

## Massed Forces Move Up To Meet Nazis

### In England



Word has been received that Pvt. Raymond C. Lain, grandson of Mrs. Minnie High, 819 Page street, has landed safely at a base somewhere in England. Pvt. Lain is with the Air Section of the Field Artillery and took his training at Ft. Lewis, Washington and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He attended school at Colony and attended Ranger Junior College. Before going into service he was employed as an airplane mechanic at Brownsville. His wife and their daughter are making their home with Mrs. Lain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Stuard of Breckenridge, while Pvt. Lain is in service.

### Sgt. Smith With 24th Infantry In New Guinea

With the 24th Infantry Division in New Guinea—Sergeant Frank P. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Ranger, is still adding to his five overseas stripes by continuing to serve with the seasoned 24th Division. This veteran Texan is in a traditionally famous, old line, Field Artillery Unit, and was in the initial engagement of this jungle-trained Division with the enemy. Sgt. Smith has not forgotten the scenes he witnessed on December seventh 1941 at Pearl Harbor, and intends to see that the Japs will never forget it either. "Red" as he is still called, worked at the "Rocker A" shell McDevall Ranch before enlisting for duty in Hawaii. While on a brief furlough to Sydney, he saw much of Australia's cattle country and missed no opportunity to see some of their rodents.

Sgt. Smith has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Ribbon and is entitled to wear the Asiatic Campaign Ribbon with bronze stars for battle participation.

### Social Security Manager To Be In Eastland Thurs.

Ralph T. Fisher, manager of the Social Security Board's field office in Abilene, will be at the Post Office in Eastland on Thursday, December 21, 1944, at 1:00 p. m.

Any persons needing information about retirement payments or death payments under the Social Security Act are invited to call and discuss their problems with Fisher. He will assist with the applications of persons who may be eligible for either of these types of payments. He will also furnish assistance to anyone who may have a question about his social security record or his account number.

Fisher will be at this office for only a short time. For this reason all persons wishing to see him should call promptly at 1:00 p. m. Further information may be secured by writing the Social Security Board, Field Office in Abilene.

Wednesday, Psalm 51.

### FORMER TIMES EMPLOYE KEEPS UP GOOD WORK

Pfc. Bobbie Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cox, who is now stationed with the Air Force somewhere in England has sent the Times a clipping which appeared in an English newspaper which is an English reporter's account of an American football game which was played in London. Bobbie is a former employe of the Times and the staff is pleased to know that he is interested in making the Times entertaining to its readers even though he is over there fighting a war.

Following is the clipping: Sixty thousand Americans and their girls swarmed into the White City Stadium, Shepherd's Bush to see the U. S. Army v. the U. S. Navy in what General Doolittle described as a "real old-fashioned American football game."

Girl cheer leaders from the services pranced in front of the crowd waving megaphones, inciting yells like "ARMY, ARMY," or "NAVY, NAVY."

Meanwhile a "free fight" seemed to be going on in the center of the stadium. Twenty-two enormous young men in crash helmets were locked in deadly struggle for an oval football.

They wore spiked cleated shoes, strange ginger shorts which cling close to the thighs and end abruptly just below the knee, and padded jerseys.

They needed those pads. And the crash helmets. The object of the game seems to be to pass the ball to some unfortunate player, then for every one else to fall on him.

The only thing that moves play towards the goalposts seems to be the instinct of self preservation of the man with the ball. He runs as far as he can before he is maimed or killed by the other players.

The program seemed sinister. It gave the names of the 11 men of each team. It then gave a list of 15 "substitutes" for each team. The "substitutes" did not have long to wait for their call to battle.

First casualty went to the Navy. Horrified, I watched a GI scamper across the field with two buckets in his hands. But not as I thought, to mop up the blood. The buckets held towels and water for the players still living.

Casualties are dealt with by a doctor—who rushes out with a black bag—the umpires, (splendid in white plus fours and striped shirts), and stretcher bearers, if needed.

American football is played in four quarters, not two halves like ours. Each team has the ball for four "downs". If by that time they have not made enough ground the other side takes over.

Before each "down" the team which has the ball goes into a huddle while the captain decides who shall be the victim to receive the ball—and the assault.

Favorite method of assault yesterday seemed to be: (1) springing like a tiger at the man's throat, or (2) just showing so that sheer weight bore him down.

