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FIFTH ARMY ATTACKS 3 TOWNS

Gen. Marshall Speeds Offensive In Pacific

By MORRIE LANDSBERG
Associated Press War Editor

Disclosure that General George C. Marshall, U. S. Army chief of staff, had visited the battle zones in the Southwest and Central Pacific gave impetus Wednesday to the gathering offensive to uproot the Japanese from their stolen ocean empire.

The news provided Japan's leaders with something else to worry about besides the latest Allied communiqués telling of shooting down 30 more Nipponese planes together with the sinking of one enemy merchantman and damaging of six other ships.

Although the Japanese no longer seriously challenged the American foothold on New Britain Island and apparently were evacuating the southern half of Bougainville, other reports emphasized growing enemy activity in the air in an attempt to ward off enemy activity in the air in an attempt to ward off damaging Allied stabs at Japanese bases.

Dawson Wildcat Showing Oil And Gas In Swabbing

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware, No. 1 Spraberry, Southeast Dawson County wildcat in section 38, block 34, TPRR survey, T-5-N, about 10 miles east and two miles south of Lamesa, is making considerable free gas and a fair show of oil in swabbing to the bottom at 7,679 feet in lime section.

Fluid level in the hole was approximately 3,400 feet from the surface. It was thought all the water was from the bottom and it likely can be plugged off after the swabbing has cleaned the project out.

Scattered sections indicating oil have been encountered at various levels since the Clear Fork zone of the Permian was marked at 6,707 feet. Pipe was set last week at 6,900 feet.

Frankels Tested Hole

Frankel Bros. No. 1 University, southwest of nearest production in the Fullerton area of Northwest Andrews, has tested a showing in the Holt horizon of the Permian which is apparently the best so far found from that horizon in the region.

Location is in section 17, block 13, University survey, three-quarters of a mile west of Mid-Continental Petroleum Corporation No. 1-B University, which was completed for a small well several weeks ago to extend proven limits of the Fullerton field about two miles to the southeast.

On a core at 6,125-43 feet a recovery of 18 feet of an anhydrite dolomite was made. In 10 feet of the section was cavernous porosity and good saturation. The core from 6,143-60 feet had a recovery of nine and one-half feet of the same section and four and one-half feet had fair porosity and saturation.

During a 30-minute drillstem test at 6,090-6,160 feet a 54-foot recovery of drilling mud with no shows was obtained. A third core was cut at 6,160-78 feet and the zone at 6,166-78 feet, in the full 100 per cent recovery of dense anhydrite dolomite, showed cavernous porosity and saturation.

May Make A Well

The project is drilling ahead under 6,360 feet. Original objective was the Fullerton pay around 7,000 feet and likely the hole will be carried on down. However, should an analysis of the cores, now being made in Houston, show as much porosity as they appear to have, it is probable that the well will be completed from the upper zone.

Practically all wells in the Fullerton field are in the Fullerton zone.

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Symbolizing the high cost of the U. S. Marines' victory at Tarawa is this photo, just received from the Gilbert Island atoll. It shows Sgt. James L. Burns, USMC, of Ottumwa, Iowa, looking for names of friends among the crosses in the temporary cemetery on Tarawa beach.

Eisenhower May Direct Big Invasion

By William Smith White
LONDON—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is now believed leading the field for the job of Allied commander-in-chief for the western invasion. This would leave the developing campaign for the Mediterranean theater generally in British hands.

The victor of North Africa and Sicily has come to the forefront despite earlier and unquestionably accurate reports that Gen. George C. Marshall had initially been picked for the great command.

The impression here is that both had been found acceptable by supreme Allied leaders at the Tehran conference, but that since then American considerations have raised Eisenhower to the No. 1 choice.

It now appears Prime Minister Churchill's illness may be delaying the final agreement on the selection.

In the beginning Eisenhower's prospects seemed to suffer from American fear that his appointment would create an impression—however false—that the Italian and Mediterranean war would be wholly subordinated.

Objections Are Answered

Against this objection these considerations now are offered:

1. Some British generals such as Sir Harold Alexander, veteran of years of action in that theater and always closely associated with Eisenhower and his methods, could take over with a minimum disruption of plans.
2. In Italy and in the Mediterranean generally the preponderance of Allied forces—both ground and at sea—is British.
3. It has been widely said here (Continued on Page 7)

Soviet Lunge Drags Noose Over Vitebsk

LONDON—(AP)—The Russian Baltic Army, surging forward unchecked, has advanced another five miles and now stands only 15 miles from the Nazi fortress city of Vitebsk, Reuters reported Wednesday from Moscow.

Encirclement of this enemy stronghold thus became hourly more imminent.

This thrust and a companion drive toward the important rail junction of Polotsk, 60 miles to the west, threatened the stability of the entire German line defending the Baltic states.

A Russian communique earlier had reported the forces of Gen. Ivan C. Bagration within 20 miles of Vitebsk from the north through capture of Gribal and less than 25 miles away to the east.

Slash 50-Mile Gap

His troops, storming down from Nevel Tuesday, blasted their way through a 50-mile gap in deep German defenses capturing more than 100 villages and leaving 1,600 German dead in their wake.

Other columns, swinging out to the west, were within 35 miles of Polotsk, fall of which would seriously weaken communications between the German northern and central armies and possibly force retirement of the Nazis' left flank.

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WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Fifth Army reaches outskirts of San Vittore.

EUROPEAN AERIAL—RAF Mosquito bombers hit Western Germany.

RUSSIA—Russians 15 miles from Vitebsk.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Liberators raid Taroa Air Base in Marshalls.

Stanolind Acquires Nine Slaughter Wells For \$430,000 Cash

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company has announced, through its Fort Worth office, purchase for \$430,000 cash of nine producers on two leases in the Slaughter field of Southwest Hockley County.

The property was bought from W. J. Richardson, Fort Worth, Sun Oil Company, owners of the leases, before they were farmed out to Richardson, retained a one-eighth over-ride.

Fifth Class Of Officer Bombardiers Graduate At Midland Army Air Field

Midland Army Air Field's fifth class of officer bombardiers was graduated Wednesday from a six week course in advanced bombing theories and teaching practices at ceremonies held in the Post Theater.

Major Charles R. Floyd, assistant director of training at the Bombardier Instructors School, was in charge of the graduation program in the absence of Lt. Col. Joseph G. Russell, the director of training.

This Central Instructors School serves as a "refresher" for the professors of Axis blasting. Its training goes far beyond that covered in the cadet bombardier school. The techniques it teaches are the latest, and in addition to intelligence reports from the combat zones, it receives a constant flow of combat veterans who provide first hand knowledge of how to blow the enemy off the map.

Wednesday's graduates will now report for duty at the many bombardier schools and training bases in the nation as instructors and administrators of the Army Air Forces Training Command's intensive bombardier schooling program.

Partisan Army Takes Offensive On Every Sector

LONDON—(AP)—Marshal Josip Broz' (Tito) Partisan Army of 250,000, battling German and collaborationist forces twice its size, has taken to the offensive on every sector of Yugoslavia's irregular battlefield, a communique from the Yugoslav Army of Liberation announced Wednesday.

The German forces, spearheaded by the German 373rd division, struck back with large-scale assaults in Croatia in an effort to regain the initiative, the war bulletin disclosed, but Tito's 7th Patriot Division decisively thwarted the enemy thrusts.

List 40,000 Nazi Casualties

With Yugoslavia developing into a battlefield of broadening scope, a recapitulation of Hitler's losses in his efforts to clear his Balkan flank shows that he had 40,000 casualties in October and November alone. These figures were given in a Moscow broadcast, which said the casualties included 16,000 killed and 11,000 prisoners.

German broadcasts heard in Cairo claimed the capture last Sunday of the Bosnian town of Jajce, described as Tito's headquarters. The report said Tito and his government were in flight. There was no confirmation of this enemy report.

A Transoceanic dispatch, also broadcast by Berlin, took cognizance of the considerable amount of war material being ferried across the Adriatic from Italy to the Partisans when it reported that Hitler's puppet forces in Eastern Bosnia had captured 27 tanks and two anti-tank guns from Tito's forces.

The dispatch listed Tito's losses since the opening of the recent Bosnian campaign as 2,926 killed, 4,000 wounded and 2,800 captured. Croat (Nazi) units in the same period lost 106 killed, 3,325 wounded and seven missing, the dispatch added.

Roosevelt Prepares Christmas Eve Speech

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt left most of his time open Wednesday so he could work on the address he will deliver Christmas Eve to the nation and to the armed services abroad.

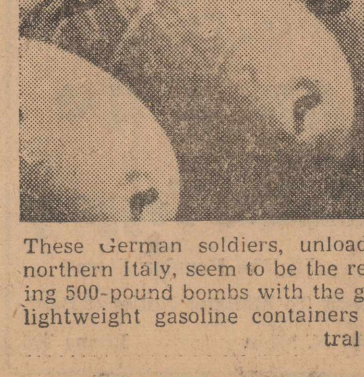
Mrs. Charles Dublin Dies In New Mexico

Mrs. Charles Dublin, 70, of Jal. N. M., a former resident of Midland, died Tuesday in Hobbs, N.M. Funeral services will be held in the First Christian Church in Midland at 4 p. m., Thursday, with the Rev. J. E. Pickering officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

She was a pioneer rancher in New Mexico.

Survivors, who reside in Midland, include a sister, Mrs. J. R. Dublin; a brother, John H. Potter; three nieces, Mrs. Ola Dublin Haynes, Mrs. Ellen Potter Sledge, and Mrs. Herd Midkiff; and three nephews, John Dublin, Ben Dublin and Tom Potter.

Supermen?



These German soldiers, unloading a Junkers transport plane in northern Italy, seem to be the real Nazi "supermen," apparently totting 500-pound bombs with the greatest of ease. But "bombs" are just lightweight gasoline containers Luftwaffe uses. Photo from neutral source.

French Support American Drive; British Fight In Ortona Streets

Franco Government 'Regreis' Vandalism In U. S. Consulate

MADRID—(AP)—The Spanish foreign ministry expressed deepest regret today to U. S. Ambassador Carlton J. H. Hayes over an attack by two Falangists on the American consulate in Valencia Saturday.

Punishment of the two party members concerned in the episode was promised. Secretary General Jose Luis Arrese also apologized in the name of the Falange.

This news came almost simultaneously with a Madrid announcement that Franco had decided that the Falange militia is no longer necessary and that a conditional amnesty would be granted to all political prisoners except those held for "common crimes." About 8,000 will be freed by Christmas, one dispatch estimated.

Hayes said the two men, later identified as Falangists, entered the consulate, tore pictures off the walls and made speeches to visitors.

They were arrested by Spanish police. It was the first time, as far as is known here, that the Spanish government had moved against anti-foreign demonstrations by members of the Falange, only official party.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers — (AP) —

The American Fifth Army forces bolstered by heavy artillery and mortar fire, captured several new heights and reached the outskirts of San Vittore on the road to Rome Wednesday, while the British Eighth Army battled the Germans with tanks and infantry in the streets of Ortona.

American and French troops along the northern mountainous sector of the Fifth Army front were reported attacking the villages of Acqua-Fonda, five miles west of Filignano, and Cardito, after occupying a high point in the Mt. Casole region in their push westward on Cassino.

The announcement that the French forces under Gen. Pierre Juin were participating with the Fifth's attack in this sector was the first disclosure of the location of the French whose presence on Italian soil was announced last week.

The French, who have been struggling for the last three days for possession of a vital mountain pass, were reported to have taken the southern half. Other short gains in this area were reported.

In their assault on San Vittore, the Americans were methodically wiping out numerous pillboxes the Germans had built around the town, using every house and every natural obstacle to slow the Allied advance.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army tanks, meanwhile, slugged it out with German Mark IVs in the streets of Ortona, which has been the northern anchor of the Nazi line.

Fierce engagements were fought in the running street battle.

Highway Captured

(The United Nation's radio in Algiers said the Eighth Army held almost the entire Ortona-Osogna highway. The Germans counter-attacked a force of New Zealanders with the Eighth, the broadcast added, leading off the operation early Wednesday morning with a barrage of flame-throwers and tanks in an attempt to dislodge the New Zealanders from the vital highway.)

Southwest of Ortona, British troops made slight advances after repelling two desperate German counterattacks.

The British assault on Ortona, spearheaded by Canadian troops, was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment.

Planes Aid Partisans

In the air war, Allied fighter-bombers swarmed over the Yugoslav coast and attacked German positions in support of the Partisan forces of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito).

Fighters and fighter-bombers ranged over the battle area and near Rome, blasting transport and communications. Medium bombers also struck at Terracina, 58 miles southeast of Rome.

One enemy plane was destroyed for a loss of one Allied aircraft.

A naval communique said British motor torpedo boats captured two German schooners off the Yugoslav coast Dec. 19, taking their crews prisoners.

Profits Of War To Bring 'Shock', Walsh Declares

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Walsh (D-Mass.) declared Wednesday the American people will be "shocked" when the profits on war contracts are disclosed.

He made this statement in announcing he would oppose several of the proposed changes in the war contracts renegotiation law when the tax bill which carries them is debated in the Senate.

Walsh's pointed criticism of parts of the \$2,275,000,000 revenue bill followed a sharp exchange on the same subject between Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and Chairman George (D-Conn.) of the Senate Finance Committee, which cleared the bill Tuesday.

Indicating he might join other committee members in a minority report, Walsh said:

"In my opinion there will never be another period more favorable for obtaining from the taxpayers a large contribution to the costs of the war.

"Outside of the white collar and fixed income groups, there is more earning, more spending, and less suffering as a result of the war effort, than at any other period."

Morgenthau previously had denounced the tax bill as entirely inadequate, but George in a blistering news conference early Tuesday night said he had "no apology" for trying to reach the secretary's goal of \$10,500,000,000 additional revenue.

And as for Morgenthau's assertion that the proposed renegotiation changes "hold the seed of a national scandal," George said "Mr. Morgenthau knows nothing about the renegotiation of contracts and less about how it is actually administered."

