

RAF 'HAMBURGERS' FRANKFURT

5th Takes Mountain In Storm

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—American Fifth Army forces have lunged forward two and a half miles in a snow storm to capture 2,600-foot Mt. Spinnuccio, while U. S. 15th Air Force heavy bombers escorted by long-range fighters attacked Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, and an Athens airfield, it was announced Tuesday.

In a companion drive, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army forces pushed ahead in "stiff fighting" toward Tollo in the central sector of the Adriatic front, improving their positions near Ortona, the Allied headquarters communique added. German resistance was said to be increasing.

Blast 28 Enemy Planes

Allied planes shot down 28 planes in the twin attacks on Sofia railroad yards and the Elevisis airfield in Greece and in other operations which included fighter-bomber raids on rail and motor targets in the Rome area. Eleven Allied planes failed to return.

This brought the Luftwaffe losses in two days' sky battles to 71 planes plus three more shot down by American anti-aircraft fire during two German attacks on newly-captured San Pietro.

Another announcement said American motor torpedo boats, which gained fame in the Pacific, teamed up with British craft to fight a vigorous night action Dec. 18 off the island of Elba with two Nazi destroyers on which torpedo hits were probably scored.

Apparently trying hard to keep their Balkan satellites from being bombed out of the war, the Germans threw large numbers of fighters into the air.

Polish Air Force Bigger Than Ever

LONDON—(AP)—The Polish Air Force, third largest based in Britain, was declared almost ready Tuesday to break away from the RAF as an independent fighting organization and throw its full strength into the expected invasion of Europe from the west.

The rebirth of Poland's air arm as an autonomous group will occur soon after Jan. 1, it was learned reliably, although details have not yet been disclosed by the British under whom the force has been operating for four years.

But it is known that the Polish Air Force is far stronger than when its fliers took to the air in 1939 to hurl themselves futilely against the then all-powerful German air force invading the Polish homeland. The Polish force now embraces 14 well-equipped and highly-trained squadrons.

Americans, RAF In Bangkok Raid

NEW DELHI—(AP)—A combined American and RAF bombing force attacked objectives in Bangkok, Thailand, the night of Dec. 19 in the first long-range operation of the newly-formed Eastern Asia Air Command, it was announced Tuesday.

A communique said a strong formation of United States bombers attacked the docks while the RAF raided the enemy arsenal area.

Widespread attacks were also announced in Southern Burma, the RAF bombing by night and the USAAF by day.

MYSTERY HAND HAS SURE KEENO SYSTEM

LOS ANGELES—Theater Manager Larry Sharp stood upstage explaining the Keeno game.

Fifteen hundred patrons thought the hand, reaching through the backdrop and lifting something from the stage chair, was part of the show.

Sharp turned to the chair for the \$200 award money.

There was no money, no hand and no one backstage.

GOV. ADKINS TO SEEK ARKANSAS RACING BAN

LITTLE ROCK—(AP)—An initiated act to outlaw horse and dog racing in Arkansas will be sponsored by Gov. Homer M. Adkins, he announced after the racing commission overrode his objections and granted a 1944 permit to the Oaklawn Jockey Club, Hot Springs.

Gets New Assignment



Major G. F. Aldrich of Midland, recently promoted to that rank, has been appointed personnel officer at Camp Hood, Texas. He previously was adjutant. The major served in World War I and was recalled to active service as a commissioned officer, Oct. 20, 1942.

Youngest Airline Captain Is Visitor In Midland Tuesday

Midland was host Tuesday to the nation's youngest airline captain—a veteran of note quite 21 years who has more than 2,500 flying hours to his credit.

He is Richard K. "Dick" James, pilot of a four-place Stinson route survey ship which brought officials of Continental Air Lines to Midland.

James began his flying career at the age of 13, when his father, a Denver automobile dealer, purchased an airplane for him. Since then, "Dick" has flown practically everything but the famous World War I Jenny, which he admits was a bit before his time.

Served as instructor. James became a pilot for Continental Air Lines nearly three years ago, flying as first officer on the airline's Lockheed Lodestars. When the war called the airline into service for the Air Transport Command, "Dick" doubled in brass as an instructor.

After serving as an instructor for more than a year, he was assigned to Continental's transcontinental Army cargo run. He has flown several missions for the Air Transport Command.

Despite his age, James is regarded as a conservative pilot and he can boast an unblemished safety record. He was married six months ago to Frances Bradbury, a Continental hostess.

His present assignment is to survey Continental's new El Paso-San Antonio route, which serves Midland, from a flight operations standpoint.

Churchill Insists On Reading Newspapers

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill "continues to improve" in his recovery from pneumonia, No. 10 Downing Street announced Tuesday. Physicians at Churchill's bedside in the Middle East said his condition of circulation "is more satisfactory."

Churchill is insisting on receiving his newspapers as usual, and they are being flown to him from England.

Airline Plans Service Soon For Midland

Continental Air Lines plans to begin air service to Midland within 60 days after the Army gives approval of commercial operations over the airline's newly authorized El Paso-San Antonio route, Paul J. Carmichael, Continental's general traffic and cargo manager, said Tuesday.

Carmichael, accompanied by Kenneth E. Allen, the airline's director for public relations, arrived in Midland late Monday. The officials are making a preliminary survey over the new Texas route.

The airline representatives conferred with Bill Collins, secretary-manager of the chamber of commerce, and Acting Mayor Paul McHargue, and planned a full agenda of meetings Tuesday, including conferences with Army officials.

Carmichael said that Army approval for operation of the route must come from Washington, and that he saw no obstacles which might stand in the way of the inauguration of service.

Continental is hoping to establish two round trips daily through Midland, he said, thus providing this important oil center with direct service to Santa Fe, N. M., and Houston. The airline presently serves Santa Fe on its Denver-El Paso route.

Carmichael pointed out that one of the purposes of the survey trip was to determine the schedule needs of the Texas communities to be served on the El Paso-San Antonio run.

"We would like to work out a schedule arrangement which would give Midland a trip in each direction in the morning and afternoon," Carmichael said, "but an equipment problem may prevent our accomplishing that end at the start of service."

"Like the other domestic airlines, Continental gave up half its equipment to the Army in June, 1942, in order to expedite the war effort, but it now appears that a good share of that equipment will be returned shortly."

Carmichael said that Continental had recently received back Army cargo run. He has flown several missions for the Air Transport Command.

Roosevelt Approved Canol Oil Program

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt said Tuesday that he approved the Army's controverted Canol oil development in Canada at a time when it appeared there might be great military action in the Alaskan and Aleutian area.

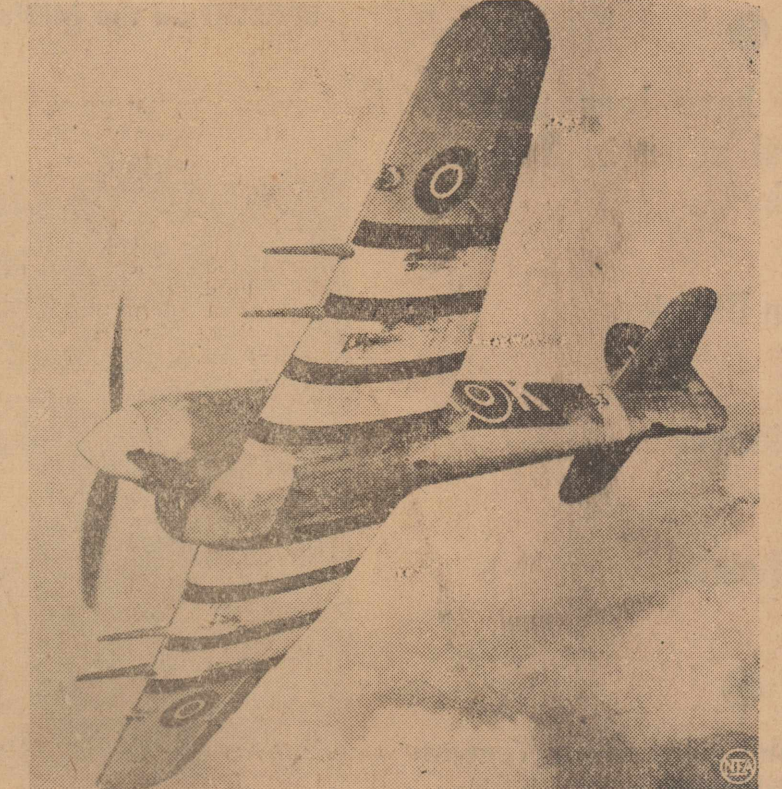
He added that at the time he would have approved anything to get a new source of oil in that part of the world as a war measure.

His comment was made at a press conference in response to a question whether he had known of the \$130,000,000 cost of the project when he approved it. The President said he thought he knew at the time what the cost would be.

STALIN REACHES 64

LONDON—(AP)—This is Marshal Joseph Stalin's 64th birthday anniversary, but Moscow apparently planned no special observance.

Tigerish Typhoon



Its wings gaudy with tiger stripings, this RAF Typhoon fighter-bomber is pictured as it flashed on its way from England to strafe enemy airfields, attack railroad trains and down Nazi aircraft in Europe.

Street Scene in Hamburg—1943



These are the ruins of Hamburg, where war came home to the Germans with the devastating fury that Warsaw, Rotterdam, Coventry and London had known in the early years of the conflict. This street of rubble is a sample of what all Germany may look like if Allies are forced to bomb Nazis into surrender.

Allies Gain Supremacy In Skies Of New Britain Area As Arawe Air Strip Falls To Americans

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA—(AP)—The American Sixth Army expanding six miles from its Cape Merkus, New Britain, beachhead has taken the Arawe air strip, adding another landing field to the perches from which Allied war birds are purging the air of Japanese.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique Tuesday said the Arawe field was secured Sunday, and by failing to mention any Japanese aerial activity in the Southwestern New Britain sector, for the first time since the Americans stormed ashore there Dec. 15, it underscored Allied power in the skies.

A headquarters spokesman termed the slackening Japanese air activity over Arawe as faithful to the enemy pattern after the first few days intensive attacks failed to produce results. He said the situation at Arawe was generally unchanged on the basis of reports up to Monday.

