

AMERICANS RIP U-BOAT BASES

Anti-U.S. Revolution Overthrows Bolivian Government In Coup

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA —(AP)— The pro-Allied government of President Enrique Penaranda was overthrown Monday by a coup d'etat by leaders of the Nationalist revolutionary movement, an organization described as strongly opposed to the policies of the United States. President Penaranda, Gen. Miguel Candia, Bolivia's minister of war, Gen. Antonio Ichoza, chief of staff, Minister of Government Pedro Arce Zilveti and other leaders of the Penaranda government were reported to have been arrested.

The Nationalist organization which engineered the successful coup is made up of elements of the Bolivian army and youth organizations.

Leader Seizes Palace
Victor Paz Estensoro, revolutionary leader reported to have headed the successful coup, was said to have taken over the governor's palace and committed refusal of admittance to all others.

Newspaper publication was halted immediately, soldiers were posted about all newspaper plants.

President Penaranda, an anti-Nazi who led his country to a declaration of neutrality with the Axis countries, was elected to Bolivia's highest office in 1940. He visited the United States last May and was personally welcomed to his inspection tour of America's war might by President Roosevelt. During a tour of Detroit's war plants he declared that Bolivia stood ready to throw an army into the field at the side of the Allies when called upon.

Bolivia has been beset by inflation since the war began, and by shortages of commodities including food since the United States' entry into the world conflict dislocated Western Hemisphere economies.

Bolivia is now one of the largest sources of tin for the United Nations, and depends to a considerable extent for her food supplies on the United States.

Much of the republic's small business had been in German hands before the war, resulting in many of her business establishments being placed on the Allied black list after the war was declared.

Moore Prospect In Crane Swabs After Acid Shot

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

John I. Moore, president of the C. Barnley estate, Grant County prospector two miles southeast of the Sand Hills Permian lime pool, is swabbing to test after a 2,000-gallon acid treatment in a saturated section bottomed at 4,651 feet.

On a drilled test, several days ago, at 4,457-4,651 feet, 180 feet of slightly oil cut drilling mud was recovered. A string of 5.5-inch casing was cemented at 4,483 feet last week.

Farmer Is Slightly Damp
Woodley Petroleum Company No. 1 Hanger, Yates County prospector two miles north of the Wasnon field, had drilled to 5,333 feet and had 750 feet of oil in the hole and was making an estimated one gallon of salt water per hour from 5,331-53 feet. The operator probably will put a casing through that zone and drill further to determine extent of the pay. The well likely will be acidized.

C. U. Bay No. 1 Eitler & Lowe, new discovery two miles northeast of the Fullerton field in Northwest Andrews, was testing to the bottom at 7,881 feet.

Reports that the project had shown for around 35 barrels natural gas per hour in the zone from 7,199 feet to the total depth could not be confirmed, as all executives of the operator were in the field Monday morning.

8-8 To DST
Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 3 ealy-Smith, Monahan area Ordovician flanker in Northeast Ward county, had reamed out to total depth of 10,420 feet in dolomite, no likely will take a drillstem test at that level.

Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware and Texas Pacific Coal & Oil (Continued on Page 6)

Sixth Army Near Arawe Flying Base

By C. YATES McDANIEL
ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA — (AP) — A steady advance up the Cape Merkus Peninsula has carried American troops to the vicinity of the Arawe airstrip six miles east of the New Britain beachhead they won less than a week ago.

The operation has gone almost "according to plan" since the main force drawn from Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army went ashore on the southwest coast of the Japanese-held island last Wednesday morning.

Even enemy reaction to the American landing closely followed the expectations of Allied strategists. Reports from Arawe up to late Saturday referred to the slackening of Japanese dive bombing and strafing attacks which began shortly after the invaders gained a foothold at Arawe.

Nipponese planes kept up their raids on a day and night basis but Allied interceptors proved more than a match for them.

Easing of the pressure from the air may be due to failure of the enemy attacks to prevent the expansion of the Sixth Army's beachhead, or to cause sufficient damage of American personnel and equipment to make continuance of the raids worth the price.

That price reached 29 planes destroyed by mid-day Saturday. The Allied air forces not only beat off the enemy attacks, but spread new devastation on Japanese bases along both coasts of the 300-mile long island, including a heavy fighter stab at Rabaul Harbor.

Possibility that the presently unserviceable Arawe airstrip may be in American hands by this time was suggested by the headquarters spokesman's statement that the Americans are approaching the field. He said the bulletin was based on reports as of late Saturday.

Rabaul Raid Target
Capture of the airstrip would give the Allies another hopper-off point for aerial attacks on Rabaul, the main Japanese base on New Britain, which is 260 miles from Arawe. But Allied planes already have struck at Rabaul from newly-won bases in the Solomons.

This first all-fighter sweep over Rabaul in the war was staged Friday by South Pacific flyers under Admiral William F. Halsey.

Halsey's spokesman said the 80 planes came from "various South Pacific bases," but reports from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's advance headquarters indicated at least part of the fighter force came from the new airstrip carved out of the Bougainville jungles at Empress Augusta Bay, 250 airline miles from Rabaul.

Halsey's spokesman said the raid served its purpose—to strafe the enemy positions but to stir up the Japanese fighter planes. Forty Zeros rose to meet the Americans. Six were shot down and two American fighters were missing.

Explosion Damages Corpus Christi School
CORPUS CHRISTI — (AP) — An explosion, believed to have been caused by accumulated gas, demolished one wing of Crosby Elementary School Monday, seriously injuring a janitor.

Joe C. Cabrera, the janitor and the only person known to have been in the building at the time, was blown through a window.

REY, ADRIANCE DIES
CONCORD, MASS. — (AP) — The Rev. Samuel Winchester Adriance, 90, retired clergyman and poet who compiled the First Christian Endeavor hymn book, died Sunday.

WEATHER
Fair and cool.

War Bulletins

LONDON—(AP)—United States Marauder bombers, escorted by Allied fighters, bombed military objectives in Northern France in daylight Monday, Army headquarters announced.

BERN, SWITZERLAND —(AP)— Berlin is now three-fifths destroyed and nearly 2,000,000 persons are homeless, the Basel National Zeitung quoted an unnamed Swiss eyewitness of the RAF's raids on the German capital as saying Monday.

ALGIERS —(AP)— Persons close to the French Committee of National Liberation said Monday Foreign Commissioner Rene Massigli soon would be named the committee's delegate to Washington, succeeding Henri Etienne Hoppenot.

First Picture Of New Britain Invasion



American troops shown wading ashore at Arawe, New Britain, in the first picture of the invasion. (Transmitted by Signal Corps Radio-Telephoto from the Southwest Pacific. Photo by Tom Shaffer, NEA Telephotographer—NEA Telephoto)

Allied Armies Score Gains On Italian Fronts

By JOSEPH DYNAN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS —(AP)— Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army, which captured the heavily fortified village of San Pietro after three days of furious fighting, has hammered out new gains toward San Vittore, next strong defense on the road to Cassino, and in the mountains to the northeast has registered gains up to two miles, Allied Headquarters announced Monday.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army, supported by tanks, overran an enemy position in the sector along the Adriatic coast, inflicting severe losses, while advancing about a mile further inland and capturing the village of Consilvi, six miles from Orocgno.

Montgomery's artillerymen knocked out five German Mark IV tanks, bringing to 43 the total of German tanks destroyed since the start of the Sangro River battle.

Fifty German paratroopers were captured from a group recently transferred from the central mountainous terrain to bolster the eastern defenses.

"Hurried Departure"
Fifth Army troops north of Venafro in the Italian peninsula's hilly backbone were blasting their way through the difficult terrain and forcing enemy forces to give ground in what a military commentator "observed as a 'hurried departure.'"

The advancing Allies found many enemy dead unburied in the mountain passes where intense American artillery fire had sprayed them with steel.

French troops in the central sector were said to be putting up a spirited fight for one mountain pass.

Heavy losses suffered by the Germans' 90th light armored division, for the second time threatened that unit with extinction. A spokesman said reports from the Eighth Army front showed this division had lost about half its infantry strength.

Texas Arrows Are Busy
Maj. Lewis W. Chick of Blanco County, Texas, strafed a 200-foot vessel at Cresceto Di Abizza, while Capt. Frank J. (pot) Collins, Breckenridge, Texas, a former University of Texas football star, staged a one-man aerial attack on enemy communication.

For fully half an hour Collins raced over Northern Italy at low altitude strafing airbases, motor convoys and rail trains.

"I saw my tracers entering a JU-52 transport as it was getting ready to take off," said Collins. "I was going too fast to look back so I circled and came back again. It was on fire all right."

San Pietro marked an important victory in the march up the road to Rome.

Capture of the shattered town opened the way to the Liri Valley.

Two More Dogs Killed In City For Rabies
Two dogs have been killed in Midland recently for rabies and city officials again urged owners of dogs to be sure and keep them tied up.

Officials said a number of dogs have been exposed to the two canine. One was killed on the south side and the other in the Mexican sector.

Every effort is being made to prevent an outbreak of rabies here, the officials said, and the dog catcher has instructions to pick up all stray dogs and to enforce the city ordinance.

Switch From Marshall Is Surprise As Americans Stream Into Britain

LONDON —(AP)— Reports from Washington that Gen. George C. Marshall would not head an Allied invasion of Western Europe have caused great surprise in London where the U. S. chief of staff had long been accepted unofficially as the logical selection.

