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## Fall of Fortress Metz Believed Near

### RETURNS TO DUTY



H. P. Ball, aviation mechanic second class, who recently returned from service with the Navy in the Pacific, left Monday for Oakland, California to return to duty after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Johnnie Ball.

From Oakland he expects to be sent to Kansas for reassignment. He entered the service on Sept. 4, 1942 and received training at San Diego and Norman, Okla. While stationed in Hawaii in January he was promoted to his present rating.

After ingesting the service he was employed by a tank company at Patton, Texas.

### Cpl. S. D. Paschal Sees Service With Liberator Group

15th AAF in Italy—Cpl. Samuel D. Paschal, son of Mrs. S. D. Tankersley, route No. 2, Eastland, is a telegraph lineman in a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator group which has flown over one hundred and fifty missions over enemy territory.

The group assisted in wearing down German air strength by striking at such key aircraft production centers as Regensburg, Styrz, Munich, Wiener Neustadt and Vienna. It took an active part in attacks on the enemy's vital oil resources, including the Ploesti Romanian oil fields and refineries, and synthetic oil plants in Germany. It also participated in the pre-invasion bombardment of coastal defenses in southern France, and has carried out intensive attacks on the Nazis' communications and supply lines in northern Italy.

Cpl. Paschal entered the USA AF in February 1942. He completed his basic training at Camp Blanding, Ariz., and was assigned to the Army Air Corps training school for specialized training. Since his arrival in the Italian theater, he has been attached to the ground personnel.

### Funeral For Mrs. Wylie To Be On Thurs. at X-Ray

Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Wylie who died at the West Texas Hospital in Ranger Monday November 13, will be conducted at the X-Ray Church, Thursday, November 16 at 3 P. M. Burial will be in the X-Ray cemetery and arrangements will be by Morris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wylie who had lived in the X-Ray community practically all of her life was born in Hunt county September 29, 1872.

Born her husband, A. E. Wylie of Dallas, P. D. of Ft. Worth, W. T. of Carlton, California, Henry of Abilene, New Mexico, Deak, Cane and Victor of X-Ray; two daughters, Mrs. C. E. Miller, of Ranger and Mrs. Rex Carter; two brothers, W. T. Fuller of Abilene and three sisters, Mrs. N. F. Anglin of New Mexico, Mrs. May Crane of Seymour and Mrs. Bessie Coast of Abilene, Texas.

**IS PROMOTED**  
EPHRAATA ARMY BASE, Wash.—Promotion 1st Sgt. of 1st 2nd 8th Airborne, Eastland, is announced at the Ephraata Army Air Base, Wash., a Fourth AAF Force fighter training base.

Prior to entering the military service, Cpl. Haskin was an Air craft worker in Dallas, Texas. He is the son of Mrs. J. H. Haskin of Eastland, Texas.

### STEPHENVILLE AND RANGER TO PLAY FRIDAY

Friday night at 8:15 o'clock the Ranger Bulldogs will meet the Stephenville Yellowjackets for their annual district game at the Jockey's stadium in Stephenville.

This is the last game of the season, the last to be played being the Ranger-Weatherford game on November 23, at Weatherford.

Spurred by the spirited game with Cisco last week, both are running high for the fans over Friday night's game.

According to the victories and losses of the two teams this year Ranger is the favored team for winner against Stephenville, but sports do come in such figuring, so the Bulldogs are taking no chances and are going through their paces at work out this week.

Indications are now that the line up for the coming game will be much the same as at the November 11 game, with some of the season starters and first string men still out of the game.

A large following of fans is expected to accompany the team to Stephenville Friday night.

### Funeral Rites For Mrs. Nolen Held Sunday P. M.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Maude Fields-Nolen, 64, who died Friday November 10, at the home of a son, Davis Fields, in Peas, were held at the Eastland Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. L. Durwood Fleming, Methodist pastor, officiated. Interment was in the Eastland cemetery, Hammer's of Eastland was in charge of the body.

