

Sink Vessel Off Coast

Surprise Move By Hitler Is Expected

By The Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's "intuitive" firing of his army chieftain, Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, with the Fuehrer himself taking personal command, invoked a flood of speculation Monday on what Germany might do next.

The least will be a straining effort to check the headlong retreat in Russia and the most may be a new German stab in another sector of battle-torn Europe—perhaps a drive through Spain against Gibraltar with a view to establishing German power in French North or West Africa or a smash at the British in the Middle East via Turkey.

An attempt at invasion of Britain also was a possibility. In Atlantic warfare, the German high command claimed Monday that a British aircraft carrier had been sunk by submarine torpedoing.

A privately circulated Spanish news letter reaching London said that "if Hitler is not to be defeated in North Africa, Spain must come into the war." It asserted that "plans are now mature and all that remains is for the button to be pressed."

The letter added that German military and air and military missions had been conferring with officials in Madrid for two weeks.

Patrols Enter Cities
The latest official word from the Libyan theater was that British mechanized patrols had penetrated 150 miles into Tripolitania, the western section of Libya which lies next to the French Tunisia.

Armored patrols, however, were far out ahead of the main body, pressing westward into Tripolitania, already more than 450 miles into Libya from the Egyptian border. Complete destruction of the German-Italian foe was the ultimate objective.

British patrols, sweeping 50 miles beyond Derna, entered Cirene and Appollonia Sunday, and contact was made with Axis covering forces east of Bengasi. Cairo reports said. However, the main body of the Italian and German armies was still in flight, leaving enormous quantities of war material in their wake.

The German communiques still cling to its reports of breaking "numerous Soviet attacks," but a Russian general on the Moscow front declared that the full force pursuit of the Germans had only begun. The officer, Lieut. Gen. Vassily Ivanovich Kuznetsov, called the present situation "the beginning of the rout."

The Russian reports, official and unofficial, had of an unbroken sweep in which scores of villages were being recaptured, notably 35 towns in a single day on the Tula front, south and southwest of Moscow.

Farmers To Receive Locker Applications

Subscription forms for membership in a proposed \$11,000 cold storage locker system for Midland are expected to be mailed this week. Plans for the plant are expected to be completed after Jan. 1.

A deadline of March 1 for membership in the system was set at a meeting of the FSA council and its special committee Friday night. James H. Goodman, council member, is preparing forms and papers.

Midland Postoffice Sells 20,000 Stamps

Add Christmas rush. The Midland postoffice Saturday sold 20,000 one and one-half cent stamps.

War Observers Consider Lost Faith In Command, Army-Nazi Rift, And Trickery As Cause Behind Shake-Up

BERN, Switzerland—(AP)—Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, who led the German armies victoriously through France, across the Balkans and into Russia, was tumbled from a hero's pedestal Monday by Adolf Hitler's momentous decision to assume personal command of his legions.

The Fuehrer's stroke, taken at an hour when he himself declared Germany's battle was fast approaching its "culminating and turning point," created a sensation when it was disclosed Sunday night in dispatches from Berlin.

Observers in this neutral capital, seeking an explanation for a move which they believed must have not only profound causes but vital consequences, saw these possibilities:

1. That the German reverses in Russia—which Berlin has discount-

British Patrol Raids Garrison In Tripolitania

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—A patrol far out in front of Britain's rapidly advancing army in Libya has made a bold, surprise stab against an Axis garrison 150 miles into Tripolitania. British general headquarters disclosed Monday in a communique which, for the third successive day, indicated that the main British forces were pressing westward at top speed.

The exact site of the daring swoop, where an entire garrison was said to have been "accounted for" although it outnumbered the attackers six to one and at least 24 German and Italian planes destroyed on the ground, was not given. That it was 150 miles inside the western section of Libya, however, meant that Britain's vanguards have pierced beyond the highwater mark of the first big westward push at Agedabia, on the Gulf of Sirte near Tripolitania's eastern border with Cirenaica.

The main line of Britain's swift, mobile army hotly pursuing General Erwin Rommel's shattered African corps had driven beyond the highlands of Eastern Cirenaica by last night, the communique said.

Tests Police Radio System

Midland's two-way police radio is expected to be in full operation before Jan. 1. A transmitter of the system was being tested Monday and contacts were made with Oklahoma City, Clovis, N. M., and other cities. Twenty-four hour service will be maintained between Big Spring and Midland.

Working Man Lines Up Behind America

STANTON—(Special)—The man of the hoe, the shovel and plow is behind the government. A man dressed in time-worn working clothes appeared at the postoffice window here, and said he wanted to buy some defense bonds.

"Them that's the kind I'm looking for," the customer said. Postmaster Hall shook off a fainting spell.

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The exhibit, including oils, pastels, and water colors, will be open.

Roosevelt Confers With Allies To Unify War Efforts Against World Antagonists

President Takes First Steps For Combined Plans

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In conferences with the Russian, Chinese and Netherlands envoys to the United States, President Roosevelt Monday took preliminary steps in "joint planning for unity of action" by the countries combating the Axis.

The Chief Executive scheduled talks separately with Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian ambassador; Dr. Hu Shih, the Chinese ambassador; and A. Loudon, the Netherlands' minister.

He saw Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, Sunday.

The White House said all these conferences were in line with an announcement Saturday night that Britain and the United States already had taken steps toward coordination of the war effort and that the joint planning for unity of action would be extended to Russia, China, the Netherlands and other governments engaged in the common cause of defeating the Axis.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, remarked of Monday's conferences, however, that they were of a "very preliminary" nature. Litvinoff, first of the Allied diplomats on the White House engagement list, spent less than half an hour with Mr. Roosevelt and departed without divulging to reporters any details of his call.

The Chinese ambassador and the Netherlands minister likewise were silent when they concluded their conferences with the Chief Executive.

Families Need Christmas Aid

Be a Goodfellow! And Midland's Goodfellow Club is going to do just that. Through contributions from citizens, cases such as the following will be served this year if money enough is received.

An aged widow, in the last stages of tuberculosis, who is partially supported by an 18-year-old daughter, must be cared for.

A man, unable to physically qualify for WPA work, has a sick wife. A widow, with tuberculosis, has a boy 12-years-old and a daughter, who is also a widow. The daughter has two children, a son, three, and daughter, one.

A family of nine needs Christmas cheer. They live in a tent. Girls' ages are 12, 9, and 2; boys, 7, 6, 4 and 2.

A widow with six children and a granddaughter will be looking to Goodfellows for Christmas help.

One man also in the last stages of tuberculosis, has a wife and nine children.

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Brief Patriotic Speech



War Bulletins

BERLIN—(AP)—The Germans declared Monday two Russian destroyers were sunk in a battle Sunday night with German destroyers

NEW YORK—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia Monday signed the recently enacted air raid bill which provides penalties of a \$500 fine, six months in jail or both for violating safety instructions.

BERLIN—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Japan's assault on Hongkong was continuing with undiminished fury Monday, according to reports from Tokyo received here Monday afternoon.

LONDON—(AP)—The tin smelting works and powerhouse on Penang Island, Britain's outpost off the west coast of Malaya, were destroyed prior to British evacuation and Japanese occupation, an authoritative source said Monday.

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Thirty-one survivors of a submarine attack off the California coast were brought into the Naval Station at Eureka Monday. Five of them were injured.

Whelchel To Coach Naval Academy Team

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—(AP)—Commander John E. Whelchel, U. S. N., of Washington, D. C., was named head football coach of the U. S. Naval Academy Monday, succeeding Major Emery E. (Swede) Larson, U. S. Marine Corps.

Field Health Director Visits Midland Office

Dr. R. I. Cherry, Austin, field director for the State Department of Public Health, visited the Midland-Ector Counties health unit here Monday.

Field Health Director Visits Midland Office

Dr. Cherry also planned to visit the Brownfield five-county unit.

2 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

It is doubtful if any will laugh At the problem of Jennie Giraffe. She got caught in the crush Of the last minute rush And is giftless—she can't stand the gaff.

Nipponese Divisions Try Luzon Landings

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy announced the SS Samoa was attacked by a submarine off the coast of California during the night of December 20 and the steamship Lahaina was shelled and sunk by an enemy submarine on December 11 on the way to San Francisco.

A torpedo exploded in the vicinity of the Samoa but there were no casualties and the ship was not damaged.

Two of the crew of the Lahaina are dead and two are missing. Thirty survivors have landed at Kahului on the Hawaiian Island of Maui.

Six to eight Japanese divisions—80,000 to 100,000 men—strove for a solid foothold on the island of Luzon Monday 150 miles from Manila and were met by a valiant defense in which American and Filipino troops "more than held their own."

An estimate from the War Department at Washington doubled previous estimates of the Japanese invasion strength carried toward the Philippine beaches by 80 troopships under strong naval and air escort.

The motherships put a host of 150-man barges into the water and these swarmed toward the shore through the shallows and surf under a hail of defense fire and into a maelstrom of hand-to-hand and tank combat on the beaches. "Some of them succeeded in getting ashore," said the War Department communique.

"The attempted invasion is being met with fierce resistance by American and Filipino troops."

The Washington statement placed the point of assault in the vicinity of Agoo on the innermost shore of Lingayen Gulf. Ago itself is but 130 airline miles from Manila.

Whether the United States air or naval forces had gone into action against the invasion armada was not stated either at Manila or Washington. Counting its naval escort and supply ships, the Japanese invasion fleet numbered perhaps 100 vessels.

Manila's official report said that heavy seas shattered one landing spearhead.

"At one point Japanese destroyers and transports were driven off by our heavy guns and that landing was prevented," it was announced.

The afternoon communique from the Manila headquarters carried this accolade for the mixed forces now bated in battle where the China Sea foams into Lingayen Gulf:

"Our troops are behaving well," combat figured in the new struggle but whether these included barge-landed Japanese tanks was not clear.

The latest word from London indicated that Britain's Hongkong garrison still held out under Japanese siege and direct attack by land and air on Hongkong Island.

In British Malaya defense forces 300 miles north of Singapore were reported to have smashed heavily at Japanese gathering for a push toward the important mining center of Ipoh.

Japs Claim 47 Warships
"Our troops engaged the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties," said the London communique.

A London military commentator said at 5 a. m. CST, that "It is believed Hongkong still is holding out," but he added that he lacked definite confirmation.

A Manila headquarters spokesman said there were unverified rumors of the sinking of Japanese transports in Lingayen Gulf.

The Japanese side of the story was that large numbers of Japanese soldiers, with naval support, had been landing since early morning on Luzon Island and attacking in cooperation with troops advancing from the north and south—apparently forces from beach heads established at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, and in the Logosig region, some 200 miles to the southeast of the Philippine capital.

The Japanese also declared Guam goes to the House.

Senator Hill (D-Ala.), the Democratic whip, argued that the draft was the most efficient method of doing the job and in support of his contention, he cited the case of a "doctor who had enlisted as a private when the Army was crying for more doctors."

Secretary of War Stimson already has announced that the Army will stop accepting volunteers as soon as there is a falling off in the patriotic rush prompted by declarations of war against the Axis powers. The Navy already has asked and received from Congress the right to draft 50,000 for the fleet and 10,000 for the Marines.

Alabama Senator Calls For Halt In Recruiting As President Signs Bill Expanding Selective Service Plans

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed Monday the bill enlarging the Selective Service plan while the Senate heard demands that all recruiting be halted and that the nation rely entirely upon the draft to build up a war machine of 6,000,000 men or more.

