

Air Assaults Fail To Halt Nazi Advance

MRS. KING TO BE BURIED IN RANGER WED.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie King, wife of R. O. King, will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Second Baptist church with Rev. J. D. McDaniel in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Evergreen cemetery and Morris Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. King died Monday, December 25 at 11:45 o'clock in a Dallas hospital where she had been taken for treatment following an injury received in a recent fall. Her family was under the impression that she was getting along very well, until they were notified that she had suffered a stroke about 7:30 Monday morning. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. King was born in Johnson county June 15, 1878, and had made her home in Ranger since 1919. She had led a quiet life which was devoted to the upbringing of her family and her church work. She was a member of the Second Baptist church.

Besides her husband who has been in business in Ranger for the past 25 years, she is survived by five sons, P. R. (Johnnie) King of Ranger, R. O. King of Houston, B. H. King of Olden, Lt. (sg) R. B. King stationed with the United States Navy at Norfolk, Va.; Lt. (jg) Herbert L. King who is serving with the Navy in the South Pacific and two daughters, Mrs. Durlie Hittson of Breckenridge and Mrs. T. L. Parkes of Ranger. Ten grandchildren and two sisters and two brothers, as follows, also survive: Mrs. L. E. Wells of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Sid Blanton of San Angelo, O. G. Brown of Gouldsburg, Texas, and Bryan Brown of Alvin, Texas.

Pallbearers will be deacons of the Second Baptist church who are G. F. Landtroop, J. E. Marshall, Clyde Rogers, Ralph Ivey, E. M. Campbell, K. P. Parkes, F. Lovell.

Says Any Texas Family With Plot Can Have Orchard

Any Texas family which has suitable ground space can have an orchard or fruit plot to supply its needs, says Loma Faye Hearn, Assistant County Home Demonstration Agent. The climate in most sections of the state are adapted to producing several types of wholesome, health-giving fruits, including peaches, pears, plums, figs, cherries, and grapes.

A program of care and management must be followed after an orchard is set out in order to obtain the best yields. This means fertilizing, maintaining organic matter in the soil, spraying for control of diseases and destructive insects, pruning and other good management practices.

From December 1 to March 1 is the best time to set an orchard. The three months allows leeway to suit the work to local weather conditions. Strawberries, however, are an exception, because November 15 is the deadline for setting out plants. As a general rule, fruit trees two to three feet high are more desirable in dry areas than larger ones. In more humid areas larger sizes, as a rule are more desirable.

Almost without exception orchards will do best on rich, well drained, sandy or sandy loam soils which are free from nematodes and root rot. But some varieties of fruit trees are more tolerant of heavy soils than others. Miss Hearn emphasizes planting only varieties which have proved to be best suited to local conditions. This alone may mean the difference between profit and loss.

MUST HAVE HIS BREAD AMARILLO, TEX. (UP)—“Lucky,” the cat, has no use for mice. It's bread he wants and he's going to get it. When his owner, Mrs. May Pfeiffer, fails to leave his midnight snack for him, he climbs up to the breadbox, jerks the handle with his paw, and rolls a piece of the staff of life onto the floor.

PFC. RUSSELL IS REPORTED MISSING IN WAR

Mrs. C. G. (Lola) Russell of Sulphur, Oklahoma, formerly of Ranger has been notified by the War Department that her son, Pfc. Orville Lee Russell, has been missing in action in France since December 9. Pfc. Russell was serving with the Infantry.

A native of Ranger, the 19 year old soldier had been in the service since December 1943 and had been in service in the European theatre a very short time. It is believed that he arrived in that theatre and went into action the latter part of November.

He graduated from Ranger high school in 1940 and just prior to going into service had been a student in Ranger Junior College. He received his training for military service at Stillwater, Oklahoma and at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

He is a nephew of Roy Russell of Ranger.

