

## Allies Cut Off Vital German 'Escape Corridor' To Tripoli

### Hitler Withdraws Troops From Bloody Siege Of Stalingrad

By Roger D. Greene Associated Press War Editor  
Adolf Hitler was reported withdrawing at least part of his armies from the bloody 100-day-old siege of Stalingrad Wednesday, while on the shores of ancient Tunisia the Allies cut off the vital Axis "escape corridor" to Tripoli.

The Soviet Army newspaper Red Star said Stalingrad's defenders, folding back the weakening German siege lines, had recaptured a dominating hill on the Southern side of the Volga metropolis and pushed out from two to five miles beyond the hill.

On the Tunisian front, German headquarters asserted that counter-attacking Axis troops "threw the enemy out of several villages" Tuesday and dispersed Allied paratroopers.

An Italian communique said Axis forces gained ground against Allied armored units and captured "some dozens" of Allied prisoners.

Significantly, neither Rome nor Berlin gave the scene of the action and again failed to mention that the key Axis strongholds of Bizerte and Tunis were virtually under siege and cut off from reinforcement.

A Berlin broadcast said air and land reinforcements, including a tank division, had reached the 8th Army drawn up against Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's defense line.

Big Battle Starts  
On the Western flank, a broadcast from American-occupied Morocco said Lt. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson's British 1st Army, strongly supported by American mobile forces, was now in contact with "the nucleus of enemy resistance" in the Bizerte-Tunis zone.

A spokesman at Allied headquarters said the German air force in Tunisia had suffered heavy blows from American and British fliers, but declared that "both German (Continued on Page 6)

### Mussolini Replies To Churchill

By The Associated Press  
LONDON—Premier Mussolini delivered his longest speech of the war Tuesday, coughing and breathing heavily with the intensity of his effort to whip up fighting spirit among the Italian people, whom he advised to learn to hate and to cease spreading "silly stories and gossip."

His 21-minute address was shorn of his old-time bombast by the grim cry for peace in Italy, in another he sought to coax back the spirit of resistance by declaring that if the Italian nation gave up it "would renounce forever its dream of being a great nation."

"Will Not Be Inferior"  
Reading extracts from Prime Minister Churchill's speech warning that Italy would be placed under "prolonged, scientific and shattering air attack," Mussolini said Churchill hoped to undermine the resistance of the Italian people. He declared, however, that the Italians "will not be inferior to the British and Russians."

Harking back to the ancient con- (Continued on page 6)



Russian Scrap Drive

### Knox Says U. S. More Powerful

By The Associated Press  
Navy Secretary Frank Knox declared Wednesday that the U. S. Navy was bigger and more powerful than "the day before Pearl Harbor" and estimated Japanese casualties at 250,000 or five times greater than America's losses since the Far Pacific war began last Dec. 7.

Knox' disclosure in New York followed a Navy announcement that American submarines had sent at least five more Japanese ships to the bottom of the Pacific and a statement by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, envisioning American warships closing in on "areas more strongly held by the enemy."

Task More Difficult  
Coupled with this hint of a widening American Naval offensive, Admiral Nimitz said the Navy's task would increase in difficulty as it "moves forward."

Besides the five Japanese ships definitely sunk, including a destroyer, the Navy said two other enemy vessels were hit by torpedoes and one probably sunk.

Official figures listed 96 Japanese ships sunk, 23 probably sunk and 28 damaged by American submarines (Continued on Page 5)

### Fifth Embar Deep Well Makes 100 Barrels An Hour

By Frank Gardner Oil Editor  
Phillips Petroleum Company No. 31 University-Andrews, fifth and highest producer in the Embar-Elleburger pool of Southern Andrews County, also may prove to be the largest, on the basis of drill-stem test taken Wednesday.

The well halted drilling at 7,855 feet in Elleburger dolomite and was given a 35-minute drill-stem test of interval from 7,760 to total depth. It started blowing gas 15 minutes after tester was opened, and five minutes later commenced flowing oil at an estimated hourly rate of 100 barrels. Gas volume was estimated at 2,000,000 cubic feet daily. Phillips now is preparing to run a 1/2-inch casing which probably will be cemented on bottom and gun-perforated opposite the pay zone. Located in the center of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 30, block 10, University survey, No. 31 University-Andrews top of Elleburger at 7,890 feet, approximately 50 feet higher than offset producers to the east and south, giving it peak structural position for the area.

Atlantic Refining Company No. 1-A Texu, Southwest Central Andrews wildcat, 12 miles northwest of the Embar-Elleburger pool, still is shut down for orders at 10,760 feet in dolomite. It topped the Elleburger at 10,575 feet but tested water in the upper part.

Fullerton Oil Company No. 1 McKean & Eilers, east-side test in the Fullerton deep Permian pool of Northwestern Andrews, flowed an estimated 40 barrels of oil per hour on last test and is shut in. It is bottomed at 7,260 feet and 2-inch tubing is set at 7,250, with packer at 7,165 feet. The well has been acidized to various levels in the long pay section, treatments having been given at 6,979, 7,160 and 7,260 feet.

Large Barnhart Producer  
Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 1-RH University, new producer in the Barnhart-Elleburger pool of Southeastern Reagan County, is shut in after flowing 986 barrels of oil in 17 hours through 1-2 inch choke on 2-inch tubing, with a gas-oil ratio of 2,000-1. The flow occurred after the well was acidized with 5,000 gallons through perforations in 5 1/2 inch casing. It had made a natural flow of 349 barrels in 19 hours through a 15-64 inch choke on tubing. The well originally went to 9,300 feet in Elleburger dolomite, and cement plug inside casing was drilled out to 9,177 feet.

The firm's No. 1-RU University halted drilling at 9,287 feet in dolomite, and now is preparing to acidize through perforations in 5 1/2 inch pipe. It was gun-perforated with 220 shots from 9,175 to 9,230 feet, and gauged natural flow of 79 barrels of oil in four and one-half hours through 1-2 inch choke on tubing.

In Schleicher County, George P. Livermore, Inc., and E. M. Wahlenmaier No. 1 Frankie Tompison is drilling at 4,958 feet in sandy lime and shale on a 7,000-foot contract. Ohio Oil Company No. 1 L. T. Clark, Ordovician wildcat in Southeastern Sterling County is drilling past 4,963 feet in shale and lime, while an Ordovician try in the northwestern part of the county, Col-Tex Refining Company No. 1 (Continued on Page 2)

### Lions Will Buy War Bonds On Pearl Harbor Day

Pledging full cooperation in the "Pearl Harbor Day" War Bond sale campaign December 7, each member of the Midland Lions Club present at the organization's meeting Wednesday promised to purchase at least one War Bond Monday. Members not present will be contacted by a special committee appointed by President Joe Mims.

The action followed an address by First Lieut. Reavis O'Neal, public relations officer at the Midland AAF Bombarrier School, in which he explained the campaign and urged the support and cooperation of all Midland organizations in making it the most outstanding drive of the nation on that day.

May Hit Million Mark  
O'Neal was introduced by the Rev. Hubert Hopper, program chairman, who also introduced Lt. Carl Kempf of the public relations staff.

The speaker outlined plans for the special campaign and said it is highly probable that bond sales in Midland and Odessa that day will hit the million dollar mark.

The "Pearl Harbor Day" event is sponsored by the Bombarrier College in cooperation with the chambers of commerce of Midland and Odessa.

Lt. O'Neal said purchases of bonds in the special government issue now available will be counted in the totals for the day.

Clint Dunagan, president of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce, told of the progress being made in the Jaycee sponsored 10 per cent bond purchase drive.

### Ickes Remains In Charge Of U.S. Oil

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt Wednesday reorganized the government's petroleum administration, but kept Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes in charge.

No details of the reorganization were available immediately, but the White House promised the text of the order as soon as possible.

The order, however, appeared to dispose of the plan to make Ickes Secretary of Labor and manpower chief. Authoritative sources have indicated that Ickes had turned down the offer of the new job.

Budget Director Approves  
The White House said that pending the text of the order, all they could say about the reorganization was that Harold D. Smith, budget director, in submitting the draft of the order to the President, had expressed belief that the proposal represented the best definition of functions and division of responsibilities which can be achieved at this time.

A major question to be determined when the text of the order is made public will be whether Ickes will have any control over the rationing of gasoline and fuel oil, now administered by the Office of Price Administration under directives from the War Production Board.

The title of Ickes' new office will be "Petroleum Administration for War." The present office is called "Office of the Petroleum Coordinator for War."

### Would Abolish AAA Program For Duration

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A threatened food shortage coupled with manpower problems on the farm brought from leaders or organized Agriculture Wednesday a demand that the Government's Triple-A Program be abolished at least for the duration of the war.

Officials of the National Association of State Commissioners, Secretaries and Directors of Agriculture, meeting here in a two-day convention, said they were drafting a resolution to that effect.

These leaders, who asked to remain anonymous, asserted that abolition of government control over food-growing at this time would be helpful in meeting the problems of the nation's 30,000,000 farm population.

Officials of The Association arranged with Senator Thomas (D-Okla) to put their opinions before Donald Nelson, director of the War Production Board, later Wednesday.

Farmers were assured by Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the War Manpower Commission Tuesday night that the government "will take whatever steps are necessary" to provide enough labor for next year's record crop goals.

