



Blast In Building Kills Twelve Persons

Beaverbrook Says Hitler Will Attempt Spring Invasion

Laval Appears Suddenly At Session

Nazi Ambassador And Petain Talk At Vichy Center

Nazis May Occupy All Of France If Policies Are Not Acceptable

By The Associated Press.

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—At the behest of Reichsfuehrer Hitler's representative, German Ambassador Otto Abetz, Pierre Laval reappeared suddenly in Vichy today for a lunch-table talk with Abetz and Chief of State Philippe Petain.

It was the first time the ousted Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister had been seen in Vichy since he was expelled from the French cabinet Friday night and led away under guard.

His reappearance increased the anxiety of many veteran French officials whose uneasy tranquility in the face of government upheavals had been upset by Abetz's dramatic arrival yesterday with a picketed Nazi guard and a German delegation.

Total German occupation of France, some observers said, may be foreshadowed in the Abetz visit—the first to Vichy of any ranking Nazi official since the armistice.

Rumors spread that the Germans want Laval, once the old Marshal's own choice as his successor, back in his job. But reports reaching diplomatic quarters here said it was more likely that Abetz merely wished to hear Laval's side of the story before making any report to Hitler. Petain according to his aides and those who saw him, remained cool, however, in his talks with Germany's freckled, smiling ambassador, these reports said.

The chief of Petain's personal office drove out of Vichy early this morning and returned just before noon with Laval seated beside him in an automobile.

As the Petain-Abetz conversation shifted from the chief of state's office to a private dining room in the Hotel Du Parc, with Laval as a third conferee, it was reported that a Petain-Hitler meeting might follow if the Fuehrer's representative and Laval agreed on a future policy of French-German collaboration.

French Policy Is Question
BERLIN, Dec. 17 (AP)—Authorized Nazi sources declared today that Germany's interest in changes in the French government at Vichy centers on the question "does France intend to continue advancing the European policy which recognizes the principle of German victory or not."

These sources said Germany was not interested in who supplanted Foreign Minister Pierre Laval, "but whether any change in French policy has taken place."

Until Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's ambassador to Paris, reports from Vichy no information will be divulged concerning Germany's official attitude toward the French upheaval, they said.

Greek Resident Of City Feels Pang Of Death For Brother Slain By Bombs

Sadness from the war in Albania is felt in Midland by Angelo Smyrle, co-owner of the Silver Grill Cafe, who was notified that his brother, Chris Smyrle, a Greek soldier, was killed in action.

Smyrle also learned his mother Mrs. D. A. Smyrle, of Patras, Greece, died from grief at the loss of her son.

The Midland citizen's brother was killed by a bomb dropped by Italian planes.

"My brother died for something. I am proud of him," Smyrle said. "The Greeks are going to win because we have good cause," he continued.

More than 45 days was required for the death message to get to Midland from Greece.

FIVE NOTARIES PUBLIC TO RECEIVE APPOINTMENTS

Five more Midland County citizens have qualified as notaries public under emergency appointments, Mrs. Susie G. Noble, county clerk, said.

They are: Ruth Boggs, William H. Waldrop, Miss Algerette Feiler, R. K. Cross, Jr., and C. W. Sandford. Ten appointments were announced last week.

Fined For Egging



Charles Mulrain, 53, (above) was fined \$25 in Chicago for hurling frozen eggs at Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential candidate, in a Chicago railroad station last Oct. 22. He pleaded guilty to an assault and battery charge, and was fined \$20 on that count. He was fined another \$5 for disorderly conduct.

Stanolind I-B Cowden May Open New Pool In Northern Ector County

By Frank Gardner Oil Editor

Possible opening of a new pool in Northern Ector County is indicated by Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1-B W. F. Cowden Heirs. It is making some oil, with a small amount of water, from shows encountered in the San Andres lime in an horizon similar to the producing zones of the Goldsmith pool, farther west.

After drilling plug with cable tools from 7-inch casing set at 4,244 feet, the well balled 209 gallons of oil and 37 gallons of water in eight hours. Total depth at the time was 4,270 feet. Eight hours later the well tested 207 gallons of oil and 33 of water. Deepened three feet, it again was balled and yielded 188 gallons of oil and 40 of water in eight hours. After drilling ahead to 4,279 feet another eight-hour test was made, with recovery of 173 gallons of oil and 26 of water. Oil is approximately 29-gravity.

This morning the well was being drilled below 4,239 feet in hard lime. A one-hour test at that point showed accumulation of 18 gallons of oil and six gallons of water. No. 1-B Cowden, located in section 12, block 44, township 1 north, T.28P.1, survey, originally was projected to the Holt pay in the Clearfork lime, found at around 5,100 feet. It went to 4,270 feet with rotary, halting there to set casing and rig up cable-tool unit. Showing of gas was encountered from 4,255-58 feet and showing of oil from 4,260-70. Water present may be drilling fluid, according to some.

Forest Development Corporation No. 2 Bradley Central Ector wildcat 4,346 feet west of No. 1 Bradley, discovery well in the Douro pool, is being plugged and abandoned at total depth of 4,394 feet in lime. It showed only slight staining in the pay zone of the discovery. Last core from 4,365-94 feet, returned three feet of slightly porous lime carrying sulphur water.

Wildcats Show Gas
Ed Wahlenmaier, San Angelo oil man, said here today that a wildcat well is being drilled jointly with Steve Currie in North Central Crockett County, No. 1 George Bean, had encountered a showing of gas at 1,136 feet. The test is now standing at total depth of 1,144 feet in lime after cementing 8 1/4-inch casing on bottom with 150 sacks.

An Ordovician test in Northern Pecos County, Culbertson & Irwin, Inc. No. 1 Mary Heiner, logged showing of gas in lower Permian lime from 4,528-45 feet and this morning was drilling ahead below 4,605 feet in lime.

In the Abell Ordovician area of Northern Pecos Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Markey is drilling at 2,715 feet in lime. The same firm's No. 1 State-Sharp is preparing to drill plug from 13 3/4-inch casing cemented at 446, 10 feet off bottom.

(See OIL NEWS, page 8)

Wavell's Forces Thrust Salient To Bardia Area

Reports Two More Forts Captured As Campaign In Egypt Gains Strength

By The Associated Press.

A warning that Germany is "making preparations for invasion of England before springtime—by land and sea, but principally by air," was voiced late today by Lord Beaverbrook, British minister of aircraft production.

Adolf Hitler, he said, is making an "immense attempt" to mobilize a gigantic air force in the early months of 1941 for the assault. He told Britain: "You are much too confident."

Britain's counter-invasion troops pushed deeper into Italian Libya in the 9-day-old battle of North Africa today. B.F. warplanes pounded the German chemical manufacturing city of Nannheim in a 7-hour assault, and the Greeks reported seven violent counter-attacks by Fascist legions in Albania.

London military quarters said Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's desert forces, drawn from far corners of the British empire, had thrust a salient to the vicinity of Bardia, key Italian stronghold 15 miles inside Libya on the Mediterranean sea coast.

British armored units were reported sweeping over the desert beyond Bardia in an attempt to encircle the town—which would provide an important base for the British offensive aimed at knocking Italy out of the war.

Cairo dispatches said pressure on Bardia was "steadily increasing," with new British forces arriving to support the vanguard. A British general headquarters communique said two more forts had been seized in Libya—Musaid Sidl Omar and Sheherzan—both on the frontier south of Bardia.

The drive gained momentum from the capture of Salm, last Italian pocket of resistance in Western Egypt, and Fort Capuzzo, strategic highway terminus 12 miles due south of Bardia.

Premier Mussolini's high command said the battle on the Libyan front was raging "with ferocity no less than that on previous days" and declared that the Italian air (See WARFARE, Page 8)

Armour May Get Post To Britain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Norman Armour, ace career diplomat and now United States ambassador to Argentina, was mentioned in informed circles today for the vacant post of ambassador to Great Britain.

With no British ambassador in this country following the death of the Marquess of Lothian, President Roosevelt was expected to name a successor soon to Joseph P. Kennedy, who resigned the London post on November 6.

Some sources hinted that the President already had decided on Armour for the key assignment in the British capital.

Armour, who was born in England of American parents, has held diplomatic posts in nearly every part of the world, including Japan, Russia and various European countries.

Mexican Registrants Are Subject To Call

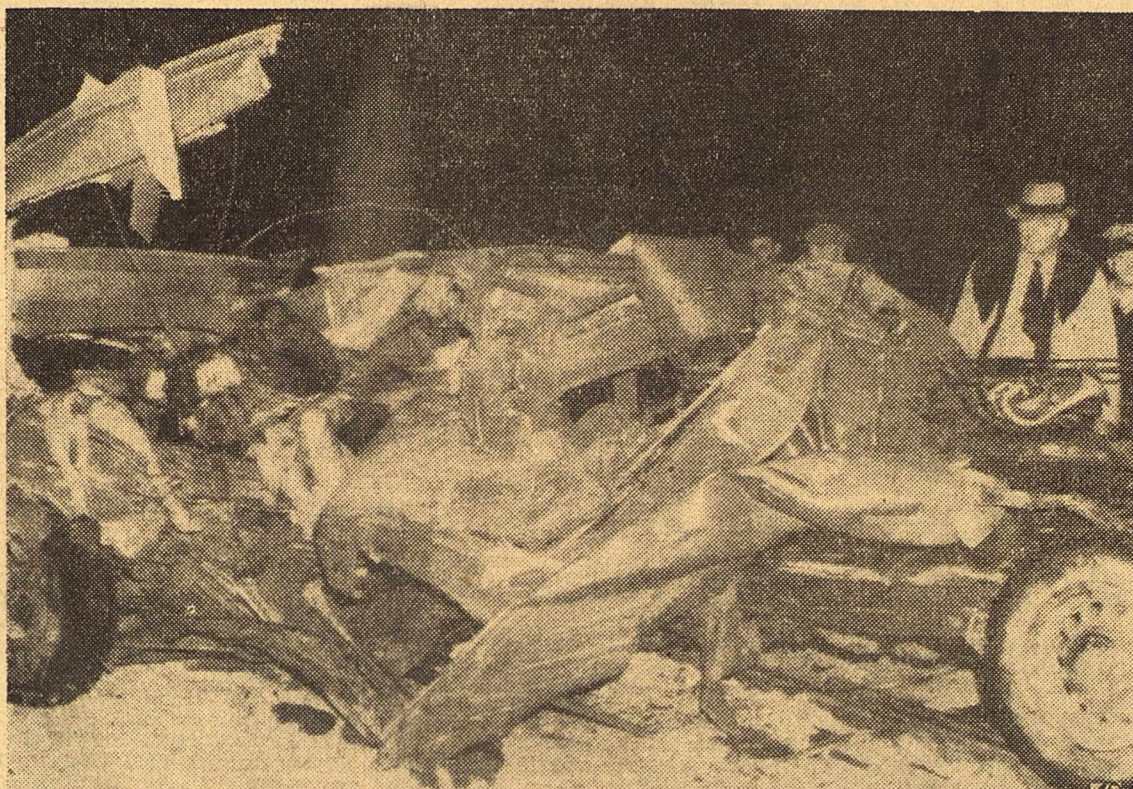
Mexican registrants are subject to the second call for selective service draftees, Jan. 13, headquarters here pointed out today. The board explained that only negro registrants are excluded.

The Jan. 13 call will take 16 Midland County registrants, four more than the first call.

The board is working at top speed to have registrants ready for the call. More questionnaires have been mailed, physical examinations are being given, and more men are classified.

Seventeen will be examined tomorrow by medical examiners. Six volunteers are available for the call.

Six Killed In Train-Car Collision



The collision of an automobile and a Union Pacific streamlined train at a Salina, Kas., crossing resulted in the deaths of six young persons. Sleet during the night had left the streets icy. This is the wreckage of the car, with three of the victims still in the machine.

Extended Illness Is Fatal To State Insurance Commissioner

LATEST NEWS FLASHES

Rush 50 To Hospital When Gas Pipe Bursts.
FREEPORT, Tex., Dec. 17 (AP)—Some fifty men at the Dow Chemical plant near here were rushed to the hospital here about noon today after a pipe in the building in which they were working burst and filled the room with chlorine gas.

Thousands Perish From Cold In Shanghai.
SHANGHAI, Dec. 17 (AP)—Freezing temperatures and snowstorms spread death and suffering today in east Asia as far south as the Yangtze valley. The Shanghai Public Benevolent Cemetery announced today that more than 29,000 bodies had been gathered from the streets of Shanghai in the past 11 1/2 months.

Party Finds Body Of Sellers.
FREEPORT, Tex., Dec. 17 (AP)—The body of J. W. Sellers, 32, employe of the Houston Lighting and Power Co., who had been missing since Sunday after going on a duck hunt in a flooded area not far from here, was found today by a party on horseback. The body was found in 6 to 8 inches of water.

Landon Says Invasion Set For February.
TOPEKA, Dec. 17 (AP)—Alf M. Landon asserted today on his return from a Washington trip that "from reliable official sources I was advised that Hitler plans to start his English invasion the middle of February."

NLRB Orders Election For Refinery.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The National Labor Relations Board today ordered an election within 30 days to determine whether employes at the Port Neches (Texas) refinery of The Texas Company want to be represented by CIO's oil workers international union.

Lions Officers Expect 200 At Christmas Tree
The annual Christmas Party of the Lions Club will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer.

A Goodfellow Story
There are nine in the family and they live in a small two room tent. Old pieces of linoleum on the floor, home made pictures on the walls, and an extra clean appearance, makes these two rooms seem like a real home.

\$100,000 Marshall Fire Destroys Two Buildings
MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 17 (AP)—A \$100,000 fire today in the heart of downtown Marshall razed two two-story brick buildings and damaged an adjoining three-story structure.

Miners Trapped By Blast May Be Dead
BECKLESY, W. Va., Dec. 17 (AP)—The body of one of the last seven men believed trapped by an explosion in the No. 4 mine of the Raleigh Coal and Coke Company was brought to the surface shortly before 2 p. m. today by an oxygen-helmeted rescue crew.

The father, past middle age, sold sewing machines for fifteen years, but he has been ill with several ailments. The mother is busy taking care of a seven month old baby, feeding, washing, ironing, and mending for a big family.

There will be no money at this home Christmas for toys and candy, but the parents aren't worried about that. They are worried that the children need clothes to continue school.

Explosion At 3:30 A. M. Hurtles Members Of Four Families Out Of Bed On First Floor Of Structure

Officials Do Not Determine Cause Of Tragedy That Counts Twelve Children In Casualties, Police And Firemen Dig For Entrapped Victims

By The Associated Press.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Members of four families were blasted out of their beds by a pre-dawn explosion that wrecked a three-story downtown building and killed 12 persons today.

Twelve others were injured and a boy was missing in the pile of brick, kindling and dust that until 3:30 a. m. had been a structure housing business establishments on the first floor and apartments on the upper floors at the northern edge of the market district. Twelve children were among the victims including a baby which Coroner Frank Coppock said was born to Mrs. Lillian Schnetzer, 42, before she, too, was taken lifeless from the wreckage.