RANGER FLIER PRESENTED DFC IN ENGLAND

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England—First Lieutenant Charles D. Whitefield, 22, of Strawn Road, Ranger, Tex., an Eighth Air Force P-47 Thunderbolt pilot, has been presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by Brigadier General Murray C. Woodbury, of Burlington, Vt., commanding general of the 66th Fighter Wing, at a recent ceremony held in England.

Lt. Whitefield has flown over 65 combat missions. Citation accompanying the award follows:

“For extraordinary achievement while serving as a fighter pilot in aerial combat over Germany and German occupied country. On numerous occasions, this officer unselfishly exposed himself to intense anti-aircraft fire while flying at low level to destroy enemy targets on the ground, and to the fire-power of enemy planes to assist heavy bombers in getting to and from important objectives. On all these instances, Lt. Whitefield displayed skill and courage, and determination in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.”

Lt. Whitefield also wears the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. Each cluster is equal to another Air Medal.

The Texan was educated at Abilene Christian College, Abilene. He left to join the Royal Canadian Air Force in September 1941, but resigned to enlist in the AAF when age requirements were lowered. He started pilot training in February, 1943 and received his wings and commission in January 1944. His parents, Mr and Mrs. John F. Whitefield, live in Ranger.

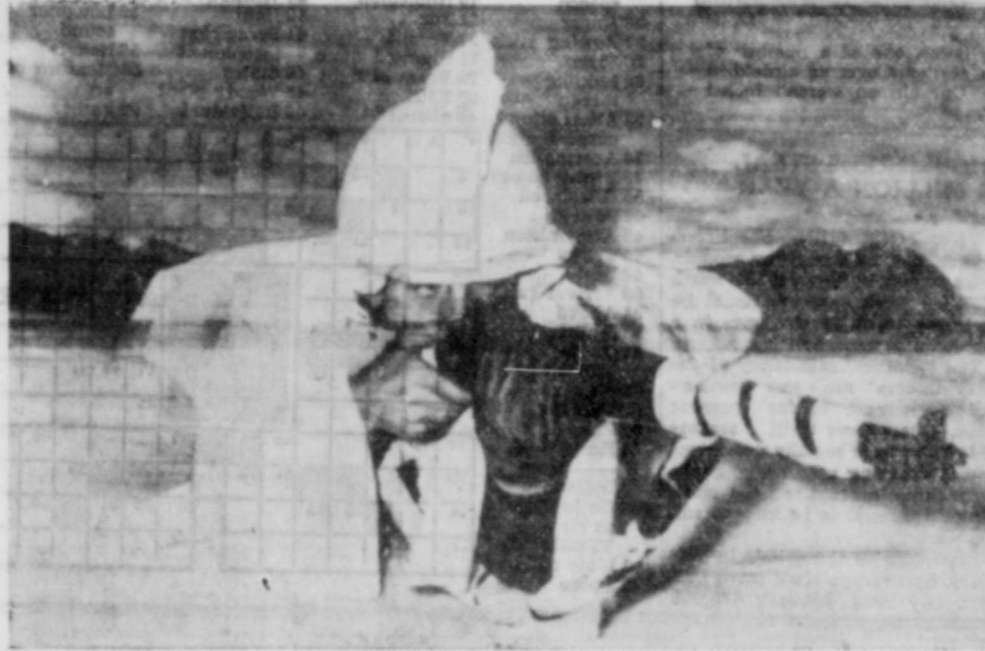
Former Resident To Be Buried In Ranger Wed.

Funeral services for Charlie (Al) Russell, a former Ranger resident will be conducted at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Killingsworth Funeral Chapel with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Evergreen cemetery. Mr. Russell died in Monahan Sunday night.

The body will arrive in Ranger early Wednesday morning from Monahan where death occurred. The deceased was a brother of John and Bob Russell and all were former residents of Ranger.