New Strike Order Complicates Plan

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Strike orders from a new quarter Wednesday complicated White House efforts to avert a threatened tieup of the nation's railway system, now set for Dec. 30.

As conferences went forward to keep 350,000 operating employees on the job, the leaders of an even larger segment of rail workers—the 1,100,000 who perform the office, shop and track work—set Dec. 30 as the deadline for meeting their wage demands.

Negotiations with the five operating brotherhoods (engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and switchmen) are expected to move into counterproposals providing for paid vacations, a liberalized overtime formula, and expenses away from home.

Reject Roosevelt's Plan

The operating groups Tuesday night rejected a plan put forward by President Roosevelt which would have given them a 4-cent hourly increase in the form of overtime pay or expenses, in addition to the straight 4-cent rate increase recommended by an emergency board.

The operating brotherhoods would settle for the supplementary 4 cents (a total of 8 cents) as a straight rate increase, one official said, but to call it overtime, or anything else, he argued, would impair their future bargaining position too much. That is, if they are going to sell now their claims to vacations, expenses, and better overtime, they feel the compromise rate should be better than 4 cents an hour.

One brotherhood chief remarked, "they want to trade us a jackrabbit for a thoroughbred mare."

Pyote Soldier Is Killed In Accident

PYOTE, TEXAS—(AP)—One soldier was killed and another seriously injured in an automobile accident early Wednesday ten miles east of town.

The soldiers, both from Rattlesnake Bomber Base here, were Sgt. Buster W. Hayer of Sudan, Texas, killed, and Corp. T. Summers, Ashland, Ala., injured.

Whale Visits Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—The harbor Tuesday had a visitor strange indeed to these parts—a whale. The 15-foot creature butted its head against a pile of rocks until finally gaffed by fishermen and lassoed by an ex-cowboy.

MRS. COOK DIES

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Mrs. Marie R. H. Cook, 66, widow of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, explorer, who was long involved in a worldwide dispute whether he discovered the North Pole, died Tuesday.

Bolivia Is Ready To Start Negotiations On Tin And Quinine

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA—(AP)—A desire for "effective cooperation" between the United States and Bolivia and an early settlement of negotiations concerning tin and quinine was expressed Wednesday by a minister in the new government of President Major Gualberto Villalpando.

"I believe an effective cooperation ought to exist between the United States and Bolivia," asserted Minister of Economy Gustavo Chacon, "and that within the shortest time possible we should face the matters left pending by the laxness of the former government including tin and quinine."

War Bulletins

LONDON—(AP)—American heavy bombers escorted by a fleet of fighters attacked targets somewhere in Northwest Germany Wednesday, it was announced by the Eighth U. S. Air Force.

CAIRO—(AP)—RAF heavy bombers attacked dockyards at Salamis in Southern Greece on the night of Dec. 19, it was disclosed Wednesday in a Middle East air communique covering a week's operations. Two enemy aircraft were downed but no Allied planes were lost.

CAIRO—(AP)—Warring Greek guerrillas have been urged by Premier Tsouderos to stop fighting among themselves because German occupation forces are merely waiting to "strike a deadly blow at the small remnants of you — if any are left."

MOSCOW—(AP)—Fighting desperately to hold Vitebsk — hub position of the northwestern Russian front—the Germans moved in fresh tank units and large forces of bombers and fighters Wednesday to meet Gen. Ivan Bagration's advancing First Baltic Army.

More Than 1,000 WACS Are In North Africa

ALGIERS—(AP)—More than 1,000 WACS are serving in the North African theater, Allied headquarters announced Wednesday, the first anniversary of the arrival of the first five WACS ever sent abroad from the United States.

WEATHER
Partly cloudy and cooler.

The Zero Hour is here!
It's a situation serious,
Put on your shopping gear,
Or you'll make Santa furious.

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Ickes Versus Ickes

Last October 25 wire service stories quoted the Bituminous Coal Institute to the effect that the United States then possessed one of the greatest coal stockpiles in its history, consisting of approximately 100,000,000 tons.

Exactly one week later, Nov. 1, the Department of Interior, headed by Secretary Harold L. Ickes, announced that there was on hand a stockpile of 100,000,000 tons of coal, the second largest in history.

It would seem difficult to get a quarrel out of that. But Honest Harold never is daunted by seeming impossibilities. While his Interior Department was agreeing with the Bituminous Coal Institute's estimate, Harold L. Ickes as Solid Fuels Administrator for War was writing to General Manager Harry L. Ickes of the institute a letter bristling with the milder Ickes invective.

"Deliberate misinterpretation" followed the seventh word. "Reckless" and "false" and "ignorance" and "mischievous" led up to "public misrepresentation" and "mendacious" and "Mr. Vawter's hot air."

Sandwiched liberally among the adjectives Solid Fuels Administrator Ickes presented masses of statistics both controversial and belligerent. Yet nowhere did he mention that simultaneously with his dictation of this letter the secretary of the Interior, was agreeing with what the letter purported to dispute.

The bituminous industry was asked to produce 600,000,000 tons this year, compared with 580,000,000 in 1942. It will not do that.

It will produce almost exactly the same in 1942—580,000,000 tons plus one or two millions, with luck. Why? Because of four strikes in one year, called by John L. Lewis and permitted by Washington, which cost 35,000,000 tons of coal output.

Ickes criticized the institute for saying that without strikes, absenteeism or heavy losses to the draft, and with necessary machinery, the industry could supply 650,000,000 tons next year. The administrator said that was asking for normal conditions in time of war.

Bituminous requirements next year are placed at 620,000,000 tons. Stop strikes, forget the other requirements, and the industry should meet that goal.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Drop In The Bucket

Pleading for the right of District of Columbia residents to vote, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt says that they were discriminated against, originally, for fear "government employees might be controlled and in turn control the people of their country." But, she adds, "now they are but a drop in the bucket of voters."

That ain't the way we heard it. The proportion of Americans in government employ never approached within shouting distance of what it is now. Nor did the founding fathers dream, in their most fearful moments, that it ever would.

Washington residents should have the right to vote, of course. But not on such grounds as Mrs. Roosevelt cites. We suggest that the First Lady go to the record when she purposes to write on such subjects.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Better Than It Looks

The 8789 airplanes produced in November, plus a reasonable expectation for December, will make only 85,876 for the year 1943 instead of the 112,000 originally scheduled. Fortunately the failure is purely technical. In effect, the industry has exceeded its goal.

This is because the original project contemplated a high percentage of small ships. When the big bombers began to show what they could accomplish, the emphasis was shifted. Obviously it is impossible to make one huge four-engine Fortress, Liberator or Skymaster for every one or two-engine pursuit ship originally conceived. Numerically production is off. But in weight of effective war-winning power, the industry has exceeded its goal.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

End Of War

If you are betting on the date when the war will end, here are a couple of tips. If we have to slug our way through France to Berlin, don't risk your money on anything short of late summer, 1944. If you have already bet on early summer, explain it by saying that the Germans won't wait for Stalin to reach Berlin—they will capitulate to us, in preference. If you don't like either of those, what's your line?

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

We all love a good loser—if we have any bets on him.

What you hear never sounds as important as what you overhear.

Statistics show that a checkered career usually leads to a striped suit.

By the time you are smart enough to save for old age, old age is upon you.

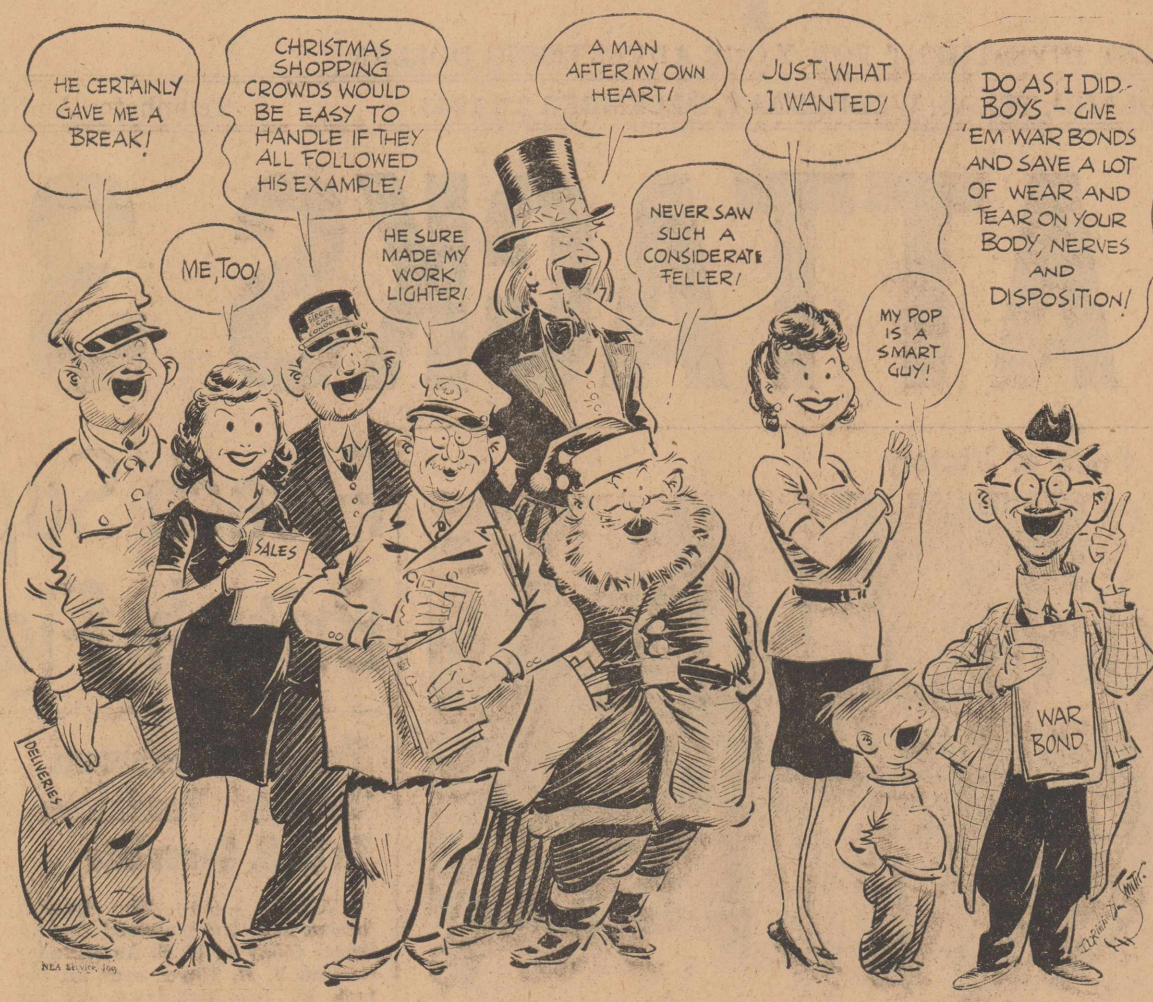
At least there's not much danger these days of biting off more than you can chew.

If you are sitting around wondering why you don't get a raise, maybe that's why.

Now there is a glass that can be hammered without breaking. Can't we let the little kids have any fun?

Thirty pounds of butter fell off a truck and landed at the feet of a Los Angeles woman. That settles it—there is a Santa Claus.

How To Make A Lot Of People Happy



Spangled Blouses Tops In Glitter

By DOROTHY ROE
AP Fashion Editor

In these days of two-timer fashions, a girl's best friend is a glitter jacket. "Change the top and you change all" is the new dress-for-dinner story. If you have to dash from desk to date, it's smart to keep a glittering blouse or jacket in your locker, with a frivolous hat to match—and you can be ready for come-what-may in less time than it takes to say "Cinderella."

The new spangled jackets and blouses are all over the place this season. You can find them at all prices in practically every department store or specialty shop. Team them with your simplest short or long skirt or dress and presto — you have a gala costume.

For after-five wear there are long-sleeved jackets in luxurious rayon fabrics such as moire, matalasse, crush-resistant velvet, metal-and-rayon lame or fine crepe, plentifully spangled with sequins or paillettes, richly encrusted with jewels and embroidery.

In more formal mood, there are sequin-trimmed halter tops or backless blouses that can transform a suit into a short evening frock.

Mix-match blouses for after-dark wear are equally versatile this season. They may be tucked-in or overlaid in type, and range from feminine ruffly confections in pastel rayon lace or chiffon to sophisticated styles which use rayon crepe paved with jet, sequins or brilliant, sleek long-torso sweaters in supple rayons such as satin or jersey are decorated with sparkling bead motifs or styled simply to highlight your own jewels.

These have a nice covered-up formality when worn with a short or long black skirt.

It's easy to go formal this season — all you have to do is change your top.

'Chaplet' Style Demands Utmost In Hair Care

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

The new "chaplet" hair-do is probably the most demanding one, as far as keeping your locks healthy and gleaming is concerned. For, there is really nothing to it, and the whole effect depends solely on



CHILLI WILLIAMS: Sets trend.

the smooth-as-silk effect of the flat-top and the luster of the softly curled ends.

Proper shampooing—and rinsing—has much to do with whether or not it is becoming to you. Chilli Williams, one of the first to wear the new headband style, warns you not to use bar soap directly on the hair when shampooing it, for often it leaves a sticky soap deposit the length of your hair. Make a lather with your hands and rub it into your scalp, she suggests, or use a liquid soapless shampoo which has hair conditioner added to bring out highlights.

Then rinse, rinse, rinse. Hand-dry your hair with a warm bath towel, leaving it just damp enough to put up the ends in pin curls.

WACs Have Unusual Duties In Britain

By RUTH COWAN

WITH THE WACS IN BRITAIN—America's women soldiers overseas are getting unusual jobs. This is especially true of Pfc. Helen M. Maravel of Fitchburg, Mass., Corp. Dorothy Clark of East Jordan, Mich., and the girls in the plotting room of a medium-bomber operations base.

One of the most novel jobs is that into which Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas G. Maravel and a former department store bookkeeper, worked herself. She helps assess film of actual combat brought back by American fighter pilots.

