellam of Del Valle, weather observer in England; William Stewart of Beeville, Officer in the field artillery; Billy Westfall of Rusk, bomber pilot in Italy; Ed Ivy of Waco, instructor in navigation school at Cadiz, N. M.; Joe Schwarting of Waco, in the Navy; Luther Bookout of Santa Rosa, Marine artillery officer in the Pacific; and John Rosenfield of Dallas, studying to be an interpreter with forces in Asia.

Among the women students, Rosalie Brown of Hillsboro is a production illustrator in the engineering department of North American Aviation. Judith Moffett of Austin is instructing beginners in drafting and compilation at the Army Map Service in San Antonio.

### Wac Cuts Repair Costs

FORT DIX, N. J. (UP)—The approximate yearly cost to the Quartermaster here for the repair and maintenance of typewriters were \$8,000. Now WAC Pfc. Gertrude Isom, of (1375 Sutherland Street.) Los Angeles, Cal., does the job for her \$54-a-month salary and Uncle Sam saves the difference.

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By PAUL ROBINSON



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By Boyce House  
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Well, he was bound to have been in the wagon or he couldn't have fallen out of it.  
On the other hand, he wasn't in the wagon when he fell out—he was out of it.

### CLASSIFIED

FOR RENT—Small furnished house. Mrs. L. E. Gray, Phone 299.

LOST—Brown leather billfold in Arcadia Monday. Reward for return to Buddie Hamrick.

FOR SALE—Five room modern house in Olden, Leach on high way; extra land and outhouses. C. E. May, Insurance, Ranger, Texas.

FOR SALE—Two late model 3-4 ton pickups—Extra good rubber and low mileage. Priced to sell. Price Crawley Motor Co., Ranger, Texas.

FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein Guernsey and Ayrshire heifers \$25 each and up. Shipped COD, if desired. Bull free with 5 heifers. Homestead Farms, McCraw, New York.

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THOSE OF YOU who enjoy poetry for yourself or holiday giving will be pleased with my new book, **STARLIGHT IN TEXAS**. Has 161 poems, also my biography and picture. Price \$1.50. BRUCE WALKER, P. O. Box 223, Ranger, Texas.

FOR SALE—5 room modern house, 301 First street, Young Addition. T. E. Bonkston.

LOST—Left-hand fender parts for 1940 Ford. Finder please return to Leveille Motor Co.

WANTED—Clock to repair. Guaranteed workmanship at 726 Hubbard Street, Ranger, C. M. Gibbs.

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### PERSONALS

that a nation-wide investigation is being launched by federal authorities and Texas was selected as the starting place, which shows that this State is worst of all.

The illegal toll—amount to many millions of dollars in our State and to hundreds of millions over the entire country—which sharks are collecting in the form of 240 per cent interest and more, is slowing down the war effort. War workers are being bled white and so can't buy bonds, officials declare, and, in many cases, worry—caused by trying to keep up the heavy money payments has reduced the efficiency of workers in turning out planes, guns and ships.

More power to authorities, federal, State and local, in their effort to end the sabotaging of the war effort that loan sharks are guilty of.

Readers enjoy pointing out typographical errors but when one considers that the newspapers of America print 500,000,000 words a day he can readily see that mistakes will be made. Several news papers recently printed this account of some amusing slips:

Lack of a "b" gave this item a preposterous swing: "An employe was accused of having stolen a small ox from the mail. The stolen property was found in his vest pocket."

Kendall Way, of the Interstate Theaters with headquarters in Dallas has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Garner.

Rev. S. E. Byrne returned today to his home in Dallas after a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stroud and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Stroud and daughter Patricia Lea, spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Garner.

The linotype operator hit the "t" instead of the "n" and this appeared: "Following the business session, the club members were entertained by Mrs. Edgeworth's little son, Richard at the piano."

The "g" at the end of "sing" failed to fall and here's what was printed: "Miss Plank is scheduled to sing By the Waters of Minnetonka. She will be dressed in Indian costume and special lighting will be used for the performance."

Sometimes the humor is not the result of a typographical error but is due to the phrasing, as in this ad: "For sale—Baker's business, good trade; large oven, present owner been in it seven years; good reason for leaving."

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Laugh with father... and the whole darned family!

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Only 869 tickets to this Midnight show, the exact seating capacity of the theatre. They are now on sale at the Arcadia box office.

### Notice

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## FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

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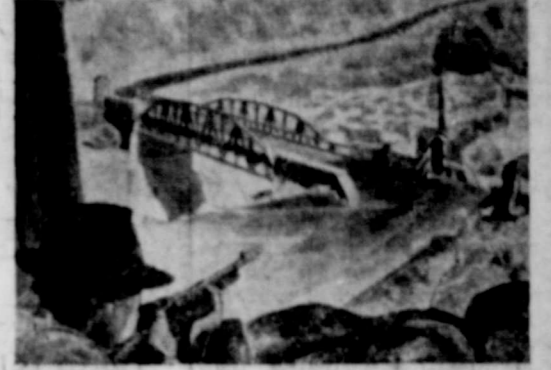
"In spite of all the things that were done to me, in spite of all the tortures, I never kissed any man until you."

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Ernest Hemingway's novel masterpiece... masterfully produced!

This Is The Bridge



For three breathless days their every thought, their every fateful moment was consecrated to its destruction.

Katina Paxinou as Pilar... a woman of iron... emerges as a new star of brilliant power!

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## This is the Opening Date... ARCADIA Wednesday

Mrs. W. M. Bailey.

Mrs. Jennie Merrick had as her guests during the holidays, her daughter, Mrs. Lamoine Harbott of Austin and her son, Flight Officer Jack L. Merrick of Fort Bragg, N. C. Officer Merrick expects to report for foreign service soon.

Mrs. J. C. Williams underwent surgery at the West Texas Hospital, Tuesday.

Miss Jane Matthews left Tuesday to return to the University of Texas after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews.

Mrs. S. D. Fisher of Gordon is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

B. P. Zusan of Strawn underwent a tonsillectomy at the West Texas Hospital.

W. E. Meredith of Dallas is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Crossley and daughter have returned to their home in Roscoe after spending Christmas with Mr. Crossley's

mother, Mrs. J. A. Crossley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Croom had as their guests for the week end, their daughter, Mrs. M. H. Brewer and Mr. Brewer of Marlin.

#### FACTOGRAPHS

Trombone, in Italian, signifies "big trumpet," and that is what it was for ages. The slide, which gave it additional notes, probably originated in northern Italy in the latter part of the 14th century.

"Snow grasshoppers" are small planes fitted with akis instead of wheels and are used for observation and communication in snow-bound territory.

Carrion beetles are the garbage collectors among insects. They live on dead plant and animal matter.

It is estimated that the American Red Cross is expending about \$125,000,000 this year.

The University of Salerno established in the ninth century is the oldest in Europe.

**Back The Attack**



Scene from "For Whom The Bell Tolls" Paramount's technicolor screen translation of Ernest Hemingway's sensational novel which will be seen at the Arcadia theatre here Wednesday & Thursday, Ingrid Bergman and Gary Cooper head a stellar cast.

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