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## Yanks Halt Nazis; Take Celles Again

### COUNTY TOPS 1944 WAR FUND BY NICE EDGE

Eastland County was shown to have gone over the top by \$333.22 in its 1944 United War Chest campaign in the final report of the results of that campaign just released by County Chairman Fred Brown of Eastland. Mr. Brown released with his report a record of the gifts by communities, which added up to a total of \$13,231.32 as compared with the over-all county quota of \$12,598.

Thus Eastland county has again discharged a war time responsibility in a manner to the credit of itself and the patriotic sense of its citizens.

Each of the larger cities of the county exceeded its individual quota. Cisco, the first to go over the top, led the field with contributions of \$3,326.55, exclusive of allocations of large contributions by the Humble Oil and Refining company and the Texas Coca-Cola Bottling company. Its quota, as was the case with Ranger and Eastland was \$2,750.

The thanks of the county organizations to the men and women who devoted themselves loyally and without any remuneration gave the satisfaction of a job well done in a good cause, was expressed by Chairman Brown. "It was a most successful campaign, a most gratifying result, and it speaks with more effect than can any words of our of the generosity and the patriotism of our county," he said. "To all who worked or gave we send our gratitude and our wishes for a happier New Year.

Raymond McDaniel of Eastland, special gifts chairman, and Mr. Creager were also especially commended for the excellent manner in which the campaign was carried to success.

Following is a list of contributions by communities made public by W. F. Creager of Ranger, county treasurer:

Cisco, \$3,326.55; Cisco, (Humble Oil Co.) \$225.00; Cisco, (Coca Cola Co.) \$50.00; Eastland, \$2,797.77; Eastland, (Humble Oil Co.) \$100.00; Eastland, (Coca Cola Co.) \$100.00; Ranger, \$2,843.28; Ranger, (Humble Oil Co.) \$100.00; Ranger, (Coca Cola Co.) \$50.00; Rising Star, \$1,183.52; Carbon, \$364.25; Gorman, \$1,393.77; Union District, \$20.00; Yellow Mound, \$15.00; Bullock, \$13.60; Grandview, \$14.90; Pocolo, \$46.00; Flatwoods, \$69.25; Lone Cedar, \$8.00; Lutheran, \$33.00; Sabano, \$59.75; Romney, \$60.00; Pioneer, \$209.98; Long Branch, \$30.50; George Hill, \$55.00; Davis, \$28.75; Cook, \$25.00; Hodnett Grove, \$25.50; Chuckville, \$29.75; Crocker, \$15.20; Total, \$13,231.32.

### Fine Response To Request For Christmas Gifts

Mrs. H. C. Croom Ranger chairman for the Camp Bowie and Hospital committee, stated today that she was delighted with the response that was given requests for gifts for soldiers in the Camp Bowie Hospital and that those organizations and individuals who aided in the work have her sincere appreciation.

A total of 256 gifts, 310 pieces of fruit, four bags of pecans and 72 bingo prizes was contributed during the month of December. This was regarded as a very fine contribution, especially considering the fact that people were being called upon for so many other types of gifts during this same period.

### Teen Carteen To Be Open At 8 Tonight

It was announced today that the Teen Carteen will be open this evening at 8 o'clock for entertainment of high school students. Dancing and games will be enjoyed during the evening.

### PVT. REVELS IS RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS

The 61st General Hospital, England—Hit in the right shoulder by a German machine gun slug at Eindhoven, Holland, five minutes after he had blown a house full of Nazi ammunition sky-high with his bazooka, Private William R. Revels, 21, of Route 1, Ranger, Texas, is now recovering rapidly at this United States Army General hospital in England.

Pvt. Revels is making excellent recovery," said his ward surgeon, First Lieutenant Nancy A. Owen of Tallahassee, Florida.

Jumping with his paratroop infantry unit two miles north of Zen, Holland, Pvt. Revels advanced to Eindhoven. From his apple orchard position on the edge of that town, he sighted his bazooka on a house known to contain Nazi ammunition.

"When I put a round into that building," said Paratrooper Revels, "the roof took off—straight up. The walls shot out in all directions. The Jerries had more explosives in there than we thought. I kind of riled up the neighborhood so I decided to leave my apple orchard," said Pvt. Revels, who encountered a Nazi machine gun nest on his way to join his buddies.