Pallbearers were: John Harrison, Fred Hoffmann, Milton Hunt, Jim Mathews, Argie Feil and John Hart, all of Eastland.

Survivors include eight children as follows: C. L. Fields, San Angelo; Davis Fields, Peas; P. F. George, El Paso; Sam Houston; Sgt. James Fields, Biggs, Field, El Paso; Mrs. L. R. Lippard, Loveland; Mrs. Noble Harbinger, Eastland; Mrs. Merelya Hubbard, Peas; and Mrs. A. J. Miller, Grand Prairie.

Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Arthur Davis, Brownwood; Tom and Floyd Davis, Eastland; Mrs. Floyd Brown and Mrs. J. P. Butler, Eastland; eight grand children are also among the survivors.

Maude Davis was born in Eastland county on Nov. 24, 1880, the daughter of John S. Davis and Nancy Quarles Davis, Eastland county pioneer. She grew to young womanhood in Eastland county and was married to Joseph Lawson Fields on Oct. 18, 1899. To this union eight children were born. Mr. Davis died October 10, 1936.

### Promotions Won By Twin Brothers At Abilene Camp

ARMY SERVICE FORCES TRAINING CENTER, Camp Barkley, Tex. (Special)—Headquarters of the Army Service Forces Training Center announced this week the promotion of James E. and Robert M. Van Stavern, Co. A, 54th Medical Bn. to Corporal. He resides at 112 Blackwell Rd. Ranger, Texas.

The two corporals, twin brothers, married Misses Dorothy and Ruby Hise, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hise of Odessa, and sisters of Mrs. Henry Davenport. Prior to enlistment in the service they worked for nine months in the reconstruction of Pearl Harbor following the Japanese attack having upon there two months after the attack. They returned to go into service and were first sent to New Orleans for training. Later they were sent to Camp Barkley where they have been since.

They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Van Stavern of Lebanon, Mo. had have two brothers who are in foreign service.

They worked in Ranger a short while before going into service.

### Action At Leyte Invasion



Top aircraft, continually pounding at the ships in Ley in Gulf during invasion operations. Three bomb explosions can be seen in the background while Jap planes dodge A-64's fire. The Liberty ship in the left background was hit by a Jap plane that was subsequently brought down. In the foreground are American P-T boats. (NEA Telephoto from U. S. Navy).

### Desire For Action Photos Led To Prist's Death

"When photographing front line action, you think all your pictures are going to be prize winners or you wouldn't risk your neck in making them," said Frank Prist, Jr., veteran war photographer for NEA service and Army Newspictures, in the last letter which he wrote from his New York residence from him. It was this code to seek out peril rather than to avoid it when good action pictures were to be had that motivated Prist from the day he landed in Australia over two years ago until he met his death from a Japanese sniper's bullet in the Philippines on Nov. 12.

One of the 16 newspapermen to enter the Southwest Pacific area, Prist photographed the arrival of the first American troops in Australia and the unmaking of our offensive in New Guinea. He has photographed himself in combat, which is shown in a recent issue of the New York Bulletin for Peace and News.

Joining on Cape Gloucester, Luzon, and with the 1st Marine Division, Prist took outstanding combat action pictures which won acclaim throughout American newspapers. He also photographed the tough fighting in New Britain and Dutch Guinea. A bullet once penetrated his breast pocket and lodged in his notebook. Only a few weeks ago he finished training as a paratrooper in order to take part in future airborne landings and he was the war picture pool photographer assigned to cover General MacArthur on his historic return to the Philippines.

In peace time Prist was a staff photographer in a Los Angeles NEA-Acme bureau. He is survived by a wife employed on the Los Angeles Daily News.

### Killed In Invasion



Wearing his chute and ready to board a plane for a parachute jump, NEA-Acme photographer, Frank Prist, Jr. is shown in a recent picture taken in the South Pacific. Prist has been reported killed in action on Leyte Island by a Jap sniper bullet. (NEA Telephoto).

