

New Attack Starts on Sarreguemines

SONGS OF THE AGES TO BE ON XMAS PROGRAM

The first Christmas program of the season will be given Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the Recreation building when members of the Mothers Club of Ranger Junior College and the music department of Ranger High School will present a musical program. The Christmas Songs of The Ages.

Elks To Aid In Recruitment Of Nurses For Vets

Cooperating with the national Elks War Commission's concentrated campaign to help relieve the alarming national shortage of nurses in the country's ninety-four Veterans' hospitals, M. L. King, exalted ruler of Ranger Elks Lodge has announced the appointment of a three-man committee to study the requirements necessary to be met by applicant nurses, and to canvass the women of this community during the next few weeks to impress upon those among them who are registered nurses, the urgent work of mercy which they can perform at the bedside of the man who has returned wounded from the battle-areas.

An appeal will also be made to the many women who have not been following their nursing career, and will include those nurses who, because they are over-age or have slight physical defects, are ineligible for service with the Army or Navy.

Lt. Tornquist Returns To The United States

Lt. Roland E. Tornquist, with the 8th Air Force in England, has completed his combat missions over Europe. He has been awarded the Presidential Group Citation. He also has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant Tornquist's wife, the former Miss Ann Clark, resides in Eastland with her mother, Mrs. W. H. (Harry) Taylor and Mr. Taylor. Lieutenant Tornquist arrived in the States this week and was met in Fort Worth by his wife Monday. They returned to Eastland that night. They plan to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents in Whittier, California.

Asks Medical Aid For Italy

NEW YORK (UP)—To aid the needy people of liberated Italy, Prof. Arturo Castiglioni, of the Yale University Medical School, is seeking the aid of the doctors of America to form a medical adjunct of the American Relief for Italy, Inc., Prof. Castiglioni, a political refugee from Fascist Italy, is seeking the organization so that American doctors can contribute medical supplies and surgical instruments to be shipped to Italy.

25, Woman Aids Fight Against Tropical Fungi

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (UP)—The only woman biologist doing research work at the General Electric Co. scientific fungus farm has selected Japanese names for the so-called fungi which so devastatingly impair the striking power of American war equipment in humid and tropical areas.

Working with many other research scientists to render the parasites, hazards, Miss Wyant says "The fungus Toxos and all their many parasitic kin are a momentary delicate equipment. Colonies of them sometimes clog machinery. Some of them give off acids strong enough to damage metallic and electrical devices, particularly in such hot and muggy areas as our armed forces are operating in against the Japs."

Citizens Urged To Remember The Boys In Hospitals

Mrs. Con Hazard and Max Star, chairman of the American Legion committee for the campaign for "Christmas Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave", again appealed to the public to give a package for the veterans of World War II now in hospitals in Texas.

Recording By Sgt. Lee Harbin To Be Broadcast

A recording made by Sgt. Lee Harbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Harbin, Rt. 1, Eastland, somewhere in the Mediterranean Theater of war last September, will be broadcast over WRAP, (120 kc.) Fort Worth, Saturday, (December 9) between the hours of 1:30 and 1:45 p. m., according to a letter from the broadcasting station to Mr. and Mrs. Harbin.

Talk Baseball Prospects



J. Alvin Gardner, left, President of the Texas League and Billy Evans, President of the Southern League, talk over 1945 minor league prospects, during the convocation of the National Association of Professional Baseball League in Buffalo, (NEA Telephoto.)

Disband WASP Training



General H. H. Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, right, tours Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Texas, AAF Training Command School for the Women Airforce Service Pilots, with Miss Jacqueline Cochran, famed aviatrix and Director of Women Pilots for the AAF, General Arnold and Miss Cochran, with officers of the AAF Training Command, paid tribute to the WASP's. The WASP organization will be deactivated December 20, as there are now enough male pilots available to meet flying needs in the U. S. and abroad. (NEA Telephoto.)

Humble Oil To Broadcast Last Game This P. M.

Humble Oil and Refining Company broadcasts its last football game of 1944 Friday, December 8, at 7 p. m. from Miami, Florida. The Texas Aggies traveled to Florida where they will meet Miami University on the latter's home field.

