

Nazis Counter Attack In Hope Of Orderly Withdrawal From Russia; Red Line Break-Through Unlikely

By WILLIAM FRYE
Associated Press War Analyst

Despite the fury of German counterattacks in some sectors of the long eastern front, there is nothing in the news from Russia to indicate that the Nazis hope to do more than keep the Red Army at bay long enough to withdraw in orderly fashion to a new line farther west.

The Nazis have assaulted the Russian positions around Zhitobin, rail junction on the upper Dnieper above Gomel; in the Korosten area, farther south in the Kiev bulge, and near Kirovograd.

None of these, unless it was the attack in the Kirovograd area, had enough punch to break through the Russian lines or even to gain ground and there is little likelihood that the Germans hoped for a break-through.

Counter Blow Aims
The Nazi commanders are past

masters of the art of war, and they know better than anyone else that they dare not surrender the initiative to the Soviet generals along the entire front. Repeated counterattacks force the Russians to keep reserves scattered in several areas to meet a possible German success, and as long as that goes on, the Red Army cannot be massed for additional major offensives.

If it were not for the element of luck, a very important element indeed in most military campaigns, the Russians might be able to concentrate their forces anyhow, dis-regarding the Nazi counterattacks.

Eventually, of course, attrition or planned withdrawals will so reduce German strength in a new sector that the Russians will be able to crack the Nazi lines and pour through in a new offensive, just as they have done in the north.

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U. S. Gives Russia Edge In Speed That May Bring Germany Down

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NEA Military Writer

WASHINGTON—Lend-lease has put the Red army on wheels so that it can go places where it otherwise could not have gone. That explains why, at Teheran, Stalin toasted American production. It also helps explain why the Russian campaign seems about to enter a new and more decisive phase.

The Red army, it appears, now will go into maneuvers and breakthroughs more far-reaching than hitherto. At best, it may cut the Reichswehr to pieces; at least, it hopes to force withdrawals which would bring Russian airfields near enough to eastern Germany for heavy bombing.

For such warfare of movement, the first and great requirement is roads and vehicles. The Russian winter is furnishing the roads—frozen like cement; Russian and British industry are furnishing many of the vehicles, but American industry is furnishing that extra margin that gives elbow-room for real victory punches.

Aid Assured Success

We have supplied Russia the staggering total of nearly 200,000 trucks and jeeps, 5,000 tanks, 7,500 planes, 250,000 field telephones and 1,000,000 miles of wire, besides a billion dollars' worth of industrial materials such as steel, explosives, chemicals, petroleum products and 20,000 machine tools. The grand total, including food, of American lend-lease aid to Russia is some four billions of dollars.

So Russia not only has the means to move her men, but the men to move. Her reserves are still so numerous that, switching them from point to point rapidly, she can first keep the Nazis guessing as to her next point of attack, and second, attain superiority at that point.

A new attack at the northern end of the line, not only can bend back the German northern flank but can isolate Finland and force her out of the war, perhaps by starvation. It may divert German forces from the south, where the strategic stakes are still higher, where further Russian successes would lead toward Rumania and the Balkans, and take from the Nazis not only oil but allies.

May Retreat For Time
These two blows, north and south, could force the already embarrassed German center to a very wide retreat.

Nazi Hints Shift Of Troops From Finland

STOCKHOLM—(AP)—A German military spokesman—possibly trying to bluff Allied invasion planners—told foreign correspondents in Berlin Friday that all or some of the Nazi divisions in Finland and Northern Norway might be shifted to more active battlefronts.

The Stockholm-Johansen correspondent said Berlin gave no indication where they might be sent, but that it might mean "many thousands of kilometers" from Finland.

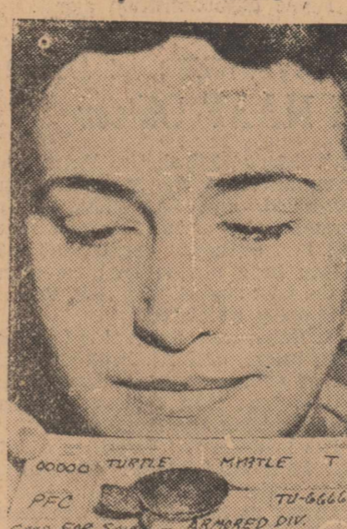
Lt. Robert L. Walker Graduates From CBIS

Lt. Robert L. Walker of Midland has completed the intensive six weeks course in latest bombing tactics and advanced bombardier instruction technique at the Midland Army Air Field. He was graduated recently from the Central Bombardier Instructors School.

The officer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Walker of Midland.

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Myrtle Turtle



Her owner, WAC Eddy Swann of Blairsville, Pa., looks sternly down at her pet, Myrtle T. Turtle, home after two weeks' AWOL from Fort Eustis, Va. WAC barracks Myrtle crawls across her own classification card, which duly tabs her as a Pfc. Armored Division, good for soup.

Goebbels Says Nazis Hope For Victory

LONDON—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels in a Christmas Eve speech to the German people declared Friday that "we still have our hopes for a victorious future," and said a coming tide of arms in the west was welcomed.

The Berlin radio quoted Goebbels as saying "we march today with light kit. Many of us have no longer much to lose."

"The loss of their belongings has made them harder and more resolute to fight. The enemy is not aware of this fresh strength of the German people."

"Perhaps this spring he will have occasion to pit himself against it in armed clash with our armed forces in the west."

There's A Limit To Gob-Dogging Too

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Yes, she was speeding, Josephine Lee, night club check girl, told the judge, but—

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May they be even brighter than ever before in reflecting the true happiness of the Yuletide Season. The remembrance of many favors that have been ours in the past leads us each year to look forward to the opportunity afforded by the Christmas Season to extend our good wishes to our good friends in this community. In our way of thinking these friends are invaluable and furnish us with cheerful and happy thoughts, particularly during times like the present. It is refreshing to look back upon these associations, and we eagerly look forward to a continuance of them. It makes for happier living and strengthens our belief in mankind. The Season's best to everyone.

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Allied Aerial Offensive Stepped Up To Wreck Jap Anti-Invasion Defenses

By MORRIE LANDSBERG Associated Press War Editor

The Allies have stepped up aerial operations to deliver another series of blows at obvious Japanese attempts to build up anti-invasion defenses in the Southwest and central Pacific.

Allied planes not only smashed at enemy transport ships, cargo vessels and troop-supply carrying barges in a continuing offensive but weakened the Japanese ability to

strike back by pounding at their air facilities over a widespread area.

The enemy sent bombers to attack American positions at Arawe, New Britain, and at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands which United States forces captured late last month. Damage in both cases, however, was announced as light.

Indicative of the Japanese effort to pour more men and supplies into threatened territory, American

army and navy fliers spotted 20 enemy vessels in the Kwajalein lagoon in the Marshal Islands, North of the Gilberts. Raids on Kwajalein and Jaluit stretched the mid-Pacific air offensive to the 14th successive day.

Three Ships Hit

While the navy announcement did not mention any of the ships being hit, General MacArthur reported his bombers scored two direct hits on each of two 6000-ton transports and a 3000-ton freighter in the harbor of Wewak, which is about 300 miles north of Allied holdings on the coast of northeast New Guinea.

Fifteen enemy planes were destroyed in the raid on the Wewak harbor and airdrome at a cost of three Allied aircraft. Other bombers attacked the Alexishafen airdrome to the south.

Cape Gloucester, across New Britain from Arawe, was plastered with 153 tons of bombs in continuance of the offensive designed either to knock it out as an enemy barge and air base to soften it up for invasion, or both.

Japs Lose 22 Barges

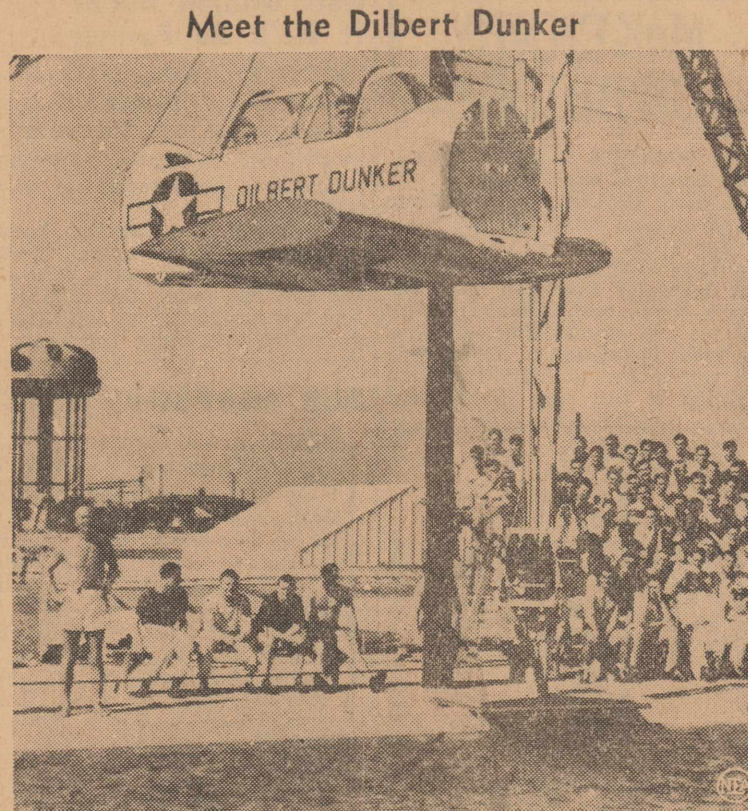
The Japanese suffered further shipping losses with attacks which sunk or damaged 22 barges in waters off New Guinea, New Ireland and the Solomons.

There was no report of ground fighting at Arawe, where the U. S. Sixth Army has gained a small but important foothold on New Britain; At Bougainville in the battle for the Northern Solomons, or on the Huon Peninsula of New Guinea which Australians have nearly won entirely.

Chinese troops made additional advances in the Yangtze and Sun-tze River areas in Central China, and the army spokesman at Chungking said they now have recovered fully four-fifths of the Rice Bowl from the retreating Japanese.

In the midst of the mounting Allied pressure, the Japanese diet convened in Tokyo Friday.

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



"Dilbert" is the proverbial name of the Air Cadet who always does things wrong. To teach cadets how to escape if their plane is downed in water, officers at the Corpus Christi, Tex., Naval Air Training Center rigged up the "Dilbert Dunker" pictured above. A saved-off two-seater plane, it is hoisted up, dropped in the swimming pool and quickly sinks. Fully-clad trainees have 25 seconds in which to scramble out, salvage equipment, inflate life jackets and rubber raft. (Navy photo from NEA.)

British King Will Broadcast Address

LONDON—(AP)—The quiet voice of Britain's king will be heard around the world again Saturday delivering his sixth Christmas broadcast to the empire and the fifth of the war.

The address will be relayed to the United States and will be beamed toward friends and foe alike in every continent beginning at 9 a. m. Central War Time.

WAC Types Her Own Marriage License

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. —(AP)— WAC First Sgt. Rosemary Gaenzle and Marine Staff Sgt. Louis Campbell walked into the county judge's office of a nearby town for a marriage license.

"The clerk isn't here right now to type it for you," said the judge. "Oh, that's all right," said the WAC. "I'll do it." And she did.

Lt. Harry A. Gossett Receives Promotion

The War Department Friday announced the promotion of Second Lt. Harry A. Gossett of Midland to the rank of first lieutenant.

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Water Fails But Beer Puts Out Tavern Fire

NEW YORK—(AP)—Fire broke out in George Imperial's Bronx tavern. He threw pitchers of water but the flames burned on. Then several customers filled glasses with beer and dashed them on the blaze. When firemen arrived the fire was out.

