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TELEPHOTOS AND BEST FEATURES

Britain Doubles Guard For Invasion

Picked Troops Watch From Cliffs Of Dover As Hitler Pours Large Forces By Train To Balkan State

Aerial Antagonists Observe Truce Christmas With No Bombings While Italian Garrison In Bardia Faces Increasing Dangers Of Defeat

By The Associated Press
 Britain suddenly doubled her guards on the mist-shrouded channel coast today, vigilant against a possible German invasion thrust across the now calm Strait of Dover.
 At the same time, Adolf Hitler posed the war's biggest mystery as the vanguard of 300,000 fresh German troops sped by train through Hungary into Rumania.

Glasscock Stock Farmer, Rancher Dies At Hospital

S. N. Woody, 87, Glasscock County rancher and stock farmer died at 4:30 a. m. today in a Midland hospital following a long illness. He had been in the hospital here several days.
 Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 4 p. m. at the Midland Church of Christ. Burial will be here.
 Mr. Woody's ranch was located about 20 miles southeast of Midland, within Glasscock County.
 The survivors are: His widow, Mrs. S. N. Woody, of Glasscock County; ten children: Arthur, of Borden County; Willis, Maurice, and Hope, of Glasscock County; Bertha Kenney, Stella, Hughie, and Norman, of Midland County; Johnnie, of Ector County; Jesse, of Martin County; 11 grandchildren, and three great grand children.
 Was Tennessean
 Pallbearers at services will be O. H. Jones, A. L. Stephens, Bill Moreland, Fred Girdley, J. B. Hoskins, and B. T. Hale.
 Mr. Woody was born March 17, 1853 in Tennessee. He moved to Comanche County in 1878, and was married to Eula Allie Handley in 1884. He moved to Glasscock in 1906.
 Members of the family said Mr. Woody had been ill several years.

Posse Captures Life Term Convict After Wide Five-Day Hunt

ATLANTA, Dec. 26 (AP)—A five-day manhunt in two states for the slayer of a Georgia Highway Patrolman ended here today at Fulton County jail, where a youthful escaped life-term convict who had played a desperate ride and seek with bloodhounds and posse was charged with murder.
 Georgia Public Safety Commissioner Lon Sullivan said the man, booked as Charles Coates, 28, admitted he shot Patrol Corporal W. F. Black at Ringgold, Ga., Friday night after Black stopped him for reckless driving.
 Falls Exhausted
 Sullivan asserted Coates, weakened by loss of blood from deep facial gashes and by hunger and exposure, fell to the ground near rural Decatur, Tenn., early last night and surrendered without resistance to members of a posse that had followed a bloodstained trail through the hills of North Carolina and East Tennessee. A loaded .38 caliber revolver was found in his tattered clothing.
 "I don't know why I shot him (Black)," Sullivan quoted Coates. "People just do funny things sometimes."
 Sullivan said the prisoner told him he was a native of Missouri and had escaped with two other men from the Buchanan County, Mo., jail last month.

Italians Bomb Corfu After Gifts Shower

ATLANTA, Dec. 26 (AP)—A Christmas bombing of Corfu by Italian warplanes after British planes had "bombed" the island with gifts was reported by the Greek high command today to have killed 15 persons and wounded about 30.
 Most of the victims were women and children, the high command said.
 It added:
 "Since the outbreak of the war, Corfu has been bombed 23 times. According to international agreement, Corfu is an open town where there are no military targets. The Italian raids were directed against the civil population exclusively."
 OKLAHOMANS GUESTS
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corrigan have as their guests her mother, Mrs. Mary March, her sister, Miss Mary March, and her brother, Dick March and wife, all of Duncan, Okla.

Make Christmas Individual Fete

Celebration of Christmas Day was an individual affair in Midland yesterday. Family parties, groups of friends, and individuals observed the day according to preferences rather than in clubs and organizations.
 Services were held at a number of churches, including St. George Catholic, the First Baptist, and Calvary Baptist, but most church observances were held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
 Numerous couples held open house Christmas morning and afternoon. In other homes, Christmas dinner was served to family members and a few friends.
 College students home for the holidays added zest to celebrations and many Midland citizens had journeyed out of town to spend Christmas.

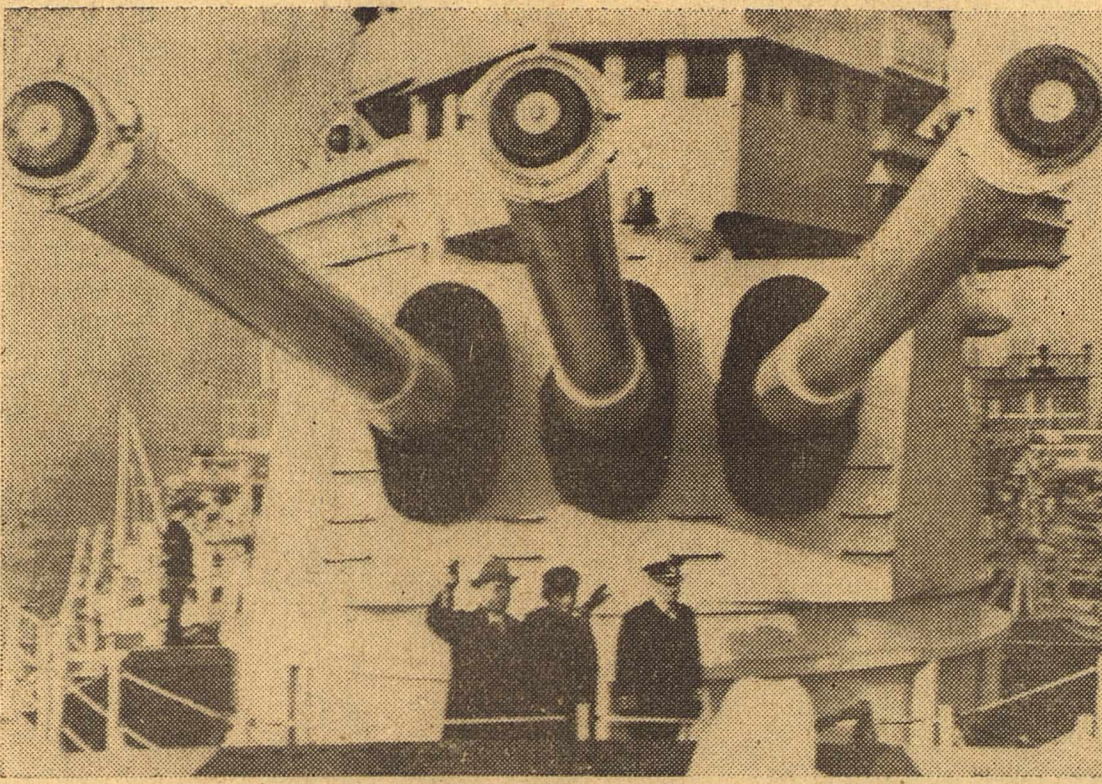
Glasscock, Sterling Counties Vote Bonds

If highway projects are carried out following road bond elections Monday in Glasscock and Sterling counties, a paved highway strip will stretch from Midland to the intersection of the San Angelo-Big Spring highway at Sterling City.
 Glasscock and Sterling counties Monday voted bonds to pave strips from the Midland County line, across Glasscock County to the intersection at Sterling City with the San Angelo-Big Spring highway.
 The Midland County system is paved to the Glasscock County line.

To Be Guests For Weekend

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Johnson of Pampa are expected to arrive tomorrow to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Iley Pratt. Mrs. Johnson is the former Miss Ruth Pratt.

New U. S. Ambassador To France Sails For Lisbon



Admiral William D. Leahy, new United States ambassador to France and Mrs. Leahy, are shown with Captain L. P. Johnson under the guns of the U. S. S. Tuscaloosa before leaving Norfolk, Va. for Lisbon enroute to Vichy.

Efforts Of Japanese And Frenchmen In Indo-China Face Showdown While Aggressors Turn Eye To South Area

Bad Weathers Slows Fracas In Albania

ATHENS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Rain and snow slowed fighting on the Albanian battlefield today, but the Greeks reported they continued their advance along the Adriatic coast north of Chimara without contacting the main Italian line.
 Over most of the front engagements were of a local nature. The battle for Tepeleni and Klisura in the central sector, continued in intense cold and waist-deep snow.
 A captured lieutenant-colonel of the Italian army said Fascist troops were suffering severely from the weather and the difficulty of getting supplies. He said many battalions were reduced from 700 men each to 200 because of losses.
 This officer, who commanded Bersaglieri units, said many had died from cold while many were hospitalized for severe frostbite.

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Nazis In Rumania Speed Production For Emergencies

Experts Go Home After Failing To Agree Who Should Control Danube

BUDAPEST, Dec. 26 (AP)—Nazi leaders in Rumania were reported in diplomatic dispatches today to have ordered a big speed-up in Rumania's manufacture of war materials as crowded trains, carrying the vanguard of some 300,000 fresh German troops, rolled across Hungary into the Balkan kingdom of King Mihai.
 The vast movement of troops with artillery, bridge-building equipment, tanks and other motorized vehicles, stirred speculation on the possibility of a showdown between powers with conflicting interests in the Balkans.

The diplomatic dispatches from Bucharest said two large Rumanian industrial plants would manufacture warplanes for Germany.
 A submarine building yard already in operation at Galati has been ordered to increase its production, the dispatches said.

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100,000 Nazi Soldiers
 Military experts estimated Germany already had approximately 100,000 soldiers in Rumania. Germans and Rumanians said they were guarding vital sources of oil supply and training the Rumanian army in modern methods of warfare.
 First official disclosure of the new massed Nazi movement came in an announcement by the Hungarian railway administration that passenger train service would be "specially restricted" to clear the way for passage of 1,160 troop trains—at the rate of 30 to 40 daily—between now and Jan. 31.
 (Because of the holiday, there was no official comment in Berlin.)
 The disclosure followed closely news that Russian, German, Italian and Rumanian experts who had been conferring nearly two months in Bucharest finally had gone home after failing to decide which nation or group of nations should control the strategically-important mouths of the Danube river—the Reich's supply line to the east.
 Officially, it was said the meetings would be resumed at the end of January, but informed sources declared there was a wide breach between the Axis delegates on the one hand and the Russian representatives on the other, with the latter firmly insisting on Soviet Russian control of the Danube outlets.

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LATEST NEWS FLASHES

Lays Italian Defeat To U. S.
 ROME, Dec. 26 (AP)—The United States was given credit for the British victory over the Italians in north Africa today by the Italian news weekly Tempo. The article said the war had become a conflict between all Europe and the "Anglo-Saxon world," in which England continued to exist only because America was supporting her.

Search Pacific For Ten Guards.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Coast Guard searched the stormy Pacific by sea and air today for 10 guardsmen missing since they went to the rescue of the schooner Stanwood 130 miles northwest of the Golden Gate. More than 100 men were in the search.

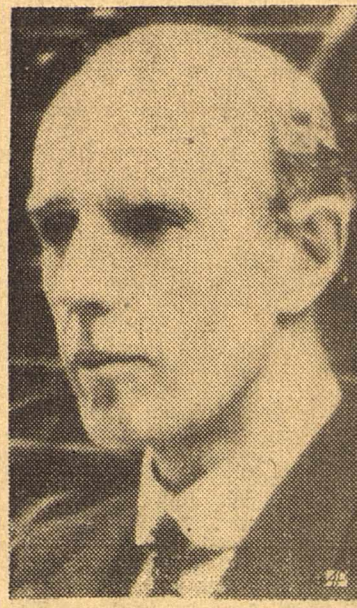
German Raider Ends Lull In Attack.
 LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Britain's bomb-free Christmas holiday ended today with an afternoon attack by a single German plane on the Isle of Sheppey, in the Thames Estuary. There was little damage and no casualties.

Texas' Holiday Deaths Climb To 29.
 BEAUMONT, Dec. 26 (AP)—Eugene C. Neighbors, 40, struck by an automobile Christmas night, died of his injuries here today. He was Beaumont's twelfth traffic victim of the year, and the 29th holiday death in the state.

Greek Patrols Enter Village Of Lin.
 BITOLJ, Yugoslavia, Dec. 26 (AP)—Greek patrols have entered the village of Lin on Lake Ochrida 15 miles north of Pogradetz on the road to Elbasani, according to reports reaching this town near the Albanian frontier.

Twister Kills Three In Leon County.
 NORMANGE, Leon County, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP)—Three persons were killed and two houses were splintered last night in a twister which apparently caused no other damage in this southeast Texas area. The dead were Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin and their daughter, Bernice, 30.

New Ambassador



Viscount Halifax, 59, known as the "Christian gentleman in British politics," was named to succeed the late Marquess of Lothian as British ambassador to Washington.

Holiday Deaths In Texas Claim Numerous Lives

By The Associated Press
 Texas counted 24 deaths from holiday accidents, one of the heaviest tolls in the nation.
 Rains made many highways hazardous.
 Twenty-two of the deaths were from traffic accidents. The other occurred when a man was dragged to death by a horse.

The last to be recorded last night was Emma Beliz, 16, Winters high school student who died in a three-car crash north of Winters.
 R. R. Simpson, 61, and Chester Carson, 35, were killed in Dallas when struck by automobiles.
 Ralph Loup, Jr., 24, of San Diego, Calif., naval station was injured fatally in an automobile collision near Midland.
 W. E. McClelland, 46, died at Houston several hours after being injured in an automobile accident.
 Lubbock Man Dies
 A. B. Davis, Lubbock cotton buyer, was killed in an automobile collision near Benjamin.
 Others killed in traffic accidents in the two day period were: Frank Coyen and four negroes, all of Houston; Winston McCleod, Houston; an unidentified man killed at Houston when struck by a car; Homer Green, Belton and Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Cook of Austin, killed near Belton; John Taylor of West, killed near Lorena; Gene Roth, Corpus Christi, killed near Oakville; E. M. Dice, Texas City, killed near Navasota; Vernon Johnson, Ferris, killed at Dallas; Mrs. W. I. Easters, Dallas, killed between Gladewater and Big Sandy; R. P. Hammock, Kemp, killed near Jiba; and Sam Giddens, Annona, killed near Paris.

Darrell Henry Wright, Floresville, was killed when his rope became entangled with a horse and he was dragged 200 yards.

By The Associated Press
 A holiday toll of at least 391 violent deaths was recorded today in reports of the nation's observance of Christmas.
 Traffic accidents accounted for 273 fatalities. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, while 169 other reported violent deaths swelled the total from coast to coast to more than half the three-day weekend toll of 678 last Christmas.
 Lives were claimed in the latter group by suicides, fires, poisonings, explosions, drownings, stabbings and asphyxiation.
 Of the 49 states and the District of Columbia, New York led with 41 deaths followed by California with 30, Ohio with 29 and Illinois with 28. Pennsylvania had 24 and Texas, 24.

Midland is expected to participate in the 1941 campaign against infantile paralysis.
 The Texas state committee for the celebration of the President's birthday opened headquarters in Dallas this week.
 Celebrations are planned in many Texas cities Jan. 30. Proceeds of entertainment will benefit paralysis victims.
 Curt Imman was certified chairman for the birthday ball in this county, but his appointment has not been announced.
 Half of the funds will remain here to combat infantile paralysis. The other half will be sent to the permanent chapter of the national foundation.

FROM VALENTINE
 Mrs. B. M. Vick of Valentine is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Al Cowden, and Mr. Cowden during the Christmas holidays.

LEAVES FOR POST
 Capt. O. W. Orson left today for Fort Bliss at El Paso after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orson, and other relatives.

STORMS ON COAST BRING RAIN, WIND
 A potent storm area centered near Galveston on the Texas coast brought widespread light to heavy rain and blustery weather over much of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana today.
 Unusually low barometer readings were reported in North, East and South-Central Texas, where light rainfall was general.
 Pushing into the low pressure area was a high, bringing strong northwest and west winds, already moving into West Texas. It was expected to reach the coast tonight and the weather was expected to clear up as the low pressure area moved east northeast.
 Fair and colder was the outlook for West Texas, and colder weather, partly cloudy, was expected for East Texas. The forecast for Oklahoma was for cloudy except fair in the northwest and extreme west tonight with light rain in the east and southeast. Fair and warmer was expected Friday.

Motor Car Crash Injuries Cause Death Of Sailor

Two Other Persons Are Hurt In Collision Near Midland Christmas Day

Ralph Eli Loup, Jr., 22, of Fort Worth, a sailor in the U. S. Navy, was injured fatally and two other persons suffered lacerations in an automobile collision three miles west of Midland on Highway 80 yesterday afternoon.
 Loup died at 5:34 p. m. in a hospital from chest and head injuries.

M. J. Ward of Midland, a Humble Oil and Refining Company pipeline employe, and driver of one car, and James H. Huckelby, a sailor who was riding in the car driven by Loup, were injured slightly.
 Enroute Home For Holidays.
 Highway patrolmen said the car, driven by Loup eastward, was owned by Mrs. Faulkner Crawford, 26, of San Diego, Calif. In the car with Loup were Huckelby, Mrs. Crawford, William Vetter of Laredo, and Lester James Roland of San Antonio. The four young men, all serving enlistments in the U. S. Navy, were en route to their homes from San Diego for the Christmas holidays.

Highway Patrolman J. D. White filed charges in justice court here against Mrs. Crawford for operating a motor vehicle for passenger hire without a motor bus license. Justice of the Peace B. C. Girdley said Mrs. Crawford may appear for arraignment on the charge later today.
 The two cars collided, officers said, when the Crawford car, driven by Loup, attempted to pass another car, Ward's car was travelling westward.
 Loup's body was taken today to Fort Worth, the home of his parents. His father, Ralph E. Loup, Sr. is treasurer of a motor coach line there.

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How About 'All Aid To Canada'?

The first interest of the United States is defense of the Western Hemisphere.

All agree on that. Some favor a static "Maginot Line" defense. Others think the best defense is aid to Britain—that a defeated Britain would make hemisphere defense doubly difficult, and that therefore "Aid to Britain" IS a phase of hemisphere defense.