No Comfortable Seats
The work is done in a strange projection room—just a section of a nisser hut. There are no comfortable audience seats, because the few spectators have serious jobs to do. The film is projected onto a small square measuring board. A foot in front is a tiny stand on which there is a model figure that casts a shadow from which certain measurements are computed.

Corp. Clark, a small slight girl, whose mother, Mrs. Ella E. Clark, lives in Iron River, Mich., was likewise a bookkeeper before joining the WACs. She was employed by the Michigan Public Service Co. Works With Maps

In high school she took mechanical drawing, and that helped her for her present job—a highly secret one—that she is doing at the headquarters of this fighter command. About all that can be said is that she works with maps.

So far she is the only WAC assigned to this particular type of job—and it is one that calls for a high degree of accuracy—in Great Britain. And here is a case where a WAC non-commissioned officer released a male Air Corps officer.

Officers at the base are enthusiastic about the WACs. "We've turned over more jobs to them than we first expected to," said Col. Millard Lewis of Dallas, Texas, executive officer. "We wish we had more WACs," said the commanding officer, Col. Samuel Anderson of Greensboro, N. C.

Slave Registration Forms Become Waste
HARRISBURG, PA. (AP)—Unused forms provided for the registration of slaves of Pennsylvania almost a century ago are headed for war-time waste paper salvage. Court attaches found the blanks while moving documents into a new courthouse.

Have you read the ads today?

Eliminate Clutter
On sale at one of Chicago's smart booteries is a play-shoe, non-ratoned, from Switzerland. Its wooden sole is hinged at the ball of the foot, and cushioned with removable and replaceable leather discs, which act as a spring and eliminate clutter.

Nineteenth century ladies wore clogs with hinged soles to protect their slippers. The shoes fit onto the clogs, the latter serving much as our rubbers and galoshes do.

Purchased Abroad
The 43 pairs of shoes on exhibit are part of a collection given to the Institute by Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, who purchased them abroad. They include heavily embroidered silk shoes; dainty mules popular around 1730 which feature petit point embroidery and silver toe caps; silk slippers decorated with silver thread; carved wooden sabots encrusted with colored stones.

Some resemble elves' shoes, with pointed, upturned toes. These were the rage with French ladies of the 18th century, and were made of cloth intricately scrolled with embroidery. Many were lined with white kid.

The first heel or elevation was used in the late 16th century.

Sick and injured war production workers lose 60,000,000 work-days every month.

Society

Sub-Debs Pay Visit To Post Hospital

Several members of the sub-deb set entertained soldiers in the convalescent ward at the MAAF hospital Monday afternoon. Visiting, games and carol singing were enjoyed. Gifts that had been contributed by various clubs and individuals were collected at the Chamber of Commerce office and placed under the tree in the hospital ward. Those taking part in the entertainment were Mary Sue Cowden, Mary Fern Bray, Nancy LaForce, Ula Ann Tolbert, Jessie Lynn Tarwater, Peggy Bissell, Billy Ann Hill and Norma Conley. The girls were accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Bray.

Personals

Sgt. John E. Ward, who recently completed training as an aerial gunner at Tyndall Field, Fla., has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Zona Ward.

Fred Wright of Wright and McMillan has recovered from an attack of flu and is back in his office.

Dorothy Watson left Wednesday for Abilene where she will visit until Christmas with Patricia Yonge.

USO-C. Of C. Party Is Set For Friday

A special extension of time has been granted to all soldiers who will be guests at the USO Christmas party Friday night at the Scharbauer Hotel. The entertainment is being held in the Crystal Ballroom and is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Special decorations, including a shipment from national USO headquarters in New York City, will form an impressive background for the giant Christmas tree. A band from the Midland Army Air Field will furnish music.

All enlisted men from both air fields will be special guests.

Clara Hood Rugel, director of the USO, and Bill Gollyns, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, have charge of all committees on arrangements.

The entertainment will be from 9 p. m. to 12 midnight.

Mrs. Taylor Is Guest At Employees Party

Mrs. Kyle Taylor was a special guest when Mrs. Josephine Ligon entertained employees of the Kiddies Toggery Monday night.

A gift exchange and various games comprised the evening's entertainment.

Those who attended the party were Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. Herman Jones, Mrs. Glen Risley, Mrs. Harley Hayes, Mrs. I. J. Prager, Mrs. Milton Minehart, Mrs. Carol Reese, and Mrs. Taylor.

Betty Fay Henley Weds Alton Collier

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Henley announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Fay, to Alton Collier on Dec. 9. The vows were exchanged in the Gospel Hall Church with the Rev. W. Rampey reading the single ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hicks attended the couple.

The bride is a graduate of the School of Naturopathic Nurses Training. She has been associated with the Modern Health Clinic here. Collier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collier of Hermleigh, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas Tech and is employed as a technician at radio station KRLH.

The couple will live in Odessa.

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Oil Scouts Entertain In Crystal Ballroom

Collie Falk had charge of arrangements when members of the oil scouting profession in Midland entertained with a dinner dance in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel Tuesday night. Records furnished music for dancing, and traditional Christmas decorations were arranged throughout the room. Red candles flanking bowls of poinsettias formed the centerpiece for the dinner tables. About 75 scouts and their wives were present for the occasion.

Mary M. Grant Chosen Victory Bowl Envoy

Miss Mary Margaret Grant, civilian employe at the Midland Army Air Field, has been chosen to represent MAAF at the Victory Bowl football game in Odessa New Year's Day. Miss Grant's selection was announced by Capt. C. R. Addington, civilian personnel officer.

Legion Party Held Tuesday Night

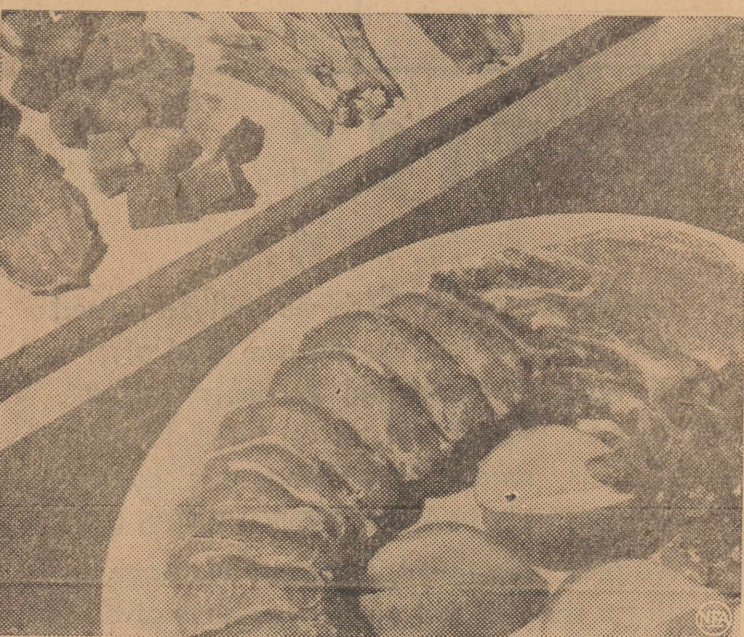
About 30 members were present at the American Legion and Auxiliary Christmas party Tuesday night in the assembly room in the courthouse. Each guest brought a toy which was donated to the Goodfellows collection for distribution among needy children. Orilla May Osburn, Doris Mickey and Jeannie Yount sang several numbers and Ben Dansby played the harmonicon and also was master of ceremonies for the program. C. V. Lyman read two Christmas poems. Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown led the group in singing songs. A refreshment course concluded the evening.

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT MAAF FRIDAY

Children of military personnel at the Midland Army Air Field will be honor guests at 4:30 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Post Service Club. Santa Claus will distribute candy and gifts.

Johann Sebastian Bach had 20 children.

Tongue Is Economical Wartime Dinner Dish



Beef tongue is useable to the last scrap, may be served hot or cold, in casseroles, salad or hash.

By GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Staff Writer

A whole boiled beef tongue is a good buy. Serve it hot as the big feature of dinner. Slice it cold, for sandwiches. Sauté slices for combining with vegetables, creamed mixtures. Cube it for casseroles. Slice it for salads. Chop it for hash.

Tongue and Spinach Rolls (Serves 4)

One and one-half cups cooked spinach, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, melted, salt and pepper, 12 thin slices cooked tongue, 3/4 cup top milk or cream, 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard.

Chop spinach; add butter or margarine. Season with salt and pepper. Place spoonful spinach on each tongue slice; roll up tongue slice and fasten with toothpick. Place in greased casserole. Combine top milk or cream, horseradish and mustard; pour over tongue rolls. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees F.) 20 minutes.

Scalloped Tongue and Noodles (Serves 6)

Two cups cubed cooked tongue, 1 package noodles, 2 cups canned or cooked tomatoes, salt and pepper, 1/4 cup fine crumbs, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine.

Cook noodles in boiling salted water until tender; drain. Arrange

layers of noodles and tongue in alternate layers in greased casserole, sprinkling with salt and pepper. Top with tomatoes; sprinkle with crumbs. Dot with butter or margarine. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 1 1/2 hour.

Tongue Slaw (Serves 6)

Two cups cooked tongue, cut in strips, 1/4 cup finely chopped onion, 4 cups shredded cabbage, 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 1/4 cup chopped mustard pickle.

Combine tongue, onion and cabbage. Combine mayonnaise and mustard pickle. Mix tongue and mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce or other salad greens garnished with additional mustard pickle.

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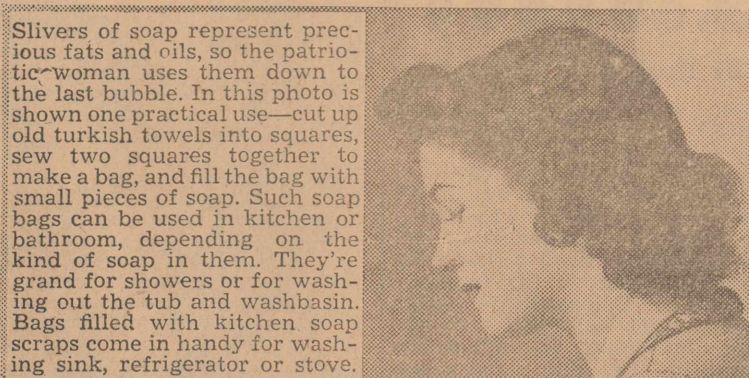
MIND Your MANNERS

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. Should you preface a story about yourself with "I don't mean to brag but—?"
2. Should you walk into a store and ask to use their business telephone for a personal call?
3. If you are leaving a town for a period of several months should you let your friends know, even if it means a special telephone call?
4. If you move away from town and someone has given you a farewell party, should you write your host or hostess as soon as you are settled?
5. If someone wants to offer your child candy, can you turn down the offer in a gracious manner? What would you do if—
You receive payment through the mail of money borrowed from you by a friend or relative.
(a) Write him immediately that you received the money and thank him for sending it?
(b) Feel that it is not necessary to acknowledge the payment?
Answers

1. No.
2. No.
3. It is the gracious thing to do.
4. Yes.
5. Yes. Say, "Thank you but I don't believe Johnny ought to have candy this near his dinner hour." Better "What Would You Do" solution—(a).

Salvage Soap Scraps



Slivers of soap represent precious fats and oils, so the patriotic woman uses them down to the last bubble. In this photo is shown one practical use—cut up old Turkish towels into squares, sew two squares together to make a bag, and fill the bag with small pieces of soap. Such soap bags can be used in kitchen or bathroom, depending on the kind of soap in them. They're grand for showers or for washing out the tub and washbasin. Bags filled with kitchen soap scraps come in handy for washing sink, refrigerator or stove.

Santa Claus In Olive Drab Flies To Remote American War Outposts

WASHINGTON — (P) — Santa Claus, dressed in olive drab and flying an Army Air Forces plane, is bringing Christmas to United States troops in icy, barren northern areas, the battle fronts of Europe and the sun-baked isles of the Pacific.

The War Department reported Wednesday that hundreds of evergreens, tons of cigarettes, candy, cake, radios and recording machines marked "hold until Christmas" have been flown to isolated outposts which are inaccessible in winter except by air.

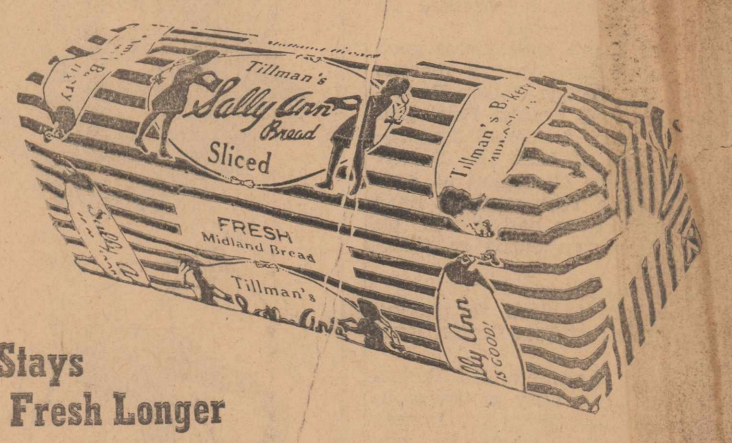
The Army Santa Claus began deliveries four months ago and will continue until every soldier in the most remote station has received his packages. Fifteen tons of Christmas mail were moved by air when ice blocked surface shipping. An Army transport plane will

drop mail bags in the snow sometime this month at a tiny weather station in the Bering Sea. It will be the first mail there in four months. On Thanksgiving Day, soldiers in the Aleutians tasted their first fresh fowl since arriving in the islands. They will have it again Christmas — turkey, with olives,

shrimp and rolls, all flown their air force buddies. Even isolated gun positions received Christmas trees, in packages, dropped from passing combat aircraft.

Around 90 constellations are recognized at present by astronomers.