Kentucky Sharp Shooter Shows Army

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—(AP)— Pvt. Thomas Brown of the 8th Armored Division has told his new pals here that marksmanship was right down his alley because he came from the Kentucky long-rifle country.

Came the day when officers put him on the range with a rifle long enough to satisfy the fussiest Kentuckian. A 37mm. gun and the target was set up a good 500 yards away.

The 19-year-old Oakdale, Ky., soldier scored 10 bull's-eyes in exactly 10 shots. He didn't appear the least bit surprised.

DEMAND JAP EVACUATION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR

LISBON—(AP)—The newspaper Journal De Comercio demands Japan evacuate Portuguese Timor immediately and make "complete reparations."

Escaped Prisoner Of War Recaptured

ABILENE—(AP)—Robert Sauer, 28-year old German prisoner of war, was captured Thursday night, cold, hungry and tired.

Sauer walked away as his labor group gathered brush for a noon-day fire at the Albert Bledsoe Farm, 20 miles north of here.

Luckless Hunters Lose Shirt (Tails)

WINCHESTER, Va. — (AP) — A restaurant in Wardsville, W. Va., has a growing collection of cotton remnants, clipped from the shirt-tails of luckless nimrods, hanging from its ceiling.

Tradition demands that a deer hunter who returns empty handed surrender a portion of the shirt to the collection. The deer hunter's name is carried on the severed shirt-tail when suspended from the restaurant's ceiling.

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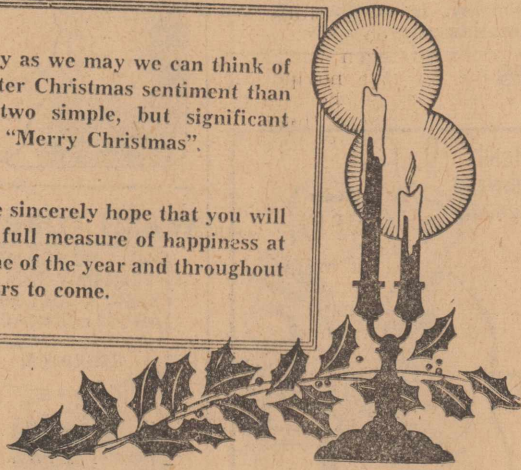
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Marshall Needed As Balance Wheel More Than As Invasion Field Chief

By WILLIAM FRYE

Associated Press War Analyst
The complex structure of the Allied war command is showing up again, pointedly so in the case of Gen. George C. Marshall, who was—but now is not—to take the field command of European invasion forces.

Nazis On Road To Production Ruin Under Raid Plans

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON—(P)—Behind the promise of Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris to "emasculate" 90 centers of German war production lies a coolly calculated program of destruction, much of which already has been accomplished.

Few cities in the history of warfare have been smashed as thoroughly as the part of Hamburg or the industrial center of Cologne. Kassel has been ruined economically, and the shattered cities of Dusseldorf, Duisburg, Essen, Mannheim and Ludwigshafen furnish stark examples of what the air marshal meant when he spoke of emasculation.

Berlin's turn came last month. Now thousands of anxious eyes are lifted to the sky in other German cities as the population wonders not, "When are we going to get it?" but, "When are we going to get it again—like Berlin?"

The highest circles in the Royal Air Force believe that the aerial bombardment of Germany has now reached a point where even the destruction of a pot and pan factory will shorten the war. That is not to say the war can be won by air power alone. It is rather a statement that the war in the air is achieving all that its advocates claimed for it.

Attacks Grow
The RAF's heavy bombardment is done at night and its technique is saturation. It pours an overwhelming load of high explosives and incendiary bombs on one spot in the shortest possible time. If the attack is successful, there should be nothing left of the target area when the big four-engined Lancasters and Halifaxes and Stirlings go home.

All this year the size of the attacks has been increasing, not only because the RAF has more planes but because authoritatively it has discovered the bigger the force it can put into the air the less its percentage of loss becomes. Great forces of bombers can overwhelm the present German anti-aircraft defense. The RAF has not announced percentage losses, but they are reported unofficially to be phenomenally small.

As German cities crumble, the Nazi transportation system breaks up with them. Bombings not only destroy war plants, but level workers' homes and send tens of thousands of Germans wandering through the country seeking shelter.

Through aerial reconnaissance and a marvelous system of espionage the RAF is able to watch the Germans' dwindling war potential and thus drop its bombs where they will do the most harm. Only a certain amount of damage to a factory is necessary to stop the flow of supplies to the home front and the armies in the field, they have found.

Civilians Vulnerable
For years before the war the German domestic economy was based on guns instead of butter. The Reich went to war with a superbly equipped army and a civilian population that was getting by on bare necessities. As the war spread there was less and less to spare for the home front.

Now the RAF is in position to know that German civilians need not only food and clothing but many other simple things without which life is very hard—pots and pans to cook with, beds to sleep upon. Houses are limited to two or three electric light bulbs.

The time has come when part of Germany's industry must be devoted to civilian needs. That's why the RAF believes the leveling of a pot and pan factory can shorten the war. Its loss means another war factory somewhere else must make prosaic things like cooking vessels.

British Toy Supply Is Held By Black Market

LONDON—(P)—Fantastic profits are being piled up by the sale of flimsy toys at absurdly high prices to British parents pathetically determined to see that their youngsters have some sort of playthings for Christmas.

And there doesn't seem to be much that can be done about it by officials absorbed in handling more serious wartime controls.

Metals, paints, dyes, cloth, and rubber either are denied to makers entirely or severely rationed.

The Board of Trade, which set a blanket ceiling of \$10 for any toy, allowed toy manufacturers to increase output 25 per cent for the holiday demand but even then the supply of sturdy—mainly wooden—toys at reasonable prices remained hopelessly short.

While the legitimate manufacturers did their best and reputable merchants sold toys at reasonable levels, the door was opened wide to fly-by-night makers and unscrupulous sellers.

There are now 69 land-grant colleges in the United States which receive partial support from the federal government.

ment, as hinted at in dispatches from London and suggested in Washington's much-quoted informed circles.

Whether Marshall's vast and increasing responsibilities are recognized officially with some new title is probably beside the point. The President and the Prime Minister appear to have agreed that he cannot be spared as an adviser to become a field commander.

Dominant Figure
Well, it is an open secret in Washington that Marshall's amazing capacity for responsibility and his great personal qualities—forthrightness, common sense, an encyclopedic memory, unassuming manner, an ability to use with great skill such instruments, human or material, as are at hand—have made him the dominant figure in staff councils.

The men working with him in the U. S. joint chiefs of staff and the Anglo-American combined chiefs of staff probably are no less able than Marshall as strategists or tacticians. But in some subtle fashion, having nothing to do with brilliance or learning, Marshall has become the catalyst of their thinking.

That being the case, it should occasion little surprise if Roosevelt and Churchill have decided that they could not spare his advisory services in a war that, from the Allied side, lacks a supreme commander.

The Anglo-American forces have two commanders, Roosevelt and Churchill. It may be that they think as one, but it's hardly likely. Their joint decisions are compromises, based on recommendations which in turn are compromise opinions of a combined staff.

Pacific Puzzle
Take the case of Marshall's Pacific trip after Teheran and Cairo as an example. There seems little reason to doubt now that its chief purpose was to give Gen. Douglas MacArthur a complete explanation of the situation, and to head off the trip home which MacArthur is reported to have planned.

If MacArthur has complained publicly about his lack of men and equipment—and he has on several occasions—it's a safe bet that he has flooded Washington with complaints and demands the public never heard of. Why? One informed guess is the lack of a single Pacific command, and a consequent absence of unity of purpose and method.

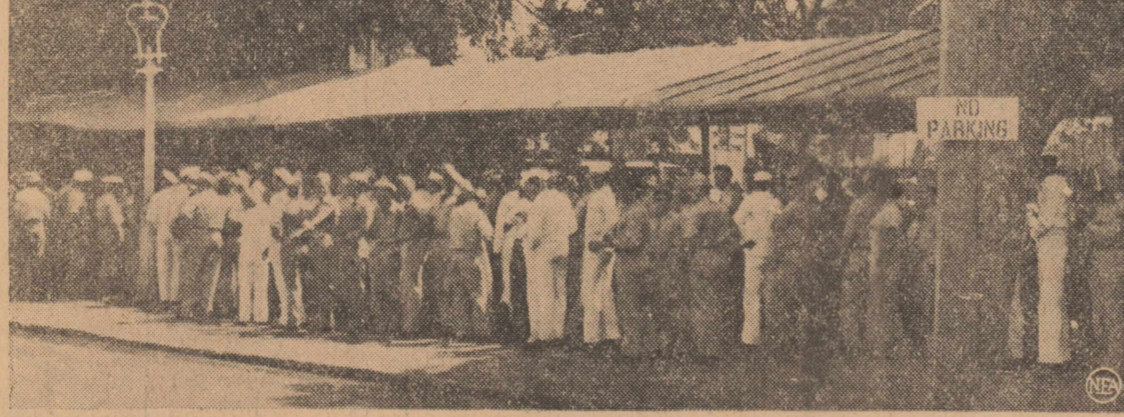
This is passed on strictly as speculation, but it makes sense. The war against Japan is a single war, and there are six recognized independent commands—China, Southeast Asia, Southwest Pacific, South Pacific, Central Pacific and North Pacific; one Chinese, two Allied, three U. S. Navy, Count 'em.

Maybe Marshall is more valuable, after all, as a chief of staff.

Live And Learn Pays Dividends
GRANTS, N. M. — (P) — Two years ago Mrs. Pauline Heller went deer hunting and couldn't hit a deer. So she target practiced two years and this season went hunting again. She bagged a 10-point buck.

Cobra venom preparations are used to relieve pain.

'It's a Long, Long Trail . . .'



Thirsty, shivering customers wait in a block-long queue to buy their ration of Cleveland's meager liquor supply at a state store (upper), and it's much the same situation at Noumea, New Caledonia (lower), where you see Yank soldiers and sailors lined up for their daily two bottles of beer. (Lower photo by NEA-Acme photographer Frank Prist, Jr., for War Picture Pool.)

Nutrition Bonanza Is Found In Yeast Previously Thrown Out By Brewers

By GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Staff Writer

Uncle Sam wants a heavy Christmas present from American brewers—25 million pounds of inactivated yeast. The stuff in the beer vats looks like a mass of cottage cheese with a golden tint. Dried, it packs a terrific nutritional wallop—first quality protein on one hand, abundant vitamin B complex on the other.

The Red Cross mixes it with a liver cake sent to Axis-held prisoners. The British want it in their Lend-Lease food. The Russians beg for it to help keep their bravos on the Berlin-bound warpath. The millions of homeless in the Nazi-devastated areas of Europe need brewers yeast to prevent starvation. And our own war workers and children

Pueblo Youth In Navy Organizes Prayer Meet
PUEBLO, Colo. — (P) — A Pueblo boy who entered the Navy, was accustomed to attending prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. In the Navy, he said in a letter home, there weren't any prayer meetings and so he organized his own. Eight boys attended the first time. The idea caught on. Within a few weeks more than 200 sailors were present.

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Texas 1942 Mineral Production Is Valued At \$895,775,540

AUSTIN—(P)—While oil continues to be the dominant factor in Texas mineral production, non-metallic minerals have sprung to increased prominence in recent years, University of Texas bureau of economic geology officials said in reporting total 1942 mineral production valued at \$895,775,540.

The 1942 value of mineral production was \$58,435,610 below that of 1941.

Among the metals and minerals of which production has been initiated or increased in recent years are magnesium, magnesite, celestite, fluorspar, graphite, bromine, and iron ore, the bureau said.