British officers, although reluctant to accept the reports, seemed to feel that even if a change has been made it was not necessarily done to put a Briton in command. They pointed out that while British and Canadian troops might outnumber the Americans in the early stages of the campaign, the Americans probably would be preponderant later on.

Americans Pour Into Britain
That huge American forces are steadily pouring into Britain was disclosed, meanwhile, by London newspapers.

"U. S. troops are 'strap-hanging' across the Atlantic on a non-stop run by great fleets of transports," said the newspaper, The People while The Chronicle reported that Great Britain xxx is about to become a mighty springboard for a United Nations leap on Hitler's fortress."

The London Daily Mail meanwhile published what it called a "final warning" from the nation's railway executive committee that the railroads were now giving top priority to the movement of troops and supplies for a second front and "the public just doesn't count."

P. W. Branch Dies At Home Sunday

P. W. Branch, 83, a retired farmer, died Sunday morning in his home, 604 Mineola Street. A resident of Hopkins County most of his life, he moved to Midland about three years ago.

Surviving are his widow, three daughters, Mrs. R. A. Richters of Midland, Mrs. T. T. Hogan of Mt. Vernon, Texas, and Mrs. Jack Merrell of Atlanta, Texas; seven sons, B. E. Branch of Junction, Texas; E. D. Branch of Norfolk, Va.; W. J. Branch of Saltillo, Texas; D. Branch of Midland; L. W. Branch of Overton, Texas; Guy Z. Branch of Midland; and R. H. Branch of Dallas; two brothers, G. A. Branch of Bearden, Ark.; J. L. Branch of Linden, La.; a sister, Mrs. Fanny McKinley of Magnolia, Ark.; twenty-eight grand children; 21 great grand children and one great great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Monday in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. W. J. Persol officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

MRS. GANDHI IS ILL
BOMBAY —(AP)— Mrs. Mohandas K. Gandhi, the 71-year-old wife of India's Nationalist leader, has suffered another heart attack and her condition "must continue to cause anxiety," a government statement said Monday.

North Sea Air Smash Follows Attack From Mediterranean Bases

LONDON —(AP)— American heavy bombers struck from the west at much-battered Northwest Germany in daylight Monday in a quick follow up to Sunday's Mediterranean-based Allied heavy bomber assaults on Innsbruck and Augsburg, 20 miles northwest of Munich, on the Brenner Pass route.

The big American planes were escorted by fleet fighters again in their renewed onslaught on their favorite recent targets—Hitler's U-boat nests and the shipbuilding ports of the North Sea. Specific targets were not named immediately.

Sunday's first blow in the one-two punch at German industry from the west and south was made through fierce fighter opposition. The Germans threw up more than 100 planes in a futile attempt to halt the Liberator and Flying Fortress formations winging in from the south.

Russians Hang Four Convicted For Atrocities

LONDON —(AP)— Three Germans and a Russian traitor, sentenced to death for war atrocities, were hanged Sunday in Kharkov's public square, the Moscow radio announced, while 40,000 persons watched with great satisfaction and applause.

The executions followed swiftly upon convictions Saturday by the military tribunal of the fourth Ukrainian front, and ended the first war criminal trial cases.

Hanged were Wilhelm Langheld, a Gestapo captain; Hans Fritz, vice commander of a Storm Troop company; Richard Ratzlaw, Gestapo auxiliary police corporal, and Mikhail Bulanov, a Russian who served as a Gestapo chauffeur.

Answer Legat in Belgrade
Langheld, Ratzlaw and Bulanov died within three minutes, while Fritz twitched on the gallows for almost five minutes, the broadcast said.

"The trials with testimony and admissions of mass executions of Russian civilians, and the hangings were ignored by the German radio. The Kharkov convictions were an answer to the knotty legal question of who is a war criminal—the person who gives the order, or the one who actually carries them out. All four men at Kharkov pleaded guilty, but each said he was only carrying out orders.

Germans Admit Bitter Battles In Yugoslavia

LONDON —(AP)— The Germans, confirming that Marshal Erwin Rommel's "mopping up campaign" in Yugoslavia had flared into full scale warfare, reported Monday that 5,668 casualties had been inflicted upon the irregulars in Eastern Bosnia where Marshal Broz's headquarters announced earlier that the Nazis had been thrown upon the defensive.

The Berlin communique described the Yugoslav forces as "Communist bands" and said 3,000 were killed in grim battles erupting among the snow-crueted Bosnian Mountains.

The war bulletin disclosed that the Yugoslavs were fighting with Allied air support and with Allied supplies, ferried across the Adriatic. The Germans said the partisans now were throwing tanks into the battle. Among more than 100 vehicles which the Germans said they had destroyed, Berlin listed tanks and armored cars, indicating an increasing flow of heavy material to the men of Marshal Broz.

The Broz communique said heavy losses were being inflicted upon the Germans.

Somervell Defends Canol Oil Project As Vital To War

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell testified Monday that the \$130,000,000 Canol oil development in Canada was made imperatively necessary by "the desperate outlook" of the war in the dark days of 1942.

Opposing the recommendations of War Production Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson and Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Tikes who have advocated junking the project about which they said they were not consulted, Somervell told the Senate Truman Committee:

"Any inference or statement made that the Canol project was decided in a cavalier fashion and without reference to my associates is entirely without foundation."

Somervell said he had discussed the project with members of the general staff concerned and that it was "entirely outside Mr. Nelson's jurisdiction."

WAR AT A GLANCE

RUSSIA — Reds forcing Nazis to retreat from Kherson bridgehead. In north, Soviets surging within 57 miles of Latvia.

ITALY — Fifth Army driving toward San Vittore. Eighth Army captures Consilvi.

EUROPEAN AERIAL — American heavy bombers strike Northwest Germany in daylight. Mediterranean-based Allied bombers hit Innsbruck and Augsburg.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — Americans approaching Arawe airport.

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For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.—Romans 5:6.

Costly Production Mistakes

All the recent reviews of the first years of the war since Pearl Harbor pay glowing and deserved tribute to the victories and the things that have been done right, without considering the mistakes. Not the tactical mistakes, but those on the home front—mistakes of bad management in procurement for war supply. These are important because men learn only by making mistakes, and there's still enough of the war left to profit by those of the first years.

They make a rather imposing list, and they're of additional interest now as Congress gives consideration to new appropriation bills, new tax bills, and listens to the demands for economy, economy and still more economy—the election being just around the corner.

The procurement services of the war agencies keep one eye on this demand from Congress, too, manifesting a commendable being-good-just-before-Christmas spirit.

The Army has volunteered information that it will save some \$13,000,000,000 on its budget, while the Navy will cut back some \$4,000,000,000. Budget Director Harold Smith questions the accuracy of these estimates, but they are nevertheless imposing sums and testimonials to a desire, some place in the hierarchy, to run the war with a semblance of efficiency and regard for the public purse.

But the records of one Senate committee, the Truman committee investigating the war effort, point to the scores of cases where, in the aggregate, equal sums might have been saved. These are the mistakes to paste in the hat, not as a lot of second guessing, but as examples to profit by during what's left of the war.

All this is not brought up here just to throw cold water on the war production program, where new records of production are being made month after month. Most of the mistakes have been corrected. But there's plenty of war still ahead and other mistakes like them can still be made. And as experience shows, when we set out to make a mistake, we don't monkey around at that, either.

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Government And Industry Can Cooperate

A practical example of the way private enterprise and a democratic government can work together under the stress of war without destroying the entity of either, can be found in the oil industry.

When a petroleum administrator for war was appointed by the President, his first move was to call on oil men for help in solving the critical petroleum problems that came with machine-gun rapidity after Pearl Harbor. A government-industry organization was developed that is a model of cooperation and efficiency.

The result has been little less than miraculous. Civilians and the military forces have received essential petroleum products in spite of almost insurmountable handicaps, such as the sinking of transfer of our tanker fleet and a demand for millions of gallons of 100-octane gasoline, a type that had never before been produced in quantity. The Petroleum Administrator spoke with good cause when he declared of the Petroleum Industry War Council: "We find that we avoid a lot of trouble by availing ourselves of the judgment of these practical men of the industry. As a matter of fact . . . on most major problems, we call in the industry and say: 'Here is the knot—help us to untie it.'"

Other government agencies would do well to follow the example set by the Petroleum Administrator for War. The war effort would be speeded immeasurably and leaders of every industry in the country who believe in the superiority of free competitive enterprise, would be encouraged to go ahead with effective postwar planning, secure in the knowledge that the men behind the desks of government are for, instead of against private enterprise.

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Discrimination

New York State has ascertained that women are paid little more than half as much as men. The average weekly wage for men is \$57.83, for women only \$32.27. But these figures are not for comparable work. They reflect the fact that a higher proportion of men is employed in the heavier, more skilled trades and crafts.

It would be interesting to see experience figures contrasting the pay of men and women in identical work in which the prospects of permanency are similar.

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When his wife can read him like a book, the smart man turns over a new leaf.

The best way to tell how a girl will turn out is to wait until the old folks turn in.

The poorest tip today is to tip back in an easy chair while others do the war work.

The greatest man in the world is the man you would be if it didn't take so much energy.

"Army Strikes Again" says a headline. But that's different from a strike here at home.

