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Inside WASHINGTON

Finland Caught in Trap Not Her Own Making Better News for Public More Alarm Clocks Soos Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Finland, unwilling victim of the gigantic struggle between Germany and Russia, is making a desperate bid to get out of the war and square accounts with the rest of the world.

According to Office of War Information records, the little Baltic nation has launched a new propaganda effort with the avowed intention of aligning herself with the other Allied nations.

Washington diplomatic circles, however, fear Finland will be unsuccessful.

They point out that since 1939, when Russia stormed the Finnish Mannerheim line, Finland has been the victim of international politics.

Russia wanted a Baltic seaport. Then the Russo-German war brought a invasion of German "tourists" who never have left the country. Now with Soviet troops surging into Poland, Finland has been sending out "peace feelers" but Moscow is unresponsive.

Russia's peace terms remain unchanged.

Although Great Britain has declared war on Finland, the United States still retains diplomatic relations with the northern nation.

Finland continues her regular payments to the United States on her World War I debt. Americans unhesitatingly hold Finland in high esteem among the nations of the world, but in these days of "bitter" politics they can only view her plight with pity.

THE BRIGHTEST NOTE for consumers this week was the indication there may be more alarm clocks made in 1944.

Strange as it seems, the shortage of these clocks has proved to be civilians most troublesome war-time inconvenience, with the exception possibly of food.

War workers, office workers and the public generally have complained they "can't get 'em up" on time without alarm clocks. The 1,700,000 "victory" model clocks with fiber cases produced between last April and mid-November are nowhere near adequate to meet demands.

Clockmakers met with War Production Board officials last week and said they couldn't possibly increase their alarm clock output without interfering with war work.

But, they added, if they could get brass for gears and other inside works, and steel for cases, they could turn out clocks 15 to 20 per cent faster.

Brass, they explained, is worked more easily than steel for clock wheels, and steel cases can be stamped out quicker than fiber ones can be fabricated.

WPI indicated it would consider the possibility of giving the clock some of the top metals.

UNDER A PLAN for peace-time military preparedness offered by Charles E. Wilson of the General Electric company, and executive vice chairman of the War Production Board, America's industrial firms would keep in closest touch with possible future war production requirements.

Wilson, who proposed establishment of a "peace-time" general staff to make sure that this country never again lags behind the enemy in military research and development, would have the largest industrial suppliers of war goods designate permanent liaison men to keep ready at all times a broad plan for converting and re-equipping their companies for war, setting up sub-contractors, assuring material supply.

Wilson suggests that such men be commissioned colonels in the Army reserve to insure their permanent interest in the plan and bind them closer to the military.

From this group of colonels would be chosen an industrial coordinating committee to serve in conjunction with men from the military forces and would meet at regular intervals with legislative and administrative representatives, along with a general research committee, at the president's request.

LAFF-A-DAY



"Dear Mom— Wish you were here—"

Date Book Lists 2,700 Girls FORT SHERIDAN, 12 (UP) A little black date book with 2,700 names and telephone numbers belongs to Mrs. Gertrude Tucker, senior hostess of the post's Service Club. The book is the poster of all types of girls available for dates with the soldiers at dances held in the club. But there's a catch to it, says Mrs. Tucker, explaining "it's an open book only when we're having a dance."

Back The Attack

Cheaney News

By MRS. BILL TUCKER

Lets go to church Sunday, J. D. Johnson of Ranger will be here for his regular third Sunday appointment.

The Alameda girls won first place in the basket ball tournament at Olden. Winning over DeWanna and Morton Valley teams Saturday. Thereby taking the County Honor. Alameda's boys took second place. Sans Trough...

Gerald Calvert of Tucson, Ariz. visited home over the weekend. He returned Monday.

Mrs. Edna Alvis visited the writer Thursday. She stayed with her son, Cpl. Roy James Alvis. He has been transferred from Ft. Lewis, Washington to Shreveport, La.

Edna Taylor is home on furlough from Utah, to visit his wife and children.

Lynn Walton is able to be back in school again, after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Betty Tucker entertained with a birthday dinner, Sunday, Feb. 13, honoring W. C. (Bill) Tucker and Betty Jean Love.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tucker and Salata; this writer and son, Billie Alvin; John and Ellen Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Love, Junior and the homeres, Bill Tucker and Betty Jean Love. The afternoon was enjoyed by all, in spite of the rain.