Iron Ore Production Increases
Large scale graphite production is under way in Burnet County. Bromine is now being produced in connection with production of magnesium at Freeport. Iron ore production in Northeast Texas gives promise of getting under way on considerable scale in the near future.

Production of copper, according to the report prepared by the university bureau and the U. S. Bureau of Mines, jumped 12,000 pounds valued at \$1,416, in 1941, to 198,000 pounds valued at \$23,958 in 1942.

Silver production dropped from 1,096,927 fine ounces in 1941, valued at \$779,397 to 672,781 fine ounces valued at \$478,223 in 1942.

Carbon black production amounted to 434,869,000 pounds, valued at \$14,968,000 compared to the \$15,341,000 value of 1941 production which amounted to 480,212,000 pounds.

About 50 per cent of the adult population of the United States plays bridge.

Returning Veterans May Choose Jobs

WASHINGTON—(P)—Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt, declaring that returning veterans must be given "every possible assistance," made it clear Thursday that honorably discharged servicemen don't have to take war jobs if they don't want to.

Regardless of local manpower programs which give essential war plants first call on workers, the veterans will be helped to find jobs to their liking, he said.

That goes for both men and women. About 100,000 men are being discharged every month.

"It can be assumed that the majority of returning veterans will prefer war jobs, but no restriction must be placed on anyone who chooses to accept other work, particularly when promising greater permanency," McNutt said.

Considerable Odds In Bridge Hand

PAIGNTON, England—(P)—Don't bother trying to figure the odds, but the bridge foursome at this Devonshire village, each received a full suit on a deal. A mathematician has calculated the chance of such a happening as 2,235,197,406,895,366,368,301,559,999 to 1.

TODAY . . . in America!

HAPPY YULETIDE

The Season of good cheer has arrived! With it, we pause for a moment or two to send you our best wishes for the occasion.

May it be one of happiness and goodwill, and may the coming twelve months be bright and full of hope for each of our friends.

Barney Grafa

The Christmas Spirit FINDS ITS SHRINE IN America

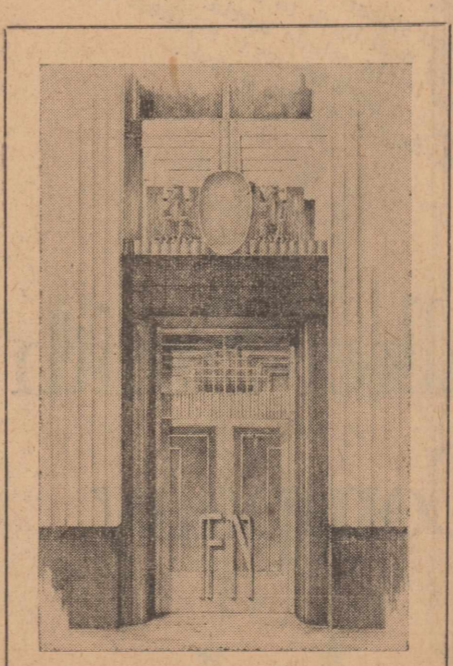
★ Christmas this year in America has been made doubly significant by the glorious sacrifice of the youth of our Nation. Somehow we believe it fitting and appropriate to remember them especially, in our Christmas Greetings. Without their efforts Christmas this year would be empty indeed. Because of their sacrifice and their willingness to serve, an American Christmas is again possible.

Season's Greetings to the youth of America, and to their loved ones and friends. May the coming year bring Peace and contentment for all

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Midland, Texas

Military Expert Traces Patterns For War Course

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NEA Military Writer
WASHINGTON—The world now is entering a period of suspense reminiscent of the Hundred Days before the Waterloo of the Hitleresque Napoleon. Although a Napoleonic campaign was a trip to Coney Island compared to the interlocking air, sea and land operations planned at the Cairo-Teheran conferences, we still can ease the suspense somewhat by estimating developments of the next few months.

Attacks will be made at varying times and places, but not as isolated, sporadic jobs. The conference remembered the principle whereby Foch crushed Ludendorff: "Each attack must be linked to others. It must be a part of a whole, and not the whole itself."

Three-Headed Attack
Fortress Europa will be attacked, said Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, "from east, south and west." So we can glimpse the offensive pattern by checking three-quarters around the compass:

EAST: The Russians will hold the initiative as long as possible. Their reserves so out-number the Nazis that they can shift their major effort from point to point while the ground remains frozen. They will keep hammering until they make quagmires. Then, after nine months' offensive battle unrivaled in length and hardship, they will pass the ball to the armies of the democracies. They will rest and reorganize, while preparing to roll again. Meantime they will bomb eastern Germany.

SOUTH: Before its breathing spell, the Red Army should have penetrated or menaced Rumania sufficiently to aid an Allied spring attack upon the Balkans. Prepared by winter bombing, that attack would lead toward wobbly Hungary and Austria, and beyond to Bohemia, strategic key to Central Europe. If Bulgaria still were at war, Turkey would join in after the British and Greeks had freed her flank by capturing the Dodecanese Islands, and after British and Americans had menaced Bulgaria's rear by landing in Yugoslavia from Italy, joining forces with Yugoslavs who already are keeping many Germans busy.

This attack would mesh with the British-American effort in Italy, which by spring should have progressed northward far enough for intensified bombing of South Germany, and far enough to threaten a ground invasion of northern Yugoslavia and even some air-ground pressure on southern France. This would prepare the landing there of a French expedition from North Africa and Corsica.

WEST: The above operations would draw Germans away from the great British-American attack on northern France and the Lowlands, which will be the most desperate of all 1944's interlocking enterprises. It looms as inevitable. Decisive British-American air superiority can and probably will insure its success this winter.

Preliminary bombing can hardly avert it, but can smash a path—perhaps several paths, for several invasions, all inter-weaving to force German withdrawals by flanking movements. Yet each must begin as a frontal assault upon strong fortifications, the out-works of Germany.

Close Shave Note From Army Camp

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La. —(AP)—Pvt. Joe Thomas, whose Cocopah Indian name Shashwas means "On Hand," never uses a razor. He simply lathers his face, grips a bare safety razor blade between his thumb and two fingers and clips the stubble away.

The U. S. Office of Education expects to train 4,465,000 citizens in the United States for war jobs this fiscal year.

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Bear Meat To Be Served At Indian Party



This picture was taken at the home of Alec Beaver, a leader in the Quapaw Indian tribe, who has done much in the interest of the Oklahoma Indian. Beaver is giving a Christmas feast to about 200 Indian children who reside in his neighborhood, 10 miles northeast of Miami, Oklahoma. Beaver is shown above with a number of full-blooded Indian children. They and dozens of others will be given toys, candy and other gifts on this unusual occasion. Bear meat will be served — the grizzly having been purchased recently from the Tulsa Zoo. (NEA Telephoto.)

Mississippi Town Faces Dangers In Big War Boom Population Increase

By JAMES THRASHER
NEA Staff Correspondent
PASCAGOULA, MISS.—"I don't suppose you'll find things worse anywhere in the whole country than you will right here," said the mayor of Pascagoula, with a touch of mournful pride.

And you don't need to stay long in this Gulf Coast city to decide that the mayor is right. This is really Boomtown, U. S. A. Too little housing and food and medical care, too much crowding, confusion, corruption and crime—Pascagoula has them all. That is why the Senate's Pepper Committee (on wartime health and education) sent five investigators down here to make a four-week study. And that is why the committee's current hearings may possibly evolve a pattern for solving similar problems in more than 200 other war-jammed communities.

It's Still Growing
Pascagoula was a quiet town of 4,000 when the Ingalls Shipbuilding Corporation moved in five years ago. In 1940 it had grown to 5,900. Today the population is somewhere between 25,000 and 30,000. And the boom town is still growing. The Ingalls shipyards now employ 11,000, but expect eventually to increase their force to 15,000.

The new workers have drifted in from the bayous and pine woods of the South. They dropped their hoes in the pea patch or cotton field, gathered up their families and headed for Pascagoula and big money. A lot of them have left because they couldn't find a decent place to live, or enough food to buy, or a doctor when their kids took sick, or because they could make more money somewhere else. (Turnover at the Ingalls yards is almost 100 per cent a year.) But a lot more have come to take their places.

Variety Of Dwellings
Sixteen thousand of them live at the east end of town in a variety of dwellings erected by the Navy, Maritime Commission, Federal Public Housing Authority and private contractors. Other thousands live in tents, shacks and trailers on vacant lots or in somebody's backyard. The city has a zoning law, but it is not enforced.

All over town you can find, clustered beneath magnificent, moss-hung live oaks, structures in which a good farmer would hesitate to

Modern Day Genius Blossoming Early

NEW YORK —(AP)—Genius is blooming younger and fading quicker these days, on the face of findings by Prof. Harvey C. Lehman of Ohio University.

Writing in Science, Professor Lehman states that in a majority of scientific and cultural fields investigated, modern leaders have made their big discoveries at earlier average ages than leaders in previous eras.

Only among inventors, pathologists and economists was no such trend noticeable. The trend was evident among writers, educators, physicists, mathematicians and workers in half a dozen other fields.

One explanation may be that moderns rush into print more quickly with their discoveries. Another is that moderns have at their disposal better research tools and techniques than their grandfathers. becomes a sea of mud in wet weather. Apparently only the grace of God has prevented a typhoid epidemic.

The first public school in America was the Boston Latin School, established in 1635.

Unions Must File Income Reports

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In the excitement over subsidy legislation and the major features of the new tax bill, little attention has been given to an obscure part of the tax measure which would have a vital effect on the future of labor unions.

This provision, now before the Senate, requires labor organizations to file an annual financial statement with the government. Rather, it goes at the matter in a negative way—it does not include unions among the organizations which are exempt from filing such statements. It includes only groups of a strictly religious, charitable or educational nature. At present the exempt list is broad enough for unions to skip making the report.

Unions and several other kinds of organizations not organized for profit are exempt from income taxes and would continue to be under the new bill. Included in these other organizations are the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and similar trade and employer groups. These organizations also would be required to file financial statements, and some of them do already. Yet labor alone seems to be worried. Why?

Pardon, Madam, Any Eggs Today?

LEXINGTON, Ky. —(AP)—University of Kentucky poultry experts told flock owners that persons who breeze through the henhouse, slam doors, "shoo" and carry on in general may reduce production by a dozen eggs per hen per year. They suggested a little more courtesy in the henhouse. "Tame hens require less feed and lay more eggs," said the professors. "The secret is to move quietly and slowly among the hens. Knock gently on the door or whistle to let them know you are coming. Even a 'Good morning, my friends,' may be worthwhile."

Army Rifle Honor Are Kept In Family

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(AP)—Lt. Willard F. Lind of Clarksburg, W. Va., fired the .45 automatic for one of the highest scores on the pistol range of the Fourth Ferrying Group.

But the week before, his younger brother, First Sgt. James M. Lind, broke the record at the group with the M-1 carbine rifle, scoring 193 points out of a possible 200.

To make matters worse for the lieutenant, he had qualified with several different guns as a West Virginia National Guard man. His younger brother had never before fired an Army gun.

Merry Christmas TO YOU, ... YOU ... and YOU!

We sincerely believe we have a host of friends in this community, none of whom do we wish to overlook in saying "Merry Christmas". We would like to see each of you personally to express our Christmas sentiment, but this we cannot do.

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Sincere Good Wishes

The UNITED

Promise Of Peace On Earth Rises Anew In Christmas At Bethlehem

By WILLIAM McGAFFIN
BETHLEHEM —(P)— Thousands of Twentieth Century pilgrims, many of them in khaki, follow the path of the three wise men to worship with rejoicing hearts on the hallowed ground five and a half miles south of Jerusalem where the Prince of Peace was born nearly 2,000 years ago.