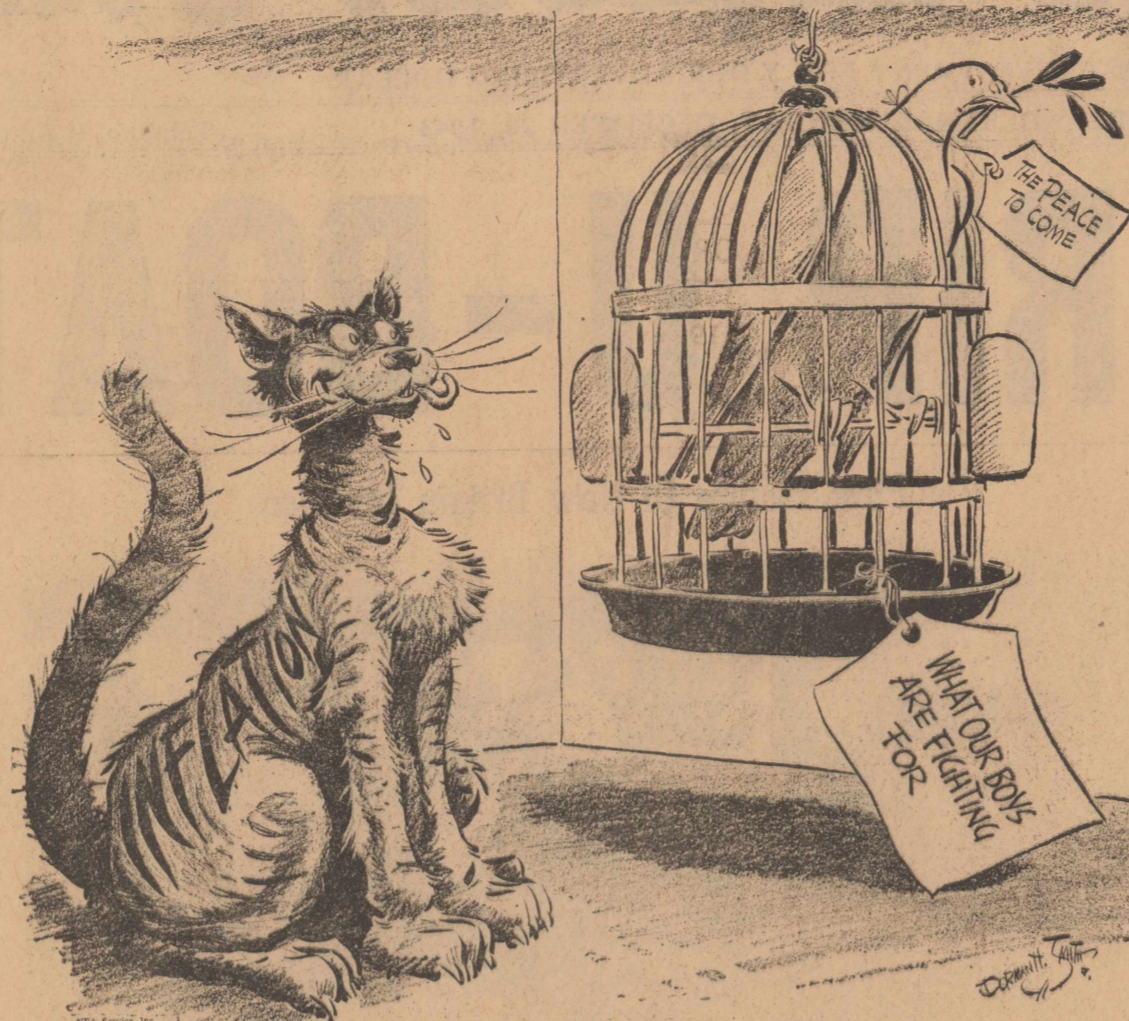
The farmer has one big advantage—never has to leave home to go to the country for a rest.

One of the treasury statements that we want to dispute is that the average dollar bill lasts nine months.

An Ohio girl married a policeman who arrested her. Does that come under the head of "revenge is sweet"?

A Michigan man asked for a divorce, because his wife insisted on cutting his hair. Barberous treatment?

This Cat Could Sure Ruin The Boys' Homecoming



Legion And Auxiliary Will Hold Christmas Party In Courthouse

Reports are current that Santa Claus will visit the Christmas party of the American Legion and its Auxiliary on the third floor of the courthouse at 8 p. m. Tuesday. Due to conflicting dates, the party will be held in the courthouse, rather than in the Scharbauer Hotel ballroom, as announced previously.

Members of the auxiliary have charge of arrangements and all members of the organization and legions are requested to bring toys which are suitable for distribution by Goodfellows to needy children of the city Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa: Please send me a tricycle and a game and a hobby horse and some candy. Don't forget the other children and the men in the Army. Charles Hunter.

HORSE THIEF 'HANGING' CANCELED BY CONFLICT

MELROSE PARK, Pa. — (AP) — The 132-year-old Union Society for the Detection of Horse Thieves and the recovery of stolen property will be forced to cancel its annual symbolic "hanging" when it meets here January 14.

It's the war—few thieves around and the horses are all working on busy streets.

From The Fijis



Miss Mackie McCown, junior home economics student at Texas State College for Women, is a long way from home. She is the daughter of A. C. McCown, owner of the Wai-ni-loka Plantation, Ovalau, Fiji Islands.

Army Takes Charge Of Strike-Affected Plant

BALTIMORE — (AP) — Army officials who took over the Baltimore plants of the Western Electric Company on presidential order, sought Monday to resume full scale production while union and management representatives remained deadlocked on future labor policies.

HERO 'CONVERTS' FROM WAR TO TEACHING

WINNETT, MONT. — (AP) — Attendance has been perfect at the Solf Grade School since Petty Officer Alvin P. Ingebo came home from overseas duty.

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Christian Endeavor Society Here Enjoys Christmas Program

The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Church was entertained Sunday evening in the home of Edwina Hood, 111 Ridgley, with a Christmas social. Games, carol singing and Christmas pantomimes were enjoyed during the evening.

Members of the society who attended were Betty Ruth Pickering, Bill Price, Louis Hartwell, Ervin Lee Reecer, Charles Sherwood, Sally Full, Arthur Rounds, Sharon Cornelius, Van Cummings, Norma and Doris Conley, Jack Howell, Paul Morrison, Doris Macey, Howard and Dale Mickey, Eloise Pickering, Joe Tom Hood, and Mrs. Ivan Hood, the Rev. J. E. Pickering and Mrs. S. P. Hall.

Old Texas Tradition Spurs Men To Victory In Counterattacks

WITH THE 38TH DIVISION IN ITALY — (AP) — There are so many stories about Salerno, which this Texas outfit spearheaded in the invasion of Italy, that it bids fair to replace the Alamo in Texas' tradition.

The story is that one Texan used that tradition during the worst of the counterattacks on the beach. When it suddenly looked like they couldn't hold their positions any longer, so the story goes, he pulled a handful of dirt out of his pocket and flung it on the ground. Then this Texan yelled toward the troops: "I brought the dirt plumb from the Alamo. This is Texas ground now and we can't let 'em take it."

And the Germans didn't take it either.

IT'S CRUEL TO MAKE WIFE RUN TO FIRES

CHICAGO — (AP) — Mrs. Mary Louise Schwartz, charging her husband with cruelty, told Judge Robert J. Dunne in circuit court that her husband hit her because she wouldn't "phase off" to follow the fire trucks' with him.

She was granted a divorce.

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Christmas Party Is Enjoyed By Texas Electric Employees

Employees of the Texas Electric Service Company were entertained with a Christmas party Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bill Collins, 107 West Michigan.

Bridge was the diversion of the afternoon and Charles Stone was awarded high score.

Those attending the affair were Mesdames Yvonne Glenn, Earlene Peters, Lottie Sanders, Charles Stone, Jack Duncan, Jack Nobles, Dale Kennedy, Joe Erickson, Eddie Wilson and Clarence Jones, and Hugh Dunca and Charles Stone.

Mrs. John Dunagan Is Hostess To Beta Delta

Members of the Beta Delta chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi were entertained in the home of Mrs. John Dunagan Thursday at a Christmas party. Meeting in the home of Mrs. Jack Harrison, the club went in a group to the Dunagan home for a gift-giving and social hour.

Members attending were Leota Segars, Hope Vanmeter, Nita Gothard, Carolyn Oates, Dorothy Pinkerton, Naeleee Roberts, Dorothy Hamilton, Deana Gray, Faye Frachiser, Janice Watts, Doris Little, Faye Powers, Ruth Smith, and Mesdames Bob Grubbs, Cecil Waldrop, Joe Elder, John A. Porter, A. L. Barr, Lucile Johnson, Archie Estes, S. R. McKenney, T. J. Porter, Ralph Guycer, G. B. Hallman, Riley Parr and A. A. Jones.

Nativity Pageant



Miss Mildred Wooley of Clarksville has the part of Mary, Mother of Jesus, in the eighth annual Nativity Pageant at Texas State College for Women, Denton. The dramatization was written by President L. H. Hubbard of the college.

RETURN FOR HOLIDAYS

George Edwards, son of Mrs. L. A. Edwards, and Marvin Prager, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Prager, have arrived to spend the holidays with their parents. The boys are students at Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga.

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OGC Party Marks Yuletide Season

Peggy Lands was elected to membership in the Outdoor Girls Club at the regular meeting Wednesday afternoon. The club met in the home of Laura Gene Lands.

Those attending the meeting were Doris Nell Adams, Patsy Boone, Odessa Mae Read, Rosie Hart, Jean Williams, Doris Merritt, Doris Smith, Laura Gene Lands, Peggy Lands and Mrs. Ray Lands.

