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Reds Sweeping Across Polish Border

NEW REGULATIONS MADE FOR GASOLINE COUPONS HELD BY MOTOR DEALERS

Dealers and individuals who sell motor vehicles after December 31, 1943, will be required to surrender their gasoline ration to the local War Price and Rationing Board, according to an announcement today by Jack Frost, Chairman of the Eastland County War Price and Rationing Board.

COL. BRASHIER IS INJURED IN FALL, SUNDAY

Colonel Brashier, pioneer resident and business man, is in the West Texas hospital, suffering with a fractured right hip which he received in a fall Sunday.

Fifty Men From County Called To Arms In Dec.

Fifty more men from Eastland County were inducted into the armed forces during the month of December. Some have already reported for duty and others are still on furlough.

Board Cross To Friday At 2

Meeting of the executive board of the Eastland County chapter of the American Red Cross has been called by the chairman, Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

W. H. Limbocker Graduates From Gunnery School

Harlingen Army Air Field, Tex.—Another class of aerial trimmen to guard Army Air Forces bombers was graduated this week from the Harlingen Army Air Field, aerial gunnery school of the AAF Training Command.

RED CROSS KIT HIT SPOT WITH THIS SOLDIER

Some time ago the American Red Cross sponsored a campaign for the donation of handy kits for soldiers in service, with kits being donated by individuals.

On all cards in the Eastland county packages was a poem written especially for the kits by Lexie Jean Robertson, of Rising Star, and a former poet laureate of Texas.

At least one soldier thought enough of the little package to write the donor and following is a letter which Mrs. Arthur Murrell received from the soldier who received her package:

Somewhere in England, Dear Mrs. Murrell: To begin with, I'm a stranger to you, but my return address will introduce myself. You will probably wonder how I came in touch with your name and address. It all came about when I was given a very handy bag donated by the American Red Cross, and in it was a card with a poem and your signature attached to it.

Drilling Crews Cleaning Hole On Hodges No. 1

Drilling crews were still at work at noon today, cleaning out hole on North American Oil Consolidated's R. H. Hodges No. 1 well being drilled in the east part of Ranger.

Resumption of drilling which was expected to start Sunday was delayed by difficulties with machinery and it is now thought that drilling will be resumed this afternoon or tonight.

Demonstration On Control of Cattle Grub To Be Held

A cattle grub control demonstration will be held at Mr. F. E. Harrell's place located 2 miles west of Cisco, Texas, on the Abilene, Texas highway on Friday, January 7th, 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Business Men Finance Calls

LONGVIEW, Tex. (UP)—Local business men pooled their money to make possible long distance calls home on Christmas for one hundred soldiers at the Harman General Hospital.

Aid Wounded Under Fire In Bitter Ortona Battle



Even while German bullets zip down the street, Canadian medical assistants come to the aid of an officer wounded in the bitter eight-day battle for Ortona, Italy, by the British Eighth Army. An infantryman, crouching low, may be seen, left background, rushing up the street toward a Nazi position. (International Radiophoto)

Holcomb First Full General in Marine History



As he turns over command of the U. S. Marine Corps to Lieut. Gen. Alexander Vandegrift, Gen. Thomas Holcomb becomes the first full General in Leatherneck history. He will remain on active duty for another assignment. Pictured, left to right, as Vandegrift received the command from Holcomb in Washington are General Holcomb, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, General Vandegrift and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Fleet and chief of naval operations.

Mann Retains Office Plaques

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Included in personal objects which Gerald Mann will take with him for his Dallas law office will be two much publicized plaques which graced the walls of the attorney general's office which he formerly occupied.

DISTRICT MEET TO BE HELD HERE IN APRIL

At a meeting of school officials of District 9 of the Texas inter-scholastic league, held Monday night at the Gholson Hotel, Ranger was announced as the center for inter-scholastic activities for the spring term.

Government Calls For Deer Hides, Feathers, Down

R. E. Callender, Extension Service Game Management Specialist, advises that the Government is calling for all available deer hides to be used in the preparation of aviator's gloves and jackets, and etc. Feathers and down from wild ducks and wild geese are also needed for sleeping bags.

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NAVY REVEALS BLASTING OF PARAMUSHIRO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3, (UP)—Army bombers have struck again at Paramushiro, Japanese Pearl Harbor of the North Pacific, the Navy revealed Monday in a communique.