### McGee Explains Gasoline Ration Rules To Texans

By The Associated Press  
When an applicant has complied with the eligibility provisions for supplementary gasoline, no discretion is left to the local board as to the amount of mileage to be rationed. State OPA Director Mark McGee told the Potter County War Price and Rationing Board.

The board at Amarillo had rejected nearly all applications for preferred mileage filed by State and Federal Agencies. Later the board voted to give ranchmen and farmers sufficient gasoline to look after their property.

McGee told the Potter County board it is contrary to the rationing regulations to deny preferred mileage to State and Federal agencies if they meet the required conditions for eligibility.

Previously the board had adopted and forwarded to McGee a resolution saying it was the board's intention that no such applications would be granted unless it was clearly shown that the agency involved had a direct and vital bearing on the war effort.

Thieves Steal Gasoline  
LaPorte residents who work at the Baytown Refinery had to contend not only with rationing, but (Continued on page five)

### WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press  
AFRICA—American and French troops cut off Axis access to coastal roads north of Gabes, blocking enemy's overland contact with Tripoli base. Other Allied troops encountered nucleus of Axis resistance near Bizerte and Tunis. Battling planes fill skies.

RUSSIA—Red troops recapture height dominating Stalingrad's southern edge. Hitler forced to remove troops from Stalingrad area to meet Russian thrusts on central front, where Soviet gains continue.

PACIFIC—Allied artillery and planes pound Japanese outposts in Buna-Gona area. Indian army patrols clash with Japs along Burma coast near Indian frontier.

WASHINGTON—Navy Secretary Knox says Japanese losses during year were five times greater than American losses.

### Navy Discharges Singer Tony Martin

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Tony Martin, former radio singer and more recently a chief specialist in the Navy, has been discharged for "unfitness," the 12th Naval District announced. He was ordered to report to his draft board.

### School Holidays Start December 18

Christmas holidays for Midland school students will start at the conclusion of classes December 18 and continue until January 4, School Superintendent George A. Heath announced Wednesday. All schools will resume classes January 4.

### THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE  
(This column, conducted as a daily feature by DeWitt MacKenzie, is written Wednesday by Glenn Babb MacKenzie, now touring the Middle East War zone, is expected to resume shortly.)

Benito Mussolini admitted Wednesday that the United Nations were winning the current round of the war of nerves against his sorely put in so many words; it lay in the fact that he spoke at all. Obviously the psychological warfare the Allies are concentrating on Italy, which reached a booming climax Sunday in Winston Churchill's broadcast, forced the Duce to break a virtual silence of almost a year.

Reply Is Weak  
Reading excerpts from the speech, it is difficult to see how it could have warmed Italian hopes or dispelled Italian fears. To alien ears, in which the sonorous cadences of Churchill's pronouncement of doom on Italy are still ringing, it sounds as feeble as a popgun reply to a battleship's broadside. Its tone and content seem to be a non-Italian defeatist. It may have sounded different.

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### More Furnished Houses Needed

The housing department of the Midland Chamber of Commerce was practically out of business Wednesday morning—having listed for rent only a one-room furnished apartment.

John P. Butler, chairman of the chamber's housing committee, said this was the first time in more than six years, and perhaps since the chamber has maintained a housing department, that the furnished apartment list has been so near exhausted.

A number of unfurnished houses and a lengthy list of bedrooms are available, but the big demand at present is for furnished houses and apartments. A long waiting list is on record.

Persons having vacant apartments or persons who can furnish apartments or houses for rent are urged to call the chamber of commerce immediately. The demand for living quarters now is at an all-time high, chamber officials said.

WEATHER  
WEST TEXAS: Mild temperatures.

### WAR BULLETINS

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA  
—(AP)—American and British troops tightening the ring around Bizerte have smashed back with "heavy losses" the biggest German counter-attack of the Tunisian campaign, an Allied headquarters spokesman said Thursday.

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS)—(AP)—German military circles hinted Wednesday at imminent counter-operations against the Russians on the eastern front and declared that the initiative still remained in German hands in the Stalingrad area.

BERN, SWITZERLAND—(AP)—Negotiations are underway in Vichy and Paris to create a new cabinet under Pierre Laval which would be the instrument to carry out Germany's plans for continental France, sources in close touch with Vichy said.

LONDON—(AP)—The great military might of the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia must be used in peace to prevent any repetition of aggression, Anthony Eden told the House of Commons amid cheers Wednesday.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Striking at small enemy installations on Guadalcanal, American soldiers and Marines in the Solomons have captured three light artillery pieces, six machine guns and killed 51 enemy soldiers, the Navy reported Wednesday.

ORAN, Algiers—(AP)—The release of 157 unshaven, ill-fed Norwegian seamen and 50 British naval personnel all of whom had been interned south of Oran for from nine months to two years was announced.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—United States naval pressure on Japan's vital supply lines squeezed tighter Tuesday with at least five more Japanese ships sent to the bottom of the Pacific by American submarines.





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Don't hoard on any product. It isn't patriotic, and it's bound to aggravate the conditions which stimulate hoarding.

Be patient and cooperative with your merchants. Realize that they are facing some of the hardest problems any business, any man or any woman is up against today. Try to help so they can help you.

Shop early in the week and early in the day. Remember your merchant is short-handed. Shop when it's best for him, if it is entirely possible.

Plan your meals for seven days ahead. Make one shopping trip do the work of several.

Learn to take the foods and merchandise your merchant has. When we run into shortages of any kind, it is up to us to adjust our needs to the foods which are available.

Everyone realizes the dangers of confused, thoughtless buying, which could disrupt the provisioning of our armies and our civilian population.

It's just war. That's the trouble. America has more mouths to feed and more persons to clothe and house than ever before. Millions more. Our fighting men at home and all over the globe. Our Allies. Our home folks.

Your merchant can't work out these problems all by himself. It's a job we've all got to tackle together. No one can be selfish now. We must work out the problem of using what there is to the advantage of everybody.

## Fifth Embar Deep-

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W. N. Reed et al. is drilling in hard lime at 2,501 feet.

Olson Oil Company of Midland No. 1-A Shannon estate, new well in the Olson pool of Western Crockett County pumped 98.55 barrels of 19.9-gravity oil on 24-hour natural gauge upon completion at 2,070 feet in lime. It topped pay at 2,065 feet.

Gaines Deep Test  
Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 D. N. Leaverton, Northwestern Gaines County deep wildcat, is drilling unchanged at 7,400 feet in lime.

In Southwestern Borden County, Roy Lee, trustee, No. 1 J. A. Phillips still is fishing for bit, bottomed at 3,853 feet in lime. With elevation of 2,501 feet the well is credited by some with having topped anhydrite at 1,120 feet and San Andres lime at 3,040 feet.

Lee No. 1 Margaret Gray, Eastern Borden wildcat eight miles east of Gall, is drilling past 2,345 feet in anhydrite. Some have called top of anhydrite at 820 feet.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 W. T. Newman, Western Scurry County Ordovician test, is drilling in chert at 8,129 feet. Farther southeast, Col-Tex No. 1 Maxie Wilson is drilling lime at 2,645 feet.

Heading For Waddell Sand  
After finding the McKee sand in the Simpson, middle Ordovician, barren, Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Nellie M. Tucker, north-east offset to the Glen discovery in Southwestern Crane County, is drilling ahead at 6,280 feet in shale and lime and will test the Waddell sand member of the Simpson.

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-A M. Dawson, Southeastern Crane Ordovician test four miles west of the Shallow McCamey pool, is drilling an unreported formation below 5,100 feet. In Western Crane, Gulf No. 1 W. A. Estes is drilling in lime at 3,800 feet.

Phillips No. 1 Ada C. Price, Southeast Central Pecos County Ordovician wildcat, is drilling in dark gray shale at 7,603 feet.

Shell No. 1 W. D. Blue estate, Eastern Winkler County wildcat slated to test the Ordovician, is drilling lime at 7,721 feet.

Lt. A. D. BRYANT VISITS PARENTS HERE

Lt. A. D. Bryant of Camp Polk, La., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pass Bryant, Bryant, who is on a ten-day leave, is with a tank destroyer reconnaissance corps in the U. S. Armed Forces.

The Army team is undefeated. It recently played Washington State to a 6-6 tie.

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## DEPUTY SHERIFF IS KILLED AT EDINBURG

EDINBURG, TEXAS—(AP)—Juan Gutierrez, in jail here, is charged with murder in connection with the

fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff A. M. Albrecht, Jack Ross, assistant criminal district attorney, said.

The officer died Tuesday of bullet wounds he suffered Sunday

while attempting to make an arrest in a reported disturbance.

Not all plums are prunes, but all prunes are plums.

Jack Carroll, who is with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of Washington, D. C., left Tuesday night for Houston after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Raynee Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Post and son, John, returned Tuesday from College Station where they visited their son, Charles, who is a senior at Texas A. & M. College.