Friday night the club was entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Patsy Boone. Games were played and a refreshment course was served preceding a gift exchange. Doris Nell Adams was awarded the bingo prize, and first prize in a word scramble contest was won by Alberta Lee.

Members attending the Friday night party were Doris Nell Adams, Patsy Boone, Helen Cooper, Vivian Cooper, Rosie Hart, Alberta Lee, Jean Williams, Vera Williams and Barbara Sue Miller. Special guests were Mrs. J. T. Weatherford and Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Mrs. J. B. Koenig Will Present Students In Recital Here Tuesday

Mrs. J. B. Koenig will present two piano students in a recital at her home at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The students are Mary Barbara Alkin and Martha Mae Scharbauer.

COMING EVENTS

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.

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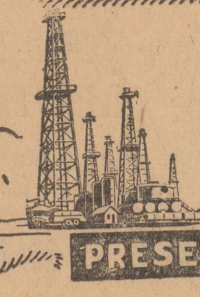
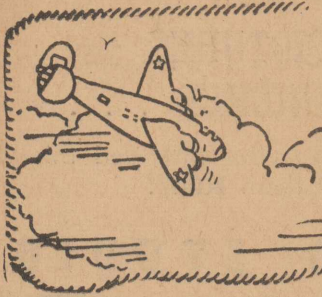
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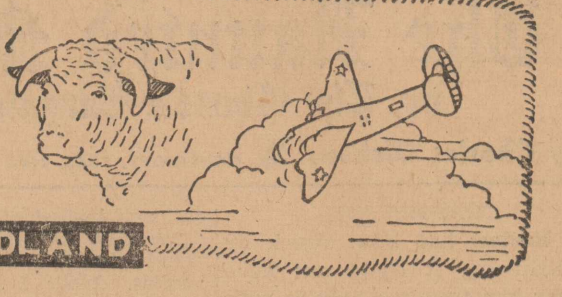
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PRESENTING EACH WEEK NEWS ABOUT LIVE, PROGRESSIVE FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS OF MIDLAND

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Quick, safe and economical transportation in Midland and to Midland Army Airport and Midland Airport No. 2 is provided by the Yellow Cab Company, located at 107 North Colorado Street. A telephone call—555—will bring a cab immediately.

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H. C. Watson, manager of the firm, expresses his appreciation to the people of Midland for their cooperation in making the company's service even better than before. Because of their realization of the problems of the company, caused by the increased use of Yellow cabs, the public is greatly assisting the company in maintaining better service by not placing "hot" calls and by not keeping taxis waiting. "Hot" calls are placed to more than one transportation by one person at the same time, the person taking the first cab to arrive. This not only makes the trip of one cab unnecessary but causes the use of extra gasoline and more tire wear.

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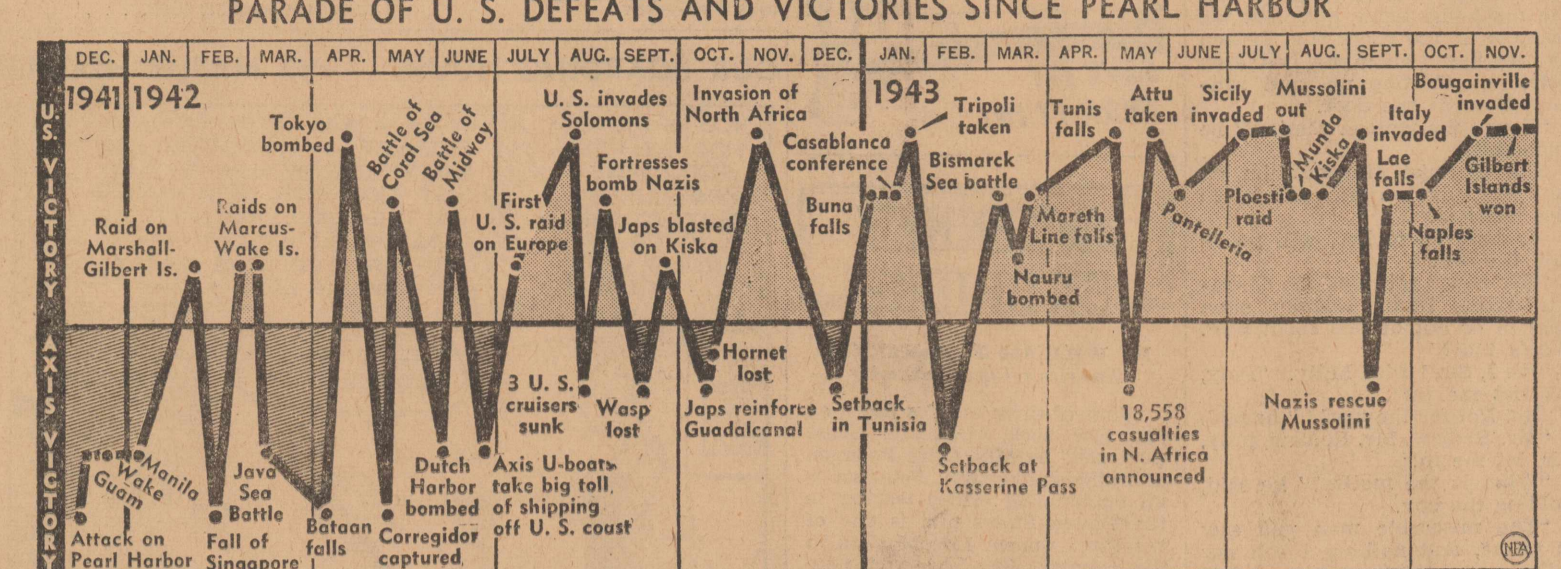
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After two years of war, America is coming out on the credit side of the ledger as our number of victories increase and defeats become fewer and farther between. Chronology chart shows major war events involving American forces since Pearl Harbor

Best In Foods And Service Offered At Crawford Coffee Shop

The best in foods and service is offered at the Crawford Coffee Shop, one of the most modern and distinctive dining places in the city. It is modernly equipped and thoroughly light-conditioned throughout, and its comfortable furnishings have won the praise of diners.

The Crawford Coffee Shop specializes in meals to satisfy even the most particular, and its success is attested to by the large numbers of persons who dine regularly at this modern cafe, located in the Crawford Hotel building.

The aim of the management is to serve not only tasty foods but foods also high in nutritive value. Specialties are tantalizing steaks, savory chicken dinners, and sea foods. Sandwiches and short orders also are served, and the Crawford has a good reputation for its delicious coffee.

Fish Can Be Raised In Dustbowl Ponds
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. —(AP)—The dust bowl finally has produced a fish story—but not the kind you expect.

It's a story entitled "Techniques of Fishpond Management" and it was written by Lt. Lawrence V. Compton, former associate biologist of the Soil Conservation Service in Albuquerque. It tells how to raise fish in a farmyard fishpond and says a one-half acre pond will produce 100 pounds of fish a year, supplementing war rations.

The farmyard fish study was started after the soil conservation service advocated the construction of small rain-catching reservoirs as one means of combating the old dust bowl conditions. Then it was discovered the ponds were capable of raising fish as well as storing water.

An average chair contains enough hardwood to make the stock of a Grand rifle.

Currency And Comedy Are Combined By Big New York Financier
By CLAYTON IRWIN

NEW YORK—(AP)—There was a time when George Price couldn't decide whether to be a Wall Street business man or a Broadway funny man. He's got the answer now. He can be both.

Every night at a big Broadway glamor emporium, the Latin Quarter, Price prances out on the stage and sings, dances and makes with the jokes amidst a platoon of lovely showgirls.

Every morning at 10, down in the financial district, he seats himself in the boss' chair at the office of George E. Price & Co., brokers, and conducts a business that may run into a million or so dollars a year.

Combination Works
And while this may look like a tough combination to you, Price finds it works well. When business is good in the market, it's good in the night clubs and the theaters. When it isn't—well that's the way Price got to be a broker in the first place.

He grew up in show business, first as a member of Gus Edwards' celebrated Kid Kabaret, which also included George Jessel, Eddie Cantor, Walter Winchell and Lila Lee, and proceeded to the Ziegfeld Follies, vaudeville and a dozen musical shows and revues.

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Convenience Of One-Stop Shopping Available At South Side Grocery And Market In Midland

The convenience of one-stop shopping is provided at the South Side Grocery and Market, 419 South Main Street.

This modern store has one of the best stocks of groceries, meats and other food items, and shoppers are able to obtain almost all their needs in one visit to the store. Prices are reasonable, and only quality merchandise is stocked.

Frank Abbott, owner, especially invites those persons who have not visited the store to do so now and learn of the many bargains available. The store carries complete lines of nationally-known and advertised merchandise.

The South Side Grocery and Market is one of the most modern and best arranged stores in the city. Its well-arranged shelves and counters make shopping easier and more pleasant because they put the merchandise in full view, making searching for goods unnecessary.

Abbott, who has been in the grocery business more than 15 years and has operated the store here for about 16 months, has recently added a line of feeds to his business. He now is able to provide stock and poultry raisers with crushed corn, crushed maize heads, threshed maize, shorts, bran and dairy mix, and other feeds.

The store is open Sunday mornings and late Sunday afternoons, and is closed all day each Thursday.

For convenience of late shoppers Western Auto remains open until 10 PM this week—Opposite Western Union.—Adv.

Kansas Woman Should Improve Attendance
HUTCHINSON, Kan. —(AP)—Dale Dawson, a sailor, hardly could suppress a smile the other day when a lady turned to him in church and invited him to dinner, explaining that everyone should be cordial to service men stationed in posts away from home.