Paramushiro was blasted with unobserved results, Friday by a group of Army bombers, all of which returned safely. It was the fifth raid against that northernmost Jap naval base since last July 19 and the first since Sept. 13.

The new thrust, presumably originating from the bases in the Aleutians, came as Tokyo voiced apprehension that American forces were preparing for an invasion of the Kurile Islands of which Paramushiro is a part.

A. W. WARFORD IS PRINCIPAL OF RANGER HIGH

At a meeting of the Ranger school board held Monday evening at the school office, A. W. Warford, a former teacher in the Ranger schools was elected as principal of Ranger High School to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of P. O. Haller.

Late Bulletins

LONDON—Eleven Yugoslav partisan troops, smothering into the headquarters of the 2nd German tank army in Central Yugoslavia, fought through the streets of Banja Luka today and front reports indicated the fall of that Nazi stronghold was imminent.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt's regular Tuesday afternoon press and radio conference was cancelled today because of his continuing cold.

WASHINGTON—The War Production board today removed all restrictions on the manufacture of razors and razor blades, which were among the flat items to feel the pinch of war.

Mollin Expects Beef Low In 1944

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UP)—The secretary of the National Livestock Association, F. E. Mollin, says the United States will have less beef than ever before next year, although the nation's cattle population is at an all-time high.

THREATEN TO TRAP MILLION NAZI TROOPS IN UKRAINE

LONDON, Jan. 4. (UP)—Powerful Russian armies were reported sweeping across the pre-war Polish frontier on a 50-mile front today and fanning out through the western Ukraine in a two-pronged drive that threatened to trap 1,000,000 Nazi troops in Germany's greatest disaster of the war.

The northern wing of Gen. Nikolai F. Vautin's 1st Ukrainian Army was reported rolling swiftly into Poland in pursuit of a disintegrating German army, opening the way to the flat plains bordering Germany itself.

Simultaneously, Vautin's southern wing lashed out south of Kiev to capture the highway and railroad junction of Belaya Tserkov in a thrust timed at closing off the last escape routes open to the huge Nazi forces pinned in the Dnieper Bend.

An overview of the day announced earlier by Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin announced the fall of Lvov grand-Votydsk. Last rail and road hub is fifteen miles from the frontier. A daily communique then announced the capture of Olevsk, 7.5 miles from the previous border on the Kiev-Korosten-Warsaw railway.

The torrential power of Gen. Nikolai F. Vautin's forces, bolstered by Siberian infantrymen, have every indication that advance Soviet spearheads already had crossed into old Poland at the southern fringe of the Pripet marshes. The actual frontier recognized by Moscow lies 150 miles farther west.

Senator Endorses Criticism Flung At Labor Strikes

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Sen. Clyde M. Reed, R. Kans., today endorsed the week-end criticism of labor, which he attributed to Gen. George C. Marshall and said that President Roosevelt would have said the same thing long ago "if he had Marshall's intellectual integrity, courage and candor."

"Strikes in essential industry in time of war are a form of treason and should be so regarded and treated," Reed said in a statement.

O'Daniel Sees No Opposition Yet to Roosevelt

HOUSTON—Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel said today that he was not surprised to see at least four major political parties participating in the next Presidential election.

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Inside WASHINGTON

Lewis Hasn't "Gone Soft" | Miner Chief Retorts "No"
A. F. L. Leaders Find Out | To Jurisdictional Talks

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—ALP chieftains who may have thought that John L. Lewis had "gone soft" had this illusion rudely dispelled recently.

A subcommittee of AFL leaders met with Lewis to take final action on his petition for readmission to the federation. They were under the impression that the burly mine chief was ready to discuss jurisdictional problems involved.

Much to their consternation, Lewis said "No." For three hours the AFL executives did most of the talking, trying to persuade Lewis to resolve the jurisdictional problems before his readmission.

John L. stuck to his guns, however, and the meeting ended on a confused note.

ONE OF THE BETTER STORIES now making the rounds of the air bases is about a young gunner on a Flying Fortress who recently was given a medal for virtually talking his pilot and crew members into bringing a crippled plane back to a base.

The plane was a long way from home when engine trouble developed and was losing altitude. The pilot told his crew to prepare to bail out.

The young gunner began arguing that "you gotta get this plane back." The pilot shook his head as the plane dropped lower and lower, but he kept nursing it along, with the gunner encouraging him.

