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RANGER FALLS BELOW QUOTA IN SIXTH LOAN

W. F. C. Ager, Ranger chairman of the Sixth War Loan drive, stated Saturday that Ranger had cut \$700 a meeting the overall quota for the drive and that the Series E sales are \$21,000 below the allotted quota of \$43,262.50. Saturday was the deadline for the main quota.

It was pointed out that a number of people who pledged the purchase of bonds at the Bond Rally held December 3 have not redeemed those pledges and they are urged to do so at once. This will add substantially to the Series E quota but will not be sufficient to meet it and more sales will be required for the final goal.

Due to the fact that the Series E sales are lagging over the nation the deadline for this series to be applied on the Sixth War Loan drive has been extended through the remainder of December. In other words, all Series E bonds bought during December will be applied on the Sixth Loan.

Ranger's overall quota is \$146,242.50 and in order to meet this alone at least \$700 worth of bonds will have to be purchased while an additional \$21,000 is needed to meet the Series E quota.

Only two more weeks remain in which to meet this goal and the people of Ranger are asked to give a little harder to buy that "extra \$100 bond."

Scobie Charges Sarafis With Broken Promise

ATHENS — Gen. Scobie announced today that Maj. Gen. Stefanos Sarafis, commander of the Elass force, had agreed to evacuate the Athens area, but had failed to carry out his promise.

Scobie issued a summary of Sarafis charges on which the Elass leader based his fight against the British and Greek government forces, together with his own explanation of the policies and developments in the civil war.

"My order for the complete evacuation of Attica — The Athens area — was agreed to by Sarafis, but never was implemented by him, and armed Elass troops remained in the capital area contrary to his word," Scobie said.

BRIDLING OF LUCAS WELL WAS A DANGEROUS TASK

(Editor's Note—Another in the series by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association on historic Spindletop; an anniversary observance is to be held in Beaumont January 10.)

The first task that confronted Captain Anthony F. Lucas after the giant gusher blow in on Spindletop was to bring the well under control. A great stream of oil soaked perhaps 150 feet high, a flow estimated in the neighborhood of 100,000 barrels a day. Nothing had ever been seen to compare with it.

For nine days, the monster roared, uncontrolled. When a valve arrived, it was necessary to hack a place with chisels at the edge of the pipe. The men worked for 10 minutes at a time because of the gas that burned their eyes and had them gasping. They hacked away, in spite of the danger that a spark would ignite the well then the valve was put in place.

The oil from the well had formed a great lake, and not many days later, a spark from a switch engine set it afire and an awe-inspiring sight ensued as flames licked hundreds of feet into the air and great clouds almost black as night fell from the sky. The well had been covered with sand, however, and it was not damaged.

Beaumont, on the eve of the oil discovery, was a thriving town of 10,000, with sawmills, cattle and a developing rice industry. The Chamber of Commerce announced that subscription assured the organization of an income of \$25 a month. The night before the Lucas gusher came in, the mayor returned from a trip North with the announcement that he had been unable to sell an issue of city bonds.

But after oil, bank deposits sky-

LOCAL MARINE GIVEN PURPLE HEART AWARD

Somewhere in the Pacific (described) Seven Texas Marines with the famed Second Marine Regiment were awarded Purple Hearts at ceremonies here recently.

The Texas Leathernecks were decorated for wounds received in the battles for Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas Islands this summer when the strongholds were taken from the Japs in some of the bloodiest fighting in the Pacific war.

The Texans are Privates First Class James T. White, son of Mrs. Leona White, of Route 3, Bonham; James L. Anderson, son of Edward J. Anderson, of 201 First University St., Waxahachie; Edgar T. Gordon, son of Mrs. Lily Gordon, of 905 South 19th St., Waco; Ashley Richardson Jr., husband of Mrs. Ruth Richardson of 1506 Fourth Ave., Dallas; and Troy W. Moore, son of Mrs. Lily M. Moore, of Route 2, Saltville.

Corporal Alfred G. Lewis, son of Mrs. Mamie Lewis, of 209 East 11th St., Boyer and Platoon Sergeant James T. Jones, of Ranger.

Methodists To Have Christmas Program Dec. 24.

Rev. Wallace N. Dunson, pastor of the First Methodist church, announced Saturday that the annual Christmas program for the church will be presented at the church Sunday evening, December 24 at 7:30 o'clock.

The various departments of the church school will take part in the program and it promises to be a very interesting presentation. As it was pointed out by the pastor, the program comes on Christmas Eve and this should add much to the spirit of the program.

COTTON CENSUS REPORT

According to an announcement issued by Mrs. Lanny Mancill of Cisco special agent for the bureau of census, Eastland county has gained 1,066 bales of cotton for the year 1944.

This report was compiled as of December 1 and is slightly lower than the 1943 crop from which 1,108 bales were ginned.

Excursions were run every Sunday from Galveston, and there were special trains from St. Louis, Houston, New Orleans and other cities. Some of the visitors wore "oil is well at Beaumont." When the governor of Alabama died, his successor was found to be in Beaumont.