RAID ON THE MARSHALLS—Fires and exploding bombs belch smoke as a low-flying Mitchell medium bomber of the Seventh Air Force darts away after a bomb run on the Jap coastal defense positions on Maloe-lap atoll in the Marshall island group. This is a United States Army Seventh Air Force photograph. (International)

Levi Cozart of Ranger was in the community Monday in quest of a milk cow for sale. He visited the Jim Loves while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rodgers and family and Mrs. Hazel Wisdom and daughter have returned from a week's visit in Mississippi with relatives.

Levi and Alton Perrin attended church at Alameda, Sunday.

Friday night will be achievement night at the Alameda High school and all the mothers and dads of 4-H club boys and girls are asked to be present.

The noon hour at the W. E. Calvert home Sunday, was a happy one, in that all the children were present: Gerald Calvert of Tucson, Ariz., Marjorie and Fred Lamb of Brookbridge, and Sgt. James O. Calvert, who reported back for duty in Louisiana, leaving here Wednesday.

Mrs. Dean Gentry and children of Moran, were shopping in Ranger Saturday.

Mrs. Luther Moods visited in the Alameda school, Monday.

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Olden Clubs Have Joint Meeting On Mon. Afternoon

The Olden 4-H Club boys and girls held a joint meeting Monday, February 14th, at 2:30 p. m. The girls and boys were given demonstrations on home made lamp brooders and laundry bags. Each girl and boy was told how they could produce enough food through their demonstration work to be the equivalent of the annual food budget to feed one or more fighting men.

Any boy or girl carrying on a demonstration should strive to enlarge their demonstration, so they can feed one or more fighters. In determining whether or not they have produced sufficient quantities to be equivalent to the annual food budget, they are guided by the following chart:

- Milk—2,506 quarts.
- Meats (dressed)—1,262 lbs.
- Chickens (dressed)—769 lbs.
- Butter—395 lbs.
- Eggs—470 doz.
- Tomatoes—6,584 lbs.
- Potatoes—8,323 lbs.
- Onions—6,550 lbs.
- Leafy, green or yellow vegetables—4,900 lbs.
- Fruits—5,090 lbs.
- Peanuts—4 acres.
- Cotton—770 lbs.

The slogan for 1944 for 4-H Club girls and boys is as follows: "I Fed A Fighter."

A committee was appointed to work out the plans for an achievement night which will be held in the near future.

Graduation Of Daughter Closes A Long Record

TYLER, Tex. (UPI)—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bonner felt both happy and sad when their daughter, Edna Ruth, received her diploma the other night from Tyler High school.

Naturally they were happy that she came through with flying colors.

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WRITTEN FOR AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION Marie Blizard

CHAPTER THIRTY-EIGHT

"YOU CAN'T take money from Dennis, Andrea Barnes!" Beth's whole body was tense with anger.

"Andrea Ronald," Andrea corrected. "And I don't think I asked you what I could or couldn't do. If you have something evil in your mind, you are quite wrong."

Beth was sick with anger. Andrea had no right to try to put her on the defensive by pretending to think she had "something evil" on her mind.

"You can't borrow money because you don't know that you'd ever be able to pay it back, and you can't take it as a gift. Dennis is a friend of the family, no uncle in your life."

"Really," Andrea said coldly. "I can see that it's any of your business what Dennis is to me. Or is it?"

Beth turned her back with deliberate dignity.

Andrea took a lower tone. "I'll have to do it, Beth, because I got fired today. It wasn't much of a job anyway."

Beth turned around slowly. "No, it wasn't much, but it did pay your bills and room rent."

"That's just it, darling. I know I can't see it. What am I going to do for money?"

"Here's the money I have—three hundred? Oh, no, we can't keep that. Suppose I didn't give you money by June. I'd have to look at them. There's only one thing."

Beth. I'm sure you'll see it's sure I won't!" Beth retorted.

"Dennis offers you money, doesn't he?"

Andrea opened her mouth as if to speak, but she closed it again.

"What she's asked for it, but she's not going to get her any."

"Practically offered it," she said. "He said he'd do anything she could for me. He said he'd be a wonderful, Andy! The work probably wouldn't be hard, and you could have the money with you."