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Beans Del Monte Green Limas No. 2 Can 19¢	Raisins Seedless Cello Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. 15¢
Catsup Red Hill Tomato 14-Oz. Bot. 15¢	Margarine Dalewood Enriched Lb. 22¢
Pumpkin Pie Spice Durkee's 1 1/2-Oz. Pkg. 9¢	Ground Sage Schilling's 1 1/2-Oz. Pkg. 13¢

Holiday Grocery Values

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Knox Gelatin No. 1 Pkg. 17¢	Soup Heinz Tomato (4 Points Per Can) No. 1 Can 11¢
Bread Julia Leo Wright's Enriched White 24-Oz. Loaf 10¢	Pecans Paper Shell In Mesh Bag 5-Lb. Bag 2.15
Shelled Pecans 12-Oz. Pkg. 85¢	

Grocery Values

Dressing Duchess Sliced 16-Oz. Jar 23¢	Olives House Stuffed 10-Oz. Jar 47¢
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Mixed Nuts 1-Lb. Pkg. 39¢	Oxydol Granulated Soap 24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢
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Orders Put Calahan In Game Against Airmen

DALLAS —(AP)— It required a little of Navy orders to get J. R. Calahan, the genial Irishman from Lufkin, Texas, in the Cotton Bowl. The Air Corps may not feel so good about it in late afternoon, but when it returns from the Texas-Randolph field game in El Paso, Calahan, one of the most widely-publicized high school footballers in the state, didn't choose a Southwest conference school although all wanted him. Instead he went to Texas Tech where he became an all-around athletic star.

But Tech didn't have teams good enough in his two varsity seasons to be chosen for the Cotton Bowl and besides, the Cotton Bowl had a "closed corporation" that is, it took the Southwest Conference champion as host team, therefore Tech wouldn't have had a chance even had it come up with an unbeaten outfit in Calahan's last year.

So Calahan's star to playing college football without Cotton Bowl honors.

Then came the war and J. R. was taken to the University of Texas in the V-5 training program. It was Oct. 16, however, before he was given permission to play football.

But when Calahan did get into the line-up he "made" the Texas team. He became the hinge that swung the door—passer, punter, and defensive star.

With the Irishman in the saddle, Texas rolled to the conference title. He was All-Southwest Conference at fullback, rated the best all-around player in the circuit.

Nov. 26—The day after he had sparked Texas to victory over Texas A. and M.—Calahan was reassigned to the University in the V-5 program. That was the second Navy order.

So, Randolph Field may have a crowd to pick with the Navy.

Betting Row Gives No Points On Texas Schoolboy Contest

DALLAS —(AP)— The boys who plunk down their money in advance have made Saturday's Texas schoolboy football final here an absolute toss-up.

Although betting row its 5 and 6 and take your choice—meaning, if you like Lufkin you will have to put up six dollars to five. Also, if you want to bet even money on San Angelo you'll have to give one point.

Closest watering

This makes the game the closest in wagering of any final ever played in schoolboy football.

The battle stacks up as the collision of two mighty ground games, with Lufkin rated superior in the air but with this offset by a slightly better San Angelo running attack.

However, in San Angelo's favor is its showing against Highland Park's aerial offensive. Few critics think Lufkin boasts anything like Highland Park's passing game, even the Dallas outfit couldn't beat San Angelo although scoring three touchdowns.

Southwest Conference Teams So New No One Can Dope Who'll Win

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
DALLAS —(AP)— Most everything will be new except the coaches, making it tough to hazard a guess on what team will win the Southwest Conference basketball championship this season.

In fact, there will be one new coach since Baylor University, which hadn't been figured in the race, has been decided to vie for the title.

Beas Are In Race

Baylor dropped out of football and had been expected to stay out of all intercollegiate athletics for the duration, but it found that V-5 trainees could be used in basketball, because it's a night game, so the Golden Bears will be whipping along the maples.

There are only six leagues in the entire field with Rice, which played Texas to a tie for the championship last winter, coming up with two of them. Texas doesn't have any but Rice, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist, will get some players from the naval training program.

Arkansas, always a conference basketball power, has one letterman but no trainees. Texas A. and M. has neither.

Texas Has Cox

Rice has Center Bill Henry and Guard Russell Darling from last winter's quintet that played in the New York invitation tournament. Texas boasts only Roy Cox, a squadman from the Longhorns' National Collegiate participants of last season.

Southern Methodist has hopes in a team built around Guard Ace Cannady and two squadmen, Forward Dennis Hayden and Center Harry Teal. Texas Christian has Floyd Chronister, letterman forward, and Doug Kenney, squadman center. Arkansas' lone letterman is Forward Ben Jones but the Bear-backs also have Charles, Jolliff, squadman center.

Baylor comes up with one letterman, Marlin Hicks, 6-foot-7 center.

Ex-Gridman Garner's Honor Points In Air

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Major Louis L. Frank of North Woodstock, N. H., a former Notre Dame footballer, has an Air Medal and Presidential citation to his credit for his accomplishments as Marine aviator in the South Pacific. He has over 400 combat hours in the air to his credit.

Speaking of Points

Milford H. Beebe To Reopen Plamor Bowling Palace In Midland Thursday

Citizens of Midland again may enjoy the thrills of bowling as the Plamor Palace, the well-known establishment at 211 West Wall Street, re-opens Thursday.

It will be owned and operated by Milford H. Beebe, formerly of El Paso. He has visited bowling alleys in more than 20 communities in the last four months and finally selected Midland because he feels it is the kind of a city he wants to live in and the proper place to rear his children.

Many bowling alleys throughout the country are owned by former baseball and football players and by former coaches. Beebe is a former Army and semi-pro baseball player and for years his hobby has been coaching 16 and 17-year-old baseball teams in American Legion junior baseball competition in Grand Rapids, Mich. This work, which he gave without pay, has been part of the real enjoyment of living, he explains.

He hopes to be able to teach as many beginners at bowling about the fundamentals of that game as he has taught boys in the past regarding the fundamentals of baseball.

His bowling experience began 27 years ago when he started out setting pins in a bowling alley. He ended up as an assistant manager of an alley in Grand Rapids. He said the change which has taken place over the years is "remarkable."

In the old days, alleys were cleaned by hand and bowling establishments were frequented exclusively by men.

Plamor Palace, like all first-class places, offers the environment, cleanliness and refinement which appeals to both men and women and to boys and girls of high school or even elementary school age.

The youngest bowler on record is about 4-years-old, the son of people in the business and this youngster does right well at it, Beebe asserted.

Midland has had many fine bowling teams in the past and he hopes the captains of those teams will get busy and reorganize them for the fine fun, competition and fellowship they provide.

Leagues To Be Formed

Competition is the life of all sport, and leagues will have all sport assigned to them as they wish it and the alleys will be reserved for their play.

Bowling has been recognized by Army officials as a fine sport which is beneficial to men in the service.

Beebe extends an invitation to all officers, cadets and enlisted men to come in, get acquainted, and bowl at the Plamor Palace.

Opening plans were expedited so the alleys might provide entertainment and recreation over Christ-

Sugar Bowl Officials Get Into Movies

NEW ORLEANS —(AP)— When Sugar Bowl officials announced early this year that they had technical films of the Tennessee-Tulsa football classic available for showing to men and women in the armed services they suddenly found themselves in the motion picture business.

Less than six weeks after the announcement was made by President Joseph David of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association the Sugar bowlers had to hire a full-time secretary and enlist the services of a motion picture booking company to handle the correspondence and distribution of the films. And they have filed priorities with the government for additional films of the 1944 game between Georgia Tech and Tulsa here on New Year's Day.

Car Crash Parts Pair; Girl Flung To Roof

GUYMON, OKLA. —(AP)— C. E. Mates, soldier from Garden City, Kas., climbed out from under his overturned car and began a frantic search of the vicinity.

Witnesses hurried up and asked what he was hunting.

Almost as soon as he had explained that his companion, Louise Wisley, also of Garden City, was missing, she was found—

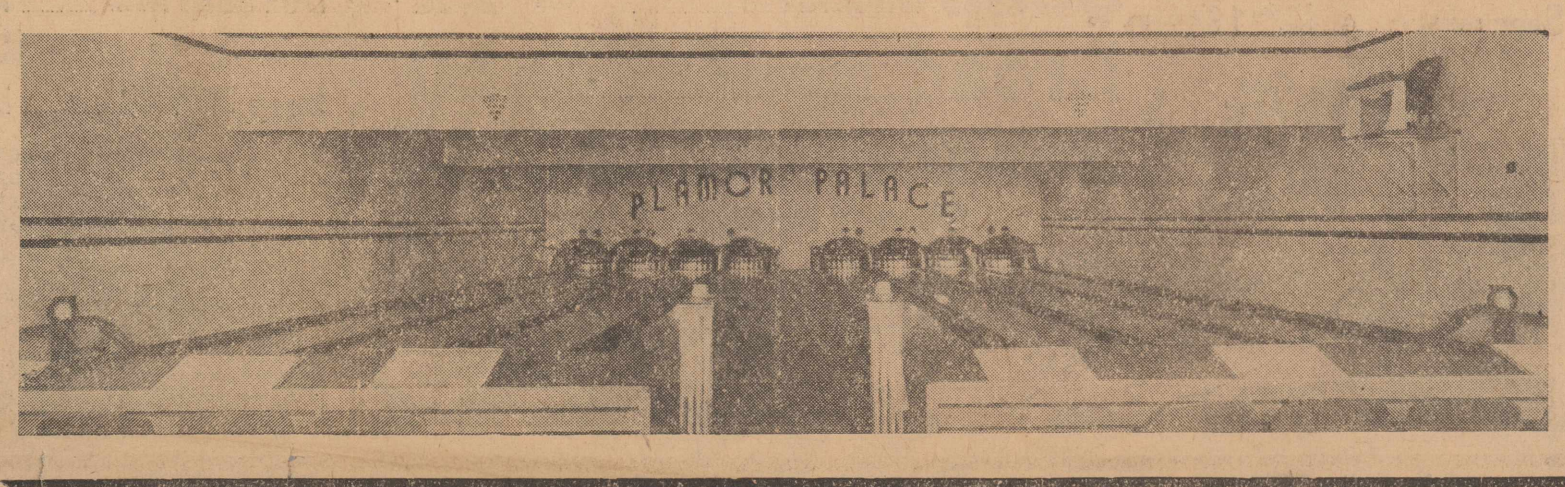
"She'd been tossed atop the porch of a nearby house, and was sitting there virtually unhurt."

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK —(AP)— The Americans and British in the Chappi instrument camp near Shanghai had a pretty good time playing against each other in softball (the Americans generally won) and soccer (the British won), so the Jap guards decided to get in on the fun.

Royal Arch Gunnison, the foreign correspondent and radio commentator who recently returned on the Gripsholm after a year and a half of internment, tells what happened. As a member of the camp committee, Gunnison had to arrange the ball game.

Page Mr. Webster

The Japs, proud of their baseball ability, insisted on playing against an all-star team and they brought in some 30 to 40 officials from other camps to see them win.

After the first inning the score was about 27-0 in favor of the Americans who decided that they'd better not win too easily or they might lose the few privileges their captors allowed them. So they began mugging easy flies, booting grounders and making wild throws.

That only made things look worse and the Japs were losing "face" faster than you can lose your bankroll in a crap game.

The score was about 28-12 after six innings when the captain of the guard, a big, hard-boiled husky who was playing center field, approached Gunnison and suggested: "Maybe it more better that we do not keep score, that we just play this game for sportsmanship."

Heath's On

Sports played an important part in providing entertainment both at Chappi and the Santa Tomas university camp at Manila where Gunnison was first confined, but between the heat, scanty food supplies and danger of injuries, the internees didn't care for their activities become too strenuous.

Softball and soccer, played at twilight, and boxing were the principal sports. Basketball was tried occasionally and some touch football, which was discarded as too rough.

Boxing shows were staged about every 10 days at Chappi and a regular feature was a tussle between an American negro and a Filipino. They were "pretty good" and well matched that the verdict always was in doubt.

Phillies Seek Scouts And Out-Size Players

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— The Phillies are in the market for baseball scouts and "big and rangy" players.

"We don't want any 'midgets' on next year's team," said General Manager Herb Pennock.

"We want the big, rangy fellows who pack a punch when it is needed and are no powder puffs at the plate."

Pennock said the Phillies also are on the prowl for scouts who can be depended on to bring in the material to build up the club's farm system.

Increase In Flu Reported In Texas

AUSTIN —(AP)— Influenza cases reported to the State Health Department for the week ending Dec. 18 totaled 5,269 compared to 2,921 the week before and the seven-year median of 373.

The disease, described as being in a "mild" stage in Texas, is apparently more prevalent in North and West Texas than in South Texas, a department spokesman said.

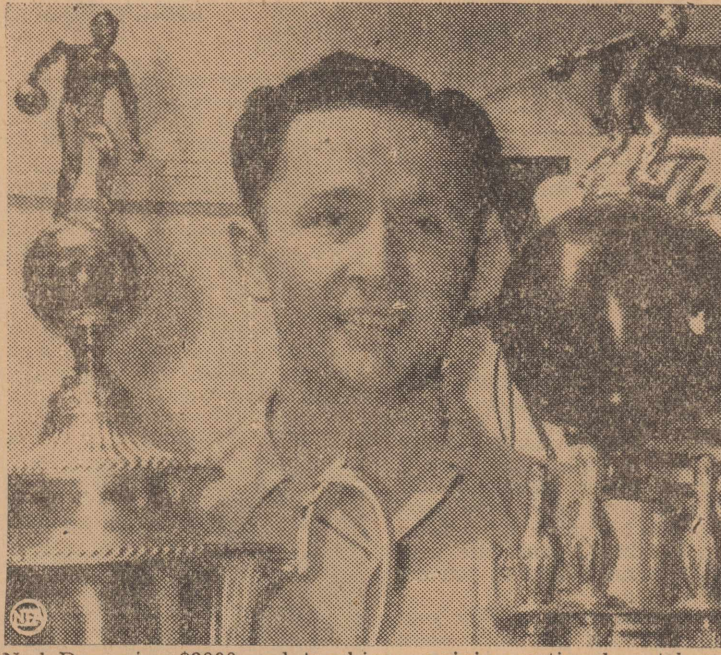
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Ned Day wins \$2000 and trophies regaining national match-game championship in Chicago. West Allis, Wis., bowler held title four years before yielding crown in 1942.