Hull Tells Defense Heads Britain May Face Spring Crisis
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Secretary Hull was reported today to have told defense commissioners and other government officials that Great Britain probably would face a serious crisis next spring unless present delivery schedules of American war supplies were considerably increased.

Disclosure of the cabinet member's view following an outright British request for financial assistance from the United States government. Hull was understood to have urged all speed possible in producing arms, planes, and other supplies. Similarly, it was learned that the shipping situation is being examined to determine whether additional merchant ships might be made available for rushing supplies to Britain.

Hull's statements were believed to be partially responsible for the comments of William S. Knudsen and other defense officials that greater speed is necessary in the defense program.

Production Urgent.
Knudsen, a member of the defense commission, yesterday described the production situation as one of "terrible urgency." That declaration and the British request for financial help put two formidable problems on President Roosevelt's desk.

As Mr. Roosevelt returned to the executive offices for the first full day after his two-weeks Caribbean trip, the belief grew in some quarters that some important action might be forthcoming.

"Something usually does happen when he comes back here," Secretary of Commerce Jones pointed out in explaining recently that decisions on financial help to Britain could not be reached because "the administration is away."

Since armament aid to Britain depends on the speed of domestic defense production, the expectation was that this field of assistance would receive executive attention before the matter of financial support.

The fact that Britain had made a formal request for financial aid was disclosed last night by an authoritative source. Few details were available on the nature of the request.

Police estimates placed the number of persons in the building at 20—the families of Raymond Roy, Frank Morgan, Mrs. Lily Schnetzer and Hubert Smith.

The four Roy children were among those treated for minor injuries at the hospital.

Mrs. Roy said "we live on the third floor. Before we knew it, we were in the basement. How we got there I don't know. They got me out from under a bed."

Koebbe operated a general appliance store on the first floor of the shattered building, located at Elder and Pleasant streets in the northern end of Cincinnati's downtown section. There were apartment entrances on each street.

Koebbe's body was found in basement wreckage. He was identified through cards and pictures on his person.

The body was recovered with difficulty, because of cave-ins of wreckage.

Permian Basin Members To Attend Tax Meeting
Midland members of the Permian Basin Association and tax payers of this area will attend a meeting at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow afternoon in Big Spring.

A proposed 1941 tax program of the association will be studied.

Central and sub-tax committees, with the executive committee, and tax men of independent and major oil companies are expected at the meeting.

It will be in the Settles Hotel with President Hamilton McRae, Midland, presiding.

Visits Sister
Mrs. Charles Martin of Kirbyville, Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John P. Butler.

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Medals For Civilians

War, while it brings out some of man's lowest instincts, also brings to the surface some of his best. Against all the horror, the suffering, the degradation, must be set off the heroism, the self-sacrifice, the sheer courage and love which stand amid the hatred and destruction.

Britain has done well to establish a new medal, the George Cross, for civilian heroism. Ranking with the famous Victoria Cross, this new decoration is to go to those who in civilian pursuits have shown qualities of selflessness and bravery.

No war has ever been like this war. For here, untrained, unprepared civilians are suddenly plunged into carnage as terrible as that of any battlefield, with the added horror that they must face it without being able to lift a finger in their own defense. Heroism and courage under such circumstances are doubly admirable, doubly worthy of any reward they may receive.

Think for a moment of a certain little old London scrubwoman described by an American correspondent in that beleaguered city.

She was in a shelter that was bombed, and had to be pulled out. But she was at work the next morning—back at the uninspirational job of scrubbing the floors of a London hotel. Next she was in the basement of a house that was bombed, and was dug out only after three hours' frantic work by rescue crews. Again she was on the job the next morning. Still a third time she was in the crypt of a church which also was bombed, and a third time she was back at work in the morning—on time. Nothing inspirational about her work to bring her back—nothing but drudgery; yet she returned three times to do her job precisely as though she had been the prime minister himself.

There are thousands like her in today's war, and who shall say they do not deserve medals as much, at least, as soldiers?

In fact, even in time of peace, why should we not reward with public recognition those men and women who serve the Republic well?

It does not detract from men who serve bravely and selflessly in the armed forces, to say that there are civilian heroes in wartime as well, and even heroes of peace. It is never wrong to give every possible recognition to all who serve well their fellowmen.

What Expansion Means

Airplane production has been disappointing to all but the most pessimistic onlookers. Most people, however, have only the sketchiest idea of what expansion of that industry means in concrete terms.

The Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce has provided some figures which give a little insight into what expansion of an industry means. Last January it employed, the Chamber states, 60,000 shop employees. Today it has 164,920. By next June, when current expansion programs are completed, it will have 382,000.

You can't just step out on the sidewalk and hire the first man who comes along as a shop man in an airplane factory. To triple the number of skilled employes in an industry within a year, and to have laid the foundation for sextupling it within a year and a half is something.

True, it is not enough. But it does not exactly indicate creeping paralysis.

"... to the Last Frenchman"

So many people have had to eat their words during the last few years that verbal salad has become a staple article of diet.

Opponents of Britain have been fond of saying, during the World War and at the beginning of this one, that "Britain will fight to the last Frenchman."

Well, it is six months since the last Frenchman as such passed from the active scene of the war, and the British are still fighting.

What kind of an idea would it be to stage a huge banquet, and have every person who has uttered that phrase face it, served up to him on a clean white dish as a first course?

Almazan Staff Affirms Loyalty For New Chief

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17 (AP).—The entire personal staff of unsuccessful presidential candidate General Juan Andreu Almazan presented themselves at the national palace yesterday to affirm their loyalty to President Avila Camacho.

Thus Almazan's contest with Avila Camacho for the presidency, which had created fears of internal strife in Mexico, appeared on its last legs. The ministry of national defense reported a large band of pro-Almazan rebels equipped with more than 800 rifles surrendered to military authorities in Guerrero.

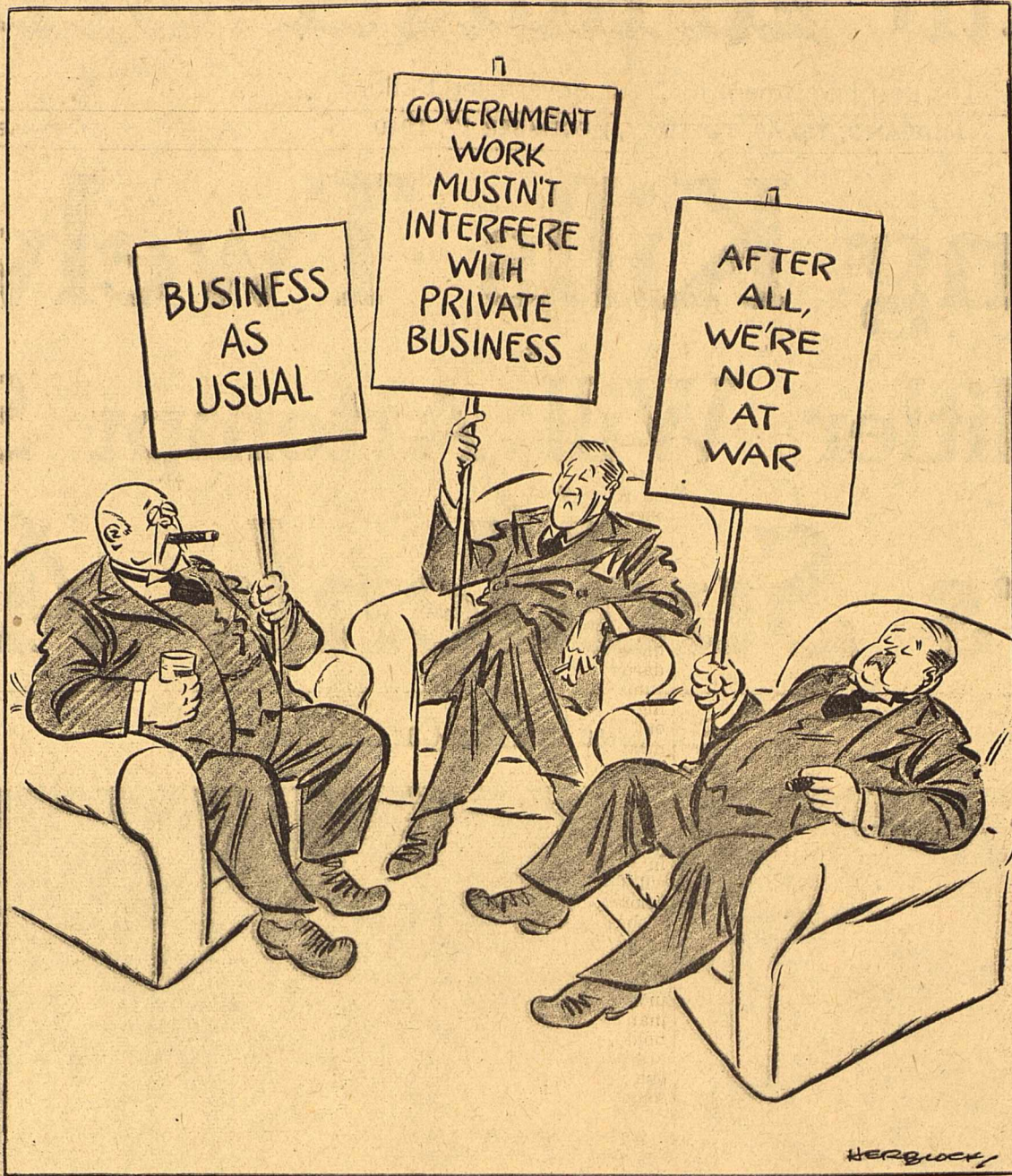
Ward County Sheriff Warns Against Checks

MONAHANS, Dec. 17 (Special).—A warning was issued by the sheriff's department against cashing checks for strangers. A report from Houston, received by the department, said a band of counterfeiters had printed payroll checks and vouchers on major oil companies operating in Texas and likely will attempt to cash some of them in this section.

MRS. CONNER IS CAPTAIN CAMPAIGN AGAINST CANCER

MONAHANS, Dec. 17 (Special).—Mrs. Aletha Conner was named captain of the Ward County division of the women's national field army to fight cancer. Mrs. Conner said a definite program and committees to aid in this work will be announced this week.

In England, a Year And a Half Ago



Workers Labor While Mystery Turns Into South's Largest Potash Field, Counts On Defense For Fresh Start

By Tony Slaughter
Associated Press Staff.

(Editor's Note: An Associated Press staff man who recalls his pick and shovel days in the Permian Basin in West Texas writes this story of southwestern industrial development.)

We worked on a pipeline crew which dug through solid rock with picks and shovels to lay a line four miles from a gas well in Ward county to a small test plant of the Ocard Chemical company near Royalty.

We slept on a tent on the prairie where howling coyotes serenaded a sold moon. Payday came twice a month. The bank moratorium was on and we couldn't cash our checks.

It was a contract job and our time grew short as we laid that line to the mystery test plant. None of us knew what chemicals the plant was to experiment with. We knew we had to get that rock out of the ditch with picks. There was no dynamite with 50 miles.

Mystery No Longer.

We went back to visit the plant the other day. It's bigger and it isn't a mystery any more.

It is Texas' largest sodium sulphate plant out there in the heart of the Permian Basin, 16 miles south of Monahans. More than 400 carloads of salty brine that tastes like epsom salts, have been shipped from the plant's Monahans loading rack this year.

That section of Texas is rich with sodium sulphate and potash. The potash, however, is classed as second grade while the sodium sulphate the type they produce in the Ward county plant, is grouped as first and second class.

Largest in South

The chemical is also used in making rayon, glass, paints, soap and many medical products.

The capacity of the plant is 85 tons daily. That makes it the largest plant of its kind in the south. Smaller plants are located at O'Donnell and Brownfield.

The demand for sodium sulphate has increased 80 per cent since the beginning of the war. Before the war 60 per cent of the United States sodium sulphate supply came from Germany, said W. W. Coghill, plant superintendent.

It's an industry that's still undeveloped under acres of West Texas caliche and alkali. It's an industry akin to the kind that the United States is interested in for national defense.

Now West Texans are wondering when the United States government is going to resume its search and development of the huge potash deposits which are so important for national defense.

Monahans Legionnaires Back Markley Election

MONAHANS, Dec. 17 (Special).—Legionnaires of Monahans are boosting for the election of the Rev. Mr. Markley of Wink to the post of national chaplain of the American Legion next year. Rev. Markley is chaplain of the Wink post, the 16th district, and of the department of Texas.

Gutzon Borglum's "Face of Washington," carved on Rushmore mountain in the Black Hills of South Dakota, is 60 feet long.

Duke and Duchess To Sail Today For Home

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 17 (AP).—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor terminate today their first visit to the United States since Edward abdicated the English throne.

Happy over the cordial reception they received here, the Windsors planned to sail at 4 p.m. (CST) aboard the yacht Southern Cross on the return trip to Nassau, where the Duke will resume his duties as governor of the Bahamas.

The Duchess appeared virtually recovered from the effects of a major dental operation that brought the Windsors to Miami just a week ago.

In the Duchess' wardrobe on the return trip will be three or four dresses, ranging in price from \$12.50 to \$25 that she purchased here. The Duke played golf yesterday with Gene Sarazen, former British and United States open champion, and Sam Snead of Hot Springs, Va., who treated Edward to a par-cracking exhibition.

BADGETT PLAYS VALLEY VIEW

Badgett School played Valley View's basketball teams Thursday. Valley View girls won 8 to 5 with Mary Lou Smith making high point, bringing in 6 of the 8. Badgett boys won over Valley View 15 to 14 with Edward Synatschek making 12 points.

Officers At Camp Long For Horses

(Editor's Note: Following is another in a series of stories by the Associated Press on various phases of Camp Bowie, training station for the Thirty-Sixth Division. Others will follow.)
By Dave Cheavens.

CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 17 (AP).—Some veterans officers among the advance guard of the Thirty-Sixth Division in camp here—specialists in mud—longed for a horse.

But there weren't any horses. You could look in vain over the huge camp site, but there wasn't even a mule. There were plenty of high-slung mud buggies, four-wheel drive trucks with two low speeds forward, and tractors, but nary a vehicle pulled by anything but a gasoline engine.

They needed horses to jerk the trucks out of the mud, or to go where trucks and tractors couldn't. The weather has won a military campaign and for a time it sabotaged progress in construction on the training center where nearly 15,000 troops from all parts of Texas will be encamped soon after Christmas.

Drop Transfer Plans.

Roads were built that under ordinary wet weather conditions would have sufficed. But the weather has a way of becoming extraordinary regardless of plans made in Rome, Berlin or Brownwood, Texas. First the rain fell in torrents and gave the ground a good wetting. That slowed up construction. Then the soft rain came, day after day. It soaked deeper and deeper into the porous soil of the fields at Camp Bowie, and the pounding of heavily-laden trucks tore the road to shreds.