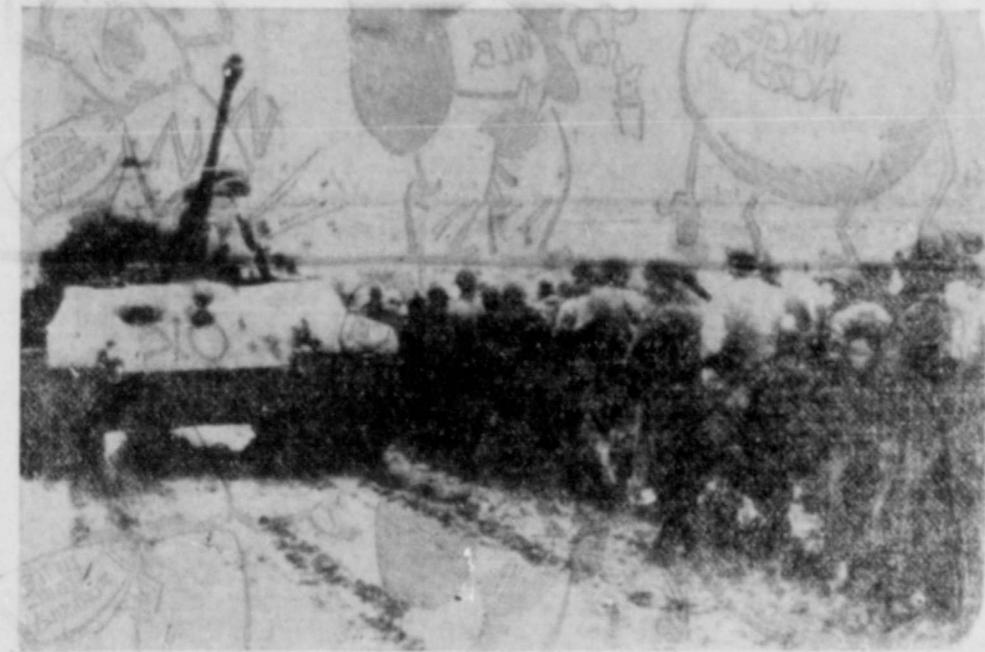
TO LOOK INTO MEAT DEAL WASHINGTON—Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Nebraska, said today that he planned to introduce a resolution in the new congress to establish a permanent Senate committee to investigate the meat situation.

New Snow Cape for Infantrymen



Here's the new cape being used by American infantrymen in snow-covered areas of Belgium. Modeling it is Sgt. Marvin C. Eans, Jr., of Owensboro, Ky., white cloth wrapped around the rifle lessens visibility. (NEA Telephoto)

Americans Captured In German Drive



In this photo taken from a roll of captured German film, American soldiers captured in the recent Nazi drive in Belgium, are unchained in column formation just advancing German tiger tank. Signal Corps Radiotelephoto via Acme Telephoto. (Note censored faces of men.)

U. S. Bombers Hit Budapest



Heavy bombers of the 15th Air Force bomb oil refineries at Budapest, Hungary. Huge columns of smoke cast black shadows across the Danube, denoting a direct hit. (Signal Corps photo from NEA Telephoto.)

Two To Attend Cousin's Funeral

Mrs. James O'Neil and Mrs. A. J. O'Donnell will go to Abilene Wednesday where they will attend funeral services for their cousin, Michael P. Brady, who died at his home in Abilene Sunday.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Catholic church in Abilene.

Liberators And Forts Raid Rail Targets Today

LONDON (UP)—American Flying Fortresses and Liberators today bombed two rail yards, the Coblenz area and bridges on a railroad between Coblenz and Bonn, prime targets handling the German armies on the break through front.

About 150 heavy bombers of the U. S. Eighth Air Force carried out the attack. They were escorted by more than 300 Mustang and Thunderbolt Fighters.

NIGHT SCHOOL SEEKS INDUSTRIAL HARMONY

NEW ORLEANS (UP)—A special night school of industrial relations which stresses labor management co-operation has been started at Loyola University here.

