

# BOMBERS BLAST NORTH ITALY

## Allies Lose Seventeen Merchant Ships

### German Bombers Sink Five American Ships In Italian Harbor Raid

**By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER**  
WASHINGTON —(AP)— Seventeen United Nations merchant ships, including five American vessels, were sunk by German bombers in the Allied port at Bari, Italy, Dec. 2. Approximately 1,000 persons, among them 37 American naval men, were killed or injured.

Secretary of War Stimson disclosed casualty details and the loss of American ships at a press conference Thursday after other sources of unquestionable authority had put the total number of vessels lost at 17, approximately 50 per cent of the total amount of shipping in Bari harbor at the time.

In official quarters here there was no disposition to deny that the blow was serious, greatly reducing British Army supplies for two or three days—and in some respects the worst defeat inside a protected harbor since the Japanese raided Pearl Harbor to start the war two years ago.

"Fortunately, most of the cargo had been discharged prior to the attack, and the loss of supplies was not great," Stimson said. Ammunition ships exploded. About 30 German bombers participated in the raid. Stimson said much of the damage resulted when two ammunition ships were hit and exploded, spreading fires and destruction over the harbor.

Stimson's report of the attack came during the course of his weekly review of the war. "While we have definite air superiority in Southern Italy and in most of the Mediterranean," the War Secretary said, "the Germans have appreciably increased their air strength in this area. Sharp fighter resistance has been encountered at times, and some heavy bomber attacks have been made on Allied ports and shipping."

Stimson told questioners that the War Department did not know the full number of Americans included in the estimated total of 1,000 casualties, and did not know whether the two ammunition ships were among the five American vessels reported destroyed.

The wave of German bombers came over the Bari area just at dawn, flying low and very fast. They caught the city's defenses entirely by surprise, as frequently happens in an air attack made at dangerously low levels.

The raid, so far as could be established here, did not have any extremely disruptive effect on Allied strategy in Italy.

**Mr. and Mrs. North Will Be Presented By Civic Theater**

"Mr. and Mrs. North," a three-act comedy-drama, will be presented by the Civic Theater Thursday night and Friday night, in the Civic Auditorium. Both shows will start promptly at 8:15 p. m.

**Two Pecos Airmen Die In Plane Crash**  
PECOS —(AP)— Two Army fliers who crashed to their deaths in a training plane in the Franklin Mountains near El Paso were identified Thursday as Capt. Hazen R. Jackson, 37, and Capt. Warren G. Collins, 23.

### Invasion Of New Britain Is Imminent

**SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS** —(AP)— An American invasion of New Britain Island, key to Japan's hold on the entire South Pacific area, appeared imminent Thursday following a devastating raid by Allied bombers that dumped 356 tons of explosives on Arawe, one of the two good harbors on the southern coast of the island.

This record raid, announced by General Douglas MacArthur, followed crushing attacks Sunday that plastered New Britain on all sides in a pre-invasion softening-up pattern. Effectiveness of these raids was pronounced, MacArthur said the damage was heavy.

**Pack Terrible Wallop**  
All indications in headquarters communique the last two days have pointed to a quickening tempo in these air attacks. They have packed a terrific wallop, coordinated in a pincer's air onslaught on New Britain that made full use of the new American airfield on Bougainville, in the Northern Solomons.

Potential invasion areas of New Britain have been pointed up by the sustained pounding of Allied warplanes in recent weeks. These the Rabaul, neutralized in October by devastation from the air and the western end of the island. There Gasmeta, on the southeast coast, has been pounded almost daily for more than a fortnight, and Cape Gloucester, on the western tip, has been hammered almost daily along with Gasmeta.

Arawe, prior to Thursday's communique, had not been mentioned as a target of recent raids. The most recent attack there was reported by MacArthur Dec. 9, when 16 tons of bombs were cascaded on the area.

Indications that an invasion of New Britain might come from the west, across the strait from the Huon Peninsula of New Guinea, have been apparent since Australian captured Finschhafen last Oct. 2.

### Fire Halts Production In Ford Airplane Plant

**DETROIT —(P)—** Production was halted in the aircraft building at the Ford Motor Company Rouge plant Thursday when fire broke out in a wooden box car filled with magnesium chips.

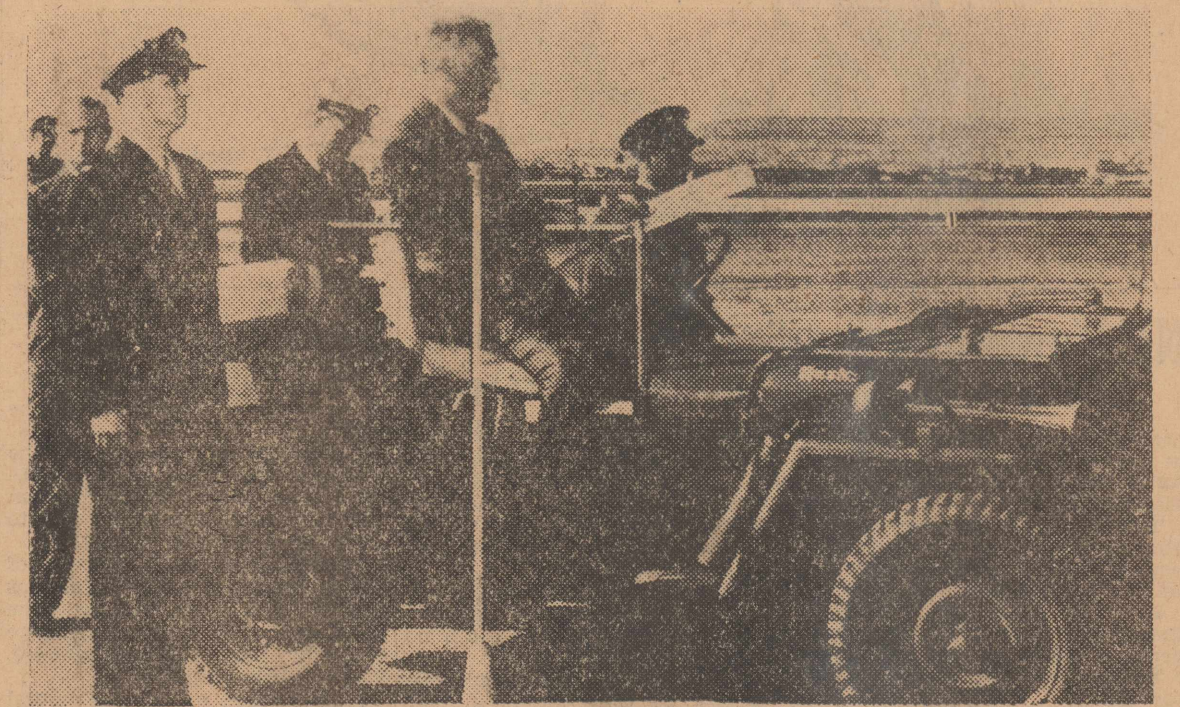
Several thousand employes were forced to leave the building, which became filled with fumes and smoke.

### Dr. William A. Brown Dies In New York City

**NEW YORK —(P)—** Dr. William Adams Brown, 77, Presbyterian minister who was one of the founders of the World Council of Churches and represented America at several foreign church conferences, died Wednesday night.

In 1929, he officiated at the marriage of Charles A. Lindbergh and Anne Spencer Morrow.

### Roosevelt Reads "Scroll" To People Of Malta



President Roosevelt reading the scroll citing the courage and fortitude of the brave people of Malta in behalf of the United States. Major John Boettiger, PDR's son-in-law, stands beside the jeep which is one of three presented to the British at Malta by General Eisenhower. (U. S. Army Air Forces photo from OWI by NEA Telephoto.)

### NE Howard Test Finds Oil Zone At 5,460-81 Feet

**By JAMES C. WATSON,**  
Oil Editor  
Cosden Petroleum Corporation and W. S. Guthrie No. 2 Pauline Allen, Northeast Howard County wildcat, had drilled to 5,481 feet in a fossiliferous lime Thursday morning and was reported to have at least 1,600 feet of 31.6 gravity oil in the hole from a new pay section for that area, topped at 5,460 feet.

No definite call has been made on the producing zone. However, in some quarters, it is described as the Wichita-Albany series of the lower Permian.

**Headed For 6,000 Feet**  
The project was drilling ahead with the intention being to carry it to 6,000 feet unless water or additional pay is encountered above that level.

After drilling from 5,460 feet, where the pay was topped, to 5,483 feet, the hole was filled with 1,000 feet of oil in 24 hours. Another 600 feet of crude came in by the time the hole had been cut to 5,472 feet.

Some further increases have been noted in the fluid while going ahead to 5,481 feet. The drilling was halted in most of the formation from 5,472-81 feet, but between the lime stringers were soft streaks which carried oil.

**Missed 4,000-Foot Pay**  
Cosden and Guthrie No. 2 Pauline Allen, in section 57, block 20, Laverne Navigation survey, is a northeast offset to the same operators' No. 1 Allen, which discovered pay several months ago for 162 barrels of oil per day pumping, from 4,040-96 feet. The No. 2 Allen did not have shows of any size in that horizon, and was drilled deeper as a prospect.

**Spraberry Runs Pipe**  
Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware No. 1 Spraberry, Southeast Dawson County wildcat, has cemented a string of 5 1/2-inch casing at 6,800 feet with 150 sacks and is waiting.

**Bottom of the hole was reported at 7,679 feet. On a drillstem test at 7,518-7,679 feet, with the tools open for one hour, 200 feet of drilling mud was recovered. The operator did not report any oil shows in the test.**

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### Nazi Communications In Brenner Pass Area Attacked By Big Force

**By EDWARD KENNEDY**  
**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS** —(AP)— American heavy bombers, striking with as great force as on Tuesday when 300 Flying Fortresses and Liberators blasted airfields in the Athens area, hit telling blows at enemy communications on both sides of the Brenner Pass Wednesday.

The new sledgehammer blows were directed at rail facilities at Innsbruck in Austria and at Bolzano and the Trento regions in Northern Italy and, although the fleet of bombers and escorting fighters approximately matched the armada which raided the Aegean area, Allied headquarters said every one of the planes returned safely.

These attacks, described as highly concentrated and successful, were made on the main supply line from Germany into Italy as the British Eighth Army pushed ahead slowly in an advance along the Adriatic Coast toward Pescara and the Fifth Army captured an important hill in the Castel San Vincenzo area six miles south of Alfedena.

The Eighth Army cut the road between Ortona and Orsogna in three places and captured the village of Berrati, three miles from Ortona.

The raid on Innsbruck was made by Flying Fortresses of the 15th U. S. Air Force and was the first blow delivered on the Austrian Tyrol. High explosives were laid across the railway yards and terminal.

Innsbruck is the junction point where the rail line extending southward through the Brenner Pass leaves the main east-west line which links the industrial areas of Southern Germany and Austria.

South of the pass Fortresses bombed the rail yards at Bolzano and Liberators struck at the viaduct over the Avisio River near Trento.

