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Americans Seize Initiative On 2 Flanks

PFC. NORWOOD IS KILLED IN GERMANY DEC 12

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood of Ranger were notified late Wednesday that their son, Pfc. Wayland E. Norwood, was killed in action in Germany on December 12.

The young soldier who gave his life while in the service of his country was serving with the 104th Division in the First Army at the time of his death. He entered the service of the Army on November 9, 1943 and had been in foreign service since August 24, 1944, his birthday. He had seen service with the Infantry in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Born August 24, 1925 at Comanche he had resided at Trent where he attended public schools and had graduated from the Clyde High school. Just prior to going into service he was employed by the Banner Ice Cream company in Abilene. He was trained in Camp Callen, California and at Carson, Colorado. On first going into the service he was with an Anti-Aircraft unit but in March 1944 transferred to the Infantry.

He held the Good Conduct medal and the expert rifleman's badge. One month ago today his family moved to Ranger where the father is employed by the Texas and Pacific Railway. The young man and fiancée, Miss Billie Joe Scoggin of Clyde is here with the Norwoods.

Final Grid Game To Be Broadcast On Stations

A special radio network of 24 stations has been arranged to broadcast the final game of the 1944 Texas high school football championship between Highland Park high school of Dallas vs. Port Arthur high school of Port Arthur. The game will be played in Memorial Stadium, Austin, Texas, Saturday, December 30.

Ves Box, who is one of the ace football reporters, will cover the play by play description of the game, with Charles Jordan, equally as well known, handling the color and descriptive accounts of the participating teams. The broadcast will begin at 2:20 p. m.

The thousands of football fans who will be unable to attend the game in Austin on account of wartime transportation difficulties, will be able to hear the play-by-play broadcast over: KRBC Abilene, 1460 kc.; KGNC Amarillo, 1440 kc.; KNOW Austin, 1490 kc.; KTRC Austin, 560 kc.; KRIC Beaumont, 1430 kc.; KBST, Big Spring, 1490 kc.; KBWD Brownwood, 1380 kc.; KWBW Corpus Christi, 1030 kc.; KAND, Corsicana 1340 kc.; KRLL Dallas, 1080 kc.; WRR Dallas 1310 kc.; KFJZ Fort Worth, 1270 kc.; KGKO Fort Worth-Dallas, 570 kc.; KTRH Houston, 740 kc.; KPRO Longview 1370 kc.; KRBA Lufkin 1340 kc.; KFYO Lubbock 1340 kc.; KRLL Midland, 1290 kc.; KNET Palestine, 1450 kc.; KPND Pampa 1340 kc.; KPLT Paris, 1490 kc.; KPAC Port Arthur 1250 kc.; KGKL San Angelo 1400 kc.; KABC San Antonio 1480 kc.; KTRA San Antonio 550 kc.; KXOX Sweetwater 1240 kc.; KTEM Temple, 1400 kc.; KCMC Texarkana 1280 kc.; KGKB Tyler, 1490 kc.; KRRV Sherman 910 kc.; KWVC Vernon 1490 kc.; WACO Waco 1450 kc.; KRGV Weslaco, 1290 kc.; and KWTT Wichita Falls 620 kc.

Billy Pat Owen Home From Three Years In Pacific

Seaman 2-c Billy Pat Owen is home for the first time in three years, during which time he has been a gunner and mechanic in a patrol bombing squadron, operating in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Owen, of Eastland.

Seaman Owen wears three stars, representing major battles he has participated in. He is home on a 30 day furlough, and at the end of that time will return to his base at San Diego for re-assignment.

Last Rites For Mr. Edwards To Be On Friday

Funeral services for William P. Edwards of Olden will be conducted at the Olden Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. Mansel Elder, pastor of the Strawn and Eastland Presbyterian churches in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Eastland cemetery and arrangements will be by Killingsworth Funeral Home.

Mr. Edwards was accidentally shot Monday December 25 while on a hunting trip near Olden. He died at the scene of the accident. He was born June 20, 1887 at Leitch, Oklahoma and came to Olden about 22 years ago and had resided there since while employed by the Magnolia Petroleum company. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Strawn.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. William P. Edwards of Olden, four sons, John Mac Edwards with the U. S. Army overseas, James Roy, Richard Lewis, and Thomas Paul all of Olden; four daughters Mrs. E. H. Fisher of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Keith Weigel of San Francisco, Miss Wilma De Edwards both of Olden. Two brothers and two sisters, as follows, also survive, Jack Edwards of Ranger, Lewis Edwards of Dallas, Mrs. Jim Carley of Strawn, and Mrs. Ann McCoy of Eastland. Surviving also are two grandchildren.

Palbearers will be C. A. Howell, Jim Ward, Guy Hendrick, Jack Stephens, T. Crawford, and Walter Colburn, all of Olden and all employees of the Magnolia.

Federal Income Tax Dates For 1945 Are Listed

WASHINGTON (UP)—Here is a calendar of dates with the federal income tax collector:

Jan. 1, 1945—New withholding rates and new Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificates go into effect.

Jan. 15, 1945—Last day for filing, amending and paying installments on 1944 Declarations of Estimated Tax Deadline formerly was Dec. 15, but was postponed by new law. This deadline especially important for farmers. NOTE: Under the new law, a taxpayer who files his 1944 income tax return and pays the tax due on it by Jan. 15 (instead of waiting until March 15) need not file any declaration or amended declaration otherwise due on Jan. 15.

Jan. 31, 1945—Deadline for employers to give all employees the new, simplified form of Form W-2 (Rev. 1), which contains the new, simplified form for income tax return for wage-earners.

March 15, 1945—Last day for filing of 1944 Income Tax Returns. Last day for filing of 1945 Declarations of Estimated Income Tax. Last day for payment of unpaid balance—if any—of unpaid portion of tax due on 1943 income.

Mrs. Phillips Is Buried After Services Thurs.

Last rites for Mrs. Jack Phillips of Ranger were said at the First Baptist church in Ranger Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment was in the Merriam cemetery and funeral arrangements were by Morris Funeral Home.

The deceased was born in Gadsden county Alabama on March 3, 1877 and in 1904 came to Ranger to make her home. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are two sons, Harlan of Ranger and J. W. of Jayton; four daughters, Mrs. Dick Jones of Strawn, Mrs. H. S. Taylor of Ranger, Mrs. W. M. Denning of Rowell, N. M. and Mrs. Ethel Horton of San Angelo. Six grandchildren also survive.

Palbearers were V. V. Cooper, Jr., V. V. Cooper, Sr., Jack Blackwell, J. M. Robinson, Pink Stafford and Henry Davenport.

More than 32,000 storage batteries have been built by Army Ordnance in a single month.

Mortar Shells Fired On German Soil



While the main force of the German offensive is to the Northwest of their sector, U. S. 7th Army holds loggledly to its hard won positions near the Rhine river at Lauterbourg. Here a mortar unit of the 7th pumps shells into Germany from positions just off the main street of Lauterbourg on the Alsation-German border. (NEA Telephoto.)

Believed Evil Of No Man Until He Was Robbed

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—W. Gray once was one of those men who "see no evil, hear no evil, and believe no evil."

So when a smooth-talking stranger struck up a conversation with him, he had no suspicions. After the conversation ended, however, he discovered himself minus \$65.

Harley believing it was Gray, nevertheless, found the stranger and had him arrested.

Before filing charges, he got into conversation with the man again.

"The man was terribly sorry. It must have been an accident, but to prove his good faith, he would not only refund Gray the \$65 but would add an extra \$40.

Gray was satisfied—he didn't really think the stranger could be a bad man, so he took his check for \$105.

Now he is in possession of a hot check and the knowledge that there are villains in the world. Also the knowledge that he is not the only innocent who has met that particular villain. The police of several other cities are also looking for him.

Two Ranger Men Saw It, So It Must Be True

RANGER, Tex. (UP)—If only one man had seen it, his imagination might have gone a bit awry—but two men saw it, so it must exist.

What was seen was a gigantic bird with an enormous head that hid too-foot tracks more than 12 inches long.

Where it was seen was at Possum Kingdom Dam.

The men who saw it were Raymond Turner and Buster LeQuey, Assistant Foremen of the Ranger Pipe-line District.

And they didn't see it together—they saw it on separate fishing trips to the dam and corroborated each other's description exactly.

Three Brothers Meet In Gay Paree

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—A heart warming story of the reunion of three Houston brothers far, far from home in gay Paree has come to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dumesnil.

Sgt. Herbert Dumesnil and Pfc. Emmette Dumesnil had been barracks mates ever since they entered the army but they hadn't seen Clark in 20 months.

So, determined to get together, Herbert and Emmette hitchhiked 100 miles to Paris and the three happy brothers proceeded to paint the town red.

Clark says he still dreams about the time they had.

Today's War Map



Today's war map shows that American forces have regained Celles, four miles from the Meuse River. Nazis have been beaten back from Ciney as the U. S. 1st Army rallies, averting immediate danger of a Nazi breakthrough. (NEA Telemap.)

Chas. Freyschlag B-24 Gunner Has Arrived In Italy

15th AAF in Italy—Cpl. Charles R. Freyschlag, 20, who has trained as a turret gunner in a B-24 Liberator, has arrived in Italy and taken up his duties in a heavy bomber squadron of the 15th Air Force. The veteran organization to which he has been assigned is well past the 150-mission mark, and its crews have dropped thousands of tons of bombs on oil refineries, airbases and railroad yards in German held southern and central Europe. Cpl. Freyschlag, whose wife, Mrs. Marjorie P. Freyschlag, resides at 312 N. Ammerman St., Eastland, Texas, was formerly a student at Texas Christian University.