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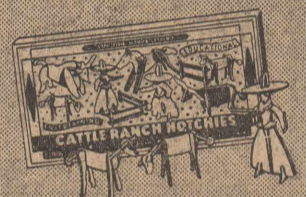
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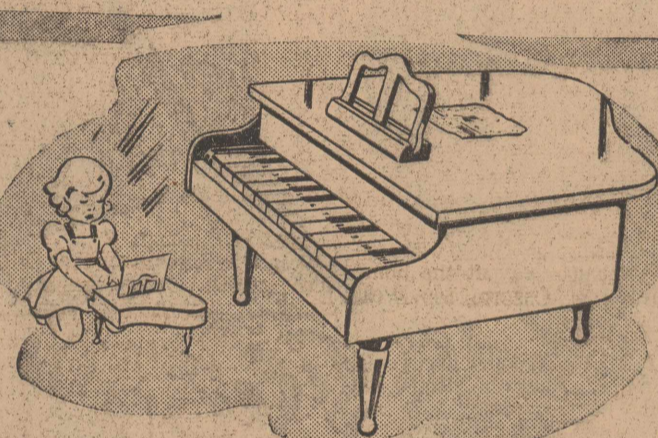


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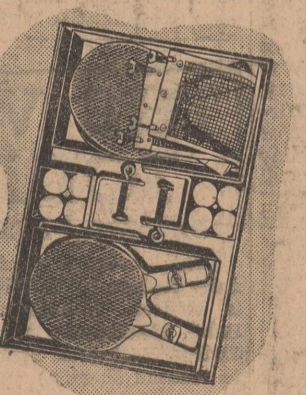
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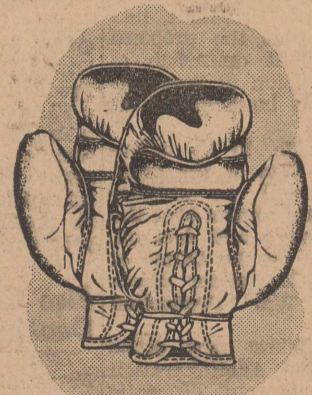
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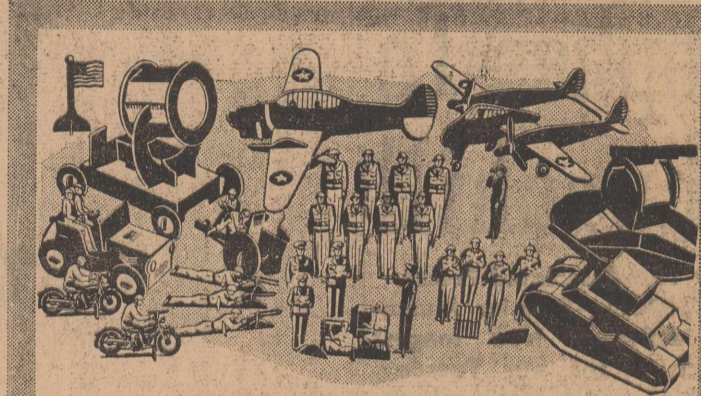
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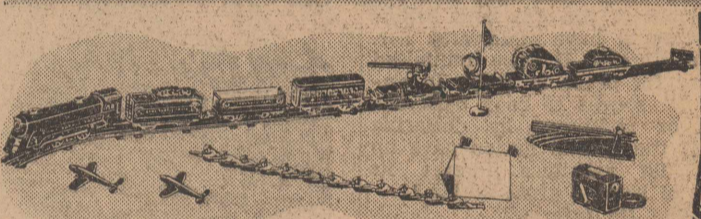
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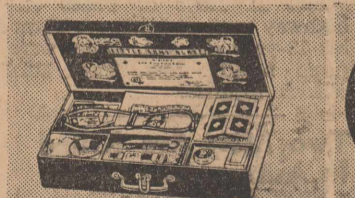
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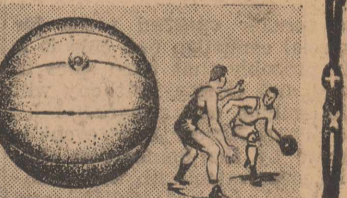
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# SOCIETY

## "Back To School" Program Enjoyed By PTA Members

"Back to School" was the theme of the Midland High School Parent-Teacher Association meeting Tuesday night, and approximately 60 mothers and dads of Midland high students did just that.

Two parents even were sent to the principal's office for talking in the halls, although they had been warned that all school rules applied during the program.

Parents had their sons or daughters schedules and were instructed to follow them. Classes lasted only five minutes each, and the entire program was completed within an hour.

**Explain War Classes**

The program opened with an assembly. Mrs. W. Watson LaForce, P-T-A president, presided, and turned the meeting over to Frank Monroe, high school principal, who was in charge of the program.

Harlan Rowell explained the sub-metal classes. Mrs. Matabel Downing told the objectives of the pre-flight course, and Sam P. Spears reported on the new radio classes. All three courses are a part of the school's war program. Monroe reported on the recent Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers convention in Houston.

At the conclusion of the business session, "school" started for the parents. Teachers were in their classrooms to meet all parents as they reported for "classes" and to discuss the work of sons or daughters in the school.

Laughter rang through the halls many times and a good time was reported by those who attended.

Monroe had warned parents that loafing in halls and talking would be out during the program, but some failed to obey the regulations. But many parents found time to check-up on the work their sons and daughters are doing in school.

## Mrs. Hubert Hopper Speaks At DAR Meet

Mrs. Hubert Hopper gave an address on "Religion and Life Today" at the meeting of the Lt. William Brewer chapter of D. A. R. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Jack Wilkinson, 1311 West Missouri.

Mrs. Ben Black and Mrs. Ben Smith assisted with the program.

Mrs. George Kidd and Mrs. Erle Payne were co-hostesses.

The chapter voted to give \$5 to the Midland Christmas charity fund. Mrs. Drexley Ker and Mrs. Eugene Russell, new members of the D. A. R., attended.

Visitors included Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Stone of Stanton and Mrs. Al Cowden.

Members attending were Misses Black, George Ratliff, Smith, Earl Powell of Stanton, James Goodman, H. G. Bedford, Erle Payne, John Butler, George Glass, Turner, Russell, George Kidd, Hopper, Charles Sherwood and Jack Wilkinson.

## THE CURTAIN CALL

The cast of "Arsenic and Old Lace" is a veritable melting pot of dramatic talent. This first production of the Midland Civic Theater this season, which will soon be presented to Midland audience, includes two lovable old maid sisters whose only foible is spiking each gallon of their elderberry wine with arsenic, strychnine, and cyanide. The cast is large with a fine array of talent from the Midland AAF Bombardier School.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" was written by Joseph Kesselring, who for years was an unsuccessful playwright and choir director. Then he decided to write a play about the thing his grandmother would be least likely to do. It turned out to be one of the funniest murder farces ever to be presented on the stage.

Midland Civic Theater has a hit that is good for a dose of superior laugh convulsions. The dialogue is so brilliantly clever that it giggles from the cold print of the manuscript. This mad comedy about the gentle art of murder in Brooklyn will bring to Midland some of the best characterizations seen in amateur productions.

By Ruth Bartha.

## Two Staff Sergeants To Get More Training

Two staff sergeants at the Midland AAF Bombardier School have been transferred for further training in their service branch.

Staff Sergeant Reed R. Harrington, Jr., attached to the communications section of the 83rd Air Base and Headquarters Squadron, will report to the Signal Corps Officer Candidate School at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

Staff Sergeant Hubert Coleman Burks of the 494th Bombardier Training Squadron, has been transferred to the Aviation Cadet Center at San Antonio where he will be assigned to cadet training at an Air Force pre-flight school.

## BRISTLES RATIONED

All brushes made in the United States must contain at least 45 per cent of material other than pig and hog bristles, most of which has been imported in the past from China and the Far East.

## Coming Events

**THURSDAY**  
Midland County Museum will be open from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.

Red Cross workroom in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Red Cross Surgical Dressings room on the third floor of the courthouse will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock and from 1 until 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Julia Hedges will be hostess to the Stitch and Chatter Club at 2:30 p.m. at her home, 406 East Tennessee.

Miss Iva Butler's Canteen Class will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the assembly room of the courthouse.

The City-County Federation will meet at 9:30 a. m. at the Soldiers Service Club. Thomas E. Meyer, special FBI agent, will be the speaker.

Mrs. Warren Anderson and Mrs. Guy McMillan will be hostesses at the Soldiers Service Club.

Members of the Midland Garden Club will have a business meeting at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, 511 North D.

**FRIDAY**  
The regular ladies luncheon will be held at the Country Club at 1 o'clock for members.

Miss Jean Bain's Canteen Class will meet from 9:15 to 11:15 p.m. in the assembly room of the courthouse.

Red Cross Surgical Dressings room on the third floor of the courthouse will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock and from 1 until 4 o'clock.

Glenn Walker Royal Ambassadors of the First Baptist Church will meet at 4 p.m. at the church.

Red Cross workroom in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock.

The Belmont Bible Class will meet at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist educational building.

Children's Service League will meet at 2 p.m. with Mrs. Robert Devey, 1210 West Colver.

The Advanced Nutrition Class will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. T. M. Roper, 609 North Marienthal.

The Althean Class of the First Baptist Church will have a luncheon at 12:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Frank Cowden, 104 South G.

**SATURDAY**  
Midland County Museum will be open from 2:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at 1 o'clock at the Watson School of Music.

The Robyn Music Club will meet at 10 o'clock at the Watson School of Music.

AAUW will have a tea at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. S. Forgeren 901 Cuthbert.

## Spencer Collins Is Listed in Who's Who

Spencer Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Collins of Midland, and a junior in the engineering school of the Texas College of Mines, will be listed in the 1942-43 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The book will be released in January.

More than 600 universities and colleges cooperate in the publication. Collins is president of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at the Texas College of Mines, is vice president of the Scientific Club, and is past president of the Baptist Student Union. He graduated from Midland High School in 1939.