The attacker must keep one foot on the ground as he tackles. After the tackle he is usually all on the ground.

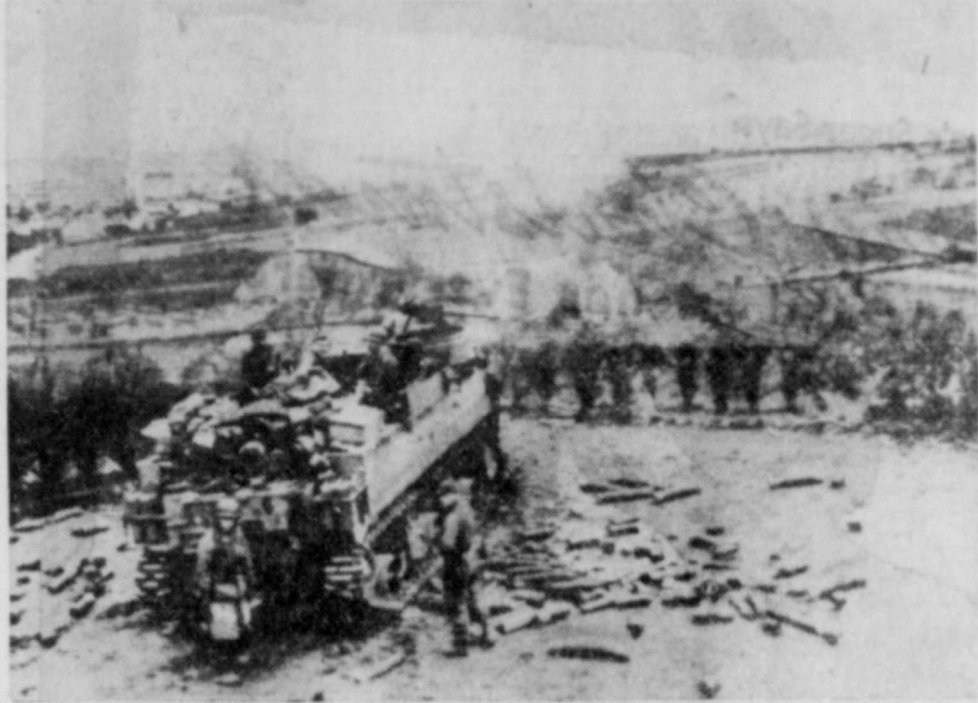
The Navy lost 20 points to nil. During the interval—end of second quarter, as they say hands played and the goat mascot of the Navy paraded with the donkey mascot of the Army.

### Demonstrations On Cattle Grub Control Scheduled

A cattle grub control meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Johnny King ranch north of Ranger. This meeting is one of a series being held this week and every cattle raiser in this area is urged to attend this demonstration.

Other meetings will be held on December 19 at the I. S. Echols ranch near Staff, December 20 at the Dan Childress ranch on the Cisco-Breckenridge highway, and December 22 at the Arch Bini place southwest of Cisco on the Bass Line Road.

### Bombards German Positions



An American self-propelled gun in the Ribeaucourt area of France fires on German positions in the Rhine valley. (Signal Corps Radiotelephoto from NEA)

### WTCC TO BACK MOVE TO AID TEXAS COTTON

Southern cotton is in a dangerous economic position, said Senator George Moffett Chillicothe, back from 10 days of Congressional hearings called to consider the industry's problems in all phases.

Moffett attended the Washington cotton study as representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He headed the WTCC's tri-state cotton allotment committee.

The Texan on return announced he will press on the incoming 49th Legislature to appropriate substantial funds for greatly expanding research in cotton and also for study of other Texas crops, and for setting up industrial laboratories in state colleges "for aiding new businesses to produce and market the results of our researches."

E. W. Hardin, president of the WTCC, said his organization will join Moffett in presenting the case to the legislature, and in pushing for the appropriation.