Cpl. Freyschlag is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Freyschlag of Eastland.

Krueger's Have 2 Officers In Their Family

While Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, Commanding General of the Sixth Army in the Southwest Pacific pushes the Japs off Leyte, Col. Walter Krueger, Jr., prepares more Yank soldiers to help in the pushing.

General Krueger's son is commanding officer of the 1162nd Engineering Group here.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Rain tonight and Friday. Not quite so cold Friday and in extreme northwest tonight.

Funeral Services For Mr. Russell Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Charlie (Al) Russell of Monahans were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Killingsworth Funeral Chapel in Ranger with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment was in the Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. Russell, a former resident of Ranger (died at his home in Monahans Monday, December 25). He was born in Parker's landing, Pa., Feb. 24, 1882 and would have been 63 years of age in February. His wife preceded him in death several years ago. During his residence in Ranger in the years of the oil boom he was employed by the T. P. Coal and Oil company at the Frankel division. He had resided in Monahans for the past nine years.

His survivors include his mother, Mrs. Margaret A. Russell of St. Mary's West Virginia, three sons, Charles Russell of Belmont, West Va., Merl Kenneth Russell, Wink, Texas, Owens Lewis Russell with the U. S. Army overseas four daughters, Miss Alberta Russell of Belmont, W. Va., Mrs. Garnet Martin Owens of St. Mary's, Mrs. Fonda Maude Worstell of Brownwood, Mrs. Louise Charlotte Beckman of Odessa; brothers, J. J. Russell of Monahans, R. W. Russell of Mineral Wells, Niel Russell of Parkersburg, W. Va., and Kenneth Russell of St. Mary's; four sisters, Mrs. Nellie Hinson of St. Mary's, Mrs. Wayne E. McCarrier of Wichita, Kansas, Ben F. Donley of St. Mary's, Mrs. J. J. Brockmyre of Macdonald, Penn., and three grandchildren.

Palbearers were Ray McHenry, Pete Martin, C. C. Coalson, Jack Urban, C. W. Alworth and Jack Chapman.

Rescue Mission Planes Dive Bombed Supplies

HEADQUARTERS TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, Elmendorf Field, Alaska Department (UP)—The transport pilots and crewmen who for a month dropped supplies to the land via rescue party climbing an unnamed peak near Mt. Brooks to the wreckage of an Army C-47 which took 19 to their death Sept. 18, assert that they now all rate bombardier's wings.

"We got so we could drop a case of C-ration or a can of gasoline anywhere they wanted it," said Capt. Ansel M. Tibbs, Valley Mills Texas. "We'd dive down to 50 feet drop the stuff and peel away like we were flying pursuit jobs instead of C-47's and after a few weeks the boys really got good."

The expeditionary party put out red or blue parachutes to mark the spot where the supplies were to be dropped, and the airmen would try to hit them.

"We got some C rations up here a pilot would say over the radio, 'Just say the word and we'll drop 'em right in the kitchen for you.'"

In many cases the markers were less than 5 yards from the party's tents, so that accuracy was essential.

Among the transport pilots who supplied the expedition were Lt. Charles W. Grimes, Denver, Col., Lt. Richard L. Coleman, Ashville, N. C., and Lt. Ralph G. Kahn, Santa Cruz, Cal.

Tibbs states that the only near accident he had during the supply operation was when he dropped a bundle of tent poles, which whipped back in the slipstream and damaged the tail section of his plane.

Bullet Aimed At Churchill May Be Fatal To Girl

ATHENS—British sources said today that machine gun bullets believed fired in an assassination attempt missed Prime Minister Churchill and other British authorities by 30 yards yesterday, but wounded a Greek girl, probably fatally.

Negotiations among Greek political leaders seeking to end the civil war reached a temporary stalemate, but it was believed that King George might pave the way for a solution by setting up a regency.

Fighting still raged in Athens and northwest Greece.

Mount Climber Gave Tribute To Plane Dead

Headquarters Elmendorf Airbase, Alaska Department (UP)—How final tribute was paid to the 19 passengers lost Sept. 18 in the crash of an Army C-47 transport plane near the summit of an unnamed 10,000 foot peak near Mt. Brooks in the Alaska Range, was revealed here.

Fourteen expert mountain climbers reached the scene of the crash after four weeks of making their way through the storm-lashed mountain wilderness in one of the largest scale land rescue operations in history. They were:

Lt. Allan C. Dillman, Roosevelt, Utah; S-Sgt. Richard C. Manuel, Haines, Alaska; S-Sgt. James E. Gale, Fairbanks, Alaska; Cpl. Eugene Tetinek, Fortuna Lodge, Alaska; T-5 James C. Larson, Laramie, Wyo.; T-5 Jacob A. Stalker, Nootak, Alaska; Pfc. William R. Harvey, Illinois; Pfc. Richard D. Huff, Platinum, Alaska; Pfc. Jack N. Yokel, S a n Francisco, Cal.; Pfc. Elmo G. Penn, Oakland, Cal.; Pvt. Joseph Secora, Anchorage, Alaska; Grant Pearson, Mt. McKinley National Park, Alaska; James A. Ford, Washington, D. C., and Bradford Washburn, New York, N. Y.

It had been found impossible to locate the 19 bodies, which were buried deep under the hard packed snow of an avalanche. The 14 climbers—tired, bearded, frost-bitten—felt the need, they said to pay some last tribute to the dead. They did not have a chaplain with them. One of the men, bare headed, looked around at the great gleaming peaks, and said: "What finer monuments could any man wish for? They will be here when other monuments are dust. May our friends rest in peace in their shadows."

The sentence was placed on a memorial placard in this headquarters.

War Casualties To Date Reach 628,441 Total

WASHINGTON—U. S. combat casualties announced here since Pearl Harbor reached 628,441 today, 65,973 greater than the last overall figure announced two weeks ago.

The casualties included 547,823 for the Army and 80,618 for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said the Army casualties included only those through Dec. 14 and not any of those suffered in the current German offensive.

Seawolf, Crew Presumed Lost

WASHINGTON (UP)—The 1450 ton submarine Seawolf is overdue on Pacific patrol and presumed lost with its crew of at least 92 men, the Navy announced today.

This was the 34th U. S. submarine to be lost from all causes in this war and the 239th American naval vessel lost. Our sub, however, have sunk 934 Japanese ships.

Churchill, Eden On Way Home

A BBC correspondent reported from Athens today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden had left Greece for London.

The BBC correspondent said that Churchill and Eden will recommend to King George of Greece to accept a regency immediately.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie King, wife of R. O. King, which were originally scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, will be held Friday morning at the Second Baptist church.

NAZIS DRIVEN BACK; ENEMY SURROUNDED EAST OF CELLES

American troops have seized the initiative on both flanks and at the tip of the Belgian-Luxembourg salient, supreme headquarters announced today, driving back the westernmost spearhead three miles.

ATHENS (UP)—Premier George Papandreu was understood without official confirmation today to have sent his resignation to King George of Greece and suggested the appointment of a three member regency.

and surrounding thousands of Nazis east of Celles.

A broadcast from Marshal Von Rundstedt's headquarters admitted that the Germans had lost the initiative on a 35 mile front between Bastogne and Nechemark and had "gone over to the elastic defense of their flank."

On the eastern front, a battle of annihilation raged in Budapest as Soviet armored forces struck west of the Hungarian capital toward the Austrian frontier in pursuit of fleeing German and Hungarian troops.

The Germans continued to press their sharp counterattack against the Allied Fifth Army in the Serchio river valley of Italy, having advanced at least three miles after capturing the town of Barga.

AMERICAN AIR AND NAVAL FORCES

LONDON (UP)—Nearly 2,000 American heavy bombers and fighters smashed through dirty weather today at rail yards, bridges and other vital links in the transport network behind the German salient in Belgium and Luxembourg.

sunk or damaged 41 more Japanese vessels, including 15 warships, in widespread attacks throughout the Pacific and Japanese reported a new Superfortress attack on their homeland today in the wake of a heavy B-29 assault on the Musashino aircraft factory in Tokyo.

A Japanese broadcast said a "minor" formation of Superforts from the Marianas dropped "some incendiary bombs" just north of Tokyo today.

The big four-engine bombers were revealed to have scored 12 direct bomb hits in yesterday's attack on the important Musashino works.

The toll of Japan's waning sea power was taken by U. S. bombers, submarines and surface craft in attacks ranging from the south west Pacific theater to the Volcano Islands, 750 miles south of Tokyo.

An abortive bombardment of American positions in Mindoro in the Philippines cost the Japanese three destroyers sunk and a battleship and a cruiser damaged.

Ward Stores In 7 Cities Seized

CHICAGO (UP)—The Federal government, acting under orders of President Roosevelt, took possession of Montgomery Ward and Co. properties in seven cities today, but for the second time this year, Sewell Avery, chairman of the firm's board of directors, refused to accept the executive order.

The order affected Ward stores in Chicago, Detroit, Jamaica, N. Y., St. Paul, Minn., Denver, San Rafael, Calif., and Portland, Ore.

Expect Kansas City Ward Store To Be Seized

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Edward Chevlin, international representative for the CIO union involved in the Montgomery Ward and Company case, declared today that he "expects this plant to be included in the seizure by the government."