Their hearts are full of hope and they sing with exceeding joy as a blacked-out world observes its fifth Christmas of the war. For this year there is a promise of Allied victories that it will not be long before the angel's message can be reaffirmed. "Peace on earth, good will toward men . . ."

Even the stars in the eternal heavens, once brilliant with wondrous tidings, seem to shine more brightly as the glad refrains of the old songs float up from the cheerful mortals below. "Hark, the herald angels sing," they carol as they crowd about the ancient stone Church of the Nativity which Constantine built on the site of the Holy Manger in the year 330.

Greatest News Story
For this is the anniversary of a miracle, the greatest news story the world has known. And it marks the nearing emergence of the world from its greatest war. "Silent night, holy night . . ." The winter air is crisp and their breaths come white as they stand singing on this hill of Judea about the weather-beaten gray stone church which is built in the shape of a cross.

Let us enter the church. You must stoop low there for it is but a tiny door, the "Eye of the Needle" they call it. It was made small, they say, to prevent rioting crowds from sweeping inside on their camels and donkeys to continue their fights within. The Holy Land, you are reminded, is a sacred place to more than one religion.

Church Is Shared
The air is heavy with incense. As you look up you see that the church is roofed with wood. Along either side of the nave are heavy marble columns. Moving about in the lights and shadows are long-bearded priests. The Greek Orthodox "which observe Christmas 12 days later," Armenian and Roman Catholic churches share this holy structure and the three adjoining convents.

Let us go forward to the choir row and descend the stone steps to the grotto below which is hollowed out of solid rock. In a gray marble recess on the right hand side as we enter is a silver star sunk in the floor. This marks the actual place of the birth and is in addition symbolic of the star which guided the three wise men.

A few feet away on the left is another marble recess marking the place of the manger where Jesus was laid. The grotto is hung with oil lamps and red tapestries and religious pictures. The original manger is now in Rome, you are told. Rome . . . the war . . . your thoughts sweep back. Then you resume your reverie over the Christmas story.

No Inn In Bethlehem
"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

There is no inn in modern Bethlehem. In nearby Jerusalem, however, there are fine hotels, but it is almost impossible to get a room in them. Two thousand years later and still no room in the inn. There has been progress, though, for this time, if it were happening again, Joseph and Mary could go to a marvelous modern hospital, the Harassah Rothschild University hospital, on Mount Scopus.

There are various reminders of the American influence in this holy city, aside from the soldier tourists—whose favorite purchases, according to the shopkeepers, are Bibles bound in mother of pearl, and rosaries. There is, for example, the white shell which the shopkeepers prize as the finest shell for the manufacture of souvenirs. It comes from California.

And there is the model of the Church of the Nativity painstakingly constructed out of 15,000 pieces of mother of pearl and intended for exhibition at the New York World's Fair—a project doomed by the war.

Modern Bethlehem
If Christ were to return today to His city he would find many changes as might be expected after 2,000 years. But his spirit still prevails and never more so than today on this fifth—and most hopeful—Christmas of the war.

The little shops which crowd the quiet, narrow streets about the Christian Church of the Nativity are mostly run by Arabs—but they are Christian Arabs.

—but they are Christian Arabs. The physical appearance of Bethlehem today is interesting. The Church of the Nativity on Manger Square stands resolute guard over

Our Enemies—On Their Home Grounds and Abroad



The photos above received in this country from neutral sources, show Germans at home, as invaders and as guests of their "honorary Aryan" brothers-in-arms the Japs. At upper right Jap officers read a party of German soldiers on sight-seeing tour of the former British naval base at Singapore, where Nazi troops form part of garrison upper left background by debris of broken buildings a young girl on road wanderer, rides through Berlin's blitzed streets, lower left, a German heavy anti-aircraft gun crew on alert attacking American bombers in Italy's Appennine Mountains, lower right Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering (left), surrounded by Berliners after an RAF raid, and presumably trying to explain how such things can be

the Holy Grotto beneath it. But round about have sprung up the modern trappings of any town. Directly across the street is a grocery store. Cater-cornered from the church is a beautiful new police station.

"The Nativity Store" on Manger Square announces that it engages in "Manufacture of Mother-of-Pearl—East. Souvenir of Bethlehem" Mother-of-pearl manufacture, incidentally, has become Bethlehem's major industry. Much of the pearl comes from the Red Sea.

Radio Plays Arab Music
Walking from Manger Square toward Star Street you hear a radio playing Arab music and you pass in turn, a taxi ramp ("To dollars cream and lemonade stand, and an Arabic mosque with a stately minaret.

And there is the external signs of any modern town. And if you shut out the modern

world for a little while, you have simply to join the bands of modern pilgrims who are wending their way into the Church of the Nativity and down to the Grotto where the spell still holds that was woven over this sanctuary 20 centuries ago.

Nazi Misnomer
The word "Aryan," now used erroneously in Germany for the preferred race, actually is a term referring to language, and has no reference to any peculiar German racial heritage.

Discharged By Army, Grows Into Navy

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. —(P)—James Herbert Cole, of Tellico Plains, Tenn., was accepted by the Navy. His previous attempts to wear a uniform, however, were short-lived. At 16 he volunteered for the Army, was sent home with an honorable discharge when his actual age was discovered.

From the Army he served a stretch on the Washington, D. C., police force, he said, replete with uniform and gun. Navy recruiters said the six-foot ex-football player would keep the seaman's outfit.

Super-Senior



Perpetual student Paul Moran signs up for his 15th straight year at De Paul University, Chicago. Looking on is fellow student Irene Gandek, who was scarcely ready for kindergarten when he first enrolled. A North Dakota farmer nine months of the year, Moran spends the other three studying accounting.

Howitzer Transported By Army Airplane To Save Bridgehead

SAN JACINTO ORDONANCE DEPOT, TEXAS —(P)—The first time the burly American howitzer got a plane ride it saved an Allied bridgehead in New Guinea and forced a Japanese retreat.

The Army Thursday revealed this previously untold story of the critical days when Japanese troops were driving across the Owen Stanley ranges on Port Moresby. It's the story of a feat unheard of in the last war.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur called for the short, peppy commander of his air force, Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney and told him he wanted a 105 MM Howitzer within 48 hours. Weighs 4,000 Pounds

The husky howitzer weighs 4,000 pounds and never before had been transported into battle by plane. General Kenney sent a plane post-haste to Australia for the weapon. By an all-out effort the howitzer was lashed securely in a Flying Fortress and transported to New Guinea where it was reassembled by aviation ordnance mechanics. It saved an Allied bridgehead and forced a Japanese retreat.

The feat prompted an American officer to observe: "American ingenuity and inventiveness are causing the Japs a much roaring annoyance as a sprinkling of glass in a plum pudding."

Nazis Become More Civil To Prisoners

GOSPORT, Hampshire, England —(P)—Corp. Philip Nash, repatriated British soldier, said German prison guards had such a change in attitude during the last six months that they now were saying "good morning."

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Ersatz Ingredients For Fruit Cakes Are Made By Nutritionists

BATON ROUGE, LA. —(P)—Lest wartime shortages of crystallized fruits and peelings make a casualty of Christmas fruit cake, nutritionists at Louisiana State university have worked out a recipe which substitutes home-made preserves, jellies and fruit juices for the hard-to-get ingredients.

For a nine-pound fruit cake (in addition to the usual leavening agents, flour, eggs, shortening, sugar, spices and nuts) use one cup grape juice, one cup each of strawberry, fig and muscadine preserves, one and one-half cups watermelon preserves, one glass of jelly and one cut of citrus fruit marmalade.

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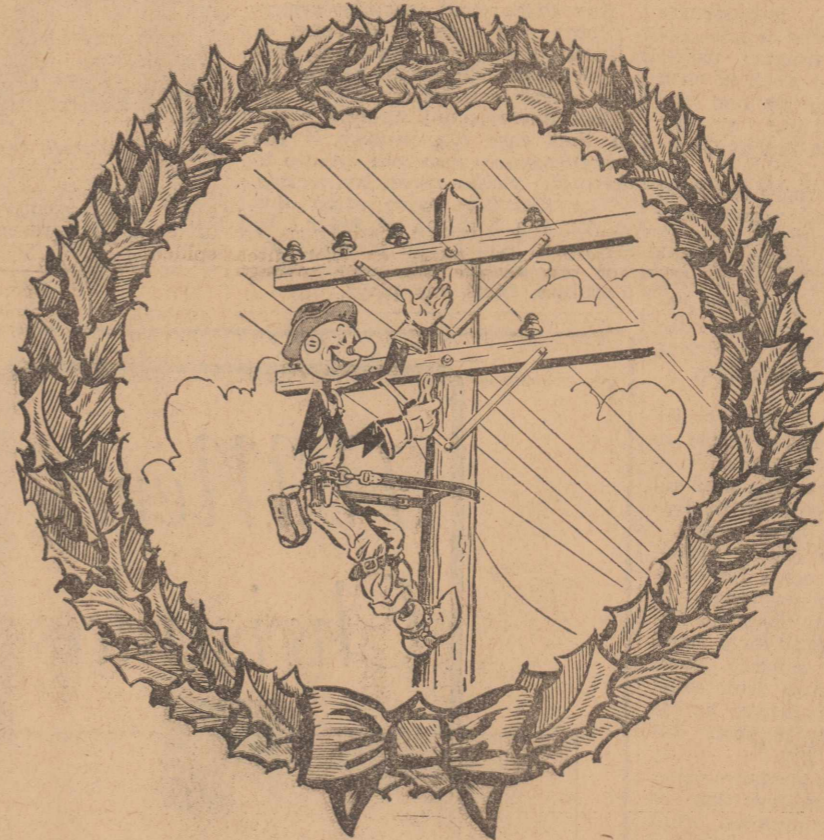
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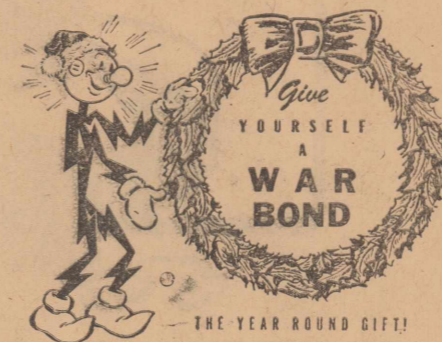
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Shipping Rubber From Jungle Takes Longer Than Extracting From Trees

By S. BURTON HEATH
NEA Staff Correspondent
RIBERALTA, BOLIVIA.—Although this is the metropolis of a rather large area, it is the loneliest community I ever have seen. The village stops at the last row of houses. There is not a single road leading out from it—not even a pair of wheel tracks in the grass. For that matter, there is not a street in Riberalta. Between the rows of single-story dwellings and

stores are wide spaces enough for boulevards, but they are grown up to grass where cows graze and pigs root. There are no roads because there is nowhere for a road to lead except into the jungle. There are no streets because, except for a few crude ox carts (I actually saw only the one that hauled our luggage up from the airport) there is not a wheeled vehicle in the place. Riberalta typifies the isolation of most of the Amazon Basin, which can be reached only by river boat or by airplane. If one is in too much of a hurry to spend days or weeks on a boat that is much less comfortable, he must travel by air provided his destination, like Riberalta, is fortunate enough to be served by plane.

Travel Is Difficult
From Riberalta down the Beni River to Cachueta-Esperanza, which has what is charitably called a road to Guajaramerin, 30 miles away, there are three river boats weekly. By crossing the Mamore river from Guajaramerin to Guajara-Mirim, Brazil, it is possible to take the Madeira-Mamore railroad 235 miles to Porto Velho, Brazil. If you want to go on from there, as in all probability you will, it must be by plane, 493 miles to Manaus, or else by river boat.