A special Humble broadcasting crew will go along to bring this interesting post-season game to Texas fans. See Box and Charlie Jordan, two ace Humble announcers, who will be on hand to bring play by play and color highlights to listeners. Stations carrying the game will be:

Additional Inductees For County Named

The following listed registrants have recently been inducted into military service.

Woman Head Of Steel Union Success On Job

PITTSBURGH (UP)—The first woman in the United States to become president of a steel company's union last week, the 36-year-old generalization, a heart a "woman's place" to her holds true.

When not at work inspecting naval materials at the American Steel Foundries Verona plant, Sinsinic is busy managing her home, taking care of union and civic affairs, and acting as chairman of the Political Action Committee, women's division of Allegheny county.

Operations Begun On Well In East Ranger Townsite

Operations have begun for the drilling of a well in east Ranger and Thursday night the well had been drilled to a depth of 145 feet.

Lt. W. A. Owen, Jr. Awarded Medal

15th AAF in Italy—2nd Lt. William A. Owen, Jr., 22, of Eastland, Tex., was recently awarded the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

IRISH NEWSPAPERS LIST U. S. CASUALTIES

BELFAST (UP)—American casualty lists with pictures of personnel killed in action are being prominently featured in Northern Irish newspapers. This is because many of the men who were married to Irish girls had become so well known here as they were at home.

Officers Attend FBI Meeting In Breckenridge

Chief George Murphy and Austin Cozart were in Breckenridge Thursday to attend a district meeting of the FBI to which police officers of the surrounding country were invited.

Veteran of North Africa, Italy Is Guest of Aunt

Mrs. Lee Mitchell has as her guest her nephew, Cpl. Edward Littleton Havins who has just returned from 15 months service with the 7th Division in North Africa and Italy.

Falling Asleep While Driving 's Negligence

HARRISBURG, Pa. (UP)—Falling asleep while driving a motor vehicle in Pennsylvania constitutes "negligence," according to the state supreme court, which held in a recent opinion that any other rule would be "contrary to the facts of life."

Jap Threat To Kweiyang Halted

CHUNGKING (UP)—A Chinese army spokesman said today that 4,000 Japanese troops who entered Kweiyang Province had been "routed" eliminating all but temporarily a threat to Kweiyang, the provincial capital and strategic transport center in southwest China.

REASSURES FRIENDSHIP WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (UP)—The agriculture department predicted today that the 1944 cotton crop will total 12,550,000 bales, an increase of 20,000 bales over the forecast a month ago.

TROOPS TIGHTENING SIEGE ON SAARBRUCKEN; SOVIETS WAGING FURIOUS BATTLE FOR BUDAPEST

Tokyo Admits Japan Hit By Earthquake; Yanks Make Surprise Landing at Ormoc Bay; Sink 13 Jap Transports

The U. S. Third Army launched a new attack today against Germans holding out in Sarreguemines on the east bank of the Saar River, while other troops were closing in on Saarbrücken.

Resigns Post



COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Dec. 5.—The Board of Directors of A. M. College at its meeting November 26, accepted the resignation of A. R. Conner, Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, to be effective December 31, 1944, and named Vice-Director, C. H. McDowell as Acting Director to succeed him.

Mr. Conner tendered his resignation in order to devote his time in the future to the conduct of his personal affairs. His retirement ends a career of 30 years devoted to investigations of agricultural problems and opportunities in Texas which began in 1914 at Chillicothe and has continued exclusively with the Texas Station since 1911.

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Paper Handlers Meeting Called To Settle Strike

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UP)—Union paper handlers were scheduled to meet today to decide whether to end a strike which has stopped publication of all three of St. Louis daily newspapers.

ELAS FORCES UNRELENTING

ATHENS (UP)—Gen. Scobie reported today that Greek attacks on British troops are increasing and that a general strike has hit Salonika with no indication that ELAS forces are slackening their resistance.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Fair, not much change in temperatures tonight and Saturday.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Saturday, Psalm 27.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY S. BURTON HEATH
NEA Staff Correspondent

THE Old Age Insurance trust fund—the reserve out of which your retirement benefits are to be paid at some future date—already has lost more than \$3,400,000,000 because Uncle Sam has waived so many "premium" payments.