Traveling men of the Beaumont territory organized the Drummer Oil Company. The Ladies Oil Company's officials were women; mere men were allowed to buy stock however. The Ground Floor Oil Company was organized with a quarter-acre lease, the Journal stating, "It is only a matter of time until they have a gusher." And so it was. Editors of religious newspapers; spray fell on hot lips.

Gushers were turned loose just to thrill sight-seers. Four wells were allowed to gush for the entertainment of a delegation of New York and Philadelphia newspapermen; spray well on a hot boiler there was a sheet of flame and the Mill was in danger, but men with wet sacks and blankets put out the fire.

The Palestine "wild well," a gusher, lost three lives and it required the services of a deep sea diver in his equipment to bring it under control. His fee was reported to have been \$2,000.

Flames swept the Keith-Ward tract and 26 derricks were consumed. Another fire swept through the Hogg-Swayne tract, destroying 62 derricks.

Truly, Spindletop was spectacular and sensational.

Celebrate Billionth Gallon Day



The Humble Oil & Refining Co., held open house at their Baytown, Tex., plant as the Billionth gallon of 100 octane gasoline was produced. In the above photo (left to right), Vice Admiral Wm. Smith, Director of Naval Transportation; Bruce K. Brown, a Deputy Petroleum Administrator, P. A. W. J. C. Wiley, President Humble Oil Co.; Maj. Gen. Herbert R. Harrison, Commanding General of AAF Atlantic City, N. J.; Pelco, a section of the Alkylation plant. This plant constructed in 1938, was the first commercial alkylation plant in the world. (NEA Photos.)

Britain Shows 70 P. C. Gain In Food Output

WASHINGTON (UP)—Faced with a Nazi stranglehold on her food line to the rest of the world Great Britain in 1939 began plowing up grasslands, made other drastic changes in her agriculture, and today is producing food at a rate 70 per cent above prewar.

In peacetime, the emphasis of British agriculture is on production of livestock and livestock products. But war cut off normal large food grain imports as well as much of the customary imports of food stuffs. As a result, the nation was forced to produce at home as much as possible to compensate for lost imports both for the domestic population and for American troops stationed there.

The British Ministry of Agriculture grain acreage has gone up 78 per cent, potato production 102 per cent, and vegetables 66 per cent.

Cattle numbers are at an all-time high, but the main increase has come in dairy herds, not beef cattle, since milk became a No. 1 war diet item. Beef and veal slaughter has dropped nearly 20 per cent since the outbreak of war.

Hog numbers declined 57 per cent as the result of reduced grain imports and the policy of giving priority to dairy cattle for available feed supplies. A 24 per cent reduction in sheep numbers was attributed by the ministry to the plowing up of grazing land. Production of mutton and lamb, favorite meats on British dinner tables before the war, is expected to be 40 per cent under the prewar level this year.

Using Army Ordnance rifle fire alone, two infantry staff sergeants are credited with disposing of 36 Germans in three weeks of fighting in Italy.

Willis Clarke Praised For Part in War Effort

An Air Service Command Depot, England—Recently commended by Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general U. S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, for pre-invasion production efforts, and today is producing food at a rate 70 per cent above prewar.

The widely-read "Sunday Express," in a featured article, pointed out that the base's output figures are "among world records," and lauded the soldiers for their part in keeping America's planes in control of the skies over Western Europe.

"It's good to know that other people think we're doing a good job," commented Pvt. Clarke. "And just to prove that praise hasn't gone to our heads, we're going to keep this production figure high."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke, 507 Elm street.

Tolle Well Near Gunsight Flows Over The Mast

Premier Oil Refining Company-Woodley Petroleum Company's Tolle No. 1 near Gunsight, Friday afternoon was flowing by head-over the mast after encountering oil at 3130 feet in the Caddo Wednesday.

When first encountered the oil rose to a depth of 200 feet in the hole and had been holed at the rate of 100 barrels per day before it came into the surface flow.

The Caddo was topped at 3116 feet. This is the second oil production for the company in this area and one gas well was also drilled near Gunsight in extreme north in the area by the two companies tonight.

Tokyo Reports Violent Sea, Air Fight At Mindoro

Radio Tokyo said a "violent" sea and air battle was raging off American-occupied Mindoro in the Philippines today following three days of Japanese raids in which 25 American warships and transports in the invasion armada were sunk or damaged.

A Japanese imperial headquarters communiqué acknowledged that an American division had landed near San Jose in Southwest Mindoro, but said Japanese ground forces had engaged the invaders in "heavy fighting."

Women To Present Church Program On Sunday A. M.

The First Christian church will hold a special service Sunday morning at which time the ladies of the church will be in charge and a part of the Christmas cantata presented by the Ranger high school and Junior College students last Sunday will be given.

The subject of the program will be Women and Missions and Mrs. Hal Hunter will be the principal speaker.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

WARD'S ADVANCE HOURS

WEST TEXAS — Generally fair, not much change in temp. tonight and Sunday. Lowest temp. today as militant pickets maintained lines before entrances under reinforced police guard.