But how about "Aid to Canada"? The tiny Canadian navy has already suffered severe war losses. Surplus or overage destroyers or other naval ships, even merchant ships, might well be transferred to Canada, thus building hemisphere defense directly. A Canadian navy capable of holding up its share of continental defense would be a continental advantage.

True, at the present moment, Canada would use those ships and defense sinews of any kind against Germany. Canada is at war with Germany. But that is Canada's problem.

Britain wins or Britain loses in this war. If Britain wins, it would not need surplus armaments lent or transferred by the United States. But Canada would, and Canada is an integral part of American defense.

If Britain loses, it could be forced into a peace which would imply transfer of its war materials to Germany, including anything the United States has sent. But Canada is a separate country. It declared war separately on Germany. And while Canada will never let Britain down by making a separate peace, Canada might not acquiesce on the same terms to a peace forced on Britain by military collapse. In other words, Canada might be more inclined, and might be better able, to bring back to the Western Hemisphere after the war, however the war comes out, ships and guns that would still be useful to hemisphere defense.

Canada is our next-door neighbor. The United States is justified to the fullest degree in giving Canada any aid that seems mutually beneficial. More ships to Canada implies development of larger and better base facilities in Canada—an added defense asset to the hemisphere. Ships, arms, any aid granted to Canada seem more likely to revert into eventual hemisphere defense assets than aid sent direct to Britain. Yet so far as the prosecution of the present war is concerned, they would be equally useful to the British.

Might it not be well, therefore, while there is so much agitation for "All Aid to Britain," to turn more closely to the possible advantages of "All Aid to Canada"?

The Electoral College Follies

When people holding government jobs want those jobs abolished, that's news.

It happened when the Electoral College met in the various state capitals on Dec. 16 and elected Franklin D. Roosevelt President of the United States. The Texas electors adopted a resolution declaring obsolete the very act in which they were engaged, and asking an amendment to abolish the whole business. The New York electors voted to donate their \$2100 traveling expenses to the Warm Springs Foundation. Three of the Indiana electors actually mis-spelled the name of their favorite son, Wendell Willkie. One Pennsylvania elector inadvertently voted for himself, changing the vote to Roosevelt only when the slip was called to his attention.

Very few people any longer defend this quadrennial make-believe. The historical reasons for its establishment, valid enough at the time, no longer exist. Why don't we change it?

Sheer inertia! This lazy unwillingness to modernize our government machinery and keep it abreast of today's civilization is a bad thing.

Pending since 1933 has been the Norris-Lea bill which would abolish the quadrennial farce and modernize our elections. This provides simply that the people shall vote directly for presidential candidates (not for electors as at present), and that the names of those candidates shall be placed on state ballots under the same rules as apply to candidates for governor in each state. Each state would be entitled, as now, to as many presidential votes as it has senators and representatives.

Here two alternatives are proposed. One is that the state's presidential vote shall be proportioned as the popular vote. The other is that the popular majority in each state shall carry all that state's presidential vote with it. Senator Norris favored the first plan, but now inclines to agree to the second because he doesn't think the states would agree to the first.

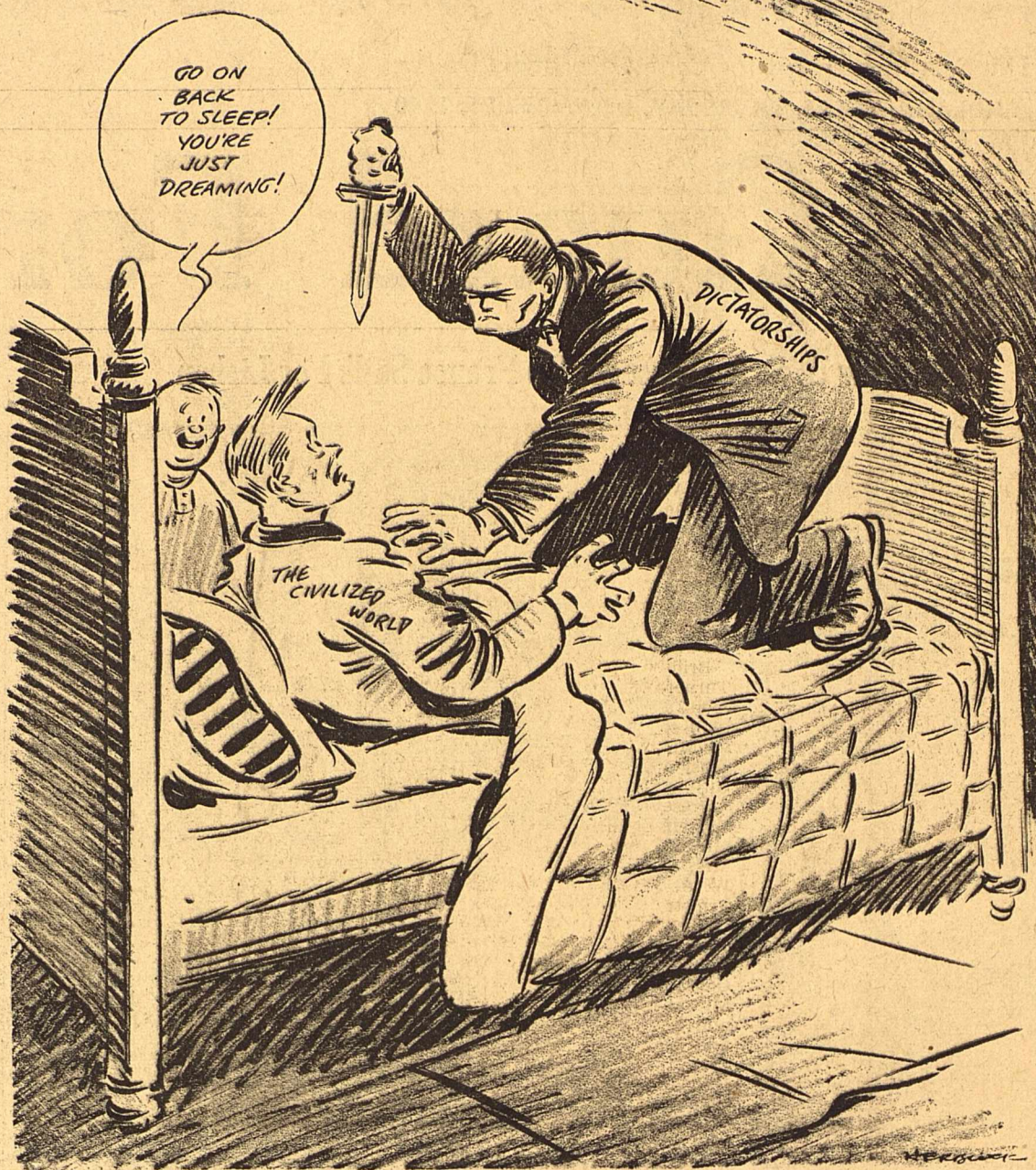
To Senator Norris the principal advantage of the proposed plan, aside from abolishing useless lumber, is that it would make possible independent candidates for president.

Today, after the big party conventions, there is no time for an independent party movement to organize the precinct-by-precinct setup required by the elector system. But it could be done, state by state. This possibility would, Norris believes, exert a good influence on party conventions, and give the people an "out" should both choose poor candidates.

It is too late, of course, for the present Congress to do anything about this. But in January a new Congress comes into being, and it would do well to pass immediately something similar to the Norris-Lea resolution, so that the proposal to modern our election system by constitutional amendment could be gotten under way.

The most serious mistake you can make is the one from which you learn nothing.

The Voice Of the 5th Column



Envisions Peace Through Refusal People To Fight

By DeWitt MacKenzie
Associated Press Staff

It was a grand thing to see a tacit Christmas truce observed over yonder—sort of bolsters up a fellow's faith in mankind.

Sure, any cynic could figure out plenty of trickery the belligerents could resort to during such a cessation of bombing. But personally I'm not willing to admit that human nature is so far gone as to use Christ's birthday in such a manner.

It's more satisfying to be one of those optimistic lightweights who believe that civilization isn't going to die despite its grievous illness. Reminds me of an incident I encountered in the World War during the bloody battle of Passchendaele.

It had been a terrible day. Men were dying by thousands and there was no end to the wounded. We war correspondents were at our evening meal—a gloomy affair, for we were dog-tired and dispirited by the awfulness of it all. One of the men spoke up, and his voice was bitter:

"The whole world has gone crazy with the war lust. Christianity is as dead as a door-nail, and men are going out to slaughter one another for the pure joy of killing."

There was silence for a bit, and then Captain C. E. Montague, the famous English writer—a kindly soul of great breadth of vision—answered with a story of a simple little scene he had noted that day at an emergency dressing station.

A wounded British Tommy came trudging in. He was leading a German prisoner who also was wounded—just a boy of seventeen or so. Tommy had been in a hot fight and already had accounted for three or four of the enemy when he came upon the youngster. The boy was frightened but he managed to shoot Tommy through the arm, and then prepared to use his bayonet.

The Briton was seeing red by this time, and was as near the brute stage as he ever could get. He had been fighting hand to hand; he had killed, and here was another who was trying to kill him. However, Tommy threw his rifle down, closed with the German boy and disarmed him. Somebody asked the Cockney why he hadn't killed the German.

"You see, sir," apologized Tommy "I was such a little beggar I didn't 'ave the 'eart to do it."

That was all, but it settled the argument. There was an unofficial truce the first Christmas of the World War—spontaneous affair arranged by the men themselves. They left their trenches and fraternized—even

Increased Employment May Cut Down Spending

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP).—

Increased employment under the defense program was viewed by several senators today as making possible a reduction in relief spending.

Congress voted \$975,000,000 to the WPA for the present fiscal year, but decided that the entire appropriation could be used before next March 1. A supplemental appropriation probably will be necessary to continue relief payments up to July 1.

Senator Adams (D-Colo.), chairman of the appropriations sub-committee which handles relief appropriations, told reporters:

"It would seem—with people going back to work under the defense program—there might be a very decided cut in relief expenditures."

played football in no-man's land.

But the powers that be quickly put a stop to that sort of thing. The idea was that the boys were there to kill each other, and not to swap cigarettes and food from the Christmas boxes which they had received from home.

Peace From People.

I've seen a lot of war at first-hand, and the further I've gone the more convinced I've become that the average man of any civilized country hates bloodshed. Wars are made not by the people but by ambitious throw-backs to barbarism who happen to be in positions of control. You can't tell me that the father of babies, no matter what his race or nationality, gets joy out of dropping bombs on defenseless women and children.

All that being true you'd think there ought to be some way of making peace. Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, in a message to her people yesterday from her exile in London, said of peace prospects:

"Having followed the course of events with tense attention, I believe myself to be in a position to tell you that in recent months prospects have greatly improved."

It would be interesting to know whether she meant that prospects had improved because of Britain's recent successes, or whether she had something else in mind.

As has been said before in this column, I believe that peace probably will come finally through the refusal of one of the peoples to march further through the valley of the shadow of death.

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Texans Meditate O'Daniel Program And Third Term

By Howard C. Marshall
Associated Press Staff

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 26 — The extraordinary Governor W. Lee O'Daniel rounds out his first term of two years January 17, and as he points for a second, authorized by smash-re-election last summer, Texans are asking:

In the new session of the legislature which begins January 14, will he recommend again and put over his program which failed utterly in the outgoing legislature, and will he run for a third term?

The governor has not been talking publicly, or so far as is known generally, privately, about his legislative recommendations or his future political intentions, but his friends and others have.

Said one high in the governor's confidence: "If a reasonable program is blocked this time, it's a good bet that he will be in there fighting again. I doubt if he wants to run again, but he could be made to do so."

The capitol believes that the success of President Roosevelt in crashing through the precedent of retirement after a second term must be considered as strengthening the possibility O'Daniel may seek further occupancy of the governorship.

Broader Program. The same source quoted in regard to the governor's being a third-term candidate said he did not know what O'Daniel would recommend on taxation, but probably he would propose a much broader program of legislation than he did two years ago.

In retrospect, these are the high-spots of his first administration, in many ways admittedly without parallel in the history of Texas or any other state: Inauguration before 50,000 persons in the football stadium of the University of Texas.

Rejection by the legislature of his proposals for broadly liberalized old age pensions to be financed by a tax on business transactions estimated to yield \$50,000,000 to \$150,000,000 a year.

Legislative refusal also, after a bitter struggle, to submit a constitutional amendment to finance the state's social security program by a

combination sales and natural resources tax, an amendment favored by O'Daniel after his transaction tax received virtually no favor in the legislature.

His delivery of regular Sunday morning broadcasts from the executive mansion, as well as broadcasts many weekdays, on which programs his "Hillbilly" orchestra played religious and popular tunes and he often discussed government and political subjects.

State department and judicial appointments, hailed mostly as very good, but at the outset of his term characterized by strong opposition within the senate, which has the duty of confirming or rejecting gubernatorial appointments.

His consistent granting of 30-day reprieves to criminals under death sentence, the maximum clemency he could grant without consent of the state board of pardons. This was in line with his belief the death penalty should be abolished.

Vetoes of several million dollars from legislative appropriations, which he said were desirable in the interest of economy. Adverse critics declared they unnecessarily impaired the efficiency of the government.

His easy victory over all opponents in the first Democratic primary in July, the second time he had accomplished the remarkable feat of winning without a runoff.

Personal visits by him, following his re-election, to members of the new legislature in their homes, assertedly to get acquainted.

O'Daniel, in sharp contrast with actions of previous governors, has not participated in national politics, not even in the recent Roosevelt-Willkie campaign. He made no statement in connection with the campaign, not even saying how he would vote. He scarcely knows Vice-President Garner.

LAYTON SAYS MATERIALS TO REACH PEAK IN '42

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP).— Sir Walter Layton of the ministry of supply told Britain today that "if we hold on through 1941" the volume of United States production of war materials will reach an apex next winter "and is a certainty of ultimate victory."

French Police Detain German Steel Magnate

CANNES, France, Dec. 26 (AP).—

Fritz Thyssen, German steel and armaments manufacturer who was stripped of German citizenship last February after difficulties with the Nazi government, has been detained by French police, it was reported today.

Germany confiscated his vast holdings after he left the Reich Nov. 15, 1939.

It was reported he would be held pending a decision regarding his permanent status.

FOOD PRICES IN CHINA AREA DROP AFTER DEATH

CHUNGKING, Dec. 26 (AP).—

Food prices in Szechuen and other West China provinces have dropped 15 per cent since the execution Monday of Yang Chuan-Yu, former mayor of Chengtu convicted of hoarding rice.

In a drive to prevent food hoarding and profiteering, the central Chinese government announced "Yang's execution will not be the last punitive measure taken."

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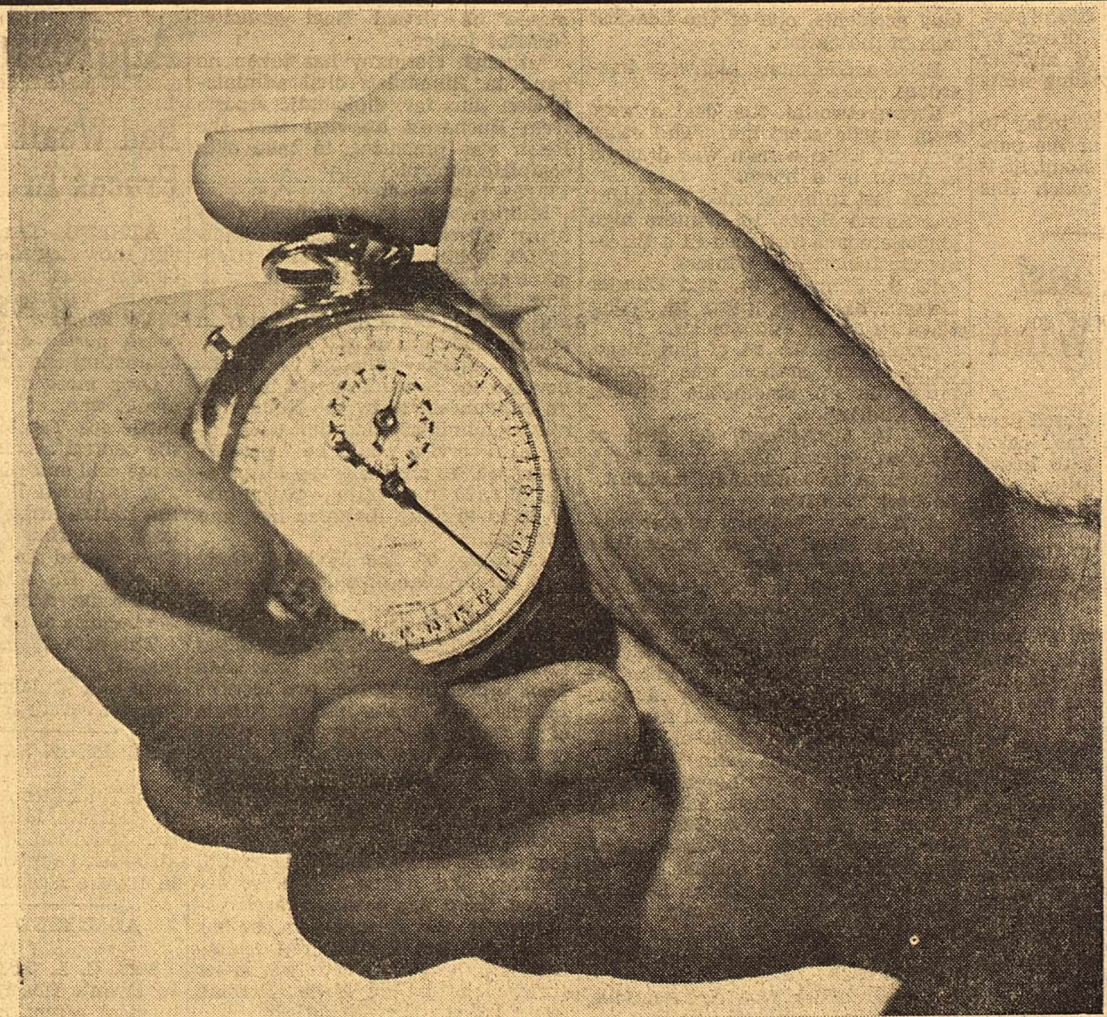
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Many Midland Homes Are Opened Informally on Christmas Day

Formal Christmas Dance In Crystal Ballroom Is Climax Of Holiday Gaiety For Sub-Deb Club Members, Pledges

Climax of Christmas for members of the Sub-Deb Club, organization of high school girls, and their pledges came with a formal dance in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer on Wednesday evening, from 8 o'clock until 1.