Struck by a machine gun bullet, he took cover in a furrow until he could make his way to an aid station. He was later flown to England.

Pvt. Revels entered the Army on January 1, 1942. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Revels and his wife, Mrs. Yvonne Revels, live at the route 1 address.

### Yank In India Sends Home Some Objects d'Art

CLINTON, Ill (UP)—India is the theme of Mrs. Ora Burton's living room these days, since her son Vernon started sending home souvenirs of the land where he is stationed. Many strange and beautiful objects reflecting the spirit of the land of All India have been sent here from overseas.

Perhaps the most valuable and most interesting of the whole collection is a carved rosewood table with elephant heads with long trunks forming the legs. Each elephant head has two carved ivory tusks. The top of the table is elaborately carved, with the figure of a native boy centering the design. The table is said to be a museum piece.

Atop the bookcase, Mrs. Burton has placed a tall heron, carved from buffalo horn, flanked by a griffin and a lion, both of teak. A heavy satin pajama suit embroidered in Chinese, handcarved ivory and silver filigree jewelry, and a teakwood jewel chest, also were sent Mrs. Burton by her son.

For himself in the post war future, Vernon, an army signal corps sergeant enclosed a cigarette box of brass inlaid with intricate enamel design.

### Pioneer County Judge Recovers From Illness

Word has been received that Judge D. K. Scott of Cisco who has been confined to his home because of illness, is able to be out again.

Judge Scott has been practicing law in Eastland county for better than a half century and in 1888 was elected county judge and served for four years. He has been prominent in Masonic circles for many years and is the oldest living member of the Cisco lodge.

### Evidence Of German Atrocities



Mute evidence of the atrocities by the German army these dead women and children in the town of Stavelot, Belgium are shown as the Nazis left them. (Signal Corps Radio Telephoto from NEA Telephoto)

### Americans Captured In German Drive



In this photo from a roll of captured German film a group of American soldiers are marched past Nazi armored equipment moving into Belgium in a break through effort which apparently has been stemmed. (Radio Telephoto from NEA).

### Says Military Needs Necessitated New Orders By OPA On Rationing

Local Groccrymen Receive No Other Instructions Than Given Out Through The Press And Over Radio

Increased rationing of sugar, processed foods and meat will be come effective January 1, 1945 according to an announcement made by the OPA and which states that the order has become necessary due to the longer-than-expected war in Europe and the stepped-up offensive in the Pacific.

The new program of rationing will include a tightening of rationing on canned vegetables, fruits, juices and specialties, fresh meats and butter and sugar. All sugar stamps with the exception of No. 34 sugar stamp have been cancelled and it was explained by the OPA that this was done to avoid a rush by housewives to use all old stamps to assure a plentiful supply for some and create a scanty supply for those who have used their stamps consistently.

It has been explained that shortages do not exist but "scarcities" of some of the foods are a reality and it has become necessary for the OPA to act with speed to assure even distribution of these foods in 1945.

Lee Dockery, Ranger representative on the Food Panel of the Eastland County War Price and Rationing Board, stated today that he has received no information with reference to the new orders other than those announced through the press and over the radio. Local merchants contacted today made approximately the same statements and are operating under what they can make of the new orders issued.

So far as can be learned a summary of the order seems to be that housewives were asked by the OPA to destroy the invalidated ration stamps to prevent them from being used by accident or design in violation of regulations. The invalidated stamps are Red Stamps A-8 through Z-8 and A-9

### MRS. PHILLIPS LONG TIME RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Jack Phillips for forty years a resident of Ranger died at the West Texas Hospital this morning following a long illness.

Plans have been made for funeral services to be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Merriam cemetery and arrangements will be by Morris Funeral Home.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Gadsden county Alabama on March 3, 1877 and came to Ranger in 1904 to make her home and rear her family. She was a member of the Baptist church and in her more active years had taken part in the work of the church.

Survivors include two sons, Harlan Phillips of Ranger, and J. W. Phillips of Jayton, Texas; four daughters, Mrs. Dick Jones of Strawn, Mrs. S. Taylor of Ranger, Mrs. W. M. Denning of Roswell, N. M. and Mrs. Ethel Horton of San Angelo and six grandchildren.

