

British Chase Rommel

Oil Nominations Will Be Slashed

By Brack Curry
AUSTIN.—(AP)—Nominations submitted by Texas crude oil purchasers at the statewide prorating hearing Wednesday will be slashed when the Railroad Commission issues the January allowable schedule, Chairman Ernest O. Thompson indicated Tuesday.

Texas' production is running 114,000 barrels daily above the federal recommendation for December, Thompson said, and the Petroleum Administration for War undoubtedly will lower the January certification because of gasoline rationing and neck.

Adjustments To Be Made
"Some adjustment will be made in next month's allowable to bring into line the disparity between Texas' production and recommendations from federal authorities," the Chairman said in an interview. "Nominations probably will be about the same as for December, however."

December nominations totaled 1,589,998 barrels daily compared with a Federal recommendation of 1,350,000 barrels daily. The commission authorized average daily production of 1,470,000 barrels of all liquids.

Pipe Line Delay
Assembling for the final hearing of 1942, industry spokesmen generally agreed with Thompson that a downward revision of January production was in order in view of the state's inability to produce its permit and the delay in opening the big pipe lines to the North.

Texas underproduced its October allowable by 2,738,325 barrels and failed to meet the September permissible by seven per cent. (Continued on page 5)

Abell Pool Gets Outpost Operation Staked by Humble

By Frank Gardner
Oil Editor
Humble Oil & Refining Company is staking location for an extension test one-quarter mile southeast of its No. 1 Tom R. Parker of Midland, et al, 1,244-barrel producer which recently spread the Abell Ordovician field in Northern Pecos County one-quarter mile south.

The new test is Humble's No. 2 Parker et al, 520 feet from the northeast and 1,972 from the north-west line of section 6, block 3, H. & T. C. survey. Rig was stacked upon completion of the first well and No. 2 Parker et al probably will not start rigging up until crew completes Humble No. 1 Shultz, well now drilling at 4,234 feet in the Means pool of Northern Andrews County. Shortage of manpower has resulted in Humble's maintaining operations on only two rotary rigs in West Texas, with the rest stacked.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-29 H. J. Eaton, scheduled Ordovician wildcat six miles southwest of Imperial in Northern Pecos, is drilling at 2,673 feet in line. The same firm's No. 1 Alan Robertson, deep test 10 miles southwest. (Continued on page 2)

Funeral Services Are Held Here For Henry R. Paddock

Funeral services for Henry R. Paddock, 33, Midland policeman, who was wounded fatally Sunday when a .32 caliber automatic pistol accidentally discharged, were held Monday at the Ellis Funeral Home. The Rev. A. W. Smith and the Rev. R. M. Hocker officiated. Pallbearers included officers from the police department, sheriffs office and M. P. detachment. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Twenty-Seven New Officers Here

Twenty-seven new officers here arrived for duty at the Midland AAF Bombardier School. Lieut. Col. John R. Sutherland, formerly at Biggs Field, will be assigned duties here. Nine officers arrived from the Lubbock Army Air Base. They are Second Lieutenants John R. Shipley, Thomas A. Selman, Neal P. Ward, Oscar N. Tibbets, William J. Thomas, Jr., Marshall E. Ramon, Bernard G. Peck, Harold W. Hobbs, and Stanley A. Kuhl. From Foster Field, Victoria, came 16 other officers for assignment to duties at the bombardier college. They are Lieutenants Andrew L. Balogh, Arnold N. Brown, Clarence J. Deaton, Arthur C. Fanning, Bruce A. Frey, Jr., William J. Goeke, Floyd H. Haywood, Jr., John E. Lindahl, Jr., Thomas V. Sifers, Jr., Robert H. Tierman, James A. Todd, Jr., Joseph E. Warren, William H. Weeks, James F. Welch, Alfred P. Wheelock, and Robert M. Wixon. Second Lieut. Don J. Herbert has reported from Randolph Field.

War Bulletins

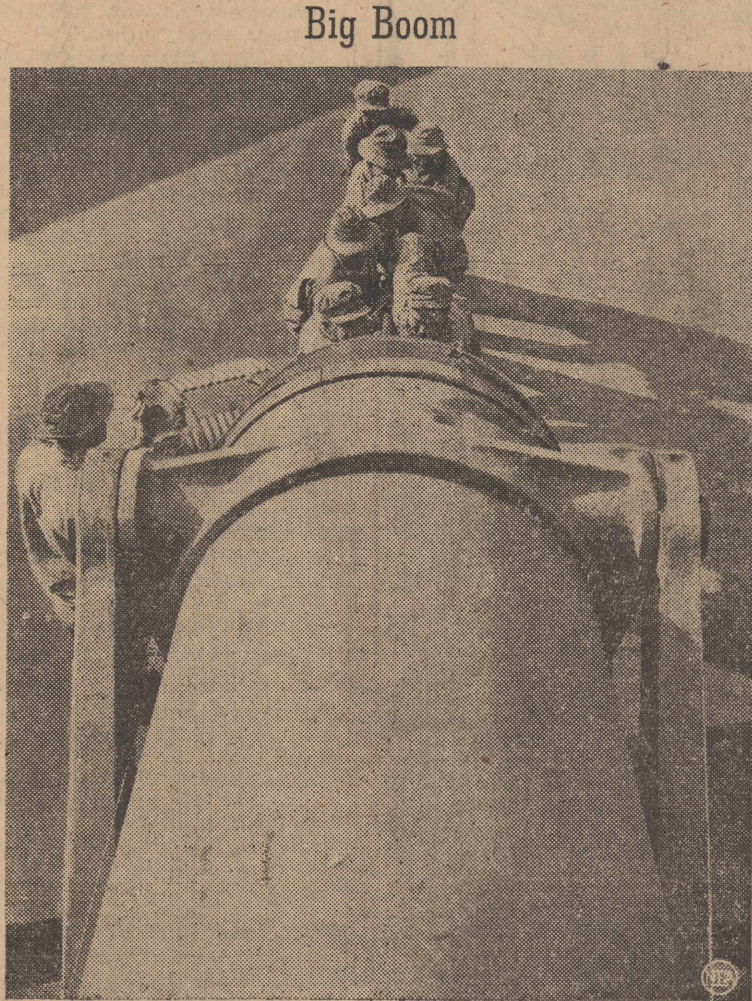
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA.—(AP)—Heavy fighting raged about the Japanese-held Buna Mission to the east of Buna Tuesday as Allied bombers smashed at new enemy invasion expeditions put ashore by a strong cruiser and destroyer force at two points farther up the New Guinea Coast.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Navy announced Tuesday American air forces in the South Pacific had poured more bombs on the Japanese air base at Munda on New Georgia Island.

MOSCOW.—(AP)—With dive - bombers, tanks and infantry attacks sprung out of a rolling fog, the Germans seized the offensive momentarily southwest of Stalingrad, but the Russians declared the attacks which cost the Nazis 1,600 men were checked after initial gains.

CAIRO.—(AP)—Britain's Eighth Army plunged westward Tuesday in its renewal of the race across the North African sands after moving through Marshal Rommel's El Agheila line against amazingly weak resistance.

LONDON.—(AP)—Allied air power, grown to such strength that bombers coursed over Tunis for four hours, was tipping the scales against the Axis Tuesday in the battle of North Africa as Marshal Rommel's Libyan army retreated from the Gulf of Sirte coast in Central Libya.



Big Boom

Skilled gun crew rams home the charge in a giant disappearing 12-inch gun at Fortress Monroe, Va. Such modern, long-range weapons help keep our coast safe. (Passed by censor.)

Jungle Fighters Capture Japs' Stronghold At Buna

By The Associated Press
American and Australian jungle fighters have captured the key Japanese stronghold at Buna village in New Guinea—the second enemy base to fall in five days—and Allied bombers have blasted new Japanese invasion forces put ashore at two points farther up the coast, an Allied communique announced Tuesday.

Frontline dispatches said U. S. infantry, supported by Australians, captured Buna Monday following a violent mortar attack.

The other main Japanese base at Buna, 12 miles northwest of Buna, was captured last week.

Allied Planes Hit Convoys
Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters said Allied planes inflicted heavy on enemy troops attempting to land from a convoy of two Japanese cruisers and three destroyers along the Papuan Coast 20 and 40 miles north of Buna. The communique, however, indicated that some of the enemy succeeded in landing and an Australian correspondent said this meant a new sector had been established.

United Nations fliers pounced on the enemy flotilla during landing operations Sunday night and drove the warships northward under fierce attack Monday.

"In heavy bombing and strafing attacks, the enemy's landing barges were sunk or disabled," Gen. MacArthur reported.

"Survivors attempted to reach Buna." (Continued on page 6)

Heavy Fire Loss Is Reported From Paris

PARIS.—(AP)—The Paris Transfer and Storage Co. building two blocks south of the Plaza was being swept by fire at noon Tuesday. The uptown section of the city was partly blacked out by smoke.

About 35 passenger automobiles were in the building, as well as three brand new trucks and about \$10,000 or \$12,000 worth of tires owned by the Northeast Texas Motor Lines.



Offensive Power Will Be Greater

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—American air, sea and land forces, according to all available indications, should have by late next summer the weapons to begin a series of powerful drives against the Axis.

The battles which will then ensue, particularly in the Pacific, probably will make most of the actions to date look like glorified skirmishes by comparison. This picture of war in the making comes from recent official disclosures on the production of giant planes, aircraft carriers and battleships and other formidable new weapons or improved types of old ones.

New Weapons
Here are the high spots of those disclosures:

BOMBING PLANES—Great new bombers are on the way and may soon begin to show up in small numbers on the world's fighting fronts. Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Chief of Army Air Forces, said in a speech Sunday that they would make the present Flying Fortress look just like small planes.

Judged by usual standards of secrecy, Arnold's revelation of the existence of these giants certainly was not made until they were actually in production. The Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corp. announced development of a "radical" new tank-carrying cargo plane which also can transport guns, am- (Continued on Page 5)

Chamber Of Commerce Names Committees To Plan Annual Banquet

Plans for the annual banquet of the Midland Chamber of Commerce were discussed by its directors at their meeting Monday evening and committees were named by Ralph M. Barron, president, to perfect arrangements.

John P. Butler is chairman of the committee to select the speaker and decide the date for the banquet. On his committee are E. H. Barron, O. C. Harper and P. J. Mims.

Paul McHargue heads the committee which will have charge of the ticket sale and menu. Others in this group are H. S. Collings, George Glass, Clint Lackey, Frank Cowden, Allen Watts, J. C. Smith and J. B. Hoskins.

Ulmer Will Be Toastmaster
M. C. Ulmer was named toastmaster and placed in charge of the program arrangement.

An audit committee composed of D. H. Griffith and John P. Butler, also was appointed.

J. N. Allison heads the nominating committee. Other members are J. W. House, R. L. Miller, Ed M. Whitaker and M. C. Ulmer.

Reports on aeronautics, highways, membership, finances and other Chamber of Commerce activities were received by the directors.

Inquiry Is Ordered In Ship Loss

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox said Tuesday that a Naval Board of Inquiry was making a "very thorough investigation," into the loss of the 21,936-ton former liner President Coolidge while it was operating as an army transport in the Solomon Islands area recently.

Knox was asked whether the vessel, since it apparently was operating close to shore, might have hit an American rather than an enemy mine.

"I have no information that it hit one of our mines," Knox said. There were 4,000 crewmen and United States Army troops on board when the vessel hit the mine, the Navy said, and all but four of them were saved.

Toy Matinee Set For Wednesday

Midland's annual "Toy Matinee" for children of 12 years of age and under will be held at the Yucca Theatre from 2 to 5 p. m. Wednesday under the sponsorship of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce and the theatre management.

One or more toys will admit youngsters free of charge to the theatre program, featured by the film, "Blonde For Victory."

The toys will be taken to the fire station where they will be reviewed by members of the fire department and Jaycees for distribution to unfortunate children of the community on Christmas eve—thus making glad the hearts of many kiddies who otherwise would have no Christmas toys this year.

Every child of Midland is invited to attend the matinee. Sponsors say hundreds of toys are needed and they hope to obtain them at the matinee Wednesday.

