



# AIRMEN SMASH 30 JAP PLANES

## Canadian Troops Hurl 'Molotov Cocktails' In Christmas Day Battle

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — Canadian troops lighted the Christmas season with "Molotov cocktails" in their grim battle to push the Germans out of the northwest corner of Ortona on the Adriatic, while the American Fifth Army stormed and won two more hill positions on the Nazi winter line in Italy, Allied Headquarters announced Saturday.

(The Cairo radio declared the Allies have taken Ortona, which is the last main defense point before the Adriatic port of Pescara.)

The Germans in Ortona, fighting with utmost tenacity still maintained their foothold against the Canadians, who used their "Molotov cocktails" — bottles filled with gasoline and fuel oil with a lighted wick attached — grenades and every kind of weapon they could lay their hands on to blast the enemy out of basement strong points.

Activity of the Fifth Army was hampered by rain, but American troops did capture two hills and other high ground two miles east of Acquafredda, the Allied communiqué said.

Old Cruiser Torpedoed It also announced that Allied motor torpedo boats cruising off the Yugoslav coast put several torpedoes into the ancient 2,300-ton German cruiser Dalmacija off Silba Island between Zara and Pola. This old craft, built in 1909, formerly was the cruiser Niobe, which was sold to the Yugoslav Navy in 1926 and used as a training ship. It was thought probable the ship might have been beached after damage from aerial attack.

Rain and low clouds kept air activity at its lowest ebb in many weeks but American marauders bombed rail communications at Cecina on the Rome-Leghorn road and probably destroyed a bridge in addition to causing great damage in the railway yards.

The Eighth Army made some progress beyond the Ortona-Ossogna road and ran into some stiff fighting around Villa Grande but it was at Ortona that the real fighting was going on.

## Chinese City Is Mass Of Wreckage

CHANGTEH — (AP) — This once peaceful city of some 160,000 persons is just a mass of twisted and shattered wreckage to which the stench of death still clings.

Piles of ashes mark the places where the Japanese burned their dead and freshly-turned graves commemorate the nameless Chinese soldiers who fell during the 20-day battle for the city—the most frightful struggle of the entire China-Japanese war.

Only now—10 days after the battle—are the people who fled before the invaders returning to the ruins of their homes.

Here 3,000 Chinese under Major Gen. Cheng Wan were reduced to some 30 before they were forced to abandon the city to the Japanese, and here Chinese armies executed a masterful offensive across the Yuan River to deliver the city from the invaders.

## Low Record Of 161 Set In Yule Deaths

By The Associated Press Traffic fatalities accounted for nearly three-fourths of the nation's holiday weekend violent deaths from unnatural causes with the total usually headed for a new low among Christmas weekends.

Fatalities reported from 8 p.m. Friday stood at 161, with traffic accidents causing 115, fires 17, and miscellaneous causes accounting for 21.

California led the states with 23, followed by New York with 19, Illinois 17, and Virginia 11. Pennsylvania and Texas reported 9 each.

## All U. S. Soldiers In Europe Get Turkey

LONDON — (AP) — Every American soldier in the European theater of operations from private to general had turkey and all the trimmings for Christmas dinner. All the turkey came from the United States.

MANY SHREVEPORT HOMES ARE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY SHREVEPORT, LA. — (AP) — Many Shreveport homes were still without electric lights Saturday night as crews of men worked steadily to repair damage to wires caused by the Christmas Eve "ice storm."



Jerry in Disguise Don't let the U. S. Air Force insignia fool you. The plane above is a German Junkers 88. Its young Nazi pilot landed in Allied-held Mediterranean territory and surrendered. With its new insignia, the plane was flown over 12,000 miles by U. S. pilots to an experimental station in the U. S., where experts are giving it the eagle eye.

## Merchants Offer Fine Gifts To First Baby Here In 1944

Midland merchants have banded together again to celebrate the birth of the first 1944 baby in Midland.

An age-old custom of family and friends to gather and present gifts to the new baby will be followed by Dunlap's Department Store which will give a waterproof baby utility bag to Midland's first white baby born on or after New Year's Day.

Barrow Furniture Company has offered a convenient bed lamp, and the Midland Bottling Company will give a bottle of electrified water to the honored baby.

The first picture of the baby will be presented by the Williams Studio.

## Inter-American Committee Will Exchange Facts

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY — (AP) — The Inter-American committee for political defense published Saturday the text of a message sent to the foreign secretaries of all American republics having declared war or broken relations with the Axis in which the committee recommended that all exchange information before recognizing any new regime "constituted by force."

The message explicitly stated that it does not refer to any particular case—despite the fact the originator of the recommendation—Uruguay President Alberto Guani of Uruguay, said his idea was started when Gen. Pedro Ramirez took over the Argentinian government and was developed this week by the overthrow of the Bolivian government by a revolutionary junta.

Argentina was the only American country not sent the committee's recommendation, which said there was danger of Axis penetration into the Americas through the governments emerging from revolution. The Argentine government is recognized by all American governments, but the new Bolivian government is now awaiting recognition which may hinge upon the committee's recommendation.

## Two Wildcats In Northwest Andrews Being Given Attention As Drilling Nears Expected Pay In Clear Fork

By JAMES C. WATSON Oil Editor Two Northwest Andrews County wildcats were rapidly approaching depth at which pay in the Clear Fork section of the Permian was expected, as the week ended.

Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 1 G. M. Cox, section 5, block A-31, psi survey, in far Northeast Andrews and five miles northwest of the Union pool, nearest producing area, had progressed below 7,190 feet in line and was drilling ahead.

This project has been drilled "light" and no information on markers or correlations have been released. Future developments on the operation will be watched closely.

Ralph Lowe No. 1 Lowe fee, section 21, block A-26, psi survey, three miles northeast of the recent C. U. Bay No. 1 Buler & Lowe discovery, which extended producing limits of the Fullerton field approximately two miles northeast, was cutting hole under 7,019 feet in line.

The operator is expecting to encounter Fullerton pay at any turn of the drillpipe.

Other Andrews Prospectors Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Scarborough, proposed 10,000-foot exploration to the Ordovician in West-Central Andrews, was

## Christmas Is Observed Quietly Here

Midland enjoyed a white Christmas and a summy Christmas a Merry Christmas tinged with sadness and longing for dear ones far away in camp and field of battle.

Charity in the spirit of Him whose birthday was celebrated, brotherhood, and gaiety featured the holiday.

Colorful trees cast serene rays upon many a reunited family as gifts were passed and greetings were exchanged. Sons and daughters home from college, the services and war work, with a sprinkling of young fathers, formed most of Midland's travel influx.

## Texas Troops Enjoy K Rations And Share Candy With Italians

By KENNETH DIXON WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE ITALIAN FRONT — (AP) — Even the mud and rain and the cold, and even the Germans just a few yards away couldn't keep the doughboys from remembering that it was Christmas Eve, although they had to celebrate it with a box of K rations.