By the end of September the trust fund had in it \$5,738,492,000. Added to that the \$3,400,000,000 that has been lost, plus interest which I haven't troubled to compute, and you will get well over \$10,000,000,000. That is what should be in the trust fund to provide against future monthly checks for retired workers over 65 and their families.

The requirements to meet benefit demands were computed by some of the nation's best actuaries before Social Security was provided by Congress in 1935. Changes in the law since that time have not decreased the amount that will be needed. If anything, they have added to it. To provide enough money to finance your old age insurance some day the actuaries found that the trust fund should get 2 per cent of what each insured worker earned, up to \$3000, in the years 1937 to 1939, inclusive; 3 per cent of what each earned from 1940 to 1942, inclusive; 4 per cent of 1943 through 1945 earnings; 5 per cent of 1946 through 1948 earnings; and 6 per cent of earnings thereafter.

HOWEVER, by one amendment (1939) and two special acts (1943 and 1944) the premiums have been held at the original 2 per cent, half from you and half from your employer, and benefits were changed greatly.

The difference between what the actuaries said should be collected up to now to pay for these benefits, and what has been collected, is the \$3,400,000,000 shortage. Now Senator Vandenberg of Michigan proposes to freeze the premium at 2 per cent (half from employees) again for 1945. The Social Security Board and the Treasury Department both oppose the freeze. They want the premium rate to go up next Jan. 1 to the 4 per cent (half from the employee) that the law now provides for.

The Board says that the benefits provided by the present law will require at least 4 per cent of the covered payroll, and may call for as much as 7 per cent.

Senator Vandenberg doesn't challenge those figures. He says there is a conflict in the law, and uncertainty as to how much will be needed. He wants to freeze the premium (tax) for just one more year, have experts recompute the situation, and then adopt a set scale of taxes.

THAT, in substance, is the issue over Social Security taxes about which Congress may or may not act in this lame duck session. Unless some of the nation's best actuaries were wrong, it is going to take more money than the trust fund is receiving to provide the old age retirement that you think you are buying.

But behind this problem in cold mathematics lies another of logic, expediency and tax theory which may be the one that will really decide how large an old age tax is to be deducted from your wages. It is this: Should the federal government operate like a private insurance company, protected by reserves? Or should it function on a pay-as-you-have-to basis?

Even to state the alternatives is a trifle complicated. I'll try to make them clear in another column.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

BETTING on horses in Paris is at fantastic levels, just as it seems to be in America.

In prewar days, wagering was done in units as low as five francs. The total for even the best afternoons was never more than 11,000,000 francs.

Now, with inflation, uncertainty regarding the eventual value of the franc and a mad desire to win money, Auteuil and the two flat establishments consider it a poor day when they don't average 23,000,000 francs. Attendance is bulging and long queues form at the 50 and 100-franc wickets.

War correspondent and broadcaster Hill found people for the most part well dressed, women in mink, etc. After seeing them, it is difficult to believe, he reports, that wealthy Parisians have suffered such hard hardship from the war.

Two leading flat tracks—Saint Cloud and Longchamps—are not functioning, and it isn't likely that they will for some time. The Nazis used the Longchamps centerfield as a location for ack-ack guns, permitted racing two days a week.

It may be necessary to import stallions from England to put French breeding back on its feet.

By J. R. Williams



TOWN and FARM in WARTIME

Prepared by OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION

Processed Foods—On Friday through 28 and A5 through 85 good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 31.

Meats, Fat—Red stamps A9 December 1. Five new blue stamps will be validated under the present system of making new blue stamps good on the first of each month. They will be blue stamps Z5, Y5, Z3, A2, and B2.

Sugar—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Stamp 40, good for five pounds of canned sugar through February 28, 1945.

Gasoline—A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through December 21.

Fuel Oil—Period 4 and 5 coupons from last heating season, and period 1 coupons from new heating season good throughout present heating year. Period 2 coupons good in the far west on December 11.

December Post Values Unchanged

Point values for rationed meats, butter, margarine, cheese, canned milk, canned fish and processed foods will continue unchanged from November values during December, the Office of Price Administration points out.

Pace of War Tells Consumer Story

The intensified pace of fighting on all fronts tells consumers the story of home front supplies. Shortages must continue indefinitely. Our armies are shooting off munitions at such a rate that demands on the labor supply and raw materials are further increased. Thus the civilian story continues to be one of "patch, mend, conserve, make it do."