Under the law, all men of 18 through 64 must register and all from 20 through 44 are liable for active military service.

The Senate later approved legislation to increase the authorized enlisted strength of the Navy from 300,000 to 500,000 and to raise the limit on the Marine Corps from 60,000 to 104,000 men. The measure now

works out.

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INVITATION FOR TODAY: Come, for all things are now ready.—Luke 14:17.

Behind The Headlines

By DeWitt MacKenzie
Wide World Analyst

Our defenders in the Philippines appear to be in the throes of the supreme test in the bloody fighting which has developed as the result of Japanese landings in force from eighty transports in the Lingayen Gulf area, a bit more than 100 miles northwest of Manila on Luzon Island—a strategic heart of these straggling possessions.

The Japs, already delayed in their schedule by the strong defense of General MacArthur's forces, have struck heavily with the purpose of gaining possession before the arrival of American reinforcement across the Pacific.

Details of this great engagement are meager, and this is no time for speculation. Obviously the position is serious for the Philippines.

The news thus far is a mixture of good and bad. It is a matter of concern that the Japanese should have sufficient control of the waters about Luzon to effect such a mass landing. It is grand to hear from General MacArthur in an early report of the fighting that "our troops are behaving well."

Hitler In Emergency
Next to this invasion of the Philippines, the great sensation of the day is Hitler's assumption of supreme command of his armies, displacing the famous Field Marshall von Brauchitsch.

The precise meaning of this extraordinary move remains obscure, but I think we are safe in saying that it was inspired by a great emergency of some sort.

One doesn't overlook, of course, that the Fuehrer himself has declared he is divinely ordained to carry out his program for the fatherland. Still, it is hard to believe that this is the explanation. Admitting Hitler's genius for leadership, he might be expected to be the last to claim that his training fitted him for a position demanding the highest type of military skill, and to feel that there is no one else capable of leading his armies.

Rather, it seems to be, he is faced with a great crisis in which either (1) he is forced to depend upon the personal hold which he has on his people or (2) he and Von Brauchitsch have disagreed on a vital military issue.

•Cranium Crackers.

WAR IN REVIEW

Biggest news of 1941, as it was in 1940 and 1939, was World War II. How many of the big events of that conflict do you recall and can you give the months in which they occurred?

1. What nations did Germany, or Germany and Italy, invade in 1941? What countries did Britain invade?

2. What Nazi leader surprised the world with a parachute leap into Scotland? On what other island did German parachutists drop in a swift invasion?

3. What letter of the alphabet became the keynote of uprisings in occupied Europe? How did Beethoven's Fifth Symphony figure in this campaign?

4. Who were the three original defending generals of Russia? In what two British commands did Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell serve in 1941?

5. What nation that was fighting on the Allied side of the war in 1940 became an active belligerent on the Axis side in 1941?

Answers on Classified Page

Roscoe Citizen Dies After Auto Accident

ROSCOE—(AP)—A. M. Coleman, 59, was injured fatally in an automobile collision near his home Sunday.

The funeral will be Monday afternoon.

He was the father of A. M. (Tonto) Coleman, Jr., Abilene Christian College football and track coach. Other survivors include the widow, four sons and three daughters.

Coming Events

TUESDAY
P. E. P. Club will sponsor a dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Tuesday night, as a benefit for the Red Cross. The affair will be invitational.

Double Foursome Club will meet with Mrs. P. B. Coughran, 513 W Wall, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock on the third floor of the courthouse.

THURSDAY
Union Christmas service at the First Baptist Church, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Hubert Hopper, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach.

Sub-Deb Club will have its annual Christmas dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer Thursday night.

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

Minuet Club will have its December dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Saturday night.

Coast Commander



Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt commands all U. S. military forces in the far west and Alaska under new Pacific Coast defense setup. His headquarters are at San Francisco.

British Papers Make Drive Against Racket

LONDON—(UP)—London newspapers are engaged in debunking the cosmetic racketeers who have been exploiting the shortage of good cosmetics to flood the market with rubbish likely to ruin the skin of the user for life.

To escape notice these racketeers purchase large stocks of elaborate boxes produced here before the war for use in France. These are sold with their contents at a high price.

One newspaperman took a job in one of the fake factories for a peep behind the scenes. He discovered that a mixture of beeswax, borax, paraffin and water were put in a churn geared to different speeds. When the churn went at high speed the resultant mixture was a hair fixative; at medium speed, a face cream emerged; at a low speed, while the mixture was still liquid it was mixed with brown dye and sold as leg tan to replace stockings.

'Phenomenal'



Sandra Mitchell, 5 months old, will have the rest of her life to tell about her operation. Philadelphia doctors removed a man-sized appendix, called it "phenomenal." Sandra's shown with mother.

RAF Raid Thailand Base Held By Japs

RANGOON, Burma—(AP)—The RAF attacked a Japanese air base in Eastern Thailand, destroying grounded planes and gasoline reserves Sunday in the first aerial smash at the enemy forces there, it was announced Monday.

How many planes the Japanese had on the field was not disclosed, but the report said they were machine-gunned from tree-top altitude and none escaped destruction. All the British planes were said to have returned unscathed.

ARMY SAYS NO-SANTA CLAUS DOESN'T ENLIST

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (AP)—The Army can say no to Santa Claus.

At any rate, a Santa in full regalia came into a recruiting office Saturday and wanted to change his red uniform for khaki.

The Santa in real life is J. H. Lackey and he missed enlistment because of his age—62 years.

Make a permanent record for posterity by recording historical events coming in on your radio. Home recorders \$39.95 up—Western Auto Store, Opposite Western Union. (Adv.)

BANNER
EGG NOG MIX
(Non Alcoholic)
REALLY DELICIOUS
ON SALE AT YOUR FAVORITE GROCER
OR CALL 1137

Make Haste To Stop Waste

The more of everything we have, the quicker we are going to win this war.

Don't waste anything. Begin now to conserve every serviceable and valuable thing that is useful in prosecuting the war.

The United States is not faced with the sort of acute shortages by which the Nazis, Fascists and Japanese managed to build their military machines. They denied themselves things for years to get those fighting machines, things which we in the United States regard as daily necessities. When the aggressors struck, all Europe was forced on the same plane of denial.

We in the United States are fortunate to have plenty of many things denied to most of the rest of the world. There is no shortage of sugar, flour, pork, lard, eggs in sight. Of prime foods, the United States still has plenty. Yet there are materials of which we are already short, which we cannot afford to waste, and which we should immediately begin to conserve. A real shortage of these things needed for the war effort would prolong the war.

Begin today to conserve these things:

RUBBER: New tires are restricted. All right, make the old ones go as far as possible, retreading if necessary. Don't drive just for the sake of driving; drive when necessary. Learn to walk again; it won't hurt you, and it might do you a lot of good.

PAPER: Don't burn it, save it. Don't demand boxes and elaborate wrapping if you're going to open and rewrap anyway. Save cardboard and corrugated board. Get this stuff into the hands of the junkman.

IRON: Scrap iron, which we shipped so freely to Japan a few years ago, is now badly needed. Look around the place; if you have junk metal see that it gets to the junkman. He'll know how to get it into the hands of war industries which can use it.

Carrying small packages save gasoline and rubber on delivery trucks, and every extra mile that is gotten out of a pound of rubber or a gallon of gasoline is a mile gained for prosecuting the war.

The old wasteful days are gone, when it was almost a virtue to waste things if you could afford it, since so little was being produced and men were idle.

Now everything is needed, some things are needed badly. Save them, and make it your responsibility to get them into the hands of those who can use them.

The more of everything we have, from scrap paper to bombing planes, the quicker the war is won.

—Buy Defense Bonds and Savings Stamps—

The Shared Blame

Whatever may be said for the state of alertness of the military forces in Hawaii at the time of Japan's sudden attack, newspapers just arriving from Hawaii seem to suggest that those forces were about as alert as the Hawaiian people and Congress itself thought necessary.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, four days before the attack, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin carried the news that the house military affairs committee had pigeonholed a bill authorizing the President to declare martial law in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. Chairman May is represented as having done this in deference to Hawaiian sentiment as presented by its delegate, Sam King. The islands didn't like to see the military by-pass civilian authority. The same paper carried an editorial criticizing the same civilian authority for "inaction" and "lethargy."

If we ever needed further proof that Hawaiians are typical Americans, with the same point of view, the same complacent mind that has afflicted all America, here it is. It suggests that whatever complacency the military authorities showed, it was widely shared in circles as high as Congress itself.

—Buy Defense Bonds and Savings Stamps—

Elastic Independence

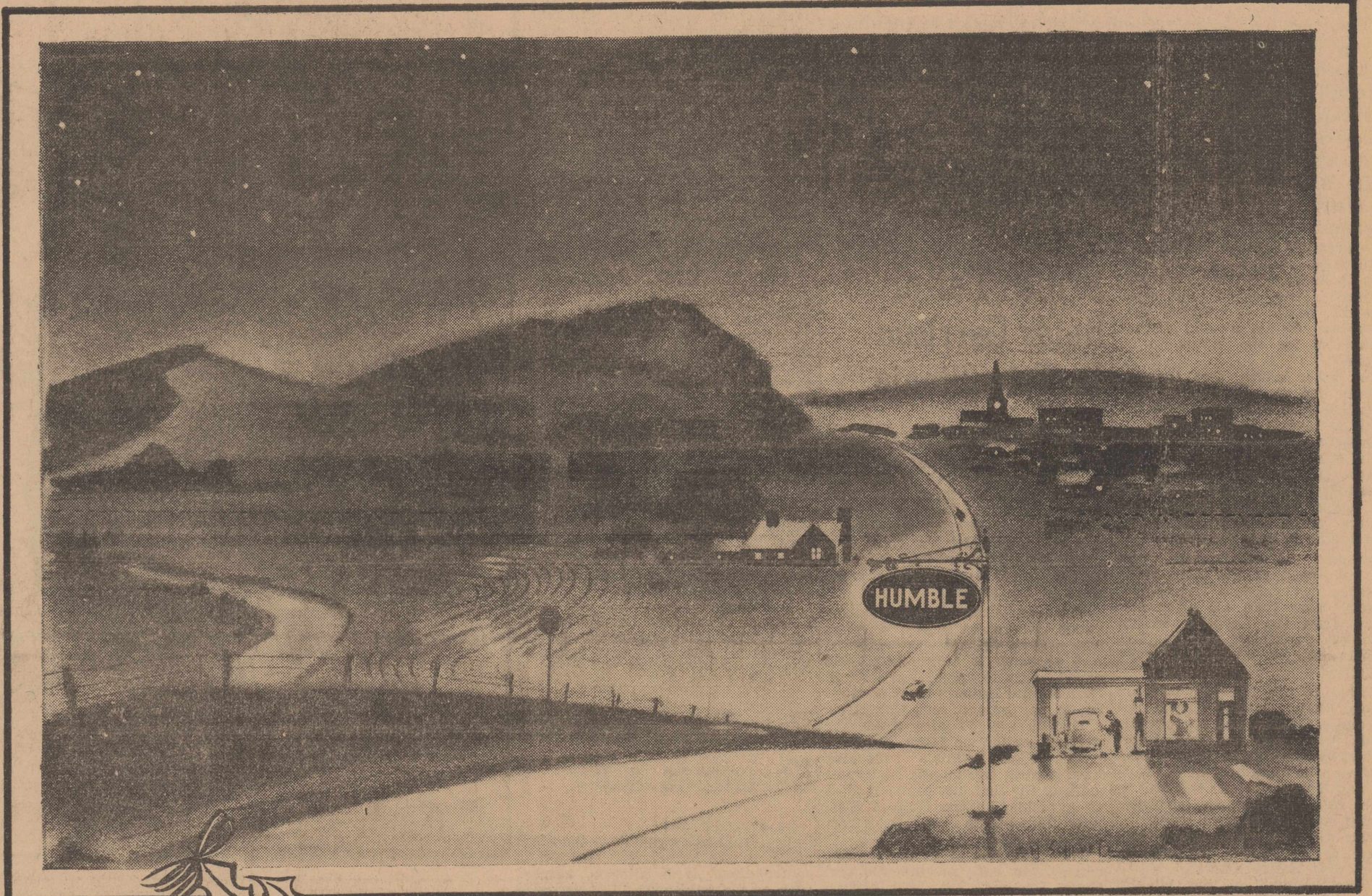
Whole new industries are being developed in the United States as a result of the war, just as during World War I we developed from scratch our entire chemical industry.

