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Problem For Frenchmen
Those who are worrying about Admiral Darlan's post-war position in France overlook one important fact, which is that the post-war government of France is not going to be dictated or even sponsored by the United States.

This war is not being fought to enable the United Nations to impose their ideas of democracy upon the rest of the world, nor to permit us to select post-war rulers for other nations.

We are fighting, first, to prevent the Axis nations from forcing us to conform to their totalitarian philosophy. We are fighting, second, to free the victims of the Axis, and to permit them to exercise the privileges of self-government which we claim for everybody.

Once we have won, it is going to be up to France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece, what types of government they wish and who they want to administer those governments.

Certainly there can be no idea in the mind of any responsible American or Briton that we are going to set up Admiral Darlan as chief of state for France. Neither do we have any moral or legal right to contemplate forcing General De Gaulle, for example, upon the French.

Obviously we would much rather see the Fighting French general as head of post-war France than the one-time collaborator. But that, at most, is a mass personal preference. It can have no binding power upon the French people.

We Anglo-Saxons are convinced that democracy, administered by sincere democrats, is the only permanently working formula for government in the modern world. Democracy is government of the people, by the people, for the people. Most certainly it is not government imposed by one nation or alliance upon the people of another nation.

We hope and believe that France and most of the other nations now occupied will choose to revert to democratic forms. But if the Atlantic Charter meant anything at all, we can do no more than create political vacuums which the Axis victims will fill with governments of their own free choice.

Our duty and our privilege will end when we have made this possible. We can and must use Admiral Darlan and others like him as weapons. Thereafter their futures must depend upon the wills and whims of their countrymen.

Approaching The Goal
The mushroomed American shipbuilding industry promises to achieve the "fantastic" goal of 3,000,000 tons of new shipping in 1942. To do this, 1,110,000 tons must be delivered this month—more than ever before. It looks as though that will be done.

Such an achievement would be remarkable under any circumstances. It approaches the miraculous, however, because first there were handicaps due to temporary material shortages; and now, in addition to turning out freighters like wild, the yards are diverting substantial capacity to special types of craft required because of the favorable turn in the war and not contemplated when the goal was set.

Low Temperatures
Surgeon General Parran expresses the opinion that room temperatures of 55 degrees would not seriously impair public health and that temperatures as much as 10 degrees lower would result in only slight dangers.

Annihilation
The Japanese, says Tokyo, have sunk 19 American carriers, though we know we had only a third that number a year ago, and carriers are slow to build. Apparently our shipyards have done better than we realized. Or could Tokyo have been exaggerating?

No S. S. Harry Bridges
The serious suggestion that a Liberty Ship be named for Harry Bridges, leader in a C. I. O. group which, until Russia was attacked, was delaying American war production, is shocking. Not only should the idea be repudiated, but the person who sponsored it in the Maritime Commission should be relieved from any type of duty which requires sound judgment.

Chicago's Field Museum has more than 1,000,000 worth of plate glass protecting its exhibits. All spiders are nearsighted.

The Old War-Of-Nerves Expert



Christmas Dinner Menus

Table with 2 columns: Menu Item and Description. Includes items like Roast Turkey, Cranberry Jelly, Nuts, and various side dishes.

Wavell's Army Continues Drive

By The Associated Press
In the Far Pacific War theater, Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's army from India was reported Tuesday to have driven a total of more than 50 miles through treacherous swamplands into Japanese-occupied Burma and captured the town of Alethang-Yew after an 11-mile advance.

TP No. 1 Jackson--

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600-foot Ellenburger wildcat in Northwestern Sterling County, is running drillstem test, bottomed at 4,735 feet. It apparently showed oil in a core from 4,717-35 feet, but recovery was not reported.

Isabelle Messmer Sentenced To Term By New Jersey Judge

FLEMINGTON, N. J. — (AP) — Isabelle Messmer, the petite brunette who escaped once from the Clinton State Reformatory for Women and twice from the Ector County Jail in Texas, where she was serving a term for murder, pleaded guilty before Hunterdon County Judge Phillip R. Gebhardt Monday to a 1939 indictment charging escape, and was given a new indeterminate term at Clinton.

Henderson Praised And Criticized

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Asserting that administration leaders "crucified" Leon Henderson to appease congressional critics, Senator Brewster (R-Maine) predicted Tuesday they soon would be "praying for his return" as Price Administrator. Henderson has submitted his resignation to President Roosevelt and is expected to be replaced by Senator Brown (D-Mich.) early in the new year.