The dance followed the recent rites of initiation for the pledges. Hundreds of balloons in the club colors, red and white, each marked with the name, Sub-Deb, decorated the ballroom.

Sub-Debs and their pledges were distinguished by white wrist corsages, those of the Debs being tied with gold and those of the pledges with silver.

Sub-Debs and their escorts were: Liza Jane Lawrence and Joe Conkling; Kathryn Collins and Kenneth Williams; Louise Cox and Bob Nolan; Gene Ann Cowden and Tom Walsh; Melba Schlosser and Bob York; Mary Helene Walker and Bill Wyche; Betty Burnett and Marion Flynn Jr.; Helen Armstrong and Payton Anderson; Mary Sue Cowden and J. M. White; Jane Hill and Alfred Vogel; Mary Lou Hoskins and Bill Summy; Marthann Theis and Dolph Miller; Maxine Hughes and Herbert Redders; Wilma Mahoney and Fred Gordon Middleton; Dorothy Sue Miles and Frank Miles. Sub-Debs unable to be present were Nancy Downey who was ill, and Nancy La Force who was in Riohondo, New Mexico.

Pledges and their escorts were: Eva Barton and Wilfred Lester; Otelia Flynn and Jim Griswold; Patsy Collins and Fred Arnett; Suzanne LaForce and Tommy Nolan; Patsy Butcher and Leon York; Mary Frances Carter and Buster Cole; Jemalou Gumm and Billy Brown; Elsie Nora Schlosser and Billy Graybeal; Janice Pope and Roy Parks Jr.; Ann Vannaman and H. G. Bedford; Patsy Tull and Ed Griswold; Wanda Jean Girdley and Joe Midkiff; Jacqueline Theis and John Perkins. Pledges not present were Jo Rae Murray who was in Shreveport; Jo Ann Blair; and Betsy Jo Knight, who was out of town.

A ten-piece orchestra from Odessa played for dancing. Christmas greetings and wishes were announced from the orchestra pit at 12:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson La Force and Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Schlosser were chaperones, while other adults called during the evening.

About two hundred young people of the high school and college set were present.

Local Topics

Mrs. Pearl Ward, and grandson, Billie Crites, are going to Brownfield today to visit her sister. They will return Sunday to Midland, where Mrs. Ward has been the guest of her son, B. L. Crites, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Monaghan and son John and daughter Marjorie of Breckenridge are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corrigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon and son, Hugh, of Monahans were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Troy Eiland, and Mr. Eiland on Christmas Day.

MIND Your MANNERS

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. Should the chairman of a meeting let the business part of a club program take up time allotted to the guest speaker?
2. Should the speaker first address the person who introduced him before turning to his audience?
3. When the presiding officer puts a question to a vote should he stand?
4. Should a committee chairman go to the front of the group to give his report?
5. Does the person who has introduced a speaker wait until the speaker has addressed him before sitting down?

What would you do if—
You are making a motion during a club business meeting—
(a) "I make a motion that—"?
(b) "I move that—"?

Answers

1. No. But this does often happen.
 2. Yes.
 3. Yes.
 4. Yes.
 5. Yes.
- Best "What Would You Do" solution—(b).

COMBERS DESTROY HOUSES ON CALIFORNIA COAST

REDONDO BEACH, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—Combers 25 feet high, followed by unusually heavy ground swells, pounded the ocean front again here today, destroying two houses and five blocks of the ocean front walk. Total damage was unofficially estimated at \$75,000.

Giant Poinsettias



Roberta Daurenhelm displays a giant poinsettia bloom—24 inches across.

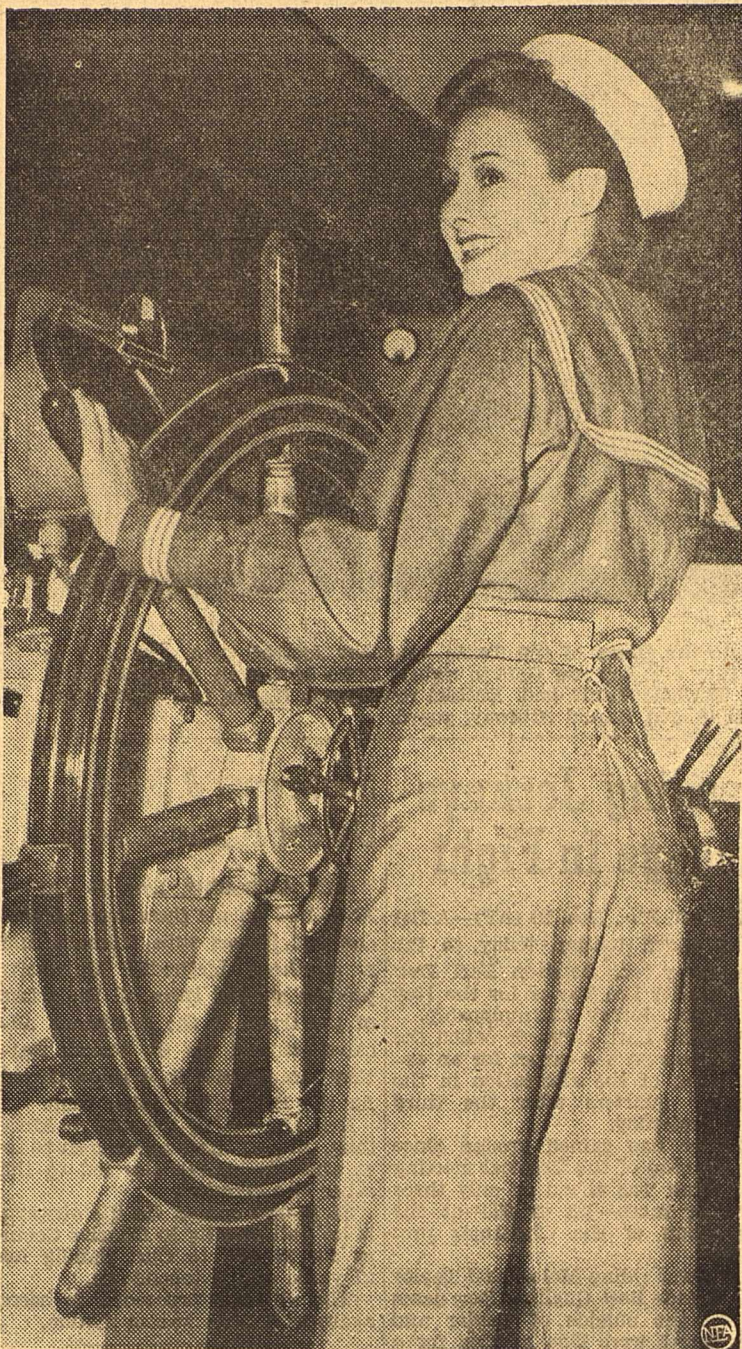
Did Santa Claus Bring You a Camera?

Do you know how to operate it correctly? If there is anything that you do not understand about loading the film or setting the shutter or diaphragm, I will be glad to help you to get better pictures. There is no charge for this service.

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Presenting a Good Steer On Style



A PRETTY GIRL in a smart sailor suit takes a turn at the helm aboard a yacht anchored off Miami Beach. In medium-blue denim, the trousers are laced up the back in true sailor fashion. The shirt is brightened across the front with a red middie tie. This is an ideal outfit for any nautical-minded woman to include in her southern resort wardrobe.

You Won't Look Well Unless You Feel Comfortable

By Alicia Hart
NEA Service Staff Writer.
No woman is her most interesting, most charming and best-looking self unless she feels completely comfortable in whatever she is wearing.

Nothing detracts from poise more than the feeling that her dress is too short or its skirt too tight. Wearing shoes which make her feet ache or a girdle that rolls over or slides up will make her a little less sure of herself, a little less personable.

New shoes should be worn a couple of times at home before you start to a party in them. It's a good idea to "break in" a new dress in similar fashion, giving yourself a chance to get used to its new lines.

Remember that really smart women never wear clothes that are tight across the shoulders or extremely snug through the hips. Good dresses always are cut with easy fullness.

Leg Shape Should Decide Skirt Length

There is the right skirt length for every figure, of course. Let the shape of your own legs decide how long or how short your own clothes should be. If you own a dress which prompts you to ask your husband and three or four good friends whether it is too short, it is. Let it down an inch or so.

If you have to look closely at a blouse to see whether it is clean enough to wear again, it isn't. Don't start out in anything about which you are slightly doubtful. You'll find yourself lacking in self-confidence whenever you do.

Don't buy a hat that you cannot put on and forget. Shock others with your hat, if you like, but make sure that it doesn't shock you.

President's Son Joins Wall Street Law Firm

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., is slated for a \$2,100 job as clerk in a Wall Street law firm.

Announcement that the 28-year-old son of the President would join the firm of Wright, Gordon, Zachry and Farlin Jan. 6 was made last night by Wallace P. Zachry.

Smiling Beauty



Maybe it's holiday happiness that's reflected in the smiling face of this young woman. And what young woman would not be happy when wearing a frock of such smart simplicity as this?

DE TRISTAN KIDNAPER IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT
SAN QUENTIN, PRISON, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—William Jakob Muhlbroich, serving a life term for the kidnaping of 3-year-old Marc De Tristan, attempted suicide in his cell but failed because he fainted in the effort.

Corrigan Home Is Scene Of Christmas Dinner-Bridge

Entertaining with a Christmas dinner-bridge, Mrs. R. B. Cowden and Mrs. Hugh Corrigan were hosts to Jolie de Vie Evening Club and guests at the Corrigan home, 1801 W. Missouri, Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A red, white, and blue color scheme was followed throughout appointments and rooms were decorated with holly.

The buffet table was laid with a lace cloth over red. The centerpiece was a unique snowy mountain scene, emphasizing the chosen colors. Wee pine trees were ranged on the mountain and at its foot, while white deer peeped at little red figures of skiers on the mountain slope. Small supper tables were lighted by Christmas candles in the shape of apples and oranges.

Games and dancing were diversion for after-dinner hours.

Bridge prizes went to Mrs. Fred Turner for high score among women and to R. C. Conkling for high score among men of the club, to Mrs. B. H. Blakeney for high guest and to J. R. Martin for high cut.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blakeney, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Absher, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cowden, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Ellis Cowden, Tom Galbraith of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bridgewater, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Conkling, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John Dublin, Judge and Mrs. Chas. L. Klapproth, Mr. and Mrs. Dick March, Mrs. Mary March, and Miss Mary March, all of Duncan, Oklahoma, and the host couples.

Items From Stanton

James Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crow is visiting friends and relatives here over the Christmas holidays. James is in the army, stationed at Fort Bliss.

R. C. Yarborough of Moran, Texas, who is attending Texas A&M at College Station, is a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eiland, this week.

Dr. Coyne of Hobbs, N. M., came to Stanton Sunday to perform an appendix operation on his brother, Gordon Stone, Sunday night. The patient is reported doing well. He is in the Stanton Clinic-Hospital.

The following Martin County boys and girls, enrolled in Texas Tech at Lubbock, are visiting friends and relatives through the Christmas holidays: John F. Priddy, Garnett Davis, Dick Reinhardt, Addie Beth Blocker, John Blocker, Jr., Kathleen McCreech, Doraleen Flanagan, Louise Bickley, Louise Raymond, Houston Woody, Joni Lou Jones, and Sammy Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Holder and daughters, Lonna and Charlene, of Cisco, and Miss Sybil Holder of Eastland, are spending the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Holder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardy and son, David Hardy of Garden City, visited Mr. and Mrs. Erman Hardy Saturday. The latter's daughter, Gene Hardy, returned to Garden City with them.

Freto Cathey, of Stanton, enlisted in the U. S. Army, is home on a ten day leave.

T. C. Heaton, of Huntsville, Texas, is visiting his family here. He is a guard in the Huntsville prison.

The Rev. Bill Gipson of Midland and Stanton left for Abilene, Breckenridge and Houston, Monday. Rev. Gipson will hold a short meeting in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harrell and daughters, Edith and Edna, spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Harrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hogue of Colorado City.

Miss Willie Mae Straub, student in St. Joseph's Nurses School in Houston, Texas, is spending the holidays in the home of her mother, Mrs. A. C. Straub, in Stanton. Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Henson of Monahans visited friends and relatives in Stanton over the week-end.

Three-Way Car Crash Kills One Near Jiba

KAUFMAN, Texas, Dec. 26 (AP)—One Kemp youth was killed, another seriously injured and two girls slightly hurt in a three-way automobile crash on a bridge near Jiba, Kaufman County, last night. Dead was R. P. Hammock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammock of Kemp.

Lynn Blithe of Kemp was in a hospital here with grave head injuries.

Birds soar in circles to keep within a column of ascending air. Once outside this current, the bird must flap its wings.

New York's "Miss Fashion Future"



Whole flocks of New York's most beautiful models gave her strong competition, but comely Frances Fredden, above, won out—and is now the city's "Miss Fashion Future of 1941." In contest sponsored by the Fashion Group, she'll compete with other Miss Fashion Futures for the national title.

Sophomore Class Has Annual Party

STANTON, Dec. 26 (Special)—The sophomore class of Stanton high school held its annual Christmas party Friday night in the gymnasium of the high school. The Christmas theme was used throughout and a large Christmas tree stood in the corner of the gymnasium.

The room mothers, Mrs. Dick Hittson, Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, and Mrs. A. R. Houston, furnished candy and nuts.

Games were played and refreshments were served to Frank Herrington, Culver Southall, Andrew Hancock, Doyle Blackford, Bobby Campbell, Zora Lou Houston, Bob Hittson, Billy Etheridge, Angela Peters, Ida Belle Gibson, Charles Frances Matthews, Junior Scroggins, Gene Hardy, O. C. Turner, Alice Mae Widner, Eugene Prevost, Bernice Pinkston, Dickie Hittson, Harold Crow, Anna Lou Anderson, Dorothy Gregg, Bobbie Jean Wilkinson, Stanton Stamps, Fred Holder, Jerry Hall, Harry Poindexter, Lula Mae Odell and the sophomore sponsor, W. A. Phillips.

Spun Glass, Milk, Cotton And Rubber To Have Big Place In Man's Tomorrow

BUFFALO, N. Y. (UP)—The up-to-date young man of tomorrow will wear clothing spun of grass and milk, live in a house built of crushed cotton, and roll along safety-glass highways on synthetic rubber tires.

These predictions are made by Harry F. Manning, science commentator.

"Some day," Manning told members of the Buffalo Ad Club, "you gentlemen will be wearing ties like this." He held up a flashy red tie, with wide gray stripes.

"This one is made of casein, which is drawn from skim milk," Manning explained.

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Social Festivities For The Day Follow The Traditional Trend Of Greeting Friends And Loved Ones

Busy with club affairs, parties, dances and luncheons for the larger part of their leisure hours, Midland men and women seem to hold Christmas as a day apart—when friends are greeted at open houses or just as they "drop in" to exchange holiday wishes—rather than as a day for elaborate "planned" affairs.

Yesterday was no exception to this rule. Many Midland homes were opened to friends, casually rather than in party style, while others had informal open houses.

Among those who greeted friends were Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Buffington whose home was the scene of an informal open house on Christmas Day in-the-morning; Mrs. and Mrs. R. C. Tucker who had open house in the morning; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carter who were at home to friends all day; Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker who had a few friends in; Mr. and Mrs. John Cornwall who greeted friends informally; Mr. and Mrs. Hershel W. Anderson who had open house in the afternoon; little Bet Studdert, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Studdert who held open house to a group of her young friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butler entertained with a Christmas dinner for the family and a few friends. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Howell and their son, Forest Howell, who is here from the air corps at Kelly Field, San Antonio, for the holidays; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, Mrs. G. H. Butler, and Miss Eleanor Keney. Some 25 or 30 friends called during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown entertained with a family dinner, with a few guests sharing the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Corrigan were at home to friends during the afternoon and evening at their home on W. Missouri.

On Christmas Eve, Miss Fredda Fae Turner held open house at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner, for a group of about eighty friends, mostly young people of the college crowd. Dancing was a feature of the diversion.

And should the husband and wife wife eventually call it quits, the husband can't explain to his friends, "If it hadn't been for my wife's mother, we would have made a go of it," and the wife can't shrug off responsibility for the failure with "You don't marry just a man, unfortunately; you marry his whole family."

No every married couple needs in-laws. If for no other reason than to have someone besides themselves to blame their troubles on.

When financial difficulties come, the husband can't say, "Well, if we didn't have all your no-good relatives to support, we'd get along all right."

You Marry a Whole Family

When the wife gets fed up and wants an exit line, she can't rely on "I'm going home to mother."

When the husband wants a little marital vacation, he can't assume a martyr-like expression and say "Maybe you'd better go home for a couple of weeks and see if your mother's illness isn't more serious than she is making out."