Finally, the plane reached home base and the young gunner was hailed as a hero.

MORRIS L. COOKE, long a New Deal trouble-shooter, is being mentioned as in line for the post of director of the Smaller War Plants Corporation. The job has been vacant since resignation of Brig. Gen. Robert Johnson in October. Stumbling block to the appointment, however, is the lack of agreement between Senator James E. Murray (D.), Montana, and Representative Wright Patman (D.), Texas, chairman of the senate and house small business committees, respectively.

Murray is said to favor Cooke, but Patman has balked.

ONE OF THE CHAIRS in the upstairs sitting room of the White House is losing its gumps. It's a chair that belongs to the former cabinet meeting room and is used by Mrs. Roosevelt at her press conferences. The chair is one of those imported by Mrs. Maria Monroe who outraged congress in the early 1800's with her extravagant foreign furniture shopping. The portraits of Mrs. Monroe and her husband James are on the wall of the press conference room.

Mrs. Roosevelt made three speeches in two days last week in Hotel Willard assembly rooms. One at lunch, one at tea and one at dinner. The Willard is thinking of putting up a cot for the First Lady so she can take a little nap between talks.

THE OPA BELIEVES that the two million ration tokens which will become valid as change for ration stamps and for general ration use Feb. 27 will last at least a year.

The tokens are being manufactured now in Cincinnati from special tough-vulcanized fiber and nobody is sure yet how much wear and tear they will stand.

But the indications are that they will be durable. Furthermore they are expected to save the government \$4,500,000 which would be spent for printing new No. 5 ration books.

THERE IS MUCH MORE to recent anti-Roosevelt outbursts in the senate than presently meets the eye, according to sub-rosa talk on Capitol Hill.

Back of the plan—according to those supposed to know—is the fine hand of former Postmaster General James A. Farley, the man who put Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the White House.

Always an opponent of anything more than two terms, Farley is said to be working diligently to upset the fourth term apple cart by creating a Democratic split which will send southern delegates into the convention unpledged.

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Cab Driver Has Novel Experience With Holdup Man

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—A local taxicab driver was more than a little dazed the other day after a novel experience with a holdup man.

The driver, A. H. Johnson, picked up his fare at the Union Station and drove him direct out the Humble Road. Suddenly his passenger shoved a blunt instrument in his back and robbed him of \$12.

Following the passenger's directions, Johnson drove toward the... logged down in the mud.

With that, the hijacker ordered: "Let's start walking."

On the walk back toward town, Johnson said that his companion was friendly enough although he complained of the cold.

"It was like walking along with some friendly stranger, not a fellow who had just robbed me."

Another cab driver picked them

up finally and after riding for a while Johnson was allowed to get out while the hijacker continued on his way. Needless to say Johnson made a bee-line for the police station.

Meanwhile, the unknown passenger transferred to another cab and was taken to an address on Navigation Street.

His game was soon terminated, however, when the police, following directions of all three drivers, nabbed him at the address.

The original driver promptly identified the culprit.

Fibrous Glass Aircraft Aid

OLEDO, Ohio (UP)—Light weight of fibrous glass fabrics will tend to reduce the dead load in aircraft after the war. W. P. Zimmerman, vice-president of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation, said today.

"The fact that they can be molded into difficult shapes without high pressures or the use of expensive molds, will tend to reduce the cost and increase the speed of fabricating airplane parts."

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Tonight

The American Legion Auxiliary will have its regular meeting tonight at 7:30 at the Legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

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COLDS
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NEW YORK (UP)—Intense machine tool production for war has equaled in a few years the normal output of 27 years, Tell Berna, general manager of the National Tool Builder's Association, reports.
Berna predicts that most of the machines are adaptable to peace time need and advises that industry prepare for "their private depression" after the war by building up adequate financial reserves and planning research and experimental work to fill the declining period.