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## War Wail Given Candy

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## Rabaul Airdrome Is Battered In Attack; Jap Troop Ship Sinks

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA — (AP) — In new blows struck in the battle for New Britain, Allied air might has battered a Rabaul airdrome while downing 30 defending Japanese planes, has sunk a troop-laden ship near the Arawe invasion beachhead and has raised the bomb tonnage poured on Cape Gloucester this month past 3,000.

These developments were announced Sunday by headquarters of General MacArthur.

The Rabaul blow, a 50-ton attack, was delivered by Liberators from the Solomons, escorted by Corsairs and Hellcats.

The escorting fighters bagged 28 of the enemy and bombers the other two.

(This raid previously was announced from Tokyo which said 135 planes took part, that 53 were shot down and the Japanese lost only six.)

In other action integrated in the growing battle for New Britain, a coastal vessel loaded with Japanese troops was sunk by a Boston attack plane near Gasmata and 360 tons of explosives were added to the more than 2,700 to smash Cape Gloucester since Dec. 1.

The troop ship apparently was carrying enemy forces to attack the U. S. Sixth Army beachhead at Arawe on New Britain's southwest coast, about 85 miles west of Gasmata.

Cape Gloucester is some 60 miles northwest of Arawe and, together with the invasion beachhead, controls the land straits between New Britain and New Guinea.

Australians Gain Across those straits on the Huon Gulf of New Guinea, Australians gained more ground in a jungle area about 20 miles north of Finishton.

Sharply contradicting Japanese broadcasts of a heavy toll taken among Rabaul's raiders, headquarters' communique Sunday said the American losses were four fighters. The raid occurred Friday.

The Arawe straits, one of five or more airdromes at Rabaul, Japan's big Southwest Pacific base 260 miles northeast of Arawe.

Since the Solomons Air Force, aided in its striking power by the establishment of a good airfield on the island of Enga, in the Northern Solomons, began sending bombers with fighter escort for the first time against Rabaul, American military leaders in that sector have declared the fortress will be repeatedly pounded until it is in Allied hands.

## Rail Conferences Likely Sunday

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Railroad management and union representatives may return Sunday to their joint search for an accord in the wage controversy which, after more than a year, is heading into a strike deadline set for next Thursday only five days away.

When the conferees adjourned on Christmas Eve, they quarantined themselves in a one-day holiday. Bert M. Jewell, chairman of the committee on the part of the unions, said that although no definite arrangements were made for Sunday "there may be something doing."

Confidence prevailed in Washington that railroad transportation would not be interrupted. President Roosevelt plans to order government operation 24 hours in advance of the deadline in the event an agreement is not reached. Both sides, however, expressed hope of a settlement.

40,000 Stop Work In Steel Factories PITTSBURGH — (AP) — A work stoppage by more than 40,000 steel workers began in Ohio on Christmas Day, possibly the forerunner of a paralyzing strike involving a large part of the war-vital industry.

Collective bargaining contracts covering about 350,000 workers with no agreement in sight between the employers and the United Steel Workers of America (CIO).

The union is asking a 17-cents an hour wage raise from the present standard of 78 cents. If granted, it would meet the War Labor Board's Little Steel Formula.

WEATHER Partly cloudy and warmer



Briton With Tito Engaged F. B. A. MacCrean, left, is the head of the British mission aiding Marshal Josip ("Tito") Broz and his Yugoslav Partisans who are battling the Nazis. Yugoslav guerrillas recently reported elimination of 10,000 Germans in 20 days.

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Minus War Paint The Air Force's P-38 Lightning fighter, as pictured above, has removed its war paint and will strike the Axis gleaming like polished silver. Dark lacquer patches on nose and engine nacelles protect pilot's vision. Eliminating camouflage saves thousands of production man-hours and decreases skin friction.

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## Second Thoughts

Comment on the Knox-Stimson rulings, that armed service officers can legally accept drafts to run for public office, are reminiscent of reactions to amateur attempts to be artistic. Ordinarily, after looking over the results first inquisitively and then skeptically, friends remark: "It's lovely, but I'm not much on modern art. You'll have to tell me what it means."

Everybody seems to be reading something into the rulings. They apply only to officers, for example; enlisted men can't run for office, apparently.

Officers can respond only to the draft of major parties, presumably the Democratic and Republican. Naval officers can run for any office, but Army officers only for president or vice president, it appears.

If an officer should be nominated and elected to the presidency next November, he could resign to take office only with the permission of President Roosevelt. But Roosevelt ceases to be President — and commander-in-chief — with the New Year, 1945.

The newly elected President, though he be a lieutenant commander in the Navy or, let's imagine, a major in the Army, would thereupon be commander-in-chief of all the armed forces.

But would he have to wait until a lame duck President released him before he could assume his cosmic task, or could he issue an order from the field, as commander-in-chief-elect, releasing himself to return to Washington to be inaugurated as President and commander-in-chief.

One New York county has as district attorney an Army officer who, while on active duty, was nominated by both major political parties and re-elected overwhelmingly, to put it conservatively. Presumably he was "drafted" for an office rated lower than the vice presidency, without protest from the War Department.

The whole thing is getting involved, isn't it? Couldn't we dismiss it by assuming that both Stimson and Knox read the newspapers, knew that Senator Vandenberg is boosting General MacArthur for the G. O. P. nomination, and confined their answers to what he really wanted to know?

If that is the case, most of the mysteries disappear. —Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

## Awkward Situation

A dispatch from London to one American news service says: "By condemning the new provisional government of Partisan leader Gen. Broz (Tito), King Peter's government in Cairo has created an awkward situation both for itself and for the British government."

That is an interesting point of view. King Peter's government pushed itself into exile by refusing to go along with the collaboration that had been arranged between its predecessor and the Nazis. It played the Anglo-British game. Now a Soviet-sponsored pretender-ship has set up business. King Peter is reproved for protesting.

Apparently it has become bad form to object if a neighbor moves into your house while you are away on government business, and sends word that you must not come home. Yet it is only human. We can understand how Peter must feel. —Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

## Simplified Banking

Challenging a manpower shortage, Tokyo is simplifying bookkeeping in Japanese banks. The first step, already announced, was to stop paying or crediting interest on deposits. The next one, it would seem probable, should be to stop withdrawals.

This would save more manpower than banning deposits. It is easy to take in money, so long as it is not necessary to record it minutely. When no interest is paid and no withdrawals are to be permitted, no bookkeeping at all is necessary. —Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

## We're Not Sure, Miss Lamour

Not for the first time, and we surely hope not for the last, Miss Dorothy Lamour of Hollywood has intrigued our vagrant fancy without more than half trying.

Announcing that after having pictured the roads to Singapore, Zanzibar, Morocco and Utopia, the screen team of Lamour, Crosby and Hope is being broken up, Miss Lamour says: "I am glad. What would you do if you had to kiss both Crosby and Hope in the same picture?" We give up. What would we do? —Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

## Papa Slap

The National War Labor Board, apparently driven beyond endurance, warned strikers at two Pennsylvania power plants that if they did not return to work by a given deadline, their case would be referred to President Roosevelt "for such action as he deems appropriate."

This being one of our days for asking rhetorical questions, to which we expect no answer and would be surprised if one should drift in, we are moved to inquire boldly and unequivocally: Then what?

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—  
People who long for the good old days would hate to read this stuff by a candle.