## Jimmy Pickering Joins Spanish Club

FORT WORTH.—Jimmy Pickering, junior in Texas Christian University from Midland, has been elected to membership in Los Hualgalos, campus Spanish club.

Programs of the club are given in Spanish and members have an opportunity to practice conversation in the language.

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## MENTHOLATUM

## Weds In Chicago



Miss Mary Elder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elder, became the bride of Lt. Rudolph August Berg, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Berg of Fresno, Calif., Saturday at the Church of Christ in Chicago, Ill. The couple will live in Urbana, Ill. He is stationed at Chanute Field.

## Mrs. R. D. Monkress Speaks At Twentieth Century Club Meet

Mrs. R. D. Monkress discussed excerpts from Time magazine concerning changes in education brought about by the war at the regular meeting of the Twentieth Century Club Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. M. Osborn, 809 West Louisiana.

"Depleted law classes are noticeable, courses of study are vastly changed, and length of terms are shortened," she reported.

Mrs. J. B. Ellis discussed "Quick Repair For Broken Bones." She told of a new invention whereby bones heal without the use of casts. Mrs. Louis F. Caddell gave a report on the 45th Annual Convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

During the business meeting plans were made for a Christmas party. Members of the club voted to give Christmas gifts to the men in the hospital at Midland AAF Bombardier School.

Mrs. J. B. Koenig, Mrs. W. E. Shipp and Mrs. Hubert Hopper were elected to membership.

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**THURSDAY**  
Square Dance for all enlisted men at 9 p.m. at the club.

**SATURDAY**  
Ballroom Dance at 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
Vesper service at 5 p.m. followed with a twilight sing-song.



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## 'Questions Of Beauty' Discussed At Meet

Beta Sigma Phi sorority met in regular session Tuesday evening in the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer for a discussion of "Questions of Beauty," and to make plans for entertaining Midland AAF Bombardier School soldiers during the Christmas holidays.

Those taking part on the program were Miss Maedele Roberts, Mrs. John A. Porter, Mrs. T. H. Stringer and Mrs. Cecil Waldrep.

Members attending included Misses Roberts, Janice Watts, Eleanor Wood, Faye Powers, Ruth Smith, Dorothy Hamilton, Dorothy Newberry, Nita Gothard, Roselle Girard and Misses Waldrep, Riley Parr, J. B. Bain, J. H. Fine-Stringer, S. R. McKinney Jr., J. A. Porter, and Ralph Guyer.

## Women Needed To Make Surgical Dressings

Attention women! Want to help win the war?

Then come to the third floor of the courthouse any day except Saturday, from 9 to 12 a. m., and from 1 to 4 p. m., and make surgical dressings for the Armed Forces. Midland's quota for surgical dressings is 14,400, by January 1. In three days work, only 700 have been made.

The only regulations are that you wear a cotton dress, no nail polish and wear something to cover the hair.

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## Episcopal Men Will Meet At Scharbauer

The Episcopal Men's Club of Trinity Church will hold its regular meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday in Hotel Scharbauer's Blue Room.

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# McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney  
America's Card Authority

Bridge players throughout the nation will be pleased to learn that Lieut.-Col. Robert J. Gill of Baltimore, Md., who was president of the American Contract Bridge League in 1941, has been restored to his former rank and is now serving with the Third Service Command, Colonel Gill commanded the first Maryland unit to see action in World War I and was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palms for action in France. Tournament players everywhere consider him

♠ K J 7	♥ 7 4 2	♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ 5	♠ A K J 10	♥ 9 8 6 5
♣ 3	♠ 3	♥ A 7
♣ 10 9 6 3	♠ Dealer	♥ K 8 4
♣ J 9 5		

Gill  
♠ A Q 10 4 3  
♥ Q  
♦ K Q 8 5 2  
♣ Q 2

Duplicate—None vul.  
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4 Pass 2 Pass 2 Pass  
Opening—♥ K

one of the most pleasing personalities in bridge.

Today's hand is an example of the colonel's strategy in the play of the hand. West led two rounds of hearts and Gill (South) ruffed the second. A diamond was led, the ace winning the jack. Back came a third heart, and the colonel made the far-sighted safety play of discarding a club instead of ruffing. To accept the force would be disastrous if the trumps were badly split. East then exited with a trump, which was won in dummy. A diamond lead to the king was followed by a third round of diamonds, which was ruffed high by dummy. Gill then took out trumps and claimed the rest.

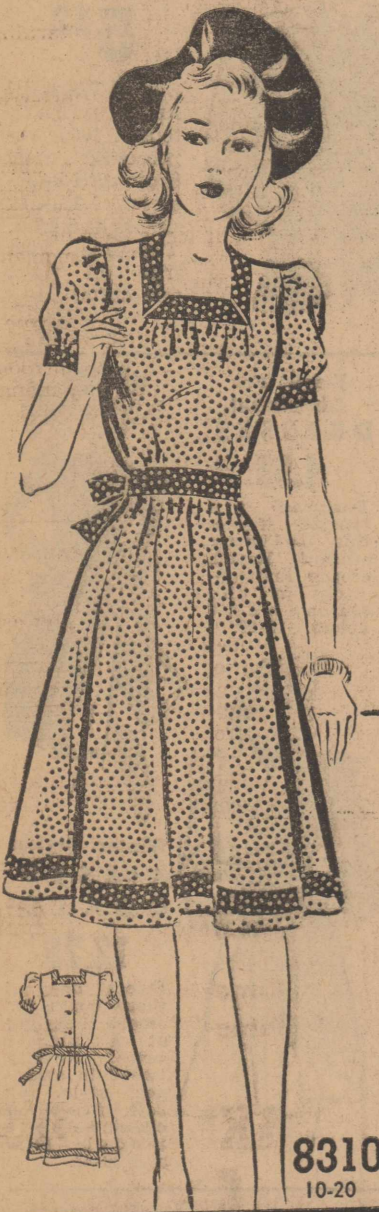
## Adjutant General Recognizes TDG

Captain James H. Goodman of the Midland unit of the Texas Defense Guard said Wednesday the Adjutant General of the Army in recent orders recognized the importance of state defense guards, such as the Midland unit, and that they are considered a part of the armed forces of the nation in wartime.

This order, Goodman explained, gives guardsmen the same protection from civil, criminal and personal liability as soldiers, as long as their actions are done in carrying out military orders in accordance with the Articles of War.

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## Rice May Make Millions From Oil

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The earning prospect was given in testimony of geologists in a district court hearing to construe the will of William Marsh Rice, founder of the school, to determine whether the investment could be made.

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Oil is rolling toward the east coast at the rate of 300 trainloads a day. Trains average 50 cars each, and are moving oil under a new solid-train plan.

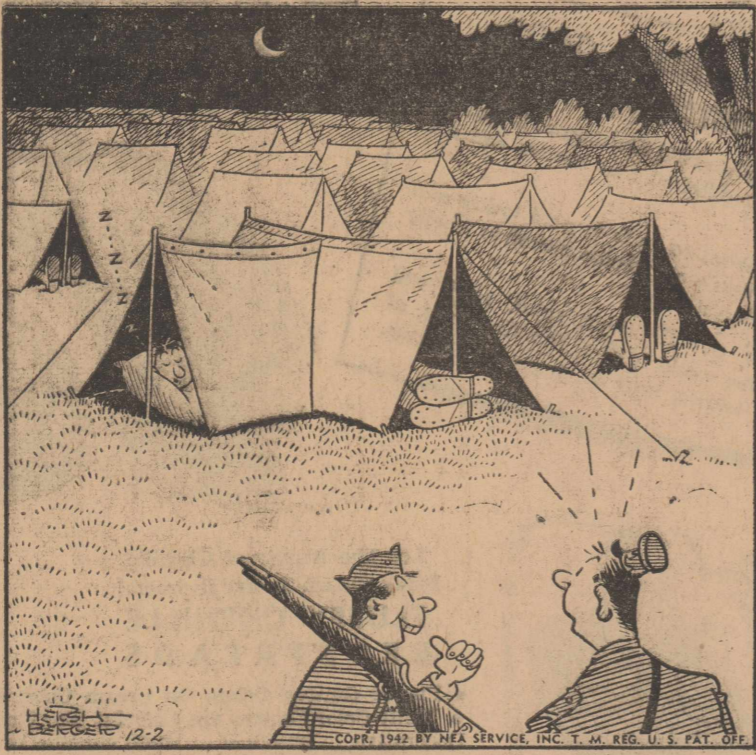
## First-Aid Course For Guardsmen Here

A first-aid course for members of the Texas Defense Guard unit here will be held at 7:30 p. m. each Thursday at the Recreation Building. Lt. J. M. Devereux and the Midland chapter of the Red Cross will sponsor the course, which is a part of the TDG prescribed training.

## TDG Needs More Men In Midland

Midland's unit of the Texas Defense Guard needs more men. A recruiting campaign is underway to enlist men between 16 and 30 years of age who are physically fit. Men inducted into the Army are given credit for basic training obtained with guard units.

## FUNNY BUSINESS



"He insists on a wing so he can curl up to sleep!"

## SIDE GLANCES



"He looks too pleased and happy most of the time nowadays—I'm afraid this war boom in wedding fees is making him worldly!"