Its organizer the Rev. C. C. Chapman, S. J., chairman of the Loyola history and political science department, said that the school is offering courses which teach practical solutions to employer-employee disagreements.

SON IN LAW OF RANGER COUPLE DIES IN CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Head were notified Monday afternoon that their son-in-law, Otis Vaden, of Temple had been killed in a plane crash somewhere near Houston and they and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray and Frank Head of Strawn, left this morning for Temple where funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

According to information received, Mr. Vaden was on one of his customary business trips by plane, he flew his own plane, and took off from Houston Saturday afternoon to return home for Christmas. No word was received from him until Mrs. Vaden was notified Monday afternoon that his body had been found in his wrecked plane in the swampy lands some-where around Houston.

Mrs. Vaden had felt concern about him but had not told her family of the circumstances until Monday morning when she called and told them that no word had come from him and that she was alarmed. A little later the message came that the body had been found.

Mrs. Vaden is the former Miss Lorraine Head who spent her young womanhood in Ranger.

GORMAN FLIER IS AWARDED THE AIR MEDAL

An Eighth Air Force Liberator Station, England—Technical Sergeant Edward T. Duggan, an Eighth Air Force radio operator on a B-24 Liberator, has just recently been awarded the air medal for meritorious achievements in accomplishing aerial operational missions over enemy occupied continental Europe. Sgt. Duggan's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. The presentation was made by Col. A. W. Reed, commanding officer of the 91st, Heavy Bomb Group, of the Second Bombarment Division, commanded by Maj General William E. Kepner.

Sgt. Duggan has flown ten combat missions, participating in attacks on Kassel, Cologne, Minden, Hamm, and military installations in support of the Allied ground forces.

Sgt. Duggan has been in the Southwest Pacific for five months. He is now out to build up a new kind of pinup girl club “second to none in size and originality.”

Pvt. Chester L. Drews, Knoxville, Tenn. here, explained in a letter to hometown folks that he wanted his section of Wisconsin represented on the billboard and asked for pictures of “Eight Ball Pinups.”

“Our pinups are the plain, every day, ordinary home-town girls,” Pvt. Drews wrote. “To date we have more than 300 pictures.”

Lend-Lease To Reds Unsettled

WASHINGTON—The National Association of Manufacturers said today that Russia has failed so far to sign its fourth lend-lease with the U. S. and intimated that it was the Soviets wanted to lend-lease large amounts of industrial equipment which the United States was unwilling to send them.

ONE ENEMY SPEARHEAD WITHIN FOUR MILES OF MEUSE RIVER; RUSSIANS INSIDE BUDAPEST

Nearly Ton Of Dynamite Found Near Hotel Where Churchill And Eden Were To Confer With Greeks

Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's offensive backed by two and possibly three full German field armies, advanced west today despite continuous American air assaults and a Nazi spearhead was planted within four miles of the Meuse river line just east of the Belgian fortress city of Dinant.

The most forward points reached by the Nazis were Celles, four miles east of Dinant, representing a gain of 11 miles from Rochefort, and Ciney, ten miles northwest of Rochefort, about eight miles from the river Meuse.

Russian forces broke into Budapest from the west after almost encircling the Hungarian capital and cutting nearly all not all roads of escape.

The Germans and Hungarians apparently were preparing for a

W. P. EDWARDS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT MONDAY

Funeral services for W. P. (Bill) Edwards of Olden who was accidentally killed while out hunting Monday, December 25 near Olden, are pending word from a daughter in California and other relatives. The body is at Killingsworth's Funeral Home.

Mr. Edwards and one of his sons, and L. T. Groves were hunting together when Mr. Edwards' gun was accidentally discharged, striking him in the heart and killing him instantly. Details of the accident was not known exactly as Mr. Groves had gone ahead of the father and son and did not witness the accident and the son was too overcome with grief to be clear as to what happened, though it is believed that the pair were crawling through a fence when the accident occurred.