It took most of a day in a "fast" launch, downstream, for my trip to Cachueta-Esperanza. It took two hours in a station wagon at seemingly breakneck speed to negotiate the 30 miles to Guajaramerin. From here one day we flew in a PBV amphibian to visit the spring of Carlos Seiler at Conquista on the Madre de Dios river. By air the distance was 70 miles and took an hour, including the time required by our pilot to find a landing space on the river that was free from floating logs which would have staved in the hull of our plane.

Rubber Delivery Slow
Seiler, a Swiss who lives here, went with us. It was the first time he ever had flown to his estate, which he has operated for much of the 41 years he has lived in Bolivia. Though Riberalta is the nearest town, he has to spend 15 hours—two traveling days—getting back. In addition to the river boats, Riberalta is connected with the outside world by a local air line which used to be run by the Germans but now has been taken over and reorganized as part of Lloyd Aereo Boliviano. A 14-passenger plane, which also must handle express and light freight, passes through here twice a week in each direction, connecting at one end with Guajaramerin and at the other with a Panagra line at Cochabamba.

Planes can handle only the most urgent passenger and express services. The rest must travel by boat. That explains why Seiler, second largest rubber producer in Bolivia, has a time-lag of six months between the gathering of his latex and delivery of rubber at Belem, export port for Amazon rubber.

Prices Exorbitant
That also is why it costs Seiler three and a half cents a pound to get his rubber from Conquista to Belem, which is more than a pound of Malayan rubber cost in the United States for one brief period. And that is why I paid \$1.25—five or take a few cents for computation of Bolivian exchange—for a box of sardines in Cachueta Esperanza, about 65 cents for a small can of Vienna-type sausage, about the same for a can of fruit salad dated 1929 and—everywhere in the Amazon country—\$1 a bottle for beer.

Up in this country airplanes mean little more to the natives than so many over-sized mosquitoes. But they probably would be frightened out of a year's growth by an automobile.

Lissen, Pal, I Really Was Waiting For One
NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—A tipsy gentleman stood in the semi-darkness of a suburban street corner, mulling about having to wait for a streetcar. Finally the trolley came, but its motorman apparently failed to see the man, and whizzed past. "Must've thought I was waiting for a streetcar!" the man commented.

Horse Gets His Bad Habits From Owner
MEMPHIS, TENN.—(AP)—Mounted Policeman Pete Zaroll always shares with his horse, Tim. What the cop eats or drinks, so does his horse—even to a daily soft drink. Lately, the officers' master acquired another of his master's habits—chewing gum. Tim works on a pack at a time, swallowing the wad when he's tired of it.

The highest clouds are 50 miles above the earth.



Turkey is again in the shifting spotlight of war, but this time the dagger is pointed in the opposite direction. While this nation was once menaced by Germans in Bulgaria and Greece, it may now be used as a base for Allied air attacks on the Balkans and Nazi-held Aegean islands. Turkey stands ready to meet any new threat of attack by Hitler with solid defenses and a modern army in the spotlighted area west of Istanbul.

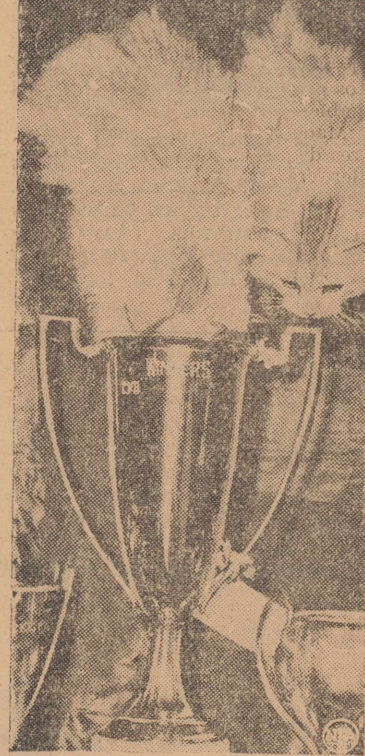
Anti-Nazi Schools Operate In Poland

By A. I. GOLDBERG
LONDON.—(AP)—Poland under the German heel is cashing in on the experience of decades of underground operation to give Polish children some sort of education. Polish teachers, members of the underground movement, brave death or worse to gather with youths in seemingly innocent small groups where they continue studies the Germans have forbidden. The book that brings the "highest price" on the Polish Black Market is an English textbook. Poles copy by hand complete Polish-English textbooks. English will be Poland's second language after the war.

Risky Job
These are a few of the aspects of Poland hitting back at the invader through its youth, told by Mr. X, an official of the movement who recently left the country.

Any Pole found teaching groups of boys and girls in defiance of German orders is immediately shot—unless the Germans believe he may know something about the Polish underground fighters army. In that case the penalty is the concentration camp and torture to make the victim reveal his secrets. The Germans were attempting to sap the lifeblood of Poland by starvation and by an insidious attack on morals and morale with literature, films and plays.

Cupped Cat



Curiosity cupped the cat at the Beresford C. Club of America's championship show in Chicago. Prize shaded Angora at left finds him (her?) self in trouble as he (she?) investigates trophy cup.

Family Has Record For Landownership

WAYNESBORO, Va.—(AP)—Probably the record for family ownership of a single piece of property in this part of Virginia goes to the Stiegel family, descendants of the originators of the famous Stiegel glass. The family has kept a farm near New Hope for the last 133 years. Grover C. Stiegel of Waynesboro farmed the land until last spring when his mother, Mrs. Charles B. Stiegel, died. The farm equipment was sold at public auction, and in order to settle the estate, the home was put on the block, but a great grandson of the first owner—Jacob Stiegel—was the high bidder so the land will stay in the family.



It's Carmen Miranda's own headgear, but it's not the Brazilian bombelle. It's Pvt. William Seay of Los Angeles, pictured as he played the Miranda role at a Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., soldiers' show.

War Bond Is Kitty To Airfield Cat

KEY FIELD, Miss.—(AP)—Employees of the Air Service Command installation here believe Tom Hanger, Jr., is the first cat in history to buy a War Bond.

At the close of the last war bond drive, employees of the department had chalked up 100 per cent in individual purchases... except for Tom, their mascot. Someone suggested that if each member tossed in a small contribution, Tom could have a bond, too. And that's how it happened.

In line with a Treasury ruling against purchasing a bond in the name of an animal, Tom's investment is in the name of the American Red Cross.

Juice Tenderizes Even Tough Steaks

IOWA CITY, IA.—(AP)—There is a chance you have milkweed juice to thank for that last juicy steak you tasted.

Prof. Walter F. Loehwing of the University of Iowa botany department says that such juice is highly efficient in tenderizing tough beef from over-age cows. Before the war, meat from old cows was treated with papaya and pineapple juice, Prof. Loehwing says. Curtailment of imports of those juices has caused about 500,000 pounds of milkweed juice to be used annually, he said.

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Five American Privates Spend Twelve Days Behind Germans' Lines

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Stuarts" by their admiring buddies. During the daytime the men hid in the craggy hills. At night they stole down into the valleys to cut communications, wreck vehicles, blow bridges and pick off small groups of Germans.

Co-Star With Chaplin



Gray-eyed Alice Ealand, New York model, announces she has signed a contract with Charles Chaplin and will co-star with him in a new movie. Two actresses preceded her on "the list"—one charged Chaplin was the father of her child, the other married him. (NEA Telephoto.)

Luck Supplements Pay Of Army Lieutenant

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—An advertising man, aware of Army rates of pay, became concerned about the welfare of his lieutenant son somewhere in the Mediterranean area who had allotted \$100 a month for war bonds.

Post-War Production
In the first full production year after the war, one large manufacturer expects to sell between 2,200,000 and 3,400,000 cars and trucks. This is 25 to 50 per cent more than in 1941, the previous high.

GI's Won't Murder This Bugler

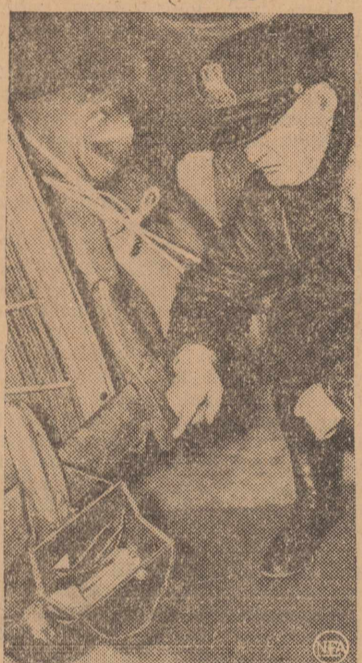


Soldiers at Camp McCoy, Wis., keep it to themselves if—and when—they dislike this bugler. He's Pfc. Ben Gan, who made sports headlines as Small Montana, world flyweight boxing champion. Private Gan coaches regimental boxing team. A Filipino, he intends to return to homeland with victorious American Army.

Failure To Send Aid To Bengal In Famine Lowers U. S. Prestige

By PRESTON GROVER
CALCUTTA—(AP)—American prestige in India, steadily lowering since the U. S. failed to take a more active part in independence activity, has been given a new blow by the seeming lack of American interest in the Bengal famine.

Suspects Bagged



Paul Hetzel and Elmer Parrish, alleged Chicago hit-and-run drivers, were apprehended through purse of one of the victims, found, as shown in photo, hanging on bumper guard of Hetzel's car. Auto struck three women, hurling one 150 feet.

Air Freight Is Cheaper Than River Transportation In Jungle Country

By S. BURTON HEATH
NEA Staff Correspondent
CACHUELA-ESPERANZA, BOLIVIA—The House of Suarez became extremely wealthy through enterprise, hard work, intelligent management—and because it controlled the 2.7 kilometer railroad line around the cachuela esperanza, or "Rapids of Hope."

These rapids are so bad that, before the mile and a half of railroad was built, two out of three river boats that tried to go through capsized.

Air Freight Cheaper
That symbolizes the problem of developing the Amazon Basin. You have a choice of traveling by river boat or by air, or of staying out. You can get here from Belem, at the mouth of the Amazon, by commercial air lines, in approximately a day and a half, laying over night at Manaus. But workmen brought to tap rubber trees, coming by boat, take two months.

It appears to be the consensus of the best informed persons I have met down here that the Amazon Basin always will depend upon river boats and aviation for its transportation.

Strange as that may seem to a country liberally networked with railroads and hard-surfaced highways, down here it actually is cheaper to ship much freight by airplane than by river boat.

Counts On Dog Watch To Become Champion

CARLSBAD, N. M.—(AP)—Maybe Patrolman Ed Colvin was joking but he says if enough people let their dogs run loose in Carlsbad streets he's going to be the champion calf and goat roper, come next spring. Colvin says he's going to practice his roping whil' on his beat, twirling it over the necks of the stray dogs.

here for Rubber Development Corporation, has figures to show that in the Catalina amphibian in which he has been carrying us he can fly freight for \$25 a ton less than it can be brought in by river boat.

From Porto Velho to Guajararin, near here, river boats require 29 days to bring in 25 tons of foodstuffs. With a single Catalina, Ramsey can carry five tons on each of two trips a day, so that in three days he can put 30 tons of food into Guajararin.

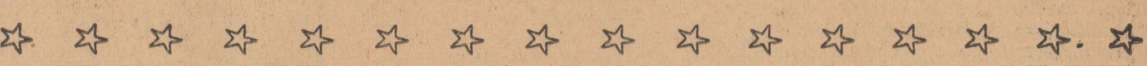
delays and such costs. To construct railroads or even trucking highways through the jungle would involve enormous engineering problems and unbearable expense. Such difficulties would arise in part from the vast distances, in part from the thick growth, and in part from the fact that normal flood stage for many of the rivers is around 40 feet, which inundates vast areas and would require that perhaps thousands of miles of highway running through wilderness be elevated at great expense on pillars about 60 feet in height.