Forty-five thousand acres of guayule bushes are being planted through the Department of Agriculture, enough to furnish 10 million pounds of rubber when processed. That is only a fraction of the thousand million pounds the United States uses in a normal year, but it will be a start, and in the future it may have become a complete new U. S. industry. With what rubber can be obtained from South America and with the growing plants producing various kinds of synthetic rubber, the United States is digging in for the worst—the possibility of being cut off from Malayan rubber.

Average American family spends \$10 a year on soap—and that's where the kids get it in the neck.

"The flying snake is found only in Java and Malaysia"—news item. Now we can add Japan.

It isn't old-fashioned for a fellow to propose to a girl on his knees—if that's where she's sitting.



The *Holiday Season*, this year, brings vividly before us the true value of the heritage of freedom and good-will we share together here in America. The spirit of Christmas gives us a new and deeper faith in the final triumph of righteousness.



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CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES

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PUDDING

Pound Can

35c

Folger's

COFFEE

Pound Can

31c

East Texas

YAMS

3 Pounds

13c

Nice Size Winesap

APPLES

Dozen **27c**

Crisp and Tender

GREEN BEANS

2 Lbs. **19c**

Bleached Stalks

CELERY

2 For **25c**

Paper Shell

PECANS

Lb. **25c**

Marsh Seedless

GRAPEFRUIT

3 For **11c**

Nice Large

COCOANUTS

9c

CRANBERRIES

Fancy No. 1 Pound

23c

Texas Seedless

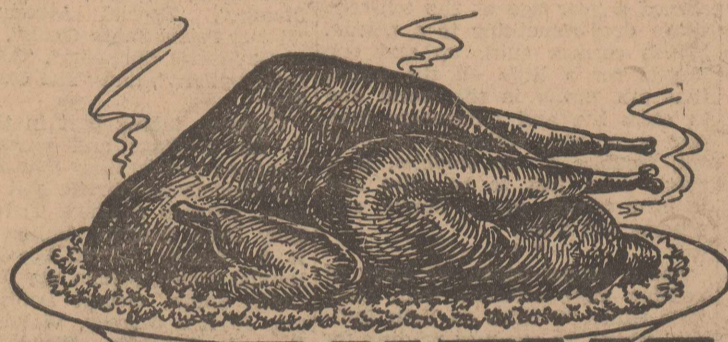
ORANGES

Dozen

19c



In the festive spirit of Christmas, we extend the SEASON'S EATINGS . . . traditional foods that are as much a part of the Holiday as holly and mistletoe. They're all here . . . everything from tender, tasty turkeys to perfect plum puddings . . . and all priced to lower the cost of a real old fashioned dinner. Get all the foods at the one place—at Wes-Tex—and you'll save time and money for your gift buying.



TURKEYS

Personally Selected

These fine, young birds were carefully selected from this year's spring crop of turkeys. They are plump, tender, tasty; heavy with meat on legs, breast and back. Order one of these turkeys now for your Christmas dinner.

Fresh Dressed Pound

25c

- Large Red **HENS** Fresh Dressed, lb. **27c**
- In Bags, Pure **PORK SAUSAGE** lb. **30c**
- Fancy Baby Beef **CROWN ROAST** lb. **21c**
- Peyton's Del Norte **Shoulder Roast** lb. **28c**
- Peyton's Bluebonnet **BACON** Nice and Lean lb. **33c**
- Finest **FRYERS** lb. **35c**

- Wilson's Ready Cooked **HAMS** Boneless Canned lb. **55c**
- Birdseye **SHRIMP** pkg. **40c**
- Birdseye Garden **FRESH PEAS** pkg. **26c**
- Washington Red Pitted **CHERRIES** lb. **25c**
- While it Lasts **FRUIT CAKE MIX** lb. **30c**
- Philadelphia Cream **CHEESE** 3 pkgs. **25c**

ASSORTED CHOCOLATES

5 Pound Box

\$1.20

Fancy Christmas MIX CANDY

Pound Cello Package

15c

Shelled

WALNUTS

1/2 Pound Package

39c

Monarch MINCE MEAT

16 oz. Glass Jar

24c



- No. 2 Can Del Monte **PUMPKIN** 2 for **21c**
- Del Monte Vacuum Packed **CORN** Whole Kernel 12 oz. **14c**
- No. 2 Can Del Monte **MIDGET PEAS** **24c**
- 47 oz. Can Del Monte **TOMATO JUICE** **24c**
- No. 2 1/2 Can Del Monte **SPICE PEACHES** **29c**
- Sunshine **CRACKERS** pound box **18c**

Banner Butter lb. 38c

Crisco 3 lb. Pail 67c

Light Crust Flour 6 lb. sack 36c

- Monarch **COCKTAIL SAUCE** 14 oz. **27c**
- Marschino **CHERRIES** 5 oz. Bottle **15c**
- Burr Gerkins **SWEET PICKLES** C.H.B. 12 oz. jar **31c**
- Hershey Baking **CHOCOLATE** 8 oz. pkg. **15c**
- CURRENTS** 1/2 pound pkg. **12c**
- DREFT** Large box **24c**

Fancy **GIFT BASKET** **\$2.25**

APPLE CIDER **\$1.25**

Gallon Jug

Pitted **DATES** **15c**

5 oz. Package

WES-TEX FOOD STORE

Three Midland Churches Have Seasonal Programs

A trio of special services in observance of Christmas marked church worship in Midland Sunday.

The First Christian Church held its annual white gift service, with a large attendance.

Gifts of baskets of goods and of cash were received. The church was decorated in white and a special program was presented.

The First Baptist Church also held a white gift service, with program presented by departments of the Sunday school.

White was stressed in decorations and two brilliantly-lighted Christmas trees added to the seasonal theme.

Gifts of goods for local welfare and of cash for orphans home contributions were received.

The First Presbyterian Church presented a musical program at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, with Miss Jesse Scott Price directing and Mrs. Frank Miller accompanist.

The pastor, Rev. Hubert Hopper,

Christmas Dance Given By Club At Parish Hall

The Catholic parish hall was decorated in Christmas theme, with a gay tree as a feature, when members of the Dos Mesas Club, their husbands, and invited guests gathered for a holiday dance, Saturday night.

The refreshment table was decked with greenery and lighted by red candles.

Present were: Guests, Messrs. and Mmes. Allen Tolbert, J. Leo McLaughlin, Russell Howard, John Ross, C. L. Chase, James Allison, Ed. Fritchard, R. D. Scruggs, Don Johnson, Eugene Vanderpool, Joseph Mims, John Redfern; members, Messrs. and Mmes. H. W. Anderson, Walter Cremin, Ralph Giesler, Raymond Monkress, W. M. Osborn, J. F. Sirdevan, F. R. Wallace, L. W. Winston.

read the Christmas story. The program was presented by candlelight to an audience filling the auditorium.

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Salaries and wages paid in the United States will total about 60 billion dollars for 1941, one-fifth larger than 1940, the Department of Commerce reports.

Record Of Good Progress Shown By Martin Clubwomen

STANTON—(Special)—The following is a summary of the activities and accomplishments in the women's and girls' club work in Martin County for the year now closing, as given a newspaper representative by Miss Fern Hodgie, county home demonstration agent.

The phase for home food supply in both women's and girls' work this year was poultry. The women received eight demonstrations concerning poultry by Miss Fern Hodgie, home demonstration agent, and trained demonstrators. The girls received eight demonstrations by the agent and their sponsors. Some outstanding work has been done.

The Ralph Mullins of Flower Grove and the M. L. Koones of Lenorah; the Belton T. Hills of Brown; and Mrs. O. G. Denton of Bryant, proved that home kept for laying purposes can be made to pay handsome returns to their owners.

The most outstanding poultry house in the county was built by the Hills and reveals a modern poultry house provided from scrap lumber. Any farm family can have such a modern poultry house.

Cleola Griffin, 4-H club girl at Brown, has a splendid record as a demonstrator for her club. Her interest in poultry is so stimulating that her mother, Mrs. J. E. Griffin, is turning the family's poultry supply over to the daughter for another year.

Home improvement for women's club work was on kitchens. Six demonstrations were completed and a number of kitchens improved at a total cost of \$1,855.21. A number of families added butane gas plants to their homes this year. Kitchen improvement in several cases led to whole-house demonstrations.

Those who deserve special mention of whole-house demonstrations are Mrs. Ezell McKaskle, Lakeview; Mrs. J. H. Mims, Valley View; Gwendolyn McClain, Lenorah; Ruby and Virginia Atchison, Stanton.

The mattress, comfort program has been carried on. One hundred forty mattresses have been made with 123 yet to be made. Making of these mattresses has been delayed because of insufficient supplies.

The cotton comfort program has been completed and 123 comforts have been made. Working in both of these fields has increased interest in extension work.

The Martin County Fair was organized on a permanent basis. The fair this year showed much interest in agricultural crops, canned and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Open House Is Courtesy For Miss Armstrong

About 50 members of the collegiate crowd called Sunday afternoon from 4 o'clock to 6 when Mrs. J. M. Armstrong held open house at her home, 1307 W. Missouri, honoring her daughter, Helen, who is home from Stephens College for the Christmas vacation.

Christmas decorations added to the holiday atmosphere in the reception rooms.

Misses Jane Hill, home from the University of Texas, Miss Melba Schlosser from TSCW, and Miss Armstrong received the guests.

FEMININE FANCIES By Kathleen Eiland

Sunshiny weather may not seem like Christmas weather to most people, but it's good as a gift to us. Here's hoping for a continuance of it.

At the last minute, as usual, we have our Christmas tree up. And regardless of the fact that we couldn't get the lights to work and that the tree is so tiny that it stands on a small table with plenty of room to spare, it does bring a breath of Christmas into the house.

There must be some kind of witchery about a Christmas tree. Just smelling the nice piney fragrance and seeing those colored balls and tinsel (very conveniently purchased a year ago at the ten-cent store) does something to a person. Mouth corners quirk up and one forgets for a little all the things that are wrong in the world and in one's life and remembers that war or no war, budget or no budget, troubles or no troubles, it is pretty nice just to be alive and to have friends and a family, and a home and a job.