"You gave her a derisive smile. "Can you see me wiping noses and reading bedtime yarns? Do you think that's my meter?"

Beth tapped a cigarette angrily against her thumb nail. "You're in a fine position to talk about your 'meter' which, incidentally, you haven't taken much trouble to discover yourself. And if you think you aren't going to wipe a little nose, read a bedtime yarn, I'd

be interested to know who you think is going to do it for you."

"Auntie Beth," Andrea said mischievously.

"You might get a big surprise from 'Auntie Beth' at any moment."

Andrea favored her with a sidelong glance in which there was a touch of introspection. It was only occasionally that Beth showed spirit, but when she did Andrea had reason to be wary of it. She decided on candor.

"It was this way, Beth. Dennis was telling me about his seeing a lawyer to see what he could find out about my insurance and he said if there were any incidental expenses . . ."

"Board and room rent are not incidental expenses," Beth pointed out.

"Anyway, he thinks it may be settled soon. Just think how rich I'll be, Beth. I can pay Dennis every penny I'd borrow, and give you back your three hundred, and get some decent clothes so—her voice became pious—"I could get myself a good government job, and a nice English nurse for the baby."

Beth was flabbergasted. "Are you really as dumb as you pretend to be? Don't you realize that you'll have to use every penny of your money sparingly? That it will have to be your rock and protection against the unexpected things that can happen, like a child's illness, or his education?"

"I never, I never, I never saw such a kill-joy in all my life!" Andrea moaned.

"Do you honestly think that you can ever earn enough to support your child in any fashion?"

"Yes," Andrea said calmly. "If you call making a career of marriage, Beth. I . . . I don't want to get married in a hurry, and I'll always love Jim, but there's no reason why I shouldn't plan to marry again, is there?"

"No," Beth said begrudgingly, "but husbands aren't easy to get when you have a young baby. It may be years . . ."

". . . and it may be forever. Meanwhile, if Dennis gives me . . . oh, let's say five hundred."

Beth straightened as if she had had a ramrod thrust down her back.

"Andrea, if you ask Dennis for \$500 or even \$5, I am through. I will not do one other thing for you." She knew it wasn't true, but so firm was her tone that Andrea felt it was.

She quipped once before she said, "And if I don't have \$18 a week's pay I got before I left the shop. How long do you think I can live on that?"

"I don't know, but we'll get along somehow. I'll ask Mrs. Elch to let you move in here with me and she can rent your room. I'll manage to get our room and food out of my salary until we can work something out."

"We can't sleep in a three-quarter bed. I don't feel well enough. I have to have my sleep!"

"I wish I could get some," Beth said bitterly. "We can have an army cot put up here. I can sleep on that."

"What would I do all day?"

"What would you expect to do? Ride around in a town car, eating on the wives of cabinet members? For one thing, you might go and see that friend of Dennis' who has the nursery school."

"I . . . I can't. I told him I couldn't do it and somebody else got the job."

Beth began to cast about wildly for an inspiration. "Maybe you could . . . could get a job in a doctor's office, or a dentist's, answering the telephone or something."

"I couldn't," Andrea closed her eyes painfully. "I couldn't bear the atmosphere . . . not in my condition. You wouldn't ask me to do that, Bethie."

"What I'd like to ask you to do is go and jump in the lake." Then, seeing the expression on Andrea's face, Beth quickly said, "I didn't mean it, Andy."

"You're so cross to me I was just thinking of you when I wanted to borrow from Dennis. I . . . I told him that."

Despair filled Beth. Nothing ever would change Andrea.

"So I'm cross," she said tiredly. "And I'm sorry. I can't expect you to change, or understand, so I'll have to do something. What, I don't know."

"I don't know what you've got to worry about."

Beth stared back. "You don't? Then I'll tell you. All I have to do is find some way to support three people, some job whereby you can stay home with the baby. That's all. Outside of the fact that my slim talents are only for office or secretarial work, I have no troubles on that score. I'm sure I'm capable of earning good money—but not in this world. No, I have nothing to worry about—except how we're all going to live. If I could only think of something."

"I'm tired of thinking, and tired of looking at this old iron bedstead. I don't care whether we can keep it or not—I'm going out for a walk."

About 4 o'clock the next morning Beth woke up and found herself re-peating, "Tired of looking at this old iron bedstead."

An idea began to grow in her brain.

