

Americans Push Toward Cologne

Siege Guns Bombard Budapest

Suburbs Taking Heavy Chilling From Soviet Guns

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Dec. 14 (AP)—Russian siege guns laid down a heavy barrage on Budapest's closest suburbs today as Soviet armored columns fought forward yard by yard, seven miles north and 10 miles east of the Hungarian capital.

Shells plastered Ujpest and Rakospalota, north of the city, and the big suburb of Kispest, east of Budapest, from positions gained with the capture of two strongholds on the heavily fortified approaches to Pest, sector of the capital on the east banks of the Danube.

The midnight Soviet communique announced the capture of these strong points — Kislag, seven miles northeast of Budapest, and Isaszeg, 10 miles due east, in the stepped-up drive by Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army.

As the Red army pressed the attack closer to Budapest, the Soviet forces struggled for a better foothold for the campaign westward towards Bratislava and Austria, Izvestia reported.

"After Budapest, the fate of Vienna will be decided," the paper said. "The war is on Austria's threshold."

It was still not clear whether an all-out frontal assault on Budapest had begun, but at the rate the Russians are going it appeared that Pest itself might soon be under fire.

Front dispatches have indicated the Germans have an unusually strong ring of anti-tank defenses about the capital.

Some of the sharpest air clashes since Sevastopol were reported taking place as the Luftwaffe sought to check the Red army big guns with constant bombings.

The Soviet communique also announced the capture of seven towns in the fighting arc around the captured rail junction of Hatvan.

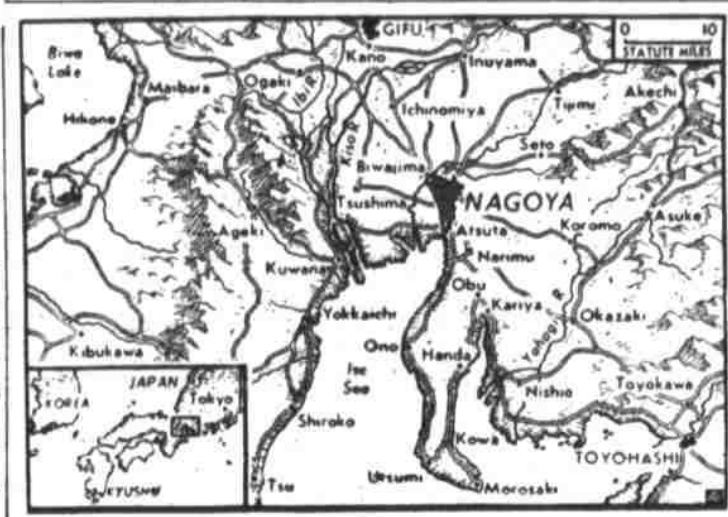
Also, the communique listed the capture of 12 towns along the Slovakia frontier, north of Miskolc. In the drive aimed at the east Slovakia communications stronghold of Kassa (Kosice).

Railroads Issue Travel Requests

"Stay at home during the Christmas holidays," was the advice of one railway ticket agent in Big Spring recently. However, if travel is necessary, travelers are urged to buy their tickets and check their baggage early and not wait until the last minute. All pullman tickets for Big Spring were reserved a month ago, the agent said, and only day coach space now remains.

Those people who feel they must travel were urged to do so during the week in order to leave the space on the week-ends for service men who can go at no other time.

Similar advice was given by ticket sellers at the bus companies and in addition they asked that the number of pieces of luggage be limited. But officials said that up to now it has not been necessary to leave anyone behind due to over-crowded conditions, but they urge that traveling space be left for servicemen over the week-ends, especially the week-end preceding Christmas.



SUPERFORTRESSES' TARGET

—This is a closeup of the Nagoya area of Japan. Nagoya, an aircraft production center and third largest city of Japan, was attacked Dec. 13 by American Superfortresses. Box in inset shows area of detailed map and its relation to Tokyo. (AP Wirephoto Map).

Jap Dominated Thailand Bombed

By ELDON OTTENHEIMER
Associated Press War Editor

Bombs from B29s fell upon military targets in Japanese dominated Thailand today while one of Nippon's largest airplane factories at Nagoya smoldered from perhaps the biggest Superfortress raid on the Japanese homeland to date.

On Leyte in the Philippines, death continues to reap a full harvest of Japanese while the Chinese continue to chase enemy troops retreating from serious setbacks in Kweichow province.