Aviation Is Answer
As an illustration of the cost basis against which his planes can

compete successfully, Ramsey cites the river run from Manaus, inland center of rubber operations, to Madeira and Aripuana rivers, on which boats of the S. Negreiros Company take 10 days. The freight charge of 20 per cent of the value of the goods.

It would be pretty hard to develop a country in the face of such

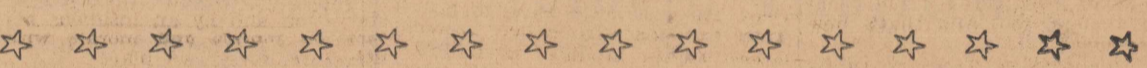
The alternative is aviation.



From West Texas Gas Company

Season's Greetings

So there'll always be a CHRISTMAS—Buy more WAR BONDS



WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS

BECAUSE it gives us an opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

BECAUSE it's the one time of the year when problems and tribulations can be forgotten.

BECAUSE the spirit of Christmas prevails everywhere and the brotherhood of man predominates the thoughts of civilized man.

BECAUSE we can be young again, and relive a life of fond memories with our loved ones.

BECAUSE a world which observes Christmas is a world worth living in—a joy for all.



MERRY AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

and may our flag forever be the symbol of

JUSTICE, FREEDOM and UNITY

McMullan's

Here's a Christmas PLEDGE TO THOSE WHOM WE SERVE

AS THE SHADOWS OF THE OLD YEAR LENGTHEN TOWARD THE TWILIGHT AND AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE PROBLEMS OF THE NEW YEAR, IT GIVES US REASON TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OR TWO TO CONSIDER THE PLEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN OURS. WE SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MANY GENUINE FRIENDSHIPS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY. FRIENDSHIPS WE VALUE ABOVE ALL THINGS MATERIAL. ASSOCIATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CEMENTED

BY THE LOYAL THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHOM WE SERVE WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US, AND WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU. WE DO NOT HESITATE TO RENEW OUR PLEDGE OF SERVICE AND CO-OPERATION IN WHATEVER CAPACITY WE MAY BE CALLED UPON. A JOYOUS AMERICAN CHRISTMAS IS EXTENDED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA.

Sanders Furniture Co.
411 West Illinois
MR. & MRS. J. B. SANDERS

Curl Up With Tax Bill To Relax; It'll Curl Your Hair --- And Wits

By FRANCOIS J. KELLY

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee's complete, unexpurgated edition of the proposed 1943 revenue bill has become available at the capitol, but if you want to find out what your taxes would be under it, you'd better see your lawyer.

Be sure he's a good lawyer, equipped with an up-to-date copy of the Internal Revenue Code. The 190-page tax bill is divided into titles, sections, sub-sections and sub-sub-sections, which amend entirely different titles, sections, sub-sections, etc. of the code. The code, incidentally, is loose-leafed, like the dollar bill section of a taxpayer's wallet.

The arm-chair tax expert who curls up with House bill 3687 for a quick preview of next year's bad news is brought up sharply by things like this:

Section 112 (E) (relating to loss from exchanges not solely in kind) is amended by inserting after "subsection (B) (1) to (5), inclusive," the following: "or (6)?"

See?

Debts Left Dark

The text is a disappointing let-down to a promising table of contents. For example, section 106, billed as "partially worthless debts," throws no light on what to do about that five Uncle Horace borrowed to bet on Landon. Section 307, on the pistol tax, merely instructs the collectors to lay that levy down if

the gat was purchased for the use of a state, territory or political subdivision thereof.

However, if you mine vermiculite, lepidolite, spodumene or sagger clay it will pay you to read section 117 which lays down the rules for computing percentage depletion on these minerals. (An interesting sidelight on vermiculite is that when heated, it frequently assumes a wormlike form. Anyway it draws a 15 per cent depletion allowance.)

The bill devotes quite a bit of space to "drawback on distilled spirits" which turns out to be a refund or part of the \$9 a gallon alcohol tax when the spirits are used for non-beverage purposes, such as compounding medicine.

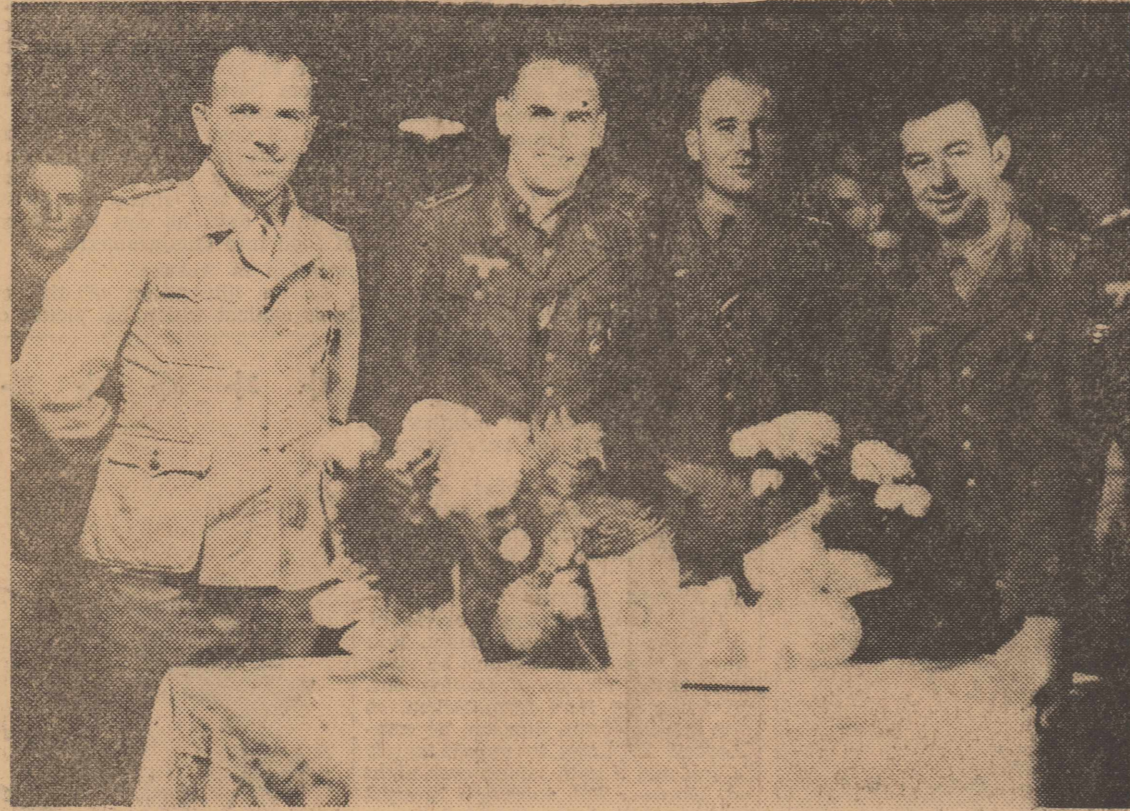
That's the only kind of a drawback the tax bill admits to.

Girl Makes Offer To Feed Penn's Mascot

STATE COLLEGE, PA.—(AP)—Because she thought her brother, overseas with the Air Corps, would want to keep Penn State's lion well fed, a self-sacrificing young lady offered her meat ration points for the mascot's upkeep.

Football star Aldo Cenci—to whom she wrote the offer—sent her a photograph of the lion, told her the mascot was now in the care of a New York zoo.

German Prisoner Married In "POW" Camp



In a wedding by proxy which took place in a prisoner of war camp near McAlester, Okla., the prisoner of war bridegroom, second from left, stands between his two closest comrades, who served as official witnesses. The bridegroom who married a girl in Germany by proxy has a ribbon on his blouse which indicates that he has received the Iron Cross, second class; the two medals are a wound medal and an athletic medal. (Photo approved for publication by Bureau of Public Relations, War Department, Washington, D. C. (NEA Telephoto).)

Cowboy Now Rides Army Rifle Range

CAMP CLAIBORNE, LA.—(AP)—Kent C. James claims to be the only cowboy in America who makes a living riding an Army rifle range.

To keep cattle from being air-conditioned by stray bullets and shells, the range has been fenced in. But some of the more enterprising animals manage to break through occasionally and it's James' job to herd them out of danger.

The Army figures it would cost more money to pay for dead cows than it costs to pay its unusual cowboy.

James' theme song while on duty is: "Home on the Rifle Range."

1,000 Hunters, But Only 15 Bull Elk

PEARISBURG, Va.—(AP)—Hunters bagged 15 bull elk and 40 cows in the three-day hunting season in Giles County. More than 1,000 hunters participated. One ten-point bull was bagged.

The first foreign organization permitted by the French to march under the Arc de Triomphe was the American Legion, in 1927.

HILL DOESN'T WEAR OUT

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—(AP)—Henry Linebaugh's home is under a big hill. That was all right until the war created a shortage of automobile parts. Now Linebaugh, whose "low" gear wore out, must back up that hill for a half a mile in order to get home.

ILL-FATED PHEASANTS

CANTON, S. D.—(AP)—Henry Cornelius, farmer near here, says he killed four pheasants with two shots while picking corn in a field, which has been done before but . . . In each case, the two birds were flying in opposite directions.

One's tablespoonful of kitchen fat will make five machine gun bullets.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

A PRICELESS GIFT

IS SHARED BY ALL AMERICA

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Shannon

Midland Small Animal Hospital

Christmas GREETINGS

We extend them to every one of our customers and friends — and in looking forward to the New Year — which may be the year of victory — we offer you our complete services . . .

SCHARBAUER HOTEL GARAGE

TROY SEAGO, Manager

IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO GREET YOU

In the excitement of a busy holiday season, we trust that you will stop long enough to accept our GREETINGS OF THE SEASON. Our own Christmas would be incomplete if we did not take advantage of the opportunity to wish you all the good things we can think of. You have been considerate of us in the past, and we trust that we may continue to merit your patronage in the future.

Williams Studio

Roosevelt Says Term "New Deal" Outmoded

WASHINGTON—(AP)—You can take it from a very good authority: the term "New Deal" is now regarded as outmoded.

You might almost say it's something that belongs to the horse-and-buggy days.

President Roosevelt, says Presidential Secretary Stephen Early, believes "New Deal" is definitely out of date, after serving as the best known label for his administration since 1932.

In its stead, the chief executive favors another slogan, something like "Win the war," but not necessarily in those exact words.

Gunner Gets Wings

S/St. Guss Bryan of Midland, an aerial gunner, received his wings at the Harlingen Army Air Field.

Surplus Of Eggs Is Reported In Cities

CHICAGO—(AP)—Another example of the tremendous productive capacity of this country's food plant is before the American people as many cities are glutted with a surplus of eggs.

Hens had joined hogs, which have been moving to market in heavier volume than can be handled by meat processors, in giving their reply to the doleful prophecies who earlier this year had asserted the nation was faced with shortages of food.

The hens' answer was in the form of an unprecedented quantity of eggs—a supply which was knocking prices well below OPA ceilings in major cities, with stocks piling up in the hands of wholesalers searching for someone to buy them.

Part of the heavy marketings was attributed by poultry dealers to the fact that pullets—young hens—born early last spring were now getting on the egg production line. Output normally expands at this time of year, with a consequent decline in prices, dealers said.

Chicken Hunt Is Fun

LONGMONT, COLO.—(AP)—When Patrolman Charles Bottinelli arrived on the scene chickens were running in all directions from Farmer Clyde Bellville's truck. He chased one headed westerly. Police Chief Miles McPhillips, who happened along, chased one to the east. Then all of the spectators joined in the fun and soon everyone of Farmer Bellville's chicks was back in their sack.