The Kansas City plant, struck for the second day, was not included in the order today by Mr. Roosevelt.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Staff Correspondent

HARD hitting progressive Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia is scheduled to come to Washington Jan. 2 to argue in person a petition that the U. S. Supreme Court accept original jurisdiction over a suit the State of Georgia proposes to bring against 12 northern and eight southern railway systems, charging conspiracy through the Southern Freight Association of Atlanta to fix freight rates which are unfair to Georgia and its citizens.

The spectacle of a governor arguing before the highest court of the land on behalf of the people of his state is unprecedented, but the case is important and of general interest for a number of other reasons:

Cases in which the Supreme Court accepts original jurisdiction before a lower court has taken action upon them are extremely rare. If the Supreme Court accepts jurisdiction and hears the case, its decision may well break new ground in deciding the place of a state in the national economy and the state's rights in protecting its citizens.

IN hearing evidence on whether it will accept jurisdiction the Supreme Court must argue the case at joint counsel with Governor Arnall. Development of the case is, however, entirely Governor Arnall's idea as is the plan to petition the Supreme Court to accept original jurisdiction.

ALL the legal aspects of this suit are too complicated for the layman to understand. Over-simplifying the basis of the suit is that the State of Georgia, its ports, its commerce and its citizens are discriminated against and injured by freight rates arbitrarily determined by the Southern Freight Association.

As an example, it is cited that the freight rate from Alton, Ill., to Savannah, Ga., is \$2.39 per 100 pounds while from Alton to Baltimore, Md., six miles farther by rail, the rate is \$1.65 per 100 pounds. This is the case with the case of southern rail rate discrimination.

A decision in Governor Arnall's case might go a long way towards settling it and, at the same time, settling the economic future of the south.

SEABEE ANNIVERSARY

Editor's Note—The following anniversary account of the work of the Seabees has been received by V-Mail by the Editor from H. H. Lewis, C. M. 2-c, who is stationed with the Seabees somewhere in the Pacific.

As one of the honor men now serving with the Seabees overseas I hope that you will be interested in printing the little news items below which was prepared by one of our fellows in commemoration of our "SEABEE" December 28. It will give us and our families back home a great deal of satisfaction to know the Seabees are being remembered. Thanking you for your cooperation, I am sincerely,

R. H. Lewis, C. M. 2-c

The third anniversary of the "swackiest and fightingest bunch of men" in the Nation's armed forces, the Navy Seabees, will be observed on December 28 by 249,000 officers and men of the United States' Naval Construction Battalions.

SPORTS

JAMES WREN TAYLOR stayed on following the major league meetings, visiting friends in the metropolitan district. To drop in on his one-time crony, Otto Miller, another old catcher, Zack Taylor, hopped a subway for Brooklyn.

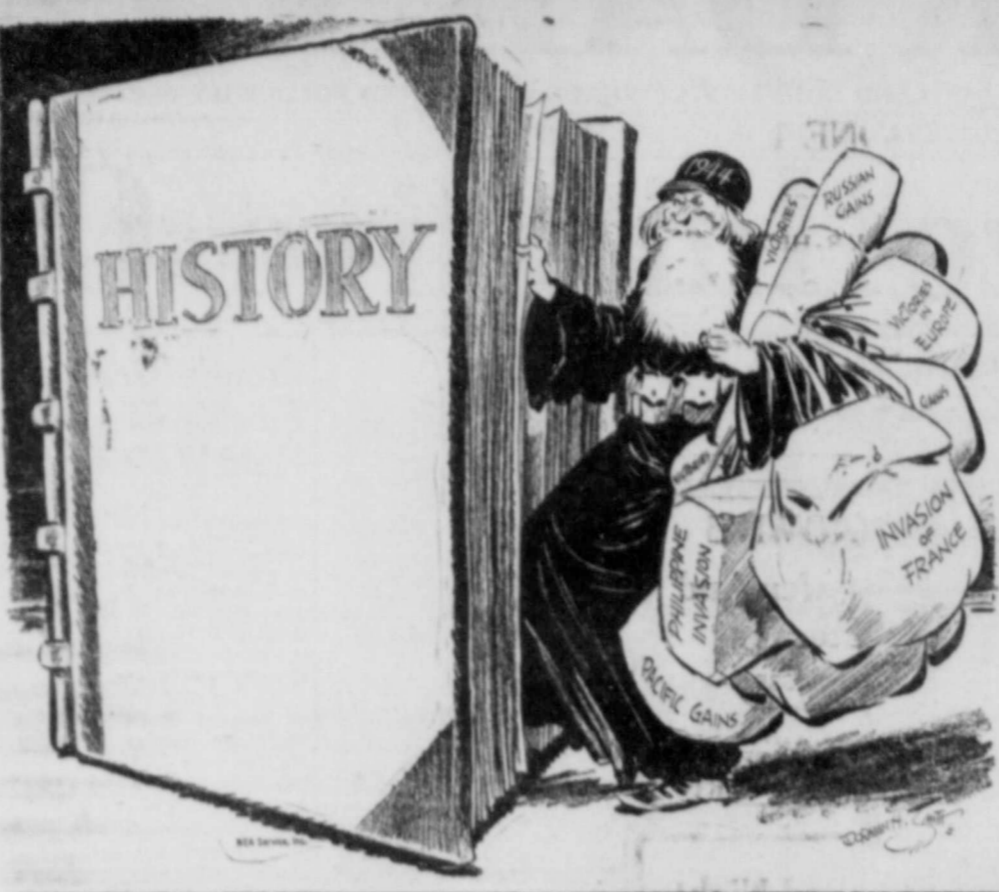
Taylor broke into the majors with the Dodgers in 1920, spent eight lively seasons at Ebbets Field, but hasn't been there since he served the Flatbush sock as a coach in 1935.

"I'm kinda lost getting out of the hole," relates the inimitable Ebbets comic, "but I got a policeman, and start toward him. Before I get a chance to open my mouth, he explodes: 'Say, didn't you used to play with the Burns?'"

The incredible Gowanus fan never forgets or forgives. Taylor has been in the St. Louis American League organization since 1937 as minor league manager, scout and coach, served the Browns in the latter capacity the past three summers.

In eight years Taylor has recommended just one player. "I find a good looking kid at Eustis, Fla., which is down the coast," reveals the only man who has caught for all three New York clubs. "He's a third baseman whose name we will skip because he is now in the service and coming back to our chain. The first year out in the minors he bats like brawns, fields and runs so well that we want him to train with the Browns at Winter Park, Fla. He refuses to answer letters

"Boy, Oh, Boy! What a Bulge I'm Gonna Make!"



Alley Oop



Red Ryder



Freckles And His Friends



Gorman Boy Makes Good With '44 Peanut Crop

Doyle Leo Jobe, Gorman 4-H Club boy produced 70 bushels per acre on his peanut crop in 1944, and after paying all expenses he cleared \$456.00. Doyle Leo is one of the boys composing the demonstration team this past year on "Advantages of Organic Matter in the Soil."

He practiced what he preached for on this peanut land after the peanuts were dug, he sowed hairy

BARBS

BUYING War Bonds is just a matter of dollars and sense! Mussolini was reported dead some time ago; now he's reported ill. What has happened is enough to make him turn over, but not come back to life.

Cold shots are worthless, a medical group has concluded. The one is true of a lot of so-called hot shots.

German and Jap rulers are in grave danger—the kind with a little white marker on top.

New York butchers are about ready to close up shop for a while. Anyone tired of just saying "Sorry," or "No!"

By V. T. Hamlin



By Fred Harmon



By Merrill Blosser



1943, 14,000 bushels harvested 21 bushels. vetch and rye at the rate of 30 lbs. of rye and 30 lbs. of vetch to which 100 lbs. superphosphate was added.

It is from this type of program that soils can be improved, for on J. D. Inabnet's place of Pioneer his peanut yield was 8 bushels per acre from 1930 to 1937, and after five years of using superphosphate on legumes his average yield in 1943 was 32 bushels while some Eastland County farms made as few as 2 to 10 bushels per acre in



Advertisement for 'DANCE' at the American Legion Hall, Ranger, Texas, featuring music by Popular Orchestra and record sales.

Advertisement for 'AT POWELL'S MARKET YOU GET VALUE' in price and quality, featuring meat and groceries.

Advertisement for 'LINE UP with BEAR' by Anderson-Pruet Chevrolet Co., featuring a bear mascot and tire service.

Advertisement for 'WE GIVE PROMPT SERVICE SPECIALIZING' in washing, greasing, and tire repairing, featuring Willard Batteries.

Advertisement for 'DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO FLY?' featuring special rates for solo flight and instruction by C. C. McKeever.

Proves Army Can Make Cook of Man

Somehow in the Southwest Pacific (UP)— Before he entered the army, Pfc. Homero L. Ponce of Pecos, Texas, was not

a cook. But now he is a cook—and what a cook! Out of army rations in the jungles of the South Pacific Islands, Ponce can whip up pancakes that are a delight to the palate. Rations are a treat after Ponce gets through with them.

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PROLOGUE: 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 Jews male children under two years be slain. Michal points to a recently planted acacia tree and reminds them that it is the Hebrew custom to plant a sapling only on the birth of a son. The soldiers ride away. FLAVIA: Michal has married his brother Jonathan's widow, Michal. Many things she does not understand. How does Michal bear an unwilling prejudice against Jonathan? Why has she sent Jonathan to the Roman woman Flavia? What was her relationship to Dan, Flavia's brother?

