

RUSSIANS CAPTURE CHERKASY

Reds Take Initiative After Halting Nazis

By LOUIS NEVIN
Associated Press War Editor

The Germans announced Tuesday evacuation of Cherkasy, important strategic fortress on the west bank of the Dnieper River, and field dispatches from the flaming Russian front said the Soviets hold the initiative at virtually every point between Kiev, where a powerful Nazi counteroffensive has apparently been halted, and Kremenchug to the southeast.

Announcing the Soviet victory, the Berlin Radio said that German forces had retired from Cherkasy to "shortened and more favorable positions" under pressure from "many times superior" Russian forces.

As the Russians claimed the initiative along the vital eastern front, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons that as a result of the historic Cairo and Teheran conferences, "the war will be shortened."

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—British proceeding methodically toward Ortona, repulsing heavy German counterattacks.

RUSSIA—Cherkasy falls to Red Army.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Australians force Japanese withdrawals on Huon Peninsula. American bombers strike again at Marshall Islands.

EUROPEAN AREA—RAF Mosquito bombers stab Western Germany for fourth successive night.

Smash Nazi Tanks

On the Italian front Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army successfully beat off German counterattacks, smashing a number of Nazi tanks and taking prisoners. American Fifth Army activity was limited to patrol action. An Allied communique said Indian troops pushed ahead in the central sector of the Eighth Army Front.

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The Russian front, however, with its masses of manpower and machines in action, still provided the day's military headlines.

The latest Soviet communique reported that Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army continued to make steady progress west of Kiev Monday for the third successive day. The Red Army, aided by Russian guerrilla forces operating behind the lines, hurled back repeated German counterattacks and pushed forward south of Malin.

Other forces to the southeast under Gen. Ivan S. Konev, meanwhile pushed forward in an apparent effort to join up with the troops in the Cherkasy bridgehead.

Marshal Joseph Stalin announced the victory in an order of the day broadcast by Moscow Radio.

Cherkasy is a strategic river port on the main railway linking Minak and Gomel with Odessa on the Black Sea. Its capture paves the way for a junction of Russian forces operating out of the Kremenchug bridgehead with those on the southern edge of the Kiev salient.

Whether or not the organization of a white Democratic Party is wise, Mann said, is not a question for the courts to determine "and we submit it is a matter over which the courts can not within the constitution exercise or control their actions."

JAPS HIKE TAXES ON ALL NONESSENTIALS

By The Associated Press

Japan has added a fee of 20 percent to the price of all non-essential commodities and to the admission for sports and other entertainment, the Berlin radio said Tuesday.

Another Cold Wave Hits Texas Panhandle

By The Associated Press

Texas girded for a bitter spell of weather Tuesday as the coldest wave of the season swept into the Panhandle.

Temperatures went to 21 at Amarillo.

Amarillo was struck by a 32-mile an hour snowstorm this morning. The north wind was 30 miles an hour at Pampa and the mercury toppled to 23 degrees.

A hard freeze was forecast for the Dallas region tonight.

JAPANESE ADMIT LOSS OF TARAWA

NEW YORK (AP)—The Tokyo Radio indirectly acknowledged the loss of Tarawa Tuesday in a broadcast reporting that Japanese planes had attacked the American base there Monday.

The broadcast, recorded by U. S. government monitors, represented the first Japanese admission that the tiny island in the Gilberts no longer is in Japanese hands.

"Rome Or Death"



"Rome or Death" slogan on vehicle typifies the fighting spirit of these Italian soldiers against their former allies. In order to get to the front lines, Italians are using all means of transportation. (Signal Corps Radio-Telephoto from NEA Telephoto)

Forty Million People Are Homeless Or In Axis Labor Gangs Or Prisons

BOSTON (AP)—Forty million people are homeless because of war or are in Axis labor gangs or prisons, Francis B. Sayre, special assistant to the secretary of state, asserted Tuesday.

Sayre, in a prepared address before the Boston Institute, said repatriation and rehabilitation of these people was one of the great problems confronting the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

"Today there are in Europe over twenty million people, in Asia probably an even larger number, driven from their homes by Axis armies or by the cruelties of war," he said, "either wandering and homeless or enslaved in Axis labor gangs or imprisoned in concentration camps."

"Many of these people are weakened by hunger and disease. The problem of displaced and homeless persons, many of them in dire need, sick in body and in mind, will be one of the terrible and dreadful aftermaths of the war. The world has never faced any problem of human woe comparable to it."

Stanotex Stakes Another Test In Northwest Reeves

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

Standard Oil Company of Texas has filed notice of intention to drill No. 1 A. T. Randolph and others, as a 3,100-foot wildcat in Northwest Reeves County. The new exploration will be approximately one mile west of the same operator's No. 1 TXL (Texas & Pacific Land Trust), which has been testing for several weeks after finding some oil in the Dalaware above a total depth of 3,145 feet.

The new prospecter will be 1,800 feet from the north and east lines of section 46, TPRR, survey, T-2. Proposed drilling depth is 3,100 feet with cable tools. Work is scheduled to start Dec. 18.

No. 2 Blue Checked Wichita

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 2 Blue, East Winkler County Ordovician steeply, cored from 7,805-21 feet and had a recovery of 12 feet and nine inches of lime, dolomite and chert in the lower Wichita of the Permian, which had some bleeding oil. This operation is drilling with electric power.

Another core from 7,831-39 feet was of the same composition, and also had some bleeding in the top five feet of the 16 feet and six inches of the cutting which was pulled.

Drilling ahead was in progress Tuesday morning under 7,890 feet. Stanolind and Shell No. 1-A Wheeler, had progressed to 8,800 feet and was continuing.

Stanolind No. 1 Sealy-Smith, Southeast Winkler County wildcat, to 7,000 feet, is boring past 3,160 feet in anhydrite and lime.

Stanolind No. 1-B Cowden, North-Central Ector County exploration, is cutting hole below 8,890 feet in unreported formation.

Walker Outpost Produces

Barger, Edwards & Oles No. 1 White & Baker, southeast outpost to the Walker producing area in Pecos County, is estimated good for about 12 barrels of oil per day natural from a pay at 1,871-92 feet.

The operators are preparing to shut the well with about 90 quarts of nitro to increase production. The location is 330 feet from the north and west lines of the west half of the northwest quarter of section 4, block 207, TCRR survey.

Kimble Test Saw Oil

J. C. Renfro No. 1 M. B. Murr, wildcat test in Kimble County, northwest of Junction, has a showing of free oil at 2,350-68 feet in the basal Pennsylvania section of the Bend.

The project drilled ahead and at 2,432 feet lost a bit, which was being angled for Monday. The test will be carried to the Ellenburger. (Continued on Page 2)

Knox Predicts "Hard Blow" Will Be Struck Japs Soon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox predicted Tuesday "hard blows" against the Japanese in the Pacific in the near future.

"We are getting stronger and stronger," he told a news conference. "The preliminaries are out of the way. We are getting ready to drive home some hard blows."

He gave no indication of where the might of the United States fleet could be expected to strike.

Knox reviewed the war of attrition and added: "Of course, the whole strategy is becoming apparent. It is perfectly obvious now that what seemed to be only nibbling has been carried on with the express purpose of decimating the enemy's strength. He has contributed greatly by sending down small task forces which have been regularly overwhelmed."

One of the "striking things" noted by the Navy secretary in the Pacific War is that "we seldom encounter transports and cargo carrying ships in outlying ports held by the enemy."

Sink Hundreds Of Barges

"Hundreds of these barges have been sunk," he said, "and a great many thousands of Japanese soldiers have been lost in their efforts to relieve beleaguered garrisons."

Discussing the air warfare, he said that the actual figure of losses shows that six or eight enemy planes now are being shot down for every American plane lost.

Referring to "fantastic claims" of the Japanese, Knox said, "there hasn't been any fight of any size for a month."

He said the only surface engagements in the Pacific have been "hit and run affairs" and in each the Japanese "claimed great victories."

He cited as an example of "pure propaganda" a recent Japanese claim that the United States carrier fleet has been "completely wiped out."

Workman Killed In Blast On Shangri-La

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—An explosion aboard the uncompleted plane carrier Shangri-La Tuesday at the Norfolk Navy Yard cost the life of one man and resulted in critical injuries to a second.

Lewis Perry White, 22-year-old shipyard worker, died of suffocation and second degree burns.

There was no damage to the ship, according to the official announcement.

Senator Charges Black Market In Whiskies

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) declared Tuesday that "black market" dealers are offering choice whiskies to Detroit night clubs, hotels and cocktail bars in 1,000-case lots at \$25 a case above price administration ceilings.

GERMAN GENERAL QUILTS STOCKHOLM (AP)—A dispatch from Brussels to the newspaper Social Demokrat said Tuesday that Gen. Baron Alexander Von Falkenhausen has submitted his resignation as commander of the German occupation forces in Belgium.

THREE PERSONS ARE KILLED IN ACCIDENT

WACO (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lee and their son, Cecil, Jr., 5, were killed Monday when their truck was in collision with an interurban car at a crossing near here.

"They Are Over There"



American officer points out positions of German forces to an Italian commander whose unit has just joined the Allies. In background is Lt. Col. Andrew Price of Fort Worth, Texas. (Signal Corps Radio-Telephoto from NEA Telephoto)

Eden Says War To Be Shortened

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, reporting to Commons on the Teheran-Cairo conferences, declared Tuesday "the war will be shortened" by decisions reached with Premier Stalin, and again pledged Britain to battle to the final destruction of Japan.

