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# ALLIED BAYONETS TAKE ORTONA

## Railroads Put Under Army Rule

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS  
WASHINGTON — (AP) — America's entire railroad system went under Army control Tuesday, taken over by order of President Roosevelt to avert a strike which threatened to interfere with "major military offensives now planned."

The President's action, announced Monday night, took most of the capital by surprise because the wage controversy appeared to be well on the way to settlement.

But, said the President, "I can not wait until the last moment to take action to see that the supplies to our fighting men are not interrupted. I am accordingly obliged to take over at once temporary possession and control of the railroads to ensure their continued operation. Expect Men To Stay On Jobs"

The government will expect every railroad man to continue at his post of duty.

"The major military offensives now planned must not be delayed by the interruption of vital transportation facilities. If any employees of the railroads now strike, they will be striking against the government of the United States."

Seventeen of the 20 unions had withdrawn strike calls and accepted the President's proposal to let him referee the dispute, and two more days remained before the Thursday strike deadline to induce the other three to do likewise.

These three—conductors, firemen and switchmen—represent about 150,000 of the country's 1,450,000 railroad employes.

**Steelworkers Ordered To Work**

Although the leaders of the three operating brotherhoods did not comment immediately, the possibility of an interruption of railroad service appeared definitely passed.

The steel industry's labor crisis, meantime, took a favorable turn as Philip Murray, president of the CIO United Steelworkers, called on the men to return to their jobs and the War Labor Board adopted an order providing retroactive effect for any wage increases the workers may obtain later.

Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, acting Secretary of War Stimson, carried out the railroad seizure order.

## Reds Cut Rails In Dash Toward Rumania Border

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW — (AP)—Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's First Ukrainian Army swung southward in a new plunge toward Rumania and the old Polish border, cutting two railroads out of the Germans' fast-moving network of communications and threatening the flank of the enemy forces along the lower Dnieper River.

Vatutin's spectacular advance through the town of Andrusheвка, 120 miles from the Rumanian frontier, was preceded by terrific artillery barrages. It carried his troops forward approximately 40 miles from the starting point of his offensive in the Brusilov sector to within 15 miles of the Zhitomir-Ordeza lateral railway line.

This strategic railroad, which Nazi Marshal Fritz Von Manstein cleared at heavy cost by his ill-fated November tank onslaught, was again in imminent danger, according to dispatches from the front.

**Near Rail Center**

Capture of Andrusheвка put the Russians 20 miles northeast of the key rail city of Berdichev, even closer than they were last month before Von Manstein's attack pushed them back from the Zhitomir-Korosten sector. Berdichev is on a major Axis railway feeding German forces in the Ukraine from Poland.

The Soviet forces, turning southwest from Brusilov, crossed the east-west Pastov-Zhitomir railroad and another line running southwest from Kiev to Vinnytsia and Zhmerinka which connect the eastern part of the vital Warsaw-Odessa rail network. They passed Verchaische, a town 70 miles southwest of Kiev.

Vitebsk, the White Russian fortified zone which is the goal of the other current Red Army offensive under Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian has been virtually isolated, following severance of the Vitebsk-Polotsk railroad Monday. Germans in the Vitebsk sector now have a single scene rail link leading south to Orsha and then southwest through Minsk to Poland.

## Throttle Taken Over By Uncle Sam, Army Men Tell Rail Heads

By The Associated Press  
Seventy-five Army officers summoned from posts of the Eighth Service Command were instructed Tuesday to deliver official notice to Texas and other Southwestern railroads that the government has assumed control of their facilities, but that actual direction of railroading will be left in hands of current management.

Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerry of the service command headquarters in Dallas, called in the officers from a radius of 300 miles. These officers, after delivering the notifications, will remain with the railroads as liaison agents.

**Opinions Divided**

These orders fitted in with the general opinion of railroad officials that government seizure of their lines would not greatly affect operations. Rail men at the same time were divided on whether the President's move was a good one. Some union spokesmen said they didn't like it.

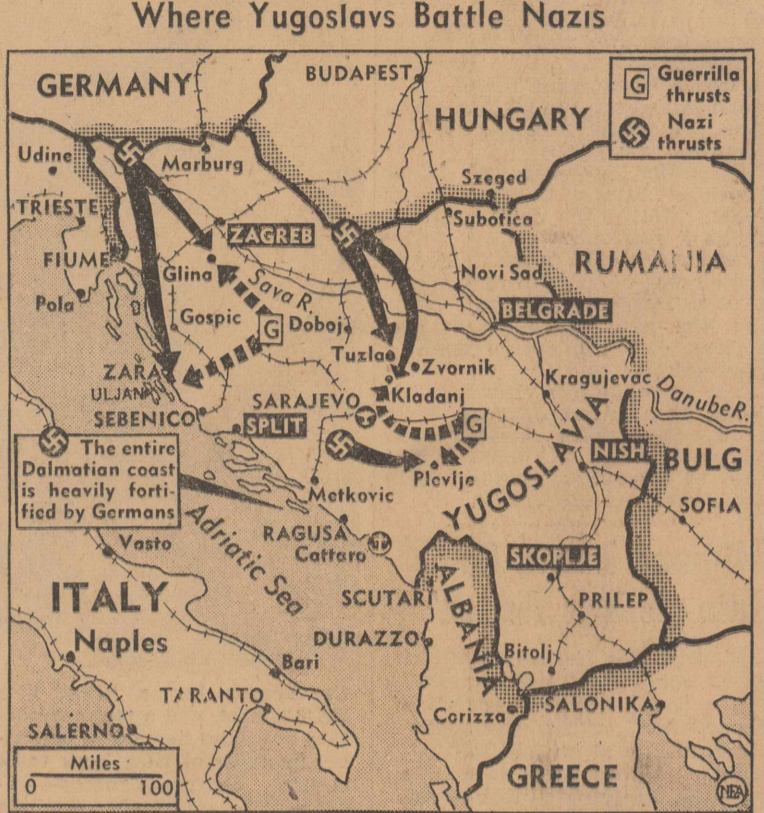
The service command stated: "All the lines in the five states (Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico) of the Eighth Service Command will be taken over by the War Department through officers assigned by Maj. Gen. Richard Donovan, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command."

## CHURCHILL PLANS TO MAKE SPEECH SOON

LONDON — (AP)—The Daily Mail said Tuesday Prime Minister Churchill, who presumably is in the Middle East recovering from pneumonia, would make a speech soon giving his views on the newly-established invasion setup under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## NOT A CANDIDATE

CHICAGO — (AP)—Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, has advised an Illinois Republican leader that he is not to be considered a presidential candidate in the Illinois preferential primary next spring.



Where Yugoslavs Battle Nazis

The entire Dalmatian coast is heavily fortified by Germans. The Adriatic Sea is shown to the west, and the Balkan Peninsula to the east. Key cities like Zagreb, Belgrade, and Sarajevo are marked. Arrows indicate German thrusts and guerrilla activities.

General Tito's partisans have rung up victories against Nazi columns on all fronts in Yugoslavia, despite reinforcements rushed by air to Sarajevo, where first shot of World War I was fired. Partisans claim Germans lost 1800 men at Glina, have been driven from Kladanj, and attack on Tuzla was crushed by forces spearheading toward Adriatic coast. Cities indicated by white letters on black have been heavily fortified by Germans.

## Tedder, British Air War Wizard, Named As Invasion Deputy

LONDON — (AP)—In a move which clearly foreshadowed the mighty role air power will play in the main invasion of Europe, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, Britain's master air strategist, Tuesday was appointed deputy to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Allied invasion armies.

Selection of Tedder, who cleared North Africa's skies of the German air force and directed air cover for the invasions of Sicily and Italy, was greeted with approval in London and his appointment was regarded as assuring that the building of air strength would gain new momentum.

Tedder, who served in the Middle East at Cairo, was announced at the same time that Gen. Sir Bernard (Tolly) Paget, who fought a grim battle of withdrawal in Norway and for two years was commander-in-chief of the British home forces, has been appointed commander-in-chief in the Middle East at Cairo.

Thus the lineup of commanders for an encircling assault from west, north and south was virtually complete.

## MAN KILLED AND 26 HURT IN EXPLOSION

PORT ARTHUR — (AP)—One man was killed and 26 were injured Tuesday in an explosion at a new alkylization still at the Texas Company refinery here.

Three were hurt seriously. The dead man had not been identified. Company officials said they were investigating.

## FDR'S COUSIN DIES

MIDDLEBORO, MASS. — (AP)—Mrs. Deborah Dora Delano, 96, a third cousin of President Roosevelt, died Monday from injuries suffered recently in a fall at the home of her son, Rolfe A. Delano.

## Allied Ship Shelled At Dodecanese, Say Nazis

LONDON — (AP)—The German news agency DNE said Tuesday that an Allied warship attempting to enter Pagadi Harbor on Scarpanto (Karpantinos), Dodecanese Island between Crete and Rhodes, on the night of Dec. 26, presumably to land saboteurs was spotted and heavily shelled, "but owing to bad visibility the results of the shelling could not be observed."

## Plumber Takes Sixty Snakes From Drain Pipe

BELGRADE, NEB. — (AP)—A stubborn drain pipe prompted Mrs. Adela Ward to summon the plumber.

Undaunted, the plumber routed 60 garter and bull snakes from the pipe where they had crawled to hibernate for the winter. The pipe empties into the Cedar River.

## Tanks Aim For Japs' Airdrome

By ROBERT EUNSON  
ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA — (AP) — Light and medium tanks moved along the road to the Cape Gloucester airdrome as American Marines spread their invasion front on two beachheads in western New Britain Tuesday.

The jungle-tested leathernecks drove enemy opposition from Target Hill, a 450-foot hump near Borgen Bay which was pounded heavily from the air and by naval warships before the Marines landed early Sunday morning. Japanese resistance on the hill failed the first day.