RANGER HIGH WHIPS COLLEGE IN TWO GAMES

In two lively bouts staged Friday night between the Ranger Junior College boys' and girls' basketball teams and the Ranger high school teams the high school teams came out with the big ends of the scores, the boys winning by 11 to 8 and the girls winning by a score of 13 to 10.

Both games were nip and tuck with first one team and then the other in the lead. The boys' game kept the spectators on their toes and the score was still being pitched from one team to the other when the game ended and with the high school team in the lead by three points.

The boys' high school team played their first game of the season at Abilene Thursday night and were defeated by the Eagles by a score of 40 to 20.

Both the boys' and girls' teams of Junior College will go to Baird Tuesday night where they will play a double header with the Baird team.

Christmas Play To Be Presented At Church Sunday

The Empty Room, the Christmas play to be given this evening at 7:30 at the First Baptist church offers an impressive Christmas message of strong spiritual appeal. The play takes place in the old khan in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Christ. Because he believed that a prince was coming, Hamar, the ambitious innkeeper, (played by James Horton), kept one room empty for his coming, thinking that the prince would pay much gold for the room and that with the wealth thus gained he could win Joanna, his cousin, (played by Amelia Walker). Blinded by his love of gold, he lost an opportunity for service, but at last even Hamar also came to recognize in the carpenter's son the promised "Prince of Peace."

Other characters are as follows: Rebecca, mother of Hamar—Wynette Davis; The Prophet—Fobby Ray Ekin; Mary of Nazareth—Frances Ann Eubank; A Nobleman of Capernaum—Vivian Hite; A Servant—Ronald Pruet; Voices—Andy Jackson, Melvin Harbin, and Bobby Ray Eakin.

The play is under the direction of Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick with Miss Mildred Baker assisting her.

The Christmas Story in Song will be presented by the Youth Choir between scenes of the Christmas play. This will be the first public appearance of this choir, which is under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Clark. The personnel of the choir is as follows: Nell Anderson, Bernice Bagwell, Frances Bankston, Mozelle Clark, Wanda Clem, Frankie Lois Cook, DeLores Cox, Jacqueline Edwards, Mary Ann Elder, Frankie Gilbert, Gloria Graham, Barbara Healer, Max Judy, P. Tony Lewis, Janet Page, Carolyn Pruet, Betty Reuser, Laverne Shelton, Beulah Edna Smith, Lida Jane Smith, R. C. Smith, Dorcas Mae Thomas, Leola Usery, Bob Varner, Sonny Wyatt, Sue Ann Wyatt.

FDR OKs Social Security Freeze At One Per Cent

WASHINGTON — Pres. Roosevelt today begrudgingly approved legislation freezing the social security payroll tax at one per cent for another year. He complained to congress that the measure "merely defers" the financing arrangements of the nation's security insurance plan.

The next congress must "thoroughly review the methods of financing" social security benefit payments, Mr. Roosevelt said in a statement reprinted by the White House.

War Casualties To Be 40 Million

OKLAHOMA CITY, (UP)—Casualties in the present worldwide war will approximate 40,000,000 before the last shot is fired, believes Dr. Lee Owens, head of the history department of Oklahoma City University, who has made a special study of war casualties.

HAMMERING AT SIEGFRIED LINE UNDER HEAVY GERMAN FIRE AS NAZI TANK RESERVES JOIN IN

Surprise Landing On Mindoro Made Without A Single Casualty; Assault Troops In Three Beachheads Head for Airfields

PARIS (UP)—Gen. Patch's Seventh Army today captured the French border city of Lauterbourg, nine miles west of Karlsruhe near the Rhine, unhinging the crumpled German defenses of northeastern France, and poured across the frontier to storm the outposts of the Siegfried line.

The American Seventh Army hammered at the Siegfried line defenses along the Palatinate border of the upper Rhineland under heavy fire as the Germans threw tank reserves into the battle. At least two American divisions already were inside Germany and the others were approaching the frontier on a 19 mile front.

On the Russian front, Soviet forces maintained their difficult siege of Budapest and 35 miles to the northwest broke through the German defenses into the plain leading to Vienna and the Slovak capital of Bratislava. The Berlin radio reported that a new Russian winter offensive appeared to be starting in southern Poland, aimed at strategic Krakow, gateway to German Silesia.

IRISH BOBBIES TO HELP POLICE OCCUPIED ZONE

LONDON, (UP)—Northern Ireland may provide the majority of the thousand police volunteers asked for by the British Foreign Office to make up the British Police Commission for the post war policing of occupied enemy territory.

Recruiting has been extended to Ulster because of the lack of volunteers in Britain. The reason for the absence of enthusiasm in Britain—it has been referred to the Treasury for consideration—is that, although policemen accepted for the new force will step up one rank, no increase in present salaries is provided for. The rank of sergeant will be the lowest in the new force, but the London bobby promoted in the new force will, under present arrangements continue to draw constable's pay.