Dawson To Perforate

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-A Dawson, prospective opener of Simpson, middle Ordovician, production in Southeastern Crane County, is preparing to gun-perforate 7-inch casing opposite oil sand. Casing is cemented at 5,287 feet and top of cement plug is at 5,237. The well originally went to 5,505 feet in Ellenburger dolomite topped at 5,305 feet and was plugged back to 5,287 feet to shut off sulphur water encountered in that zone. Simpson was topped at 5,160 feet.

Teachers May Assist With Tax Problems

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Treasury officials disclosed that plans to enlist the aid of hundreds of school teachers throughout the country in instructing citizens in handling income tax returns next spring have been discussed with representatives of educational organizations.

Midland Hardware & Furniture Co.

Midland Hardware & Furniture Co. welcomes these new arrivals and requests their parents to call by our store, and receive a welcome gift for them. (Adv.)

Santa Claus Is 'Snowed Under' Again With Mail

SANTA CLAUS, IND. — (AP) — Santa Claus is "snowed under" again with the annual deluge of Christmas mail. Letters, cards and parcels numbering more than a million pieces, have arrived at the postoffice in this Southern Indiana hamlet with the name so closely associated with Christmas. The war has brought no rationing on letter writing to Santa Claus. As in years past, beginning around Thanksgiving, the postoffice this year is getting mail from all parts of the continent and from foreign countries. Letters bearing addresses such as "Santa Claus, special delivery, North Pole," "Mr. S. Claus," or just plain "Dear Santa," find their way to this tiny community while thousands of others are sent here for re-mailing so the receiver may get a letter with a "Santa Claus" postmark.

Funeral Services Are Held For Mother Of Midland Woman

Funeral services for Mrs. J. W. Blocker, 65, of Stanton, mother of Mrs. W. H. Munn, Jr., of Midland, were held Monday afternoon at the Stanton Methodist Church with the Rev. A. A. Kindell officiating. She died of a heart ailment at her home Sunday.

Says Gas Will--

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the basic ingredients of synthetic rubber from gas. "I feel confident in predicting that the uses of this vital product will be expanded and enlarged both during and after the war and that eventually the production of natural gas will exceed the oil industry in scope and in revenue brought to Texas." Asserting that a vast expansion of motor fuel consumption for both automobiles and planes will take place after the war, the chairman said motor fuel from gas already has been produced for six cents a gallon. In Kentucky, he said, natural gas sells for from 10 to 14 cents per 1,000 cubic feet at the well compared with about three cents in Texas. Texas Largest Producer Texas fields accounted for 42 per cent of the 2,295,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas produced in the nation last year, Thompson said. "Texas is the largest natural gas-producing state in the nation and is also the largest consumer. Of the 254 counties in Texas, about 40 per cent have proved gas fields. Thompson estimated that Texas has 65 per cent of all gas reserves in the United States.

Plan To Remain In Interstate Compact

AUSTIN — (AP) — The Railroad Commission will recommend that the legislature extend Texas' authorization to participate in the Interstate Oil Compact Commission for a four-year period, Chairman Ernest O. Thompson of the State's Oil Regulatory Agency declared Tuesday. Heretofore extension of authority has been granted on a two-year basis.

cost of all wells whether they produce or not." Thompson said many wells are at the point of diminishing returns and near the stage of abandonment and termed this "one of the most critical problems of the industry."

Banner Creamery advertisement featuring 'STEAKS', 'MEXICAN FOOD', and 'STEAK HOUSE' with a 24 HOUR SERVICE and address 611 WEST WALL.

H & H Food Store advertisement with a price list for items like Pecans, Almonds, Milk, Apples, and Meat, plus a 'MEATS' section with prices for Pork Chops, Ham, and Turkeys.