Marine artillery began shelling the Cape Gloucester airdrome, and light and medium tanks were last reported rumbling along the coastal track six miles west and north of the Gloucester airstrip.

In addition, Japanese positions at Borgen Bay also came under attack of the artillery batteries.

**Arawa Battle See-Saws**

On the Arawa front, 60 miles southeast of Gloucester, advance patrols of the U. S. Sixth Army were forced to withdraw under three enemy counter-attacks, but a spokesman at Allied headquarters said the Americans made such a firm stand at Umtigulu village that the enemy broke contact the following morning.

The Army patrols are now fanning out again to the north and east, the spokesman said. The American troops landed at Arawa, on the southwest coast of the island, Dec. 15.

The devil-dogs, who learned their ABCs of battling the Japanese in the jungles and hills of Guadalcanal, found the going on the tree-matted terrain of Cape Gloucester comparatively easy. But the future held possibilities of tough bombing and strafing from the air.

Even if the Japanese failed to stage the stiff land resistance which made Guadalcanal and other Solomon Islands' battle grounds costly fields, there was speculation that the enemy would throw over heavy aerial opposition in attempts to blight Allied action in New Britain, the key Nipponese bastion in the Southwest Pacific.

## Anti-Strike 'Teeth' Urged For Labor Act

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Accusing labor unions of having "reputated" their no-strike agreement, Representative Smith (D-Va.) co-author of the Smith-Connally labor disputes act, called Tuesday for revision of the law and demanded that the War Labor Board cease issuing union maintenance orders.

Smith, chairman of the special House committee investigating acts of executive agencies, declared in an interview the Smith-Connally act "needs some teeth in it to punish those who strike without notice."

## Partisans Drive Germans Back In Croatia Battle

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## War Bulletins

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Swiftly taking over physical possession of the railroads, the Army is concentrating troops with railroad experience to supplement any possible manpower shortages.

MOSCOW — (AP)—An article in Pravda, official Communist Party organ, has warned Bulgaria to withdraw from the war.

LONDON — (AP) — The Germans have evacuated the "ruins of Ortona," Adriatic port of 9,000 inhabitants which has been the scene of bloody street-fighting for more than a week, the German communique said Tuesday.

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY — (AP)— A Brazilian expeditionary force of two divisions will leave for Europe in January, according to Joao Baptista Luzardo, Brazilian ambassador to Uruguay, who has returned here after a month's visit in Rio De Janeiro.

WASHINGTON — (AP)— The Navy is using secret weapons in driving the Japanese back in the Pacific, Secretary of the Navy Knox reported Tuesday. He gave no details.



So You Think YOU'RE Cold?

If you think it's pretty chilly around here, how would you like to be standing watch with the U. S. Coast Guard in a signal tower off the Maine coast? That's what Coast Guardsmen John H. Walker, left, of Moline, Ill., and James A. Emery, of San Francisco, are doing in the icy photo at left, above. At right, Guardsman Harry Miller of Chicago, with ice encrusting his hair, eyebrows and lashes, is pictured after a tour of duty on the icy tower.

## Jap Bombs Sink Destroyer And Small Transport

WASHINGTON — (AP)—An American destroyer and a coastal transport ship went down under Japanese bombs in the landings at Cape Gloucester on the western tip of New Britain Island, Secretary of the Navy Knox announced Tuesday.

Knox, reporting the losses at a news conference, did not name the vessels. Nor was he able to provide any information on the number of men lost.

He described as "fantastic as usual" Japanese claims that two heavy cruisers and two transports were sunk in the operations.

"Only Losses"

The loss of the destroyer and small transport, he said, resulted from an air attack four or five hours after the operation started. They were our only losses, Knox said.

The two ships brought to a total of 135 the number of American naval craft lost since the war started. No details on the destroyer were given, but Knox said the small transport was only about 100 feet long.

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## FALL HARBOR VETERAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

LUBBOCK — (AP)—Lester Walling, 29, of Rush Springs, Okla., a veteran of the Pearl Harbor attack who later was given a medical discharge by the Navy, was killed Monday when his car collided with a truck on an ice-glazed highway in Lubbock County.

Three others were injured in the crash. They were Walling's wife; his stepson, Leroy Williams, 10, and Walling's brother, Staff Sgt. James B. Walling of Fort Ord, Calif.

## CHARLES MERZBACHER DIES

DALLAS — (AP)—Charles Merzbacher Sr., 75, retired brick manufacturer, died at his home here Monday night.

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## WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Germans evacuate Ortona.

RUSSIA—Reds within 18 miles of Zhitomir in Ukraine and within five miles of Vitebsk in White Russia.

SOUTH PACIFIC—Marines capture Target Hill near Borgen Bay. Americans lose destroyer and coastal transport in Cape Gloucester landings.

## Moore Putting Up Storage To Test Crane Prospect

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor  
John I. Moore, No. 1 Barnsley estate, wildcat project two miles southeast of the Sand Hills field in Crane County, was moving off rotary and preparing to erect storage and install a cable tool unit to test by swabbing.

The hole is at total depth of 4,651 feet. Some oil has been shown.

## HOT SHOTS FROM WINKLER AND PECOS PROSPECTORS

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 46-0 Keystone, Winkler County Elsenburger test, took a 30 minute drillstem test at 4,697-4,832 feet and after being open eleven minutes started spraying mud and distillate. Recovery was 540 feet of drilling mud, heavily cut with distillate. Gas flow of 3,690,000 cubic feet per day was reported.

Broze McCandless No. 1-101 Atlantic, Pecos County Elsenburger discovery, has flowed 247 barrels of oil in 24 hours through a one-fourth inch choke after a 2,000-gallon acid treatment.

## Capt. Tony Bauer Goes To San Angelo

Capt. Tony Bauer, stationed at the Sloan Field Airways Station and then Midland Army Air Field for a total of 13 years, has reported for duty at the headquarters of the 34th Flying Training Wing in San Angelo, Texas.

Captain Bauer enlisted in the Air Corps in 1922 and has served continuously. He arrived at the Army Airways Station, then called Sloan Field in November, 1930, as non-commissioned officer in charge.

At that time there were four men stationed at airways, two weather men and two radio operators. Captain Bauer brought a mechanic with him bringing the total to six. When the airways station was closed recently and Midland Field No. 2 took over the servicing of transient aircraft, Captain Bauer's crew of 40 men had grown to more than 80.

**Commissioned In 1942**

He was commissioned from master sergeant to first lieutenant May 21, 1942, and was made operations officer at the bombardier school shortly after its activation.

After his tour of duty serving as operations officer, field lightning officer, link training officer, and weights and balance officer at the Midland Army Air Field, Under Brig. Gen. I. Davies, commanding general of the 34th Flying Training Wing, he expects to be assigned to some phase of aircraft inspection.

Captain Bauer's wife and son, Harry Leighton Bauer, reside in Midland.

## WEATHER

Fair and cold

## Steelworkers End Walkout; 170,000 Had Quit Work

PITTSBURGH — (AP)— Striking workers began returning to the mills Tuesday, signalling an end to the big steel strike which threatened a crisis in the nation's war production.

A back-to-work movement was set in motion quickly by officials of the United Steel Workers Union (CIO) after the War Labor Board in Washington voted a guarantee of pay retroactivity to the union in expiring contracts affecting 500,000 workers in 500 companies.

From all sections of the great steel producing areas came reports showing workers were preparing to resume production. Many hundreds worked on midnight shifts this morning, entering the mills less than two hours after the sudden termination of the deadlock.

**Murray Issued Order**

After hearing of the labor board's action, President Philip Murray issued directions to the union to continue "uninterruptedly the production of steel," calling off, in effect, the walkout which had spread to more than 170,000 workers in nine states.

The union in the crisis came just as steel production dropped to its lowest rate since 1940 when America's defense program began its "all-out" production campaign to win the war.

The labor board, in agreeing to retroactivity by an 8 to 4 vote, reversed the stand labor members of the board took last Wednesday when they voted down a virtually identical proposition made by the public members.

## Mercury Drops To 26 Degrees Here

Midland citizens buttoned their coats tightly Tuesday morning when the temperature dropped to a minimum reading of 26 degrees at 9 a. m.

But a bright sun later in the day brought warmer temperatures.

Midland's precipitation for 1943 was increased .85 of an inch by rain, snow, and sleet of the last few days, bringing the total for the year to 9.75 inches, a check of weather records showed.

## Ballinger Couple Found Dead In Home

BALLINGER, TEXAS — (AP)—Dead of carbon monoxide poisoning since Christmas Day, the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wolverton of Ballinger were found in their home late Monday by friends from San Angelo, who had gone to visit the couple.

The visitors found lighted stoves in three rooms. All windows were down; a radio was playing. In the bedroom were two fully clothed bodies. A coroner fixed the time of death as late Christmas Day.

Funeral services for Wolverton, a retired oil well drilling contractor, were planned Tuesday in Abilene. Services for Mrs. Wolverton have not been set, pending arrival of a niece from Texas.

Mrs. Wolverton was a former

## Foe Turns On Flame Throwers

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP)— The Germans were reported Tuesday to have turned flame throwers on Canadian Eighth Army troops, who were battling their way at bayonet point through the streets of Ortona, in a grimly desperate defense of the Nazi communications to Rome from the east.

(The German Transoceanic News Agency announced the Germans had evacuated the Adriatic port.

Quoting "competent German quarters, the Berlin broadcast said Nazi forces, opposed by "greatly superior enemy forces," had withdrawn "to well-prepared positions immediately to the north of the city.")

The Germans, turning Ortona into a "miniature Stalingrad," had been fighting the Canadians there a week.

**Many Prisoners Taken**

Both Canadian and Indian troops of the Eighth Army took numerous prisoners in the bitter fighting for the port, a city of 9,000 situated 11 miles below Pescara.

Meanwhile American troops of the Fifth Army, with the capture of two more heights, tightened their hold on the important Samucro Mountain range overlooking the Germans' strongly-held San Vito backdoor to Cassino and Rome.