Mr. Edwards had been with the Magnolia in Olden for a number of years.

Home Accidents Take Large Toll Of American Life

AUSTIN, Tex.—In America it has long been thought that lime is the safest place an individual can spend his time. The facts, however, prove that far from being one of the most dangerous places, this condition need not exist if proper attention is given to making our homes safe.

In commenting on the urgent need for the protection of life and limb in the American home, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, today declared that accidents in the home are the cause of as many deaths as diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, and measles combined; of more than appendicitis; of nearly as many as diabetes; of over two-thirds as many as automobile accidents; and of over a third as many deaths as tuberculosis.

“Slipper floor surfaces, lack of handrails on cellar steps, absence of protective gates at the top of stairs in homes where there are small children, toys left on stairs, unanchored small rugs on polished floors, and the careless storage of poisons, sharp tools, and firearms are some of the more prominent hazards resulting in home accidents,” Dr. Cox said.

“However,” he added, “in the last analysis, the problem boils down to one reasonable individual caution. When we consider that most accidents result from carelessness, we cannot view complacently the more than 30,000 deaths annually from this cause. These deaths, chargeable to remediable carelessness, can and should be reduced.”

Dr. Cox declared that such a needless and profitless loss of life is deplorable at any time, but to permit such a condition to persist now in view of our national crisis, is a neglect that cannot be condoned, and one which can seriously cripple our war effort.

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander of the British Pacific fleet has returned to Australia after a conference with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz at Pearl Harbor and expects to confer soon with General Douglas MacArthur, the Melbourne radio said today.

Army were reported driving along the Sava river toward the German strong points of Alfonsine after capturing Rosetta in savage fighting.

Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden were in revolutionary torn Athens, making a determined personal effort to stand within the besieged city. The Italian front was relatively quiet except northwest of Ravenna, where Canadians of the Eighth

LONDON—An Athens dispatch said a car carrying a white flag left Government headquarters at the Great Britain Hotel today to bring Eilat delegates to a conference with Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

and the Greek civil strife. The situation was highly dangerous, and nearly a ton of dynamite was found hidden in a sewer adjacent the hotel which houses British and Greek governments, a few hours before Churchill was to confer with Greek leaders.

American troops completed conquest of Leyte in the Philippines as U. S. air and sea forces aided a heavy bombardment.

High School Boy Finds Sewing Course Tough FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—If 500 men worked eight and one-fourth years, they could just about achieve the saving in time, money and labor, accomplished through cooperation of the plant's playes suggestion plan of the last 12 months at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation's Ft. Worth plant.

Smaller Retail Merchants Are Promised Aid WASHINGTON (UP)—Chairman J. A. Krug of the War Production Board, has promised to get that small retail merchants get a fair share of men's, women's and children's low cost clothing in the future, the House Small Business committee said today.

The committee said Krug made this promise in a letter to its chairman, Representative Wright Patman, D., Texas, after a survey by Patman showed that large distributors received more than 50 percent of women's house dresses and slips and men's shirts and skirts.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Staff Correspondent

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ONE of those he apparently had in mind was Dr. Julius Hirsch, New York economist who at recent New York and Boston conferences on management and distribution took occasion to heckle the undersecretary and Dr. Ames Taylor, head of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Hirsch, a former minister of finance in Germany, made his way to Denmark with the advent of Hitler, lectured at University of Copenhagen, then was permitted to cross Siberia to Japan, where he lectured for a short time before coming to the United States and setting up as an economic consultant for hire.

Hirsch's position is that the best possible private industry employment will be in the neighborhood of 49 million jobs.

At the top of this there has now come a new note—a demand to know why it is necessary to have 60 million people employed, and a charge that 60 million jobs would mean the end of the American way of life.