Moffett said: "The hearings, just concluded, before house Chairman Steve Hanes (of Georgia) committee, emphasized the need of heavy research for new uses of cotton and expansion of old uses, as well as the need for regaining at least a part of the export market. As I see this from the view of cotton's future in Texas the largest producer, the cure for our No 1 staple's ills, as well as the solution of our problem in providing new jobs and of chemurgic and industrial development problem in Texas, is to expand our state's research facilities, and also develop companion industrial laboratory organizations. We need the research organizations to develop new uses of cotton and other products, and we need the industrial laboratories to aid in establishing new businesses to produce and market the results of our researches. To this end, I propose to foster, in the coming legislative session, a bill for increasing research appropriations to our schools of higher learning, and also for creating industrial laboratories in these schools."

Principal threat overhanging the cotton industry, as stressed before Pate's house committee, are the growing encroachment of synthetics and present higher than world prices for American cotton. Non-growing witnesses laid emphasis on a cheaper price for the American staple as a way to check the inroads to synthetics. On the other hand growers testifying insisted they were entitled to a parity price for their product. They pointed out that tariff protection is given on manufactured goods to industry and the laboring people who make the goods. Cotton, they insisted, is entitled to comparable protection. All elements of the industry present at the hearings agreed that the outlook is serious, even immediately menacing, challenging the best efforts of all connected with it, and the federal and state governments, too.

### Admirals Confer



Rear Admiral Arthur D. Struble, left, commander of the Mindoro attack force confers with Rear Admiral R. S. Berkey, commander of Navy Support Group aboard Vice Admiral's Thomas C. Kincaid's flag ship before launching the assault on Mindoro. (U. S. Navy photo from NEA Telephoto.)

### War Bond Show To Be Shown At Arcadia Wed.

The purchase of War Bonds will be admission to a War Bond show to be given at the Arcadia Theatre Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

B. E. Garner, manager of the theatre, stated that absolutely no tickets will be sold to the show but with each bond bought at the theatre now and show time a pass to the show will be issued.

Damon Runyon's Smiling Irish Eyes, a new musical in technicolor will be shown. The film stars such actors as Monty Woolley, June Haver and Dick Haymes.

The sole object of the show is to promote the sale of Series F War Bonds to be credited to Ranger's Sixth War Loan Drive.

### Ration Board To Be Closed Dec. 20

It was announced today that the Eastland County War Price and Ration Board will be closed all day Wednesday, December 20. Persons who have business to transact with the Board are asked to bear this in mind and to respect the schedule by not trying to contact the Board on this day.

### Farmers Urged To Ship Hens To Markets At Once

Despite the present high prices being paid for hens, and the outlook for surpluses in eggs, farmers are hanging on to hens that should be sent to market immediately. On most farms there are eight to fifteen percent of the laying flock that can be culled and sold without any important loss to the total egg production of the flocks.

Professor D. H. Reid, Poultry Husbandry Department, A. & M. College, in discussing this subject said, "Every experience we have makes us believe that the market will break sharply inside the next month. Then there will be a rush of hens to market and the farmer will not get nearly as much for their hens as they would get now."

Shipping hens to market now would not only help to cut the peak off that great surplus we may have with our first warm weather next spring, but will provide the eating chickens that our Army and Navy are asking for.

THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight and Wednesday, continued cold with lowest near 32 in north and west central. Not quite so cold Wednesday.

### PVT. GETTS AT AIR TRANSPORT ENGLISH BASE

An Air Transport Command base in Great Britain—Private William H. Getts, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Getts of Ranger, Texas, is now serving in the European Theater of Operations. He is a member of the European Division of the Air Transport Command, U. S. Army Air Force, commanded by Brigadier General Earl S. Hoag.

As the trans-Atlantic aerial supply line between the United States and Europe, the ATC's European Division operates hundreds of cargo and passenger planes monthly, carrying important passengers, vital war cargo, the all-important soldier's mail, and returning wounded American soldiers to the United States. Pvt. Getts entered the service 24th of December 1943. He is an airplane mechanic at this base.

### Urges Redemption Of Bond Pledges Immediately

W. F. Creager, Ranger chairman for the Sixth War Loan Drive, stated today that a number of persons who pledged the purchase of war bonds at the December 3rd rally have not redeemed those pledges and urges that all pledges be fulfilled before Christmas.

Officials are making every effort to complete the Series E Quota for Ranger before Christmas and close the drive. While it is true that January 2 has been set as the deadline for the Sixth quota, local committees are eager to complete the quota before the first of the year in order that their time and attention may be given to other pressing matters.