Dawson lives in Hutchinson and has attended that church for years. He's stationed at the Hutchinson naval air base.

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The Haunted Man

Or, The Ghost's Bargain

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CHAPTER XIII
IF Redlaw had been struck by lightning, it could not have struck him from the bedside with a more tremendous shock.
 "Where's my boy William?" said the old man, hurriedly. "William, come away from here. We'll go home."
 "Home, father!" returned William. "Are you going to leave your own son?"
 "That's no son of mine," said Philip, trembling with resentment. "No such wretches as that has any claim on me. My children are pleasant to look at, and they wait upon me, and get my meat and drink ready, and are useful to me. I've a right to it! I'm 87!"
 "You're old enough to be no older," muttered William, looking at him grudgingly, with his hands in his pockets. "I don't know what you are myself, but I could have a deal more pleasure without you."
 "My son, Mr. Redlaw!" said the old man. "My son, too! The boy talking to me of my son! Why, what has he ever done to give me any pleasure, I should like to know?"
 "I don't know what you have ever done to give me any pleasure," said William, sulky.
 "I—I'm 87," said the old man, rambling on, childishly, and weakly, "and I don't know as I ever was much put out by anything. I'm not a going to begin now, because of what he calls my son. He's not my son. And I don't care, neither; I don't care a bit."
 In his drowsy chuckling, and the shaking of his head, he put his hands into his waist pockets. In one of them he found a bit of holly (left there, probably, last night), which he now took

out, and looked at it. "Berries, eh?" said the old man. "There's good cheer when there's berries. Well; I ought to have my share of it, and to be waited on, and kept warm and comfortable; for I'm eighty-seven, and a poor old man. I'm eighty-seven. Eighty-seven!"
 The drivelling, pitiable manner in which, as he repeated this, he nibbled the leaves, and spat the morsels out; the cold, uninterested eye with which his youngest son (so changed) regarded him; the determined apathy with which his eldest son lay hardened in his sin; impressed themselves no more on Redlaw's observation—for he broke his way from the spot to which his feet seemed to have been fixed, and ran out of the house.

HIS guide came crawling forth from his place of refuge, and was ready for him before he reached the arches.
 For a short distance the boy went on before; but their return was more like a flight than a walk, and it was as much as his bare feet could do, to keep pace with the Chemist's rapid strides. Shrinking from all who passed, shrouded in his cloak, and keeping it drawn closely about him, as though there were mortal contagion in any fluttering touch of his garments, he made no pause until they reached the door by which they had come out. He unlocked it with his key, went in, accompanied by the boy, and hastened through the dark passages to his own chamber.
 The boy watched him as he made the door fast, and withdrew behind the table when he looked around.
 "Come!" he said. "Don't you touch me! You've not brought me here to take my money away."

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY
 America's Card Authority

(First of three articles based on the new book, "Common Sense Contract," by Mrs. Olive Peterson of Philadelphia. Mrs. Peterson is an outstanding bridge teacher in the United States and is one of the three women Life Masters in the country. She has won nine national championships.)

Mrs. Peterson uses the Four Aces system of hand valuation. In this an ace is worth 3, a king 2, a queen 1, a jack 1/2, and thus the total value of the hand is 26 points.
 The rough-and-ready method of some players, who "bid on 2 1/2 tricks in any position," is not followed. Rather, the important matter of distribution is taken into account, and the even more important question of the rebid, if partner's response is unfavorable. For example you may bid with a point count of 6 1/2 if you hold any seven-card (or longer) suit, such as:
 Spades A Q 10 7 6 5 4; Hearts 3 2; Diamonds K J 2; Clubs 2.
 Or with a strong six-card suit headed by two of the four top honor cards:
 Spades K Q 10 9 7 6; Hearts 3 2; Diamonds K J 2; Clubs A J 2.
 Or with two five-card (or longer) suits if one of the suits is strong, as:
 Spades K 9 8 7 6; Hearts A Q J 10 9; Diamonds 3; Clubs 8 6.
 Or with any freak distribution and a good suit, such as:
 Spades A K Q J 9 8 7; Hearts 9 8 7 6 5; Diamonds none; Clubs 3 2.
 As hands become weaker in distribution, they must have a greater point count to justify an opening bid. A point count of 8 1/2, the equivalent of two aces, a king and a jack, is the minimum requirement for an opening bid with a five-card suit, or a four-card suit, one headed by two of the four top honors, as:
 Spades A 9 8 7 6; Hearts K J 3; Diamonds A 7 6 5; Clubs 3—this is an opening bid, but take out the jack of hearts and substitute a low card, and it is not. With Spades K Q 8 7; Hearts 4 3; Diamonds K 4 3; Clubs J 3 2, you should bid; but substitute a low card for the jack of clubs and the hand is a better pass.
 Mrs. Peterson says, however, never pass if as opening bidder you hold a point count of 9 1/2.
 Since it rotates at almost the same speed as the earth, only one side of the moon is ever visible.

Kirkland Bombardiers Win Childress Meet

CHILDRESS —(AP)—The Kirkland Army Air Field team Sunday won the Army Air Forces tenth All-American Bombing Olympic. Second place went to Carlisbad AAF and third to Childress AAF.

Give an electric iron this Christmas, a unique, rare gift, now obtainable at Western Auto Store—Open until 10 PM through Christmas Eve.—Adv.

BUS IS VICTORIOUS IN TAME GOOSE CHASE
 EMPORIA, KAS. —(AP)—Leander, the racing goose of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Sheeley, disdains ordinary competition.
 Daily the family pet chooses a big bus.
 The driver slows obligingly and the race is on. Leander almost always loses, and as the bus pulls away he honks derisively.
 The bus honks, too.
 The passengers think it's lots of fun. Leander, though, always has such a wounded look.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE —with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS

YOU OFFERED HOOPLE \$50 FOR THAT BABBING BUZZARD? WHAT'S UP FROM HAVEN YOU STRIPPED ALL YOUR GEARS?

LISTEN, YOU INTELLECTUAL MIDGET! I JUST SWUNG A BIG RADIO DEAL— I CAN GET \$100 FOR 15 MINUTES ON THE AIR WITH THAT TALKING PIGEON— AFTER A COUPLE OF SHOWS WE CAN RESELL THE OLD SQUAB AND CLEAN UP!

EGAD! THIS IS FOUL PLAY=

LISTEN, YOU INTELLECTUAL MIDGET! BUY BONDS!

WAIT! WAIT! WHERE'S TH' DOG?

FUNNEL NECKED

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN

SAY UNCLE STEVE, WHEN HAVY GONNA GET BACK FROM THAT RECRUITING TRIP— OR WHEREVER HE WENT?

WHY, I COULDN'T SAY, FUG! WHY?

OH, NOTHING! I'VE JUST BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT TWO-BIT CHRISTMAS YOU SUGGESTED, THAT'S ALL!

I THINK MAYBE WE'RE A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO THE SITUATION HERE TO DECIDE ANYTHING DEFINITE!

MAYBE IF WE WAITED TILL HAVY GOT BACK—MAYBE AN OUTSIDER'S VIEWPOINT, LOOKING AT THIS THING FROM A COLD, MATTER-OF-FACT ANGLE, MIGHT MAKE MORE SENSE— YEAH?

Income Taxes To Be Boosted Again

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The 1944 federal income tax picture may change again—perhaps more than once—before Congress finally agrees on a bill, but the latest plan calls for a moderate boost in taxpayers' assessments.
 That's the Senate Finance Committee's revision of the measure passed by the House.
 The boost would come through elimination of the earned income credit now granted in figuring the normal income tax. The tax rate would remain unchanged under the committee's plan, and would be calculated how much this would cost you.
 Under present law, you're permitted to subtract 10 percent of net income (after deductions) before computing the normal tax of 6 percent.
Won't Affect Surtaxes
 If, after deducting your contributions to charity and the like—but before you subtract your personal exemption of \$500 if single, \$1200 if married plus \$350 each for dependents—you find your net income is \$2000, you now get a credit of \$200 against the amount of income finally subject to normal tax. Therefore, elimination of the credit would cost you \$12—6 per cent of that \$200 that has escaped the normal tax.
 If your net income is \$3000, the boost would be \$18; at \$400, it would be \$24, and so on.
 This proposed change wouldn't affect your surtaxes, as the earned income credit doesn't apply on them.
Another Proposed Change
 The Senate Finance Committee also would make the Victory Tax a flat 3 percent of all your income, whether married or single, over \$624 a year.
 Under the present complicated system, the Victory Tax is computed first at 5 percent, then various credits are given.
 However, no matter what form the revenue bill finally takes, it won't affect your 1943 taxes, and the final 1943 return you'll have to file next March 15 will be figured at the present rates.
ARMY BLOWS UP DAM JUST FOR PRACTICE
JUNCTION CITY, KAS. —(AP)—The Kansas Power & Light Co. wanted its old dam on the Smoky Hill River destroyed, an expensive and difficult job.
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS —By MERRILL BLOSSER

FRECKLES AND LARD ARE FINALLY LOCATED IN A HOTEL—

I WAS HOPING WED HAVE AN OUTSIDE ROOM SO WE COULD GET A VIEW OF THE CAPITOL!

OR AT LEAST A ROOM OVERLOOKING THE STREET! THIS ONE DOESN'T OVERLOOK ANYTHING!

NEITHER DO I, FAT—NEITHER DO I!