### Grandson Of Ranger Man Is Reported Missing

George H. Stewart of Route 2, Ranger has been notified that his grandson, Pvt. Howard E. Goines, has been missing in action in France since December 12.

It was explained that further information as to the missing soldier will be forwarded to the grandfather just as soon as it is received by the War Department.

### BUFORD BRYAN BACK FROM WAR IN PACIFIC

Buford Bryan, R. M. 3-c who has been stationed with the Navy in the Pacific has arrived in Ranger for a visit with parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bryan and his wife the former Miss Twila Wynne.

Bryan entered the service of the Navy on February 27, 1943 and received his training at San Diego California before being sent to the Pacific for participation in activities in that theater of war.

He attended grade and high school in Ranger and before going into service was employed at a shipyard in Beaumont.

Bryan has seen action in some of the major conflicts of the Pacific but censorship instructions prevents him from discussing these battles freely.

### Funeral Plans For Mrs. King Are Postponed

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Lillie King, who died in a Dallas hospital Monday December 25, which were scheduled to be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Second Baptist Church have been postponed due to the severity of the weather.

Plans are not complete but it is expected that services will be held here sometime Friday afternoon and possibly on Thursday afternoon.

Members of the family stated today that one son, Lt. R. B. King who is stationed with the Navy at Norfolk, Virginia will be unable to attend services for his mother and another son, Lt. Herbert L. King stationed with the Navy in the Pacific has been notified of the death of his mother.

### Mrs. J. E. Walker Of Gorman Dies; Funeral Thursday

Friends were advised this morning of the death of Mrs. J. E. Walker of Gorman, mother of Mrs. M. H. Smith of Dallas and a former resident of Ranger.

Mrs. Walker who was a long time resident of Gorman will be buried there Thursday afternoon following funeral services at 2:30 o'clock at the Methodist church in Gorman. Mrs. Walker who was 93 years of age died at the Oakwell Sanitarium in Gorman this morning. She was the wife of the late Rev. J. E. Walker, a retired Methodist minister and had made her home in Gorman for more than forty years. Besides Mrs. Smith, the deceased is survived by a son, J. E. Walker, Jr. of Gorman.

Mrs. Smith made her home in Ranger during the early days of the boom when her husband was superintendent of Ranger schools.

### Kansas City Firemen Battle Fire For 8 Hours

KANSAS CITY Mo. — Firemen today battled for eight hours to bring under control the first general alarm fire in Kansas City in a quarter of a century.

The blaze was confined to a warehouse occupied by a wax company and several other concerns in the industrial district of Kansas City. It spread to adjacent buildings and leaped 60 feet across the street to ignite two others, but steady streams of water into the structure immediately.

Officials of the various companies occupying the warehouse space said that recent shipments could boost the total loss to possible two million dollars.

ACCUSES OPA WASHINGTON (UP)— Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb. today accused the Office of Price Administration of arranging closed hearings in Chicago and Kansas City in order to "railroad through" a proposed ceiling on livestock without giving adequate hearing to western cattle growers and feeders.

### RALLYING AMERICANS FOR TIME BEING HAVE AVERTED IMMEDIATE DANGER OF BIG BREAKTHROUGH

Reports Say Two Spearheads 60 Miles In Belgium Were Stopped 36 Hours Ago; Reds Fight Well Into Buda

to a halt four miles east of the Meuse, recapturing the town of Celles, and front reports said the American drive into the southern flank of the German salient was "making excellent headway."

American First Army troops have rallied in front of the Meuse river in Belgium and averted the immediate danger of a German break across that strategic water barrier, Allied Headquarters indicated today.

The two German spearheads which had sped almost 60 miles across Belgium to within four miles of the Meuse were halted 36 hours ago, and while the situation was still regarded as grave, it was not believed to have become worse since then.

Heavy bombers from England smashed at the rear lines again today despite an early morning overcast which threatened to curtail tactical operations over the battlefield.

### LT. WHITEFIELD ARRIVES IN STATES TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitefield received a telegram about 1 o'clock today stating that their son, Lt. Charles Whitefield, who has been with the Air Forces in England has landed in the states and expects to be in Ranger in about a week.

Lt. Whitefield has been in foreign service since May of this year and has been awarded the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The Ranger Daily Times in Tuesday's edition carried a story sent from headquarters in England telling of the award of the DFC and with the story came a picture of the award being made to Lt. Whitefield by his commanding officer.

