

RUSSIANS CRACK NAZI LINES

Americans Close In On Nazis

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP)— American infantry, the jaws of a Fifth Army pincer movement, closed in Saturday night on a segment of the Cassino-Rome road in the area of the bitterly-contested village of San Pietro, seven miles southeast of Cassino, which now is virtually surrounded.

On the inland side of the Cassino-Rome road the battle for San Pietro roared through its second day of hand-to-hand conflict.

On the south side of the road, American doughboys composing the one jaw of the pincers ripped and tore at the Nazi defense bastions on 1,000-foot Mount Lungo.

Further inland from the San Pietro battle area other Fifth Army units were disclosed to have taken Lagone, a 2,000-foot mountain village west of Filignano, after hard street fighting.

The British Eighth Army on the Adriatic end of the Germans' winter line ran into equally heavy fighting. Allied headquarters announced, "The Germans threw in a strong counterattack at one point, both sides using tanks. Thirteen German tanks were wrecked and two were captured."

Nazis Continue To Battle
The Americans have San Pietro nearly hemmed in, and the Germans have only one road for their escape, the Allied commentator said. However, the Germans showed no sign of giving up and still were fighting in the outskirts.

New Zealand troops in the Eighth Army's sector of the line bore the brunt of the Nazis' counterattacks in the area north of the Orsogna-Ortona road which they crossed three days ago.

Navy To Station Small Detachment At Airport No. 2

Two Navy officers and a Ferry Command detachment of six Navy enlisted men are scheduled to report for duty at Midland Airport No. 2 the latter part of this month.

The Navy detachment will cooperate with the 8th Service Detachment of the Army Ferrying Service at the field, which is under the command of Capt. Sam H. Lane Jr.

The Ferrying Service now has eight officers stationed at the field, which was activated November 1, handling the heavy traffic.

The large new parking apron which is being constructed at the port probably will be completed within 30 days.

Believe Churchill Has Passed Crisis

LONDON — (AP)— Prime Minister Churchill was believed safely past the crisis of his illness Saturday night as a bulletin issued from 10 Downing Street announced the British statesman's "temperature is subsiding and the pneumonia is resolving."

There was still some uneasiness here over the fact that the bulletin cited "some irregularity of pulse." This was because it has been noted Churchill is being attended by a heart specialist.

However, it now was hoped that, barring a relapse, he would be convalescent by Christmas and able to return from the Middle East within a few weeks.

E. G. Rall Dies In Fort Worth Hospital

FORT WORTH — (AP)— E. G. Rall, 77, president of the grain company bearing his name and holder of extensive ranch interests in West Texas, died here Saturday in a hospital after a week's illness.

The funeral will be in the home here at 10:30 a. m. Monday.

Favorable Bombing Weather Can Hasten Germany's Collapse

LONDON — (AP)— The chances of knocking Germany out of the war quickly with a powerful land invasion of Europe will depend in part on the bombing weather in the coming weeks of winter.

If the weather grounds the Allied bomber fleets, the Reich may be able to recuperate enough to make the invasion a long and bitter campaign.

With favorable conditions, the Allies can pound Germany with heavy blows to hasten the bleeding of her war strength.

A number of German war centers are set up for the kill. One or two more raids might knock them out. But with a respite from bombs, the Germans could restore them to effective production.

German reports Saturday indicated that the RAF bombers are being escorted by long-range night fighters in a move to increase the effectiveness of assaults upon Berlin.

But Germany as yet appears far from collapse, and there are no real signs that civilian morale is cracking.

Japanese Suffer Decisive Defeat In Central China

HEADQUARTERS OF U. S. AIR FORCE IN CHINA — (AP)— The Japanese campaign to capture the "China Bowl" in Central China has cost them a "decisive defeat" toward which the American and Chinese air forces contributed materially, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander of the U. S. 14th Air Force, said.

Chennault disclosed that the American flyers in vigorously supporting the Chinese ground forces had destroyed 31 Japanese planes confirmed, 25 of them on the ground, during the week ending Friday. He listed also 14 probably destroyed and 28 damaged. The 14th Air Force lost four fighters in the air, one on the ground and two medium bombers were damaged. Only one American airman was lost.

"The Chinese Air Force gave an excellent account of itself in the campaign," Chennault declared. "100 Japs Killed"

The Chinese high command announced Saturday in Chungking that Japanese attacking northwesterly from the Rice Bowl town of Lihshien had been routed, losing more than 400 killed. Chinese forces seeking to wipe out a pocket of resistance northwest of the highway town of Lihli recaptured more than 10 strategic villages. Disposal of the Japanese in this area and in another sector north-east of Lihli would clear the whole region south of the Yangtze of the invaders and restore half the Rice Bowl to China.

Chennault also disclosed that Liberators under his command had joined with the 10th U. S. Air Force and the RAF in India in six "highly successful" raids on Rangoon in Burma between Nov. 24 and Dec. 6.

(In a Berlin broadcast, a Japanese Army spokesman was quoted by DNB, German news agency, as saying the United States Air Force in China has been strongly reinforced and now totals 400 planes.)

Governor Praises Texans In Message

AUSTIN — (AP)— "You have met every test that brave men can meet," Gov. Coke Stevenson said in a Christmas message addressed Saturday to Texans in the armed forces everywhere.

The message will be transmitted through service publications.

Santa Claus Going To Navy In Big Way

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Santa Claus is coming to the Navy in a big way.

The Navy reported Saturday that 7,479,000 Christmas packages were forwarded to men on duty at sea and overseas between Sept. 15 and Dec. 1.

Red Bank Oil Buys Control Of Seatex

NEW YORK — (AP)— Frank W. Bennett, of Dallas, president of Red Bank Oil Co., confirmed Saturday the report that Red Bank Oil is acquiring controlling stock interest in the Seatex Oil Co., Dallas, Texas.

Bennett's election as president and director of Seatex also was disclosed.

Sixth Army Captures Jap Gun Positions

By C. YATES McDANIEL
ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA — (AP)— U. S. Sixth Army invaders of New Britain have captured Umtingalu settlement and its gun positions which had prevented the only American unit from obtaining its objective during Wednesday's landings near Arawe, General MacArthur announced Sunday.

It was on a reef off Umtingalu, whose fall represents an invasion gain of around three miles, that a group of soldiers, many of them Texans, suffered heavy losses Wednesday while trying to land there and cut the possible line of enemy retreat.

Beat Off Jap Planes
The American ground troops fanned out east and northeast of their original beachhead against slight and ineffective opposition by snipers while Thunderbolt patrols beat off a force of 25 dive-bombers and 15 Zeros Friday. The outnumbered Thunderbolts downed seven dive-bombers and two Zeros. Another enemy plane was downed at near Cape Gloucester on the island's western tip.

These 10 losses were added to 14 others inflicted on enemy raiders the day after the landing. So effectively have Allied fighter patrols covered the Arawe beachhead during daylight that the Japanese early Friday resorted to raids before dawn, making 12 light, unsuccessful bombing and strafing attacks.

Capture Munition Dumps
The Americans found few Japanese alive or dead around Arawe but captured three 75 mm. guns, mortars, gun racks and munition dumps.

Cape Gloucester, which is just across the island, was pounded anew by 80 more tons of explosives. That air base, which is only a short overwater distance from New Guinea, whence the New Britain invasion sprang, now has taken more than 1,100 tons of explosives since late November.

In the Northern Solomons, United States troops which have held a beachhead at Empress Augusta Bay on the west central coast of Bougainville since Nov. 1, opened a push into the jungles northeastward, aiming at high ground near headwaters of the Torokina River. Some advanced enemy positions in that area already are pocketed on three sides.

Mark McGee Quits OPA To Practice Law
FORT WORTH — (AP)— Mark McGee, Fort Worth attorney and former adjutant general who established wartime rationing in his state two years ago, announced Saturday his resignation as director of the Fort Worth district office of the War Relocation Authority.

His letter to Max McCullough of Dallas, regional OPA administrator, avoided mention of the internal OPA changes which caused a heated protest in Washington last spring from a group of Texas congressmen.

Instead, McGee's letter advised McCullough of his intention to return to the practice of law in Fort Worth, effective Jan. 3, 1944.

Roosevelt Hopes To Avert Rail Strikes

WASHINGTON — (AP)— President Roosevelt, seeking to head off a nationwide railroad strike scheduled to begin December 30, will confer with leaders of the five operating brotherhoods and representatives of management at a White House conference Sunday.

While the conference, called by the President, was limited on the labor side to the operating unions whose members have voted overwhelmingly to strike, it was watched with interest by the 15 non-operating unions which likewise are in the middle of a knotty wage dispute.

Service Inaugurated On New Products Line

HOUSTON — (AP)— Initial deliveries of petroleum products were made Saturday to the 20-inch products line for delivery to the Atlantic Seaboard, the Pan American Pipeline Company announced.

Pan American delivered the first batch at Texas City from tanks of Pan American Refining Company.

From the Houston area the line will have a 42,000 barrels daily capacity.

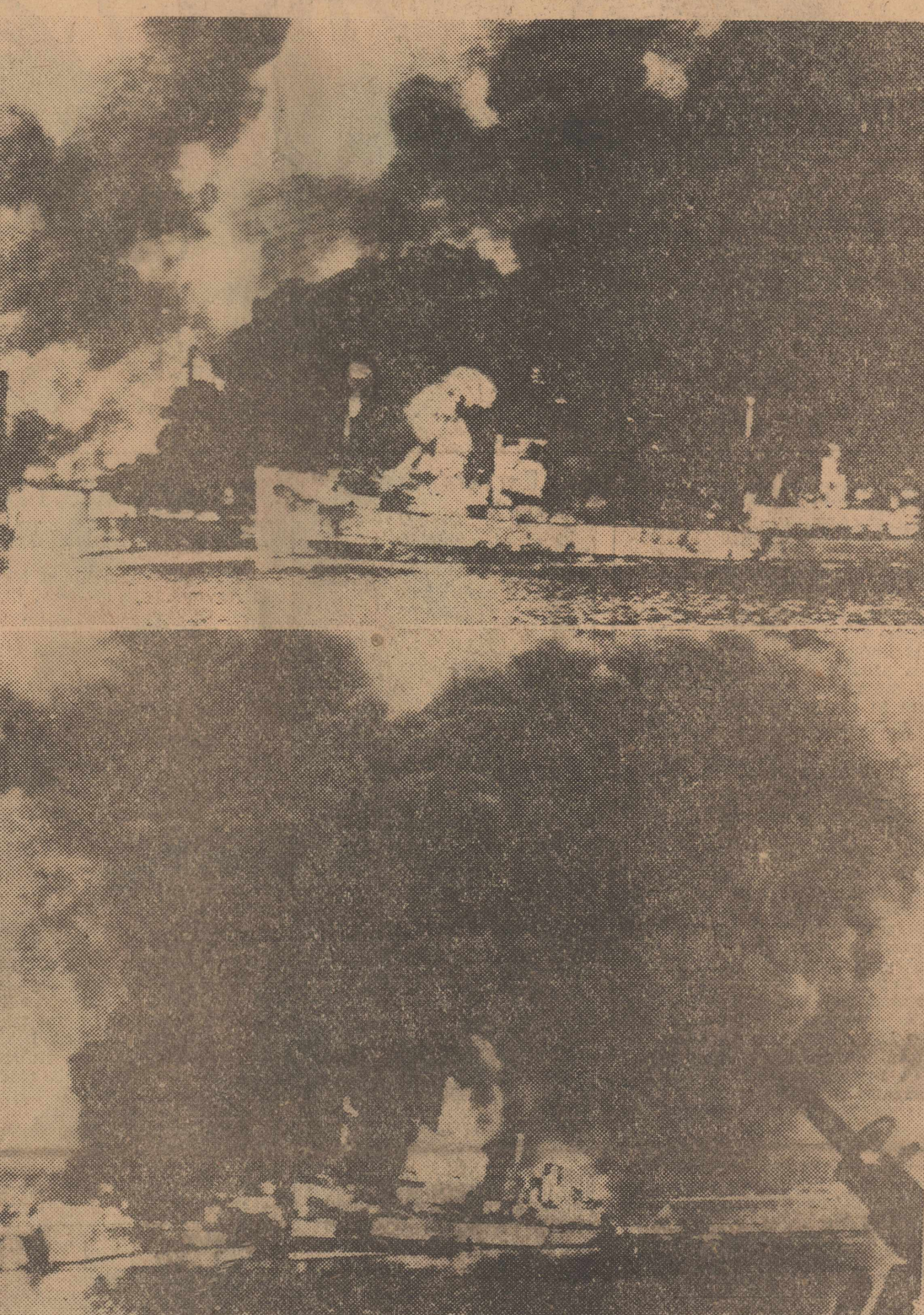
Train, Bus, Plane Travel To Be Worse

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Already gravely concerned over the record travel on American trains, buses, and planes, the Office of Defense Transportation fears that this mass reshuffling of humanity will be even worse next year.

Train travel will be up 15 per cent, ODT predicted.

ODT expressed belief that one-fifth of rail travel and a third of the bus travel this year was unnecessary.

Bari Harbor After German Bombs Crashed Down



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. (NEA Telephoto from Signal Corps photographers.)

Germans Slaughter Thousands Of Russians

Sixth German Drive In Thirteen Days Is Smashed By Yugoslavs

LONDON — (AP)— The Yugoslav Partisan Army declared Saturday it had smashed back the sixth German offensive thrown against it in 13 days and had mounted a counteroffensive of its own as Allied aerial squadrons gathered overhead in its support.

From Montenegro northward to Bosnia and Croatia the Yugoslav columns of Gen. Josip Broz (Tito) reported they were slowly thrusting forward against heavy enemy tank and infantry forces.

Earlier Yugoslav reports that the Nazis were looting and burning in some areas were braced by a declaration by the Free Yugoslav Radio that "terrorism and violence" against the civilian population had become general and that in a ring of villages southeast of Zagreb the invaders had killed entire populations, including women and children.

Germans Make Proposals
The Yugoslav government-in-exile, rival to Tito's group, declared a new special German envoy in the Balkans was in Budapest negotiating with the Hungarians over their proposal to withdraw Hungarian troops from the Russian front and send them into Yugoslavia.

Rising Allied air action more than any other factor was responsible for an endless train of speculation that Allied invasion of the Balkans was in preparation.

Two Fliers Killed When Plane Hits House

SAN ANTONIO — (AP)— Two second lieutenants were killed and the home of Robert Moody was destroyed by fire when the plane carrying the officers crashed into the home Saturday.

Brooks Field authorities said identification tags listed the men as Merle Carman and Raul Munoz, home addresses yet undetermined.

Mechanic Tells Of Killing 60 Small Children

By EDDIE GILMORE
LONDON — (AP)— The Soviet Military Tribunal has convicted the four war criminals on trial in Kharkov, the Moscow Radio announced early Sunday, and they were sentenced to death by hanging.

MOSCOW — (AP)— A young Russian mechanic, who admitted betraying his country, testified at Russia's first war criminal trial that he aided the Germans in slaughtering 60 children between the ages of 6 and 12, the Moscow press reported Saturday, while a German defendant told a packed, shuddering courtroom how the Nazis systematically killed thousands of innocent Russians by gas, machine-guns and torture.

Mikhail Petrovich Bulanov, 26, Russian chauffeur for the Gestapo, testified at the trial at Kharkov that the sick and starving children were placed in a truck and told they were being taken to Stalingrad to visit relatives, but that later the gestapo mowed them down with automatic guns as the children cried "Daddy, don't kill us, we want to live."

Russian children commonly address strangers as daddy.

In addition to Bulanov, three Germans are on trial following the (Continued on Page 2)

Selective Service To Draft Two Million Men Before July 1

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Two million more men must be drafted by next July, Selective Service declared Saturday night, and 1,000,000 of them are to be taken from the fewer than 5,000,000 draftable fathers still with their families as of Dec. 1.

One factor which may slow the rate of father inductions is the proposed elimination of industrial deferments for non-fathers between 18 and 22. The same treatment also has been proposed for those between 22 and 25. This is favored by draft officials but has not yet been adopted as a policy.

Selective Service headquarters reported local boards have been cutting down on deferments for non-fathers.

The desired strength of the armed services next July 1 is 11,300,000, including WACs and WAVES, Selective Service said.

National Gripe List Compiled

WASHINGTON — (AP)— Seeking an official answer to the old query of "What's griping you?" the Office of Civilian Requirements came up Saturday with the discovery that civilians are annoyed most by loss of the little peace-time comforts.

The official "gripe list"—compiled in a three-months door-to-door survey in 120 counties—ranks butter number one on the miss parade, with meat, sugar, soap, canned goods, fruits, elastic tape, coal, satisfactory hokery and washtubs next in order.

BUS LINE SOLD

FORT WORTH — (AP)— Sale of Bowen Motor Coaches to M. E. Moore of Texarkana and Little Rock and three other men for more than \$2,000,000 cash was announced Saturday night by R. C. Bowen, president of the Texas bus line. Headquarters of the lines will remain in Fort Worth.

250,000 Red Troops Storm Westward Only 70 Miles From Latvia

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON — (AP)— Russian forces in the Southern Ukraine have captured several enemy strongpoints, killed 1,400 Nazis and wrecked 28 enemy tanks in the Kirovograd area, Moscow announced Sunday, while Berlin admitted a breakthrough by 250,000 Russian troops storming westward in the Nevel area 70 miles from the Latvian border.

The Russians, mentioning only the Kirovograd front in their midnight communique, said German counterattacks in this area failed. The Germans retreated in some areas abandoning large quantities of equipment and stores, it added.

But Col. Ernst Von Hammer, Berlin radio commentator, said the Russians broke through German lines in the Nevel area in a drive from two directions by 17 infantry, cavalry and artillery divisions and two tank corps. He admitted the Germans had "shortened their front after grim battles lasting several hours."

The Russians have never acknowledged attacking in this area. Earlier German reports said the Russians "surged toward our positions practically incessantly. Local breaches were sealed off. During the fluctuating, bitter fighting the Bolsheviks suffered particularly heavy losses."