On both the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts intensive Allied patrol activity was reported. American patrols, completing the consolidation of their Samucro positions a mile and a half east of San Vito, were sent down the southwest slopes to find the village strongly held by the Germans.

Southwest of Castel San Vincenzo in the center of the Italian front, fierce local battles were raging for a ridge called Catenella Degli Mainardi, while other Allied forces captured a high point in the Monte Marrone range.

French Moroccan troops were attacking an important height "to which the enemy is clinging tenaciously," the communique said, but did not identify the location of the height.

Fighter activity over the Fifth Army front increased with slightly better weather and fighter-bombers blasted Civitavecchia, northwest of Rome, hitting shipping, the railway yard and harbor installations.

Medium bombers ranged far north to attack viaducts at Recco, and Zoagli, south of Genoa, while other bombers crossed the Adriatic to bomb shipping near Zara in Yugoslavia.

Rail targets were destroyed on the Ancona-Pescara line and a factory and railway yard bombed at Anagni.

The raids were carried out without loss.



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## Just Waiting To Repeat



## Let's Be Fair

There has been so much gross carelessness in the expenditure of public moneys that every taxpayer has become very sensitive. For that reason, perhaps, the charges made by Senator Butler of Indiana about our Latin-American ventures, grossly exaggerated as we believe they were, found ready credence.

The Senate subcommittee on agriculture and forestry is inquiring into charges of waste in the rubber program. There has been waste there and unwise expenditures. But here is what we believe the subcommittee will find, if it does an objective job of truth-seeking:

Most of the boondoggling and most of the real waste were in the early days of the program, under different management at a time when we were hysterical about the cutting off of our rubber supply, when we feared that the Nazis would invade Brazil en route to Florida, Washington and New York. Much of the boondoggling and the waste, we believe the committee will find, came at a time when there was a big question whether the world PWA idea would prevail or whether we should run our Pan-American relations on something like a business basis.

The subcommittee's first important news break was the testimony of Douglas H. Allen, president of the Rubber Development Corporation, who was quoted as "admitting" that the rubber we have received from South America has cost us \$1.12 a pound.

That was not his testimony. We have not examined the RDC's books and we are not guaranteeing Allen's figure. But we do feel that he is entitled to be quoted accurately if at all.

Allen said that the rubber from the Amazon basin would have cost \$1.12 a pound if all capital expenditures were written off as of the end of 1943, if all loans were arbitrarily considered to be worthless, if all stocks on hand were ignored.

But the capital investments were made against a contract that has three more years to run. The loans may result in some losses, but by no means all. And there are on hand, in offset against expenditures, almost \$5,000,000 worth of tires and tubes alone, plus much else.

So the \$1.12 figure is worthless. When allowance is made for offsets that every domestic business takes, the cost of Amazonian rubber, says Allen, is around 75 cents a pound.

That is plenty. But when a man is adrift in the Atlantic, he doesn't inquire the cost of passage to shore on a rescue ship.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

## OWI And The Report System

The tale of woe of the Office of War Information in Washington does not consist solely of trying to make the Army and Navy give out information, nor of waging war with the Congress for more money and with the press corps for more news. Those are three important fronts, but the bloodiest of all is the battle which OWI wages with the other civilian offices of the government, trying to get them to agree on what is what and what should be told the American people about all manner of things pertaining to the war effort.

Getting and giving out this official dope was one of the standing assignments given OWI when it was first set up. It was also an assignment given to OWI's predecessor, the late and unlamented Office of Facts and Figures. OFF started off on the wrong foot by trying to do the job with pamphlets. OWI continued this line until it was discovered that the costs were excessive and the results negligible because the United States is not a tract-reading country.

So OWI hit upon the technique of digging up its data and making it available to the established information media of press, magazines and radio in the form of duplicated reports, leaving it up to the writers and speakers to rehash such of the material as they desired.

These OWI reports seldom get out into general circulation except in some of the larger cities where, sometimes, a newspaper will reproduce full text. From 1000 to 3000 copies of each report are run off, at a cost of \$86 per report they say, and there it ends. In the past year there have been about 30 of these reports. All have been on more or less controversial subjects, but you'd never know it from reading the reports, which are pretty middling dull. They have to be. It isn't the fault of the writers, but of the system.

Every report which concerns a subject of interest to more than one agency has to be cleared by them all. That's where feuds begin.

The report system is bad in that it is a further development of the government public relations handout system, which contributes to a lazy, unenterprising press. The report system is not critical of government effort. It does not expose what's wrong. The report system erects a barrier between the independent press and the source of the news, because the independent reporter can't get at the prime source of the news. Abolishing the whole business the day the war ends or before won't be a day too soon.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Poverty is not the money we fail to get, but the beauty we fail to see.

If anyone doesn't like the way war has made things here at home, it is his privilege to join the armed forces.

A professor says there should be easy chairs in a

## Crude Oil Production Decreases In Nation

TULSA—(AP)—United States crude oil production decreased 36,650 barrels daily in the week ended Dec. 25 to a total of 4,364,640 barrels daily. The Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

California production dropped 4,650 barrels daily to 792,750; Eastern fields, 5,390 to 67,573; Illinois 14,600 to 210,750; Kansas 19,900 to 269,900; Louisiana 520 to 353,530; Michigan 2,300 to 50,800; Texas 125 to 1,894,700; East Texas 100 to 364,300, and the Rocky Mountain region 2,990 to 121,910.

Oklahoma's output increased 3,300 barrels daily to 329,100.

## Crane Prospect

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gress a slight distance further before the pipe is put in.

A drillstem test Monday at 5,990-6,038 feet, open for 45 minutes, found 120 feet of drilling fluid, with no oil shows reported.

Shell Cores Again  
Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 3 Sealy-Smith, in the Monahan district of Northeast Ward County, was cored under 10,443 feet in dolomite.

Siemonett & Walhennier No. 1 Crockett, North Pecos exploration, recovered 3,300 feet of sulphur water and 180 feet of drilling mud in a 45-minute drillstem test at 4,780-4,812 feet Monday. There was a good blow of air during the period.

The project topped the Ellenburger at 4,700 feet. Signs of gas were indicated on tests in the section, but no oil was reported.

Will Take a "S-J" Test  
A Schlumberger test is to be taken before further action is decided.

Childress Realty Company No. 1 O'Neal estate, in the Lehn area of Pecos, in section 74, block 10, H&GN survey, is being abandoned and plugged at a total depth of 2,933 feet, with a dose of sulphur water at that point. A hard oil sand was drilled at 1,668-78 feet.

Globe Oil & Refining Company and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Colden, had reached 6,121 feet in shale and was drilling ahead.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Barnes had progressed to 3,854 feet in lime and continued.

Standard Oil Company of Texas No. 1 McDer, Ordovician wildcat seven miles south of Owego had drilled to 2,875 feet in lime.

Standard No. 1 Treas, 8,000-foot exploration in Northwest Pecos, was making hole under 2,980 feet in lime.

More Pipe In Ground  
National Refining Company No. 1 Merchant, Northwest Reagan County test to 3,600 feet, was running 7-inch casing to the bottom at 2,610 feet in sand.

Superior Oil Company and Wiggins & Hyde No. 1-A University, South Reagan, 4,000-foot exploration, had set 13 1/2-inch pipe at 312 feet on bottom with 200 sacks and was waiting.

Globe No. 1 Henderson, Schleicher County prospector, had recovered a fish at total depth of 5,590 feet and was milling on a bit cone in the hole.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Callan, Northeast Schleicher development, was drilling below 4,598 feet in shale.

Almost To Objective  
Kenwood Oil Company No. 1 Goode, wildcat to 4,000 feet in the Rankin area of Upton County, was making hole under 3,615 feet in anhydrite.

Superior No. 1 Wheeler, Ellenburger development in East Winkler County, and a north offset to the discovery for Ordovician production in that district, is rigged up and was due to spud Tuesday.

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Sealy-Smith, Southeast Winkler exploration, was drilling past 3,940 feet in lime.

## Texas Officer Tells Of Tank Unit's Heroism In Bitter Fight At Tarawa

TARAWA ATOLL, GILBERT ISLANDS—(AP)—The exploits of the tanks are among the most thrilling chapters in the bloody battle for Tarawa and to them must go much of the credit for a successful fight that never will be forgotten by Americans.

This is the story of four of those tanks—China Gal, Cecelia, Commando and Colorado—and their commanding officer, Marine First Lt. Edward L. Bale, Jr., of Dallas, Texas.

Early in the invasion, Lieutenant Bale sent six of his tanks into one sector of the beach. These tanks had to cross several hundred yards of reef and water under heavy fire.

drilling ahead. A fishing job has been cleaned up.

Stanolind No. 1-B Cowden, North Ector deep effort, was making hole past 9,155 feet in unreported formation.

Still Giving Treatment  
Union No. 3 Biles, south outpost to production in the Union area of Northwest Andrews County, is preparing to run 5 1/2-inch pipe to 6,864 feet.

Union No. 2 Biles has 4,000 gallons more acid to inject in the pay section which was drilled to 7,500 feet. The crew was having engine trouble Tuesday morning.

Shell No. 1 Scarborough, northeast offset to the discovery well of the Union pool, had drilled to 6,450 feet in lime and was going ahead.

Cone Trouble For Lowe  
Ralph Lowe No. 1 Lowe fee, wildcat project northeast of the Fullerton field, has been having trouble with a bit cone on the bottom, but has about eliminated that bother and was getting ready to start drilling ahead from 7,120 feet.

Superior No. 1-C University, outpost in the Fullerton district, had reached 4,132 feet in anhydrite.

Gulf No. 1 Dean, Northeast Dawson County wildcat, was drilling by plug-back below 10,234 feet, with only nine feet more to go to get back to the level which it reached before the trouble.

Anderson-Pritchard Oil Corporation and Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 2-98 State-Powell, Pecos development in the Apco-Warner area, had drilled to 4,032 feet in lime.