A pat on the back is a good morale builder, if administered young enough and often enough and low enough.

## Reunion in the Gilberts



Lieut. Bruno Raymond, center, born in the Gilbert Islands, hadn't seen his father, Moritz, left, and his half-native mother, Maria, in nine years. When he went ashore with American forces invading Makin, there was a family reunion. Lieut. Raymond, of the Royal Australian Navy, is attached to the U. S. Navy as a pilot.

## Outposts On Three Sides Of Maljamar Have Found Shows Of Production

**HOBBES, N. M.**—Oil is possibly commercial quantities, was showing in three semi-wildcats on the east side of production in the Maljamar field in West Lea County, as development activity, in most instances, marked time for the holidays.

**Barney Cockburn No. 1** Wyatt, 300 feet out of the southeast corner of section 32-17s-33e, about one mile east and the same distance south of the nearest production in the east extension to the Maljamar, was drilling ahead below 4,112 feet in lime with 1,200 feet of oil in the hole from a zone at 4,055-30 feet in sand.

**Swabbing 30 BOPH**  
**Williams Oil Company No. 1** Williams-State, 660 feet from the north and east lines of section 31-17s-33e, one mile southeast of the closest proven territory on the southeast side of the Maljamar field had reached 4,308 feet in lime and was swabbing oil at the rate of 30 barrels per day.

The first crude showed from a section at 4,215-25 feet in sandy lime and 1,200 feet of fluid rose in the hole in three hours.

**McLaughlin and Cosden No. 2** State, 660 feet from the north and 1,880 feet from the west lines of section 7-17s-33e, which topped the pay at 4,183 feet where they encountered a strong gas flow, has killed the well, which was spraying oil in order to allow fishing out a stuck drill-bit.

**In New Northwest Area**  
This development is the first outpost to reach the expected pay in the area one mile northeast of the northeast corner of the original Maljamar field, which was opened about four months ago by the same operators No. 1 State.

**Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1-B** State, in the southeast quarter of section 6-17s-33e, one location north of the McLaughlin and Cosden No. 1 State, had progressed to 3,940 feet in anhydrite and was drilling ahead.

**Diller & Rutledge No. 1** lies, section 9-17s-33e, a north outpost to the Maljamar production is boring ahead below 3,060 feet in anhydrite.

**South Of Production**  
**Lion Oil & Refining Company** No. 1 Wyatt, in the northwest quarter of section 31-17s-33e, and one mile south of Maljamar is drilling under 3,750 feet in anhydrite.

**Northern Ordinance, Inc., No. 1** Iverson-State, wildcat development in the northwest quarter of section 30-17s-33e, three and one-half miles southwest of the Corbin pool is digging past 4,230 feet in lime. This venture is expected to pick up signs for oil at any time.

**Carpenter Drilling Company No. 1** Nellis, wildcat in section 5-19s-33e, in Central Lea County and approximately five miles south of the nearest proven field was drilling below 1,560 feet in anhydrite.

**Vacuum Sector Venture**  
**H. B. Taubman (Buffalo Oil Company) No. 1** Sun-State, section 18-17s-34e, prospecting effort northwest of the Vacuum pool about two and one-half miles is cutting hole under 4,962 feet in lime.

**Gordon Cone No. 1-A** State-Berry, exploration project in section 30-18s-37e, three miles north of the Monument area is on a bottom of 2,790 feet in anhydrite waiting for plug to cure after setting 8 5/8-inch casing at 2,788 feet.

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## Two Wildcats --

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and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Corden estate, section 40, block 10, H&GN survey, Ellenburger exploration in North Pecos County, four miles south of Imperial, was cleaning out after catching a fish at total depth of 6,035 feet.

**Humble No. 1** Barnes, section 120, block 10, H&GN survey, 5,000-foot wildcat, four miles east of the Apco-Warner Ordovician pool, was drilling past 3,755 feet in lime after testing through a slight show of oil in the Tubb section of the Permian.

**Phillips No. 1** Callan, 6,000-foot prospect in section 311, J. F. Wilhelm grant, in Northeast Schleicher County, was making hole under 4,255 feet in lime and shale.

**Globe No. 1** Henderson, section 24, block 1, GH&SA survey in the Page area of Schleicher, was trying to wash loose stuck drillpipe at 5,892 feet.

**Humble No. 2-B** Sawyer, 10,000-foot Ellenburger exploration in survey 3, O. G. Coulsen grant, in Central-Northeast Irion County, had reached 8,054 feet and was drilling ahead in lime and shale.

**Esmonet & Walhemmaier No. 1** Crockett, section 28, block 2, H&TC survey, scheduled to go to 6,000 feet to test for Ordovician production was drilling below 4,765 feet in lime.

**Dawson Oil Company of Delaware No. 1** Spraberry, wildcat ten miles east and two miles south of Lamesa in Southeast Dawson County, set a packer at the bottom of the 5 1/2-inch casing at 6,600 feet and had swabbed a little oil off the top of the column of fluid in the hole. It was shutdown for

tions at a plug-back depth of 3,780 feet. No oil has been reported. A Schlumberger survey has been taken of the entire hole to the bottom at 7,215 feet.

**Eddy Prospecting Efforts**  
**Sanders Bros. No. 1** Hultman, wildcat in the Artesia district of Eddy County, in section 22-16s-29e, is digging below 4,402 feet in lime and shale.

**Danciger Oil & Refining Company No. 1** Freiss, wildcat in section 30-17s-31e, prospecting effort in Eddy in the area between the Jackson and Shugart pools, has drilled to 525 feet in shale and has set 8 5/8-inch casing on bottom with 50 sacks of cement.

**Robert E. McKee and others No. 1** Spencer-State, section 3-19s-29e, is drilling below 1,555 feet in lime and anhydrite.

**H. W. Martin No. 1** State, section 27-22s-27e, wildcat 10 miles east of Carlsbad, is making hole under 1,185 feet in anhydrite.

**J. E. Metcalfe No. 1** Munson, section 16-21s-28e, Fenton field development, has reached 1,485 feet in anhydrite and is shutdown for repairs.

**Neal Willis No. 2** Zorichak, section 5-20s-31e, prospector between the Barber and Halfway fields in Northeast Eddy, has spudded and reached 400 feet in gyp.

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machinery repairs at the end of the week.  
Before setting the packer the project had swabbed for over 24 hours with some gas showing, but only a scum of oil was evident. Location is in section 38, block 34, TPRR survey, T-5-N.

**Gulf No. 1** Dean, section 30, block 1, Poitevent survey, T-6-N, Northeast Dawson development, had reached 10,267 feet in side-tracked hole, on its way back to the old total depth of 10,297 feet, from which a plug-back to 9,935 feet was recently put in to eliminate an uncatchable fish.

**Scattered Operations**  
**Sohio Producing Company No. 1** Allsup, section 113, block 12, EL&RR survey, Northwest Lynn County, 6,000-foot wildcat was making hole under 4,468 feet in lime after marking top of the San Andres section at 3,850 feet.

**The Pure Oil Company No. 1** Martin, section 7, block T, B&SF survey, Central Floyd County exploration, is drilling below 4,280 feet in dolomite and anhydrite.

**Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 1** Kurfue, 11,000-foot prospector in section 6, block N, H&OB survey in South Hale County, has about finished fishing and cleanup job which started at 10,013 feet in lime and chert, and is going ahead with a small collection of junk still in the hole at 10,019 feet in the same section.

**E. Constantin, Jr., No. 1** Effie Ray, labor 8, league 680, State Capitol survey in Southwest Lamb County, had drilled past 4,320 feet in lime. Top of the San Andres was called at 3,360 feet.

**Globe No. 1** V. J. Williams, labor 4, league 735, Abner Taylor grant, State Capitol survey, six miles northeast of Levelland in Northeast Hockley County, is boring under 5,595 feet in shale.

**Seaboard and Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 1** Lloyd Evans, exploration effort in section 15, north

block Y, pld survey, four miles southeast of Beltsue in Southwest Cochran County, has set a string of 7-inch casing at 4,850 feet with 150 bags of cement on a bottom of 5,134 feet.

The operators plan to test the section around 4,912-30 feet, where cores revealed some saturation and porosity, with a slight quantity of salty water.

**Continental Oil Company No. 1** A Jones, section 22, block A-7, pld survey, Northwest Gaines County deep exploration is waiting until about the first of the year to drill out the 1,000-sack cement plug on 7-inch casing set several days ago at 11,177 feet on a bottom of 11,183 feet in chert and lime.

**Humble No. 1** Cox, section 14, block A-11 pld survey, West-Central Gaines Ordovician prospect, is drilling ahead below 10,461 feet in lime and shale.

## Jap Canton Air Base Smashed In Liberator Retaliation Attack

**U. S. 14TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN CHINA**—U. S. Liberator bombers escorted by fighters retaliated Thursday for a Japanese raid on a main base of the 14th Air Force with a smashing attack on the White Cloud Air-drome at Canton, Japanese-occupied city in South China.

The American planes brought the total number of enemy planes destroyed in two days to 25 with an additional 28 probably shot down and another 20 damaged.

Thirty tons of bombs cascaded on the White Cloud runway, runways and dispersal areas. Several fires that broke out were believed planes burning on the ground.

Among those who confirmed the destruction of Zeros on the Canton mission was Capt. William Turner of Lubbock, Texas.

## University Of Texas Soon Will Have New Geologic Maps Ready

**AUSTIN**—Four geologic maps of Texas are being made at the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, Dr. E. H. Sellards, director, announced.

Being completed is a mineral locality map of the state, showing oil fields, gas fields, and other producing and non-producing mineral resources, now on the press. A second bulletin, on building stones of Texas, is also on the press, and will contain a map of the Llano region showing building stone localities.

A third publication, on carboniferous rocks of the Llano region of Central Texas, will also be accompanied by a map showing location of principal economic products.

Being revised for a third printing is the bureau's structural map of Texas, first issued in 1936, and revised in 1939.

## PRESIDENTS FROM OHIO

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He said the Italian invasion "would have been easier

with more planes—and could not have been done with less."

He talked about the American raids on Germany. On one, 24 big Fortresses didn't come home. On another, 35. On another, 27. On another, 21. And since he talked, 60 bombers—and their gallant crews—went down in a single raid. No one can attempt to evaluate their loss in dollars or the loss to the enemy in destruction of war materials needed by him to carry on the war. But planes cost dollars to produce—millions of dollars.

Then he pointed again to the obvious fact that the Italian fight "is a small engagement compared to the gigantic expedition which one day, and we hope not too many months hence, will be set against continental Europe."

In short, if a fact was ever made crystal-clear, Gen. Arnold made this one: What we're doing now is good—**BUT STILL NOT NEARLY ENOUGH!**

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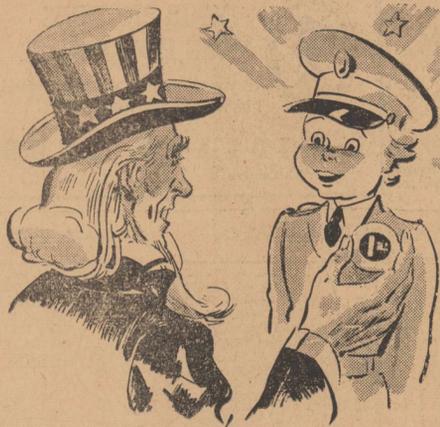
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## CHAPTER XVIII

IN they arrived at the Lodge, the old man was sitting in his chair in the chimney-corner, with his feet fixed on the ground, and was leaning against the side of the fire-place, looking at him. As she came in at the door, both started, and turned towards her, and a radiant smile came upon their faces.

"Why, where has my quiet been all this time?" said the old man. "She has been a long while away. I find that it's impossible for me to get on without you. I—where's my son William?—I fancy I have been dreaming William."

"That's what I say myself, father," returned his son. "I have been in an ugly sort of dream, I think. How are you, father? Are you pretty well?"

"Strong and brave, my boy," returned the old man.

It was quite a sight to see Mr. William shaking hands with his father, and patting him on the back.

"What a wonderful man you are, father! But that's exactly where it is," said Mr. William, with enthusiasm. "When I think of all that father's gone through, I feel as if I couldn't do enough to honor old gentleman, and make his life as easy as—How are you, father? Are you pretty well, though?"

MR. WILLIAM might never have left off repeating this inquiry if the old man had not espied the

Chemist, whom until now he had not seen.

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Redlaw," said Philip, "but didn't know you were here, Sir, or should have made less free. It reminds me, Mr. Redlaw, seeing you here on a Christmas morning, of the time when you was a student yourself. Ha! ha! I'm old enough to remember that; and I remember it right well, I do, though I'm eighty-seven. It was after you left here that my poor wife died. You remember my poor wife, Mr. Redlaw?"

The Chemist answered yes.

"Yes," said the old man. "She was a dear creature—I recollect you come here one Christmas morning with a young lady—I ask your pardon, Mr. Redlaw, but I think it was a sister you was very much attached to?"

The Chemist looked at him, and shook his head. "I had a sister," he said vacantly. He knew no more.

"One Christmas morning," pursued the old man, "that you come here with her and it began to snow, and my wife invited the young lady to walk in, and sit by the fire that is always a burning on Christmas Day in what used to be our great Dinner Hall. I was there; and I recollect, as I was stirring up the blaze for the young lady to warm her pretty feet by, she read the scroll out loud, that is underneath that picture. 'Lord, keep my memory green!' She and my poor wife fell a talking about it; and it's a strange thing to think of now, that they both said (both being so unlike to die) that it was a good prayer, and that it was one they would put up very earnestly, if they were called away young, with reference to those who were dearest to them. 'My brother,' says the young lady—'My husband,' says my poor wife—'Lord, keep his memory of me green, and do not let me be forgotten!'"

Tears more painful, and more bitter, than he had ever shed in all his life, poured down Redlaw's face. Philip, fully occupied in recalling his story, had not observed him until now, nor Milly's anxiety that he should not proceed.

"Philip!" said Redlaw, laying his hand upon his arm, "I am a stricken man. You speak to me, my friend, of what I cannot follow; my memory is gone."