He told the cheering house that Prime Minister Churchill has "still more work to do in the sphere where he is now." Churchill had stayed on in Cairo, meeting last week with leaders of smaller powers.

Quicker defeat of the Axis was insured by the "close cooperation of our military plans" at the Teheran meeting of President Roosevelt, Premier Stalin, and Churchill, Eden declared.

"Every plan is now agreed upon. The timing is now agreed upon, and in due course the decisions of Teheran will be unraveled on the field of battle."

"The military mission agreed in Cairo" at the British-American-Chinese meeting "on future military operations against Japan."

Japan Is Menace To Britain

Eden termed Japan as much a menace to Britain as to the United States and China, and said Britain still was "a principal in the Far Eastern war" because "to destroy Germany and then make a compromise peace with Japan, we only sow the seeds of a third world war."

Other highlights of the foreign secretary's report:

Turkey: The conference with President Ismet Inönü gave "good hopes" for a sound basis for future cooperation between ourselves, Soviet Russia, America and Turkey, and that "I cannot go further than that I cannot go today."

Post-war: Complete cooperation of Britain, Russia, and the United States is assured. "We three can work together," Eden said, "the recurrent threat of war can only be met if there is an international order firmer in strength and unity than any enemy could seek to challenge."

British Aid Tito

Balkans: A British military mission has been with forces of Marshal Josp Broz (Tito) in Yugoslavia since last Spring, and Britain is doing everything to supply them with munitions and other help. Politically, the Allies are working to unite dissident groups in Yugoslavia, and both King Peter and the government of Tito have agreed to let the country choose its own form of government after the war.

Greeted by a loud ovation, Eden declared:

"We have spent three very strenuous weeks. Into that short time has been compressed three conferences of world significance which in the ordinary leisure time of diplomacy any one would have taken a full month."

House Demands Oil Price Hike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Legislation to force an increase in crude oil prices moved from House to Senate Tuesday.

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) announced he would seek to add the measure to anti-food subsidy legislation, also passed by the House and awaiting Senate action, unless the Office of Price Administration acts immediately to boost petroleum prices by at least 35 cents a barrel, in line with the House mandate.

Both measures have been denounced by administration leaders as inflationary.

The oil bill sailed through the House late Monday 171 to 92. It would direct the OPA to order an immediate 35-cent price rise, to be followed by ceiling adjustments in various fields up to about 74 cents a barrel. The average price on a nationwide basis now is about \$1.18 a barrel.

Rep. Disney (D-Okla.), its sponsor, argued higher petroleum prices are necessary to encourage oil exploration and production.

SQUIRRELS THREATEN TO DRIVE PEOPLE NUTS

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP)—The squirrels in Thomasville were about to drive the people nuts, so the Police Department formed a "squirrel squad" to eradicate the invaders of numerous homes. They've killed as many as 10 to 12 on one call.

Appointed



Paul A. Nelson Monday night was appointed a member of the Midland School Board, succeeding Russell Conkling, who resigned.

Paul A. Nelson Elected Member Of School Board

Paul A. Nelson, prominent Midland merchant, Monday night was appointed a member of the Midland School District board. He succeeds Russell Conkling who resigned because his business has kept him away from the city in recent months.

Conkling, an oil operator, is engaged on a project on the West Coast.

Nelson accepted the appointment and met with the school board Monday night. His term has two and a half years to run. School Superintendent Frank Monroe said. The board accepted a recent audit of the district's books.

All Youngsters Are Invited To Attend Matinee At Yucca

A toy matinee will be held at the Yucca Theater from 1:45 to 5 p. m. Wednesday, with all youngsters of Midland invited to attend. Admission may be gained by presentation of one or more used toys.

"Johnny Come Lately," starring James Cagney, is the feature picture.

The toys collected will be repaired and repainted by members of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce for distribution among the more unfortunate children of the community Christmas Eve. The theater management is cooperating in obtaining sufficient toys to meet the local need. Firemen and policemen also are cooperating in the program.

Toys also are being received at Midland High School and at the police station. Only a small number of toys had been received late Monday. Frank Monroe is chairman of the Yucca Christmas activities committee. Sponsors hope that enough toys will be received at the Wednesday matinee to assure the success of the project.

Department Store At Henderson Destroyed

HENDERSON, Texas (AP)—Reed's Department Store was destroyed and other buildings were damaged as Henderson's most destructive fire of the year caused an estimated property loss of \$200,000 early Tuesday.

The cause of the blaze was not known.

The basement of the Henderson Daily News, behind the department store, was flooded and businesses on either side of Reeds sustained smoke and water damage.

The department store was owned by The Dunlap Company.

Allies Crack Down On Italian Activities

NAPLES, Italy (AP)—The Allied military government cracked down Tuesday on Italian political parties and on student groups from the Naples University who clashed with Italian police Saturday.

Formally banning all political meetings at the university, Lt. Col. Carl Kraese of AMG reprimanded Dr. Rodolfo Opmedeo, rector, for Saturday's incidents and warned him not to use his position as head of the university nor the university premises for political campaigning.

Lt. Col. Walter Doherty, head of AMG's public security section, reminded Neapolitans of the Allied proclamation which provides for a 48-hour notification of political meetings along with the names of speakers and subjects of their addresses.

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Evil pursueth sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repayed.—Proverbs 13:21.

More Taxes

The issue between the Treasury and Congress in regard to the new tax program is by no means clear cut. Both sides are right and both sides are wrong. We never will get anywhere taking one side or the other indiscriminately.

The Treasury is right in contending that as much as 10 billions in new taxes should be raised for the double purpose of helping to finance the war with a minimum of borrowing and of helping to control inflation.

The Treasury is right in arguing that with national income up \$80,000,000,000 and taxes up only \$19,000,000,000, there is ample new money available with which to finance a further \$10,000,000,000 increase. The most elementary mathematics shows that after meeting the proposed boost, we should still have in excess of \$50,000,000,000 more income, above taxes, than formerly.

Yet Congress is right in insisting that we can not pay the additional \$10,000,000,000 the Treasury proposes. We can't, that is if taxes continue to be raised by the old unscientific, ideological, class-conscious hit-and-miss methods.

When taxation reaches the level now proposed, or even that already attained, it runs into difficulties that weren't particularly important at pre-war levels. Chief among those difficulties are four that interlock, which we have discussed before and probably will feel impelled to discuss many times more.

First is the matter of the distribution of national income in general. Second is the matter of the distribution of war increases in workers' incomes.

These two distributions are as nearly complete opposites as it is possible for them to be.

Third is the social philosophy which underlies taxation for the purpose of financing governmental operations—taxation for revenue. Fourth is the economic philosophy that underlies taxation for the purpose of controlling inflation.

These, too, are almost diametrically opposed and very nearly irreconcilable.

Until both Treasury and Congress are driven to cooperate in finding a scientific, non-political tax formula that recognizes the quasi-irreconcilability of these interlocking problems, we won't be able to pay what the Treasury asks even though there is, in the aggregate, ample free income with which to pay.

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Allied Fleet

Navy Secretary Knox says that on Thanksgiving Day the Allies had as many merchant ships at sea as they possessed at the beginning of the war. Uncertainty what Knox meant by "the countries now composing the United Nations" makes it difficult to tell just how far we have come back.

As of Jan. 1, 1941, Great Britain, the United States and Russia possessed 4060 vessels of at least 2000 gross tons each, aggregating 24,822,000 gross tons. Norway, Holland, France and Greece, whose governments in exile are generally included among United Nations, had 1710 ships aggregating 9,525,000 gross tons.

It is worthy of note that the whole of the marvelous output of American yards, plus the equally praiseworthy if smaller output of British yards, from September, 1939, to late November, 1943, have just sufficed to replace ships sunk by the Axis. And remember that when most of those ships went down they took cargo with them, and that cargo was badly needed and has had to be replaced.

A ship built helps to win the war, but a ship built does not replace a loaded ship sunk.

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Consumers Pick Up Cudgels

A second attempt to organize a consumers' lobby that will be powerful enough to lick the farm organization lobby on the food subsidy issue is now being made through an outfit that has dubbed itself "The Fighting 40"—self-appointed Congressional Committee for the Protection of Consumers.

Chairman of the group is Rep. Thomas E. Scanlon, a Pittsburgh printer. Other leaders in the movement are Congressman Chet Holifield, a Kentucky-born men's clothing manufacturer from Montebello, Los Angeles County, Calif.; Usher L. Burdick, Williston, N. D., a farmer and lawyer; Howard Johnstone McMurray, a Kansas-born Ph. D. who has been an insurance statistician and air transport executive in Milwaukee; and Vito Marcantonio, New York City lawyer. It is a heterogeneous group. Burdick is a Republican, Marcantonio is American Labor Party, the others are Democrats.

Big purpose of the group is to organize a bloc in Congress that will serve as a pressure group to represent the consumers, whose still small voice, pretty largely unorganized, is lost in the roar of established Washington lobbies.