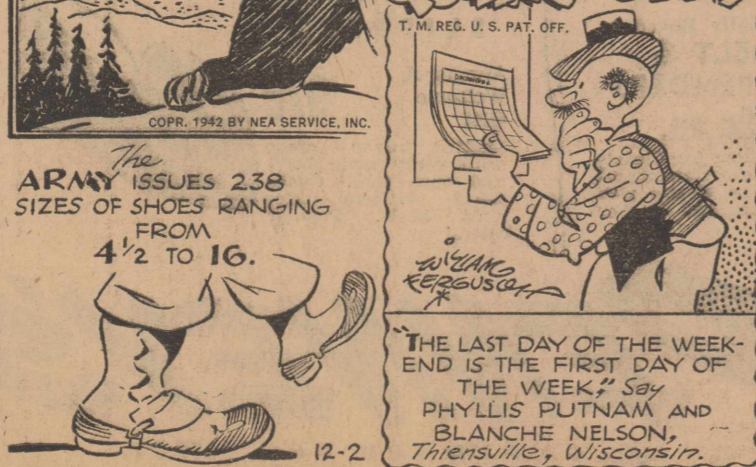
## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



"BLACK" BEARS ARE FOUND IN COLOR PHASES OF JET-BLACK, BROWN, GRAY, SMOKY AND WHITE.

## QUING ODDS



The ARMY ISSUES 238 SIZES OF SHOES RANGING FROM 4 1/2 TO 16.