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Thirty States Pass Laws To Stop Hasty Marriages

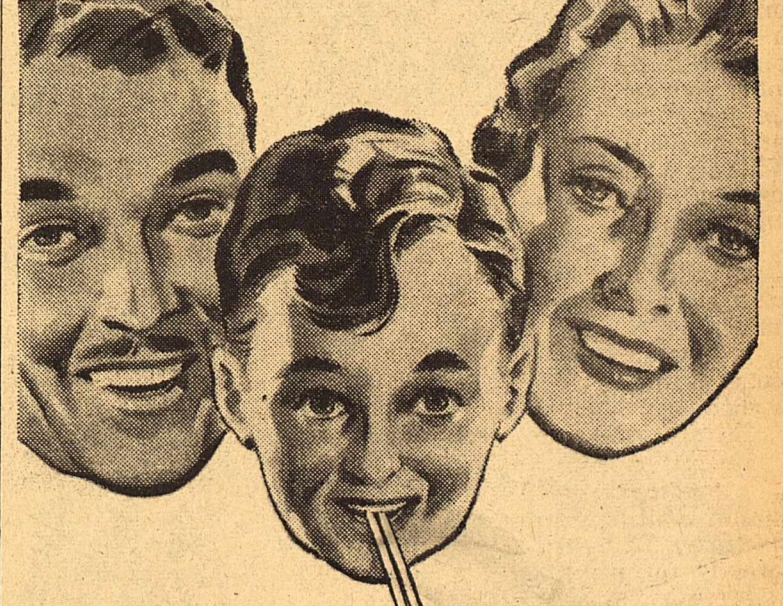
WASHINGTON, (UP)—Men still are repenting at leisure, but the days when they could marry in haste has gone forever in 30 states.

At least that number this year require couples anxious to marry to wait anywhere from 24 hours to six days after filing intention to marry before taking the final step, according to the Council of State Governments.

The laws are designed primarily to prevent "Gretna Green" marriages, widely publicized in recent years. Twenty-three of the 30 states require either advance notice of intention to marry before a license will be issued, or a waiting period between issuance of the license and the marriage.

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Big Time Golf Experiences One Of Best Years As Shooters From Texas Figure In Outstanding Happenings

By Larry Rollins

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP)—It was a corking year in big time golf—with the professional experts shooting at \$162,000 in prize money—But the 1940 campaign was not without its oddities and disappointments.

Fred J. Corcoran, tournament bureau manager for the Professional Golfers Association, delved into his memories of the dizzy business for a flock of superlatives:

Mots controversial incident—Ed Oliver's disqualification after coming early to tee in the National Open. Remember how Oliver teed off before his designated time, then played out his disallowed final round for a 287 that would have tied for the title?

Lowest 72-hole score—Craig Wood's 64-66-68-66—264 for a world record over a championship course to win the Metropolitan Open by 11 strokes.

Greatest comeback—Gene Sarazen, after all these years, by tying in the National Open. (Lawson Little won the playoff with 70 to Sarazen's 73).

Outstanding performer—Ben Hogan, who won the most money, \$10,655, and captured the Vardon trophy with an 18-hole average of 70.53 for 75 rounds.

Fullest incident—Clayton Heafner climbing a tree to find his fall after hitting a wild shot in the Oakland Open.

Greatest shot—Henry Picard's 195-yard tee shot within ten inches of the cup under tremendous pressure as defending champion in the P. G. A. tournament. Three down to Sarazen with three holes to go, Picard finished with three birdies but lost when Sarazen sank a 15-foot putt for a half.

Lowest 18-hole score—Ed Dudley's eight-under-par 62 in Philadelphia sectional qualifying for the P. G. A. championship.

Best match—Byron Nelson's one up victory over Sam Snead in the P. G. A. finals.

Greatest finish—Lawson Little's final 62 to win the Los Angeles Open after trailing by five strokes entering the last round.

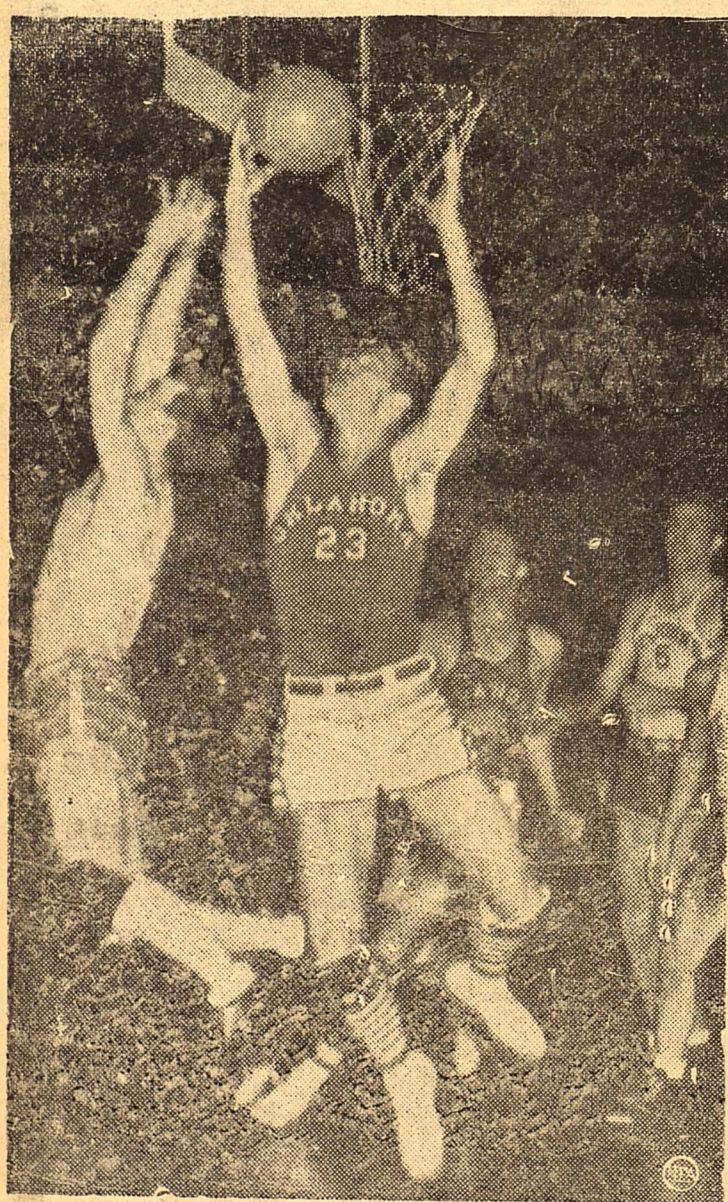
Toughest luck player—Clayton Heafner, who just missed winning three tournaments, losing by a stroke each time.

FRENCH PRESS GIVES PREFECTS WIDE PUBLICITY

VICHY, France, Dec. 26 (AP)—A government decree making each of France's department prefects the sole representative of the chief of state in his department was given wide publicity in the press today. The measure was hailed unanimously as representing a strengthening of the hierarchy structure and "liberation of prefects from local politics."

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

St. Johns Tumbles Oklahoma, 45-41



Tossing a back overhand, Paul Heap of Oklahoma, nets one for two points, as James White, left, of St. Johns, leaps to break it up. The final score of the game played at New York City was St. Johns 45, Oklahoma 41.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Men's Suits and Ladies' Plain Dresses
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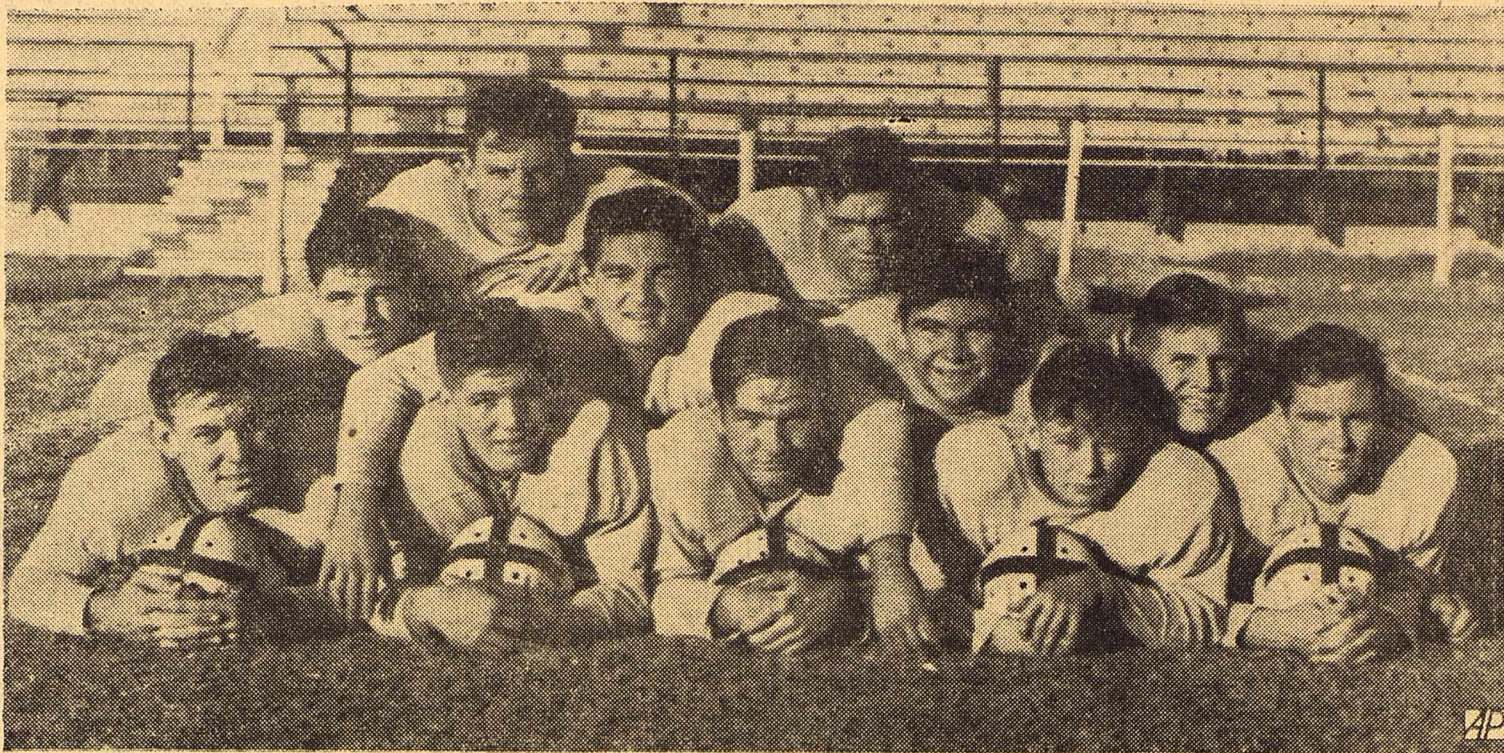
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These Temple Wildcats To Meet Amarillo



The Temple Wildcats, for the first time in history, have won their way into the finals of the Texas schoolboy football race, Saturday at Dallas, they play Amarillo's mighty Sandies for the title. In the picture they are: top row (left to right): Dotty McLerran, back; Wayland Hill, back. Second row: Jack Allen, end; Hub Speer, back; Ed Dusek, back; Thelbert Hardt, end. Bottom row: Glenn Morris, tackle; Ed Heap, guard; F. G. Martin, center. R. H. Harrell, guard; Harold Attaway, guard.

Huskers Chances In Bowl Brighten

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—Stanford's highly Indians rolled into the Rose Bowl front today and found a rapidly mounting wave of enthusiasm for—not themselves—but Nebraska!

Loyal Stanford backers remained firm in the belief that the magic of Clark Shaughnessy's Big Red team from the farm would continue through New Year's day, but there has been a marked revision of estimates about the Nebraska team by many impartial observers in the past few days.

Eyewitness accounts of the performances of the Huskers in their practice drills at Phoenix have been most favorable. Stanford probably will remain the local favorite to win, but it is becoming very difficult to locate anyone who will step out and offer any points for a friendly wager.

Sandies Leave Tonight For Championship Game

DALLAS, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Amarillo Sandies, 37 strong, start tonight on their trek to Dallas to keep a date with the Temple Wildcats in the state schoolboy football final.

They will break the trip with a stop-off and workout tomorrow afternoon at Fort Worth, also spending the night there. Meanwhile, Temple remained at home for workouts today and tomorrow and Coach Les Griffin said he was uncertain when to take the squad to Dallas but the Wildcats probably would arrive tomorrow night.

Six Teams Will Tangle In San Antonio Tourney

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP)—Six teams tangle here tonight in opening games of the San Antonio invitation college basketball tournament.

A 7 o'clock North Texas State clashes with Southwest Texas State; at 8:30 Howard Payne meets Stephen F. Austin and at 9:40 Sam Houston State plays Texas A. and I.

The teams play a round robin, the tournament ending Saturday night.

San Angelo May Receive Second Air Corps School

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 26 (AP)—The Express says it has learned Texas will have a second air corps basic school at San Angelo about Feb. 15.

It was also learned the city of Brady had been granted a franchise to operate a primary flying school at Curtis Field, the newspaper said.

Originally the San Angelo field was to have been devoted to advanced training and to be administered by the Kelly Field command, it was said, but the change from an advanced school to a basic school such as Randolph Field here, has been under consideration by the air corps for some time.

The plan to keep the field under command of Kelly Field was abandoned in order to decentralize the training program as much as possible, it was explained.

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Sports Roundup

By Eddie Brietz

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Semi-final five-year special for this season (may be some dope on the bowl games later) is California to beat Georgia Tech Saturday. . . . And before some of our pals in Atlanta starting writing asbestos letter, we'll explain those Bears were getting better every game and Tech wasn't. . . . We won't try to pick the winner if the blue-gray fuss but wish we could be there. . . . They may put on bigger programs and fancier parades some other places, but at Montgomery they're running a fox hunt as an added attraction and in our neck of the woods that's considered tops in real fun.

Family Ties

Out at Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg, Charley Morgan is head football coach and his sons, Bill and Jack, are first and second string quarterbacks. . . . John Lance, Jr., and Ray Lance play guards on the basketball team coached by John Lance, Sr., and Blair and Pat Chapman make up a pretty fair doubles team for their dad who doubles himself as chemistry prof and tennis coach. . . . Our informant hastens to add that his all on the up and up, as Bill Morgan is first string basketballer and brother Jack and John Lance Jr., are track men.

Still Just A Youngster

It wasn't the sage of Shibe Park who claimed the first hundred years are the hardest. . . . From the way Connie Mack looked and talked when he celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday the other day, he'll still be trying to win pennants with the Athletics when he has a good start on the second hundred. . . . So we'll add our timid tribute: Oh, Connie Mack is seventy-eight. And some folks think that's pretty late.

To start from the bottom. But Connie still thinks baseball's fun; He'll keep the A's on the run. Till baseball ends next autumn.

Brisk Wind Holds Cub Plane On Ground, Men Launch Her By Hand

Add freaks and oddities of today's brisk wind. A cub plane had to be launched by hand at the Midland airport. The pilot desiring to take off for El Paso found the 40-to-50 mile per hour wind here too great. George McIntyre, Charles Allen, and B. Cowden, offered to help.

After the pilot loaded his small plane, warmed it up in the hangar, the three men bodily lifted the ship, carried it outside and launched it.

ITALY LOSES 39 PLANES TO NINE BRITISH LOSSES

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Italy lost at least 39 airplanes to nine British losses in operations in the Greek-Italian conflict from Nov. 7 to Dec. 21, the air ministry news service reported today in giving details of Royal Air Force activities in support of the Greeks.

British airplanes, in addition to offensive and defensive patrols and attacks on Italian troop concentrations, airdromes and mechanized transport facilities, it said, severely bombed the Albanian ports of Valona, Durazzo and Porto Edda, which the Italians had made their key bridgeheads from the Adriatic.

Leading Jockeys Engage In Fight

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26 (AP)—A fist fight added tension today to the ding-dong race between Earl Dew and Walter Lee Taylor for the 1940 American Jockey Championship.

Tropical Park stewards called the youngsters on the carpet for an explanation of the altercation in the jockeys' quarters after the third race yesterday.

Taylor has gained ground since the opening of the Tropical meeting and Dew was ahead by only three winning races—283 to 280—at the conclusion of the Christmas program.

Dew was riding Molest and Taylor was astride Best Quality. Dew came us on the outside of Taylor and the horses were side by side for a moment. There was a flurry of action before they separated.

Both jockeys unsaddled and weighed in without exchanging a word, but fists started flying when they reached the jockey room entrance. Neither was injured before other riders intervened.

ACTOR ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR BENEFIT GRID GAME

LCS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (AP)—Plans for a benefit gridiron contest here January 3 between a Western and an Eastern team, including Tom Harmon, Michigan's outstanding player, were announced today by Film Actor Alan Mowbray, head of a British war relief committee.

Southwest All-Stars Defeat Rattlers 34-6

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 26 (AP)—They had an air show here yesterday but it was with footballs and a Southern Methodist University product showed them all the tricks of the trade as the Southwest all-stars bounced the St. Mary's Rattlers around 34-6 in a game played for the British war relief fund.

Ray Malouf, of the mighty Mustang, pitched three touchdown passes and his heaves also led to the other two scores.

St. Mary's scored via the airways, Mike Ball passing to Charles Cooney for 37 and to Curt Sandig for 27 yards and a touchdown.

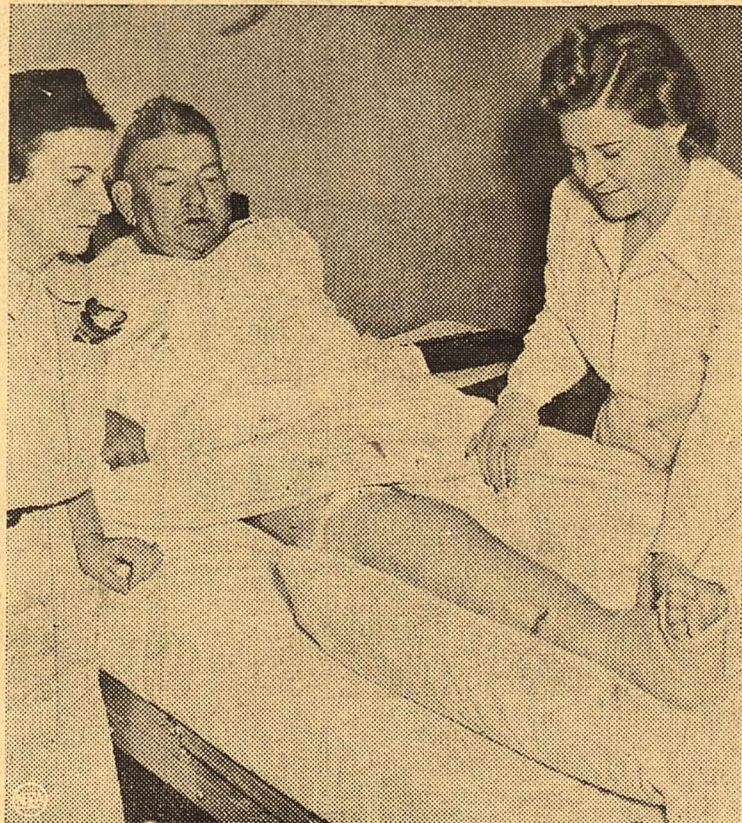
The all-stars proceeded to score again with little wasted motion.