"Merciful Power!" cried the old man.

"I have lost my memory of sorrow, wrong, and trouble," said the Chemist, "and with that I have lost all man would remember!"

To see old Philip's pity for him, to see him wheel his own great chair for him to rest in, and look down upon him with a solemn sense of his bereavement, was to know, in some degree, how precious to old age such recollections are.

THE boy came running in, and ran to Milly.

"Here's the man," he said, "in the other room. I don't want him."

"What does he mean?" asked Mr. William.

"Hush!" said Milly.

Obedient to a sign from her, he and his old father softly withdrew.

"Mr. Redlaw, may I speak to you?"

"Yes," he answered, fixing his eyes upon her. "Your voice and music are the same to me."

"Do you remember what I said, when I knocked at your door last night? About one who was your friend once, and who stood on the verge of destruction?"

"Yes, I remember," he said, with some hesitation.

"This person," said Milly, in her clear, soft voice, which her mild eyes, looking at him, made clearer and softer, "I found soon afterwards. I went back to the house, and, with Heaven's help, traced him. I was not too soon. A very little and I should have been too late."

He looked more intently on her.

"He is the father of Mr. Edmund, your young gentleman we saw just now. His real name is Longford."

(To Be Continued)

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
America's Card Authority

Once in a while tournament players become a little greedy. One of our experts tried to make too many tricks on today's hand.

North won the opening lead with the heart king and returned a small heart. L. R. Robertson of Dallas, Texas, (East) put on the ten-spot and declarer let it hold. You can see that the expert could have

♠ Q753	♠ KJ108
♥ K742	♥ QJ106
♦ A Q	♦ 8
♣ K J 6	♣ 9 8

Robertson  
None  
K 7 5 4 3  
2  
A 9 6 2  
A 9 8 3  
J 10 6  
A Q 10 7 2

Duplicate—None vul.

South	West	North	East
1♣	1♦	2N.T.	Pass
3N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♥ Q. 25

cash five clubs, two diamonds and two hearts—but he saw a chance of making four no trump, and did not realize that the spade shift might hurt him. Robertson realized he would be playing the declarer's game if he returned a heart.

On the first heart trick West had played the deuce of diamonds, telling his partner not to shift to a diamond. Robertson felt that his partner had to have something to justify the diamond overall, and decided to play him for the ace of spades. If he had led the eight of spades, he would have blocked off the hand; but Robertson made the nice defensive lead of the spade jack. West overlooked with the ace and returned the nine of spades—and the declarer was fixed. East and West ran off four spade tricks and defeated the contract.

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"Every time I tried to enlist they rejected me, so one day I went down and called my draft board everything I could think of!"

## 10,000th Warplane Ferried to Britain

LONDON—(P)—The Atlantic now has been crossed 10,000 times by aircraft of the RAF-U. S. AAF transport ferry command.

The 10,000th crossing was made by a Flying Fortress piloted by Lt. H. W. Monsky of the U. S. AAF which landed at a British airbase Christmas eve after a non-stop flight of a little more than nine hours.

## George R. Bennett Injured In Accident

George R. Bennett of Midland is in an Odessa hospital, recovering from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Friends said he suffered a broken collar-bone.

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## Austin, Texas, Is The Road For This American



Although the road leads to Rome—and then to Berlin—this American likes to remember that the end of the road for him is Austin, Texas—5,872 miles' away. Photo made somewhere in Italy by Acme photographer Sherman Montrose for War Picture Pool. (NEA Telephone.)

## Invasion Bombing Chief's Identity Remains Secret

WASHINGTON—(P)—The partial disclosure of the high command for invasion brought speculation Saturday over who would direct one of the toughest operations—the air bombardment to blast an opening through Hitler's coastal fortification walls.

To date, the name of only one air officer for that operation has been announced.

President Roosevelt, in reporting that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will lead the combined attack upon Europe from the West and South, said Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz "will command the entire American strategic bombing force operating against Germany."

That was understood here to mean that Spaatz, who was in on the organization of the United States Eighth Air Force in England and then went to the North African theater, will direct all operations against Nazi industry and transport by American bombardment planes launched from England and any point in Europe and Africa except Russia.

Names Withheld

Both British and American officers are mentioned, including the names of Sir Charles Portal, air chief marshal of Great Britain, Spaatz and General H. H. Arnold, United States Air Forces chief.

The North African campaign brought attention to the names of various British and American officers, including Major General Louis Eberhart and James A. Doolittle of the American forces and Sir Arthur Tedder and Sir Arthur Coningham of the RAF.

Discussions also concerned the future status of Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker.

There are seven different kinds of fog.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD —By William Ferguson



## SIDE GLANCES



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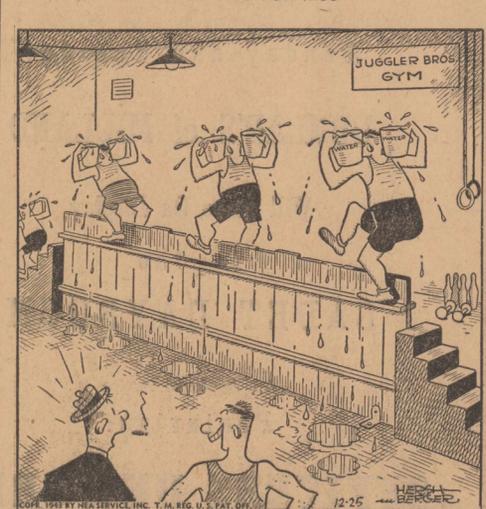
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Feed Shift From Hogs Boosts Milk Supplies Out Of Ration Class

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Prospects of averting rigid rationing of fluid milk next year have brightened, War Food Administration officials say, although present production is below last year's level and short of essential requirements.

Women Still Shun Drudgery In War Jobs

By RUTH MILLETT "Making beds and cleaning hospital rooms is too much like housework to appeal to me," the housewife said in explanation of why she did not want to take on a volunteer job in a hospital.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPER DIDN'T WANT ANY BIRD DOGS

DALLAS —(AP)—Florist B. O. Beatty was pushing the sale of poinsettias as Christmas gifts, and sales were brisk.

ROOSEVELTS CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS AT HYDE PARK

HYDE PARK, N. Y. —(AP)—It was an old-fashioned Christmas for the President and Mrs. Roosevelt—a day to enjoy family and friends and to observe Yuletide traditions which the Roosevelts consider entirely their own.

CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW PLANE CARRIERS STARTED

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Construction of two of the Navy's new 45,000-ton super-aircraft carriers is underway.

BEAUX IS DETAINED MIAMI, FLA.

MIAMI, FLA. —(AP)— Charles E. Beaux, wealthy inventor of an industrial work system and friend of the Duke of Windsor, is being detained at Miami, J. A. Thurman of the immigration service reported Saturday, after arriving from Africa without a passport.

MAN BURNS TO DEATH BEAUMONT

BEAUMONT —(AP)— William Richard Bierdeman, 68-year-old grocery store employe, burned to death here Saturday when fire consumed the small house in which he lived.