MOST vocal exponent of this idea is William F. O'Neil of Akron, president of General Tire, who, pointing out that there are 133 million people in the U. S. and that the average family consists of four and a half persons, says that "Sixty million jobs would mean two jobs to every family, and this is too much."

"America has been built around the family," O'Neil goes on. "The man of the house works to provide his wife and children with a home. To supply 60 million jobs is to break up that home because it means that the wife, too, will probably be working. . . . It means fewer children, and they will have to bring themselves up as best they can, until they can step into one of those 60 million jobs themselves."

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Sports Editor

HAVING staggered along this far, football no doubt will struggle along again in the most grotesque remnant of induction and re-induction of men in the 1947-48 season, but the directive certainly will not make things any easier.

The noble athletes will be more inclined to stick to war jobs, where they belong.

Perhaps the all-out order will enable more robust 4-F's to get by service, medical, or other work in every army in the world in much worse shape than our athletic 4-F's.

A football player was released by the armed forces, for example, in time to play center for Notre Dame against Army. The football event performers at Madison Square Garden are either 4-F or medical discharges. Entire major league infielders were composed of 4-F's.

It is—and is—wise for us to carry out athletic programs and schedules as usual, but if a week or eight order will shorten the week by an hour, by all means let's have it.

YALE President Charles Seymour warns against collegiate athletic recruiting following the war, when many fine football players and such will go to school at the expense of the government.

President Seymour wants the better institutions to get together now and do something about what he and everybody else in the football business knows is bound to happen when the war is won.

Professor Seymour sounds off just when we were beginning to believe that "causes for alarm" pronouncements were out for the duration.

PROFESSOR SEYMOUR makes it clear that varsity contests in New Haven have been conducted for the welfare and recreation of the players rather than for the entertainment of spectators. But it still costs you \$4.00 to get into the Yale Bowl.

The only blokes who squawked about proselytizing were those who weren't getting the talent. You'd have thought it was a crime to send a boy to school. The only thing required of a boy in college should be to meet scholastic requirements.

What many educators can't seem to get in their heads is that they are paid to educate. If they want to run athletic departments, why do they engage high-salaried directors and coaches?

Out Our Way
BY J. R. WILLIAMS
BIG MEN IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE MOST ALWAYS CALLED UPON TO MAKE PUBLIC SPEECHES, SO I THINK IT PAYS A FELLOW TO PRACTICE THAT, TOO!

YOU DON'T HAFTA PRACTICE—JUST QUOTE! FELLOW CITIZENS—QUOTE—MY OPPONENT IMPLIES I'M A LIAR—UNQUOTE—NOW TO PROVE TO YOU HE'S ONE QUOTE, ETC.—IT AIN'T TH' GUY WHO ORIGINATES STUFF WHO WINS ALL TH' FAME, IT'S TH' ONE WHO QUOTES AN' PUTS IT OVER! OH, I COULD SO AN' QUOTE!

'Trojan Horse'—Made in Germany



An Allied flyer examines a wooden horse, one of a number of dummy farm animals which Germans scattered over an airfield in Holland to deceive Allied bombers. Our airmen weren't fooled for long.

Collection Of Religious Pieces Rivals Pardoners'

AMARILLO, Tex. (UP)—Chaucer's "Pardoners" himself would envy the collection of crosses, crucifixes, rosaries, religious medals and relics owned by James Neil North, Amarillo writer.

But North is not interested, like the scoundrel in the " Canterbury Tales," in rooking honest citizens with his enormous number of religious trophies. He's just a collector.

In the great collection is an inlaid mosaic crucifix given him by Pope Pius XI himself; a unique medal made in the Vatican City in 1854, sent him by Bishop Winklesmann of Wichita, Kansas, a French crucifix picked up in the Sahara desert by an Arab camel driver, a rosary from the 13th century A. D., representing the Christian martyrdom at Rome, and a pair of hand-carved Swiss crucifixes, 323 years old.