On Leyte, a spokesman said that the remaining Japs were so scattered and "disorganized that they were being wiped out almost without loss to the Americans.

### His Bad Dream Comes True

FORT WORTH, Tex (UP) H. F. Hestmann, superintendent of the Pythian Home near Weatherford, Tex., dreamed that a plane skimmed over the home, its wings almost vertical, and that it had crashed.

The next day he told "at least 50" persons about the dream.

That night when he went outside in a blinding rainstorm to pull up the windows of his automobile, he saw a plane skim over the home, its wings almost vertical strike a chimney and radio wires.

The plane crashed two miles away, killing three Army fliers.

### Conference On Again In Athens

ATHENS — Greek factional leaders today resumed their peace conference called by Prime Minister Churchill under a semi-truce which Elmas armed forces broke by firing on warships and naval installations at Piraeus.

Exhorted by Churchill to cease their civil war and establish a coalition government, the Greek delegates met for the second session of the conference.

Churchill said the British went to Athens with the approval of Pres. Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin. He intended to remain in Athens a "little while," he said.

"But we have many other tasks to perform in this world of terrible storm."

### FIRST DRAFTEE BACK FROM CHINA HAS DFC

SEATTLE (UP)—The nation's first draftee for World War II—Douglas F. Sheriff of Seattle—now wears sergeant's chevrons, a Distinguished Flying Cross, and is credited with 34 bombing missions over Japanese-held territory in China.

Sheriff recently was awarded a leave, his first from overseas duty in almost four years of service in the Army. His draft number—158—was the first fished out of the traditional glass bowl when selective service was inaugurated.

### Jap Carrier, 26 Other Vessels Sunk By U. S.

WASHINGTON (UP)—A large Japanese aircraft carrier and 26 other enemy vessels have been sunk by U. S. submarines in their mounting offensive against enemy sea power, secretary of the Navy James Forrestal announced today.

These latest sinkings included seven enemy combat ships in all, which raised to 1090 the total of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged by the U. S. under seas fleet.

### Ward's Employees At Kansas City Go Out On Strike

KANSAS CITY (UP)— Picket lines were set up today at the Kansas City retail and mail order plants of Montgomery Ward and Co., as workers went out in a strike which union officials described as a protest against "Seawall Avery's defiance of the War Labor Board."

The number of striking workers was described as "very few" and all store operations were said to be normal.

### LC KITCHEN SPELL HOT FOOD FOR TROOPS

With The Third Engineer Special Brigade, Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific (UP)—"LCK"—these magic symbols spell "hot food" to Yank landing parties on enemy shores.

The initials stand for "Landing Craft Kitchen."

Developed by an Amphibious Engineer company in New Guinea, the LCK resembles a U. S. roadside diner. A converted "LMC"—landing craft mechanized—the LCK bears the name "Mac's Diner."

Cold K rations are obsolete for Amphibs, following this invention.



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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Staff Correspondent

ANY way you look at the current shortages of munitions they are difficult to understand and in many respects they don't make sense.



Edson

You may read all the handouts on critical items, listen to all the speeches about them, memorize all the statistics of the demand, supply and consumption, rationalize all the alibis offered by military or civilian production experts, develop blind staggers reading their graphs, curves and pie charts. In the end you are dizzier than a blonde who has been through the works in the tunnel of love, and you still don't know the answers.

This is where you came in. All the columns of news dispatches you now read from the fronts and from Washington, all the editorials trying to interpret the shortages of ammunition, tires, trucks, guns and even manpower are of the same tenor as 1940 and '41.

The cumulative impact of the current production crisis reports is that this is a bigger national disgrace than Pearl Harbor. BONDS have been bought by the billions. Production "E's" and "A's" and "M's" and probably "H's" and "O's" have been awarded by the convoy load to management for the swell job it has done. Labor with a capital L has alternately been kicked on the backside and patted itself on the back for the job it has done. The Army and Navy are bigger and better than any Army or Navy have ever been before.