VI JOEL was pleased with his flock. Indeed, he had been a month wholly satisfying to one whose calling was with sheep. The ewes for the most part had given no trouble, and many fine lambs skipped on the hills with their dams. Only a few ewes were lagged and he anticipated their lambing might be difficult. But he was worried about Michal, who was heavy with child. Her old merriment had passed leaving her unusually grave. He cast an anxious eye skyward, noting the gathering of heavy vapor masses. Rain would descend in torrents soon, he decided, and called to her to help him. He sounded his staff on the rocky soil, and obediently the lead sheep fell into line, the others hastening to follow. Trusting Michal to bring up the rear the shepherd hurried to the groves which cluster around the base of Bethlehem's hill. Joel encouraged the sheep with his voice, leading them to the olives. With his staff he turned the strays back to the flock, and soon in the growing darkness they settled themselves with breathless grunts and an occasional bleat. Satisfied that they were sheltered as well as he could hope with no fold near, Joel stood with his

hand against a gnarled old olive tree and watched the lowering clouds. The storm broke with a suddenness that startled him, although he waited for its coming. It flung its fury against the grove, huddle, and sweeping with terrible thoroughness the crops from the plain below. As he saw the barley fatten Joel recalled that Michal had not answered his summons. . . . THE sheep were incapable of moving, so strong was the wind, and Joel drew his cloak close about him, braving the blinding darkness to seek his own. Step by step he followed down the path, his staff sounding the way before him. It was a matter of moments until the clouds discharged their burden of storm and dispersed. In such a little while the almonds were stripped of their bloom and Michal lay sodden, stripped of her gallantry and the joy that had hung about her as a curtaining bloom. Joel lifted her tenderly and held her limp body in his arms until she stirred. He would have removed her garments then, but she stayed him, and indeed he had naught with which to clothe her, since his own raiment was also rain soaked. She sought to slip from his arms and stand upon her feet but unless his arm had fallen about her she had surely fallen. Her pallor alarmed him and when she would not have him place a lamb at her bosom so that she might draw comfort from its warm fleece and breath he became impatient. Michal's hand hung to him, "Joel," she pleaded, "Joel, thou must take me to Bethlehem." "Leave the sheep! Michal can we not take them homeward now? Thou art weary and ready for thy couch." "Home is so far," she said wearily. "Joel, take me to Beth-

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VII MORNING had flung an orange cape across her shoulders and it trailed in untidy splendor over the sky as she hastened before the sun, when Flavia sought Joel. Flavia's own shoulders were covered with a disingfully heavy robe, dark and rough, and a staff was in her hand. In the faint light she could have been mistaken for a shepherd's wife and none who knew her would in a glance have seen the mistress of Bethlehem's inn. Joel, with his arm about the neck of a ewe that had brought forth twins, held the sheep now on its back that the small lamblings might more easily nurse. It was customary thus to hold a ewe whose young were too weak to nurse naturally, but it presented Joel with the problem of holding two small helpless creatures with one hand, while they drank. It was an exhausting task, so that upon recognizing Flavia he was immediately angry with her because she was not Michal. She sat down by him and took a lamb into her own cleave hands, knowing she would have to hold it until her arm grew weary and the lamb's small stuffs had plumped out with its dam's milk. She stopped, Joel's impatient words directly. "This day," she said, "this day thou shalt look upon thy firstborn son, and thou hast thought for thy puny lambs!" His firstborn son! Michal? "Michal is sleeping," Flavia said, answering his unspoken need. And was all unprepared for the flood of bitter words he released. Joel was weary and his nerves fretted. All that night he had tended lambs and aided ewes in lambing. All his Michal's pain had wounded him. All night he had kept his hands oiled and he was sick of the smell of oil, olive oil. So he had tended sheep while

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trees and the grapes ripening in the terraces, and the whole world was vivid with harvest. Dates and figs and pomegranates. Her voice became very soft as she remembered that this was Jonathan's brother. "Men were gathering the ripened fruit, Joel. Dost thou wonder Jonathan took myself? I was ready and his Michal had not yet ripened into womanhood." Joel said sternly. "Thou didst tempt him unlawfully." "Tempt Jonathan?" she exclaimed. "But of course I did," she said quietly. "There was never a beautiful woman who did not tempt Jonathan. Hast thou not learned that from Michal?" Joel gazed into the well of the past and Michal's mocking voice echoed in his ears. "I would not raise a sheep to be sent unto thy brother Jonathan." The lamb in Joel's hand finished nursing and he put it down gently, aware of Flavia's impatience with the one she held. "Doubtless she told and I did not understand," he acknowledged. "I have been blind these many months and would not see." Flavia felt the lamb's side becoming warmer and plump as they extended with plentiful milk. "Jonathan had greater love for Drusus, my brother, than for me," she said. "There was a friendship of years, and I was but a season's pasture, although he never forgot that I had borne his son, his little Roman." Malachi ran into the past Joel envisioned and he saw that Flavia was right. And Michal, also, for the child was like Drusus. "For that brief season, Jonathan was mine," she said. "Then Drusus returned him to Michal, and my son with him!" Joel interrupted, protesting the injustice done Michal. And Flavia reminded him, "Hast there been no injustice to Michal she would not now be sleeping with thy son beside her? If Michal had borne Jonathan's children she would not have married thee. Rather would she have gone to my brother, Drusus." (To Be Continued)

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Nellie Elyman had as her guest for Christmas, her youngest son, Pvt. Herman Willingham, who has just gone into the service and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston. A daughter of Mrs. Elyman, Pvt. Betty Miller, who is stationed with the WAC at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., has been made first cook for her company and stated in a letter to her mother that she is enjoying her work very much and that on Christmas Day they prepared dinner for over 200 persons.

Miss Vivian Cooper left Wednesday for Houston where she will

PERSONALS

be the guest of Miss Patty Yonker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Yonker, former residents of Ranger.

Mrs. E. S. Miller and her sister, Mrs. Pauline Scott, have gone to Bellville for a visit with their mother.

Cpl. Joe B. Allfield, Jr., has returned to Camp Chaffee, Ark., after spending a 14-day furlough with his parents. His wife joined him in Ft. Smith a few days after Cpl. Rayfield's arrival there.

Sgt. Henry J. Allmond of Camp Chaffee, Ark., was a recent week end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rayfield, Sr., Sgt. Allmond's home is in Sweet Hall, Va.

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(USAAF Photo from NEA) Lt. Col. Edward A. Flanders, above, 27-year-old aviation engineer from Oshkosh, Wis., is the man responsible for completing B-29 Superfortress bases on Saipan since U. S. invasion in June. A graduate of United States Military Academy, Flanders has been directing Air Force base building in the Pacific for three years.

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Buy's Toms To Head Flock Of Breeding Turkeys

Mrs. John Thurman of Route 1, Eastland, Texas, has purchased 3 R. O. P. broad breasted toms to head her 1945 turkey breeding program. These toms were from dams produced from 50-90 eggs. Their hatchability was 85 and 90. This is the highest rate given to the flock from Mrs. Stewart Williams of Gatesville, Texas.

To qualify for R. O. P. (Record of Performance) the hens must produce not less than 50 hatchable eggs from February 1st, to June 1st and must have at least a 72 per cent hatch on eggs set with a minimum of 30 eggs to setting. Toms from this breeding must qualify for type, market quality and breed character before they are officially banded. All breeders are selected and banded by a State Turkey Flock Agent and tube tested for pullorum disease.

MISS CERVANTEZ, PFC. RENTERIA WED

Miss Amelia Cervantez of Waco and Pfc. Jesse Renteria of Ranger who has just returned from duty with the Armed Forces in the

ARCADIA New Year's Eve Midnight Show Sunday 11:45 p. m.

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SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS

In Technical! PHIL HARVEY, SHEILA RYAN, PERRY COMO

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Pacific were united in marriage Tuesday December 26. The ceremony was performed by Charles Bobo, justice of the peace at his office. The young couple are temporarily at home with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Renteria until the expiration of the groom's furlough.

Ranger Man Proud Of New Line In Hereford Herd

F. R. (Johnny) Kirk of Ranger is mighty happy over his first bull calf sired by his herd bull, Modern Mixture. Modern Mixture was purchased from the famous Hereford Breeders, Mansel Brothers of Cambridge, Nebraska. The half brother of this bull was sold for \$10,000. The sire of this bull is Advance Mixture out of Dan Blanche Mischief the 46th. These blood lines are of the Anxiety 4th family, and Mr. Kirk is following line breeding closely with the anticipation of building a great herd. In addition to breeding properly he is studying other ranch conditions, such as cattle grub control and pasture improvement.

Gorman 4-H Club Boys Have Field, Achievement Day

The Gorman 4-H Club boys held their annual field day and achievement day at Dallas Jobe's orchard Saturday. The boys were given a demonstration on pruning trees by D. J. Jobe. Mr. Jobe discussed his orchard program in detail with the boys. Discussed how his cover crops consisting of hairy vetch and rye to which superphosphate was added was helpful. Selecting orchard sites, soil types was given as important. Different varieties were studied.

Following this field trip, a picnic lunch was spread. Lemonade was available throughout the day. This was made by Lane Dixon and Doyle Lee Jobe.

Games were played during the afternoon and achievement certificates were awarded to 4-H members having completed their 4-H demonstrations in 1944.

Those attending the meeting are as follows: Frank Kirk, Billy Platter, Truman Powers, Stanley Powers, Rayford Battenfield, Joe Mauney, Charles McFatter, Lane Dixon, Doyle Lee Jobe, Lane Lynch, D. J. Jobe, Floyd Lynch.