San Antonio Man 8 Times; Recovering

SAN ANTONIO.—(AP)—Hugh Bob Spener, 17, member of a prominent Menard county ranching family, has been released under \$2000 bond to await trial in January on a charge of assault to murder Charles L. Ferguson of San Antonio, his brother-in-law, Sheriff W. H. Bruns of Bandera reported Tuesday.

Ferguson, who was suffering from eight bullet wounds, is reported "very much improved" by hospital attendants.

According to police, the wounded man said he had been picked up in a car here, driven out the Bandera highway and there forced out of the car and shot.

DALLAS OIL MAN DIES

DALLAS.—(AP)—Dee Elbert Humphrey, 59, Dallas oil man and contractor who in later years erected a number of Dallas skyscrapers, died Monday.

WEATHER

WEST TEXAS: Mild temperature.

American Warplanes Lash Survivors Of Axis Africa Corps

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
Under lashing attack by 300 American and Allied warplanes, survivors of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Africa Corps were reported to have retreated more than 40 miles from the collapsed El Agheila front Tuesday, with the British 8th Army in rapid pursuit.

While the Axis fell back in Libya, Italy's high command announced that Allied planes Monday night again bombed the Italian city of Naples, a major port for supplying the German-Italian armies in North Africa. The communique said dozens of bombs were dropped but so far no civilian casualties were reported.

Two previous attacks on Naples were delivered by the big B-24 Liberator Bombers of the U. S. Air Forces in the Middle East.

An Italian communique reported heavy fighting on the Libyan front and asserted that the British 8th Army was being held back by Italian armored forces. The British said the Axis was offering "only slight opposition."

The Fascist war bulletin further noted heavy bombing attack on Tunis and Sousse, Axis-held ports in Tunisia, reporting more than 200 persons were killed and "hundreds" injured.

2 MAAFBS Men Receive Awards

In recognition of their meritorious service as members of the Army of the United States, two men received awards of merit at the formal retreat and review Monday afternoon at the Midland AAF Bombardier School.

They were Flight Officer Earl J. Deroche, who flies the AT-11's used for training purposes at the bombardier school, and Corporal Leonard M. Coyle of the 491st Bombardier Training Squadron. Brigadier General Isaiah Davies, commanding general of the Bombardier College, presented the awards.

Saved Co-pilot

Flight Officer Deroche was given the Air Medal Award. His citation reads "For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight. On June 11, 1942, at Midland, Texas, when the airplane he was piloting started performing erratically, Sergeant Deroche (then staff sergeant pilot) saw his co-pilot being pulled out of the window by a partially opened parachute. By prompt and efficient action he saved the co-pilot." (Continued on Page 2)

W. P. Thurmon Jr. Goes To Prison

W. P. Thurmon Jr. has departed for the state penitentiary to serve a two year sentence on a conviction on a murder indictment in connection with the highway deaths of two Pecos residents Dec. 21, 1940, it was learned here Tuesday.

Friends said he left last week to start his sentence. He was convicted by a Midland County district court jury May 30, 1941, and the Court of Criminal Appeals recently overruled his motion for a rehearing of the case.

The state charged Thurmon was intoxicated when his car collided with the automobile of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hays of Pecos on the highway west of here. Hays and his son, Elmo, were injured fatally. Mrs. Hays suffered serious injuries.

Clyde Allen Is Taken To Prison

Clyde Allen, negro, who pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to murder in connection with the wounding of two Midland policemen last May 17 was taken to the state penitentiary Tuesday to start serving his two year sentence. He was sentenced by Judge Cecil Collings November 28.

I. W. Watson, negro hotel operator, indicted on a similar charge recently was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison by an Ector County district court jury. He was granted a change of venue for his second trial by Judge Collings after the court granted the new trial.

Glenn Hudson and Joe Pierce, policemen were wounded by gunshot when a police car was fired upon in the negro section. The officers with Police Chief Lon Tyson and Sergeant Charles Adkins were answering a call.

British Headquarters Announced Rommel's tattered forces were still retreating westward, leaving only weak rearguards to combat the advancing 8th Army.

Perilous stretches of minefields, however, somewhat hindered the British in their pursuit through the narrow El Agheila Defile.

Plane Straf Germans

During the night, a British communique said, Allied planes kept up their strafing of the weary German troops.

One report said British vanguards had already passed the Marble Arch Airfield 40 miles west of El Agheila.

A broadcast from the German-controlled Vichy radio said Rommel was now expected to make a "strong stand" against the British about 125 miles west of El Agheila—or less than 300 miles from the big Axis base at Tripoli.

British Headquarters declared swarms of Allied fighter-bombers "operating on an unprecedented scale" were transforming the route of the latest Axis withdrawal into a trail of wreckage, trucks and fire-charged equipment.

One hundred American P-40 fighter planes, especially equipped to carry bombs, were flying wing to wing with Australian and British aircraft, and the British announced Axis plane were "totally ineffective in preventing these operations."

Tripoli, once the stronghold of Barbary pirates, is the last bastion (Continued on page 6)

Western Airlines Plane Is Missing

SALT LAKE CITY.—(AP)—An aerial transport carrying 19 persons was missing Tuesday after only a few minutes' flight from the Salt Lake City airport.

Searching planes took to the air in a widespread hunt that extended over much of Central Utah.

The Western Airlines two-engine plane left Salt Lake City at 1:05 a. m., Mountain War Time, enroute to Los Angeles, where it was due about four hours later.

Executive Vice President Leo Werlkotte, announcing that an aerial search was underway, said the missing transport failed to report by radio after leaving Salt Lake City.

The civil aeronautics authority station at Fairfield, Utah, reported the craft was overhead at 1:20 a. m., 15 minutes after leaving the municipal airport.

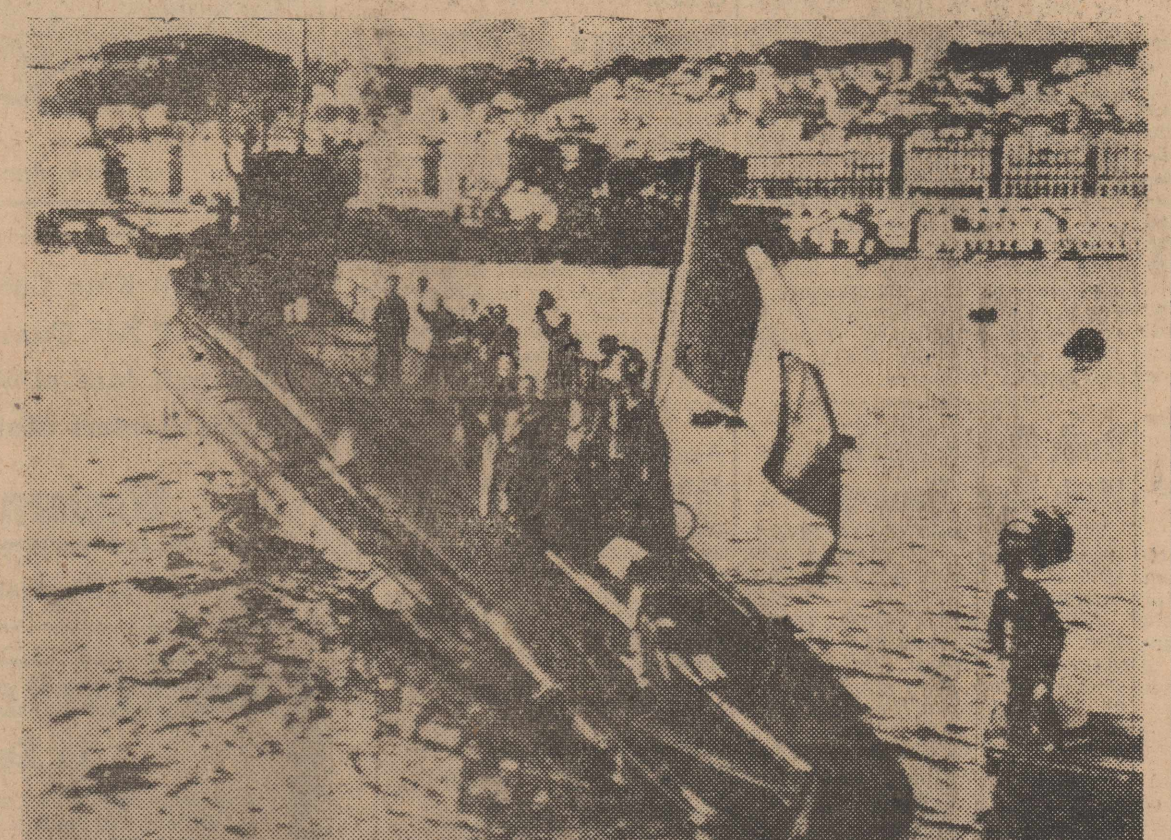
"Thereafter there was only silence. Fairfield is a village in Cedar Valley, 50 miles South of Salt Lake City.

German And Italian Clashes Frequent

LONDON.—(AP)—The Moscow radio broadcast Tuesday what was called an official announcement that clashes between German and Italian soldiers in Italy were becoming increasingly frequent.

It reported that in Milan a crowd of women threw stones at a group of German officers, who then opened fire on the women. It said Italian soldiers came to the aid of the women and administered a beating to the Germans.

Happy Landing for French Naval Craft



This photo, radioed from London to New York, is the first picture to reach the U. S. of any of the French naval craft which escaped from Toulon when most of the fleet was scuttled on November 27. This French sub, its free and fighting crew waving and tricolor flying, is shown arriving in Algiers. Four subs of a fleet of 19 escaped, 3 to Allied held ports in North Africa and one to internment at Barcelona. (NEA Radio-Telephoto.)

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And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.—Hosea 2:23.

This Man de Gaulle

Don't be surprised if Gen Charles de Gaulle is invited to show up in Washington one of these days, for the affairs of the organized Free or Fighting French versus the ex-Vichy French in North Africa are becoming so involved that only a direct showdown can resolve the differences.

From a "neutral" American point of view, it is possible to appreciate how General de Gaulle can have no love for Admiral Darlan, and in the same breath it is possible to justify the deal which Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made with Admiral Darlan in North Africa. That deal unquestionably made possible the speedy American occupation of North Africa and it saved thousands of American casualties.

But in trying to reconcile de Gaulle to this course of action, the Americans and the British have to negotiate with a most difficult personality. That is where much of the trouble comes in.

The Washington grapevine on de Gaulle is that he has become exceedingly hard to get along with. Even some of his most ardent followers say he now surrounds himself with pictures of Napoleon and has a complex. Furthermore, he has supposedly become terribly suspicious of everyone. Various people who have seen him at his Syrian headquarters have come away tremendously unimpressed.

—Buy More War Bonds and Defense Stamps—

Censorship Troubles

U. S. censorship is on the pan. It usually is, in a free country, but now congressmen are objecting to censorship and they are in a position to do something about it. Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota has suggested an investigation of all censorship practices.

Senator Frederick Van Nuys of Indiana, chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, has ordered an investigation of charges made by Ernest Gruening, governor of Alaska, that the Office of Censorship has been illegally censoring mail to and from Alaska.

Senator John A. Danaher of Portland, Conn., is responsible for having the Senate call back for reconsideration a bill which it had already passed, giving congressional authority to censoring of communications between the United States and its territories and possessions such as Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone.

Background of Governor Gruening's complaint against censorship reveals why he is sore. The governor of Alaska, as you know, is not an elected but a presidentially appointed official, operating under the Department of the Interior. Governor Gruening recently went to the Office of Censorship to ask that his mail be immune from censorship.

Byron Price, director of the Office of Censorship, figured that if immunity from censorship were granted to the governor of Alaska, it would have to be extended to other government officials of equal or higher rank. That meant there would have to be created a master "White List" of individuals whose communications from continental United States to points outside would be exempt.

Abell Pool Gets—

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of Ramacy in Peecos, is drilling past 6,994 feet in lime.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Ada C. Price, Ordovician wildcat in Southeast Central Peecos, is drilling shale below 8,000 feet.

In Southeastern Crane County, Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-A M. Dawson is shut down at 5,505 feet in Ellenburger dolomite. Exact status of the well is not revealed but it is understood to have shown both oil and water on drillstem test of the Simpson, middle Ordovician, and sulphur water in the Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, at about 5,350 feet. Some attempts may be made to develop production in the Simpson zone which carried oil.

Gulf No. 1 W. A. Estes, Western Crane deep wildcat three miles west of the north end of the Sand Hills Ordovician field, is drilling Permian lime at 4,950 feet.