North says he first got interested in the collection of religious relics when he was aboard ship and the gathering of salt and pepper shakers by everybody else bored him so much he determined to make his hobby a unique one.

He did it.

BARBS

THE shortage has stopped some people from smoking cigars but they're still burning up.

It took a great many years for us to find out the real meaning of the expression, "Oceans of trouble." Pacific and Atlantic!

"No More Gas Until the Nazis Surrender"—headline. That's more reason to step on the gas—at War Bond buying!

Domestic clouds are usually accompanied by a lot of thunder.

Health hint for some of the younger generation—go on home!

Freckles And His Friends



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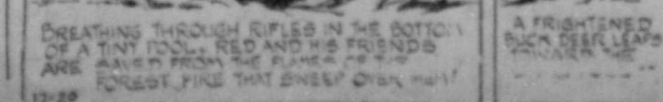
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Alley Oop



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and \$80,000 annually, and since the war, the shortage of trained help has made the shoplifting easier.

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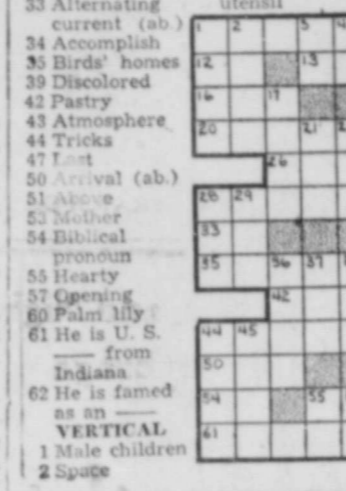
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ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—There will be no need for frantic week-long shopping for a Christmas tree in the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bowen.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



By Merrill Blosser



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By V. T. Hamlin



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Red Ryder



BREATHING THROUGH RIFLES IN THE BOTTOM OF A TINY POOL, RED AND HIS FRIENDS ARE SAVER FROM THE PLUMED FOREST FIRE THAT SWEEPED OVER THEM!

A FRIGHTENED SICK DEER LEAPS FOR HIS LIFE!

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By Fred Harmon



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FAMILY KEEPS HOG ONE DAY TOO MANY

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looking forward to a winter unmarred by the inconveniences of meat rationing.

Mitchell sadly told police that two of more men backed up a truck in his driveway and stole the Mitchell's prize possession—a 300 pound hog that was due to

go under the slaughterer's ax next day.

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THE STORY: Michal and her baby son, Dan, are alone in her courtyard when the Roman soldiers enter with drawn swords. It is Herod's order that all Hebrew male children under two years be slain. Michal addresses herself to Herod, their leader, who is known to her, she points to a recently planted acacia tree, and recalls to him that it is the Hebrew custom to plant an acacia only on the birth of a daughter.

MOSES, seeing an acacia tree

embellished with the glory of his lord, had been impelled to remove the shoes off his feet. Michal, in like amaze, put from her heart the rancor and bitterness of the past, accepting at last her husband's authority.

True, the acacia was not at this time a burning bush, but despite its rough uprooting and replanting, the thorny wild tree showed not a sign of withering, rather it promised soon to shake its long milk bloom from slender limbs. From out the bush once more the voice of Elohim had spoken. The Roman, hearing, had ridden away. And the place whereon she stood, a Michal, was holy ground.

Her cry for Joel echoed in her heart, and Michal placed the child upon the ground again, memory evicting the scene just passed with one wherein she had walked in the courtyard to meet her shepherd husband and their talk was of another child.

Joel was angry, she had noted, and he gave no answer to her greeting, speaking as though their conversation of some hours ago had not been rudely interrupted.

"He was obedient unto me as a son to his father," Joel said of his other child. "And through my folly he is lost to me."

Michal's little hand caught in her curls. She faced him resolutely. "He was thy herdsboy," she declared.

"He was my brother's son, and

thing," he rebuked her.

"He was Jonathan's son," she said stubbornly.