(To Be Continued)

KEEPING HIS PROMISE

Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell Begins His Trek Back Along the Burma Road



WHEN THE JAPS poured down into Burma, Chinese troops fighting under U. S. Lt. Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell were driven out. He made the forthright statement that it was "humiliating as hell" and vowed he would return some day. Here's a closeup of the tough American field commander as he headed back recently into the jungles of Burma.



THROUGH THICK FOLIAGE with a rifle slung over his shoulder walks Gen. Stilwell as he prepares to pay a visit to the front line in Burma. Although he is sixty-one years old, "Uncle Joe" can probably out-march more than a good number of the men under his command.

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Society, Clubs

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1920 Club To Meet Thursday At 3 P. M.

day, Feb. 17, at the Ghoslon hotel at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. W. I. Jackson as program leader for the afternoon.

Royal Neighbors Guests In Eastland

Members of the Ranger Camp of the Royal Neighbors of America were the guests of the Eastland camp at a luncheon held Tuesday at the Lodge Hall in Eastland.

Political Announcements

This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

COUNTY CLERK R. V. (Rip) Galloway, re-election W. V. (Virgil) Love

COUNTY JUDGE C. H. (Harl) O'Brien

COUNTY TREASURER Mrs. Ruth (Garland) Branton For Re-election

For Tax Assessor/Collector, Clyde S. Karkalis

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One training meeting on "Making Upholstered Stools" has been given during February. Five stools were made and these women are to give demonstrations in their clubs.

PERSONALS

Mrs. N. J. Navokovich transacted business in Eastland, Monday.

Mrs. Buford Green and twin sons, Hall and Ray, recently of Ft. Worth, have arrived to make their home temporarily in Ranger.

Mrs. H. L. Minton of Conway, Arkansas is here for a visit with her daughter, Miss Imogene Minton, head of the Fine Arts Department of Ranger Junior College.

Word has been received that Pvt. Raymond C. Lahn is now stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Mrs. Lahn and baby are making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stuard of Breckenridge, while Pvt. Lahn is in service.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crossley of Houston, formerly of Ranger, were here today to remove their household equipment to Houston. Their son Jimmie, who has been making his home here with his

At The Arcadia Today



Donald Woods, Frank Jenks, Eddie Quilan and Elyse Knox in a scene from Universal's latest musical, "Hi-Ya Sailor."

Texas Warns New Residents On The Use Of Gas

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Migration of servicemen's families and war workers to Texas from places where coal and oil are the usual heating fuels, has caused a sharp upturn in the number of deaths from gas suffocation this winter, Texas officials report.

Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, issued a health department warning to newcomers on the subject. He warned them against leaving a gas stove burning all night in a closed sleeping room. Similar warning was issued by the State Fire Insurance Commissioner.

Natural gas is the usual fuel for heating in Texas, except in a few areas into which gas pipe lines do not extend. The usual Texas natural gas is so slightly odorous that it can escape in quantities without being detected.

"Even if there are no gas leaks the air soon becomes vitiated, and harmful fumes will be inhaled," Dr. Cox said in his warning. "Thousands of new residents in Texas have formerly lived where

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coal and wood are burned, and they do not know the danger of burning gas and failing to provide good ventilation.

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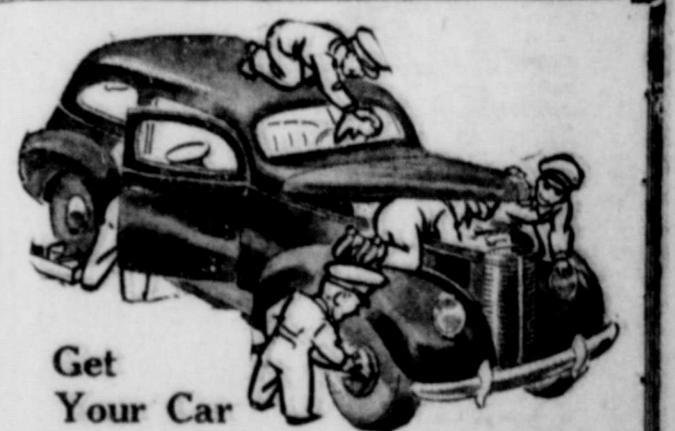
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THE BRIGHTEST NOTE for consumers this week was the indication there may be more alarm clocks made in 1944.