However, it was pointed out that the pledges at the bank will not be sufficient to meet the Series E quota, and in order to reach the goal much more in Ranger will have to make Series E bond purchases before the deadline.

### Sgt. Richards Back From Duty In The Pacific

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. Dec 18—Sgt. Elmer D. Richards, 22, of Vera, Texas, has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment processing after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States.

Medical examinations and classification interviews at this post, pioneer of several redistribution stations operated by the AAF Personnel Distribution Command for AAF returnee officers and enlisted men, will determine his new assignment. He will remain at the redistribution station about 2 weeks, much of which will be devoted to rest and recreation.

Sergeant Richards was a gunner in the Central Pacific area. He is the son of E. G. Richards, Box 1082, Morenci, Ariz, and the husband of Willie M. Richards, Box 414, So. Marston, Ranger, Texas.

### Basketball Games To Be Played Here Wednesday

Coach Don Martin announced today that Ranger High school boys' basketball teams will play Gordon in a double header at the Recreation building Wednesday night.

The first game will be between the B teams and will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The second game will be between the first string teams.

FIRMS OFFICIALS INDICTED WASHINGTON, (UP)—Attorney General Francis Biddle today disclosed that a federal grand jury in New York has indicted two corporations, and four of their principal executives on charges of conspiring to defraud the government in connection with production of Navy ordnance and the Norden bombight.

### GERMANS DRIVE 20 MILES INTO BELGIUM; REDS SAY BUDAPEST-VIENNA RAILWAY UNDER FIRE

German Targets Hit From Air; Carrier Planes Stage Unprecedented Raid On Luzon Carrying Bombardment Into Sixth Day

Massed American tanks, guns and men moved up today to meet German armored columns striking more than 20 miles into Belgium and a front dispatch, said Gen. Hodges. First Army lines appeared to be "stabilizing" along the northern half of the 70 mile defensive front.

Military censorship obscured details but the situation in northern Luxembourg was reported still fluid. Moscow reported that the Budapest-Vienna railway had been brought under artillery fire, endangering the German retreat corridor from the besieged Hungarian capital. To the north, two Russian columns advanced into Southern Slovakia on a broad front.

Heavy fighting continued on the Eighth Army front in Italy, with no important change in position. British heavy bombers maintained the air offensive against Germany with an attack last night on the large enemy fleet units hidden at Gdynia, Poland, and on supply lines behind the western front at Munster and Nurnberg.

Prime Minister Churchill told Parliament that because of the "Great battle" on the western front he was unable to make any formal statement now on Greece or on the general European political and military situation. He said matters in Greece were improving.

China-based Superfortresses reported they shot down five enemy planes and probably destroyed three and damaged 9 others.



### PVT. TURNER OF EASTLAND IS MISSING

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Turner of Route 1 Eastland, were notified by their son, Pvt. George W. Turner has been missing in action in France since November 21.

Pvt. Turner entered the service of the United States Army on March 5, 1943 and received his training at Camp Roberts, after entering the army he transferred to the paratroopers and was in that service at the time he was reported missing in action.

He attended school at Hartin, Tex. and Eastland and before going into service was employed at the North American Aircraft plant in Dallas.

### Truman E. Davis Buried Tuesday In Eastland

Funeral services for Truman E. Davis, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Killingsworth Funeral Home in Ranger with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment was in the Eastland cemetery.

Mr. Davis who was born October 1, 1885 died in San Francisco on December 15 and the body was returned by train for burial in Eastland.

Survivors include five brothers, W. J. Davis, of Ranger, Bayford Davis of Hart, Texas, Floyd Davis of California, Elvis Davis of Harlingen, and Albert Davis of Harlingen; three sisters, Mrs. Bertie Council of San Antonio, Mrs. Stella Chensault of Harlingen, and Mrs. Jessie Crotchet also of Harlingen.

Junior Red Cross Aids In Drive For Soldier Gifts Mrs. Roy McCloskey, Ranger chairman for the Junior Red Cross reported today that members of that organization have contributed heartily to the drive for gifts for the Camp Bowie Hospital and the gifts have been turned over to Mrs. H. C. Croome, Ranger chairman for the C in P Bowie Camp and Hospital committee.