### Nov. 23 Deadlines For Applications For Canning Sugar

The last date for acceptance of applications for Home Canning Sugar is 11:59 a. m. Nov. 23rd.

Any person that might be interested in this sugar which will be available after the 1944-1945 season in mind the fact that all sugar coupons issued for Home Canning remain valid until February 28, 1945.

This means that, although the issuance of Canning Sugar is not continued, those who receive their coupons are in a position to use their coupons as late as February 28, 1945. Also, sugar stamp No. 40 in War Ration Book 4 remains valid until February 28, 1945.

**THE WEATHER**  
WEST TEXAS—Fair in north tonight and Thursday. Clear tonight with light frost; extreme north portion.

### THANKSGIVING GETS DOUBLE DIP IN RANGER

Two Thanksgiving Days will be observed in Ranger. The merchants have voted to observe November 30 as Thanksgiving Day and stores will be closed on that day. The public schools will observe November 23 as Thanksgiving Day and will be closed on November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving week end.

It was also announced today that since the town will observe the 30th as Thanksgiving Day the public schools will be closed on that day, too, thus giving the schools a double holiday.

It was pointed out that the schools were compelled to take the first holiday as that is the date set for the meeting of the State Teachers' Association and as many of the teachers wished to attend the meeting it was decided to observe that holiday.

### Cpl. Williamson Back In States After 18 Months

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. Nov. 9.—Cpl. W. Williamson, 31, son of Mrs. Mark Williamson of 307 N. Green street, Eastland, has returned from service outside the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

Cpl. Williamson served 18 months as a truck driver before entering the service in the European theater of operations. Cpl. Williamson is a farmer. He became a member of the armed forces on October 8, 1940.

### Head of Texas Teachers Ass'n Visits In Ranger

Mrs. Virginia Lark of El Paso, president of the Texas State Teachers' Association, was in Ranger all day Monday conferring with school officials and teachers.

At 10 P. M. a special, candle-light dinner was held in the city hall. Mrs. Lark visited with the school officials and teachers.

Mrs. Lark was introduced at the meeting by Dr. G. C. Dossell.

### Lt. Luther Bean Is Wounded In Action In France

Lt. Luther Bean of Eastland was critically wounded in action in France on October 31, according to information received in Eastland Tuesday morning by his wife from United States Adjutant General's department in Washington.

Lt. Bean is a member of the 100th Cavalry, stationed in France. His wife, who was the former Miss Mildred Perrell of Eastland, and his mother, Mrs. Iva Bean, both reside in Eastland.

### MORE VOTES FOR FDR!

Recovery from about 1,000 voters today and the Ranger public kids had hardly wait until they are voting age so that if he's still running for president they can give their votes to him.

After all he's the guy that caused the Thanksgiving situation, on the strength of which they get three holidays from school instead of two. If it is the consensus of students opinion that anybody who can swing an extra holiday out of us thinks is worthy of their support for the presidency of the United States.

As far as Ranger school kids are concerned the Republicans haven't a chance for years to come.

### YANKS IN OUTSKIRTS OF CITY; FOUR ALLIED ARMIES MOVE ON GERMANY FROM SOUTH HOLLAND

Reds Clear Eastern Bank of Danube and Are Sending Armored Columns in A Flanking Movement Around Budapest

### "Lord's Wheat" Expected To Aid Europe's Needy

MILWAUKEE (UP)—By 1947 Perry Hayden, Quaker miller of Tecumseh, Mich., hopes that 100,000 bushels of "the Lord's wheat," grown from an original cubic bush of kernels, will be available to help feed the hungry of some war-ravaged country.