Plans to move the major body of the Thirty-Sixth last week were dropped and many an officer on the ground breathed a sigh of relief. They did not like to think of what might have been the fate of those men, most of them still far from hardened to army field conditions, under the circumstances. The danger of possible illness or epidemic was doubtless an important factor in the decision.

With the sun shining and a dry north win whipping the rutted roads, the picture was brighter.

Construction officers believed they could have those roads in shape by Dec. 27 and 28, when the major units of the division are scheduled to move in, if good weather holds.

CRANE ITEMS.

Mrs. Oscar Reynolds is in Los Angeles, Calif., where she will visit friends and relatives over the holidays.

Mrs. J. M. Greenwood of Big Lake was in Crane Saturday on business.

Mrs. Jack Allen and Mrs. Jerry Kethley were in Odessa Saturday. Jimmie Mullenix, Bob Stevens, and Harold Bahan attended the Colorado-Wink football game at Midland Friday.

Limehouse Blues, 1940



"She shall have music wherever she goes," a line from the famous Limehouse Blues, comes to life for this London mother and daughter. Like many other British families they are evacuating the capital to a safer country spot.

SAILOR HOLDS HIS STATION WITH ONE OF FIRST GIFTS

There's something about a sailor! One of the first Christmas gifts to be received by a Midland citizen was to Miss Beatrice Forest, 801 S. Fort Worth, from David Kinnebrew, who is stationed in the U. S. Navy off the coast of Hawaii. The gift was a decorated scarf.

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Methodist Circles Hold Christmas Parties In Homes

Circles of the Methodist WSCS held Christmas parties at their meetings Monday.

Mary Scharbauer Circle met at the home of Mrs. Bill Wyche, 401 N. Carrizo, with Mrs. Fred Fromhold and Mrs. Dave Tidmore cohostesses with Mrs. Wyche.

Following the opening prayer by Mrs. Fromhold, Mrs. J. L. Tidwell gave a Christmas story.

Christmas carols were sung, accompanied by Mrs. Fromhold at the piano and Mrs. Wyche on the guitar.

Matching well-known sayings gave Santa Claus (Mrs. B. F. Haag) a clue to the ownership of the gifts.

Mrs. Fromhold, circle chairman, was presented with a gift of magazine subscriptions from the group. Refreshments were served to: Mmes. Tidwell, L. L. Beauchamp, J. D. Brown, O. F. Hedrick, C. P. Wilson, C. C. Watson, Sam Preston, Minnie Pollard, Haag, R. E. Throckmorton, Roy McKee, J. M. Reising, Mollie McCormick, L. C. Stephenson, Earl J. Hall, Douglas Mix, and the hostesses.

Belle Bennett Circle Mrs. S. H. Hudkins told a story and she and Mrs. W. E. Chapman directed games at the meeting of the Belle Bennett Circle with Mrs. R. J. Kelly, 901 W. Kansas. Cohostesses with Mrs. Kelly were Mmes. Hudkins, Frank Prothro, and A. L. Henderson.

Opening prayer was offered by Mrs. M. J. Allen.

The house was decorated in Christmas theme and a Christmas tree was laden with gifts which were distributed among the group.

The group voiced to give a Christmas basket to the needy.

A Christmas party plate was served to Mmes. Mary Scharbauer, Barney Grafa, Rea Sindorf, S. M. Vaughan, Ben W. Smith, Murphy, Ferguson, J. M. Sanders, W. Hunter, Max Tidmore, J. A. Andrews, W. A. Black, M. J. Allen, J. L. Barber Sr., Chapman, E. B. Patterson, D. W. Young, W. J. Pratt, Henderson, J. R. Custer, and the hostesses.

Winnie Prothro Circle Mrs. Ross Carr told the story of "The Christmas Angel" by Van Dyke at the meeting of Winnie Prothro Circle at the home of Mrs. Lester Short on W. Louisiana.

Mrs. D. A. Pass presided at the business meeting in which it was voted to give a ten-dollar basket to a needy family at Christmas.

Names were drawn for distribution of gifts on the Christmas tree. Mrs. James R. Day presented a picture and lots were drawn for it. Mrs. Bob Baker receiving the lucky award.

Mrs. B. G. Young and Mrs. Fred Bristed were cohostesses with Mrs. Short.

Thirty members and visitors were present including: Visitors, Mmes. Arthur Comers, Wm. Pollock, W. E. Egelan, R. P. Simpson, Roy Libasary, members, Mmes. H. B. Greene, J. A. Nelson, S. P. Hazley, Merle Edson, S. B. Roach, R. L. Nolan, N. W. Babb, Hugh C. Walker, Pass, Ernest Nance, J. L. Barber Jr., R. T. Wade, Carr, Oliver Haug, Bernard Spivey, Clifford Cool, James Flanagan, Bob Baker, Bud Self, Leland Davidson, A. J. Bedford, James R. Day, and the hostesses.

Laura Haygood Circle Mrs. H. M. Reigle was in charge of entertainment at the party for Laura Haygood Circle at the home of Mrs. A. L. Glibreth, 708 Cuthbert.

Mrs. Stacy Allen presided at the short business session during which the group decided to give Christmas baskets to two small families.

Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. O. L. Crooks gave a reading and Mrs. G. P. Bradbury lead appropriate games.

Gifts on the tree were toys and will be used in Christmas baskets. Mrs. Allen was presented with a gift of magazine subscriptions from the circle.

A Christmas party plate in red and green with wee Christmas trees of cedar in gumdrop bases as favors was served. Refreshment committee was composed of Mrs. Geo. D. McCormick, Mrs. Ellis Conner, and Mrs. Jimmie Lott.

Present were: Mmes. Allen, N. G. Cates, Reigle, Bradbury, Conner, Lott, McCormick, Crooks, W. C. Hinds, E. J. Volivia, J. M. Prothro, Ward, and the hostess.

Christmas Play Is Presented At WMU Program Session

Presenting a Christmas play, "The Star in the Orient," Glenn Walker Circle was in charge of a missionary program at the meeting of the Baptist WMU at the Church, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. Webb Miller was director. Mrs. S. L. Alexander brought the devotional.

Mrs. O. R. Phillips introduced the characters in the play.

Mrs. R. O. Walker played the part of the Chinese girl; Mrs. Bob Preston of the Japanese girl; Mrs. R. O. Collins and Mrs. Alexander of the missionaries; and Kathryn Collins, Patsy Collins, Eva Barton, Pauline Wingo, and Martha Jane Preston the stars.

During the pantomime of the manger scene at Bethlehem Mrs. Miller sang Christmas carols off-stage and Mrs. Yates Brown was at the piano.

The Rev. H. D. Bruce dismissed the group with prayer.

About 55 were present.

Programs were handprinted by manger scene at Bethlehem Mrs. Mrs. N. W. Bigham and Mrs. Clarence Hale.

STUDENT TO VISIT

Truman Horn will return Friday from Lubbock to spend the holidays with his parents, here. He is a student in Texas Technological College.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

Stars Overhead



IT'S a wonderful Santa Claus who brings a woman these three smart Christmas gifts. It's a good, if not wonderful, Santa who brings her any one of them. The alluring black lace and net blouse is smart with long dinner, as well as day length, afternoon skirts. The "stardust" ealot, with tiny sequin stars flashing on a black net background, is just the thing to wear with a dinner dress. The evening gloves are of pale blue suede with inserts of black lace.



WEDNESDAY

Loyal Workers BTU will have a party at the home of Miss Rubalee Krapf, the first house from the west side on the Magnolia Tank Farm Lane east of town, Wednesday evening at 8:45 o'clock.

Play Readers will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Y. Penn, 806 W. Storey, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Douglas Wolsley will read "Bitter Sweet."

Intermediate League of the Methodist Church will have a Christmas party, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the old annex of the Baptist Church.

Senior Endeavor will have a Christmas party in the banquet hall of the First Christian Church, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Cactus Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Robert Cox, 1907 W. Texas, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Home Art Club will meet with Mrs. John Dunagan, 1904 W. Wall, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. Wright Cowden, 1010 W. Louisiana, Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour.

Woman's Wednesday Club will meet with Mrs. Robert Turpin, 811 Cuthbert, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Modern Study Club will meet with Mrs. James H. Chapple, 700 West Storey.

Woodmen of the World will sponsor a dance at the W.O.W. Lodge Hall (formerly Old Heidelberg Inn), Wednesday night from 9 o'clock until 1, for benefit of the Goodfellows.

Students of the Watson school of music will be entertained with a program and Christmas tree at the studio, 210 W. Ohio, Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mothers of students will be guests.

THURSDAY

Evangelists Class of the Baptist Church will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Kenton S. Boone, 311 North F Street, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Groups led by Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Leif Olson, and Mrs. C. G. Murray will be hostesses. Each member is asked to bring a 25-cent toy for the class welfare work.

Lois Class of the Baptist Church will meet at the church Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and go to the home of Mrs. M. O. Prestidge on the West Highway for a Christmas party. Gifts will be exchanged and each member is asked to bring a gift for the Christmas basket.

Friendly Builders Class of the Methodist Church will have a Christmas party Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Eva Noyes, 215 N. Colorado. Each member will bring a 25 cents gift and also a donation for the Christmas basket.

Colonial Card Club will have a Christmas party in the form of a dessert-bridge at the home of Mrs. R. J. Kelly, 1001 W. Kansas, Thursday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock.

As You Like It Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Paul Smith, 900 W. Kentucky, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Needlecraft Club will have a Christmas party at the home of

Vota Vita Class Entertained With Christmas Party

The Vota Vita Class, young business girls' group of the Baptist Sunday School of which Mrs. H. D. Bruce is teacher, was entertained with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. E. Jones 506 N. Marientield, Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

A holiday atmosphere was emphasized in the party rooms where a decorated Christmas tree brought festivity, and red candles and blue lights combined with real cedar sprays to bring a Yule note to mantel decorations. Cedar was used elsewhere in the room and on the buffet in the dining room.

Miss Dorothy Hines led the group in contests and games. Santa Claus distributed toys which the girls will give to underprivileged children when they donate a box at Christmas.

Christmas carols were sung. Red godolians and red candles were used on the refreshment table. Party plates carried out the holiday colors and theme in the green salad, the plate favors of Christmas stars, and the bright Christmas napkins.

Present were: Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Chapman, Misses Dorothy Hines, Wynne Lee McCormick, Alta Merrill, Lona Mae Cook, Boerne Kiddwell, Ruba Lee Kral, Janice Watts, Fay Powers, Venice Cooper, Rosellen Morrison, Florine Jones, Lorine Jones, Zona Lee Jones, and the hostess, Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Miller Leads Bible Lesson

Mrs. R. L. Miller taught the Bible lesson at the meeting of the Presbyterians Auxiliary at the church parlor, Monday afternoon. The study was taken from the third and fourth chapters of First John. Eighteen women were present.

Mrs. H. H. Watson, 1701 W. Holloway, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Lareine de Coeur's will meet with Mrs. Hugh Walker, 403 W. Storey, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FRIDAY

Belmont Bible Class will have a Christmas coffee at the home of Mrs. H. D. Bruce on N. Main street Friday morning from 9:30 o'clock until 11. Each member is asked to bring a gift for the basket being filled by the class and also a 25-cent gift for exchange in the class. All old members are invited to attend.

Senior League of the Methodist Church will have a Christmas party at the old annex of the Baptist Church, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Escondida Club will meet with Mrs. Harry Adams, 696 N. Marientield, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for a Christmas party.

SATURDAY

University Club will hold its Christmas dance in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Saturday night from 9:30 o'clock until 1:30. Jack York and his orchestra from Lubbock will play.

Story Hour will be held in the children's library at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Junior Endeavor and the Christian Sunday School will have a Christmas party at the First Christian Church, Saturday afternoon from 3 o'clock until 5.

Established by Congress in 1775, the Marine Corps is the oldest branch of the United States armed service.

Society

Piano Students Are Awarded Medals As Feature Of Christmas Program Presented By Group At The First Christian Church

In a Christmas setting stressing a white motif, Mrs. Lee Cornelius presented a group of her piano pupils in the second of her Christmas recitals at the First Christian Church, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Silver stars gleamed on a lighted tree and white tapers heightened the festive atmosphere.

Medals were awarded winners in each of three groups, awards being based on practice units. In the elementary school group, Sue Johnson won the award for practicing 287 units or about 75 hours. In the junior high group, the award went to Joan Chapman with 290 units representing 145 hours of practice. Honorable mention went to Sharon Lee Cornelius with 266 units or 133 hours and Van Cummings for 216 units or 108 hours. In the high school group, Belva Jo Knight won medal for 252 units or 126 hours practice. Honorable mention went to Bobie Jean Gibbins with 230 units or 115 hours and to Allyne Kelly with 209 units or 105 hours.

The program included: Prelude—Doris Mickey; Serenade—Eugenia Holmes; La Fleurette—Mary Kathryn Taylor.

Sailing to Dreamland—Sue Johnson; Festival of Volendán—Ann Cleveland; Viennese Melody—Joan Chapman.

Sea Gardens—Helen Crabb; Tramp, Tramp, Tramp—Bobie Jean Gibbins; Song of the Winds—Van Cummings; Moonbeams—Betty Ruth Pickering.

The Music Lesson—Virginia Ann Dunagan; Mighty Lak a Rose—Allyne Kelly; A la bien Alinee—Edyth Louise Lemley.

Coasting—Sharon Lee Cornelius; Vals Sentimental—Norma Jean Stice; Excerpts from "Scenes Infantis"—Belva Jo Knight.

Christmas Party Is Compliment To Emma Sue Cowden

Mrs. Al Cowden entertained at her home, 1310 W. Illinois, Monday afternoon from 4 o'clock until 5:30 o'clock with a gay Christmas tree party for her daughter, Emma Sue, and eight of her small girl friends.

Games were played and carols sung in rooms decorated in Christmas style. At the end of the play hour, fun-making gifts were distributed from a lighted Christmas tree.

The table was laid with a lace cloth and decorated with red candles. Individual favors were miniature Santa Claus figures with tiny packs of candy. Christmas refreshments were served.

Mrs. E. P. Cowden and Mrs. Guy Cowden assisted the hostess in serving.

Present were: the honoree, Patsy Patteson, Elizabeth Ann Cowden, Jean Walsh, Alina Fay Cowden, Norma Jean Hubbard, Mary Lee Cowden, Enid Wheeler, and Barbara Cowden.

Mrs. Ratliff Conducts Study At Circle Meeting

Mrs. Geo. Ratliff was in charge of the study, "The Miracles of the Bible," at the meeting of Rijnhart Circle of the Christian Women's Council at the home of Mrs. H. G. Bedford, 611 N. Marientield, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Bedford presided at the business meeting.

Present were: Mmes. Glenn Brunson, G. H. Butler, G. W. Brennan, Joe Norman, Ratliff, Z. T. Reader, Ella Ragsdale, and the hostess.