Big Six Mile King Off For Sugar Bowl

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 26 (AP)—Missouri's lonesome John Munski left today for New Orleans where he will match his long, loping stride Sunday (Dec. 29) with other stand-out American distance stars in the Sugar Bowl mile.

King of the Big Six milers as Glenn Cunningham's successor, the lean Munski, who won both the Princeton Invitational and NCAA miles last spring, will compete unattached at New Orleans since he no longer is a college undergraduate. But he'll wear Missouri's black and gold colors.

No Joke This Time



Nick Altrock, clown prince of baseball who's antics as coach of Washington Senators entertain thousands, ruefully regards broken ankle suffered in fall when he went too far out on limb of grapefruit tree at his Sarasota, Fla., home. His wife, left, and Nurse Vera Self are properly sympathetic.

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Dean Of American Stage Producers Dies After Injury

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Daniel Frohman, 89, dean of American Stage Producers, died at 6:15 a. m. (EST) today in the Leroy Sanitarium of complications following a fall.

Frohman, one of the most distinguished figures in the history of the American theater, had been in the sanitarium since Nov. 4, when he broke his right hip in a fall in his hotel suite.

The veteran producer, who helped develop many of the leading stage stars for more than two generations, kept an unflinching interest in the stage, although he had been professionally inactive for many years. Luceum Theater and lined its walls with hundreds of autographed photos and handbills reminiscent of a bygone day when he and his brother, Charles Frohman, who died in the sinking of the Lusitania during the World War—were the nation's leading producers.

Writes Obituary—Only two years ago—in April 1938—he wrote his own obituary and sent it to newspapers with this note:

"I enclose an article for your mortuary department. As I may soon pass away, you may want these facts."

Anxious reporters, sent to investigate the state of his health, found him comfortably lounging in his old leather chair, enjoying a cigar.

A year ago, when the mortgage fell due on the theater studio in which Frohman, at that time, made his home, the aged producer was saved from ejection by the intervention of a friendly banker, who said Frohman could remain in the apartment as long as he lived.

Women Law Makers Are More Numerous

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Women are going to have a greater voice next year in making the laws of the nation and the states.

A survey by the League of Women Voters, made public today, showed that 149 women were elected to the legislatures of 29 states in November. Two years ago 130 women were elected in 28 states. The number of feminine state senators, however, is dropping from 11 to 9.

In addition, eight women—five Republicans and three Democrats—will take seats in congress Jan. 3, and 12 women will be sworn into major state offices this winter.

The only congressional "newcomer" is Miss Jeannette Rankin (R-Mont.), who is returning to the house where she sat 22 years ago as the nation's first woman representative.

An ardent peace advocate, she voted against United States entrance into the World War.

As in congress, Republican women will outnumber Democrats in the state legislatures, but the ratio of increase is higher among the Democratic women.

New England emerged far in the lead with women legislators. States reporting women legislators include Arizona and New Mexico six each; Missouri, Rhode Island and Texas two each, Oklahoma, one.

LONDONER FINDS CHEER, CONFIDENCE IN LOVE

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Mrs. George Fiske received this Christmas cablegram from her sister, Mrs. Helen Nick Tombazi, who lives in London:

"Love cheers well confident."

"USED TO CORNBREAD" RECRUITS EAT 56 BISCUITS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—"We was used to cornbread—never tasted white meal before, suh."

That's the explanation five hill-billy naval recruits gave when they polished off 56 breakfast biscuits at one sitting.

The story was told on the arrival of the U. S. liner Washington from the Orient yesterday after removing 1,342 evacuees from the troubled Orient.

The backwoods youths with the boarding-house reaches were among 2,000 navy recruits picked up by the liner at Hampton Roads, Va., on the way to the Far East.

They debarked at San Pedro, Calif., mighty pleased with meeting 'up with the white bread.



To Make a Long Tale Short

a teacher asked her kindergarten class what she would be if she put her hands in a man's pocket and took the money out of it. "Please, ma'am," said little Tony, "you'd be my wife!" You wouldn't have to dig very deep in your pocket to own one of the cars listed below—terms to suit your convenience.

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1935 FORD COUPE. Good tires and upholstery like new. An exceptionally clean car for this model. Motor in perfect running condition. Original paint in good shape. For a clean car, this can't be beat. Down payment only \$66.00

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Retiring Jerseys Nice Tribute But What If Numbers Give Out



The 98 made famous by Tom Harmon, center, goes in Michigan trophy room alongside immortal 47 of Bennie Oosterbaan. The 44 of Pitchin' Paul Christman, left, of Missouri, and the 39 carried by John Kimbrough, right, of Texas A. & M. also may be retired.

By Harry Grayson
NEA Service Sports Editor.

The 98 made famous by Tom Harmon hangs in the Michigan trophy room alongside the 47 immortalized by Bennie Oosterbaan, All-America end of 1925-26-27.

Michigan wants to remember 98 and 47 as they swept down the field, so has taken them out of circulation. Illinois did the same thing with the 77 worn by Red Harold Grange.

There is a movement now on at Missouri to retire the 44 which was passed to renown by Paul Christman, and Texas A. & M. men would like to see Big John Kimbrough's 39 hung up for keeps.

Taking a number off a squad list for all time is a fine sentimental gesture, but suppose players were numbered and the practice of retiring them had been started when big football names first started to pop up in the '90s?

Players at some schools with large squads would have to wear three digits. It would be old 198 and old 247.

By this time, Yale, Harvard and Princeton, which monopolized All-

America teams for so long, probably would be hanging virtual automobile license plates on combatants.

Red Grange Oosterbaan

—CONN. ZQ-4738, MASS. 9654, N. J. B-4851, etc.

There really would be quite a problem if all the lads who died for dear old Rutgers had their numbers put in cold storage.

Scored 100 Touchdowns.

Michigan is another institution that might now be in a numbering

predicament had players been identified in that fashion earlier and the numerals of all its outstanding stars been erased for keeps.

Harmon's 98 goes into the Hall of Fame at Perry Field because he scored 33 touchdowns in three years, two more than Red Grange.

Willie Heston scored more than 100 touchdowns in 44 games for Michigan in four years and never tasted defeat, but there is no number to remember him by. Michigan easily could have recognized the greatness of Germany Schultz, Johnny Maulbetsch, Frank Stekete and others by withdrawing their numbers had they had them.

None Recall Harley's Number.

There was an agitation at Ohio State a year ago to keep apart the number worn by Chic Harley, whose amazing ability took the Buckeyes into big-time football. The trouble was that no one could recall Harley's number, or numbers.

Coaches believed they were fooling someone in Harley's time when they deliberately switched numbers. Numerals appeared on Ohio State players for the first time in Harley's senior year—1919.

Star Of Silent Movies Is Dead

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 26 (AP).—Blonde Agnes Ayres, who rocketed to movie stardom in the old silent screen days, retired to cinematic sidelines when the talkie era started and later made an unsuccessful comeback attempt, died Christmas Day of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Miss Ayres, a film contemporary of Gloria Swanson and Wallace Reid and whose outstanding roles were in "The Affairs of Anatol" and opposite Rudolph Valentino in "The Sheik," had been in failing health for some time.

She suddenly was stricken on Christmas Eve and died later in a hospital "without regaining consciousness. She was 42 years old.

Surviving is a daughter, Maria, 15, now reported to be in Mexico City with her father, S. Manuel Keachi, from whom the actress was divorced in 1927.

Among other films that starred Miss Ayres, whose distinctive hair style was remembered by a tightly braided coronet effect, were "The Ten Commandments," "Son of the Sheik," "Lady of Victory," "The Donovan Affair," "Broken Hearted" and "Worldly Goods." Another was "The Awful Truth," which later was reproduced as a talkie featuring Irene Dunn and Cary Grant.

Masons Distribute Assistance To 186

The Midland Masonic lodge distributed clothing and household necessities to 186 persons in a Christmas charity program and announced today the unit would continue this work.

W. T. Chandler, Worshipful Master and Col. J. B. Wright, asked donors to notify the organization for articles to be contributed.

Chaotic Conditions In Europe Affect Neutral

STOCKHOLM (UP)—The Swedish capital now probably is the most prosperous one in all Europe, but it is by no means unaffected by the unusual situation existing in the world.

As winter closes in, unemployment is increasing. In contrast with all other countries in Europe, it was nearly impossible in Stockholm before the war to find a poorly dressed man. Now many may be seen every day. The old proverb how "the Swede is the best dressed man in the world," is no longer true.

Unemployed workers now are knocking on doors and asking for food or money. One year ago not one of these unfortunates would appear in a month.

The International Date line, where every new day begins, has never been drawn by legal agreement.

Charges Of Drunken Driving In Accident

Edna Mae Deckard, negro woman, was injured in an automobile accident Wednesday morning when the car which her husband Horace Deckard, was driving collided with another automobile near the Midland airport.

The woman was brought to Ryan Hospital. She suffered lacerations, hospital attaches said.

Deckard, charged in justice court here with drunken driving, was bound over to action of the 70th District Court grand jury, Justice of the Peace, B. C. Girdley said. His bond was set at \$1,000.

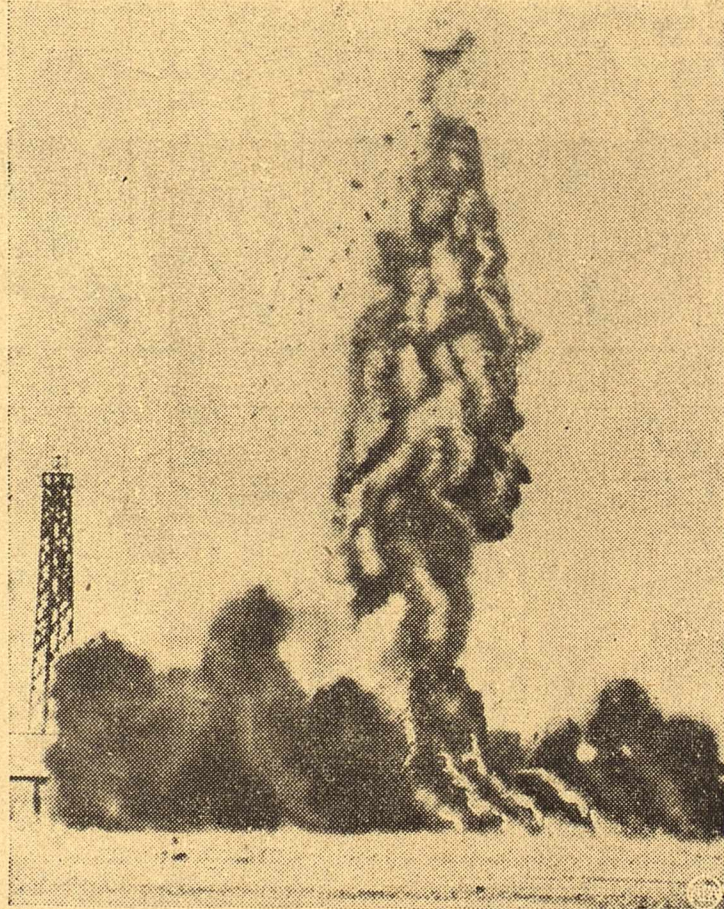
Marriage Business Was Bad; Runs Advertising

FITZGERALD, Ga., Dec. 26 (AP).—County ordinary P. J. Kelley says his marriage business is going to the dogs because the boys are afraid if they wed they'll be accused of trying to dodge the draft.

To meet this crisis, he ran this advertisement in the Fitzgerald Leader:

"Leap year clearance bargain wedding—complete with (1) license, (2) marriage certificate, (3) recording fee, (4) legal civil ceremony—our regular \$4 value, special this week only for brides over 18 in Ben Hill County, complete legal marriage, \$3."

How British Blasted Italians



The British lightning attack and capture of Nibeiva, strong Italian desert fortress in western Egypt, created "hell on earth," according to a captured Italian officer. What he meant is spectacularly shown in this photo of a previous British assault on Fort Maddalena, another Italian stronghold. The fort is almost hidden by smoke and flame. The explosion of a huge shell, which just missed radio tower at left, sends skyward a veiver of smoke and debris.

SURPRISE VISIT

Miss Walter Fay Cowden surprised her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cowden, by arriving Christmas Eve for a brief visit. She left at 12:30 this afternoon to return to Wichita Falls where she is a student in Draughon's Business College.

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Britain's Women Come Through



The going is pretty rough, but this English woman dispatch rider's enthusiasm is undampened as she speeds on her way with a military message. A member of the Auxiliary Transportation Service, she's one of thousands of women performing arduous war work which releases soldiers for other tasks.

Scientists Remove Cotton Rot Mystery

By The Associated Press

The combined work of many scientists has removed most of the mystery about cotton root rot, the most destructive disease known to certain crops and species of shrubs, and to fruit and shade trees in the Southwest.

Cotton and other Texas crops suffer annual losses from its ravages totaling more than \$40,000,000. Walter N. Ezekiel, plant pathologist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment station, A&M College, told nurserymen attending a short course at the college recently.

It has been a long search because a study of the disease was one of the special purposes for which the Experimental Station was created more than a half century ago.

"While we are still NOT satisfied with the degree to which we can circumvent its attacks, at least we NO longer are quite helpless about

WILD BUFFALO THROWS AND INJURES MIDGET

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Brownie Rogers, 58-pound midget, appearing with a rodeo-circus here, was in Swedish Hospital today with a possible basal skull fracture and broken left leg suffered when he was thrown from a wild buffalo which he was riding bare-back last night.

The midget's real name is Roger Ben Brown and his home is in Postleau, Okla. He was born on Will Rogers' ranch at Talegah, Okla., and learned to rope, ride and shoot from the late Rogers.

Automobile Mishap Kills Lubbock Man

BENJAMIN, Dec. 26 (AP)—A. B. (Albert) Davis, 53, news stand operator at Lubbock and resident of that city 12 years, was instantly killed Christmas night in a head-on automobile collision eight miles west of here that injured four others, one critically.

Davis and his two sons, Fulton and Joe, were returning from a Christmas trip to Wichita Falls to visit their mother, who has been ill. Fulton suffered a broken collar bone and Joe a fractured ankle. They were taken to Wichita Falls in an ambulance this morning.

Paul Sansom, about 30, was believed gravely injured of a skull fracture or concussion and was in the Knox County hospital at Knox City. His brother, Ralph, about 35, was less seriously injured. They were enroute from California to the home of their father near Wichita Falls.

GUEST OF SON

C. E. Harkrider of Abilene is the guest of his son, W. B. Harkrider and Mrs. Harkrider, for the holidays.

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Puddings Jell Well 3 Pkgs. 10c	Crackers Busy Baker 1-Lb. Box 13c	2-Lb. Box 13c	Klek Washing Powder 9-oz. Pkg. 9c
Crackers Busy Baker 1-Lb. Box 13c	Cream Meal Mammy Lou 20 Lb. Sack 49c	Mustard French 2 9-oz. Jars 25c	Super Suds Blue Pkg. 21c
Shortening Texas Maid 4 Lb. Ctn. 34c	Lunch Box Sandwich Spread Pint Jar 21c	Peas Gardenside Standard 3 16-oz. Cans 25c	Lux Flakes Small Pkg. 10c
Sausage Pure Pork 2 Lbs. 25c	Pork Liver Fresh Pork Lb. 10c	Pork Chops Blade or Loin End Lb. 17c	White Magic Quality Bleach Quart Bottle 10c
Pork Steak Shoulder Cuts Lb. 15c	Weiners Skinless For a quick lunch Lb. 17c	Bologna Sliced or Piece Lb. 10c	
Loaf Meat Fresh Veal 2 Lbs. 29c	Sliced Bacon Bulk Sugar Cured Lb. 19c	Sliced Bacon Maximum Brand Lb. 25c	
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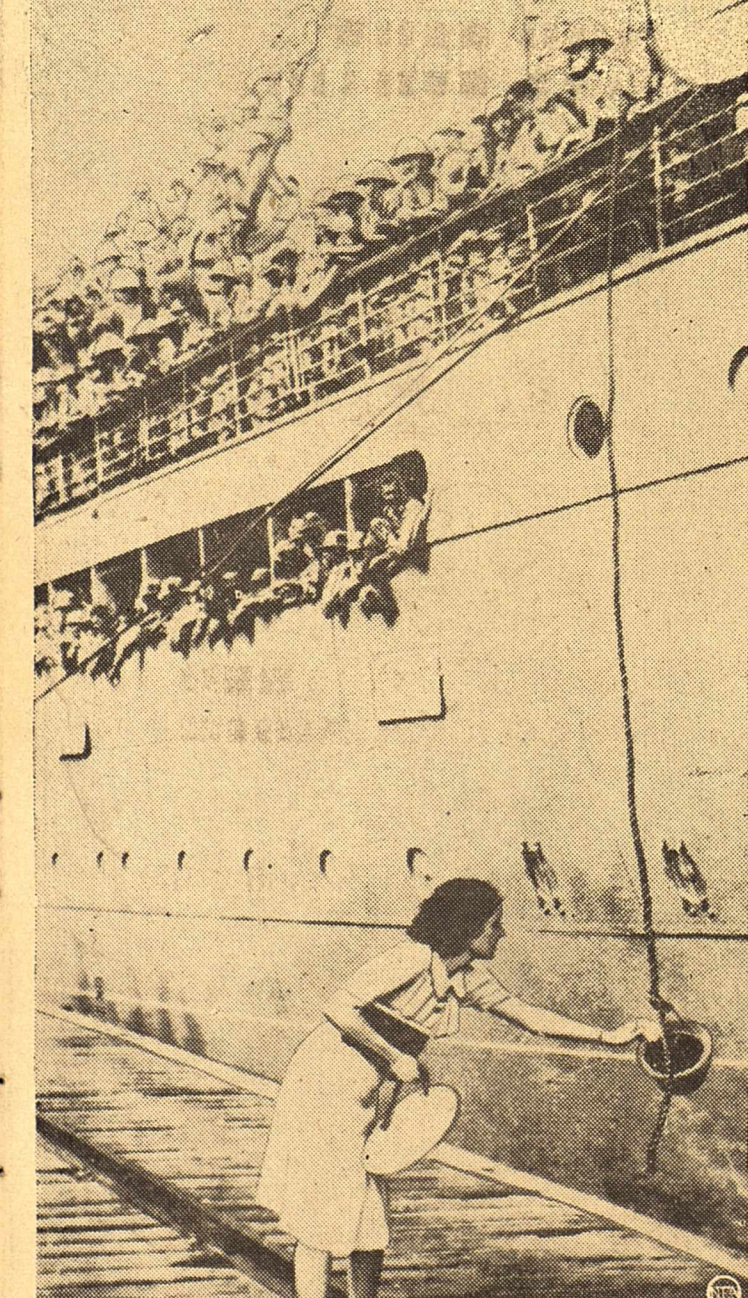
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SAFEGWAY

She Gets the Last Word



Leave it to a woman to get the last word. Dockside good-byes had been made and this troop-laden transport was ready to shove off from a South African port. A soldier lowered his steel helmet over the side and the girl he left behind him dropped in the final words of farewell. Troops were probably headed for the Egyptian-Libyan battle area.