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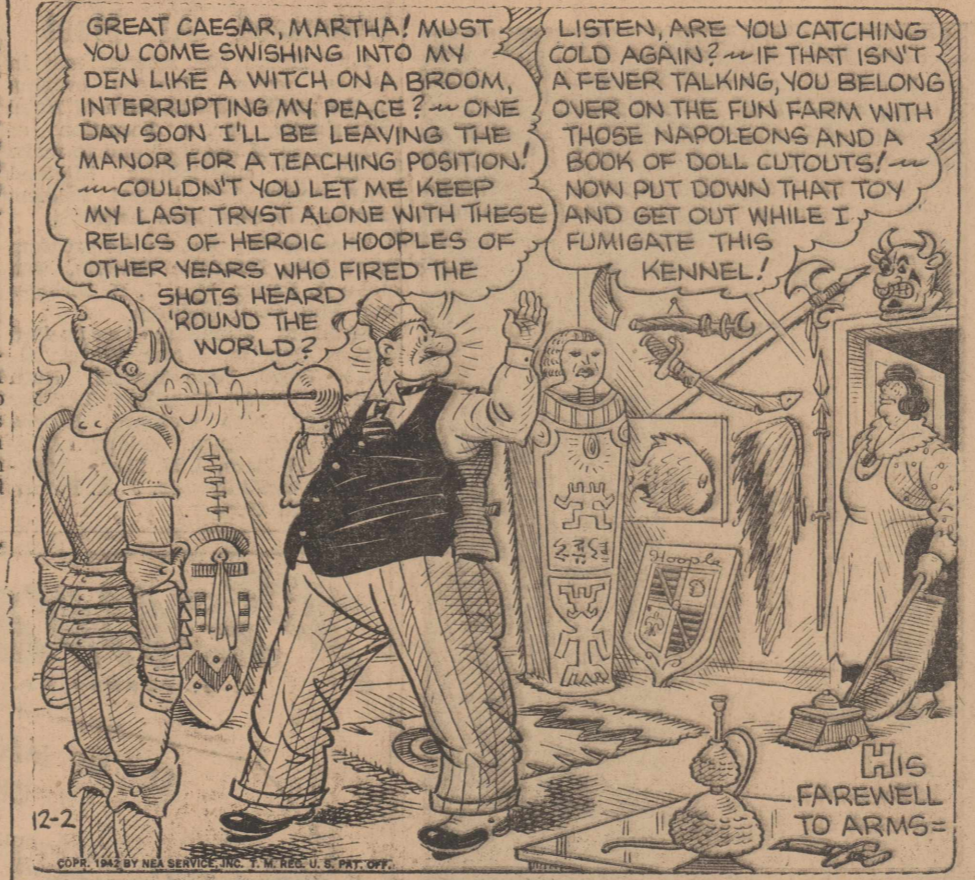
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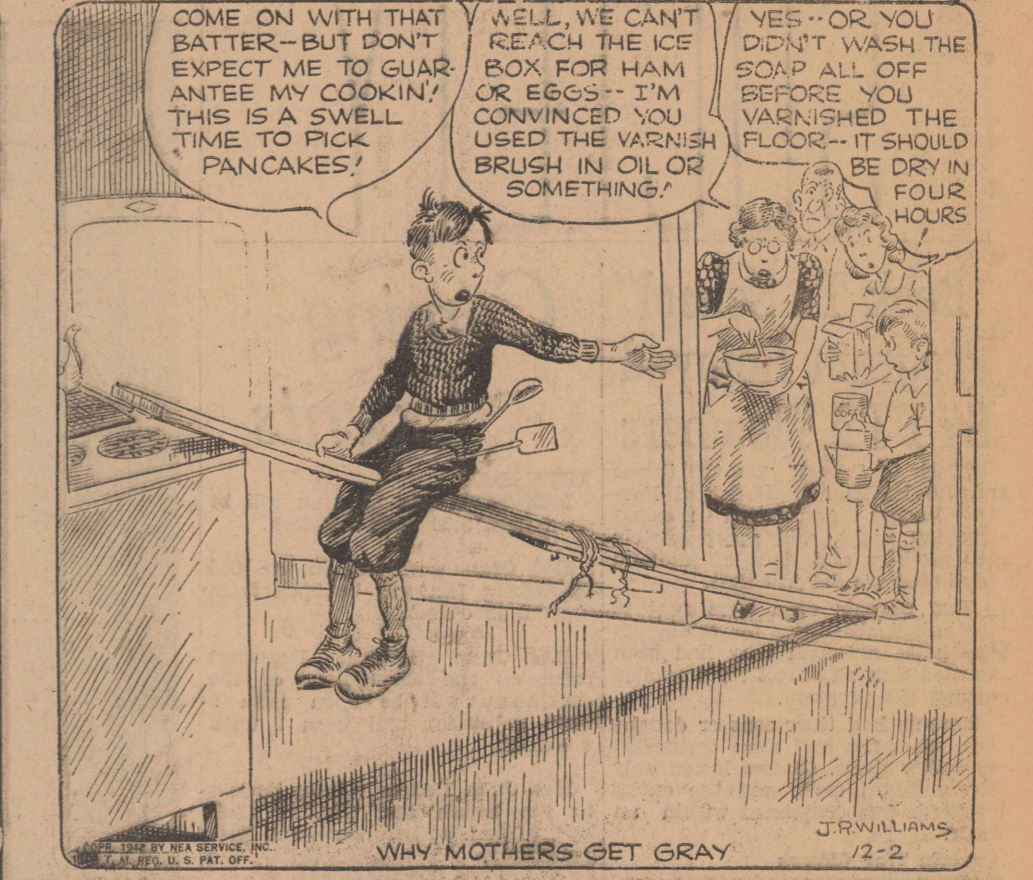
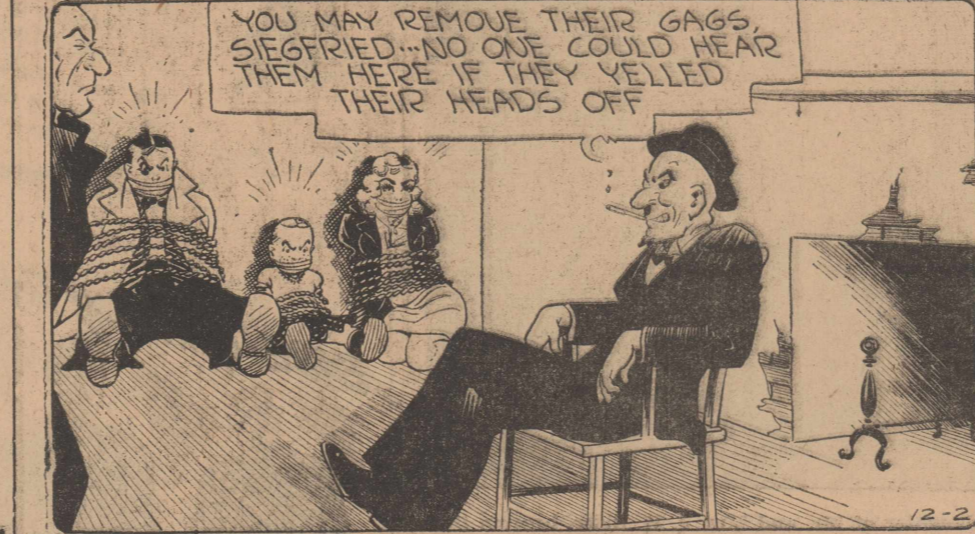
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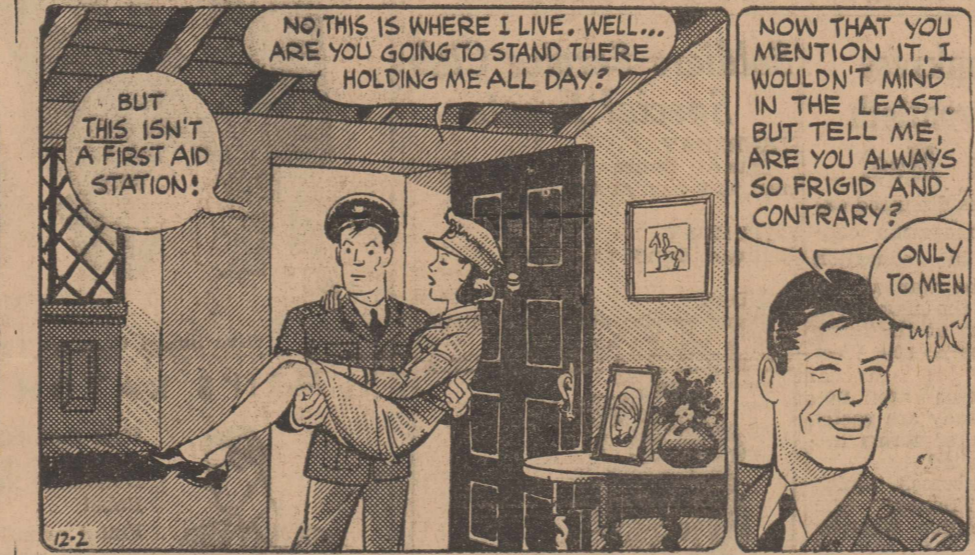
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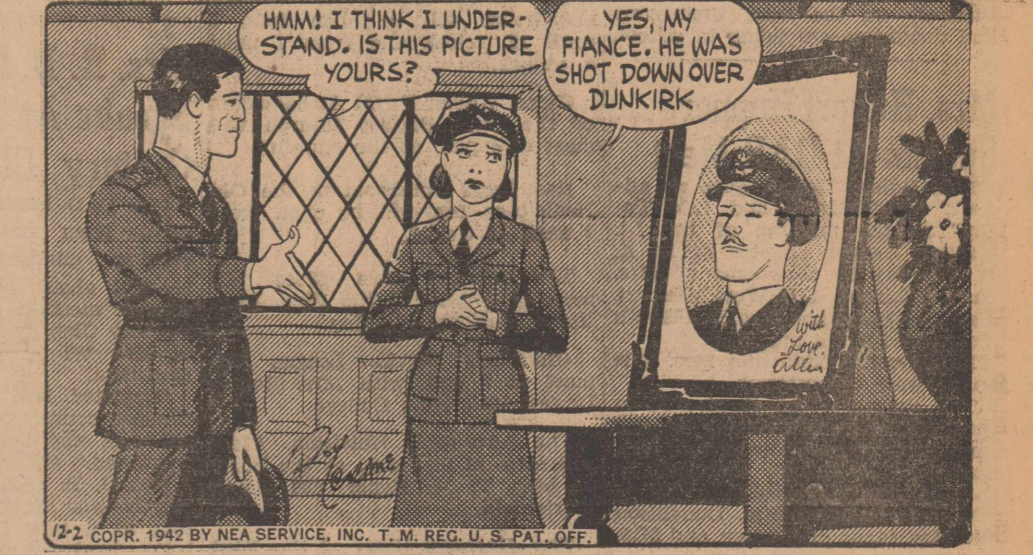
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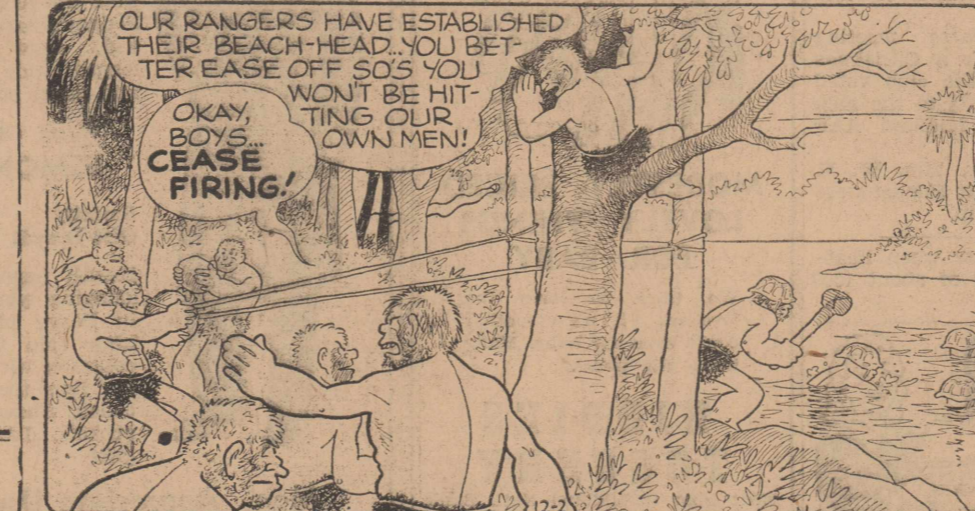
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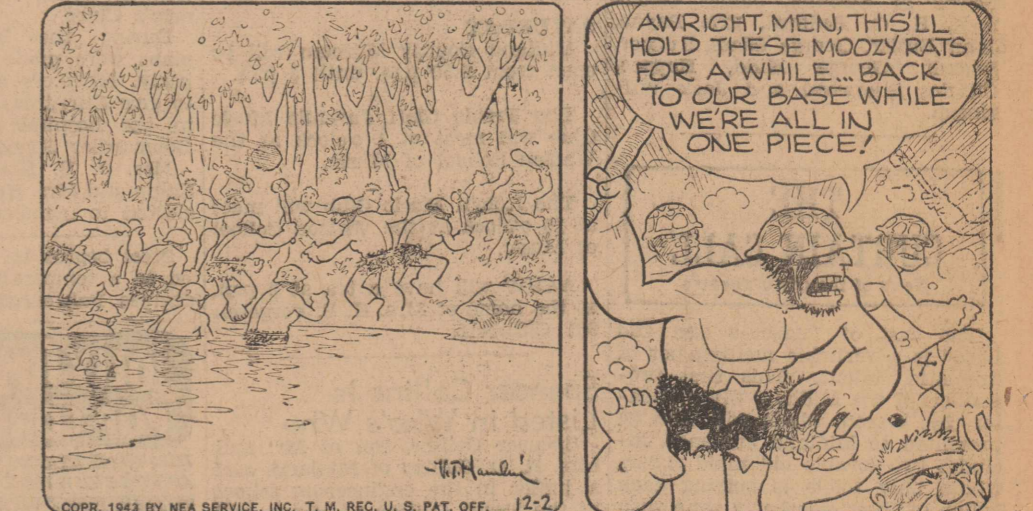
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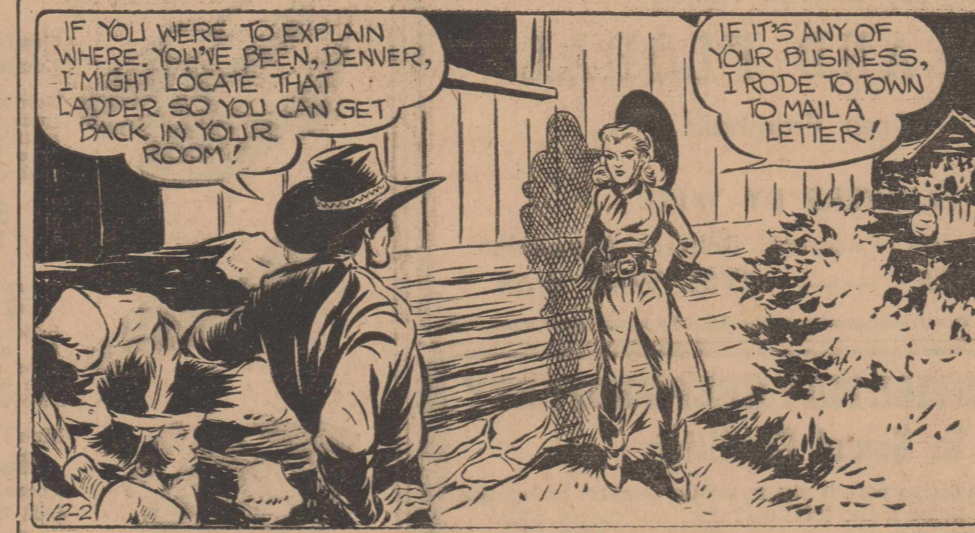
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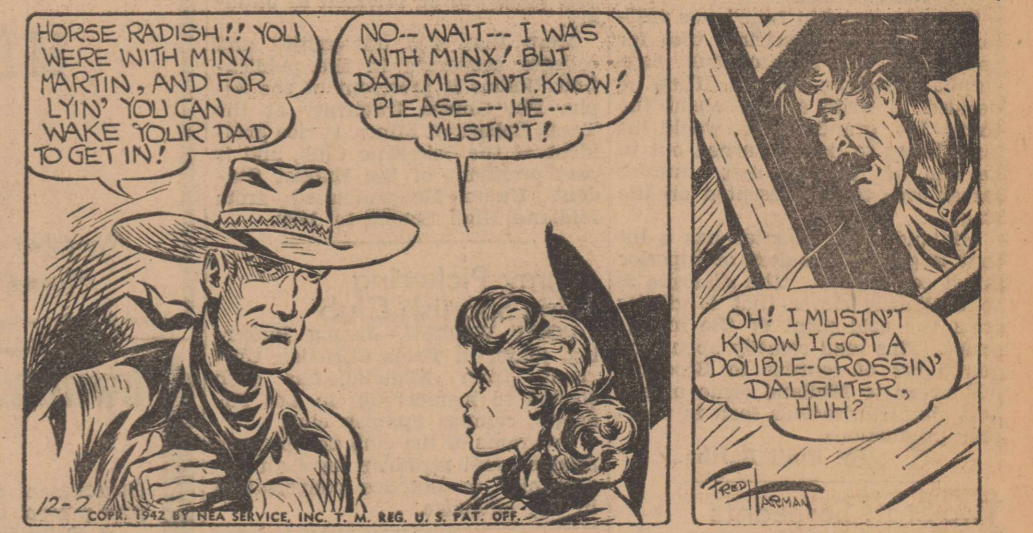
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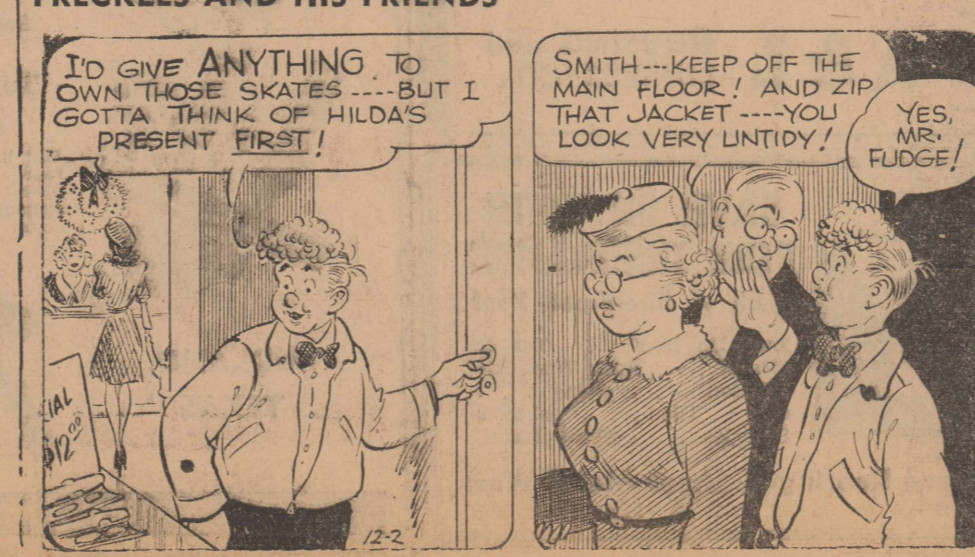
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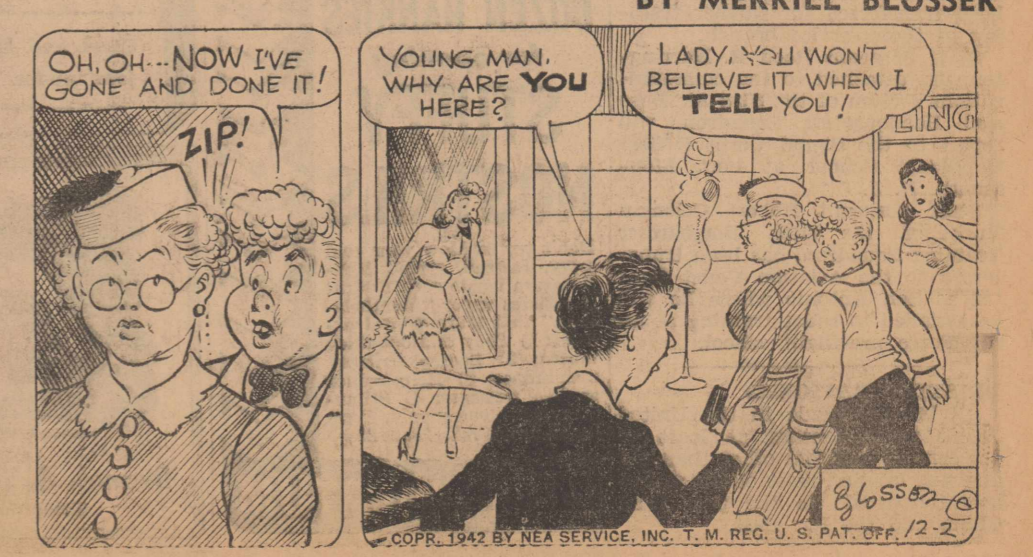
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The War Today-
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Table with columns for Leave Midland - Odessa and Leave Odessa Airport, listing bus times from 5:25 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