The earth travels approximately 18 miles a second in its journey around the sun.

Perkins Will Receive Eagle Badge At Court

John Perkins Jr. will be awarded an Eagle Badge, one of scouting's highest awards, by a Boy Scout Court of Honor Thursday night in the educational building of First Baptist Church. Other awards to troop members will be made.

Twenty-one Scouts will receive advancement awards, including, second-class, first-class, star, and merit badge awards.

Parents of members will attend and a "pot luck" supper which is planned.

The Rev. John E. Pickering, retiring chairman of awards will preside. John Perkins, Sr. is the new award chairman for 1941.

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Birthday Party Is Courtesy For Fredda Black

Fredda Louise Black, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Black, was honored with a party at their home, 111 North G street, Monday at 4 o'clock, in celebration of her birthday.

The guests amused themselves with toys during the afternoon. Favors of Santa Claus' stockings with candy were presented.

At the refreshment hour, the cake was trimmed with red and green gum drops and lighted by three candles.

A decorated Christmas tree in the party rooms emphasized the holiday air.

The invitation list included: The honoree, Virginia Lou Wilkinson, Jaynan Edwards, Margaret Inman, Susan Schempt, Eloise Conger, Elaine Conger, Sue Blevins, Phyllis Holmes, Mimi Speed, Jessie Fay Oliver.

Of all the stars, exclusive of our sun, Alpha Oriom sends the most heat to the earth.

VISITS SON

Mrs. Helen B. McFarland of Butler, Mo., arrived in Midland Monday night to be the guest of her son, Clint B. McFarland. She will be here through the holidays and perhaps longer.

BACK FROM DAYTON

Mrs. Wallace Ford who has been in Dayton, Ohio, for the past several weeks visiting her daughters, returned to Midland last night. Miss Virginia Ford, who is in school in Dayton, returned with her mother to spend the holidays.

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Germany's Chief Faces Obstacle In Aged Petain

By DeWitt MacKenzie
Associated Press Staff Writer

Fuehrer Hitler would appear all unexpectedly to have encountered a tartar in the person of France's aged agile dictator, Marshal Petain, who is trying to lead his people out of the wilderness of defeat.

The supposedly tactful old soldier suddenly has invited German ire by his blitzkrieg ousting of Vize Premier Laval, his right-hand man and heir to his official office of state.

This sensational move is said to have been coincident with a refusal by the Marshal to allow Nazi troops to pass through French ports to the aid of Mussolini's hard-pressed forces in Libya and Albania. Laval reportedly acted as intermediary for the German request.

Now Nazi envoy Otto Abetz is in Vichy, with a heavy guard of six-foot soldiers to investigate a still obscure position and find whether Petain's attitude means that he is balking at cooperation with Hitler. Should Abetz discover this to be the case, the Fuehrer's answer to Petain might be the military occupation of all France and the ousting of the government, since Franco-German peace hasn't yet been concluded, but only the armistice.

Sees Studied Method

But to my mind a matter of far greater importance than what Petain has done is why he did it—what gave him the courage to do it. That I believe must be Abetz's big problem.

I suspect that there's studied method in the old Marshal's gamble. There is protruding from his sleeve something which looks suspiciously like an ace. The fact that Hitler is approaching the situation cautiously would indicate that he, too, sees the ace.

Now the moral of the present imbroglio would seem to be that Marshal Petain, while undoubtedly willing to cooperate with Hitler within limits, has no intention of sacrificing his country on the Nazi altar for the sake of placating Germany.

Among other things he has indicated that he will not join Nazidom in making war on Britain.

And where does Marshal Petain as leader of a crushed and defeated nation get the pluck to defy the conqueror of most of Europe?

May Be Unconquered

I personally believe Petain's strength lies in the fact that France's colonial empire is still intact and unconquered.

There is small doubt that this great empire with its wealth of materials and man power could be thrown to the aid of Britain by a mere wave of Petain's hand.

Many of the colonials are strongly pro-British, some already have declared their willingness to fight with Britain. Mandated Syria, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, French West Africa, and many more—what a team of allies for Britain!

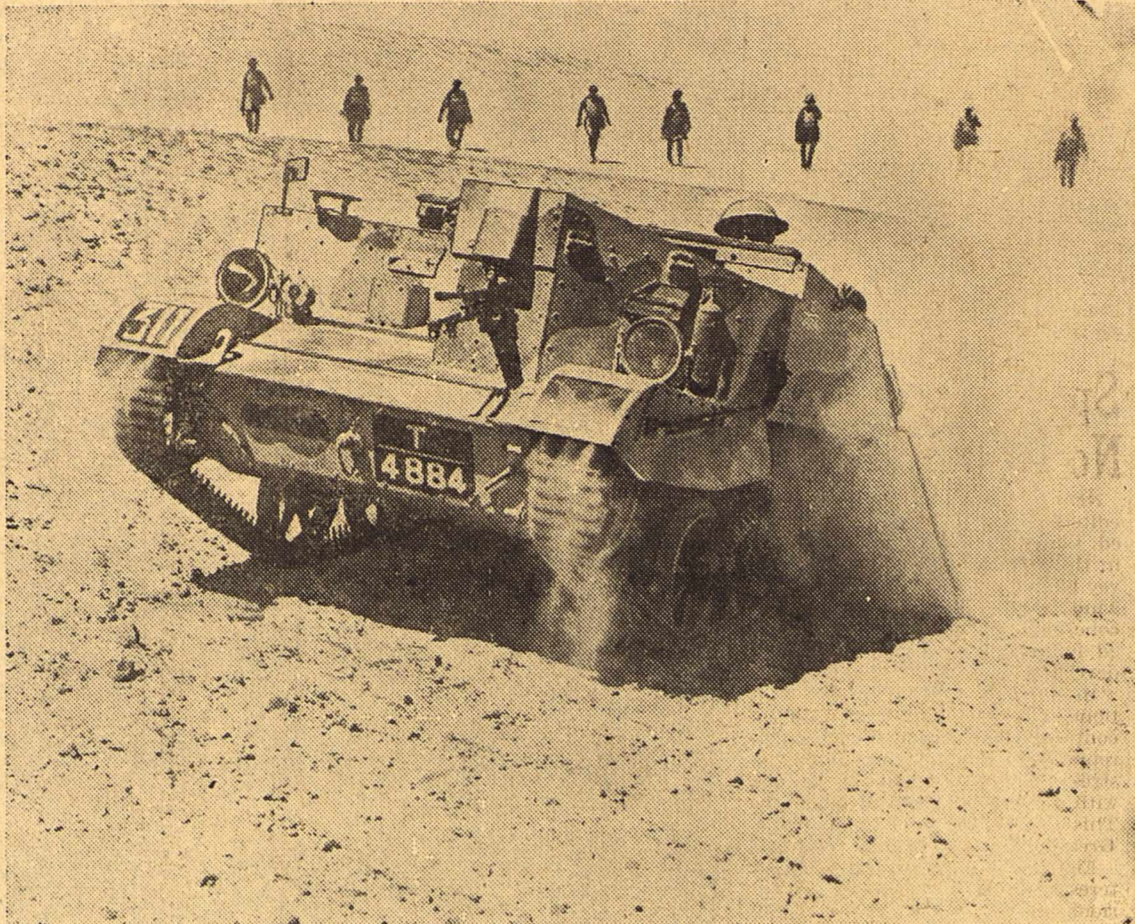
Petaim's chief of military and political affairs in Africa is the great General Maxime Weygand. He is a powerful leader and, so far as has appeared, he is a patriot who will follow the orders of his government.

Hitler knows and Britain knows that should the French colonies swing to the British it would shatter the Axis hopes of gaining control of the all-important Mediterranean area which is one of the principal foundation stones of Britain's imperial might. No wonder then that both Britain and Germany have been straining every nerve to win these French possessions over.

There you have Petain's strength. We might even see the Marshal patching up his row with Laval and taking him back. But the French Chief of State has demonstrated that he has the courage of his conviction.

Venus is better fitted to support human life than any other planet except the earth.

Italian Troops in Egypt Saw Scenes Like This



Their advance guarded by armored Bren machine gun carriers like this one, British troops struck with crushing force in surprise attacks against Italian legions in Egypt. Aided by the British sea and air arms, desert troops, like the Indian fighters pictured above on recent maneuvers, forced Italians back in merciless assaults, capturing tens of thousands of the retreating foe.

War's Lightning Strikes Twice



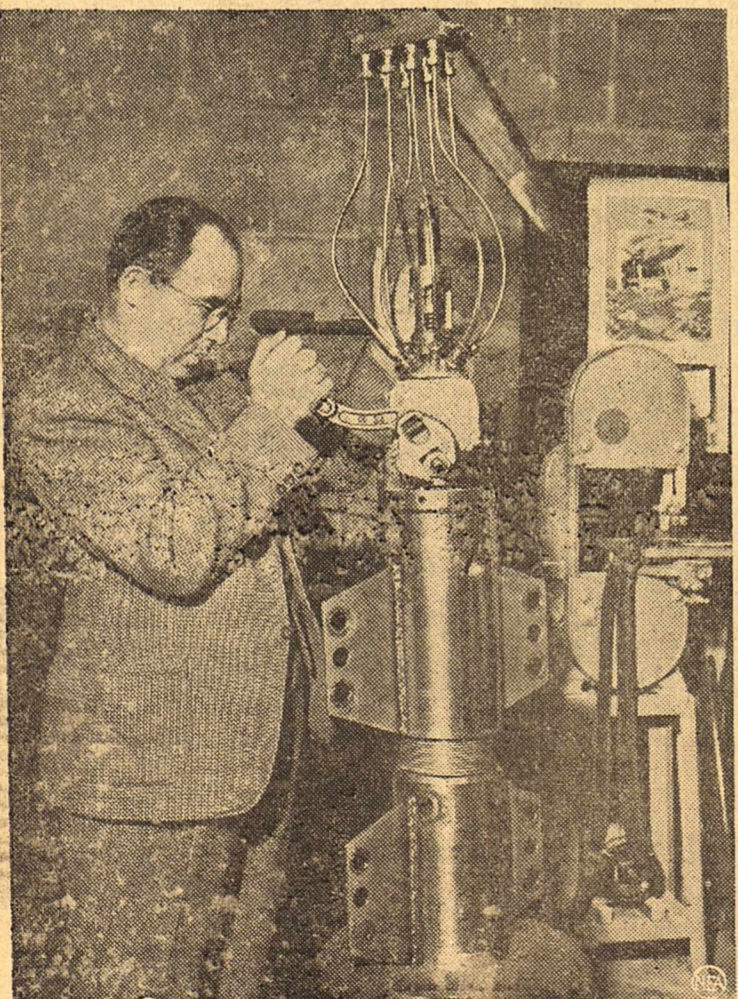
Mrs. E. Clayton and her daughter, Doris, wear cheerful smiles in the above photo because war's lightning struck at them twice—but they escaped unhurt. A bomb struck their London home, but they were safe in their Anderson shelter. They moved to new quarters, taking the shelter along. They're pictured after it saved them again when their second house was blasted.

BRITISH FOOD MINISTRY FIXES TURKEY PRICES

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The food ministry today fixed the price of undressed Christmas turkeys at two shillings, ten pence a pound (about 57 cents) because butchers were raising their prices.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

Revolutionary "Kicker" for Planes



E. E. Myers, New York inventor, demonstrates his new auxiliary airplane motor of revolutionary design, which, he thinks, can increase fighter planes' speed bursts by as much as 200 miles per hour and add 85 per cent to present bomber loads. New "kicker" is not unlike "rocket" motors, using the blasts of explosions of a new liquid fuel which army experts call "as powerful as TNT."

Many Frontier Christmas Customs Linger In Southwest

LUBBOCK, Dec. 16 — Many frontier Christmas customs still prevail in the Southwest, a check among Texas Tech students shows. Scarcity in earlier days of "store-bought" gifts or evergreen trees is reflected in some of the Christmas customs of their homes.

Blowing anvils with gunpowder instead of fireworks was discontinued in 1920 in the Dunn community near Snyder, one student said. He also recalled huge Russian thistle bonfires in lieu of fireworks displays.

"Our main Christmas tree decorations are dozens of small popcorn balls wrapped in red cellophane," one Matador coper says. "The tree looks like a bumper apple crop."

A well balanced tree branch several feet long, planted in a large flower pot, is still used instead of an evergreen at her home, a Plainview student says. Large gum-drops serve as ornaments, and strings of popcorn and cranberries are draped from the twigs.

Gifts are left on doorsteps by friends exchanging presents in Loving, N. M.

Santa announces himself variously by sleigh bells, a cowbell, a train whistle or a doll's voice at the door. He is rewarded by fruit cake and milk left on the hearth, homemade candies, or hot soup. In Magdalena, N. M., one student explains, a small bundle of hay is left on the hearth for Santa's reindeer and soup in a boiling pot within the fireplace for Santa himself.

Community trees continue to serve in many smaller towns. School plays and songs are the main source of entertainment on Christmas eve near Mason. Gifts from a tree are distributed following the program. In many other towns, the church is the community center on Christmas eve. In the Whiteface community near Lubbock, Santa visits the community tree in the guise of an elderly lady, very large and very jovial.

A Dallas family whose daughter attends Tech has for years risen at 3 o'clock on Christmas morning, in order to exchange gifts and breakfast together before relatives arrive for the day. In the home of a White Deer boy, Christmas eve is a day of fast until the supper hour. Then all the family attends midnight mass. A Lubbock family entertains itself by "riddles" to mystify the children and add zest to distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree.

Seated around the fire, many families sing carols before exchanging gifts. In Lamesa, the high school girls club goes on a hayride about town singing. If there is snow, horse-drawn ladders serve as sleighs for carollers in another West Texas town. Young people of Albuquerque, N. M., form a torch-light parade a thousand or more strong, and march through the city's streets singing Christmas songs. The custom is said to have been borrowed from Indians living near the city.

Eclipses of the sun always begin on the west side of the sun; eclipses of the moon begin on the east side of the moon.

Soviet Notifies Finland To Select Friendly Chief

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Soviet press gave notice to Finland today to choose a president who "will guarantee normal friendly relations with neighboring countries and avoid the ruinous path of adventures and experiments of any kind for Finland in foreign policy."

Kyosti Kallio, former president, resigned Nov. 28 because of poor health.

The newspaper printed a dispatch of the official Russian agency, Tass, from Helsinki, declaring that Finland was being pushed into an experimental path by "various reactionary business people."

HEART DISEASE AT TOP IN AMERICAN DEATHS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Heart disease killed twice as many Americans last year as any other cause.

Out of the 1,387,897 deaths reported in the United States in 1939, 860,634 were caused by heart disease. Cancer was next with 153,846. Other major causes were: Cerebral hemorrhage, 114,967; nephritis, 108,512; influenza and pneumonia, 99,097; tuberculosis, 61,609.