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BARBS

FOLKS won't mind if the concerns who send out Christmas bills forget to mail early.

Times have changed: The Pilgrims got wild turkeys for Christmas with a gun. We get tame turkeys with a wild price.

U. S. senators have been told that a worse cigaret shortage is ahead. What can be less than none?

A new traffic law in Toronto forbids running for a street car. Oh, for a law forbidding having to wait for one.

A pessimist is an optimist who thought too much.

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FOR SALE—Two 5 year old milk cows from Yalung, 401 Travis street.

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Germans Pounded From North And South

THREE NEW CO. OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE

Three new County officials will assume office at the Eastland county courthouse, Monday, January 1. They are Lewis Crossley, who succeeds W. S. Adamson as County Judge; W. V. Love, who succeeds Miss Johnnie Hightower as County Clerk, and Roy L. Lane, who follows John F. White as District Clerk. Miss Hightower, serving by appointment, was filling out the unexpired term of County Clerk R. V. Galloway, resigned.

Miss Marguerite Lanier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lanier, 504 South Daugherty street, Eastland, will be deputy under District Clerk Lane. She has had experience in this position. County Clerk elect W. V. Love has announced no appointees and stated that he possibly would not do so until Monday.

There is also a new member of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals, which is housed on the fifth floor of the Eastland County courthouse, in the person of Judge M. S. Long, who succeeds Judge O. C. Funderburk as associate Justice. Long comes from Abilene where he has served for some 16 years as Judge of the 42nd Judicial district.

Of the County officials retiring on December 31, none of them were candidates in the last election. John White is engaging in the automobile supply business and Judge Adamson seriously ill at the present time is in the City-County Hospital at Ranger. He and Mrs. Adamson have moved from Eastland to Ranger, their former home.

L. R. Pearson, Ranger attorney and oil man, will succeed Omar Burkett in the State Legislature, to represent Eastland and Callahan counties, making up the 107th district, while E. N. Grisham of Eastland will represent the 106th district composed of Eastland county alone.

Tom Greer of Carbon will succeed John Chapman of Gorman as Justice of the Peace in the Gorman-Carbon precinct, while Lon Medford of Carbon will succeed A. M. Thurman of Gorman as commissioner of the Gorman-Carbon district. John Clarke is to be Constable of the Gorman-Carbon precinct.

In the Eastland Constable precinct "Dug" Barton, former Eastland County sheriff, succeeds Hugh Carlton as constable.

O. C. Funderburk Entering Private Law Practice

Judge O. C. Funderburk, retiring January 1 from 16 years service on the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals in Eastland, will enter the private practice of law in Eastland and has opened offices in the Exchange building. He will do general practice.

Judge Funderburk is widely recognized as one of the ablest jurists of the State. He has had numerous offers to become associated with some of the leading law firms of Texas.

Funderburk came to Eastland in 1919 from Austin where he had served as Assistant State Attorney General under Attorney General Jewell Lightfoot. He entered law partnership in Eastland with the late L. E. Richardson and was engaged in private practice when he was appointed Associate Justice of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals by Governor Dan Moody. Before going to Austin, Judge Funderburk served four years as County Judge of Anderson county, his native county.

Judge Funderburk attended the common schools of Texas, State Normal at Denton and the University of Texas.

3-YEAR SALES OF WAR BONDS \$162 BILLIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (UP)—Net sales of war bonds for the three years ending Dec. 31 will total \$162,000,000,000, according to Ted E. Gamble, the government's super salesman and head of the Treasury War Finance Division.

Gamble, a Dollar a Year man and a former west coast movie house operator, says that in the three years since Jan. 1, 1942, individuals will have bought and held \$39,000,000,000 of the securities.

Other non bank groups, including corporations, will have bought \$54,000,000,000 of the bonds. Add to this \$69,000,000,000 of net purchases by commercial and federal reserve banks and you have the grand total of \$162,000,000,000.

Net purchases of non-bank groups other than individuals will show the following breakdown at the end of the calendar year 1944: Corporations \$23,000,000,000. Insurance companies and savings banks \$15,000,000,000. State and local governments \$8,600,000,000. Federal agencies and trust accounts \$13,000,000,000.

This is the first projection of its kind ever made by the War Finance Division for public scrutiny.

The national debt as far as the sale of bonds is concerned, including sales prior to Jan. 1, 1942, will be about \$225,000,000,000 by the end of the year, Gamble says.

He breaks down the bond holdings in the following manner: Individuals \$52,000,000,000. Corporations \$27,000,000,000. Insurance and savings accounts \$27,000,000,000. State and local governments \$4,000,000,000. Federal agencies and trust accounts \$22,000,000,000. Commercial and federal banks \$95,000,000,000.

Total \$225,000,000,000. Of the total, \$132,000,000,000 will represent net purchases of individuals and other non-banking groups.

State Police Becoming Kind Of Scotland Yard

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Texas State Police are steadily becoming a sort of "Scotland Yard" for Texas peace officers who are invited by Chief Homer Garrison, Jr., to call on the state organization for help in solving crimes.

The department has a constantly growing fingerprint file; records of the methods used by noted criminals, forged and fictitious check files, besides numerous other records, and a complete crime-solving laboratory.

Among other services made available to local officers, without cost, is examination of organs for poison, examination of materials for blood or other bodily stains or occupational debris and examination of bullets, shells, firearms, tools, handwriting, typing, paper or any document.

Photographs are made of crime scenes, prisoners or evidence on request. Investigators are furnished to go over crime scenes thoroughly for possibly latent fingerprints, to assist in autopsies, or to search for material evidence.

Specialists of the state bureau are made available for expert testimony, and the department also examines any evidence submitted to it for the purpose by state or federal officers.

GRADUATES

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Pvt. James Gilbreath, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gilbreath, Eastland, has completed training and has been graduated from this school of the Army Air Corps Training Command. While attending this school he received instruction in the Electronics Course, and in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the country's fighting planes. Graduate was awarded 4-R mem-

Battle Kansas City's Fire



Three buildings at Seventh and Central streets, Kansas City, Mo., blaze in an all-alarm fire which destroyed one building and caused an estimated damage of \$2,390,000 in the immediate area. Twenty-five companies struggled the tremendous blaze for six and one-half hours before it finally was brought under control. (NEA Telephoto.)

Government Seizes Montgomery Ward Properties



Pictured at the right is Lt. Edward Cogser, of the Sixth Service Command, as he tacks up notice of government seizure of Montgomery Ward properties outside the company's headquarters, while striking employees look on. Shown on left are union workers of Montgomery Ward & Co., in Chicago, Ill., as they fringed picket lines around the Chicago building because the company refused to obey WLB directives. (NEA Telephotos.)

Income Attains New High Level In Year 1944

WASHINGTON, (UP) Dec 30 National income in 1944 rose to a new high, but for the coming year, there are so many factors involved that Department of Commerce executives are prone to make any comment not embellished with the word "if."

New highs may be reached next year, if the war in Europe is not ended. But if Germany falls before the hammer smashes of the Allies before the end of fiscal year 1945 there will be a considerable downward change in the national product, national income and other pictures which fuse into the overall pattern of American economy, it is said.

Estimated national income this year will be \$158,000,000,000, or roughly \$10,100,000,000 higher than last year. And on this huge figure is the eye of the treasury, seeking for further means to skim off the ever-increasing surplus of income.

Right down the line the workers in the factories and all the rest of whom are touched directly or indirectly by the new prosperity, are pouring more and more cash into the channels of business.

They will buy \$5,200,000,000 more in retail stores than they did last year; consumer expenditures for goods and services will be roughly \$3,700,000,000 higher than in 1943. The gross national product will be up about 4,000,000,000 to \$209,000,000,000; income to individuals will rise \$12,000,000,000, and manufacturers' shipments will exceed those of last year by about \$11,000,000,000.

Following are business statistics comparing 1943 and estimated for 1944, as provided by the Department of Commerce:

National income produced—\$147,000,000,000 \$158,000,000,000. Income payments to individuals—\$142,000,000,000 \$154,000,000,000.

SGT. FULLWOOD AGAIN WOUNDED IN WAR ACTION

For the second time Mrs. Joe Calder has received one of the dreaded war department telegrams the second coming to her Thursday to notify her that her son, Staff Sgt. James S. Fullwood, was wounded in action in Germany on December 15.

Overseas since April 1944 Sgt. Fullwood was first wounded in action in France on September 16 but had recovered and returned to duty. He entered the service of the Army in September 1939 and is serving with a communications unit. He was in the invasion of France, having gone in just a few days after D-Day.

He was reared in Ranger and is a graduate of Ranger high school. Just prior to going into service he was making his home in Longview where he was employed by an oil company.

Bill T. Wilson Is Commissioned Lt. At Camp Barkeley

Army Service Forces Training Center Camp Barkeley, Dec. 22—(Spl.) Among those who today received commissions as second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps at the Camp Barkeley Officer Candidate School graduation was Bill T. Wilson, 24, son of Mrs. Anna Cheatham of Eastland. A graduate of Eastland high school, he entered the service in August, 1942.

The graduation completed four months of training for the men commissioned in Class XXXVI. Courses of instruction included medical administration, supply, organization of the army, sanitation, first aid, chemical warfare, tactics, training and logistics.