Some examples: About 90,000 workers needed immediately to man work stations in plants producing "topmost" war items. Military demands for all types of gasoline up to 80,000 barrels a day in 1944 from 150,000 barrels a day in 1942. Scarcely half enough radio receiving tubes have been available in the past two years to replace those worn out, and short ages expected to last several months beyond defeat of Germany and Japan.

Captured War Equipment To Be Shown, Baytown

Captured enemy war equipment along with the latest designs in United States aircraft parts and fighting equipment will be one of the highlights in the Aircraft War exhibit which will be shown at Baytown in connection with Humble Oil & Refining Company's celebration commemorating the production of one billion gallons of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline at the Baytown plant on December 14.

The exhibit, along with another

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show of Navy fighting equipment and a large array of Humble Company exhibits depicting how Humble-made petroleum war products fit into the war picture, combine to make a show that would interest many people during the four days of open house from December 14 through December 17.

The Army display includes such interesting equipment as an up-to-the-minute operating model of a gun turret now used in the E-25 bomber. The turret is actually operated for the benefit of the exhibit visitors with the two 50 caliber guns flashing fire, simulating its action against enemy planes. Another feature of the show will be a strafing unit from a German pursuit plane.

Other displays include captured Japanese equipment such as gas masks, cartridge cases, the Arisaka 7.7 rifle, swords, hand mines, the Jap 7.7 light machine gun, mortar, zinc pistols, and a Jap sniper's rifle and wearing apparel.

To compare U. S. equipment against that of the enemy there will be exhibits of United States machine guns and small arms, a complete wardrobe of a United States air man, including flak suit, gloves, footwear, oxygen mask, helmet and parachute.

This giant exhibit will be housed in the Baytown community

building adjoining the refinery grounds, and in nearby tents, where there will be displayed working models of giant refinery units, charts, maps and graphs showing the Company's operations. Also there will be continuous showing of several motion picture shows which point out to the visitor in the simplest possible manner the working of many of the units which he may visit in the refinery if he chooses to go on a guided bus tour.

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THE ledgers were ready when Perez snatched in at the appointed time. I think I liked him even less than the first time we'd met. He sat down on the edge of the desk.

"Still determined to back out?" "Stop wasting your time, Perez, and let's get this over with. I've got a dinner date." I shoved the ledgers over to him. "That's all there is. Boggio has the rest."

He fingered the volumes for a moment, then got off the desk and walked slowly around the office. "Nice place you got here, Kabatek."

"I was getting impatient. 'Anything else?'"

He had stopped in front of an etching and was admiring it. I began drumming my fingers on the desk but he didn't take the hint. From the etching he walked over to the shelf where I kept some legal books.

"I forgot to tell you," he said, "Mr. Boggio mentioned these, too. He wants me to bring them over."

Perez was so deliberate in his movements that I felt like kicking him. I helped him remove the books from the shelf and we piled them on the desk.

"I have Mr. Boggio's car out front," he said. "You'd better give me a hand."

"Okay." It was already dark outside, and Boggio's hearse-like vehicle was parked about three blocks down, on a side street.

"By you 'out front' means in the next county," I wisecracked as we walked toward it.

Pausing to catch his breath, Perez didn't answer. Then, when we reached it, he got into the rear of the car, dumped his books on the spacious floor and turned to take those I was carrying. The next instant something hard was shoved in the small of my back and a voice snapped, "Get in!"

Simultaneously, Perez, having dropped the second batch of books, put his hand over my mouth and jerked me forward by my tie. As I went sprawling into the rear seat the man behind me also jumped in and slammed the door. The motor sprang into life and the car lurched forward.

(To Be Continued)

YOU GOTTA THINK QUICK

By Stanley Paley Copyright, 1944, NEA Service, Inc.

XXXI THE three days that followed were about the happiest in my life even though I knew I was going to have to start my career from scratch. If I continued practicing law it would be on an entirely new basis. The hard way! But a tremendous thing had happened to me. I was no longer alone. From now on Mickey was on my side and that made all the difference in the world.