The British Police Commission will be headed by Col. Gordon Herbert Ramsey Halland, 65 years old former chief of the Metropolitan Police College.

When the required number of volunteers has been enrolled they will be brought from Northern Ireland and the British provincial cities to London for an intensive course of training at a new police college soon to be set up here. No decision has yet been made—or at least disclosed—as to whether the first batch of trained men will follow the advancing armies through Germany to organize the police system immediately or leave London in a body after the final victory. However, it is anticipated that the latter course will be adopted, with the military authorities responsible for the supervision of occupied territory until then.

Northern Ireland police officers are considered ideally suitable for the new job. They will require the minimum of training. They are a highly-trained, efficient force and the only armed police force in the British Isles. Their specialized training in dealing with Irish guerrillas—members of illegal organizations, who through the years have been using the methods now threatened by German civilians, will prove invaluable in their new job.

An Ulster government official in London said: "There is unlikely to be any dearth of volunteers in Belfast. In fact, if the British 'Bobbies' objections are not quickly ironed out, it seems likely that the entire rank and file of the new force will be recruited in Ireland. Anyway, they say Irishmen make the best bobbies."

Forts Follow Up RAF Night Raids

LONDON — More than 100 flying Fortresses, escorted by an equal number of Mustangs, attacked the rail yards at Kornwestheim a suburb of Stuttgart, today following heavy RAF night assaults on the Rhineland chemical center of Ludwigshafen, and the communications hubs of Hannover and Osnabruck.

\$17,500,000 In Bonds Sold At Boxing Matches

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 16 (UP)—Former heavyweight champion James J. Jeffries and Bob Pastor, one of the world title aspirants who ran afoul of Joe Louis climbed back into the square ring last night in Galveston—but not to fight.

The two title greats were referees in a twin boxing exhibition which resulted in the sale of \$17,500,000 in war bonds.

In the packed auditorium, Gunnar Barlund, former Finnish heavy champion, mauled Jimmy Carollo of New York to a 10-round decision with Jeffries as referee.

Sunday, Isaiah 63
Monday, Corinthians 15
Tuesday, John 10

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EULOGY TO THE KING

By Joe Crumley,
Minister of the Church of Christ
His coming was the hallowed hope and cherished anticipation of His national kin; yet, "He came to his own and his own received him not." (John 1:11). He was "As tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground," (Isa. 53:2-4) not being the recipient of the priesthood and kingship by immediate lineal descent; (Heb. 7:3) yet he is "A priest forever after the order of Melchizedek," (Heb. 5:6) and a "King on the throne of David" (Luke 1:32) "He hath no form nor comeliness, and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him," (Isa. 53:2-4) said the prophet; therefore his power to revolutionize the world's moral and religious status lay not in physical attractiveness but rather in the confessed verity that "Never a man so spoke." (John 7:46). It was this king so "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," who, with tender compassion looked upon those who "esteemed him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted" (Isa. 53:2-4) and announced, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." (Matt. 23:37).
He was a child in a manger, (Luke 2:7) yet the saviour of men; (Matt. 1:21) hated and de-

spised, (John 15:18) yet loved and adored; (1 John 4:19) poor, yet gave gifts to all, (Eph. 4:8) feared yet sought after, (Mark 5:33) hungered, yet fed thousands (Mark 11:12; Matt. 14:15). A King indeed! But no earthly mitre did he wear, no carnal warfare did he wage, (Matt. 26:52, 53) no political office did he occupy, conferred no earthly favors and no material rewards did he dispense. (Matt. 20:20-24). Without marshal force he conquered more than the combined efforts of Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Alexan-

der the Great and Caesars, and built upon the ruins of their once proud and stately empires His everlasting kingdom which decays not with time nor is effaced by the sledges of ambitious and competitive sovereigns. (Heb. 12:28). He had no place to pillow his head (Matt. 8:20) and the money bag was in the hands of a traitor (John 12:6) yet he erected a kingdom of "Priests and kings" (Rev. 1:6) which envelops the whole earth as the waters cover the face of the great deep, and this without the incurrance of debt. Only a Carpenter's son, (Mark 6:3) but his mere sojourn in the proverbially worthless village of Nazareth brought it nigh to eternal recognition. Unlearned in worldly wisdom and schools of the sages, yet his teachings constitute the most profound, exhaustive and unfathomable scientific and philosophical principles. His greatness lay not in a mind and body disciplined and schooled, nor in the accumulation of wisdom which comes with a succession of years, but in the fact of His Divine Sonship.

Against this king there has been no evil accusation sustained. Since Adam's fall he is the only exhibition of earth dweller's sinlessness. (1 Pet. 2:22,23) He stands out among men as a diamond among stones, the only one to retain untarnished, the petal of celestial purity and unspotted innocence from the cradle to the grave. In vain have his avowed enemies searched for a flaw in his perfec-

tion, yet the gentle judge and wife pronounced him innocent (Matt. 27:19-24) the Roman centurion assisting in the crucifixion declared, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54); Judas acknowledged he had betrayed innocent blood (Matt. 27:4) and even nature rendered tribute to His heavenly purity when it veiled the sun and quaked the earth until those long dead arose in sympathy to nature's response to the murder of the sinless Son. (Matt. 27:51-53).

Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Gideon, Barak, Samson and scores of others grace the "Roll of honor in the hero's hall of fame" (Heb. 11) but their lives are not without reproach. The Son of Man preached the gospel of perfection and exemplified it in life.

A King! but unspotted by the dignity of the office. His life opens with obedience to his parents (Luke 2:51) filial relationship and affection he retained even in death. His parents were his first and last considerations in life. (John 19:26,27) Through intimate with friends yet retained their respect. No man was too

lowly, too sick to steeped in iniquity to have his love. Little children, his closest heavenly relationship in human form, he loved and let love, (Mark 10:4) and his was an holy and exemplary association with women. Luke 10:38-42)

STAFF NEWS

(By Special Correspondent)
Staff, Dec. 12 — Mrs. Frank Williamson was the guest of Mrs. Pearl Bourland of Eastland last Tuesday evening.

Jasper Phelps was a business visitor in Ranger last Thursday.

Truett Fox was an Eastland visitor on last Thursday.

Tom Pope was a business visitor in Eastland Monday.

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Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Donald, Miss Edna Everton and Mrs. R. A. Parker shopped in Ranger Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Berry Elliott, Dean and Wilma of Olden were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard last Wednesday evening.

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Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Wallace N. Louson, Minister A. J. Tatloff, chairman of the Board of Stewards. (Across the street south of 11th School). Mrs. Leslie Hagaman general superintendent.

Church school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 10:50 a. m. Choir led by Mrs. Homer Heatley.

The Evening service will be dismissed so that the congregation may attend the Christmas program at the recreation building.

Women's Society of Christian Services every Monday at 4 p. m. Mrs. C. E. May, president.

Board of Christian Education meets every Second Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. Board of Stewards meets every Second Monday at 7:20 p. m. Al Larson, chairman.

The choir has weekly rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Welcome to First Methodist Church.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Joe Crumley, Minister Lord's Day—Bible classes—9:45 a. m. Worship—10:45 a. m. Sermon: "Why I Go To Church."

Young people's Bible study—6:30 p. m. Worship—7:30 p. m. Sermon: "Why I Am A Christian."

Monday—Ladies Bible Study—3:00 p. m. Lesson, Hebrews 4th Chapter. Wednesday—Congregational Bible Study—7:30 p. m. Lesson New Testament miracles.

Children's class at same time.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. D. McDaniel, Pastor 9:45 a. m. Sunday school J. E. Marshall, Supt. "We are expecting you". 11:00 a. m. morning worship. Sermon: "King of the Jews." 7:00 p. m. Special prayer groups.

7:30 p. m. Evening service. Sermon: Wednesday—6:45 p. m. Teachers' meeting. 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting. Thursday—2:00 p. m. W. M. S. meeting at the church.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH H. E. Johnson, Pastor Church School, 10 A. M. with Mrs. B. W. Supt. Golden Rule Bible Class, taught by the pastor.

The Ladies will have charge of the Morning Service at 11 a. m. This service will be full of interest from the start to finish—don't miss it.

Announcements will be made this morning regarding evening service. Be present at all the services of the day.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Marston and Walnut Dr. W. H. Clark, Pastor Sunday school with Mr. A. W. Warford Superintendent meets at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. begins with a piano prelude by Mrs. F. P. Brasher. The offertory, "The Holy City," will be played on the organ by Mrs. W. H. Clark. The choir under the direction of Mrs. M. Ruth Hamrick will sing the anthem, "O Holy Night," the solo part being sung by Rosemary Bruce. The pastor will preach "A Christmas Message."

Training Union with Mr. W. A. Lewis, Director begins at 6:30 p. m. Come to the training service of the church.

The annual Christmas program will be given at the evening worship hour, 7:30 p. m. This play,

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When a Yank outfit in Luxembourg reportedly declared that G. I. Joe is fed up on pin-up pictures of film cuties, Barbara Bates, left, and Kathleen O'Malley demanded proof. Costumed for their parts in "Salome, Where She Danced," they put the question to the doughboys.

"The Empty Room," under the direction of Mrs. M. Ruth Hamrick will be presented at this time. Also the newly organized youth choir under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Clark, will make its first appearance at this program. The annual Little Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions will be taken at this time.