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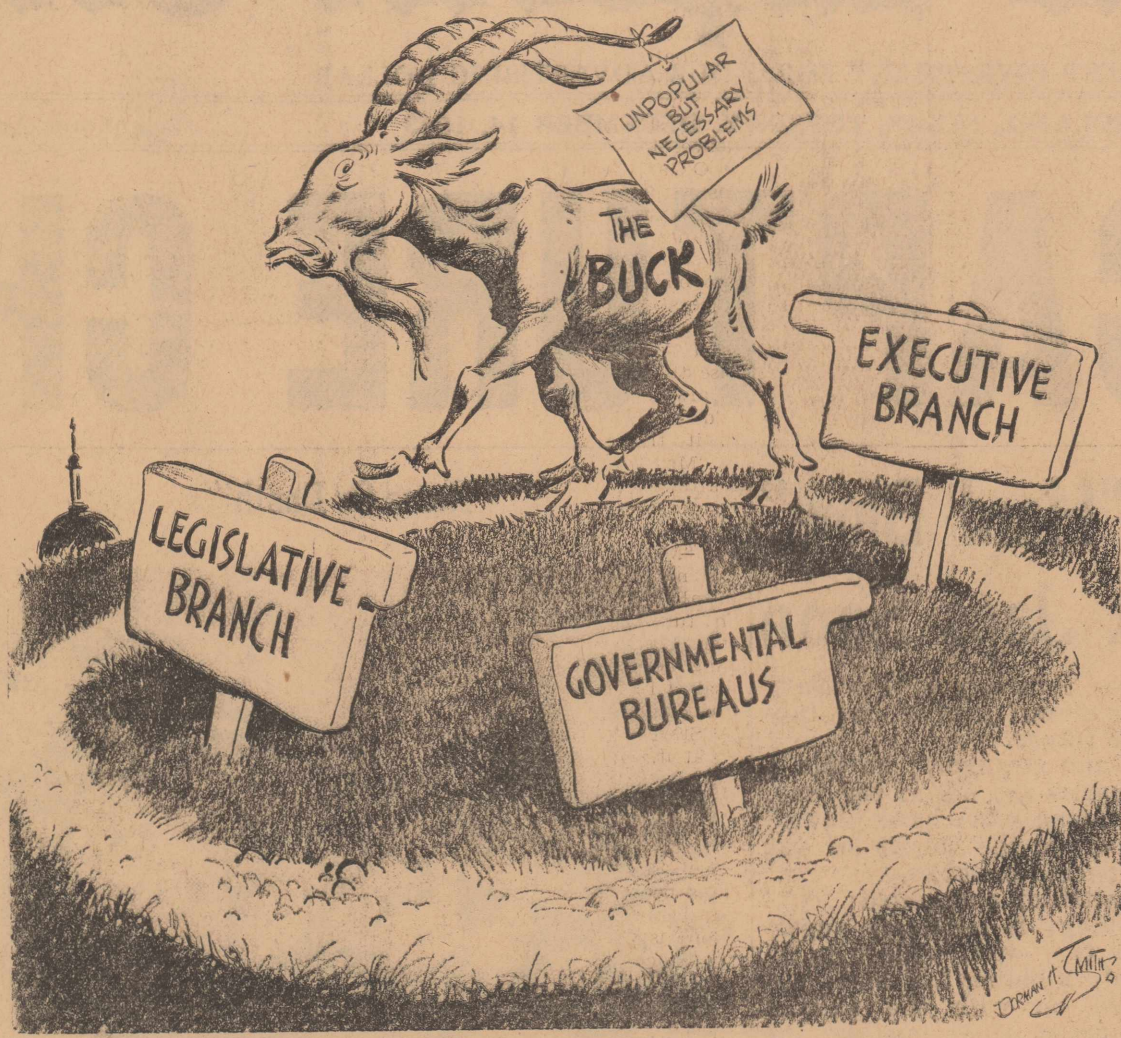
Garwood, N. J., has 5,000 permanent residents plus 3,000 daytime working guests. It had one doctor. The government, which considers one physician necessary for every 1,500 persons, held Garwood's doctor to be non-essential, which subjected him to the draft.

This is not untypical of the type of judgment which has been exercised quite generally in procuring doctors for the armed services.

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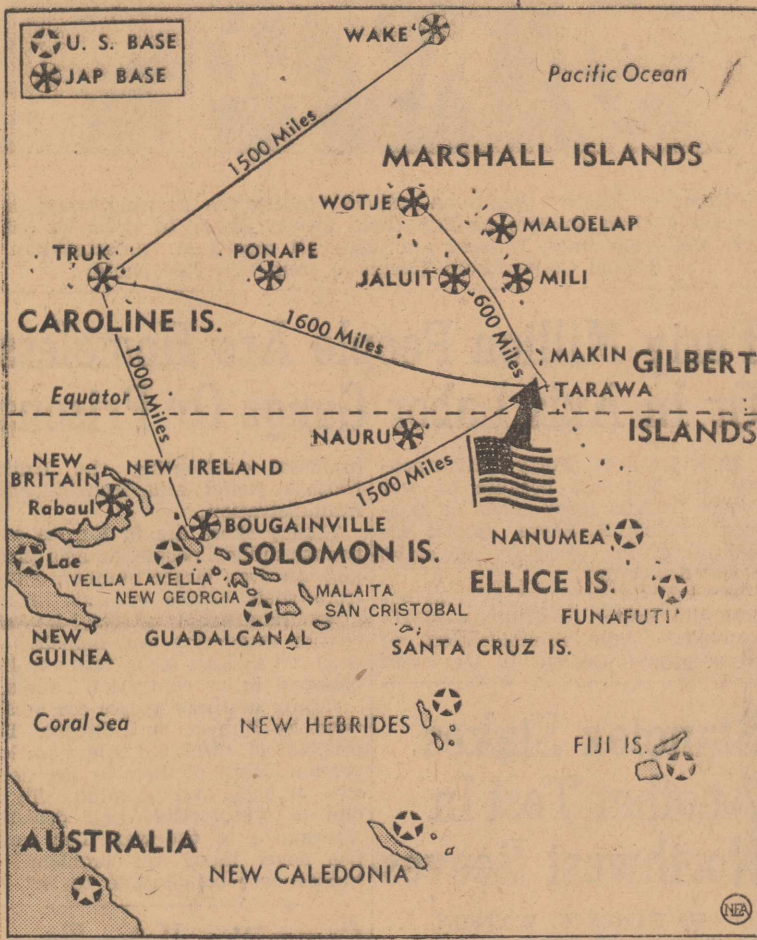
Somebody stole an Oklahoma woman's shoes in a night club. That's funny—most people lose their shirts.

No Place To Go But Around And Around



American Forces May Jump To Marshall Islands After Cleaning Up Japanese Bases In Gilbert Island Group

By JOHN L. SPRINGER
AP Features Writer



Land fighting in the South Pacific, long confined to New Guinea and the Solomons, spread to the Gilbert Islands with simultaneous landings on Makin and Tarawa by U. S. marines and soldiers, as Nauru was bombed. Map shows relationship of battle sectors, together with logical future targets in the Marshalls, Jap naval base at Truk, and Wake.

Allies Get One-Third Of Oil From Texas

HOUSTON—(AP)—"In the last two hours Texas has produced as much oil as Germany and all her satellites will produce in the next 24 hours," Dr. Carey Cronis, authority on geology and geophysics, told the Houston Geological Society Monday.

"In fact, approximately one-third of the oil of the Allies comes from Texas," said Dr. Cronis, who is professor of geology of the University of Chicago.

Total milk output in the U. S. has increased almost 10 billion pounds since 1940.

FLOODS CAUSE 29 DEATHS IN SINALOA, MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—At least 29 persons are reported to have died in floods that swept Sinaloa State last week and property damage is estimated at \$8,000,000. Gov. Rodolfo T. Loziza of Sinaloa, reporting to President Avila Camacho on the flood, said the \$8,000,000 damage figure did not include losses due to suspension of communications.

BRANDAN BRACKEN IS ILL

LONDON—(AP)—Brandan Bracken, British minister of information, underwent an operation of an undisclosed nature in London and his condition was reported satisfactory Tuesday.

J.W. House Heads National Affairs Committee Here

John W. House was appointed chairman of a new national affairs committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce by its directors Monday night. Members of the committee include R. M. Barron, M. C. Ulmer, R. L. Miller, Frank Stubbsman, Mayor A. N. Hendrickson, Roy Parks and T. R. Wilson.

The United States Chamber of Commerce urged the Midland organization to establish promptly a committee to act on matters of national interest.

The committeemen were selected by Paul McHargue, Chamber of Commerce president, and the appointments were confirmed by unanimous vote.

John Economic Program
William R. Blair of El Paso, district chairman of the Committee for Economic Development, outlined its purpose and plans and urged the Chamber of Commerce to appoint a committee here to cooperate in its program to provide jobs for men of the armed forces and defense workers when the war ends. He explained that financial assistance is not needed by the organization which receives funds from major industries and said it has no political connections.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce recommended that its postwar planning committee be instructed to serve also as a committee for economic development. The vote was unanimous.

Approve Two Proposals

Two referendum proposals of the United States Chamber of Commerce received favorable action at the hands of the Midland Chamber of Commerce directors. They approved the proposal for creation of an international political organization to maintain peace and security among nations, based upon the principle of reciprocal collaboration among the nations and declared it should not take the form of a super state.