Your school members contributed 50 wrapped gifts and 153 gifts of apples and oranges. Hodges school members gave 95 wrapped gifts and 207 contributions of apples and oranges. Cooper school children gave 30 wrapped gifts and 51 gifts of apples and oranges. From the Slaughter school came three gifts and 18 contributions of apples and oranges.

These gifts were in addition to the drive for Junior Red Cross funds conducted recently in the schools.

WASHINGTON (UP)—Superfortresses in a three-way daylight strike today hit enemy targets at Omura, Japan, and Shanghai and Nanking, China, the War Department announced today.

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joined the mounting American aerial offensive against the Japanese homeland today, striking in medium force at the war production center of Omura.

Carrier planes of the Third Fleet sent an unparalleled aerial bombardment of Luzon into its sixth straight day while land based planes of Gen. MacArthur's command extended the air neutralization campaign over the remainder of the Philippines.

It was indicated that the toll exacted by army and navy planes for the eight days through Monday may exceed 100 ships and American forces in Mindoro were entering a large pocket of Japanese in the hills east of captured San Jose, and on Leyte the 7th Division neared the outskirts of Valencia, principal Jap stronghold in the Ormoc corridor.

LONDON (UP)—The U. S. Eighth Air Force sent more than 300 Flying Fortresses into the battle to blunt the Nazi offensive thrust on the western front today blasting road and rail junctions in front of the U. S. First Army front.

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### WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON  
NEA Staff Correspondent

RUMORS of further cabinet shifts in the Roosevelt administration are but one symptom of the general feeling of impending change which now hangs over Washington. Not since the time, nearly two years ago, when the price-makers almost succeeded in persuading Harold Ickes that he was to become Secretary of Labor with Paul McNutt succeeding him as Secretary of the Interior, has the back stairs gossip flown about so freely. And, as usual, none of the principals concerned in the current crop of carefully planted rumors knows anything about what solid ground there may be around the roots of the grapevine.

Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones seems to be the intended victim of the latest patch. The report that he would be forced to retire to his former position as a mere head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation stems from a hope of many ardent New Dealers who would like to see him replaced by a liberal, because he is considered too conservative. Also, Secretary Jones is blamed by the New Dealers for three things which they have tried to hang on him but which they have never proved against him—the Texas anti-fourth term revolt of last summer, the crisis in rubber, the feud with Henry Wallace over the old Board of Economic Warfare program.

THE trial balloon put up on the possibility that Vice President Henry Wallace would succeed to the Secretaryship of Commerce met with an almost unanimous note of disapproval. Other names now being bandied about as candidates more acceptable to the business world are Chester Bowles and G. Hoffman. The difficulty with both of these men is that they are now doing other important jobs—Bowles as head of Office of Price Administration and Hoffman, president of Studebaker, as head of the Committee for Economic Development, helping business plan for postwar full employment.

In addition to the Commerce possibility, Wallace's name has also been mentioned in connection with State Department and Agriculture posts and various ambassadorships. If the Commerce post sounds screwy for a man with no business experience, it should be remembered that before Jones, this cabinet position was held by Harry Hopkins.

Efforts to build bridges for more cabinet shifts are only one manifestation of the desire on the part of some of the young lions in Washington to give the administration a new lease on life. Governor Dewey's campaign charge that "it's time for a change" finds its echo in this desire to replace some of the older men—the tired old men—with new young blood. Stettinius at 44 succeeding Hull at 77, Forrestal at 52 succeeding Knox at 76 are considered steps in the right direction.

### SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON  
NEA Sports Editor

THIS is the season of All-America selections and consequent raves about the marvelous abilities of football players, but Bill McKee wishes to be declared out.

To McKee, my favorite correspondent in Ashland, O., it seems reasonable that the caliber of college personnel was not up to prewar standards.

To McKee it doesn't seem possible to take boys just out of high school and therefore immature, add them to boys with physical defects, and come out with teams that compare with those of another day.

Ohio State, for instance, points out McKee, completed a perfect season, winning all its games. There have been many shouts of praise about the Buckeyes' freshman backs who were excellent in the Big Ten. McKee wonders if he is wrong in thinking that they will be better three years hence.

After you've seen such stars as Red Grange, Lighthouse Hurry Wilson, Benny Friedman, Ernie Nevers, Tom Harmon and such, you just naturally wait for the boys of 1944 to grow up, stresses McKee.