For a pepper-upper, we know of nothing more effective than Marjorie Hillis' "Orchids on Your Budget," which we are now reading for about the third time. It's an old book now, as the publishing world counts books, but its gay, efficient philosophy and practicality are just as applicable today as they were the day the book first rolled off the presses. We never read it without determining anew that our lack of this world's goods shall not prevent our having a full and interesting life with quite a lot of beauty and color—in other words that there shall be not only butter but a smidgin' of jam on our bread, however carefully we have to count the pennies and no matter what non-essentials we have to eliminate. No business girl, or home girl either for that matter, should fail to read this book by the author of the amazing and popular "Live Alone and Like It". Of the two, "Orchids on Your Budget" is much our favorite.

Betty Chanslor Hostess At Party

Honoring some of the freshman class, Betty Chanslor entertained with a Christmas party, Friday evening from 7 o'clock to 10, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Chanslor, 605 W. Ohio.

The house was gay with pointsettias and Christmas decorations. Christmas games were played. Refreshments were served and favors of drums and tiny Santa Claus figures were distributed.

Present were: Camilla Crawford, Ann Porterfield, Bert Connally, Phoebe Lewis, Joan Stanley, Tony Howard, Ellana Eastham, Bill Rabun, Betty Hines, Evelyn Caffey, Billy Ward, Jane Butler, Helen Shelton, Jimmie Rhodes, Betty Pickering, Tommy Carter, and Mickey McDonald.

Catholic Choirs To Give Special Christmas Music

Proceeding the midnight mass at St. George Catholic Church, at 11:45 o'clock Wednesday evening, there will be a harp and organ prelude, "Marche Solennelle" by Gounod.

An arrangement of soprano, mezzo soprano and alto of Pietro Yon's "Jesu Bambino" (The Infant Jesus) which introduces "O Come All Ye Faithful" will follow and "Silent Night" by women's voices with harp accompaniment will be sung just before the mass starts at midnight. The harp solos will be played by Mrs. Otis Brown of New York, who will also play during the communion.

Wiegand's mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception will be sung as follows:

- Kyrie Gloria Credo Offertory, "Ave Maria" (Schubert-Bonvin) sung by Mrs. E. S. Griffith, soprano, and Mrs. Ed Kent, alto. Sanctus Benedictus Agnus Dei Postlude "Adeste Fidelis"

At the 9 o'clock mass on Christmas morning the girls' choir will sing Christmas hymns and at the benediction of the blessed sacrament.

Mrs. Allen Tolbert is church organist and Mrs. Ben Dansby directs the choirs.

Children Present School Program

A series of short plays was presented at the closing program of Valley View School, Friday evening.

Included were: "A Good Reason", "Too Many Turns", "A Shocking Change", "Special Attachments", "Hokus Pokus Santa Claus", "Trials of Christmas Shopping", "Annoying Interruptions", and "The Christmas Play". Children taking part in these or in the readings and songs were: Charlene Harris, Roxy Smith, Helen Joy Heidelberg, Christa Bell Heidelberg, Ransom Stewart, Ted Smith, Billy Dean Sanders, Wilma Smith, E. A. Chaney, Harold Lee Burrow, Randal Smith, Myrna Fay Johnson, Clyde Smith, George Louis Stewart, Jo Ree Chaney, Wanda Fain, Eramie Cutbirth, Floyd Smith, Thurman Burrow, Harmon Beilby, Travis Burrow, Doris Smith, Lavena Brooks, Chester Echols, Kermit Lewis, Maxine Eckert, Eugene Burrow, Lila Kinsey, Billy Terry Seales, Yvonne Fain, Mable Fagan, Mary Lou Smith, Greecie Cutbirth.

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Presbyterian Group Presents Special Program

The Young People's group of the First Presbyterian Church had the Pioneers as their guests at a candle-light service, Sunday evening at the church.

Most of the group were present for the musical program at 5 o'clock and at 6 o'clock refreshments were served by Mrs. Hubert Hopper and Mrs. D. M. Secor.

The program opened at 6:30 o'clock with a Christmas carol. Glenna Graham played a violin.

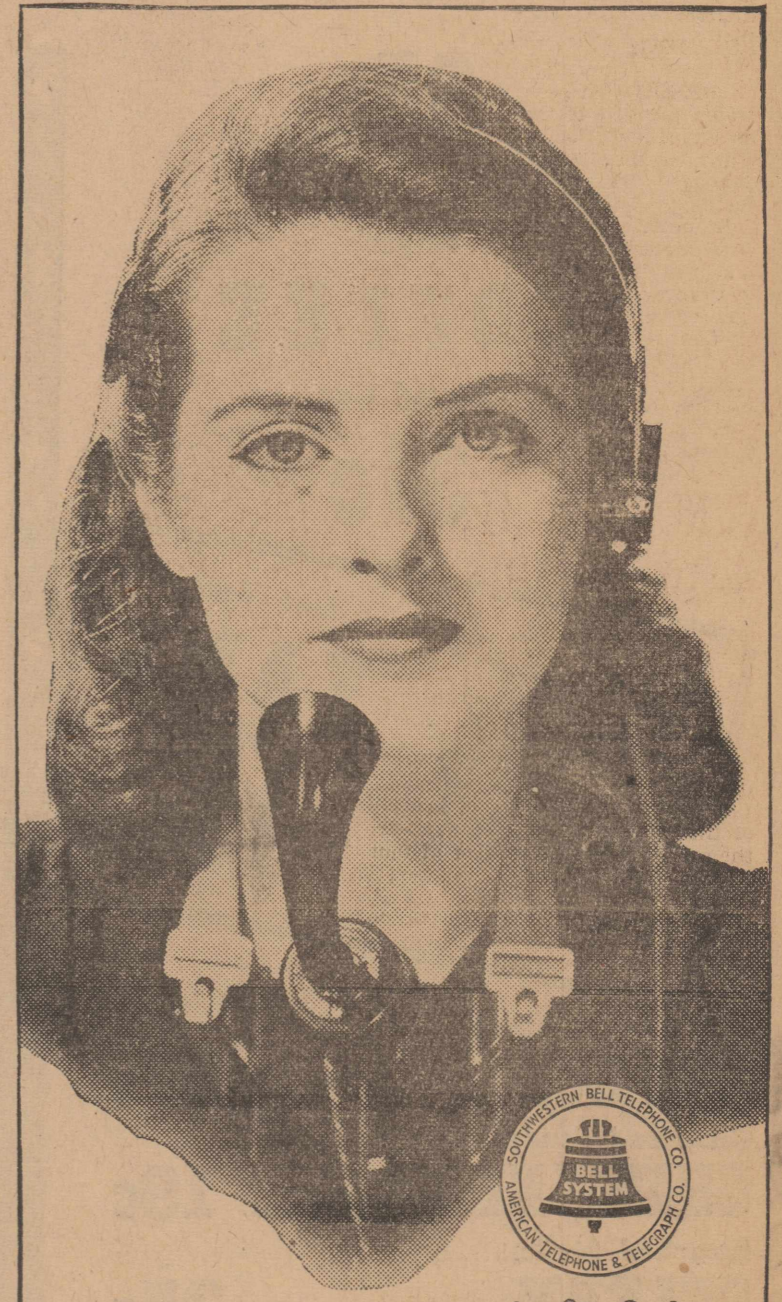
Officials Of Crane Observe Christmas

CRANE—(Special)—County officials and employees held an annual Christmas party at Sheriff and Mrs. Jack Young's home Friday.

Judge John Watts acted as Santa Claus. In attendance were: Messrs. and Mmes. Bud Nrents, J. V. Neeley, John E. Clark, George Teague, John Watts, Price Gann, Jack Young, Mmes. Mary O'Neal Quay Clark and Quay Clark Jr., Beth Jones, Otney Miller, Misses Mozelle Barnett, Johnnie Bruton, and Oscar Reynolds, George Ashburn, Charlie Poteet, Loren Terrell and E. D. Smith.

solo accompanied by Fay Dublin. Miss Ernestine Allen and Lynn Stephens presented the program lesson in reader-leader style, dealing with the Christmas spirit and story and with what Christ would have young people to do. Mr. Stephens made the offertory prayer and Mrs. Hopper gave the prayer of dedication of self. Benediction was by the Rev. Hubert Hopper, pastor. About 20 or 25 persons attended.

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We have done and are doing all we can to make ready for these big rushes, but they are setting all-time records. Thousands of conversations vital to the Army and Navy—vital to the defense of this nation—go over the telephone lines each day, each night. Some of them may delay your calls. We are sure you understand. We appreciate your co-operation, your patience.

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Texans Are Anxious For U. S. To Blast Japanese In Pacific

By The Associated Press
 After two weeks of war the Texas home-front buzzed Monday not only with action but with talk.
 The general theme seemed to be that Texans itch to get at the opposition across the Pacific. But there were sidelights to that prime objective:
 In Galveston Maco Stewart, member of the state board of education, stoutly urged the names of Charles A. Lindbergh be retained in textbooks, that there be no blackout of the one-time Lone Eagle who later arose as an isolationist.
 Stewart further proposed that the President Lindbergh to his army colonelcy.

Another coast city, Corpus Christi, produced the idea many Japanese secretly welcome war with the United States because it will rid Japan of its military rule. Dr. Joe B. Hunter, former missionary, told an interviewer:

"One highly-educated Japanese, a man of considerable influence, once even went so far as to tell me that he was willing for Japan to suffer a defeat as it would bring an end to the military control of the empire."

In Amarillo B. H. Shelton suggests "we install a siren whistle and, whatever hour we decide on, that the whistle sound and at that moment everything stop dead still and every one take off his hat and offer a prayer for victory."

Guard Frustrates Sabotage Of Plant

LAREDO—(AP)—A guard frustrated sabotage of the Central Power and Light Company's filtration plant on the Rio Grande, District Manager Hal T. Ellsworth said Sunday.

He declared two unidentified men in a motorboat stopped their craft and ran towards the plant. The guard ordered them to halt and they ignored the command. He fired a shotgun at them, but they escaped by boat.

A chemical analysis of the water at the plant, which supplies 40,000 persons, revealed no evidence of poison.

S.M.U. To Use 4-Quarter Plan

DALLAS—(Special)—Southern Methodist University will keep open its doors the year around, making it possible for students who wish to do so to get their degrees in three years.

This change, which will begin next June, was decreed when the faculty and executive committee of the university voted to abandon the semester system in favor of four quarters. Dr. Umphrey Lee, president, announced.

By the new plan terms will be divided into summer, fall, winter, and spring quarters instead of the present system of two semesters of eighteen weeks each.

The new system also will benefit mid-year high school graduates, as they will be able to enter the university at either the spring or summer quarter instead of waiting until fall.

Martin County Goes Over Top Donating For Red Cross Work

STANTON—(Special)—The Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross elected the following officers:

Mrs. Inez Woody, chairman of the chapter; Mrs. Charles Ebbersol, chairman of the production committee; James Jones and Mrs. Evelyn Woodard, local relief committee; Guy Elland, chairman home service committee; Mrs. Cora B. Kelly, chairman of publicity; R. M. Deavenport, chairman of war fund; and Mrs. Earl Burns, secretary-treasurer.

The first quota of \$200 for Martin County was oversubscribed quickly, but on its heels came the emergency call from the national Red Cross headquarters setting the county's quota at \$1,000. This call was received last week and more than \$700 was donated Saturday afternoon. It was expected the quota would be raised soon.

The fact Martin County has about a dozen young men in the fighting zone in the Philippines, has aroused spirit in the county.

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By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority

Did you ever trump your partner's ace? I suppose that is considered the greatest calamity in bridge. While I was in Richmond, Va., for the national tournament, I had the pleasure of playing with Maj Clarence Wyatt, general chairman of the nationals.