The plan is based on the sovereign equality of all peace-loving states and open to membership by all such states, large and small, for the maintenance of international peace and security after the global war is won.

The other proposal, which also was approved, asserted the peace and security may best be safeguarded through the use of the armed forces of peace-loving nations acting through the combined chiefs of staff organization, developed to meet future conditions.

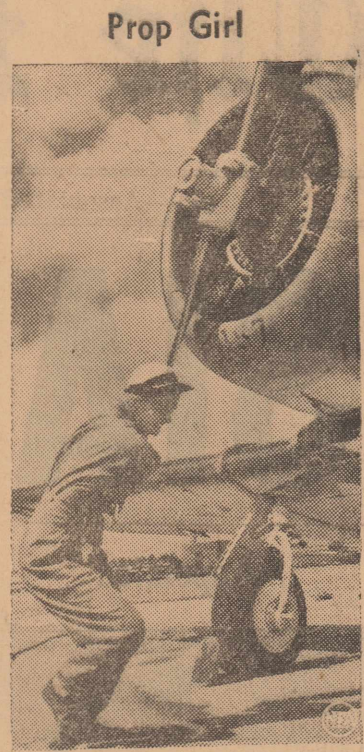
Thirty-One Families Here Will Need Aid For Proper Christmas

An urgent appeal for contributions to the Goodfellows Fund was issued Tuesday by officials of the organization who hope to provide needy families of the community with needed supplies at Christmas time.

Certificates good for a specified amount of groceries will be delivered to unemployable families by members of the American Legion next week if sufficient funds are received. The list of families deserving of aid totals more than 31, ranging from one to ten persons.

Persons wishing to assist in the Christmas program are urged to leave contributions at the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible. Sponsors pointed out that although the need is not as great as in past years, a number of deserving families will not have even the necessities of life at Christmas unless the more fortunate citizens of Midland come to their rescue.

It is estimated that 50 million refugees left the occupied areas to go into Free China.



Violet Falkum, Minneapolis, Minn., puts all her muscle into turning over the propeller of a SNJ training plane. She's WAVE aviation, machinist's mate at the Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Station. (Navy photo.)

Committees Named To Arrange For Annual C. Of C. Meeting Here

Plans for the annual banquet and membership meeting of the Midland Chamber of Commerce next month were discussed by its directors at their meeting Monday evening in Hotel Scharbauer.

Ralph M. Barron, vice president, who presided, announced that Paul McHargue, president who was ill in his home, had recommended that committees be named to arrange details for the membership meeting.

John W. House was appointed chairman of the committee to set the date and select the speaker. Members of the committee include R. L. Miller, Dr. J. B. Thomas, Clint Lackey, and Ed M. Whitaker.

Other Committees Named
The committee in charge of ticket sales and the menu is composed of P. A. Nelson, chairman; John Caselman, Fred Fromhold; R. D. Scruggs, H. S. Collings, George Glass and G. C. Harper. M. C. Ulmer was named program chairman.

D. H. Griffith and J. P. Butler

Prompt Erection Of More Houses Is Urged By C. Of C.

Directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting Monday night in Hotel Scharbauer called on its housing committee to promptly encourage the construction of as many rent houses here as possible to relieve the shortage.

Their attention was called to the action of the National Housing Agency, awarding permission to construct 100 new dwellings in the Midland-Odessa area and granting approval for conversion of 26 other housing units.

Pledge Cooperation
Directors pointed out that all action possible must be taken to aid in erecting sufficient houses here to meet the needs of essential war workers, including employes of oil companies.

A meeting of the housing committee probably will be called soon to study the plan in detail and to investigate the possibilities of obtaining materials for the construction.

James N. Allison discussed Midland's favorite position in the aviation picture after the war, and told of the recent Southwestern Aviation Conference in Amarillo which he presided over. Chamber of Commerce president; John W. House, aeronautics committee chairman, and Bill Collyns, manager, attended. House also discussed aviation matters.

Police Interrupt Plans For Party

Police early Tuesday interrupted plans for a party. They apprehended a negro and charged him with theft of a case of beer from the Service Club. The beer was recovered. The negro is in jail, and apparently there will be no party.

were named members of the audit committee.

Ralph Barron will be chairman of the nominating committee. Members include J. N. Allison, M. C. Ulmer, Allen Watts and J. C. Miles.

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Society

Gala Social Is WSCS Yuletide Observance

In a Christmas setting of holly and red candles, the Women's Society of Christian Service held a Christmas party Monday afternoon in the Scharbauer Building at the First Methodist Church. Mrs. C. P. Wilson took the role of Santa Claus, greeting guests at the door and handing gifts to honored members. Planking the fireplace was a gaily decorated Christmas tree and an attractive lace covered tea table with a centerpiece of holly and red tapers.

Mrs. Wallace Irwin read Sidney Kingsley's popular play, "The Patriots."

Life memberships were presented Mrs. George Vanaman, Mrs. Ray Simpson, Mrs. Mary Ray, Mrs. Luther Tidwell and Mrs. Stacy Allen. For her fine work in the organization, Mrs. Earl Chapman was presented with a gift. Chairmen of each circle also was presented with gifts. Chairmen are Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. D. A. Pass, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. S. M. Vaughan.

About forty guests were present for the affair. Mrs. Pass poured during the refreshment hour.

Leonard Students Give Double Recital Saturday

Mrs. Maud Leonard presented a group of her piano students in a double recital Saturday afternoon and evening at her studio, 710 West Ohio. The afternoon presentations consisted of 10 numbers and the evening performance 15.

Mrs. Leonard is closing her studio until January 3. During the holidays she plans to visit in Fort Worth, Mineral Wells and Eastland.

KING GEORGE VI CELEBRATES FORTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

LONDON—AP—King George VI, recovering from influenza, spent his 48th birthday quietly with the queen and princesses Tuesday. Congratulations flowed in from all parts of the British empire.

Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press

Meats, fats, etc.—Book Three brown stamps L, M, N, and P valid through Jan. 1.

Processed foods—Book Four green stamps A, B and C valid through Dec. 20; green stamps D, E, and F valid through Jan. 20.

Sugar—Book Four stamp 29 good for five pounds through Jan. 15.

Shoes—Book One stamp 18 and Book Three "airplane" stamp No. 1 good indefinitely.

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Paul's Journeys Are Reviewed At Meeting

Mrs. J. T. McEldowney discussed Paul's missionary journeys when the Lottie Moon Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. F. C. Pace, 1505 West Kentucky. Mrs. Pace presided at the brief business session that closed the afternoon's activities.

Members present were Mrs. S. L. Alexander, Mrs. S. P. Dougherty, Mrs. C. A. Churchill, Mrs. Tom Carr and Mrs. McEldowney.

The circle will meet next week in the home of Mrs. T. A. Pylant, 1311 West Ohio.

Mrs. Hubert Hopper Reviews 'The Mansion'

Mrs. Hubert Hopper reviewed "The Mansion," by Henry Van Dyke, at the meeting of the Dorcas Circle of the First Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. William M. Osborn, 706 West Storey.

Mrs. R. L. Miller was in charge of the program.

Mrs. M. T. Hartwell, circle chairman, opened the meeting with prayer, and presided at the brief business session which followed.

"Timothy—the Consecrated Fellow Worker" was the subject of the Bible study conducted by Mrs. Arthur Stout. She closed the meeting with prayer.

Members present joined in singing Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. Osborn. Little Miss Mary Lynn Osborn sang several numbers.

Christmas decorations were used and refreshments were served to Miss Laura Hitchcock and to Messdames Hopper, J. M. Devereux, W. E. Hankla, Hartwell, A. E. Lynch, Miller, P. R. Pattison, Stout, Bill Collyns and Mrs. Osborn.

Banquet Enjoyed By Business Women's Club

Mrs. Frances Harrison was program chairman when the Business and Professional Women's Club enjoyed a Christmas banquet in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel Monday evening. Miss Gphelia Green had charge of arrangements.

Spys of poinsettias, flanked by red candles in crystal holders formed the centerpiece of the "T" shaped table. "Silent Night" was sung by the group at the opening of the evening. Toys for the needy were donated by each member.

Those attending were Mrs. Iva Noves, Miss Green, Mrs. Nita Stovall, Misses Laura Jesse, Fannie Bess Taylor, Flossie Vaughn, Maria Spencer, Pearl Midkiff, Cordelia Taylor, Mary Louise Rhodes and Messdames D. R. Carter, Sue Simms, Annie Ford, Fred Fromhold and Cloysta Christian.

Mrs. Mary Quinn, Mrs. Johnny Goode and Miss Eva Batchelor were guests.

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The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church will have its regular monthly social in the home of Mrs. J. H. Barron, 410 North Lorraine at 3 p. m.

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North Carolina's First Lady Elects a Fresh Cotton Wardrobe



"Cotton meets the requirements of so many different types of occasions that it has always been a favorite in my household," says Mrs. J. Melville Broughton, wife of the Governor of North Carolina. Here in the ballroom of the Governor's Mansion at Raleigh, Mrs. Broughton is wearing a gown of blue cotton lace while her daughter Alice looks charming in white organdy appliqued in navy blue lace, designed by Hattie Carnegie.