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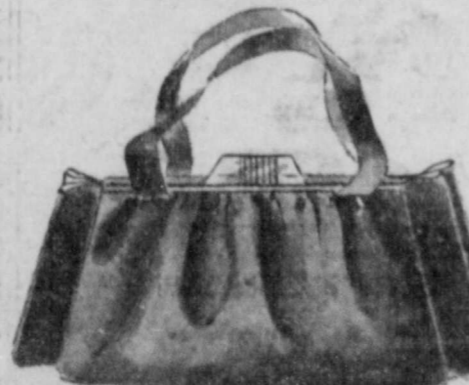
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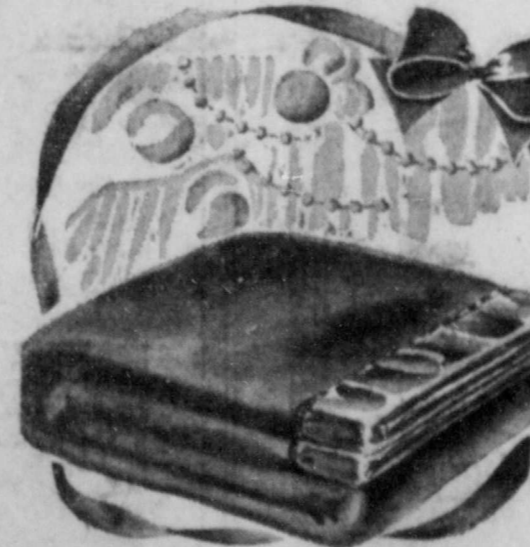
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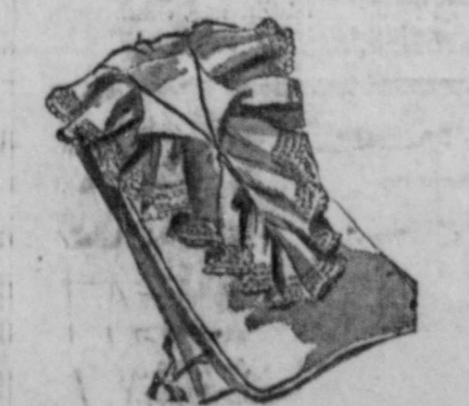
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Company B Guard Gossip

By Staff Sgt. M. S. Wade

The attendance at the Home Guards hit an all time high last Monday night with thirty two in uniform. Interest runs high among the old and new recruits alike. New men are signing up each week.

There is not one blue blooded American citizen who does not thrill at the thought of being "used" in the service of the nation. In our community there are scores of able-bodied men and boys who desire to participate in making the community be best in the nation. The factor which keeps them from doing more about this is that they don't know what to do or how to do it. But here is your chance. Our "National Guards" were absorbed when our nation went to war. We citizens of Ranger must replace these men. It is our patriotic duty and every man and boy who can qualify should rally to the emergency. If our fellows can go across on the enemy soil to fight for freedom the very least we can do is to make our community safe until they return to take up their stations. You can do it, will you? Meet us at the Guard Hall Monday night at 7:30 and sign up.

There is a bill in congress now and we hope it passes. That bill will require every able-bodied boy to take a year of military training at the age of eighteen or when he finishes high school. Those boys who take training now may not receive credit to that extent but they will have every advantage when their year comes.

Every boy should know the feel of an army rifle and know every detail of military life as far as possible and practicable. It instills a deep respect for the high standards and security of a nation, such as ours, which is well armed and fortified against any eventuality. He is a better citizen for his experience. These are reasons why you should sign up at your earliest convenience. Be patriotic, be loyal, be American — JOIN THE HOME GUARDS.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN TUESDAY

Young School will present a Christmas pageant on Tuesday evening, December 19, at 8:00 P. M. in the school auditorium, portraying the birth of Christ. As a result of the efforts of teachers and parents in wearing proper costumes, stage setting and a special choir, the pageant promises to be an outstanding occasion to which the public is invited to attend.

Characters in the pageant include: Header — Wanda McKinney.

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Special solos will be sung by Charlotte Love and Dorothy Hurney.

A choir of 55 voices will sing Christmas Carols throughout the program.

SANTA WILL VISIT CHURCH DECEMBER 24

It was announced today that the annual visit of Santa Claus to the Second Baptist church will take place at the evening service on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. The program will have the atmosphere of a Christmas of fifty years ago and the highlight of the evening will be the appearance of Santa Claus.

Duncan Coffee Company Gives 26th Xmas Bonus

HOUSTON, Tex. Dec. 16—A big, enthusiastic War Bond drive preceded distribution today of the 26th consecutive Xmas bonus to all Duncan Coffee employees. All



CHARLES W. DUNCAN plant and clerical employees received a bonus of 10 per cent of their annual earnings. Approximately 400 participated.

The rally was addressed by Lt. Paul E. Taft, USN, veteran of all Pacific and Mediterranean engagements, and former Duncan production manager, Lieutenant Taft



HERSCHEL M. DUNCAN

in urging top subscriptions to bonds related some of his experiences, and the need for greater supplies.

One of the features of the bonus was remembrance this year of Duncan employees in the armed forces. In September the sales staff set about increasing its sales during 1944 in such a manner as to raise a sum of roughly five thousand dollars for distribution to ex-employees in the services. This plan was subsequently commended by Governor Coke Stevenson to the consideration of all Texas business men.