The big bombers were escorted by Lightnings. They encountered only slight flak over Innsbruck. (Continued on Page 2)

### Scores Die In Train Wreck

**LUMBERTON, N. C.** —(AP)— Two streamlined passenger trains on the New York-Florida run were wrecked near here early Thursday and estimates of the dead ranged from at least 50 to 76. Many scores were taken to hospitals with injuries.

The two fast Atlantic Coast Line trains, loaded with pre-holiday travelers, many of them homeward-bound service men, piled up in a double wreck at Buie, a village in southwestern North Carolina, shortly after 1 a. m.

The Coast Line office at Rocky Mount said it was informed 75 passengers aboard one train were killed and one person aboard the other fatally injured.

Dr. W. S. Fleming of a Fayetteville hospital, who arrived at the scene at 3 a. m. and administered first aid for more than five hours, said "at least 50 persons were killed."

C. G. Sibley of Wilmington, a vice president of the line, said he believed the wreck was caused by a broken axle.

The highways to the scene were covered with snow and ice and one Atlantic Coast Line station said that lines of communication were down.

**MINIMUM 28 DEGREES**  
Midland's minimum temperature Thursday was only 28 degrees, compared with a low of 20 degrees Wednesday.

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"I can assure the House that every modern facility is available on the spot."

Lord Moran, the prime minister's personal physician, accompanied Churchill to the Cairo and Teheran conferences and on his previous flights to Washington, Moscow and the Middle East. He is president of the Royal College of Physicians.

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### Today's War Map



Today's war map shows the area west of Kiev where Red Armies have checked the Nazis' all-out onslaught on that vital city. Further south, Russian troops striking west from Kremenchug, to support a bridgehead in the Oberkassy area, captured Cherkassy, last German base on the west bank of the lower Dnieper. (NEA Telemap.)

### Churchill Conferred With Greek Premier

**NEW YORK —(P)—** Prime Minister Churchill and Greek Premier Emmanouel Tsouderos met last Friday in Cairo to discuss "the part Greece will play in the prosecution of the war in the light of recent events," a BBC broadcast recorded by NBC said Thursday.

### WAR AT A GLANCE

**By The Associated Press**

**ITALY** — Seventeen Allied merchant ships lost in German air attack on Bari Harbor; American bombers strike Brenner Pass communications.

**EUROPEAN AERIAL** — RAF Mosquitos attack Western Germany.

**RUSSIA** — Red counter-attacks thrust Germans back along Tretsv River near Kiev.

**SOUTHWEST PACIFIC** — 100 American heavy and medium bombers drop 356 tons of explosives on Arawe, New Britain.

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Fair and Warmer.

**WAR BULLETINS**

**PHOENIX, ARIZ. —(AP)—** L. D. Brewer, radio amateur, said he heard two broadcasts from Tokyo Thursday of a Japanese communique saying American forces have invaded New Britain Island and that desperate fighting occurred on the beaches.

**LONDON —(AP)—** American heavy bombers, giving battered Northwest Germany only a two-day respite following Monday's heavy raid, renewed the assault on that industrial area in another daylight attack Thursday, Army headquarters announced.

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS —(AP)—** Ninety-nine medals and commemorations have been awarded officers and men of the cruiser Savannah for heroism when that vessel was struck by an enemy aerial bomb Nov. 9 while protecting the Fifth Army's landings in the Gulf of Salerno.

**LONDON —(AP)—** The Yugoslav Partisan lines have given way under the crushing pressure of constantly reinforced German troops in Croatia and the advancing Nazis are burning and sacking every village in their path, the headquarters of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) announced Thursday.



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But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.—Numbers 14:21.

No Time For Squabbles

The French waited until Anglo-American forces had freed a few square miles of outlying colonies before they split into opposing camps, risking quick victory for the sake of building fences against the political future.
The Italians didn't begin to fight amongst their anti-Fascist selves until our armies had captured the foot of the peninsula and worked part way up the calf.

We still are many long death-defiled miles from Yugoslavia, but already the Yugoslavs have begun a fratricidal struggle for postwar dominance.
The pattern seems always the same. In order to expedite ultimate victory, in order to set the stage so that a liberated people can choose their own form of government and select their own rulers, we Anglo-Americans, who must do the liberating, work with the weapons that are at hand.

Jealous, dissatisfied national groups, which still would be helpless but for what we are doing, demand that the moment we have taken the first step we kick away the ladder we used.
DeGaulle held high the torch of French freedom when there was nobody else doing it.
Sforza represents the best in Italian anti-Fascism, but he was in no position to do for us what Marshal Badoglio did.

Sentimentally, most Americans prefer DeGaulle and Sforza to their fellow-countrymen who temporized with Nazism. But war has to be fought with the weapons which are available, even though often they are not the most attractive.
In Yugoslavia the situation is yet more confusing. There King Peter's government in exile, and General Mikhalovitch leading the loyalist armies at home, at no time have collaborated with Hitler.
Yet the Communist group which calls itself the Partisans, led by Gen. Josip Broz (Tito) has set up a provisional government in opposition to and defiance of Peter's government.

Louis Adamic expresses belief that this was done "only after an okay from the big powers." We do not believe this. We do not believe that Roosevelt and Churchill would double-cross an ally in this way.
For one thing, such action would encourage every occupied country to split into self-seeking factions, which would interfere greatly with the war effort. This is no time for squabbling.
—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

A Reasonable Request

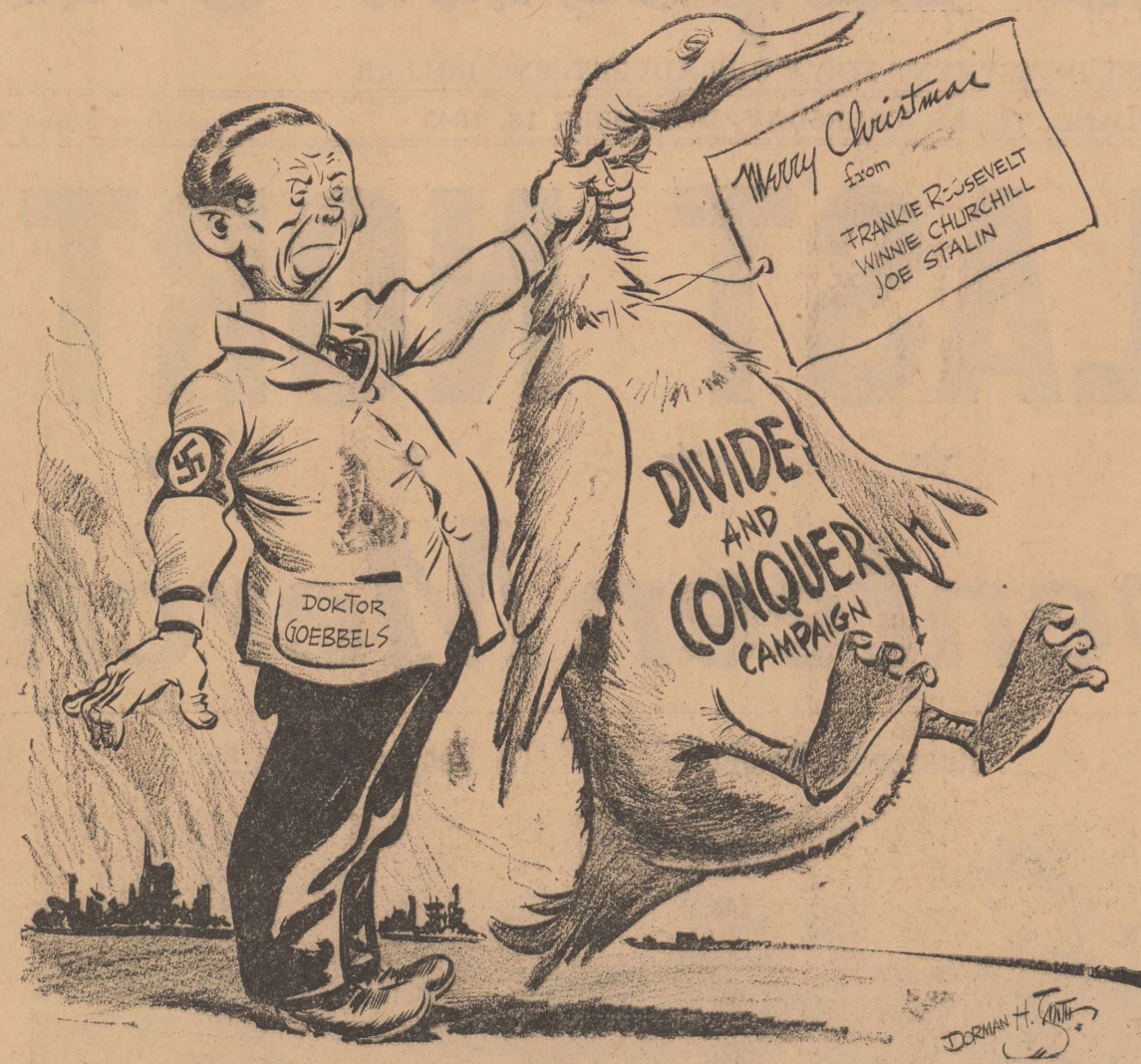
Much thought is being given to the problem of providing reemployment for men returning from military service. So far as possible, old jobs are being kept available. But this does not apply to one group in the service whose jobs were the result of years of training and individual effort.

When a doctor goes to war his job cannot be preserved for him. His patients must go elsewhere. When he returns, he must find new patients, a slow, tedious task that will not be made easier by the fact that tens of thousands of other doctors released from the armed forces will be doing the same thing.
However, the doctors are not kicking. All the average doctor asks is a chance to work in the way that he is best fitted by environment and training—the way of the individual doctor under the traditional American medical system. It is a reasonable request.

Vinson Says Pay Boost Is Threat
WASHINGTON (AP)—Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson Thursday reiterated his belief that a proposed general eight-cent-an-hour pay boost for the nation's non-operating railroad workers constituted a major threat to the wartime wage and price stabilization program.

W. B. Brooks Dies Of Gunshot Wound
William Bynum Brooks, 63, died Wednesday in his home near Midland of a self-inflicted gun shot wound.

A Dead Duck



NE Howard --

(Continued from Page 1) prospector, had reached 10,013 feet in lime and chert and was fishing for a drill collar.
The Pure Oil Company No. 1 Martin, wildcat in Floyd County, had progressed to 3,975 feet and was fishing for drill pipe.

J. R. Sharp, Northeast Lubbock County exploration, was at a total depth of 5,000 feet and had taken a Schlumberger test and is waiting for orders.
Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Matador Land & Cattle Company, wildcat in Dickens County, was drilling under 1,795 feet in shale and anhydrite.

Samedan Oil Corporation No. 1 Jones, Northeast Gaines County wildcat, had drilled to 4,700 feet in lime and was waiting after setting 5 1/2-inch pipe at 4,687 feet with 350 sacks of cement.
Frankel Bros. No. 1 University, outpost to production in the Fullerton area of Northwest Andrews, had drilled under 6,072 feet in lime.

Standard Oil & Gas Company No. 1-2 University, had reached 1,475 feet in redbeds and was drilling ahead.
Mitchell County Wildcats
Coltux Refining Company No. 1 Miller, Ellenburger test in Northwest Mitchell County, is making hole past 7,175 feet in shale.
Shamrock Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Ellwood, wildcat in Southwest Mitchell, was boring below 7,099 feet in black shale and lime.