Strange as it seems, the shortage of these clocks has proved to be civilians most troublesome war-time inconvenience, with the exception possibly of food.

War workers, office workers and the public generally have complained they "can't get 'em up" on time without alarm clocks.

The 1,700,000 "victory" model clocks with fiber cases produced between last April and mid-November are nowhere near adequate to meet demands.

Clockmakers met with War Production Board officials last week and said they couldn't possibly increase their alarm clock output without interfering with war work.

But, they added, if they could get brass for gears and other inside works, and steel for cases, they could turn out clocks 15 to 20 per cent faster.

Brass, they explained, is worked more easily than steel for clock wheels, and steel cases can be stamped out quicker than fiber ones can be fabricated.

W.P.B. indicated it would consider the possibility of giving the clock some of the tin metals.

UNDER A PLAN for peace-time military preparedness offered by Charles E. Wilson of the General Electric company, and executive vice chairman of the War Production Board, America's industrial firms would keep in closest touch with possible future war production requirements.

Wilson, who proposed establishment of a peace-time "general staff" to make sure that this country never again lags behind the enemy in military research and development, would have the largest industrial suppliers of war goods designate permanent liaison men to keep ready at all times a broad plan for converting and re-equipping their companies for war, setting up sub-contractors, assuring material supply.

Wilson suggests that such men be commissioned colonels in the Army reserve to insure their permanent interest in the plan and bind them closer to the military.

From this group of colonels would be chosen an industrial coordinating committee to serve in conjunction with men from the military forces and would meet at regular intervals with legislative and administrative representatives, along with a general research committee, at the president's request.

LAFF-A-DAY



"Dear Mom—Wish you were here—"

Date Book Lists 2,700 Girls in the club. But there's a catch to it, says Mrs. Taugher, explaining it's an open book only when we're having a dance.

Back The Attack

Cheaney News

By MRS. BILL TUCKER

Lets go to church Sunday, J. D. Johnson of Ranger will be here for his regular third Sunday appointment.

The Alameda girls won first place in the basket ball tournament at Olden. Winning over Deacons and Morton Valley teams, Saturday. Thereby taking the County Honor. Alameda's boys took second place. Sans Trophy.

Gerald Calvert of Tucson, Ariz., visited home over the week-end. He returned Monday.

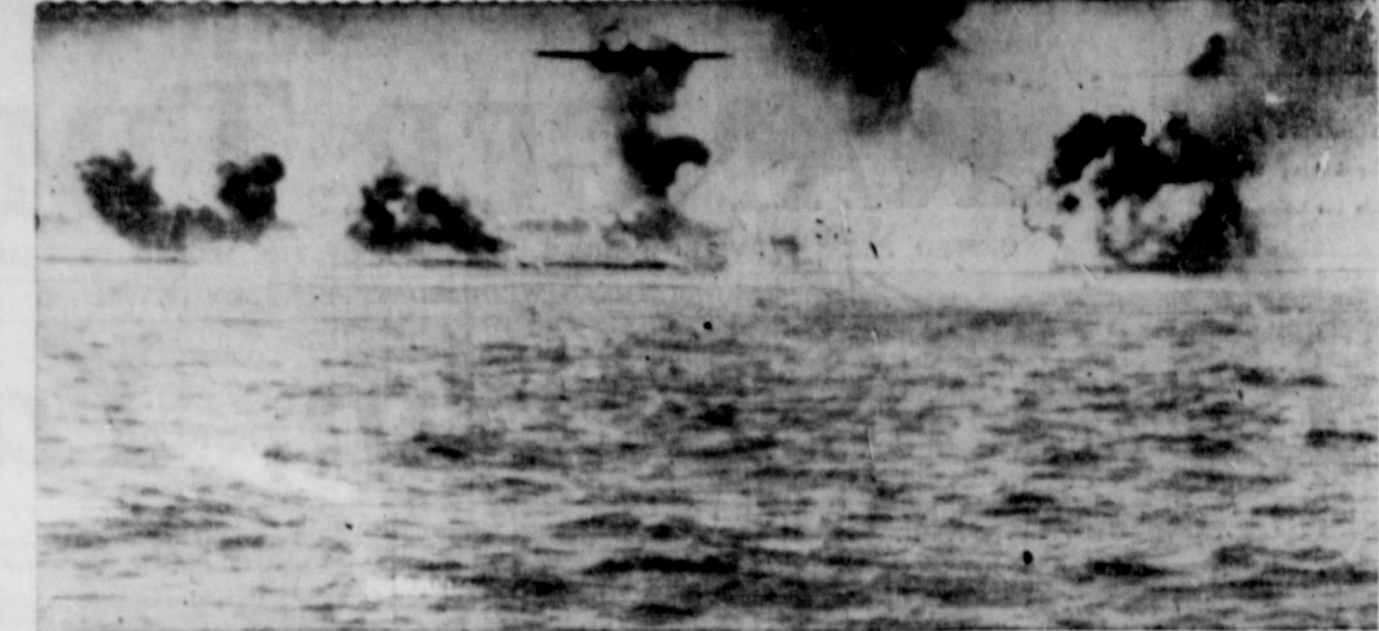
Mrs. Edna Alvis visited the writer Thursday. She stated her son, Capt. Roy James Alvis, has been transferred from Ft. Lewis, Washington to Shreveport, La.