"It is particularly nice," said Herschel and Charles Duncan, owners of the company, "that our staff never fails to remember its men in the armed forces. Each man is treated as though he is away on a business trip. All are kept informed of company affairs. The bonus check this year should be a thrill to every one of them in the service not only because it will be a surprise, but also because of its size."

AVIATION CONFERENCE
CHICAGO — Delegates of 54 nations, acting as a joint subcommittee of the Civil Aviation Conference, voted today to grant the first 100 freedoms of the air to Global Airlines, subject to acceptable wording by a conference drafting committee.

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China Chief



Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, above, of Palo Alto, Calif., is the new chief of staff of U. S. forces in the Chinese theatre, succeeding Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Hearns, now assigned to a U. S. post. General McClure formerly headed Army psychological warfare branches in Algiers and London, later commanded an American division in the Southwest Pacific.

OLDEN, Tex. Dec. 13—Byrd James returned early Wednesday to Sierra Blanca where he is employed after a few days here with home folks.

Pfc. Carl Butler returned Saturday to Columbus, Miss., after spending a 15 day turlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Butler, Sr.

Mrs. Kieth Weigel and daughter, Sandra Lee, left Tuesday for California to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Weigel.

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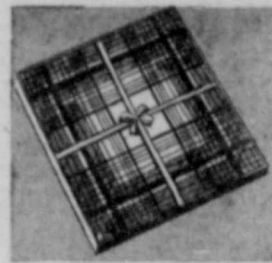
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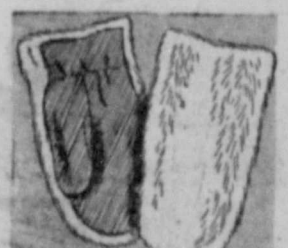


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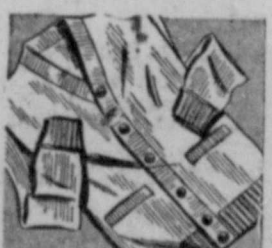


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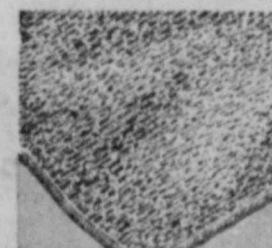
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The Lucas gusher at Spindletop was the biggest oil well the world had ever seen up to that time, its flow being estimated at 100,000 barrels a day, and the completion of that well was the most important single event in the history of the Texas oil industry.

But it is a "believe it or not" that the great gusher was drilled by a man who went to Beaumont not primarily in search of oil but of sulphur.

Pattillo Higgins, who was the first man to insist there was oil under Spindletop and who induced Captain Anthony F. Lucas to drill there, told your columnist a few years ago that sulphur was Lucas' chief interest. Higgins made a similar statement in a booklet he issued the latter part of 1901—(some months after the well came in):

"Capt. A. F. Lucas of Wash-

ington, D. C. learned that I intended developing a sulphur mine and wrote to ask if there was any chance for him to get in the business with me. I told him there was if he could find some capital to go in with us. He replied that he could obtain capital.

"I wrote him that I had located great oil fields in this section of the country. The oil proposition did not strike very favorably with Capt. Lucas as he was seeking only sulphur.

"He came to Beaumont and I took him out to the field and showed him the hill and told him that I believed that oil, gas and sulphur existed there in large quantities. He decided at once to go in with me."

Capt. Lucas for nine years was Company's salt mines at Avery is superintendent of the McIlhenny land according to E. A. McIlhenny, president of the company, as quoted in the Spindletop edition of the Beaumont Enterprise three years ago, and Lucas left the company "for the purpose of drilling for sulphur at Beaumont."

But fate rewarded Lucas not with the sulphur he sought but with the greatest oil well that the world had ever seen.

The anniversary of the Lucas gusher will be observed on Jan. 19 in Beaumont with suitable ceremonies.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
"The Universe, Including man Evolved by Atomic Force" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist on Sunday December 17.

The Golden Text is: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. . . All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:1,3).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the fol-

lowing from the Bible: "Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created" (Psalm 148:5).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Because Mind makes all, there is nothing left to be made by a lower power" (Page 520).

DESDEMONA

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Farrell-Spur, Dan Peak of Midland, and R. K. Peak of Grand, visited J. C. Craver and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adams and son of Breckenridge and Mrs. Zora Griffin of Staff, visited J. C. Craver and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Guthrey and Mrs. Robert Guthrey went to Mineral Wells Saturday where Pvt. Robert Guthrey is stationed. He returned home with them and returned to camp Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Wier of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Koonce last week.

J. W. Maltby visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Maltby last week.

The Desdemona basketball boys and girls played Beattie last Friday and Saturday. The girls won the first game and were defeated the second game. The Desdemona boys were defeated by Cross Plains.

J. E. Wittie, Carrol Wittie, and Don Wittie visited relatives in Gatesville over the week-end. Carrol Wittie is moving into this community from Gatesville. He is a brother to J. E. Wittie.