On one hand I led the king of hearts and followed with the ace of hearts. The Major was planning to trump the third round of

Major Wyatt
 ♠ 764
 ♥ 4
 ♦ J9653
 ♣ 10972

♠ Q9853
 ♥ 8762
 ♦ 8
 ♣ KJ4

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♠ 2
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1♥	Double	Pass	1♣
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣

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hearts, killing dummy's queen, but he became a little excited and trumped my ace. But strange as it may seem, it produced an extra trick for us.

On trumping my second lead of hearts, Major Wyatt returned the 10 of clubs, and the jack fell to my queen. I led a third heart for the Major to ruff, and his club continuation gave us two more club tricks. Thus we won all three clubs. Had the Major waited until the third round to ruff hearts, he could have led only once, and we could have made only two club tricks.

Of course the opponents were out of their depth in bidding four spades. The trouble here was that West was too optimistic over the response in the suit where he held 100 honors. In jumping to three spades he overlooked that he had already made a strong bid by doubling, and that the pattern of his hand was weak.

Governor Stevenson To Discuss Defense

AUSTIN—(AP)—Governor Coke R. Stevenson will discuss important phases of the defense program in a 15-minute radio address beginning at 8:15 a. m. Monday over the Texas Quality Network and KNOW, Austin.

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BRIDLE PATH IN HYDE PARK GIVES WAY FROM BOMBING

LONDON—(UP)—A horse on which a woman was riding on Hyde Park suddenly sank through the road, remained wedged in the surface for two or three minutes, then disappeared.

It fell to the bottom of a 20-foot hole and was killed. Mrs. Judith Morrison, the rider, threw herself clear when the horse sank beneath her, but she kept hold of the reins until the horse disappeared, having tried in vain to pull the animal out.

It is believed that the hole may have been caused by subsidence after a bomb crater had been filled in some months ago.

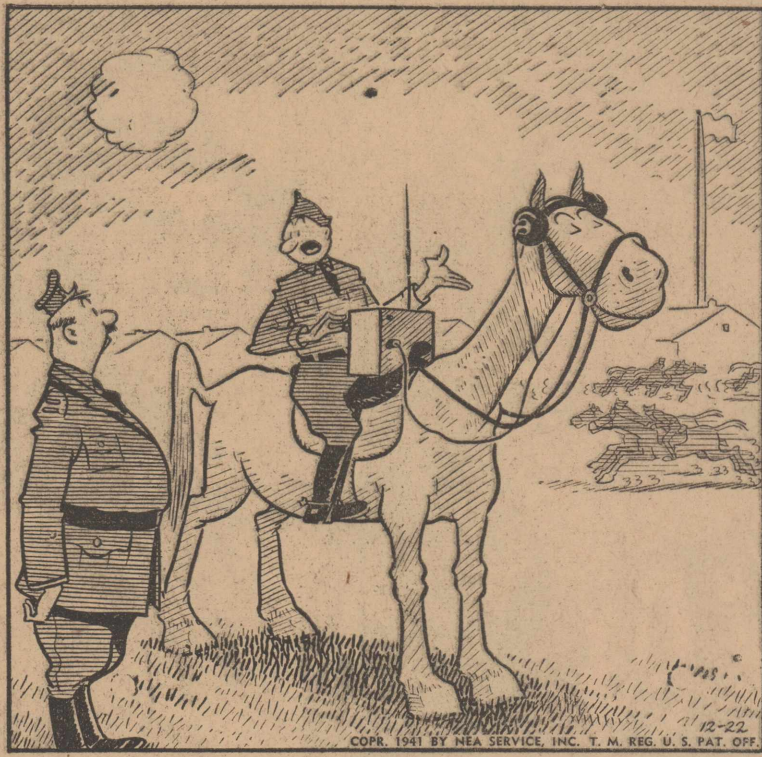
Stanton Instructor Resigns School Job

STANTON — (Special) — Mrs. Gracie Fern Houston has resigned as a member of the Stanton school faculty, effective Saturday. Her husband, A. L. Houston, is field man for the Midland Production Corporation in Big Spring. The couple will move to Big Spring.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