Standard Oil Company of Texas No. 1 Trees, Northwest Pecos wildcat, has set 10 1/2-inch casing at 2,269 feet with 1,310 sacks of cement on a bottom of 2,277 feet in anhydrite and lime and was waiting.
Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation, Wheeler, East Winkler County Ellenburger test had reached 8,764 feet in lime and was drilling ahead.

Stanolind and Shell Oil Company No. 2 Blue was drilling under 7,900 feet.
Stanolind and Shell No. 1-A Wheeler, was making hole below 8,842 feet.
Stanolind No. 1 Sealy-Smith, Southeast Winkler wildcat was progressing below 3,450 feet.
Stanolind No. 1-B Cowden, North-Central Ector deep test had reached 8,750 feet.
Grisham-Hunter Corporation No. 1-B Cowden, Clear Fork test in the North Goldsmith area, was cutting hole past 6,198 feet.

QUADRUPLET IS ILL
BEAUMONT (AP)—Bernard Parrino, 14, one of Beaumont's famed quadruplets, was gravely ill Thursday.
Physicians said the boy was operated upon Wednesday night for a ruptured appendix.

Southwest Gasoline Allocations Increased

WASHINGTON (AP)—New allocations of gasoline for civilian use in the January-March period were ordered Thursday by the Petroleum Administration for War, with all districts except the Southwest getting smaller allotments.
The PAW said the reduced allocations reflect smaller seasonal requirements and should cause no hardships.

Allocations to the Southwest (District 3) were increased 1,000 barrels a day, to 146,000 barrels; the Rocky Mountain States (District 4) took a 2,000-barrel slash to 32,000; the Pacific Coast (District 5) was cut to 134,000 barrels a day, down 1,000 barrels.
Shell No. 1 Scarborough, northeast outpost to the Union field, had made hole to 6,129 feet in lime and was drilling ahead.

Continental Oil Company No. 1-A Jones, Northwest Gaines project, had cemented 7-inch casing on bottom at 11,183 feet in lime and chert.
Humble No. 1 Cox, in West Gaines, had drilled below 10,388 feet in shale.
John I. Moore, operator, No. 1 Barnsley estate, Crane County wildcat prospect, had cemented 5 1/2-inch pipe at 4,463 feet with 20 sacks and was waiting.

Kenwood Oil Company No. 1 Goode, Reagan County exploration, had progressed to 3,114 feet and was running 7-inch casing.
Culbertson & Irwin, Inc., and Union Oil Company of California was at 5,579 feet in the Ellenburger dolomite. Top of the section was marked at 5,235 feet.
Barnes Checks Shows
Humble No. 1 Barnes, exploration in North Pecos, had some oil saturation in a core from 3,840-46 feet in shale and lime. The core was cut to 3,350 feet but the last four feet did not have any shows. Preparations were being made to take a drillstem test Thursday morning.

Berg, Edwards & Oles No. 1 White & Baker, had been shot with 90 quarts of nitro at 1,871-92 feet and reported an estimated production of 40 barrels per day after the shot. The project was good for about 12 barrels before the explosion.
Humble No. 2-B Sawyer, Irion County exploration, was drilling below 7,846 feet in sandy lime and chert.
Hickok & Reynolds No. 1 Prise, West Yoakum County wildcat, had reached 2,400 feet and was drilling ahead.

Nazi --
(Continued from Page 1) which is 55 miles south of Munich, and small resistance at the Avio viaduct, but ran into heavier fire at Bolzano.
Other Allied planes made new forays into the Balkans. American Warhawks strafed the landing field near Zara on the Dalmatian coast, destroying seven aircraft on the ground, and American Mitchells riddled an airfield at Mostar with bombs.
RAF Spitfires carrying bombs scored six hits on oil tanks on the Gulf of Kotor, southeast of Dubrovnik, and also hit a troop encampment on Saseno an island off Valona on the Albanian coast.
The Eighth Army's gains made despite bad weather, were assisted by tanks, which knocked out four enemy tanks.
Canadian and Indian troops succeeded in crossing the bitterly-contested highway from Orsoigna to Ortona in three places and forcing the Germans into the hills, where they were being subjected to almost constant shelling.
The port of Ortona itself was blazing, apparently from fires set by the Germans preparatory to abandoning the city.
The capture of the village of Berrati, three miles south of the port, was preceded by a raid by Canadian units, who took 160 prisoners.

The Fifth Army's fighting consisted mainly of sharp skirmishes over rough ground in which some limited gains were made.
Ralph Lowe, No. 1 Lowe fee, two miles northeast of the Bay discovery was drilling under 6,742 feet.

Red's Ukrainian Army Stages Fast Counterattacks

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW (AP)—Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army has gone over to the offensive for the second time this week in the Battle of the Kiev Bulge and in a series of swift counterattacks has driven the Germans from several strong-points along the Terever River salient, 55 miles west of the Ukrainian capital.
Marshal Fritz Von Manstein's powerful, armored divisions were unable to withstand the concentrated artillery fire from the Russian positions, field dispatches said.
Red Army guns, aided by Stormovik bombers, knocked out at least 48 German tanks and 97 armored cars in Wednesday's fighting, a Russian communique announced. In one sector the Nazis attacked again and again with more than 100 tanks and at least 4,000 men, but they willed each time in the face of the accurate Soviet gunfire.
While the outcome of the tense, see-saw tank and gun battle still was undecided, the fact that Vatutin's line had held firm against the enemy's sustained frontal assaults suggested the Germans had shot their bolt, at least for the time being, in their drive to recapture Kiev.
South of the Ukrainian capital, Red Army forces under Gen. Ivan S. Konev were reported rapidly expanding their positions west of the Dnieper River following the joining of the Kremenchuk and Cherkassy bridgeheads Wednesday.
That operation gave the Russians complete control of the west bank for a 65-mile stretch between the two cities, and Konev was quick to exploit his victory. His troops stormed into the railway town of Byelozere, five miles northeast of Smela, placing that important rail junction within easy artillery range of Soviet guns.
(Actually the Russians are now in control of a 250-mile stretch along the Dnieper's west bank, from Cherkassy south to Nikopol.)

Incendiary --
(Continued from Page 1) ed to make a complete investigation.
He estimated damage to the buildings would run around \$100,000 while damage to the magnesium and bomb casings was expected to reach approximately \$250,000.
Charles R. Moore, president of Austin Bridge Company who was in San Antonio where he had gone on business, however, set damage to the building as possibly \$250,000.
Flames Rage Fiercely
Flames raged fiercely for several hours and began to wane about midnight. Firemen and plant officials said the fire could not be stopped until all the highly inflammable metal was consumed.
The glow was so bright that a Braniff pilot said he could see the light almost as soon as he got into the air at Houston, 225 airline miles southward; a Braniff Airways hostess saw the glare when her plane left Wichita Falls, 140 miles distant.
A newspaper could be read on the courthouse steps in the Dallas business district, three miles to the east.
Sheriff Jess Sweeten of Athens, 80 miles away, phoned to say "We can see the explosions plainly;" phone calls from other towns 65 and 70 miles away swamped police, sheriff's and newspaper offices in Dallas.

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DELINQUENT TAXES
City Councilmen Wednesday evening at their regular session studied proposals for the collection of delinquent taxes in Midland.
They have agreed to publish delinquent tax list next month and compilation of the list was ordered.
How To Hold FALSE TEETH More Firmly In Place
Do your false teeth annoy and embarrass by slipping, dropping or wobbling when you eat, laugh or talk? Just sprinkle a little PASTETEETH on your plates. This alkaline (non-acid) powder holds false teeth more firmly and more comfortably. No gummy, soapy, pasty taste or feeling. Does not sour. Checks "plate odor" (denture breath). Get PASTETEETH today at any drug store.—Adv.

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H. J. Lutch Stark Weds Miss Childers

ORANGE, TEXAS (AP)—H. J. Lutch Stark, Orange capitalist, and Miss Nelda Childers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Patton Childers of Orange, were married here Thursday.
Mrs. Stark is a graduate of the Orange High School and of Texas State College for Women. For 11 years she was superintendent of the Frances Ann Lutch Hospital. Recently she organized the Orange branch of the Willford-Purey Laboratories of Beaumont of which she is part owner and director.
The marriage was the third for the capitalist. The bride was the only sister of the second Mrs. Stark.

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Casualty Toll Now 131,098

WASHINGTON (AP)—The latest casualty total of the armed forces of the United States stands at 131,098.
Secretary of War Stimson said Thursday that from the start of the war to November 30, Army casualties in all theaters totaled 98,594. Of these 15,334 were killed, 35,049 wounded, 23,725 missing, and 24,486 were prisoners of war.
The latest Navy total, covering reports received up to Thursday is 32,504, divided as follows: 13,983 killed, 5,868 wounded, 8,406 missing, and 4,247 prisoners.
Of the 35,049 Army wounded, Stimson said, 18,041 have been returned to duty or released from hospitals.
The casualty total for the American elements of the Fifth Army fighting in Italy now are 13,419, Stimson said. Of these 2,010 were killed, 8,583 wounded, and 2,826 are listed as missing.

Tired Kidneys Often Bring Sleepless Nights
Doctors say your kidneys contain 15 miles of tiny tubes or filters which help to purify the blood and keep you healthy. When they get tired and don't work right in the daytime, many people have to get up at night. Frequent or scanty passages with smarting and burning sometimes show there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't neglect this condition and lose valuable, restful sleep.
When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may also cause nagging backache, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness.
Don't wait! Ask your druggist for Doan's Pills, used successfully by millions for over 40 years. They give happy relief and will help the 15 miles of kidney tubes flush out poisonous waste from your blood. Get Doan's Pills.

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HEY POP... what time do we get to Paducah?
Junior's game shows a growing change in our lives. Needing to conserve tires, gasoline and cars, we're becoming "armchair travellers." Many people now tell us that they are spending more time at home... reading, studying, sewing. This means more risk of eyestrain... more need for measures like these suggested below.

Simple ways to avoid wasting light and help your eyesight, too
1. Keep lamp bulbs and bowls clean... dust-free. Wipe them frequently with a damp cloth and you'll get a lot more light from present lamps, to make seeing easier and to protect eyes from strain.
2. If lamp shades are dark, or turned yellow inside, you may be losing as much as 50% of the light! Clean or brush shades regularly; or if they're too bad, replace with fresh ones.
3. Place lamps to make light more useful. By arranging furniture, one lamp can often serve two or more people effectively. But be sure it isn't too far away from either!
Don't waste Electricity just because it isn't rationed... use what you need, but need what you use.
TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY
R. L. MILLER, Manager



### Midland 4-H Club Girls Enjoy Fine Christmas Party

The 4-H Club girls Christmas party was held Saturday in the home demonstration assembly room.

Prairie Lee girls decorated the tree and prepared refreshments. The tree was furnished by the Valley View club. Cloverdale and Midland clubs were hostesses and the Warfield-Midland club had charge of the program. Betty Jo Peazell was Santa Claus.