There are no details of the Thailand raid other than the Superfortresses flew across the Bay of Bengal from bases in India to bomb important targets in Thailand. The Superfortresses hit Bangkok in Thailand last Nov. 27 with a heavy load of demolition bombs.

From Bangkok enemy rail lines radiate to Singapore, Burma and Indo-China.

Early today the Japanese radio broadcast a claim two B29s were "definitely" shot down and eight others damaged during yesterday's attack.

Later, Japan reported a lone B29 was over Tokyo about 3 a. m. today (Japanese time), but "fled toward the high seas x x x without accomplishing anything."

Hints that B29s may strike at Japan from still another direction came in a remark by a director spokesman in Washington who said existing bases in the Aleutians west of Umnak can accommodate "the largest aircraft we have."

The distance from Umnak to Japan is about 2,000 miles. On their flights to Tokyo from the Marianas the Forts have been flying about 3,000 miles. If they sharply reduced their bomb loads it is possible they would be able to make the flight from Umnak.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur says enemy losses on the ground at Leyte were "extraordinarily heavy," as Yanks of the 7th Infantry division moving up from the west coast, hunted down scattered Nipponese "fighting desperately to free themselves over the mountain trails."

Thousands of Japanese troops are jammed in the Ormoc corridor between Americans moving up from recently captured Ormoc on the west coast and others working southward from the Carigara Bay area.

Evidently unaware that Ormoc was in American hands, three small Japanese freighters loaded with troops moved into the harbor and were sent to the bottom by shore batteries before they could retire.

The Chinese high command announced today that its troops in pursuit of the fleeing Japanese were approaching Hochih in Kwangsi province. Cheho, 15 miles northwest of Hochih and 20 miles inside Kwangsi province along the Kweichow-Kwangsi railroad, was captured by the Chinese last night.

General Gets DSM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Distinguished Service Medal has been awarded to Maj. Gen. William S. Key, former commanding general of the American base in Iceland, for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service."

The war department, in announcing this today, said Key is now in Washington for conferences on a new assignment the nature of which has not been disclosed. He formerly commanded the 45th division, composed of National Guards from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

Churchill Firm On Greek Crisis

By JAMES F. KING

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, under continuing attack over Britain's policy in Greece and Italy, served notice today he was standing firm and might hit back in another address to the nation.

He opened an inconclusive commons debate with a terse report that British casualties in Greece "since our landing this year" were about 460. Churchill did not make clear whether these included all casualties in the current fighting in Athens.

Under laborite cross-questioning about what he had told Count Carlo Sforza concerning King Vittorio Emanuele, Churchill said he had approved a continuance of the Italian king's "regime until the military situation had got into a better condition."

The results were not "unsatisfactory as far as our armies are concerned," the prime minister added.

Sforza, whom Churchill previously described as "not the type of man" Britain wanted to deal with as Italian foreign minister, had said in Rome that the prime minister in 1943 brought "strong pressure" on him in behalf of Vittorio.

Churchill said that casualties suffered by the royal navy, RAF and Imperial military forces in Greece up to Nov. 30 were under 300 and "about 160 additional military casualties, of whom 35 were killed, must be added since that date."

Thirty-two planes and eight minor vessels have been lost during this period, he said.

Seymour Cocks, laborite, asked the prime minister "how long this government intends to go on with this policy of murdering our Greek comrades?"

Other members cried "shame" and "withdraw," and Cocks shouted back at them.

Churchill made no reference to the uproar.

Later a discussion developed of Count Carlo Sforza's assertions that Churchill had urged the retention of King Vittorio Emanuele in Italy.

Ivor Thomas, laborite, repeated Sforza's statement and asked how this conformed "with the prime minister's oft-repeated assurance that his majesty's government had no desire to interfere in constitutional matters affecting Italy."

Churchill replied: "That is not so at all."

Yank Warships In Philippine Inland Waters

By The Associated Press

The appearance of big American warships in inland waters of the Philippines was reported today by a Tokyo fishing expedition to ascertain dispositions of the fleet — by the enemy's radio today (Thursday).

Without confirmation from Allied sources, Tokyo claimed two heavy cruisers were set afire by the much-publicized Japanese Kamikaze suicide corps of planes which reputedly make a practice of crashing into their targets.

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said the cruisers were among a group of warships in the Mindanao Sea north of the island of Mindanao.