The four-horned antelope of Burma is the only living animal that does have four horns.

Increased Output For 'Little' Needs Of Life Scheduled

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Aimed at silencing one of the loudest squawks from the home front, a program for expanded 1944 production of simple and easy-to-make civilian goods is about ready to be launched by the Office of Civilian Requirements.

The plan for action developed after a study disclosed that, while civilians accept the scarcity of refrigerators, washing machines and other major conveniences, they're really griping about shortages of the "little things in life," like bobbie pins, pots and pans, elastic tape and textile products.

In a majority of instances, the OCR has found that the simple items on the "gripe list" could be manufactured without upsetting any manpower or raw materials schedules. Only a few conflicted with war-vital production.

Prospects for adequate production of all textile products are "fair to good." The recent directive of Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson, which permits a complete revision of price structures to stimulate production, will be tried first on textiles.

Americans Proud Of Gen. D. D. Eisenhower

LONDON —(AP)— Untold thousands of American soldiers observing their last pre-invasion Christmas in Britain glowed with pride Saturday night in the announcement that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had been named supreme commander of the Allied grand assault upon Hitler's Europe.

The dramatic Christmas Eve timing of the Eisenhower announcement, synchronized with Friday's attack on the French "invasion coast" by the greatest Allied aerial armada in history, touched off a new wave of conjecture over the date of the Allied cross-channel thrust.

Allies are pleased American fighting men also accepted with quiet confidence and a sense of destiny General Johnson's statement in Washington that the United States will provide 73 per cent of the troops to be used in storming Hitler's west wall—probably within the next 90 days.

Eisenhower's appointment was hailed by British commentators as the harbinger of Germany's downfall, and from Moscow came word that the choice was viewed there as indicating the earnestness of the Allies to deliver the "blow from the west" for which the Russians have long hoped.

Seabees To Celebrate Second Anniversary

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The "Can Do, Will Do—Did" branch of the Navy will celebrate its second anniversary Tuesday.

Two years ago the "Seabees" were organized. That organization has grown to 262,000 men, highly skilled in construction work, and trained to fight as well.

Leave India, Moslem Leader Tells British

KARACHI, INDIA —(AP)— Mahomed Ali Jinnah, president of the All-India Moslem League, demanded at a league meeting Sunday that the British leave India and declared "We shall never rest content until we seize territories belonging to us and rule over them."

Jefferson's Writings Will Be Published

PRINCETON, N. J. —(AP)— The compilation of approximately twenty-three million words which constitute the writings and correspondence of Thomas Jefferson has been undertaken by Princeton University, President Harold W. Dodds announced Saturday night.

Editing and printing of the comprehensive 50-volume edition, to be published by the Princeton University Press, is expected to take 15 years, he said.

SCOTTISH RITE OFFICIAL PRESENTS RESIGNATION

DALLAS —(AP)— James C. Jones, deputy of the Supreme Council in Texas of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free-Masonry, announced his resignation Saturday from one of the highest Masonic posts in the state, effective April 1, 1944, due to the press of business duties.

Transportation No Problem



ODT may be cracking down on Tropical Park, but transportation is no problem at Mexico City's Hipodromo de las Americas, where charros take advantage of hippo paths leading to track.

Spain To Stay Neutral But Seeks Voice In Peace, Says Gen. Gomez

By HENRY J. TAYLOR NEA Correspondent MADRID — To the end of this war, and afterward, Spain is bent on a course of what you might call dogged individualism.

At least, that seems a fair summary of an extended interview given me by Foreign Minister Francisco Gomez Jordana, who is regarded in Washington, London and here in Madrid as a forthright representative of Spain, and one who is his country's best hope for the improvement of her relations abroad. However, it turns out that what General Jordana most wants from the rest of the world is a clear understanding and belief in Spain's united determination for continuing neutrality and independence.

She wishes no part of the conflict, nor is she tempted by any advantages which might be gained cheaply through eleven-hour alliance with the winning side. Because of her neutrality, and not in spite of it, Spain figures that she should have a voice in post-war readjustment.

"This country, which suffered so intensely and so recently, finds herself still in the early stages of convalescence," said the foreign minister. "Against the background of her own experience, Spain seeks nothing but peace for the world."

"Up to now, we have succeeded in our policy in spite of our geographical situation and the vicissitudes through which the shifting struggle has passed. As the pendulum has swung back and forth between the great belligerent powers in the four years and four months of her own experience, Spain has shown herself unmovable. We hope confidently that the co-related sovereign spirit of this peninsula, which represents of her own experience, Spain seeks nothing but peace for the world."

The small-framed, quiet-mannered statesman really talked with just such precision and full phrasing. Never in his 67 years—most of them spent in military and political service—had he ever before submitted to an interview. So in urgent

him to break his rule and receive me, I had suggested that he present his views about Spain in his own rich language and as if he were speaking only to Spaniards and not to the world. In that way he might better convey to readers abroad the emotional feeling and thought of Spain today.

Thus, he combined diplomatic language with colorful national metaphor in declaring that Spain's government is not a copy of any other regime in Europe. "We are Spaniards," he said, "and we Spaniards have our own characteristics which date far back and which are very dear to us. Spain is not a country without its own solera—wisdom only to Spaniards and not to the world."

"It would be a grave error to shut out from the readjustment of the world those countries which have remained outside the conflict—which have done so regardless of how the victory looked at any time in those long years. Their counsel and participation in shaping the new world is indispensable if the world hopes to arrive at a durable peace. To whatever degree any victorious powers have contempt for those they consider weak, to that degree they will create the germs of another war."

Woman Is Killed In San Angelo Accident

SAN ANGELO —(AP)— Mrs. G. W. Morgan, 40, was killed near here Saturday in the collision of an auto and a pickup truck.

Mrs. B. O. Bratton, who was riding with Mrs. Morgan, was injured. Jerry Williams, occupant of the truck, was uninjured.

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Bombers Blast Jap's Islands

PEARL HARBOR —(AP)— Navy Ventura medium bombers delivered a Christmas Eve low altitude bombing attack on off-bombarded Nauru Island while Army bombers and Japanese airmen traded pre-Christmas blows in the mid-Pacific Marshall and Gilbert Islands, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported Saturday.

Japanese installations on Nauru, 500 miles west of the American-occupied Gilberts, were left blazing like a huge Christmas candle. One United States Navy bomber failed to return.

Heavy Army bombers from the 7th U. S. Air Force struck again Wednesday at Wotje, one of the principal fortified bases in the Central Marshall Islands, driving through to their target despite interception by 35 Japanese planes. This is the heaviest aerial interception encountered by American raiders since they began their frequent flights over the Japanese-held islands in mid-November.

Down Four Jap Planes Three, and possibly four, of the enemy fighters were shot down. Six others were damaged. All of the Army Liberators returned, although one Tier was killed and another wounded.

Japanese bombers retaliated by striking five times at Tarawa and four times at Makin, the two major bases American forces won last month in the Gilberts and promptly turned against the enemy. Nimitz reported only slight damage at Tarawa and none at Makin.

Eight Americans were wounded during the Makin raids in which two Japanese bombers were shot down by an American interceptor.