Found Kirovograd's Defenses
Berlin acknowledged the power of Soviet drives in the Ukraine, where the forces under Gen. Ivan S. Konev were pounding at Kirovograd's defenses. The Germans mentioned "repeated massed attacks" in the last 24 hours, but said German counterattacks were progressing in the area.

With the Russians pointing up their fighting in the Kirovograd area, indications were that with Smela, to the north, the two towns were valuable prizes. Should the Red Army succeed in crashing through the belt of snipers between them, a whole network of communications vital to German plans would be useless.

For the second day the Russians have made no mention of the Kiev bulge, indicating a lull after five weeks of frantic but futile German efforts to break the Red Army's main Dnieper salient.

Nazis May Try Again
Moscow said the Germans may be expected to reinforce their army along the Terev River, 55 miles west of Kiev, during the break in the fighting and another all-out effort to crack Soviet defenses would not be unexpected.

Berlin reports also maintained silence on the Kiev sector but mentioned important fighting in (Continued on Page 2)

Roosevelt Takes Stern Measures

WASHINGTON — (AP)— President Roosevelt, taking stern measures to prevent leaks of important war information, Saturday directed the War and Navy secretaries and the director of the Office of War Information to refuse to issue in advance, for release to the public at a future hour, any news having a security value.

"The American people," he said in a memorandum, "want promptly all the news which can be told safely, and they are entitled to have it without the interposition of artificial barriers."

Two Youths Killed By Shell Explosion

NEW YORK — (AP)— A live 55-millimeter shell which they threw on a bonfire in a Brooklyn vacant lot Saturday killed two boys and injured four others, three seriously, as shrapnel sprayed out from the resulting explosion.

Police said the boys found the shell in the lot, which is near the arsenal of the Brooklyn Army Base, and threw it on the fire they had built. The explosion shattered windows for a distance of 70 feet.

War Bulletins

NEW YORK — (AP)— The Belgrade radio in German-occupied Yugoslavia left the air abruptly Saturday night in the middle of a domestic broadcast, FCC monitors reported. Such silencing of a transmission station often is evidence of an aerial attack.

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY — (AP)— French troops beat the Germans 20 to 1 in their first clash on this front — the first French blow at the continent three and a half years after Germany overwhelmed France.

LONDON — (AP)— Premier Marshal Stalin and Eduard Benes, president of the Czechoslovak government-in-exile met Saturday, the Moscow radio announced in a broadcast recorded here by the Soviet monitor.

ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA — (AP)— Ten more Japanese planes have been blasted out of the skies by intercepting Thunderbolts without succeeding in damaging the newly won U. S. Sixth Army position at Arawe, New Britain, headquarters announced Sunday.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer.

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The right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: Thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.—Exodus 15:6.

Pearl Is Perplexed

Philip Pearl is a brother of the craft a professional writer of periodical columns of commentary and opinion. We do not know Pearl personally, but we are told that he is a fine chap and a clever one. He labors, unfortunately, under the handicap of having to follow a policy line.

That may be the reason that Pearl can't understand "why the men in the armed services should be interested in reading of such petty affairs (as a milk strike in Brooklyn) which have no real effect on the war effort." We quote from Pearl's column in the American Federation of Labor's Weekly News Service.

The men in service are interested in strikes that effect the support they have a right to expect from the home front. There have been enough of these, seldom called strikes but always delaying war production, to make more labor news than any soldier newspaper could print.

The soldiers and sailors are interested also in the spirit of the folks at home, which is sometimes called morale. From this standpoint the milk drivers' strikes were mighty significant. They were in protest against setups ordered by the Office of Defense Transportation, originally to save rubber and gasoline and later to free workers to make ships and planes, guns and ammunitions.

If 200 Brooklyn drivers will cut off milk from babies—some of them soldiers' babies—rather than save rubber and gasoline in this crisis, we, at least, can understand why the fighting men abroad are interested in reading about it.

In this connection we call the attention of Pearl, as chief publicity man for the A. F. of L., to a sailor's letter to his sister, written after a year in the South Pacific: "We have had some pretty rough going lately." (The files of any newspaper will amplify this.) "After going through and seeing a lot of this stuff out here it gets a fellow mad and disgusted to pick up a paper from back in the states and see what the people back there do. I'd like to see some of these people that are striking for one thing or another spend three days straight without sleep and under conditions that I can't write about. If they didn't die of fright they would from heat stroke or exhaustion."

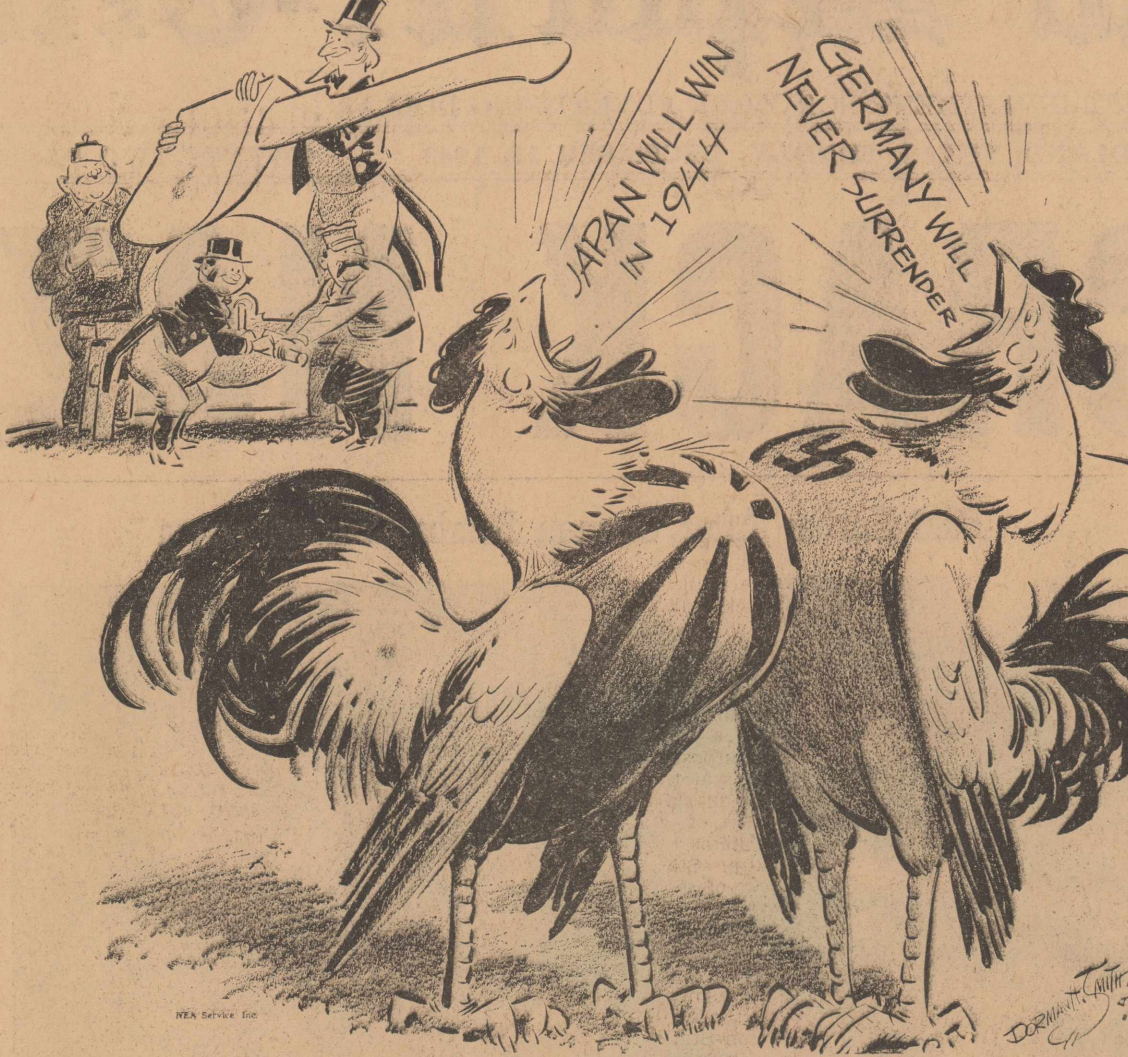
Perhaps the newspaper shouldn't worry the fighting men by printing such stories about strikes. Or perhaps the unions, including those for which Pearl is official spokesman, should stop the strikes.

Nothing To Brag About
There is strong evidence that the United States is abreast of Great Britain in the struggle to pay the cost of the war so far as possible from tax revenues. In this country, latest estimates place total Federal revenues for the current fiscal year at approximately \$45,000,000,000. Total Federal expenditures will be around \$90,000,000,000. This is about the same revenue-cost ratio maintained by Britain, and is apparently the practical maximum.

Mileage
Statisticians have reckoned that President Roosevelt's most recent trip to Cairo, Teheran and wap points brings his mileage since 1932 over the 300,000 mile mark, which somebody who remembers such things contrasts with the mere 238,857 miles from the earth to the nearby moon.

Eleven Volunteers
In response to a request for 4000 snoopers in Manhattan, the OPA had only 11 volunteers. Women are against black markets, against excessive prices, against gouging of all kinds. But they also are against bare tables. They feel that the alternative, in most cases, is to pay high prices and hold their tongues or to go without articles they need.

They'd Better Crow While The Crowing's Good



Cub Scout Program Gets Off To Fine Start In Midland

Approximately 15 dens of Cub Scouts will be organized in Midland immediately, Boy Scout officials predicted Saturday night at the conclusion of a training program in the Midland High School for parents of boys of Cub Scout age.

The training program started Thursday evening. Actual organization of dens and packs, with den mothers, den chiefs and Cub masters was effected. Expect 200 Cub Scouts Here. Scout executives predicted that more than 200 Cub Scouts will be working with their parents in the program in Midland in January.

Red Cross Will Ask \$200,000,000 In March
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The American Red Cross will open its third war fund campaign next March with a record goal of \$200,000,000. Announcing the 1944 financial objective Saturday, Chairman Norman H. Davis said nearly \$140,000,000 will be required for services to the armed forces and the remainder for local work of the 3,756 chapters.

Candy To Be Outlawed In Germany Next Month
STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Candy production is to be outlawed in Germany after Jan. 1, 1944, according to Berlin said Saturday night.

Famine No Longer Exists In Bengal
NEW DELHI—(AP)—R. H. Hutchings, secretary of the India government food department, said in an interview Saturday that famine no longer exists in Bengal, and that the province "has passed out of the stage of acute food shortage."

50,465 Fathers Have Been Drafted In U. S.
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Selective Service disclosed Saturday night that 50,465 fathers had been drafted during October and November.

Shortage Is Reported In Pajamas For Men
ST. LOUIS—(AP)—The Christmas rush has uncovered a new shortage—in men's pajamas. "In normal times only two-thirds of the men wore pajamas," one merchant explained. "Now the other third has stopped sleeping in their underwear—they can afford the luxury of pajamas."

Danger Always Lurks Where Least Expected
MULLINS, S. C. — (AP) — Cpl. Reuben Rogers served 19 months in a dangerous assignment with an anti-aircraft battery and didn't get a scratch. He came home on furlough, though, and with some companions started chopping down a tree. They stopped a moment to watch some planes pass. The tree suddenly came down with a crash, and a limb hit Cpl. Rogers. He suffered a compound fracture of the leg and other injuries.

Oil Proration Order Issued

AUSTIN — (AP) — The Railroad Commission Saturday issued a statewide oil proration order calling for the daily production of 2,044,748 barrels in January. This total includes 135,222 barrels of distillate and natural gasoline. The commission fixed the allowable for crude oil at 2,038,785 barrels daily, but estimated that 63 per cent or 129,259 barrels of this would not be produced for various reasons.

Two Railroad Men Killed In Accident
GALLUP, N. M. — (AP) — Two railroad men were killed and five other persons were injured, one seriously, Saturday in a train wreck in the Gallup yards of the Santa Fe Railway.

Midland Brothers Do Their Bits In Big Way
The Tisdale brothers of Midland, James and twin brothers, Ula and Tom, believe in going all out in their war effort. The boys were reared in Midland by an aunt, Miss Daisy Tisdale, and an uncle, J. Pal Tisdale. The brothers attended Midland High School.

Subsidy --
Chicago, the maximum and minimum amounts which packers may spend for live cattle to qualify for full subsidy payments. The maximums and minimums per hundredweight for principal Texas beef cattle markets follow:

Table with 3 columns: Choice, Good, Commercial, Utility, Canners, cutters, Bologna bulls. Rows show minimum and maximum values.

Mechanic --
pledge of the Soviet Union, the United States and Great Britain that war criminals would be brought to justice at the scenes of their crimes and tried under local law.

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Bougainville Boys



Their young faces stern with determination to beat the enemy, these marines on Bougainville head into the jungle with dogs, used to smell out the Japs and to carry messages and first-aid equipment.

Funeral Services Held For McClellan
Funeral services for Robert McClellan, 44, Midland farmer who died Thursday of accidental gunshot wounds, were held Saturday afternoon in the Ellis Funeral Home. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

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3 Wildcats And 2 Stepouts Added To West Texas Activity

More Oil Showing As Yoakum And Howard Prospects Continue To Dig In Efforts To Develop New Pools

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

Locations for new 7,500-foot wildcats in Northwest Andrews and West-Central Crockett—for a 5,600-foot prospect near the center of the southeast quarter of Gaines—and for stepout efforts in one-well pools in Pecos and Yoakum, featured oil development reports Saturday.

Oil continued to increase in indicated new discoveries in Central Yoakum and Northwest Howard, as drilling continued on projects in these areas which were offering promises.

Moore Bros. (John I. and P. D.) Midland, have made location for No. 1 J. S. Todd, as a 7,500-foot Ellenburger wildcat in Central-West Crockett County.

Southwest Of A Failure
Location is 660 feet from the south and 1,980 feet from the east lines of section 14, block YZ, EL & RR survey, and approximately one mile southwest of a test drilled early in the year in the southwest quarter of section 16, block YZ, EL & RR survey, which was abandoned as dry at a total depth of 7,900 feet.

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1-7 University is to be a 7,500-foot to 8,000-foot exploration in Northwest Andrews County, one and one-half miles south and one mile west of the nearest production from the Clear Fork line section of the Permian. The project has been staked 660 feet from the south and west lines of the southeast quarter of section 20, block 13, University survey.

Mid-Continent paid a cash bonus of \$225,000 for the petroleum rights on the quarter section at the recent University of Texas auction.

Nearest completed oil well is Mid-Continent No. 1-B University in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 16, block 13, University survey, which found production of approximately 170 barrels per day from the lower Permian, two miles south and approximately one mile east of nearest proven area in the original Fullerton field.

On FitzGerald Gaines Block
Northern Ordinance, Inc., No. 1 N. B. Birge, 660 feet from the south and east lines of section 1, block C-43, psi survey, is to be a 5,600-foot development in the southeast district of Gaines County.

This operation will be on the 6,800 acre block recently assembled by James FitzGerald, Midland, and out of which Northern Ordinance (John B. Hawley Jr.) took checkered coverage of about 3,400 acres and agreed to drill the test.

FitzGerald retained approximately half the leases in the block, but is not directly interested in the drilling deal. R. Olsen Drilling Company, Oklahoma City, will be in a rotary rig next week.

Gulf To Try In McCandless
Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 Atlantic Refining Company (Cordova-Union) is a new Pecos County prospector to drill to the Ellenburger in the McCandless-Owego area in the north-central sector of the county.

Proposed drilling depth of the project, to be 660 feet from the north and west lines of section 99, block 11, H&GN survey, is 4,250 feet. It will be three-quarters of a mile east and one-quarter of a mile south of the Bryce McCandless No. 1-101 Atlantic, in section 101, of the same survey, which has been testing for an average of around 10 barrels per hour flowing from pay in the top of the Ellenburger at 4,012-37 feet.

At the end of the week no official potential test gauge had been reported on the discovery. Testing had been carried on intermittently, through various sized chokes, for around 10 barrels hourly.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Pascoe, two miles west and one mile south of the McCandless discovery, in the northwest quarter of section 114, block 11, H&GN survey, and a southwest extension effort to hunt the Ellenburger pay, has a derrick up and a rig in process of assembly.

Flanker For West Well
Schemmhorn Oil Corporation No. 1 W. S. Moss is to be a new semi-wildcat in Central Yoakum County, as an east outcrop to the one-well West pool from the San Andres line, four miles north of nearest production in the Wasson field.

Location of the new venture is 660 feet from the east and 1,980 feet from the north lines of section 606, block D, John H. Gibson survey. The West field producer found pay in the lime at 5,169-5,255 feet.

Wendley Petroleum Company wildcat exploration two miles north of Wasson field production in Yoakum and in the southwest corner of the south half of section 635, block D, John H. Gibson survey, was drilling ahead in lime below 5,327 feet with 275 feet of free oil in the hole.

Top of the San Andres was marked at 4,620 feet on the surface elevation of 3,625 feet and a string of 5 1/2-inch casing was cemented at 4,850 feet. The saturated section was entered at 5,272 feet.

Another Soft Streak
Cosden Petroleum Corporation and W. S. Guthrie No. 2 Pauline Allen, Northwest Howard County discovery for apparent production from near the base of the Clear Fork section of the Permian, had drilled under 5,535 feet and reports from the operation indicated there was over 2,000 feet of 31.6 gravity crude oil in the hole.

Saturated porous crystalline dolomite was encountered at 5,460 feet and at least 1,000 feet of oil rose in the hole in drilling to 5,463 feet. That three feet of the zone was soft drilling.

Most of the formation from 5,463 feet, to the present bottom was rather hard, but apparently carried some streaks which were saturated. Another soft section was found at 5,007-11 feet. The last noticeable oil increase came while drilling through that zone. The operators have announced they will carry the development to 6,000 feet, unless considerable more oil or water is encountered above that level.

The No. 2 Pauline Allen is at the center of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 57, block 20, Lavaca Navigation survey, and 1,875 feet northwest of Cosden and Guthrie No. 1 Pauline Allen, which obtained pay at 4,040-96 feet for an initial production of 162 barrels per day pumping.

No. 2 Allen, and several other tests drilled in the area during recent months, were barren in the 4,000-foot horizon, and this project was carried deeper as an information-seeker.