On the Christmas program Ruth Hall sang "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There." Singing of Christmas songs was enjoyed, with Virginia Reed accompanying at the piano.

The Midland-Cloverdale trio, Ruth Hall, Mary Frances Phillips and Louise Hocker, sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Those present were Nadine, Janie and Mary Lynn Manning, Patsy Cline, Jewel Dee Livingston, Eabs Reinhardt, Wilma Smith, Exmarie Cutbirth, Pat Britton, Dessie Casbeer, Darlene Livingston, Cecile Cutbirth, Loreitta Hall, Julia Edith Midkiff, Betty Jo Peazell, Joan McDonald, Eddie Jo Bryan, Doris Wilson, Irene Schultz, Neva Jo Lee, Velda Dee Pigg, Grace Marie Arnett, Wanda Pearl Elems, Ann Wells, Mary Frances Phillips, Erma Lee Myers, Sammie and Deanna Jene Swails, Pauline and Lella Norwood, Dorothy Matternsib, Ruth Hall, Mary Louise Baze, Lanell and Donna Howard, Louise Hocker, Irene Fields, Virginia Coultiss and Miss Alpha Lynn, sponsor.

### Club Hostess Wednesday

The KKK Club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Miss Patsy Ann Collings, 511 West Louisiana. At the business meeting, it was decided to disband until after the holidays.

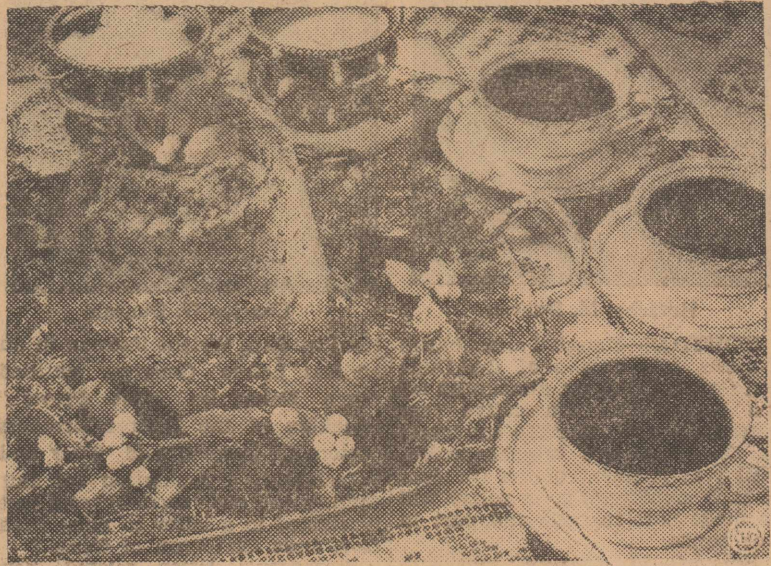
Pledges attending were Dian Buffington, Patsy Bray, Joan Wyche, Dottie Jean Hale and Royce Ray.

Members included Maurine Denton, Jessica Turpin, Jean Deveraux, Dorothy Turner, Shirley Ann Cooper, Patsy Patterson, Faye Holt, Frances Puet, Evangeline Theis, Norma Jean Hubbard, Marylee Cowden, Carol Casselman, Lucille Wemple and Betty McCain.

About 2,000,000 children between the ages of 14 and 16 quit school in 1942.

# Society

## An Old American Custom



An old-fashioned plum pudding completes Christmas.

By GAYNOR MADDOX  
NEA Staff Writer

### To Make Powder Cling Longer, Press It In



(Photo From Lucien Long.)  
CAROL WHEELER: Personable.

By ALICIA HART  
NEA Staff Writer

The new lows in necklines call more attention than ever to throattlines these days, and require that you give ever so much more care to your throattlines than you probably have done heretofore.

Of first importance, says Carol Wheeler, personable young ingenue of the Broadway hit "Life With Father," is to blend your make-up all the way from your hairline to the neckline of your frock.

The way you apply your powder also is important in achieving a velvety-smooth look, says Carol, and passes along this tip for making it cling longer. Take a generous amount of powder on your puff, press it into your skin, she instructs, then remove the excess with cotton or make-up brush. And, be sure that you use the same shade for your throat and shoulders as you do your face.

Switzerland produces a form of rock light enough to float on water and having about the consistency of a sponge.

### BOWEL WORMS CAN'T HURT ME!

That's what you think! But ugly round-worms may be inside you right now, causing trouble without your knowing it. Warning signs are: uneasy stomach, nervousness, itching parts. Get Jayne's Vermifuge right away! JAYNE'S is America's leading proprietary worm medicine; scientifically tested and used by millions. Acts gently. Be sure you get JAYNE'S VERMIFUGE!

At your "homey" Christmas dinner there will of course be nuts and raisins, crackers and cheese, some kind of candies—all as part of the dessert. But try to include an old-fashioned plum pudding, if possible. Here is a recipe from our old friend Edith Barber, noted for her good American recipes.

### Christmas Plum Pudding

One cup sifted flour, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon all-spice, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 1 pound raisins, 2 cups sliced figs, 1 cup ground carrots, 1/2 cup ground citron, 1 cup ground suet, 1 cup brown sugar, 3 eggs, well beaten, 1 1/2 cups coffee, 1/2 cup orange juice, 2 cups fine dry bread crumbs.

Mix and sift flour, salt, baking powder, soda and spices. Add fruit and orange peel to flour mixture. Mix suet and brown sugar. Add beaten eggs. Add coffee and orange juice to bread crumbs, combine with suet, sugar and eggs. Add flour and fruit mixture. Blend well. For 1 large pudding fill a 2-quart mold to within 1 inch of top. Cover and steam 5 hours. Mixture may be placed in 5 or 6 small bowls, covered tightly and steamed for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

At the end of steaming period, remove cover and allow to remain in uncovered steamer 10 to 15 minutes until tops are dry. Remove from molds, cool thoroughly, return to molds, recover and place in refrigerator until ready to use. Yield: About 5 pounds.

NOTE: The puddings will keep a number of weeks without refrigeration. If a layer of paraffin is placed over the puddings, they will be protected from mold. Drenching with brandy will also prevent molding.

Any proportion of sliced figs and raisins desired may be used. Suet is an inexpensive form of shortening. Use carrots to replace some of the fruit usually used. Figs unrationed. Use of orange rind for thrifty pudding.

### FALSE TEETH HELD FIRMLY BY Comfort Cushion

NOW WEAR YOUR PLATES EVERY DAY—HELD COMFORTABLY SNUG THIS WAY—It's so easy to wear your plates regularly—all day—when held firmly in place by this "comfort-cushion"—a dentist's formula.

1. Dr. Wernet's Powder lets you enjoy solid foods—avoid small amount lasta embarrassment of longer. 2. Largest selling. All druggists—30¢. Money back if not delighted.

Dr. Wernet's Powder RECOMMENDED BY MORE DENTISTS THAN ANY OTHER!

### Wednesday Club Members Enjoy Christmas Party At Fasken Home

The Woman's Wednesday Club enjoyed a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon when it met in the home of Mrs. Andrew Fasken, 1511 West Missouri.

Mrs. C. A. Chancellor presided at the business meeting, and Mrs.

Fasken was program chairman. In observance of the annual Bible Day meeting, Mrs. Fasken discussed Lew Wallace's great book, "Ben Hur." Excerpts from the book that deal with the story of the birth of Christ were read.

A basket for the Goodfellows Christmas Fund will be provided by the club.

The rooms were decorated in Christmas appointments.

Members in attendance were Mrs. C. W. Chancellor, Mrs. Clyde Cowden, Mrs. J. M. DeArmond, Mrs. James Goodman, Mrs. O. B. Holt, Mrs. R. L. Miller, Mrs. E. Payne, Mrs. Robert Turpin, and Mrs. W. G. Whitehouse.

Mrs. James N. Allison was a guest. Mecca has a permanent population of 30,000.

### North Elementary To Give Musical Program

A Christmas musical program will be presented at the North Elementary School by students of the school at 2:45 p. m. Friday.

The first grade rhythm band will play the first and second grades will sing carols. The third and fourth grades will also present a carol chorus.

Parents of students especially are invited to attend.

### 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.

Gasoline — 9-A coupons good for three gallons through Jan. 21. B and C coupons valid for two gallons. B-2 and C-2 coupons valid for five gallons each.

### Mrs. Cowan To Tell Christmas Stories

Mrs. Frank Cowan will conduct the Christmas story hour Saturday afternoon in the children's library in the courthouse. The time has been set for 3:30 o'clock and all children who wish to come, are invited to attend.

The female grasshopper may lay 125 eggs at a time.

### Red Cross To Rest Until After Holidays

Mrs. Ross Williams, chairman of surgical dressings for the Midland Chapter of the Red Cross, announced Thursday the completion of the quota. The work room at the courthouse will be closed until January 3, 1944.

### IF NOSE DRIES, CLOGS, tonight

Put 3-purse Vatro-nol up each nostril. It (1) shrinks swollen membranes, (2) soothes irritation, (3) relieves transient congestion—brings greater breathing comfort. Follow directions in folder. VICKS VATRO-NOL

weary? discouraged? GET A LIFT in a SPENCER That Improves Your Posture! MRS. R. O. COLLINS 701 N. Big Spring, Ph. 637J

# Pre-Christmas PREPARATIONS

### Grocery Values

- White Figs 12-Oz. 18¢ Pkg.
- Dressing Duchess Salad 16-Oz. Jar 23¢
- Dressing Durkee's Salad 4-Oz. Jar 12¢
- Post Toasties 11-Oz. Pkg. 9¢
- Wheaties Breakfast of Champion Pkg. 8-Oz. 11¢
- Ovaline Large Size 66¢
- Bread Julia Lee Wright's Enriched-Dated 1 1/2-Lb. Loaf 10¢
- Oats Morning Glory Quick-or-Regular 20-Oz. Pkg. 9¢
- Flour Suzanna Pancake 20-Oz. Pkg. 7¢
- Crackers N. B. C. Premium 1-Lb. Pkg. 19¢
- Kraut Juice Hamilton 12-Oz. Can 10¢

### Safeway Quality Meats

- Beef Steak Sirloin Lb. 38¢ Points Per Lb. 9
- Beef Roast Shoulder Cuts Lb. 25¢ Points Per Lb. 7
- Pork Sausage Grade AA-2 in Cloth Bags Lb. 35¢ Points Per Lb. 4
- Smoked Jowls Fine For Seasoning Lb. 19¢ Points Per Lb. 1
- Salt Pork No. 1 Clear Bellies Lb. 21¢ Points Per Lb. 2

### CURED HAMS

Shank Half Lb. 33¢ 3 Points Per Pound

- Cured Hams Butt End Lb. 34¢ Points Per Lb. 5
- Cured Hams Center Slices Lb. 49¢ Points Per Lb. 8
- Sliced Bacon Grade A Lb. 41¢ Points Per Lb. 4

### PICNICS

Wilson's Certified Lb. 29¢ 2 Points Per Lb.

### Slab Bacon

Half or Whole Grade A Lb. 32¢ 3 Points Per Lb.