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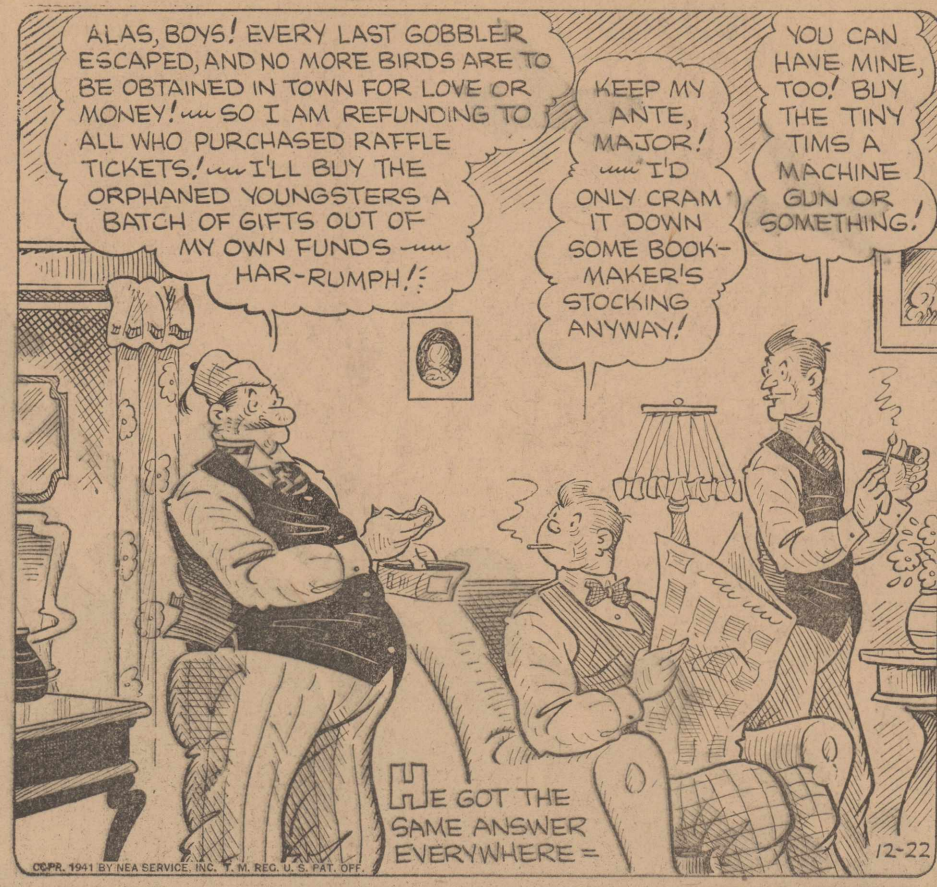
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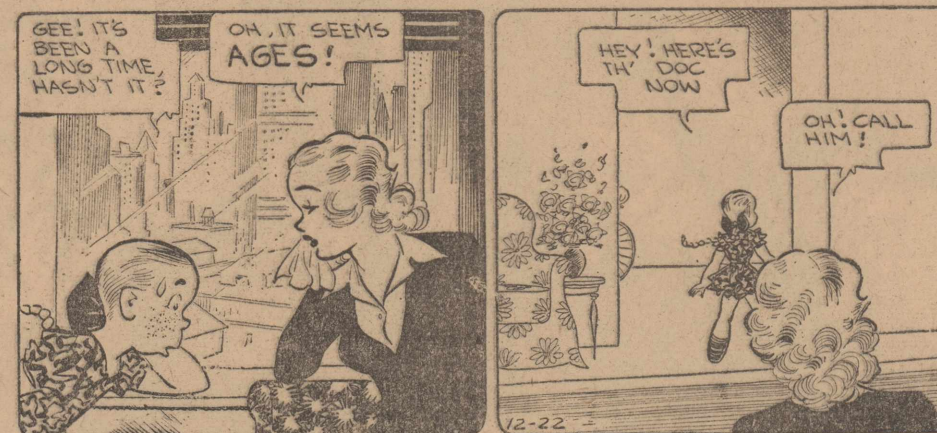
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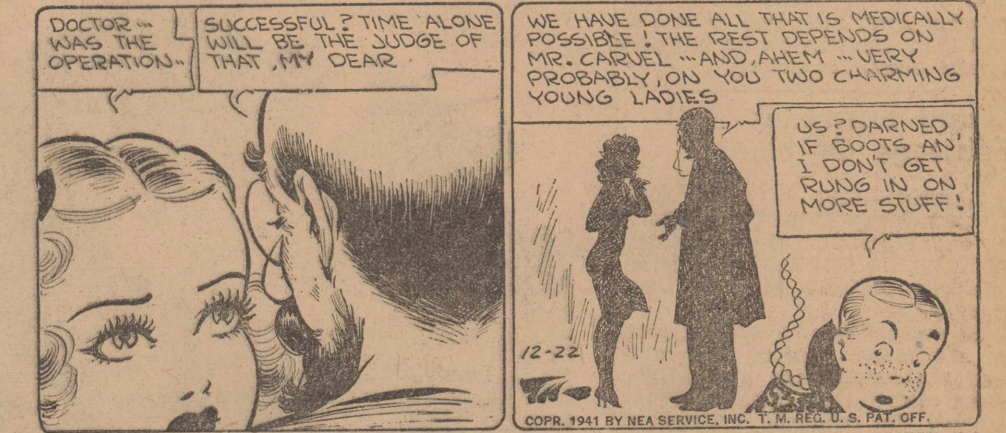
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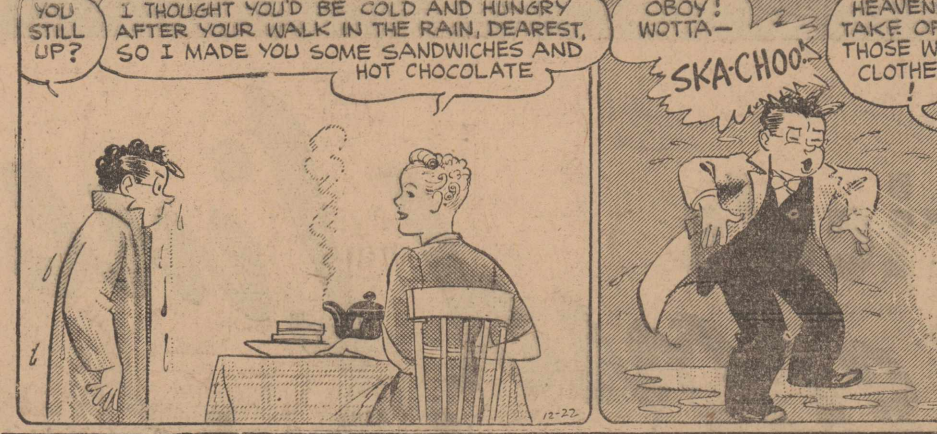
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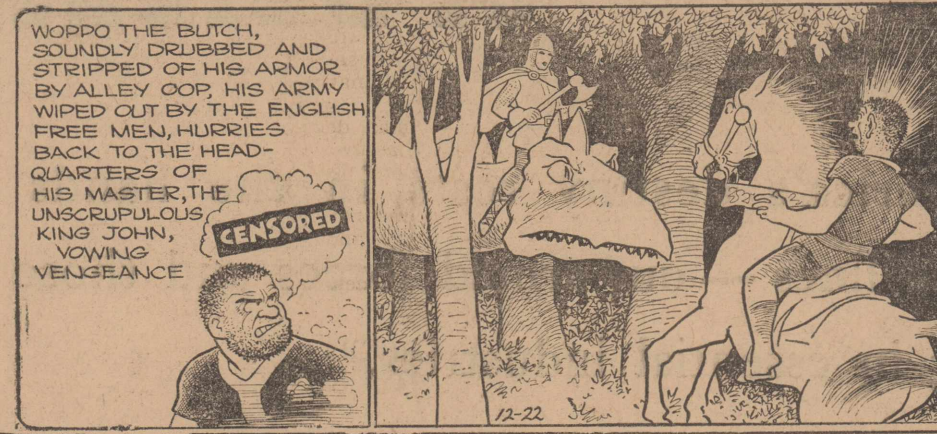
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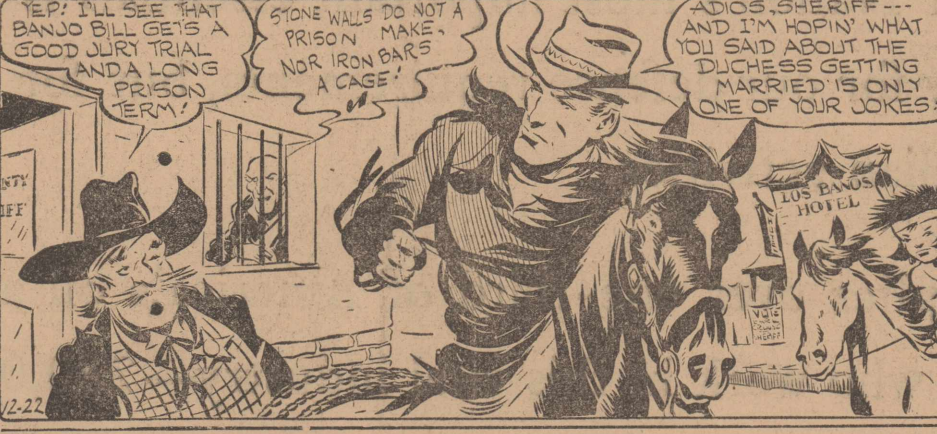
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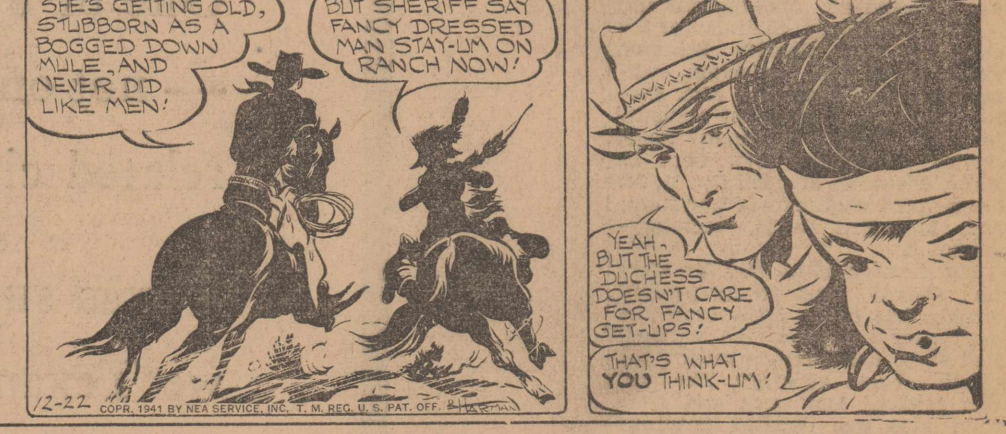
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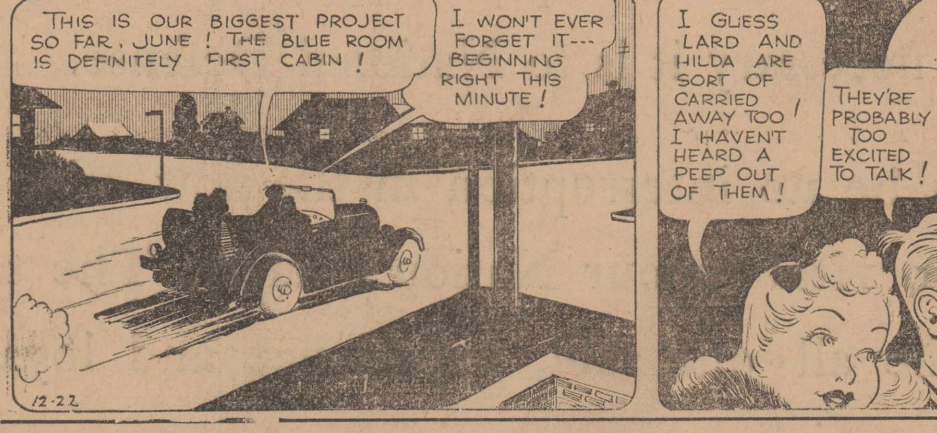
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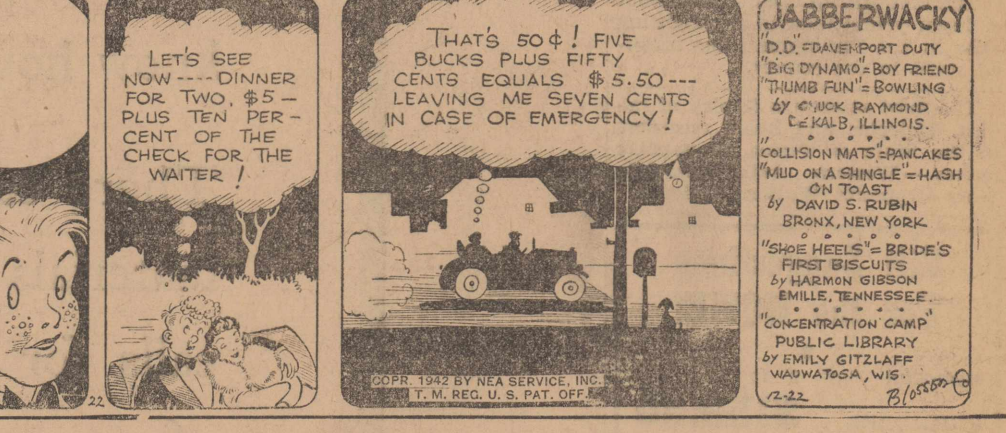
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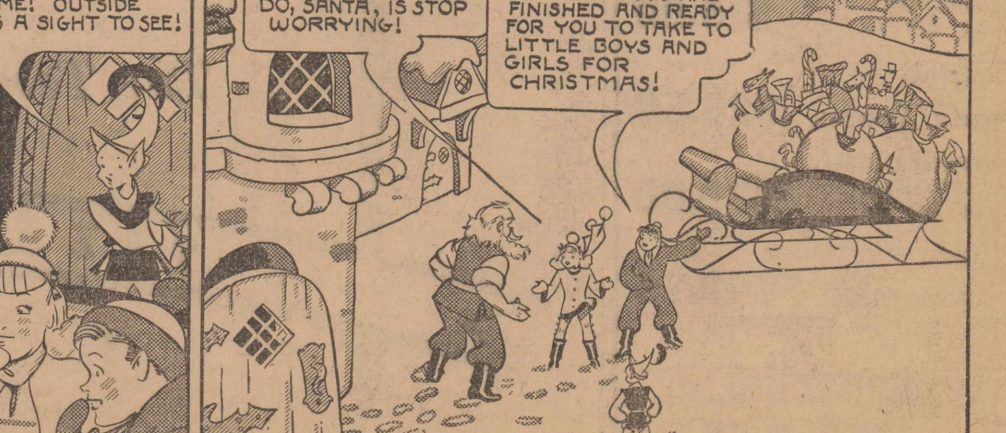
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Answers To Cranium Crackers Questions on page 2

Germany invaded Greece and Yugoslavia in April, Russia in June (this invasion including Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia), also stabbed into Egypt with Italian troops and m...

3. V for Victory campaign was launched in July. First four notes of Beethoven's Fifth (Vth) Symphony are similar in tempo to Morse code V—dot dot dot dash.

4. Marshals Klementi-Vorshilov, Semyon Timoshenko and Semyon Budennyi commanded the three Russian fronts at time of German invasion last June.

5. Finland, which fought Russia in 1940 and was considered on the Allied side, fought Russia again in 1941, this time on the side of the Axis.

San Diego Stations Off Air 45 Minutes SAN DIEGO, Calif.—(AP)—All San Diego radio stations were off the air for 45 minutes early Monday.

The Fourth Interceptor Command ordered broadcasting to cease at 5 a. m. CST. The order was revoked at 5:45 a. m.

While the Army gave no indication it had been an air raid alert, some observers suggested an airplane in trouble over San Diego may have brought the action about.

The reports said that six of the crew of seven parachuted down, and that the pilot continued circling preparatory to a crash landing at Lindbergh Field.

Miss Faye Powers of University Lands will spend Christmas holidays in Waco. She is expected to leave Midland Tuesday.

Mrs. Paul Nelson and son went home from Western Clinic Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Baker went home from Western Clinic Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. E. P. Whitson was admitted to Western Clinic Hospital Sunday for medical treatment.

Mrs. A. B. Widner, Stanton, went home from Ryan Hospital Sunday, following surgery.

Joel Dougherty and Miss Bess Arthur of San Angelo visited the S. C. Dougherty family here Sunday.

Cadet Sandy Brown is here from Peacock Military Academy at San Antonio to spend Christmas with his grandmother, Mrs. S. W. Estes. He was accompanied by a Sgt. Mrs. Jack West, San Antonio.

SERIAL STORY

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY ADELAIDE HAZELTINE

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THE STORY: The terms of Andrew Dearborn's will specifying that his secretary Carol and five other employees shall judge whether or not his playboy son Andy is running the business according to his father's policy of "service to the people" put Carol, who has loved Andy since girlhood, in a difficult spot. Although the will has not been found, Carol knows its terms, and her heart sinks when Andy, currently involved with sleek Linda Julian, turns management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick, whose only idea is to make money. She knows that unless Andy shows more of the heart that has made him be kind to newsboy Nicky and to a mongrel puppy he has adopted, he will lose the store to charity by vote of the strange "jury" his late father's will provided for. Penny-pinching Herrick turns down Bill Reece, an employe in love with Carol, on repairs for the toyland elevator. When Nicky saves Andy's pup from traffic and the dog has been tossed into the street by Linda Julian, Andy promises him the biggest electric train in the toy department.

CAROL MAKES ADJUSTMENTS

CHAPTER VII BY December 23, Mr. Herrick's policies began to take their toll. Complaints were numerous. Customers who had always received courteous and fair treatment were being turned away without satisfaction.

Carol had no idea how many were offended before Mrs. Milligan dared to bring her trouble to Andy's office. She had been refused the return of a defective sweater. "It has holes in it, young man," Mrs. Milligan said heatedly.

"Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old and have been good and helped my mother take care of my little brother. I have washed the dishes, too. Will you please come to my Grandmother's at Corsicana and bring me a big tricycle, doll and a pair of oxfoes.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a cap gun, and bring me a truck, too. We sure thank you much for the gifts last Christmas.

Warfare--

had been pacified and a general offensive had been launched against the main Chinese forces in Changkiang, Anhwei, Kiangsi and Fukien provinces.

There was little doubt that the supreme test for the defense of the Philippines was at hand.