Hayden, assisted by the Detroit industrialist, Henry Ford started the project in 1941 in the hope of reviving the Biblical practice of tithing, giving 10 per cent of one's income to the church. He got the idea from a sermon preached at Tecumseh in 1940, by Rev. J. W. Hayden, pastor of the First Baptist church. "Six years ago you shall sow the field and reap the vineyard, but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest," Ford furnished the land in 1941.

The first cubic bush of wheat planted yielded 50 cubic inches which was harvested with a sickle, and 10 per cent went to the Tecumseh Friends' church. The rest was planted. Recently the fifth crop was planted on 27 1/2 acres, said to be the largest farm in the nation operated without plow.

The land was divided two ways. Hayden expected the project to yield 100,000 bushels of wheat two years hence and in anticipation that the war then will be over, proposed to turn over the entire yield to help feed war-torn Europe. It will be impossible to harvest such crop with a sickle unless "all crop" harvesters, it is said, were in use. There recently with Albert M. Harris, head of the American Farm Bureau, had a discussion regarding the project.

The crop Hayden cultivated will not be for his "Lord's wheat" but for the needy.

### YANKS IN OUTSKIRTS OF CITY

As American troops, taking three miles of the enemy's main fortifications, Metz, pushed through the outskirts of the city in which little more than a mile of the great fortress town today as four Allied armies swing into the winter campaign against Germany from southeastern Holland to the Redoubt Gap in the Vosges mountains.

Front line dispatches said the fall of Metz appeared near at hand.

### LONDON (UP)—At least 15 persons were killed last night when the Germans fired tanks against Southern England and the metropolitan London area in their heaviest, but abortive, attack in some time.

On the Eastern Front, the Russians cleared all the eastern bank of the Danube below Budapest and were sending armored columns in a wide flanking movement around the Hungarian capital. Berlin said fighting was going on in the city's outskirts, and advised the evacuation of the rail and highway center of Juchaczow, near the village of Tarnopol.

British dispatches reported that violent fighting had been reported in East Prussia and that the heaviest of 50 divisions were being sent against the Baltic in Latvia and Lithuania were being finished off rapidly.

The Allied Eighth Army in Italy had cleared an 80-mile gap in the line to the Adriatic, advancing from Gela against the sea-landing operation to within 5 1/2 miles of Palermo. The next major road link.

LONDON (UP)—British warships and planes sank or damaged 14 German vessels in 3 separate attacks on enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast, it was disclosed today.

### Nephew of Ranger Women Is Killed In War In France

Mrs. E. E. Reynolds and Mrs. J. M. Jones have received word that their nephew, Pvt. Clayton C. Yates, of Waco was killed in action on October 26.

Pvt. Yates was serving with the 90th Division somewhere in France at the time he was killed. His mother and wife who reside at Waco were notified of his death on November 11.

### Says Himmier In Charge; Hitler Raving Maniac

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### Committee Begins Hearing On U. T. Controversy

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Members of the State Senate Judiciary committee, which also has a general educational inquiry, will begin hearings today on the U. T. controversy.

The committee is the first to hold a public hearing on the controversy since the U. T. controversy began.

### LOOKS TO LONG PEACE

LEAMINGTON, England (UP)—Foreign secretary Anthony Eden said today that if America, Britain, Russia and France can work together a long period of peace may be in sight.

"As it is now it is a situation that is not to be desired."

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Win 4-H State Honors

SUPERIOR records of achievement in 4-H activities have won 1944 State championship honors for three Texas club members. The winners, and brief outlines of their records, follow:

John Kopszynski (at right), 15 of Anderson, Grimes county, is named State entrant to be considered for sectional-national honors in the Sears-Roebuck Foundation 4-H Victory Garden Activity, which includes a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 2-6, and a \$100 War Bond. Seven State co-winners who also each receive a \$25 War Bond are Eugene Ashley, Post; Billy Bacon, Jr., Cisco; Payne Royce, Bunker; Carlton Wilke, Wilson; Joe Millhorn, Cloyd; Billy Smith, Floydada, and Dennis Asacker, Nazareth. The State winner has raised a Victory garden each year since 1942. The yield of his 1944 plot of 100x125 feet thus far is 45 1/2 bushels and 1,415 pounds of vegetables. Practically all his family's food since 1942 has come from his garden.