Biggest Comeback Of Year Credited To Coach Stag

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
NEW YORK —(AP)— Amos Alonzo Stagg, venerable football coach at the College of the Pacific, Wednesday was named the person who staged the greatest comeback during 1943.

And while Stagg was engaged in rugged sports vote-battle with Gopher Patty Berg for the honor, virtually every one of the 77 sports editors who competed in the annual Associated Press poll mentioned the two comebacks of Lt. Tommy Harmon.

Harmon, former all-America football player at Michigan, twice came back from almost certain death during the year of aerial incursions as one of Uncle Sam's flying nephews.

Stagg triumphed over Miss Berg by a mere five points although the young golfer, now a lieutenant in the Marines and already voted the year's outstanding woman athlete, drew 15 first place votes to 12 for the veteran coach.

Stagg's College of Pacific team, bolstered by Navy lend-lease talent, banged its way through the first half of its schedule without a defeat. Then it lost to the Southern California eleven, 6 to 0, in a game surrounded by national interest.

Stagg returned to the fairways in June after being sidelined for almost 18 months with a fractured left knee suffered in a Texas automobile accident. Her long lay-off kept her from regaining the Western Open title.

HARVARD AND YALE OUT
NEW YORK —(AP)— Princeton, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Cornell and Columbia have entered the Eastern Basketball League race. Harvard and Yale are out.

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Lobos Train Backs For End Positions In Sun Bowl Game

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. —(AP)— Coach Willis Barnes is plugging the New Mexico University Lobos ends with conversions from his overstocked backfield for the Sun Bowl game against Southwestern University of Georgetown, Texas.

The Lobos No. 1 problem for the New Year's Day grid classic at El Paso was created by enlistment of veteran ends, Stan Froge and Clois McDougal.

Barnes hasn't made his final selections for the places yet, but he pronounced the situation satisfactory with these men available:

Left end—Bill Ceter, Berger, Texas, tailback in three games this year for Oklahoma University, and Bill Herbert, Pittsburg, Calif., a junior college end.

Right end—R. B. Hansen, Merced, Calif., high school quarterback; Joe Willis, Melrose, N. M., high school fullback, and George Mertz, El Paso, half back at Cathedral High School.

Basketball Scores

Kelly Field 43, Texas 34.

CARPENTER QUITS RACING

WILMINGTON, Del. —(AP)— Conforming with baseball rules, Robert Rulph Morgan Carpenter, new stockholder of the Phillies, tendered his resignation to the Delaware Steeplechase and Race Association.

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New 4.2 American Mortar Is Triple Threat Weapon

By The Associated Press
A Nazi tank lumbered towards an American position, turret hatch thrown cock-surely open. A lieutenant of a U. S. chemical warfare service mortar unit spotted it, called back to the mortar position: "Target that tank. Elevation 300, deflection right three zero."
The No. 2 runner on one of the 4.2-inch chemical mortars straddled the piece, clamped his sight on the muzzle and twisted the aiming screws. A round of high explosive was passed to the No. 1 man, who slipped the shell into the muzzle. With a sharp bang, the round arched high and seconds later 25 pounds of steel and high explosive plummeted into the open turret as neat as a hole-in-one.

New Weapon
The 4.2 mortar, a comparatively new weapon on foreign battle grounds, fires smoke, white phosphorus or high explosive shells. The high explosive shells have the destructive effect of a 105-millimeter howitzer. The mortar can fire 20 rounds a minute at about two miles. The barrel is rifled, increasing its accuracy over smooth-bore mortars, but it is loaded from the muzzle like other mortars. It weighs only 300 pounds and can be carried by hand where big guns can't go.
It was the most feared weapon of the Sicilian campaign some infantry commanders say. Quoting Allied headquarters said the Nazis thought the mortar was a "secret cannon that fired like an automatic ack-ack gun."

Homesick Soldier Gets Some Leaves

ELIZABETHTOWN, TENN. —(AP)—Postmaster Mrs. Grace Shell weighed the light-as-a-feather package destined for a soldier in Alaska.

She asked the sender what it contained and the mother said: "It's just leaves. The most beautiful autumn leaves I could find. My son would like to see the colorful East Tennessee mountains and I thought he'd like to pin these leaves up in his quarters to look at them, and not be so homesick."

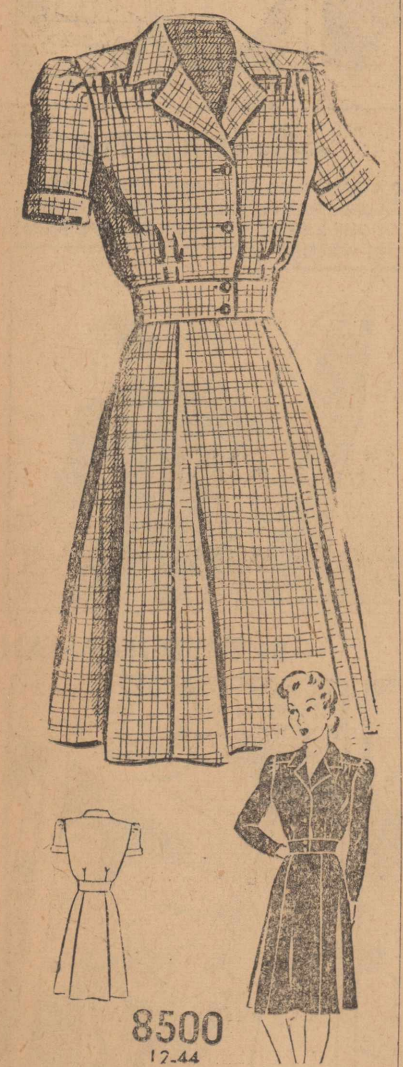
Travel Bottleneck Bottles 'Hobo Jim'

GREENVILLE, MISS. —(AP)—"Hobo Jim" Roebuck writes friends that transportation being what it is, it will take him six or seven weeks to bum his way back here from California.

For the town's most noted and beloved traveler, this is quite a slowdown. Roebuck years ago learned he could pyramid a can of shoe polish and a flannel rag into a heap of sightseeing. Since his youth he has traveled far and swiftly beneath some of the best trains available, carrying his meals when necessary by shining shoes.

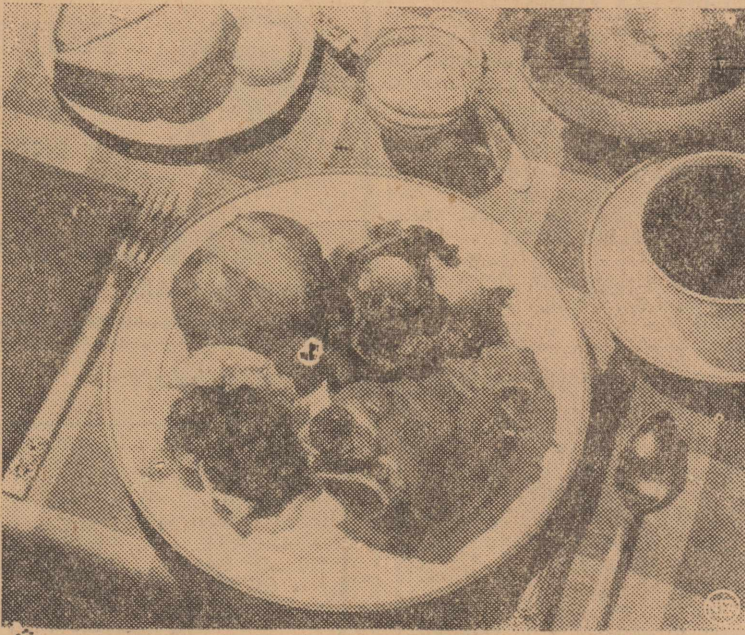
Only once did Jim Roebuck ever return to Greenville inside a passenger train with the cash customers. But on that occasion he smoked expensive cigars, wore a new suit and asked a city official to change a \$100 bill for him.
Folks here figured Jim rode inside just that one time, out of curiosity.

Smart In Wool



Are you dreaming of a dress in bright colored wool? Purple, emerald green, lacquer red, for instance? Here is a style of classic simplicity which is just right for such a dress!
Pattern No. 8500 is in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 40, 42, 44. Size 14 dress, long sleeves, 3 3/4 yards 39-inch material.
For this attractive pattern, send 15 cents, plus 1 cent for postage, in coins, with your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram, Today's Pattern Service, 530 South Wells St., Chicago, Ill.
Have you seen the new issue of "Fashion," our 52-page guide to new sewing styles for fall? Order a copy today. The price is 25 cents.

Well-Cooked Pork Hocks Good Low Cost Food



Combine pork hocks, boiled potatoes, baby turnips and green peas plus spiced cranberry sauce.

Front In Italy Declared Tough

NAPLES —(AP)— From the standpoint of difficulties and hardships the battle of Italy is comparable to any warfront in the world where American troops are fighting. Assistant War Secretary John J. McCloy said after a visit to the Fifth Army.

He came to Italy after the Cairo and Teheran conferences. Previously, McCloy said, he had considered Kiska the toughest American front—"however, there always is a definite limit to the amount of fighting you have to do to clear any single island. What impressed me on the Fifth Army front was the practically endless chain of peaks ahead of the boys... they have to fight hard to take one, then their next objective is another mountain just like it or maybe worse."

McCloy spent a day with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark and other Fifth Army commanders slogging through the mud and climbing some of the highest features of the terrain gained during the current offensive. He saw the Massore heights where German prisoners admitted "we felt perfectly safe because we didn't think it possible for human beings to climb the slope on that side."

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 7 o'clock evenings this week. —Adv.

It's the Season — for Seasoning!



WONDERFUL REPASTS with Wartime foods!
Take a tip from the world's most famous chefs... it's seasoning that changes ordinary food into a piece de resistance. Especially at this festive season, you'll find C-H-B Chili Sauce and C-H-B Cocktail Sauce indispensable in making many a dish a coup de maitre!



Just a little Better ... but what a difference!

Congress Goes Home For Holidays As Tax, Wage, Subsidy Issues Pend

By ALEX H. SINGLETON
WASHINGTON —(AP)— Members of the 73rd Congress went home Wednesday to celebrate the Christmas holidays and to recharge their political batteries for the opening of a presidential campaign year.
They will return Jan. 10 to come to grips with a batch of questions directly affecting the country's wartime economy, of challenges to President Roosevelt's method for holding the inflation line, of is-

Midland Man Is Prisoner Of Japs

Mrs. Dorothy Wood has received word from her mother, Mrs. T. R. Belflower of El Paso, formerly of Midland, that she had heard from her son, Pvt. Jessie Doyle Belflower, who is in a Japanese prison camp in Tokyo.

He writes he is well and sent regards to his Midland friends. He has been a prisoner since the fall of Corrigidor and has been able to get three messages through since last August. Two of the messages arrived the same day, the third arrived last week.

As the final gavel fell late Tuesday to end a session which saw the administration give ground in turbulent battles over home front policies, there appeared little hope of peace between the executive branch and a coalition of Republicans and Southern and farm state Democrats.

Won Temporary Truce

In the final days, President Roosevelt's capital Hill stalwarts won a temporary truce in some of the pending fights, hopeful that a "cooling off" period would shift sentiment, that the constituents back home would rally to their support.

Two of those questions—subsidies and taxes—await Senate attention; a third, that of wage stabilization, rests in the House.

Marked for quick attention when the holiday is over are two issues affecting servicemen. House action has been scheduled for January on a measure to provide mustering out pay for servicemen. The Senate already has approved a bill providing for a sliding scale discharge pay ranging from \$200 to \$500, dependent upon the length of service.

Meanwhile, an effort is being made to work out a compromise on legislation to give soldiers a vote in the November elections.
In quiet contrast to the hi-jinks and hilarity typical of peace-time wind-ups of Congress, adjournment came on a sombre note, a prayer that the new year would bring victory and peace.

Soldier Vote Compromise

During its first year this Congress has:

1. Gone on record for postwar international cooperation.
2. Continued for two years the lend-lease agreements.
3. Extended the administration's authority to write reciprocal trade agreements.
4. Voted appropriations amounting to \$114,000,000, about 96 per cent of which was earmarked for war purposes.
5. Adopted a modified pay-as-you-earn tax bill, abating approximately 75 per cent of one year's assessments for the nation's taxpayers.
6. Enacted the stringent Smith-Connally War Labor Disputes Act.

to curb strikes by providing a "cooling off" period.
7. Increased allowances for dependents of servicemen.
8. Revamped the Selective Service law in an effort to slow down induction of fathers.
9. Nullified President Roosevelt's executive order limiting individual incomes to a maximum of \$25,000 after taxes.

Woman's Intuition, 198 Pounds Worth

HICKORY, N. C. —(AP)— When Mrs. M. P. Lipe, Jr., of Hickory, killed a 125-pound deer recently, the local paper suggested maybe she'd like a picture of it published.
"No," said Mrs. Lipe, "wait a little."

A few days later she returned from a hunt with a 10-point, 198-pound buck.
She was ready, then, to call the photographer.

Chief exports the Virgin Islands are bay rum, bay oil, and sugar cane.

War Department A Soldiers Overseas Christmas Shopping

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The War Department is playing Santa Claus for soldiers overseas to the folks back home.

The Army, through post-exchanges, is seeing to it that the men on far-off battle fronts have a chance to do their Christmas shopping. Last August the Army Exchange Service, staff headquarters for the PX, sent by ship and plane thousands of catalogs carrying illustrations of popular gifts to exchanges all over the world.

The soldier goes to the PX, chooses perfume, flowers, toys, war bonds or almost anything else, pays for it and gives the name and address of the person to whom it is to be sent. The price represents net charged by the manufacturer, plus handling and mailing costs.
The gift service was inaugurated last year, when 88,000 orders, totaling \$37,264, were delivered. Planners lead the list of gifts chosen by soldiers.

Read Reporter-Telegram Classifieds

HOLIDAY SAVINGS

—OUR GIFT TO YOU!