At Seven, He's "Sergeant Major"



Meet Irwin Horsey, 7, "Sergeant Major" of Canada's famous Princess Louise Dragon Guards, stationed at Ottawa. For a year he accompanied his father, a squadron quartermaster, to drills, showing such intense interest, he was put on the payroll as regimental mascot.

CALIFORNIANS TAKE DIP IN 58-DEGREE OCEAN

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Dec. 26 (AP)—As is their annual custom, scores of persons donned bathing suits and took a Christmas day dip in the ocean, despite the fact that the water temperature registered 58 degrees and the air temperature 50.

KRLH PROGRAMS

TODAY

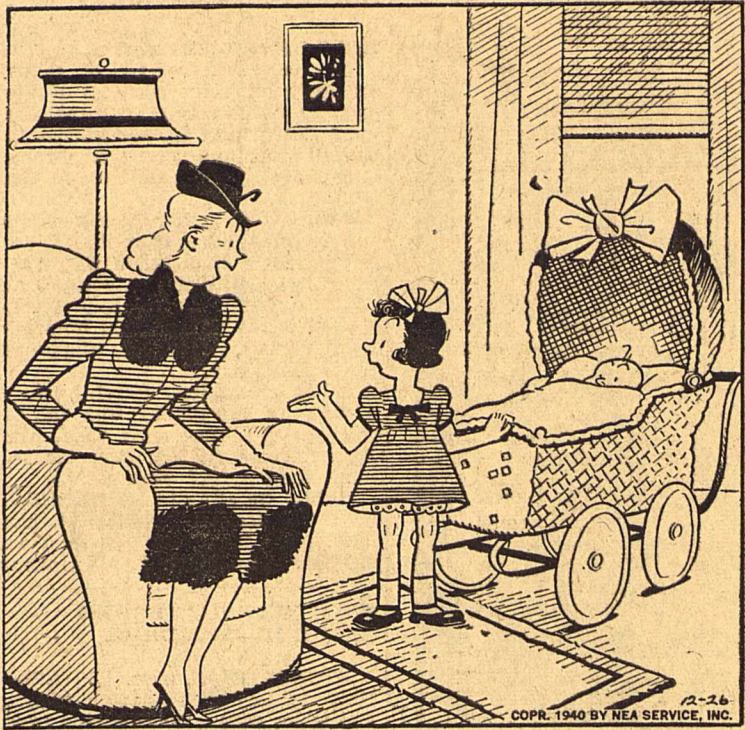
- 6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS
6:15—Brook Haven Trio, TSN
6:30—Sport Spotlight, TSN
6:45—News, TSN
7:00—Wally Williams, MBS
7:15—Facing the Facts, TSN
7:30—In Chicago Tonight, MBS
8:00—To be Announced, TSN
8:15—From London, MBS
8:25—Musical Interlude, MBS
8:30—Sinfonietta, MBS
8:45—Henrick Willem Van Loon, MBS
9:15—Tom Martin, TSN
9:30—Cadets on Parade, TSN
9:45—Chicago Symphony Orch., MBS
10:00—News, TSN
10:15—The Den Orch., TSN
10:30—To be Announced, 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
8:45—What's Doing Around Midland
9:00—Organ Melodies, TSN
9:15—To be Announced, TSN
9:30—Backstage with TSN
9:45—Easy Aces, TSN
10:00—Neighbors, TSN
10:15—Our Girl 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
11:12—It's Dance Time
11:30—Eleven Thirty, Inc., TSN
11:45—Man on the Street
12:00—News & Market Reports, TSN
12:15—Makin' Sam
12:30—Songs by Lillian Sherman, MBS
12:45—The Cheer Up Gang, MBS
1:00—Cedric Foster, MBS
1:15—Bill North, TSN
1:30—Tin Pan Alley
1:45—Sterling Young's Orch, TSN
2:00—News & Market Reports, TSN
2:15—The Philadelphia Orch., MBS
3:15—Herbie Holmes' Orch., MBS
3:45—The Johnson Family, MBS
4:00—The Charioteers, MBS
4:15—Crime and Death, TSN
4:30—T.C.U. Variety Program, TSN
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5:15—P. & B. W. Club, TSN
5:30—Harold Turner, Pianist, MBS
5:45—Midland Chamber of Commerce

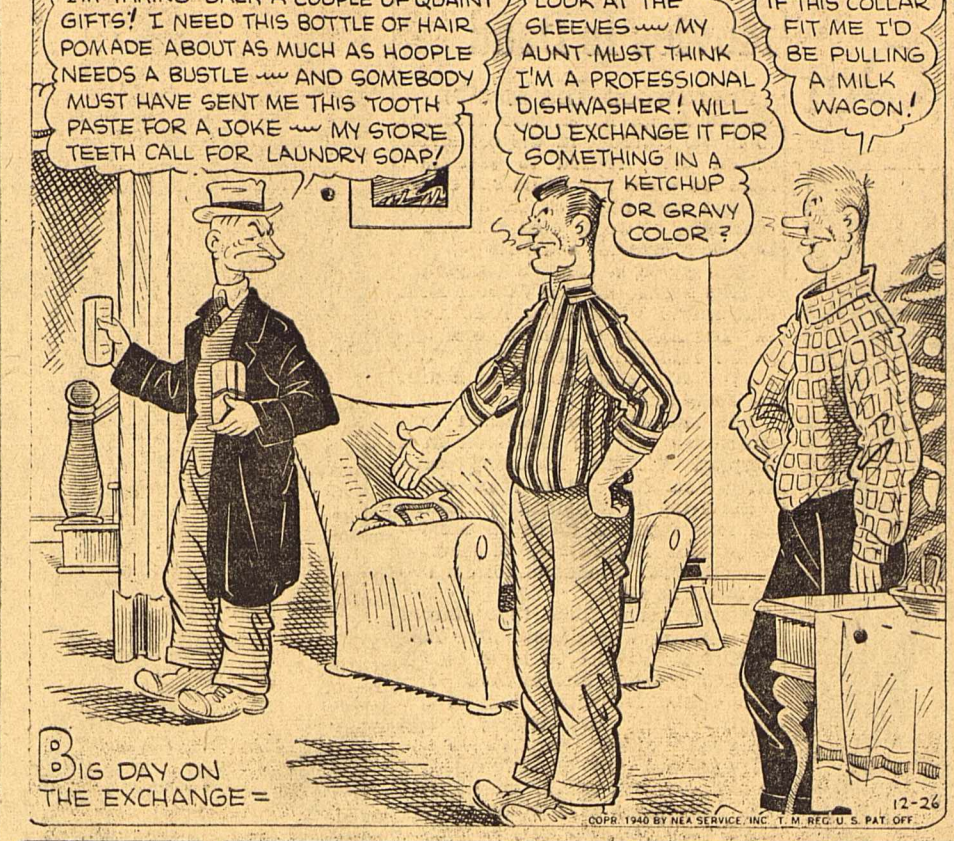
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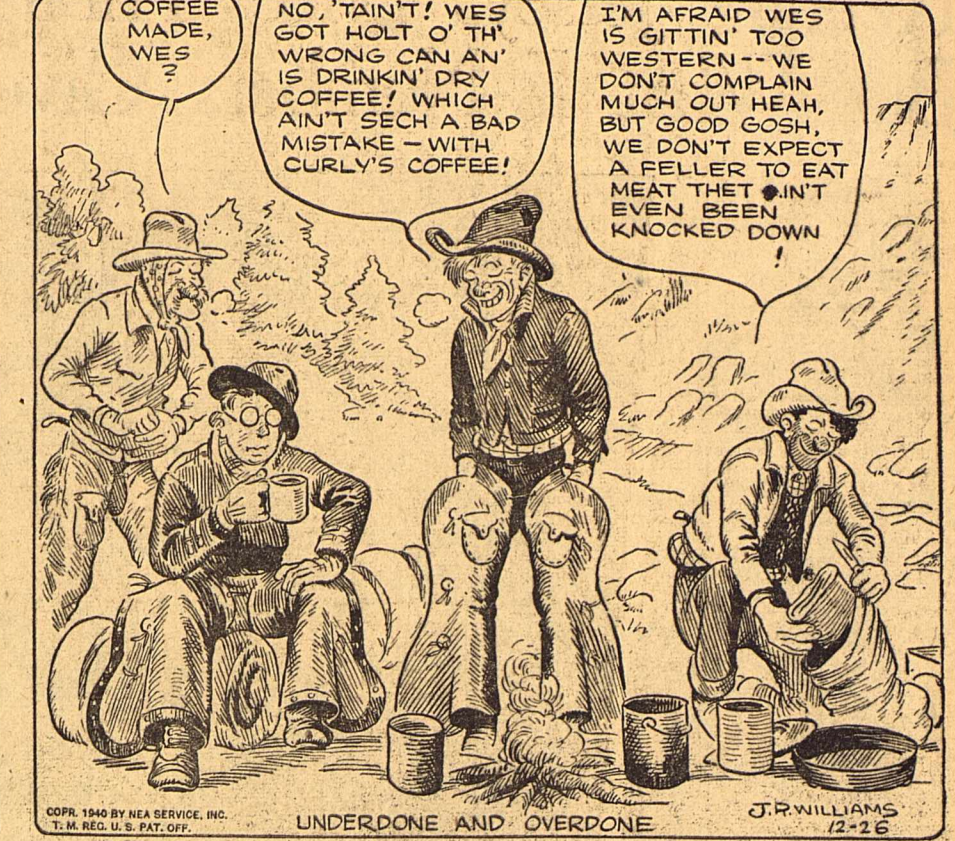
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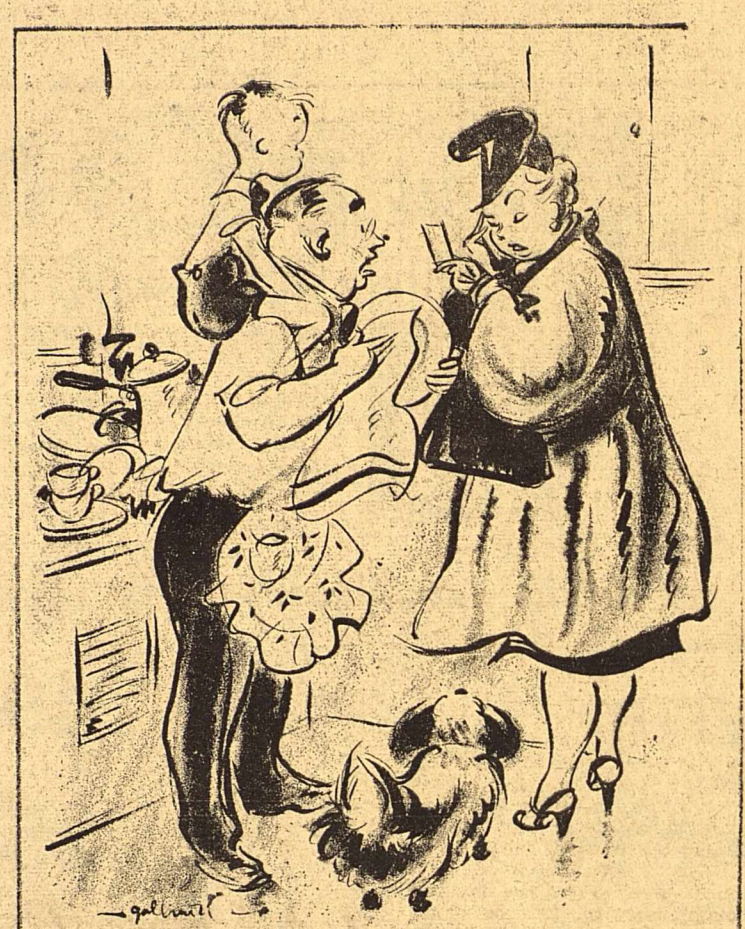
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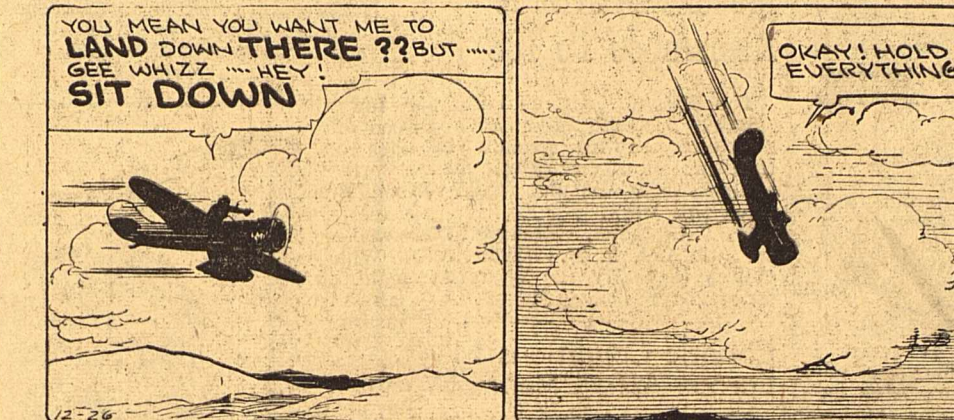
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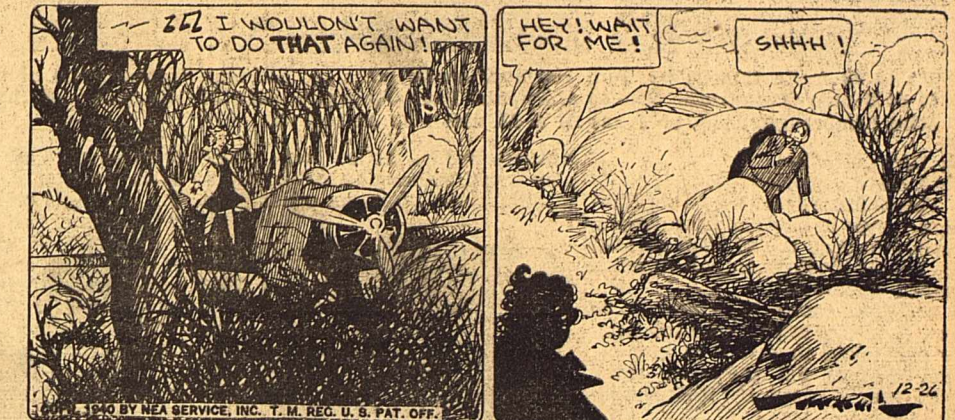


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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