When you recall linemen like Bronko Nagurski—yes, he moved into the backfield from the Minnesota line—you don't figure a guy belongs at tackle on an All-America team when he can make only one out of four or five assigned blocks.

Generally speaking, McKee is right about All-America selections in the third year.

But McKee didn't see the Army-Navy game, you see, and that would have changed his idea about all the college football players of this fall being on the fuzzy-faced side.

BOB JENKINS, who went out on the third play, was Alabama's Sugar Bowl fullback, Don Whitmire, who was nearly broken in two when George Pool and DeWitt Coulter of Army teamed on him to put him out before the end of the half, was an All-America tackle at Alabama before he ever thought of entering the Naval Academy.

Bulk of the members of Army and Navy's unparalleled squads were either precocious high school prep, freshmen or established stars before they matriculated at the service institutions.

McKee believes an All-America should not be just a little better than the average, but such a standard that you can't miss him.

Well, it's too bad that McKee didn't see Doc Blanchard, the Wild Bull, and Glenn Davis and the Army line.

They would have satisfied even the exacting taste of Bill McKee.

### "Music In Manhattan" Is Gay Comedy Filled With Romance

Blending laughter, romance and songs in diverting fashion, RKO Radio's newest comedy with music "Music in Manhattan," features Anne Shirley, Dennis Day and Philip Terry in a gay story of a matrimonial mix-up and its hilarious consequences, coming to the Arcadia Wednesday.

Frankie Foster and Stanley Pearson are not only sweethearts; they are also the principals in a struggling little musical revue that would be a hit if they could af-

ford to advertise it. In an effort to induce the trustee of her father's estate to advance her some money, Frankie flies to Washington; and to get a reservation on the crowded plane, pretends to be the secret bride of the war's current hero, Captain Johnny Pearson, who is in the capital receiving the Medal of Honor.

The supposed marriage gets published, and Frankie has an embarrassing encounter with Johnny. She also fails to get her mon-

ey, but the newspaper stories about her "romance" pack the theatre, the revue turns out to be a big success, and Frankie and Stanley plan to marry soon.

However, Johnny is annoyed over Frankie's publicity stunt, and when Frankie returns to her apartment she finds her "husband" calmly waiting for her, Frankie is angry and Stanley is frantic, and to further complicate matters, Johnny's mother shows up to greet the newlyweds.

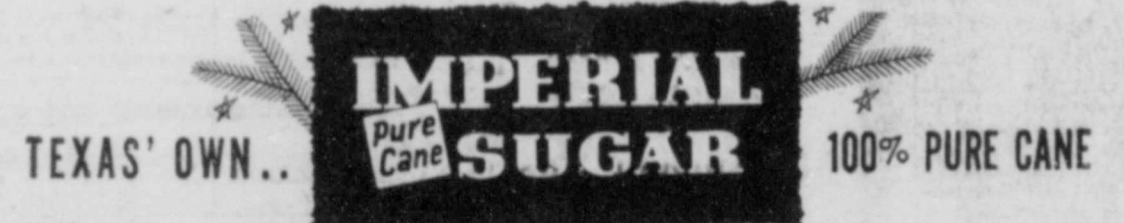
The ensuing happenings are riotous in the extreme, but eventually Frankie straightens out her romance, and all ends well. Miss Shirley has one of her finest roles and Day portrays the comical worried Stanley, with Terry as the surprising Johnny.

Raymond Walburn as a comedy musician; Patti Brill as the other girl in the show, and Jane Darwell as Johnny's mother head the supporting cast. "Music in Manhattan" was produced and directed by John H. Auer. Herb Magidson and Lew Pollack wrote the five catchy tunes, of which "Did You Happen to Find a Heart This Morning" and "When Romance Comes Along" are the leaders. Lawrence Kimble wrote the screen play, Charlie Barnett and his orchestra, and Milo Menendez and his Rhumba Band provide the music.



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### Quoting Odds

YOU WET YOUR HAIR TO PUT CURLS IN IT, BUT WETTING YOUR HAIR TAKES THE CURLS OUT? Says MABEL MIDDLETON, Mabley, Indiana.