Earl Taylor is home on furlough from Utah, to visit his wife and children.

Lynn Walton is able to be back in school again, after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Betty Tucker entertained with a birthday dinner, Sunday, Feb. 13, honoring W. C. (Bill) Tucker and Betty Jean Love.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tucker and Salata; this writer and son, Billie Alvis; John and Ellen Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Love; Junior and the honoree, Bill Tucker and Betty Jean Love. The afternoon was enjoyed by all, in spite of the rain.



RAID ON THE MARSHALLS—Fires and exploding bombs belch smoke as a low-flying Mitchell medium bomber of the Seventh Air Force darts away after a bomb run on the Jap coastal defense positions on Maloelap atoll in the Marshall island group. This is a United States Army Seventh Air Force photograph. (International)

Levi Cozart of Ranger was in the community Monday in quest of a milk cow for sale. He visited the Jim Loves while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rodgers and family and Mrs. Hazel Wisdom and daughter have returned from a week's visit in Mississippi with relatives.

Levi and Alton Perrin attended church at Alameda, Sunday.

Friday night will be achievement night at the Alameda High school and all the mothers and dads of 4-H club boys and girls are asked to be present.

The noon hour at the W. E. Calvert home Sunday, was a happy one, in that all the children were present: Gerald Calvert of Tucson, Ariz., Marjorie and Fred Lamb of Breckenridge, and Sgt. James O. Calvert, who reported back for duty in Louisiana, leaving here Wednesday.

Mrs. Dean Gentry and children of Moran, were shopping in Ranger Saturday.

Mrs. Luther Moods visited in the Alameda school, Monday.

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Olden Clubs Have Joint Meeting On Mon. Afternoon

The Olden 4-H Club boys and girls held a joint meeting, Monday, February 14th, at 2:30 p. m. The girls and boys were given demonstrations on home made lamp brooders and laundry bags. Each girl and boy was told how they could produce enough food through their demonstration work to be the equivalent of the annual food budget to feed one or more fighting men.

Any boy or girl carrying on a demonstration should strive to enlarge their demonstration, so they can feed one or more fighters. In determining whether or not they have produced sufficient quantities to be equivalent to the annual food budget, they are guided by the following chart:

- Milk—2,500 quarts.
- Meats (dressed)—1,262 lbs.
- Chickens (dressed)—769 lbs.
- Butter—395 lbs.
- Eggs—470 dozen.
- Tomatoes—5,384 lbs.
- Potatoes—8,323 lbs.
- Onions—6,550 lbs.
- Leafy, green or yellow vegetables—4,900 lbs.
- Fruits—5,090 lbs.
- Peanuts—4 acres.
- Cotton—770 lbs.

The slogan for 1944 for 4-H Club girls and boys is as follows: "I Fed A Fighter."

A committee was appointed to work out the plans for an achievement night which will be held in the near future.

Graduation Of Daughter Closes A Long Record

TYLER, Tex. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bonner felt both happy and sad when their daughter, Edna Ruth, received her diploma the other night from Tyler High school.

Naturally they were happy that she came through with flying colors.