McKee Outpost Coring For Pay In Simpson Zone

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor
 Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 3 Glenn, southwest outpost to the McKee Simpson Ordovician pool in Southwest, Crane County, had reached 6,000 feet Tuesday morning and was preparing to core.

Average depth of the producing formation in other wells in the area is at 6,125-86 feet.

More Clean-Out For Moore
 John I. Moore No. 1 Barnsley estate, wildcat development two miles southeast of the Sand Hills field, has recovered some oil in swabbing to the bottom, after a 2,000-gallon dose of acid, but the tests have not been satisfactory and the operator is pulling tubing and will use a bailer to clean-out the hole before attempting further investigation.

Another Try For Test
 Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 3 Seale-Smith, North-east Ward County outpost to Ellenburger production, failed to get a drillstem log Monday to the total depth of 10,420 feet in the Ellenburger and was making another try.

Costen Petroleum Corporation
 and W. S. Guthrie No. 2 Pauline Allen, Howard County development had progressed to 5,541 feet in a formation called lime by some, and shale by others, and was shut down on account of breaking a crown-block sheave.

Late Monday there was 2,200 feet of fluid in the hole—most of it was said to be oil. Representatives of the operators said the project could be completed in a few days.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Americans capture Mount Spinnuccio. Allied bombers raid Sofia.

EUROPEAN AERIAL—RAF blasts Frankfurt, hits Mannheim-Ludwigshafen.

RUSSIA—Reds advancing within 20 miles of Vitebsk.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Americans take Arawe airstrip. Australians pursue Nipponese across Masawang River.

CHINA—Chinese capture four main Japanese bases in Rice Bowl.

15-Mile Surge Carries Reds Near Vitebsk

LONDON—(AP)—The Russian Baltic Army, steadily expanding its breach in the heavily-fortified German line, has plunged down the east side of the Nevel-Vitebsk railway to within 20 miles of Vitebsk, Reuters reported Tuesday from Moscow.

This represented an advance of some 15 miles for Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's forces from their last reported position. His troops stand barely 50 miles from the old Polish and Latvian frontiers.

Bagramian's success in Northern Russia, threatening to disrupt the entire Nazi defense system south of Leningrad, had immediate repercussions on other sectors of the long eastern front. Dispatches indicated that huge reinforcements the Germans are throwing into the Nevel battle were possibly being drawn from the Zhitomir-Korosten front west of Kiev, if not further south.

Ukraine Army Gains
 Troops of the First Ukraine Army, who successfully balked Nazi Marshal Fritz Von Manstein's powerful tank drive in the Kiev bulge last week, were back in the Ukraine Tuesday.

HE HAD ALL THIS BUT DEFERMENT DENIED
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KAN.—(AP)—A draftee gave this reason, in writing, for asking deferment: "Convalescing from a traumatic peritonitis of the flexor digitorum sublimis in profundus muscle at the metacarpophalangeal joint."

The Army said no, a sore finger wasn't a good enough excuse.

Revolt Flares In Northern Italy

NAPLES—(AP)—Northern Italy is flaming with revolt against the German military command and its puppet Italian government, trustworthy information reaching Naples showed Tuesday.

At the same time, it was reported that the Germans, following the tactics employed in Naples, have forcibly evacuated whole areas of Rome, presumably to permit German engineers to plant mines and dynamite on a large scale. This may indicate a decision to abandon Rome.

Odessa Sergeant Gets Silver Star Award

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Award of the Silver Star to an enlisted man from Odessa was announced Tuesday by the War Department.

For qualities of leadership and bravery in leading and aiding 13 wounded crew members to safety under enemy fire in North Africa, Staff Sgt. Herman C. McSwain, armored command of Odessa, received the silver star. At the same time of the action, Sergeant McSwain was wounded when his tank received direct hits from enemy fire. He was released from the hospital Jan. 29, 1943.

Franco Will Release Political Prisoners

MADRID—(AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco has agreed that the powerful Falange militia no longer is necessary and at the same time has decreed the conditional release of all Republicans imprisoned under the law of military rebellion.

800 Bombers Batter Nazi Chemical City; Rhine, Bremen Raided

LONDON—(AP)—Hundreds of RAF bombers gave Frankfurt its most crushing blow of the war Monday night, raining 2,000 long tons of incendiaries and explosives on the German chemical and armament center. Damage probably paralleled that caused by recent giant raids on Hamburg, Berlin, Cologne and Kassel.

In this and subsidiary attacks the RAF lost 42 bombers.

The great air offensive against Germany reached a new intensity with these additional attacks during the last 24 hours:

1. RAF subsidiary formations attacked Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, Mesquibach, and other German and Belgian mines were laid in enemy waters.

2. Heavy formations of American Liberators and Fortresses in daylight struck heavily at the German U-boat campaign by bombing Bremen.

3. American bombers based on the Mediterranean for the fifth time in recent weeks blasted the rail yards of Sofia, capital of war-weary Bulgaria, and Elevisis airfield near Athens.

4. American and British medium bombers spread destruction on targets in Northern France.

The Allies lost more than 30 planes in the 24-hour operations. This includes 33 (counting 25 heavy bombers) over Bremen, 42 in the RAF sweeps including an unspecified number of heavies, 11 in the Italian-Balkan area and six fighters over Northern France.

The Frankfurt raid was carried out in near top strength by a force which possibly numbered 300 or more heavy bombers.

Great Fires Left
 Huge fires were left burning in the city of more than a half million which already had been so badly devastated in 41 raids that a large proportion of the populace had been forced to leave.

Continuing the air offensive, a steady stream of medium and light bombers winged across the southeast coast towards France in daylight Tuesday, backing up heavy assaults begun Monday on what may well be German rocket gun emplacements.

Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, twin cities on the Rhine where I. G. Farben-industrial base the great chemical works in the world, have been subjected to at least six bombardments of 500 tons or more since the start of the war. They have been well up on RAF bomber command's list.

Among Heaviest Raids
 The tonnage dropped on Frankfurt Monday night approached the (Continued on Page 5)

Chinese Capture Four Jap Bases

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Chinese forces have smashed forward in the Central China Rice Bowl area, capturing the four main Japanese advanced bases of Lichuan, Tsing-shih, Nanhsien and Ansiang, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's headquarters announced Tuesday.

The victory, a follow-up to the smashing at Changteh of a Japanese offensive against the important Chinese base and communications center of Changsha, effectively cleared the northern banks of Lake Tungting. It also made the position of the Japanese forces between the lake and the Yangtze River extremely precarious.

The original Japanese offensive against Changteh and Changsha was launched from the four strong-points whose capture was announced Tuesday.

Yugoslavs Clash With Nazi Forces In Major Battle

By Edward D. Ball
LONDON—(AP)—The 250,000-man Yugoslav Partisan Army of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) announced Tuesday it had advanced into the vicinity of the Croatian capital of Zagreb, in a campaign which London termed a major battle.

Tito's resilient forces were declared in London to be engaging nine German and three puppet divisions in the main fighting areas in addition to containing three to four Nazi divisions in sporadic combats in the Istrian Peninsula bordering Italy. The Germans and their mercenaries were said to have six divisions in Croatia, two on the Dalmatian coast and four in the Mostar region, including the Prince Eugene SS Elite outfit.

Agree On Plans
 Partisan strategists, in a secret meeting with high U. S. and British staff officers in Alexandria, "agreed fully" on plans for a military campaign in Yugoslavia. The Chetnik forces of Gen. Draja Mihailovic, war minister of King Peter, were not represented. Almost simultaneously, President Ivan Ribar of Tito's provisional government broadcast that "the treacherous Yugoslav government-in-exile must be deprived of all rights."

The German radio said "armed bands" had been frustrated in landing attempts at the Dalmatian coast town of Omis near Split.

The main fighting was near Zagreb, 70 miles east of Ljubljana on the Belgrade-Trieste railroad, Tito's communique indicated.

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I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.—Psalm 16:8.

Billion-Dollar 'Saving'

This story of how the Army was able to save a billion dollars in the procurement of spare parts for its mechanized equipment may begin as though it were going to be a disclosure of some amazing new economical shortcut and triumph for the efficiency engineers, but it isn't that at all. What it really amounts to is a sad recital of one of the more colossal and wasteful procurement policies adopted early in the war when the tendency was to order quantities of everything in the catalogue, whether there was any need of it or not.

A check-up on the automotive replacement parts procurement policy of the Army was begun during the past summer by the Senate Truman Committee investigating the war effort. The war had been going on for a year and a half by this time, and reports were coming in that sizeable inventories of spare parts were being built up. The committee wanted to find out what it was all about.

There were no public hearings and there was no formal report, so the subject never got much of an airing. But the investigation turned up some surprising facts:

Whenever a new truck was ordered, there were also ordered for that vehicle a complete set of what were known as "concurrent spares." These parts were of course intended for replacement and repair in case of breakdown. But included in the concurrent spares were parts seldom needed during the first year of the truck's life.

In ordering these concurrent spares, it was the policy to place the order with the prime contractor, the vehicle manufacturer who, in most instances, ran an assembly operation only, buying engines, wheels, chassis, and other components from separate parts makers. For a month in 1942, there had apparently been an order requiring spares to be procured in the most direct manner possible—that is, from the firm that originally made the parts—but this order was short-lived, and the old routine of ordering through the vehicle assembler was again resorted to at the cost of an extra engineering inspection fee, or commission.

About the time the Truman Committee was well into its investigation of these practices, the Army made a change in its policies on parts procurement. First the list of concurrent spares required to accompany each vehicle or set of vehicles at the time of delivery was reduced by eliminating a great number of the items not required for first-year maintenance. Second, parts other than concurrent spares were ordered bought directly from the original manufacturer.

It was by these two simple steps of changed business procedure that officers in charge of this procurement were able to report savings of a billion dollars. They weren't savings at all. What the whole thing amounted to was a stoppage of waste.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Of A Feather

The cold-blooded treachery of Nazis in Italy, who used the white feather to entrap and murder a platoon of Canadians, takes us back to Indian-fighting frontier days. Then our forefathers were facing savages who pretended to be nothing else.