You can enjoy all the traditional main dishes of your Christmas Dinner without giving up a single ration point! Young poultry, heavy with tender full-flavored meat... fresh vegetables, crimson cranberries, and luscious fruits... olives, nuts and coffee — a complete menu absolutely POINT FREE! And when you buy ALL THE FOODS HERE, the cost will be much less than you expected. Our low, low prices mean extra savings — our Christmas gift to you!

APPLE JUICE	Quart Bottle	each	29¢
MINCE MEAT	20 Oz. Jar	32¢	29 Oz. Jar 47¢
MOTHER'S COCOA	1 Lb. Pkg.	each	17¢
BURLESON'S HONEY	1 Lb. Jar	36¢	2 Lb. Jar 68¢
EARLY GARDEN PEAS	No. 2 Can	each	18¢
DEL MONTE CORN	12 Oz. Can	each	17¢
PIMENTO	4 Oz. Can	each	14¢
ASPARAGUS	No. 2 Can Red Bow	each	27¢
TOMATO JUICE	46 Ounces	each	29¢
POP CORN	Jolly Time	each	15¢
CRUSHED PINEAPPLE	No. 2 Can	each	23¢
WHOLE GREEN BEANS	Olmito No. 2 Can	each	22¢

• FRESH PRODUCE •

CELERY	Good Bleached Stalks	each	15¢
ORANGES	California and Texas	lb.	10¢
AVOCADOS	2 for 25¢	• YAMS	2 Lbs. 15¢
LETTUCE	Good Firm Heads	each	10¢
APPLES	All Sizes	2 lb.	23¢
BROCCOLI	Lb. 23¢	• ONIONS	Yellow 2 Lbs. 13¢
CAULIFLOWER		2 lb.	25¢
IDAHO SPUDS	10 Lb. Mesh Bag	each	57¢



TURKEYS

- Plenty of Turkeys, Hens and Fryers
- Mixed Candied Fruits Per Pound 45¢
 - Oysters Baltimore Selects, Pint 79¢
 - Cured Hams Short Cut Slices, Lb. 43¢
 - Pure Pork Sausage Armour's Star Per Pound 39¢
 - Pork Roast Per Pound 35¢
 - Spencer Rolled Roast Per Lb. 38¢
- Unlimited Supply of SLICED or SLAB BACON

- Shelled Pecans • Almonds
 - Walnuts • Raisins
 - Currants and • Figs
- NO. 2 1/2 CAN PEACHES each 30¢
- NO. 2 1/2 CAN PUMPKIN each 19¢
- 2 LB. GRANDMA FRUIT CAKE each \$1.30
- CRANBERRIES • WALNUTS • ALMONDS
 - PECANS and • MIXED NUTS

WES-TEX FOOD STORE

The Haunted Man or, The Ghost's Bargain

By Charles Dickens

CHAPTER XV
 FIVE small Tetterbys, whose 10 round eyes were much inflamed by soap and friction, were in the tortures of a cool wash in the back kitchen; Mrs. Tetterby presiding.

The tempers of the little Tetterbys had sadly changed with a few hours. Mr. and Mrs. Tetterby themselves were not more altered than their offspring. Usually they were an unselfish, good-natured, yielding little race. But they were fighting now, not only for the soap and water, but even for the breakfast which was yet in perspective. The hand of every little Tetterby was against the other little Tetterbys; and even Johnny's hand—the patient, much-enduring and devoted Johnny—rose against the baby! Yes, Mrs. Tetterby, going to the door by mere accident, saw him viciously pick out a weak place in the suit of armor where a slap would tell, and slap that blessed child.

MRS. TETTERBY had him into the parlor by the collar, in that same flash of time, and repaid him the assault with usury thereto.

"You brute, you murdering little boy," said Mrs. Tetterby. "Had you the heart to do it?"

"Why don't her teeth come through, then?" retorted Johnny, in a loud rebellious voice, "instead of bothering me. How would you like it yourself?"

"Like it, Sir!" said Mrs. Tetterby, relieving him of his dishonored load.

"Yes, like it," said Johnny. "How

would you? Not at all. If you want me, you'd go for a soldier. I will, too. There ain't no babies in the Army."

Mr. Tetterby, who had arrived upon the scene of action, rubbed his chin thoughtfully, instead of correcting the rebel, and seemed rather struck by this view of a military life.

"I wish I was in the Army myself, if the child's in the right," said Mrs. Tetterby, looking at her husband, "for I have no peace of my life here. I never have a holiday, or any pleasure at all, from year's end to year's end! Why, Lord bless and save the child," said Mrs. Tetterby, shaking the baby with an irritability hardly suited to so pious an aspiration, "what's the matter with her now?"

Not being able to discover, and not rendering the subject much clearer by shaking it, Mrs. Tetterby put the baby away in a cradle, and, folding her arms, sat rocking it angrily with her foot.

"How you stand there, 'Dolpus,'" said Mrs. Tetterby to her husband. "Why don't you do something?"

"Because I don't care about doing something," Mr. Tetterby replied.

"I am sure I don't," said Mrs. Tetterby.

"I'll take my oath I don't," said Mr. Tetterby.

"You had better read your paper than do nothing at all," said Mrs. Tetterby.

"What's there to read in a paper?" returned Mr. Tetterby, with excessive discontent.

"What?" said Mrs. Tetterby.

"It's nothing to me," said Tetterby. "What do I care what people do, or are done to?"

"Suicides," suggested Mrs. Tetterby.

"No business of mine," replied her husband.

"Births, deaths, and marriages, are those nothing to you?" said Mrs. Tetterby.

"If the births were all over for good, and all today; and the deaths were all to begin to come off tomorrow; I don't see why it should interest me, till I thought it was a coming to my turn," grumbled Tetterby. "As to marriages, I've done it myself. I know quite enough about them."

"HOW old and shabby he looks," said Mrs. Tetterby, watching him. "I never saw such a change in a man. Ah! dear me, dear me, it was a sacrifice!"

"What was a sacrifice?" her husband sourly inquired.

Mrs. Tetterby shook her head; and without replying in words, raised a complete sea-storm about the baby, by her violent agitation of the cradle.

"If you mean your marriage was a sacrifice, my good woman—" said her husband.

"I do mean it," said his wife.

"Why, then I mean to say," pursued Mr. Tetterby, as sulkily and surlily as she, "that there are two sides to that affair; and that I was the sacrifice; and that I wish the sacrifice hadn't been accepted."

"I wish it hadn't," Tetterby, with all my heart and soul, I do assure you," said his wife. "You can't wish it more than I do, Tetterby."

"I don't know what I saw in her," muttered the husband, "I'm sure—certainly, if I saw anything, it's not there now. I was thinking, so, last night, after supper, by the fire. She's fat, she's aging, she won't bear comparison with most other women."

"He's common-looking, he has no air with him, he's small, he's beginning to stoop, and he's getting bald," muttered Mrs. Tetterby.

"I must have been half out of my mind when I did it," muttered Mr. Tetterby.

"My senses must have forsook me. That's the only way in which I can explain it to myself," said Mrs. Tetterby, with elaboration.

In this mood they sat down to breakfast.

(To Be Continued)

Fat Salvage ABC

Z is for ZEROS shot down with bullets fired by glycerine

MADE FROM YOUR USED FAT

SAVE IT! TURN IT IN!

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
 America's Card Authority

(Last of a series of three articles based on the new book, "Common Sense Contract," by Mrs. Olive Peterson of Philadelphia.)

Mrs. Peterson gives a brief outline of the accepted principles used by good players. For instance, to decide in the early stages of bidding, whether the prospective goal is part-score or game. An opening bid, opposite an opening bid, if a reasonable fit can be found in the combined hands, should produce a game. With combined strength great enough for game, there are generally enough rounds of bidding to determine the best final contract, and later explore the road to a slam, if one seems possible.

This little book contains only 80 pages, but its 13 chapters cover every angle of the game, including a summary of the new bridge laws. The chapter that interested me most was the one on bridge manners, which should be ready by all players—not that you need it yourself, but you know there are some people who do have bridge manners which might be improved.

It is well to remember, Mrs. Peterson states that bridge is an intellectual pastime and, we like to think, the best of all; and that "the same degree of sportsmanship maintains at the bridge table as on the cricket field; the glare and the growl, the squirm and the squawk, to say nothing of the lifted eyebrow and kindred methods of expressing displeasure, have been outlawed by ladies and gentlemen."

GREEN CLERK AND GREEN STAMPS MEAN RED INK

SHREVEPORT, LA.—(P)—Christmas cards came through the Shreveport postoffice bearing 25 cent war stamps. One cent postage stamps have the same hue of green. A temporary clerk at a postoffice sub-station had sold \$400 of war stamps as one-cent stamps.

Delightful gift selections remaining at Western Auto Store, opposite Western Union—Open 'till 10 PM daily.—Adv.

\$100 BILLS QUADRUPLED IN LAST TEN YEARS

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Treasury says there are four times as many century notes kicking around as there were 10 years ago.

In fact there are 26,360,000 green pieces of paper bearing the likeness of Benjamin Franklin—without his kite—in circulation. To keep the records straight, their total value amounts to \$2,636,000,000.

The first person to fly the Atlantic was Lt. Comdr. A. C. Read, in 1919.

YOUR PICTURES ARE FINISHED

If your pictures were promised this week, please call for them NOW!

MIDLAND STUDIO

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Two Billion Ration Stamps To Go Into National Circulation Feb. 27

WASHINGTON—(P)—Two billion ration tokens will begin flowing into circulation throughout the country Feb. 27, bringing several changes in rationing foods.

The tokens, slightly smaller than a dime, will be worth one point each. They will be given as change by retailers for the familiar ration stamps.

Red tokens will be given as change in meat purchases, and blue for processed foods.

Ration stamps—each with a 10-point value regardless of the number appearing on the coupon—will be validated on an across-the-book basis instead of an up and down basis as currently.

Three meats-fats stamps worth a total of 30 points will become valid every two weeks, with the first two series or six stamps remaining valid until May 20.

This date of validation is slightly greater than for processed foods at present and slightly less than for meats-fats.

OPA estimates that with the use of tokens ration book four will last about two years. At least three

HOLD EVERYTHING

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

AXIS PROPAGANDIST ADDS SMELL TO SMOKE STORY

NAPLES—(P)—Associated Press correspondent, Hal Boyle holds the unique distinction for an Allied newspaperman of "nauseating" a whole Fascist radio station.

The Rome radio heard of Boyle's interview with a cameraman who photographed the Teheran conference. The photographer said he was disappointed because he couldn't snap the three Allied leaders smoking.

"This story nauseates us," the Fascist broadcasting station cried. "To us who consider this foolishness typically American, there comes an urge to cry: 'What kind of a civilization can these men give us! It arouses a feeling of utmost revulsion.'"

Adobe houses of six or seven stories were built by Mexican Indians in ancient times.

Brains Triumphant Over Beauty Alone

CAMP VAN DORN, MISS.—(P)—Soldiers here have learned it pays to date a girl who knows all the answers.

Weekly quiz competitions held at the nearby Centerville USO pay off with prizes of free telephone calls home and steak dinners. Both soldiers and their dates are eligible to answer questions, but prizes go only to the G. I.'s; and they get credit for correct answers supplied by their girl friends.

ROOSEVELT GREET'S WOUNDED SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt in a Christmas and New Year message transmitted to war veterans in government hospitals assured them of the nation's gratitude for service "so bravely and honorably rendered."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

AMERICAN FOLK PRESCRIPTIONS FOR RHEUMATISM!

WEAR A SILVER RING.
 WEAR A LEAD RING.
 WEAR A BRASS RING.
 WEAR A BRASS BELT.
 WEAR NUTMEG NECKLACE.
 SLEEP WITH DOG.
 WEAR RED FLANNEL.
 CARRY A POTATO.

BUT BY FAR THE MOST POPULAR OF ALL IS THE CARRYING OF A HORSE CHESTNUT OR BUCKEYE!

QUINWOODS

A POUND CAKE IS HARDLY EVER A POUND OF CAKE, Says PFC. HOYT J. FULTON, Gulfport Field, Miss.

THE DEMOCRATIC BUMBLEBEE QUEEN GOES OUT IN THE FIELD AND GATHERS POLLEN RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE WORKERS OF THE COLONY.

NEXT: Feathers in their bonnet.

SIDE GLANCES

"You must think the sergeant is serious about Irene—didn't I hear you trying to interest him in one of them—you've been struck blind since the war started."

FIRST AID FOR SANTA—By HAL COCHRAN

ALL THE WORK IN THE TOY SHOPS IS DONE. WHIZ! WHAT CAN WE DO NOW? REINDEER STABLES.

NOW COMES A BIG TREAT! GET ALL THE OTHER YOUNGSTERS AND BRING THEM TO SANTA'S OFFICE!

EAT ALL THE ICE CREAM YOU CAN, CHILDREN! YOU'VE DONE A FINE JOB OF MAKING CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR YOUNGSTERS ALL OVER THE WORLD!

WHEN THEY GET THROUGH THEY CAN HELP US WITH MY REINDEER AND SLEIGH!

ALLEY OOP—By V. T. HAMLIN

TREASURE! JUMPIN' GEE WHILKERS! I GET DUNKED IN AN UNDERGROUND RIVER AN' COME UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIGGEST BUNCH O' SWAG IN THE WORLD!

COURSE I SHOULD'VE EXPECTED IT—BRONSON TOLD ME GEORGE'S KHANS HORDES OVERRAN EUROPE AN' ASIA... NATURALLY THEY GRABBED UP A MESS O' BOOTY!

BUT GREAT GADFRY! I NEVER DREAMED THERE WAS THIS MUCH USELESS JUNK IN EXISTENCE!

THIS OL' VAULT IS GUARDED BY THE RIVER... I BETCHA THEY COULD DESTROY TH' WHOLE WORKS BY JUST PRESSING A BUTTON... AN' IN A WINK, WHOOSH! THIS PLACE WOULD BE FLOODED TO THE BRIM!

OUR BOARDING HOUSE —with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

WELL MAJOR, I'M LEAVING TONIGHT SO HOW ABOUT MY SPEAKING FOR YOU OFFER FOR YOUR SPEAKING SPARROW?— BETTER GRAB THE \$50 BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEARS OFF AND I GIVE YOU A BALE OF HAY INSTEAD!