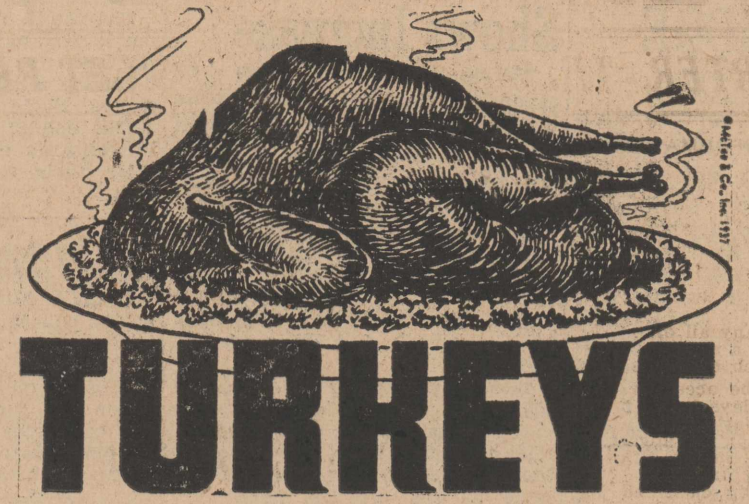
SPECIAL SUITS and DRESSES Cleaned & Pressed for 49c PETROLEUM Cleaners







We say it with low prices—our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Dinner. Everything you need for the feast is right here in one convenient place . . . everything from a tender, tasty turkey to a perfect plum pudding . . . and everything is priced to save money for you. Plan your menu now—then fill it from top to bottom with these fine foods.



# TURKEYS

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

Place Your Order Now!

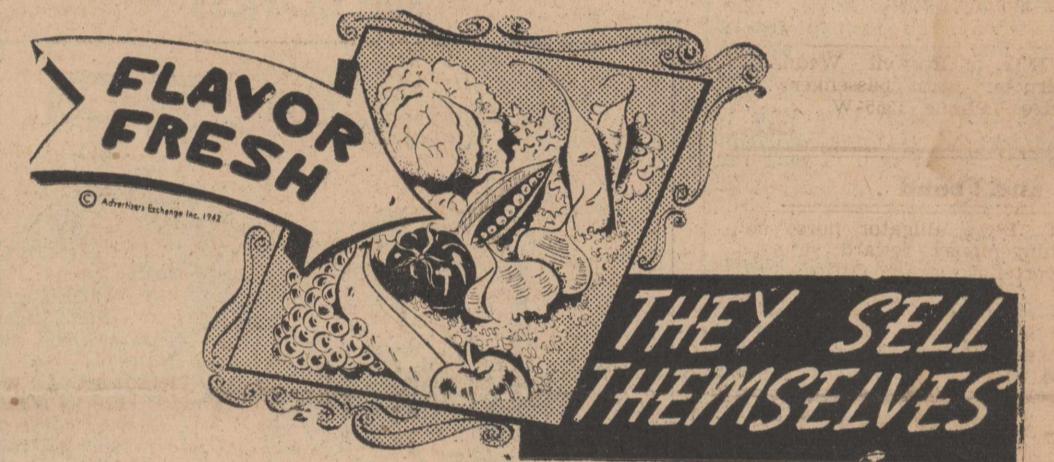
**DRESSED HENS . . . . . lb. 29c**

Shoulder **PORK ROAST . . . . . lb. 35c**

Smoked **RING SAUSAGE . . . . . lb. 29c**

Peyton's AA Beef **PORTERHOUSE STEAK . . lb. 39c**

**SELECT OYSTERS . . . . . pint 59c**



**CELERY** Large Stalks, ea. **23c**

**ORANGES** . . . . . doz. **35c**

**YAMS** East Texas 2 Lbs. **13c**

**PECANS** Paper Shell, lb. **37c**

**BROCCOLI** Fresh, Green, 2 lbs. **25c**

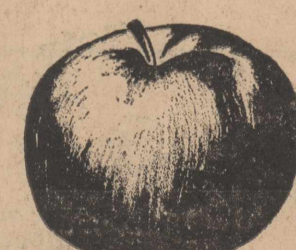
**NEW POTATOES** Fresh Red, 2 lbs. **15c**

**ONIONS** White or Yellow, 2 lbs. **15c**

**IDAHO SPUDS . . . . . 10 lbs. 49c**

**Cranberries**

**APPLES**  
Delicious or Winesaps  
Doz. . . . . **39c**



- FRUIT CAKES** 2 Lb. **98c**
- SWEET PICKLES** C.H.B. 21 oz. jar **39c**
- PICKLED PEACHES** Del Monte No. 2 1/2 can **35c**
- MUSHROOMS** 8 oz. Can **53c**
- PLUM PUDDING** Heinz Can **45c**
- FRUIT COCKTAIL** 2 16 oz. cans Del Monte **37c**
- GRAPEFRUIT JUICE** 2 No. 2 Cans **25c**
- PRESERVES** Seedless Blackberry Lb. jar **33c**
- PIMENTOS** No. 2 1/2 Can **53c**
- ASPARAGUS** No. 2 Early Garden Del Monte **37c**
- GRAPE JUICE** Royal Purple Qt. Bottle **38c**
- STRAINED HONEY** Burleson's 1 lb. jar **35c**
- LIGHTCRUST FLOUR** 12 lb. Sack **69c**