Santa's Victory Christmas
Chapter 9—A Bit Of Magic!
Illustration of Santa Claus and children in a magical setting.

Baptists Plan To
Liquidate Debt
DALLAS—(AP)—The Baptist
General Convention Executive
Board expects to liquidate the con-
vention's debt of approximately
\$65,000 within the 1942-1943 con-
vention year.

Knox Says-
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SERIAL STORY THE EDGE OF DARKNESS
BY WILLIAM WOODS
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Illustration of a woman in a dark, suspenseful scene.

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Seek To Modify
Tariff Measure
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The final
word on scheduling of munitions
output apparently rested with civil-
ian officials—reputed victors in a
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### Baptists Will Present Pageant

Members of the First Baptist Church will present a pageant, "Christmas Gifts—Hers and Ours" by Juliette Mather, at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday at the church in observance of the Lottie Moon week of prayer and Christmas offering.

### Allies Cut Off

land and air forces are still fighting hard and making no effort to pull out.

Approximately 20,000 Axis combat troops, as well as thousands of specialists and helpers, were solidly entrenched behind minefields in the northern coastal region where the warriors of Scipio Africanus battled the Carthaginians many centuries ago.

**Darlan Assumes Power**  
Allied forces were approaching Tunis along two roads and were within artillery range northwest of the city.

As the fighting raged toward a climax, Admiral Jean Darlan, former Vichy defense head now cooperating with the Allies, assumed the powers of Chief of State in French Africa "as the representative of Marshal Petain who at present is a prisoner," the Morocco radio announced.

### Beware Coughs That Hang On

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### Explains How Boston Blaze Started



Stanley F. Tomaszewski, 16, bus boy at the Cocoonat Grove night club at Boston, left, tells Police Commissioner Joseph P. Timilty how a match he was using to replace a light bulb ignited a palm tree starting the tragic fire. More than 440 people were burned to death and scores were injured. (NEA Telephoto).

### War Gasses Discussed At Air Raid Meeting

"War Gasses" was the subject of a lecture by Berte R. Haigh, civilian defense coordinator of Midland County, at a meeting of air raid wardens at the courthouse Tuesday evening. Delbert Downing, chief air raid warden, presided.

Another meeting of all wardens of the county will be held at the same time and place next Tuesday, Downing announced.

### DEFENSE GUARDSMEN CAN GET GASOLINE

Captain James H. Goodman of the Texas Defense Guard said Wednesday members of the organization are entitled to additional gasoline for use in their automobiles to attend drill or in the performance of other guard duties.

The pledge to the flag of the United States originally was written by James Upham.

### Boston Fire Toll Increases To 490

BOSTON—(AP)—The toll of dead in the Cocoonat Grove Night Club fire crept close to 500 Wednesday, according to a Boston Public Safety Committee tabulation, while the state, city, army and navy investigated the cause.

After a final re-censuss of all its lists, the public safety committee announced that the dead had reached 490—with only three bodies still unidentified—while 174 lay injured or burned in hospitals. Of the injured, at least 35 had developed pneumonia as a result of inhalation of smoke and heat during the holocaust.

### 51 MEN OF ARMED FORCES DIED IN FIRE

BOSTON—(AP)—The Cocoonat Grove nightclub fire Saturday night cost the lives of at least 51 service men—and two "WAVES," a compilation showed Wednesday.

### GEORGIA TORNADO KILLS FIVE, INJURES SCORES

LINCOLTON, Ga.—(AP)—A tornado swirling over this section killed five negroes, injured at least a score of persons and leveled several homes late Tuesday.

### HOUSTON HAS BIG FIRE

HOUSTON—(AP)—Fire threatened destruction of the three-story brick Byrd's Clothing Store, Wednesday and caused damage estimated at between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Alaska was purchased from Russia by the United States at a cost of about 2 cents an acre.

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### Tennessee's Vols Win Grid Honors

By Orlo Robertson  
NEW YORK—(AP)—Want to know why Tennessee's Volunteers will be appearing in their fourth bowl game in five years when they clash with unbeaten Tulsa in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans on New Year's Day? Then take a look at their record for the last five seasons.

Since 1938, the Southerners have chalked up 47 victories, been defeated only five times and tied once for the remarkable percentage of .904.

Not only that, but a compilation of the scoring records of the nation's leading colleges for the five-year period by The Associated Press shows the Vols in front both offensively and defensively. They have rolled up 1,264 points while holding their opponents to 203, an average of less than four points per game.

In winning eight, losing one and tying another this season, the Vols vaulted over Duke's Blue Devils in the five year percentage column. Duke, with an indifferent season, dropped to fourth place, behind Eastern College, Notre Dame and Utah.

Tulsa, with 10 straight victories this season, ranks no better than 23rd in the percentage table with a .702 figure. The Golden Hurricane from Oklahoma, however, figures high offensively with 1,016 points scored in 49 games over the five-year period.

Georgia, selected to oppose the Pacific Coast Conference champion in the Rose Bowl, stands still lower with a .680 percentage as the result of 34 triumphs, 16 defeats and three ties. The Bulldogs, however, also have shown plenty of power with a point total of 1,143.

### Lockett Circle Has Charge Of Week Of Prayer Program

The Lockett Circle of the WMS of the First Baptist Church presented the second program on the week of prayer for foreign missions at the church Tuesday.