There is an old saying that birds of a feather flock together. This may account for the sympathetic accord between Nazis and Japanese. Now the Nazis will have to learn what the Japs already have—that once we have discovered what we are up against, we can be ruthless, too.

Incidentally, just who was it that our quarrel is exclusively with Hitler's gang, that the German people are nice folks?

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Yon can't smile and feel mean at the same time.

Bolivian Regime Pledge War Aid To Allies, Guards Vital Tin Mines

By The Associated Press
LA PAZ, BOLIVIA—(AP)—Troops guarded Bolivia's tin ore mines Tuesday as a nationalist junta which overthrew the government of Gen. Enrique Penaranda announced that it was firmly entrenched and discounted rumors that a counter-revolution had begun.

The troops were stationed at the mines, producing a large portion of the tin ore used in the manufacture of United States and British arms, in one of the first acts of the new government which pledged, however, to live up to Bolivia's commitments to the United Nations.

Victor Paz Estensoro, leader of the coup and new finance minister, told an interviewer "the Atlantic Charter and other obligations of Bolivia will be respected and maintained" and "the new government in no case will alter the international situation at the side of the United Nations."

Similar sentiments were expressed by Maj. Alberto Villaruel, the new president.

Mine Control Opposed
An executive decree of last April, declaring war on the Axis, was affirmed by the legislature on Dec. 4.

(Dispatches from Santiago, Chile, noted that the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (NRM), from which most of the new leaders are drawn, has long campaigned against control of the mining industry by three major producing companies. These advices said the coup could hardly fail to affect the production of tin.

(It was announced in Washington that, pending direct word from La Paz, negotiations between the Bolivian government and the United States Metal Reserve Company, a government-financed organization, for a new five-year tin contract were suspended.)

Jose Tamayo, the new foreign minister, said he had handed to the dean of the foreign diplomatic corps in La Paz a document announcing the establishment of a new government and affirming its intention to continue a policy of inter-American collaboration.

Agent To U. S. Named
Enrique Lozada, now in Washington, has been named confidential agent to the United States for the new government, it was also announced, and it was understood he may succeed Fernando Gauchalla as Bolivian ambassador to the United States.

Penaranda and his brother, Capt. Eliseo Penaranda, were to be escorted immediately by train to Arica, Chile, at last reports. (This indicated that the two would live in exile.

Passengers arriving at Lima, Peru, by air from La Paz, meanwhile, described the coup as bloody and added that army planes had flown from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to La Paz to aid the revolution. (The travelers said that groups which remained loyal to Penaranda in two towns had virtually been annihilated by artillery fire.)

400 Toys Are Ready For Distribution To Needy Children Here

More than 400 used toys were assorted, repaired and repainted by Midland Jaycees in the high school gymnasium Monday night.

The toys will be distributed by Jaycees to unfortunate youngsters of the community Christmas eve, Frank Monroe, chairman of the Jaycee Christmas activities committee, said.

The toys were collected at the high school, Yucca Theater, and police station, and were contributed by many individuals, churches and other organizations.

Monroe expressed appreciation to all organizations and individuals who had a part in the successful program. He said the response this year was better than ever before and that practically all children who otherwise might not receive Christmas toys will be remembered by Santa Claus through the Jaycees.

Brazil produces so much coffee that it has destroyed about 4,000,000 tons surplus beans in the past nine years.

Goodfellows Fund Now Totals \$145

With contributions to the Goodfellows Fund totalling more than \$145, needy and deserving families of the community are assured of receiving Christmas "baskets."

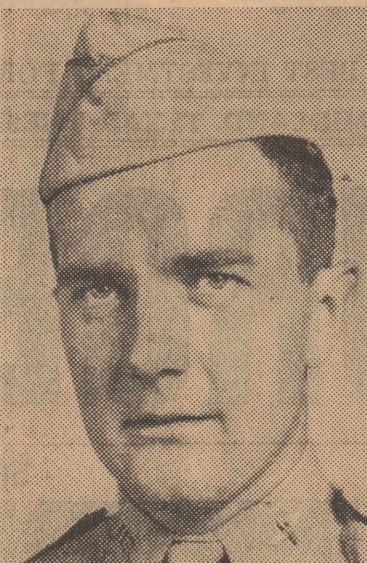
Officers of the Goodfellows Club predict contributions will reach \$200 by Friday.

Due to point rationing, certificates good for a specified amount of groceries will be distributed this year rather than baskets of food. The certificates may be exchanged for groceries at Midland stores co-operating in the program.

The certificates will be delivered by members of the American Legion.

Your friendly Western Auto Store opposite Western Union in downtown Midland gift-wraps their packages, also packs for shipment. They have a delightful selection of gifts; more arriving daily. For the convenience of the public Western Auto is remaining open until 10 o'clock evenings this week. —Adv.

Earns Commission



Roger W. Sidwell of Midland recently was commissioned a second lieutenant at Brooks Field, Texas, after receiving his wings as a pilot in the Army Air Forces.

Have you read the ads today?

Work On Pipe Line For New Mabee Pool To Be Started Soon

Construction of approximately 15 miles of combination four and six-inch welded oil pipe line to serve the new Mabee pool in Southeast Andrews County will be started soon by the Texas-New Mexico Pipe Line Company.

The carrier will tie into the T-NMPLC trunk from Midland to the Slaughter field about 15 miles north of this city. The Mabee field, which now has three completed pumps awaiting official gauge, is 17 miles airline northwest of Midland.

Plans of The Texas Company and John E. Mabee, owners of the property, are to carry on a continuous drilling program in the area, using not less than three rotaries.

The new oil gathering and delivery service should be in operation by early February.

First state-authorized bird refuge was established at Lake Merritt, Oakland, Cal., in 1872.

Read Reporter-Telegram Classifieds

National Oil Output Shows Steady Rise

TULSA—(AP)—United States crude oil production increased 29,420 barrels daily in the week ended Dec. 18, to a total of 4,401,290 barrels daily, the Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

California output gained 17,100 barrels daily to 797,400; Illinois, 3,500 to 225,350; Eastern Fields, 2,815 to 72,965; Michigan, 2,000 to 53,100; Oklahoma, 650 to 325,800; Texas, 11,925 to 1,894,825; and East Texas, 100 to 365,400.

Kansas production declined 1,500 barrels a day to 271,800; Louisiana, 70 to 354,050 and the Rocky Mountain region 8,035 to 124,900.

In colonial days, pudding dishes were known as twifflers.

Children are betrothed before they are born in Indo-China.

Jaycees Postpone Meeting To Dec. 31

The meeting of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce scheduled for Friday, Christmas eve, has been postponed until Friday, Dec. 31, Russell Howard, Jaycee president, announced Tuesday. He said many Jaycees will be out of the city this week and that others will be unable to attend the meeting this Friday.

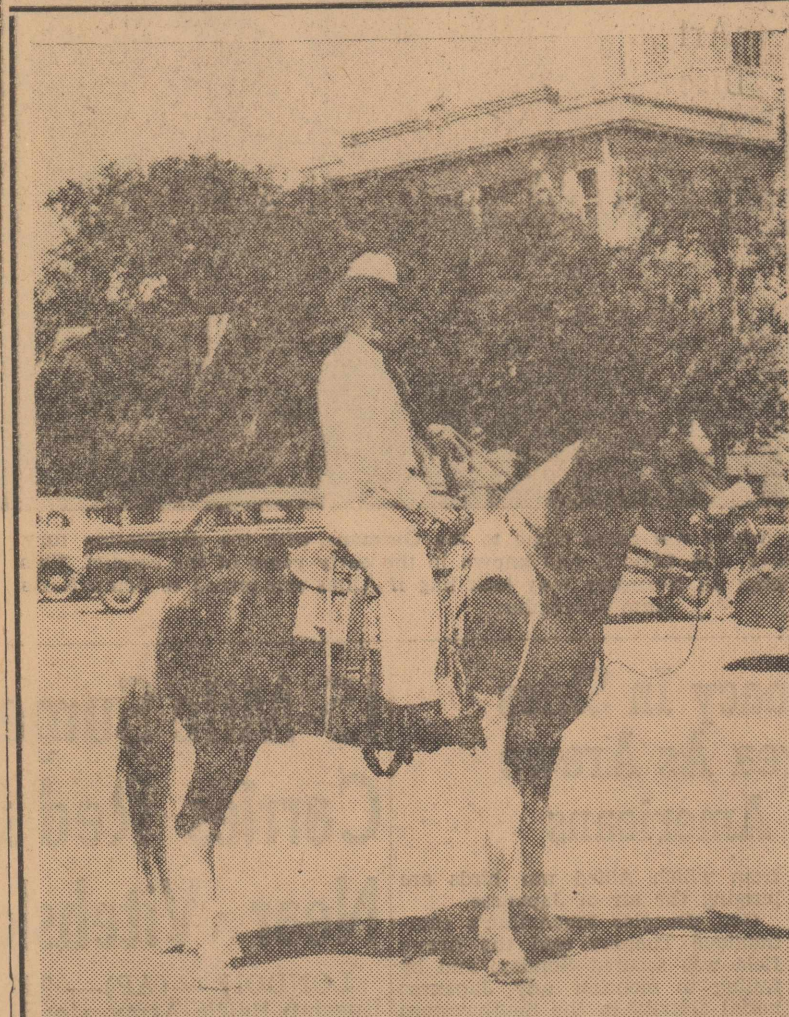
DRIVER OF HEARSE RETURNS IN IT — DEAD

PICHER, OKLA.—(AP)—Roy J. Durnil, 51, an undertaker at Jay, left Picher driving a hearse, bearing the body of a Muskogee man who was killed in a mine accident. Several hours later Durnil was brought back—in the same hearse.

The hearse had stalled on a steep bank at Grand Lake and plunged 70 feet backward into water 30 feet deep. Durnil's body was found by a rescue party.