Magnolia No. 4 Belle M. Tucker, direct northeast offset to the discovery producer of the Glenn Simpson pool in Southwestern Crane, is drilling at 6,876 feet in lime and chert. No. 1 Tucker tested dry in both the McKee and Waddell sand zones of the Simpson and is being carried to the Ellenburger.

In Upper Fullerton Pay

Texas Pacific Coal and Oil Company No. 1 E. M. Jackson et al. east-side test in the Fullerton deep Permian pool of Northwestern Andrews, is drilling upper pay at 6,800 feet. String of 5 1-2 inch casing was cemented at 6,762 feet with 850 sacks. Operator plans to stop at 6,300 feet and acidize. The upper pay, then will deepen to the middle and lower pays, acidizing each. The Fullerton pays total approximately 300 feet in thickness, with a 60-foot barren zone between the upper and middle pays and a 40-foot dry streak between the middle and lower.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 W. D. Blue estate, Eastern Winkler County deep wildcat, is drilling in lime below 7,940 feet.

Shell No. 1 D. N. Leaverton in

Two MAAFBS—

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was able to retain a firm grip on the injured copilot and yet make an emergency landing. The skill, courage, and sound judgment displayed on this occasion saved the life of the copilot and reflects great credit on Sergeant Deroche and the Army Air Forces.

Corporal Coyle was given the Silver Star Award for action in the closing phases of World War I. His citation reads: "For meritorious service under enemy fire. On September 29, 1918, in France, while attacking enemy communications trenches with the 107th Regiment, 27th Infantry, under heavy artillery fire, Corporal Coyle did not continue the attack after all the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of his company had been wounded or killed, successfully completed the mission and isolated an important enemy position. The courage, sound judgment and skill displayed on this occasion reflect great credit upon Corporal Coyle and the United States Army."

The formal retreat and review honored the hundreds of recruits who have completed their basic training at the bombardier college.

OLD TIMER'S TOP SCORER
COLLEGE PARK, Md.—(AP)—Jack Wright, husky junior fullback from Baltimore, led the University of Maryland football team in scoring for the season with 48 points. Quarterback Tommy Mott booted 16 extra points in 26 attempts after Maryland's 30 touchdowns.

EXTINGUISH FIRE
Firemen were called to the L. A. Rodenhiser farm, 6 miles west of Midland, Tuesday afternoon to extinguish a small blaze in the kitchen.

Northwestern Gaines County recovered 150 or 2.1 barrels or gas-cut drilling mud when a one-hour drillstem test was run from 7,657-98 feet and is preparing to core ahead.

"Blame The Americans—They Took Your Colonies!"



Skilled Men Have Completed Basic Military Training

Skilled mechanics and technicians who enlisted in the Army Air Forces during the recent recruiting campaign and have been taking their basic military training can anticipate assignment to duties requiring their special skills in the very near future, it was announced today by headquarters of the AAF Gulf Coast Training Center.

Technical procurement enlistees will begin technical training and will stand tests to determine their mechanical aptitudes in order that proper duty assignments commensurate with their skills may be made in the near future, the announcement stated.

Schools Set Up
On-the-job training at the Midland AAF Bombardier School and other AAF installations will be provided for a substantial percentage of the new men, it was said, and special training schools are now being set up at various fields.

The announcement means, it was pointed out, that skilled mechanics and technicians who have been enlisting during the recent military training, including such chores as KP and drill, can begin limbering up for a return to mechanical work, now that military requirements have been met.

More than 100,000 mechanics and technicians were enlisted by the Air Force during the recruiting drive, the Midland AAF Bombardier School accounting for more than 1,000 mechanically apt recruits.

Conservation Measures Discussed By Oil Men

Oil men interested in the North Basin pools Monday discussed a proposal whether operators in that area should ask the Railroad Commission to change the present per-well, per-day basis of allocation and production as a measure to conserve manpower and tires. Some thought this also would effect a saving of reservoir energy, notably gas.

E. Cottingham, chairman of the North Basin Pools Engineering Committee, and R. U. Fitting, secretary, presided at the session, held in the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer.

Forty-two company representatives and independents, two pipe line company representatives and one gasoline plant official attended. The Wasson, Slaughter and Seminole oil fields individually were considered. If a petition asking embodiment of the change later is presented to the commission, it will be brought to its attention by an operator or group of operators, rather than by the North Basin committee.

Ruth Circle Meets With Mrs. Lancaster

The Ruth Circle of the Presbyterian Church met Monday with Mrs. N. A. Lancaster, 1705 West Indiana.

After a brief business session Mrs. K. S. Ferguson gave the devotionals on "Christ Dealing With Human Needs—Humility." Mrs. J. Caldwell spoke on "Christmas 1942."

Mrs. Ralph Pickett was introduced as a new member. Others present included Mmes. J. M. Caldwell, C. W. Dodson, John W. Elliott, A. Fasten, W. E. Hankin, Butler Hurley, J. L. Kendrick, P. R. Patison, R. F. Peters, W. G. Whitehouse and the hostess.

Control of public education in Texas is vested primarily in local administrative units, consisting of approximately 998 independent and 5,581 common school districts.

Contributions To Goodfellows Lag

Contributions lagged Tuesday and the Goodfellows Fund to provide Christmas cheer for unfortunate families of the community was far from its goal, Cecil Waldrep, chairman, said.

The burden is lighter this year than ever before, but the need for amenable families on Christmas basket list is just as great and it is up to Midland citizens to provide Christmas groceries and other necessities for these deserving families.

Contributions to the Goodfellows Fund may be left at the Chamber of Commerce in Hotel Scharbauer. Person desiring to "adopt" families for the Yuletide season should select them from the list at the Chamber of Commerce. Sponsors hope to complete the job this week.

Miss Ruth Skadden Becomes Bride Of Lt. C. J. Deaton

Miss Ruth Skadden, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Skadden of Springfield, Ill., and Lt. Clarence J. Deaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Deaton of Wintergarden, Fla., were married Monday evening at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Vernon Yearby performed the twilight ceremony.

The bride wore a white satin wedding gown with a short train and fingertip veil. She carried a white Bible topped with a small corsage of roses.

Mrs. Floyd Haywood who was maid of honor, wore a light blue chiffon evening gown with a rosebud corsage.

Lt. Floyd Haywood was best man. The bride is a graduate of Renton High in Illinois. She is employed at Army Air Base at Springfield. The bridegroom is stationed at the Midland AAF Bombardier School. He was graduated from Wintergarden High in Florida.

Christmas Story Is Reviewed At Meeting

Mrs. Fred Turner reviewed the Christmas story when the Rachel Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met Monday with Mrs. Jack Wilkinson, 1311 West Missouri.

Mrs. D. M. Secor spoke on "Christ Dealing With Human Needs—Humility."

A social hour followed the program and refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. R. M. Jones, Secor, J. H. Roberts, William Osborn, Frank Stubbeman, Arthur Stout, Fred Turner, and Miss Laura Hitchcock and Mrs. Dewey, a guest.

Arrest Big Spring Man For Car Theft

Police Monday night arrested a Big Spring man in connection with an automobile theft in that city and also in connection with a horse theft at Clovis, N. M.

He is being held in jail while investigation of his record continue. The man had been working on a ranch near Midland. He was arrested when he came to a hospital here.

Tom Freeman Sets Pace For Yousters

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—(AP)—At 78, Tom Freeman is doing his war bit as a machinist at the California shipbuilding yards.

Large Crowd Enjoys Second Showing Of Civic Theatre Play

Some of the best characterizations seen in recent amateur productions shined over the footlights Monday night when Midland Civic Theatre presented the second performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" to a large crowd in the City-County Auditorium.

Elma Graves as Abby Brewster, one of the mercy-killing aunts, was superior. She made the most of her already funny lines with gestures, voice inflections, and especially her unique walk, which sent her rippling over the stage. Martha, the other old maid sister, was equally as good in her interpretation of a nutty, kindly, old lady who wished to put lonely old men to rest by giving them poisoned Elderberry wine.

Sergeant Paul Showers took the part of Jonathan, the gangster nephew, played by Corporal Leon Wagner Friday night. Corporal Wagner was ordered to another post Saturday. After only two rehearsals, Showers gave an outstanding performance of a very difficult role which was received enthusiastically by the audience.

Another outstanding character was Sergeant Arthur Cole, who played the part of Teddy Brewster, the nephew who believed himself to be Theodore Roosevelt.

Ralph Utley as Mortimer Brewster, the drama critic had many good lines which he displayed with excellent technique and Dr. Einstein, played by Walter Wilkinson, turned in a commendable performance.

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New York Takes First Place In Graduation List

Texas has finally been toppled as the prime source of "the most dangerous men in the world," Uncle Sam's bombardiers, but it took New York to do it.

For class after class since this world's greatest bombardier training area began operations, each roster has borne more than a slight resemblance to a Texas state directory.

But with the new class in which graduates simultaneously Thursday from the bombardier schools at Midland, Big Springs and San Angelo, the Empire State shoves the Lone Star State right out of the "greenhouse," as the bombardiers call their aerial "offices."

New York State will contribute 77 Axis bombardiers to the record-breaking class, which marks the debut of Big Springs and San Angelo, Midland is sending its 12th and largest class toward combat duty. Texas is second on the list of home states with 53 graduates receiving bombardier wings and second lieutenant commissions.

Forty-two states are represented in the record-breaking class which is the largest group of bombardiers to finish training at the same time in military history.

Mrs. Payne Tells Of Christmas Legends Of Other Countries

The Episcopal Auxiliary of Trinity Church met Monday with Mrs. Erle Kinsey and made plans for a food sale Tuesday morning, December 22. Donations for a Christmas basket were collected.

Mrs. Erle Payne read a paper on Christmas legends of other countries. Mrs. J. N. Allison read the benediction.

Members present included Mmes. Allison, B. K. Buffington, James Brown, Chappell Davis, C. L. Griffin, W. R. Hamilton, W. D. Henderson, F. E. Lewis, E. M. Miller, Payne, Eugene Russell, John Shipley, R. C. Tucker, C. D. Vertrees, W. A. Yeager and the hostess.

Mrs. Sol Bunnell Leads Devotional

Mrs. Sol Bunnell led the devotionals on "Christ Dealing With Human Needs—Humility," at the meeting of the Rebecca Circle of the First Presbyterian Church Monday with Mrs. C. W. Leebur, 1408 West College.

Mrs. H. K. McKinnon was elected vice-chairman of the circle and Mrs. J. R. McCray was elected secretary.

Mrs. A. P. Shirey discussed "Christmas 1942."

In attendance were Mmes. H. E. Berg, Bunnell, Leebur, H. K. McKinnon, Shirey, J. P. Titus, W. B. Park, J. R. McCray, Charles L. Beller, J. A. Porter, Hubert Hopper and Pickett.

Red Cross Workroom To Observe Holidays

The Red Cross workroom in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be closed from Dec. 18 to Jan. 4. Anyone wishing to work on the knitted garments during the holidays, should check out wool before workroom closes at noon Friday.

Workers who have been helping in the sewing room are urged to go to the surgical dressings room on the third floor of the courthouse to aid.

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Sergeant Showers Scores Hit In Show

The knowledge of astrology and magic which Sergeant Paul C. Showers, of the Midland AAF Bombardier School's public relations office, acquired in writing his recently published book on these subjects must have come in handy Monday night at the Civic Theatre.

With only a few hours notice, the sergeant stepped into the difficult Boris Karloff role in "Arsenic and Old Lace" and came through with a brilliant performance.

Sergeant Showers was rushed into the breach left when Corp. Leon Wagner, who had rehearsed the role of the maddest of the mad Brooklyn Brewsters, was suddenly transferred to another Air Forces station.

The former New York Herald-Tribune copy editor mastered the role so quickly that at his first rehearsal he had to be prompted only once. Monday evening he breezed through the role without an error and in such stellar fashion that the audience gave him a rousing ovation.

The performance was regarded of such outstanding quality that the Special Service Office of the world's largest bombardier college has invited the cast, which includes several soldiers, to stage two performances at the new Service Club early in January.

Russell P. Howard Honored With Party On Fourth Birthday

Honoring her son, Russell Parnell Howard on his fourth birthday, Mrs. Russell Howard entertained with a birthday party Monday at her home, 1910 West Wall.