Stevenson Doesn't Seek Vice Presidency

TYLER, TEXAS —(AP)— Governor Coke Stevenson in a letter to the Courier-Times Telegraph Saturday declared "I have on every occasion stated firmly that I am in no sense of the word a candidate for the nomination of vice president."

In the same letter he also stated: "If my friends desire me to continue as governor I might agree to make another effort to be re-elected."

"Statements that I have made seem to have been misconstrued as my being a potential candidate for the vice presidency," Stevenson wrote.

MAN'S BODY FOUND IN KANSAS CORNFIELD

PEABODY, KAS. —(AP)— Dr. Edward H. Johnson, Marion County coroner, reported Saturday that the body of a man had been found by hunters in a cornfield near here, and Wichita police said an investigation was being made to determine whether it was that of Bruce Small, 18-year-old Wichita youth missing since Sept. 18.

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# San Angelo Bobcats Win Schoolboy Football Championship Of Texas, Defeating Lufkin Panthers 26 To 13

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS—(AP)—San Angelo's Bobcats, as tough and wiry as their namesakes who roam the West Texas stretches, crushed Lufkin's bid for the Texas schoolboy football championship Saturday, striking around and in the air with tempestuous fury for a 26-13 victory.

Eleven thousand fans marveled at the durability and daring of the boys from the sheep country as they rolled up four touchdowns before Lufkin could get its offensive under way.

Then, with reserves spotting the San Angelo line-up, the brilliant Oliver McKay ran and passed the fighting Panthers to their scores.

San Angelo became the twenty-fourth champion of the Texas Interscholastic League with one of the most powerful teams ever to reach the finals. Also, it was the first time a West Texas outfit ever triumphed over an East Texas eleven in the title battle.

**Bobcats Start Early**  
The Bobcats struck for a touchdown the first time they had the ball, then throttled Lufkin's every attempt well short of the San Angelo goal line until the fading minutes of the game.

The crowd was cut down by unfavorable weather although no rain fell during the game. However, 11,000 was a good crowd under the circumstances.

All the fans got their money's worth. It was Ken Carley who stole the show Saturday, the 155-pound Bobcat back taking three touchdowns and otherwise making himself a nuisance to Lufkin.

**66 Yards To Score**  
The first San Angelo score came on a terrific 66-yard surge with Milford Taff leading the way but with the great Milton Rathbone, keyman of the Bobcat offense, putting in some timely wallops.

From the San Angelo 34-yard line Taff started the drive with a ten-yard sprint around right end. George Graham snatched right guard for two and Taff whipped around left end for a first down on the Lufkin 32. The hard-running Rathbone circled right end for 26 and Taff went around the other terminal for the score. Graham kicked the extra point.

Then the San Angelo aerial game, which was supposed to be just fair, blossomed into a nightmare of swishing footballs for the Panthers.

San Angelo, with Rathbone's passing sparking the way, got down to the Lufkin 31 shortly after the first score but McKay intercepted a pitch to halt the drive.

**Carley Grabs Pass**  
Lufkin couldn't gain and had to kick out. Again San Angelo took to the air but Taylor intercepted. The Panthers appeared to have finally pulled themselves together when they ripped and tore from their 22 down to the San Angelo 22 but Carley bobbed up to take a Harmon Carswell pitch on the San Angelo 14. It was another intercepted pass that set up the second San Angelo touchdown and Joe Williams, the great Bobcat center, outstanding man in the game's line play, was the guy who did the work. He took Carswell's throw and ran to the Lufkin 21. Graham and Rathbone

combined for 12 yards in smashes at the line, then Rathbone passed to Carley in the end zone for the score. Graham converted.

Little happened in the third period. The Lufkin running game was going good until it reached down into San Angelo territory. Then the Bobcats rose like a stone wall.

A great punt return by Rathbone that carried deep into Lufkin territory brought the third Bobcat touchdown early in the fourth period. It was on a pass from Rathbone to Carley.

A Lufkin pitch backed to set up San Angelo's final counter and again it was the mighty Williams who did the job.

**Williams Intercepts Pass**  
Williams intercepted McKay's pass to set the Bobcat machine again in motion. Rathbone passed to Vernie Horner for 15 and to Carley for nine, then again to Carley for 18 and the score.

Rathbone and Graham missed the last two tries for extra points. Lufkin gave the crowd a couple of big thrills with its comeback for quick touchdowns in the fading minutes. The first was on a 70-yard sprint around right end by McKay with Taylor kicking the goal and the next was on a passing attack engineered by McKay. First he passed to Taylor for 28 yards, then pitched 25 more to Taylor for the score. McKay tried to pass for the conversion but his throw was wild.

Lufkin got more first downs than San Angelo, showing 14 to 13 and jolled up more yards rushing and passing—324 to 282—but the Panthers did most of their gaining in the field. They couldn't dent the first string Bobcat line when the chips were down.

Jesse Bolles, lightweight Lufkin guard, was one of the outstanding stars of the game but everybody's work was overshadowed by that of the 176-pound Williams, one of the finest centers in schoolboy history.

**Southwestern Cagers Will Have Busy Week**

By The Associated Press  
It's a busy week for Southwest Conference basketball teams, with undefeated Arkansas making an inter-sectional jaunt to play City College of New York, Albright and De Paul.

Texas Christian and Rice will participate in the Oklahoma City all-college tournament where TCU is defending champion, while Baylor plays Corsicana Field in two games and Texas meets Kelly Field.

Arkansas is the only quarter with an unblemished record, the Porkers having taken four straight games by comfortable margins. Texas, which started out with four straight wins, now has five straight defeats.

Texas A&M still has not swung into action. The Aggies apparently won't do any playing until the conference race opens next week.

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## Bye-Bye Ballet



Toumanova, ex-prima ballerina of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, takes a farewell look at her ballet skirt. She renounced ballet for the movies, is now working on second screen role, which features her acting over dancing.

## Stan Musial Is Batting King Of National League

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK—(P)—Stan Musial, a reformed southpaw pitcher from the mills of Donora, Pa., succeeds Ernie Lombardi as batting king of the National League according to 1943 official figures released Saturday.

The 23-year-old St. Louis Cardinal outfielder, who earlier had been voted most valuable player in the circuit, swatted the apple at a 357 clip, the best since Ducky Medwick rang the bell with 374 in 1937.

It was a lucky day for the Cards when young Musial injured his shoulder making a shoe-string catch when performing as a pitcher-pinch hitter-utility outfielder for Daytona Beach, Fla., in a class D loop in 1940. That was the day he said goodbye to the pitching business and began to make a living out of hitting. As a result, in 1941 he hopped from Class C to the majors in one campaign.

Musial finished third last season in his first year and copped the crown with plenty to spare this time. 27 points better than runnerup Billy Herman of Brooklyn with 330. Ival Goodman played only 80 games in Chicago for a 320 mark but, among the regulars, Walker Cooper catching half of the Cardinal brother combination, ranked third with 319. Bob Elliott of Pittsburgh with 315 and New York's Mickey Wittek with 314 were others in the big five.