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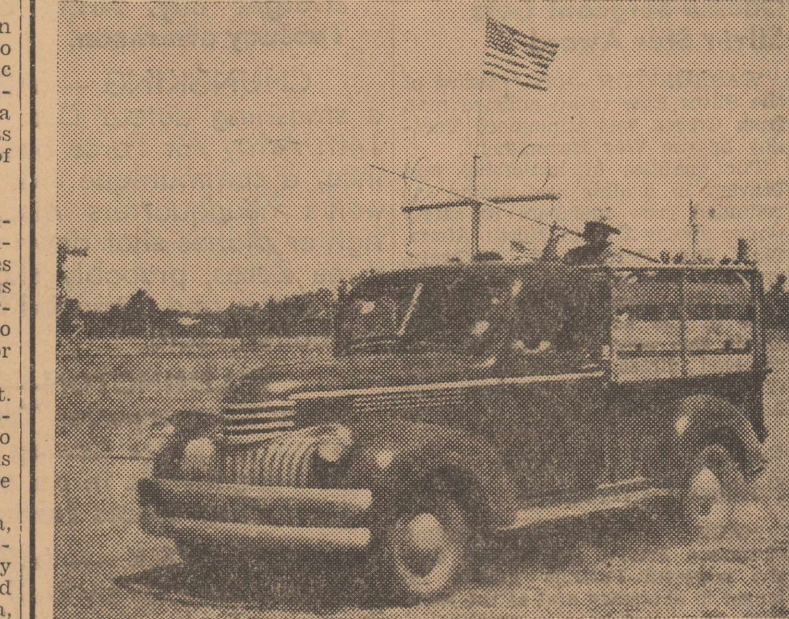
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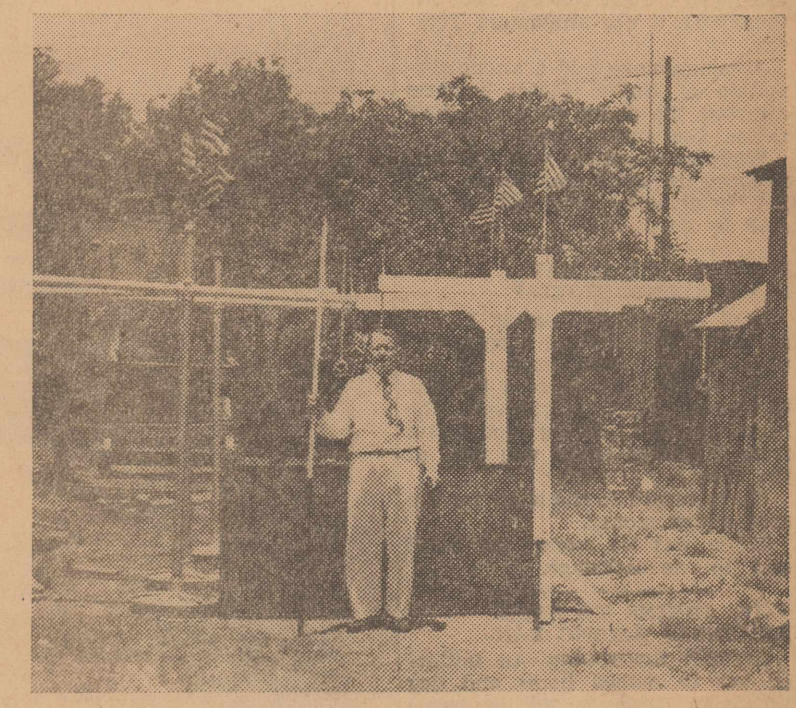
— Bob Murray.



The popular SPEEDO game offers good exercise which will develop co-ordination of mind, eye, and muscle, training the player to move at a fast speed in a smooth and graceful manner.



This is a picture of two Midland girls playing SPEEDO on the Midland High School grounds.



Bob Murray — World Champion SPEEDO Player and Inventor.

Society

Mrs. Steve Leach Is Commissioner Of Girl Scouts

Mrs. Steven Leach was elected commissioner of the Midland Girl Scout Council for 1944 at a meeting of council members in the Chamber of Commerce Monday night. She succeeds Mrs. K. S. Ferguson.

Other officers elected are Mrs. A. P. Shirey, vice commissioner; Miss Fannie Bess Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Minear, secretary and registrar; Mayor A. N. Hendrickson, finance chairman; Mrs. L. T. Boynton, program chairman; Bill Collins, public relations; the Rev. R. J. Shell, camp chairman; Mrs. Rosita Hollar, organization chairman; and Mrs. R. L. Aikin, training chairman. Miss Louise Blackwell was elected a member of the council.

Reports on activities and accomplishments of the year were heard. Miss Taylor submitted a financial report.

Troop representatives told of Christmas parties given by Girl Scout troops last week.

Minuet Club To Have Yule Dance Thursday

Members of the Minuet Club will hold their Christmas Dance Thursday night in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel. Harrison's Texans, popular San Angelo orchestra, will furnish the music.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dismissals at the Western Clinic Hospital Sunday included Bobbie Cogburn and John Reinhart.

Monday dismissals included Mrs. H. B. Thomas and baby and Mrs. Jack Wallace and baby.

Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press

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

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

Sugar book four stamp 29 good for five pounds through Jan. 15.

Shoes—Book one stamp 18 and book three "airplane" stamp No. 1 good indefinitely.

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Nazarene Church To Present Christmas Program Thursday

The Church of the Nazarene will present a Christmas program at 8 p. m. Thursday. The service will open with a program by the Junior Department of the Sunday School. It will include songs and readings. The choir will sing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and "Joy to the World."

The young people will present a play, "Is There Room for Him?" The service will close with a scene of the manger and the scene of the coming of the wise men.

Church Auxiliary Has Inspirational Meeting

The Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church held its regular monthly inspirational meeting Monday afternoon in the church.

"We Are Watching, We Are Waiting," was the theme of the study hour. Mrs. J. M. Devereux had charge of arrangements and she was assisted by Mrs. Ed White, Mrs. Bill Collins, Mrs. C. S. Longcope, Mrs. N. M. Raun, Mrs. C. W. Ledebur, Mrs. L. B. Parks and Mrs. Jack Wilson.

Christmas songs were sung by a quartet composed of Mrs. Naomi Taylor, Mrs. Leora Mann, Mrs. Jean Ferguson and Mrs. Beth Osborn.

The Joy Gift, a yearly contribution, was received.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mesdames Ora Holzgraph, K. S. Ferguson, H. A. Adams and Hopkins.

About 45 members attended the meeting.

Koenig Students In Recitals Tuesday

Mrs. J. B. Koenig will present two of her piano students in a recital Tuesday afternoon in her home, 1410 West Texas.

The students are Mary Barbara Aikin and Martha Mae Scharbauer. A Christmas party for the guests will be enjoyed at the conclusion of the program.

Numbers on the program by Miss Scharbauer are "The Grandfather's Clock" by Maxine; "The Crutchook"; "The Indian Medicine Man" by Richter, and "Pirates Bold" by Robyn.

Miss Aikin's presentations include "The Merry-makers," by North; "Grandmother's Music Box," by Giovanni; and "Hawaiian Nights," by Grey.

A group singing of "Silent Night" will conclude the musical. Miss Aikin will be at the piano.

Story Of Nativity Is Told At Circle Meet

Mrs. Charles Pierson told the story of the Nativity Monday afternoon when the Grace McBride Circle of the Calvary Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. B. F. Sutherland.

An impressive manger scene was the central motif of the decorations throughout the rooms. Each member told of their most joyous Christmas, and a "fishing box" containing gifts was passed among the guests who drew gifts from it.

Members attending were Mrs. B. F. Ward, Mrs. I. M. Moore, Mrs. R. C. Frazier, Mrs. P. A. Devore, Mrs. S. Williams, Mrs. J. E. Byars, Mrs. R. C. Frazier and the hostess.

Mrs. Villines To Be Auxiliary Secretary

Christmas calendar funds were collected from the members when the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Chappell Davis. The voluntary contributions will be distributed later as gifts and charitable donations.

During the business session which was presided over by Mrs. J. N. Allison, Mrs. James Brown, the secretary, resigned, and Mrs. Jack Villines was appointed to succeed her.

Mrs. J. P. Butler read the poem "Christmas Silhouettes 1941."

A low bowl of poinsettias flanked by red candles in Christmas tree holders formed an attractive centerpiece on the refreshment table.

Members present were Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. I. E. Daniel, Mrs. C. L. Griffin, Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, Mrs. W. D. Henderson, Mrs. W. T. Hoey, Mrs. Eugene Russell, Mrs. D. C. Sivalis, Mrs. S. J. Lones, Mrs. L. E. Edwards, Mrs. Carl Kohn, Mrs. J. P. Ruckman, Mrs. W. B. Harkrider and Mrs. Felix Ankel.

Mrs. Cheves Hostess To Baptist Circle

A Christmas gift exchange was held at the conclusion of the mission study program when the Mary Martha Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Harrell Cheves Monday afternoon.

Circle members present included Mrs. Jerry Phillips, Mrs. Raymond Leggett, Mrs. Arnold Scharbauer, Mrs. Jerry Roberts and Mrs. Billy Gilbert.

For the convenience of Military Personnel Western Auto Store maintains free gift wrapping and parcel Post packing department. Open 10 to 10 PM through Christmas Eve. Located opposite Western Union, downtown Midland.—Adv.

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Anderson Mission Book Is Studied By Circle

The Mary Elizabeth Truly Circle of the First Baptist Church met Monday morning in the home of Mrs. Russell Howard.

"So This Is Africa" by Susan Anderson was the mission study lesson. The session was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Howard, and Mrs. George Phillips led the devotionals. Mrs. G. A. Wakefield and Mrs. Clint Dunagan taught the missionary lesson.

Members attending were Mrs. B. C. Girdley, Mrs. John Dunagan, Mrs. Wakefield, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Clint Dunagan.

The next meeting of the circle will be Monday at 3 p. m. at the church.

TCU Students Arriving For Christmas Visits

Emily Jane Laman, Bill Hall and Jimmy and Johnny Pickering will arrive Thursday from TCU to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Lamar, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Bridgewater. She is majoring in business administration and is a member of the Glee Club, Campus Club and Leti.

Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall, is a graduate ministerial student. He is a member of the Bible College of the Bible and Homeopathic Guild.