**MINCE MEAT**  
JACK SPRAT  
9 oz. box **12c**

**CATSUP**  
14 oz. C.H.B. **19c**

**PEAS**  
Del Monte Early Garden  
No. 2 Can **23c**

**OLIVES**  
Yacht Club Spanish Queen  
No. 10 Jar **31c**

**CORN**  
Del Monte Whole Kernel  
14 oz. . . **17c**

**PINEAPPLE**  
Del Monte Crushed  
No. 2 1/2 Can **38c**

**PEARS**  
Del Monte Glass Jar  
No. 2 1/2 Glass Jar **41c**

**Krispy Crackers**  
1 Lb. **20c**

**Carnation Milk**  
3 Large or 6 Small **29c**

**Crisco** 3 Lb. Pail **74c**  
**Prince Albert Pipe Tobacco** . . lb. **89c**  
**Cut-Rite Wax Paper** 40 ft. Roll **10c**  
**Swank Tissue** 3 Rolls **25c**

**SHELLED NUTS**  
Walnut Halves . . . lb. **75c**  
Almonds . . . 1-2 lb. **41c**  
Black Walnut Pieces 1/2 lb. **41c**

**Brazil Nuts**  
**Almonds** **Walnuts**

**This Christmas Give A Fruit Basket**  
From **Wes-Tex Food Store**

**WES-TEX FOOD STORE**

### McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney  
America's Card Authority  
Mrs. A. M. Sobel of New York should be a happy bridge player this Christmas. Not only will she be selected as the outstanding player of 1942, but the fact that she has won that title two years in a row pretty nearly places her on top of the heap as the outstanding player of the world among both men and women. Of course Mrs. Sobel says she is lucky, that people are always giving her presents in the way of tricks at the table. However, I think you will

♠ A 7 5	♠ J 10 6 2		
♠ K 10 4	♠ Q 9 6		
♠ A 8 4	♠ Q J 6 2		
♠ Q 10 7 4	♠ 8 6		
Dealer			
Mrs. Sobel			
♠ K Q 3			
♠ 7 5			
♠ K 10 5			
♠ A K 9 5 3			
Duplicate—None vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass
1 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 9. 22			

agree that she had to be at her best to win the number of tricks that she did on today's hand.  
Mrs. Sobel (South) won the first trick with the spade king. She knew the lead was a short suit and reasoned West was probably long in clubs. She led a low club West, who caught napping, the jack winning in dummy. A low heart was led, East played low and the seven forced West in. West exited with a spade and declarer's queen won. A small heart was played, won with the ace and a heart returned. West winning with the king. West now can only win the diamond ace, thus allowing Mrs. Sobel to make four no trump.

**THIEF GETS PURSE AND POPULAR PHONE NUMBERS**  
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kas.—(P)—It wasn't so much the loss of his \$2 and some papers that a Fort Leavenworth recruit minded, when someone stole his wallet. "It took me a long time to accumulate all of those telephone numbers," he moaned. "I sure did hate to lose them!"

**NEGRO GETS SPANKING**  
Jerry, a 9-year-old negro, received a severe paddling Monday night, police reported, after he jabbed a negro girl in the leg with an ice pick. She was taken to a hospital for treatment while Jerry's folks took care of him.

### Canteen Frock



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Wherever high spirited girls are entertaining our boys of the army and navy at their training camps and bases, this is a frock which ranks high with both the girls and the boys. The top is sheer, frothy and delicate in eyelet embroidery. The swingy skirt with its fluttering midriff band top is velvet, faille or soft rayon crepe.  
Pattern No. 8329 is designed for sizes 11, 13, 15, 17, 19. Sizes 13 blouse, 1 1/2 yards 36-inch material and 4 1/2 yards machine made ruffling. Skirt requires 1 5/8 yards 39-inch material.  
For this attractive pattern, send 15 cents, plus 1 cent for postage, in coins, with your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram Today's Pattern Department, 530 West Wells St., Chicago, Ill.  
Many other practical sewing suggestions for gifts and for your own wardrobe are plentiful in the Winter Fashion Book, available at 15c per copy. Order it with a 15c pattern for 25c plus 1c for postage.