Why You Shouldn't Keep Used Fats in GLASS
By Boyce House
Official Austin is about to bestir itself with reference to seeing that Texas citizens serving in the armed forces get to vote.
This interest is a matter of special gratification to your columnist because, away back in the summer of 1942, as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, I insisted that something should be done to permit Texas soldiers and sailors to vote. No other candidate for any State office showed the slightest concern on the subject, so far as I read or heard—in fact about the only Austin reaction was the comment of a newspaperman (a personal friend of mine, too) that "Boyce House tries to make an issue of soldier voting."
Well, it's nice to be vindicated, even if you have to wait 18 months.
The fact that a Texas citizen puts on a uniform to fight for his

country in time of war should not bar him from voting. The man who is offering his blood and his life to preserve our government certainly is entitled to a voice in running that government.
Over in Leonard recently, I met School Supt. W. D. George, a remarkably practical and energetic man. He runs the school system and that would be enough to keep almost anybody busy—but the morning this observer was in Leonard, Supt. George had lost some workers so he got up early and built eight fires in the school buildings and then he got behind the steering wheel and drove one of the school buses on its rounds.
And how do you suppose he spent last summer? He went up to one of the big war plants and got a job of hard work—he didn't tell anybody around him that he was a school superintendent either he just pitched in and did his part of the good, hard, physical labor.
As long as we have men in this country who lay aside dignity when there is a necessary job to do and do it, the future of America is safe. Supt. George is typical of the school teachers of Texas who love their work and are sticking to it because it needs to be done—we must train the next generation of citizens. Thousands of school teachers have turned down the chance for jobs with shorter hours and easier work and more pay, because they want to see to it that the liberties won by

the bravery of our soldiers on the battlefield are placed in the keeping of trained hands and cultivated minds, and so will be preserved.

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SYNOPSIS
Roommates and cousins, BETH KINNAN, serious-minded and trusting, and ANDREA BARNER, rather self-centered and selfish, find that the suspense accompanying America's impending entrance into the war is beginning to affect their lives. For the first time in her life, Beth is not getting along with her roommate, ANDREA, who still has not been too successful in getting ahead in the world while Andrea has been attracted by DENNIS ARCHER, 15 years her senior, but wealthy and interesting—also also married. . . .
YESTERDAY: There seems to be some element of mystery in the relationship between Andrea and Jim.
CHAPTER EIGHTEEN
AS BETH came out of her office building on Pennsylvania avenue, she took a deep breath and, for the first time since she came to Washington, she could smell autumn in the air. The warm, mild weather was not what it would have been in Pennington, and now she thought of the last autumn, and it came to her with a sense of shock that it was a whole year since that day when she had looked out of Judge Mayfield's window and had seen that seemingly endless line of young men pouring into the registration office.
Much had happened in that year. Italy had invaded Greece and the Germans had finished their job. The president had signed the lend-lease bill, Rudolf Hess had landed in Scotland, The British and Free French had entered Syria, Germany was at war with Russia, United States forces occupied Iceland. The Atlantic Charter had come into being in circumstances of unequalled drama. The situation in the Far East was tense, and everywhere in Washington people spoke of the Japanese menace. The devastating breath of war was coming closer.
Yet it was not of these things that Beth was thinking. She was remembering that October day when Jim had called and said he had something important to say to her. It was a year now since she had known that Jim was lost to her, nine months since he and Andrea had become engaged.
What had happened to Beth in nine months? Plunging her hands into the pockets of her blue corduroy jacket, Beth leaned against the building—she was going to meet Andrea on that corner at half-past six—and examined her inner self. A year ago she had never dreamed she would be working and living in Washington. Vernon, Marion and Bert, these good friends, she hadn't known. A year ago she'd have found it impossible to think she would not want to be living with Andrea. Inevitably her thoughts led back to Jim—and to the knowledge that while a year had softened the pain, a year of schooling, the loneliness for him was unabated. Three years of loving him could not be erased so easily.
Determinedly she began to think of something else. Of autumn in Pennington, where the nights