"So that thou hated him," her husband guessed. "So that thou hast sold him 'o the Romans."

She protested bitterly. "He was not sold, he went willingly to learn in Rome."

"He was kidnapped," the shepherd said furiously. "And thou hast surely sold thy son to strangers!"

"He was Jonathan's son!" she cried. "Thou wert serving in the Roman army whence thou hadst been called, thou knowest not..."

"Knowest not what, Michal?"

"Knowest not how thy brother had become. Thou canst not know that I would rather have died than bear a son to be raised as seed to Jonathan!"

"Yet thou hast permitted Malachi to be taken to Rome. If aught happens to him in that strange land, the seed of Jonathan perishes."

"Not a strange land!" she protested sharply. "Tis a land he will thrive in."

"Thy friendship with the Romans persuadeth thee strangely, Joel said unbelievingly."

MICHAL maintained stubbornly.

"Flavia is my friend. Her sister will treat Malachi as a son until he returns to Rome to befriend him."

"There are tales in Jerusalem," he said, "that thy friend is a wicked woman. It is told that her husband has returned to Rome a broken man."

"Is it told that he killed his wife's friend and fled from Judaea?" Michal asked sharply.

"It is said that here in our land he had become a jest to Roman and Jew alike because of his wife's paramours."

"So my husband has an ear for the vile gossip of the markets?"

Joel's anger was like a storm with a baffled resentment.

Joel said, "Thou art wont to think of Drusus thus."

"He was Jonathan's friend," she said, gently mocking him. "Thou art very loyal to Jonathan."

Goaded beyond the words of wisdom, he shouted at her, "Thou carest more for Jonathan's friend than Jonathan's son!"

There was a shadow in Michal's golden eyes as she looked at him and the truth of his words flashed. Her quivering was always bitter when Malachi's name entered into it.

He was surprised when she failed to return the lash. Instead she looked across the field of Boaz, eastward toward the distant mountain ranges beyond the lake of Asphaltites. There was a strange stillness upon her.

"HAD Malachi a like affection for thy friend?" he asked, quietly.

"Drusus taught me love for the child," she said. "Malachi was a handsome babe, Joel, and strong. In the ninth month after his birth, he could walk. He would follow me wheresoever I went."

Her voice was strident with emotion, putting forth words as naked of feeling as branches carried by Jordan into the lake of Asphaltites are bare of bark. "Flavia came when the child could walk, Flavia."

He cared nothing for Flavia's coming. "Thou wast telling of how Drusus taught thee love," he prompted. And immediately regretted the ill-choosing of his words.

Michal sighed. "Drusus told me of how Flavia had married a man old as her father, when she drew a like angry retort from Joel. "Thy lamb..." he said deliberately. "Thy lamb is in Rome."

"As I should be," she replied, calm now that he was angered, and delighting in his fury. "I should have gone when Drusus begged me."

She had a devil of perversity, he thought, for surely only thus could she find such wicked delight in reminding him of Drusus and their comradeship. A comradeship that filled her husband

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PERSONALS

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JEAN HARLOW'S CAT DIES KIRKSVILLE, Mo. (UP)—Patsy, a 20 year old Angora cat, once the pet kitten of Jean Harlow, is dead. Miss Harlow owned the cat before she went to Hollywood, and left it with her grandparents in Kansas City. They gave the cat to Dr. W. E. Cragg, who in turn presented Patsy to his niece 18 years ago.

GALVESTON (UP)—A Negro woman told police here that she had taken care of her husband after she cut him up with a knife. She said she went up to the attic of their home and got some plowblows to treat the wounds. She used the cure on her damaged spouse and everything seemed to be going all right. Just the next morning he woke up screaming with pain and he was forced to call an ambulance.

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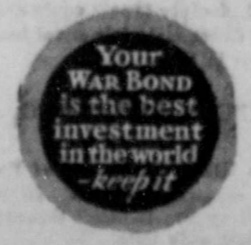
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