THIS CURIOUS WORLD —By William Ferguson

AN ERROR IN SHIPPING SENT BOXES OF JUNGLE CAMOUFLAGE SUITS AND LEAFY GREEN HELMET COVERS TO SOLDIERS AT A BASE IN ALASKA, WHERE THERE WERE NO TREES OR EVEN SHRUBS FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES.

QUOTING ODDS

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WASH TUBBS —By LESLIE TURNER

AFTER SKETCHING THE CAMOUFLAGED NAZI WAR PLANT, EASY AND BRUNNER START BACK TO THE UNDERGROUND RADIO...

CAREFUL OF THOSE CHARGED WIRES, BRUNNER!

HERE COMES THE SENTRY!

HALT! RUN, FELLA!

POW!

RED RYDER? HE FOUND HIM!

RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN

I TOLD YOU A DOZEN TIMES, MARSHAL—I FOUND THOSE COUNTERFEIT BILLS.

RYDER'S A RESPECTED COWBOY, MARSHAL. HE DON'T LIE AS SHERIFF HOLDIN' HIM!

BUT AS U.S. MARSHAL, I CAN—UNTIL HE PROVES HIS INNOCENCE!

BUT AIN'T IT UP TO YOU TO PROVE HIS GUILT?

FOUND WHAT?

FOUND WHAT?

FIRST AID FOR SANTA —By HAL COCHRAN

WHY THESE ARE JUST PLAIN PIECES OF WOOD. WHAT? WHAT GOOD ARE THEY IN TOYLAND?

JUST WAIT TILL WE GET OVER TO THE PLACE WHERE THE POLISH CHILDREN ARE WORKING— THEN YOU'LL FIND OUT!

THERE YOU ARE! IN NO TIME AT ALL THE PIECES OF WOOD ARE TURNED INTO TOY TANKS, BARBS, BATTLESHIPS AND EVERYTHING THE SAULORS AND SOLDIERS USE!

OH, I'D LIKE TO GET SOME OF THOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

YOU BETTER JUST PACK THINGS IN BOXES, DOTTY; GIRLS DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE A HAMMER— YOU MIGHT MASH YOUR THUMB!

ALLEY OOP —By V. T. HAMLIN

TRAPPED IN AN UNDERGROUND RIVER IN THE MYSTERIOUS STRONG HOLD OF GENGHIS KHAN, ALLEY OOP IS SWIRLED INTO THE DIZZY VORTEX OF A GREAT WHIRLPOOL. MEMORABLY, OUR HERO IS BEING DRAWN DOWN!

NO USE FIGHTING THIS. GOTTA RELAX. GO WITH IT. AN HOPE.

I CAN HOLD MY BREATH LONG ENOUGH TO COME OUT THE OTHER END!

IF THERE IS ANOTHER END!

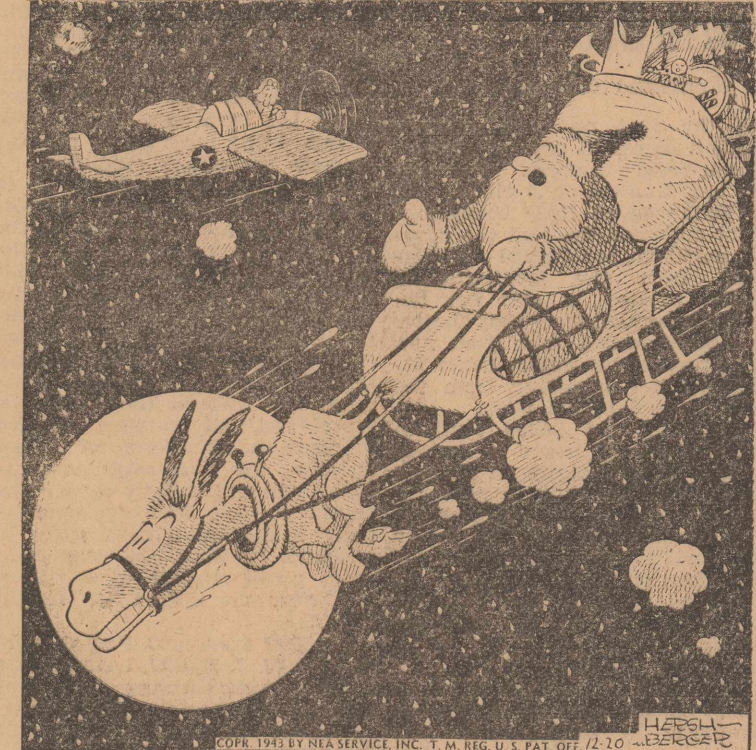
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Concessions But No Pay Rise Seen For Rail Workers

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Concessions to railroad workers in some form other than additional flat increases in basic wages are under consideration as possible measures to avert a threatened nationwide rail strike beginning Dec. 30. A mediation conference which began around President Roosevelt's desk Sunday, then moved to the White House cabinet room, but adjourned nearly five hours later without a "final agreement."

Midland Flier



Eual J. Ragsdale of Midland won his silver pilot's wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces recently at the specialized two-engine pilot school of the Army Air Forces in La Junta, Colo.

Texas Air Wing Executives Named

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—The names of four commanding officers of four flying training wings with headquarters at Texas fields were announced Monday by the public relations office of the Central Flying Command. The 7th Flying Training Wing, with headquarters at Foster Field, Victoria, will be commanded by Brig. Gen. Charles T. Myers; Col. Michael T. Davis, commander of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, will serve as the acting commanding officer of the 78th Flying Training Wing with headquarters at SAACC, supervising the training at the classification center and at the pre-flight schools for pilots, bombardiers and navigators. The 79th Flying Training Wing will be commanded by Col. John R. Morgan, who is also the commanding officer at the Army Gunner School, Harlingen. He will supervise training at the flexible gunnery schools. Col. Joseph H. Davidson, with headquarters at San Marcos, has been named the acting commanding officer of the 80th Flying Training Wing and will supervise training at the navigation schools, at the instructors' school for navigators and at the glider school.

Ammunition Ship Blasts Shake Oslo

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—Oslo was shaken Monday by exploding ammunition thrown into the city by the blowing up of a German munitions ship in the harbor, 24 hours earlier. The German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau called the blast the worst catastrophe in the Norwegian capital ever experienced. The Hotel Bristol was requisitioned as a hospital for great numbers of wounded. There was still no official list of casualties, but first reports said only four were killed. "There was no blackout in Oslo last night," the Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau said. "The whole town was lit by huge fires. German soldiers are fighting the fires Monday but they are forced to duck into shelters regularly because of recurrent explosions. Many streets are barricaded because of the force of blasts from bombs and shells thrown into the city. Enormous damage was caused in the harbor area, which now is evacuated." The explosion occurred while the Germans were unloading the munitions ship. Thousands of persons were thrown to the ground or shaken by the blast which was felt for miles. Windows were smashed all over town, but the main street, Karl Johann, and the town hall suffered especially. Several cases of looting from open store fronts were reported. Although there was widespread speculation whether sabotage was responsible, and many Norwegians feared reprisals, German authorities were quoted as saying the explosion was "pure accident."

Abdication Of King Is Urged By Italians

NAPLES—(AP)—Demands for immediate abdication of King Vittorio Emanuele were cheered by 5,000 citizens of Naples Sunday at the first free political mass meeting in Italy since the Fascist regime took control in 1923. Decorating the walls of the huge Teatro Politeano were placards reading "The King Must Go" and "Down With The Fascist King." The crowd was showered with leaflets from the balconies declaring "the people demand a Democratic government" and calling for the monarch's abdication. The meeting was a testimony to the late Giovanni Amendola, well-known Italian newspaperman beaten to death by the Fascists.

American Capture Of San Pietro Led By Texan Officers In Bitter Battle

By DON WHITEHEAD
SAN PIETRO, ITALY—(AP)—Americans took this shell-torn little town overlooking the valley approaches to Cassino, on the road to Rome, in one of their bloodiest, bitterest and toughest battles of World War II. The doughboys call it "Death Valley." Casualties were heavy. The battle began several days ago when the Americans attacked at mid-day behind a heavy artillery barrage. The capture of the enemy fortress at the bottom of Mount Samucro was recorded as of Saturday. Led by Capt. Charles Beacham, San Antonio, Texas, one company reached the edge of the town in the first drive but had to withdraw in the face of direct fire. Clifton Man Hero Two company commanders were killed or wounded and Second Lt. Eben G. Bergman of Clifton, Texas, took over the command and led the troops back deep into the German lines but had to draw back when only seven riflemen were left. Held off in the first assault, the troops prepared for another attack. "We ran into a veritable nest of machinegun positions," said a colonel from Texas. "They had built emplacements into the hills with interlocking bands of fire and the positions were protected by barbed wire and fields of anti-personnel mines." "We could have penetrated the Germans' outside line of defense in the first assault," this colonel added. "If we had wanted to pile up bodies until the troops would have to walk over them. But we try to save as many men as possible." Artillery Joins Battle The colonel happened to have a telephone to his ear when the attack began and he could hear the men in line calling for artillery fire, yelling, "My God, when are we going to get artillery support?" Within five minutes the artillery was laying down a barrage and mortars were firing into registered targets to help beat off the enemy. The Germans attacked three times on the lower slopes of Samucro and were beaten back. An equally fierce engagement took place on the peaks hundreds of feet above where a unit led by Lt. Rufus Gighorn, Waco, Texas, had occupied positions a week ago. A 220-pound former Baylor University athlete, Gighorn has been recommended for battlefield promotion. "Loudmouth" Defies Fate Called "Rufus the Loudmouth" by the doughboys, he has a foghorn voice. During the heat of battle he climbs on the highest peak, shouting curses at the enemy, screaming insults and throwing rocks and hand grenades. He and his men beat off seven counter-attacks during the first day. The slopes were strewn with German dead, mowed down attempting to retake the heights. "Those boys used 60 boxes of grenades in about a week," said Capt. William R. Lynch, Huntsville, Texas, who had charge of seeing that they received ammunition and food supplies. "That's about 2,000 grenades or the number a division would normally use in the combat period. Besides the grenades, they used three times the number of mortar shells they would normally expend." Major David Frazier, Houston, Texas, was praised by other officers. They said he "had done everything from chunk grenades to direct the artillery fire."