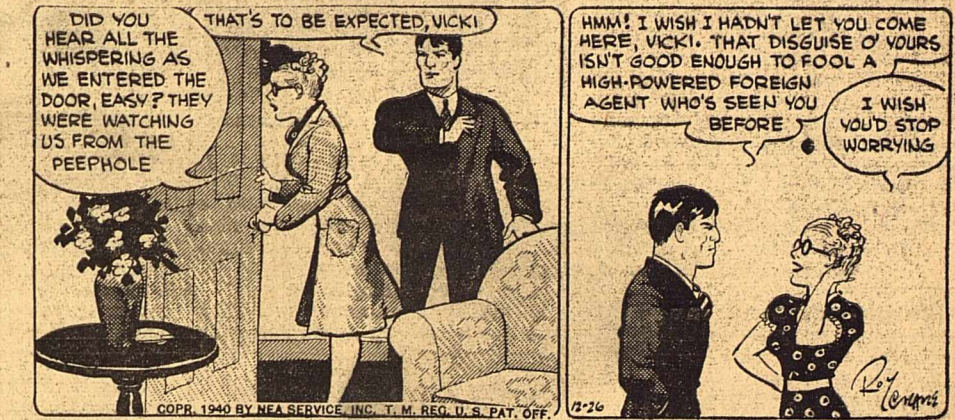
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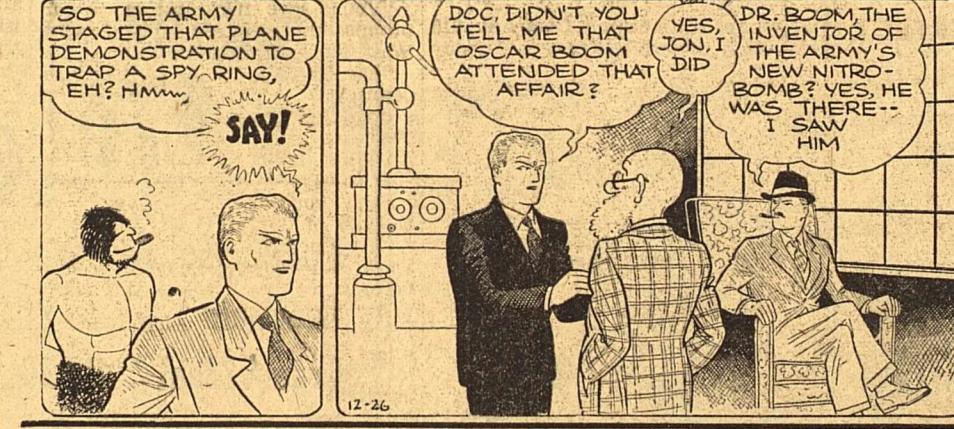
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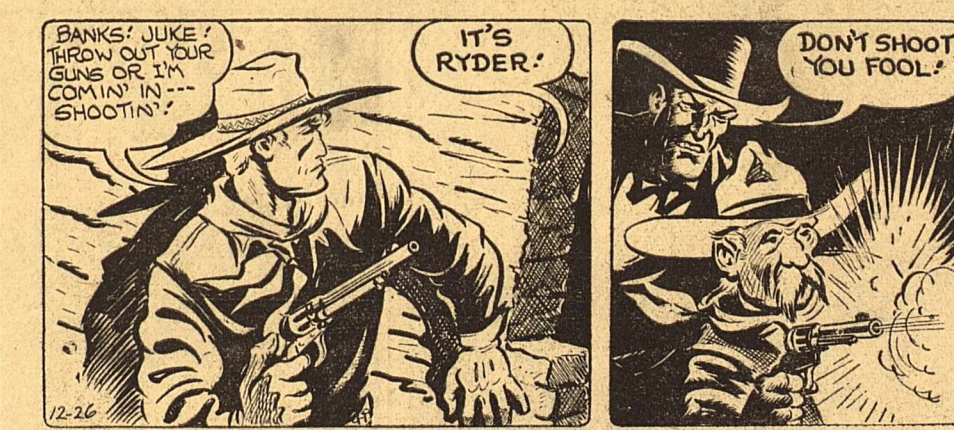
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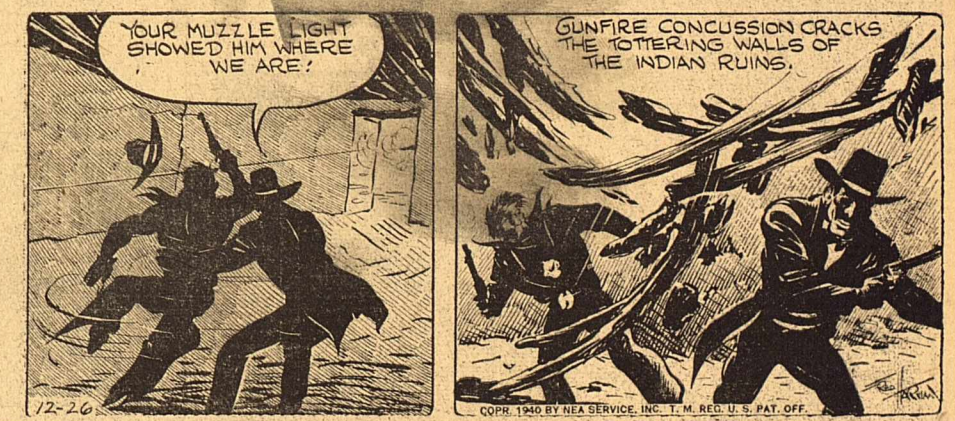
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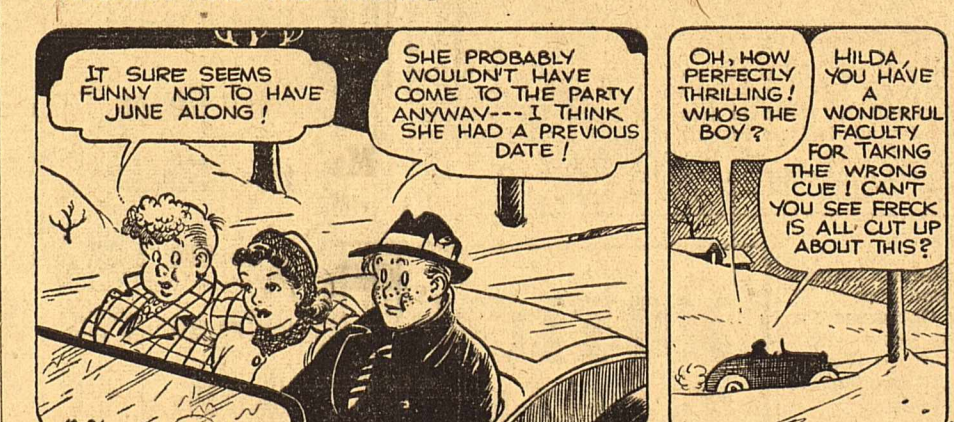
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



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THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

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LOST: Boston bulldog; male; permanently maimed in left shoulder; reward. Phone 349. (249-3)

Call 80 for Taxi

2—For Sale

GROCERY and market; dining room and cafe; rooms; living quarters; well furnished; 4 blocks highway north of square, Seminole, Texas; for lease, trade or sale; quarter block. Robert L. Henson, Gen. Del., Midland. (247-6)

3—Furnished Apartments

THREE room furnished apartment; private bath; Frigidaire. 407 W. Missouri. (248-3)

FOUR room furnished apartment; four blocks from town. Phone 291, 521 West Wall. (249-3)

4—Unfurnished Apts.

NEWLY papered three room garage apartment; 1701 West College; water paid. Phone 1568. (246-8)

6—Unfurnished Houses

FIVE room brick house; all conveniences, basement under kitchen, all freshly painted inside. Apply 305 East Kentucky. (245-6)

7—Houses for Sale

FIVE room stucco house; garage; immediate possession; 800 West Storey, phone 1542-W. (244-6)

Phone 555 Yellow Cab Company

10—Bedrooms

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10-a—Room and Board

ROOM and board at Taylor Lodge (formerly Rountree's); hotel service with home environment; excellent meals. 107 South Pecos. Phone 278. (1-1-41)

11—Employment

EMPLOYMENT for boys with bicycles as route carriers; boy delivers and collects for paper; has his own business; carriers starting now will be eligible for annual Carlsbad Cavern trip July 4th. See Ray Gwyn, 205 East Wall. (248-12)

15—Loans

LOANS FOR NEW BUILDINGS OR REPAIRS

ASK US FOR DETAILS

Burton-Lingo Co.

Phone 58—119 E. Texas Ave.

16—Miscellaneous

**Locksmith
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and all household
appliances**

Ben's Service Shop

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16—Miscellaneous

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We build the best for rest for less. We rebuild your old mattress for small cost.

STATE PERMIT 948
PHONE 1646—115 S. MAIN

We buy and sell new and used furniture.

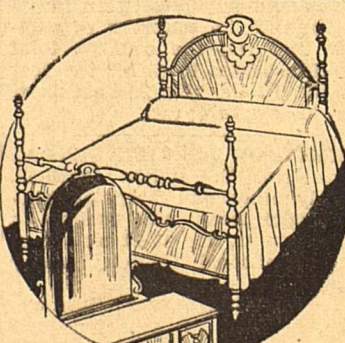
Jennings Furn. Store
Phone 1646—115 So. Main

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Optometrist
We Fit And Make Your Glasses
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Insurance Abstracts Loans
111 West Wall—Ph. 1440 or 79

W. B. HARKRIDER
Insurance Service
308 Thomas Bldg. Ph. 18, Res. 239

RAY V. HYATT
Insurance Real Estate Loans
2nd. Floor Masonic Bldg.—Phone 6

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MIDLAND FEDERAL SAVINGS
AND LOAN ASSN.
Carl Young, Secy. Phone 1440

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"I want you to keep this and give it to my boy next Tuesday—it's his birthday!"

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PERFECT
SERVICE**

That's what our satisfied customers say about our **DRY CLEANING**

Middleton's Cleaners
109 S. CARRIZO—PHONE 30

FIRE LEVELS BARRACKS AND BURNS EIGHT

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Dec. 26 (AP).—One seaman burned to death and seven others were injured, none seriously, in a fire which levelled three wooden navy barracks buildings early today. Authorities were hampered in their investigation by the absence of many men on Christmas leaves.

Burglars Take Radio And Money From Store

Whites Auto Supply Company, 215 W. Wall St. was burglarized Tuesday night. Entrance to the store was gained by breaking out a back window, employees said.

An undetermined amount of change and two radio sets were reported taken.

PNEUMONIA IS FATAL FOR WICHITA FALLS RESIDENT

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 26 (AP).—O. W. Hines, 63, mortician and resident of the city for 28 years, died in a hospital here last night of pneumonia. Surviving are the widow, one son, two daughters, including Mrs. Harold Naylor of Springfield, Ill.; two brothers, including Joe Hines of Abilene; and three sisters.

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SERIAL STORY

CHRISTMAS RUSH

BY TOM HORNER

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YESTERDAY: Christmas Day is packed with excitement and surprises. After dinner, Martha notices Jerry appears worried. He calls a family conference, announces: "I'm not going back to school."

JERRY MAKES A DECISION

"YOU'RE not—what?" For the first time in his life Hugh Connelly roared at his son. Jerry's knuckles whitened as he gripped the mantel. "I'm not going back to medical school, Dad. I'm through. I'm quitting."

"Jerry, Jerry," his mother pleaded. "Don't say such things. You're tired, upset. You've been working too hard. You can't give up now."

"That's it, son." The doctor's arm went around his tall son's shoulders, held him tight. "You need a rest. How about a hunting trip? I'll leave things, we'll get away for a few days. Fill you up on good food and you'll be anxious to get back to work again..."

Jerry shook his head. "Thanks, Dad. But it's no use. I like school. I feel swell. It's not that it's just well—I'm going to be married."

"What!" Hugh Connelly roared again, drowning out Mary Wade's half-stifled scream. Instantly she was on her feet.

"I think you want to discuss this alone, Mrs. Connelly," she said. "If you'll excuse me—" She ran up the stairs.

There was a long silence. The doctor left his son, standing alone before the fireplace, and slumped in his favorite chair. "Now, Jerry, let's have the whole story. Maybe this can be straightened out."

"Jerry, you haven't done anything—" Martha hesitated, half afraid.

"No, Mother," Jerry answered tenderly. "Unless I should be ashamed of falling in love."

"It's that Valerie Parks—I hate her!" Sheila broke in.

"Let's hear what Jerry has to say first, Sheila," her father commanded. "All right, Jerry, let's have it."

"It is Val," Jerry began. "I'm in love with her; she loves me. We want to get married. There's nothing wrong in that, is there?"

"But we don't even know the girl—her family. Jerry, how can you do this to us?" Martha sobbed.

"You'll love her, Mother. I can promise that. She's coming tonight. Wait till you see her."

"Not tonight, son," Dr. Connelly counseled. "This has come pretty sudden to your mother and me. We'll see the girl later."

"What about this sudden decision to give up medicine? It means ending your career. Have you thought of that?"

"I've thought of nothing else. I know how you've counted on me becoming a doctor, how you planned on my coming back here, working with you. But you've always promised if I decided not to be a doctor, you'd let me quit. I want to quit now."

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Hugh Connelly was silent, hiding his hurt, afraid to trust his voice. "But this, girl—this Valerie—who is she?" Martha questioned.

"The girls have told you she drives a big car, that she has a bunch of fur coats—That's true. Her family is rich. Her father is the head of one of the biggest corporations in the state. Her mother is independently wealthy, and Val has a large income from a block of oil wells."

"She's a wonderful girl, Mother. She's real, she's true—everything you could ask for in a daughter-in-law." He dropped to his knees beside Martha, pleading. "Please try to love her, Mother—for me."

"I'll try, Jerry. Bring her over tomorrow."

"But Jerry, have you considered all the angles?" Dr. Connelly interrupted. "How are you going to live? You have no money—no job."

"I know that, Dad. But I'll get a job. I'll drive a truck, run a filling station. We'll get along." He was smiling now.

"How about Valerie? Will she be willing to live like that—as the wife of a truck driver?"

"Val would live in a tent, if we could be together—she said so." He rose, kissed his mother, and turned to leave. "Then it's all right? I can tell Val you don't object?"

"If you've made up your mind you want to quit school—get married—your mother and I will help all we can. If you're sure—But you'll have to earn your own way."

"Don't be in too much of a hurry to tell Valerie," Martha cautioned. "Let your father and I talk this over. Run along now, I don't want to meet her tonight."

Hours later, when the shadows of Christmas night had closed in around them, Hugh and Martha Connelly reached a decision. Jerry had gone to meet Valerie, the twins had hurried off to a dance.

They sat before the fire, as they had sat so many evenings before, planning the future of their children. This had not been included in that plan for Jerry, but it was a situation that must be faced.

All of Hugh's hopes had been centered in his son. From the day he had bought Jerry his first book on anatomy, carefully directed his boyish study, Hugh had longed for the day when Jerry would come into the office, a full-fledged physician, ready to take his share of the burden.

That was Hugh's dream. In its realization, he had promised himself a rest, time to do the myriad things he had never been able to squeeze in. He and Martha could take long motor trips, he could buy that north woods cabin, he could go hunting and fishing without a constant worry that someone at home was needing him.

But that was selfish of him. There could be no thought of that dream now. Jerry was, as always, his first consideration.

"If he is determined to do it, there's nothing we can do to stop him," Hugh said at last.

"He would hate us always, if we broke up his marriage. The girl may be as he says. We'll have to see."

"But he's giving up everything—his career—he's wrecking his whole life," Martha argued. "Maybe not. His happiness is our first consideration. He might never be happy without this girl. Now it's getting late. I have to drop in at the hospital. You go on to bed. I won't be late."

It was after midnight when the doctor returned. He left a light for Jerry, wearily climbed the stairs. He had counted so much on this son of his. Too much, perhaps.

He glanced in the twins' room. Both beds were empty. He walked down the hall to his own room, winding his watch. The sound of someone sobbing disturbed him.

Martha? No, she was asleep. The sobbing persisted. It seemed to come from the guest room. He knocked gently, then opened the door.

Mary Wade lay across her bed, sobbing as if her heart were broken.

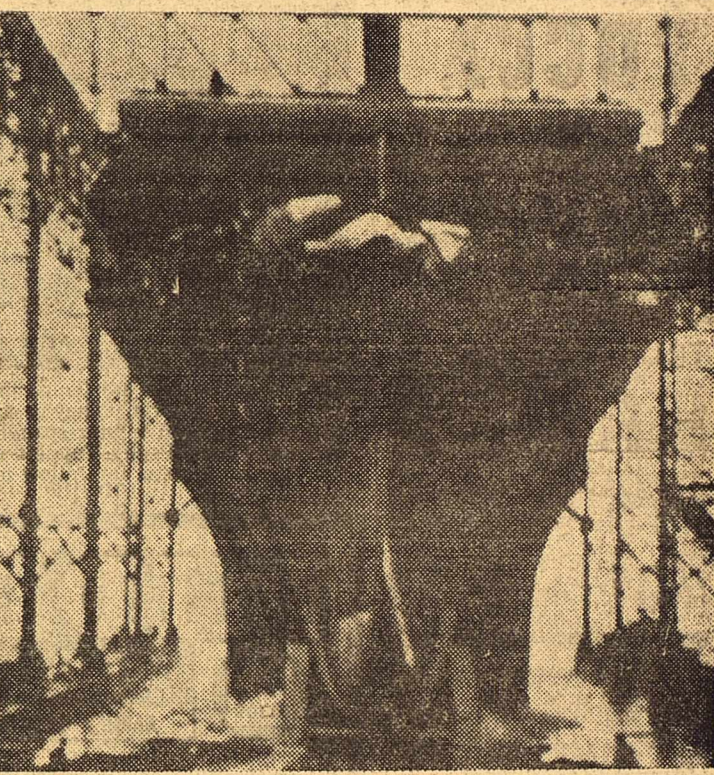
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The Touch of Genius



Only eight years old, Kenneth Amada, of South Orange, N. J., was hailed as a piano genius after repeated curtain calls followed his recent debut in New York's Carnegie Hall. He gave a concert in honor of Moritz Rosenthal, who is pictured watching him play. Pupil of Franz Litz, Rosenthal was himself a child prodigy. He declares the boy to be "one of the rare cases." Kenneth speaks four languages, has a one-in-a-million I. Q. rating of 170 to 190.

Launch New Aircraft Carrier



The U. S. S. Hornet, first of eight new aircraft carriers ordered by the navy, launched at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. in Virginia. It was christened by Mrs. Frank Knox, wife of the secretary of the navy.

UNUSUAL WOMAN

HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle 19 Her

1, 6 Famous deaf and blind woman.
12 Fragrant smell.
13 Ingenious.
14 Uproar.
15 To analyze.
16 Folding bed.
17 Preposition.
18 To make lace.
20 Either.
21 Toward.
22 Toupee.
23 Compass point (abbr.).
25 Interchanges of views.
31 Fold of thread.
32 Verifies.
33 Secular.
34 Mesh.
36 Biblical priest.
37 Desert fruit.
38 Grain (abbr.).
40 Male sheep.
42 Old garment.
43 You.
44 Goddess of dawn.
46 Fortification work.

9 Register.
10 Ipecac herbs.
11 Musical note.
15 Guarantees.
16 She is a graduate.
53 Constant companion.
54 The heart.
55 Ell.
57 Pound (abbr.).
58 Road (abbr.).