Texas Women Are Serving On State Government Posts

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Amen to the "White House Conference" at which request was made for greater participation by women in state affairs, the following list of women appointed to state boards by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson has been compiled:

Mrs. E. P. Anderson, Brenham, Washington State Park Commission; Mrs. E. L. Avery, Llano, Board of Cosmetology; Mrs. Stella Brisson, Navasota, Washington State Park Commission; Mrs. Rebecca Chapin, Plainview, Blind Commission; Mrs. Herbert P. Gambrell, Dallas, Library and Historical Commission; Mrs. A. W. Green, Brenham, Washington State Park Commission; Mrs. Norma Hancock, San Antonio, Blind Commission; Mrs. Laura Aline Hobby, Dallas, Library and Historical Commission; Mrs. Frank Lewis, San Antonio, Texas College of Arts and Industries.

Mrs. Eloween Mesen, San Antonio, Board of Nurse Examiners; Sister Antonio O'Donohue, Dallas, Board of Nurse Examiners; Miss Doris Connerly, Austin, Governors Committee on Interstate cooperation; Miss R. B. Sapp, Liberty, confirmed by governor for Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees Teacher Retirement Board.

Miss Ethel Foster, Sterling City, Post War Economic Planning Commission; Mrs. Lillie Stone Commerce, Cosmetology Board; Mrs. Albert G. Walker, Austin, Board of Regents, State College for Women; Miss Mary Todd, Houston, Commissioner San Jacinto State Park Board; Mrs. Ross Woodall, Huntsville, Post War Economic Planning Commission.

WARNS OF JAP STRENGTH

WASHINGTON (UP)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson warned today that Japan has a "formidable" war machine and said he had "found nothing to support the notion that we can dispose of Japan in short order, once Germany is finally beaten."

SPENDING SEEN ON DOWNTREND IN NEW YEAR

WASHINGTON, (UP)—With public spending presently at the highest rate in history the American public can look for some relief—in spending, not taxes—in the coming fiscal year 1945.

The budget in the new fiscal year beginning July 1 probably will call for spending slightly under \$90,000,000,000, compared with a present budget of \$94,300,000,000 and a rate of spending above \$96,000,000,000.

The budget bureau, now preparing the figures which will be given to Congress early in January by President Roosevelt, feels that because war facilities have just about been completed, expenditures will drop drastically. However, it was pointed out there will be an increased service charge on the public debt, plus increased demobilization charges.

On the other side of the expected relaxed spending picture is the fact that Maritime Commission spending will be greatly lessened, especially if the war in Europe comes to a close during the first part of the 1945 calendar year. Also, the pipelines of supply already have been filled and maintaining movement will not be nearly so expensive as the building and supplying were.

War spending in the fiscal year is now at an annual rate of \$97,000,000,000, and non-war outlays are at the rate of \$6,984,000,000.

Despite this, however, the budget bureau is firmly convinced that reduced expenditures will be the first of the 1945 calendar year. Also, the pipelines of supply already have been filled and maintaining movement will not be nearly so expensive as the building and supplying were.

The deficit thus far in the 1945 fiscal year is moving upward to the annual rate of more than \$60,000,000,000, or about even with the estimate.

Food Producers Seek To Retain Bigger Markets

NEW YORK, (UP)—With food production fairly well stabilized at the 1944 level, food producers and distributors will be given increased attention in 1945 to retaining currently expanded markets for farm produce in the post-war period, John A. Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, said today.

"Civilian food consumption in 1944 was approximately 7 per cent per capita above the 1939-39 average," Hartford said. "If agriculture is to be maintained on a sound basis in the post-war years, producers and distributors must devise means of retaining these expanded markets."

Hartford stated that present markets can be held only if growers and distributors work together to achieve higher standards of quality, grading and packing insofar as conditions of war-to-peace transition will allow; steady, uniform production of varieties in greatest demand; stimulation of consumer demand through informative promotion; and reduction of waste and spoilage through faster, more direct deliveries, better refrigeration and less handling.

Ven White Back From Service With Navy In Pacific

Mrs. Ven White has received word that her son, M. M. Ven White, Jr., who has been in service with the Navy in the Pacific for the past 21 months has arrived in the States and will likely be in Ranger for a visit within the next few days.

He has been in the service since November 1942 and received his training at San Diego. He is a graduate of Ranger high school and just prior to going into service had enrolled as a student at A & M College.

Veteran Flier Holiday Guest Of Grandmother

First Lt. James A. Hollis III, who was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. L. E. Wolfe, during the holidays has just returned from several months service with the Air Force stationed in England.

Lt. Hollis was serving as squadron bombardier and was in the lead plane that flew from England to France on D-Day. His plane has been hit by anti-aircraft fire but was never brought down and the young officer escaped without injuries in over 100 missions. He wears the European Theater of Operations ribbon with three theater stars for action.

He is a graduate of Paschal high school in Ft. Worth and was in his first year at TCU when he was called into service in the spring of 1942. He received his training at Houston and San Antonio, receiving his wings at the latter place. At the end of a 31 day furlough he will report to Topeka, Kansas for reassignment.

Here with him for the holidays were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hollis, Sr., his grandfather, J. A. Hollis, I, all of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rogers, and daughters, Marianne and Evelyn of Abilene.

Ward's Refuses To Turn Books To Government

CHICAGO (UP)—Montgomery Ward and Co., refused today to turn over its books to the Army officers named by the government to operate the company's facilities in seven cities under a presidential seizure order.

H. L. Pearson, vice president and treasurer of the wholesale and retail store firm, said he would not give up the books, at least not until he had talked to Sewell Avery, militant chairman of the board of directors, who has challenged the government's right to take over the plants.

Germans Bomb Two American Army Hospitals

Dispatches from the western front today reported that German planes bombed two American Army hospitals, one in northeastern France and the other in Belgium.

Both hospitals were marked plainly with red crosses, the dispatch said. The crosses on the one in France had been painted by the Germans themselves when they used the same buildings for hospitals during their occupation of that area.

American casualties were caused at both hospitals.

Churchill, Eden Back Home Expect To Consult King

LONDON (UP)—Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden arrived in England today, returning from Athens where they took part in Greek peace discussions.

They were prepared to consult immediately with King George of Greece and present him with strong demands that he accept the gency proposal formulated in Athens.

One or both of them expected to see the King within a few hours.

They hoped to solve the gency question as soon as possible and enable Archbishop Damaskinos to form new government.

Group To Oppose Cattle Ceiling

WASHINGTON (UP)—Sensitizers from western states hinted today that they might seek legislative retaliation against the Office of Price Administration if the OPA imposed ceiling prices on live cattle without congressional approval.

The OPA is understood to have recommended a live cattle ceiling of \$17.50 per hundred pounds and an addition of 50 cents per hundredweight to the present \$1.10 (average) subsidy paid packers for good and choice beef.

AMERICANS THREATEN TO CUT GERMAN FORCES IN TWO

American forces poured into the flanks of the German salient in Belgium from the north and south today, closing to within less than 15 miles of a junction which would split the enemy in half and cut off all the troops in the eastern part of the bulge.

The Germans were under pressure from three sides along the 150-mile perimeter of their corridor as they fell back from the Meuse and faced the advance of First Army troops from the Grand Meudon-Manhay area in the north and the Third Army from Bastogne in the south.

LONDON (UP)—A force of more than 1,500 American Heavy bombers and fighters lashed for the seventh straight day at German rail and road junctions and key bridges behind the battlefront and in the Rhineland.

The Red Army in Hungary were moving toward the Austrian border on a 90-mile front on both sides of the Danube as a battle of annihilation continued inside Budapest. The trapped German garrison blew up all bridges over the Danube and whole sections of the city were in flames.

The Italian front was reported quite on all sectors.

Brisk fighting was reported in Athens as peace negotiations were interrupted while King George considered the demand that he consent to a regency to take over his powers.

Tokyo disclosed new American aerial assaults on the Japanese home island of Honshu today and reported that a big American convoy of 30 transports and more than 20 cruisers and destroyers was sailing westward through Mindanao sea, possibly for a new invasion in the Philippines.

While the Japanese were growing uneasy over the U. S. sea and air assaults, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, former commander of task force 58, predicted at Pearl Harbor that the Jap fleet would be liquidated in 1945 "if the present rate of attrition is maintained."

Operations in the Philippines went into a temporary lull.

Explosions Start Fires On Channel

HOUSTON (UP)—A series of mysterious explosions and resulting fire on the Houston ship channel today destroyed two oil barges and a loading dock and damaged several other boats.

No injuries were reported. An estimate of damage was lacking, but it was believed it would total almost \$100,000.

Harmony Girls, Octette To Be Presented Sunday

It was announced today that Miss Dragoon of Eastland will present her Harmony Girls and Violin Octette at the regular Sunday evening service at the First Baptist church Sunday, December 31.

The program will take the place of the regular service and will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock P. M. The public is invited to attend the program.

Stores To Close

In keeping with an agreement among the merchants of Ranger all stores will be closed to business on Monday January 1.

This arrangement makes a double holiday and persons are asked to remember this in making their purchases for the holidays. The Commercial State Bank will also be closed for the holiday and it is urged that all attend to their banking needs before the closing time Saturday afternoon.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Mostly cloudy and not quite so cold tonight. Saturday partly cloudy, warmer except in extreme northwest.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Staff Correspondent

U. S. Department of State and other executive agency technical experts and delegates to the Chicago Civil Aviation Conference have returned to Washington prepared to defend their work to the limit, regardless of whether criticism comes from Congressional or private commercial aviation interests.



Edson

ON this issue there arose the controversy over a so-called "escalator clause," which would permit international airlines to increase their capacity to carry traffic as it was offered.