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Appling Captures Bating Crown Of American League

CHICAGO —(AP)— Luke Appling, the 34-year-old center fielder, captured the batting crown of the American League Monday.

The star Chicago White Sox shortstop, who reported for duty at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Saturday, won the 1943 hitting title with a mark of .328, final official league figures show.

Playing in every game, he made 192 hits in 585 times at bat, and was the ninth player in the league's history to cop the crown more than once. His first championship was in 1936 when he blasted a lusty 383.

Only four regulars hit 300 or better—Appling and Ralph Hodgson of Chicago and Rookie Dick Wakefield and Roger Cramer of Detroit. In 1942 seven regulars reached the 300 circle and 16 made it in 1941.

Teat-batting honors went to the Detroit Tigers who chalked up a mark of .261 to displace the Boston Red Sox.

Although minus Joe DiMaggio and other members of their peacetime powerhouse, the World Champion Yankees poled out 100 home runs to lead the circuit in such production for the 24th consecutive year.

Rafely York, Detroit's slugging first baseman, took individual home run honors with 34, three more than his nearest rival, Charley Keller of the Yankees. York also led in total bases, 301.

Track Wet



Doing his best to cover up nature's reply to Chamber of Commerce is this lone soul vainly trying to re-train Los Angeles Coliseum track in preparation for March Field-College of Pacific football game. Field is all right, and Flyers found it so in smacking Tigers, 19-0.

Guffey-Byrd Fight Heats North, South Democratic Feud

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The feud between the Senate's Northern and Southern Democrats got its second wind Monday, Senator Guffey (D-Pa.) asserting he would not be "forced out" as chairman of the party's senatorial campaign committee and Senator Byrd (D-Va.) demanding that Guffey be replaced immediately.

Guffey, who has offered his resignation, told a reporter that he was not going to be placed in the position of being ousted because of attacks that had been made on him for his charge that Southern Democrats had joined an "unholy alliance" with Republicans against the administration's service vote bill.

"I don't want the job," said Guffey, "but I'm not going to be forced out."

Apprised of this, Byrd said he and other Southerners would take the initiative in bringing the issue before the Senate Democratic conference if Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) does not act soon to supplant the Pennsylvania.

Moore Prospect

Company No. 1 Lloyd Evans, Southwest Cochran County prospector, was coring below 4,958 feet in lime.

No information was available on the content of a core cut Saturday from 4,930 to 4,955 feet. From 4,945 to 4,955 feet showed some saturation and some porosity.

Globe Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Williams, Central-Northeast Hockley venture, is drilling ahead under 5,384 feet in hard lime.

Seaboard No. 1 Spraberry, Southeast Dawson County wildcat, has drilled out plug on 5.5-inch pipe set at 6,800 feet, and after washing out the hole is swabbing to the bottom at 7,670 feet.

Humble No. 1 Cox, West Gaines County, is making hole under 10,425 feet in chert.

Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 Grisham-Hunter, Southwest Andrews wildcat, in the Ellenburger, had progressed to 7,886 feet.

Sinclair Completes Another. Sinclair Prairie No. 2 Granger, outcrop to the Ombry pool in Yoakum County, has been completed for a 24-hour potential of 93.68 barrels from pay section drilled to 5,355 feet.

The gauge was taken through a 3.4-inch tubing choke after 1,500 gallons of service men.

Shell No. 1 Cox, Northwest Andrews wildcat, had reached 7,022 feet in lime and was drilling ahead.

Grisham-Hunter Corporation No. 1-B Cowden, exploring effort in Northwest Ector County, was making hole under 6,310 feet.

Shell No. 1 Johnson, Central Ector prospector, was boring below 4,978 feet.

Humble No. 2-B Sawyer, Irian County 10,000-foot wildcat, had progressed to 7,972 feet in lime and shale.

Pecos Exploring Operations. Siemoneit & Walhemaier No. 1 Crockett, Pecos exploration, is digging past 4,610 feet in lime.

Globe and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Golden has reached 5,390 feet in Simpson lime.

Gilbertson & Irwin, Inc., and Union Oil Company of California No. 1-A Helner, is boring ahead below 5,645 feet in the Ellenburger.

Humble No. 1 Barnes is drilling past 3,512 feet.

New Crane Ordovician. Gulf Oil Corporation No. 48-O Waddell, 665 feet from the south and 660 feet from the east lines of section 4, block B-27, psi survey, is a new Ordovician development in Crane County. It is 1,320 feet east of the same operator's No. 7-O Waddell, and 1,232 feet north of No. 9-O Waddell, both shown to be producers.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 3 Glenn, McKee field outpost, has reached 6,061 feet in lime.

Sinclair Prairie No. 1 Seth Campbell, Winkler, Ellenburger wildcat, has drilled to 9,269 feet.

Sinclair Prairie No. 4-A Walton is drilling below 7,897 feet.

Magnolia No. 21 State-Walton is boring ahead below 9,958 feet in shale and lime.

Magnolia No. 234 Walton is still cleaning out to the bottom at 8,532 feet after a hole-straightening shot.

Reagan County Wildcat Drills. National Refining Company No. 1 Merchant, Northwest Reagan County wildcat, is drilling past 2,505 feet in shale and salt.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 University in Pecos County, is drilling under 2,500 feet.

Phillips No. 1 Geraldine is waiting after squeezing off blowout at a total depth of 1,541 feet.

Phillips No. 1 Callan, Schleicher County wildcat, is drilling under 3,970 feet.

Coltex Refining Company No. 1 Miller, Northwest Mitchell County wildcat, is making hole under 7,401 feet.

Midland Soldier Wins Captaincy

J. D. Hunter, who is serving with the armed forces in England, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain, according to word received Monday.

North Sea

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was the first on that southern German industrial city by Mediterranean-based bombers. The city was last attacked on April 17, 1942, by Britain-based RAF bombers.

Not only was the raid the deepest northern penetration of Germany from the Mediterranean theater to date, it also was the longest operation from that theater and demonstrated that from now on Germany may expect heavy attacks on her homeland from the south as well as the west.

It proved that Allied southern and western air power is now in position to concentrate on German targets simultaneously to deliver a maximum weight of explosives.

Innsbruck's strategic railway lines, which were hammered by formations of Flying Fortresses escorted by fighters, were last attacked on Dec. 15 by American raiders.

Caught By Surprise. The Cairo radio said Sunday's assault caught Innsbruck's defenses completely by surprise and that the alert was sounded only after the first bombs had exploded.

Allied fighters were reported to be scored on the railway station east of the town and several large hotels were destroyed by flames which swept areas of the town itself. Rail traffic through the Brenner Pass was reported at a standstill 12 hours after the raid.

Bombs were loosed on Augsburg through a heavy curtain of clouds, and then the Liberators and Lightnings fought off their attackers to make the return run back across the Alps, crewmen related.

Allied fighters ranging the Italian skies shot down six other enemy fighters Sunday to bring to 43 the total Nazi fighters that fell before the guns of Allied planes.

Personal

Mrs. Norman Going and children, Norman Everet and Kathleen, of Stillwater, Okla., have arrived to spend the holidays with Mrs. Going's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Patterson. Larry Lee Going has been visiting here for three weeks.

Nazi Authorities May Evacuate Berlin

STOCKHOLM —(AP)— The bodies of Berlin residents are still being removed from smoking ruins a month after the RAF's assault on the German capital began, and Nazi authorities are discussing a 100 per cent evacuation of the city, Swedish correspondents reported Monday.

"Berlin is a ghost city a home for corpses and grey-faced inmates living in basements," said one cabled despatch. "You find people who begin to cry when they see the ruins everywhere."

10,774,805 Bales Of Cotton Ginned To Date

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The census bureau reported Monday cotton of this year's growth ginned to Dec. 13 totaled 10,774,805 running bales, counting round as half bales and excluding linters compared with 11,744,922 bales to that date a year ago, and 9,914,549 bales two years ago.

This year's total crop, as estimated by the Agriculture Department early this month, is 11,478,000 bales of 500 pound gross weight.

SIXTEEN YOUNG ITALIANS CHARGED WITH SABOTAGE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS —(AP)— Sixteen young Italians, including a wealthy 22-year-old girl and a poetry-dabbling 19-year-old youth, are awaiting trial at Trapani, Sicily, on charges that they sought to sabotage the Allied war effort and reestablish secret fascist cells, the American counter-intelligence corps has disclosed.

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WTCC Wins First Scrimmage In Big Freight Rate Fight

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce made jubilant announcement Monday that a recent Interstate Commerce Commission examiners' report calling for uniform freight ratings and classifications throughout the country "means that the first scrimmage in our all-important interterritorial rate discrimination battle has been won. Now friends of rate parity must go all the way to make the victory complete."