Crossword Puzzle

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Army Reports Guardsmen Will Be Moved By Trucks

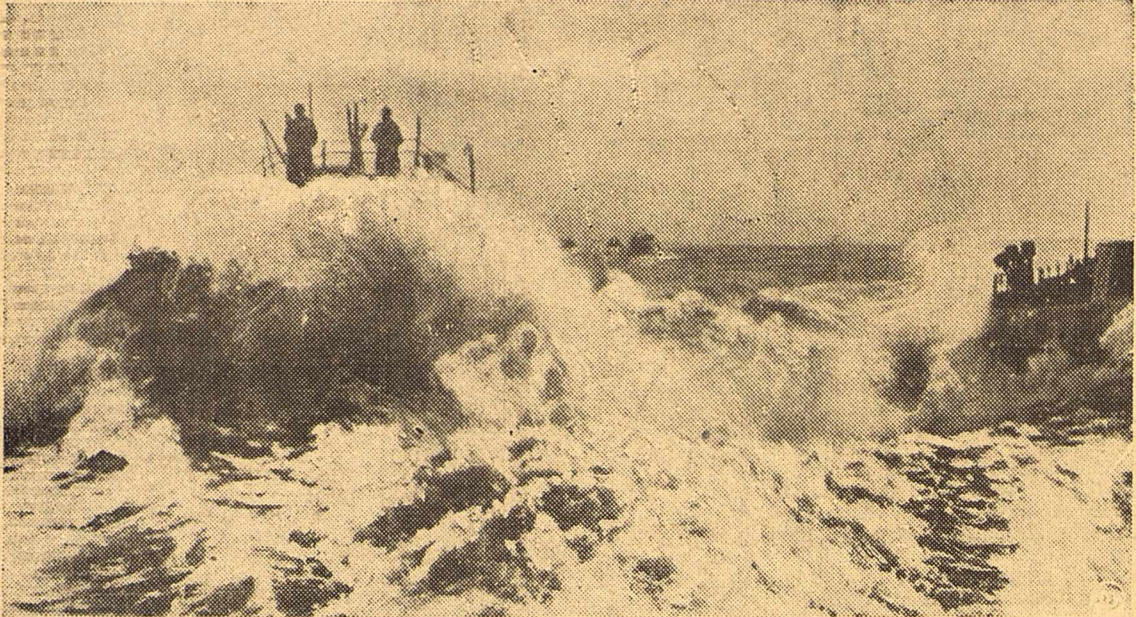
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 26 (AP).—All future movements of the 36th division troops, Texas National Guard, to Camp Bowie at Brownwood will be made by trucks, it was reported in army circles here today. The troops will be moved to the camp sometime before Jan. 16, it was indicated.

Previous plans had called for transportation of part of the troops by train. Movement of the troops from many points in Texas to Brownwood has been delayed by rains and conditions at Camp Bowie.

Hitler Makes Tour Of Northern Coast

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (AP).—Adolf Hitler made a Christmas tour along the Northern French coast, DNB, official German News Agency, said today. It was reported he told his soldiers "better and more beautiful Germany" will come from this war.

Rough Going for Hitler's Hornets



A flotilla of motor torpedo boats, angrily buzzing hornets of the German navy, finds rough going as a winter wind lashes the surface to suds and huge waves smash over the bows. According to Berlin-censored caption, the ships are "speeding to meet the enemy."

Aliens Registration Deadline Falls Today

Aliens' registration will end today and all non-citizens who have not registered are subject to heavy penalties. Postmaster Allen Tolbert said this morning.

CHAPPLES RETURN

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Chapple and daughter, Toya, returned on Christmas Eve from El Paso where they had spent several days.

FROM KELLY FIELD

Forest Howell, from the air corps at Kelly Field, San Antonio, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Howell, and family during the holidays.

YUCCA LAST TIMES TODAY MYRNA LOY - MELVYN DOUGLAS Third Finger, Left Hand TRAVEL—MUSICAL

FRI.—SAT. MARX BROS. GO WEST JOHN CARROLL JANA LEWIS

10c RITZ 20c LAST TIMES TODAY BARGAIN DAY SANDY Gets Her Man with SANDY (HERSELF)

DEAD END KIDS LITTLE TOUGH GUYS JUNIOR G-MEN Billy Halop - Huntz Hall Gabriel Dell - Bernard Pandoly Harris Berger - Kenneth Howell

10c REX 15c TODAY—FRIDAY Joan Bennett George Raft "House Across the Bay"

Oil Production In State Rises Over 1939 Output

By Ray Neumann Associated Press Staff AUSTIN, Dec. 26—Estimated 1940 Texas oil production of 486,448,449 barrels increased 8,900,703 over that of 1939.

Total gas production of approximately 1,541,321,000,000 cubic feet, was 243,014,000,000 over that of the year previous.

Reflecting growth of the industry, a possible 9,768,000,000 barrels of oil underground also testified to some extent to conservation efforts of the Railroad Commission which regulates the state's gigantic oil and gas interests.

In the opinion of the commissioners, the end of 1940 found the industry on a stable basis. Policies of the state agency, however, have been severely criticized in some quarters.

A number of operators, contending discrepancies in allowable production existed between fields and wells, believed federal control was near.

Any Supply Demand Largest producer among the states, Texas has been declared ready to supply any demand for oil or lubricants in a national emergency and observers point out the Federal Bureau of Mines demand forecast of 1,297,500 barrels daily in Texas for January, 20,500 higher than December's, was large for the winter low consumption period.

While some oil men clamored for a new state agency to regulate oil, others noted the commission's membership, and possibly its policies, were due for a change with Olin Culberson, former director of the commission's utilities regulation division, succeeding Len A. Smith, who did not seek re-election.

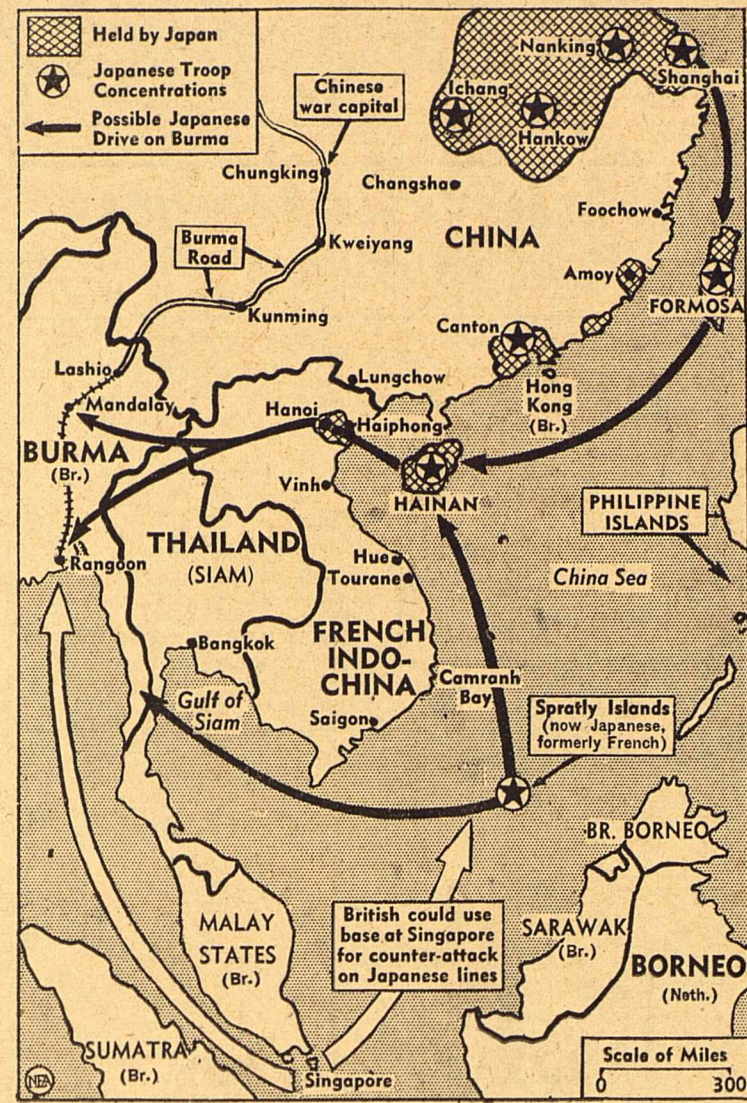
Commissioner Jerry Sadler recently asserted that while the agency collected \$50,000 more than last year, it spent approximately \$93,000 less in salaries and other expenditures.

Yield Slightly Under With Chairman Ernest O. Thompson, former chairman of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, asserting Texas production would remain within the Federal Bureau's demand estimates, the state enters 1941 with a yield slightly under the forecast.

Estimated total production for the past year figured a fraction of a percent under the Mines Bureau estimates as compared to 6.75 per cent below for 1939 which witnessed a 15-day shutdown.

More than 500 fields containing nearly 95,000 wells were producing in 1940 during which the commission granted 10,919 well drilling applications, 159 more than 1939. Records disclose 6,734 completed of which 297 were gas wells and 1,647 dry holes. The year previous, 6,671 were completed, 217 of which were gas wells.

Burma Next on Japan's List?



Threat of a Japanese drive on British Burma is seen in heavy Japanese troop concentrations in southern China and on islands in the China Sea. Besides axing aid to China via the Burma road, Japan would gain valuable resources in such a move.

Today's Markets

LIVESTOCK FORT WORTH, Dec. 26 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle, salable and total 1,000; calves, salable 400, total 450; all cattle fully steady; calves strong; common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings 6.00-8.50; two loads steers 9.15 and two loads 9.25; other good fed steers and yearlings 9.25-10.00; load two-year-old steers 10.50; beef cows 4.50-6.50; canners and cutters 3.25-4.50; bulls 4.50-6.00; bulk killing calves 5.50-8.00; few higher; culls 4.50-5.50; stockers scarce.

Hogs, salable 800, total 1,050; market opened steady to 15c higher than Tuesday's average, later sales 15-35c higher; top 6.75; most good and choice 190-300 lb 6.35-50; good and choice 150-185 lb 5.60-6.30; pigs steady, 3.75 down; packing sows 5.25-50, or steady.

Sheep, salable and total 200; receipts mostly lambs selling steady; good wool fat lambs 8.50, woolled and shorn lambs mixed 8.00, and few yearlings 6.00; wethers and feeders scarce.

Wool BOSTON, Dec. 26 (AP, U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Foreign wools were receiving a fair demand today. Spot wools of fine and half-blood grades were moving quite readily. A number of importing brokers were getting fairly large orders for foreign wools to be shipped as soon as possible. These orders included medium and low cost wools as well as the finer grades.

Cotton NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 (AP)—Cotton futures closed today 3 to 8 points higher.

Traders Push Few Shares To Highest Peak In Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Stock market traders turned to the shares of some of the less prominent concerns which stand to benefit by the \$17,000,000,000 national defense program today and pushed a number of these prices to the highest levels in a year or more.

Meanwhile many of the steels, aircrafts and other "war" issues were neglected and the list at the close presented a ragged appearance.

Trading struck a post-holiday lull and turnover approximated 750,000 shares. Cotton advanced 15 to 25 cents a bale.

Stocks NEW YORK, Dec. 26. Closing price of the fifteen most active stocks today: Socony Vac 8 3/4, Comwilt & Sou 21 5/8, Cons Edis 48 1/2, Gen Motors 43 1/2, Radio Keith 0 3 1/2, Columbia G & E 4 3/8, Stand Oil N J 33 3/8, Cons Oil 5 5/8, Am Rad & Std San 6 5/8, Gen Elec 32 5/8, Int Nickel 22 5/8, U S Steel 68 1/2, Elect Boat 16 1/8, N Y Ship Bldg 30, Stand Oil Cal 18

Stocks (continued) VISIT DAUGHTER. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Friley of Pittsburgh, Kans., are holiday visitors of their daughter, Mrs. P. L. McFarland and Mr. McFarland. The visitors plan to leave tomorrow.

Highlight of the Week's Oil News

(From The Oil & Gas J.) Completions for the week showed a small decrease, with 519 wells as against 529. Dry holes were 20, while gas wells and oil wells were up 7 and 3, respectively. A significant decline was registered in Illinois where producers dropped from 46 to 29 and dry holes from 30 to 15. With the exception of a number of small fields to be drilled up in White County, activity is shifting to the northern sector with Jasper County in the lead.

As the year approaches a close, Kansas operators continue to pave the way for active development. As has been pointed out before, development in western Kansas consists mainly of pushing forward along the Barton arch and also in picking up scattered spots on what later develops into northeast-southwest cross trends. At the same time, drilling deep down the northeast flank of the arch. At the present time wildcatting has shown favorable results in all three directions and the new shows cover a sufficiently extensive area to promise that 1941 will be a very active year in this region.

Two plays, one a year old and the other just starting, will give Texans some cause for continued worry about allowables. The Fort Worth basin play continues to mark up successes, almost weekly, and the Woodbine play in Wood County threatens to assume major importance. This week, the second test found the play 369 ft. higher than the discovery and is showing for a gas well. Numerous tests are going down rapidly and, already, operators are talking of another Van. There will be one difference, however, unless something is done rapidly. Van is operated under unit control and, consequently, development was carried on in an orderly fashion. The Hawkins play shows more signs of developing in the manner of East Texas than of Van, although quantitatively it does not show signs of approaching the former pool in importance.

East Texas: The Woodbine sand play in Wood County assumed major proportions as J. Rotondi's test 2 1/2 miles to the north of the Manziel discovery logged the Woodbine 369 ft. higher than the discovery. The wildcat drilled 90 ft. of gas and was shut in. Production from the deep Travis Peak formation was indicated at two spots in Limestone County.

Kansas: The Ray pool in Phillips County has been extended 1/2 mile north and a test in Rush County reports a show in the Reagan sand. California: California operators face curtailed production as a result of cutting off exports to Japan and British Columbia. The gradual acquisition of leases in Elk Hills by the Navy is speeding up Richfield's drilling campaign in Tupman so as to maintain the company's reserves. Standard is also drilling at Elk Hills to establish production. A wildcat in the Huasna district of San Luis Obispo County is showing oil.

West Virginia: Deep drilling records for this state have been broken as a Harrison County test reaches 9,450 ft. The Ravenswood test which brought in either a new pool or an extension to the Oriskany gas field tested 6,000,000 cu. ft. after a shot. Other tests are under way with a view to further extending the limits of this field which is the most important active area in the eastern fields.

La-Arg-Tex: A north outpost to the Lisbon field, after failing to confirm shows found in other wells in the Cotton Valley formation, hit the top of the Smackover lime at 10,270 ft. and found gas in an oolitic member near the top. After many weeks of comparative inactivity, Arkansas came into the news with a blowout from the Blossom sand in Union County and a northeast extension to the McKamee pool in the Smackover lime.

Texas Gulf Coast: Gas and distillate production were extended about 1 mile west in the Chocolate Bayou pool, Brazoria County, and a new sand was found in the Ogilvie field in the same county. The east side of the West Ranch field in Jackson County will probably see increased activity following good results in a test in the 5,400-ft. sand.

West Texas: A new field is in the making as the result of a Stanolind test north of the North Cowden pool and just south of the Andrews County line. A 7,700-bbl. well extended the Gulf Waddell pool in Grant County 1/2 mile east. A well, 2 1/2 miles west of the Duggan area in the Slaughter field, is showing oil and is testing.

Louisiana Gulf Coast: Gulf's West Bay test appears to have opened up a field of major proportions as it logged five sands in addition to the one which flowed 732 bbl. on test. The Wilcox trend play has extended to Pine Prairie where there is an active lease play. Blowouts in East Lake Borgne, St. Bernard Parish, and 2 miles south of Partida, St. Charles Parish, may indicate important discoveries. On the other side of the picture, Humble's South Crowley discovery well has gone to about 95 per cent salt water and may be abandoned.

Oklahoma: A third sand, the Cromwell, has been opened up in the Oklahoma area of Oklahoma County.

North Central Texas: Continental's test 7 miles southwest of Jackboro has found saturation in both the Mississippi and Ellenburger limes. A 45-bbl. well in the Cooke sand at 680-95 ft. is starting Throckmorton County off on a leasing and drilling play.

Southwest Texas: Outposts have extended the East Fremont pool, Jim Wells County, and the Luby field, Nueces County, approximately 1 mile. Activity in the Agua Dulce area continues with two producers coming in. Illinois: During a week in which completions were sharply reduced, the outstanding development was a 1,323-bbl. well in the McClosky midway between the West Liberty and Dundas pools in Jasper County. Completions In All Fields. (Week ended December 21, 1940.)

Table with columns for State, Oil, Gas, Dry Total, 1940 comp., 1939 comp. Total United States: 335, 60, 124, 519, 29,995, 26,059. Total previous week: 332, 53, 144, 529. Week ended Dec. 23, 1939: 414, 44, 113, 571.

Jack Teagarden Plays For Midland Dancers, But It's Son Jack, Jr.

Jack Teagarden played in Midland Wednesday night. He played a trombone in an orchestra that furnished music for the Sub-Deb Christmas dance at the Hotel Scharbauer.

But Jack Teagarden that dancers of the younger crowd saw is the son of the famous band leader, Jack, Sr. He is 15 years old, a sophomore in Odessa high school, and a member of "Sultans of Swing," orchestra of high school students. Like his father, Jack plays trombone and they say he looks like Jack, Sr., now playing in New York.

Jack, Jr. makes his home with his mother, Mrs. Ora Teagarden of Odessa. He is a nephew of Miss Blanche Kelly of Midland and of Mrs. R. T. Mobley. The young trombonist has no doubts about the career he prefers. His dark eyes lighted up and he answered "a musician" when queried. Musical aptitude runs in the family. Jack's younger brother, Gilbert, 12, plays trumpet.

MURDER CHARGES FILED IN FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 26 (AP)—Murder charges were filed against two persons here today following a fatal automobile accident of the Christmas holiday season.

The grand jury pressed an investigation into an outbreak of accidents that ran the county's total of traffic deaths to 45 for the year thus far. In the city, 22 have been killed to date this year.

COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAY The Rev. P. Walter Henckell, formerly minister in charge of Trinity Chapel here, will conduct a communion service at 11 o'clock at Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday morning.

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