### ROAST

Grade A Beef Lb. 25¢ 7 Points Per Lb.

### CLICQUOT CLUB GINGER ALE

Sparkling Water and White Soda

2 Quart Bottles 25¢ Plus Deposit

- Flour Kitchen Craft Enriched 10-Lb. Bag 50¢
- Flour Harvest Blossom 24-Lb. 1.10
- Flour Gold Medal Kitchen Tested 10-Lb. Bag 56¢
- Flour Gold Medal Kitchen Tested 25-Lb. Bag 1.32

### Rationed Items

- Cherub MILK Borden's 3 Tall Cans 26¢ 1 Point Per Can
- Tall Can 9¢ 1 Point Per Can

- Sardines Prince Seward in Olive Oil No. 1/4 21¢ Green Points 3
- Tomatoes Standard Quality No. 2 10¢ Green Points 18
- Spinach Emerald Bay No. 2 19¢ Green Points 12
- Beans Del Monte Green Limas No. 2 18¢ Green Points 20
- Blueberries Stewart's No. 2 32¢ Green Points 15
- Gerbers Or Clapp's Baby Foods 3 Reg. Cans 21¢ Green Points 3

### Here's Your Christmas Tree

Many Different Sizes 39¢ and up

- ### Grocery Values
- Corn Meal Mammy Lou 5-Lb. Bag 26¢
  - Juice La Feria Grapefruit (Not Rationed) 2 No. 2 Cans 23¢
  - Ivory Snow 12 1/2-Oz. Pkg. 23¢
  - Oxydol Granulated Soap 9-Oz. Pkg. 10¢
  - Honey Boyden's Extracted 32-Oz. Jar 55¢
  - Ivory Soap Large Bar 10¢ Med. Bar 6¢
  - Simonize Assorted Shades, Wax 6-Oz. Can 45¢
  - Ivory Soap Tissue Silk Toilet Tissue 3 Rolls 13¢

### Rationed Items

- Libby's PUMPKIN No. 2 1/2 Can 15¢ 15 Green Points
- Red Hill Tomato CATSUP 14-Oz. Bottle 15¢ 18 Green Points Per Bottle

- Fig Jam Tropic Treat 2-Lb. Jar 43¢ Green Points 12
- Raisins Seedless Cello Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. 14¢ Green Points 4
- Chopped Ham Leeds 12-Oz. Can 35¢ Brown Points 5
- Crisco Creamy Shortening 3-Lb. Jar 72¢ Brown Points 15

### CELERY

California Crisp Green Pascal Lb. 12¢

- Grapefruit Texas Regular Lb. 5¢
- Cranberries Fresh Red Lb. 33¢
- Tangerines Texas Sweet Lb. 10¢
- Oranges Florida Juicy Lb.

### Delicious Apples

11¢ POUND

- Apples Winesap Lb. 11¢
- Apples Rome Beauty Lb. 11¢
- Avocados Nutritious 24 Size Each 15¢
- Texas Yams No. 1 Kiln Dried Lb. 10¢
- Brussels Sprouts Lb. 21¢
- Waxed Rutabagas Lb. 5¢

### POTATOES

10 POUNDS 39¢

### Your Favorite Coffee

- Folgers Mountain Grown 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢
- Nob Hill Fine Quality Coffee 1-Lb. Pkg. 24¢
- Admiration 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢
- CHASE & SANBORN 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢
- Edwards Fine Quality Full Strength 1-Lb. Bag 25¢

### AIRWAY

Fresh Roasted Coffee 1-Lb. Bag 21¢

For Christmas GIVE WAR BONDS

### Slenderizing

8514 36-52

The beauty of this dress is based on the tried and true principles that up-and-down lines give a slim effect. This dress gains slenderness by panels both front and back, in fact, it makes you look nice both coming and going.

Pattern No. 8514 is in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52. Size 38, either sleeves, 4 3/4 yards 39-inch material, 1/2 yard contrast for neckline.

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 Service, 530 South Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

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# SAFEWAY



### War Is Unifying Churches Of U. S.

NEW YORK —(AP)— War's disaster, with its added burden on the religious life of the nation, is nevertheless tending to unify the church.

Mergers of church denominations with memberships totaling nearly 20,000,000 are in progress, and two unions definitely are possibilities for 1944.

Dr. H. Paul Douglass, chairman of the department of research and education of the Federal Council of Churches, says these are the important prospects:

Union of Congregational Christians (1,500,000 members) with the Evangelical and Reformed (660,000).

The Evangelical (250,000) and the United Brethren (200,000).

The Presbyterian U. S. A. (2,000,000) and the Protestant Episcopal (2,000,000).

The United, American and Missouri synod group of Lutherans involving 5 million.

An exploratory move is under way between the Methodists (7,000,000) and the Protestant Episcopalians.

The immediate prospects are the mergers of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed churches, and the Evangelical and United Brethren. Both unions may be voted upon during 1944.

The Presbyterian - Episcopal movement is a continuing effort of a joint body after the Episcopal convention in Cleveland in 1943 discussed the measure and took no action.

### Certificate Holders Must Get Trucks Now

Holders of certificates of transfer or government exemption permits Thursday were warned to exercise their permission to acquire new trucks under the provision of the documents by December 31.

After that date all outstanding certificates and permits become invalid and must be returned to the War Production Board for cancellation or revalidation. Robert C. Stryker, El Paso War Production Board district manager, said.

This action was taken by the War Production Board, he said, so an accurate inventory of new commercial vehicles can be compiled. Meantime, no new permits or certificates are to be issued until the new year.

Another action in connection with new trucks is the W.P.B. making it mandatory for dealers with available vehicles to honor the certificates or permits offered by authorized holders capable of consummating a purchase. The order was issued after reports that some dealers were withholding vehicles from authorized purchasers, insisting that prospective purchasers pay for additional equipment, or demanding used vehicles be turned in as a condition of sales of new trucks.

### Shortage Of Doctors Will Increase In 1944

AUSTIN —(AP)— A shortage of doctors will increase next year, declared State Health Officer George W. Cox, who suggests that the public cooperate fully with family physicians.

The way to help the burdened physician most is not to insist that he make a home visit when a visit to the doctor's office or a telephone suggestion might suffice, said Dr. Cox.

"There is no desire to imply that the family physician, now or later, not be summoned except in dire need," he added.

### TAKING NO CHANCES ON GETTING IN DORMITORY

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio —(AP)— A Lima High School junior, Miss Louise Stallbohm, believes in planning ahead.

Some late applicants for dormitory rooms at Bowling Green State University were disappointed this year, so—

Miss Stallbohm has reserved a room for 1945, 20 months in advance.

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### THE BOOK STALL

### Midland - Odessa BUS LINE SCHEDULE

Leave Midland - Odessa	Leave Airport
5:25 A.M.	6:00 A.M.
5:55 A.M.	6:30 A.M.
6:25 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
6:55 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
7:25 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
7:55 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:40 P.M.
2:55 P.M.	3:35 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	4:10 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	5:10 P.M.
4:45 P.M.	5:20 P.M.
5:05 P.M.	5:40 P.M.
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7:05 P.M.	7:40 P.M.
7:30 P.M.	8:10 P.M.
8:05 P.M.	8:40 P.M.
9:30 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
10:30 P.M.	11:00 P.M.
11:30 P.M.	12:20 A.M.

Buses Saturday every 30 minutes from 12:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Last bus 2 a.m. Sunday. Phone 500.

### Attack On U. S. Carrier Spells Doom For Jap Planes



A flaming Jap torpedo plane, plunging to its doom, the victim of accurate anti-aircraft fire from a U. S. Pacific Fleet carrier, is shown in the top portion of this photo. The plane is one of six enemy planes that were shot down when they attempted to hit a U. S. carrier. Bottom portion shows a Jap plane's watery grave marked by a column of smoke after attempting to hit the U. S. carrier. This action took place when the U. S. Pacific Fleet attacked the Jap-held Marshall Islands on December 4, when 72 enemy planes were downed. An American destroyer can be seen at the left of the smoke. (Official U. S. Navy Photo From NEA Telephoto.)

### Midland Soldier Has Fun In Italian Home

An interesting sidelight on the American soldier in Italy was disclosed this week when Mrs. Myrtle Wood received an air mail letter from her son, Corp. Tom Wood, who is with an armored division in Italy.

Woods writes with a fine breezy style, indicating things are going pretty much to suit the Americans in Italy. Censorship probably kept direct mention of the war from his letter, but he wrote in detail of Italian-American relations.

His letter said, in part: "I'm doing something I never thought I'd be doing; I'm knocking out this letter in the home of an Italian family! A couple of friends and I have been coming up here quite often and they really treat us swell. It isn't like they are afraid of us; they act as if they honestly like to have us around. I suppose that's because we treat them so much better than the Germans, even though they were once our enemy, too."

**Girl Has Fine Clothing**  
"This family has just as nice a home as anyone would want. The girl that lives here insisted on showing me her wardrobe and she surely had a slew of good looking duds!"

"The people back home might think we're pretty good after fighting these people for so long; to them start visiting in their homes and eating dinner with them. But they can be good people if they try and then, again, the common people of Italy don't want to fight any more than we do."

Woods also mentioned having to have an interpreter, indicating the ease with which an American soldier are fitting into foreign homes.

### Madisonville Sheriff Is Shot And Wounded

MADISONVILLE, Texas —(AP)— Sheriff Rodney Chambless was shot just above the groin here Wednesday and charges were filed against Bill Adams.

Chambless said he had gone to a house on the outskirts of Madisonville seeking evidence of whisky selling.

He said he had caught a man with whisky, picked up a bottle as evidence, and started to leave when the man jumped on him, grabbed his gun, and shot him.

### WHOEVER YOU ARE, A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MANCHESTER —(AP)— A letter is on its way today to Jean Carrol of Adeline, Nova Scotia. It was written by a group of workmen who unloaded a consignment of Christmas trees, and found a note that Jean had pinned to one of them.

Jean wrote: "I am nine years of age and I am helping my Daddy cut these trees. It's awful lonely up here. I hope whoever finds this note will write a letter to me. Whoever you are, a merry Christmas."

### CAFE OPERATOR ABSOLVED OF DISTURBANCE CHARGES

LEVELLAND, Texas —(AP)— C. N. Ticer was absolved by a county court jury Wednesday of disturbance charges in connection with a melee which occurred here October 30 when Latin-American cotton pickers sought service in a restaurant run by Ticer.

### Stinkweed Takes On Military Air

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. —(AP)— Fanweed, also known as penny-cress and stinkweed and French weed, a species of mustard plant over a foot high, which has been bothering farmers in the United States and Canada, except in the American southwest, can now be raised as a valuable war oil plant.

The seeds of the weed produce an oil which is valuable for blending lubricating oils for high temperature use. The oil substitutes for a more costly rapeseed, which before the war was imported from Japan.

The lubricating uses were reported by Professor Howard O. Triebold and John R. Clouton, agricultural biochemists at the Pennsylvania State College. They said that other possible uses for the fanweed oil are in rubber substitutes in paints and varnishes as a drying oil and as an edible oil.