The Pickering are sons of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Pickering. Johnny is a senior, majoring in Bible. He also is a member of the Bible College of the Bible. His other organizations include the Timothy Club and Meliorist. Jimmy, a senior at the school, is majoring in psychology. His organizations include the Bible College of the Bible, Timothy Club, Los Hidalgos, Meliorist, the Horned Frog Band and the Symphony Orchestra.

WOMAN IS KILLED

DALLAS—(AP)—Mrs. Hattie Putnam, 26, was killed and five other persons injured in an automobile collision here Monday midnight.

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Morgenthau Sees 'Seed Of Scandal' In Tax Measure

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congress had from Secretary Morgenthau Tuesday an outspoken warning that the Senate Finance Committee's \$2,100,000,000 tax bill as now drawn contains provisions that "open the way to truly extortionate" war profits and "hold the seed of a national scandal."

The Treasury chief's blistering denunciation of the measure—particularly with relation to proposed changes in the war contract renegotiation act—was capped by an assertion that "the way the matter stands now I think the Treasury would be better off with no tax bill—but on that basis we'd be awfully bad off."

Morgenthau read a prepared statement rapping the House-approved bill as "extremely disappointing" from a revenue standpoint and "equally unfortunate" due to the recommended changes in the renegotiation law.

Then, discussing the statement with special emphasis on renegotiation, the secretary declared "the smartest thing business can do is to leave it alone—unless business executives want to spend the rest of their lives on Capitol Hill appearing before investigating committees."

Miss Buffington Is Honored At Dance

Diane Buffington was named honoree at a Christmas dance at the County Club Monday night.

The Grand March was led by Miss Buffington and Bernal Penberton.

The ballroom was beautifully decorated in red and green and the Christmas theme was further carried out in the dining room. The refreshment table was covered with a deep red cloth and the centerpiece was red candles. Mrs. O. J. Hubbard presided at the punch bowl. Music for the dancing was furnished by Jack Cecil, Mrs. Ora Burson directed the dancing.

Chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wyche, Sgt. and Mrs. E. E. Burson, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Buffington.

About one hundred members of the younger social set attended the affair.

Yuletide Party Is Held In Bellman Home

Games, contests and a gift exchange comprised the entertainment Saturday evening when Lt. and Mrs. A. B. Bellman, 1310 West Ohio, entertained a group of friends in their home.

Group prizes were awarded contest winners and a buffet supper was served at the conclusion of the evening.

Guests included Lt. and Mrs. J. P. Mainquist, Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Matthews, Lt. and Mrs. L. A. Wheaton, Lt. and Mrs. S. L. Catalani and Lt. and Mrs. John Hartman.

Goldsten-Hardy Rites Read Monday Afternoon

Miss Jeanne Hardy of Marshall and Sgt. Sidney Goldsten of Roswell were married Monday afternoon in a single ring ceremony in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Vernon Yearby read the vows.

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Col. C. C. Walsh Dies In Dallas

DALLAS—(AP)—Col. Charles Clinton Walsh, banker, lawyer and author, died here in a hospital Monday night. He was 76.

Colonel Walsh, who came to Dallas from San Angelo in 1923, helped organize the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, served on its first board of directors and was its president in 1923-24.

He was Federal Reserve agent, chairman of the board and director of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank from 1925 to 1937.

His published works included legal text books, cowboy dialects, folklore, poetry and magazine articles. Before coming to Dallas, he was for 18 years president of the Central National Bank of San Angelo and its predecessor, the San Angelo Bank and Trust Company.

From 1912 to 1925 he was a trustee of Southern Methodist University, which he helped bring to Dallas.

Survivors include the widow and a daughter, Mrs. Mark Woodward of Gonzales.

Funeral services will be held here at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

Additional services will be held at 5 p. m. Thursday in San Angelo.

MacArthur Too Busy To Discuss Politics

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, NEW GUINEA—(AP)—No comment was available from Gen. Douglas MacArthur or his staff Tuesday on the latest Washington press stories suggesting MacArthur would accept the Republican presidential nomination.

The Southwest Pacific commander and his senior officers were described as too occupied with the current New Britain campaign to have time or opportunity for comment on political issues.

(Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich) declared in Washington Monday he would continue to assume that MacArthur would accept the Republican nomination for President "unless he says he would not.")

The Indianapolis Star said it had been learned in Washington that MacArthur was making "tentative plans" to return to the United States in March for conferences in the national capital.

Planes Can't Rescue Indies, Says Helfrich

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—(AP)—Vice Adm. Conrad Helfrich, commander-in-chief of all Netherlands forces against Japan, indicated in an interview Tuesday his disbelief the Japanese can be bombed out of the East Indies, saying landings would be necessary to retake some of the islands.

TEXAS PAYROLLS JUMP

AUSTIN—(AP)—Texas employment and payroll in manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries were up 20.4 per cent and 37.7 per cent, respectively, in November compared to a year ago, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

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COMING EVENTS

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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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CHAPTER XIV

NIGHT was still heavy in the sky. The chemist's room was indistinct and murky, by the light of the expiring lamp; a ghostly silence had succeeded to the knocking and the voice outside; nothing was audible but, now and then, a low sound among the whitened ashes of the fire, as of its yielding up its last breath. Before it on the ground the boy lay fast asleep. In his chair, the Chemist sat, as he had sat there since the calling at his door had ceased—like a man turned to stone.

Beyond the boy, so that his sleeping figure lay at his feet, the Phantom stood immovable and silent.

Was the form that stood beside it indeed Milly's? The quiet head was bent a little, as her manner was, and her eyes were looking down, as if in pity, on the sleeping child.

"SPECTER!" said the Chemist, newly troubled as he looked, "Oh, do not bring her here. Spare me that!"

"This is but a shadow," said the Phantom; "when the morning shines seek out the reality whose image I present before you."

"Is it my inexorable doom to do so?" cried the Chemist. "It is," replied the Phantom. "To destroy her peace, her goodness; to make her what I am myself, and what I have made of others!"

"I have said 'seek her out,'" returned the Phantom. "I have said no more."
"Oh, tell me," exclaimed Redlaw, catching at the hope which he fancied might lie hidden in the words. "Can I undo what I have done?"

"No," returned the Phantom. "I do not ask for restoration to myself," said Redlaw. "What I abandoned, I abandoned of my own free will, and have justly lost. But for those to whom I have transferred the fatal gift; who never sought it; who unknowingly received a curse of which they had no warning, and which they have no power to shun; can I do nothing?"

"Nothing," said the Phantom. "Ahl! Can she?" cried Redlaw, still looking upon the shade. The Phantom released the hand it had retained till now, and softly raised its own with a gesture of dismissal. Upon that, her shadow, still preserving the same attitude, began to move or melt away.

"Stay!" cried Redlaw with an earnestness to which he could not give enough expression. "For a moment! As an act of mercy!"

The Phantom answered: "Seek her out." And her shadow slowly vanished.

THEY were face to face again, and looking on each other, as intently and awfully as at the time of the bestowal of the gift, across the boy who still lay on the ground between them, at the Phantom's feet.

"Terrible instructor," said the Chemist, "why has this child alone been proof against my influence, and why, why, have I detected in its thoughts a terrible companionship with mine?"
"This," said the Phantom, pointing to the boy, "is the last, complete illustration of a human creature, utterly bereft of such remembrances as you have yielded up. No softening memory of sorrow, wrong, or trouble enters here, because this wretched mortal from his birth has been abandoned to a worse condition than the beasts, and has, within his knowledge, no one contrast, no humanizing touch, to make a grain of such a memory spring up in his hardened breast. All within this desolate creature is barren wilderness. All within the man bereft of what you have resigned, is the same barren wilderness. Woe to such a man!"

The Chemist clasped his hands, and looked, with trembling fear and pity, from the sleeping boy to the Phantom, standing above him with its finger pointing down.

"Behold, I say," pursued the Specter, "the perfect type of what it was your choice to be. Your influence is powerless here, because from this child's bosom you can banish nothing. His thoughts have been in 'terrible companionship' with yours, because you have gone down with his unnatural level. He is the growth of man's indifference; you are the growth of man's presumption. The beneficent design of Heaven is, in each case, overthrown, and from the two poles of the immaterial world you come together."

The Chemist stooped upon the ground beside the boy, and, with the same kind of compassion for him that he now felt for himself, covered him as he slept, and no longer shrank from him with abhorrence or indifference.

(To Be Continued)

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In mentioning the principle of anticipation, a feature of every good bidding system, Mrs. Peterson quite rightly states that while the original bid may present no problem, the rebid when partner responds often does. This is why, as a result of bitter and costly experience, every good player before opening the bidding considers carefully what his next bid will be, if partner responds with his shortest suit.

U. S. Officers Cut Red Tape To Send Aid To Partisans

By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS.—Two energetic American Army officers, slicing red tape at their own risk, started the

lied supply line to the Yugoslav National Liberation Army of Marshal Broz even before the Partisan vs. Chetnik question had been discussed by the United States, Britain and Russia, it can now be disclosed.

Thanks to the initiative of these officers, the first shipment of American foodstuffs and medicines was loaded aboard a small Partisan blockade runner in an Italian Adriatic port on Oct. 10—one month after Broz established the equivalent of an Allied bridgehead on the Dalmatian coast.

Soon dozens of little caiques and schooners were swarming into Allied ports along the Italian east coast flying the red, white and blue flag of Croatia, with the red star in the center of the middle white stripe.

Supplies Move Swiftly All were manned by naval personnel of Broz's forces. They were former merchant seamen and fishermen whose seafaring ancestry runs back for centuries. The amount of American supplies immediately available for the Partisans was 250 tons.

An American major in charge of a supply mission went into Yugoslavia to verify that boxes of canned food, surgical dressings and medicines actually reached the men who were fighting the Germans. He slept one night in a Partisan home less than five miles from a

strong German garrison. He and his Partisan escort carried tommy-guns at all times but they succeeded in avoiding contact with the enemy.

The second American officer, a lieutenant, worked a 24-hour shift, checking and guarding supplies at the main Adriatic port and supervising their correct delivery to Partisan naval skippers.