Another Test In Miller  
Colony Drilling Company No. 1 Miller, Northwest Mitchell Ordovician venture, had a fishing job for twisted-off drill pipe, and on top of that had a caving hole. At last report drilling had reached 4,488 feet in shale.

Seaboard Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 1 Evans, Southeast Cochran County wildcat, was going in the hole Tuesday morning to start drilling plug on 7-inch casing set at 4,850 feet with 150 bags of cement on a bottom of 5,134 feet.

Gulf No. 43-O Waddell, Crane County exploration, was drilling ahead past 2,860 feet after killing a heavy gas flow.

Schermerhorn Starts Two  
Schermerhorn Oil Corporation No. 1 McKnight, Crane County wildcat, is drilling under 275 feet.

Schermerhorn No. 1 W. S. Moss, semi-wildcat in Yoakum, has spudded and is drilling ahead.

Standard No. 2 Barnsley, Ordovician stepout in Crane, was digging below 2,980 feet in lime.

Carl B. King Drilling Company and Bay Petroleum Corporation No. 2 Blair, Northwest Gaines County prospector to 7,800 feet, was drilling around 5,702 feet.

Two Railroad Men Are Killed In Accident  
VERNON—(AP)—Marvin Black, roadmaster, and Charles Sparks, conductor, both of the Quanah, Aeme and Pacific Railway, were killed Monday night 20 miles southwest of Quanah, Texas, while attempting to get a derailed car back on the rails.

## Americans Blast 61 Jap Planes

AT AN ADVANCED ALLIED FIGHTER BASE, NEW GUINEA—(AP)—American fighter planes covering the Marines landing at Cape Gloucester downed 61 enemy aircraft in a double-headed combat which came close to matching the most furious aerial scrambles of the war in the Southwest Pacific.

Every type of fighter—Thunderbolts, Lightnings, Warhawks—shared the day's achievements. They patrolled the landing area in relays from dawn to dusk but the actual combat was concentrated in two brief sessions of 20 to 30 minutes each.

Enemy aircraft were first sighted at 2:35 p. m. heading toward Gloucester from the northeast. Within a few minutes they were sweeping in from all directions, fighters, dive bombers and torpedo bombers—perhaps a hundred planes in all.

Then, in the words of Major "Cyclone" Davis of Compton, Calif., began "one of the damndest dog-fights I ever saw."

"For 30 minutes every fighter in the air was whirling in circles from 8,000 to 14,000 feet high and burning Nips were falling out of that squirrel cage like sparks from a pinwheel," he said.

The mid-afternoon show was followed by a second Japanese foray at 5 o'clock which, after another 30-minute melee over Rooke Island west of Gloucester, likewise ended disastrously for the enemy.

## Midland Fliers Go Into 'Icebox Action'

Student Axis blasters at Midland Army Air Field Tuesday morning got a taste of "arctic operations" as activities, taking advantage of the first clear skies since before the holidays, got under way before dawn with the full-throated roar of hundreds of twin-motored planes.

Early morning missions on days when the temperature takes a bomb-like plunge are termed "icebox action" by cadet bombardier.

As plane after plane took off Tuesday to lose its cargo of hundred pound practice bombs on targets located far out on the prairies, the temperature on the ground stood at 25 degrees, which meant that at bombing altitudes thousands of feet up, the mercury would be in the "way below" zero mark.

But cadets are dressed for the occasion, and as the tyro bombardiers hurried out to their planes even their best friends might have had trouble recognizing them in their fleecy-lined winter flying suits and over-size fleecy-lined boots.

"They don't look like Park Avenue," said one bombardier, "but brother, they sure keep you warm, and upstairs these days you've got lots of cold to keep warm from."

The Cecelia was pulled back and used for beach security that night. Though its gun was ruined, the turret reverse mechanism shot and the clutches damaged, it went into action in the morning, firing its machine gun at pillboxes. Finally it ran into a hole and was out of action for good.

Commando went on alone across the island destroying two five-inch anti-boat guns and five pillboxes and sustaining 18 hits. But it was knocked out finally.

"That night," Lieutenant Bale continued, "we just dug in hoping we could get a tank into action in the morning."

"Next morning the crew of China Gal got it on the beach and in running shape.

"We jumped off toward the airfield and blasted every pillbox for 600 yards. When we'd see the Japs running out of one emplacement we'd hold our fire until they ran into another pillbox and then we'd give it hell. Often Marines from the infantry outfit would jump up on the top of the tanks to help us spot targets.

Tanks Win Victory  
"At daybreak," the lieutenant continued, "we got more ammunition for China Gal. Three tanks from another outfit joined us and we moved up the southern beach with an infantry battalion behind us. This was to be the deciding phase of the battle of Tarawa. We were joined by the Colorado."

At dawn, China Gal and Colorado went up and put an end to the counterattack which the companies had staged off so bravely all night long. Then, with eight other tanks behind them, the two went right on to the end of the island where the battle ended. In the last pillbox they knocked out, the lieutenant courted 70 dead Japs.

## 'From Frying Pan...'



Curvaceous Elaine Riley, new RKO starlet, had a tough time—they say. Quit her job as personal manager of New York radio station because "office-goats-Johnnies" cluttered up the place. Went to Hollywood, where beauty's supposed to be dime-a-dozen—and creates a traffic jam every time she walks on the lot—they say.

## Nation Reads Fewer But Better Books

CHICAGO—(AP)—Patrons of the nation's public libraries, the American Library Association said Tuesday, are not reading as much in wartime as before Pearl Harbor, but the quality of what they read is improving.

Light novels and non-fiction, read purely for entertainment, have lost their popularity, the association reported, but practical reading, although decreased in volume, has intensified. Also, there is a greater popular interest in world activities, not only in war news but in international politics.

## Midland Field Plans Big New Year Frolic

A New Year's Eve frolic at Midland Army Air Field's Service Club, with paper hats, noisemakers, and confetti, will usher in 1944 at the Bombardier School.

Members of the Special Service staff promise it will be one of the largest dances of the year for the enlisted men. Girls of Midland and vicinity are invited to attend, and transportation for these guests will be furnished from the USO Clubs to the field and return.

The "Jive Bombers" will play for dancing from 9 p. m. until the wee hours.

Everyone will be supplied plenty of New Year's Eve noisemakers and noisemakers, to that 1944 may be welcomed with ample gaiety.

## Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle, 1-000; calves 500; steady; good fed steers and yearlings 13.00-50; common to medium steers and yearlings 8.50-12.50; cull yearlings down to 7.00; good beef cows 9.50-10.00; butcher cows 8.00-9.00; good to choice fat calves 11.00-12.50; common to medium calves 7.50-10.50; stocker steer calves 8.00-11.50; heifers 11.00 down.

Hogs 9.00; steady to 10c lower; good and choice 200-300 lb. butchers 13.55; good 170-190 lb. weights 11.50-13.25; good 140-160 lb. averages 10.00-11.25; 310-350 lb. butchers 13.00-25; sows 11.00-50; pigs 10.00 down.

Sheep 6.00; steady; fed clipped lambs with No. 1 or No. 2 pelts 12.00; common lambs 10.00 down; common and medium ewes 5.50-8.10.

The nursery gardens at Aalsmeer and Boskoop in Holland are considered the most unusual in the world because the hedges are clipped into the shapes of chairs, dogs, ships, anchors, vases and spirals.

Coffee normally accounts for about 70 per cent of Guatemala's exports.

## Harry Hopkins Asks FBI To Investigate

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Harry Hopkins says his name has been forged in connection with a political dispute involving Wendell Willkie, and that he has asked the FBI to investigate.

He described as a fake the letter credited to him predicting that Willkie will again be the Republican presidential nominee next year.

"That letter to Dr. Umphrey Lee, Southern Methodist University president and the signature are both forgeries," said Hopkins.

Photographs of the letter were released last week by C. Nelson Sparks, former mayor of Akron, Ohio, whose recently published book, "One Man—Wendell Willkie," alleged that irregularities figured in Willkie's 1940 nomination at Philadelphia.

LT. REBURN WOUNDED  
TORONTO—(AP)—Lt. Stewart Reburn, former skating partner of Sonja Henie in exhibitions and movies, has been wounded in Italy, his parents were informed.

Daily average production was 14,364,000 barrels, a decrease of 13,000. Runs to stills averaged 4,146,000, an increase of 2,000.

PROHIBIT BICYCLES  
NEW YORK—(AP)—The German command has prohibited the use of bicycles in Rome, the Rome radio said Tuesday in a broadcast heard by U. S. monitors.

There are more than 24,000 British prisoners of war in Germany enrolled in educational courses managed by the British Red Cross.

In the days of the Aztecs, cocoa beans were used for the payment of taxes, for the purchase of slaves, and for the payment of soldiers' wages.

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# Society

## Methodist WSCS Circles Will Resume Meetings First Monday In January

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church plans to resume its circle meetings Monday, January 3. Announcements concerning time and place of the meetings will be made later this week.

Circle members included in the Belle Bennett Circle are Mesdames Phil Scharbauer, G. L. Schoemaker, H. C. Watson, N. G. Oates, R. E. Throckmorton, Mary S. Ray, J. C. Miles, E. J. Voliva, Roy McKee, Fred Fromhold, C. C. Watson, R. L. Aiken, J. P. Carson Sr., Carl Clement, O. F. Hedrick.

## WAC Recruiters To Be In City Thursday

Lt. Cora Lee Morrow and Sgt. Pauline Edwards of the Big Spring Recruiting Office will be in Midland Thursday from 12 noon until 6 p. m. in the interest of WAC and aviation cadet recruiting. They will establish headquarters in the chamber of commerce and any one desiring information about the Women's Army Corps or about the Aviation Cadet Corps may contact the recruiters.