General MacArthur's U. S. Army headquarters said his forces had long prepared for just such an assault, made at the point where a smaller landing force recently was reported annihilated by Filipino troops.

Besides the Linyen Bay offensive, United States and Filipino soldiers were fighting off Japanese attempts to invade southward from Vigan, 200 miles north of Manila, and Aparri, 180 miles northeast, and northward from the Gulf of Davao on the southern island of Mindanao, where MacArthur reported the situation confused.

Japanese bombers again attacked Nichols airfield near Manila and the nearby naval base at Cavite and the open city of Baler, in Tayabas province which MacArthur said was devoid of military objectives. Later three Japanese planes dropped a few bombs on Manila itself from a height beyond the reach of the naked eye.

A timely renewal of a pledge to the United States came from the chief of the Moros of southern Mindanao, famed as the world's fiercest killers.

Closer home, submarines struck at American shipping by torpedoing the tanker Emidio and shelling three of its lifeboats and attacking the tanker Agwiro—all within 20 miles of California's coast.

Besides the 14 German submarines, Knox said the Navy also had bagged some Japanese undersea craft in the Pacific. The Navy Department added enemy submarines were operating near the Atlantic coast.

The British radio, announcing that hard-hitting Dutch of the East Indies had sunk three more Japanese troop ships off Borneo, said between them the Dutch and Americans had bagged 13 since war broke in the Pacific.

bought for her little boy's Christmas. "He wanted it more than anything in the world," she told Andy. "We couldn't afford it but he begged so hard."

"I'm sorry," Andy started to explain but she hurried on. "He was so sick," she told him. "The doctor said it might help—just to look at it."

Carol pitied her. "He was never able to ride it. He only touched it with his hands. My little boy—her voice caught—"he died last week."

"I'm sorry," Andy sympathized. "But you see we have a rule. We can't let toys be returned. You understand, of course."

"We'd only had it three weeks. He never rode it. We need the money for clothes for the other children."

Carol clenched her fist. Andy, Andy, her humanity cried. Give her the money. It's only justice!

But she heard him say, "Mr. Herrick is in charge of that, Mrs. Grover. You'll have to see him."

The woman turned wearily away. Carol longed to stop her, to press the money into her hands. Give it back in the name of Mr. Dearborn.

Give it back for Mr. Dearborn? The thought ran riot in her mind and left her breathless.

The will said that the name of Dearborn's must never stand "for anything but service." Here was another contradiction of the will. First Mrs. Milligan. Now Mrs. Grover. They were two of dozens who were being turned away empty handed.

It must not happen! Until the will was found, she, Carol Fairfield, must uphold the store's reputation.

The way was clear at last. For his sake, for Andy's sake, for the store's sake she would save its name. Then when the will was read and Andy knew its terms he would have a fighting chance.

She had always been allowed to write small checks signed with her initials. She had never abused that privilege.

She would not abuse it now. She would use it gratefully.

Her hand trembled a little as she wrote the first check. To Mrs. Milligan for \$3.95, the price of the sweater. It steadied as she wrote the second check. To Mrs. Grover, \$24.50, the price of a bicycle.

SHE corrected many similar cases in the next days. But she hadn't anticipated the most serious of them all. It concerned Miss Fanny in Hosiery.

The old employe came to the office shaking with despair. "It's Mr. Herrick," she managed to tell

"He's laid me off. For good. He says I'm too old to work."

"No, no, Miss Fanny!" Carol protested. "He can't do that."

"He has done it. I'm going to take it up with Mr. Andy. He won't let him, will he, Carol?"

"I hope not," she said fervently. Andy came. Miss Fanny followed him into the office.

Numbly, Carol waited. What irony this was! One of the very persons who would pass judgment on Andy was now asking him for mercy.

What would Andy do? Carol was afraid to think.

The door opened at last and Carol read the answer in Miss Fanny's hopeless eyes. It wrung Carol's heart. As she passed the desk, Miss Fanny paused and laid a hand on Carol's arm, started to speak. No words came. Only a gasp. Miss Fanny was too hurt to talk.

After she was gone, Carol flamed at Andy. "It's not right! Miss Fanny's given her life to this store! You can't turn her out!"

His lips denied the doubt in his eyes. "Mr. Herrick did it Carol. I won't interfere."

"But it's YOUR store," her voice rose in condemnation. "It's Dearborn's! Why don't you run it your own way? You know this isn't right?"

He regarded her silently. Then, "She wanted \$500," he said evenly. "Santa Claus stays in Toyland, Carol. Not in the manager's office." He took his hat. "Keep any messages for me. I'll be out the rest of the day."

He was angry with her, too. Carol knew why she expected the sum. It was what Mr. Dearborn usually set aside for retirement.

Five hundred dollars! Her mind toyed with it until she began to accept its reality. She had righted other wrongs. Why not this one? True, she had never written so large a check. It would be certain to come to Mr. Herrick's attention at the end of the month. But by then surely the will would have been found and both he and Andy would understand she did it in deference to Mr. Dearborn's wishes.

The letter to Miss Fanny was different from the others. It praised her long service in the store and thanked her for her loyalty.

"She's put a tense moment before she put Miss Fanny's name and the three figure sum on the check—\$500. She signed it Dearborn's with her own initials underneath.

(To Be Continued)

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Letters To Santa Claus

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a cap gun, and bring me a truck, too. We sure thank you much for the gifts last Christmas.

Says Defense Plans Will Be Sufficient

AUSTIN—(AP)—Governor Coke R. Stevenson Monday predicted Texas, through all of its political subdivisions, soon will have defense organization adequate to meet the demands of the present situation.

In a statewide radio broadcast Stevenson declared state departments had measured up to demands and that city and county officials had shown the same spirit of determination.

The executive reminded that civilian defense plans were not made hastily but were developed over a long period in cooperation with the Army, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other national offices and await a call to duty following proper classification of enrollment cards.

Deibert Downing was principal speaker, and Joe Mims, master of ceremonies. Approximately 50 persons attended.

The banquet was served by the Rebekahs.

The event may be made annual, members said.

Oil News--

Hockley County wildcat, to the Clear Fork, lower Permian. The test is drilling below 5,055 feet, still in San Andres lime, where it found sulphur water.

In northeastern Hockley, Anderson-Pritchard and American Drilling Co. No. 1 W. L. Ellwood estate, has passed 5,933 feet in Clear Fork lime.

Tide Water No. 1 Commerce Trust Company, wildcat several miles east of Sulphur production in Hockley, is drilling at 2,252 feet in anhydrite and shale. Anhydrite was topped low at 2,260 feet.

Dunigan Brothers and Frank Branhay No. 1 Henard, Central Yoakum County wildcat, is standing, bottomed at 235 feet in red rock, after cementing 10 3/4-inch surface pipe at 230 feet with 150 sacks. Plug will be drilled Tuesday morning.

In northwestern Gaines County, Likins & Hall of Midland No. 1 Jones, which struck drilippe at total depth of 6,438 feet in lime, is spotting acid and oil in an attempt to loosen it.

West of the Gaines sector of the Wasson field, Amerada No. 1 Hudson, still is testing on swab after recovering seven barrels of oil and four barrels of sulphur water the past 24 hours. It has 200 feet of fluid in the hole.

Wool

BOSTON—(AP)—U. S. D. A.—There were a number of inquiries for domestic wools in Boston Monday. Moderate quantities of graded bright three eightths and one quarter blood fleece wools were sold at 51 to 52 cents, in the grease. Fine territory wools of average to good French combing length brought mostly \$1.10 to \$1.13 scoured basis.

More Money Needed By Goodfellows Club

A last minute appeal to citizens of Midland to contribute liberally to the Goodfellows Club, sponsor of the Christmas basket program for needy families, was issued Monday by Cecil Waldrep, chairman.

Contributions will be accepted at the chamber of commerce office in Hotel Scharbauer.

Thirty of the needy families Monday noon had been "adopted" and a total of \$305 in cash contributed.

It is estimated an additional \$200 will be needed to complete the program. Members of the American Legion Tuesday will start delivery of the baskets of groceries and toys.

The Goodfellows Club was organized to coordinate charity work at Christmas time.

Orders for groceries will be placed early Tuesday and Goodfellow officials hope to have the money on hand to pay for them. The campaign to date has been voluntary and no canvass has been made.

Committee To Judge Decorated Residences

Midland's homes, decorated and lighted for Christmas, will be judged Monday and Tuesday night in the annual Joint Chamber of Commerce contest.

A committee was scheduled to inspect the homes of four city districts, select the winners, and then a grand winner.

Prizes that are on display at the chamber of commerce office probably will be awarded, Christmas Eve.

Court Rules U. S. Has Tax Priority

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Supreme Court ruled Monday the United States has priority over states in collecting federal and state gasoline taxes from the assets of an insolvent person.

Justice Byrnes delivered the 8 to 0 decision, involving the assets of W. L. Gregg County, Texas. Justice Jackson did not participate.

RAYBURN SAYS AMERICA IS UNITED IN CONFLICT

DENISON—(AP)—Speaker Sam Rayburn returned to his Bonham home Monday, reporting that America is more united than ever.

LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH—(AP) (USDA)—Cattle 3,700; calves 1,700; generally steady, although cows and medium yearlings and stockers draggy; common and medium beef steers and yearlings 7.50-10.25, good feed steers 10.50-11.00, good and choice yearlings 10.25-11.75; beef cows 6.25-8.00, canners and cutters 4.00-6.00; bulls 6.00-8.00; good and choice fat calves 9.25-10.75, common and medium grades 7.25-8.00, culls 6.00-7.00; stocker steer calves 12.00 down; yearling stocker steers 10.50 down.

Hogs 4.600; mostly 25c lower than Friday's average; top 10.85 for around 200 head; most good and choice 180-280 lb weight 10.75; 150-175 lb 10.00-70; pigs 8.00 down; most packing sows 9.50-75; few head 10.00.

Sheep 2.000; generally steady although two loads choice fat lambs 50c above recent quotations at 11.50; other sales on lambs 10.00-50; yearlings 9.25, shorn yearlings 8.25; wool 2-year-old wethers 8.25, shorn lots 7.25, shorn aged wethers 5.50.

Truck And Car Hit Tipping Two Persons

GLADEWATER—(AP)—Billy Wayne Williamson, 10, of Hawkins, Texas, and Grace Jones, 32, of Downslope, La., were killed Sunday night and six other persons injured seriously in the collision of a light truck and an automobile two miles west of GladeWater.

The injured were Mrs. Peggy Williamson, 33, mother of the dead boy; E. B. Williamson, 14, and Arretta Williamson, 12, her two children; Ruth Lee, 16, of Mt. Vernon, Tex.; Doris Carby, 15, of Hawkins, and Charlotte Hester, 24, Hawkins school teacher.

Miss Hester and Miss Jones were riding in the truck. The accident occurred during a heavy rain. The injured were brought to GladeWater hospitals.

MIDLAND COUPLE TO VISIT FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Smith will leave overlard Thursday morning for Florida by way of Houston and New Orleans, where they will spend two days, and Tallahassee. At Miami, Fla., they will see the Orange Bowl game.

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Hogan Blasts Six Under Par Score At Harlingen And Moves Into Third As Picard Heads Field In Stretch

Bulldogs Have Double Purpose

Midland nigh will receive a double advantage from Christmas holiday basketball workouts. They will be prepping for the conference opener here Jan. 6 and an invitation District 3-AA tourney at San Angelo Jan. 2-3.