INDEED YOU ARE LEAVING, MR. FROMP— BUT GLADSTONE STAYS!— I'VE SOLVED YOUR SMOOTH SCHEME TO PUT THE BIRD ON THE RADIO AT \$100 A NIGHT— EGAD! THE VUL SPIRIT IN ME IS ALL THAT SAVES YOU A DRUBBING!

THOSE BONDS SURE MESSED UP BERLIN!

FROMP GETS ANOTHER KIND OF BIRD

THE PEN PUNCHERS —By J. R. WILLIAMS

HERE'S TH PAPER ON THAT CAMPO MOCHE BULL REGISTRATION PEDIGREE BILL OF SALE, AN' SO FORTH!

I'LL SO OVER THEM AFTER I SHOW THESE GREASY SACK 30'S OVER THE PLACE

GOOD GOSH! ALL THE PAPER ON ONE BULL! A THOUSAND BULLS WITH ONE HORSE— SUIT COULDN'T HANDLE ONE BULL WITH A THOUSAND SHEETS O' PAPER!

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES —By EDGAR MARTIN

I'VE MADE UP MY MIND— PUG'S GOING TO HAVE HER CHRISTMAS, OR I'LL KNOW THE REASON WHY I'LL KNOW IT BREAKING THE PROFESSOR'S RULES...

OH, GEE— HERE HE COMES! IF I CAN JUST TUCK THESE THINGS UNDER MY COAT...

WELL, WELL, FANCY MEETING YOU! HEH HEH

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS —By MERRILL BLOSSER

HELLO! I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D MIND SEWING A BUTTON ON A SHIRT, PLEASE?

GLAD TO— JUST TOSS IT OVER!

OH, BOY— THE ICE IS BROKEN! FIND ME A SHIRT WITH A BUTTON OFF IT! AND NEITHER HAVE YOU!

I HAVEN'T GOT A SHIRT WITH A BUTTON OFF IT—

I HAVE NOW! ?

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

WASH TUBBS —By LESLIE TURNER

THE NAZIS ARE SEARCHING OUT PATROLS BRUNNER! HOW FAR IS YOUR CAVE?

LESS THAN A QUARTER OF A MILE

TAKE YOUR MEN TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FOREST AND HEAD OFF THE SPIES, SERGEANT!

YES, SIR!

AS EASY AS BRUNNER REACH THE UNDERGROUND RADIO CAVE, THE NAZIS CUT OFF EVERY PATH OF ESCAPE FROM THE FOREST

RED RYDER —By FRED HARMAN

WHAT IN PLACES WE HALL'N'OOD BACK TO OUR BRACK FOR— AND WHI TH' HURRY!

WHEN WE HAULED OUT OUR PRESS AND PRONY MONEY PLATES WE LEFT TRACKS— THIS WILL EXPLAIN!

EXPLAIN TO WHOM?

TO UNCLE SAM'S MARSHAL— YOU FOOL— CAUSE RIDER MIGHT CONVINC THE LAW HE REALLY FOUND OUR COUNTERFEIT MONEY— AND WHERE?

HERE'S DON'T GET EXCITED! WE'VE GOT NOTHIN' TO HIDE— HERE!

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PHONE 2202, W. D. North, for service on typewriters, adding machines and cash registers.

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Travel Bureaus

DRIVING to Fort Worth Dec. 23, take two passengers. Call 639-J. (245-3)

COUPLE wants ride to Austin or San Antonio the 23rd, 24th or 25th. Share expense. One way or round trip. Call Luton, 98 or 8 (245-tf)

THREE WACs want ride to Carlsbad Caverns Christmas Day, return next day. Phone Pfc. Lesner, 226-R-410, AAFBS. (246-2)

Beauty Parlors

FOR SALE: Complete beauty shop equipment for 2 or 3 operators. Stored in Ward County. Write Apartment 3, 5233 Ave. H, Houston, 11, Texas. (242-6)

Lost and Found

I WISH the young lady would come to 407 West Florida and bring my coat and get her coat. No hard feelings. (245-3)

LOST: Black Cocker Spaniel, answers to name "Blackie," wearing black collar. Phone 2123-W. (247-1)

Help Wanted

WANTED: Man or woman for night shift agent at Greyhound Bus Station. Apply in person, 113 North Colorado. (245-5)

WANTED: Man for sales work, salary and commission. Kraft Cheese Company. See Lawrence Evans, or call 2152-W. (247-3)

Situations Wanted

WANT job driving a truck. Phone 316-W. (247-3)

RENTALS

BEDROOMS 12 LIVE at Taylor Lodge; rooms; conveniently located. 107 S. Pecos. Phone 278. (72-26)

BEDROOM for rent, must rent by Saturday, 910 West Indiana. (247-1)

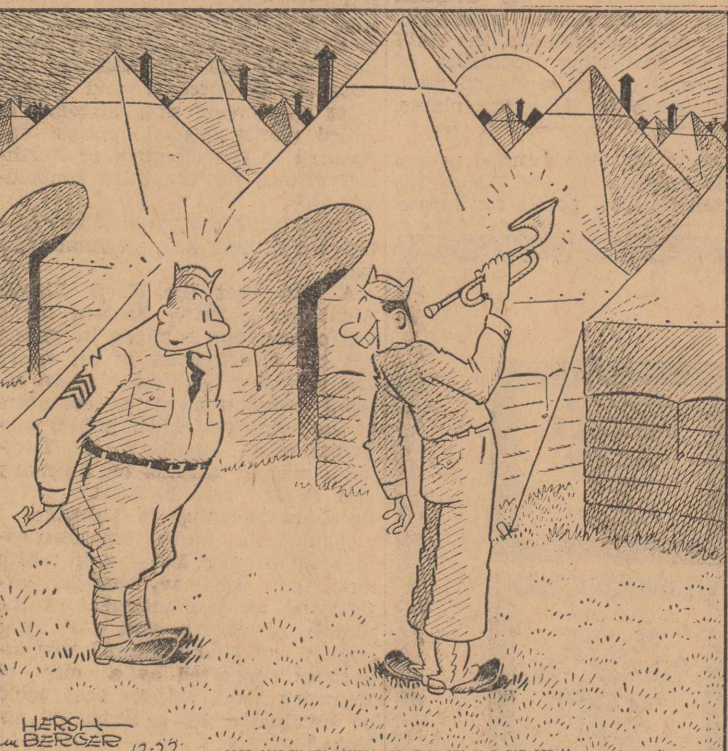
Wanted To Rent

WANT to rent furnished apartment or house by office rand family. Permanently stationed at air base. Phone 291 at Air Base. Lt. Robt. Allgeier. (246-3)

CADET'S wife wants room within walking distance of town. Room 425, Scharbauer Hotel. (246-3)

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"I had it made special—I use it for a pipe when I'm off duty"

FOR SALE

Household Goods 22 ENTIRE furniture of the Mayo Hotel for sale. Phone 9541, or Texas Cafe. (246-3)

FOR SALE: Baby crib and mattress, excellent condition. 105 East Dakota. (247-3)

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: Windmill, 6-ft. Aeromotor, 30-ft. steel tower, 100 feet good 2-inch pipe, deep well cylinder, 14-ft. tank tower, cypress tank. All in good condition. J. C. Whigham, 900 South Baird, Ph. 1888-J. (244-6)

POPULAR and standard sheet music. McMullans. (239-12)

CHRISTMAS bunny rabbits ready for children. Phone 1529, 701 North Colorado. (245-3)

FOR SALE: Used Ault Standard metal B-flat clarinet with case, \$50.00. Phone 378. (246-3)

SET new golf clubs and bag. Guitar nearly new. 1009 West Illinois, Phone 47-J. (246-3)

MAN'S bicycle, new tires, A-1 condition, \$30.00. 802 South Canal. (246-3)

BOY'S electric Erector Set, blue steel case, \$20.00. 1807 West Kentucky. (247-3)

Wanted To Buy

WANT to buy, a reflector floor lamp. Phone 849-J mornings or evenings. (246-3)

WANT to buy, a swivel chair. Call McLaughlin, Phone 8. (247-3)

WANT to buy, two medium or large cedar chests. Call 567. (247-2)

Wearing Apparel

BOY'S new all-wool overcoat, size 14, \$18.75. Barron's Supply Store. (246-3)

YOUR CHOICE Sooner or Later DUNAGAN SALES CO. Midland, Texas

Americans Ready For Knockout Of Solomons Japs

By Spencer Davis

ADVANCED SOLOMONS BASE (AP)—Additional troops as well as thousands of tons of military supplies and equipment are arriving in forward areas of the Solomons in the American campaign to capture Bougainville Island.

This was disclosed by Rear Admiral Theodore S. Wilkinson, commander of South Pacific amphibious forces, to provide still another indication that the Battle of the Solomons may be virtually over.

There are an estimated 25,000 Japanese troops on Bougainville, which together with little Buka Island just off its northern tip represents the northernmost enemy holding in the Solomons.

The Solomons Air Force has completed the job of neutralizing enemy airfields and already has turned its striking power against New Britain, 250 miles from the new American airstrip on the Bougainville beachhead.

Blockade Set Up American naval units have erected a sea blockade to contribute to the successful campaign to sever the 25,000 troops on Bougainville and the 10,000 thought to be on Buka from the Japanese lifeline to Truk and the empire.

Finally, the amphibious forces have won the battle of supply—one of the least publicized yet most important phases of the entire New Guinea-Solomons operation.

Admiral Wilkinson, in an interview, said troops along with thousands of tons of military supplies and equipment, and food, were arriving in forward areas each week "without serious interruption."

Since the Marines landed at Empress Augusta Bay Nov. 1, only one transport has been sunk—the World War destroyer McKean. Slow moving landing craft, screened by warships, have arrived at Bougainville regularly to disgorge their invasion cargo.

Livestock and Poultry

FRESH dressed fryers at 1607 West Kentucky. Phone 1318-W. (247-3)

Pets

PEKINESE puppies for sale. Rear 210 South Pecos. (243-7)

CHRISTMAS puppies, \$5.00. Mother pure bred Fox Terrier. 604 North Carrizo. (246-3)

Feed

GOOD higer, 6c per bundle. M. W. Alcorn, Courtney School. (243-6)

6,000 or 8,000 bundles higer for sale. Phone 1377-W. (246-3)

BUNDLE higer for sale. Also fresh milk cow. H. M. Brake, Phone 769-J. (247-4)

Painting & Papering

PAPERING and painting. F. S. Sanders, Phone 1744-J. (246-12)

Oil Land & Leases

FOR SALE: Andrews County royalty in sections 6, 14 and 15, block A-39. Will sell 1/16. J. G. Gaines, Brownwood, Texas. (245-3)

AUTOMOBILES

Used Cars 54 WE will pay cash for late model used cars. ELDER CHEVROLET CO. (196-tf)

We pay highest cash prices for used cars. MACKAY MOTOR CO. 200 S. Loraene Phone 245 (4-tf)

FOR SALE or Trade: 1941 black 4-door Luxury Liner Dodge, fluid drive, heater, excellent condition. 909 West Kentucky, Phone 963-W. (247-3)

FOR SALE or Trade: 1941 2-door Plymouth. Call 546-J. 607 South Colorado. (247-4)

REAL ESTATE

Houses for Sale 61 FOR SALE: 6-room modern brick veneer house; servants quarters, with bath; immediate possession. \$8,000.00. Terms can be arranged. 1611 West Indiana. MIMS & CRANE Phone 24 (247-3)

FOR SALE: Small frame dwelling, modern, immediate possession. 1105 College. Mims and Crane, Phone 24. (247-3)

FOR SALE: 4-room stucco and bath, 50x150-ft. lot, fenced in back yard, nice shrubbery. 1002 South Terrell. Call Grady Brown, Phone 1780 or 1838-J. (247-4)

10 ACRES, good 6-room house, near Country Club. Roy McKee, Phone 495. (153-tf)

FOR SALE: House and lot, \$750 cash; 806 South Fort Worth. (246-6)

FOR SAFETY CALL 555 YELLOW CAB

Parts and Service for Most Makes VACUUM CLEANERS G. BLAIN LUSE Phone 74 Will Pay Cash for Used Cleaners

U. S., Texas U. Unite In Hunt For More Oil Fields

AUSTIN (AP)—The University of Texas and the United States government have joined forces to search out more oil resources in Texas.

Several U. S. Geological Survey specialists have been assigned to work with the university's bureau of economic geology in an intensified and enlarged study of the Ellenburger group of formations in Texas, known to be the reservoir of large deep resources, said Dr. E. H. Sellards, director.

Two projects are under way. One, directed by Dr. V. E. Barnes of the university bureau, will deal with surface outcrops of the Ellenburger, which originates in the Llano region, then delves underground, swinging north as far as Wichita Falls and the Panhandle and west to Midland and the Pecos Valley.

The second, directed by Leo Hendricks, university geologist, will study insoluble residues found in the formation.

North Basin Prospectors Globe No. 1 Williams, Hockley County development, is making hole under 5488 feet in lime.

The Pure Oil Company No. 1 Martin, Floyd County prospector, has progressed to 4280 feet in dolomite and anhydrite.

Forest and H. F. Vogel No. 1 Robertson, Southwest Crosby County exploration, was making hole under 3,022 feet in lime.

Cotlex Refining Company No. 1 Miller, Northwest Mitchell County wildcat, had reached 7,488 feet and was drilling ahead.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Ellwood, Southwest Mitchell development, had progressed below 7,230 feet in sandy lime.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Cox in West Gaines County, was drilling ahead under 10,444 feet in shale and chert.

Humble No. 1 Carter, Deep Rock area wildcat in Andrews County, is boring ahead in new hole under 9,910 feet in lime and shale. The hole is reported to be clear of cavings which bothered drillers several days after a plug was drilled out.

A Variety of Developments Shell No. 1 Cox, exploration in Northwest Andrews County, was drilling below 7,988 feet in lime Wednesday morning.

Shell No. 1 Johnson, Ector County venture, is making hole under 4,990 feet in lime.