The Curtain Call

Pop-ups on an off day; actors waiting their cues always drape over chairs in the stands and scream when cues miss fire. Maybe that's why nothing can deter them once the show starts. An acid test audience, if there ever was one! Bill O'Gara offered to change places with Sarge Pierce, swearing he'd always wanted to be a brush salesman. Could be Bill's tired of being such a heel as the part he has to play. John Hill, bleary-eyed from loss of sleep and having to do a scene over too many times pleaded convincingly: "Why can't we use the SAME body everytime; I'm always dropping Skinner!" That'd be nice, wouldn't it? But what if the 'body' got tired of that, "Mr. North"? Virginia Warren after a rare-miss on a cue, swears she's "SO SORRY" and elegantly distracted Elma Graves hisses "Me, too!" Hugh Roland thinks maybe he'll not be a cop after all. "They don't have this much fun, I'll bet," he alibied. Walter Losden says he'd love nothing better than a realistic rehearsal of his lippling scene! Naomi Taylor slumps down on a giggle when Steve Briggs, after too many years at it, began directing instead of acting. Briggs then swept into his scene as never before. Everybody followed suit. It was wonderful! Then Lee Schrick, over-zealous as usual, started adding lines and gestures because he wants to be a "Beggat Star" in his own right. Everyone is properly amazed. Then Louise Blackwell, exercising a sort of frenzied whim, laughs uproariously, says with genuine relief: "I've been wanting to laugh in this scene ever since rehearsals started. I feel better now." Warren Street-er walked to the front of the stage and said, "He dreams of being Shakespearean Don't mind him, please!" A stalwart friend!

After the general settling down was over, Miss Graves peers calmly over "her little birds" and says, "Get to work, your darling Copes," and everyone falls to with a vim. Just one big family? So far. No opening night short-circuited nerves. Not yet. Agents are watching for them. But so far the frolic has been immense.

"Is this 'They' next Thursday our first performance?" Louise Blackwell wonders. "The 16th and 17th is printed on our posters. Louise. Read them." Vic Rogers adds helpfully. "Then everyone remembers it won't be long. "Mr. and Mrs. North" is rolling off the assembly line and will fly high to success.

Trays make entertaining easy. Above is one of the new hand-painted hand-made trays of tin decorated with gay green and red leaf motif.

Anderson Book Studied By Baptist Circles

"So This Is Africa," by Susan Anderson, was reviewed Monday afternoon by Mrs. R. O. Walker when the Annie Barron and Lockett circles met in the home of Mrs. Barbara Wall, 607 North Pecos. The business discussion hour was presided over by Mrs. R. Chanslor.

Members present were Mrs. Walker, Mrs. E. R. Powell, Mrs. J. C. Hudman, Mrs. M. D. Cox, Mrs. Leon Arnett, Mrs. J. H. Barron, Mrs. W. B. Preston, Mrs. W. H. Spaulding, Mrs. C. G. Murray, Mrs. Chanslor and Mrs. Ruth Erskine.

Rachel Circle Meets In Abell Home Monday

The Rachel Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. George Abell, 1505 West Illinois.

Mrs. W. H. Gilmore was program chairman and Mrs. M. B. Bell had charge of the devotionals.

Members attending the regular meeting were Messdames N. D. McZee, L. C. Link, Y. D. McMurray, N. B. Winters, Fred Turner, Jr., Gilmore, Bell and J. L. Kendrick.

MAAF RED CROSS RESTS

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Coming Events

WEDNESDAY

The Modern Study Club will meet with Mrs. L. W. Leggett, 901 Storey, at 3 p. m.

The Progressive Study Club will meet at 3 p. m. with Mrs. E. A. McCullough, 103 Club Drive.

The Woman's Wednesday Club will observe its annual Bible Day program when the club meets with Mrs. Andrew Fasken, 1511 West Missouri, at 3 p. m.

THURSDAY

The Needlecraft Club will meet at 3 p. m. with Mrs. J. O. Vance, 302 South I Street.

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Episcopal Auxiliary Welcomes Mrs. Daniel

Mrs. L. E. Daniel was welcomed back Monday afternoon when the Women's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal Church met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Kinsey, 723 West Storey. Mrs. Daniel has been away for the last three months.

Plans were made for a tree and program to be held at the church Christmas Eve. Mrs. R. W. Hamilton was program chairman and reviewed the triennial meeting held last October in Cleveland. Benediction closed the business hour and a social was enjoyed by Messdames J. N. Allison, Felix Ankele, B. K. Buffington, James Brown, Daniel, L. E. Edwards, D. L. Griffin, Hamilton, W. B. Harkrider, Paul Kolm, J. P. Ruckman, D. C. Sivals, and W. A. Yeager.

Mrs. A. Fasken Is Hostess To Circle

The Ruth Circle of the First Presbyterian Church was entertained in the home of Mrs. Andrew Fasken, 1511 West Missouri, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Nelson Puett led the discussion on the Bible lesson and Mrs. Lena Osborn, program leader, discussed the topic "In Thy Dark Hour, Shinneth."

A social hour was enjoyed by the following: Messdames Harry Adams, R. M. Jones, Osborn, E. C. Hitchcock, Jack Wilkinson, R. M. Jones, Puett, C. S. Longcope, and Miss Iola Hopkins. Capt. W. J. Coleman was a guest during the social hour.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dismissals at the Western Clinic Hospital Monday included Cecil Stephens who had been a medical patient. Also dismissed were Mrs. Victor Harris and baby, and Mrs. L. T. Boynton and baby.

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The Haunted Man or, The Ghost's Bargain

By Charles Dickens
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THE STORY: Redlaw, chemist and university professor, has concluded a bargain with a phantom whereby he can forget his past unhappiness and make other people forget theirs. He is surprised when the "phantom" starts quarreling at his approach. He goes to visit one of his students who he has heard is sick.

CHAPTER VIII
REDLAW put out his arm. "Don't come nearer to me, I will sit here. Remain you, where you are!"

He sat down on a chair near the door. "I heard, by an accident, by what accident is no matter, that one of my class was ill and solitary. I received no other description of him than that he lived in this street. Beginning my inquiries at the first house in it I have found him."

"I have been ill, sir," returned the student, not merely with a modest hesitation, but with a kind of awe of him, "but am greatly better. An attack of fever--of the brain, I believe--has weakened me, but I am much better. I cannot say I have been solitary in my illness, or I should forget the ministering hand that has been near me."

"You are speaking of the keeper's wife," said Redlaw. "Yes," the student bent his head, as if he rendered her some silent homage.

The Chemist, in whom there was a cold, monotonous apathy, glanced at the student leaning with his hand upon the couch. "I remembered your name," he said, "when it was mentioned to me downstairs just now; and I recollect your face. We have held but very little personal communication together?"

"Very little." "You have retired and withdrawn from me, more than any of the rest, I think?"

The student signified assent. "And why?" said the Chemist, not with the least expression of interest, but with a moody, wayward kind of curiosity. "Why?"

"The young man, who had heard him with increasing agitation, cried with sudden earnestness and with trembling lips: "Mr. Redlaw! You have discovered me. You know my secret!"

"Secret?" said the Chemist harshly. "I know?"

"But, Mr. Redlaw," said the student, "as a just man, and a good man, think how innocent I am, except in name and descent, of participation in any wrong inflicted on you, or in any sorrow you have borne."

"Sorrow!" said Redlaw, laughing. "Wrong! What are those to me?"

"For heaven's sake," entreated the shrinking student, "do not let the mere interchange of a few words with me change you like this, Sir! Let me pass again from your knowledge and notice. Let me occupy my old reserved and distant place among those whom you instruct. Know me only by the name I have assumed, and not by that of Longford--"

"Longford!" exclaimed the other. "The name my mother bears, Sir," faltered the young man, "the name she took, when she might, perhaps, have taken one more honorable."

Redlaw, unmoved, unchanged, and looking at him with a staring frown, answered by no word or sign.

"Mr. Redlaw," said the student, faintly, "what I would have said, but that he was 'relieved to be relieved.' Then he left on a hunting trip."

I have said ill, for my strength is strange to me as yet; but for anything unworthy in this fraud of mine, forgive me, and for all the rest forget me!"

"THE past is past," said the Chemist. "It dies like the brutes. Who talks to me of its traces in my life? He raves or lies! If you want money, here it is. I came to offer it; and that is all I came for. There can be nothing else that brings me here," he muttered, holding his head again, with both his hands. "There can be nothing else, and yet--"

He had tossed his purse upon the table. "As he fell into this dim cogitation with himself, the student took it up, and held it out to him.

"Take it back, Sir," he said proudly, though not angrily. "I wish you could take from me, with it, the remembrance of your words and offer."

"You do?" he retorted, with a wild light in his eyes. "You do?" "I do."

The Chemist went close to him, for the first time, and took the purse, and turned him by the arm, and looked him in the face.

"There is sorrow and trouble in sickness, is there not?" he demanded, with a laugh.

The wondering student answered, "Yes."

"In its unrest, in its anxiety, in its suspense, in all its train of physical and mental miseries," said the Chemist, with a wild unearthly exultation. "All best forgotten, are they not?"

The student did not answer, but again passed his hand, confusedly, across his forehead.

Redlaw still held him by the sleeve, when Milly's voice was heard outside.

Redlaw released his hold, as he listened. "Of all the visitors who could come here," he said, in a hoarse alarmed voice, turning to his companion, "this is the one I should desire most to avoid. Hide me!"

The student opened a frail door in the wall, communicating with a small inner room. Redlaw passed in hastily, and shut it after him.