Ships enroute to Egypt from New York sail north at first, following the Great Circle course.

Pvt. Donald McNiff Is Army's Problem

WITH THE U. S. ARMY IN ITALY—Keeping Pvt. Donald McNiff fully equipped has cost the Army hundreds of dollars, countless supply sergeants and a lot of grief.

Private McNiff is an engineer from Boston, Mass., who tries and tries to keep what's rightly his, but who is consistently the most poverty stricken soldier in the division, with a future as dark as his past.

It all began back in Fort Devens when he lost several shirts in as many dry cleaning establishments and the post laundry never bothered to return his underwear. Because that was the beginning of the whole thing, he could afford to be broad minded about it all.

Accidents Keep On Happening

"Accidents will happen," said McNiff, as the 45th moved to Pine Camp. But the accidents kept right on happening. Besides losing more shirts, he added shoes to his shortage reports. For a while he hobbled around in substitutes, till his supply sergeant was able to get some 8½ EE's. When the shoes arrived, the division moved to Camp Pickett.

From here on, McNiff's story is downright tragic. He was immediately placed on special duty when he arrived in Virginia, and after a prolonged absence, he returned to his company, only to find that someone had made off with all his clothing he'd left on the racks, and left in its place a few shirts, all too large, and a couple of suits of used underwear.

Lost Barracks Bag, Too

In Sicily, the McNiff frame was freely punctured by mosquitoes, due to the fact that he'd misplaced his mosquito netting on the trip across. In the Stelian rest areas other engineers enjoyed the luxuries of their barracks bags, but not so Private McNiff. His was missing, still is.

He was sent to the hospital shortly thereafter. While there a storm tore up the ward tents and just about everything in them. McNiff managed to rescue one shoe, the other is a half size too large, but he wears it. It's either that, or go native, and no McNiff will go native.

Not yet, anyway. He lost his blankets recently, and has been bunking with a sympathetic buddy. So, he's getting along quite well, anyway. That is, until it rains. He lost his raincoat, too.

U. S. Government May Buy More Dried Eggs

WASHINGTON—(AP)—In a move to support declining egg markets, the War Food Administration plans to announce soon a new government purchase program for dried eggs to meet military and lend-lease requirements.

Officials said the new purchase program would provide a larger and assured outlet for excess supplies now reaching the market, particularly in midwestern areas, and should stabilize producer prices.

An annual rainfall of 562 inches has been recorded at Maui in the Hawaiian Islands.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

for CENTURIES PAST

Truly impressive is a spirit that has lived traditionally through centuries and centuries and which comes to us in this modern day as fervent and sincere as ever.

Each year heralds many changes in world affairs; each twelve months has its share of reverses and adversities; but through it all shines the bright star that leads toward PEACE and FREEDOM for all.

Would that all of us could carry the spirit of Christmas throughout the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year. What an enviable year it would provide.

As for us, we promise to keep these thoughts in mind next year. We want it to be the happiest ever for each of you, and we want to have a part in this happiness of yours.

Merry Christmas now, next year, and many years to come. May the significance of the Yuletide continue to thrive through the centuries!

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FOOD STORE

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Merry Christmas

And May The

New Year

Bring

Peace and Happiness

Your

Midland Chamber Of Commerce

Historical Odds Dim Presidential Chances Of Marshall And MacArthur

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Generals George C. Marshall and Douglas MacArthur have been mentioned as presidential possibilities but the historical odds are against professional soldiers reaching the White House.

Battlefield fame has helped boost a few men into the White House—15 of the 31 presidents had some military experience—but only five life-time soldiers ever became candidates. Only two of those were elected.

The successful pair were Generals Zachary Taylor, Mexican War hero who died after about one year in office, and Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War commander whose two-term administration was scandal-ridden.

The three Army also-rans—Generals Winfield Scott, George B. McClellan and Winfield Scott Hancock—were rejected by the voters although each was a national hero. Scott had a long and brilliant career climaxed in the Mexican War, McClellan and Hancock found fame in the Civil War.

Long Gap Since T. R.

None of the six presidents since Theodore Roosevelt has worn a uniform, the longest gap of its kind in American history.

Before and after he led the American armies in the Revolution, George Washington was a leader in colonial affairs.

Andrew Jackson was a politician, congressman and judge before he won renown against the British in 1815. He remained in military service until 1822, then went back into politics, was an unsuccessful presidential candidate in 1824, and finally got the job in 1828.

William Henry Harrison also was a politician before entering the Army to whip the Indians at Tip-

Capone's Old Pals Convicted In Jersey

NEW YORK—(AP)—Six men, described by the government as members of Al Capone's Chicago gang and a Newark, N. J., official of the AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees are under conviction of attempted extortion of \$1,000,000 from the motion picture industry.

The seven, found guilty by a federal jury of nine women and three men, each face a possible maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

Time Out for Posterity



Seldom-photographed Marshal Josip Broz, called "Tito" by his Yugoslav guerrilla followers, is pictured above as he took time out from harassing the Germans to sit for his portrait bust, modeled by sculptor Anton Augustinac.

French General Escapes Prison

ALGIERS—(AP)—Gen. Jean De Latre De Tassigny, commander of the "Iron Division" in the Battle of Rehdal in France in 1940, has arrived in Algiers from London after escaping prison in Riom, the French Committee of National Liberation announced.

De Tassigny was sentenced to ten years for his attempt to organize armed resistance to the Nazi occupation of Southern France in November, 1942. The committee said he has "placed at the disposal of General De Gaulle to resume the fight."

Sawed Bars Of Cell

The general escaped from Riom on the night of Sept. 2, 1943, by sawing the bars of his cell window and sliding down the prison walls on a rope. Most details of his escape to England were withheld because people in France would be endangered, De Tassigny succeeded in eluding a cordon of 50 policemen armed with machine-guns and placed round the prison on orders of Pierre Laval.

The detailed manner in which the committee's press section told of the general's escape and his biography lent credence to speculation that De Tassigny might be given a very important post in the French war effort. A spokesman denied, however, that he would succeed Gen. Henri Giraud as commander in chief, or become war minister.

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH



*Health
Happiness
Prosperity*

It is a big order, we know, but we are sincere in the knowledge that our friends deserve all three.

It is good to think back over the events of the past year, and to pick out those things which are bright and cheerful. These occasions overshadow the dark spots and simplify the task of forgetting dreams unrealized. Your thoughtfulness to this organization is deeply appreciated, and because of this we deem it a privilege to express Season's Greetings. Our sincere good wishes to every one.



Southern Ice Co.

L. W. (Sandy) SANDUSKY, Mgr.

HERE'S HOW WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS . . .

By wishing you all the good things Americans have traditionally enjoyed for now and in the yearned for days after Victory! So let's all pull together harder than ever . . . and make this Christmas the last Christmas of war-time. All of us here wish you happiness this Yuletide season.

We Will Be Closed Saturday & Sunday

CITY DRUG

THE GLOW of YULE LOGS

Reflects the spirit of Christmas in a manner which best expresses our sincere good wishes to everyone.

In this brief, simple message, we wish to convey our Christmas Greetings, and trust that you will accept them in the true meaning in which they are presented. May the new year hold for you every success and may your every ambition be realized.

Merry Christmas

BURTON-LINGO COMPANY

Commissioned Flier



Second Lt. Lewis J. Byers of Midland recently received his commission and wings at Ellington Field, Texas.

Pictures Help Child Remember Absent Dad

By RUTH MILLETT

Junior, age 15 months, took a long look at the Navy officer who had just stepped off the train and said, "Daddy!" He was right, though he never had seen his dad before.

He had recognized his father because his mother was determined that her son and his father, out of the country when the boy was born, would not meet as strangers to each other.

As soon as the boy learned to say "Mama" she taught him also to say "Daddy"—and then she taught him who "Daddy" was by the large pictures that were in every room in the house.

Meanwhile Mama made sure that the boy's father knew as much about the kid as could be told by letters and pictures.

And so at the first meeting of father and son, each was prepared for the other.

Happier Homecoming

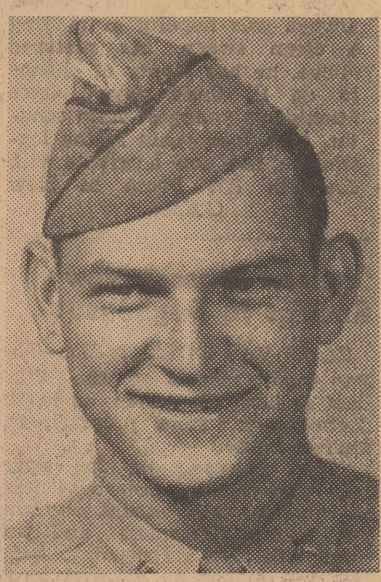
That happens to be a true story, and it should make mothers see how worthwhile it is for them to take pains to keep their children aware of their fathers—even though they are gone for months or years.

For it would certainly make a homecoming happier for a man if his child yelled "Daddy!" instead of backing off as from a stranger.

Another thing a mother should do to prevent a returned father from ever feeling like a stranger with his children is to warn him, if he has been gone a long time, not to rush the child who is too young to remember his father vividly, but to sit back quietly and let the child do the making up.

Any mother would feel repaid her efforts if her returning husband said: "Junior hasn't forgotten me, has he? I was kind of afraid he might. I've been away so long."

Flight Officer



Flight Officer Truman L. Horn Jr. of Midland received his commission and wings recently at Ellington Field, Texas.

became a general in 1812 and stepped back into politics in 1814. Although he didn't reach the White House until 1840 his main campaign was based on the whipping he gave the Indians 29 years before.

Until he led his Rough Riders to fame in Cuba in the Spanish-American War, Theodore Roosevelt was a politician. Two weeks after being mustered out he was back in politics, moved into the vice presidency and became chief executive when President William McKinley was assassinated.

Record Outlined

Here is the record of the other presidents who soldiered:

James Monroe (1818-24) served briefly in the Revolutionary War; John Tyler (1841-44) served one month in the War of 1812 and as vice president succeeded Harrison when the latter died after a month in office; Franklin Pierce (1852-55) rose from private to brigadier general in the Mexican War; Abraham Lincoln (1860-65) was an infantry captain in the Black Hawk Indian War of 1832 but saw no action; Rutherford B. Hayes (1876-80) was a brigadier general in the Civil War; James A. Garfield (1880-81) became a major general in the Civil War but quit in the middle of it to serve in Congress; Chester A. Arthur (1881-84), the vice president who succeeded the assassinated Garfield, was a quartermaster general of state troops; Benjamin Harrison (1889-92) was a Civil War colonel; McKinley (1896-1901) was a Civil War major.

Other presidential also-rans who had some military service were: John C. Fremont, an explorer who helped in the conquest of California, was defeated by President Buchanan in 1856; Lewis Cass, defeated by Taylor in 1848, was a brigadier general in the War of 1812 but spent the rest of his life in politics; William Jennings Bryan, three-time presidential candidate, served in the Spanish-American War; and Wendell Willkie, defeated by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940, was a lieutenant in World War I.

CHURCH BIRD HOSPITAL

Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, has a bird hospital operated by the choir-master, Canon Renault. It is atop the roof of one of the wings of the cathedral and sick birds have learned to seek out the canon, who keeps watch over them.

There are approximately 10,000 women employed in the oil industry's refineries in this country.

There Was A Will, But No Whisky

BILLINGS, Mont.—(AP)—The 1943 scarcity of liquor was a situation Herman Haase hadn't foreseen when he wrote his will a couple of years ago and specified that each pallbearer at his funeral was to receive "a quart of the best whisky" for their services.