Such a location would put the warships on the course to be taken between American-conquered East Leyte and the newly won holding at Ormoc port on West Leyte. American destroyers have penetrated those waters but there has been no mention of larger ships.

It Takes Diplomats To Aid Sculptor

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 14 (AP)—It took a sculptor and the help of the state department to get Cordeil Hull's likeness in marble, the artist revealed today.

Bryant Baker of New York, who did a bust of the former secretary of state, said that during the sitting last year Hull was so composed it was "very hard to get any animation in the facial expression."

Fipally Baker got some of Hull's state department associates to attend a sitting at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington. As they discussed affairs of state, the secretary's face lit up and the sculptor finished his work.



FIRST ARMY AT ROER, 'STARTS NEW DRIVE'

Arrows show U.S. First Army drives on the Roer river front (heavy line) in Germany. Americans cleared a five-mile stretch of the Roer's west bank north of Duren, fought on the approaches to Duren, and opened a new push east of Rotgen. (AP Wirephoto Map).

First And Ninth Armies Advance On 14-Mile Front

By EDWARD KENNEDY
PARIS, Dec. 14 (AP)—The American First and Ninth armies have won a 14-mile stretch along the flooded Roer river from Linnich to a point 2,500 yards northwest of besieged Duren, it was announced today at supreme headquarters.

This placed the Americans within 20 1/2 miles of Cologne, their nearest approach, at a point downstream from Duren, through which the river flows north toward the sea.

Twenty miles farther south, other units of the First Army moving along both sides of the river near its source overran a fourth hamlet, Kesternich, in an advance of a mile or more.

The First and Ninth between them were swiftly wiping out the last stubborn German remnants west of the river in a campaign seeking to envelop the Cologne plain with its 21 muddy miles to the Rhine.

Kesternich lies east of previously taken Rollesbroich, Biekerath and Simmerath and about 3,000 yards from the Roer.

In the territory over which the armies forced their way to the river bank, only two small pockets of Germans remain. One is in a castle east of Pler and the other is in a factory southeast of the Duren suburb of Mariaweller.

The German line on the Roer was the first major obstacle beyond the broken Siegfried line in the Aachen area, and the river still must be crossed in its middle course. Beyond are three improvised defense lines in the 12 miles before the Rert river, last stream before the Rhine.

The Americans were pressing hard directly across the river from Duren, the main town between the front and Cologne.

The 83rd Division gained almost two miles to occupy Gurzenich, almost at the edge of Duren. An armored attack was launched northwestward from Gey, with the Fifth armored division participating.

Gey and Strass were cleared not only of German soldiers but of mines by elements of the First Army. Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig's Ninth Infantry division reached the Roer east of Mariaweller, it was disclosed.

The Germans recovered from their first surprise and offered obstinate resistance in the newly activated sector between the Jurgen and Monchau forests. East of Monschau, road blocks, mine fields and barbed wire slowed the advance.

The enemy made a resolute stand to keep first army troops off high ground northeast of Rollesbroich. From there north to the Duren sector, infantry still had to slog forward foot by foot around Vossenack and Bergstein.

Lyle Gets Acquainted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Texas Congressman-elect John E. Lyle of Corpus Christi resumed today his getting-acquainted rounds of the capital with Rep. Kleberg (D-Tex), the man he defeated, doing the introductions.

Arriving here late yesterday after a delayed plane trip from Texas, Lyle went to the capitol for a brief visit and meeting with Kleberg. This morning they met in Kleberg's office and went over official matters of South Texas interest.

The 34-year-old incoming congressman, who was nominated while serving in the army in Italy, says his biggest problem at the moment is trying to find a house or apartment for his wife and 14-year-old daughter, Wanda. He left them in Texas, but will bring them home in a few days and bring them to Washington.

Lyle served in the Texas legislature and practiced law in Corpus Christi before entering the army. He held the rank of major when he was honorably discharged.

LONDON DOES NOT CONFIRM

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The foreign office communique said today there was no confirmation of a report that Secretary Stettinius was coming here for talks.

Appointees Get Committee OK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Senate foreign relations committee approval of the nominations of Archibald MacLeish and five other state department appointees was indicated today when Senator Guffey (D-Pa.) suddenly switched his vote.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) announced Guffey's changed position in a news conference in the committee room after receiving a hurried telephone call from the Pennsylvania senator.