Alfred Neumann (at right), 17 of Bigfoot, has been chosen to represent the State in the Firestone 4-H Soil Conservation Activity for consideration in the selection of sectional and national winners. His soil conservation achievements include mapping 170-acre farm he and his brother manage (father is dead). He drew 3 maps, one showing soil types, top soil depth, slope and erosion, and second showing crops planted for last 3 years, and fields in which he put fertilizer. A third map shows where fields should be terraced and pasture land cleared of timber and protected until good soil is established. Alfred has run contour lines himself, terracing one field. Will terrace whole farm and enlarge present dam near windmill. Five State co-winners who also each receive a \$50 War Bond are: Jeral Miller, Abilene; Clarence Lamensky, Rosenberg; Billy Mowley, Ranger; Durward Patis, Carmine; and Curtis Pardue, Dallas.



Jackie G. Brock (at right), 15 of Floydada, Floyd county, is the State's entrant for sectional-national honors in the William G. Mennen 4-H Farm Safety Activity. The boy's achievements in safety work include painting top and bottom cellar steps white and gasoline barrel red; picking up loose nails and broken glass, nailing down loose boards, removing poison drugs and matches out of children's reach, taping exposed wires, mending ladder rungs, pointing out accident and fire hazards to others, and effecting numerous other safety measures. Three State co-winners who also each receive a \$25 War Bond are: Leslie Sloan, of Estelline; Clarence Houser, of Needville, and Alton Frenville, of Weatherford. \*Also State representative in International Harvester 4-H Food for Victory Activity.



EDITOR—As a wartime conservation measure, news announcements of State winners in 1944 4-H activities are being combined in single mats wherever possible.

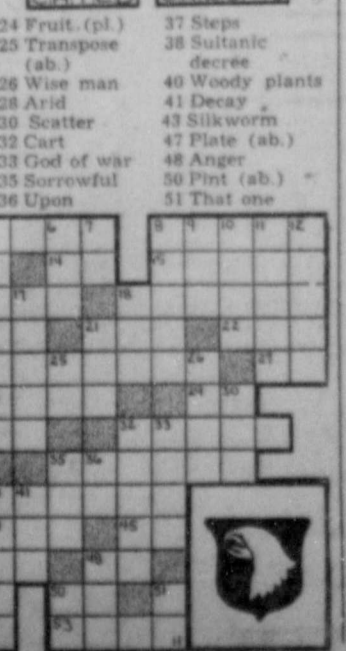


Texas quota for the Sixth War Bond Drive was the subject of discussion at a recent meeting of Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., center, with Fred M. Mayer, left, Vice-Chairman of the Texas War Finance Committee who represented State Chairman Nathan Adams, and Judson S. James, right, Executive Manager of the State Committee.

Crossword Puzzle

U. S. ARMY UNIT

- Horizontal: 1 Depicted in insignia of the U. S. Army 101st, 8 It is a unit of the Allied military, 13 Make into law, 14 Behold!, 15 Operatic solos count money, 16 Dressed, 18 Vagrants, 19 French plural article, 20 Half-em, 21 Simbad's bird, 22 Ocean, 23 Senior (ab.), 24 Grazing lands, 27 Railway (ab.), 28 Coy, 29 Near, 31 Expunge, 32 Bet, 34 Year (ab.), 35 Flea, 37 Jumbled type, 38 Queer, 42 Exist (ab.), 44 Wand, 45 Bone, 46 Floor covering, 48 Within, 49 Roman magistrate, 50 Fair (ab.), 52 Chairs, 53 Canvas shelter



Byrnes Won't Quit 'Til Germany Out

WASHINGTON (UP)—The White House announced today that James F. Byrnes will continue as director of war mobilization and reconversion "until the elimination of Germany from the war."