Yet from the reports of generals from Eisenhower and MacArthur to Somervell, we haven't begun to fight. What happened? Why should there be billions of dollars worth of surpluses to dispose of when there are billions of dollars worth of shortages of critical items? Why millions of tons, ever-age dry cell batteries when the dry cell battery production program is behind schedule? Why should supply ships have to ride at anchor unloaded?

WERE civilian production chiefs and private business men too eager to plant too much reproduction too soon? Were service chiefs wrong in cutting back production of such things as small arms and cotolinduck? Was Congress wrong in refusing to consider a National Service Act a year ago, in view of present manpower difficulties? Were appropriations committees short-sighted when they refused the War Manpower Commission sufficient funds to reorganize the Employment Service and enforce their Certificate of Availability program to control job transfers?

You may blame everybody or anybody for this thing that has happened on the production front, but finding sacrificial goats to offer on the altars of national wrath will not remedy the situation. All you can do is recognize that it has happened and then— Isn't it every individual's responsibility?

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Sports Editor

JOHN BARNHILL of Tennessee should not be overlooked in Schools abandoning football for a year. Barnhill and Thomas picked up where they left off two years before, added another year and in experienced sounds into New Year's Day Bowl combinations.

Tennessee drew the rich Pasadena Tournament of Roses appointment with Southern California, the Alabama the sweet New Orleans Sugar Bowl, plum against Duke.

Officially, Alabama may not have had an All-America man this fall, although even as a freshman, Pancho Mancha, the huge center, didn't miss very far.

Tusculoosa was well represented elsewhere, however, and Coach Thomas likes to contemplate what the Crimson would have done to the opposition had not conditions shot drama material in so many directions.

AS Alabama sophomores, tailback Bob Jenkins and tackle Don Whitmore, Navy's big guns helped Tommy Thomas beat the vaunted Boston College club of 1942, 27-21, in the Miami Orange Bowl. Phil Tinsley, Georgia Tech's clever end, was a second-stringer on that Alabama victory.

Thomas drilled Leon Braxton, Navy letterman of 1943 and star end of this fall, as a frosh. Lionel Noonan, 19-year-old, 5-foot-11, 205-pound blaster good enough to share the crack Camp

Out Our Way By J. R. Williams



1944 Achievement Programs Beings Planned By County 4-H Groups

The 1944 Achievement programs for the purpose of awarding the merit certificates to the girls who completed their demonstrations are being planned by the local clubs. The Young school girls' 4-H Club of Ranger was the first to hold one of the Achievement programs. This achievement program was in the form of a winter roast and slumber party. It was planned by the sponsor, Miss Lillian Bishop; the hostesses Charlotte Love and Mrs. John Love; and Loma Faye Hearn, Assistant County Home Demonstration Agent. The party was held at Mrs. Love's home in the Alameda community Thursday, December 14, 1944. Thrills of excitement began at 5 p. m. and lasted until 8:30 a. m., the following morning. The famous satire "All work and no play makes Jane a dull girl" was in the minds of those who planned the program. For up until this time the 4-H program had been all work. The program was begun with the thrill of building a bon fire in the near by woods on which weiners were roasted. Bed time stories were told of all which were in the nature of ghost stories.

This group of 31 youngsters and sponsors, then journeyed to the home where the remainder of the program followed. Evelyn Blackwell gave a summary of the local club accomplishments during the year and Kay George gave a summary of the county achievement highlights of which are as follows: 4-H Girls have a land army of over 500 strong that's on the job today, plowing, gathering crops, caring for chickens or live stock or doing other extra farm work. Besides growing four for use fresh all through the year, 4-H girls reported that they had canned 19,283 containers of food during the summer and had stored 25,307 pounds of vegetables. 229 sewing boxes were equipped by 4-H members in the county. After the sewing boxes were equipped, 170 scarfs, 219 aprons, 123 slips, 287 laundry bags, 292 shoe bags, 75 oven mitts, 198 Dutch bonnets and 300 hats, 57 pairs of house shoes and 90 play suits, dresses and skirts were made by the 4-H girls, 95 per cent of the girls of the county had gardens of their own or helped with a garden. Besides the work already given, the 4-H club members made 383 necklaces, 351 health kits and 298 plant beds. The girls had frame gardens, treated seed, sprayed to control insect pests, raised poultry besides other things that were suggested by the girls.