The Guffey shift made the committee vote 11 to 9 for MacLeish, altering the 10 to 10 tie which had existed previously.

Connally said Senators Wagner (D-NY) and Nye (R-ND) who were absent, would be allowed to vote later in the day.

Indications were they would split their votes on MacLeish.

Four members of the committee sought to put the group on record as "not satisfied" with the nominations, and asking the president to reconsider them.

The committee, however, swiftly struck down the resolution by a vote of 12 to 4.

The nominations of five appointees were approved by the following votes:

Joseph C. Grew, named as under secretary, 15 to 4; W. L. Clayton II to 7; Nelson Rockefeller 12 to 7; James C. Dunn 13 to 5; Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes 15 to 4.

The latter four were named as assistant secretaries of state.

When the question of MacLeish's confirmation originally was put, Clark said the committee, meeting in closed session, voted 12 to 8 for rejection.

The Missouri senator, who led the fight against MacLeish, presented the Librarian of Congress, said he then moved to make the roll call public.

When he did so, Clark said that Senators Murray (D-Mont) and Pepper (D-Fla.), who Clark said had voted against MacLeish, changed their vote to produce the 10 to 10 tie.

Nominations approved by the committee, and which probably will receive senate consideration tomorrow were:

Joseph C. Grew, under secretary of state, and four assistant secretaries—James C. Dunn, W. L. Clayton, Nelson Rockefeller and Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes.

Hopes Rise For Successful Climax For County's Sixth War Loan Drive

Hopes were high Thursday at bond headquarters that the Sixth War Loan Drive could be completed here by Friday and the goal of \$1,420,000 reached by the county. Sales through Wednesday in E bonds were \$338,230 while the overall sales were \$1,225,872.

This leaves a deficit of \$26,770 in E bonds and an overall deficit of \$194,128 to be made up. Hopes hinged on the bond premium show being held today at the Ritz theater which was due to draw a large crowd of bond buyers to see "Casanova Brown" starring Gary Cooper and Theresa Wright in a rollicking comedy show.

If bond buyers keep up the steady sales maintained in E bonds Wednesday, the goal could be easily reached in E bonds for Wednesday sales alone were \$23,700. Another day of sales at this average would for all intents and purposes mean "over the top" for Howard county.

Bond chairmen congratulated county residents for the heavy sales Wednesday and urged others to buy their bonds today and tomorrow and help wind up the drive.

Superforts Raid Southwest Burma

By The Associated Press

Eleven American Superfortresses raided the port of Rangoon in southwest Burma about 1 p. m. (Japanese time) today and five of them were shot down, the Tokyo radio announced.

The unconfirmed broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission said the planes were shot down by Japanese anti-aircraft "within a few seconds" and that the others were driven off, preventing damage to ground installations.

It is quite probable that the B-29s were part of the force which Washington announced early today had raided Japanese-dominated Thailand, adjoining Burma.

A single American Superfortress was reported over Tokyo about 3 a. m. today (Japanese time) the Tokyo radio announced.

The big plane "flew toward the high seas in a southerly direction without accomplishing anything," the broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said.

Reed Addresses Group

Walter Reed, high school principal, addressed the Wesley Methodist Brotherhood at its regular meeting Wednesday evening at the church.

He looked at the problems of child delinquency and cited some of the things which he felt schools could do toward solving the situation.

Another Housing Hope Fades For Big Spring Through Trailer Houses

Another housing hope appeared to have gone glimmering Thursday after protracted negotiations with the National Housing Authority for removal of trailer houses to Big Spring.

Because of the multiplicity of regulations surrounding the units, housing officials predicted that it would require at least 90 days to complete transfer of houses from any other point to Big Spring and that cost would be almost prohibitive. Even if the latter demand could be met by local capital, there would be no means, under existing regulations, whereby those who backed the venture could realize any return on their capital.

J. H. Greene, chamber of commerce manager, said that the idea had not been abandoned as yet, but that the picture currently was dark.

As an alternative, it was possible that government housing facilities at Colorado City might be utilized by families of returned veterans assigned to the Big Spring Bombardier School with transportation being worked out whereby the veterans could be with their families over the weekends.