Favors were distributed and a Christmas tree program was held. Refreshments were served to the honoree, and Marilyn and Patricia Ann Anderson, Sandra and Beverly Kay Burkett, Ann Simmons, David Stubbeman, Betty Sue and Carolyn Crump, Gene and Jerry Geisler, James Barron, Roger Caddell, Herman J. Hubbard, Sherry and Sidna Phillips.

Mrs. E. Jones Is Hostess To Circle

The Annie Barron Circle of the First Baptist Church was hostess to the Lockett Circle Monday at the home of Mrs. E. Jones, 506 North Marienfeld. A missionary program was presented.

Mrs. A. W. Wyatt was the leader in a series of discussions on "What Can We Do?" Others taking part were Mrs. Bob Preston, Mrs. M. D. Cox, Mrs. Leon Amett, and Mrs. R. Chanslor.

Members attending included Mmes. V. G. Wren, Barbara Wall, Edna Mahoney, Fred Wycoff, James C. Sutton, Chanslor, Wyatt, Amett, Preston, Cox, Charles Ward, W. H. Spaulding, T. A. Cole, Howard, J. C. Hudman and the hostess.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Earl Chapman Reviews 'Big Spring' Christmas Tea

Mrs. Earl Chapman reviewed the "Big Spring" Christmas tea Monday at the Christmas tea members of the Belle Bennett of the First Methodist church at the home of Mrs. J. C. Es, 312 North Baird.

Mrs. W. A. Black led the devotional.

The tea table which was laid in a lace cloth was centered with bouquet of poinsettias and red daisies.

Mrs. Otis Ligon ladeled punch presented each guest with a corsage. The group presented Ligon with a gift of appreciation.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Black, J. A. Andrews, A. D. ney, J. P. Carson, Sr., Roy McE, Earl Chapman, Lawrence uchamp, J. L. Tidwell, J. B. nig, Ligon, C. H. Shepard, R. P. pson, Velma Stewart, Mary Lou egrass, R. L. Gray, J. W. rne, the hostess, and Mrs. J. P. son, Jr., a guest.

WAAC Officer Enrolls First Full Platoon



Lieutenant Rose L. Smothers, Women's Army Auxiliary Corps recruiting officer at the Lubbock Army Recruiting Station, believes in enrolling women in groups instead of singly.

Lieutenant Smothers enrolled fifty (50) women in the Panhandle Rangerette Platoon and has now started on a second platoon from the South Plains area. The Rangerette Platoon is the first full platoon to be enrolled in the United States.

Until her entry into the service last July, Lieutenant Smothers was a commercial teacher in the Drumright, Oklahoma, High School. She has a degree from Central State College in Edmond, Oklahoma, and also has studied at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. She received her commission in the WAAC last September.

Lieutenant Smothers, together with Lieutenant Virginia F. Williams, has been stationed at the West Texas Recruiting Induction Headquarters in Lubbock since October 5.

Coming Events

- WEDNESDAY**
 Astime Club will meet at 1:30 at home of Mrs. David Stamper, West New York.
- ed Cross Surgical Dressings m on the third floor of the court- se will be open from 9 until 12 ock and from 1 until 4 o'clock.
- ed Cross workroom in the Old delberg Inn will be open from ntil 12 o'clock.
- Miss Jean Bain's Canteen Class meet from 9:15 to 11:15 p.m. in assembly room of the courthouse.
- Witch In Time Club will meet 3:30 at the home of Mrs. Hous- Sikas.
- Modern Study Club will meet at m. with Mrs. John Casselman, 602 th Big Spring. Mrs. J. Howard dge will be speaker.
- Women's Wednesday Club will et at 3 o'clock with Mrs. An- w Fasken, 1511 West Missouri.
- Mrs. Ralph Geisler and Mrs. Her- 1 Anderson will be hostesses at Soldiers Service Club.
- Bluebonnet Club will meet at 3 m. with Mrs. Brooks Pemberton her home on Country Club Drive.
- Home Arts Club will meet at 3:30 m. at the home of Mrs. C. M. nagan, 1508 West Missouri, for Christmas party.
- THURSDAY**
 ed Cross workroom in the Old delberg Inn will be open from 9 il 12 o'clock.
- ed Cross Surgical Dressings m on the third floor of the ouse will be open from 9 until o'clock and from 1 until 4 o- ck.
- Midland County Museum will be m from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.
- Mrs. Charles Edwards and Mrs. o Tesch will be hostesses at diers Service Club.
- ucky Thirteen Club will have a ristmas banquet at 7:30 p. m. the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill nner, 1023 West College.
- FRIDAY**
 ed Cross Surgical Dressings room the third floor of the courthouse l be open from 9 until 12 o'clock l from 1 until 4 o'clock.
- The regular ladies luncheon will held at the Country Club at 1 ock for members.
- ed Cross workroom in the Heidel- g Inn will be open from 9 until o'clock.
- Miss Jean Bain's Canteen Class meet from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. the assembly room of the court- ise.
- Henn Walker Royal Ambassadors the First Baptist Church will et at 4 p.m. at the church.
- Mrs. Percy Mims and Mrs. J. O.

Mrs. V. G. Stolte Is Presented With Gift At Session

Mrs. V. G. Stolte, chairman of the Laura Haygood Circle of the First Methodist Church, was presented with a gift at the meeting of the circle Monday at the home of Mrs. W. Carl Clement, 301 North Baird.

Mrs. S. H. Hudkins led the devotional and Mrs. B. F. Haag told the Christmas story.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the home, and the party plate carried out the holiday motif.

Mrs. W. F. Bailey, Mrs. George Glass, and Mrs. J. B. Zant were guests.

Members attending included Mmes. Mollie McCormick, Bill Wyche, H. M. Reigle, Hudkins, George Bradbury, George Vanna- man, Mary S. Ray, B. F. Haag, S. M. Vaughan, Phil Scharbauer, O. L. Crooks, Stolte and the hostess.

Joe Mims Speaks At Christmas Program

Joe Mims was the principal speaker at the Christmas program held at the I. O. O. F. Hall Monday night for Rebekah and Odd Fellows.

Mrs. Ruth Burnam sang two numbers, and was accompanied by Mrs. Joe Mims. Christmas carols were sung, after which refresh- ments were served to about 25 persons.

Soldiers Service Club Wednesday

Leathercraft Class meets at the club at 7:30 p. m.

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. follow- ed with a twilight sing-song.

Mrs. D. B. Snider Is Hostess To Circle

The Rhijnhart Circle of the First Christian Church met Monday with Mrs. D. B. Snider, 204 South A. for program and business session.

Mrs. L. B. Pemberton was in charge, and Mrs. J. E. Pickering taught the lesson from Hebrews.

A social hour followed.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. S. E. Mickey, G. G. Butler, Glenn Brunson, D. L. Horier, Ella Ragsdale, George Ratliff, R. L. York, J. R. Jones, Frank Ingham, B. W. Stevens, W. S. Elkin, Pem- erton, Pickering, and the hostess.

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa:
 I am a little boy ten years old. Santa, I have tried to be a good boy, and here is what I want for Christmas. I want a Daisy Defen- der air rifle and six packages of BB's. Don't forget our boys in the armed forces, and all the little children and also Blitzen, my dog. With love,
 Billy Terry Seales

North Ward Students Will Have Christmas Program At School

Students of the North Ward School will present a program of Christmas carols Thursday and Friday in the auditorium of their building.

The first and second grades will sing at 1 p. m. and the third and fourth grades at 1:15 p. m.

The carols include: "Joy To the World," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "There's a Song in the Air," "The First Noel," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Away in a Manger," "We Three Kings," "Silent Night," "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

Mrs. Ernest Neill Is Hostess To Circle

Mrs. Ernest Neill was hostess to the Lottie Moon Circle of the First Baptist Church Monday at her home, 1603 West Kentucky.

Mrs. Tom Carr had charge of the program on "These Things Do." She discussed "Thinking and Doing," and "The Value of the Individual." Mrs. Ernest Neill spoke on "God's Will."

"God's Will for Others" was discussed by Mrs. J. P. McEldowney. Those present included Mmes. Tom Carr, McEldowney, B. M. Hays, E. W. Cowden, F. C. Dough- erty, I. O. Sturkie and the hostess.

Circle Has Royal Service Program

The Rebecca Circle of the First Baptist Church met Monday at the home of Mrs. W. H. Hall, 511 South Main, for a Royal Service program, with Mrs. A. B. Clements as leader.

Mrs. Troy Eiland gave the devo- tional. Others participating in program included Mrs. O. R. Phil- lips, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. R. O. Walker. Mrs. Walker dismissed the group with prayer.

Others attending included Mmes. John Godwin, Deane Rogers, and J. H. Williamson.

More Army Trucks Go Through City

Another convoy of Army trucks passed through Midland Monday night, headed west.

JERRY PHILLIPS' STEP-FATHER DIES
 Jerry Phillips received word Monday of the death of his step-father in Self, Texas, and immediately departed for Self to attend funeral services.

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Mrs. R. O. Ritchey Is In Charge Of Christmas Program

With Mrs. R. O. Ritchey in charge, the Winnie Prothro Circle of the First Methodist Church met Monday with Mrs. J. C. Ratliff, Jr., 2005 West Missouri, for a Christ- mas party.

The group sang Christmas carols and Mrs. S. P. Hazlip gave the devo- tional, "The Light Is Shining Into Darkness." Mrs. Ratliff sang "White Christmas."

"Mary, Mother of Jesus," a Christmas story, was told by Mrs. Paul Nelson. Mrs. J. M. Flanigan read the poem, "Christmas 1942."

Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, Mrs. J. M. Prothro, and Mrs. Bob Baker were presented with gifts of ap- preciation.

Refreshments were served to Mms. Hodge, Prothro, M. E. Brook-

stra, Allen Flaherty, D. E. Hoover, D. A. Pass, S. P. Hazlip, C. C. Thompson, Flanigan, J. M. Speed, Jr. Merle Fulton, A. J. Bedford, Ross Carr, Baker Lester Short, S. B. Roach, R. O. Ritchey, P. A. Nel- son and the hostess.

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- He sank the ships that carried your coffee—*or did he?*
 - except* wondering why he doesn't shut up his store and take a good job elsewhere that will pay him more money and let him sleep at night.
- He took the cans away from the canners, the labor away from the farmers, the tires away from the draymen—*or did he?*
 - Even so—your grocer isn't crying for sympathy.
- And he hasn't a worry in the world—*except*
 - except* trying to satisfy you with a smaller variety of foods than you're used to
 - except* trying to serve you with less help, less goods, less gasoline
- He knows you have your own problems, too. But he *is* saying, if you will cooperate with him he can make life easier for you.
 - For instance—well, let Mrs. Smith give you a few tips:

A LITTLE HEADWORK SAVES A LOT OF FOOTWORK... says Mrs. John Smith, housewife

MRS. S. I used to enjoy shopping. But not any more! The gas and time it takes—the shoe leather—and the trouble to get what you want.

MRS. JONES. And aren't those Saturday crowds terrible!

MRS. S. Maybe we ought to try this Del Monte "Buy-for-a-Week" plan they're talking about here.

MRS. J. How does anybody know what she wants, that far ahead?

MRS. S. Take a look at this Del Monte Wartime Meal Planner. There's the government nutrition chart—here's a whole list of everyday foods to choose from. And here's a practical form for working out a whole week's menus.

MRS. J. I get it! And then you buy as much of what you need for a week as you can all at once. One trip to the store does most of the work.

MRS. S. That makes good sense during times like these.

GROCER. Good sense, all right! But it's more than that. The way things are going, this Del Monte "Buy-for-a-Week" plan is a life-saver for me. Helps me give a lot better service. I wish more women would try it.

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Today, you can't choose as freely as you have in the past. Many of these foods are going to the army and navy.

But we feel that Del Monte advertising can be of even greater service today—to you, to your grocer, to the whole country.

To win the war we must all work together. We must understand each other's problems. We must all cooperate intelligently.

Most grocers are doing their level best to serve you well under very difficult conditions. They are the same men who, after this war is over, will again want to give you the widest possible selection of Del Monte's many quality foods. Help them—and you help yourself.