Evans To Hunt More Pay
Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware and Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 1 Lloyd Evans, section 15, block Y, psi survey, southwest Cochran County wildcat which has found oil saturation and porosity with some salt water in the San Andres section from 4,885 feet to 4,938 feet in cuttings and cores, had cored, in two installments, down to 4,945 feet, and was preparing to go back in to drill deeper.

On a core from 4,928-39 feet an 11-foot recovery was made. The first three feet was granular, dense, earthy dolomite, with no porosity, but was bleeding some oil and water—next five feet was brown, crystalline dolomite, bleeding oil and water, with slight trace of porosity—next three feet was brown, anhydrite dolomite, 60 per cent anhydrite, with no porosity, show or stain.

Another core was cut at 4,939-45 feet, the coring was hard and the operator ordered the barrel out of the hole so the tools could be run in and more hole cut to explore for another soft section which might have oil, without the water.

This exploration is approximately 22 miles west of the Slaughterfield, nearest producing area.

Spraberry Drilling Plug
Seaboard No. 1 Spraberry, section 38, block 34, TPRR survey, T-5-N, Southeast Dawson County wildcat, is drilling out plug on a string of 5 1/2-inch casing set at 6,000 feet, with 150 bags of cement, on a bottom of 7,579 feet, in lime.

The operator plans to clean out the hole and test possible production of several shows for oil that have been drilled through, or cored, below the top of the Clear Fork, marked at 6,707 feet.

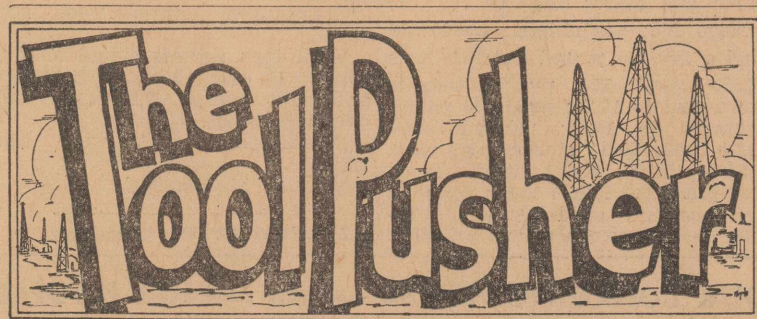
Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 Mrs. Carrie Slaughter Dean, deep exploration 11 miles northeast of Lamesa in Northeast Dawson County, is drilling ahead in side-tracked hole, below 10,185 feet.

This development plugged back from 10,297 feet to 9,335 feet, to make possible whipstocking by tools on the bottom which could not be fished out. The location is in section 30, block 1, Poitevent survey, T-6-N.

Jones Gets Much Cement
Continental Oil Company No. 1-A Jones, section 22, block A-7, psi survey, Ordovician exploration venture in Northwest Gaines County, has cemented a string of 7-inch casing at 11,177 feet, with 1,200 sacks of cement, on the bottom of 11,183 feet in lime and chert and was waiting.

As soon as the cement plug cures the test will start drilling deeper. The Texas Company No. 1 Parmer County fee, labor 8, league 317, Parmer County School Land survey, Southeast Gaines prospector, is at a total depth of 8,097 feet in hard, black, shaly lime and is conditioning the hole below drilling through a 70-sack cement plug put in on the bottom to fill up a cavity which has caused the drillers to lose several pits full of drilling mud.

First book matches were made in Barberton, O., in 1896.



By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

"FLU" HITS MANY OIL PEOPLE DURING RECENT DAYS
—The mild "flu" epidemic hit a lot of oil folks last week. Among those ill Saturday were W. Earl Chapman, The Texas Company; E. M. Funkhouser, Woodley E. Jarrett, Petroleum Company, and Walter E. Jarrett, Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation. —Many others have been out of offices and away from field work. You boys and girls better get well quick—Christmas is almost here.

"LITTMAN NEW FIELD MAN WITH RR. COMMISSION"
—L. M. Pittman has joined the Midland office of the Railroad Commission. His home is at Baltimore, where he has maintained residence for 27 years. His assignment is to work in the field.

—For a year, prior to September, 1942, he was at Kilgore as a field inspector for the commission. —Mrs. Pittman and 8-year-old Lacy remain in Baltimore, where she is teaching in the schools. Another son, Clement, Jr., is a Navy aerial gunner in the South Pacific.

Williams Oil Company No. 1 Williams-State, in the northeast corner of section 31-17s-33e, exploratory project one mile southeast of the near production in the Maljamar, is making hole past 4,215 feet after cementing 7-inch casing at 4,050 feet.

Northern Ordinance, Inc. No. 1 Iverson-State, six miles south of the southeast corner of the Maljamar and three and one-half miles southwest of the Corbin pool, is boring under 4,122 feet in red sand. The venture is in the northwest quarter of section 30-18s-33e.

Vacuum Wildcat Approaches
H. B. Taubman (Buffalo Oil Company), No. 1 Sun-State, section 18-17s-34e, two and one-half miles northwest of the Vacuum field, has progressed under 4,894 feet and is drilling ahead in lime.

Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 1 G. M. Cox, section 5, block A-31, psi survey, four miles northwest of the Union pool in Northwest Andrews, has reached 6,946 feet in lime, and continues to cut new hole. Still Getting An Odor

Shell No. 3 Sealy-Smith, stepout effort to find Ellenburger production in the Monahans pool of Northeast Ward County, was at a total depth of 10,420 feet in dolomite and was reaming the hole to that point from 10,340 feet.

A core at 10,406-20 feet recovered five feet of slightly fractured dolomite with a faint oil odor.

Globe and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Cadden estate, section 40, block 10, H&GN survey, 6,000-foot venture to the Ellenburger, four miles south of Imperial, was drilling ahead under 5,811 feet in lime, after coring at 5,794-5,806 feet. There were no shows in the six feet of hard sand which was recovered.

Heiner Extension Only
Cullbertson & Irwin, Inc., and Union Oil Company of California, No. 1-A Heiner, section 499, GC & SP survey, one-quarter of a mile southwest extension for the Heiner Ordovician pool in Pecos, was making new hole past 5,621 feet after a 40-minute drillstem test at 5,480-5,521 feet which recovered 60 feet of slightly oil cut drilling mud.

Humble No. 1 Barnes, section 120, block 10, H&GN survey, four miles east of the Apo-Warner Ellenburger producing pool, after recovering 30 feet of oil cut mud on a 54-minute drillstem test of the zone at 3,324-56 feet, cored from 3,333-73 feet, and reported no signs of petroleum in the 17 feet of formation pulled out. The zone was thought to be just in the top of the Tubb section of the Permian.

The hole is being conditioned to resume drilling. Proposed depth is 5,000 feet to look for Ellenburger pay.

Gas Blowout In Crane
Gulf No. 43-O Waddell, 6,000-foot Ellenburger test in section 20, block B-26, psi survey, and four miles northeast of the nearest Ordovician production, had a blowout from near the top of the San Andres, at 2,840 feet, with a gas flow of at least 35,000,000 cubic feet per day.

Top of the San Andres was marked at 2,646 feet. The well is now being killed to allow drilling ahead.

enant, Col. and Mrs. Kenerdine are living in Silver Springs, Md.

—W. T. "Bill" Hoey has moved over to the geological department of Stanolind Oil & Gas Company. For several months he has been helping "Bill" Fritz look after interests of National Refining Company in the Permian Basin.

—William H. Carter is a new helper for Fred Wilcox and "Bert" Humphill in the Magnolia geological department. Since graduation from Texas Tech in June "Bill" has been doing field work for the company in the Pecos County area. His home is in Lubbock.

—I. J. Laine, Springfield, Mo., president, Laine Oil & Gas Company, and R. J. Smith, Iraan, field superintendent for the same concern, were here last week.

—John P. Byram, Abilene, who left Union Oil Company of California several years ago, to go independent, has been around recently, doing some checking.

—A. A. "Jack" Bradford, Haskell, and J. C. Bertrand, Lockhart, were here a few days ago looking for a contractor to dig for them on acreage in Crane County.

—George P. Livermore, Lubbock, dropped by on a rush visit. He recently returned from South America. Reports are that he is moving a big rotary down there to help the southern neighbors develop more oil.

—For some reason an "emergency" check for Permian Basin scouts was called for San Angelo Saturday. Most of the boys were able to make it. They all went to the home offices after the session that they think San Angelo will win the state high school football championship.

Four Lea County Explorations Near Expected Oil "Pay-Off" Horizons

HOBBS, N. M.—Four Lea County explorations were at, or approaching, levels at which they were due to encounter oil if they are to pay off at the depths to which they originally were scheduled.

McLaughlin and Cosden No. 2 State, 660 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the west lines of section 7-17s-33e, and a west out-post to the same operators' recent discovery, one mile east of the northeast side of production in the Maljamar field, had topped saturated zone at 4,183 feet in sand and found considerable gas at that level. The drillers are now fishing for a stuck drill-bit on the cable tools and as soon as it is landed will go in and punch through the formation to test the possibilities.

Moving In For Another
McLaughlin and Cosden are moving in a spudder to drill a southeast outpost to the discovery. Location is at the center of the southeast quarter of section 12-26s-37e, scheduled to 9,500 feet to test for the Ellenburger in the Southeast Lea area, seven and one-half miles north of the nearest production from that horizon, has drilled below 8,657 feet in lime and shale and continues to make hole.

Another Test By DeKalb
DeKalb Agricultural Association No. 1 J. P. White, section 35-10s-28e, South Chaves County prospector, has drilled out a floating plug which was originally set at 3,570 feet, and has now set a re-tainer at 3,780 feet and is preparing to perforate the pipe above that level and make a test of possible oil bearing strata in that zone.

Humble No. 1-N State, section 35-14s-17e, West Chaves County venture to 7,500 feet on the Manning Dome, has drilled out plug-back to 2,845 feet, from a total depth of 3,046 feet, which was put in to straighten the hole.

Danger Oil & Refining Company No. 1 State, section 26-1s-26e, is drilling past 2,035 feet in redbeds after marking top of the Glorietta at 1,620 feet. This test is in DeBaca County.

Danger No. 1-A State, Southeast DeBaca wildcat in section 9-2s-26e, 24 miles southwest of Fort Sumner, has reached 1,895 feet in redbeds.

Eddy County Developments
Mac T. Anderson No. 1 Millman, section 33-19s-28e, Eddy County exploration three miles northwest of the Russell field, has punched hole to 1,680 feet in lime and is temporarily shutdown.

Robert E. McKee and others No. 1 Spencer-State, wildcat in section 3-19s-29e, has reached 730 feet in

anhydrite and is drilling ahead. H. W. Martin, No. 1 State, another Eddy County venture, in section 27-21s-27e, ten miles east of Carlsbad, had reached 400 feet in anhydrite and was waiting for a reamer.

J. E. Metcalfe, No. 1 Munson, section 16-21s-28e, development project in the Fenton area, has cemented off tools on the bottom at 1,430 feet in salt and is now trying to drill by in a side-tracked hole.

Sanders Brothers No. 1 Hultman, wildcat in section 32-16s-26e, in the Artesia district, has reached 4,350 feet in shale and is running a string of 7-inch casing to the bottom.

Texas Trading Company No. 1 Johnson, section 33-18s-31e, extension effort three-quarters of a mile east of the Square Lake pool, is punching ahead under 2,450 feet in anhydrite.

Penrose Tested For Water
N. G. Penrose No. 1 State, section 11-35s-35e, wildcat five miles northwest of Lovington in North Lea County took a drillstem test at 5,500-5,545 feet in soft lime and with the tool open for 70 minutes recovered 2,700 feet of salty water. At last report the test was shut-down for orders.

There is a possibility that the exploration will be drilled to the Ordovician section, or around 11,000 feet.

Conoco Checking Myer
Continental Oil Company No. 1-A Myer, semi-wildcat in section 29-22s-36e, one and one-half miles southwest of the Eunice field, has plugged back to 3,555 feet from the total depth of 3,710 feet and perforated at 3,645-49 feet with 47 shots and tested for four and one-half barrels of oil in six hours

through 3/4-inch choke, with 430-600 cubic feet of gas. More testing is continuing.

Shell No. 1-A State, in the southeast quarter of section 28-17s-33e on the southeast side of production in the Maljamar field, cemented a string of 10 1/2-inch casing at 1,248 feet with 550 sacks and is waiting.

Enough nickel for making 675 magnesium incendiary bombs is contained in a dozen silver-plated table forks.

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CHAPTER XII

REDLAW, with a bewildered look, submitted to be led into the room. A man lay there, on a truckle-bed, and William Swigger stood at the bedside.

"Too late!" murmured the old man, looking wistfully into the Chemist's face; and the tears stole down his cheeks.

"That's what I say, father," interposed his son in a low voice.

Redlaw paused at the bedside, and looked down on the figure that was stretched upon the mattress. It was that of a man, who should have been in the vigor of his life, but on whom it was not likely the sun would ever shine again. The voice of his forty or fifty years' career had so branded him, that, in comparison with their effects upon his face, the heavy hand of Time upon the old man's face who watched him had been merciful and beautifying.

"Who is this?" asked the Chemist, looking around.

"My son George, Mr. Redlaw," said the old man, wringing his hands. "My eldest son, George, who was more his mother's pride than all the rest!"

Redlaw's eyes wandered from the old man's gray head, as he laid it down upon the bed, to the person who had recognized him, and who had kept aloof, in the remotest corner of the room. He seemed to be about his own age; and although he knew no such hopelessly decayed and broken man as he appeared to be, there was something in the turn of his figure, as he stood with his back toward him, and now went out at the door, that made him pass his hand uneasily across his brow.

"FATHER!" murmured the sick man, rallying a little from his stupor.

"My boy! My son George!" said old Philip.

"You spoke, just now, of my being mother's favorite, long ago. It's a dreadful thing to think now, of long ago!"

"No, no, no," returned the old man. "Think of it. Don't say it's dreadful. It's not dreadful to me, my son."

"It cuts you to the heart, father." For the old man's tears were falling on him.

"Yes, yes," said Philip, "so it does; but it does me good. It's a heavy sorrow to think of that time, but it does me good, George. Oh, think of it too, think of it too, and your heart will be softened more and more!"

"Father!" said the man upon the bed, "I am dying, I know. I am so far gone, that I can hardly speak, even though my mind most runs on. Is there any hope for me beyond this bed?"

"There is hope," returned the old man, "for all who are softened and penitent. There is hope for all such. Oh!" he exclaimed, clasping his hands and looking up, "I was thankful, only yesterday, that I could remember this unhappy son when he was an innocent child. But what a comfort it is, now, to think that even God himself has that remembrance of him!"

"My time is very short," said the sick man, supporting himself on one arm, and with the other groping in the air, "and I remember there is something on my mind concerning the man who was here just now. Father and William—wait!—is there really anything in black, out there?"

"Yes, yes, it is real," said his aged father.

"Is it a man?"

"What I say myself, George," interposed his brother, bending

kindly over him. "It's Mr. Redlaw."

"I thought I had dreamed of him. Ask him to come here."

THE Chemist, whiter than the dying man, appeared before him. Obedient to the motion of his hand, he sat upon the bed.

"It has been so ripped up, tonight, Sir," said the sick man, laying his hand upon his heart, with a look in which the mute, imploring agony of his condition was concentrated, "by the sight of my poor old father, and the thought of all the trouble I have been the cause of, and all the wrong and sorrow lying at my door, that—"

Was it the extremity to which he had come, or was it the dawning of another change, that made him stop?

"—that what I can do right with my mind running on so much, so fast, I'll try to do. There was another man here. Did you see him?"

Redlaw could not reply by any word; for when he saw that fatal sign he knew so well now, of the wandering hand upon the forehead, his voice died at his lips. But he made some indication of assent.

"He is penniless, hungry, and destitute. He is completely beaten down, and has no resource at all. Look after him! Lose no time! I know he has it in his mind to kill himself."

It was working. It was on his face. His face was changing, hardening, deepening in all its shades, and losing all its sorrow.

"Don't you remember? Don't you know him?" he pursued.

He shut his face out for a moment, with the hand that again wandered over his forehead, and then it lowered on Redlaw, reckless, ruffianly, and callous.

"Why, d—n you!" he said, scowling round, "what have you been doing to me here! I have lived bold, and I mean to die bold. To the devil with you!"

And so he lay down upon his bed, and put his arms up over his head and ears, as resolute from that time to keep out all access, and to die in his indifference.

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By WILLIAM McKENNEY America's Card Authority

One theory advocated by Albert H. Morehead is that players should avoid becoming hidebound by systems. In his new book, "Bridge the Expert Way," he reports that experts seldom make doubtful overcalls; but he seemed to toss this theory out the window on today's hand.

After North had opened the bidding and South had responded one spade, Morehead, who to hold the hand, could guess from his singleton spade that North prob-

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AQ105
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Morehead
♠ 9
♥ KJ97
♦ 63
♣ 76
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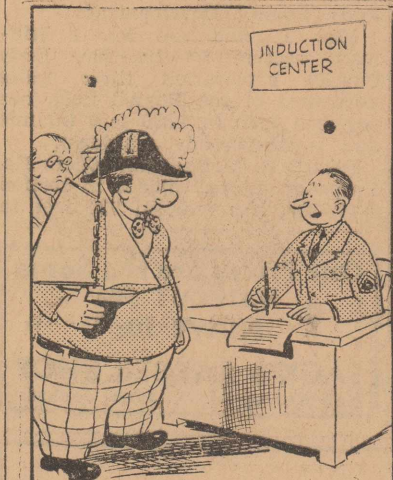
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Cotton

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed 5 to 25 cents a bale higher Saturday.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"What branch of the service do you prefer?"

ably would be able to raise spades. If West passed, the bidding would immediately get so high that his side could never get in it. So he stuck in the two-heart overall.

South did manage to make four spades. The king of clubs was opened and was ducked in dummy. West shifted to a heart, dummy's ace winning. The spade deuce was then led from dummy. If East had gone up with the ace and led a club, three spades would have been all South could have made. But East played low and South won the trick. Four-odd was now cold.