### Oil Production Shows Increase

TULSA—(P)—Daily crude oil production in the United States increased 51,930 barrels in the week ended Dec. 19 to a total of 3,909,750 barrels a day, the Oil and Gas Journal reported Tuesday.  
California production was up 27,750 barrels daily to 780,250; Eastern Fields, 3,300 to 92,300; Kansas, 21,000 to 305,700; Rocky Mountain States, 410 to 130,080; Oklahoma, 7,850 to 357,150, and Texas 4,900 to 1,390,150.  
Illinois production declined 9,300 barrels daily to 240,800; Louisiana, 1,700 to 313,200; and Michigan, 1,500 to 58,900. East Texas production was 358,600 barrels a day, the same as the previous week.

### Wilson Trains In Eagle Pass School

Thomas R. Wilson Jr., of Midland has arrived at the Eagle Pass Army Air Field for final training toward becoming a pilot in the Army Air Forces. Eagle Pass Air Field is a single engine or "fighter" school. Its students will graduate and receive their commissions early in 1943.

**PEACEMAKER IS BLITZED WHILE APPEASING CANINES**  
BUTTE, Mont.—(P)—Everybody knows peacemakers should be wary, even in dog fights, but the fellow who tried to separate two quarrelsome dogs on a Butte street was taken by surprise. Bending over, he cautiously separated the two snapping dogs, holding one in each hand. A third one sneaked up on him and attacked from the rear.

### FUNNY BUSINESS



"He's a dyed-in-the-wool Southern pointer—he refuses to point North!"

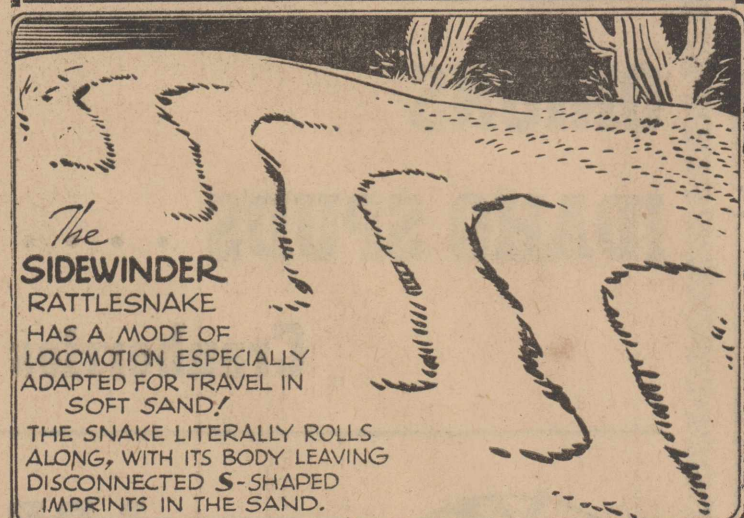
### SIDE GLANCES



"You tell me—do I look like a re-tread? That's what I hear the kids of this war are calling us veterans of the last!"

### THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE SNAKE LITERALLY ROLLS ALONG, WITH ITS BODY LEAVING DISCONNECTED S-SHAPED IMPRINTS IN THE SAND.