### Alley Oop

By V. T. Hamlin

QUICK, WAGGET! AN ALERT ON TH' ATTENTION! A LER! UNIDENTIFIED FOR

GOSH, SUMM'N COMIN' OVER TH' BORDER... AN' IT ANT GOOD!

I DUNNO, SIR! BUT IT MUST BE COMIN' FAST, WAGG! NEVER GOT T' FINISH TH' MESSAGE!

SARGINT! FALL OUT TH' MEN!

CORPORAL! FALL OUT TH' MEN!

P-F-C! FALL OUT TH' MEN!

AWRIGHT, HIT TH' GUY, YOU JES! FULL BATTLE EQUIPMENT!

OH, DEAR! HERE WE GO AGAIN!

### Red Ryder

By Fred Harmon

ERN IN CONSIDER HOLLER! IT'S SHIN' SHARLS' GASH!

I'M STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT I'M IN ANY DANGER, RED.

I SMELL SMOKE + LITTLE SMOKE!

IT PINE SMOKE!

IT'S A FOREST FIRE—THIS CABIN'S DOOMED!

DADDY, RUN LET'S GET OUT!

WOW! HOLD ON, ON! GET BLANKETS, LITTLE BEAVER!

### Freckles And His Friends

By Merrill Blosser

OHIE, COOZIE, PATCH MY PRANTY, WAIST!

HI, DOOFACE, WHAT'S ON THE NEEDLE?

RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED!

HOW MANY TIMES MUST I ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO BE QUIET? I WANT TO GET SOME SLEEP!

I'LL SPEAK TO THEM, POP!

WAX IT GARG! POPS BLINKERS ARE SAGGING AND HE WANTS TO POUND HIS EAR!

SEE, POP? ALL'S QUIET! I TELL YOU THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE KING'S ENGLISH!

I KNOW, AND THAT WAS NOTHING LIKE THE KING'S ENGLISH!



# YOU GOTTA THINK QUICK

By Stanley Paley

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IT looked as if I'd outbluffed Boggio. He left me in peace, vanishing from my life as completely as if he'd never existed.

It had taken some time to get rid of the last lingering doubts, and for awhile I was jumpy each time the phone rang or when a stranger bumped into me on the street, and then that too disappeared. I breathed freely once more and began making plans for the future.

But such is the strangeness of destiny that often the people and events that play the greatest part in shaping it are precisely those you overlooked.

I had forgotten about Rugg, the miserable beggar whom I saved from the chair. Had my eloquence been less stirring and had I not obtained such a triumphant acquittal, he wouldn't have been alive then. And he wouldn't have made the belated discovery that a man cannot twice be tried for the same crime. He learned this in Detroit from where he was writing Boggio frequent requests for small sums of money which Boggio sent him, more because of the nuisance value of these letters than for their threat to his security.

Then the inevitable happened. Confident that he could expose Boggio with no risk to himself, Rugg made an exorbitant demand. I never did learn the exact amount but it was staggering. The letter arrived on the day Ginger walked out, and I suppose the combination of these two unrelated events coming after my own gesture of defiance plunged Boggio into a rage that bordered on insanity.

When he came out of it something had happened. His spirit broken, he decided to throw in the sponge and finish his days abroad under an assumed identity. He would no longer live in constant fear of exposure, and furthermore he still had a large fortune soaked away outside the borders of the United States.

He therefore wrote a cunning letter to Rugg, indicating that he was raising the demanded amount, and asking for a few days of grace which Rugg magnanimously granted him. Then Boggio made a deal with Perez, leaving him large liquid holdings in exchange for a final undertaking.

THAT evening I went to fetch Mickey from work as usual. The bookstore where she was employed was located near Washington Square and I always got a kick out of approaching the place in such a manner that I'd see her through the window long before she saw me. Then I'd tap on the window and watch her face light up.

"Hi, Mickey!"  
"Hi, Leo!"  
I'd walk in.  
"Shake a leg there, honey. Papa can't wait all night."  
"All right, darling. I'm coming as fast as I can."

She'd close the door, lock it, push it to see if it was secure, and then we'd start down the street together, swinging hands like a couple of kids.

This time she was in unusually high spirits and I remembered that Don had just started on his new job in a downtown garage. I asked her how he liked it and she said it was fine. He'd called her up during the lunch hour to tell her about it.