Mrs. Love carried the group in to the kitchen to observe her beautifully arranged ventilated pantry containing 1669 jars. This pantry was built according to the AAM Extension Service recom-

mendations. Following this most informational and educational phase of the program, Miss Lillian Bishop awarded the honor certificates to the 19 4-H girls who completed their demonstrations in 1944.

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Protein Intake Generates Blood

LINCOLN, Neb. (UP)—Women blood donors regenerate blood more rapidly when given a generous intake of protein, Dr.

Ruth Leverton, home economics department of the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, reported to the American Dietetic Association. Dr. Leverton conducted a study last year at the university with 30 women students, who acted as blood donors and received a care-

fully balanced diet. Blood values measured weekly indicated those girls who were given 75 grams of protein a day regenerated blood much more rapidly than those receiving the usual intake of 50 grams.

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IV He was like Drusus. The import of her words struck Joel as a vicious blow. "Like Drusus," he echoed, and his tone brought the bright blood to her cheeks and engendered tears veiled the direct golden glance he had learned to trust. Tears pointed her silken eyelashes and dried on her hot cheeks even as they fell, and as Michal looked at Joel she was unaware of her tears, blind as she was from the pain of wounded love for him that he had not guessed. "He was Jonathan's son," she said. "And her tone was as wicked as the question his echo had held."

The rays of the sun were dazzling as they struck the white buildings of Bethlehem, visible above the belt of olives that girded the hill. And Joel's unreasoning anger, was as merciless and as scorching as that fiery body of light, casting the pitiless rays. "Surely thou art as Jezebel and Elahim shall destroy thee!" "I wish," she said bitterly, "I wish I had remained a widow in Israel. That I had not yielded mine heart to foolishness and wedded the brother of Jonathan!" "I wonder not that Jonathan died!" Joel declared. "Didst thou

I should understand the moods of women."

"What wouldst thou understand, Joel?" Michal questioned, and she was not angry now, nor mocking. The shepherd's eyes sought for sign of the coming motherhood she hinted, and had found none when he replied. "I would know how I might win thine heart, Michal."

"By forgetting Jonathan and Malachi," she murmured very low. "Thou art perverse," he declared. "Thou leadest me to hope for thy love while thy heart seeketh only to confound me."

"Thou art unwilling to believe," Michal said. "Thou canst not give loyalty unto thy wife since thou givest thine all to thy brother who is dead. And his death his only excellence," she added. His anger rose again at her words. Surely if she despised his family she could not love himself, and the hope she had given him in the present hour was darkened by his deepening anger. He sat in silence while she sought once more to win him from his old allegiance and shield herself from the exhaustion of nerves that had frightened her in their quarrels lately.

"In Bethlehem they understand," she said. The heat was oppressive. It seemed to have drawn from Michal the fuel of her vitality so that the flame of her spirit grew quiet and she was like a sun-wearied flower. A white rose drooping. Even her curls had lost their crispness and fell in soft ringlets upon her shoulders. The hand that so often had hidden its tremor in her curls was pressed now against her heart as though to hide the tremor there, and Joel recalled rumors of Jerusalem's market, as she spoke of Bethlehem.

In that square of bargaining and vindictive tattling of gossip from far parts of the world, from Egypt, and Ethiopia, from Tyre and Sidon and from courts of Rome, would a shepherd's wife be named? (To Be Continued)

He disowned her charge. "Thou art held in my heart, Michal, and all my will is not enough to remove thee."

His words pleased her so that she recovered her happy spirit and teased him gently. "Yet in thine heart thou makest me a by-word of the people, and a foretime I was a tabret."

Joel led her into the vineyard, her arms within his own, the sun casting a mantle of gold upon their shoulders. "Thou twistest the words of my lips and thine own lips deny the love thou knowest," he said with astonishment. "Nay, surely love for me is not in thine heart! Thou dost cherish me for the child I carry."

"For thyself and for the child," he said honestly. "Michal, when shall be the time when thou shalt be delivered?"

Reluctance was a drag upon her words. "Thou must be patient, Joel. For it is not soon that my time cometh."

He could wait if in the waiting she would be as pleasing as lately she had been, her tongue less sharp and bitter and her words of Malachi the words of grief. "Thou wilt bring an acacia soon, Joel?" she asked.