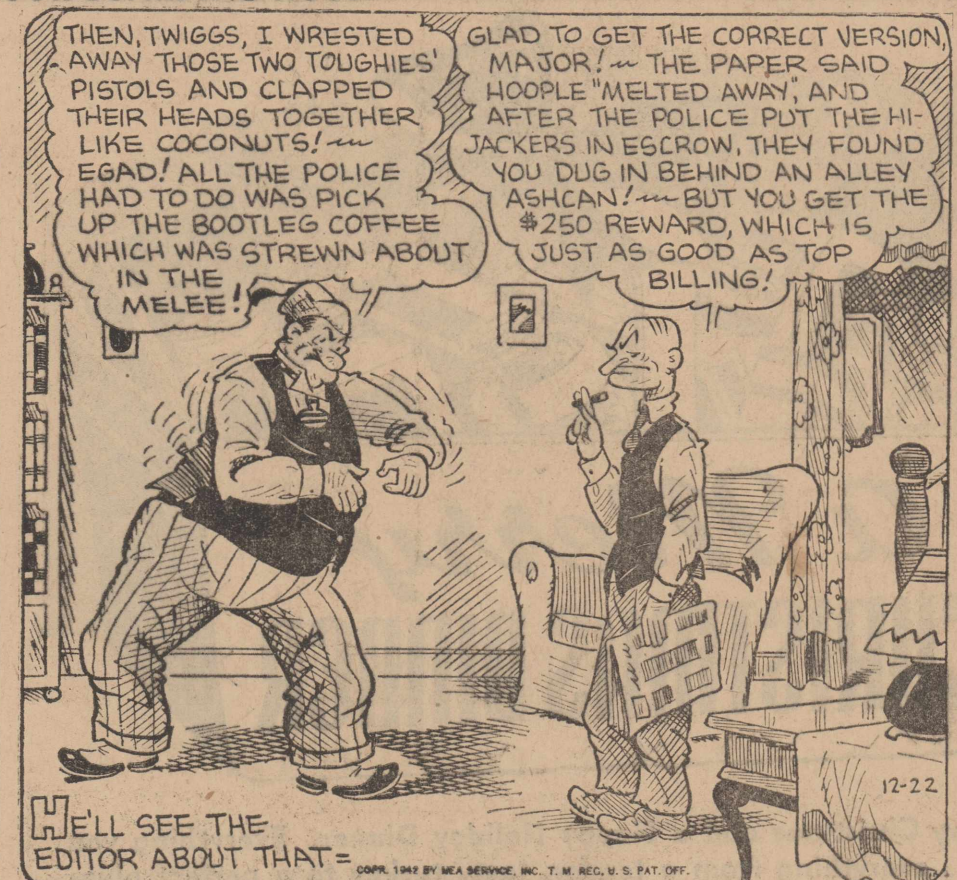
**WHERE'S ELMER?**  
The JAPANESE ARE EATING SOME OF THE SILK THAT THEY USED TO IMPORT! THEY ARE EXTRACTING VITAMIN B FROM SILKWORM COCOONS TO IMPROVE THEIR DIET.  
I WANT TO EXCHANGE THESE FOR A PAIR WITH WHITE SHOES—SIZE 4 1/2  
BUT MEN DON'T WEAR WHITE ONES!  
AND JUST TWO MINUTES AGO YOU WANTED BLACK SHOES IN SIZE 9! WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?  
I HEARD YOU MENTION A GIRL NAMED HILDA GRUBBLE WHO SPENT PRACTICALLY ALL HER MONEY ON A PRESENT FOR HER BOY FRIEND!  
BUT SIZE 4 1/2 WON'T FIT YOU!  
THEY MIGHT! I JUST DECIDED I HAVE BEEN A PRETTY SMALL GUY!

ANSWER: New Guinea.

NEXT: Beefsteak on the hoof.

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE WITH MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

BY J. R. WILLIAMS



HE'LL SEE THE EDITOR ABOUT THAT—

### OUT OUR WAY



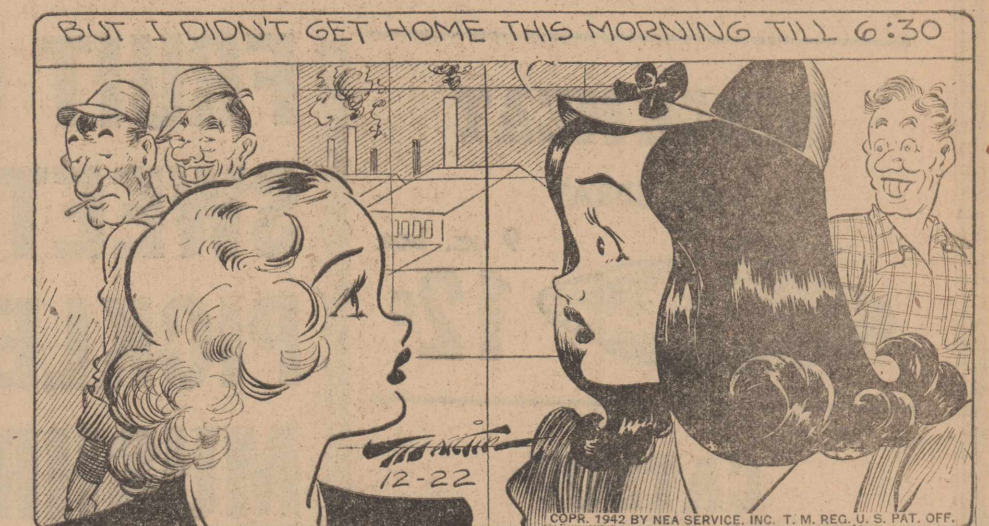
NO MORE GLAMOR.

### BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

BY EDGAR MARTIN



SEVEN



BUT I DIDN'T GET HOME THIS MORNING TILL 6:30

### WASH TUBBS

BY ROY CRANE



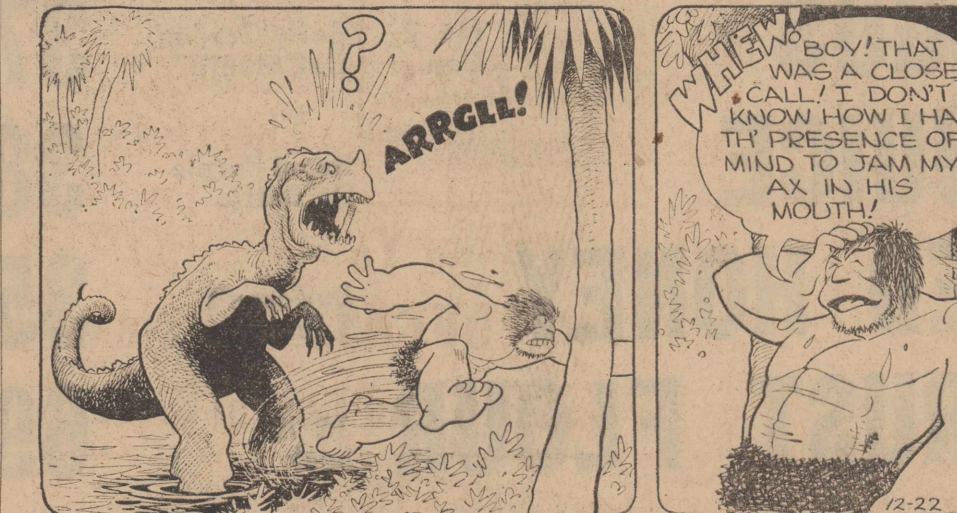
SO I GATHER



OH, MY JIM! ALWAYS YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS! BECAUSE I AM A SPY OF THE UGLY JAPANESE ONCE YOU THINK I AM ALWAYS A SPY. AH, NO, MY SWEET... BECAUSE OF YOU, I AM NO LONGER SO! I SWEAR IT!

### ALLEY OPP

BY V. T. HAMLIN



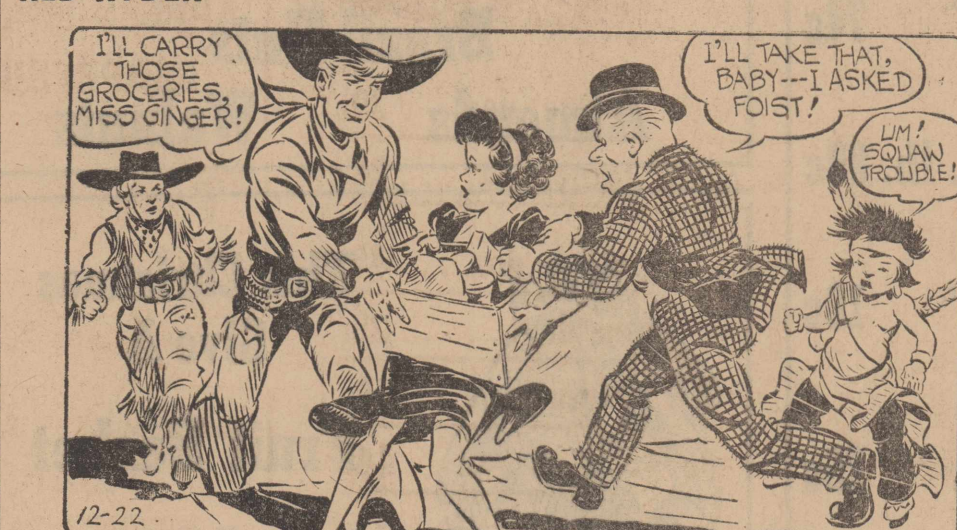
WHEN



AND NOW I'VE GOT NO AX! HMM... SEEMS I'M NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET!

### RED RYDER

BY FRED HARMAN



LIM! SOJAW TROUBLE!



STOP IT, YOU LUNK-HEADED ROMEOS! LET RED HAVE THEM!

### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

BY MERRILL BLOSSER



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