Test plantings of the obnoxious weed at Montana State College, agricultural biochemists at the Pennsylvania State College. They said that other possible uses for the fanweed oil are in rubber substitutes in paints and varnishes as a drying oil and as an edible oil.

Fanweed has branched stems with white blossoms. It is found mainly in grain fields, grasslands, gardens and waste places. In the State College area it grows particularly around railroad stations.

### Liquor Control Board Refers Kick To OPA

AUSTIN —(AP)— With a notation "referred to OPA" the Texas Liquor Control Board published in its December bulletin the following letter from a resident of Fort Arthur:

"Do you know what is going on in Fort Arthur? Is there a ceiling price on whisky or is there not? Do you know you can go to a whisky store and ask for a pint of whisky, they do not have it on the shelf?"

"They say we do not have any but you can go out and sit in your car for a few minutes and the boot-logger comes out and asks you what you want and goes in the same place and brings a quart or a pint and it cost you two times the ceiling price that came out in the paper."

"Do we get any service out of the board or not? I pay around \$30 per month tax. If we can't get some service we should get a new board. I have 216 men working under me. They are all asking you, can you or can't you? Hoping to hear from you at once, I remain, "Yours truly,"

### Duncan Brothers Share Annual Profits



Herschel M. Duncan



Charles W. Duncan

HOUSTON—Herschel and Charles Duncan, sole owners of the Duncan Coffee Company, announced for the twenty-fifth consecutive year participation of their 350 employees in the company's annual profits.

This year payment of ten per cent of each employee's gross salary will be made part in cash and part in war bonds.

Herschel M. Duncan, president, said "We consider our family of employees our most valuable asset. Through the loyalty and cooperation of each member our organization has grown to important proportions."

The company, which commenced with only eight employees and is celebrating this year its silver jubilee, now is the largest independent roaster in the Southwest and one of the biggest blenders of coffee in America.

In a letter to employees accompanying the bonus, which is being distributed this week, Duncan emphasized the increased cost of the war in 1944. He suggested that those who could, might profitably put all their portion of the company profits into war bonds. He also spoke of the work done on war contracts by the Duncan Coffee Company, and of his and his brother's pleasure in making the gift to their employees, pointing out that unlike a corporation no ratification by stockholders was required before the gift could be made.

The policies and growth of Duncan Coffee Company were recently cited by Rep. Wright Patman in an address before Congress entitled "Free Enterprise Must Prevail." Speaking of the Duncan brothers personally, Patman said "They had to establish a reputation for fair dealing and civic consciousness best illustrated in a letter to them from Gov. Coke Stevenson of Texas."

Stevenson's letter related how under free, independent American enterprise the growth of an organization like Duncan Coffee Company was possible.

Galan, the ancient Greek physician, prescribed lettuce as a remedy for sleeplessness.

## THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

The habitual prophets and soothsayers are rushing to guess the date of the Allied invasion of Western Europe, a fact which in itself has some significance because, just as the appearance of the swallow promises summer, so does the advent of the forecasters indicate that an event is certain and fairly close.

Of course, predicting the date of these operations is just shooting an arrow into the air on hope that it may by some stretch of luck hit the target. However, without going outside facts we know the grand three-way offensive—north, south, and west— isn't far off. The Allied Command has indicated that much.

Whether the Allies will be able to stage the cross-channel invasion as soon as they would like is a matter of anxious speculation. In this connection Lt. Gen. Lesley McNair, commanding general of the Army ground forces, declared in an interview in San Francisco Wednesday night that "the war is not going fast enough." He said the enemy is "still plenty tough," and added:

"Bombing is giving tremendous destruction to Germany, but it only serves to weaken her. The final decision in this war will come on the ground. We have to have ground force invasion."

Here we must note that invasion by land forces must be preceded by an ironing out of enemy territory by intensive bombing, and we are getting ahead with that now. Reliable quarters in Washington estimate that about sixty per cent of Germany's primary industrial targets have been destroyed by the American and British bombing. The total prime targets are set at about ninety.

An interesting development is the unheralded appearance of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in the Middle East, where he has been touring about and visiting with the British commander, Gen. Sir Henry

Patton has distinguished himself as a leader of invasion forces on tough jobs, and it could be that he's being assigned to some operating in the Balkan theater. That's speculation, however.

It's probable that the Allies will make some move to counter Hitler's fierce drive, especially the Nazi onslaught in Yugoslavia against the valiant Marshal Josif Broz (Tito) and his do-or-die guerrillas. Patton would fit such a situation like a glove.

The latest indication of Allied determination to smash Hitler in the Balkans is the terrific bombing with the American 15th Air Force administered Tuesday to strategic Nazi air bases near Athens. This was the heaviest air bombardment the Balkans have suffered.

Looking northward to the Russian battlefield, Moscow gives us fresh promise of action to support the establishment of the second front in France.

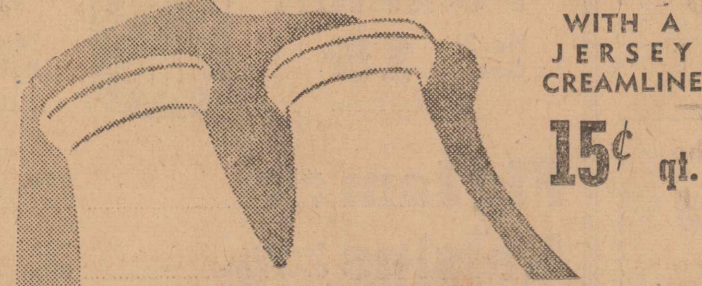
The word Alaska is from the Eskimo meaning "Great Country."

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### Negro Soldier Is Convicted By Court

WICHITA FALLS —(AP)— Ten years at hard labor for Corp. Leroy Chestnut, 24, negro soldier at Shepard Field, was decreed by a court martial which convicted him of voluntary manslaughter in the stabbing death of Raymond C. Chitwood November 30.

Chitwood was stabbed when he stopped his bus in the business section of Wichita Falls.

Chestnut denied he had inflicted fatal wounds, asserting he struck the bus driver twice but with a sheathed knife. The soldier asserted the driver had kicked him after an argument over fare. He added that another negro soldier with a knife was standing beside him during the incident.

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Coming Events

THURSDAY

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

The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms in the courthouse will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p. m.

The Colonial Club will meet with Mrs. B. G. Grafa, 604 North Marfield, at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Lee Cornelius will present a group of piano pupils at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the First Christian Church. The public is cordially invited.

The regular monthly meeting of the Midland chapter of the Red Cross will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall.

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.

The Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church will have a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. A. B. Stickey, 707 West Tennessee at 8 p. m. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Gladys Holster, Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. Houston Hill and Mrs. H. L. Fowler.

The International Relations Study Group of the AAUW will meet at 8 p. m. with Mrs. B. A. Ray, 1911 West Brunson.

"Mr. and Mrs. North" winter production of Civic Theater, will be presented in the Civic Auditorium beginning at 8:15 p. m.

FRIDAY The Belmont Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Maud Newham, 723 West Louisiana, at 3 p. m.

"Mr. and Mrs. North" winter production of Civic Theater, will be presented in the Civic Auditorium beginning at 8:15 p. m.

Troop 3 of the Girl Scouts will have a Christmas party at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. John Matthews, 501 Holmsley.

SAURDAY Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at the Watson Music Studio at 9 a. m.

A dance at the Officers' Club for officers and wives. Music by the "Hell from Heaven Swingsters."

Mrs. Frank Cowan will conduct the Christmas story hour in the Children's Library at 3:30 p. m.

Red Cross Makes Plans To Entertain Soldiers In Hospital

The joint Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council of Midland, Ector, Crane, Martin and Upton counties met at Midland Army Air Field Tuesday afternoon to complete Christmas plans. Mrs. Jim Tom of Stanton is chairman and R. N. Skinner, Red Cross field director, is secretary.

Plans were completed for Christmas entertainment for all service men in the post hospital. The Midland committee of the council has charge of the tree, decorations and gifts for Ward 6 at the hospital. Adjacent counties will provide programs for all other wards, with each county also providing entertainment, as follows:

Midland, on the afternoon of December 20 will furnish musical program composed of quartets and solos interspersed by a song fest by the personnel from the hospital.

To Buy Plans For New Port Crane County committee will entertain on the afternoon of December 21, Ector County on December 24 and Martin County will furnish entertainment on the afternoon of December 31.

The committee reported the purchase of piano for the recreation room at the hospital, and the council was authorized to purchase a piano for the day room at Midland Airport No. 2.

The council also agreed to furnish the adjoining day room and recreation room at Midland Airport No. 2, with each county responsible for a share of the furnishings. The Midland committee of the council is working on plans for the provision of their part of the needs.

Undressed Chickens

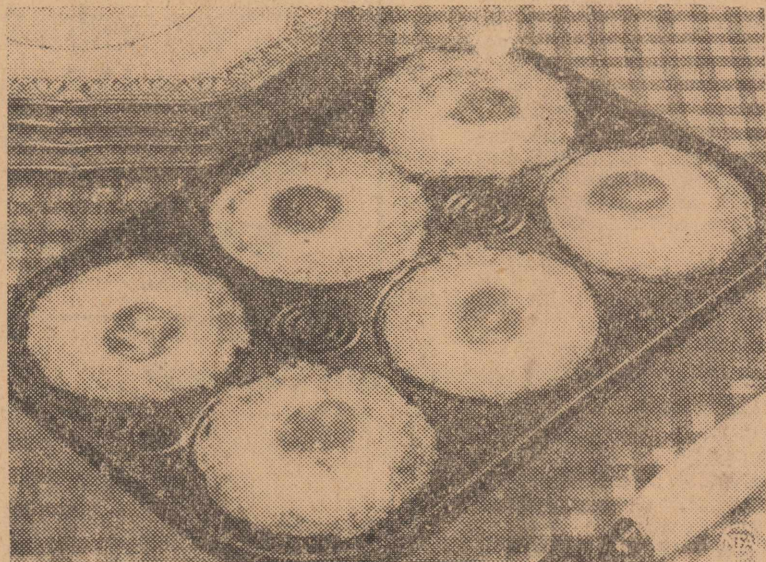
In Yorubaland, Nigeria, Africa "nude" live chickens are sold. All the feathers are plucked from live fowl by merchants so customers can see what they are buying.

THREE LUMBERMAN KILLED IN TRUCK-TRAIN COLLISION CROCKETT—(AP)—W. A. Strange, Elvis Lively and C. A. Hindon, Crockett lumbermen, were killed Wednesday in the collision of a lumber truck and a passenger train.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD DALLAS—(AP)—Mrs. M. A. Hieatt, 73, was found dead in her room here Wednesday. Justice of the Peace Tom King returned a verdict of accidental death but still was investigating whether death was due from fumes escaping from a stove in the closed room or from suffocation.

HILL TO HAVE OPPOSITION BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(AP)—James A. Simpson, 53-year-old Birmingham attorney and president pro tem of the Alabama State Senate, announced Thursday he would be a candidate in the May 2 Democratic primary for the U. S. Senate seat now held by Senator Lister Hill, Democratic whip.

A Crisp And Wholesome Novelty



Eggs in a cracker nest perk up the breakfast menu.