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PHILADELPHIA.—A runaway horse fell between the ties of a Reading Company railroad trestle and delayed hundreds of commuters on their way to work. "Wait until the boss hears this one," passengers wisecracked as they disembarked from 11 passenger trains lined up, and made their way to buses and trolleys. Railroad men got the horse off the trestle after several hours.

New Books Reach Library Shelves

New books at the county library this week include the following: Come Unto These Yellow Sands, Earl Schneck; A Manual for Club Women, A. C. Smith; Opinions of Oliver Alston, Van Wyck Brooks; The Complete Works of William Shakespeare; Report on India, T. A. Raman; Free China's New Deal, Herbert Freyn; Vital Sermons, Kleiser Grenville; Aerology for Pilots, a U. S. Navy publication; The Craft of Novel Writing, Abraham S. Burack; Hypertension, Sidney H. Page; Mind in Transition, Joseph Hart; Main Currents, Vernon Parrington; My Life in China, Hallett Abend; We Should Know Jesus, J. A. Scott; How To Develop Your Executive Ability, Daniel Stark; American Giant, Francis Winwar; Release From Nervous Tension, David Harold Fluk, M. D.; Tenants of the Almighty, Arthur F. Papan; The Soviets, Albert William; Deserts On the March, Paul Bigelow Sears; The Hugenots, Otto Zoff; Mr. Churchill, Phillips Gueldala; Young Walter Scott, Sir Walter Scott; Football Through the Ages, Dea Hill, and, War In the Sun, James Lansdale Hodeon.

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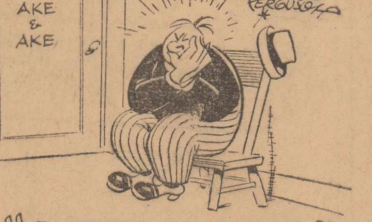
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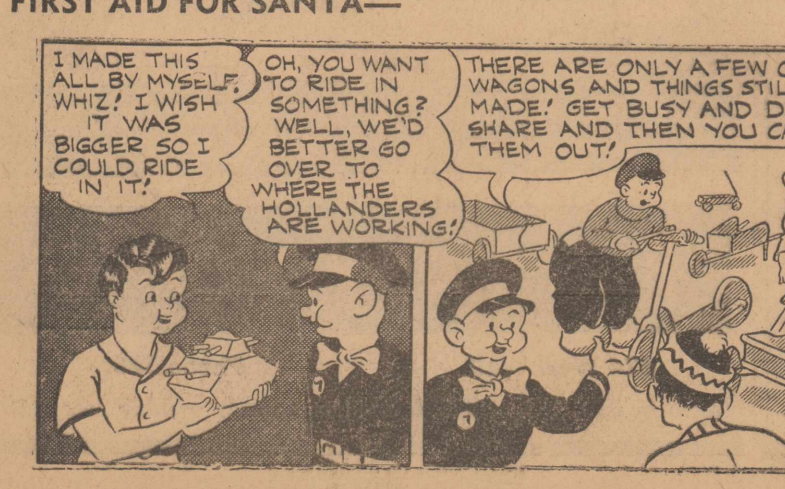
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—By HAL COCHRAN



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Odessa Army Captain Is Missing In Action

Capt. Robert E. Greenwell of Odessa is missing in action, the War Department announced Tuesday. His nearest of kin was listed as his wife, Mrs. Maxine E. Greenwell. The announcement indicated he had been serving in the European war area.

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EISENHOWER PRAYS IN SHRINE OF BETHLEHEM

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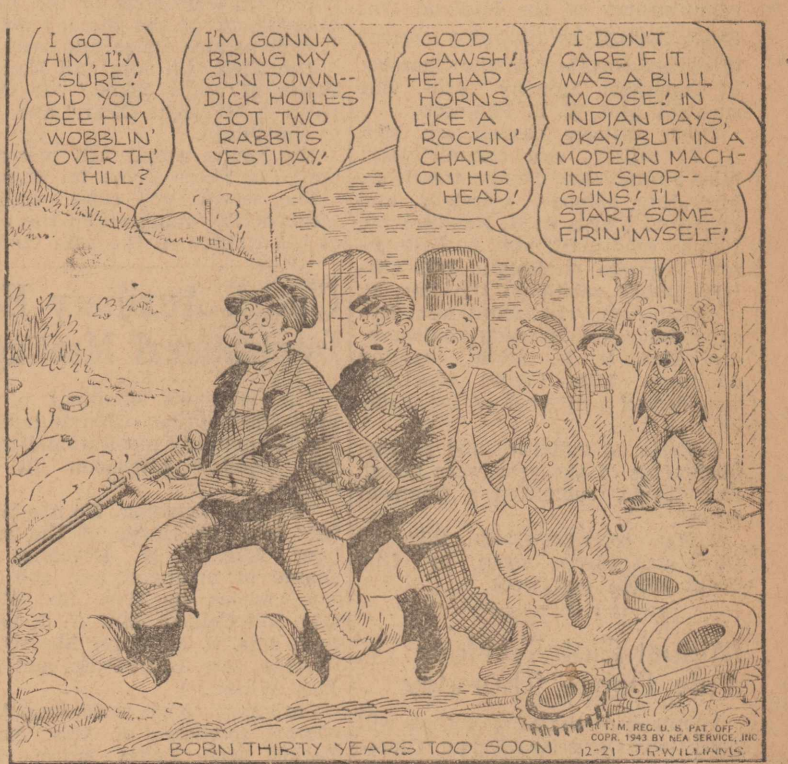
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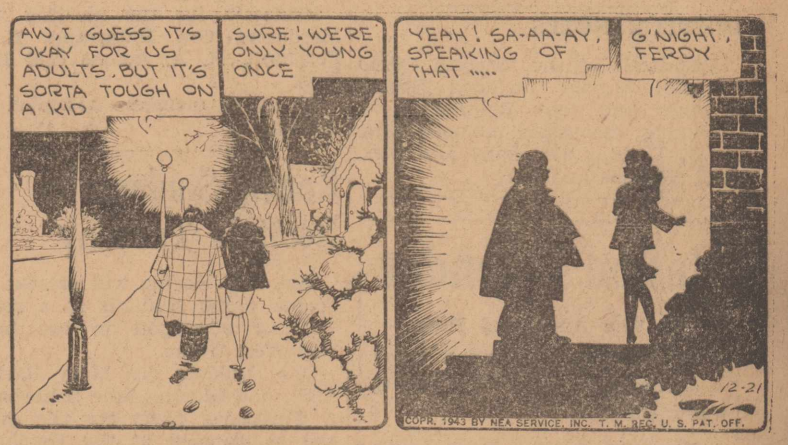
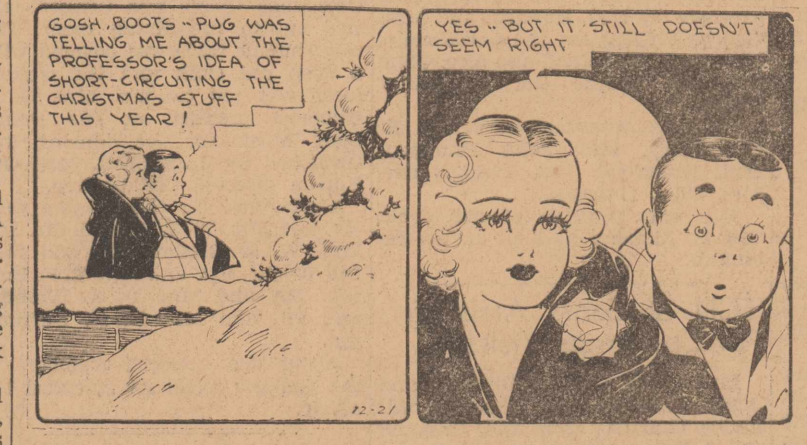
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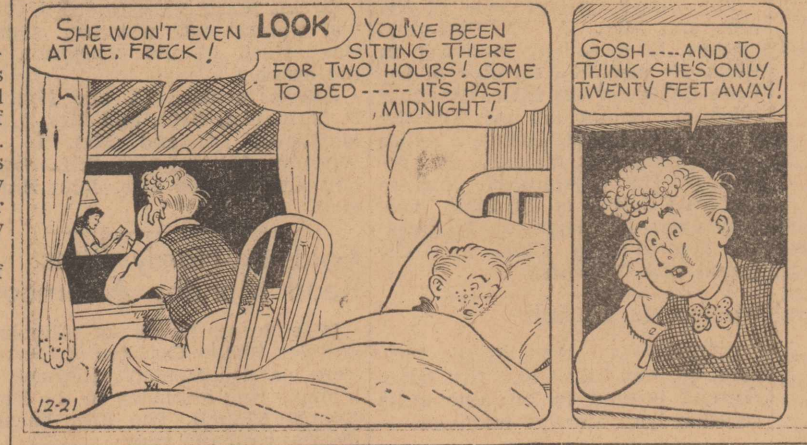
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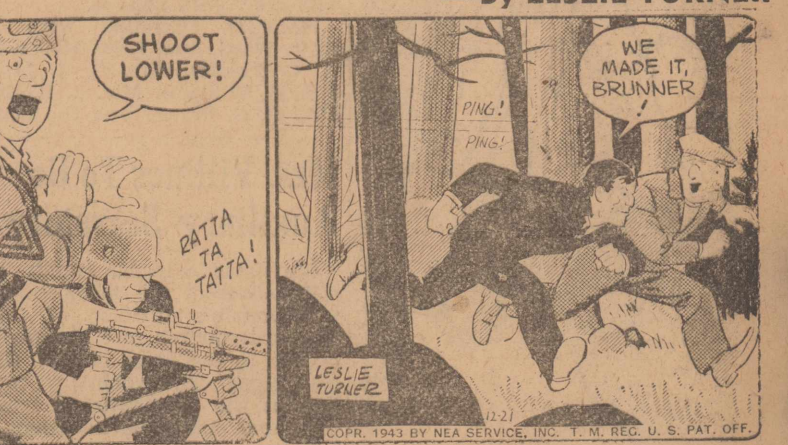
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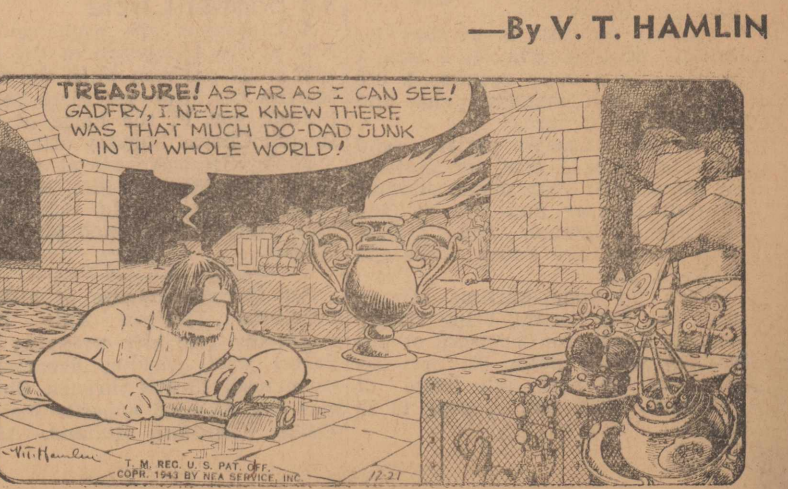
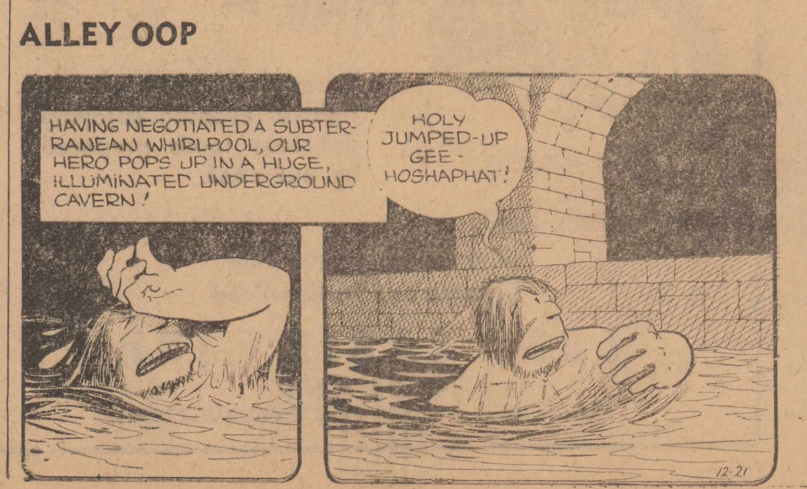
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Card of Thanks