Big Rationing Of Rationing In Kansas

CONCORDIA, Kan.—(AP)—Marion Ellet, columnist for the Blade-Empire, has uncovered the case of a farm woman who carries 54 ration books, four each for the 12 members of the family; a fuel oil book; kerosene book; gasoline ration book; a truck book and a non-highway gas book.

SIDE GLANCES



"This library used to be popular, but you can't even find a date here any more!"

Major Fred Keb Leaves Midland

Major Fred Keb, whose Army career has taken him into every corner of the United States and many of the Pacific Islands, left Midland Army Air Field Saturday to start a new page in that career. After a short period of duty in Washington, he will report to

Miami Beach for reassignment as finance officer of a wing command with an Army Air Corps unit.

On November 19th, 1941, Major Keb arrived at the Midland Bombardier School to activate the Finance Department which he has headed ever since.

He first enlisted in the Army in December of 1917 and served in the Quartermaster Corps until 1919. In 1921 he enlisted in the Finance Department, served in all the grades from private to master sergeant in 1924. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and finance officer, as a result of Army correspondence work. He was promoted to first lieutenant in 1936 and to captain in 1941. On June 2, 1942, he received his major's rank.

"I have served in twenty different finance offices," said the major, "and my travels have taken me to Hawaii, Panama, the Philippines, and to China and Japan."

He completed twenty-two years of service last November 26.

"I certainly made a lot of friends in West Texas," he said and added, "my family will continue to live in Midland until I return."

His wife and eleven year old son, Franklin, live at 1607 West Kentucky.

Americans Arrange Christmas Programs

LONDON.—(AP)—A bigger and better American Army in Britain began a bigger and better round of Christmas parties Saturday — with the accent on old-fashioned frolics, which may produce an occasional stomach ache but won't have a hang-over in a thousand.

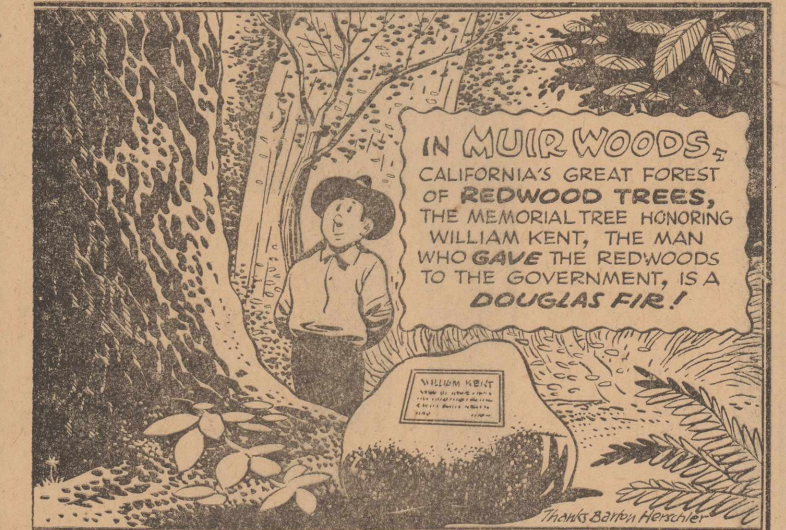
Soldiers of an American supply depot began the celebrations in London's bomb-ridden East End. Their guests of honor were 100 Cockney children and a good many of their dockyard working parents.

At least 15,000 other children from one end of the island to the other will come to the parties or have the parties brought to them.

For this second American Army Christmas in Britain about 50 Red Cross clubs at cities throughout the island are sponsoring children's parties for about 2,500 youngsters.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



IN MUIR WOODS, CALIFORNIA'S GREAT FOREST OF REDWOOD TREES, THE MEMORIAL TREE HONORING WILLIAM KENT, THE MAN WHO GAVE THE REDWOODS TO THE GOVERNMENT, IS A DOUGLAS FIR!

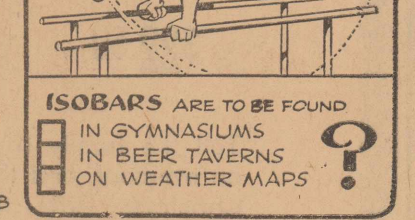
FITTENAMES

PHILIP SHUMAN IS A SHOES REPAIR MAN IN TEXARKANA, TEXAS.



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ANSWER: On weather maps.

FIRST AID FOR SANTA

By HAL COCHRAN



Livestock

FORT WORTH.—(AP)—Cattle 150; calves 75; steady; beef cows 7.75-11.50; cull calves 6.00-7.00.

Hogs 250; unchanged; good and choice 200-270 pound butcher hogs 13.55; good 170 pound weights downward to 12.25; good 150 pound averages to 10.25; packing sows 11.50-12.00. Heavy stocker pigs 10.00.

Sheep 1,000; about steady; medium grade fat lambs 11.35; common and medium aged wethers 5.75-6.15; cull to medium ewes 5.25-6.00.

Wool

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Grease wool futures closed 5 of a cent higher, Jy. 111.05; Oct. 107.5.

Certificated grease wool spot 85.00.

Wool tops futures closed 4 of a cent to 1.0 cent higher. Mch 120.53; 9.50; fat calves 7.75-11.50; cull calves 6.00-7.00.

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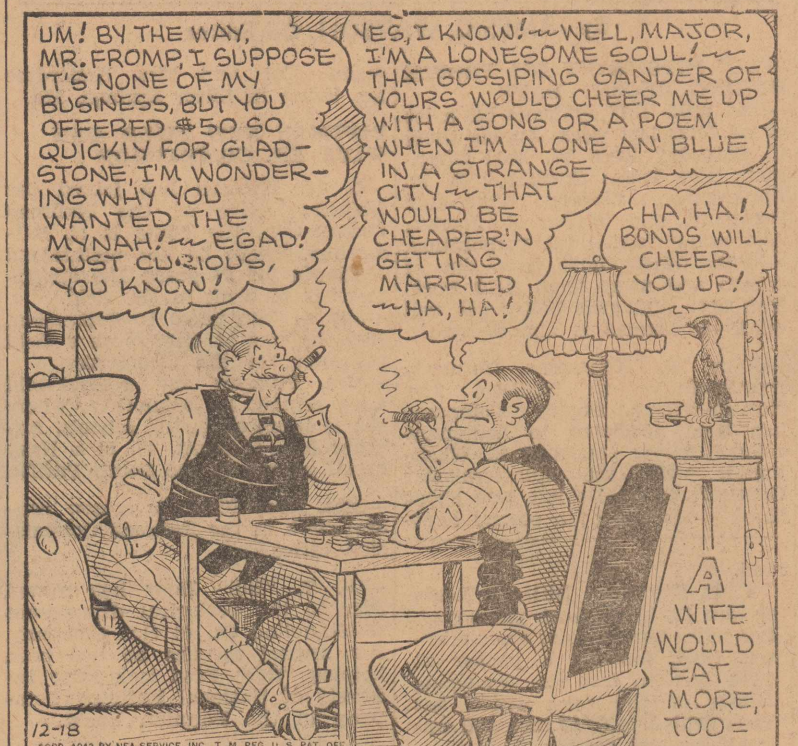
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UM! BY THE WAY, MR. FRUMP I SUPPOSE IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT YOU OFFERED \$50 SO QUICKLY FOR GLADSTONE, I'M WONDERING WHY YOU WANTED THE MYNAH! EGAD! JUST CURIOUS, YOU KNOW!

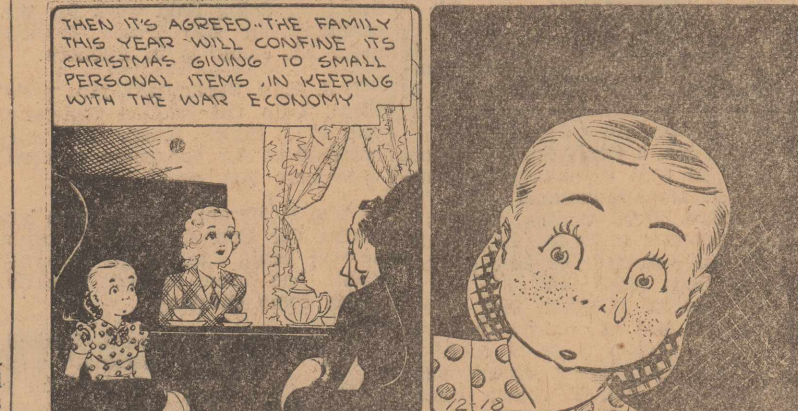
YES, I KNOW! WELL, MAJOR, I'M A LONESOME SOUL! THAT GOSSIPING GANDER OF YOURS WOULD CHEER ME UP WITH A SONG OR A POEM WHEN I'M ALONE AN' BLUE IN A STRANGE CITY— THAT WOULD BE CHEAPER'N GETTING MARRIED— HA, HA!

HA, HA! BONDS WILL CHEER YOU UP!

A WIFE WOULD EAT MORE, TOO!

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

—By EDGAR MARTIN



WHEN IT'S AGREED THE FAMILY THIS YEAR WILL CONSIDER ITS CHRISTMAS GIVING TO SMALL PERSONAL ITEMS IN KEEPING WITH THE WAR ECONOMY



THE PROFESSOR IS RIGHT, OF COURSE — BUT WHERE LITTLE BOB IS CONCERNED, WELL!

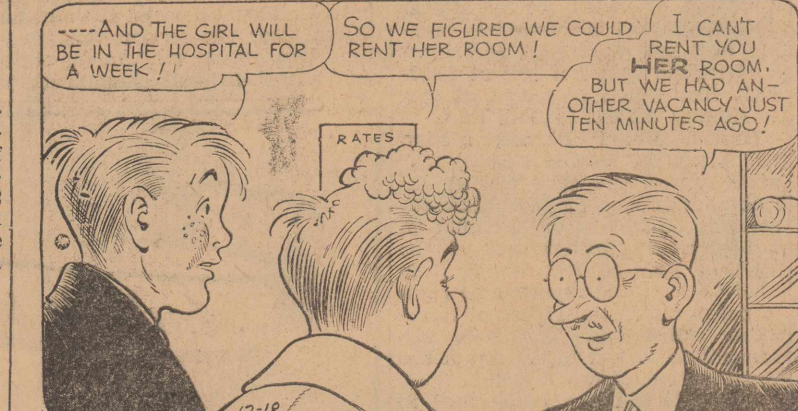


EVEN SO — I JUST WONDER WHAT SANTA CLAUS IS GONNA HAVE TO SAY ABOUT SUCH BUSINESS

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

—By MERRILL BLOSSER



—AND THE GIRL WILL BE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WEEK!

SO WE FIGURED WE COULD RENT HER ROOM!

I CAN'T RENT YOU HER ROOM, BUT WE HAD ANOTHER VACANCY JUST TEN MINUTES AGO!



GOSH, IT'S SMALL! THERE'S HARDLY ROOM FOR A DOG TO WAG ITS TAIL!

THAT'S WHY THEY BUILT THE CEILING HIGH!



IF YOU HAVE A DOG HERE IN WASHINGTON, HE HAS TO WAG HIS TAIL UP AND DOWN!

WASH TUBBS

—By LESLIE TURNER



BETTER SHOW THE ENTRANCE IN RELATION TO THE ROCKS ON THE HILL, AND THE BEND IN THE STREAM, SO PLANES FLYING 300 MILES AN HOUR, AT LOW ALTITUDE, CAN LOCATE IT

THAT'S SWELL, BRUNNER!

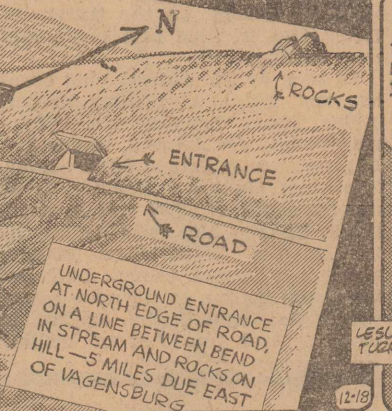
HOW DOES THIS LOOK, CAPTAIN?

SHARP BEND IN STREAM

ENTRANCE

ROAD

AT NORTH EDGE OF ROAD IN STREAM AND ROCKS ON HILL — 5 MILES DUE EAST OF WAGENSBURG



SINCE THE MACHINE TOOL PLANT IS UNDERGROUND, I'M WONDERING HOW BOMBS CAN DESTROY IT!

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THEN WE'RE HIDIN' THESE COUNTERFEIT PLATES AND PRESS RIGHT NOW!

(BUT WHERE IN A CASE I FOUND!)

RED RYDER

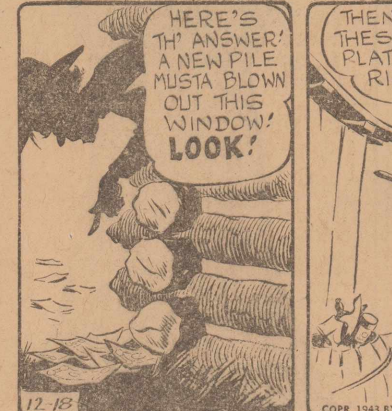
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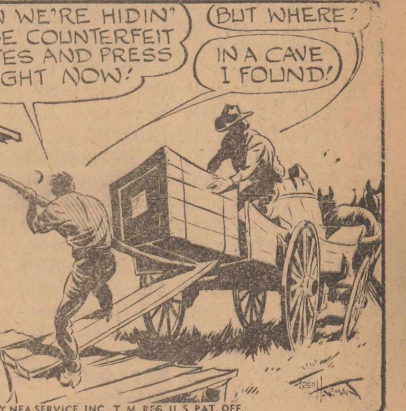
FLATBERRY! A CONBOY CALLED RED RYDER HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR PASSIN' PHONY MONEY! WE AGREED TO NOT SPEND ANY OF IT AROUND HERE!

I DIDN'T, ARKI! BUT HOW'D HE GET IT?

HE CLAIMED HE FOUND IT!



HERE'S TH' ANSWER! A NEW PILE, MUSTA BLOWN OUT THIS WINDOW! LOOK!



THIS CURRENT'S PICKIN' UP SPEED FAST— HOLY COW! I SWEAR I'M GETTIN' DIZZY!

BLAST O' GENGHIS KHAN AN' HIS DADDUMED SNOR'D! WHY'D I HAF TA GO AN' FIND TH' THING ANYWAY?

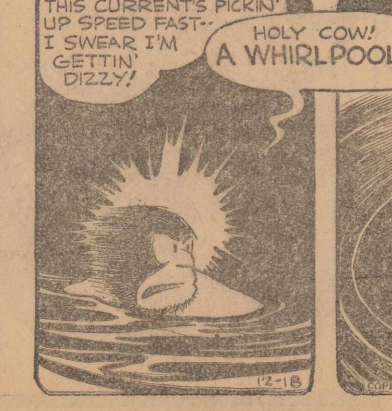
ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN



WHAT'S A WALL! THIS? AN IT'S SLICKER'N GREASED LIGHTNINGS

GADFRY! HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAF TA DRIFT BEFORE I GET SOMEWHERE? SEEMS LIKE I'VE BEEN RIDING THIS CURRENT FOR HOURS!



THIS CURRENT'S PICKIN' UP SPEED FAST— HOLY COW! I SWEAR I'M GETTIN' DIZZY!



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Crossword puzzle with clues and grid. Clues include: 1 Depicted is insigne of the 103rd, 7 It is a unit of the U. S., 0 Railroad (abbr.), 1 Bird's home, 2 Is able, 4 Whirlwind, 5 Hearing organ, 7 Vermont (abbr.), 8 Timid, 9 Harem room, 10 Not fresh, 12 Mimic, 13 Westphalian river, 14 Car, 15 Hawaiian goddess of volcanic fires, 17 Measures of cloth, 28 Perform, 29 Form (comb. form), 31 Independent, 32 Late Latin (abbr.), 33 Snare, 35 Caravansary, 37 Distinctive theory, 38 Tree fluid, 41 Part of speech, 42 Musical instrument, 43 Initials of a U. S. president, 44 Sock hump, 45 Empty, 46 That one.

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Civic Theater Hangs Up Another Success

The Civic Theater's winter production, "Mr. and Mrs. North," played to a capacity audience Friday night. The play's two-night presentations were smooth in detail and actors exceeded themselves in putting on real "professional" performances that paid dividends to all who saw them.

John Hill and Virginia Warren, playing title roles, were as good as any Little Theater players in the country. And Sgt. Art Cole, veteran of other plays, almost stopped the show with an insurance bit part.

Excellent Performances By All Louise Blackwell and Joe Moore handled their roles in fine style, and Pfc. Warren Streeter and Bill O'Garra were more than satisfactory.

Other players included Vic Rogers as the unfortunate postman who arrived just in time to be another victim of the murderer; Wade Mathers, inquisitive police inspector; Naomi Taylor and Steve Briggs as back-biting husband and wife; Corp. Walter Logsdan as the cop with a mathematical mind who never minded his manners; and R. N. Skinner, the cop.

It was a show that maintained the high standard of other Civic Theater performances and one the actors and producers as well may boast about. Miss Elma Graves directed the performance.

The cast and all the others who had worked hard to put the show over enjoyed a spaghetti supper after the final curtain in the home of Mrs. W. Y. Penn.

San Francisco, Cal., was the first municipality to own a street car system, in 1910.

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Bill Jones Becomes Patrolman Here W. L. (Bill) Jones, Midland dairyman, has become a member of the Police Department and is serving as a patrolman, Chief Jack Ellington announced Friday.

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Christmas Seal Sales May Exceed Quota By \$1,000

Midland County Christmas Seal sales committees believe the \$1500 quota will be exceeded by \$1000, if mounting receipts continue to roll in. H. S. Forgeron, chairman, said Saturday.

Sales by mail already have exceeded their goal, Forgeron said. "We are hoping the end of the season shows a total of \$2500 instead of the \$1500 goal set at the beginning of the sale," Forgeron added.

Bangle sales from the schools showed a total of \$67.18, with North Ward Elementary putting in \$31.70 of the amount.

Colorado's official flower is the columbine.