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- Shop Early** Week-end shopping never was any picnic. And it's worse today. Your grocer is faced with a real shortage of labor—many of his clerks are new. When you shop early in the week and during the less busy hours, you have a chance to make a better selection, you get waited on quicker, and you aren't bothered by the crowds.
- Buy for a Week** That way, you make one trip do the work of several. And when you shop, buy as many of the foods you need for a week as you can in one grocery order. Not just canned foods but other groceries, too! Saves you time, tires and gas. Saves your grocer work, or extra deliveries. A help—from everybody's angle.
- Switch and Swap** It is up to all of us to take the foods our grocer has. That's why Del Monte's wide variety is so important. If he's out of Del Monte Peaches, he may have Del Monte Pears, Pineapple or some other Del Monte Fruit. If he hasn't Del Monte Corn, he may have Del Monte Peas, Asparagus or some other Del Monte Vegetable. No question about quality, either.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority

This is the second of a series of hands given to me by Harry J. Fishbein, who is associated with the Mayfair Bridge Club in New York. I think they are six of the outstanding rubber bridge hands of the year. Today's hand is worthy of being selected as a World Bridge Olympic hand.

Of course East's bid of one heart was a psychic, and was shown up when North doubled two hearts and South bid three hearts. The

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Q1098					
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J852	N	763			
AK5	W	4			
A1085	E	KQJ6			
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KJ	Dealer	6532			
94					
J7632					
74					
K974					
Rubber—N. and S. vul.					
South	West	North	East		
Pass	1♦	Double	1♥		
Double	2♥	Double	3♦		
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass		
Opening—♣ J.			15		

opening lead of the jack of clubs was pretty clearly marked as a singleton. Declarer could not lead a trump, as West would win, underlead his diamond ace and then get a club ruff, defeating the contract. So the declarer hoped to find West with the jack of spades. If you knew West had the jack of spades, would you take the finesse? If you did, you would lose the contract.

Declarer made the hand by cashing the ace and king of spades, leading the queen of spades, and discarding a diamond from his own hand—and now of course East knew that his partner held the jack of spades. So when the ten was led, East did not bother to ruff, and now declarer made the nice play of throwing away his other diamond. Then there was no way to defeat the contract.

East could have upset the appeal if he had been tricky enough to trump the ten of spades, but it is difficult to believe that the correct play is to trump a trick that your partner can win.

"Torpedoes Don't Mean A Thing Now"

NEW YORK (AP)—Screen actress Madeleine Carroll, who has been devoting much of her time to aiding the U. S. Merchant Marine, devoted a couple of very important seconds to one sailor Monday.

She kissed Walter Root, 22-year-old Kansas City seaman, when he became the ten thousandth graduate of the U. S. Maritime Service training station at Sheepshead Bay, N. Y.

Said Root: "Torpedoes don't mean a thing now."

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Seaman Receives Message Saying He "Missing In Action"

KINGSTON, N. Y. (AP)—The Telegram arrived while he was home on furlough and his father, to whom it was addressed, asked him to open it.

Seaman Anthony J. Grieco, 20, of the U. S. Navy, complied—and read that he was reported "missing in action."

Grieco participated in the African campaign on a transport which subsequently was sunk. The ship's records were lost. He thinks this probably accounts for the mistaken report.

Employees of Class I railroads in the United States number about 1,400,000.

Dr. Cox Re-Elected To State Health Office

AUSTIN (AP)—Dr. George W. Cox will begin his fourth two-year term as State Health Officer Jan. 1. He was re-elected by unanimous action of the State Board of Health in quarterly meeting here Monday.

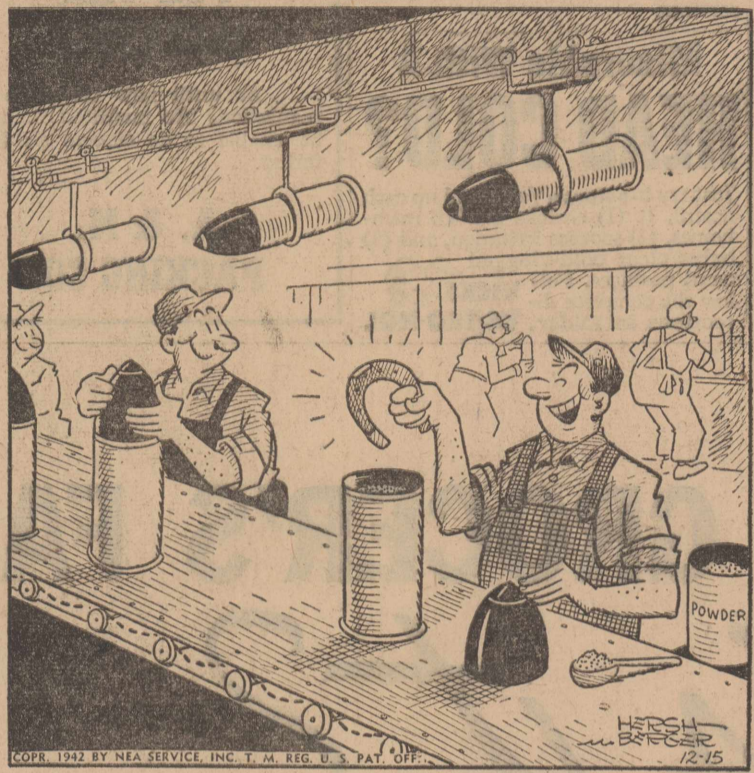
Dr. Cox owns an all-time record for continuity of service as State Health officer by virtue of his reelection.

Legionnaires Will Meet Here Tuesday

Members of the Wood W. Lynch Post of the American Legion will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday on the third floor of the courthouse for a business session. The legion's Christmas activities, including delivery of Christmas baskets, will be discussed.

All members are urged to attend and to be on time.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"I'm putting a horseshoe in this one for luck!"

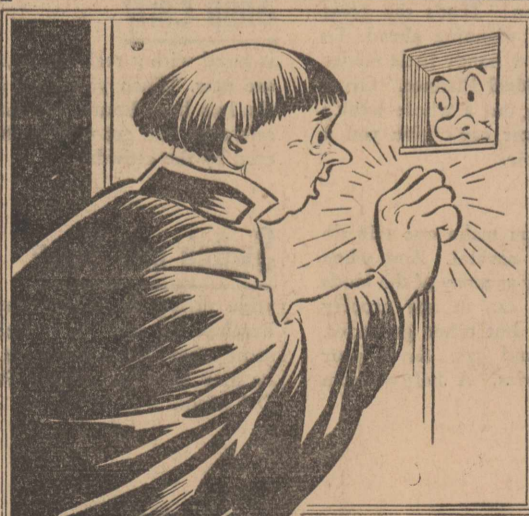
SIDE GLANCES



"I've been asking you for an air rifle for two years—now I suppose you're going to tell me you don't make them any more because of the war!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



IN EUROPE, THE DRINKING OF COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE ONCE WAS CONSIDERED WICKED, AND SPEAKERS SPRANG UP WHERE PEOPLE WENT TO DRINK CHOCOLATE DRINKING WAS CONSIDERED THE MOST VICIOUS, AND STRINGENT LAWS WERE PASSED PROHIBITING IT.

KATZ KOPPER

lots of geysers here. 13 each in 1783, one-fifth of the population of this island was killed when the volcano Mt. Parí overflowed.

More next week, Private Elmer

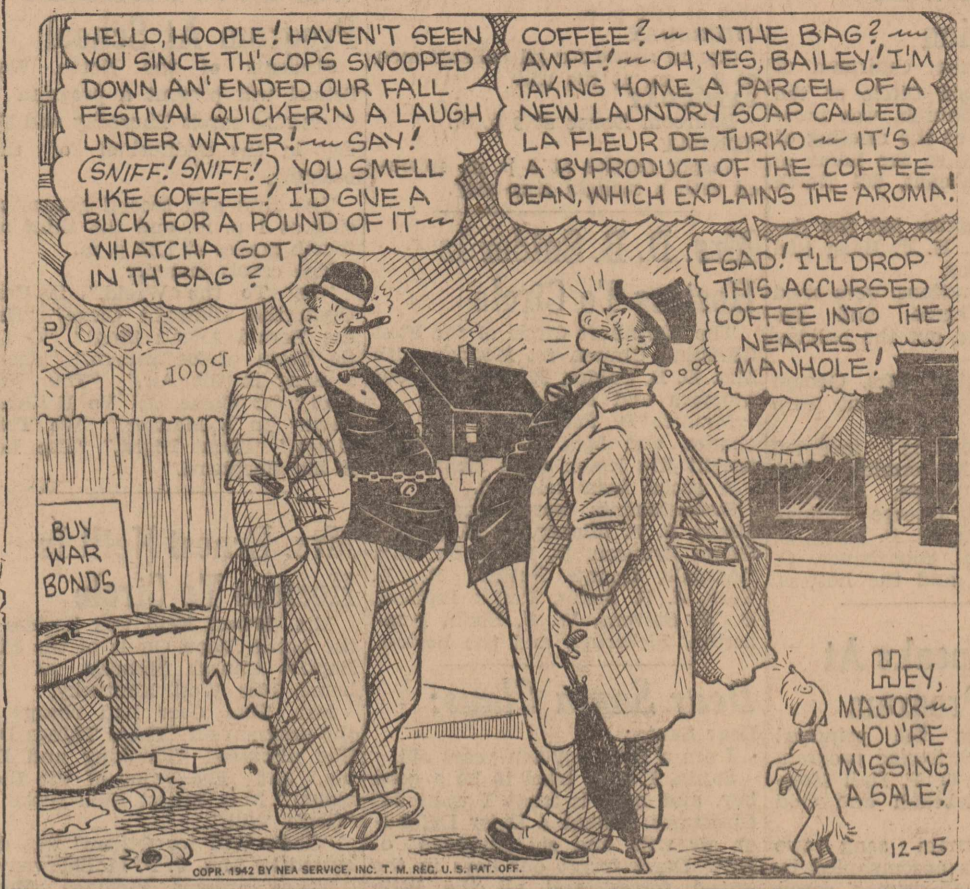
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ANSWER: Iceland.

NEXT: High and low in precipitation.

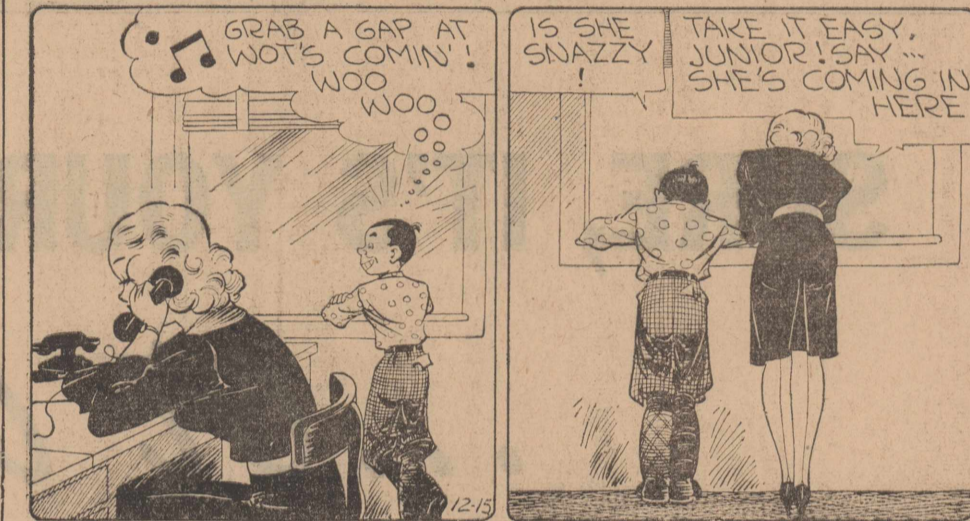
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BY J. R. WILLIAMS