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Mrs. W. B. Brooks and Family. (246-1)

We wish to take this method to express our appreciation for the kindness shown us in any way during the greatest sorrow of our life in the loss of our beloved husband, father, son and brother. We especially wish to thank the Ellis Funeral Home and Bro. Boyd and Bro. Clement for their comforting words. We also thank our friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral offerings and for the food that was brought in. May you have such friends in your time of sorrow as our prayer.

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800 Bombers --

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heaviest raid of the war—more than 2,300 tons rained on Berlin the night of Nov. 22—and its effect on a city less than an eighth the size of the German capital must have been terrific.

Frankfurt has been the target for British bombers on numerous occasions, but Monday night's raid was the third major attack (more than 500 tons) by the RAF. The city, important inland port and rail center, also has been heavily attacked in daylight by American heavy bombers.

The Frankfurt attack was the RAF's fourth major operation of a month which has seen Berlin bombed twice in strength and Leipzig once. Losses to date for December total 136 aircraft.

Damage Is Reported By German account, the RAF caused damage and losses to the civilian population in the districts hit. The Nazis asserted that a number of RAF planes were shot down by intense flak.

American Fortresses and Liberators had a big day Monday in stabling a body blow at the Nazi U-boat effort by losing a cargo of high explosives and incendiaries on the port of Bremen in Northwest Germany.

The American bombers, escorted by swarms of fighters, knocked down 40 Nazi planes while losing 25 heavy bombers and eight fighters.

Visibility Was Excellent The American airmen, flying four miles high in temperatures 50 degrees below zero, found visibility excellent over Bremen, it was announced, despite German attempts to shroud the big port under a rolling smoke screen.

Until Monday night, the major force of RAF heavy bombers had been idle since the night of Dec. 16 when they cast 1,500 long tons of bombs on battered Berlin at a cost of 30 bombers.

Since the first of the month, the RAF had carried out two other heavy raids—one on Berlin the night of Dec. 2 and one on Leipzig the following night. A total of 1,500 long tons of explosives were dropped during both these raids.

15-Mile Surge --

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Korosten sector Monday, front dispatches said, and had repulsed a series of sharp enemy assaults. Pre-vious reports said fighting in the bulge was centered in the area below Mainz. Monday's action cost the Germans 600 men and 27 tanks in one sector alone, the Moscow war bulletin said.

Dispatches also revealed that the Russians were now exerting strong pressure from the southeast on Kirovograd, Dnieper bend enemy base, in an apparent drive to isolate that industrial center. The Russian communiqué said the Germans lost 1,200 men killed and 59 tanks destroyed in futile counterattacks there Monday.

A German military spokesman was quoted by the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter as saying the Germans had withdrawn troops from the Kiev bulge southward toward Kirovograd, suggesting Von Manstein may have abandoned his drive on Kiev.

LIGHTS DOWN NAZIS

LONDON—(AP)—A summary of 1943 activities of Britain's anti-aircraft defenses discloses that two German raiders were destroyed during the year without being hit, the pilots crashing when blinded by searchlights.

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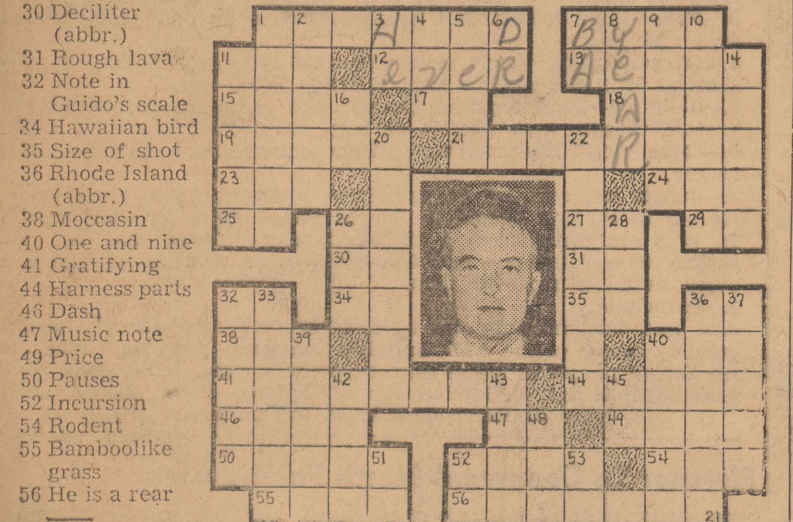
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Yanks Best Team, Notre Dame Next In Writers' Poll

NEW YORK—(P)—The New York Yankees, doing the rags to riches routine, moved from the biggest disappointment of 1942 to number one team of 1943, but Joe McCarthy's clan had to go hard to nose out Notre Dame's Irishmen.

For the twelfth straight year the annual poll of sports writers conducted by The Associated Press has produced a baseball winner but football might have broken the string this time if Notre Dame had been able to get past the Great Lakes Sailors in the last game.

Final tabulations show the Yankees and Irish received the same number of first place votes, 22 each, but the world champs got their winning margin in total points 168-166, through the balloting for second and third.

If the upset by Great Lakes cost Notre Dame the title, the fact that the Yankees bounced back to beat the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series won the crown.

Football Attracts Interest

Of the 27 teams mentioned in the poll, 13 were football clubs with the remainder divided among basketball with five, baseball with four, hockey with three and swimming with two.

Illinois' Whiz Kids, who won the Big Ten basketball title without losing a game, surprised with 11 first place ballots and enough points, 57, to give them third place by a comfortable margin.

The leading teams of 1943 and point totals:

New York Yankees, baseball	163
Notre Dame, football	166
Illinois, basketball	57
Chicago Bears, football	18
Iowa Pre-Flight, football	8
Ohio State, swimming	7
Wyoming, basketball	7
St. Louis Cardinals, baseball	6
University of Wash., football	5

Football Comeback Predicted For '44

CHICAGO—(P)—Major John L. Griffith believes the Western Conference has proven the value of continuing war-time football and that colleges which suspended the sport will flock back into the fold in 1944.

"Many schools have realized they made a big mistake by hastily dropping football," the Big Ten commissioner said Tuesday. "Western Conference teams, playing before 1,055,000 spectators in home games this fall, profited enough financially to assure a complete sports program next year."

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(P)—When such a basketball expert as the Oklahoma Aggie's Hank Iba grudgingly admits that a suggested change in basketball "might work," this department feels safe in popping off about it. Our idea was to hoist the basket up out of reach of the extra-tall boys, and to make it larger so that shooters would have a reasonable chance of hitting their mark without getting into those traffic jams under the bucket. Iba, who contends that basketball will see a lot of post-war changes, agreed that anything that tends to produce more outside shots will give the spectators a chance to see what's going on inside. Then he added still another point—if the bank-boards are higher, the rebounds will go farther out into the court. Maybe we still couldn't see what those of the clever ball-handlers were doing, but we'd like to see the experiment made once.

Sportpourri
The two lightweight champs, Sammy Angott and Beau Jack, likely will meet in an over-weight scrap at the Garden Jan. 28. . . . Wonder what good that'll do? . . . Emery Hresko, outfielder-pitcher of the Flint, Mich., American Legion baseball team, has been offered \$2,500 to sign with the Giants but decided to wait until he heard from the Tigers. . . . Allie Stolz's kid brother, Stanley, made his debut as an amateur boxer last week in the same Newark A. C. ring where Allie started as a 105-pounder. Stanley weighs 125. . . . Steve Warga, Jr., who won the Miami Open golf tourney, is an air line radio operator and Johnny Bulla, who tied for third, is an air line pilot. Perhaps they're used to hobnobbing with birdies.