By GAYNOR MADDOX NEA Staff Writer

Eggs are a vital food and should appear frequently in the menu. Not only are they unrationed, but contain absolutely essential nutrients. Eat at least four a week for health. Try this unusual way of cooking eggs for breakfast. It has crispness and welcome novelty. And try the oyster stew recipe. You'll wonder why you haven't had oyster stew more frequently. It's a grand dish for the after-skating party.

Eggs In Cracker Nest Two ounces American cheese, 24 crackers, four eggs. Melt cheese in top of double boiler with 2 teaspoons water. Crumb crackers and mix with melted cheese. With mixture, build four nests in muffin tins. Drop one egg in each, season and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Serve oyster stew for lunch on cold winter days. It is nourishing and requires a minimum of shortening. Here's a delicious recipe:

Oyster Stew One cut peeled clove garlic, 1 slice onion, 4 tablespoons shortening, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, 2 dozen raw oysters, drained, 4 cups bottled milk, one and one-half teaspoons salt, 1/8 teaspoon pepper, dash paprika, oyster crackers.

Rub the inside of the saucepan with the garlic and onion, and remove them. Then melt the butter in this saucepan over low heat. Add the Worcestershire sauce and the oysters from which any bits of shell have been removed, and heat until the edges of the oysters just begin to curl. Then add the milk, salt, pepper and paprika. Heat well and serve with oyster crackers. Serves 6.

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MIND Your MANNERS

Test your knowledge of correct social usages by answering checking against the authoritative answers below:

- 1. Is it a matter of good manners to try to keep track of your belongings instead of strewing them around?
2. Is noisy behavior in public in good taste?
3. Is it good manners to slip your shoes off in a theater or when riding on a day coach?
4. Should you put your feet on a scotch in a hotel lobby?
What would you do if—
You are combing your hair in a public rest room.
(a) Comb it over a wash bowl, letting your hair fall where it will?
(b) Stand back from the wash bowls while combing your hair?

Answers
1. Yes.
2. No.
3. No.
4. No.
Better "What Would You Do" solution—(b).

AT FIRST SIGN OF A COLD USE 666 666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

Kate Smith swaps stories with Mrs. Dinsman of Burbank, Calif.

"TWO YEARS AGO I married an aircraft executive," writes Mrs. Joseph Dinsman, of California. "My husband's position called for quite a bit of entertaining and he was always proud when guests commented on my light cakes, biscuits, etc. "Soon after we were married, my mother-in-law came west to visit us. I guess she thought I couldn't cook, for she gave me all sorts of advice. One piece of advice was—if I'd use Calumet Baking Powder I'd always have good luck in baking. "Imagine her surprise when I told her four generations of my family had used Calumet!"



"MRS. DINSMAN, we ought to start a club," Kate answers, "—a Calumet Old-Time Club. Because every day I hear from folks whose families have been using Calumet for generations. "And there's only one reason for that. Dependability! Because Calumet's 'Double-Acting' Baking Powder. Works once in the mixing bowl and again in the oven. Protects your baking all the way! "I'm sending along a recipe for some holiday sugar cookies, a good wartime recipe low in shortening and sugar!" \*Listen to "KATE SMITH SPEAKS," CBS Network.

Try Kate's Party Sugar Cookies 2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup shortening, 1 teaspoon Calumet, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 3 tablespoons milk, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, 2 egg yolks, unbeaten, 1/2 teaspoon lemon extract, 1/2 cup sugar. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and spices, and sift again. Measure sugar into bowl. Heat shortening with milk until all shortening is melted. Add immediately to sugar and beat 1/2 minute. Add egg yolks; beat 1/2 minute longer. Add lemon extract and half of flour mixture and beat until blended. Then add remaining flour, 1/2 at a time, beating until smooth. (All measurements are level.) CALUMET The Double-Acting Baking Powder A PRODUCT OF GENERAL FOODS

Mrs. L. W. Leggett Entertains Club

The Modern Study Club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. L. W. Leggett. Roll call was answered by relating a most memorable Christmas experience. Mrs. Ben Dansby played paraphrases of Christmas carols, and Mrs. Hubert Hopper read "The Other Wise Man." A carol sing was enjoyed by the group. Special guests were Mrs. Dansby, Mrs. I. E. Hood and Mrs. Jack Scott.

Members attending were Mrs. C. H. Shepard, Mrs. Ben Pilcher, Mrs. John Casselman, Mrs. J. R. Crump, Mrs. J. M. Devereaux, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Leggett, Mrs. Lamar Lunt, Mrs. W. E. Price, Mrs. C. L. Sherwood and Mrs. G. F. Vannaman.

BIG CITY APPARENTLY SAFE

NEW YORK (AP)—Apparently convinced that New York now is safe from air attack, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is returning to the city scores of priceless art objects stored in a secret war hide-out since Pearl Harbor.

Advertise Or Be Forgotten

Tawasi Club Stages Formal Initiation

Formal initiation was held when the Tawasi Club met Wednesday evening in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel. In a candlelighted ceremony, vows were taken by pledges, Helen Cope, Evelyn Ludkins, Pat Baker, Marilyn Sandefer, and Lois Shultz.

Playing the part of Santa Claus, Dorothy Bracewell, president of the club, passed out gifts to the guests. Jo Ann Montgomery poured during the refreshment hour.

An attractive Christmas scene was the background of appointments and a tree formed the focal point of decorations.

Those attending were Dorothy Bracewell, Dorothy Hamilton, Janie Johnson, B're McClure, Louise McClain, Jo Ann Montgomery, Leota Sears, Ruth Simmons, Lillie Mae Stovall, Lucille Wannamaker, Marjorie Warner, Kathryn Weeth, Helen Cope, Evelyn Ludkins, Pat Baker, Marilyn Sandefer and Lois Shultz.

Nail polish is best-applied just before retiring for the night. Let the last coat of polish dry for 10 or 15 minutes, then set it by dipping hands in ice-cold water.

Progressive Study Club Meets With Mrs. McCullough

A Christmas program was enjoyed by the Progressive Study Club Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. A. McCullough. Fitting and appropriate decorations throughout the rooms carried out the holiday theme. Mrs. Ross Carr read the story of the nativity from "Ben Hur."

Special guests were Mrs. W. C. Howell, Mrs. Carol Mitchell and Mrs. Carr.

Members attending were Mrs. Cecil Waldren, Mrs. R. A. Estes, Mrs. C. W. Corbett, Mrs. Willard Kimball, Mrs. Lee Elder, Mrs. F. J. Leach and Mrs. Carol Berg.

ASIDE TO THE THRIFTY

Save all scraps of toilet soap. When a half cupful has been accumulated put them into a four-by-four bag made of old bath towel-line. Sew a strap across the back, and you have an ideal soap milk to use in the shower. You can also make one out of laundry soap odds and ends to be used for washing out bathtubs, sinks and washbowls.

Girl Scout Troop Will Have Christmas Party

Troop 3 of the Girl Scouts will have a Christmas party Friday night in the home of Mrs. John Matthews, 501 Holmsley. The party is scheduled to begin at 7:30. Mrs. Joe Koenig is leader of the troop.

MCCORMICK IS ILL

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McCormick received word Thursday that their son, Pvt. Ernest P. McCormick, is ill with pneumonia in the Army hospital at Buckley Field, Colo. The soldier, a graduate of Midland High School in 1941, has been in the Army almost two years.

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Condoliers

Extinction of their profession is feared by gondoliers in Venice, since many motor boats are now acting as taxicabs on the canals of the city. J. L. GREENE IS IMPROVING J. L. Greene, oil operator who was stricken in his office Monday with a heart attack is reported considerably improved at his home. As yet no visitors are admitted, and the residence telephone has been temporarily disconnected. Escaped goldfish have been known to reach a weight of two pounds.

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Housing Situation Is Serious And Citizens Urged To Rent Spare Rooms

Stressing the urgent need of additional apartments and bed- rooms to house war workers, in- cluding oil company personnel, and families of Army men, Chamber of Commerce officials Thursday called upon Midland residents to list their spare bedrooms for rent.

Germans Claim FDR's Plane Made Forced Landing In Azores

LONDON — (AP) — The German news agency DNB, in a dispatch purporting to come from Lisbon, Portugal, said Thursday President Roosevelt's plane made a forced landing in the Azores Islands while on his way to the Cairo and Teheran conferences.

Ernest Goens Is Appointed State's Attorney By Court

AUSTIN — (AP) — District Attorney Ernest Goens of Tyler Thursday was appointed state's attorney in the Criminal Appeals Court to succeed Spurgeon Bell, a U. S. Naval Reserve officer who received orders to report for training duty early in January.

City Jail's Door Has Been Repaired

The city bastille door has been repaired, but it wasn't fixed when Lillie, who was arrested for im- prudently walking calmly from the women's jail.

Boys Who Desire To Become Cub Scouts Should Attend Meet

Midland boys who are interested in becoming Cub Scouts should be at the Midland High School auditorium at 7:15 p. m. Thursday, where they will receive instructions.

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Senator Suggests More Taxes From Whiskey Industry

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman George (D-Ga) called on the Senate Finance Committee Thursday to expedite collection of an additional billion dollars from the whiskey industry next year to swell the proceeds of the deeply slashed 1943 revenues bill.

Third Mate Loves Husband Who Failed To Divorce Others

KANSAS CITY, KAN. — (AP) — One of the three young women Thomas Robertson, 17, is accused of marry- ing without bothering about div- orces, testified at his trial on big- amy charges that she still was in love with him, but the other two said they wanted him convicted.

More Than 100 Toys Received At Yucca Theater Matinee

Several hundred toys have been received by Midland Jaycees in their toy collection and renovation program, Frank Monroe, committee chairman, said Thursday.

Tank Car Loadings Here To Be Increased

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Office of Defense Transportation an- nounced late Wednesday it is as- signing 3,000 tank cars for move- ment of crude oil from West Texas to eastern refineries.

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### Bulldogs Clash With Faculty In Basketball Game

Someone is going to get a basketball lesson Friday night in Midland High School's gymnasium.

At 8 p. m., the Bulldogs will clash with members of the school faculty and someone probably will get some pointers on basketball as it now is played.

On the faculty team will be School Supt. Frank Monroe, Principal G. B. Rush, Coach Gene McCollum, Assistant Coach Jack Atkins, Sam Spears, Harlan Howell and Jack MacBurn. All have played basketball in years gone by and each remembers a number of fine points of the game.

A contest between members of the B squad will precede the feature event, opening the program at 7 p. m.

The Bulldogs have won their first two starts, defeating Lamesa 27 to 13 and Stanton High 55 to 10.

### 116 Golfers Compete In Miami Open Tourney

MIAMI, FLA. — (AP) — General Chairman H. H. Arnold looked over the field of 116 who began competition in the Miami Open Golf Tournament Thursday and predicted the man who could shave two strokes off par for the 72 hole grind probably would win.

A score of 278 would not be brilliant in this event which Sammy Snead won in 1937 with a 287. Byron Nelson was the victor in 1910 with a 271 and Jug McSpaden took the top prize last year with a 272.