HER request met his ever unsatisfied wonder. "Why wouldst thou have an acacia?" "That I might plant it. That it should lend the purity of its bloom to my heart's unflowering wilderness," she told him quietly. "Thou speakest riddles I may not understand," he answered. "For surely thy lovely face is the blossom of thine heart, and there is none fairer."

"Jonathan," she said. "Jonathan found it not so." "Did not Jonathan love thee?" he asked boldly. She hesitated, uncertainty written on her countenance. Then with a smile she dismissed the past. "I recall not whether I asked him," she said. (To Be Continued)

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IN Bethlehem, in the month of Tishri, when the summer's heat reached its final overpowering peak, when men sat upon the housetops sipping a cooling drink sweetened with rose petals, and their sandals were laid aside and their feet washed of the day's dust, there were those who spoke of Michal.

When the threshing floors were swept of their grain and the fat figs promised a goodly harvest, when apples hung temptingly to the daughters of Eve and the olive harvest should have been uppermost in the minds of men; when grapes were ripening, in this sabbatical year when many would go free, there were men in Bethlehem who wondered would Michal go free at last from the bonds of the past.

But there was no breath of purity in Jerusalem's market, and seeking to learn her secret there, Joel heard no word of Michal, so that remembering her promise of a child for him, he found it easy to be gentle with her and was amazed at her sweetness when their quest was laid aside.

She was thus, and there she spoke of Michal's absence, and all unaware

betray him to thy Roman friends as Jezebel betrayed Naboth?" Michal had controlled her anger now. She could wound as grievously as she was wounded. She applied the lash of her anger skillfully. "Thy heart is a garden of iniquity wherein the weeds of unjust suspicion flourish! Surely thy family shall perish even as Jonathan, and thy name be forgotten in Israel!" He matched that with a thrust that struck deeper than he could know. "If thou art barren I shall take unto myself another wife. One that shall not be as thou art. But shall be obedient unto her husband as knowing her need of me."

The tears were gone from Michal's golden eyes, her glance was provocative and her voice mocking as both veiled the sharpness of her anger. "Shall we call our son Dan, Joel? For I am not barren."

"Dan," he said, "Dan." And surprise had taken his breath that he might say no more.

"So that thou mayest bless him as Jacob blessed his son," Michal reminded him. "Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path."

"Nay," he denied her. "If thou bearest a son to me and wouldst call him Dan, he shall be Dan, a judge of his people."

"That he may judge his mother, even as thou hast judged me," she said bitterly. "I would not judge thee, little Michal," Joel exclaimed. "I would not judge thee for thou art dear to me."

"Yet thou art ever judging!" she cried. "Nothing that I can do pleases thee and I am weary of this constant quarrelling."

"Thou challegest my every word," he said quietly. "And I find no way to please thee. I am but a shepherd and not wise as thou wouldst tell thee, my husband," she said in mingled surprise and wonder. "I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame and there was none that held me in contempt until thou didst return to do so."

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**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gray had as their guests for Christmas, their sons, Roy and L. E. Gray Jr., of Okessa and Sylvan Gray and Mrs. Gray and children of Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Akina and baby of Cross Plains were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Browning on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnett and two daughters of Dallas were the guests of Mrs. Barnett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Head, during the Christmas week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Calder had as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Fullwood and son, Brad of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Calder and children, Billy and Betty Lou, of Torrence, California, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Cash and daughter Mary Margaret, of Wilmington, California, Mrs.

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**FOUR ROADS TO TOKYO**

Four possible drives toward Tokyo are illustrated on the map above. Recent concentrated bombings of Bonin Islands may indicate a "pre-invasion" softening up or an effort to immobilize Jap planes based there, which have repeatedly attacked B-29 installations on Saipan.

James S. Fullwood of Abilene and Mrs. G. B. Smith of Ranger.

Mrs. B. F. Herring is in Waco to spend the holidays with relatives.

A. F. Miller has returned from Dallas and Trinidad where he spent the holidays with his sons, Lt. Albert Miller and Bill Miller and their families.

D. S. Miller has returned from a business trip to Dallas.

Mrs. Dean Tracy has returned to her home in Hollywood after spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Hortense Matthews.