We continued on down the block and stopped in front of the window of an antique dealer. He had several things that we'd mentally bought for our future home and we liked to look at them. Suddenly Mickey uttered a little sigh of disappointment.

"The end table's gone."  
"Yes, Mickey, I guess it's been sold."  
"Now we'll have to pick out another."  
"How about the one over there, by the mirror?"

"It isn't half as nice."  
"There are lots of other places, I said. In fact there's one around the corner. Let's go see."

We were turning away when there was a noise like a car back firing, followed by a shattering of glass right near us. The shock was so sudden and so violent that for a moment all consciousness was suspended. Then I became aware of a burning in the left shoulder and Mickey grew heavy on my arm.

AT the hospital they dressed my wound and told me how lucky I was. The bullet had only grazed me. Lucky! The irony of it!

I kept on asking for Mickey and they said the doctors were still examining her. They'd know in a little while. Then a couple of men came in. They were from the police and fired all sorts of questions at me. I told them what I could, but I guess I didn't make much sense because they said they'd "speak to me later."

When they left, the same thoughts kept coming back, over and over again.

Dear God, I haven't asked you for anything since I was a kid. Maybe I haven't always believed in you, but if you're there listen to me. Make it a superficial wound like mine. Please, God! Those bullets weren't meant for her. It was all a mistake, God. Listen to me . . .

A nurse came in. I didn't even have to ask her. I could read it in her eyes and I became frantic. I pleaded with her as if it were in her power to work miracles. I yelled at her hysterically. What kind of a lousy hospital was this? Let them call in more doctors! Real doctors! Had they tried a blood transfusion? Yes, that was it! They could take all the blood from my body. Every drop of it. I'd sign a paper right away . . .

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### SOCIETY

#### W. S. C. S. MEETING IS HELD ON MONDAY

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock for a council meeting with Mrs. G. C. Boswell in charge of the program. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn O, Come All Ye Faithful and a prayer offered by Mrs. C. E. May. In a short business meeting a tribute of appreciation was extended Mrs. May, the outgoing president.

Mrs. Boswell gave a discussion on the origin of Christmas Carols after which the group joined in the singing of O, Little Town of Bethlehem, and Silent Night.

This meeting was the last for the Year 1944 and regular meetings will be resumed after the holidays.

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### PERSONALS

Mrs. Leslie Jones Sanders will have as her guests for the weekend, General and Mrs. George P. Tourtelot and their son, George P. Tourtelot, Jr., a cadet at West Point, and Miss Mattie Strane, who is hostess at the officers' club at Drew Field, in Florida. Gen. Tourtelot has just returned from overseas duty and will be commanding officer at Colorado Springs, Colorado. While her husband was overseas, Mrs. Tourtelot was engaged in active war work. The two ladies are cousins of Mrs. Sanders.

Miss Mary Strane, a sister of Mrs. Sanders, who is stationed with the WAC in New York City, is also expected for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Elsie Hummel who is attending the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hummel.

Miss Frances Johnson who is employed by the government in Washington, D. C. is here for a three weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Miss Virginia Danson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wallace N. Danson, has gone to Mexico where she will be a bridesmaid in the wedding of a former roommate at Southwestern University.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne Turner have returned to their home in Odessa after spending the weekend with Mr. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner. Layne and Lana, twin children of the Turners, will remain with their grandparents for the holidays. They will also visit their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Laura Murrell, of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Woods of the Cross Roads community had a family reunion at their home Sunday and this was the first time in eight years that the entire family has been together.

Those attending the reunion were, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woods, of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Owen and children, Barbara Ann, Billy Wayne, and Carl Dean, of Breckenridge, S-Sgt. and Mrs.

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The name of the correspondent's 18 month old son has been changed legally from Terrence Gramon Gunn to Stanley Gunn. The change was made on application of the child's mother, Mrs. Catherine Gunn.

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2. Disconnect the appliance, lamp or other electrical equipment that caused the fuse to blow.
3. Before removing or inserting a fuse, first open the main switch to cut off the electricity.
4. Look for the blown fuse. Usually the mica window is blackened where the thin metal strip has burned in two.
5. Replace the burned fuse with a new one of proper amp (15 Amp. for branch circuits; 30 Amp. for the main circuit). Then close the switch.
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