Mrs. R. O. Collins, WMS president, presided during the business session. Mrs. A. W. Wyatt, missions chairman of the Lockett Circle, was leader of the program on missions work in Latin America.

Mrs. Yates Brown and Mrs. Charles Ward sang a duet, "My Father Knows." Mrs. V. Z. Wren led the devotional on "Behold Your God."

Other Speakers  
"How One Mexican Mission Started" was the topic of Mrs. Wyatt.

Mrs. W. B. Preston spoke on "Chilean Training in School." Mrs. M. D. Cox discussed "Prayer in Argentina and Uruguay."

"Mission Work in Brazil" was the topic of Mrs. Leon Arnett.

Members attending included Mrs. J. D. Matthews, Jr., J. D. Matthews, Sr., Vernon Yearby, S. T. Cole, John Dunagan, B. C. Girdley, George Phillips, O. L. Bevil, Barbara Wall, A. B. Clement, R. O. Walker, S. Howell, C. W. Ramsey, Raymond Leggett, Anton This, S. L. Alexander, Wren, Cox, Wyatt, Arnett, Ward, Collins, Preston and S. M. Erskine.

When a Ladakhi marries in western Tibet, his next two younger brothers become secondary husbands to his wife.

## Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton Jr.  
NEW YORK—(AP)—First word trickling back from the Chicago baseball meetings is that Branch Rickey has tossed Joe Medwick, Bobo Newsom and Schoolboy Rowe on the market—which may be Branch's way of admitting he overcharged the Dodgers when he sold them Medwick.

**Headline Headliner**  
While the football "bowl" games still were in the doubtful stage the other day, a Minneapolis Times headline writer summed it up this way: "Appraise the odds, and pass the invitations."

**Today's Guest Star**  
Si Burick, Dayton (O.) News: "Billy Hillenbrands of Indiana is the highest-ranking student in his journalism class. He's writing a football story for his term paper . . . But the fellow is smart enough not to want to be a sports writer . . . He's really taking a pre-law course."

**Postman's Paragraph**  
Clifton E. Wilson of the Moscow Daily Idahoan comes up with a new candidate for the high school football winning-streak record . . . This year Moscow High lost to Pullman, Wash., for the first time in a rivalry that dates back before the first World War. Although early records have been lost, Moscow officials estimate their winning streak lasted more than 23 years . . . To even accounts, Pullman is the home of Washington State College which has defeated the U. of Idaho, located at Moscow, for the last 12 seasons.

**Crashing The Gate**  
When the McClellan Field (Calif) baseball team was preparing to visit Folsom prison recently, a couple of officials thought it would be a good idea to ask Tiny Bonham, the Yanks' pitcher to go along . . . Driving through the dimout and searching for an unfamiliar house, they snacked right into a parked car . . . The door of the house flew open and out rushed a husky looking athlete . . . It was, of course, Bonham, and after seeing that his car wasn't badly damaged, he agreed to make the trip.

### Roy Robinson Wins Technical Knockout

CLEVELAND—(AP)—Ray Robinson, Inc. isn't listed on the New York stock exchange but many a fight fan wished Wednesday he owned a slice of the stock.

The company, whose business is fighting by the president and treasurer, Mr. Robinson—better known as Sugar—Tuesday night eliminated a business competitor, Welterweight Izzy Jannazzo on the Cleveland News' 17th Annual Christmas Fund show at the arena.

"Eliminated" is the word, for the 148 1/2-pound Jannazzo absorbed an eighth stanza of lefts and rights in the eighth stanza of their scheduled 10-rounder that Robinson was awarded a technical knockout while a crowd of 12,190 who paid \$47,994 to watch the program roared its approval.

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### Hardin-Simmons To Play In Sun Bowl

ABILENE—(AP)—The Sun Bowl situation for New Year's Day looks this way: Hardin-Simmons University, champions of the Border Conference, versus the Second Army Air Force team.

### Value Of Freshmen Is Open To Question

NEW YORK—(AP)—Whether freshmen football players, given varsity status in many sections because of the war's manpower demands, increased or decreased the scoring still is open to question although the season is virtually over.

The Associated Press' twenty-first annual scoring survey, involving 193 teams scattered throughout the country, shows only two sections showed a gain in the average number of points in a game compared with similar figures of a year ago.

One of the sections was the Midwest, where the Big Ten and the Big Six conferences did not use the freshmen. The other was the Rocky Mountain area, where the frosh were welcomed.

The Southern and Eastern districts, where use of the freshmen was common, showed a decline as did the Far West and Southwest which followed the Midwest in not allowing the freshmen to play.

### Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Slaughter steers and yearlings reaching the stock yards found a very slow market and nothing was reported on these classes up to 10:30 Wednesday. Most bids were reduced 25c-50c on top of the 50c cut already put into effect this week.

Hogs sold mostly 10c above Tuesday's average with some sales 20c higher at a top of 13.70. Fat lambs were steady to 25c higher.

Estimated receipts, cattle 2,700, calves 1,600, hogs 1,000, and sheep 4,500.

Bids on medium to choice steers and yearlings ranged from 10.00-13.00. Good beef cows cashed at 9.50-10.50; good heavy bulls 9.50-10.35; good to choice fat calves 11.00-12.50; stocker steer calves up to 13.25 and stocker heifer calves up to 12.25. Stocker cows went back to the grass at 10.25 down.

Most good and choice 180-300 lb. butcher hogs 13.60; good and choice 150-175 lb. kinds 12.75-13.50. Sales in the sheep yards included choice fat lambs at 13.00-14.25, the latter a new top; some fall born lambs 13.00; good yearlings and two-year-old wethers 12.50; aged wethers up to 7.00; slaughter ewes 5.50-6.25.

### Wool

BOSTON—(AP)—(U.S. DEPT. AGR.)—Domestic wools were very quiet Wednesday in the Boston Wool Market. Sales of Argentine fine wools were reported at in-bond price of 68 cents, scoured basis.

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### Mussolini—

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quests of Rome, Il Duce asserted: "If you strip an Englishman of his dinner jacket you see the barbarian on whose neck Caesar set his foot thousands of years ago."

Mussolini acknowledged that with a power British and American force across the narrow Mediterranean from Italy, his forces alone might not be equal to their tasks, but he promised that Germany would reinforce Italy with "powerful contributions."

### Announces Casualties

He announced that the war toll for Italy in the first 30 months of conflict amounted to 172 naval ships totaling 227,000 tons; army, navy, and air force casualties of 94,142 in dead alone, and 332,700 in prisoners.

He said that RAF bombings of Italy and naval bombardments of her coast had killed 7,876 and injured 3,332, and that in Genoa alone 203 houses had been destroyed and 6,121 damaged.

Referring to stories that the people of Genoa greeted the king and queen with cries of "peace, peace," on their visit to the bombed city, Mussolini said "only one woman in Keona cried 'peace,' and she was one of the wealthy bourgeoisie."

### Weak Explanation

Women and children are being removed from Italian cities and towns to leave fighters "masters of the situation," Mussolini explained. When he came to Churchill's question to the Italian people, "How long will it last?" Mussolini said:

"I answer in the most solemn manner—forever. Until we achieve complete victory."

Noting that Churchill called him a hyena, Mussolini said he considered himself "a thousand times more a gentleman than Churchill, intoxicated with alcohol and tobacco."

"England's history of the last 300 years is one of a long list of acts worthy of hyenas," he added.

"Nobody Understands Italy"  
The premier complained that "nobody ever really understood Italy" and "every time we asked for something we found obstacles in our path."

"If I had listened to that hyena Roosevelt he would have thought me a 'chump,'" he said.

He scolded the Italians for circulating "silly stories and gossip" about the Duce and cited as an instance the night he ordered the occupation of Corsica.

The rumor was circulated throughout Italy, he said, that he had undergone an operation and even that he had died.

Mussolini shouted that the Italians never have been so united. He denied there had been any sabotage in Italy and praised the discipline of his countrymen.

**Blames Roosevelt**  
The duce warned that if the Axis lost, the peace would be 100 times worse than the Treaty of Versailles and the whole world would be "reduced to the status of India."

"We must fight for the living, but we must avenge our dead—Our dead cry: 'Fight until victory.' We obey."  
"If there is a man who ever diabolically wanted this war it is the President of the United States," Il Duce went on.

"This warmonger forgot his repeated promises to American mothers not to allow any American blood to be spilled in Europe. "It is logical that Japan did not wait for an American attack but chose the right time for starting it. . . . "Where are the American prophets who predicted that Japan would be liquidated in two or three weeks?"  
Not Surprised  
Mussolini said he was not surprised by the North African campaign saying: "There were many intrigues between Americans and high French officers. There is nothing glorious in the landing."  
He disclosed that even in fixing the date of her entry into the war, Italy acted at Hitler's beck and call.  
After his speech the party-uniformed members of his Fascist Chamber of Corporations passed a vote of "unshakable confidence in ultimate victory."

**EXTINGUISH GRASS FIRE**  
Firemen were called to 606 Cuthbert Street at noon Wednesday to extinguish a grass fire, which started from burning trash.  
Mrs. Cecil Waldrep has returned from a visit to Abilene.

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**Fourteen Men Drown When Tug Boat Sinks**  
CLEVELAND—(AP)—Fourteen men drowned Wednesday as the 89-foot tug Admiral, swept by strong, freezing winds, went down off Avon point, 15 miles Northwest of Cleveland.

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