Meanwhile Boggio was to receive back every penny he'd ever given me. It would take time, but I was determined not to owe him anything.

As down payment on my freedom I mailed him a check which stripped me of all the cash I had excepting a few hundred dollars I needed to get back on my feet. I still had a few months to go on the lease of my office, so I couldn't cut down expenses there. But I also had about ten weeks left at the Towers for I'd paid half a year's rent in advance.

So what did I have to worry about? The paper Boggio had made me sign years ago? That bogey was dead. I knew now he'd never be so dumb as to use a confession coerced from a 16-year-old boy.

It would be just as well to let me go. As to the contract I'd signed more recently, I was in effect legally buying my way out of it.

Furthermore I'd taken care of another eventuality. After receiving my check Boggio had called me up and again pleaded with me to reconsider my decision. When I remained adamant he had become unpleasantly threatening. That hadn't worried me. I'd played my trump card.

"Virgil, we're all mortal and I realize I might become involved in a fatal accident some day. That would be a tough break for both of us. Because if I should die before you do there's a long long

letter that'd automatically be mailed to the F. B. I."

"I didn't even have a chance to say goodby, for he'd hung up on me."

There only remained the problem of Don to be solved, for the easy money was still proving a terrific temptation. Without going into details I'd told him what kind of a man Boggio was. It hadn't helped. Don was playing with matches but his fingers hadn't been burned yet.

ON that third day I was in my office, winding up the work on Boggio's books so that my successor, whoever he might be, would find everything in order. The phone rang.

"Kabatek?" "Yes. Who is it?" "Perez. I've flown in to take care of this new situation out here. I think you're being very foolish, Kabatek."

"I'm not interested in what you think."

"Mr. Boggio seems to be quite upset."

"That's too bad. Maybe you'll be able to calm him down."

"You won't change your mind then?" "No."

"That's final?" "That's final."

There was a short pause and then Perez spoke up again. "How do the books stand?" "I'm working on them now. I'll be through in a few hours and I'll send them over to Boggio's first thing in the morning."

"That won't do. He wants to see them tonight."

"Look, Perez, you can understand that I don't feel like taking them over myself and I've let my secretary go."

"All right. I'll come for them. What time will you be through?" "About 6:30."

"I'll be there."

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

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Society, Clubs

MRS. HODGES LEADER AT 1920 CLUB MEET

Mrs. E. H. Hodges was in charge of the 1920 Club program when that group met in regular session at the Woman's club Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Discussions on the program was taken from the Reader's Digest and were presented by Mrs. R. W. Hodges and Mrs. H. W. Imholz. Miss Mozella Clark, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark, gave a vocal solo accompanied at the piano by her mother. Mrs. A. W. Brazda, president, presided at the monthly business meeting in which reports from officers and committee chairmen were heard. Plans were also con-

pleted for the Christmas luncheon which will be held next Thursday at 12:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Imholz.

Following the meeting members of the club were guests of Mrs. R. H. Hodges, Mrs. R. W. Hodges and Mrs. Imholz at coffee at the Chelsea Coffee Shop.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP MEETING IS HELD

About 100 were present for the church supper and fellowship meeting held at the First Methodist church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Most for the supper was provided by V. V. Cooper, Sr., and families attending provided other dishes to complete a bountiful supper.

Following the supper a social and fellowship hour was conducted. Various business matters were held and the choir conducted its weekly rehearsal.

MGM Star Marks Brilliant Return In Stirring Drama

Bright as a shining new penny choiceful of story value and human interest is "Marriage Is a Private Affair," the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture coming to the Arcadia theatre Sunday and Monday to mark Lana Turner's return to the screen after a long absence.

The story, based on the best-seller by Judith Kelly, fits Lana like a glove. In the film, Lana plays irresponsible Theo West, whose road to love and happiness is tortuous indeed. She married Lt. Tom West (John Hodiak) after a romance which begins at an Officer's Canteen. Her frivolous ways make it doubtful whether the marriage will last, but she settles down after a blessed event.

She tries to model her life after that of two of her closest friends, but her faith in marriage is shaken when she learns that the girl is carrying on with another man. The encouragement and attention of another officer, Capt. Miles Lansing (James Craig) and becomes confuted as to just where her heart belongs. How the problem is solved is something you'll be wanting to see for yourself at the Arcadia theatre.