Over-Dressing Can Never Produce Chic

By Alicia Hart
NEA Service Staff Writer

Many a woman who would not dream of spoiling the good lines of her slim suits and simple dresses by wearing fancy gloves, too many yards of veiling on her hats and entirely too much costume jewelry seems to go completely haywire when she dresses for a formal evening event.

Not content with choosing an elaborate dress (fine idea, of course) and planning to wear it under a coat or wrap a great deal less simple than her day coats, she piles on practically every jewel in the house, genuine and otherwise. Her fingers, wrists, arms, neck, ears and hair are so loaded down with glitter that a picture of complete confusion is created.

Becomes Walking Flower Show

Or, worse yet, after hanging sprawling garlands and gobs of jewelry on her wrists, throat, ears and bosom, she pins a veritable Florist's piece of flowers into her coiffure, poses an even larger spray on her shoulders and covers her head with yards of trailing veiling.

The result is anything except chic. It's dreadful.

Furthermore, the woman whose day makeup is suave and subtle, all too often commits the worst possible sins against good taste when she puts on cosmetics to wear with an evening dress.

Having been told that artificial lighting drains the color from the cheeks and apparently having some queer notion that she isn't going to have a chance to do her face over a single time during the evening, she puts on enough rouge to flag a train.

Repair Makeup From Time to Time

Artificial lighting does steal away some color, of course. But not a vast amount. And to try to put on enough rouge to last through an entire evening creates a clown-like effect during the first few hours. It is best to apply only what's needed at the time, then to put on more when necessary.

Mascara is another cosmetic that altogether too many women smear on willy-nilly for evening. The same women wouldn't think of going shopping or even to tea with eyelashes so heavily beaded as to create a burlesque queen effect.

Nor would they put a thick layer of eyeshadow on their eyelids, or draw heavy, thick lines through their eyebrows during day hours. I just can't figure out why they do it for formal evening occasions.

U. S. Army Expert To Report on War



The course of future American aid to Britain may be influenced by the report to be made by Brig. Gen. Raymond E. Lee, above, permanent U. S. military observer in London. War Department has ordered him home for consultation on British military and armament situation.

Kennedy Strip Of Coast Highway Opens To Public

RAYMONDVILLE, Tex., Dec. 17 (AP)—The Kennedy County strip of the hug-the-coast highway, traversing 49 miles of solid ranchland—was opened to traffic today, ending a dispute whose echoes sounded in elections, legislative halls and public meetings for 20 years.

The affair became an event of international significance the moment state highway commissioners snipped a ribbon at the Kennedy-Willacy County line a few miles north of here.

The brief ceremony meant that automobile traffic, for the first time, moved in a straight line from Kingsville south to Raymondville, bringing about completion of the hug-the-coast road.

Until today, the highway stopped at the northern and southern extremities of Kennedy County, all of which is owned by four ranch interests.

Four years ago Robert Kleberg offered to give a right-of-way through that part of the highway intended to cross the King Ranch property, and the Kennedy interests soon followed suit.

United States Notes 27,200 Barrel Decline

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 17 (AP)—Daily crude oil production in the United States decreased 27,240 barrels to 3,574,760 for the week ended Dec. 14, the Oil and Gas Journal said today.

California was up 22,100 to 618,350; Kansas 15,950 to 199,050; Eastern fields 200 to 105,900, and East Texas 335 to 375,175.

All Texas declined 12,850 to 1,331,750; Louisiana 1,980 to 287,175; Illinois 4,810 to 327,235; Michigan 2,675 to 42,450; Oklahoma 35,265 to 384,450; and the Rocky Mountain area, 3,060 to 69,680.

Monahans Man Accepts Gauger's Job For Gulf

MONAHANS, Dec. 17 (Special)—R. R. Mitchell, employe of the Gulf Oil Corp. here, was transferred to Kermit, where he will be chief gauger for the company. He succeeds Charles W. Watson, 50, fatally injured Wednesday morning.

Watson, whose daughter, Miss Betty Watson, is a member of the Monahans High School faculty, was found beaten last week. Officers arrested Pete Barnett, 31, of Kermit.

LEGIONNAIRES OF AREA TO MONAHANS DINNER

MONAHANS, Dec. 17 (Special)—Legionnaires of Crane, McCamey, Odessa, Fort Stockton, Pecos, Wink, Midland and Kermit will be guests of the American Legion post here Friday night at a Mexican dinner. G. Ward Moody, Odessa, 16th district commander, will attend.

BRITAIN EXECUTES CITIZEN AS SPY OF GERMANY

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—A citizen of the Netherlands was executed at Pentonville prison as a spy for Germany, the British home office announced today.

Switzerland's New President



New President of Switzerland is Dr. Ernest Wetter, above, noted economic expert, recently elected for 1941. He is a leader of Swiss industrial activities and foreign trade negotiations.

SPECIALTY STORE EMPLOYE TRANSFERRED TO SUNDOWN

MONAHANS, Dec. 17 (Special)—Arthur Robinson, employe of the Tri-State Specialty Company here, was transferred to the company's Sundown store, where he will be manager. R. J. Smith was named to succeed him, Hal Greer, owner, said.

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Louis Vents Disgust After Fifth Round Technical McCoy Knockout; Prepares For Defenses Of Title

By Bill King. BOSTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis appeared convinced that idleness breeds nothing but rustiness as he prepared today to undertake the long series of monthly title defenses mapped out for him for the remainder of the indoor boxing season.

The Brown Bomber, just back from the fourth lengthy vacation he has given himself since he gained his title from Jimmy Braddock in 1937, renewed his fistic operations against the much smaller Al McCoy, of Boston, last night before a 13-334 crowd at the Boston Garden.

It took the iron-fisted champion, who had a weight advantage of more than 21 pounds, five rounds to damage McCoy, an over-stuffed light heavyweight, to the point where the challenger's handlers decided he had taken enough punishment.

McCoy balked at first, for his only noticeable wound was a closed left eye, but finally was prevailed upon to ignore the bell that sounded for the sixth round, thereby giving Louis a technical knockout verdict.

During most of the action, McCoy's shifty style prevented the stalking Louis from doing much damage with his deadly right. Twice during the abbreviated engagement, originally listed for 15 rounds, the champion, who weighed 202 1/4 to McCoy's 180 3/4, did land his famed right fist in bone-crushing fashion.

Both of those blows were decidedly effective. The first one, in the opening round, gave McCoy a severe shaking up and the other, unleashed in the fifth, but the challenger's left optic out of commission for the time being.

Louis Disgusted. In between times, the courageous McCoy, who hasn't been counted out once during his long career, bobbed, weaved and sidestepped with much skill to escape Louis' devastating punishment and landed a few rights on his own account.

"It was a lousy fight," Louis said shortly after McCoy's handlers refused to permit him to come out for the sixth round. "I must have looked just as bad out there tonight as I did on my first visit to Boston back in 1938." At that time Louis was an obscure amateur in Detroit, and while he was making his first bow to the Boston boxing public, he suffered the humiliating experience of getting knocked down seven times by Max Baek, of Chicago, in a national junior boxing tournament semi-final match.

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CLASSIFIEDS—SMALL COST—BIG RESULTS

Wrestling's Gene Tunney



Three guesses—who is this dapper individual, pictured above in black tie talking about the Egyptians to an elect intellectual audience in Philadelphia? Nope, you're wrong. He's that grunt-and-grout game champ, none other than Professor (of wrestling) Big Jim London.

Baylor Coach Is Main Speaker At Odessa Banquet

"The Southwest Conference, with its wide open play has done more to change passing rules for the better than any other sector," Morley Jennings, Baylor University coach, told coaches and officials of the Trans-Pecos association at their annual banquet last night at Odessa.

Ohio State Gets Rid Of Schmidt And Assistants

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17 (AP)—Ohio State University's athletic board hung a "coaching staff wanted" sign today in front of the huge gray football stadium where 301,000 fans watched the Bucks play five games this year.

Corpus And Wildcats Suffer From Injuries

By The Associated Press. Corpus Christi's Bucaneros and Temple's Wildcats, who meet Saturday at Corpus Christi in the state schoolboy football semi-finals, vied today over which was handicapped most by injuries and illness.

Plans Are Complete For Bulldogs' Annual Dinner

Plans were complete today for the annual football banquet honoring the Midland High Bulldogs to be held at Hotel Scharbauer Thursday night.

Bulldogs To Open Season At 8 p. m. Against Odessans

Midland High Bulldog basketballs will open the season here tonight at 8 p. m. against the Odessa Bronchos.

KRLH To Broadcast Hunt-Ritchie Fight

Midland's radio station, KRLH, will broadcast the Babe Hunt-Babe Ritchie fight in Odessa Thursday night over the Texas State Network.

Wink-Colorado City Game Here Nets \$736

The Wink-Colorado City regional championship game played in Midland netted \$736, divided by the two schools, according to a report from the Chamber of Commerce.

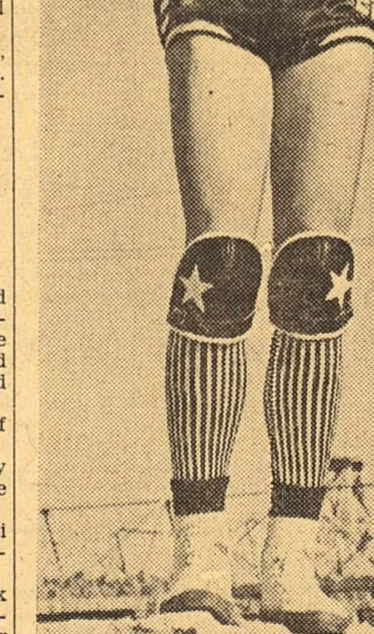
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Towering Cager



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Sport Year Has No Major Trend

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Coach At Pyote Resigns To Take Brownwood Job

MONAHANS, Dec. 17 (Special)—Ernest Skiles, principal and coach at Pyote school in western Ward County, announced his resignation to accept a position at Brownwood.

Rumors Of Yank And Dodger Deal Afloat

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Larry MacPhail denies everything, and Ed Barrow won't admit any more than necessary, but there are enough smoke clouds hanging over the offices of the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers these days to indicate some sort of a baseball deal must be on the fire.

PROGRAM FRIDAY. Valley View School will present a Christmas program Friday.

been full of rumors for days. The first concrete evidence that there was something behind them came out yesterday when MacPhail and Barrow met in the Yanks' office and discussed Lefty Gomez and Monte Pearson, pitchers reported to be on the auction block.

Large advertisement for Firestone tires, featuring various products like record players, kitchen appliances, and bicycles, along with promotional text like 'Gifts for the ENTIRE FAMILY' and 'BUY NOW - ALL WINTER TO PAY ON EASY WEEKLY BUDGET TERMS'.

Advertisement for F. H. A. Loans, owned by Midland Federal Savings and Loan Association, offering loans at 4 1/2% interest.

NOTICE: A public notice from W. T. Chandler, W. M. Col. Wright, Collector, offering assistance to families in need of clothing and shoes.

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By Wm. E. McKenney
America's Card Authority.
At the District of Columbia Championships in Washington, I talked with LeRoy Thurcell, who, by the way, won the mixed pair event with Mrs. Leon Landauer.

Thurcell gets a lot of fun out of a bridge tournament. While he wins his share of cups, he says, "When you win a cup, you're lucky—somebody has helped you. Look at this hand. When I made it, everybody told me I had played it nicely. I didn't play it—my opponents gave it to me."
Dummy won the opening lead with the ace of diamonds, and the spade was led. West put up the ace, and led the ace and ten of hearts to forestall spade ruffs. South was in with the king of trumps.
A club to the king put North in to lead a low spade for dummy to ruff. Declarer ruffed himself in with a diamond, cashed the queen of hearts and king of spades, and then simply gave up a trick to the jack of spades in order to clear his fifth spade.
"West might have given me a headache," said Thurcell, "by passing the spade lead from dummy. I would not guess the play of the king. But apart from that, his trump leads were very helpful—to me. Had he made the more forceful defense of pumping me with diamonds, I don't think I could have made the contract."

SECTIONS OF ORANGE FLOODED BY SABINE
ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 17 (AP).—The east and north sections of Orange were flooded today, with the Sabine River still rising although slowly.
A sandwich shop and two filling stations on the highway leading into Louisiana were evacuated because of high water.

KRLH PROGRAMS

- TODAY**
- 6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS
 - 6:15—Brook Haven, TSN
 - 6:30—Sport Spotlight, TSN
 - 6:45—News, TSN
 - 7:00—Wynne Williams, MBS
 - 7:15—Reid and Randell, TSN
 - 7:30—Ned Jordan, MBS
 - 8:00—The Messiah, TSN
 - 9:00—Raymond Gram Swing, MBS
 - 9:15—Cats 'N' Jammers
 - 9:30—Valley Church, TSN
 - 9:45—McMurry College program, TSN
 - 10:00—News, TSN
 - 10:15—Bobby Peters' Orch., MBS
 - 10:45—The Ben Orch., TSN
- TOMORROW**
- 6:45—Morning Tunes
 - 7:30—News, TSN
 - 7:45—Desert Drifters, TSN
 - 8:00—News, TSN
 - 8:05—Piano Moods, TSN
 - 8:15—Rhythm Wranglers, TSN
 - 8:30—Keep Fit to Music, MBS
 - 8:35—What's Doing Around Midland
 - 9:00—Organ Melodien, TSN
 - 9:15—Margaret Johnson, TSN
 - 9:30—Backstage Wife, TSN
 - 9:45—Easy Aces, TSN
 - 10:00—Neighbors, TSN
 - 10:15—Our Gal Sunday, TSN
 - 10:30—Songs of Carol Leighton, TSN
 - 10:45—Sweetest Songs Ever Sung, TSN
 - 11:00—News, TSN
 - 11:05—Conservation of vision, KBST
 - 11:30—Garwood 'Pat's' Orch., TSN
 - 11:35—Eleven Thirty, Inc., TSN
 - 11:45—Man on the Street
 - 12:00—News & Market Reports, TSN
 - 12:15—Singin' Sam
 - 12:30—Francis Craig's Orch., MBS
 - 12:45—Eddie Fitzgerald's Orch., MBS
 - 1:00—Cedric Foster, MBS
 - 1:15—Gail North, TSN
 - 1:30—Afternoon Concerts
 - 1:45—Sterling Young's Orch., TSN
 - 2:00—Johnny Duffy, Organist, MBS
 - 2:15—Health Program
 - 2:30—El Paso Troubadours, MBS
 - 2:45—George Fisher, MBS
 - 3:00—News & Market Reports, TSN
 - 3:15—Manny Landers' Orch., MBS
 - 3:30—Radio Gossip Club, MBS
 - 3:45—The Johnson Family, MBS
 - 4:00—Roy DeLoach, Pianist
 - 4:15—Crime & Death, TSN
 - 4:30—Trojan Horses, MBS
 - 4:45—Afternoon Inspirations
 - 5:00—Alvino Rey's Orch.
 - 5:30—Songs of Lowry Kohler, MBS
 - 5:45—Jimmy Walsh's Orch., TSN