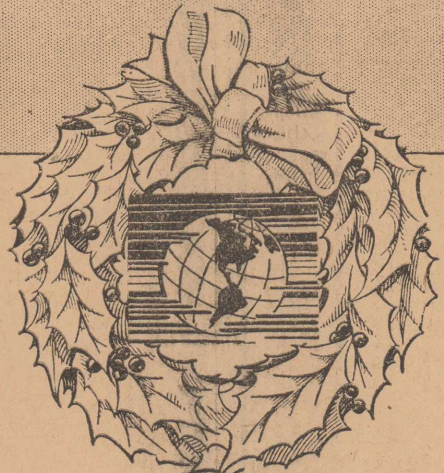
After Haase died recently the administrator of the estate reported to district court that the deceased had no whisky among his assets; that the administrator's efforts to procure some had been unsuccessful and that whisky now was rationed and it seemed unlikely any could be obtained.

The judge decided each pallbearer would be paid \$5 in place of the liquor.

STEEL RECALESCENCE

Recalcescense is a term applied to sudden liberation of heat by steel when, in cooling, it passes through a critical temperature, at which its molecular structure changes.

IN A CORNER OF THE WORLD



Where the guiding light of Peace still is the hope of its people, we pause and look back with pride to new friendships formed and old ones grown stronger. And as we face the future, we are grateful for the folks who have been our inspiration in the past, helping us to strive toward even greater service from year to year.

This is our pledge to maintain these efforts that we may continue to enjoy your confidence.

Banner CREAMERY

Pictures Of Enemy Planes Rival Pin-Ups

CAMP POLK, LA.—(AP)—A reconnaissance company is divorcing pin-up art in favor of homemade posters of enemy aircraft, the idea being that they are more likely to come in contact with a Focke-Wulf than with Betty Grable, and that not even a Focke-Wulf in sheep's clothing can fool the man who's sketched and painted one.

Said company Commander Gerold E. Griffin of Hartford, Conn.: "These full-color paintings are plastered all over our diggings, and when the men relax evenings with their smokes and cokes, they play a regular game of identifying one another's pictures. They learn more in a week that way than we could teach them in a month of lecturing."

A 15th century adventurer named Guadaluacanal Island for his home town in Spain.

America's first transcontinental railway was built in Panama, spanning the 50-mile isthmus.



Yes, this is Christmas time, and we want to extend to you and yours the season's best wishes - - - A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Your patronage has been appreciated, and we hope to serve you often in the future.

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

MIDLAND HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO.

Church News

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC
Father Frank Triggs, Pastor.

FRIDAY
11:30 p.m.: Christmas carols.
12:00 midnight: Solemn mass.

SATURDAY
8 to 11 a.m.: Mass for English congregation.
9 to 10 a.m.: Mass for Latin-American congregation.

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.: Low mass for Latin-American congregation.
11:00 a.m.: Low mass for English congregation.
The first Sunday in each month the English congregation at 9 a. m. and the Latin-American people at 11 a. m.
7:00 p.m.: Novena and benediction.

MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION
Washington and Midland Streets
Rev. Charles C. Pierson, Pastor

9:45 a.m.: Sunday school.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship and sermon by the pastor.
Wednesday 8 p. m.: Prayer service.

GOSPEL HALL
500 South Loraine
J. D. Jackson, Pastor

10:00 a.m.: Bible study.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
7:45 p.m.: Preaching service.
7:45 p.m. Tuesday: Young People's meeting.
3:30 p.m. Wednesday: W.M.B. meeting.
7:45 p.m. Thursday: Preaching services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Private Dining Room
Scharbauer Hotel

10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Lesson-sermon. Subject: "Christian Science." The Golden Text is: "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).
Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon is the following from the Bible: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am becoming brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (I Corinthians 13:1).

AAF BOMBARDIER SCHOOL
CHAPEL, Midland
C. C. Doller, Post Chaplain

Catholic Services
Chaplain Patrick J. Toomey
9:30 a.m. Sunday: Mass.
Protestant Services
Chaplain C. C. Doller
11:00 a.m. Sunday: Morning worship.
7:00 p.m. Sunday: Evening worship.

Hebrew Services
8:30 p.m. Friday.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
II and Illinois Streets
Rev. R. J. Snell, Pastor.

10:00 a.m.: Church School.
3:00 p.m.: Evening prayer and sermon. Topic: "The Christian's Year."

MEN'S CLASS
W. I. Pratt, Teacher
Meets at 9:45 a. m. Sunday in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer. Non-denominational.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Main Street and Illinois
Rev. Vernon Yearby, Pastor.

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
10:55 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon subject: "A Star Still Shines."
6:45 p.m.: Training Union.
8:00 p.m.: Annual student night program. Glenn Murray will preside. Lt. H. R. Coplin of MAAF will bring a special message.

MONDAY
The Woman's Missionary Union will meet by circles.
4:00 p.m.: Sunbeams at the church.

WEDNESDAY
6:30 p.m.: Monthly council and supper for teachers and officers of the Sunday School.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
West Texas Ave. and North A St.
Rev. Hubert Hopper, Pastor.

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon subject: "Stepping Into The Unknown."
6:15 p.m.: Young People and Friends.
7:45 p.m.: Evening worship. Sermon topic: "Wisdom's Foundation."

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
510 South Baird Street
Rev. Warren J. Pierson

10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meetings.
6:30 p.m. Young people's service.
3:00 p.m. Thursday: W M C meets.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH
502 East Illinois Street

8:30 p.m.: Sunday radio program.
10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
9:00 p.m.: Preaching service.
9:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
316 North Loraine
Rev. J. E. Pickering, Pastor.

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon: "The Messiah of Always." Services especially dedicated to the memory of soldiers away from home.
6:30 p.m.: Christian Youth Fellowship.
7:30 p.m.: Evening worship. Sermon topic: "Because Christ Lived—We Live Also."

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner North A and Tennessee

10:00 a.m.: Bible study.
10:50 a.m.: Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.: Young people's class.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship.
4:00 p.m. Monday: Women's Bible study.
8:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible study.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
300 North Main Street
Rev. W. Carl Clement, Pastor.

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon: "A Noble Discontent."
6:30 p.m.: Senior, Junior and Intermediate Leagues.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship. Sermon: "Lean Christmas."

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Garden City Road at City Limits
Elder B. R. Howze, Big Spring, Pastor

Regular services at 11 o'clock on second and fourth Sunday mornings. Services at 11 a. m. on second Saturdays.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Rev. R. L. Webb
W. Pennsylvania and Loraine
Saturday Services

10:00 a.m.: Sabbath school.
11:00 a.m.: Morning service meeting.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. O. H. Horn, Pastor

Sunday school at 7:15 p. m. Church services at 8 p. m. each second and fourth Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1410 West Illinois.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Southside)
410 South Colorado Street
Raymond Boyd, Evangelist

11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
8:30 p.m.: Evening worship.
Wednesday 8 p. m. Bible study.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. A. W. Smith, Pastor

10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.: Training Union.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship.
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.: Prayer Meeting.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Indiana and Big Spring Streets
Rev. R. M. Hoeker, Pastor

10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship and sermon.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship and sermon.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS TABERNACLE
600 South Colorado Street
O. W. Roberts, Pastor

11:00 a.m.: Preaching.
7:45 p.m.: Preaching.
8:00 p.m. Thursday: Preaching.

Uncle Willie Likes Personal Dunning
WARSAW, VA.—(AP)—William Y. (Uncle Willie) Morgan, 78, who has published the Northern Neck News for 64 years, quit sending bills about 50 years ago.
Although his paper has more than 3,000 circulation, he believes collecting can be made more effectively by getting around and calling personally on the subscribers, "even if it takes two or three years," as it does sometimes.

Clean Sweeper



As a political candidate, Harry Glass of Grand Rapids, Mich., always was hopeful of making a clean sweep. As pictured above, he has plenty of chance to do it, these days. Once Michigan's youngest state senator, with four years in the legislature, he's now a private with the 5th Air Force in West Guinea.

Christmas Service At St. George's Church Will Be Broadcast

Midnight Christmas services at St. George's Catholic Church will be broadcast over station KRLH. This is the first time the complete Catholic service will be broadcast here. It was arranged to accommodate many people who have been unable to attend the services due to a lack of seating accommodations.
Services will begin at 11:30 p. m. Friday night, with the choir singing Christmas carols. High mass will begin at 12 midnight, and will be celebrated by the Rev. Father Brault, O. M. I., of San Antonio.
The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Frank Triggs, O. M. I., pastor of St. George's church. The choir will sing the "Regina Coeli" mass, composed by John Marsh, noted Fort Worth musician.
To assist the radio audience in following the services, Father Triggs will give a running commentary throughout the broadcast. The complete program follows:
Introit.
Kyrie—Missa Regina Coeli.
Gloria—Missa Regina Coeli.
Gradual and Alleluia.
Sermon—Rev. Frank Triggs, OMI.
Credo—Missa Regina Coeli.
Offertory.
Adeste Fideles—Novello.
Sanctus—Missa Regina Coeli.
Benedictus—Missa Regina Coeli.
Agnus Dei—Missa Regina Coeli.
Communion.
Recessional—The First Nowell.
Paul G. Schaefer is choir director and Roy De Wolfe is organist.
Chanter for the proper of the mass will be Leo Brady, and chanters for the responses are Leo Brady, E. S. Griffith and Ed Reed.

Sugar is one of the purest chemical substances known to man.

Law's Chase Leads To Induction Center

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—Two Columbia officers trailing a man suspected of stealing a suit of clothes came to the end of the search in the Fort Jackson induction center.

The suspect, quietly standing in line with other draftees, was wearing the stolen clothing. He said he had been ashamed to appear for induction in his old suit.
The owner declined to press charges.

FOOT LONG FROGS

World's largest frogs are the goliaths. Raised for food, their bodies are about a foot long, exclusive of their enormous, powerful legs.

Corporal Collects 30,000 Old Jokes

FORT JACKSON, S. C.—(AP)—Cpl. Clement W. Fairweather has collected 30,000 jokes.
The Metuchen, N. J., corporal who holds a doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton university, began his collection shortly after completing his doctor's thesis, "English Sermon Wit 1550-1660."



To You, One and All!!!

Expressing our appreciation of your courtesies of the past year and extending the compliments of the season, we wish you a Season of happiness, goodwill and contentment. Whatever the New Year holds for all of us, may it see the realization of your every ambition.

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Squirrel Mascot Now Resides In Doghouse

CAMP VAN DORN, MISS.—(AP)—The model mascot of the 718th field artillery battalion is in the doghouse—or, more properly, the squirrel house.
Tillie, six-weeks-old fox squirrel, who "drinks beer but never to excess, eats almost anything but never gluttonizes and who never has been restricted to quarters but makes no attempt to go AWOL" (once she was reported missing but turned up two batteries away watching a ball game); Tillie, the pride and joy of Cpl. Arthur Woerner of Long Island City, N. Y., and the entire 718th, has lost her dogtag.
It bears her name and the number 0000000 1/2.

5,000,000 SLAVES
It has been estimated that there are still about 5,000,000 slaves in the world, excluding those invaded peoples enslaved by Nazi Germany.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Happiness, gaiety, and mirth fill the air. Christmas carols, children's happy voices, bells ringing overshadow the heavy spot in our hearts. We put our trust in God for a better world tomorrow, and we realize that we have much for which to be thankful today.

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GREETINGS and Good Wishes

It is our sincere wish that we may have a part in making your Christmas full of good cheer and fellowship. We want to add something to the happiness of every person in this community.

Perhaps this little message will help you forget the unpleasant incidents and experiences of ordinary days. May brighter days be the compensation for your sacrifices toward making this a better world in which to live. May you find the beauties of life around you and the opportunities for the service it affords.

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