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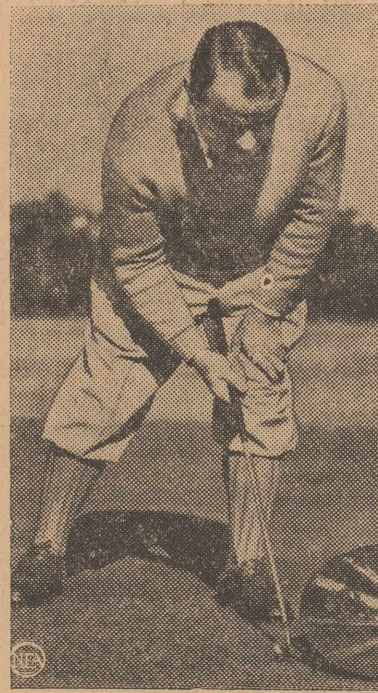
Faculty Team Beats Bulldogs In Fast Contest

Midland High School's faculty nosed out the Bulldogs in an exhibition basketball game in the high school gymnasium 21 to 21 Friday evening in a fast contest.

Coach Gene McCollum grabbed the scoring honors with 13 points and School Superintendent Frank Monroe added six. Jack Mashburn accounted for four points.

Box score table with columns G, F, TP and rows for Bulldogs and Faculty members like Richards F, Stickney F, Watson C, H. Drake G, Neatherlin G.

Fore-Cast



Gene Sarazen gives a realistic demonstration at Pinehurst of what golfers will be up against unless they send old balls to professionals to be rebuilt.

Johnny Bulla Fires Hot Game, But Warga Holds Lead At Miami

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Johnny Bulla of Atlanta turned in a sizzling 31-34-65, five under par and one over the course record, in the third round of the \$5,000 Miami Open Golf Tournament Saturday.

Warga, who is working at night so he can play golf, stole the lead from National Open Champion Craig Wood Friday, and he turned in 33-38-71 Saturday for a 54-hole 210 to stay three strokes ahead of the threatening Bulla.

Bulla's brilliant round was made in a dismal downpour. A California miner is said to have devised the oyster cocktail at a saloon bar in 1866.

Gunder Haegg Is Selected 1943's Athlete Of Year

By HAROLD CLASSEN NEW YORK — (AP) — Gunder Haegg, Swedish runner with the violinist's hair cut, is 1943's athlete of the year.

Haegg, whose eight straight triumphs on United States tracks this summer netted approximately \$150,000 for the Army Air Forces relief society, received 109 points in the Associated Press poll to determine a successor to Frankie Sinkwich, Georgia footballer.

Twenty-seven of the 69 sports writers who cast ballots listed the Swede in first place. Spurgeon Chandler, whose 20 victories for the New York Yankees won him the American League's most valuable award, was a distant second to Haegg with eight first place votes and an aggregate of 59 points.

Leading Athletes The leading athletes of 1943 with the sports in which they starred: Athlete, sport Points Gunder Haegg, track 109 Spud Chandler, baseball 59 Angelo Bertelli, football 57 C. Warmerdam, track 28 Stan Musial, baseball 15 Mort Cooper, baseball 12 Don Hutson, football 12 Bill Smith, swimming 11 Otto Graham, football 11 Sammy Baugh, football 11

Congress To Adjourn Session Next Tuesday

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House concurrence in a resolution already approved by the Senate assured Saturday the final adjournment of the first session of the 78th Congress at the end of business next Tuesday.

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Mrs. E. Milrena's First Fiddle outlasted a field of seven competitors to win the \$15,000-added Louisiana Handicap at the Fair Grounds Saturday, the track's first major stake of the season, an all-age event at a mile and a furlong. Approximately 8,500 persons saw the race.

Together At Last



Wallace Beery and Fay Bainter have a lot to be thankful for in M-G-M's two-listed Technicolor film, "Salute To The Marines" which opens at the Yucca Theater Sunday.

Bulldogs' Football Schedule For 1944 Arranged Saturday

Officials of District 3-AA in a meeting in San Angelo Saturday worked out the 1944 football schedule for grid squads.

Midland's conference games next year follow: Oct. 13—Midland at Sweetwater. Oct. 20—Big Spring at Midland. Oct. 27—Midland at Abilene. Nov. 3—San Angelo at Midland. Nov. 24—Midland at Lamesa. Nov. 30—(Thanksgiving Day)—Odessa at Midland.

Basketball Scores

Texas Tech 39, TCU 37 (two overtime periods). Childress Army Air Field 58, Southern Methodist 45.

San Angelo's Bobcats Roar To 21-20 Victory Over Highland Park Scotties

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF SAN ANGELO — (AP) — San Angelo's hard-bitten Bobcats roared back like a West Texas tornado Saturday to batter to a 21-20 victory over Highland Park's gallant Scotties and advance to the finals of the Texas Schoolboy football race.

The Bobcats, traveling with the speed of a prairie fire, entered the last quarter behind 14-20 but it was obvious that the fighting Dallas boys had spent their strength.

From their 37-yard line San Angelo's Orange and Blue brigade launched a mighty drive which Highland Park didn't come close to stopping.

It was the great George Graham who led the charge but it was Johnny-on-the-Spot Milton Rathbone who carried the ball across. Graham then calmly kicked the extra point for victory.

No more thrilling game ever has been played in Texas school boy football. Every action-packed minute had the crowd of 9,000 in an uproar.

For three periods Blond Bobby Layne, as great a back as ever trod a high school gridiron in Texas, had Highland Park battling San Angelo all over the field. It was Layne who almost single-handedly had brought the Scotties their lead.

Then the great Graham, gathering momentum from another 63-yard drive just as the third period ended, swung again into action. A five-yard penalty and runs by Rathbone and Graham carried up to the Bobcat 45. Milford Taff sprinted around left end for 19 yards and working with Graham crunched down to the 14. Graham cracked the line twice for ten, then started over right tackle but fumbled. Rathbone picked up the ball and raced around right end for the score. Graham added the point for victory.

Walker Scores Tetterdown Highland Park took the lead midway of the first period on Layne's fine passing. From the Scot 30 Layne passed to Donk Walker and Jack Jones for a net of 5 yards, then he pitched to Walker in the clear and the latter romped across without being touched. Walker kicked the extra point.

San Angelo tied the score just before the quarter ended. Joe Williams had bided up to intercept a Layne pass on the Highland Park 26 and from here the Bobcats surged to a touchdown.

Graham ripped right guard for 11. Taff and Graham smashed to a first down on the four, and after a plunge and two passes had failed, Graham drove over tackle for the score. Graham converted.

A recovered fumble on the San Angelo 49-yard line led to the next Highland Park touchdown. Jimmy Flowers pounced on the ball when Graham dropped it. Layne passed to Walker for a gain of 47 yards, Rathbone running him out on the two. Layne crushed over right tackle for the score. Walker missed the conversion.

A 73-yard drive early in the third period brought the Highland Park lead to 20-7. From the Scotty 27 Layne rapped the middle for 15, passed to Walker on the San Angelo 47, then circled right end to the Bobcat 18. A clipping penalty set Highland Park back 15 yards but Layne and Walker hit the line for 11 and passes from Layne to Jones and Walker carried to the Bobcat 5. San Angelo was penalized

Advertisement for Dunlap's featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman. Text includes 'DUNLAP'S', 'will be open EVENINGS Monday thru Friday', 'Turn to Page 3, Society Section for a partial list of GIFTS Still available for Last Minute Shoppers'.

Sports Bomber

P. T. Pacesetter: Bombardier Cadet James R. Halle, who hails from Abilene, scored highest in the physical fitness tests given class 43-18 this week. His total score of 81 put him in the excellent group and out in front by three points. Joseph J. George from Gary, Ind., turned in a 78 for the second highest score in the tests. Cadet Halle went the limit on his sit-ups (114), breezed through 18 pull-ups, and then streaked the shuttle-run in 52 seconds.

The entire class passed the tests and the physical fitness rating for the class turned out to be in the very good bracket.

It's Murder They Say Yes, "Midland Murder" is the name for the new rough-and-tumble game being introduced to bombardier cadet P. T. classes these days, and they really go for it.

Here And There The Medics have built their own basketball court and the boys are really making use of it.

Penn Plays In Hall PHILADELPHIA — Because the Palestra is a mess hall for members of the armed forces, Pennsylvania will play its home basketball games in Philadelphia's Convention Hall.

Lufkin Panthers Best Goose Creek In Houston Game

By BRACK CURRY HOUSTON — (AP) — Lufkin's mighty Panthers rolled into the Texas schoolboy finals Saturday by defeating Goose Creek's plucky Gaiders 3 to 0 on penetrations in a game ending with the teams tied 7 to 7.

The Panthers held the upper hand in a scoreless, savagely fought first half, left behind when Goose Creek scored on a pass play in the third quarter and then bounced back to score in the final stanza.

Goose Creek struck quickly at the start of the second half. Lufkin kicked off. Bill Taylor, rangy Gander end, romped to his 45. Ted Hunt, 182-pound back, arched a 25-yard pass to Taylor on the Lufkin 30.

Hunt passed incomplete and a pass to George Walmisley to Taylor was low. Lufkin drew a five yard offside penalty to the 25. Then Hunt took the ball from center, weaved to elude tacklers and spiraled a pass to Walmisley in the end zone for the tally. James Ellis converted and Goose Creek led 7 to 0.

A grand kick by Harmon Carswell out of bounds on Goose Creek's five set the stage for Lufkin's marker. Walmisley kicked out to his 42. Carswell ploughed back to the 25 and Carswell passed to Oliver McKay who took the ball on the 10 and scored.

Carswell passed to Rutland for the extra point and the score stood 7-7.

Basketball Plans For District 3-AA Changed At Meeting

Basketball plans of District 3-AA teams for 1944 were changed at the meeting of officials of the conference in San Angelo Saturday.

They decided the district should be divided into two sections and that a home-and-home round-robin schedule of games be played by teams in each section.

The two section champions will meet to decide the district title about the middle of February. The winner of two out of three games will take the crown.

In the West section are Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and Lamesa. Abilene, San Angelo and Sweetwater are in the other section.

Twenty-Six Soldiers Drown In Maneuvers

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Army and Navy boat crews scanned the waters of Lake Pontchartrain Saturday in search of the missing body of one of 26 soldiers drowned Friday when a 66-foot whaling-type boat in a five-craft transport convoy floundered during maneuvers.

Forty-four survivors of the accident and 24 members of crews which aided their rescue were treated for injuries and exposure, but Capt. Harlan officials said about one-third of the men would be back at duty Monday.

Lighting For Fighting

A portable gasoline operated lighting unit, which can be transported by air, is used in combat areas to permit construction at night or to light airfields for night flying.

Stickneys Visit Here

Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Franklyn D. Stickney visited this week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stickney. They are enroute from Bakersfield, Calif., to South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock. Mrs. Stickney was Kathryn Creighton of Lovington, N. M., before their marriage.

Large advertisement for Sanders Tire Company. Text includes 'Don't Drive On Smooth Tires', 'It's risky — and unnecessary. You don't need a priority to get your TIRES RECAPPED', 'We offer finest recapping service — with up-to-date equipment — to add thousands of miles to the life of your tires.', 'SAVE THE CARCASS RECAP AND ROLL', 'SANDERS TIRE COMPANY', '113 EAST WALL MIDLAND, TEXAS PHONE 1626'.

Advertisement for Yucca Theatre. Text includes 'DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY', 'SAY IT WITH BONDS', 'Yucca NOW SHOWING WALLACE BEERY', 'The Best Picture Of His Movie Career IN TECHNICOLOR', 'SALUTE TO THE MARINES WITH FAY BANTER • REGINALD OWEN KEYE LUKE • RAY COLLINS MARILYN MAXWELL (Formerly of Ted Weems Orchestra)', 'This picture is humbly dedicated to the U. S. Marines, fighting members of the service', 'GO TO CHURCH TODAY'.

Advertisement for Ritz and Rex theatres. Text includes 'RITZ TODAY TUESDAY The Family Theatre My Kingdom for a Cook starring CHARLES COBURN also CARTOON and PARAMOUNT NEWS', 'REX TODAY MONDAY Where The Big Pictures Return Lona TURNER Robert YOUNG are riotously romantic together in SLIGHTLY DANGEROUS with WALTER BRENNAN PLUTO AT THE ZOO'.

Legion And Auxiliary Will Have Christmas Party In Scharbauer

Members of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will enjoy a Christmas party at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the Scharbauer Hotel ballroom, H. A. Palmer, Legion post adjutant, announced Saturday.

Members of the auxiliary will have charge of the program which will follow a joint business meeting of the two groups.

Members of both organizations will bring toys which will be donated to the Goodfellows Fund at the conclusion of the program. The Goodfellows will distribute the toys to needy children of the city.

Church Class Enjoys Yuletide Social

The Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church was entertained in the home of Mrs. A. B. Stickney, Thursday night with Mrs. D. E. Holster, Mrs. L. T. Fowler, and Mrs. Houston Hill co-hostesses.

Mrs. Jess Barber had charge of the business session and Mrs. Velma Smith was Santa Claus during the gift distribution. Contests and games were enjoyed during the social hour.

Members attending were Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Smith Umberson, Mrs. E. J. Voliva, Mrs. Iva Noyes, Mrs. N. B. Beauchamp, Mrs. J. W. Thorne, Mrs. Goodney Driver, Mrs. J. L. Tidwell, Mrs. J. L. Barber, Mrs. H. M. McReynolds, Mrs. T. P. Barber, Mrs. Ellis Howell, Mrs. H. A. Andrews and Mrs. Fowler.

Women's Officers Club

There's an Officers Club for Women in Charles Street, London. It caters to 1000 women daily, including Army Nurses, WACS, ATA girls, women ferry pilots and others.

Miller-Oaksmith Vows To Be Yuleweek Event

The wedding of Miss Eloise Oaksmith and Buford Miller will be an event of Christmas week in Houston, in the home of his mother, Mrs. L. Miller.

Miller is a geologist for the Plymouth Oil Company. He received his degree from the University of Oklahoma and has lived in Midland since February of this year. The couple will move to Midland after the holidays.

The bride is a stenographer for the Plymouth Company in Houston.

Dorsey Sisters Share Birthday Party Honors

A joint birthday celebration Thursday, marked the fourth birthday of Gay Lynn and the first of Vickie Dorsey, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen Dorsey. The party was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hewett, grandparents of the honorees. Santa Claus distributed gifts to everyone.

Guests attending the party were Lockie Sue Griswold, Sandra Ann White, Donald Kelly, Andrea Cole, Sandra Kay Aycock, Joe Lee Jones, Carolyn Jones, Sharon Kelly, George Beauchamp, M. D. Johnson, III, Dean Dorsey, and Alma Kay McCullough.

Weger-McDougal Rites To Be Christmas Eve

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDougal of Wink, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Edna Earl, to Gene Weger, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Weger, also of Wink. The wedding will be an event of Christmas Eve in the McDougal home in Wink.

Weger is an engineer for the Sinclair Prairie Oil Company in Midland, where the couple will make their home.

Midland WAC



Pvt. Merle Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Scott, is serving in the WACS.

Midland Churches Will Present Fine Programs Sunday

Special Christmas musical programs are being held in most Midland churches Sunday. Sacred themes in keeping with Christmas will be featured.

The First Presbyterian Church will present a vesper service of Hawley's two-part cantata "The Christ Child." Mrs. Frank Miller is organist and Sgt. William Latell is director. Soloists will be Mrs. Steve Briggs, Mrs. Donald Riley, Frank Miller and Merl Cornelius.

The First Methodist Church will present the 36 members of the Junior choir in their initial performance at 8 p. m. The white-robed junior singers are sponsored by Bill Wyche and have been directed in their Christmas music by Mrs. DeLo Douglas. Twenty-five members of the junior choir will also take part in the special Christmas program. They are under the direction of Merl Cornelius. Mrs. Douglas also will present the adult choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus. Lt. Jerome R. Snyder is organist for the Methodist choir. He has been assisted by Mrs. Holt Jewell, Miss Mauran Newton and Mrs. W. Carl Clement.

The St. George's Catholic Church will broadcast their vesper song services Sunday afternoon from 5:30 to 6. The choir is under the direction of Paul Schaefer and the organist is Roy DeWolfe.

The First Christian Church will present the pageant "At His Throne" with members of the adult and junior departments of the Bible School taking the roles. Music by the choir also will be a part of the pageant. Mrs. Lee Cornelius is director. The program will start at 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

Mrs. Joe Mims will direct the choirs of the First Baptist Church

Wed In Alexandria



Miss Evelyn Hudkins of Midland became the bride of Lt. Daniel Wallace Finlayson in Alexandria, La., Friday evening.

Miss Evelyn Hudkins Becomes Bride Of Lt. Daniel Wallace Finlayson

Before an altar banked with pink gladioli in the Christ Church Chapel of St. James Church in Alexandria, La., Miss Evelyn Eloise Hudkins and Lt. Daniel Wallace Finlayson were married Friday night at 8 o'clock. The Rev. J. Hodge Alves read the single ring ceremony.

Attendants for the couple were Miss Carolyn Jordan, college friend of the bride, and F. C. Hequem-bourg, close friend of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a white satin dress, fashioned with a long train. Her veil of illusion was held with an orange blossom halo. She carried a shower bouquet of white gladioli and a white prayer book.

Chose Pink Chiffon
Miss Jordan chose a formal pink chiffon dress and her corsage was white gladioli.

Mrs. S. H. Hudkins, mother of the bride, wore a formal black and white gown. She also wore a gladioli corsage.

Only close friends of the couple attended the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hudkins of Midland and New London. She is a graduate of the New London High School and received her degree from Texas Tech. She has been employed in Midland at the Texas Company in the land department. She is a member of the Tawasi Club.

Lieutenant Finlayson is a graduate of Schreiner Military Institute and attended the University of Texas until his enlistment in the Army Air Force in 1940. He was a bombardier instructor at the Midland Army Air Field until October. He is the son of Mrs. R. H. Jacob of San Antonio.

The couple will live in Alexandria.

Present Orchestra And Chorus
Special numbers by the Estrelito orchestra and the Treble Clef chorus were also presented Saturday.