(To Be Continued)

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Some experts. Morehead reports, are getting good results by opening with one no trump on a hand containing a strong five-card suit. Certainly the no trump bid worked out well on today's hand. If South

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

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1 N T Pass North East
3 N T Pass North East
Opening--♥ 4

Prisoner Captured Here Escapes Again

James Martin, negro life term, who was apprehended here recently by police and returned to the Texas State Prison, was one of the nine convicts who escaped Monday from the Ramsey Prison Farm by cutting a hole through a wall of a building.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

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JOVE! WHAT A DILEMMA! I AM OFFERED \$50 FOR GLADSTONE BUT MY SOFT HEART HAS BECOME ATTACHED TO THE BIRD!

HOWEVER, THE WINTER SEASON IS AT HAND AND I DIRELY NEED FUNDS!

MISTAH MAJOR, YOUR FACE GAJEST A CROSSWORD PUZZLE THIS MORNIN'! IS NOB HATCHIN' A BIG-MONEY AIG IN YOUR HAID?

STILL THE BIRD BELONGS TO MARTHA! SHE'D SURELY REBEL AT PARTING WITH HIM!

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THE HANDICAPS

—By J. R. WILLIAMS

I'M GOIN' ON A DIET AN' GIT ME A PAIR OF SPECKS-- I'M GITTIN' TIRED OF BEIN' TAKEN FER JUST A HUNK O' BEEF! LOOKIT TH' JOB THEY PUT HIM AT!

I HAVENT GOT BEEF, SO IT MUST BE MY SIMPLE LOOKS! YOU MAY HAVE TO STRUGGLE ALL YOUR LIFE, BUT I'LL HAVE TO STRUGGLE TO GIT TO STRUGGLE!

Texas WAC Finds Husband In Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY -- (AP) -- Private Charles Talley entered the orderly room slightly bewildered about why he had been summoned.

The major looked sternly and said "There's a private to see you, a friend of yours, I think."

Charles looked toward a bench on the side of the big room. He fell silent, stared. His jaw dropped. Then he shouted: "Oh, Baby Doll!"

For the next few minutes the two privates kissed, hugged and laughed a little hysterically. Their eyes were moist.

His "friend" was Private Maxine Talley, his wife, who had arrived two days before with a contingent of 200 WACs. They are from Crystal City, Texas.

"I knew he was in Italy," said Maxine. "I had to wait six months before I really put me on a boat going overseas. But then I always knew deep inside of me I would be going where Charlie was."

"I guess," said Charles, "that I'm the happiest soldier in Italy. I got all I want for Christmas."

Have you read the ads today?

Adams Says He Was Fired Because He Wasn't A. & M. Grad

BRYAN, Texas -- (AP) -- George Adams says he believes the Texas A. & M. College board of directors dismissed him after 24 years' connection with the college extension service because he was not a former student of the school. He attended the University of Texas.

F. M. Law, chairman of the board of directors, said in Houston "the board decided to dispense with the services of Adams. As an act of courtesy we offered him the opportunity to resign if he cared to."

Adams had been vice director of the extension service for three years and the acting director since last August when the board failed to re-name H. H. Williamson as director.

Law announced Sunday that the board had chosen E. B. Eudaly as director, subject to approval of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and James D. Prewitt vice director and state agent. Eudaly and Prewitt attended Texas A. & M.

Adams said he had been given no reason for his requested resignation, that he refused to resign.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

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ANSWER: Tasmania, off southern coast of Australia.

FIRST AID FOR SANTA

GEE, DICKY WERE GOING TO MEET SHE LIVES IN AN ICE PALACE!

THIS IS THE PLACE ALL RIGHT!

WELL, GO DOWN AND TAP ON THE DOOR-- BUT BE CAREFUL AND DON'T FREEZE YOUR FINGERS!

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THOSE FEW HANDFULS OF DRY GRASS SHOULD HIDE ANY SIGNS OF OUR DIGGING.

GOOD! HERE'S YOUR KNIFE, BRUNNER. LET'S GET GOING BEFORE THAT SENTRY RETURNS!

WUP!

OOOPS! IT SLIPPED OUT OF MY HAND!

SPRRR!

HALT! TURN ON THE SEARCH LIGHTS!!

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RED RYDER

RED RYDER IN JAIL! IT LITTLE BEAVER'S FAULT FOR SPENDIN' PART OF MONEY WE FIND!

U.S. MARSHAL THINK RED RYDER BAD COUNTIN'FEITER, BUT ME KNOW BETTER!

ME FEEL-UM BAD-- PLENTY WORRIED SICK!

RED RYDER MY FRIEND! NOW ME BETCHUM HIM ANGRY WITH LITTLE BEAVER!

BUT NO USE ME FEEL-UM SELF-- SORRY! ME GO TRY FIND-UM REAL COUNTIN'FEITERS!

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ALLEY OOP

HIM? I WONDER WHERE THE GUYS LEADIN' ME?? I AN'T DONE NOTHIN' MAKE THESE PRIESTS SUSPICIOUS I HOPE!

THE SERVICE YOU ARE TO RENDER THE MASTER MUST TAKE YOU THROUGH THIS PORTAL.

OKAY, BIG SHOT! STEP ASIDE AND LET ME GO!

MY GOSH! WHAT CAN HE WANT ME TO DO IN A PLACE AS DARK AS THIS?

PLEASE TO PROCEED AND GO OUT!

OW!

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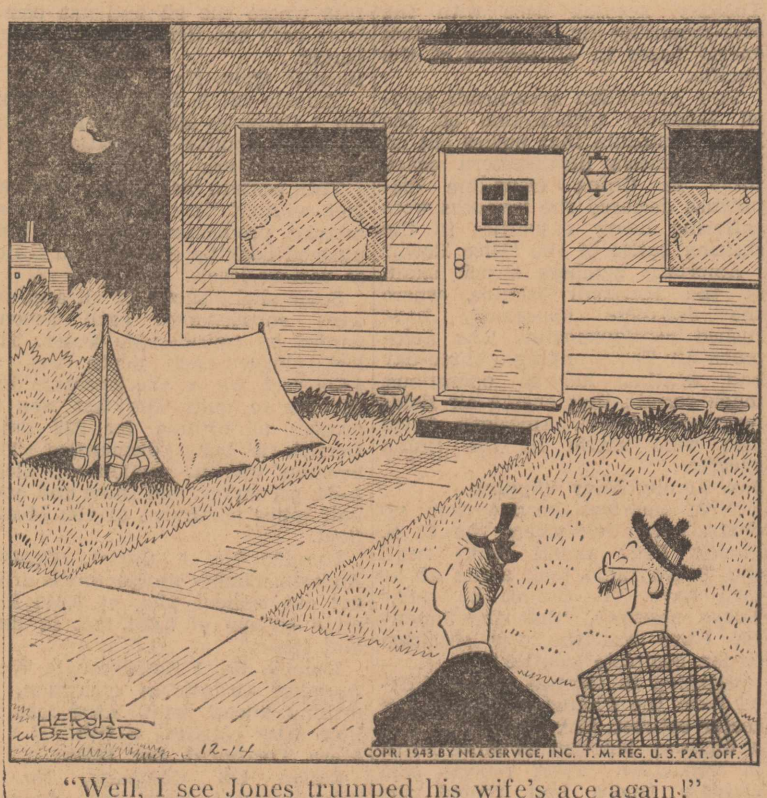
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Regulations Put On Cattle Prices

CHICAGO (AP)—An extensive system of price ranges will go into effect—unless there is some last minute postponement—on all live cattle Wednesday, bringing the beef-producing animals under "floors" and "ceilings" for the first time.

Whether the "floors" nor the "ceilings" however, are absolute, and it will be possible for individual cattle to sell above or below the OPA limits. Thus, the plan differs from that on hogs, where floors and ceilings apply to all good and choice types weighing 200 to 270 pounds.

Limits at Chicago
The limits at Chicago as established by the OPA area: cutter and canner cattle, \$7.45 to \$8.45; common grade \$10 to \$11; medium grade \$12 to \$13; good \$14.25 to \$15.25; and choice \$15 to \$16.

Officials of the OPA expect prices on cattle to average between these limits as a result of a subsidy program to packers. The man who will permit paying more or less than the price ranges for some cattle on some days.

When the plan goes into effect, only sheep prices will be left without some sort of control.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst
The Red Army's sudden reclamation of the initiative in the bloody battle which is raging along the great Kiev salient, and southward into the Dnieper Bend, represents a major step toward making good the recent Allied pledge at Teheran to crush Germany by concerted blows from East, South and West.

What this means is that Marshal Stalin is trying to maneuver his forces into favorable position for another devastating winter offensive. Hitler faces a further fierce crisis amidst the snow and ice and sub-zero weather of the wind-swept steppes.

Such an offensive must be an integral part of the grand strategy which is calculated by all-round pressure to deliver the coup de grace to one of the most barbarous conquerors of history. Hitler's forces must be kept engaged in Russia while the Allies get set for their establishment of that crucial second front in France.

That's also the explanation of the Allied pressure in the Balkans. Expect Bitter Fighting
Bitter fighting may be expected along the Russo-German front, and it wouldn't be surprising if the line swings considerably in the immediate future.