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

BY EDGAR MARTIN



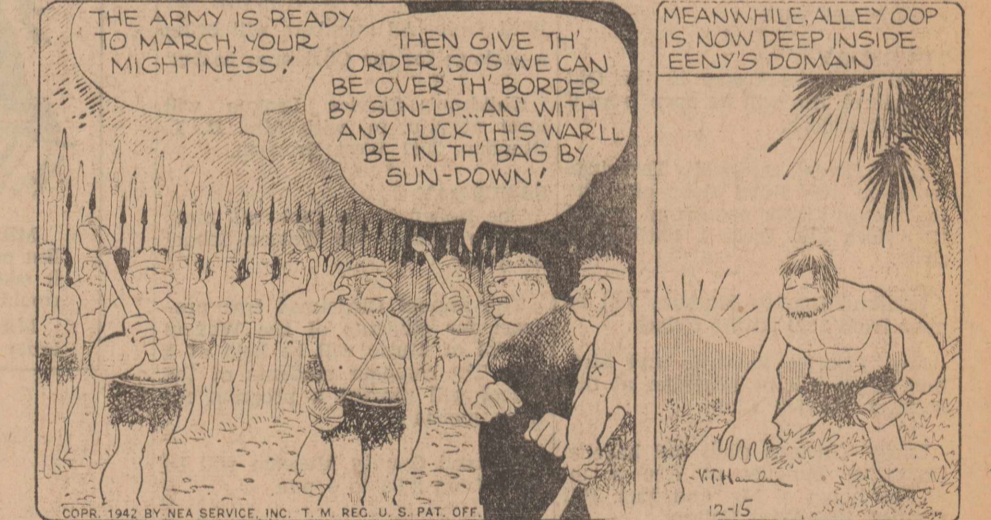
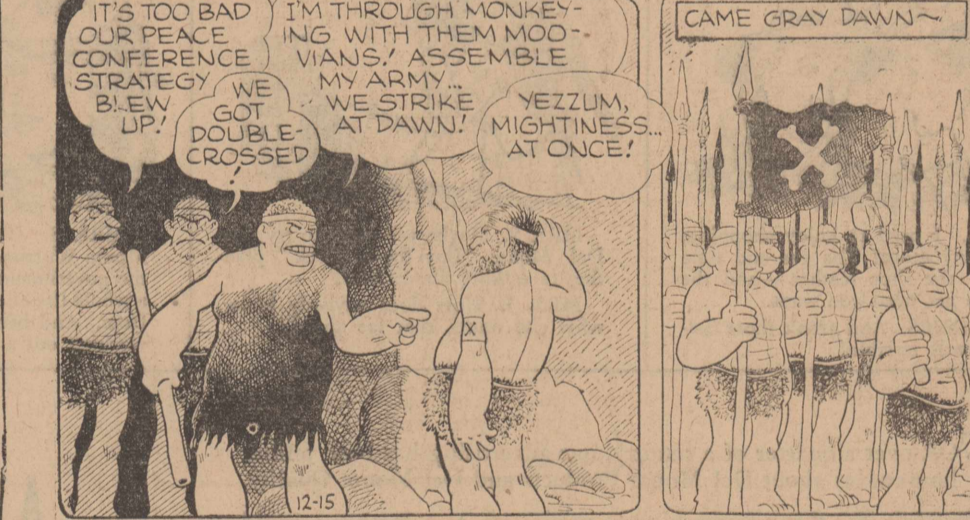
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BY ROY CRANE



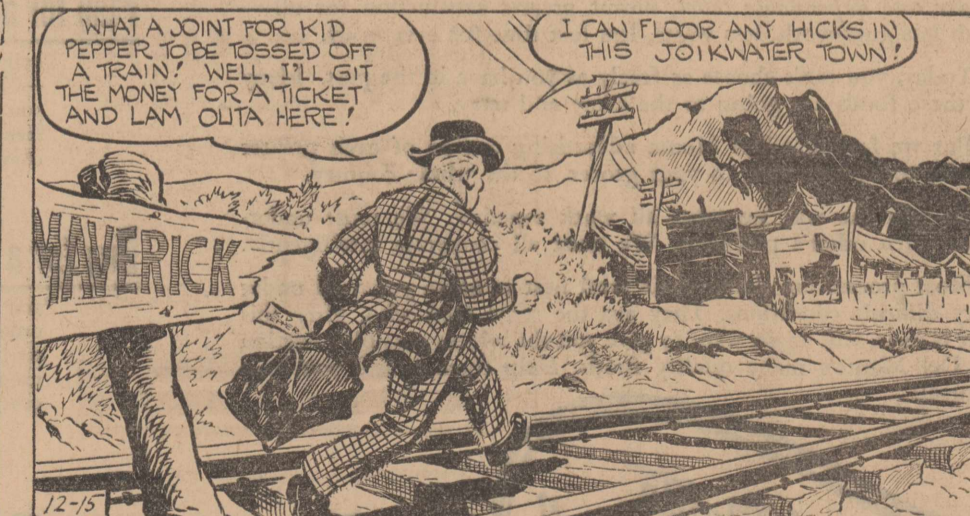
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BY V. T. HAMLIN



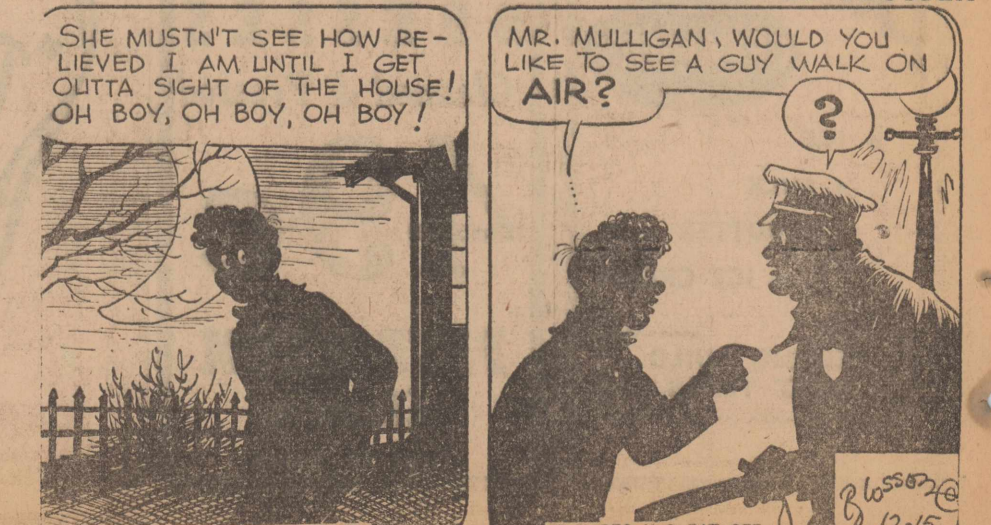
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 TEACHER wants ride to Austin; leaving sometime over weekend. Phone 171 or 207. (240-4)

Lost and Found 7
 STRAYED from Atlantic Tank Farm, blue-roan heifer calf. Phone 1499-W-1. (239-3)
 LOST: Bill fold, containing birth certificate, social security card. Daniel Dans, Haley Hotel. (241-1)
 LOST: Pocket book containing money and papers; reward. Return to Reporter-Telegram. (241-3)

Help Wanted 9
 2 EXPERIENCED waitresses wanted; apply Crawford Coffee Shop. (238-3)
 DAIRY hand wanted. Call 1677 or see L. W. Hines. (239-3)
 BOY for kennel work. Apply Midland Small Animal Hospital. (240-3)

Situations Wanted 10
 WORK wanted, practical nurse, also plain and fancy cooking. Phone 154. (241-1)

RENTALS
Room and Board 11
 BEDROOMS with breakfast and night meal only; weekly rates; Taylor Lodge, Phone 278. (221-12)
Bedrooms 12
 NICE large comfortable bedroom; close in; gentlemen preferred. 110 S. Pecos. Phone 1310. (240-3)
 LARGE bedroom, twin beds, private one-half bath. Call 1580-W. (240-1)

Furnished Apartments 14
 3-ROOM furnished apt., apply 202 S. Big Spring. (238-3)
Unfurnished Apartments 15
 FOUR room (two bedrooms) modern and new upstairs, with garage; good neighborhood; \$40.00 mo. 1001 1/2 North D. Mims & Crane, 205 W. Wall, Phone 24. (236-1f)
 FOUR-room (two bedrooms) unfurnished apt., modern and new, with garage; good neighborhood; \$45.00 mo. 1001 North D. Mims & Crane, 205 W. Wall, Phone 24. (236-1f)

Houses 16
 BRICK house, three rooms and bath; garage. 1001 W. College. (239-3)
 5-ROOM unfurnished house, excellent condition. Phone 68. (240-1)
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Farms for Rent 19
 FOR RENT: 640 acre farm, close in, one set improvements; want someone with equipment to handle. Motor Finance Co., Phone 20. (239-2)
Household Goods 22
 DESK type electric sewing machine, good condition. 602 Cuthbert. (239-3)
 1939 Hotpoint electric stove, calrod burners, excellent condition; original price \$189.00; cash \$100.00. C. C. Dilworth, Phillips Cowden Camp, Goldsmith, Texas. (239-3)

Miscellaneous 23
 75 GAL. Dixie water heater, mantle, commercial 12 cubic foot refrigerator, 3-gal. coffee urn, piano. 2097-J. 1308 W. Kentucky. (236-6)
 1940 Model Ford radiator, does not leak; also one wicker baby buggy. Call 1508. (239-3)

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 FOR SALE: Large chicken battery; typewriter; Trididale; 1,000 ever-bearing strawberry plants. Call 1496-W-3.
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 FOR SALE: One ladies and one man's bicycle, practically new. Phone 227. (241-3)
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 FOR SALE: Almost new saddle. 310 S. Pecos. (241-3)

Livestock and Poultry 34
 GRADE "A" Dairy for sale. See L. W. Hines, Phone 1677. (239-3)
Pets 35
 FULL blooded Irish Setter pups for sale. 1910 W. College. Phone 1032-J. (239-6)

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Used Cars 54
 WE will pay cash for late model used cars.
ELDER CHEVROLET CO (196-1f)

HOUSE FOR SALE 61
 510 WEST LA.
 Pretty 8 room brick home, Venetian blinds, fire place, double garage, servants quarters. Corner lot, paved street, 5 blocks North of High School. Immediate possession. Appointment only.
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 Dandy 4-room house, two lots. Now vacant, immediate possession. This house would be ideal to move on to your farm. Priced to sell.
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Acres for Sale 66
SMALL TRACTS
 On paved Cloverdale and Sterling City highways. Only few tracts left. Small down payment, balance \$10.00 mo. Owner
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Real Estate Wanted 67
HOMES WANTED FOR SALE
 If you want to sell your home list it with me. Many homes sold the past 90 days.
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HARRY TOLBERT
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Hold Everything



"I hope you didn't forget to turn off the gas!"

Offensive

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 munition, supplies and troops to distant fronts.
Aircraft Carriers—Since last July three regular carriers and three carriers converted from cruisers which were still on the ways have been launched. Formerly it took a year from launching date to put a carrier in commission but this has probably been cut under the Navy speedup by two to four months.
 Thus new carriers should begin to join the fleet early in 1943 and thereafter go into service in ever-increasing numbers. By fall the carrier force—at present seriously depleted—should be considerably more powerful than any opposing force Japan can bring against us. From its decks will operate vastly improved types and torpedo bombers and fighter planes.

Battleships—The new 35,000-ton Washington, North Carolina, South Dakota and Massachusetts are already in service. The Indiana and Alabama, of the same tonnage, were launched in November 1941 and February 1942 respectively. The 45,000-ton Iowa hit the water last August and the New Jersey, of the same class, only this month. James V. Forrestal, Navy Undersecretary, gave a clue to the speed with which these huge battle-wagons are being put into service by declaring that that ship would be commissioned within five months.

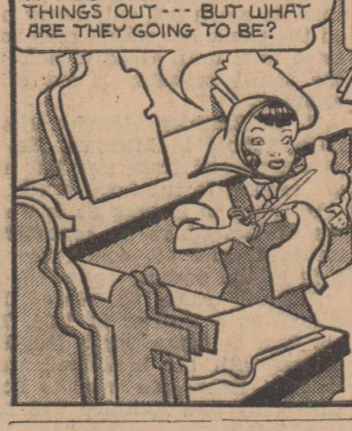
Other Naval Craft—Battleships and carriers do not operate with supporting squadrons of cruisers and destroyers and Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of The United States Fleet, is authority for the statement that 1943 will see the fleet swelled by numbers of these vessels. Many destroyers and submarines were commissioned this year, King said in a recent speech, but "carriers and cruisers in particular will not start coming into service until next year."
Big Guns—Little has been revealed about the development or improvement of guns although that obviously must be one of the main concerns of all munitions research, and design. General Arnold said in his Sunday speech, in which he cryptically referred to secret new weapons of aerial warfare, that one new piece of airplane armament would make the present powerful .50 caliber machine gun look like a pea shooter.