Coach Dewey Johnson is resting the cagers this week but next week will plunge them into twice-daily workouts.

The Bulldogs have won one and dropped three games and the coach is seeking more offensive power.

Standings

By The Associated Press
Records of Southwest Conference basketball teams:

TEAM	W	L	Pts	Op
Rice	6	0	328	233
Texas	6	0	277	191
Arkansas	4	0	154	103
Baylor	2	1	128	127
Texas A&M	3	3	276	282
Texas Christian	2	3	208	216
S. M. U.	1	3	130	159

HARLINGEN—(AP)—Stretch-runner Benny Hogan, the little man who's always there at the finish, was back in the thick of the battle for the \$5,000 Valley Open title Monday.

The Hershey, Pa., mighty mite takes the hard way but it only makes him the most talked-about guy in a tournament whether he wins it or not.

Lean Henry Picard held to the leadership as the field swung into the stretch but Hogan's blazing 65-six under par—in Sunday's 18 holes warned the Oklahoma City professional he had a fight on his hands to the last putt.

It pushed Hogan into a tie for third place with four others, all five strokes back of Picard who had a 64-67-131.

In second place, just a stroke off Hogan and his comrades, was apple-checked Byron Nelson of Toledo, who slipped to a 70 Sunday but still managed a 137 total.

Hogan Wins Grapefruit
Fifty-nine top pros and eight top amateurs will be in th thirty-six-hole finals Monday.

The 60 low scorers from 36 holes will wind up the tournament with 36 more Monday.

Deadlocked with Hogan for third place were Jimmy Demaret of Detroit, E. J. (Dutch) Harrison of Little Rock, Ark., Lester Kennedy of Lynn, Mass., and Tony Penna of Dayton, Ohio, while four were tied at 137—Jack Groat of West Pittston, Pa., Herman Barron of White Plains, N. Y., Claude Harmon of Mamaroneck, N. Y., and Henry Ransom of Fort Worth, Texas.

Hogan was the man of the hour, not only shooting the low score—and also one of the three lowest 18-hole totals of the tournament—but winning himself a ton of grapefruit.

He posed for pictures teeing off with a grapefruit for a golf ball, then donated the whole business to the Valley Baptist Hospital here. Benny kept a \$50 cash prize.

Members To Spend Christmas At Home

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Speaker Rayburn told House members Saturday they could go home for Christmas, announcing he knew of no further legislation desired by President Roosevelt before the next session of Congress starting Jan. 3.

PLAN NOW FOR NEW YEARS!

See Texas Tech play Tulsa University in the Sun Bowl at El Paso. Write Sun Carnival Headquarters, Hotel Paso Del Norte, El Paso for ticket reservations.

Checks Out



Robert Moses Grove, 12th pitcher in major league history to win 300 games, retires after 21 years. Lefty Grove, at 41, as old as the American League itself, asked the Boston Red Sox for his release

West Texas Poloists In Four Cities Will Play Double Series

Four West Texas cities will enter polo teams in two doubleheader series this week—Wednesday at Lamesa and Sunday at Big Spring.

The four includes Midland, Lubbock, Big Spring and Lamesa. Teams have not been paired for the matches.

Big Spring, with Gus White, Jr., and Dr. M. H. Bennett doing the scoring, routed Lamesa Sunday, 6-2. Clarence Schaubauer, Jr. and John Dublin, Jr. Midland riders, played with Lamesa which also had R. Fulkerson and Sol Cleveland. Big Spring had Rip Smith and Lewis Rix to team with White and Bennett.

Midland, Lamesa, and Big Spring are reviving polo in this section. Sunday matches have been played for several months.

Bears Have Many Quarterbacks—Beat Giants 37-9

CHICAGO—(AP)—Quarterbacks? The Bears had 'em. If it wasn't Sid Luckman passing, it was Bob Snyder kicking field goals. That's the success story of the two-year-champion Chicago Bears—that plus a couple of backs named George McAfee and Norm Standlee.

The New York Giants thought the key to victory in the National Football League title game was stopping Luckman. But they didn't stop him. Sid laid his passes on the line to set up the touchdowns that counted, and the Giants simply couldn't weather the storm.

While the 37 to 9 final score indicates the 1940 champions had an easy time repeating in Sunday's titular tilt, it wasn't quite a breeze. There was, for instance, the time when the clock read 7 1/2 minutes gone in the third period, and the score was tied at nine apiece.

The main reason the Bears were in the running at that stage was Snyder, Luckman's replacement. Bob booted three field goals—a feat no player has performed in title play since Jack Manders of the Bears did it in 1933.

Two of Snyder's field goals balanced George Franck's first period touchdown run for New York, after Tuffy Leemans had passed to him from the 31-yard line. Snyder's three-pointers gave the Bears a 9-6 halftime lead, an edge that didn't last long.

For Ward Cuff, acclaimed for many years as a field-goal booting champion, laid one between the uprights early in the third period to tie the score, and the 13,341 spectators—no one referred to them as a crowd—weren't very sure the Bears had the stuff that won 10 of 11 league games and the Western division playoff over the Green Bay Packers.

But where Snyder had been doing the work, Luckman stepped in for his share. He knifed a 23-yard aerial to Dick Plasman and a 26-yarder to Johnny Siegel, who wound up on the Giants' eight. Standlee barged over from the three for the touchdown that sent the Bears merrily on their way.

Standlee, McAfee and Ray McLean in seven plays covered 66 yards and produced touchdown No. 2, for a 23-9 lead. Luckman swung into action again, throwing 25 yards to McLean to set up the third goal-crossing play, which McAfee executed.

Approved War Funds Now Are 74 Billions

WASHINGTON—(AP)—United States funds authorized for war purposes up to the present time totaled \$74,440,000,000, it was estimated Saturday by OPM experts.

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Basketball Clubs Hit Trail Before Season's Opening

By Harold Claassen
NEW YORK—(AP)—This is the period of tinsel, holly wreaths, mistletoe—and traveling basketball teams.

Sam Barry's Hoosier-flavored Southern California squad leaves Monday for a cross country junket that winds up Saturday night in a meeting with Long Island University. From the Southwest comes Rice, the Rocky Mountain area contributes Colorado and Wyoming to the commuters while Oregon State and Washington also head East.

Cornell is all set for a holiday trip to the Midwest, California entertains a barnstorming Missouri quintet Monday night, Utah charges into the plains country, and Bradley Tech repays the compliment by visiting the mountains.

All in all, the coming two weeks will be ones of time-tables, field goals and free throws for various college students while their non-athletic brethren are at home absorbing mother's cooking.

WTS is Early Choice
Those teams not learning their geography by the practical method will either cut short their Christmas vacations to resume drills or will remain intact for such tournaments as the annual Oklahoma City affair.

Early choice in the Sooner joust, which gets underway Friday, are the West Texas State giants, where each starter at least equals the 6-foot 4-inch height of Coach Al Baggett. Charles Halpert, center is 6-foot-10, although Capt. Price Brookfield, a half-foot shorter, is the star.

As a rule, conference play won't start until after the holidays. Wisconsin, Big Ten and NCAA king of a year ago, is good enough to repeat in its own family circle, says Coach Bud Foster.

Iowa State favored
On the West Coast either Oregon State of Washington is expected to replace Washington State while in the Southwest Conference Rice and Arkansas are favored for the title the Razorbacks held undisputedly a year ago. In the East Dartmouth seems headed for its fifth straight Ivy League flag. Long Island, Rhode Island State and City College of New York are other Eastern powerhouses.

Iowa State, defending co-champion, looms as the Big Six titlist with Oklahoma and Kansas always in the running. Tennessee, as long as it has Bernie Meehan, is the choice in the Southwest circuit.

Wyoming and Colorado, this week's traveling companions, are the rivals in the Rocky Mountain's Big Seven lineup. Creighton and Oklahoma A&M share the same distinction in the Missouri Valley.

George Washington, with big Mat Zunic pumping in the points, is expected to replace Duke as the Southern circuit champion in the Colonial's first full season in the loop.

Football Fans Will Flock To Sugar Bowl Classic For Thrills

By Jack Guenther
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK—(UP)—It history is an accurate measuring stick, and in football it usually is, the impending meeting of Fordham and Missouri in the Sugar Bowl should provide most of the mighty passing, breakthrough running and otherwise spectacular offensive maneuvering which will go to make up the far flung gridiron program on New Year's Day.

With no slight toward the three rival post-season engagements intended, it is obvious that if fans are looking for thrills and chills the big saucer of Tulane Stadium in New Orleans will be the place to find them. For there will play what may be the two most potentially dangerous offensive teams in all the land.

Odds Favor Fordham
For instance, the Rams, who achieved a bowl bid after 10 years of trying, averaged 332 yards per game. The Tigers did even better with an average of 345. But even that doesn't tell the whole story, for more than 50 per cent of the 61 touchdowns scored by these teams were produced by plays which covered 30 yards or more.

The current odds favor Fordham in the betting at 8-5 but these are expected to shorten, and well they may. For Fordham is not a strong team on defense, and the games which the Rams have won they have taken by out-scoring their opponents rather than nursing slim leads.

December sales of retail stores is expected to total 5.5 billions of dollars according to the Department of Commerce.

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.
Wide World Sports Columnist

NEW YORK—(Wide World)—At long range it looks as if the New York pro football Giants had no more chance against the Bears than the Dodgers had in the world series.

That Chicago "crowd" makes it look bad for the dough bowl game here Jan. 4. Still, New York fans have been hollering all season because they weren't able to see the Bears.

War regulations are tough on the football broadcasters. They can't fill in dull sports with poems about the weather... Instead of having a fling at the light-heavyweight title, Billy Soose goes into the Navy Tuesday... He'll be connected with firms selling tennis goods—but only if they're over 35 years old and have been with the firm 10 years.

Reply-ed To Fit
Replying to the annual A. P. year-end poll, Sec Taylor of the Des Moines Register nominated for the outstanding comeback of the year—Sec Taylor. Sec was kept on his back for a year by illness but his pals say that since he came back he's nearly flattened everyone who tried to keep up with him.

Future Book
Jimmy Curran, our old track coach at Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy, says quarter-miler Jeffrey Kirk and Sprinter Paul Cowie are the best pair he has had since Ted Meredith and Arthur Robinson. Both kids are heading for Princeton...

Today's Guest Star
Ed Danforth, Atlanta Journal: "They changed the wording on the publicity release to read 'termination of services' instead of 'dismissal', but the fact remains that Jimmy Phelan will not be head football coach at the University of Washington next season. Washington is like the gentleman who always removes his hat before striking a lady."

Fordham And Texas Downfalls Prove Top Surprises For Year

NEW YORK—(AP)—Fordham's Rams were rolling along on the wave of five straight football victories. The Pittsburgh Panthers had received as many consecutive setbacks. Then came Nov. 8, a gloomy day indeed for the Rams, for the scoreboard read: Pittsburgh 13, Fordham 0.

Fordham snapped back to win its two remaining games and receive a bid to the Sugar Bowl while Pittsburgh went on to take two or its three other games. But the results of that Nov. 8 games goes down in the books as the biggest surprise of 1941.

Only the Texas football Longhorns offered the Panthers any serious opposition in the opinion of the 84 sports writers participating in the Associated Press poll. The Panthers rolled up 144 votes, 114 of which came from 38 first place tallies on the basis of three for first, two for second and one for third.

The Longhorns, a surprise winning, tying or losing, received 16 first place votes and a total of 94 points.

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