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WRITTEN FOR AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL PAPER ASSOCIATION Marie Blizard

CHAPTER THIRTY-EIGHT
"YOU CAN'T take money from Dennis, Andrea Barnes!" Beth's whole body was tense with anger. "Andrea Ronald," Andrea corrected. "And I don't think I asked you what I could or couldn't do. If you have something evil in your mind, you are quite wrong."

Beth was sick with anger. Andrea had no right to try to put her on the defensive by pretending to think she had "something evil" on her mind. "You can't borrow money because you don't know that you'd ever be able to pay it back, and you can't take it as a gift. Dennis is a friend of the family, no uncle in our life."

"Naturally," Andrea said coldly, "I can't see that it's any of your business what Dennis is to me. Or is it?"

Beth turned her back with deliberate dignity. Andrea took a lower tone. "I'll have to do it, Beth, because I've got to get today. It wasn't much of a job anyway. You've turned around slowly. 'No, I don't want it, but it did pay your bills and room rent.'"

"That's just it, darling. I know you're just it. What am I going to do with the money I have?" "For three hundred? Oh, no, we must keep that. Suppose I didn't have money by June. I'd have to borrow it then. There's only one thing I can do. Beth, I'm sure you'll see it."

"I'm sure I won't!" Beth retorted. "Dennis offer you money, and you ask for it?" "Andrea opened her mouth to say that she'd asked for it, but when she saw Beth's eye warned her that she would not get her answer."

"I practically offered it," she said quickly. "He said he'd do anything he could for me. He said he knew a woman who runs a nursery, and she might be able to get me a job."

"I don't know what you're going to do with the money I have," Beth said. "I don't want to get married in a hurry, and I'll always love Jim, but there's no reason why I shouldn't plan to marry again, is there?"

"No," Beth said begrudgingly. "but husbands aren't easy to get when you have a young baby. It may be years..." "Andrea gave her a derisive smile. "You see me wiping noses and reading bedtime yarns? Do you think that's my meter?"

Beth tapped a cigarette angrily against her thumb nail. "You're in a bad position to talk about your 'meter' which, incidentally, you haven't taken much trouble to discover yourself. And if you think you aren't going to wipe a little nose, I'll read a bedtime yarn. I'd like to see you do that!"

It meant that for the first time in 29 years no Bonner child would be attending classes at the high school. To make the evening an even more important event for the Bonner family, their granddaughter, Dorothy Nell Johnston, received her diploma too.

be interested to know who you think is going to do it for you. "Auntie Beth," Andrea said mischievously. "You might get a big surprise from 'Auntie Beth' at any moment."

Andrea favored her with a side-long glance in which there was a touch of introspection. It was only occasionally that Beth showed spirit, but when she did Andrea had reason to be wary of it. She decided on candor.

"It was this way, Beth. Dennis was telling me about his seeing a lawyer to see what he could find out about my insurance and he said if there were any incidental expenses..." "Board and room rent are not incidental expenses," Beth pointed out.

"Anyway, he thinks it may be settled soon. Just think how rich I'll be. Beth, I can pay Dennis every penny I'd borrow, and give you back your three hundred, and get some decent clothes so—her voice became pious—"I could get myself a good government job, and a nice English gram for the baby."

Beth was fabbergasted. "Are you really as dumb as you pretend to be? Don't you realize that you'll have to use every penny of your money sparingly? That it will have to be your rock and protection against the unexpected things that can happen, like a child's illness, or his education?"

"I never, I never, I never saw such a kill-joy in all my life!" Andrea moaned. "Do you honestly think that you can ever earn enough to support your child in any fashion?"

"Yes," Andrea said calmly. "If you call making a career of marriage. Beth, I... I don't want to get married in a hurry, and I'll always love Jim, but there's no reason why I shouldn't plan to marry again, is there?"

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KEEPING HIS PROMISE Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell Begins His Trek Back Along the Burma Road



WHEN THE JAPS poured down into Burma, Chinese troops fighting under U. S. Lt. Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell were driven out. He made the forthright statement that it was "humiliating as hell" and vowed he would return some day. Here's a closeup of the tough American field commander as he headed back recently into the jungles of Burma.



THROUGH THICK FOLIAGE with a rifle slung over his shoulder walks Gen. Stilwell as he prepares to pay a visit to the front line in Burma. Although he is sixty-one years old, "Uncle Joe" can probably out-march more than a good number of the men under his command.

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