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Santa's Victory Christmas



IT'S LOTS OF FUN CUTTING THINGS OUT... BUT WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO BE?

Chapter 20—The Picture Book Man

By Hal Cochran
 "I hope you didn't forget to turn off the gas!"

Victory Fund Campaign

This is the first of a series of brief articles about the various Securities offered in the present Victory Fund campaign.
 Are you going to have to pay an income tax on this year's income? If so, will the tax be as much as \$101.68? Then here's how you can save a little money and help finance the war, too.
 Buy four "A" Tax Notes, par value \$25. A little interest has accumulated since they went on sale in September, so each note will cost you \$25.22. Then on March 15, 1943, when your income tax comes due, you can use one of the tax notes in paying the first quarterly installment. The note will be worth \$25.24 then—so you will make 12 cents. And on June 15, you can use another tax note—it will be worth \$25.36, so you will make 24 cents more. When you use the third one on Sept. 15, it will be for \$25.48—a profit of 36 cents—and the fourth one, when you hand it in on Dec. 15, will be good for \$25.60, a gain of 48 cents for you.
 So you will save a total of \$1.20 on your income tax if it is as much as \$101.68.
 And of course if it is three or four times that amount—and if you have the money with which to buy the "A" Tax Notes, you can save three or four times \$1.20. And, by purchasing the tax notes now, you will be letting Uncle Sam have his money right away and so you will be helping to finance the war today instead of waiting till March 15 and paying the cash then.

Oil Nominations

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 ber production figures have not been released.
 Demands in January will not be as great as the industry expected 30 days ago, commented the representative of one major producer who asked not to be named. Lack of pumping equipment has delayed opening of the East Texas to Norris City, Ill., line for at least a month, he said, and that will keep 300,000 barrels a day in the ground or in storage that otherwise would be flowing North.
 Texas' production in 1943 will be increased in direct ratio to the opening of new pipe line facilities to the shortage areas and to the culmination of plans to increase the flow by tank cars, this authority suggested.
Texas Should Step Up
 One expert long identified with the industry contended, however, in off-the-record talks that Texas' allowable should be increased to counterbalance production declines in other states, with production falling in Kansas, Illinois and Oklahoma, he said, Texas is one of the few states that can fill the gap with increased production while maintaining conservation standards.
 Commission officials and operators indicated concern over the in-

ability of West Texas producers to find transportation outlets for crude while the principal burden of filling demands falls upon East Texas.
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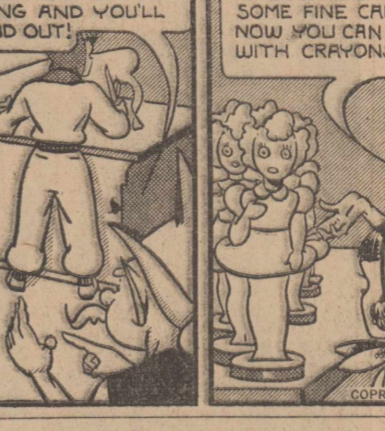
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THERE YOU ARE! YOU'VE MADE SOME FINE CARDBOARD CUTIES! NOW YOU CAN TINT THEIR FACES WITH CRAYONS.

UNEVEN BATTLE

CHAPTER XXVII
MANY had been sick the past few days. Because of the scarcity of food and blankets and the complete lack of coal, every second house had had someone in bed. But this morning every man of them was up, and Gunnar, seeing the gaunt and feverish faces, felt his anger and resolution rise, and was conscious of the tremendous responsibility he had undertaken.
 A sharp burst of firing started on the north road.
 "Knut," he cried, starting up. "Take 50 men north. I'm going up the path to the hotel."
 He ran out across the square, called a squad together, and went from one man to another to see if each had his full equipment, ammunition in his pockets, hand grenades in his boot tops, guns ready. Then he said a sharp word of encouragement and a quick reminder: "Pick up their guns and helmets... we need all they've got and more" and started cautiously up the path at the head of his troop. An early morning fog began rolling in from the sea, cold and damp.
 Off to the left they could hear sporadic fire from the road. That would be Osterholm and Kjerlof. Ahead, a flare went up amid the trees. They stopped, and when it was dark, went slowly forward again. Somewhere in the distance a machine gun started chattering nervously. Gunnar wiped a hand over his mouth and beckoned those nearest him to spread out so they would not present too compact a target. Then except for the soft crunch of boots in the snow, the whole forest grew utterly still.
 Gunnar went down the line, saw how they were fingering the bolts on their rifles, watching shifty from side to side. He passed out the short, whispered orders, and then they moved on again and got to the very border of the trees before the Germans struck. From every aperture in the building, machine-gun fire burst out, but now that it had come, the men lunged recklessly forward, pulling the pins of their grenades, and let fly through the porch windows.
 For a moment the firing halted. Gunnar tried to call his men forward, but the guns started up again from the sides, catching them in a merciless crossfire. They broke and fled back to the shelter of the trees.

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 Shotgunners were used in the bombardment.

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THE EDGE OF DARKNESS

BY WILLIAM WOODS
 NEA SERVICE, INC.
 And the fisherman, trying to rally his broken force, realized he had made his first and greatest mistake. He had undervalued the captain and lost a score of men in a trap any half-trained soldier would have known existed.
 But they had met their first fire, and somehow it brought a new spirit to them.
 FAR to the south they could hear firing from where Trygve and his small group were holding the battered bridge, and from the north came the sharp sounds of a skirmish somewhere on the road.
 He spread his men again in a desperate hope that it would keep the enemy from cutting toward town through the forest. Twice more in the next hour they tried to force a way across the clearing toward the inn, but each time the Germans drove them back.
 It was after 3 o'clock when artillery started firing. The first warning was a low thunder back in the hills, and from the village the crash of an explosion. Their hearts sank for the families they had left below, and some of the men were for turning back.
 "We can't help them," Gunnar said, and slipped from one to another under the trees. "Hold fast," he cried. And all the time he racked his brain to think where the gun could be. It was inconceivable that reinforcements could have brought artillery over the hills in one night. It must have been there for months without any of them knowing about it.
 It was about that time when Sverre Trog came up the path, hacking for breath. He had run practically all the way from the north road. Knut and Kjerlof, he told them, were being pressed steadily back, and unless some decisive stroke were made, another hour would see the enemy in the square.
 Gunnar listened thoughtfully and sent a man off to the left under the trees to ascertain German strength in that direction. Then he posted guards on the path, and 10 minutes later, when the man returned, swung the main body of his group downhill and northward through the forest. And almost a quarter of a mile beyond the hotel, in the last of the darkness, they surprised a large body of the German troops. It all happened so quickly not one of them had a chance to think. They did not know that untrained men are not supposed to be able to use bayonets, or that by all the rules of war they should have stood no chance. Gunnar charged forward when he saw them, believing at his men to follow, and

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 "His own son is badly hurt. That... that may make him come," Gerd cried out.
 "And what if neither of you come?"
 Her hand went to her waist where long ago she had used to keep the bright red handkerchief. "I give you my word to return," she said slowly, and knew she was cutting off any chance of escape she might have had.
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"Mark Time" Policy Is Adopted By Sports Until Demands Of War Known

NEW YORK—(AP)—Recent activities in professional football and baseball left the definite impression Tuesday that sports generally have decided not to get too far out on a limb, and so have adopted a "mark time" policy until there is some line on their outlook for 1943.

You can't blame the boys if they don't want to do anything too definite one way or the other just now concerning curtailment, suspension or continuation of their affairs for the duration, especially since no one knows just what the situation will be by next April or September. So, until the fog lifts they're apparently trying bravely to keep the "business as usual" sign out, with certain necessary war-time variations.

Await Manpower Ruling
The reports going around Washington Monday at the National Football League's meeting were that there might eventually be some ruling from Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt on just whether athletes and athletics fit into the picture.

One of these reports, heard by some men in the league, was that the place of spectator sports in entertainment value for war workers was being given consideration, and that eventually the "green light" might be given. But in the meantime, the folks with investments in sports promotions are marking time.

This was more than a little obvious when the National Football League club-owners failed to hold their annual draft of graduating college players at the December meeting, which is held each year specifically for that purpose.

To Continue League
The owners did vote unanimously to continue the league's operations, "subject to whatever regulations or conditions might arise," and then adjourned until April.

Veteran baseball writers, who have "covered" the Major League meetings for years, point out that recent conclaves in Chicago had less "doing," and the least action, of any in a long time. The loops went through such motions as agreeing to continue their 25-player club limits, assigning their all-star game to Philadelphia next year and, at the request of the Office of Defense Transportation, began a study looking to the elimination of some 22,000 miles in travel for next year's pennant chase.

Yet, they too are looking forward to any official ruling which may be forthcoming, before they go all the way in lining up their activities for the immediate future.

Cooper And Beazley Are Best Pitchers

NEW YORK—(AP)—Morton Cooper and Johnny Beazley, the right-handed mound stars of the St. Louis Cardinals, received confirmation from the official figures of the National League Tuesday as the outstanding pitchers of the year in the senior circuit.

Cooper, already acclaimed as the most valuable player in the league, topped all pitchers in earned run average with a sensational 1.77 while finishing second in winning percentage. Beazley, the frosty-nerved 21-year-old rookie who now is a corporal in the Army, was second in earned run average with 2.13 and first in winning percentage among pitchers participating in at least 10 complete games. Beazley's won-lost record was 21-6 and Cooper's 22-7.

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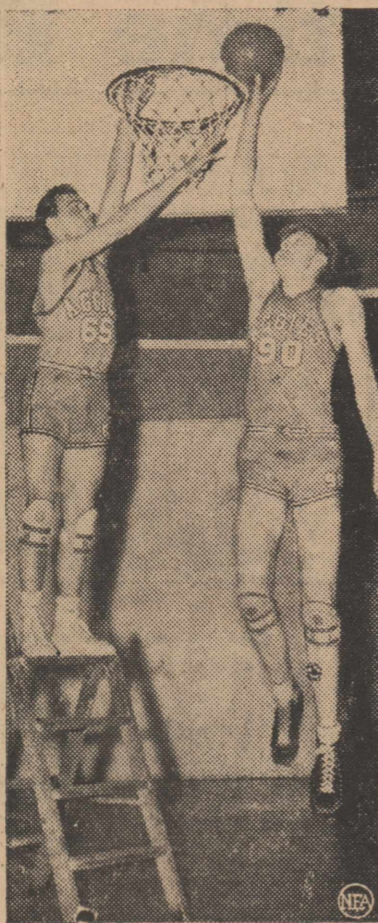
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5:25 A.M.	6:00 A.M.
5:55 A.M.	6:30 A.M.
6:25 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
6:55 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
7:25 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
7:55 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:40 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	4:10 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	5:10 P.M.
4:45 P.M.	5:20 P.M.
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7:00 P.M.	7:40 P.M.
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8:30 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
10:30 P.M.	11:00 P.M.
11:30 P.M.	12:10 Midnight

Buses Saturday every 30 minutes from 12:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Last bus 2 a.m. Sunday.

Top This One



Teammate Bufford Maddox, who stands 5 feet 11, gets on step ladder to illustrate how futile it is to attempt to stop Bob Kurland, 7-foot freshman center of Oklahoma A. & M.

Basketball Coach Never Played

AP Features
WACO, TEXAS—Annually Waco High School has one of the strongest basketball teams in Texas. That's not unusual, but the fact that its coach not only never played the game, but wasn't even interested in it until asked to help with the squad, certainly is out of the ordinary.

R. B. Keithley attended Nevada High School in Missouri. He was a football and track star but never got around to the hoop court. He went to Kansas State Teachers College where he concentrated on track and set conference records in the dashes.

Keithley came to Waco High School as a teacher in 1930. They got him to assist Coach Bill Henderson with the basketball team. In 1936, Henderson went to Baylor University and Keithley was made head coach.

Well, look at his record: In six years, Waco High has won five district championships, three regional titles and been in the State tournament three times. Each time it took either the champion or runner-up to beat Waco. None of those three teams lost by more than five points.