For a month past the Hitlerites have been hitting the Red front in the Kiev sector with a they had. Their only hope of holding along the general line of the Dnieper River lay in considerably straightening out the Kiev salient—which bulges so dangerously into their defenses—and also relieving pressure on the Dnieper Bend and the southern end of the front.

They were racing a double danger—of having their line broken and flanked by the Reds, and of losing their all-important lateral railways upon which the invaders depend to maintain their armies.

Nazi Marshal Manstein has had his temporary successes in this month of death, due in part to the fact that bad weather has grounded much of the Red Air Force. However, while he appears to have employed every resource at his disposal, he hasn't been able thus far to wipe out that vast Kiev salient which is bending inward like a giant mountain to crush him.

Big Freeze Due Soon
A late fall has delayed the freeze-up in Central and Southern Russia, with the result that deep mud has hampered military operations. The big freeze cannot be far away, however, and when it comes the mighty Red fighting machine should begin to roll westward.

When will the invasion of France come? We can only note that the Allies appear to be devoting every energy towards the culminating offensive. Undoubtedly it will come as soon as it is humanly possible to get set for it.

Chief Labor Whip in the British House of Lords declared Sunday that the next 100 days "will be as important in the history of the world as the 100 days before Waterloo. Then Napoleon met his fate and Hitler will meet his if we act bravely and swiftly."

That's an interesting but inconclusive estimate. Hitler certainly thinks the trial draws near, and he's getting set for the showdown. Marshal Rommel, famous fox of the Libyan Desert, has been given command of the anti-invasion forces in Western Europe, and the Fuehrer probably has made as good a choice as he could. Rommel always is dangerous.

POLICE CONCLUDE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION
Police Tuesday concluded their investigation of the accident early Sunday in which Burkett Gilmore, 53, suffered a fractured leg and declared it probably was "unavoidable."

No charges were filed against Alfred R. Snyder, 17, driver of the car which struck Gilmore.

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Two Men Stabbed To Death In Penitentiary

MCALISTER, OKLA. (AP)—A convict's complaint that he had been robbed by fellow inmates brought violent death to the convict and to Chief Sgt. Pat Riley of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary guards.

Riley and L. C. Smalley, convict serving a term for robbery, were stabbed fatally and beaten at the prison electric plant Monday by two felons whom Riley was attempted to question, Warden Dick Conner said. Smalley had accused the two, Stanley Steen and Moss Johnson, of robbing him, the warden added.

Steen, serving a 50-year term for manslaughter, and Johnson, serving seven years for the same crime, immediately were subdued by guards.

Eleven War Workers Killed In Accident
BATH, N. Y. (AP)—Eleven war workers bound for the Ingersoll-Plant plant at nearby Painted Post were killed Tuesday when the bus in which they were passengers burned after a collision with a trailer truck.

At least eight more persons were injured, one critically. Coroner James J. Sanford said he understood the bus contained 20 passengers.

Post-War Planning Program To Be Outlined
A transcribed radio program in which Ralph Bradford, general manager of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, outlines the post-war planning of chambers of commerce, will be broadcast over KRLH at 3:15 p. m., Wednesday, officials of the Midland Chamber of Commerce announced Tuesday.

The program is intended to stimulate community interest in constructive plans for the post-war period.

BULLET KILLS YOUTH
DALLAS (AP)—John Shaddox, 12, died early Tuesday from a bullet wound in the head received when he apparently stumbled and accidentally discharged his small rifle Monday.

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Grid Squads Are In Top Condition For Next Games

By The Associated Press
Unless injuries are incurred in practice sessions, all semi-finalists in Texas' high school football play-off will be at their physical peaks for next Saturday's games.
San Angelo, Highland Park (Dallas), Lufkin and Goose Creek all emerged from quarter-final tussles with only minor mishaps.
Several of the San Angelenos, who play hosts Saturday to Highland Park, sported black eyes when they reported for Monday's workout. The big news of the day in the Bobcat camp, however, was the absence of both the team's coaches. Head Coach Jewell Wallace was out of action with a light case of influenza and Line Coach R. M. Erwin was occupied with school business. Co-captains Joe Williams and George Graham conducted the workout.

Roberts Have Advantage
Two Highland Park linemen, Harold Clark and Rip Collins, were out Monday with colds, but are expected to rejoin the team in mid-week. Coach H. N. (Rusty) Russell, appearing concerned over San Angelo's weight advantage, estimated at about eight pounds, the team expressed hope that its team would duplicate the performance that last week downed Sunset (Dallas) 14-0.

Dizzy Dean Declines Offer From Hollywood

LANCASTER, Texas. —(AP)—Ol' Diz Dean has no desire to be a glamor boy—besides, it would interfere with his farming.

Dizzy spiked reports Tuesday that he was going to Hollywood to make western pictures. Sure, there had been something to it; he had even signed a contract, but didn't mail it.

"I don't want any part of Hollywood," said the former star major league pitcher. "I work six months a year broadcasting baseball and I want to be at home on the farm the rest of the time. You know, I'm just a farmer at heart."

Dean is selling his prize Herefords at his 200-acre farm near here because he can't get help in taking care of them, but he's not giving up his place. It's quiet, he can sleep as long as he wants to and work when he pleases.

Dizzy was polishing his guns for a hunting trip but soon he'll get ready for a jaunt to Central America to manage a baseball team for a month. He reports to St. Louis to begin broadcasting in April.

Randolph Ramblers Tune Up For Texas

SAN ANTONIO. —(AP)—The Randolph Field Ramblers are scheduled to don football togs again Tuesday, after a brief layoff, and start practice for the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas New Year's Day against the University of Texas Longhorns.

Several players were out Monday playing pass ball, including Glenn Dobbs, who has fully recovered from an attack of influenza.

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Judge Landis May Declare Baseball Men In Armed Forces Free Agents

By SID FEDER
NEW YORK. —(AP)—Ever since Commissioner K. M. Landis put out that recent baseball "revolution," like a guy puts out the cat at night, several "chain store" farm system operators have been grabbing the aspirin bottle to be ready for a new headache they're afraid the commissioner is cooking up.

This is the fear that before the winter's out "the head" is planning to set free several hundred minor league ball players whose estimates run as high as 1,000—who went to war from the 106 clubs in the 16 leagues which suspended in 1943.

When they entered the armed services, these hired hands were placed on the national defense service lists of those clubs. Since the loops suspended, however, the players were transferred—many for a flat \$100 a head—to clubs in leagues still doing business at the same old stand. They were placed on the defense lists of those clubs and will report to those clubs when the war ends. It is at this long string of transfer deals that Landis is now aiming his high hard one, and the reports are that "the head" may declare the whole lot of them free agents.

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Bulldogs To Meet Lamesa Cagers

Midland High School's Bulldogs, with one victory already under their belts, will journey to Lamesa Tuesday night to seek their second win of the season. The Golden Tornadoes of Lamesa will return the engagement here Friday night, unless the flu situation forces postponement of the tilt.

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Outfield Fly'er



Cadet Ted Williams in cockpit of N2S trainer at Bunker Hill, Ind., Naval Air Station, where two-time American League batting champion is completing training.

Louis Brooks Heads Cowboy Standings

Louis Brooks of Pittsburg, Okla., is the leading cowboy in the standing list of the Rodeo Association of America with 6,924 points on Dec. 1. Second was Homer Pettigrew of Grady, N. M., with 5,486 points.

In the calf roping standings, Toots Mansfield of Bandera, Texas, was leading with 2,983 points. Clyde Burk of Comanche, Okla., was runner-up with 2,752. Next came Buck Sorrells with 2,707, and then Pettigrew with 1,882.

Marvin Jones Sees No Shortage Of Food

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—Congress heard from War Food Administrator Marvin Jones Tuesday that while "there will be a need for more food than we can produce" next year, there is no serious shortage in sight if production goals are met.

These goals, Jones testified during hearings on a farm labor supply bill reported to the House by the appropriations committee, call for an all-out effort in 1944 to boost by four per cent the record production of 1943, which was 32 per cent more than in the basic 1935-1939 period.

Livestock

FORT WORTH. —(AP) Cattle 9,200; calves 2,000; weak to steady; common to good steers and yearlings 8.50-13.50; beef cows 8.00-9.50; fat slaughter calves 7.50-12.50; stocker steer calves and yearlings 6.00-11.50; heifers 11.00 down; stocker cows 9.00 down; Hogs 2.10; unchanged; tops 13.65; good and choice 200-270 lb. butcher hogs 13.55-65; good and choice 150-195 lb averages 10.25-13.40; packing sows 1.50 down; stocker pigs 10.00 down.
Sheep 3.00; steady; common to good lambs 10.25-13.00; choice fed lambs 14.00; yearlings 12.00 down; ewes 5.00-5.50.

PENNSYLVANIA FARMER HAS TIRE PROBLEM

WAYNESBORO, Pa. —(AP)—The transportation problem has been solved by Farmer Alf Myers—that is it will be as soon as he locates a set of tires for his 50-year-old bicycle.
Myers acquired the bike, known as the "ordinary" with a 60-inch front and 16-inch rear wheel, and the tire problem for \$10 at an auction.

ROOSEVELT MAY BE ASKED TO CLARIFY ISSUE

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—Demands that the Army and Navy adopt uniform regulations on the availability of their personnel for public offices were voiced in Congress Tuesday and Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) suggested that President Roosevelt clarify the issue with an executive order.
It's illegal to sell fresh meats on Sundays in Wyoming.