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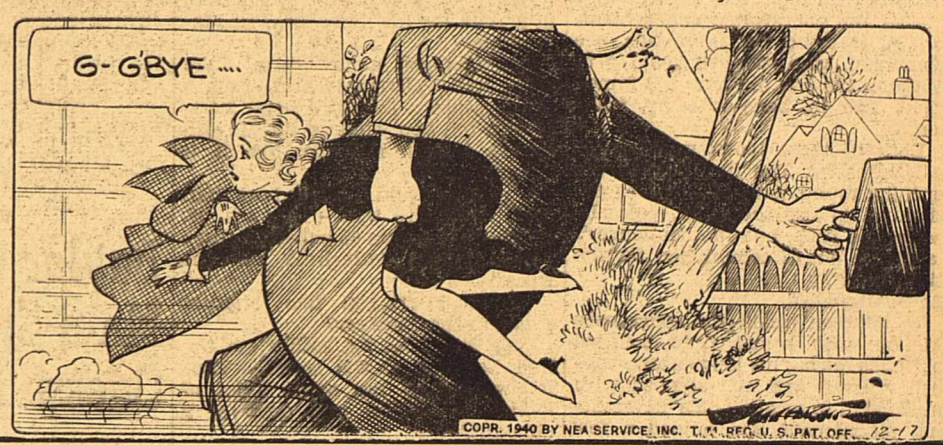
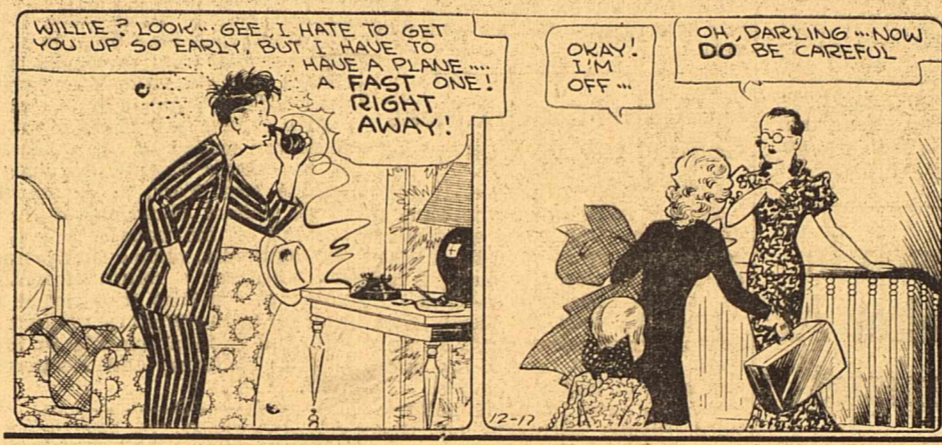
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OUT OUR WAY by J. R. WILLIAMS



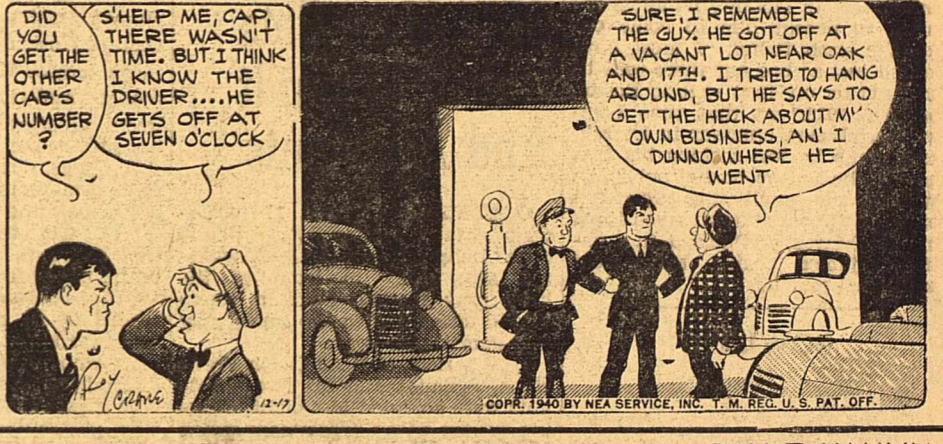
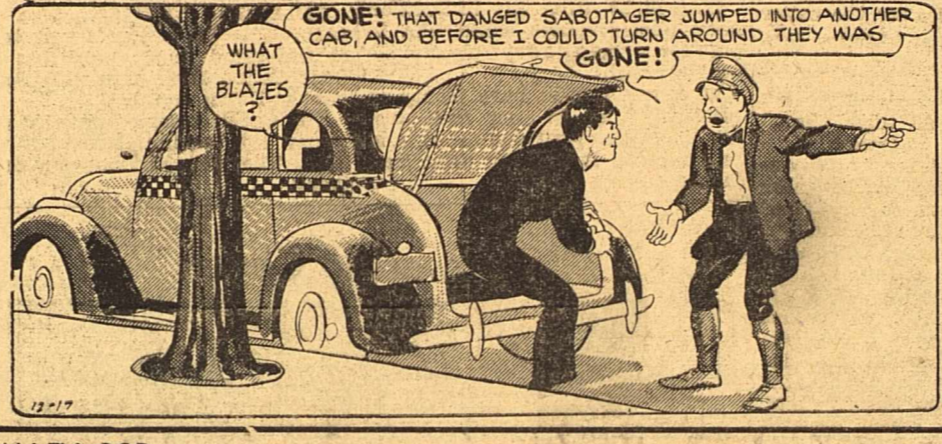
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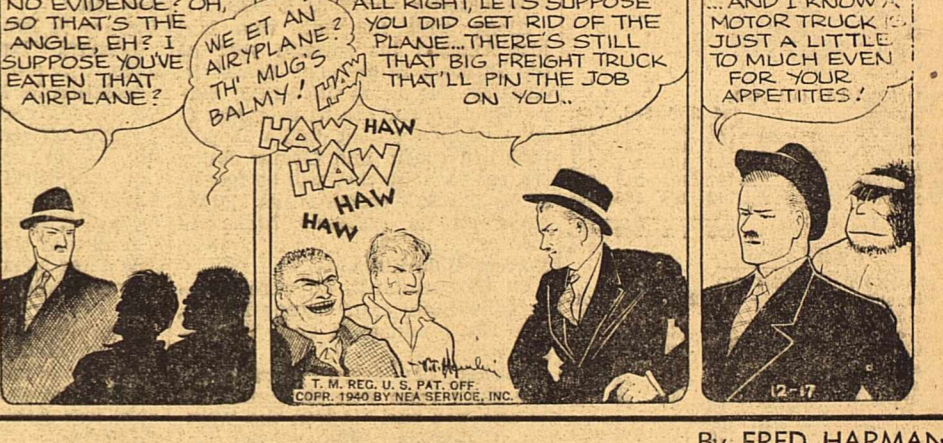
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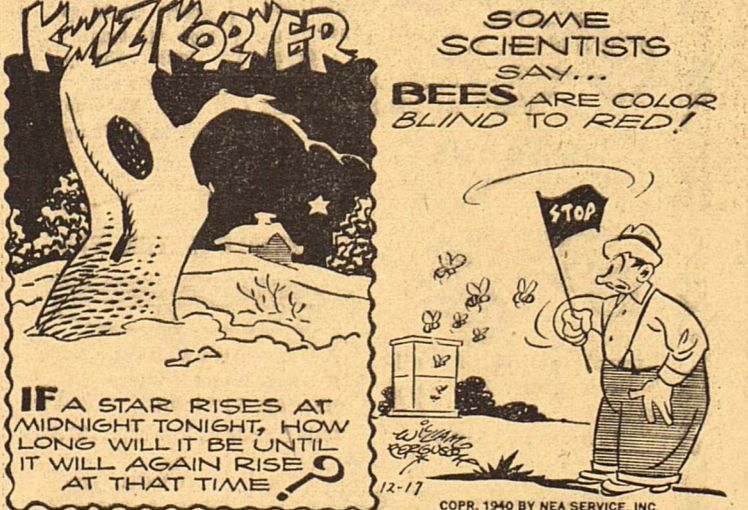
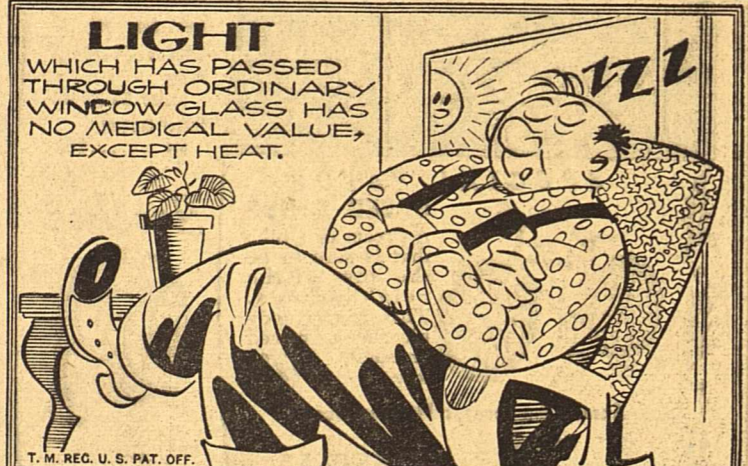
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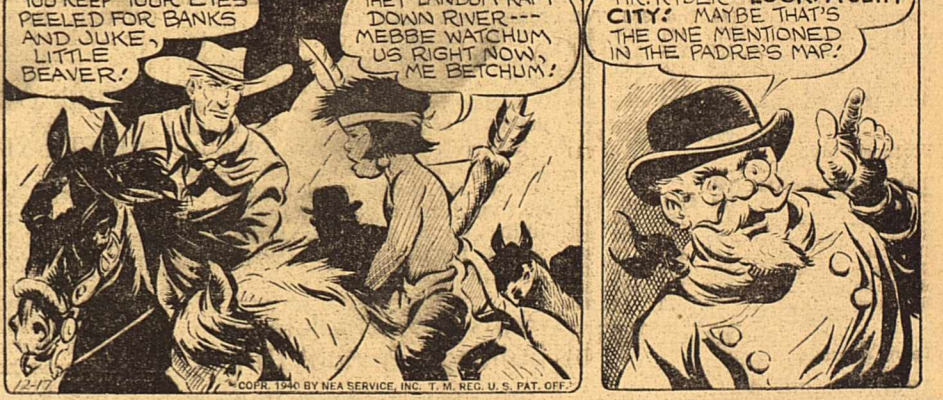
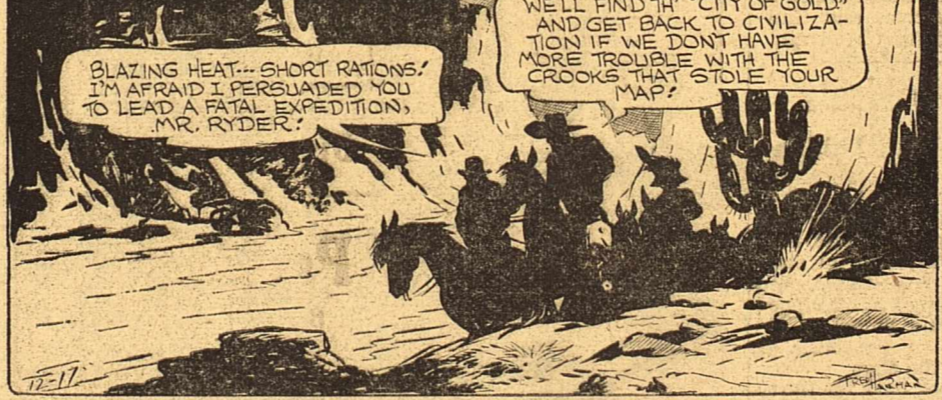
THIS CURIOUS WORLD by William Ferguson



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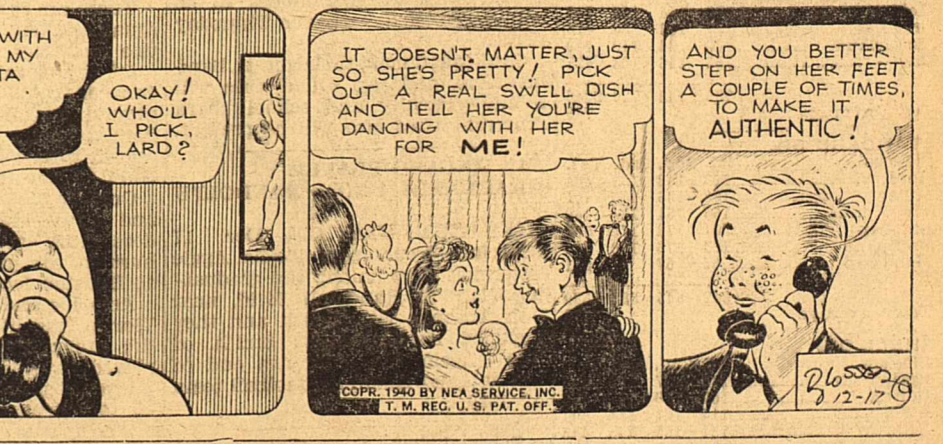
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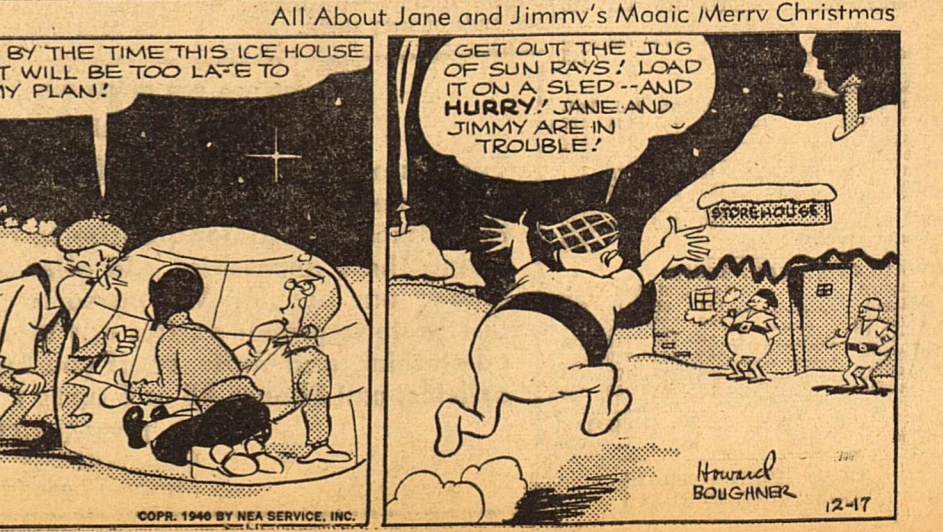
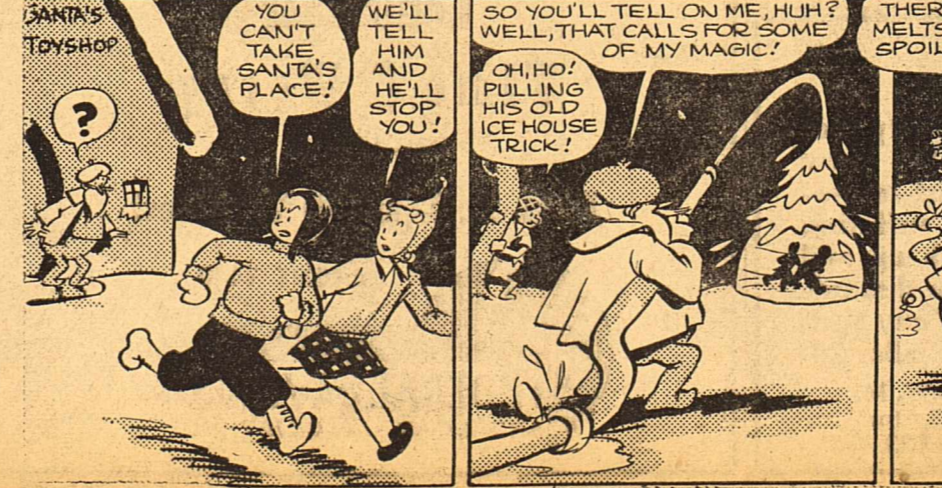
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Find Ex-Rodeo Performer Dead In Tourist Cottage

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Dec. 17 (AP) — His lariat wound tightly around his neck, James Doyle Tarrant, former Texas rodeo rider, was found dead last night in a tourist cottage bathroom.
Coroner Tom Gardner said the death was a suicide. The coroner said he learned that Tarrant had been despondent and had threatened suicide several times recently.
Tarrant, who was known as Tex Doyle among rodeo riders, came here about three weeks ago. He formerly lived at Pampa, Texas. Officials here said they believed he held and under-sheriff's commission in Texas.