would be sharply cool and filled with a clean smell of frost and grapes on the vines and dusty leaves. She thought of football games and the changing colors of trees and foliage, and her friends back home, and succeeded in giving herself such a fine case of homesickness that when she saw Andrea step off a street car, she forgot that a few minutes before she had been wishing that Andrea was any place but in Washington.
Andrea had a small hatbox—a new one—on her arm, and when the two girls had greeted each other, decided to have supper in a cafeteria and go to a movie. Beth said, "What's in the box?"
"A hat," Andrea answered gaily. "It's too sweet, I couldn't resist it."
Beth refrained from asking how Andrea could buy anything on her salary.
When they came out of the movies, Andrea shivered in her crepe dress. "Know what I wish we were going to do?" she asked. "I wish we were going back to our old apartment and have a 're in our little old hearts' . . . and hot chocolate and toast," Beth finished nostalgically.
"I was going to say I wish we could sit and talk like we used to."
"We can talk anywhere, Andy."
Andrea stole a furtive glance out of the corner of her eye. "Can we?" she asked. "I remember when we had no secrets. We used to be able to tell each other everything."
Beth laughed lightly. "I have no secrets," she said.
Beth felt her lips tighten in a familiar way, believing that she knew what Andrea meant. But there was nothing she could do. She knew very well that her whole attitude had been different since the ghost of Jim came between them. She said, "We could stop at a drug store and get a hot chocolate."
Andrea agreed glumly that they could.
When they'd got off the street car and were walking up the street to their boarding house, Andrea said, "Beth, I wish we could have an apartment. I hate living in this little old one-room, don't you?"
Beth said she thought they were fortunate to have comfortable rooms, and pointed out the high cost of apartments, adding that only when three or more girls lived together would it be practical.
"There's an awfully nice girl who works with me! Her name is Elanice Seccombe. She's married to a boy who's in the Navy. She has an apartment way up on Pennsylvania avenue. I'm going over to see it tomorrow night. She's asked me for dinner."
Beth walked a few paces in thoughtful silence. Finally she said, "Andy, if you'd be happier living in an apartment, and you could afford it, I wouldn't want you to stay on here just because I'm here. We could see each other often."
"Trying to get rid of me?"
Because that was in her mind, Beth stammered and said that Andrea was crazy, and asked why she

particularly wanted an apartment. Andrea was not a girl who cared for the domestic details involved in housekeeping.
"Well," Andy said hesitantly, "Jim wants to come to Washington for a couple of week-ends, and you know what the hotel situation is. I thought if we had an apartment we could let him have a sofa in the living room, or . . . or maybe . . ."
Beth thought. Just let Jim come to Washington and that would be one week-end when I'd land at Helen Golden's, invitation or no invitation," but she said it was too bad they didn't have a place.
After she left Andrea at her door in the hall, Beth went into her own room wondering if she got a job somewhere in Iowa, a Timbuktoo, or Eastport, Me., Andrea would turn up there. And Jim, too. She was beginning to feel haunted and determined, at any cost, to get away. Maybe when the war was over—the war that was already inevitable—she'd make her way to California.
Then, thinking of California, she thought of Vernon. If she married Vernon, who hadn't yet asked her, she would be free to make another life for herself. Whatever Jim and Andrea did, wherever they might live, would be no threat to her, and she would be forever rid of the loneliness that frightened her when she thought of the future.
She went to sleep thinking of Vernon's nice boyish face, of his enthusiasm when he talked about that garage back home, and was almost ready to imagine herself living in a stucco bungalow, raising oranges in the land where allegedly the rain never fell.
That was on Thursday night.
On Saturday she came home planning to wash her hair and putter about doing innumerable things that were left over from a busy week.
She rifled through the slips on the telephone stand in the hall where messages were left for the girls. There was one from Vernon saying that he'd call for her at six, and one from Andrea saying that she'd gone to Eunice Seccombe's apartment and was spending the week-end there. She left word that she'd telegraphed Jim to meet her there. Eunice could put him up.
Beth put down the slip, thankful that she would be spared seeing him.
And heard her name called.
Jim stood in the doorway of the living room.
She hadn't seen him since the January night when he'd gone to camp. And she loved him much it hurt.
"Hello, darling," he said. "What have you done to yourself that makes you so pretty?"
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder," she told him. "I'm the same old Beth."
"Don't ever change, darling." "I will if I can," she said passionately. "Have you seen Andy?"
(To Be Continued)

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Society, Clubs

W.M.U. Business Session Is Held

Mrs. L. L. Bruce, president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, presided at the regular meeting of the group, held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church.

The monthly business session was held with reports being given by officers and committee chairmen. Plans were also discussed for

year books for the year program. The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Mrs. Lee Mitchell and the closing prayer was offered by Mrs. W. O. Walker.

Royal Neighbors Meeting Is Held

The Royal Neighbors of America met in regular session Monday afternoon with Oracle Mary Johnson presiding.

Fifteen members answered the

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good Jersey Heifer, Emmitt Daniel Olden, Texas.

LOST—Child's gun. Reward for return to Martin's Store.

SECRETARY-STENOGRAPHER wanted by large manufacturer with office in Eastland, Texas. State details and salary wanted in first letter. P. O. Box 186 Eastland, Texas.