Appearing on the Robyn Junior Music club program Sunday afternoon will be Jean Frances Tom, Fanny May White, Dow Scott, Clarissa Mann, Marjibeth Carter, Ruth Parker, Foden Weyland, Rita Merl and Darline Livingston. Rita Joe Sturkie, Jean McMillan, Velda Dee Figg, Lois Dee Eiland, Patsy Char-tau, Nadine Clements, Mary Louise Bays, Gene Clements, Mary Edith Clements, Jean Smith, Norma Jean Hubbard, Gladys Lay, Mary Dell Dillon, John Howard, Billy La Jean Figg, Katherine Richman, Mary Frances Phillips, Chiffon Trees, June McMillan, Leora and Clarissa Mann, Bethel Eiland, Eileen Eiland, W. L. Thompson, Jr., Anna Joyce Streeter, Francis Marie Rhodes, Mary Edith Clements, Mattie Lou Flanagan, Janice Jones, Niles and Shirley Winter, and Wilma Dee Vaughn.

Plano, strined instruments and vocal solos were included on the programs.

Nurses 4000 Hours
Nurse's Aide record in American hospitals is held by a New York woman with 4000 hours of service. There are 23 runners-up with 2000 hours apiece.

Instead of dipping radishes in salt, the French prefer to spread butter on them.

Raymond Macshan and Kenneth McFarland attended the football game in San Angelo Saturday, between the San Angelo Bobcats and Highland Park of Dallas.

The number of persons speaking the English language is approximately 200,000,000.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baker this week included Mrs. Eugene Long, mother of Mrs. Baker; Mrs. D. H. Griffith and son Jimmie; Eric and Mrs. Don Samanie all of Big Spring; Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Samanie are sisters of Mrs. Baker.

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Mrs. Cowan Conducts Children's Hour

A record number of children listened to Christmas stories, poems and recordings of carols when Mrs. Frank Cowan conducted the story hour at the children's library in the courthouse Saturday afternoon.

Recordings of traditional carols, loaned the library by the Western Auto Supply, were enjoyed. Mrs. Cowan read two poems, "A Squirrel's Christmas" and "A Real Santa Claus" and told two stories, "Cindrella Tumbleweed's Christmas" and "The First Christmas Tree."

The regular Saturday story hours will be discontinued until after the holidays. The next meeting is set for Jan. 8. Growing enthusiasm of the children for the story hours is most gratifying to the sponsors, and it has been decided to make them a regular Saturday afternoon feature.

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S. P. Hall's Fete Club At Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall were hosts Friday night to the Lucky 13 Club at a turkey dinner in their home, 1004 West Tennessee. Mrs. O. H. Jones had charge of the entertainment and games suggestive of the season were enjoyed.

J. C. Hudman acted the role of Santa Claus and distributed gifts to the guests.

Guests of the evening were Mrs. Jack McClurg, Mr. and Mrs. James Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hudman, Mrs. Ellis Conner, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Shepard.

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Chamber Of Commerce Urges Citizens To Rent Spare Bedrooms To Visitors And Newcomers Until Houses Built

Residents again Saturday were urged by the Chamber of Commerce to list for rent spare bedrooms to aid in housing the hundreds of war workers and families of Army personnel here.

Residents already have rented spare rooms, but many others are needed. Many oil company workers and their families and families of Army personnel have been unable to find living quarters in Midland, and these persons must be housed in bedrooms until additional houses can be erected. The need is critical and action is needed immediately.

Persons willing to rent spare rooms are urged to telephone the Chamber of Commerce, No. 55, as soon as possible.

Wives and parents of many Army men stationed at the two Midland airports will be here to spend Christmas and it is hoped that many of these visitors may be housed in homes.

Army Officers And Soldiers Enjoy Big Dances Saturday

Two dances heralded the coming holidays Saturday night. To celebrate the first anniversary of the Post Service Club, as well as the Christmas season, a dance, with the Jive Bombers giving out with the music played to a record crowd. Enlisted men, their wives and sweethearts were guests.

Street Caroling Held During GA Party

Mrs. Hoyt Burris, 708 South Lorraine, entertained the Junior Girls Auxiliary of the Calvary Baptist Church Friday night in her home. A carol singing through the streets was enjoyed during the evening, and the girls returned to the Burris home to draw gifts from the Christmas tree.

Guests were Joyce Brown, Betty Parkus, Ann Wells, Melodeese Burris, Catherine Morrow, Lois Shelburne, Reba Bishop, Joy Webb, Eddie Mae Hamlin, Mary Virginia Padgett, Wanda Smith and Mrs. Ed Shelburne.

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.

C. Of C. Joins USO For Yuletide Event

The USO holiday party will be held on Christmas Eve in the ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the affair and an orchestra from MAAF will furnish the music. The party will begin at 9 p. m.

Renovations are still underway at the USO building. Heating and plumbing facilities are not completed and the club is opened only intermittently during the week. It is hoped repairs will be completed soon after the holidays.

*A Cubic foot of steel weighs about 490 pounds.

'Twas The Week Before Christmas



Tiny Tim and Terry Townsend of Lincoln, Neb., are wide-eyed and wistful at this foretaste of Christmas as they peer through the window of the Red Cross building at the Army Air Forces Instrument Instructor's School, Bryan, Texas, where military personnel are taking full advantage of the free Christmas gift wrapping service made available to them by volunteer Red Cross workers. (Official AAF photo by NEA Telephoto.)

Servicemen Have Ideas Concerning Home Entertainment

By RUTH MILLET

Here are a serviceman's ideas on how to provide a good time for a serviceman if you invite him to your home. With the Christmas holidays just around the corner—it might be a good idea to keep his hints in mind.

He says: "Of course it is swell for a couple to invite a serviceman to their home under any circumstances—but if they really want to show these fellows a good time, here's how we feel about it:

"We do not like to be invited singly to a home where there is no one our age to talk to. It's kind of embarrassing to go alone to a house where there is no one but the husband and wife and spend the time before dinner during dinner, and after dinner answering questions about ourselves, our families, and our jobs in the army.

"What we like is for several of us to be invited to the same place. And it helps a lot if there is a girl invited for each of us.

Treat Them As Guests
"It isn't much fun, either, to have to sit for a whole afternoon or evening and hear our host talk about his experiences in the last war.

"In fact we would a lot rather talk about something besides the war—but a lot of people seem to think that the only way to entertain a service man is to ask him when he thinks the war will end, and then try to tell him why he is wrong about it.

"We like to be treated like any other guest, and not have it apparent that we have been invited into a home because we are service men somebody feels sorry for."

That criticism ought not to keep us from going ahead and entertaining service men in our homes. But it should make us a little more thoughtful in making plans, so that we really can entertain them.

U. S. O. Chairman



Dr. Umphrey Lee, President of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, has accepted the appointment as state chairman for Texas of the United Service Organizations, Inc., according to Chester I. Barnard, national president of USO. By his acceptance Dr. Lee becomes responsible for general oversight of national operations within Texas.

Special Christmas Eve Service Planned By Episcopal Church

A Christmas Eve service has been arranged by the Trinity Episcopal Church for 11:30 p. m. Friday. The Rev. Sloan, father of T. N. Sloan, will conduct the service and a program of special music is being arranged.

Mrs. M. A. Graham Guest At Belmont Class Party

Mrs. M. A. Graham was a guest Friday when the Belmont Bible Class met in the home of Mrs. Maude Newnham, 233 West Louisiana. Mrs. H. M. Reigle gave the opening prayer, and Mrs. Herbert King presided at the brief business session. Mrs. W. G. Attaway led the lesson hour.

A period of appropriate Christmas games was arranged for the social hour.

Attending besides Mrs. Graham were Mrs. R. Chancellor, Mrs. Herbert King, Mrs. W. L. Sutton, Mrs. Frank Simpson, Mrs. W. P. Collins, Mrs. Margaret Parr, Mrs. T. O. Mickliff, Mrs. Reigle, Mrs. H. E. Skipper and Miss Gladys Holster.

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It isn't an infallible or complete test, of course, but if a girl can answer these ten questions affirmatively, she can be reasonably confident the WAVes will be glad to have her:

- 1. Can you prove that you are a citizen— native-born or naturalized?
- 2. Are you between 20 and 36?
- 3. Are you single, or married and without children under 18? (Wives of enlisted men are eligible, but not wives of Naval officers from enlistment on).
- 4. Can you furnish three character references?
- 5. Have you attended high school or business school for at least 2 years?
- 6. Are you at least five feet tall, and do you weigh at least 95 pounds, with weight in proportion to your general body build?
- 7. Can you read with either eye at

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six feet and with both eyes at 12 feet what perfect eyes can read at 20 feet?

8. Can you hear whispered words at 15 feet?

9. Are your teeth sound? (Dental replacements are no bar).

10. Will your physician give you a statement that you are in good health?

WAVE aspirants answering "yes" to these questions or who are in doubt, should write or visit U. S. Naval Recruiting Station, Postoffice building, San Angelo, Texas.

"With—?"

In Yalisco, Puerto Rico, coffee is served in reverse. A cupful of hot milk is served first, then a container of strong, cold coffee, which the diner pours into the milk.

Home Building May Be Resumed In 1944

By ANN STEVICK NEA Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—By next summer you may have a chance to start planning again for that house that had been shelved for the duration. The National Housing Agency expects the great bulk of the war housing need will have been met by then.

"While war housing has first call on our activities" John B. Blandford, administrator of the National Housing Agency declares, "We are now headed down the home stretch of that assignment and are increasingly finding the time to look at the job ahead. We are proposing that we continue to build houses during the pre-victory period and material are not required by the war effort."

Blandford proposes that communities work out their own plans to resume building on a small scale about next summer.

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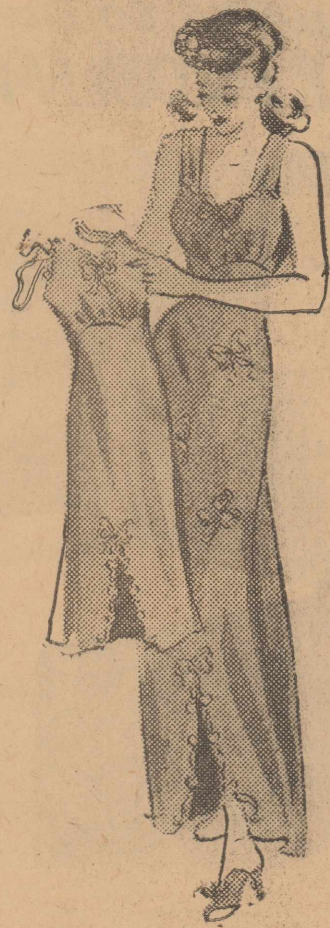
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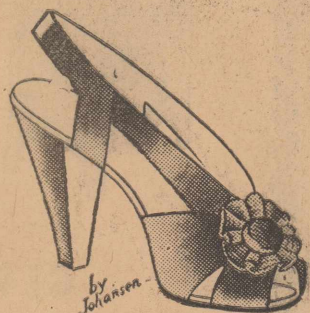
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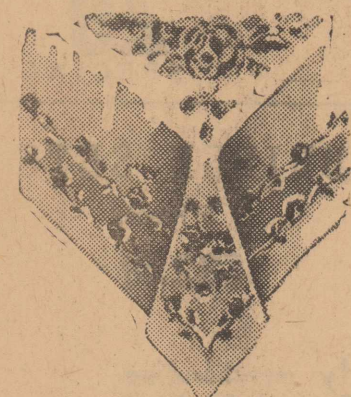
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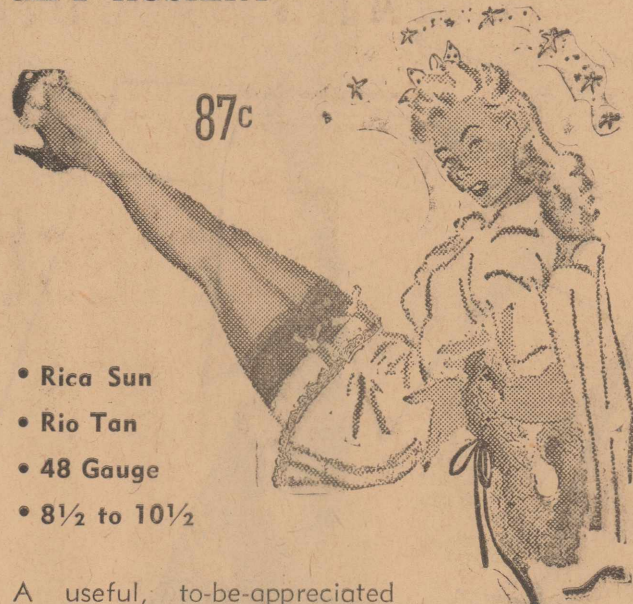
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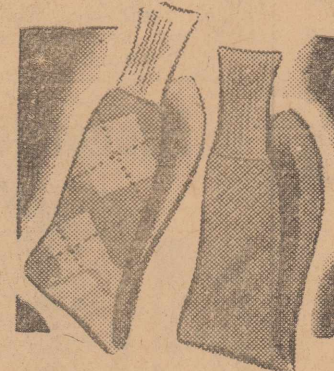
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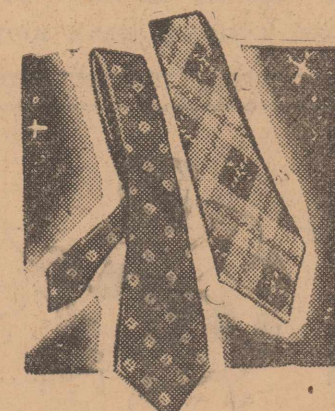
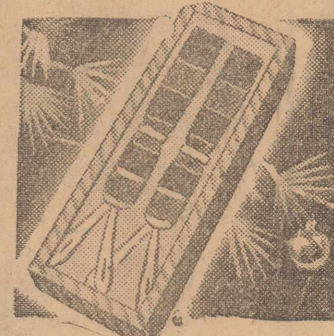
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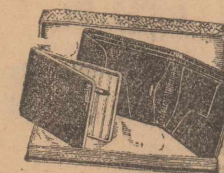
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Coming Events

MONDAY

Women's Circles of the First Baptist Church will meet in the following places: Mary Elizabeth Truly Circle will meet with Mrs. Russell Howard, 910 West Wall at 9:30 a. m.; the Lottie Moon Circle, with Mrs. G. B. Rush, 110 West Indiana, at 3 p. m.; the Lockett Circle in the home of Mrs. M. D. Cox, 400 West Kansas, at 3 p. m.; the Rebekah Circle with Mrs. A. B. Clements, 812 North Loraine, and the Mary Martha Circle with Mrs. Harold Cheves, Golf Course Drive, at 3 p. m.

An important called meeting of the Civic Theater members will begin at 8 p. m. in the Civic Auditorium.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal Church will meet at 3:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Conway Davis. Christmas card collection will be taken, and every member is urged to be present.

The Woman's Council of the First Christian Church will meet for a Bible study hour at the

Congratulations To

Sgt. and Mrs. Homer B. Thomas on the birth of a daughter Saturday.

church at 3 p. m. Preceding the meeting of the Council, the executive board will meet at 2 p. m. for a business session.

FRIDAY

The Sunday School department of the Trinity Episcopal Church will hold its Christmas party at 7 p. m. in the church.

The annual Christmas program and tree for the children's division of the First Methodist Church will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the church.

Farmers Will Meet At Midkiff's Home Tuesday Afternoon

A farmers meeting will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Herd Midkiff, Midland County supervisor of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District, to discuss problems of soil and water conservation. County Agent I. O. Sturkie announced Saturday.

Following an explanation of the district program and its relation to other agricultural agencies, the book, "Plowman's Polly," will be reviewed by Jim W. Baker.

Episcopal Bishop To Conduct Service

Bishop E. C. Seaman of the North Texas District of the Protestant Episcopal Church will conduct confirmation services in Trinity Episcopal Church at 11 a. m. Sunday.

"A Prophetic Ministry" will be his sermon subject.

Chic Sheikess



French actress Lenore Aubert demonstrates what an Arab chieftain's daughter should look like, for her role in new movie, "International Zone."

"Texas Embassy" Is Headquarters Of Texan Who Heads Famed 'Focus Cats'

By FRANKLIN BANKER
AT A U. S. AIR BASE IN ENGLAND—(P)—In a picturesque little English farmhouse called the "Texas Embassy," a fast-moving, wiry Texan conjures up bold schemes by which the "Focus Cats" of the Eighth Air Force are helping make life miserable for the Nazis.

Continental Lines Hopes To Start Air Service Soon

SAN ANTONIO—(P)—With Army approval expected shortly, two flights a day will be started 60 days thereafter by Continental Airlines from San Antonio to the West. P. J. Carmichael, general traffic manager, said.

The flight will include stops at Big Spring, San Angelo, Midland, Hobbs, Midland, Big Spring and San Antonio.

Continental's application to provide air transport service between El Paso and San Antonio, by way of Hobbs, Midland, Big Spring and San Antonio, was granted by the Civil Aeronautics Board Dec. 8.

Terrill C. Drinkwater, executive vice president of the airline, advised Chamber of Commerce officials here that a flight would be made over the route to perfect final arrangements as soon as possible, but no additional information had been received here Saturday.

It was thought that cold weather had delayed the trip. When service is inaugurated, Midland leaders believe the Continental planes will land at Midland Airport No. 2, although definite arrangements have not been announced.

Resignation Of WRA Director Requested

WASHINGTON—(P)—A formal request that President Roosevelt ask for the resignation of Director Dillon S. Myer of the War Relocation Authority and place the Japanese segregation camp at Tule Lake, Calif., under control of the Justice Department was circulated Saturday among West Coast members of Congress for their signatures.

Cybele butterflies lay their eggs only on violets.

Embassy" is Col. Homer "Tex" L. Sanders, commanding officer of the U. S. photographic reconnaissance and mapping group at this base. The colonel, a 39 year old native of Marshall, with more than 5,500 flying hours to his credit, saw plenty of action in the India-China-Burma theater under Major Gen. Lewis H. Brereton when the Americans were fighting a delaying action against the Japanese in the dark days of 1942.