EASTLAND WOMAN PRESENTS WAR BONDS



Appreciation for Father Flanagan's work at Boys' Town was expressed in substantial form yesterday by men and women of shipway eight in the Permanente Metals Corp. Yard two at Richmond.

Mrs. Dora B. Price is the daughter of Mrs. Tee Williams who has lived for more than twenty five years at 109 N. Dixie Avenue, Eastland. Dora B. was born in Eastland and is a graduate of Eastland High School.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

CHEANEY NEWS

By Mrs. Bill Tucker
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Cooksey and children and her sister-in-law Mrs. L. D. Tarrant were in Ranger Saturday visiting with friends before going on to spend the week end with the parental Cooksey's at Clifton, Texas.

Miss Addie Bell Howard of Ft. Worth and Misses Martha and Orla Mae Howard visited their father Will Howard at Christmas time.

Misses Billie Marie and Jean Myrick also visited parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Myrick. The family visited with Mr. and Mrs. White at Eastland Sunday.

Jimmy Nell Sullivan and her soldier husband, whose rating we failed to get—of Mineral Wells and Gloria Sullivan of Lipan visited their brother, Charles Sullivan, and family Sunday. They also called to see Shipley Brown and family on Sunday.

The ones spending Christmas Eve night with the Jno. Tucker family were: Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker and Billy and Mrs. Mattie Walton and Miss Minnie Walton.

Mrs. Floyd Smith of Jal. N. Mexico, and Mrs. M. A. Rose of Eastland spent the holiday week

end with Mrs. Jno Love.
Dorothy Jo Melton of Fort Worth and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe King were Breckenridge visitors, Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Love and two sons were enjoying the week end with the parents of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lam b of Breckenridge took Christmas dinner with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tucker and Salata and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rodgers and family visited Mr. and Mrs. William Melton Sunday night.

Olive Pilgrim was ill with "flu" Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Euell Carr and children of Kermit, Tex., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Alzoo Melton and family.

Cpl. and Mrs. Morgan Box of Camp Fannin, Tyler, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tucker Monday. Other members of the family and visitors present included Mrs. Mattie Walton and Minnie and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Love and children.

Mrs. Pat Brown and Kenneth returned Wednesday from Olney, where they visited their mother

and grandmother, Mrs. Ewing.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grice visited Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Shook Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Renfro and Miss Jessie Lee and Gerald Renfro from Oklahoma visited the parents of Mrs. Renfro, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharpe over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Melton visited relatives in Fort Worth from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Wilson went to spend a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Proctor of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rodgers and children visited the Jack Rodgers family Sunday.

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A community Christmas tree was held at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Salata Tucker entertained at her home Thursday night with a party for the young folk.

Guests at the noon hour Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ann Love

were: Mr. and Mrs. Tam Love and Juanita Horn and Charlotte of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Melva Love, The John Tucker family, Mrs. Mattie Walton and Minnie, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Rose of Eastland, and Mrs. Floyd Smith of Jal, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Love.



Corsicana has two citizens whose names are among the most famous in the United States: Oliver Wendell Holmes, manager of the Navarro Hotel and John C. Calhoun, the mayor.

Incidentally, when the mayor was a very young man, he was employed in a warehouse in Dallas. Whoever wanted to use the freight elevator acted as the operator. Calhoun started down from the top floor and the elevator began running away. He pulled all the levers to no avail. Doing some swift thinking, he gathered himself for a leap and

sprang through the opening at the first floor, landing without injury. Two or three seconds later, the elevator crashed in the basement.

Thoughts on the eve of a new session of the Legislature:

A constitutional amendment should be submitted to the people, providing that a Texas citizen who puts on the uniform to fight for his country in time of war is still a Texas citizen with all the rights pertaining thereto, including the right to vote in a primary or election—and without the payment of a poll tax.

The last session passed the first legislation enacted on the subject in all the years that the State Constitution has said it shall be illegal to levy usurious and extortionate interest. It is rumored that the loan sharks, eager to bleed their victims for 400 and 500 per cent, will try to get the Moore-Morse injunction bill repealed, but this law should remain on the books.

Another meritorious piece of legislation passed by the last session was the law providing that a man holding a four-year term of office cannot run for another office in the middle of his term unless he first resigns. That "heads I win, and tails you lose" kind of situation has made it possible for

a public official, with two more years to serve in one office if he loses in the race for another, to hold a club over the heads of many concerns and individuals and compel campaign contributions. Such tactics are repugnant to the Texas sense of fair play. The people are overwhelmingly against any effort to tamper with this law.

A newsmen in a Texas town asked, "Do people around here die often?" A native said, "No—only once."

A while back, this column contained a "brain-teaser." Here's another: If you tell something that is untrue and then say, "I lie," you do not lie but tell the truth.

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Alley Oop

Comic strip Alley Oop by V. T. Hamlin. Panels show a cavewoman and a caveman in a cave. Dialogue includes: 'SADDEY, CANTCHA RUN ANY FASTER N THAT G'WAN. THROW ROCKS AT ME. I WANTA REALLY BE MAD WHEN I CATCH YOU!'

By V. T. Hamlin

Comic strip panels by V. T. Hamlin. Dialogue includes: 'OH WELL, I COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER MYSELF! LESSEE NOW... STRING OF PEARLS, NECKLACE, BRACELET, RING—YEP, ALL HERE! WELL, I GUESS THAT'S EVERYTHING!'

Red Ryder

Comic strip Red Ryder by Fred Harmon. Panels show Red Ryder with his horse and a woman. Dialogue includes: 'I DON'T BELIEVE YOU CAN GOVERNOR POLLET!'

By Fred Harmon

Comic strip panels by Fred Harmon. Dialogue includes: 'OUR HORSES! WE GOT A CHRISTMAS PRESENT AFTER ALL!'

Freckles And His Friends

Comic strip Freckles And His Friends by Merrill Blosser. Panels show a car and people. Dialogue includes: 'IF THERE'S GOING TO BE A PARTY AT THE JUKE JOINT, INCLUDE US IN!'

By Merrill Blosser

Comic strip panels by Merrill Blosser. Dialogue includes: 'HI, ORACULA! MAY I BORROW YOUR FRAME FOR THIS STRUGGLE?'

HONORS FOR EACH

GARRET, Ind. (UP)—Each of the two Neagu brothers, one a soldier and the other a sailor, received an award from military personnel at the 1944 time—but such different awards. Sgt. John in the CBI war theater, received the Presidential

Unit citation and a commendation by the Chinese Military Council. His brother Seaman I-c Nick, was cited as their No. 1 pinup boy by a group of Waves at a naval air station.

FIRST ASSEMBLY WOMAN ST. ALBANS, Vt. (UP)—Mrs.

Katherine Hurley of St. Albans is the first woman to occupy a seat in the upper chamber of the Vermont general assembly since 1939. Mrs. Hurley, who ran on the Democratic ticket, led her political running mates in the county election.

The ACACIA TREE

VIII I SHALL not attempt to explain the passions that governed us. Such things are better unknown, but when my son was born and placed in his feet, my husband did not lift the child from the ground, as when a paterfamilias acknowledges the child is his own. So it was that servants took the child to the hills and abandoned him, yet in such a way that my brother Drusus and Jonathan had no trouble in finding him and recognizing him.

They came to thy brother's home, Drusus and Jonathan, and the babe in Jonathan's arms, and Michael met them. Michael, Jonathan's wife, thy little Michal, Joel.

Flavia paused and Joel made a move as though he were impatient to hear the end. She began to speak quickly, her words stumbling from her haste. "Little Michal, with her hand in her hair, stood smiling among her flowers, and greeted her husband and guest—'Blessed be he who cometh.'"

And Jonathan laughed and thrust the child at her. "This is my son," he said shamefacedly, not meeting her eyes.

Instinctively her arms clasped the child and she looked at her husband, her golden eyes growing dark, a wild pulse beating in her throat where her blue garment closed upon it, her voice quite controlled and clear although so low Drusus says he scarcely heard her words. "Thy son, Jonathan?" she said.

Drusus loved her from that moment, he claims, when she looked upon my son's small face for an instant, and then, courageously, to Jonathan. "We have been hasty, surely," she said, a smile faint about her mouth that was red as the anemone. "Here it is but the second month since we were wed and already our son is come."

The ACACIA TREE

IX WITH that sudden clarity of vision that comes after one has been a long time unaware, Joel saw why he must plant an acacia. Yet he wondered would she recall the need now, when his son had come and Jonathan's son was no longer a sword to wound her.

The sun was high when Flavia and he returned to the inn, and an hireling had charge of his sheep. In his heart the death of Jonathan had ceased to have importance, yet if Michael loved the brother of Flavia, could he, knowing how bitterly Jonathan had wronged her, could he blame Michael if she loved Drusus?

"Michal," he said gently, kneeling by her, "forgive the son that was his promise of eternal life. 'Michal, my beloved.' Her little hand lost itself in his ruddy locks and drew his head to her breast. "Thou hast thy son, Joel," she murmured. "So that thou leavest me not I have no other need."

She smiled at that. "Why would I leave thee, my husband?" And he could not tell her of his fear that Drusus would return to claim, if not herself, the gallant heart of her.

She seemed to forget Drusus in the months that followed. He had brought her and the child to the little home, rejoicing, and Adar had fled and Nisan followed, bringing the return of navigation to the great sea that lies between Bethlehem and Rome, and Drusus came not with the ships that brought many Roman soldiers. Therefore Joel forgot for a time his fear and was content to take his flock to the hills while Michal tended little Dan and was at home to greet him when he returned at evening.