LOST—Brown cloth handbag. Reward for return. Return to R. J. Matthews at O. K. Grocery.

FOR SALE—Household furniture 1027 Virginia.

FOR RENT—2 or 3 room furnished apartment, 455 Pine street or Tel. No. 279-J.

WANTED—Unincumbered woman for general housekeeping. Mrs. N. A. Brown, Clon.

FOR RENT—furnished apartment 1109 Foch Street.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow, peanut hay. See Bill Logan, Route 1, Ranger, Texas.

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

FOR SALE—Good used Tractors John Deere—Farmalls—Case and Allis Chalmers, Delma Johnson, John Deere Dealer, Coleman, Texas.

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. **PRICE WALKER**, P. O. Box 223, Ranger, Texas.

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

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FOR SALE—Home canned fruits & vegetables in Glass Jars—1314 Spring Road, Ranger.

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roll call. Communications were read and disposed of. Plans were completed on installation which will be held next Monday night at the hall instead of Monday afternoon.

A talk was made by the deputy Carrie Henry and is so anxious to help the lodge in every way. Pal names were revealed and exchanged for the coming month. The team practiced the installation drill with Izetta Smith, captain, leading.

Ladies Bible Class Has Weekly Meeting

The weekly meeting of the Ladies Bible Class was held at the Church of Christ Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The afternoon was devoted to the study of the fourth part of the fifth chapters of the book of Ephesians, with the minister of the church, Wesley Mickey, conducting the study. A large attendance was present and followed reports on the sick and shut-ins, members paid their weekly calls to those reported ill.

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Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

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PERSONALS

Word has been received of the birth of a baby daughter to Cpl. and Mrs. Charles Lacy at Big Spring. Mrs. Lacy is the former Miss Marie Holder of Ranger. Cpl. Lacy, in North Africa for the past eight months has been notified of his daughter's birth.

Miss Betty White returned to Denton today to resume her studies at TSCW, after spending the holidays as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ven White and other relatives.

John L. McKeivain, of the Navy's V-12 program stationed at Arlington has returned to his duties after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McKeivain.

Pvt. Norman Glenn of Camp Wolters was the week end guest in the J. F. Driehofner home.

Miss Mary Ann Jones has returned to TSCW at Denton after a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roney Jones.

Miss Bernice Robinson underwent an appendectomy at the West Texas hospital, Sunday.

Capt. A. W. Brazda returned to his station at Boman Field, Louisville, Ky., today after spending a few days with his family here. Capt. Brazda has just completed training in an air evacuation school.

Chief Petty Officer Garvin Chastain left Monday for a visit in Oklahoma after spending a few days with friends and relatives here. Officer Chastain has just returned from several months service in the Southwest Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mitchell of Mingo are medical patients in the West Texas Hospital.

Walton Adams underwent surgery at the West Texas Hospital today.

Mrs. F. C. Hopper is a surgical patient in the West Texas hospital.

E. A. Jones of Gordon is a medical patient in the West Texas hospital.

Preston Burks of Ft. Worth, formerly of Ranger, is here for a visit with his family and friends.

F. P. Brashler is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Smith and children of Houston have returned to their home after spending the holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ervin.

Mrs. H. C. Croom has returned from Dallas where she visited in the home of her son and his family.

James Croom spent New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barr in Dallas.

Miss Mary Allen Lanier left today to resume her studies at ACC after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lanier.

Miss Montrella Langley, has returned to her studies at Abilene Christian College, after spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Langley.

Miss Geneva Campbell, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Campbell, for the holidays has returned to her work at Abilene Christian College.

Mrs. Loretta Forber, Mrs. Oscar Stutenroth and Mrs. R. C. McCarter of Cisco were visitors in Ranger, today.

ARCADIA

TUESDAY

ROOSTER HOLIDAY

Geneva Ervin - Dale Ervin
Geneva Day - Daniel Brashler
Miss Fisher - Frank Brashler

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tomlin and family of MacArthur, Texas, and Mrs. and Mrs. W. L. High and Peggy visited Mrs. Minnie High and family over the week end. Mr. High and family are moving to New Mexico.

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Doreas Class Will Have Luncheon

The Doreas class of the First Baptist church will meet Thursday, January 6 for a covered dish luncheon at 12:30 at the church.

A business meeting will follow promptly at 1:30. Each member and associate member is invited to be present with their favorite covered dish.

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