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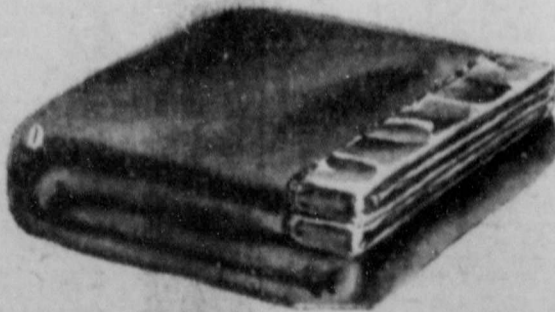
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2. The court of appeals of the District of Columbia has held that orders of the War Labor Board are merely "advice" which no one has any legal duty to obey. The court held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the government and that since the orders are merely advisory, no government has the right to impose Punishments on those who do not comply. The Supreme Court has refused to alter this decision.

3. Ward's has refused to agree to any form of closed shop or compulsory union. The closed shop, including maintenance of membership, violates the American principles of liberty and freedom. Liberty requires that every employe be free to join, refuse to join, or resign from a union without losing his job. Liberty requires that Ward's be free to employ workers, and to continue to employ them on a basis of merit--union members and non-members alike.

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SOCIETY

Y. W. A. CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD THURSDAY

An attractively appointed Christmas party was given Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George Robinson for members of the Y. W. A.

During the evening a series of games was enjoyed after which refreshments were served. Plate favors were religious quotations in small plastic frames.

Those who attended the party were: Misses Billy Joanne Crawley, Lynn Pearson, Amelia Walker, Catherine Adams, Mary Frances Orr, Frances Anne Eubank, Frances Ruth Hagsman, Carolyn Ducker, Myra Sue Lee, Rosemary Bruce, Dorothy Penn, Norma Jean Heinlin, Vivian Cooper, Mildred Baker and the hostess.

PRE-SCHOOL CLASS IS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. O. G. Lanier and Mrs. M. S. Wade entertained at the Church of Christ Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with a Christmas party for members of the pre-school Sunday school class.

After the children had assembled each was called upon to give an impromptu performance to which they graciously responded. As the children looked upon the story of Christ as portrayed on the sand table Mrs. Lanier told them the story.

Each was presented with a Christmas present and as the presentation was made each responded with the name of a Bible character. Games were played and refreshments were served at the close of the games.

Those attending were Eddie Jacoby, Betty Wade, Jennell Black, Mike Hull, Billie Paul Lawson, Gerry Clark Bradford, Gary Rainey and J. W. Crumley. Linda Black, Betty Gardenhire, Gerry Bob Green, Johnnie Black.

"42" CLUB PARTY HELD ON THURSDAY

Members of the Thursday "42" club were entertained at an attractively appointed Christmas party Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Mary Young who was assisted by Mrs. I. D. Carlin.

High score for the women was won by Mrs. Harlis Gardenhire and second high was won by Mrs. J. B. Houghton. High score award for the men went to Mr. Joe Fleckenstein and second high to Mr. Alex Roberson.

At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served to the following Messrs. and Meses. Wright Emfinger, George Rogers, B. J. Rains, Coke Martin, Joe Fleckenstein, Edgar Anderson, Harlis Gardenhire, J. B. Houghton, Harry Warner, I. D. Castile Glenn Simons and Meses. Jimmie Rex, Lottie Davenport, Dean Tracy and Mary Young.

COUNCIL LUNCHEON TO BE THURSDAY

The Women's Council of the First Christian Church will have the monthly luncheon Thursday at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harry Warner. Members are reminded that this is the day on which contributions are to be made for the orphan girl which the group has adopted and all are asked to bring their gifts to the luncheon.

AUXILIARY MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The American Legion will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the American Legion Hall.

All members are urged to be present.

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CAMPFIRE GIRLS MEET ON FRIDAY

The Camp Fire girls met at the home of Sue Ann Wyatt Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Election of officers was held and the following girls elected:

President—Gloria Graham; vice pres.—Joan Deaton; Secretary—Billy Jane Alexander; reporter—Anita Carlin.

There were nine girls present as follows: Betty Reuwer, Sue Ann Wyatt, Gloria Graham, Joan Deaton, Anita Carlin, Dortha Belle Hightower, Mozelle Clark, and Mrs. Wyatt, guardian.

The date of next meeting will be announced later.

A. A. U. W. MEETING IS HELD TUESDAY

On Tuesday evening, December 12, 1944 the Ranger Branch of the American Association of University Women held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. P. Morris.

After a brief business meeting, Mrs. Homer Bentley, who was in charge of the program, presented Miss Marie Conway, who gave an interesting talk on plastic, their past, present and future.

The following members were present: Meses. W. H. Clark, Will-

H. Clark, M. L. King, Stanley McAnelly, Homer Bentley, Arthur Deffebach, Vernon Deffebach, Vernon Deffebach, Mamie Ruth Hamrick, Misses Ietta Woods, Mildred J. Becker, Marie Conway, Dora Jane Baskin, and the hostesses Mrs. J. P. Morris.

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