Through the long summer he rejoiced to find her becoming gay once more. Although that still

her heart is wholly innocent of malice, when Jonathan obtained from her a promise that Malachi should go to Rome.

Somewhere beyond the range of his vision, Ajalon wore a nimbus of silver while the moon stood still in the valley, and Flavia took the last shabby garment from the past and let him look upon the sin that dyed it.

"DRUSUS loves thy wife," she said, and he nodded in agreement. While the lamb she was holding ceased nursing and he placed it beside its twin and released the ewe.

"Jonathan," Flavia said, not sparing Joel, her brother, nor yet herself. "Jonathan promised Michal to Drusus if he himself should die. Vowing he should have her by El Shaddai, thy god of faith."

Joel had need now to know the end. "And Michal?" he asked. Malachi's mother looked long at him, surprise in her glance. "It is not possible thou should doubt her readiness to marry thee was sought but the willful determination to withhold from Jonathan one thing at last that he desired."

He must know one thing more while the moon stood still and he watched his sheep by night, while in the inn his beloved lay with their firstborn son, "Michal," he said. "Did Michal love thy brother?"

A lamb bleated. "And somewhere, far off, a nameless bird called for its mate, and Joel waited for the answer to the demand his heart had found.

"She was fond of his company," Flavia told Joel. "I have seen her dancing to meet him, flowers in her hair and joy upon her face."

She had greeted him thus, Joel told himself, doubting not that Jonathan, too, had known her glad. Had known her angry also. Had known her?

Jonathan was dead. Drusus loved Michal. And Michal? Her life with Jonathan was past. Her child was his own. But how had Jonathan died? He had never asked.

(To Be Continued)

The boy she had known. "Thy child should be my own," he said. "If thou wouldst give me leave to claim you both."

"I am Joel's wife," she reminded him again. "Write unto Jonathan, tonight," he suggested. "Tonight Joel will guard his flock on the hillside. Tonight thou wilt let me come to thee."

Michal ceased persuading and became all girlish laughter and shy glances as she sought thus to avoid answering him. She lifted her eyes to his. "Thou hast delayed overlong, Drusus. I grew weary waiting for thee."

"Men must go to war," he replied. "Yes, thou art a man," she murmured. "I was fond of the boy Drusus."

"And I of the girl, Michal," he said. "She has not changed," Michal said smiling. "She still has a sharp tongue and a stubborn heart."

JOEL was unworried as he led his flock. There was a hint of change in the air and a sting in the low wind, but he expected no sudden storm. If the rain came before morning he would be surprised. There were soft low clouds in the sky but not the great masses of vapor that are a warning to men of the hills. The Roman tax would not be unduly hard on him, he decided. He could afford to pay it without depriving Michal and little Dan of any needed thing.

He enclosed the sheep and walked toward the house, unaware of Drusus' return, and intent upon clasping Michal in his arms. His homecoming had lately been so welcomed by her that he felt at last she was forgetting the past and ready to admit a love for him like to his own for her.

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Society, Clubs

MR. MRS. ROBINSON ENTERTAIN THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson entertained at their home Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock with a progressive "42" party for a group of friends.

The holiday season was featured in the decorations of the rooms where games of "42" were enjoyed and at the close of which delicious refreshments were served.

Those who attended the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clardy of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bruce, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Warford, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blacklock, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pruet, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Cooper Jr., and the host and hostess.

TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JOINT ROLL CALL

A joint roll call of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs was held Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the I. O. O. F. hall and was opened with the serving of a barbecue supper. The invocation was offered by Mr. C. M. Parnell.

Following the supper members adjourned to the meeting hall where the roll was called. The program was opened with members repeating the Lord's prayer in unison after which Mr. A. H. Black-

well paid tribute to the memory of the late Mr. C. J. Stallings, a former member of the organization.

Mrs. Edith Hicks presided at the meeting and members voted to establish the roll call as an annual occasion. Tuesday night's meeting will go down in the minutes as the first roll call with all names of those present registered.

The meeting was adjourned by a prayer offered by Mr. Parnell.

GOLDEN WEDDING IS OBSERVED BY COUPLE

On Sunday December 24 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Todd observed their Golden Wedding anniversary with an open house at their home from 3 to 5 o'clock.

During the afternoon a large number of friends and relatives called to extend congratulations and best wishes to the couple and also to shower them with gifts.

Throughout the afternoon coffee and cake were served from a service which was 50 years old. Assisting the Todds in receiving the guests were their children Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Todd and daughter Bonnie D. of Houston and Joe Todd of Ranger.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith of Lone Star Camp 108-2 had as their guests for Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Garza and daughters, Gwena Faye and Joyce Kay of Beaumont, Miss Norma Matthews and Miss Sarah Richie of Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkes of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Huffman of Ft. Worth, Lloyd Huffman of Camp McClean, Mrs. Minnie Wilkes, Mrs. Garza, Miss Lorene Garza, Mrs. Leroy Smith and son, Stanley Leroy Smith of Fort Knox, Ky.

W. P. Strope of Strawn is a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Saunders Gregg has returned from Trinity where she spent Christmas with relatives.

Flight Instructor and Mrs. James Phillips have returned to their home in Terrell after spending Christmas with relatives here.

Margaret Osterhout of Detroit, Michigan has arrived to take up her duties as superintendent of nurses at the West Texas Hospital.

Miss Jane Dreinhofer has returned to Houston after spending the holidays with her father, J. F. Dreinhofer, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Bob Cary has returned to her home in Sebena after spending the holidays with Mrs. I. M. Crenshaw, Mrs. Cary's husband. Sgt. Cary is now with the Armed forces overseas.

Mrs. Minnie High had as her guests for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tomlin and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tomlin of McAllen, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. High and daughter of Eunice, N. M. and Mrs. Raymond Lane and daughter of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dreinhofer and daughter, Dana Lynn, have returned to their home in Batesville, Mississippi after spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

GORMAN NEWS

Mrs. Gertrude Robertson of Dallas, Mrs. Ben Clements, and Mrs. Belle Lane of Proctor visited in the Walter Dixon home Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Junie Lessor and daughter of Dallas are spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mosley.

Mrs. Dallas Jobe spent the week end in Ft. Worth with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Brogdon and sons, and Don Vandergon of the University, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams at Walnut Springs.

An encounter with a Jersey bull Christmas Eve, and received a badly injured ankle. He will be laid up in bed for about three weeks.

Mrs. Alvia Citern has received word that her husband, Pvt. Scitern, in the infantry with armed forces against Germany has been slightly injured. He arrived in England about a month ago.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mathews and son, Corpus Christi, and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Lightfoot and daughter of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boucher visited her father at Post the past week end.

Miss Vera Mae Craddock of Sundown is spending the holidays here with her brother, Hubert Craddock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baker spent Christmas at Dallas with relatives.

Sgt. T. A. Brown of Camp Wolters was home for the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jada Davis visited relatives and friends in De Leon through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shell and baby spent Christmas Day with her parents at Cisco.

Mrs. Florence Butler and Mrs. S. E. Richey went to Ft. Worth Tuesday of last week, and Mrs. Richey had the misfortune to fall and to break some bones about her ankle, and had to remain in the hospital there for several days for treatment.

Billy Martin Brogdon, Don Vandergon, and Peggy Dixon of Texas University are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rawson and children of Abilene spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ormsby, Mrs. Elmer J. Stacey and son spent Christmas Day with relatives in Ft. Worth.

Miss Don Moorman of Nacogdoches visited her mother, Mrs. Dona Moorman over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kinnison of Kermit were through Gorman Saturday on their way to Houston. Their daughter, Lila Jean, who is here attending school joined them and is spending the week in Houston with them.

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Back From Exile



Maurice Thorez, long-exiled secretary-general of the French Communist Party, returned recently from Moscow and is pictured as he urged his fellow-countrymen from an American flag-bedecked platform at a Communist rally in Paris to "first win the war - before promoting the party."

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It Seems To Me

By Alta Starnes

A few days ago I saw a medal for marksmanship won by one of our local boys. The award showed the six forms of shooting that he excelled in.

I began turning over in my mind just what abilities were required to merit such a medal. Naturally his eye sight must be good. No one would hope to hit a target that he could not see, but no matter how perfect his vision there must be desire. It is this that prompts the boys to try again and again, even in the face of apparent failure. They know too that on the battlefield that they must hit their target or else be the recipient of the enemy's fire.

Skillful living is comparable to skillful marksmanship. We learn what ways of living bring happiness now and in the future and those that spoil it. By listening to those who are experienced and by searching for ourselves we learn what to aim for in life. We must also learn how to achieve the attitudes and conditions we desire. When we fail we try again. When we are successful we try to remember so that we may get the same results. So did our soldier friend, he did not earn his medal in a day. Neither will you nor I.

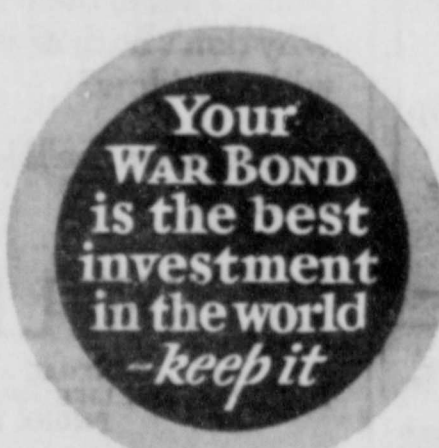
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