Byrnes intended originally to quit his post this week.

Buy War Bonds

BARBS

MAYBE it's just a little bit too early for some of the candidates to talk turkey.

A garden expert advises planting multiplier onions now so you'll have them for late fall eating. The way they'll come up will take your breath away.

Now we can expect a shortage of book matches. Since they're needed for the boys overseas, let's make light of it.

It won't be long till the candidates who are running on a bluff will fall over.

The Pilgrims celebrated with wild turkeys. The only wild thing for us will be the price.

"Bernadette" Here Wednesday And Thursday



A poignant moment in 20th Century-Fox's dramatization of Franz Werfel's "The Song of Bernadette," which opens Wednesday at the Arcadia Theatre. Jennifer Jones, young Tulsa, Oklahoma, discovery of the year, makes her screen debut in the title role, with William Eythe (also above), Charles Bickford, Vincent Price, Lee J. Cobb and Gladys Cooper also appearing in featured roles. The picture was directed by Henry King and produced by William Perlberg.

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STAFF NEWS

(By Special Correspondent) STAFF, November 14. Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were callers in the home of Mr. Hazard's sister, Mrs. Pearl Bourland of Eastland, last Wednesday.

Mrs. John W. Thurman was a Ranger visitor Tuesday evening.

Chester Henderson, Jr., who is stationed at Amarillo, was home last Wednesday, and Thursday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Donald were visiting in Ranger Friday evening of last week.

The Rev. Lee Fields of Carbon, filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church, Sunday morning and night. There is preaching service at the Baptist church each second and fourth Sunday and Sunday School every Sunday morning. B. T. U. meets each Sunday night. The public is invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sam Fonville of Ranger, last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jordan recently sold their home to Gerald Carter of New Mexico and Mr. Trout of Morton Valley will move to the place in the near future.

Walter Duncan had business in Eastland last Monday.

Miss Ima Little, accompanied by Miss Elroy Scitern of Gorman spent the week-end in Wichita Falls.

John W. Thurman was a business visitor in Ranger Friday.

Mrs. Sam Fonville and Sons, Jimmy and Earl, of Ranger, visit

DESDEMONA

(By Special Correspondent) DESDEMONA, Nov. 14 - Pvt. Robert Guthrey of Camp Wolters, Texas, was here over the week end visiting his wife and parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Peak and Cora Richmond of Gorman visited J. C. Peak and family Sunday.

Mrs. Hiram Hooper, Floyd Hooper and family, and Miss Arma Lee Hooper, all of Fort Worth, were guests in the W. A. Clements home here Sunday.

Lewis W. DeWitt, formerly of Camp Barkeley, Texas, was honorably discharged from the United States Army Wednesday. He is now with his wife, Mrs. Nora Mae DeWitt, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peek. They plan to go to Dallas in the near future to reside.

Miss Muriel Peak visited friends in DeLeon Saturday.

Farmers of this community ed with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Atkinson and Children of Abilene, visited in the homes of Mr and Mrs. Floyd Crawley and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Henderson over the week-end.

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AT AUSTIN MEETING

Dr. G. C. Boswell is in Austin today where he is attending a meeting of the committee for the coordination of education in Texas.

The meeting is being held at the University of Texas and Dr. Boswell will preside over this afternoon's session.

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By Stanley Paley

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THE STORY: Leo Kabateck, late of Chicago, is in the money now that he is riding high adviser to publisher Virgil Boggio. Boggio's girl friend, Ginger, makes a play for him when Boggio goes out of town. Kabateck is gone.

FRIDAY noon Ginger called and asked me to come over. By the way she talked, friendly-like but at the same time with the proper degree of reserve, I knew Virgil was at her elbow.