Job and branch assignment is open to women who wish to join the Women's Army Corps. Anyone who is qualified may choose the branch of service and the type of job which she desires with the Army Air Forces, the Army Ground Forces or with the Army Service Forces. If a woman desires, she may be assigned to the Army Service Forces with the assurance that after completion of her training she will be assigned within the service command in which she was recruited.

Any woman who is interested and who is qualified may join the WAC with the assurance that she may attend one of the courses in physical therapy which are offered by the medical department of the Army. Upon successful completion of the physical therapy training course the applicant would qualify for appointment at physical therapy aide with the rank of second lieutenant.

## MAAF Civvie Employes Plan New Year Frolic

The "Hell From Heaven Swingers" will play for the Midland Army Air Field civilian employes and their guests Monday night, January 3, from 9 p. m. to 12 midnight when a New Year's party, complete with all the trimmings, is planned.

The party will be held in the Post Service Club at the air field.

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Laura Haygood Circle members are Mesdames Stacey Allen, Jack Keen, L. T. Fowler, Sam Preston, V. G. Stolte, Otis Ligon, O. L. Crooks, D. A. Pass, W. A. Black, T. A. Fanning, J. C. Vian, C. M. Chase, C. C. Thomas, J. A. Andrews, Frank Nixon, J. L. Tidwell, George P. Bradberry, Hugh Duncan, Barney Grafa, J. M. Haygood, Ray Gwyn, C. L. Gladdin, L. T. Beauchamp, J. A. Norwood, J. C. Rashiff Jr., A. B. Stickney and W. E. Critch.

The Mary Scharbauer Circle includes Mesdames Ray Simpson, D. E. Hoover, J. M. Flanigan Sr., Mary L. Snodgrass, Mollie McCormick, C. H. Shepherd, J. P. Carson Jr., W. B. Hunter, J. C. Gaffney, Ross Carr, George Vannaman, H. M. McReynolds, H. M. Reigle, Velma Stewart, M. J. Allen, J. L. Barber, Francis Ferguson, Terry Elkin, S. T. Pollard, Bill Conner, Ellis Conner, Alma Thomas, Effie Sanders, A. J. Eschford, Bob Baker, and J. M. Reising.

The Winnie Prothro Circle includes Mesdames P. A. Nelson, J. M. Prothro, Joe Birdwell, B. F. Haag, A. D. Minney, J. W. Thorne, Rea Sindorf, De Lo Douglas, R. L. Grey, Robert Nolen, Marvin McCree, S. H. Hudkins, Herman Morrison, L. C. Stevenson, S. M. Vaughn, Carl Falk, Mervin Haag, J. B. Koenig, J. M. Speed, W. I. Pratt, J. B. Zant, J. M. Flanigan Jr., T. E. Johnson, E. B. Patterson, Clyde Hamblen and Homer Epley.

## Speaks Their Language

Polish, Italian, French and Mexican workers at the Packard plants in Chicago and Detroit were surprised and pleased when clergy globe-trotting Congressman Clare Booth Luce, of Connecticut, recently chatted with them in their own languages, during a recent fact-finding tour by House Committee on Military Affairs. Luce's pictured talking to Charles Turner, Purple Heart war veteran now an aircraft engine worker.

## Dance Will Honor Three Youths Here

The Midland Country Club will be the scene of a dance for the younger set Tuesday night, Mrs. B. W. Hamilton, Mrs. W. Y. Fann and Mrs. Robert Muldrow III will entertain for their sons, Bill Hamilton, Lynn Abell and Bobby Muldrow. Music will be furnished by Jack Cecil. Special decorations have been planned.

Bill Hamilton and Lynn Abell are students at Midland High School, and Bobby Muldrow is a cadet at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico.

## Personals

Miss Margaret Gambill, James Fry and Johnny Floyd, all of Fort Worth, are house guests this week of Miss Marjorie Barron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Barron, 601 North Loraine Street.

Pfc. Tussy Stanley spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stanley. He is a 1940 graduate of Midland High School and now is stationed at Texas A. and M. College.

Lt. and Mrs. William Noyes of El Paso are visiting Lieutenant Noyes's mother, Mrs. Iva Noyes. A brother of Mrs. Noyes, J. R. Rush of Dallas, also is a guest in her home.

Lt. J. B. Thomas Jr., recently graduated from officers candidate school at Camp Davis, N. C., came here to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas.

Pfc. David Bissel, who was wounded Oct. 19 and returned to a North African base hospital, landed in the United States Christmas Day, according to a telephone message received from him Monday night. He is in Ashford, W. Va., in an Army hospital for treatment of an arm wound. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bissel Sr. of Midland.

## Twelve Inductees Are Called—One Accepted

MARTINSBURG, W. VA.—(AP)—A draft board scanned the report on a quota of 12 inductees called last week. One of the 12 was injured in an accident and was delayed until a future quota. Another failed to get his notice to report and was referred to a later call.

Of the 10 who got to the Clarksburg induction station, seven were rejected and two were sent to a hospital for clinical study. Actually accepted—one.

## Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press

Meats, fats, etc.—Book three brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q valid through Jan. 1; Stamp R valid through Jan. 29; Book four spare stamp No. 1 good for five points for pork through Jan. 1.

Processed foods—Book four green stamps D, E and F good through Jan. 20; stamps G, H and J become valid Jan. 1 and remain good through Feb. 20.

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

Shoes—Book one stamp 18 and book three stamp No. 1 on "air-plant" sheet good indefinitely.

Gasoline—In Southwest, 9-A coupons good for three gallons through Jan. 21; B and C coupons good for two gallons; B-E and C-E coupons valid for five gallons each.

## Stork Club



Doc Stork showered St. Claire's Hospital, New York, with octopus-blessed events between Dec. 8 and 12, delivering four sets of twins within those five days. Above, Sister Marian Anne proudly displays the new members of the Stork Club.

## MIND Your MANNERS

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

1. With trains crowded as they are today, should travelers be especially careful not to leave train and station rest rooms cluttered?
2. Should war workers who carry their lunch to work be careful to put their paper and scraps in containers, instead of throwing them on the floor?
3. Should you let your child stand on the seat of another person's car without putting a paper under him to protect the upholstery?
4. Should a woman, putting on lipstick in a public rest room, rub her finger on the wall to get the lipstick off?
5. Should anyone throw cigarette stubs on the floor of a public building, just because it is stone or cement?

What would you do if—

(a) You light a cigarette in a public place and your attention is called to a "No Smoking" sign which you hadn't noticed—

(b) Go right on smoking?

Answers

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. No.
4. No.
5. No.

Better "What Would You Do" solution—(a).

## Good Cheer And Good Food For 1944

By MRS. ALEXANDER GEORGE, AP Food Editor

Most of us feel that 1944 promises better things for a war-wrecked world, so let's greet the New Year with a celebration. A little party, say, with good friends and good food.

We should serve dishes that are budget and point-wise. Some of the sturdy old-fashioned foods are fashionable now. Baked beans and brown bread are fine cold weather fare and good cheese is always a favorite with gourmets.

A buffet table is about the easiest setup—a tray of sandwich makings or a hot dish, hot bread and a bowl of salad can be arranged at one end and a punch bowl of preferred New Year's cheer at the other. The guests help themselves. This makes for informality and saves work for the hostess.

Elucid or potted cheese, minced ham relish and thin slices of low-point luncheon meats (cold cuts) with assorted breads and relishes are suggested for the sandwich buffet. Of course, cold sliced turkey, ham, and tongue are popular sandwich fillers. Prepared mustard, flavored with horseradish and mixed with some minced celery, dill pickles and mayonnaise, adds zest to the sandwiches. Chili sauce or catsup with chopped olives and mayonnaise is another spread relish. Butter is really not needed with these spreads, but if you have plenty, include a plate of it for the repast.

A bowl of chilled fruit salad, including holiday tidbits leftover from some of the Christmas baking, is always welcome. Mix winter fruits (apples, pears, grapes, oranges and grapefruit), add any leftover candied fruits or citron. Chill, drain and moisten slightly with tart French dressing. File into a chilled bowl lined with crisp salad greens and set extra dressing near the bowl. Sprinkle a few nuts over the top of the salad as it is ready for the party. Salted peanuts, sliced Brazil or cashews or walnuts are good—you will need only a few.

If you want a sturdier menu prepare a pot of savory baked beans and serve with hot Boston brown bread, thin strips of dill or sour pickles, celery stuffed with smoked cheese and crisp radishes, if your pocketbook allows.

Of course home-baked beans are unexcelled, but lately I have been baking canned ones with fine results. Empty three or four cans of baked beans into a deep casserole or bean pot, season lightly with

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## Midland's Starling Guests Have Completely Worn Out Their Welcome

By EDNA CHANEY

Nobody gave the starlings away for Christmas, and something should be done about it. Maybe a survey of neighboring cities would produce another haven for them for the remainder of the season, although such a gift would fail to do much for good will toward Midland. But they are really wearing their welcome out here and it looks as if they could take the hint. Maybe we're going to have to hit them in the face with a wet bathing suit or something equally impressive.

Nobody likes them. They aren't contributing a thing to the welfare of the city, only furnishing air-minded onlookers a mild pleasure with their fancy zoomings and intricate formations as they flock to the courthouse trees each evening. Their impudence is unexcelled. They are a collection of Charley McCarthy's that can't be glared out. A couple of weeks or so ago a band of them got overzealous and flew into the Texas Electric Service Company's substation and presented Midland with a total blackout.

The weather of the week just past has given them the acid test, and dealt them untold misery. They've been warmed by a summer-like sun, snowed on, rained on, and icy winds have blasted them. But they cling stubbornly to the eaves and trees around the courthouse.

Little boys who would make a sport of killing them are balked by city ordinances and a war which makes a Jap a more important target for our bullets.

Ranchers who used to dynamite crows by the wagonload might be persuaded to employ the same technique on the starlings. But, nasty little pests that they are, it hardly seems cricket to play such a Nazi trick on them. Maybe a more tender method could be contrived. Someone with a sufficiently authoritative voice might try persuasion on them.