Lana turns in a memorable performance which surpasses even the dramatic ability she has shown in previous roles. She has thoroughly mastered the nuances of her role and makes the someone you are certain you know in real life.

Both Hodiak and Craig are outstanding in their support of the star. Certainly both are headed for stardom. For that matter, the entire supporting cast is just what M-G-M ordered. There are Frances Gifford, Hugh Marlowe, Natalie Schafer, Keenan Wynn and Herbert Rudley, among other all fine actors and all hand-picked for their jobs.

The direction, by Robert Z. Leonard, is brilliant. Leonard again proves he is one of Hollywood's best in his department. Altogether, it is a picture you will thoroughly enjoy, so make a date to see it.

who has been stationed with the WAC at Camp Stewart, La., has been transferred to Camp Hood, Texas.

Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell has returned from a business trip to Midland.

Miss Winifred Dunke who for the past several months has been employed by the telephone company at Dublin has returned to Ranger and has resumed her work with the company here.

Nelda Pirkle has received word that her wife, Pfc. Ruby Pirkle,



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Winifred Dunke, resident of Eastland, has been returned to her home town by a 1944's new modern photograph studio for Mrs. Dunke.

Winifred is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. (Shirley) Williams. Mrs. Williams was for many years a building contractor in Eastland County.

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YOU GOTTA THINK QUICK

By Stanley Paley

THE Bronx was behind us now and we seemed to be heading for Westchester. I hadn't the faintest idea where we were going but I'd given up asking questions. As I tried to shift in my seat the man at my right—whom Perez called Louie—nudged me significantly. Despite the slickness of my sweat-soaked clothes I sat still again. You don't argue with a gun sticking in your ribs. We drove on for another few minutes and then I spoke to Perez. "I wonder if Boggio told you about the letter that'll be sent to the F. B. I. if anything should happen to me?" "I know." "There are a couple of paragraphs about you too." "I wouldn't doubt it." "If you bump me off they'll get you sooner or later. And I don't see what you can gain by kidnaping me." "We don't necessarily have to do either." "What then?" "You'll see." Far in the distance, a car coming toward us dimmed its light a couple of times. For a moment I thought this had some connection with our ride but I was mistaken. The driver doused our too brilliant headlights, then switched them on again after the car had passed us. From now on the road became pretty deserted. Louie seemed to be getting impatient. "How about it?" he asked Perez. Perez sighed, then leaned forward to address the driver. "Let's have some music!" The radio was switched on. In a few seconds it had warmed up and a dance band blared forth. Perez protested and the driver kept on turning the dial until he came to some classical music and was told to hold it. I recognized

the composition, Rachmaninoff's C Minor Concerto.

The incongruousness of the situation struck me and I wondered if Perez was quite sane. I didn't have the chance to speculate on that for very long, however. He turned to Louie.

"All right," he said. "Let's go."

THEY went to work on me with grim efficiency. I was made to kneel on the floor; my topcoat and jacket were removed, and my hands were tied behind my back. Then my shoes and socks were taken off.

It was a large car and there was plenty of room once the books had been piled into one corner. The driver turned off on a lonely side road and slowed down to about 35 miles to make the job easier. Perez was an expert, and now I remembered the book I'd seen in his hotel room in Hollywood. The monograph on pain. He knew how to produce it all right. He must have made a lifetime study of it. The twisting of a finger in precisely the right direction; pressure upon certain glands in the neck; and then a subtle tickling of the soles of my feet. It didn't take him long to see that the tickling was more effective than the infliction of pain, and so he concentrated upon it, seeking out the more sensitive parts while Louie held me in a vice-like grip.

Although I tried hard not to give them the satisfaction of hearing me yell, it was more than I could stand and soon I let go. The sounds I made must have been pretty awful but that didn't bother Perez. He ordered the driver to turn up the radio and the C Minor Concerto drowned me out.

I fainted twice. The first time they revived me with a shot of brandy and then Perez went to work on me again. The second time he examined me and decided

to take my breath. They dragged me back into the seat and helped me put on my clothes.