Grisham-Hunter Corporation No. 1-B Cowden, Clear Fork test effort in Northwest Ector, was drilling ahead past 6,389 feet.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 21 State-Walton, Winkler County Ellenburger effort, was boring below 10,935 feet. This project has at least 600 feet more to go before it is expected to pick up the deep pay.

Magnolia No. 234 Walton has reached 8,540 feet in chert.

Sinclair Prairie Oil Company No. 1 SETH Campbell, is drilling around 9,317 feet.

Sinclair Prairie No. 4-A Walton has reached 7,944 feet and was continuing.

Another Started In Andrews Signal Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Fisher, Central Andrews exploration, has spudded to 252 feet in redrock and has set 12-inch casing at 242 feet with 250 sacks of cement.

Culbertson & Irwin, Inc. and Union Oil Company of California No. 1-A Heiner, extension project in the Heiner area of Pecos County, had drilled to 5,773 feet and was preparing to take a drillstem test.

Humble No. 2-B Sawyer, Irion County wildcat, is drilling below 7,992 feet.

Eisenhower

(Continued from page 1) that after the first shock of the Allied western landings the armies on the new front are going to be predominantly American.

The Mediterranean, in the long view, is a greater preoccupation of Britain than of America and by a variety of circumstances is likely to become more and more of a British show as time goes on.

The first woman to sit in the House of Representatives was Jeanette Rankin, elected in 1917.

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Congressman Says A Little, Audience Then Says Plenty

BASTROP (AP)—Rep. Lyndon Johnson (D-Texas) for a while was principal speaker at a gathering of Central Texas farmers here Tuesday night, but it was just for a while.

What Johnson, who has been a strong national administration supporter, outlined his ideas on the food problem, he asked the audience to have its say. Several farmers spoke up. Here is the essence of what some said.

S. L. Brannon, Bastrop stockman: Farm labor is the main problem. The WPA made shovel-earning popular and farmers are not getting their money's worth from available labor. Prisoners of war are unsatisfactory. "They get 10 minutes of each hour off to rest. As a matter of fact, they rest a lot more than that."

W. E. Wickens, Bastrop farmer: If acreage control does not accompany post-war plans to prevent a collapse of the cotton market, "we are going to have a lot of cotton."

C. W. Webb, Elgin: In spite of the war, we are getting along all right. A meeting where people can have their say helps.

Starts 'Hot' Speech, School Catches Fire

FRONT ROYAL, VA. (AP)—In the future, Dr. Dabney S. Lancaster, public education superintendent in Virginia, will be cautious in choosing his figures of speech.

"Senator, I've come up here to build a fire under you," he told State Senator Aubrey Weaver, when he called to enlist Weaver's support for teacher salary boost legislation.

While they were talking the telephone rang. The schoolhouse, two doors from the senator's house, was on fire. Damage was estimated at \$200,000.

Minister Is Chaperon In Pre-Nuptial 'Tour'

ASHEBORO, N. C. (AP)—A soldier and his prospective bride presented themselves to an Asheboro minister for the rites, but with a Guilford County license. Since the marriage must be performed in the county of issuance, the pastor witnessed the couple and necessary witnesses into his car and drove just across the Randolph-Guilford county line.

There he parked by the roadside and tied the nuptial knot.

(Continued from Page 1) along the shores of the Gulf of Finland from the Leningrad area.

At the extreme southern end of the 800-mile long battlefront, meanwhile, Russian armies liquidated the Nazi bridgehead on the south bank of the Dnieper opposite Kherson, near the river's mouth, and dispatched said a full-scale attack against the city itself was expected momentarily.

Nazi Counterattack In the center of the line, the Germans were said to be counterattacking in three key sectors. The Moscow war bulletin said the Nazis struck in the area between Zhitobin and the Berezhina River in White Russia, south of Korosten in the Kiev bulge, and in the Kirovograd sector in the Dnieper River bend.

All attacks were repulsed with heavy losses, Moscow reported.

During liquidation of the Kherson bridgehead, more than 2,000 Germans were killed in a three-day battle, Moscow said, and 21 enemy tanks 78 field guns and enormous stocks of war gear were destroyed. Prison cages were filled to capacity, the communique added.

Kherson's capture would render untenable the German position in Nikopol, manganese center in the Dnieper bend, Krivoi Rog, and Nikolaev, northwest of Kherson on the Bug River, together with large German forces scattered throughout the area.

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Midland - Odessa BUS LINE SCHEDULE

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SILENT FILM STAR

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: HORIZONTAL 1.6 Pictured film star of silent days. Ruth 12 Choice part 13 Song bird 14 Age 15 Livonian river 16 God of lower world 17 Mimic 19 Atmosphere 20 Most honest 21 Negative vote 22 Chlorine (symbol) 23 Us 24 Therefore 26 Biblical pronoun 27 Jumbled type 28 Calcium (symbol) 30 Half an em 31 Erbium (symbol) 33 Musical note 34 Alternating current (abbr.) 36 Provided 38 Senior (abbr.) 40 Any 41 Twice (prefix) 42 Mouth part 44 On board 48 Sun 49 Constellation 50 By way of 51 Mythological maiden 52 Provide with weapons

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Kentucky Jurors Acquit Girl Of Murder Charge

BURLINGTON, KY.—(P)—Amid cheers in a crowded rural courtroom, Joan Kiger, auburn-haired school girl, was acquitted by a jury Tuesday night of murder charges in connection with the slaying of her 6-year-old brother, Jerry.

After the verdict, Commonwealth Attorney Raymond L. Vincent, who led the prosecution, asked that all other indictments against the 16-year-old Joan, and her mother, Mrs. Jennie Kiger, 49, be dropped. Circuit Judge Ward Yager granted the state's request.

Joan and her mother were accused of murder in connection with the revolver slaying of the

boy, Jerry, and his father, Carl C. Kiger, 49, Covington, Ky., vice mayor, at the family's summer home last August 17.

As the court clerk announced the jury's verdict "not guilty," Joan exclaimed: "I am glad."

Fifteen Shots Were Fired

She was hugged and kissed by her many relatives while her school girl chums, occupying the front rows of the court room, wept.

Joan testified during the trial that she was awakened by the sound of shots, ran to her parents'

room and saw "an intruder" firing a pistol at her parents.

She said she dashed downstairs, obtained two revolvers and returned to the stairway to start firing. Later she said she might have had a "nightmare."

After the shooting, Kiger was found dead in his bed with five bullet wounds, Jerry, in another room was dying with two wounds, and Mrs. Kiger was shot in the hip. Fifteen bullets were fired from three revolvers.

Over the telephone, your voice will travel around the world in less than one-third of a second.

Spare Point No. 1 Gets Spare Ribs

WASHINGTON—(P)—OPA has made spare ration stamp No. 1 good for five points worth of spare ribs—or an equal value of other pork products.

Fork is glutting the market. The OPA explained that the temporary validation of a special stamp in Book Four provided the "simplest and most effective manner for getting the unexpectedly large civilian supply of pork into the hands of the housewife."

The extra ration is good only until 12:01 a. m. Jan. 2. Agency sur-

Eleven 100-Octane Plants Completed

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Petroleum Administration for War Wednesday said 11 new 100-octane aviation gasoline refineries had been completed in the last 90 days, and that 38 more would be in operation early in 1944.

The extension of the aviation gasoline program will make less civilian gasoline available, the PAW said, as increasing quantities of the base stocks of crude oil must be diverted to the 100-octane plants.

Agency sur-

Mosquito Planes Blast Targets In Western Germany

LONDON—(P)—Swift RAF Mosquito bombers, maintaining the round-the-clock offensive against the Nazis, blasted unspecified objectives in Western Germany Tuesday night, the Air Ministry announced Wednesday, and shortly after day-break new streams of Allied planes headed across the channel in the direction of Northern France for the third consecutive day.

The latest Mosquito blow was carried out without loss, a communique said.

A hint that the U. S. Eighth Air Force is using Bremen for a test of precision bombing in wiping out the effectiveness of an entire city was seen Wednesday in an official announcement as estimates of the number of Allied planes participating in Monday's and Tuesday's massive attacks on Germany and France rose to 3,000.

Precision Bombing Is Valuable

Commenting on the American assault on Bremen Monday, in which more than 500 heavy bombers participated, an announcement by the Eighth Air Force said, "it was pointed out that scattered war industries supported by a city of Bremen's size (340,000) best could be eliminated by a series of attacks."

Such a test of precision bombing would contrast with the "obliteration" bombardment which wiped out the neighboring port of Hamburg. Monday's attack on Bremen was the fourth by the Eighth Air Force since the first of November and its seventh announced attack on that objective.

Reconnaissance pictures showed that Monday's attack inflicted severe damage in port areas and nearby rail yards, with a direct hit being scored in workshops and other facilities in the main ship yard. Several buildings were destroyed in the warehouse area and two of the three major factories of the Bogard armored vehicle works were set afire.

About 4,000 tons of bombs were dropped by approximately 3,000 Allied planes on key Nazi targets in Germany and Occupied France Monday and Tuesday in the greatest combined air operations ever carried out in 36 hours against any country since the war began.

Every Woman Loves Pretty Mules!

It seems to be a feminine inheritance . . . this love for the dainty type of slipper. Satisfy her love for the frivolous with a pair of mules for her favorite Christmas gift. They're pretty, yet practical.

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Mystery Surrounds Fort Worth Shooting

FORT WORTH—(P)—A sister and brother, Mrs. Katie Taylor Silvia, 33, and L. A. Williams, 38, were shot and wounded critically Wednesday morning as they got in Williams' car in the garage at their residence.

Their attacker, in the rear seat of the car, opened fire as they entered the front seat.

The attacker fled and Mrs. Silvia, staggering out of the garage, stumbled and fell on a wire coat hanger. The hook went through her right palm.

Newsprint Shortage Hits Chicago Paper

CHICAGO—(P)—Because of the newsprint shortage, The Chicago Daily News will publish no advertising except death and legal notices, church bulletins and amusement announcements from Dec. 23 until Jan. 3.

In an "announcement to advertisers" published Wednesday, the paper said x x x "it became apparent at the outset of newsprint rationing that, to live within our quota, it would be impossible for us to accommodate all the advertising offered to us and, at the same time, give our readers the news and features to which they were entitled."

PARISH PARTY TUESDAY

Children of the parish of St. George's Catholic Church were entertained Tuesday night at a Christmas party in the church hall. Gifts were distributed to everyone present. The children entertained Santa Claus with an impromptu program.

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Aimee's Back



Photographed in Los Angeles during her first press interview since her long illness, famed evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson announced that she would resume the pulpit and carry on until she dies.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Skipper returned Tuesday from Lubbock where they had been called by the serious illness of Mrs. Skipper's niece.

Ben Sevier arrived Wednesday from Texas A and M to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sevier.

Dennis Murphy, ill at his home at 401 South Colorado Street, is slightly improved Wednesday.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle 1,500; calves 900; steady to strong; good fed steers and yearlings, 13.00-50; common to medium 9.00-12.50; beef cows 8.00-9.00; bulls 6.50-9.50; good and choice fat calves 11.00-12.00; heifers 11.25 down; stocker and feeder steers and yearlings 8.00-11.50; stocker cows 9.50 down.

Hogs, 2,300; steady; good and choice 200-270 lb. butcher hogs, 13.55; good and choice 170-195 lb. average, 11.85-13.40; good 150-165 lb. kinds 10.00-11.50; packing sows 11.00-75; pigs at 9.00 down.

Sheep, 4,200; steady; medium grade lambs, 12.50 down with no good lambs offered. Cull to good ewes, 5.50-6.50.

Berte R. Haigh Addresses Lions

Berte R. Haigh, assistant geologist in charge of the University Lands office here, discussed its organization and program in West Texas at the meeting of the Midland Lions Club in Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday noon.

The University Lands, comprising 2,000,000 acres in 19 West Texas counties, were acquired by a constitutional grant and by an act of the Legislature.

Haigh explained control of the acreage and the use of the income derived from the lands. About 70 per cent of the income is invested in taxable U. S. bonds, Haigh said. The permanent fund totals approximately \$40,000,000. The University of Texas and Texas A and M College share in the income, which is derived from oil royalties and bonus money.

Haigh told of geophysical work being done on University acreage in Pecos and Hudspeeth counties.

Frank Monroe, Carl Peay and Dr. Henry Schliching, Jr. were named as the program committee for January.

C. A. Stroud was introduced as a new member.

The club appropriated \$10 to the refreshment fund for the USO Christmas dance for enlisted men.

Faulkner Plan Heard At Farmers Meeting

The advantages of conservation farming were discussed Tuesday afternoon when the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation group met at the Herd Midkiff farm. Jim Baker reviewed Edward Faulkner's "Plowman's Folly," a revolutionary plan for future farming in America. I. O. Sturkie, county agent, presided at the business session.

Others attending the meeting were W. M. Long, R. E. Walker, W. McDonald and John F. Price, all farmers from the Valley View community, and A. T. Jordan and E. J. Hughes with the Soil Conservation Service.

Air Strip Is Named For El Paso Hero

WITH THE MARINES ON TARAWA—(P)—The newly won air strip on Betio Island in the Tarawa Atoll has been officially named "Hawkins Field" in memory of Marine Lt. William D. Hawkins, El Paso, who destroyed six Japanese machine gun and rifle positions and was wounded three times before being killed in action.

The field was named by Major Gen. Julian C. Smith, commanding general of the Second Marine Division, with the approval of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet.

HOMEMADE COCKTAILS ARE FATAL TO FIVE NEGROES

NEW ORLEANS—(P)—Five negroes celebrating at a Christmas party Tuesday night died after drinking homemade cocktails.

Dr. John G. Hamilton said members of the victims' families told him the cocktails were made of a paint remover ingredient, sugar and two types of wine.

The drink was called a "derail."

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

Only railroad in North America to operate a shipbuilding yard is the Canadian National.

\$17,000,000 ALREADY PAID TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Veterans' Administration said Wednesday it already has paid out nearly \$17,000,000 to World War II veterans or their dependents and has adjudicated more than 100,000 cases of disability claims.