Americans Pierce Japanese Lines On Many Fronts

By Morris Landsberg, Associated Press War Editor
Allied soldiers pierced Japanese lines on widely-separated fronts Tuesday, keeping pace with the ever-mounting air offensive against enemy bases in all sectors of the Pacific.

Two Australian spearheads forced Japanese withdrawals on the Huon Peninsula that bulges out on New Guinea's northeastern coast, while in China front-line dispatches declared the invaders were suffering heavy casualties in the shifting battle of the "Rice Bowl." American bombers struck again at the Marshall Islands, where the Japanese apparently have rushed reinforcements. The Solomons Air Force, ending a three-day bad weather lull in operations, made certain that enemy air fields remained useless. American flyers also were active in the China theater.

Jap Admits Navy Shipping

With imperial headquarters no doubt wondering where the U. S. Pacific Fleet would strike next, the Tokyo radio took a dig at its own navy. "It cannot be said," Tokyo observed, "that the Japanese Navy has the war situation under complete control."

Fighting in Central China shifted from the Changteh area to the sector between Shishman and Heli, a highway junction 25 miles north of Changteh. Field reports said Chinese troops had routed the Japanese garrison at Shishman and were in the outskirts of Heli.

Smash Railway Yards

The continued presence of cargo vessels in Marshall anchorages suggests that the Japanese are bringing in more supplies and more men to oppose a possible American attempt to take the Central Pacific island chain.

Allied flyers in the Solomons carried out 17 sorties in their return to the mainland to blast Japanese airfields in the Bougainville area.

CIO Opens Fight To Break Wage Formula

PITTSBURGH. —(AP)—The CIO opened its announced fight to break the "little steel" wage formula Tuesday as the United Steel Workers of America met with officials of the U. S. Steel Corporation to press their demands for a wage increase of 17 cents an hour, guaranteed weekly wages and other benefits.

OWI Reports Acute Coal Shortage In U. S.

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—The Office of War Information reported Tuesday the coal shortage is so acute that if stocks cannot be replenished next summer the situation will "approach catastrophe."
The plain fact is, says OWI, that we aren't digging as much coal as we are using.

Mosquito Bombers Hit Germany Again

LONDON. —(AP)—The RAF's fleet Mosquito bombers stabbed at Western Germany Monday night for the fourth successive night, the Air Ministry announced Tuesday, skipping through the Nazi defenses to return to their bases without loss.

The raid followed up a daylight assault on unspecified objectives in Western Germany by formations of U. S. Liberators and Flying Fortresses, during which American airmen shot down 15 Nazi fighters to bring to 187 the total number of German planes downed by the Eighth Air Force this month.

According to official figures the heavy bombers have downed 257 enemy planes in their last 15 missions.
Fourteen of the German fighters downed Monday were bagged by the bomber gunners. The other was destroyed by the strong fighter escort of Thunderbolts and Lightnings, which made their longest round trip of the war in this theater.

Marauder medium bombers also went out Monday for the first mission in eight days, blasting a Nazi fighter base at Schiphol near Amsterdam.
American losses in the day's operations were five heavy bombers, two medium bombers and two fighters.

Basketball Scores

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Sheppard Field Officers 27, Texas Christian 23.

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and if that zone is dry will be plugged back and the oil bearing Bend horizon will be shot with nitro.

Location is in the northwest corner of section 7, block 4, Dan Murray survey, and four miles northwest of a small oil pool opened in 1938 where the oil and gas comes from both the Bend and the Ellenburger.

Humble Quits No. 1 'C&M'

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Crews & Mast, North-Central Andrews County exploration, is to be plugged and abandoned.
This venture was drilled to 10,596 feet without developing any commercial production and was then plugged back by degrees and tested at various levels.
Some slight shows of oil and gas were encountered, each accompanied by considerable water. The last plugged-back depth was at 4,673 feet where the operator has decided to quit. The test was in process of drilling for 222 days. Derrick is being dismantled. The location was in section 8, block A-34, psi survey, and three and one-half miles northwest of the Means field.

Humble No. 1 Carter, Central Andrews County prospector, is drilling out cement plug at 9,840 feet on a bottom of 9,864 feet in lime and shale.

More Treatment of Bites

Union Oil Company, No. 2 Bites, stepout from the one-well Union pool in Northwest Andrews, is preparing to treat pay section at 6,885-7,500 feet with acid in stages. Plans were to start with a 1,000-gallon wash and follow with various sized shots to a total of around 12,000 gallons.

Ralph Love No. 1 Love, Northwest Andrews wildcat, had reached 6,655 feet and was making new hole. Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 Grisham-Hunter, Ellenburger exploration in Southwest Andrews, was punching ahead under 7,629 feet.

Continental Oil Company No. 1-A Jones, Northwest Gaines wildcat, had reached 11,185 feet in lime and chert and was preparing to run a string of pipe. A Schlumberger survey was run on this venture last week.

More Plug In Farmer

The Texas Company No. 1 Farmer, wildcat pumped in a total of 70 sacks of cement on top of the bottom at 8,997 feet in black sandy lime, to fill up a cavity and was going in Tuesday morning to start drilling ahead.

Woodley Petroleum Company No. 1 Farmer, wildcat project two miles north of Wasson field production in Yoakum County, was drilling past 5,233 feet in hard lime with no shows reported.

Globe Oil & Refining Company No. 1 V. J. Williams, Central Hockley County exploration, had reached 4,827 feet in limestone and was cutting ahead.

Evans Cleaning Up
Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware and Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 1 Evans, Southwest Cochran County wildcat, was conditioning the hole to the bottom at 4,928 feet in dolomite before taking a drillstem test.

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 Dean, Northeast Dawson County venture, was drilling by below 10,000 feet after the hole had been plugged back to 9,935 feet from the total depth reached of 10,297 feet when a fishing job could not be hooked or landed.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Sterling, prospector in West Sterling County, was swabbing water to the bottom at 2,550 feet. Coltex Refining Company No. 1 Miller, Northwest Mitchell County exploration, had progressed under 7,167 feet and was drilling ahead.

Reagan Wildcat Works

National Refining Company No. Merchant, wildcat near Stiles in Northwest Reagan County, was drilling past 2,110 feet in anhydrite. Kenwood Oil Company No. 1 Goode, prospector in the Rankin area of Upton County, was boring around 3,950 feet.

Humble No. 2-B Sawyer, Irion County project has reached 7,795 feet in lime and shale.

Globe Oil & Refining Company and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Golden, Pecos wildcat, is drilling below 5,799 feet.

Culbertson & Irwin, Inc., and Union No. 1-A Heiner, had reached 5,540 feet in dolomite.

Humble No. 1 Barnes, is making hole around 3,275 feet in lime.

Standard of Texas No. 1 McDer is drilling below 1,400 feet.

Gulf Grinds In Ward
Gulf No. 1 Edwards, Ward County wildcat, was progressing past 7,250 feet.

Shell No. 3 Sealy-Smith, was coring under 10,361 feet in dolomite. A core at 10,343-61 feet had a recovery of six feet of dolomitic lime with no porosity or staining and a very poor odor.

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Traditional "Goodby, son, take care of yourself" soldier's farewell gets a reverse twist as cowboy-actor Hoot Gibson gives his daughter goody smack as she leaves Los Angeles. She's off to train as an Air-WAC.

Oil Production In U. S. Shows Decline

TULSA. —(AP)—United States crude oil production declined 23,385 barrels daily in the week ended Dec. 11 to a total of 4,371,870 barrels daily. The Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

Texas output dropped 25,300 barrels a day to 1,882,900; East Texas, 5,200 to 364,300; the Rocky Mountain area 1,795 to 132,935; and Michigan 7,200 to 524,300.

Kansas production increased 6,400 barrels a day to 273,500; Oklahoma 2,550 to 325,500; Louisiana 1,320 to 354,120; Illinois 3,700 to 221,850; California 50 to 780,300, and Eastern Fields 275 to 70,150.

Personals

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Preston recently has been transferred to Maine from the MAAF. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryan left Tuesday for Etawah, Tennessee, to visit relatives they have not seen in over twenty years. They expect to be gone until February.

Mack Trades Wolff For Buck Newsum

PHILADELPHIA. —(AP)—Louis Norman (Buck) Newsum, the nominee of Leo Durocher among others for baseball's No. 1 problem child, will get a fresh start come spring under the refining influence of Connie Mack.

Big Bouie, who led the historic Brooklyn Dodger revolt against Brocher in the middle of last season will open the Athletics' pitching staff in exchange for Roy-Poly Roger Wolff, the relief hurler who has pulled more than one of Jesse Flores' tamales from the fire.

Wolff, of course, goes to the Washington Senators.

POLICE GO ON STRIKE

MONTREAL. —(AP)—Police, firemen, and public works employees in this city of 900,000 went on strike Tuesday seeking to enforce a demand for recognition of the Canadian Congress of Labor Unions as their bargaining agent.

ANOTHER STRIKE

BALTIMORE. —(AP)—Picket lines were thrown around Baltimore plants of the Western Electric Company Tuesday in support of a strike called by the Point Breeze Workers Association after a demand for separate sanitary facilities for whites and negroes.

Much of Puerto Rico's tobacco crop is grown under cheesecloth to protect it from insects and the hot sun.

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