Other 300 hitters who played 100 or more games were Bill Nicholson of Chicago, 309; Arky Vaughan of Brooklyn, 305; Lombardi of New York, 305; Frank McCormick of Cincinnati, 303; and Dixie Walker of Brooklyn, 302.

Musial topped the league in most hits, 220; most total bases, 347; most doubles, 48; and most triples, 20.

## Football Bowl Facts & Figures

NEW YORK—(P)—Football bowl facts and figures, giving name of bowl, site, names of opposing teams with won-lost-tied records, expected attendance and kickoff times:

Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.—Southern California (7-2-0) vs. University of Washington (4-0-0) 96,000, 4:30 p. m.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans—Tulsa (6-0-1) vs. Georgia Tech (7-3-0), 73,000, 2:45 p. m.

Orange Bowl at Miami—Louisiana State (5-3-0) vs. Texas A. & M. (7-1-1), 28,000, 12:10 p. m.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas—Texas (7-1-0) vs. Randolph Field (9-1-0), 35,000, 1 p. m.

East-West game at San Francisco—attendance 58,000, 4:00 p. m.

Oil Bowl at Houston—Arkansas A. & M. (5-1-1) vs. Southwestern Louisiana Institute (4-0-1), 30,000, 1:30 p. m.

Sun Bowl at El Paso—Southwestern Texas (9-1-1) vs. New Mexico (3-1-0), 20,000, 3 p. m.

**340,000 Spectators Expected At Bowls**

NEW YORK—(P)—College football comes to the end of the 1943 trail next Saturday with the annual Jan. 1 bowl extravaganzas.

It will be the third bowl display of World War II and while the conflict has taken away some of the non-athletic trappings, has made travel difficult and perhaps lowered the quality of play, an estimated 340,000 spectators have tickets for the seven struggles.

Tulsa, University of Washington and Southwestern Louisiana Institute will barge into their opponents with unbeaten records although the West Coast Huskies are the only ones to escape without the blemish of a tie.

**Sugar Bowl Crowd Of 73,000 Expected**

NEW ORLEANS—(P)—President Joseph B. David of the New Orleans Mid-Winter Sports Association says the "streamlined" Sugar Bowl Carnival this season—consisting solely of the tenth annual football game between Georgia Tech and Tulsa on New Year's Day—is a cinch to draw a capacity crowd of 73,000.

Travel restrictions due to the war led civic-minded Sugar Bowlers to cancel all other events on the usual week-long parade of all-star sports attractions.

**2000 PIRATE SHIPS**  
Between 1690 and 1720 there were more than 2000 pirate ships afloat off the United States coast between Maine and Florida, and their toll from shipping ran into millions annually.

**TREE-HOP PLANTS**  
Air plants of the pineapple family, growing in British Guiana, are perched in treetops. They grow in a mass, particularly on fig trees, and exist as parasites until their long roots reach the ground.

**PASTOR ANNOUNCES SUNDAY'S SUBJECTS**  
The Rev. R. M. Hocker, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, announced Saturday his subject for the Sunday morning service will be "Where Is He That Is Born King of the Jews?"

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## Republicans Intend To Trim Down Taxes If They Win — Knutson

WASHINGTON—(P)—Rep. Knutson (R-Minn), minority leader of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Saturday Republicans would advocate reduced taxes "all along the line"—if they win control of Congress next year.

In an interview, he declared also that Congress must pass regulatory legislation to "stagger" repayment of War Bonds when victory comes to assure their orderly liquidation and to prevent "economic chaos and uncontrolled inflation."

The Minnesota member of the revenue raising committee frankly acknowledged that the Republican hopes of slicing down current tax assessment depended upon victory in Europe and resultant reduced military expenditures.

"Peacetime production," he said, "could not stand up under the present tax load. Taxes now are as high as the traffic will bear. On a per capita basis, the people in this country are paying more than those anywhere else in the world."

## Two Methods Increase Production On Farms

Leaving crop residues on the surface together with sub-surface tillage are two methods of conserving moisture and soil which will increase production, Charles B. Hal, Middle West farm manager, said.

Hal, Middle West farm manager, said last year Hal left maize stalks over a 65-acre field on his farm south of Warfield, and plowed the field twice with a disc to work the stubble in. This year he had the best feed crop on this field he has had in 10 years.

Hal believes plenty of plant material, in or on the surface of the soil, will prevent blowing, stop washing, cause more water to soak in the soil, and prevent evaporation during the hot, dry months, when the growing plants need the moisture.

A complete plan for soil and water conservation on Hall's farm was recently approved by the supervisors of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District. At the same time, plans containing the above practice were approved on 3,125 acres including the farms of D. W. McCormick, H. E. Phillip, O. T. Brinson, A. B. Hembree, G. E. Free, Roy C. Frazier, F. D. Breedlove, and A. W. Logsdon.

**LABOR ANNOUNCES SUNDAY'S SUBJECTS**  
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## Wilson To Command Mediterranean As Eisenhower Takes Invasion Spot

LONDON—(P)—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson has been designated Allied commander in the Mediterranean area, succeeding Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who becomes chief of Allied second front forces. The appointment of Wilson, who has been commander in chief of British forces in the Middle East, was announced at No. 10 Downing Street.

Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, who in speculation had been mentioned most prominently as Eisenhower's successor, will be commander in chief of Allied armies in Italy.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery will be commander in chief of the British group of armies under Eisenhower.

Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz will command the American Strategic Bombing Force operating against Germany.

These appointments resulted from conversations between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and were announced on behalf of the British government, the Downing Street statement said.

It added that various consequential appointments of other commanders would be announced soon.

## O'Mahoney Seeks Constitutional Act For Soldier's Vote

WASHINGTON—(P)—A speedy constitutional amendment giving Congress undisputed power to facilitate voting by servicemen and servicewomen in federal elections was suggested by Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), as a solution to the No. 1 political perplexity confronting Congress when it reconvenes January 10.

A nation which ratified repeal of prohibition in 138 days, the Wyoming senator declared, can approve a soldier vote plan in much less time.

Wants "Superior Law"  
"I believe," he said in a formal statement, "that a constitutional amendment should be introduced on the first day of the new session, giving Congress the power by law to provide for the participation of soldiers in the coming elections and for the counting x x x of the ballots which they shall cast."

The senator contended the proper method for removing what he viewed as state impediments to balloting by servicemen would be the enactment of a "superior law"—by amendment of the federal constitution which, by its own terms is the "supreme law of the land."

Virtually every weapon of modern warfare needs petroleum either for fuel or lubrication.

## Hopkins Denies He Predicted Willkie Will Be Nominated

WASHINGTON—(P)—Harry L. Hopkins, intimate of President Roosevelt, Saturday denied he had written a letter predicting that Wendell L. Willkie would be the next Republican presidential nominee.

The purported letter is quoted in the book "One Man—Wendell Willkie," written by C. Nelson Sparks, former Republican mayor of Akron.

The book, which also charges Willkie supporters attempted to "buy delegates" at the Republican national convention in 1940 and which has been called "sheer bunk" by Willkie, is the subject of a proposed Senate investigation under a resolution offered by Senator Langer (R-ND). Leading senators say the inquiry probably will never take place.

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