ON the way back to the main highway Perez did some talking. "Well, Kabateck, I guess you see now that you're in with us, and it's going to stay that way. Whether you feel like it or not. This isn't a Glee Club where you can drop out if you don't like the way it's being run."

I wasn't paying much attention. I felt too sick at the stomach, and furthermore I'd just realized how worried Mickey must have become. She'd always heard from me if something delayed my coming over.

"... and you mustn't think Mr. Boggio is clinging to you because your services are so unique. You want to know something? Nobody's indispensable. Only it's your bad luck right now that you know so much."

I could still hear that C Minor Concerto inside my head, though I knew they had turned the radio off. "... and so help me, Kabateck, we'll keep on hounding you until you play straight with us again. There's nothing you can do. If you denounce us you'll only be tightening the noose around your neck. And if you try to run away we'll catch up with you sooner or later. There isn't a place in the entire country where you'll be safe."

Brother, does the sound of your voice make me sick! Who says I have to remain in this country? Maybe Boggio's got it pretty well covered, but there's still the rest of the world. Mickey and I can get married and start life some-where else. But I've got to humor you first.

I breathed deeply. "I know when I'm licked, Perez."

He sat there for a moment with his mouth open. I guess he didn't expect such rapid acquiescence. "Well—that's fine! I'll tell Mr. Boggio that you've changed your mind." He turned to his stooge. "Good work, eh, Louie? Now we can go home."

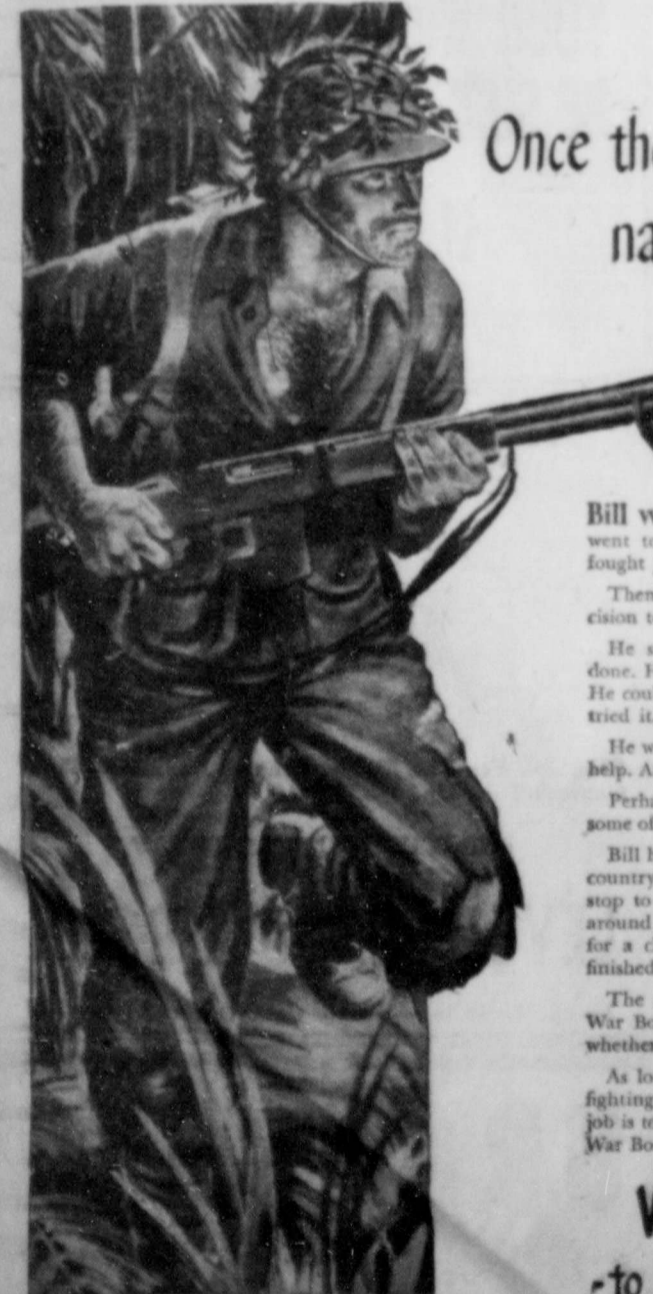
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Perhaps there's a lesson in this story for some of us at home.

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