The moment I entered the apartment it was apparent that whatever business he'd transacted in Chicago had turned out the way he'd wanted it. I'd never seen him in such a jovial mood before. He was enthroned in an easy chair with his feet stretched out on a hassock. And instead of milk he was drinking coffee which was always a sign he was feeling chipper.

"How's the boy, Leo?" he exclaimed. "How's the boy?" I mumbled something and sat down. His bubbling spirits and the foolish wisecracks he started to make irritated me. If he'd wanted me to come over on business why didn't he get going? But he was in no hurry.

"What's this Ginger's been telling me about a new apartment?" "I thought I'd move. It's a bit better than the other place."

He burst into laughter. "Hear that, Ginger? A bit better, he says. The Columbus Towers after that boarding house. A bit better! Boy, you're coming up in the world!"

I didn't like the tone of his voice. "That's not all," I said. "I suppose you also know about the car?" "The what?" She'd probably forgotten that. "Come and take a look," I said. He swung himself out of the chair and followed me into the kitchen. It overlooked the Chal-lont parking lot.

"Right there, the blue convertible." He opened his mouth but I stopped him. "No speeches please, Virgil. I know what you're going to say. There's plenty of time for all these things. I'm young, and when you were 'my age-- I know it by heart."

We returned to the living room and he dropped into his chair, slowly shaking his head. "How was the trip?" I inquired. "Fine! Come here, Ginger."

SHE got up from the sofa on which she'd been sprawling, slipped her feet into a pair of fancy mules and came over to sit on the arm of Boggio's chair. "Show Leo the watch Daddy brought you from Chicago."

That was Boggio. Bellyaching about the way I spent about one minute and in the next boasting about his generosity. The watch was worth a cool two thousand if I knew anything about jewelry. "Platinum and diamonds," he said proudly. "Fifteen hundred it cost me. Wholesale."

Ginger beamed. "Now I'll always know what time it is," she said childishly. "There was something about her attitude that I didn't like. From the moment I'd entered the apartment I'd noticed she was having a wonderful time. She'd look at Boggio, then at me, then back again at him as if she were secretly enjoying the situation. The very thing that made me uncomfortable was giving her a terrific kick."

I've always despised cheats, and the fact that I was acting like one didn't make me particularly proud. I was actor enough to look Boggio straight in the face, but all in all the situation was extremely distasteful to me. Ginger, on the other hand, was obviously relishing the game.

"I'll be running along, Virgil," Boggio took his time before replying to me, with his arm around Ginger's waist and his cheek smugged up close to hers, he looked at me. "What's the hurry?" "Look, Virgil," I said. "There are a couple of things I wanted to do this afternoon. If you haven't anything special to say to me I can come back some other time. Tomorrow maybe."

"No. There's something I want to show you right now." He took his arm away from Ginger's waist and she got up. Then he reached for a portfolio lying beside him. He motioned to me and I followed him into the bedroom. It was funny how reluctant he always was to mention business in front of Ginger. Boggio produced a bunch of keys and carefully unlocked the portfolio. I watched him as he fumbled through a thick sheaf of papers. "I was fascinated by his ugliness. The thin, mean lips. Furtive eyes. A faint white scar on the right cheek."

"Read this," he said, suddenly. It was the draft of a contract pertaining to the purchase of the controlling interest in a pinball machine factory. I scanned the various paragraphs, then looked up at him. "Seems to be all right." "There are a few things I have to tell you, though. The purchase won't be in my name. I'll use a straw man and make out another agreement with him. But we'll have to be very careful because I don't want to have to beat any income tax rap."

"Sure," I said. "I can fix it." He then went into more explanations, giving me just enough data so that I could understand, but being careful to withhold certain details. For the time being I put Ginger out of my mind. (To Be Continued)

BOGGIO was having a regular picnic. He winked at me and then said, "How about giving Daddy another kiss because he's come home and he's so good to Ginger?"

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