But that probably wouldn't work either. Nobody ever heard of a starling going to his room, just because he was asked. Possession being nine points of the law, maybe the starlings have the upper hand in the situation, too. Maybe we'll just all have to ignore them; assume a disinterested attitude and pretend they aren't here at all. For it looks like they here to stay, welcome or unwelcome.

## Kiss And Run Case Reported To Police

SEATTLE—(AP)—Miss Carol White, 18, told police she was walking home when she was seized by a youth who spun her around, kissed her soundly and sprinted away.

## JUDY GARLAND IS ILL IN HOLLYWOOD HOSPITAL

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Movie Actress Judy Garland was hospitalized Monday with an ear infection resulting from a cold. Dr. M. Barney Kully said her condition is not serious.

## Rotarians To Enjoy Novelty Program

Roy McKee, president of the Midland Rotary Club, said a special novelty program has been arranged for the entertainment of ladies of Rotarians at the banquet at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in Hotel Scharbauer's Crystal Ballroom.

Details of the program remain secret, but plenty of fun is promised at the affair.

Two-thirds of all that a soldier eats in a theater of war comes out of cans.

## R. C. Vest Jr. To Address Lions Club

R. C. Vest Jr., Midland you who recently won first place honors in the national 4-H club drill reduction contest, will address Lions Club members at their meeting in Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday noon.

Vest received an all-expense trip to the recent 22nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and was awarded a \$200 college scholarship. He will discuss the 4-H congress and will tell of his trip to Chicago. He also will explain feeding practices which aided him in winning the national contest.

## Battle Crash Kills Tave Of U.P., Aussie Newsmen

MELBOURNE—(AP)—Brydon Taves, Australian bureau manager of the United Press, and Pendar Arthur Raynor, Australian war correspondent, were killed in a plane crash while covering the American landings at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Sunday.

Ian Morrison of the London Times and Hayden Leonard, war correspondent for the Australian broadcasting commission, were injured in the crash.

## Washington State Apple Growers Association Looked At Film Actress Irene Manning, Above, And Decided She Was Just The Type To Cast In The Role Of "Pippin Girl"

Washington State Apple Growers Association looked at film actress Irene Manning, above, and decided she was just the type to cast in the role of "Pippin Girl." Above, she poses, picking another pippin.

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# The Haunted Man or, The Ghost's Bargain

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CHAPTER XX

IN the few moments that elapsed while Milly silently took him to the gate, the Chemist dropped into his chair, and covered his face with his hands. Seeing him thus, when she came back, accompanied by her husband and his father, she avoided disturbing him, or permitting him to be disturbed.

"That's what I always say, father!" exclaimed her admiring husband. "There's a motherly feeling in Mrs. Williams' breast that must and will have vent!"

"Ay, ay," said the old man; "you're right. My son William's right!"

"It happens all for the best, Milly dear, no doubt," said Mr. Williams, tenderly, "that we have no children of our own; and yet I sometimes wish you had one to love and cherish. Our little dead child that you built such hopes upon, and that never breathed the breath of life—it has made you quiet-like, Milly."

"I am very happy in the recollection of it, William dear," she answered. "I think of it every day."

"I was afraid you thought of it a good deal."

"Don't say afraid; it is a comfort to me; it speaks to me in so many ways."

REDLAW raised his head, and looked towards her.

"All through life, it seems by me," she continued, "to tell me something. For poor neglected children, my little child pleads as if it were alive, and had a voice I

could be brought together on so short a notice.

AND it was that day done. There were so many Swiggers there, grown up and children, that an attempt to state them in round numbers might engender doubts, in the distrustful, of the veracity of this history. There, present at the dinner, too, were the Tetterbys. It was sad to see the child who had no name or lineage, watching the other children as they played, not knowing how to talk with them, or sport with them, and more strange to the ways of childhood than a rough dog. But he kept by Milly, and began to love her, and, as they all liked her dearly, they were glad of that.

All this, the Chemist, sitting with the student and his bride that was to be, and Philip, and the rest, saw. Some people have said since, that he only thought what has been herein set down; others, that he read it in the fire, one winter night about the twilight time; others, that the Ghost was but the representation of his gloomy thoughts, and Milly the embodiment of his better wisdom. I say nothing.

—Except this. That as they were assembled in the old Hall, by no other light than that of a great fire (having dined early), the shadows once more stole out of their hiding-places, and danced about the room, showing the children marvelous shapes and faces on the walls, and gradually changing what was real and familiar there, to what was wild and magical. But that there was one thing in the Hall, to which the eyes of Redlaw, and of Milly and her husband, and of the old man, and of the student, and his bride that was to be, were often turned, which the shadows did not obscure or change. Deepened in gravity by the firelight, and gazing from the darkness of the panelled wall like life, the sedate face in the portrait, with the beard and ruff, looked down at them from under its verdant wreath of holly, as they looked up at it; and, clear and plain below, as if a voice had uttered them, were the words,

Lord, keep my Memory Green  
THE END

## Twice 'Dead'



Arthur Lance, above, of East Chicago, Ind., has twice been "dead," but, as seen above, is still lively enough to work in a war plant—on the "graveyard" shift, of course. In an auto wreck eight years ago, he was taken to a morgue, as dead, but when attendants prepared to embalm him, he snapped out of it. Recently he collapsed after eating canned pickled herring. An inhalator rescue squad believed him dead, but his wife persuaded them to continue working and sure enough, he came to.

## Soldier Who Wanted Mail Gets Flood Of It

ATLANTA—(AP)—A sick war veteran, who was willing to spend a dollar for a want ad just to find someone to write to him, may have to hire a secretary now to answer his mail.

The Atlanta Journal published the plea of C. L. Dunlap, patient in Veterans' Hospital Annex No. 2, Mountain Home, Tenn., after returning to him his dollar. The story also went to other Associated

SERVICES WEDNESDAY FOR MRS. J. D. SAYERS

AUSTIN—(AP)—Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Mrs. Joseph D. Sayers, widow of former Governor Sayers. Burial will be in Bastrop.

Press newspapers. The Journal has received a telephone call from Dunlap, reporting six telegrams and more than 60 letters.

"The way they're spreading," said Dunlap happily, "I'll probably get more from China and South Africa."

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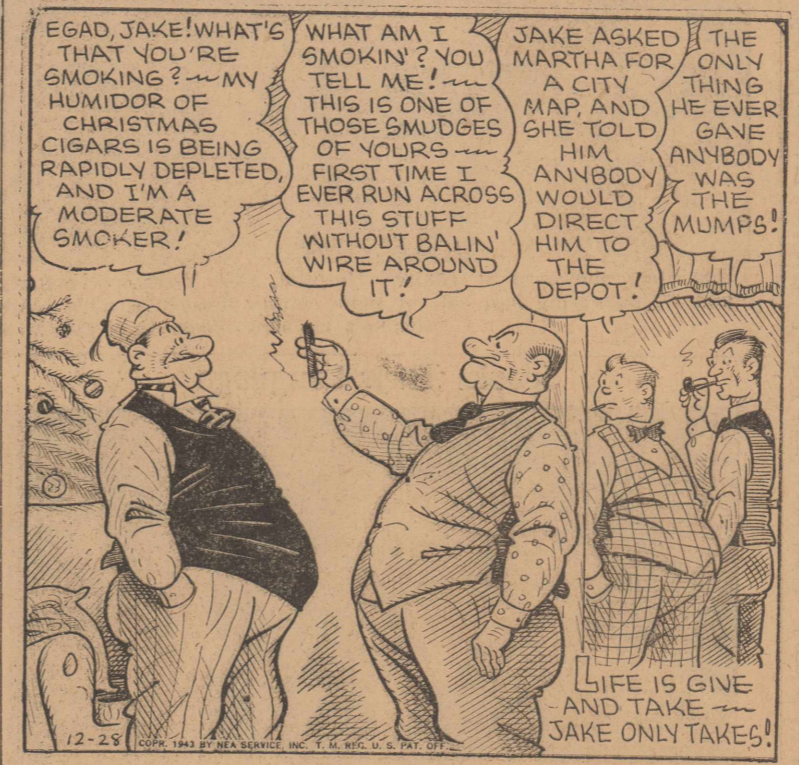
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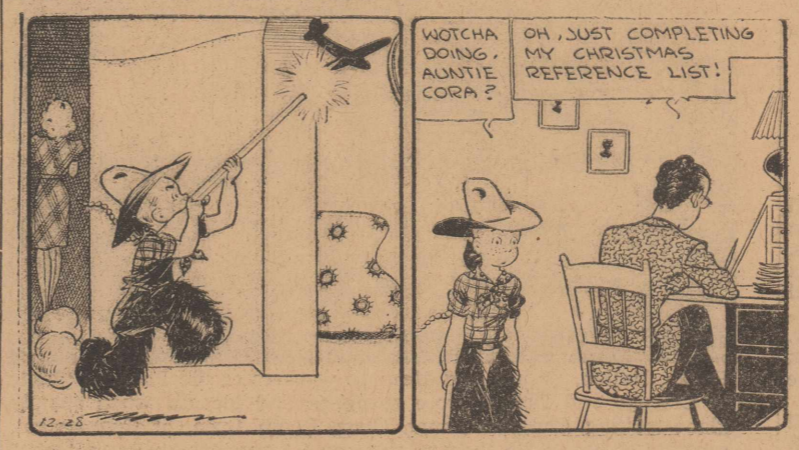
By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority

There is a great difference in the play of the cards at rubber bridge and at duplicate or tournament bridge. At rubber bridge, a player must never jeopardize his contract in order to try to make an over-trick. The bonus for making game is so great that you bet ten to one against yourself when you risk the contract. At tournament bridge, however, every other player in the room plays the same cards that are

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	AQ5		
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## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