Transmitted by President M. C. Ulmer of Midland, to all directors and chambers of commerce of the area was an appeal from the WTCC's Freight Rate Equality Federation and Transportation Parity Commission, headed by J. M. Wilson of Floydada and Jess L. Showers, Vernon, that West Texans, through their congressmen, demand the ICC on the examiners' report, and that Congress be urged to continue its efforts for a law which the commission be established equal and uniform rates. "The reason for the last recommendation," said Ulmer's news letter to affiliates, "is that the commission needs public support to overthrow a 50-year old system of freight rates."

The ICC examiners, Paul O. Carter and W. J. Koebel, have made a 77-page report covering a four year investigation into the freight classifications and rating phase of the interterritorial discrimination case. They have recommended that the present complex system be simplified and made uniform and equal in all territories, and that the railroads be ordered to submit such schedules within six months. The ICC has announced that exceptions to the report by respondents must be filed by Jan. 15, 1944.

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Vinson Rail Dispute Power Hit By Board

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The House Interstate Commerce Committee moved Monday to remove all railway labor wage cases from the jurisdiction of Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

Deferring action until after the Christmas recess on the Senate-approved resolution to force an eight-cent an hour wage increase for 1,400,000 non-operating railroad workers over Vinson's veto, the committee directed its chairman to appoint a five-member subcommittee to prepare an amendment to the measure which would "exempt the Railway Labor Act and all amendments thereto from the provisions of the Stabilization Act."

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Read Reporter-Telegram Classifieds

Barn Locked After Horse Was Stolen

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Selective Service officials say the new father-draft law, as far as delaying the induction of pre-war fathers, fits the old saw about locking the barn after the horse is stolen.

"Almost everything in it has been done long ago," one authority said. The recent congressional action was intended to put pre-Pearl Harbor fathers at the bottom of the draft list. It also removed the administration of Selective Service from the War Manpower Commission.

NEXT OIL PRORATION HEARING IS JANUARY 19

AUSTIN —(AP)— Beauford Jester, chairman of the State Railroad Commission, Monday announced the next statewide oil proration hearing would be held here Wednesday, Jan. 19.

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

NEW YORK —(AP)— Only one pro football team—the Bears, of course, ever played in the Chicago all-star game in August and then went on to win the league title playoff in December—our guess is that the Redskins won't repeat that one . . . They were good enough to make the Giants bow in defeat Sunday, but they took quite a pounding and it's doubtful that their line will be "up" another week . . . As for Sammy Baugh, all he did besides wing those passes to the receivers like a second baseman coming up with a grounder and shooting it to first, was to pull off two crucial quick kicks—one of the longest ever made in a playoff, and get under the Giants' passes before their own receivers . . . Think the fans liked it? Well, Sunday's 42,800 put the National League's total attendance for 42 games 36,000 over last year's figure for 55 games.

No Ticker
Discounting in advance any more gambling rumors that may turn up, only one Redskin lost his shirt in Sunday's game . . . After the third quarter Bob Masterson changed a taddy torn jersey right in the middle of the field . . . After pulling on a fresh one that looked as if it had just come from Owen George Marshall's laundry, Bob wrestled a couple of times and then trotted off the field . . . Apparently the fresh shirt was too tight.

One-Minute Sports Page
The Hollywood Park Race Track may reopen this spring if the Army gives it the green light. And if it does, Santa Anita may run a meeting at Hollywood . . . Nat Fleischer is getting ready the third and biggest edition of his ring record book and appeals to all retired boxers and to managers to active ones to send him their records . . . Bill Hulse, Gunder Haegg's shadow last summer, will receive the Metropolitan AAU's meritorious award medal Tuesday night.

Today's Guest Star
Tommy Fitzgerald, Louisville Courier-Journal: "The race tracks had their most financially successful year in history. This is surprising especially in view of the fact that the wartime civilian shirt-tail comes three inches shorter."

Spare-Time Golfer Wins Miami Title
MIAMI, FLA. —(AP)— The tournament in which anything can happen left the name players trying to explain how Steve Warga Jr., a Miami spare-time golfer, won the \$1,000 top prize in the Miami Open Sunday with a straight par score of 280.

Bird Is Second
Bulla, whose final card was 38-32-71, tied for third place with Esig Willy Turness, former national amateur champion, with a score of 284.

Wood has never won here in years of trying. He finished with 289 on a da fifth-place tie.

Only Sammy Byrd made a serious bid to overtake Warga. Byrd turned on the heat coming in for a 33, and his total of 283 was good enough for \$700 second place money.

RUSSIA NEGOTIATES WITH LATIN-AMERICAN NATIONS
MEXICO CITY —(AP)— The newspaper Excelsior says the Soviet embassy here is the seat of negotiations for resumption of diplomatic relations between Russia and various Latin-American countries.

San Angelo And Lufkin Will Clash In Dallas Christmas Day For Title

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF Associated Press Staff Editor For the eleventh time in 24 years of Texas Interscholastic League football Dallas gets the final game and never before was a championship battle quite so attractive.

San Angelo's rugged Bobcats and Lufkin's versatile Panthers are going to meet at Dal-Hi stadium Christmas Day as the climaxing feature of the grandest race of them all—a campaign the critics have labeled as the best both from the standpoint of gridiron brilliance and interest.

It's ground games of magnificent power on parade.

Saturday San Angelo came roaring back in two 67-yard drives that scored touchdowns and edged out a fine Highland Park eleven 21-20. Lufkin also had the stuff when the chips were down to smash from behind to tie the score 7-7 and topple Gooss Creek on penetrations.

Abandon Penetration Rule. Meeting at Waco Sunday, officials of the two schools chose Dallas after they had deadlocked on playing at Fort Worth or Houston. And they voted to do away with the penetration rule in this game, so if San Angelo and Lufkin battle to a tie they will go into the records as co-champions.

The Dal-Hi field site, with a seating capacity of 21,445, represents travel of 265 miles for San Angelo and 175 for Lufkin.

San Angelo announced it would arrive in Dallas Thursday in time for a work-out at the North Dallas field. Lufkin will roll into town Friday and have a practice session at the Adamson High School gridiron.

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce will pay for printing the tickets and all expenses incident to conduct of the game. The admission price will be \$2.00 with a \$1.00 rate for service men. Should Dal-Hi field draw an anticipated 20,000 fans it will mean Lufkin and San Angelo will receive the largest cut from any final game in history. The previous high was something over \$11,000 to each competing team.

Records Are Similar. San Angelo and Lufkin each has played 13 games and their records are similar. San Angelo has rolled up 392 points and allowed the opposition 74; Lufkin shows 376 points to 69.

There is no direct comparison of the teams since neither played an opponent of the other. San Angelo has had closer games, being held to one-touchdown margins twice and one-point in another. Lufkin did not play a close one until last week with Goose Creek.

Coincidentally, both Coach Jewell Wallace of San Angelo and Coach J. C. (Buck) Prejean of Lufkin are serving their first seasons, and also, it is the first time in the finals for each school.

The clevers stack up about even in weight and both are experienced. Each boasts a bruising running game with San Angelo probably strongest in this department but with Lufkin best in the air.

With award of the final to Dallas, the city gets two big games on consecutive Saturdays to close out the year. Jan. 1 Texas meets Randolph Field in the Cotton Bowl.

Arkansas Porkers Lead Way In Early Season Cage Games

By The Associated Press The Arkansas Razorbacks are leading the way in practice games of Southwest Conference basketball with three straight victories while the other five teams which have seen action all have been defeated.

Texas A. and M. hasn't yet tasted competition.

Arkansas holds victories over the Conway Independents, Pittsburg, Kan., Teachers and Springburg, Mo. Rangers, and next week the Jokers journey into the East on an ambitious inter-sectional schedule during which they will play City College of New York, Albright and De Paul.

Texas Drops Two Games. Texas, which had rolled up four wins, promptly lost two in a row—falling before Southwestern and Chase Field of Beville.

Southern Methodist also dropped out of the all-victorious column by losing to Childress Army Air Field.

Only five games are scheduled this week with Arkansas meeting Camp Chaffee at Fort Smith, Ark., and Southern Methodist playing Majors Field at Dallas Monday night. Texas playing Kelly Field at San Antonio Tuesday night, Chase Field at Beville Wednesday night and Corpus Christi Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi Thursday night.

The standings: TEAM— W. L. Pts. Op. Arkansas . . . 3 0 167 110 Fou. Methodist . . . 2 1 150 128 Texas . . . 4 2 280 248 Texas Christian . . . 2 3 165 175 Baylor . . . 1 2 87 127 Rice . . . 1 2 122 125 Texas A&M . . . 0 0 0 0

The jaws of a cat move only up and down.

Inflation Again Will Be Big Issue Before Congress In January

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The 78th Congress, torn by bitter battles over mostly home front problems all year, relaxed Monday with all major issues on the shelf for the Yule season.

House and Senate will quit Tuesday for the holidays.

Returning Jan. 10, the members will be confronted again by these issues bearing on the most widely-discussed subject of the past month—Inflation.

The proposal to outlaw food subsidies (No. 1 Whit House weapon against inflation).

2—A proposed raise in pay for 1,100,000 railroad workers (denounced by the administration's top stabilization officials).

3—A 35-cent increase in the price of crude oil (rejected as inflationary by Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson and by the Office of Price Administration).

The oil price increase was voted by the House last week and sent to the Senate where it got caught in the recess rush.

County Clerk Dies

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