Keithley belongs to that small class of coaches who never mean over their prospects.

This year he says: "Of the five boys on my starting team last season, I have lost just one. I am not predicting anything but just wait and see."

Bombardiers Open Basketball Season With 48-45 Victory

The Midland AAF Bombardier School opened its winter sports program Monday night when its basketball team defeated the Magnolia Petroleum team 48 to 45 in a fast game at the high school gymnasium.

Sparking the last period attack which brought victory to the Army were Lieutenants John Norton, Morakhan and Jack Sayer.

Outstanding for Magnolia were G. McCollum and Klein.

MAAFBS (48)	G	F	TP
Ward, F.	1	0	2
Briscoe, F.	3	0	6
Sayer, F.	3	1	7
Cothran, F.	0	0	0
Geiger, F.	0	0	0
Norton, C.	6	13	13
Baehar, C.	2	0	4
Gudridge, G.	1	0	2
Patton, G.	2	0	4
Dever, G.	0	0	0
Cummings, G.	0	0	0
Johnson, G.	0	0	0
Moraghan, G.	4	2	10
Totals	22	4	48

Magnolia (45)	G	F	TP
Klein, F.	5	4	14
Norman, F.	1	0	2
McCullum, F.	10	2	22
Jennings, F.	0	0	0
Wilhelm, G.	1	2	4
Wilhelm, G.	0	0	0
Baker, G.	1	1	3
Totals	18	9	45

Score at half, MAAFBS 25; Magnolia 20. Referee Hummel.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—Cattle market slow with prices about steady with Monday's declines on cows, steers and yearlings. Calves held mostly steady with last week's closing levels.

No sales good butcher hogs reported early. Salesmen generally asking \$12.00, or 25c higher on best offerings; packers talking 25c lower. Packing sows and pigs steady, sows \$13.25-75; pigs \$13.00 down.

Fat lambs weak to 25c lower; other classes sheep and lambs steady.

Goats to choice steers and yearlings drew bids of \$12.00-13.00; some sales in that range. Common to medium steers and yearlings bid and sold at \$8.50-11.75. Sales included one load of steers at \$13.00; two loads steers, one at \$11.00 and one at \$11.50.

Good beef cows from \$9.25-10.00 with few higher. Common to medium butcher cows \$7.75-8.75. Cammers and cutters \$4.50-7.50.

Common to medium bulls \$9.50-10.25; good heavy bulls at \$9.75-10.25. Cull to choice fat calves \$11.25-12.25; common to medium butcher calves \$8.50-11.00; cull calves cleared at \$6.50-8.25. Stocker steer calves up to \$13.00; stocker heifer calves up to \$12.25. Common to medium stocker calves \$8.00-11.25. Stocker and feeder steers and yearlings \$8.50-12.00; stocker cows \$7 to 46, in a basketball game here Monday night.

Sheep included medium to choice lambs \$12.75-14.00; yearlings \$13.00 down; aged wethers \$7.50 down; ewes \$5.00-7.25; goats \$4.25-5.00.

Fireman Dies In Big Hotel Fire
PITTSBURGH—(AP)—One fireman died from smoke and more than 100 others were overcome Tuesday in fighting a stubborn, long-smoldering fire in the second sub-basement of the 22-story William Penn Hotel—largest between New York and Chicago.

As the flames were confined to the basement storeroom, none of the 1,000 guests was injured, although several hundred left their smoke-filled rooms in pajamas and bathrobes and gathered in the main lobby, where the smoke was less dense.

Wool
BOSTON.—(AP)—U. S. DEPT. AGR.—The Boston wool market for both domestic and foreign wools was very quiet Tuesday. Sales made were for plying out purposes and in small volume. Prices were generally unchanged. Granting of licenses to import South American wools had a tendency to strengthen the primary market and cause a very slight easing of prices on spot wools.

Personals
Mrs. R. E. Dupuy has returned from a visit to Monahan.

Raymond Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mann and a student of the Trinity University at San Antonio, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Whirlaway Named Best Horse Of Year

NEW YORK—(AP)—Ending an argument that has been bouncing around racing circles for months, Whirlaway Tuesday was named the "best horse of this year" by a one-sided vote of turf writers representing all parts of the country.

A total of 128 writers balloted in the Turf and Sport Digest's annual poll of the top gallopers in all divisions, and 76 of them picked Little Mr. Big Tall to hang onto the honor for the second straight season. Only 45 voted for Al Sabath's Alsab, the Chicago Express who had been expected to give Whirlaway a much closer fight than that.

Settling the other title disputes, the writers picked Alsab over Mrs. Payne Whitney's Shut Out as 1942's three-year old boss, and Mrs. John D. Hertz's Kentucky Derby, as the best of the two-year old colts, by a comparatively close margin over John Marsch's Mid-West ace, Occupation.

One-Minute Sports Page
Since the Oklahoma Aggies hit town, Coach Hank Iba has eaten lobster six times in five days. . . It must have been the day he doubled up that he went on the radio with the suggestion that basketball should be played by seven-man teams on bigger courts so more fans could have the seats they want right on the sidelines. . . The St. Louis Browns sent 1,024 baseballs to service men during the 1942 season although the fans only tossed back 912 from the stands. . . Fred Fitzsimmons was offered a contract by the Giants after he turned down the Montreal Managerial job, but instead he took a salary cut to stay in Brooklyn. His bowling emporium must have had something to do with that decision, for he's supposed to be making more dough from it than out of baseball.

Sugar Robinson Wins Over Nettlow
PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—"The Vest" Well thought he had it all figured out for his boy, Al Nettlow, to upset undefeated Ray "Sugar" Robinson in a 10-rounder at Convention Hall Monday night.

That was before the fight started. Eleven minutes after it got under way Well stopped it by calling Referee Matt Adgie over between the third and fourth rounds and whispering in his ear. Adgie hurried over to Robinson's corner and raised the negro's hand in token of a three-round technical knockout.

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Frontal Attacks By Some Goats Effective

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Patrolman Lawrence O'Connell thought you have to turn your back and bend over to get dumped by a goat, as the funny papers have tried to prove.

But it's wrong, folks. Some goats are masters of the frontal attack. O'Connell was called to Mizpah and Sussex Streets by eleven defense workers who wanted to go to work. They complained that Mrs. George Derman's goat would put his head down and charge every time they tried to get on a street car.

When the defense workers got up the street car was gone. O'Connell dismounted from his horse—for he is a mounted policeman—and strode firmly toward the goat and looked him in the eye.

The goat knocked O'Connell down twice before Mrs. Derman came along and called off her goat.

The War Today

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theatrical display which he obviously enjoyed. Rommel's Forces Nervous

Marshal Rommel's famous Africa Corps and his Italian units had for some days been displaying extreme nervousness behind their defenses at El Agheila. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's bombardment and persistent prodding of the Axis line for weak spots were grim warnings that he was set for action and his tanks strike like lightning the moment he discovered the opening he sought.

Axis fears were registered clearly in the wild bursts of artillery fire and continual use of flares to light the desert by night.

The boche had ample reasons for their fears. Indications are that the Nazi marshal is weak in all parts of his fighting machine.

As explained in previous articles, the fact that Hitler assigned Rommel to do a holding operation which may be suicidal. Somewhere in Tripolitania the marshal is supposed to make a stand in an effort to halt the eager British Eighth Army and the British and American air units. His task is to hold until his master can realign Nazi forces for the defense of Europe. Nazidom hopes, meantime, it will be possible to pierce the Allied aerial and sea blockade and provide reinforcements for the hard-pressed Axis in both Tripolitania and Tunisia.

Another Conflict
In contrast to Navy Secretary Frank Knox's statement that 20 French warships were apparently intact in Nazi hands, Admiral Muselier declared: "One may say with certainty that the French fleet of Toulon no longer exists."

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British Chase

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of Premier Mussolini's crumbled African Empire.

On the western flank of the two-way Allied offensive, the Berlin radio reported several hundred Allied troops landed on the North Coast of Tunisia and attempted to operate against German supply lines—presumably somewhere in the region of Bizerte, big Axis-held port 40 miles north of Tunis, the capital.

Berlin's announcement said the Allied landing forces were compelled to retreat.

More Nazi Claims
Without confirmation elsewhere, another German broadcast asserted the Allies were continuing to fall back westward from the Tunis-Bizerte zone and reported that "in local thrusts our troops destroyed some enemy tanks."

Allied Headquarters, however, declared American and British guns smashed a German motor column Northwest of Medjel El Bab, 34 miles southwest of Tunis, while U. S. flying fortresses again pounded the docks and shipping at Tunis and Bizerte.

Operations Slowed
Drenching rains bogged roads in the Tunisian hills and slowed operations on both sides.

Other key developments in the global war:

RUSSIA—Adolf Hitler's high command threw fresh reserves into the battle on the Central (Moscow) Front, west of the big Nazi base at Rzhev, but the Russians declared they sent the invaders reeling back six times in that sector and repulsed a series of bitter German counterattacks below Stalingrad.

Soviet dispatches indicated Nazi defenses generally were stiffening, with the enemy scoring gains at some points through sheer weight of numbers.

ENGLAND—Reports that Finland had made advances for peace through Sweden met an official denial in Stockholm.

Scandinavian quarters in London had said Russia's second winter offensive had spurred new talk of peace in war-weary Finland.

FRENCH FLEET—Vice Admiral Emile Muselier, former commander of the Fighting French naval forces, said in London a careful study of photographs of Toulon harbor indicated the destruction of France's "suicide" home fleet was virtually 100 per cent complete.

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Deadline Nears For Inviting Soldiers For Sunday Dinner

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Cards inviting soldiers for Christmas dinners in Midland homes Sunday were being rounded up Tuesday by church workers and will be handed to the Special Service Office at the Midland Bombardier School so soldiers may be assigned to various churches of the city Sunday morning. Wednesday is the deadline for extending invitations.

Sponsors said all soldiers of the Bombardier College attending church services Sunday will be guests in Midland homes for dinner that day.

Midland's Christmas dinner program for soldiers is being held on the Sunday preceding Christmas since a special Christmas dinner will be served at the Bombardier College Christmas Day.

Invitation cards may be obtained at any church or at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Helen Brotherton Honored At Luncheon

Mrs. T. P. Williamson honored her houseguest, Mrs. Helen Brotherton of Topeka, Kansas, with a luncheon Monday at her home, 400 West Storey.

Guests were the honoree, Mrs. George Herring, Mrs. Harold Pedrovinni, Mrs. Howard Haring, Mrs. Harold Alven and Miss Dorothy Newberry.

90 miles below the long-besieged Volga metropolis.

Check dispatches conceded that the Germans, attacking with dive bombers, tanks and infantry, had seized the offensive momentarily there, but declared that the attacks were checked after initial gains with 1,600 Nazis left dead on the field.

Nazi attacks were described as probably the strongest since Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's Red Armies began their winter offensive Nov. 19.

Northwest of Stalingrad, Russian troops captured a new line of trenches in the Volga-Don Corridor where approximately 300,000 Germans have all but engulfed, and the Red Army's big guns kept up a terrific pounding of Nazi garrisons.

For the first time, Soviet headquarters noted Russian thrusts south of Voronezh, about midway between Stalingrad and Moscow, where the Germans for two weeks have reported the Red Armies were massing for still another winter offensive.

"South of Voronezh, our detachments captured several heights of strategic importance. Enemy counter attacks were beaten off with heavy losses for the Hitlerites," the Russian command said.

Other Soviet troops were reported to have seized a hill near Velikie Luki, only 90 miles from the Latvian frontier, after a sharp battle with the Germans.

Jungle Fighters

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land by swimming, suffering heavy casualties.

Escape Into Jungles
A number of bodies were washed ashore, rafts of oil drums were exploded and wreckage littered the beaches, but apparently some of the sea-borne reinforcements escaped in the darkness and disappeared into the jungles.

Allied warplanes were reported hunting down the survivors Tuesday while others pursued the fleeing enemy naval forces.

Gen. MacArthur said "several hits and many near misses" were scored on the warships before and during the landing operations.

Japs Squeezed
With Buna and Gona in Allied hands, the Japanese were reported "squeezed" on three sides in the central sector of the 20-mile-long front, with Americans striking from the right, Australians from the left and combined Allied forces attacking through the center at Sananda, above Buna.

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