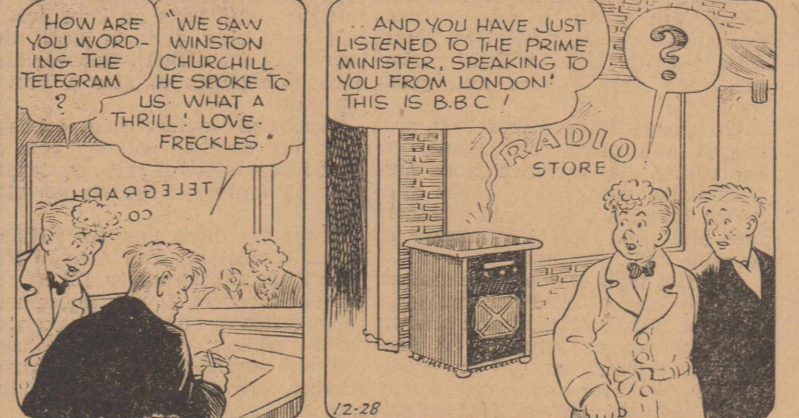
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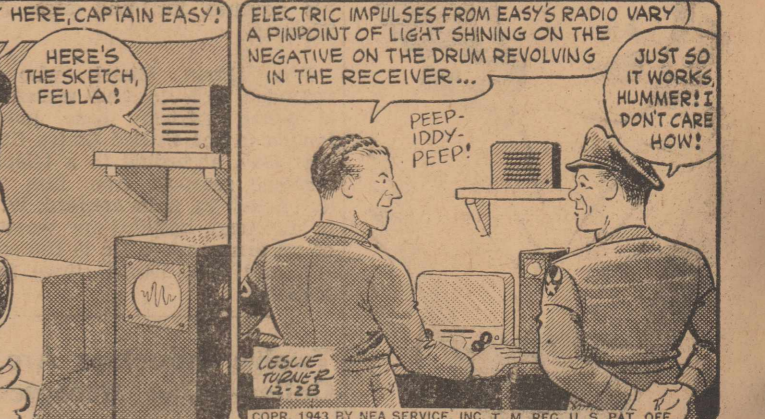
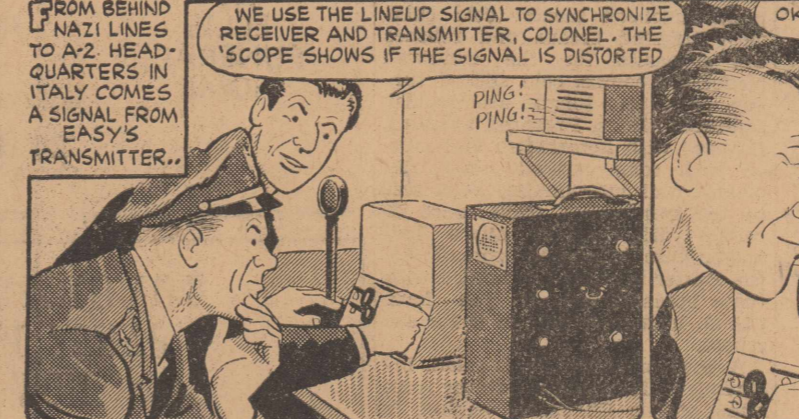
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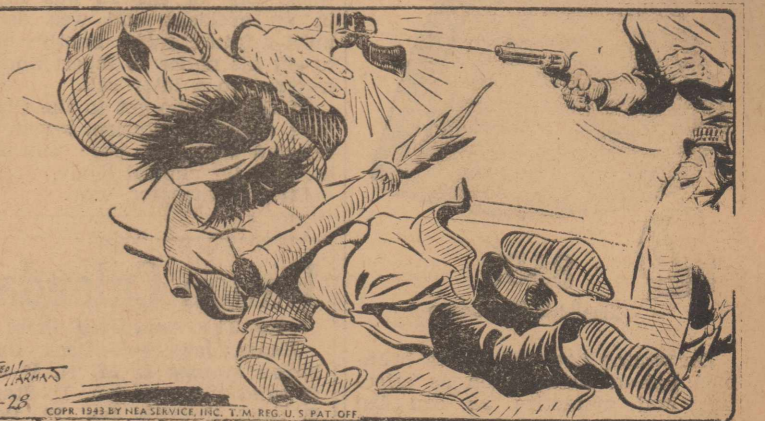
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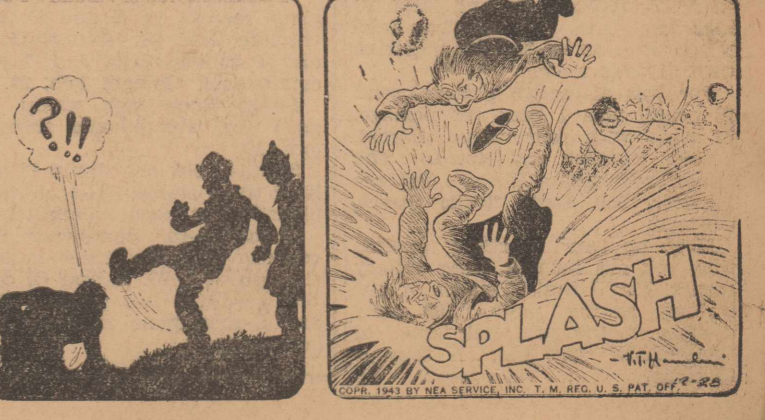
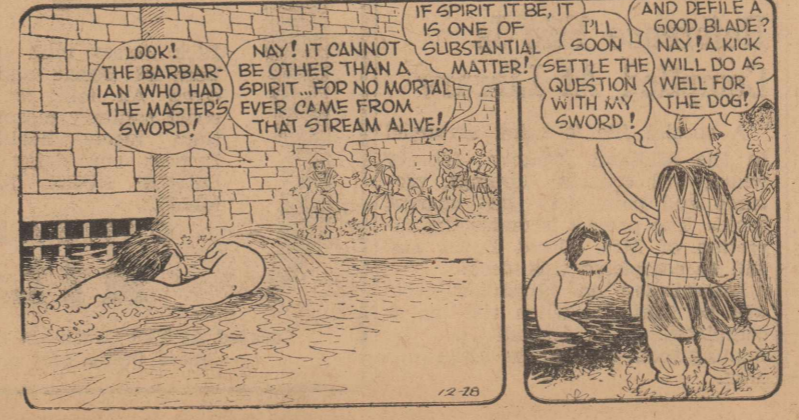
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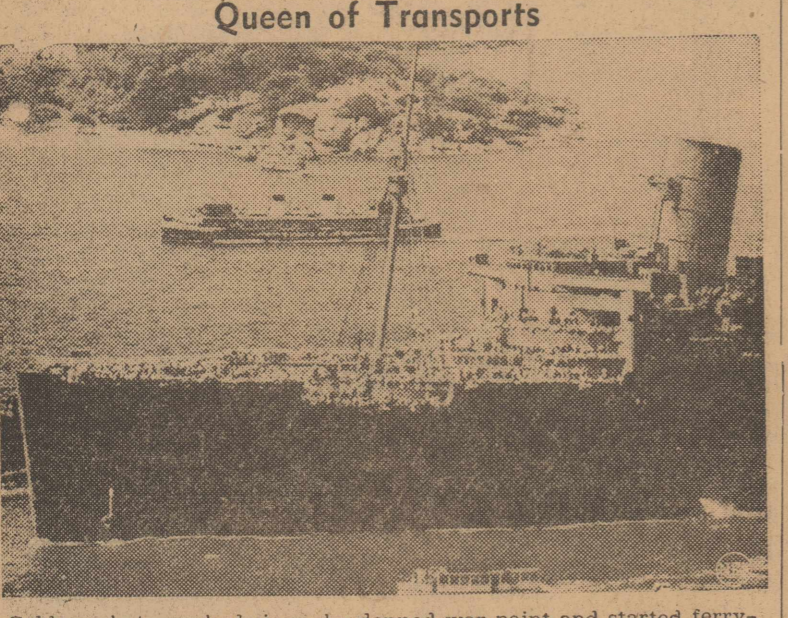
## ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN



Just PART of a Gun

Looking like a giant cannon, but actually only a part of one, the 25-ton mass of steel above is the stationary housing for the recoil mechanism of a 16-inch Naval gun. Destined soon to blast the foe from one of our new battlewagons, it is getting a final check at the Westinghouse Naval Ordnance plant at Louisville, Ky.



Queen of Transports

Seldom photographed since she donned war paint and started ferrying Allied expeditionary forces to global battle fronts, the giant S. S. Queen Mary is pictured as, loaded to the gunwales with troops, she recently entered an unnamed port.

## OPA Official Says Living Costs Decline

DALLAS—(AP)—The cost of living in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Louisiana has dropped one per cent since last May, Regional Administrator Max McCullough of the Office of Price Administration asserted Tuesday.

McCullough, in a press statement, said the cost of food had shown "even greater declines during the same period—or since consumer subsidies began in June and since the institution of the community pricing program."

He based his report on figures compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in key cities.

McCullough said "The line can be held" in the future as well "if citizens in every community will give their support to keeping prices down."

## Read Reporter-Telegram Want-Ads

### HOLD EVERYTHING

played at your table, and you must try to defeat the other pairs by getting more out of your cards.

Today's hand is an example of tournament defense. With the heart opening, the declarer has only one entry into dummy, the king of diamonds. When he gets into dummy, he discards his two losing diamonds and the losing heart on the good clubs. Then he leads the nine of spades.

At rubber bridge, East might feel there was little difference whether he played the ace or the four-spot, because the declarer would make game anyhow. But in tournament bridge East must stop that other trick. If he puts the four-spot on the nine, declarer will let it ride and then lead the deuce of spades. As a result, he will make six-odd. If East goes up with the ace, South will lose another spade and will be held to five-odd.

## SIDE GLANCES



"It used to be the tires he wore out, but now look what's happening since he got big enough to wear my shoes!"