Service Dept.
The National Football League's service list numbers 337 men, all taken from active duty with the clubs, and just half of them are commissioned officers. . . . Ex-Yankee Scooter Rizzuto, playing basketball for the welfare and recreation team at the Norfolk Naval Training Station, topped his team in scoring twice last week, but W. and R. lost once to the Anti-Submarine Warfare outfit paced by two other baseballers, Benny McCoy and Eddie Robinson.

Basketball Scores

Arkansas 58, Camp Chaffee 52. Majors Field 39, SMU 36.

FORMER COACH ASKED FOR TIPS ON SOCCER
STATE COLLEGE, PA.—(P)—Soccer coach Bill Jeffrey of Penn State recently received an SOS from an Army corporal stationed at Bermuda.

Placed in charge of a soccer squad, Corp. R. L. "Tazy" Richter, Eastern intercollegiate heavyweight champ five years ago, wrote to Jeffrey for tips on how to teach soccer to soldiers.

RED CROSS WOMEN PUT MEN TO WORK
WASHINGTON, CONN.—(P)—The Red Cross women of this town had an impressive quota of bandages to roll by January 1, feared they wouldn't make it.

Someone suggested they have a party, invite the men, serve refreshments. About a dozen men showed up, ate, rolled bandages. Result: quota filled two weeks ahead of time.

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The Waves Are Fine



Ann and Jewel Bubnick, Carteret, N. J., WAVES, try salt-water brand on Miami Beach. The 22-year-old twins are yeomen at Opa Locka, Fla., Naval Air Station.

Lt. Patty Berg Is Year's Champion Woman Athlete

NEW YORK—(P)—The United States Marine Corps Reserve harbors the woman athlete of the year in Lt. Patty Berg, golfing redhead from Minneapolis, who Monday was so acclaimed by The Associated Press in its annual poll of the nation's sports editors.

A year ago it appeared probable Miss Berg might never make another sports headline as she had suffered a fractured knee cap and lacerated jaw in a Texas automobile collision. But she hit the comeback trail and recaptured her Women's Western Open crown in a thrilling last round duel with Dorothy Kirby.

It's the second win for Miss Berg. She was crowned in 1938. She and Alice Marble, champ in 1939 and 1940, are the only repeaters.

Gloria Callen, swimming star, who was named top girl athlete last year, slid to third behind Pauline Betz, national tennis champ.

Miss Berg received 20 first place votes and a total of 118 points. The runnerup tennis champ had 11 firsts and 76 points.

THIS CHRISTMAS CARD GROWS OLD IN SERVICE
TULSA, OKLA.—(P)—In 1930 Maurice Luther, St. Louis, sent an expensive Christmas card to H. E. Pope, Tulsa.

The next year Pope scratched out Luther's name, signed his own and mailed it back. Luther returned it to Pope the third year.

By 1938 the card was a bit battered and so jammed with signatures that they began writing on the back.

They figure someone will have to buy a new one by 1953.

WAR MIGHT ORGANIZED IN INDIA, SAYS WAVELL
CALCUTTA—(P)—Field Marshal Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India, declares that India is being organized as a base for a "mighty force of warships, armies, and air squadrons than has ever before been gathered in the East."

In an address here Monday he also declared "there can be no security of the world either, economic or political, until Japan is as thoroughly defeated as Germany."

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Roosevelt Hopes Railroad Strike Can Be Averted

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt asserted Tuesday that assurances there would not be a transportation stoppage would be the best Christmas present the American people could get. He expressed a hope that railway executives and employe representatives could get together and work out a formula which would provide some wage increases.

Roosevelt told a press conference the discussions were under way toward setting up some sort of system under which rail employes would get time and one-half for overtime or the equivalent. He said that he had learned only a few months ago that, unlike most industrial workers, railway employes do not receive time and one-half for overtime. He said that while perhaps 150,000 to 200,000 operating workers of the carriers were paid on a mileage basis, perhaps some plan could be developed to give them what would amount to time and a half.

He said this might amount to four cents an hour, in addition to an hourly wage increase of four cents already recommended for operating workmen by an emergency board.

The President said he hoped an arrangement could be worked out within the framework of the stabilization law, which would be fair and equitable.

Yanks Want To Return To Old Employment

CAMP CLAIBORNE, LA.—(P)—If an official survey made here can be considered a cross-section of Army opinion, only two per cent of the nation's soldiers expect to remain in the Army after the war.

Eighty-six per cent of the men here said they expect to return to their pre-induction jobs. Most of them said they are doing the same type of work in the Army that they did in civilian life, and will require little "brushing up."

Twelve per cent are undecided as to the future, and don't expect to make up their minds until peace is a more solid prospect.

Lesson Studied In U. S. Saves Life In England

LONDON—(P)—American medical officers credited first aid training which two American soldiers received at home with saving the life of Pvt. Arthur C. Grasser, 6395 Twenty Sixth Ave., Kenosha, Wis. after Grasser received a deep cut on the wrist while operating a motor-driven saw at an ordnance installation in England.

Pvt. Adlis A. Baudoin, 133 Sala Ave., Westwego, La., and Sgt. Zepheus R. Dillingham, 2139 Malvern Road, Charlotte, N. C., immediately applied first aid.

Doctors said Grasser would have bled to death if it hadn't been for the prompt action of his two companions.

Four French Leaders Charged With Treason

ALGIERS—(P)—The French National Committee announced Tuesday that warrants had been issued for the arrest on treason charges of Pierre-Etienne Flandin, former French premier and later minister of foreign affairs in the Vichy cabinet, and four other prominent French.

The others are: Marcel Peyronnet, former governor general of Algeria; Pierre Boisson, former governor general of French West Africa; Tikier De Vignancourt, former French deputy and high Vichy functionary; and Andre Albert, former French deputy.

Schoolboy Teams In Final Practice For Title Contest

By The Associated Press
Light practice sessions were observed Monday in the camps of the San Angelo Bobcats and the Lufkin Panthers as the two football teams started preparations for their state schoolboy championship game in Dallas Saturday.

Coach Buck Prejean, bent on loosening the kinks from last week's game with Goose Creek, kept the Panthers on the field for more than two hours but the 15 players who saw action in the semi-finals were held to a light workout. The second and third teams scrimmaged.

The Bobcats held no scrimmage but worked on defense against Lufkin plays. Heavy scrimmages are scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday. The Cats have Thursday for Dallas early Friday.

Coach Jewell Wallace planned to have Dennis Doyle, Bobcat tackle, out for practice Tuesday. Doyle, who was in bed Saturday night with 104-degree fever, remained abed Sunday and Monday.

Thanks, Syria!

CHICAGO—(P)—Albert N. Marquis, 89, founder of "Who's Who In America," died Tuesday in his home in suburban Evanston.



Far-off Syria did all right by the good old U. S. A. when it permitted the export of such a "hip" candidate as Faredi Daoud, pictured striding along under the Los Angeles sun. The Syrian beauty is known on the stage as Lorraine De Wood.

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Airline Plans --

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from the Army one of its Lockheed Lodestars, and that this airplane would provide considerable more flexibility of schedules than previously had been possible.

Plan Facilities Here
Other purposes of the Continental survey trip are to determine facilities for ground installations and ticket counter space, Carmichael said.

"If the traffic needs of Midland warrant, we will establish a downtown ticket office. We will, of course, need facilities for ship-to-ground radio installations and passenger handling at the airport."

In addition to passengers, Continental will carry express, mail and cargo into and out of Midland. The airline employs 14-passenger Lockheed Lodestars exclusively in its operations.

"This is the fastest commercial airliner in service today," Carmichael said, "and enables Continental to maintain the fastest block-to-block schedules in the United States."

The Continental officials, traveling by air, also planned conferences with chamber of commerce and city officials at Odessa before continuing on to Hobbs.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle 2-200; calves 1,400; steady; medium to good slaughter steers and yearlings 10.00-13.00; few yearlings high-grade; good beef cows 9.50-10.50; plain and medium 7.75-8.00; good and choice fat calves 10.50-12.00; plain and medium calves 8.00-10.00; stocker steer calves 8.00-11.75; heifer calves 11.25 down; stocker and feeder steers and yearlings 7.50-11.75; stocker cows 9.50 down.

Hogs 2,700; about steady; top 13.65; good and choice 200-270 lb. butcher hogs, receiving U. S. price support, 13.55-65; good heavy 350 lb. butchers 12.75; good 150-195 lb. averages 10.00-13.25; packing sows 11.00-75; stocker pigs 9.50 down.

Sheep 2,500; unchanged; old ewes 5.50-6.25; some medium to good lambs 12.50; feeder lambs 10.00 down; other classes scarce.

Notes For Soldiers Advocated By FDR

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt declared Tuesday he had a simple policy on the question of votes for soldiers—that every soldier should be given an opportunity to vote unless combat circumstances prevented it.

He enunciated the policy at a press conference in response to a request for comment on the soldier vote bill pending in Congress.

South America's Orinoco river has nearly 500 tributaries.

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- 6.—"Mae West" life-preserver to keep gunner afloat if forced down at sea.
- 7.—Jungle kit, attached to parachute, which contains every possible aid to survival should a flier be forced down in wild terrain. In it is everything from a 12-inch machete, flares, matches, "D" rations (chocolate bars) and fish hooks to sulfa drugs, quinine and every available first-aid item.
- 9.—Parachute.

And last, but certainly not least, is the all-important six weeks' gunnery course of the AAF Training Command, preparing the gunner for all phases of aerial warfare. Modeling the well-dressed gunner's outfit is Sgt. J. Gamburdilla of Hamden, Conn., already with a bomber combat crew. (NEA Photo)

Fletcher To Command North Pacific Area

WASHINGTON—(P)—Appointment of Vice Admiral Frank J. Fletcher as commander of the North Pacific area was announced Tuesday by Secretary of the Navy Knox. Fletcher succeeds Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, who recently was sent to the Southwest Pacific.

First radio license in the United States was issued to a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1911.