But the "Embassy" dates back to his predecessor as commanding officer—Col. James G. Hall of Fort Worth, a former New York stock broker, speed flier, and World War I pilot who is now chief of the Army Air Corps Reconnaissance Branch at Washington. Colonel Hall put Texas on the map here, to the astonishment of other officers he converted a ramshackle old farmhouse into the coziest living quarters of any soldier in England. As if by magic he dug up rugs, easy chairs, electric heaters, etc., for it, and over the front door hung a sign "Texas Embassy." On a fence in front he posted another sign reading: "Fort Worth, Texas, 'Where the West Begins,' 4,134.9 miles; Paris, 251 miles; Berlin, 622 miles; Tokio, 5,905.7 miles."

Use British Planes
Recently Colonel Sanders decided his "Focus Cats" would accomplish more by using British Mark II Spitfires on certain missions.

"Over 30,000 feet the Spitfires are faster than the P-38 Lightnings we are using," the colonel explained. "Under that altitude the Lightnings are faster."

That an American should ask for British planes raised some eyebrows at Eighth Air Force headquarters in London. But the commander, Major Gen. Ira C. Eaker, knowing Colonel "Tex" well, never hesitated. The colonel got the Spits.

"General Eaker went high to get them," Sanders grinned. "I think he went to Churchill."

"The Spitfire is a remarkable plane. She's a lovely thing to fly. The Lightnings are nice, but they don't have the dainty touch of the Spit."

Colonel Sanders praised the daring of the "Focus Cats" who swoop high over well-defended enemy territory with five automatic cameras clicking away in the nose of their planes.

"They have no guns," he said. "There is nobody with them but God."

"Thus the pilot must be constantly alert to pick out German fighters in the distance. If he sees the German first, he's safe. The German can't catch him."

"Our casualties used to be about five per cent, about the same as bombers. But there hasn't been a single casualty in the three months I've been here."

Life Of Commodity Credit Corporation Extended 60 Days

WASHINGTON—(P)— Given assurances by Majority Leader Barkley or Kentucky that the administration would not insulate any new food subsidies in the interim, the Senate speedily approved a resolution extending the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation for 60 days beyond Jan. 1.

The action, deferring final disposition of the food-subsidy issue until early next year, was unopposed by either side in the prolonged controversy. The resolution was adopted by voice vote and sent to the House.

Barkley told the Senate prior to the vote that officials of the CCC and other government agencies would not undertake to broaden the existing \$1,090,000,000 subsidy program during the 60-day extension, ending Feb. 29.

In the absence of an extension of life, the CCC's legal authority to pay subsidies and carry on various other farm aid programs would expire Dec. 31.

Stores And Offices Will Close Saturday

Following a custom of long standing, Midland business firms and offices will observe Christmas Day by closing shop all day next Saturday, Chamber of Commerce officials announced.

Most employers and employees will get a well deserved double holiday this year since Christmas falls on Saturday. A number of citizens plan to take advantage of the double holiday to visit friends and relatives, but it is expected most citizens will remain in Midland this Christmas.

Business Leader Sees Trend From Inflation

NEW YORK—(P)— Walter Hoving, a leading New York merchant and president of the Lord & Taylor Department Store, said Saturday that far from signs that widespread inflation is taking hold, there are strong indications of a trend in the opposite direction.

Lighting is responsible for 13 per cent of the forest fires in America.

"The Rattler" Strikes Back

During the last few months, letters from homesick and disgruntled soldiers and civilians at the Pyote Base have poured into the office of "The Rattler," asking where was the beauty in the so-called beautiful State of Texas.

Sgt. Tommie C. Call, former newspaperman at San Antonio and a Texan, bore up under the attacks as long as he could but the time came when he finally boiled. He immediately made plans for an issue devoted to an exposition of the State of Texas.

Hurried letters to many Chambers of Commerce brought forth pictures and vital statistics which not only refute the beautiful in Texas but also refute the allegation that Texas was the last outpost of civilization as had been hinted in some of the letters received by "The Rattler."

To top off the campaign in defense of Texas, Sergeant Call also received a letter from Governor Coke Stevenson which is printed in the Texas Issue.

RECOVER MERCHANDISE

DALLAS — (P) — Merchandise valued at \$500 taken in a burglary of a chain store at Durant, Okla., was recovered when four suspects were arrested here Friday night.

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Arrival and Departure	Arthur Koester	\$2.00
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Author of White Cliffs—Retold in verse		
A Treasury of Great Poems	Louis Untermeyer	\$3.75
The Joy of Cooking	Irma Rombauer	\$2.50
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Jaycees To Aid Santa Claus In Toy Distribution

Members of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet in the Midland High School gymnasium at 7 p. m. Monday to repair and repaint the hundreds of used toys collected in the recent toy drive. Frank Monroe, chairman of the Jaycee Christmas activities committee, said Saturday.

Fire department members and policemen also are expected to assist in the repair work. Workers are asked to bring pliers, screwdrivers, hammers and other tools needed to make the repairs.

The renovated toys will be distributed among the more unfortunate children of the community Christmas Eve. Jaycees will handle the distribution.

Response Is Gratifying
Monroe said the response to the appeal for toys this year has been most gratifying and that sufficient toys have been received to meet the need. Toys were received at the high school police station and at the toy matinee held at the Yucca Theater.

Jaycee officials expressed appreciation to all organizations, firms and individuals who have contributed toys or who have assisted in making the campaign a success.

"Christmas now will be a much happier occasion for many unfortunate youngsters who otherwise might not have received toys this year," they said.

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The Red Cross Today

The regular monthly meeting of the Midland Chapter of the American Red Cross was held in the City Hall, Thursday evening, with Paul F. Osborne, chairman, presiding. He reported that proceeds from the Mexican dance, \$68.75, were received by the Red Cross. The following chairmen turned in reports:

Disaster and Relief Preparedness — R. L. Miller.
Home Nursing — Mrs. J. M. Haygood
Nutrition — Mrs. Carl Allen.
Camp and Hospital — Osborne.
Surgical Dressing — Mrs. Ross Williams.
Gray Ladies — Mrs. J. E. Hill.
Nurse's Aides — Mrs. W. H. Sloan.
First-Aid — Mrs. O. F. Hedrick.
Home Service — Rev. Hubert H. Hopper.
Public Information — Mrs. A. J. Cooper.
Water Safety and Functional Swimming — Sam Spears.
Osborne announced a district meeting of chairmen from twenty counties will be held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Scharbauer Hotel, Jan. 28, to discuss plans for the Red Cross War Fund Drive.

The day classes of Nurse's Aides, under the instruction of Mrs. Margaret Kohler, registered nurse, have completed examination of Unit I and after the holidays will start on Unit II at the Post Hospital. Uniforms have been ordered as aides of the day classes now are eligible to wear them. Night classes will continue the classroom study in Monday night classes through the holidays.

The Surgical Dressing workers have completed all quotas to date and will close the workroom for the holidays. The honor roll of the workers having the highest number of hours for the fifteen days in December follows:

Mesdames Geo. Kidd 43, John Dublin 26; A. E. Lynch 22, P. R. Pattison 21, James H. Chappie 20, Harry Adams 20, D. H. Griffith 19.

Each of the following have had 12 hours, Mesdames W. D. Anderson, Frank Cowden, Walter Jarret, Don Johnson and Poy Proctor.

The Surgical Dressing room will open Jan. 3, at which time there will be a quota of 30,000 2x2 sponges to be made. There will be need for a greater number of workers as all quotas will be increased during the mounting war casualties. Mrs. Ross Williams, chairman, is grateful to those women who so faithfully devoted their time to the output of the enormous quotas completed, and expresses her appreciation for their efforts in completing the quotas on schedule, thus enabling all workers to have a two-weeks rest.

Positive Reactions By 70 Students Here

Of the 800 school children in Midland County and city schools tested in the health unit's tuberculosis program, only 70 showed positive reactions, according to Dr. J. A. Olean, chief of the staff. There are still a few left to check, but Dr. Olean does not believe the percentage will run up to any considerable extent.

The majority of positive reaction tests were found among Latin-American students. In one room at the Latin-American school here, half the children had positive reactions.

The Carver School showed no more positive reactions than North and South Elementary schools, which Dr. Olean believes is due to the highly cooperative spirit among negroes with the Midland Health Unit.

Each child who was found affected will be given chest X-rays, Dr. Olean said.

"This way workers hope to discover the affected areas and treat the patients early while it is still possible to cure them," Dr. Olean explained.

COL. NICHOLSON DIES

VANCOUVER, Wash. —(AP)—Col. Alexander M. Nicholson, 49, San Antonio, Texas, quartermaster of the Pendleton Army Air Base, died at the Barnes Army Hospital Saturday. Doctors said death was due to an unusual skin condition. Surviving are the widow and a son, a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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Sgt. Clarence A. Ludwick is back from furlough one day and in the hospital the next. Could it be the flu?

Nightly scene in the writing room — Sgt. Leo Meskauskas, Pfc. Einar O. Lahl and Pvt. Norman Newlurt dashing out torrid reports to loved ones.

In the day room, Sgt. Grover Hou and Pfc. Herbert Cohrs and Gene De Rocht hovering over the pool table with defiant skill.

486th Bombarrier Trng Sqn:
Many happy homes were broken up Wednesday when a notice of new barracks assignments was posted. For a while the area resembled a busy anthill with dozens of men moving from one barracks to another, burdened with their belongings.

We have a new mascot, Rosie's the name has a cat. One of the laziest and most independent felines you've ever seen. He usually can be found asleep in one of the orderly room file boxes. He's been known to dream away the hours in his filing case bed as long as three days.

Sgt. Louis Franklin entertained with an impromptu salami and cheese spread in his room the other night. A fine time was had by all and more than four pounds of salami disappeared.

Lt. Jerome Michaelson left this week to take part in the Air-WAC recruit program throughout West Texas.

491st Bombarrier Trng Sqn:
Tech. Sgt. Jack Andrew became the proud papa of a nine-pound boy on Dec. 7. Tech Sergeant Andrew has been stationed at Midland Army Air Field since it was first activated and was one of the first crew chiefs here when his field base only a handful of planes. He enlisted directly into the Air Forces in September, 1940, and was trained for his duties at Chanute Field, Mo. He is a native Texan, having lived in Orth, Texas, most of his life.

Staff Sgt. Elmer E. Alford claims to hold the highest score, to date, of the NCO's in this squadron for pistol target shooting. He qualified as "sharpshooter" last Monday and missed "expert" by only four points.

The boys of the 491st will no longer see the familiar huge German police dog dumping and playing around the area, following his master, Pfc. Joseph Nodge. Last Tuesday evening, Private Nodge and his Prince left for Jersey City, N. J., on a 14-day furlough over Christmas. Nodge traveled pullman with Prince in the baggage car. Nodge said he would not bring the dog back to the field with him, but there are wagers going around the barracks that Prince will return.

Lt. Raymond Brogniez has turned over the duties of supply officer to Warrant Officer George C. Ashley, and is now in charge of the 491st, armament section. Prior to this change Lieutenant Brogniez had both of these duties.

951st Guard Squadron:
The men of the 951st Guard Squadron basketball team are patiently awaiting the arrival of their new uniforms. The colors will be blue and gold. The shorts, numbering and the letters will be in blue, with gold shirts.

Corp. T. J. Ruby is an excellent mechanic as well as an MP. Corporal Ruby has been assistant transportation non-com officer for the last 10 months and in that

Slogging Ahead In Italy, Men Of Fifth Army Battle On Tough Front



Slogging ahead slowly on the road to Rome, these GI feet present an impressionistic picture of conditions encountered by the 5th Army

By TOM WOLF
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—The second anniversary of the American entry into the Second World War found seasoned United States troops fighting in the mountains of Italy on as tough a front as any produced in this war or the last.

Unless you have seen it at first hand, it's impossible to conceive the hardships of any battle. "The battle for the mountains" has all the usual hardships and more.

The front is a foxhole high in the mountains. It is cold, muddy, often wet. Surprisingly enough, the soldiers at the front dislike the chilling rains the least. When Italy's skies open and rain pours out in torrents unknown in America for hours on end, it is usually impossible to fight. And the soldiers prefer being soaked to the skin and alive to being dry—and dead.

There are no fires at the front. There is nothing but the sun to dry clothing, heat water, warm the pup tent—if the soldier is lucky enough to be in a tent instead of a foxhole.

What are the men at the front thinking about? The same things any soldier at any front in any

Pin-Up Girls Become Official At Camp
CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—(AP)—Orientation officers here have recognized, officially, the "pin-up" girl.

A collection of them has been included in the orientation display of the 263rd Engineer Combat Battalion. The photographs are included in the "this is worth fighting for" display.

Corporal Ruby is a graduate of the Brooklyn School of Automotive Trades.

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Goodfellows Fund Contributions Hit Half-Way Mark Here

With contributions totaling more than \$115, the Goodfellows Fund quota was past the halfway mark Saturday, and sponsors were confident that sufficient funds will be received to furnish Christmas groceries to needy families of the community.

Approximately 35 families comprise the list to which food certificates will be issued. Only unemployable families will receive "basket."

To Issue Certificates
Because of point rationing, certificates good for a specified amount of goods will be distributed to the deserving families. The certificates may be exchanged for food stuffs at Midland grocery stores cooperating in the program.

The Goodfellows later will redeem the coupons from the grocers.

Members of the American Legion will deliver the certificates early this week, allowing ample time for the recipients to purchase groceries before Christmas. Points will be required on rationed goods.

Persons planning to join the Goodfellows are urged to mail or to leave contributions at the Chamber of Commerce.

L. L. Hanks Buys Morris' Store
The Morris System Grocery Store, formerly known as the Piggly-Wiggly Shopping Village, 411 West Texas Street, has been purchased by L. L. Hanks, proprietor of the H. & H. Grocery Store.

Hanks will take charge of the property Jan. 3, under terms of the contract.

He said he would manage the store and maintain his office there. Complete plans will be announced later.

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"Remarkable Progress" In Soil Conservation Work Is Reported

Herd Midkiff has returned from Cisco where, at the annual meeting of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association, he and other supervisors reported "remarkable progress" in soil conservation work during the last 12 months and discussed plans for a postwar program to improve Texas lands.

A supervisor of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District, which includes Midland County, Midkiff said soil conservation districts organized by landowners now cover 58 per cent of the state's land area and 75 per cent of its farms and ranches. Organized districts number 106 and embrace more than 96,500,000 acres, of which 1,874,000 acres are in the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District, he said. In Midland County, soil and water conservation plans have been approved on 64,783 acres.

The districts were created under authority of the State Soil Conservation Act. This act is administered by the State Soil Conservation Board, W. W. Cardwell of Lubbock is chairman.

Farmer Reports Benefits
"At our meeting we heard farmers and ranchers from every section

of Texas tell of increased yields of war crops and increased income resulting from soil and water conservation work and better use of the land," Midkiff said.

Importance of soil conservation both now and in the postwar period was emphasized. Crop yields, supervisors said, had been doubled and quadrupled in some cases by conservation measures and the increase average at least 25 per cent. As to the postwar period, the supervisors reported that they had

plans to put surplus labor and equipment to work conserving and improving Texas farm and ranch lands.

Speakers said that the soil conservation district program must not fail because, if it should, "the United States 50 years from now will not be the great power it is today." One pointed out that soil is the only common denominator of all the peoples of the world because all must eat and be protected by clothing and shelter.

Soil from 12 nations is packed around the roots of their native trees in Rockefeller Park, Cleveland, O.

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Think of the wounded soldiers in Italy, the half-frozen sailors on the Atlantic, the marines in Jap-infested jungles, the American captives behind Nazi barbed wire —

You'll find it a little easier to think about them if you're

doing everything *you* can do to help the cause they're fighting for.

How can you help?

By buying *extra* War Bonds.

Buy *extra* Bonds for Christmas gifts.

Buy *extra* Bonds for the boys overseas.

Buy *extra* Bonds for yourself and your family.

And remember this:

Every time you buy an *extra* Bond, you not only help pay for the guns and ships and planes that these boys must have—you *also* help bring nearer the day when they, like you, can gather around the Christmas tree with their wives and children and mothers and sweethearts and friends and say, "Merry Christmas, everybody!"

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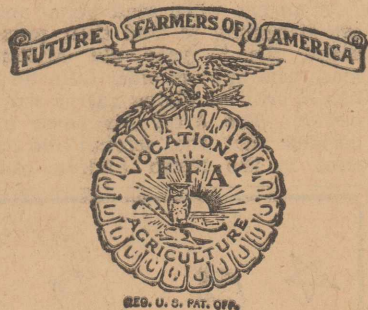
THE BULLDOG



Written By The Journalism Class Of Midland High School

Numerous Books Received By High School Library

The high school library has received an order of new books, including both fiction and non-fiction, Miss Dement, librarian, announced Thursday. The outstanding fiction books in this order are: "Tomorrow Forever," by Bristow; "Kaiser Wakes the Doctors," De Kruff; "One Fair Daughter," Frank; "Kate Russell, Wartime Nurse," Johnson; "Also the Hills," Keys; "None But the Lonely Heart," Llewellyn; "So Little Time," Marquand; "Thunderhead," Mary O'Hara; "Excuse My Duet," Bellamy Partridge; "All Out Arlene," Phillips, a WAC story; "Jinglebob," Rollins; "Kate Fenigatte," Turkington; "Seventeenth Summer," Maureen Daly; "Corner of Heaven," Kathleen Norris; "But Gently Day," Robert Nathan, and "Take Nothing For Your Journey," by Steward. The non-fiction list includes many current best-sellers, too. There is "Chicago Blueprint" by Balderston which was taken from papers submitted to the publisher by a notorious Chicago spy ring, and "They Shall Not Have Me," by Helion, a sensational account of an escape from the Nazis. Other war stories include "The Battle Is the Payoff," by Ingersoll; "Men of Bataan," by Hershey, and "Queens Die Proudly," by White. A stirring story of a physician's fight against disease is told in "Burma Surgeon" by Seagrave, and an account of the African campaign is given by McMillan in "Mediterranean Assignment." "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," by Skinner and Kimbrough, and "They Also Ran," by Stone, are also present in the collection. The former is an amusing narrative of two young girls on a trip "way back when," while the latter tells the life stories of nineteen men who ran for president and failed to get the office. Nurse Kenny, originator of a paralysis cure, tells of her experiences in "And They Shall Walk." "World At My Fingertips," by Ohnstad, depicts the life of a blind person. "New World A-Coming," by Otler, telling of life in "Black America," and a book-length poem by Wett, called "Who Dare to Live," complete the non-fiction list.