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson





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### Card of Thanks 2

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Rev. Hopper, his wife and all the members of the Presbyterian Church who had a part in the gracious gift of good things to eat brought us for Christmas. May the ensuing year be their brightest and best.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lamb.  
 (252-1)

### Personal 3

**LISTEN** in on Radio Station KRLH from 1 to 1:15 P.M. each Saturday—your best cattle market is on the air. **LUBBOCK AUCTION & COMMISSION CO.**  
 (78-1f)

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O. M. Luton, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.  
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### Lost and Found 7

**LOST:** Blonde or honey-colored male Cocker spaniel. Call 1359.  
 (252-3)

### Help Wanted 9

**WANTED:** Registered and practical nurses. Apply in person. Wood Hospital, 420 North Texas, Odessa, Texas.  
 (248-1f)

**EXPERIENCED** cook, full or part time afternoons; \$18.00 week starting salary. Phone 537 to 4 p. m.  
 (251-3)

**WANTED:** Two combination porters and dishwashers. Petroleum Pharmacy.  
 (251-3)

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### Help Wanted 9

**EXPERIENCED** waitresses wanted. Phone 370.  
 (252-3)

**WANTED:** Boy over 16 years old, preferably going to school, for afternoons and Saturday night work in mail room Reporter-Telegram. Short working hours, easy work, good pay. Must come well recommended, have social security card. See Mr. Russell, Reporter-Telegram.  
 (252-3)

### Situations Wanted 10

**YOUNG** man 29, class 4-F, married, wants position; five years experience as co-owner retail grocery, utility man, butcher, buyer, salesman; would consider anything. State full particulars first letter. Write Box 260, care this paper.  
 (251-3)

### RENTALS

#### Bedrooms 12

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

**BEDROOM** with kitchen privileges, cadets wife only. 911 W. Kentucky. Phone 1269-J.  
 (251-1)

#### Wanted To Rent 21

**WANT** to Rent or purchase, a 6-room house. Phone 47-W.  
 (252-2)

### FOR SALE

#### Miscellaneous 23

**ELECTRIC** and treadle sewing machine. 305 East Wall St.  
 (251-2)

**NEW \$90.00** bone saddle; trade for good used roper tree. Barron's Supply Store.  
 (251-4)

**LUMBER** for sale in 14x28 house torn down, 710 South Baird.  
 (252-1)

#### Wanted To Buy 26

**WANTED:** Large circulating gas heater. Call 580 until 5 p. m., 734 thereafter.  
 (252-3)

#### Feed 36

**BUNDLE** hiegers for sale. Also fresh milk cow. H. M. Drake. Phone 769-J.  
 (247-5)

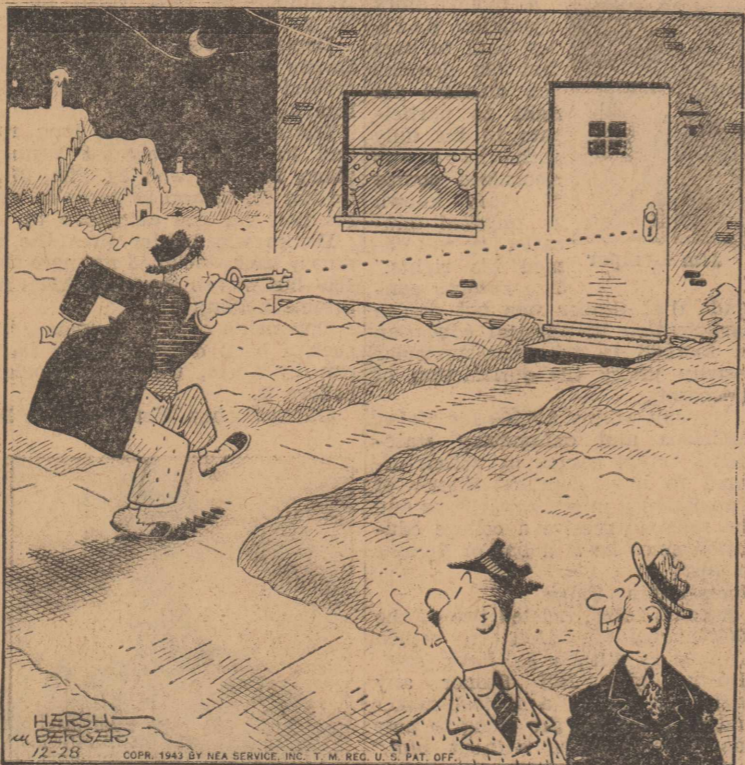
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#### Houses for Sale 61

**10 ACRES**, good 6-room house, near Country Club. Roy McKee, Phone 495.  
 (153-1f)

### Soldier Prisoners Help Sick Guard

#### By The Associated Press

**CAMP KILMER, N. J.**—(AP)—Two soldiers, both under court martial sentence to several weeks of confinement, were picking up paper under the eyes of a military policeman who followed with loaded rifle. Suddenly the guard fainted. The prisoners picked up their guard and his rifle, carried him to the nearest dispensary, then obtained permission to telephone the provost marshal. "Please, sir," said one, "will you send us another guard? This one can no longer do his job." The new guard came, but camp headquarters, in disclosing the incident Tuesday, said Col. Cecil L. Rutledge, camp commander, commuted the sentences and returned the men to their outfits.

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SEABEE: THE BATTLING BUILDER

As, on December 28, the "Seabees," battling builders of the U. S. Navy, celebrate the second anniversary of their founding, their units are paving—frequently literally—the way to victory at posts from the frigid wastes of the Aleutians and Iceland to the burning, disease-and-insect-infested jungles of the South Pacific. Organized primarily as builders of bases and airfields, the Seabees can point with pride to their record as fighting men whenever and wherever they encountered the foe. Photos above typify their varied jobs and the varied conditions under which they work. Top, left: Erecting Nissen huts, Tutuila, Samoa; top, right: laying landing strip, Amchit, Aleutians; left, center: building road through jungle, South Pacific base; bottom, left: hauling 7-inch Navy gun to emplacement, South Pacific; bottom, right: building road of coral on South Pacific atoll.

### Western Europe Sure To Witness Historic War Showdown In 1944

#### By LEWIS HAWKINS

**LONDON**—(AP)—Among the few sure-thing bets for 1944 is the certainty that Western Europe will see a military showdown that may shape the world's life for hundreds of years. At the worst, this show will come in daring battle; at best, it will come in swift bloodless occupation of a Germany torn by

### Plenty Of TNT Used By Tarawa Marines

#### By SERGEANT JACK PEPPER (Marine Corps Combat Correspondent)

**GILBERT ISLANDS**—(AP)—It took a combination of fighting Marines and plenty of TNT and dynamite to blast the Japanese from their pillboxes on Tarawa Island. A Marine who had both the TNT and the courage to keep fighting is Staff Sgt. Richard Horton, 23-year-old demolition expert whose unit was responsible for destroying more than 35 Japanese pillboxes on the south side of the island. Sergeant Horton is the son of Mrs. Lula P. Horton, Dallas, Texas. "The Japs were so well dug in that nothing but large quantities of TNT or dynamite could blast them out," he said. "Even after we threw in a charge of TNT sometimes it wouldn't get them all and we would have to mop up with rifles. Third Try Does It. The worst box was one where we used TNT in the entrance which didn't even make the Japs yell. Then we tried dynamite inside and this didn't work either. Finally we took an eight pound charge of dynamite and blew the hole up. Sergeant Horton said the pillboxes, large reinforced concrete emplacements, on Tarawa Island were many times stronger than those on Guadalcanal. "When I was on Guadalcanal the only type pillboxes I saw were made of palm tree logs," he said. "Those are easily demolished, but these on this island were really tough."

### Chase May Be On For More Nazi Warships

#### LONDON

A Berlin announcement that several German surface units were engaged in the battle in which the British home fleet sank the 26,000-ton Nazi battleship Scharnhorst raised the possibility Tuesday the Royal Navy still may be chasing other enemy warships which attacked a Russian-convoy. This belief also was supported by the two brief statements released by the Admiralty which has followed the policy of withholding full details until an action is complete. "It is not yet possible to give a detailed account of the action in which the Scharnhorst was sunk. It can, however, be stated that the convoy was unharmed and only minor damage was sustained by two of his majesty's ships."

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### Cutey Queen



A bit camera-shy, Mary Ann Odynsky, 4, poses with her brother, Miron, after being crowned "cutest" little sister at New York Boys' Club annual beauty contest for little sisters of club members.

### Marshal Smuts Urges Tight United Nations Curb On Aggressors

#### PRETORIA, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, urging an even tighter covenant against aggressors than was adopted by the League of Nations, proposed Tuesday that the United Nations led by the "big four" should be the temporary framework of a post-war international organization for maintenance of peace and security. The vigorous 73-year-old premier of the Union of South Africa said neutrals should be entitled to join the group but that defeated enemy powers should wait until "under the proper guardianship they have been cured of their dangerous and distorted outlook on the world." "The covenant, in fact, did not go far enough and was not explicit enough in imposing definite obligations for the preservation of peace," he asserted. "Even those who tried to escape the light but necessary burdens of the league were engulfed in the infinitely heavier burden of the most destructive war in history."

### Two Cars Hit Woman, But She Walks Away

#### TOPEKA, KAN.

An unidentified woman who was crawling across an ice-coated Topeka street, presumably to keep from falling, was struck by two cars, police reported. "They concluded she wasn't hurt seriously. When she reached the curb, she rose and walked away."

### SERVICES ARE HELD FOR PARACHUTE PIONEER

#### SAN ANTONIO

Funeral services for Master Sgt. Ralph W. Bottiriell, Air Corps parachute pioneer, who died Sunday night at Brooke General Hospital, will be held here Tuesday afternoon.

### FORMER U. S. PRESIDENT

**HORIZONTAL**  
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 30 Lone Scout (abbr.)  
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