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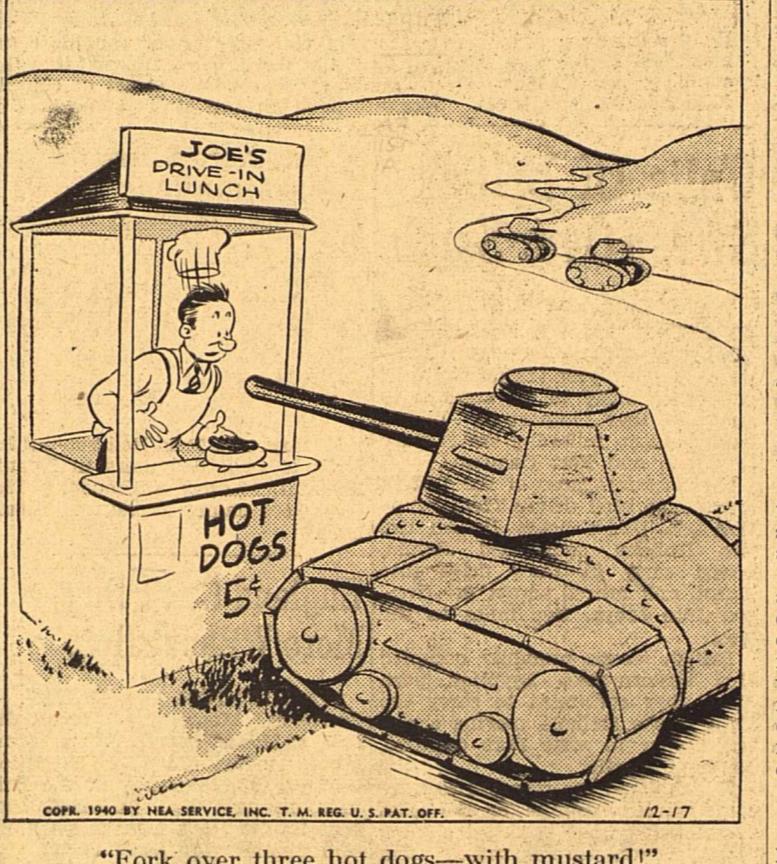
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Hold Everything!



Officer Holds Inspector Shot Wife, Then Himself
BRYAN, Dec. 17 (AP)—Justice of the Peace A. D. Bosse held today that C. E. Heard, apiary inspector of the entomology department of the Texas agricultural experiment station, shot his wife to death as she lay sleeping, then killed himself.
The two had been living apart. Heard at Bryan and his wife at Fort Worth.

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SERIAL STORY

DUDE COLLEGE

BY OREN ARNOLD

YESTERDAY: Lona joins Wesley, and after brief target practice, they sit and talk. Wesley lapses into Spanish, is surprised when Lona displays ignorance of common Mexican dialects, but says nothing. He hardly has a chance for Lona snuggles closer, then suddenly kisses him.

ANDRE BUYS A DRUM. Chapter XXVII.

"What happened to it? Where did you go?"
Andre Girardeau looked hard at Lona Montoya.
"Where do you think?" she snapped back, eyes a-fire. "Am I a child not to be trusted? Am I not a part of the organization myself? Was I not the one sent here to work with you?"
"Oh come, Lona!" he was impatient. "You know what I mean! I'm not being personal, I'm just anxious. Don't you understand? We risked our lives to do a thing, and then you—"
Lona shrugged, expressively. "You come here with a chip on your shoulder, Andre. Sit down."
"Don't be a fool!" he almost snarled that, his face lined in anger. "I let you take the thing because I had a heavier front to maintain, a cover to keep up. But I am running this show, understand? I am the one who got the instrument, but now one night later I do not have it in my possession and my hands are tied! You—you are a girl!"
He said that last almost contemptuously, standing over her in an attitude of melodramatic menace.
He had slipped thus to her apartment at 1 a.m. as he had often done in the past weeks. No one had observed his coming and going, he felt, and he had made sure that all windows and shades were closed now. But he was not the suave Andre of past visits here. This call was not for pleasure, it was a business call by a definitely nervous man.
Lona Montoya was staring off. "Fool" is a strong word, Andre."
He looked narrowly at her. Then he walked to her little kitchenette and got himself a drink. He paused, drank another glass of liquor, and let his feelings cool. He came back to her smiling.
"Listen, kid," he purred, "I'm all on edge, tonight. Can't help being jumpy. Forget it."
Lona looked up at him with cold calculating gaze—and all at once she appeared satisfied in turn. She lifted her arms to him.
"Of course, Andre. The thing is hidden safe. We can ship it to New York whenever the excitement dies down, ship it easily, too. There is no worree, eh? Not when I have you beside me, you, Andre!"
Andre didn't know yet where the precious instrument was hidden, but he would find out—later.
Because Ronica had no classes after 2 p.m., Andre Girardeau called at the Rooking R ranch next afternoon and again was profuse with his sympathies. The fire loss had upset Mr. Bailey rather badly; not the monetary loss, but the sentimental, the fact that his newly discovered resting place was suddenly consumed.
Andre arrived to find four trucks there, and several other men talking to Ronnie and her dad.
"We heard you aimed to rebuild out of this red sandstone, Mr. Bailey," one man, obviously a rancher, was saying. "So we just thought we'd cart a little of it over to you in our spare time like."
Thomas U. Bailey looked at the bronzed westerner.
"Thank you," he said. "I appreciate your coming. I'll be glad to pay you gentlemen whatever you wish for your work, and—"
"Hold on! I didn't say it clear, I reckon, sir. We didn't come here hunting jobs. We—well, the fact is, Mr. Bailey, we were trying to be neighbors. Now out here in the southwest, when a man gets burnt out why we all mostly pitch in and help rebuild him, see? I don't take hardly no time and work that away. No sir, we couldn't take no pay."
Mr. Bailey just stared. Ronica, who had been with him, made a gesture as if to touch the rancher tenderly, and her eyes suddenly were misty.
"We know you got enough money and all that," the rancher went on, "but that ain't it. Mr. Bailey, fact is, people out here was comin' to like you and Miss Ronica. You got five cowboys on your pay roll. They told around what sort you was. Now, out here—"
"Lordy!" Thomas U. Bailey sort of rumbled that. His voice wouldn't behave very well. "I can't buy that in New York. . . . I can't buy that any where in God's world, gentlemen! . . . I—I want to shake your hands."
The scene apparently touched Andre Girardeau, too.
When he had looked approvingly at plans already roughly drawn for the new ranch home, he took Ronnie in his car and drove the eight miles in to town with her. As he parked at Wilson's Indian Trading Post he turned to the girl at his side.
"Ronnie," said he, "I can't very well haul in rocks to build with, but I want you to know that I feel just like those ranch men. And I can show a little of my feeling. Now you have said that the new house will be furnished with authentic Spanish and Indian things—so come in!"

VICHY GOVERNMENT ORDERS PRODUCTS NOT RE-EXPORTED

VICHY, France, Dec. 17 (AP)—The government ordered today that any French or French empire products exported to nine countries must be accompanied by an agreement, signed by the receiver, not to re-export the goods. The countries are Bulgaria, Spain, Finland, Ireland, Portugal, Rumania, Turkey, Soviet Russia and Yugoslavia.
His open conceit seemed almost to have a nasty snarl to it, so that Wilson looked up at him. "You are just too generous, Andre. I know Dad will love you for it, though."
She wandered down the store to inspect a collection of Mexican and Indian dolls hanging there and kindly Mr. Wilson smiled at Andre and said confidentially, "She is a very lovely miss, isn't she?"
Andre acknowledged the compliment by nodding. "The Miss is temporary, however. I shall change that in a day or two, Wilson. I know how to pick 'em, eh? Eh, Wilson?"
When he observed with Navajo rugs Ronica admired most, Andre ordered them for her, and when they discovered a great arm chair made skillfully of the light but astonishingly strong ribs from sahuro cactus, Andre ordered that especially for Mr. Bailey.
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STAR ACTRESS

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Horizontal: 1 Beloved actress pictured here. 12 Juniper. 13 To thread. 14 Expert aviators. 16 Smelling badly. 17 Species of clams. 18 Street car. 19 Bull fighter. 21 Ecstasy. 22 Children. 23 To turn aside. 26 Tense. 29 Fury. 30 Fabled fish. 32 Female deer. 33 To rub out. 35 To fly. 36 Persia. 38 Back of neck. 41 Cavity. 45 Impolite. 48 Ratite birds. 49 Golf clubs. 50 God of war. 51 Work of skill. 52 Small memorial. 54 She was a famous star of the—. 55 She became a popu— star late in life.

Vertical: 10 Pale brown. 11 Back. 12 She was a—or actress of humorous roles. 15 Smelting plants. 20 Kind of window. 24 To do wrong. 25 Beverage. 27 Bustle. 28 Kind of grass. 31 One who honors. 34 Afternoon sleep. 35 Narrow. 37 Ablaze. 39 Oriental nurse. 40 Innocent. 42 Sun. 43 To clip. 44 Spore sacs. 46 Hindustani. 47 Animal.

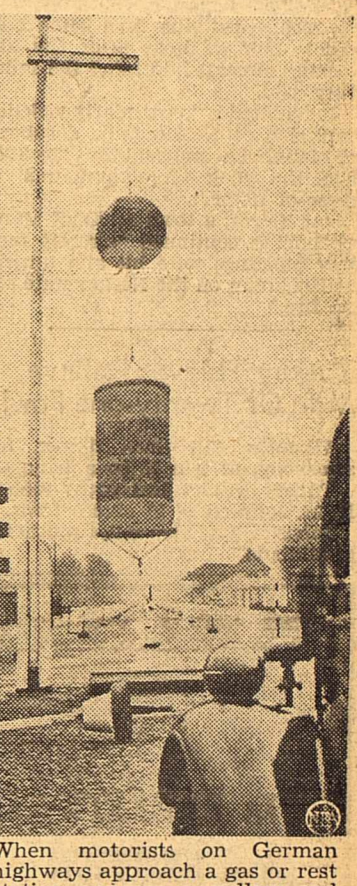
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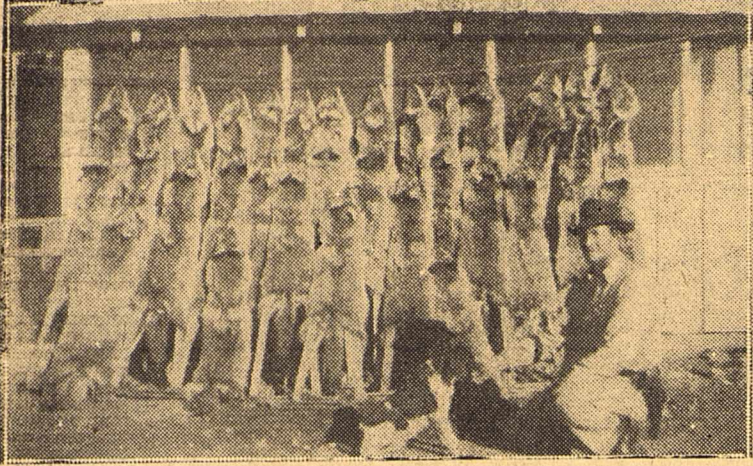
Germany's Sign Of Trouble Ahead



CONSTABLE LEE TO MCCAMEY FOR CHECK VIOLATOR

Constable R. D. Lee said today he was going to McCamey to bring a prisoner to jail here. The man, Lee said, was alleged to have passed worthless checks in Midland.

Trapper Estes Takes Inventory



Clifford Estes, Martin County trapper, is shown with pelts of 14 coyotes trapped on the Bud Sears Ranch. Estes has trapped 155 coyotes to date, catching 39 in November. He worked on the Sears, Slaughter and Wolcott ranches in northern Martin County that month. Estes, a brother of Jack Estes, prominent rancher in the county, trapped in Nolan County before coming to Stanton. While there he bagged a 45-pound bob cat, one of the largest ever seen in that section.

British Raid In Mannheim Sector

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—British bombers attacked an aircraft factory, a dye plant and other targets on the Mannheim area of Germany, the Nazi submarine base at Bordeaux, France, and six merchantmen off the French coast in a broad series of raids last night, the air ministry announced today.

A communiqué said that Mannheim, "the chief industrial center of the upper Rhine," was subjected to a sustained seven-hour assault. Four British planes failed to return.

An analine dye factory at Ludwigshafen, a suburb of Mannheim, "one of the largest in Germany, was set well alight, the fires being still visible half an hour after the attacking aircraft had left," the ministry said.

It reported a "particularly violent" explosion at Neckarstadt, a suburb of Mannheim, and said that "by 3:30 a.m. the whole target area was a mass of flames."

"At Steyer, a town south of Mannheim," it continued "aircraft factory buildings were hit and targets at Heilbronn on the Neckar were set on fire."

No Protest In Ector Oil Field Proposal

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 17 (AP)—No protests met a suggestion of operators today to utilize lease production in the Goldsmith oil field, Ector County, and thus reduce gas production by an estimated 15,000,000 cubic feet daily.