From 15 to 45 days are needed to cure ham before smoking, and from 17 to 30 days for bacon.

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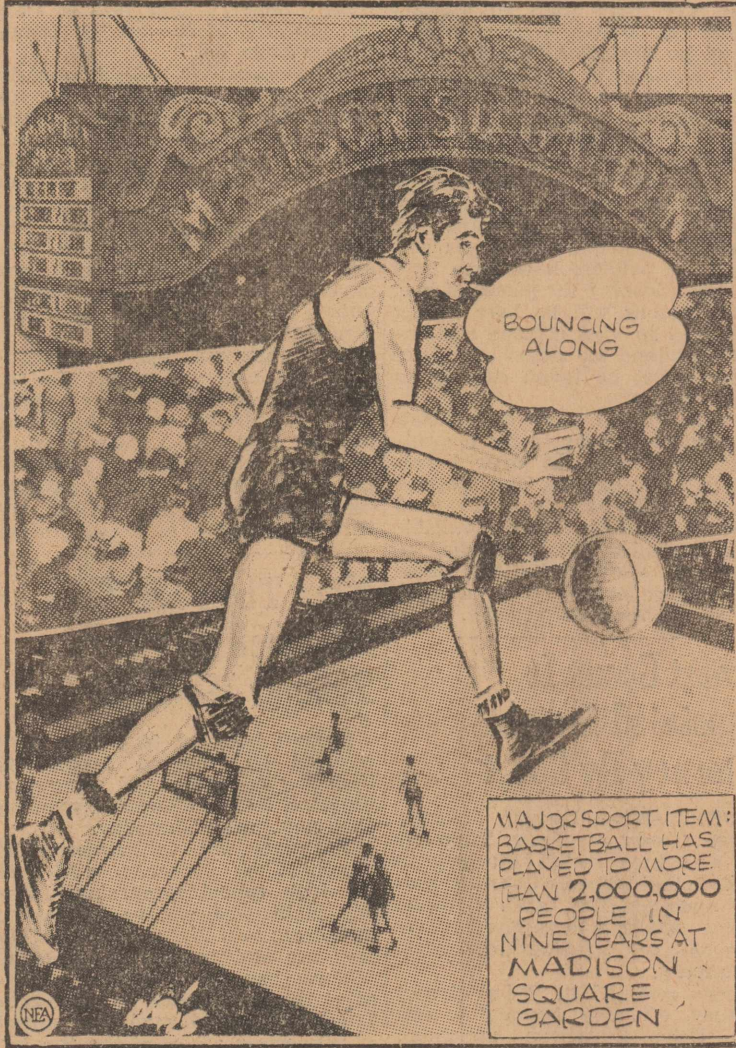
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### The Big Cage



MAJOR SPORT ITEM: BASKETBALL HAS PLAYED TO MORE THAN 2,000,000 PEOPLE IN NINE YEARS AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

### Four Chicago Bears Are Chosen On 1943 All-League Pro Football Team

By CHIP ROYAL  
AP Features Sports Editor  
NEW YORK—This year, more

than any other, the emphasis has been on forward passing in the National Football League, and the All-League pro team, selected today by The Associated Press and newspaper sports writers, bears it out.

Two of the greatest passers football has ever known, Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins, and Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears, both make the 1943 All-League eleven.

The big bad Bears won the most positions on the powerful "dream" team for the third successive year. But, whereas five of the Western division champs were selected in 1942, only four made it this year. Besides Luckman they are guard Danny Fortmann, center Bulldog Turner and back Harry Clark.

Here's the first team, with the college of each player in parentheses:

Ends—Don Hutson, Green Bay, (Alabama) and Eddie Rucinski, Cardinals, (Indiana).

Tackles—Al Bizoz, New York, (Georgetown) and Bruiser Kinard, (Mississippi).

Guards—Danny Fortmann, Bears, (Colgate) and Dick Ferman, Washington, (Washington State).

Center—Clyde (Bulldog) Turner,

### Big Glenn Dobbs Knocks Out Flu And Ready To Go

SAN ANTONIO — (AP) — Big Glenn Dobbs has knocked out Old Man Flu and returned to the Randolph Field practice grind, ready to bat out a flock of unofficial passing records in the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas.

Glenn already has such marks as seven touchdown passes in one game, 20 scoring passes in ten games, and 29 completions out of 46 attempts in an afternoon.

Now he's aiming at records boasted by Davey O'Brien of Texas Christian, Bud Schwenk of Washington University (St. Louis) and Frankie Sinkwich of Georgia.

Here's Dobbs season record: 189 passes, 105 completions for 1402 yards, a completion average of 55.3 plus, and total offense of 1823 yards.

Glenn's record for total passes thrown is 234, made by O'Brien and Schwenk. Glenn will need 46 throws to smash that—the same number he tried against North Texas Aggies this year.

In total offense Dobbs would have to do some tall stepping, because Sinkwich rolled up 2187 yards. That would mean a gain of 364 yards for Glenn against Texas.

But to those who have seen the great Dobbs perform this year, that doesn't appear impossible.

### Taylor Ducks Earn Plenty Of White Meat

TAYLOR, Texas — (AP) — The Taylor Ducks will eat turkey Friday night.

Citizens feel their high school football team has earned plenty of the white meat and fixin's.

Quite a record is behind the Dauntless Ducks. They have just wound up a winning streak of 22 games, with five regional championships of Class A schoolboy football in eleven years.

The winning ways of Taylor High began in 1933 and since then the Ducks have played 116 games, marked up 97 victories, lost 16 and tied three.

In the last 33 games played they have lost only one and have dropped just one district game—that to Rockdale in 1940. They were regional champions in 1933, 1939, 1940 and 1942. They won the bi-district crown in 1941.

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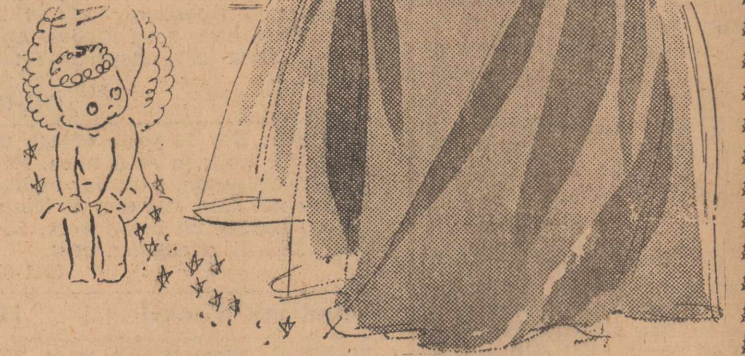


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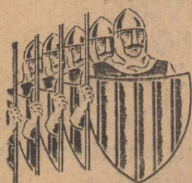
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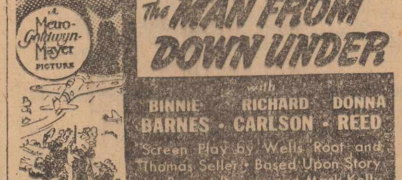
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### Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK — (AP) — Major Raymond "Butch" Morse, former Oregon end, claims the distinction of being the oldest football player scheduled to go to work in a New Year's bowl game this season.

Morse, 33, is director of the tactical officer school at Randolph Field, Texas, and a member of the Rambler grid team which will play Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

Ralph Kandel, the N. Y. U. basketball player, also is a Broadway stage performer. He has appeared in "Stage Door Canteen" and "Junior Miss" . . . N. Y. U. fans will "settle for a few 'hits'" when he aims at the basket.

### Observation Post

Pacific Coast Conference faculty athletic representatives and graduate managers decided that all ten conference colleges will get their regular cuts of the Rose Bowl Game receipts this season although six of them quit cold on regular season football . . . Wonder if they could have been listening when Judge Bramham revived those 16 inactive baseball leagues at the minor's convention.

### One-Minute Sports Page

Boston fans are trying to steam up a charity basketball game between Rhode Island and Dartmouth. New England's top teams which won't ordinarily look at each other . . . Sammy Angott, the NBA lightweight champ, has lost only one fight a year since 1939. He reached his 1943 quota when he dropped a duke to Henry Armstrong . . . When all-American Creighton Miller and his brother Tom were high school boys in Cleveland, their favorite sport was swimming. They switched to football when they moved to Wilmington, Del., and entered a school that had no swimming team . . . After his first workout in a gym here, seven-foot Bob Kurland of Oklahoma A. and M. made a natural request for two towels. The gym attendant promptly dubbed him "Two Towel Kurland" . . . After seeing him operate against City College, Garden fans changed it to "Too Tall."

### Report Says Novikoff Suspended By Lands

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The Los Angeles Times said Thursday Lou Novikoff, Chicago Cubs outfielder, has been suspended by Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis—and apparently nobody was more surprised than the "Mad Russian" himself.

The suspension, said the newspaper, was on grounds that Novikoff failed to answer a questionnaire about his winter baseball playing in Southern California.

Novikoff said he had written Landis that he had played in only one winter game and declared he had informed Jimmie Gallagher of the Cubs of his statement to the judge.

### Oklahoma City Golf Pro Was Sure Friend Safe

OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) — When Floyd Farley, golf pro, heard that his boyhood friend, Charley Weisner, had a destroyer torpedoed from under him last October, he wasn't worried.

"Why," said Farley, "he'll show up somewhere in a day or two, asking for a hamburger."

The other night came a knock at Farley door. There stood Charley.

Well, he asked, shall we have a hamburger?

### Indiana University Track Coach Dies

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — (AP) — E. C. (Billy) Hayes, Indiana University track coach, died in a hospital Thursday a few hours after he was stricken with pneumonia.

Hayes had developed many star distance runners.

### WPB Analyst Will Aid On Priorities

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### Reporter-Telegram Employees Contribute To Goodfellows Fund

Almost doubling the total amount of donations received to date, employees of The Reporter-Telegram Thursday contributed \$12 to the Goodfellows Fund.

Total contributions Thursday morning still were under the \$50 mark, with date for the delivery of the Christmas food certificates drawing near. Sponsors estimate between \$150 and \$200 will be needed to care for the more than 30 unemployable families deserving of assistance.

Persons and organizations planning to join the Goodfellows are urged to leave contributions at the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible.

American Legion members will distribute the food certificates early next week.

### Class A Schoolboy Champions Determined

By The Associated Press  
Except for the Class AA race, in which four teams remain, schoolboy football is over in Texas.

The Class B division wound up two weeks ago and Wednesday the final game was played in the battle for regional championships of Class A.

Phillips defeated Shamrock on first downs in a 6-6 tie to take the Region 1 title. Other regional champions, previously determined, are:

Region 2, Seminole; Region 3, Ballinger; Region 4, Garland; Region 5, Van; Region 6, White Oak (Longview); Region 7, Port Acres; Region 8, Taylor; Region 9, Bay City; Region 10, Benavides.

### 33 Radio Stations To Broadcast Grid Games

For broadcasting the two semifinal games in the race for the 1943 high school football championship Saturday afternoon, 33 radio stations have been assembled in special networks.

Seventeen stations, including KRLL of Midland will broadcast the Highland Park-San Angelo game in San Angelo. Sixteen stations will air the Goose Creek-Lufkin game in Houston.

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