Mrs. A. F. Miller has returned from Anson where she spent Christmas with her father, J. W. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheelon of Sunray, formerly of Ranger, are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bourdeau, Miss Mary Bourdeau, a student at the University of Texas, Cecelia Martha Mooney, William Bourdeau of Camp Wolters and their holiday guest, Pvt. Leo Hannigan of Cleveland, Ohio, and Camp Wolters, have returned from Dallas where they spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. E. V. Mooney. Miss Bourdeau will leave Thursday to resume her studies at the University. The Bourdeaus have received word that another son, Ensign John Mooney is now stationed with the Navy on Sicily.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stafford and daughter, Genelia of Groves, Texas who were the guests of Mr. Stafford's mother, Mrs. R. R. Stafford, for Christmas have gone to San Diego to attend the graduation of Herbert Stafford, Jr., from the Naval Training School.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McAn-

**NOTICE**

To All Stockholders of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Ranger:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Ranger will be held at the Paramount Hotel (in the form of a free breakfast) on the 4th day of January, 1945, at 7:30 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing Directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting, and change charter to form K.

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**Society, Clubs**

**JULIA ALEXANDER GROVE HAS LUNCHEON**

Members of Julia Alexander Grove No. 1994 of the Woodmen Circle, were entertained with a Christmas social Friday at the home of Mrs. Lena McDonough (with a covered dish luncheon). The guest rooms were beautifully decorated in the Xmas colors of red and green and a gaily decorated tree was in the living room.

Those present were: Moses, Laura Melton, Edna Earl-Williamson, Thelma Bott, Hattie Greer, Eula Blackwell, Lena Patterson, Carrie Henry, Annie Bankston, Ruby Greer and hostess Lena McDonough.

The next meeting will be a business session at the I. O. O. F. hall on Wed. Jan. 3rd, at which time new officers will be installed. All members are urged to be present.

**MISS WOODS AND MR. DANIELS MARRIED**

In a single ring ceremony performed Saturday, December 23, at 4 p. m., in the home of Rev. A. J. Morgan, Baptist minister at Breckenridge, Miss Izetta Woods, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woods, of 397 South Austin street, became the bride of Mr. W. E. Daniels, formerly of Breckenridge, who is now making his home in Ranger.

The bride chose for her wedding a costume of blue and her bridal flowers were pink carnations in a shoulder corsage.

Following the wedding which was attended by relatives and close friends, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. W. N. Ruth, sister of the groom.

Mrs. Daniels for a number of years has been a teacher in the Ranger public schools and will continue her duties as a teacher. She holds the A.B. and M.A. degrees from the North Texas State Teachers College at Denton and has been active in the Ranger chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Mr. Daniel for a number of years has been employed here by the Lone Star Gas Company. The bride and groom are making their home at the Ghoulson Hotel.

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**STAFF NEWS**

Jimmie Fonville of Ranger visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard, from Tuesday until Friday of the past week.

Mrs. O. T. Hazard and Mrs. G. L. Henderson shopped in Ranger last Tuesday.

Emerson Hallenbeck and Tom were in Eastland last Friday on business.

Maurice Hazard and family were Ranger visitors last Tuesday.

A large crowd attended Sunday school and prayer services at the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

San Fonville and family of Ranger were guests Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard.

Mrs. Viola Fordard shopped in Ranger last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White of Eastland attended the program and tree at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Maurice Hazard was a business visitor in Ranger Saturday evening.

John W. Thurman was a business visitor in Ranger last Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Mullings and sons, Marcus and Lynn, and Ollie Hines, all of Abilene, were guests during the holidays of Mrs. Jennie K. Hines and Mr. and Mrs. John M. White, and attended the program and Christmas tree at the Staff Baptist church Sunday night.

Buster Hazard and family of Anson, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Dennis of Ranger were holiday visitors in their home at the Ghoulson Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jordan moved the past week to the home they

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of Mrs. Dennis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White, and attended services at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Cole of Ranger attended the Christmas program at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mrs. Wayne White has been ill with influenza the past several days. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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The success of B-29 Super-Fortresses operating from their new Saipan base poses the questions of whether it is any longer militarily profitable to continue basing these air giants in China. Map above gives some of the reasons why the Saipan base is preferable. Twentieth Air Force flyers say the Marshall Islands base is within "easy range" of key targets, whereas the Chinese bases are so far from Japan that the B-29s cannot carry a maximum bomb load.



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