The field's engineering committee submitted the plan at a railroad commission hearing, suggesting that high gas-oil ratio wells of a given lease be shut in and their allowable assigned to low ratio wells which would produce the lease's entire allowable, providing not less than half the wells continued to produce.

Calculations based on Dec. 1 allowables indicated daily gas production would drop from 43,164,000 cubic feet to 28,113,000 if the unitization was applied universally.

Proposed rules defined a unit as not more than 16 wells producing into a common tank battery and prohibited the transfer of allowable from one well to another if the wells are more than 2,310 feet apart. Units would be 160 acres in area, rectangular in size with a length not more than twice the width.

Turkey Thieves Relieve Man Of Twenty-one Fowl

What a Christmas dinner for somebody, or will it be a banquet, Turkey thieves last night robbed R. M. Johnson of 21 choice turkeys. Johnson lives five miles southeast of Midland.

Sponsors For Theater Party Work Out Plans

Sponsors of an annual Christmas party for boys and girls of the city made plans today with an announcement that Rotary and Lions clubs and the American Legion will join the Yucca Theatre in presenting the party.

J. Howard Hodge, manager of the Yucca, said the free show for boys and girls will be the morning of Dec. 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Lions, Rotarians, and Legionnaires, indicated they will assist by giving candy and fruit. Hodge said a picture feature program had been arranged.

Committees will be appointed from the three co-sponsoring units to work out details.

Bombing Of Switzerland City Kills Four Persons

BASEL, Switzerland, Dec. 17 (AP)—Bombs killed four persons, injured many others and caused considerable property damage last night in Basel in an air raid which the Swiss General Staff declared was evidently "directed against the railway and buildings east of the Basel central station."

Railway lines east of Basel cross the Rhine river into southwestern Germany.

The government sought to determine from examination of the bomb fragments the nationality of the fliers responsible.

President Marcel Pilet-Golaz told the Federal Council at Bern that information received so far indicated the planes were probably British, and said that as soon as this point had been definitely established the council would "make an energetic protest to London asking for reparations."

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL FOR WAR JOB APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill authorizing him to appoint an undersecretary of war to serve during a period of national emergency. White House officials said they had no idea yet who might get the job.

Mr. Roosevelt was to hold his regular Tuesday press conference late in the afternoon.

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Today's Markets

LIVESTOCK
FORT WORTH, Dec. 17 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle, salable and total 2,000; calves, salable and total 900; market active and steady down to 5:00; good fed steers and yearlings 9.00-10.00; beef cows 4.50-6.50; load heavy heifers 7.50; good and choice killing calves 7.75-9.00; common and medium 5.50-7.50; good stock steer calves largely 9.00-50; load choice around 300 lb weights 10.75.
Hogs, salable 1,600, total 2,600; market opened steady; top 6.50; good and choice 190-300 lb 6.30-50; good and choice 150-185 lb 5.40-6.25 packing sows steady, 5.25-50.
Sheep, salable and total 1,200; fat lambs steady to 25c higher; other classes scarce and steady; wool and fat shorn lambs 1.50-2.00; ewes and lambs mostly 8.50-75; few woolled yearlings 7.50, feeder lambs 7.50 down.

Wool
BOSTON, Dec. 17 (AP, U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Very little interest was being shown today in new purchases of domestic wools. Worst types of foreign wools also were slow. Quotation on domestic wools were nominally about steady. Odd lots of original bag, fine and half blood territorial wools were selling occasionally at mostly 97 cents to \$1.00, scoured basis, but some lots were reported sold at .95-.97 cents, scoured basis.

Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Closing price of the fifteen most active stocks today:
United Corp. 1 1/4
Comwith & Sou. 3/4
Gen Elec. 33
Socony Vac. 8 3/8
Cons Edis. 21 7/8
Para Pict. 10 3/4
U S Steel. 69
Std Oil N J. 33 3/8
Std Oil Cal. 18 1/8
Gen Mot. 49 7/8
Int Tel & Tel. 2 3/8
Unit Gas Imp. 9 1/2
Colum G & El. 4 1/2
Unit Air L. 15
Lowes. 34 1/4

Cotton
NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Cotton futures closed today 1 point higher to 1 lower.

Stock Market Inactive As Leaders Fail To Gain

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—The stock market engine continued to sputter aimlessly today and leaders were unable to work up speed in any direction.

Transfers for the full session were in the neighborhood of 700,000 shares.

Two Hundred Present At Initial Concerts

More than 200 citizens attended the first of a series of winter band concerts last night in the high school auditorium.

Three bands, beginners', junior high, and senior high, played.

M. A. Armstrong, band director, said that \$16 was made for the band fund from the concerts.

The next concert will be in three or four weeks, he added.

House Members Expect Congress' Adjournment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—House Democrats and Republicans alike said today they expected Congress to adjourn before Christmas—but each party was waiting on the other to initiate the move to quit.

Adjournment or recess appeared possible if it could be agreed upon without a roll call vote. Neither side wants such a record vote which would inform "the folks back home" whether their congressman was on the job.

Five Persons Perish In Pennsylvania Fire

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 17 (AP)—Five persons perished today in flames which destroyed a two-family home at nearby Mineral Point.

The victims, trapped on the second floor of the seven-room frame structure, were: Mrs. Ethel Marie Bartlebaugh, 24, wife of John Bartlebaugh; their two children, Myrtle Marie, 4, and John, two months; and two nieces, Ruth Pearl Bartlebaugh, 12, and Betty Jane Bartlebaugh, 5, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartlebaugh.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Webb of Odessa were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hunt, here Sunday.

VISITOR FROM HOUSTON

Miss Velma Gardner of Houston spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Gard, and Mr. Gard.

FROM ROYALTY

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin had as their guests for the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Taylor of Royalty.

IS DOING WELL

Jane Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Butler, has returned to her home from Egan's Hospital where she recently underwent an appendectomy. She is reported doing well.

This Is What "Coventrized" Means



By practically pulverizing the city of Coventry under the most terrifically concentrated aerial bombardment of the war, German, put the word "Coventrized" into the English language. What it means can be seen in the photo above, which shows a whole street of completely gutted buildings in the great Midlands industrial city. Workers have cleared street of most of debris and traffic has been resumed.

Units Of British Sweep Over Sands

AT SALUM, EGYPT, Dec. 16 (AP)—(Delayed)—British armored units were sweeping over the desert west of Bardia today in an attempt to encircle that important Italian base in Libya following the capture of Salum and Fort Capuzzo.

The last remnants of the Italian army have been driven from Egyptian soil. Under heavy British fire the Italians abandoned Salum, seized early in their drive into Egypt, and retired across the frontier into Libya, five miles to the west.

British troops promptly occupied this western-most Egyptian port. Then they continued to carry the fight to the Italians, moving across the border to seize Fort Capuzzo, south of Bardia.

The Italians are reported to have large forces at Bardia, on the coast 15 miles from the border, including troops which have retreated from Egypt, and apparently are striving to make a determined stand there.

In the opinion of British officers how long they can hold out will depend largely on whether Italian troops could be rallied after the Egyptian rout.

Warfare ...

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force "strongly wore down the enemy."

Fascist torpedo-launching planes, the Rome communiqué said, scored two hits on a 6,000-ton British cruiser which was shelling Bardia. No details of damage were given.

On the Balkan war front, the Italian high command noted "bitter fighting in the south, where the Greeks said they were advancing two spear-heads in a converging drive on the last mountain defensive line guarding Valona, Adriatic Sea port."

A Greek government spokesman said that, despite freezing cold and snow-clogged passes, the Greeks were driving the Italians before them through the Divions Valley, along the road from Argirocastro to Tepelini, and on the Skivovik heights, midway between Tepelini and the coastal town of Chimara.

While bad flying weather held Nazi Luftwaffe attacks on the British Isles to a minimum, with London undergoing only two short alarms, RAF bombers raided Mannheim, in Southwest Germany, and reportedly left "many important targets in flames."

England Can't Buy More Without Help

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau reportedly told a House appropriations committee today that Sir Frederick Phillips, undersecretary of the British treasury, had informed him that England could make no more commitments for purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid was extended.

Committee members who disclosed to newsmen this testimony given behind closed doors added that the treasury secretary had repeated his statement that he believed that the United States could not extend loans or credits unless congress modified or repealed the Johnson Act forbidding loans to debtor nations.

He left his hearers with the impression that whether to make such revision was entirely up to congress.

Oil News ...

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with 225 sacks.

Hockley Producer Gauged

Sid W. Richardson of Fort Worth No. 8 Sue Alice Slaughter, new producer in the Slaughter pool of Southwestern Hockley County, has been completed at 4,990 feet for daily potential of 1,059.84 barrels of 32.1-gravity oil plus six-tenths of one per cent water. Gas-oil ratio is 610-1. The well was acidized with 8,000 gallons in pay lime entered at 4,885 feet.

In Northwestern Terry County nearly three miles west of production in the south extension area of the Slaughter pool, Gulf Oil Corporation No. 4 Mallett Land & Cattle is reaming core-hole, bottomed at 5,833 feet in lime and anhydrite. Last cores have shown nothing.

Magnolia and Atlantic today completed two more producers on fee land jointly owned by them in the Seminole pool of Central Gaines County. Their No. 4-217 H. & J. rated natural daily potential of 443 barrels and gas-oil ratio of 591-1 at total depth of 5,323 feet. No. 8-251 H. & J. was completed at 5,281 feet for natural potential of 670 barrels and gas ratio of 755-1.

Ward Delaware Test

It was reported that Kenneth Slack No. 1 Pat Wilson, Delaware test in Western Ward County, is fishing for a string of tools stuck in the salt section. Total depth of the well is 4,980 feet, probably in Delaware black lime.

Magnolia No. 3-41 Sealy, test in the Magnolia-Sealy (South) pool of Northern Ward, is drilling past 2,660 feet in lime.

Gulf No. 1-F University, deep wildcat in Eastern Crane, this morning had drilled to 8,595 feet in chert and lime.

Carr Replaces Christian In Oil Proration Office

W. J. Christian, chief administrative officer of the oil and gas division of the Texas Railroad Commission, in charge of district 8 headquarters here since last March, has been transferred to Austin. He will leave tomorrow. S. Ross Carr, deputy supervisor of this district, will manage the Midland proration office.

FROM NMMI

Jack B. Nobles and John Dublin Jr., students in New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, N. M., are expected to return home Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their families.

EXPECTED FRIDAY

Miss Jacqueline Campbell and Miss Elinor Hedrick are expected to arrive Friday from Christian College at Columbia, Mo., to visit their parents during the Christmas season.

IS DISMISSED

Odezza Mae Read, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Read, was dismissed today from Western Clinic Hospital, where she had undergone surgery.

RETURNS FROM TRIP

Mrs. C. Shafer returned Monday night from a visit to relatives at Sudan, Texas. She had been away four months.

Postmaster Do's And Don'ts For Christmas

The Midland postoffice employees today worked hard handling increased mails for Christmas and, prepared for an even greater volume.

Postmaster Allen Tolbert said the post office will remain open all day Saturday.

He issued these early suggestions: Mail all gifts, greetings, or messages of any kind, one week prior to Dec. 25 to insure delivery on time. Use strong paper and heavy twine to securely pack and wrap parcels. Use liberal quantities of excelsior and packing for fragile articles. Mark all perishable articles plainly.

Mark addresses complete with house number and name of street, post-office box, or rural route number. The return address should be plain.

Parcels weighing over eight ounces cannot be mailed at street boxes but must be taken to the post office.

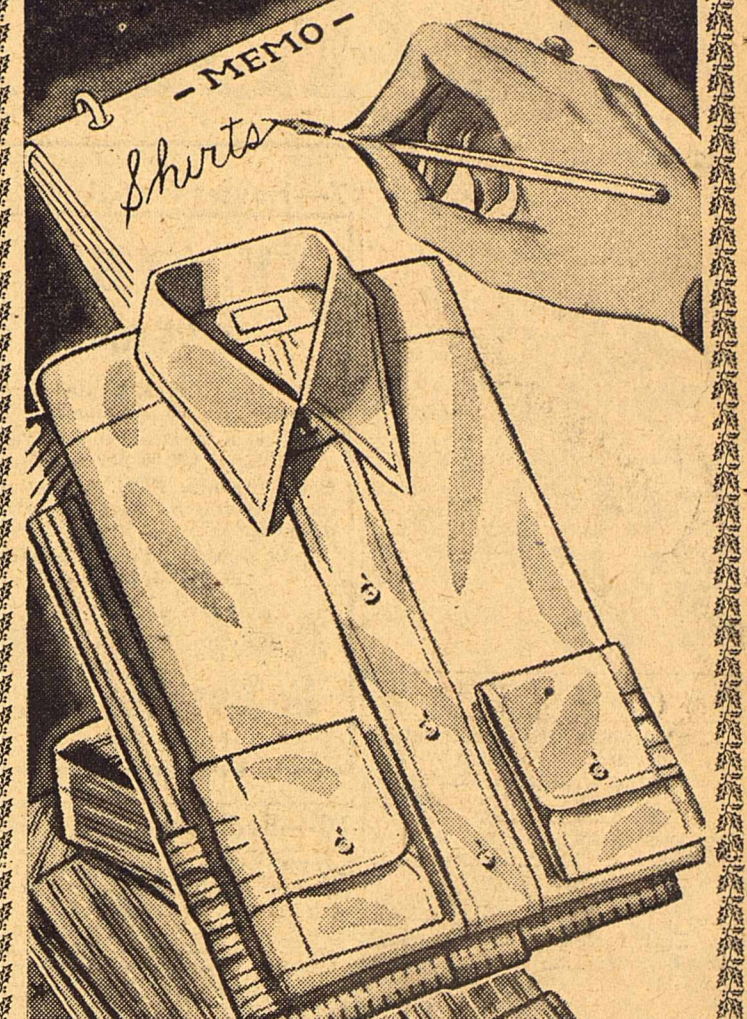
Bridges Declares Hoover, Head Of FBI, Was Lying

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (AP)—Harry Bridges, California CIO director, was flying back to Washington, D.C., today after denouncing J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, as "lying" when he termed Bridges a Communist.

"Hoover is lying and he knows it," the longshore leader said as he boarded a plane last night. "All the evidence he has is what was reviewed by Landis and rejected. The new evidence Hoover has was faked and secured by bribery and intimidation."

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HOSPITAL RELEASES MIDLAND DEPUTY SHERIFF

C. B. Ponder, deputy sheriff, shot and wounded Dec. 3 when his pistol accidentally discharged, was released yesterday from Western Clinic Hospital.

The officer was shot just above the heart, the bullet ranging upward to lodge in the shoulder.

TO HAVE HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill White will have a special Christmas gathering of guests in their home. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. White of Oklahoma City, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Thompson of Joplin, Mo., are expected to visit with the Midland couple during the holidays.



Blond Elaine Bassett, New York model, and daughter of a Dallas minister, who has been selected to pose for U. S. "Join the Army" poster. She posed for the same type of photos for the Canadian army.