The district teachers met Saturday here with Ray Chappelle, professor of agriculture at Texas Tech, in charge. Teachers present were: Marvin Scott, Garden City; Judge Rhea, Knot; R. K. McCoy, Stanton; Harold Ward, Grand Falls; H. M. Carter, Sterling City, and Harlan Howell, Midland. FFA Greenhands were initiated Wednesday, although they have been members since the beginning of school. They are James Gray, R. A. Whitson, Bert Rice, Bill Nolan, Bill Gosset, J. L. Sawyers, Dean Cox, Jimmy Armstrong, George Cox, D. H. Livingston and John Foster. Certificates of merit have been awarded to nine vocational agriculture boys for projects completed. Those receiving certificates are: Bill Baldrige, poultry production; Earl Bismah, swine production; Jack Livingston, cotton, beef cattle and grain sorghum production; Alton Free, swine and grain sorghum production; F. D. Crawford, beef cattle and swine production; Billy Brown, swine production; Jerry Bohannon, swine production; Wayne Livingston, beef cattle production; James Gray, swine production, and Edward Franklin, cotton production.

Monday—Five more days of slavery until the day when the drugger of school shall cease for sixteen short days. I know a privileged few who are going home or are going on vacations. Tuesday—The days get longer as time progresses. I wonder why? They tell me that there are twenty-four hours in a day, but I know several who maintain that there are forty-eight. Wednesday—This cold weather is about to freeze my Texas ears off. But today was a beautiful clear day, so we can't object to the cold too much. Our highest hopes are with two brave boys who took the Westinghouse Science Test. If they rank in the first forty, they get a trip to Washington. Thursday—My unintelligent friends have been drooling on the lapel and gnashing their teeth for the last several days. It seems that they have not been getting enough to eat. We have seen many white packages around and we sincerely hope that they bring happiness to those who receive them. Friday—Today is that magic day when all of us young ones will be free of the snares of lessons for a while. The White Christmas program was very beautiful this afternoon and left a wonderful feeling with us all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Who's Who — Patsy



Patsy Warren, recently elected Catoico queen for 1943-44, is our Who's Who. She was born Aug. 16, 1927, in Coleman, Texas. During her fairly brief career she has been in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, and Texas. Most people, when they see her, think our queen looks like a doll with her blue eyes and light brown hair. Her favorite jewel is the diamond; her favorite color is blue, and her favorite dish is chicken and dumplings. For some mysterious reason her lucky number is 6. When asked what she did during her leisure, she said she had no time for a pastime. Last year Patsy was in the junior play "The Very Light Brigade." She isn't in the all-school play this year, but she said Steve Briggs is going to let her sweep the stage off the night before the play. Her favorite subject is mechanical drawing; next year she wants to attend the University of Texas and study to become an architect or a commercial artist. Long live her majesty, the queen!

Band Has Four More Numbers In Folios

The band has four more numbers for practice. They are "Scenes from the Sierras," "On the Trail," "Stardust" and "Park Avenue Fantasy." Most attention has been toward "On the Trail" and "Park Avenue Fantasy," which are more advanced than the other two selections.

Christmas In A World Of War

(An Editorial)

Christmas in a world of war. It is time to give thanks as we near our third wartime Christmas. We are all thankful now that we have a powerful religion; one so strong that it keeps men of the Allied armies pushing, sweating, killing—and advancing. Even now, we are exuberant over a new Allied victory in Tarawa. Yet, it was one of the costliest battles—in manpower—ever fought. What is it that makes a man want to stand up and fight for what he believes is right, even in the face of overwhelming odds? It is a strong and undying faith in what we believe to be right; and our religion is the only measure we have for right and wrong.

In one more week, we will all be gathered around a Christmas tree, celebrating the birth of Christ. Let us not forget why we are fighting and winning. Stop for a moment and give thanks that we are free and that we are blessed with a faith that can—and will—carry us on to victory.

Johnny, a typical American boy, doesn't get to go to Grandmother's for Christmas this year, gasoline rationing prevents it. So he must sacrifice and remain at home. He receives his gifts as usual, except for that car he has been promised on his sixteenth Christmas. He can't have the car, so again he must sacrifice. The Christmas dinner doesn't have all the usual trimmings this year. There is plenty to eat but not such a great variety. What! No cranberry sauce, Johnny's favorite. And again Johnny must sacrifice.

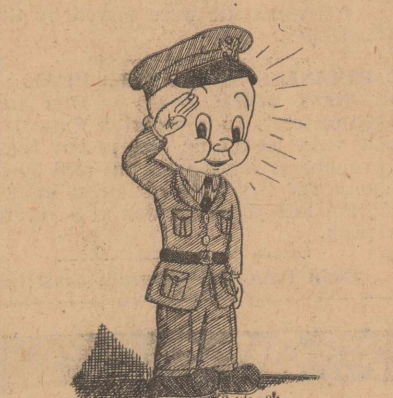
Peter, a typical Polish lad, hardly knows it is Christmas because the conquerors have no Christmas or Christmas spirit. Peter must work in the factory all Christmas day as if it were any other day. The only gift he receives is a backache, from hard labor or a slap across the face because he stopped a minute for rest. Christmas dinner! Peter's Christmas dinner is composed of black bread and water. Peter's only Christmas is the remembrance of Christmas gone-by.

News Of Exes In The Service

Pvt. Selman E. Cooke, graduate of '41, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., visited Midland last week. Second Lt. E. J. Ragsdale, graduate of '39, left Monday for Shreveport, La. He has been visiting his mother.

Aviation Cadet Francis Mickey, graduate of '41, formerly stationed at Marana, Ariz., has been moved to Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz.

Staff Sgt. Frank Cowden Jr., graduate of '36, now stationed in North Africa, has been stationed in



Mississippi, Maine, England, Sicily, and Texas during his service in the Army.

Pvt. First Class Courtney Cowden, graduate of '38, is stationed in Iceland.

Pvt. John Stanley, graduate of '42, is stationed at Camp Linda Vista, San Diego, Calif.

Staff Sgt. James Stanley, graduate of '41, is stationed in England.

Aviation Cadet Charles Kelly, graduate of '43, is stationed in New York.

Aviation Cadet Odie Kelly, graduate of '41, is stationed at Randolph Field.

Second Lt. William E. Ferguson, graduate of '41, is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Ensign Cedric Keith Ferguson, graduate of '39, is stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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Faculty Travels To Various Places During Holidays

Several Midland High teachers are going out of town for the Christmas holidays. Among those going out of state will be: Miss Ruth Carden, who will visit her mother in Glasgow, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Briggs, who will visit in Colorado to visit friends of Mrs. Briggs. Others who will visit at various points throughout the state are: Miss Helen Stewart, who will be at her home in Snyder; Miss Iva Butler, who will be at her home near Commerce; Miss Lydia Kelley will be near her home at Paducah, and Miss Helene Miley, who will be in Bastrop.

Miss Mozelle Dement will spend part of her vacation at her home in Roscoe, and will later go to Lubbock to visit friends. G. B. Rush will visit his parents in Wichita Falls over the holidays. Miss Frances Farnham will visit her sister, Mrs. J. C. Moore, at Pampa during the holidays.

Among those going to Fort Worth will be: Miss Minnie Jackson, who will later be at her home near Hico; Miss Lydia Flesher, who will afterward visit at her home near Van Alstyne, and Miss Nita Gothard, who will also spend the holidays there. Miss Margaret Stuart is visiting at her home near Sterley.

Miss Irene Adams will visit her home in Brownsville, and later will go to El Paso and Almoregordo, New Mexico. Miss Marilyn Sandefer will have Miss Helen Cope as guest over the holidays at Miss Sandefer's home near Breckenridge. They will spend a few days at Possum Kingdom Lake.

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LOCKER ROOM

The Midland Bulldogs Tuesday night scored their second win of the season, over the Lamesa team. The Bulldogs rounded out a score of 27-13 to beat the Tornadoes in a fast and snappy game. Jimmy Watson was high point man for the night with 8 points, with Bill Richards right behind with 7 points.

Boys who made the trip were: Jimmy Watson, Joe Stickney, Bill Richards, Duck Drake, L. C. Neatherlin, M. C. Hale, Guy Tom Cowden, Bert Conley, Bobby Hyatt, Red Roy, Willie Drake and Jimmie Edwards.

The Bulldogs will not play any games through the Christmas holidays. They will play the Big Spring Steers in Big Spring, Jan. 4. The schedule for the season has not been completed, but will be announced at a later date.

About one-half of the presidents of the United States did not smoke.

Play And Musical Numbers Presented In Assembly Friday

A Christmas radio play and some musical numbers were presented in the last assembly before the Christmas holidays. The play was entitled "I've Got Something to Tell You" by William Saroyan. The cast consisted of L. C. Neatherlin, Larry Fields, Billie Marie Benedict, Manuel Tirsaceno, David Dickinson, Bob Cole, Marjorie McKee, Dorothy Watson, Billie Jean Jones, Rex Gerald and Charlene Wood. The play was directed by Miss Helen Cope, speech teacher.

The musical numbers were "Jingle Bells," "Patapan," the Back-Counod arrangement of "Ave Maria" and Adams' "O Holy Night," which the choral club sang. The A Capella Choir sang "White Christmas." Merl Cornelius had charge of the music.

Representatives from each advisory room brought to the stage white baskets containing food which will be distributed during the holidays.

News Of Former Midland Students

Thelma Jo Brown, graduate of '43, is home from College of Marshall, Marshall, Texas.

Norma Jean Stice, Mary Frances Carter, Alberta Smith, Billie Walker, Patsy Butcher, Patsy Tull and Margaret Mims, graduates of '43, returned Friday from TSCW, Denton, Texas, for the holidays.

Martha Jane Preston, graduate of '43, is home from NTSCC, Denton.

Suzanne and Nancy La Force, students at Stephens College, are expected home from Texas University in the next few days.

Kathryn Hanks, graduate of '43, visited school Thursday. She is a reporter on "The Optimist," the Abilene Christian College paper.

Juanita Easley, graduate of '43, who is attending nurses' school at West Texas Hospital, Lubbock, was home Saturday for a short visit.

Glenna Graham and Elaine Hedrick, graduates of '43, will be home from Christian College, Columbia, Mo., for the Christmas holidays.

Virginia Stottle, Belya Jo Knight and Bobbie Jean Gibbins, graduates of '43, are home from Stephens College for the holidays.

December Stamp And Bond Sales Total 86 Per Cent

The bond and stamp sales for December, listed according to advisory group teacher, advisory room number, and sales percentage, are:

Seniors: Carden, 204, 100 per cent; Stewart, 109, 72.5; Miley, 205, 100. Juniors: Adams, 310, 90 per cent; Kelley, 208, 100; Sandefer, 307, 100; Stuart, 307, 97.

Sophomores: Farnham, 309, 81 per cent; Flesher, 108, 89; Klapproth, 206, 97.1; Lathmer, 101, 51.1; Jackson, 204, 85; Phillipus, 102, 100; Phillips, 202, 69; Sidwell, 107, 74.

The sales percentage for the entire school is 86. This is four per cent below the 90 per cent required for the privilege of flying the Minute Man flag. For the first time since it was first raised, the Minute Man flag will be removed from its place below the Stars and Stripes, for a month.

uates of '43, are home from Stephens College for the holidays. Sunny Goggin will be home from Allen Academy.

Leon York, student at Kemper Military Institute is home for the holidays. H. G. Bedford, Leon Byerly, Bill and Harold Chancellor are home from New Mexico Military Institute for the holidays.

Advertisement for CAMERON'S HOTEL DRUG featuring Christmas cards, gifts for her, wrist watches, and decorated waste baskets. Includes prices and descriptions for various items like sachets, vanity sets, and stationery.

General Cunningham Trained Texans At Fort Clark As Cavalry Regiment

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Julian W. Cunningham, who led the invasion of France, now Britain, with a regiment of Texans, trained those Texans as a cavalry regiment at Fort Clark, Texas, after the National Guardsmen had been called into the federal service.

Pope Pius XII Will Broadcast Christmas Message On Dec. 24

AT THE ITALIAN-SWISS FRONTIER—(AP)—Pope Pius XII will broadcast his traditional Christmas message to the world from the Vatican Radio Dec. 24 at 12:15 p. m. Rome time (6:15 a. m. Central War Time) over wave lengths 3106 and 1967.

Express Service Is Planned After War By Pan American

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Pan American Airways has filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board an application to establish through express service between the United States and important centers of population in Latin America, using four-engine long-range aircraft.

Wilkinson Will Remodel Building

Jack E. Wilkinson Saturday announced arrangements are being made for the immediate remodeling of the second floor of the Wilkinson Building, Main and Wall Streets, to accommodate office.

Instruction Films Shown To Guardsmen

Members of the Midland unit of the Texas State Guard, at their recent meeting, were shown educational motion pictures on proper marching and first aid. The guardsmen met in the assembly room in the courthouse following the regular drill.

Thirty-Two Attend Dinner For Faculty

The annual Faculty Dinner was served to 32 guests Tuesday night in the home-making department. The guests assembled in room 304 and enjoyed cocktail before going into the dining room, where they were served buffet style.

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Junior Geological Club Meets Thursday

The Junior Geological Club met Thursday with Ronald De Ford in charge. The third phase of mountain building diastrophism was discussed and several slides concerning the subject were shown.

Q. V. V. Plans Dance

The Senior Q. V. V. met at the home of Billy Ann Hill Wednesday. The coming New Year's dance was planned, and other business discussed. Refreshments were served to six members and a guest, Betty Chanslor.

Returned Soldiers Will Have Aid In Finding Employment

AUSTIN—(AP)—State Selective Service Director Ken. J. Watt Page Friday announced that the system's organization for finding jobs for returned soldiers has been virtually completed and is ready for operation.

Sub-Debs Meet With Gene Funkhouser

The Sub-Deb meeting was held Wednesday at the home of Gene Funkhouser. After discussing routine business, the members made out invitations for the Christmas Sub-Deb dance.

NOTICE

All students who were absent from class Thursday or Friday of last week, or who return to school after Jan. 3 without sufficient excuse from their parents, will not be allowed to make up their work.

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Major Darrel G. Welch of Midland, who flew 62 combat missions in war areas, has assumed his duties as commanding officer of the Portland, Ore., air region, Sixth Fighter Command.

Business At Record Peak

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He wears the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters. Major Welch piled up his record in a P-38 Lightning.

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THIS year our memories of other happier Christmases are more vivid than ever. The stockings, the trees, the carols, the family reunions—memories of all of these make us yearn more strongly than ever for the safe return of our husbands, brothers, sons and daughters who are far from home.

So the foremost hope of all of us is that peace shall once more return to this earth—and soon.

You can help to speed the day of victory and peace by giving United States War Bonds and Stamps as Christmas presents!

Every War Bond, every Stamp, you buy and give helps to mould more bullets—to load more shells—launch more Liberty ships—lift more Thunderbolts and Wildcats and B-17's into the skies!

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you buy and give will help to dictate the terms of the Armistice—and write a peace that will endure.

So give U. S. War Bonds and Stamps to everyone on your Christmas list. Give and give generously!

Remember—every War Bond and Stamp is more than a present for the one who receives it. It's a gift of peace and happiness and safety for some soldier or sailor besides!



Happy Birthday To

- Tuesday, December 21: Betty Chanslor
- Wednesday, December 22: Nellie Elkin, Brunson, Gloria Fredregill, Buddie Higdon, Peggy Lands, Melvin Meissner
- Thursday, December 23: Tommie Jean Newsome, Francis Stickney
- Saturday, December 25: Jack Howell, Doris Wilson
- Sunday, December 26: Audie Merrell
- Monday, December 27: Van Cummings, Janice Knickerbocker, Marie Pittman
- Tuesday, December 28: Evelyn Wempie
- Wednesday, December 29: Freda Lou Truelove, Mark Nelson
- Thursday, December 30: Dorothy Jean King, Fay Rotan
- Friday, December 31: Goodman King
- Saturday, January 1: Rebecca Watford

Elkin And Roripaugh Take Science Test

Charles Roripaugh Jr. and Bill Elkin, seniors, took preliminary examinations in connection with the third annual science talent search Wednesday afternoon under the supervision of Miss Margaret Stuart, science teacher.

The science talent search is conducted annually by science clubs of America, administered by Science Service. The purpose of the search is to discover and help develop scientific talent which will be of value to the nation in war and in peace.

Forty boys and girls who lead in the preliminary examinations will be given all-expense trips to Washington to attend the Science Talent Institute for five days and take the final examinations for the Westinghouse Science Scholarships. Two contestants, one boy and one girl, will be selected by a board of judges to receive Westinghouse grand science scholarships of \$2,400 each (\$800 per year for four years). Eight more contestants will receive Westinghouse scholarships of \$400 (\$100 a year for four years) and \$3,000 additional in scholarships will be awarded.

As a part of the preliminary examinations, Charles and Bill each submitted an essay of about 1,000 words on the subject "My Scientific Project."

Frank Monroe Attends A.A.A. Meet Saturday

Superintendent of Schools Frank Monroe attended a district AAA meeting at San Angelo Saturday. Basketball plans for February were made, the method of district championship was decided, and the district football schedule for the fall of 1944 was adopted.

The meeting was held in the office of Bryan Dickson, and all persons present attended the San Angelo-Highland Park semi-final state championship game Saturday afternoon.

Junior Q. V. V. Meets With Mary Nell Moran

The Junior Q. V. V. met at the home of Mary Nell Moran where a dance was planned. Ten members were present.

The dance was changed from Monday, Dec. 20, to Tuesday evening, Dec. 21.

Jack Cecil will furnish the music for the dance in the Civic Auditorium.

Junior Sub-Debs Meet With Elizabeth Cowden

The last meeting of the Junior Sub-Debs was held at the home of Elizabeth Ann Cowden. Advertising for the annual was discussed.

Guests were Patsy Warren and Marcellie McClure.

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