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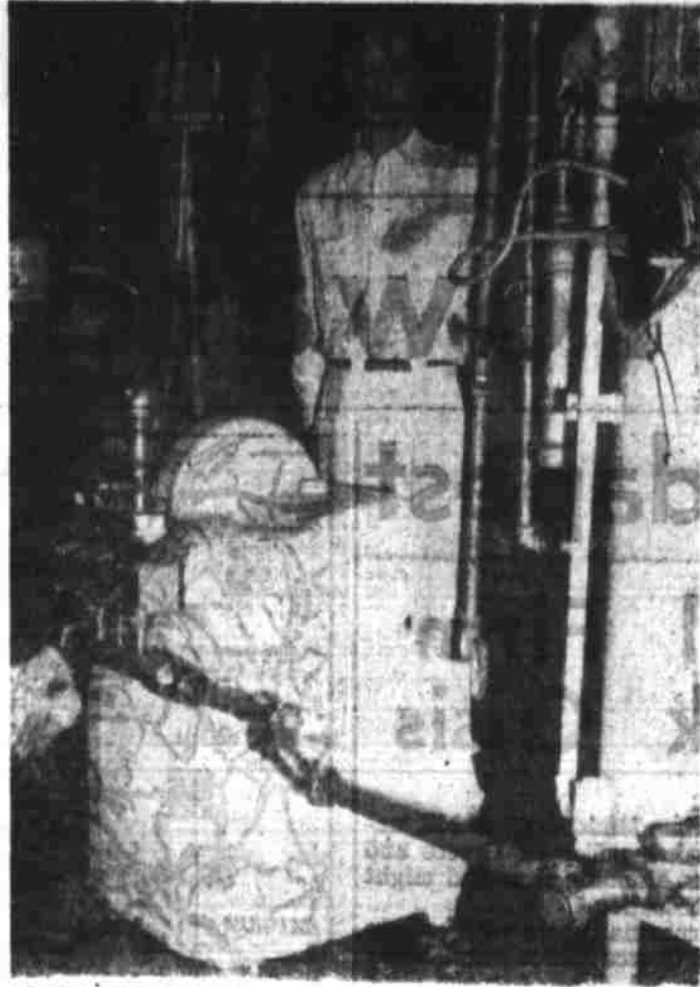
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Christmas For Germans Will Be Far Cry From "Good Old Days"

By EDWIN SHANKE
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 14 (AP) — Germany's sixth successive wartime Christmas promises to be the dreariest of them all.

"The Christmas spirit can't be found in Germany," says the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegram Bureau in a dispatch from Berlin. "One doesn't see any Christmas trees as in former years, nor Christmas decorations in the stores. All Germans know that 1944 will be the gloomiest Christmas."

This statement is largely borne out by dispatches from Swedish correspondents, which indicate that military reverses, wartime shortages and distress caused by Allied air raids have combined to present a depressing picture.

For the first time since the start of the war, children evacuated from bombed areas must spend Christmas away from their parents by a government order which has destroyed the whole meaning of the day as a family festival in Germany. Instead the children will be comforted by an autographed gift picture of Adolf Hitler and a bankbook with a few reichsmarks.

Swedish correspondents also report that no Christmas trees will be available in the larger cities because of the transportation shortage.

Sanitation Group Studies Legislation

AUSTIN, Dec. 14, (AP) — Health legislation to be presented to the 1945 legislature will be discussed at the third annual State Sanitation Institute opening here today to continue through Dec. 16.

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, said that approximately 200 sanitarians from state and county agencies will participate in the program.

F. M. Ehlers, chief technical supervisor of the bureau of sanitary engineering, state health department, is in charge of today's meeting.

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There are no toys in the stores, say Swedish correspondents. Instead parents are told how to make trinkets for children out of scraps of wood and paper.

Newspapers, however, are filled with exchange items, such as offers to swap a wheel chair for a girl's bicycle, a silk dress for a

coaster wagon or a pair of rubbers for a doll.

To bolster morale the authorities have granted extra Christmas rations—two eggs per person, 250 grams (8.75 ounces) of meat, 25 grams (.88 ounces) of candy for children, and a half bottle of schnapps and half bottle of wine for adults.

Rear Admiral Smith, Major General Harmon Speak At Humble Celebration

Rear Admiral William Ward Smith and Major General Hubert R. Harmon, representing the Navy and War departments, were among the headline speakers slated to speak this afternoon in Baytown commemorating the manufacture of a billion gallons of finished 100 octane aviation gasoline at Humble Oil and Refining company's Baytown refinery.



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The ceremony is open to the public and honors the 14,000 employees of the Humble companies. It is the beginning of a four-day celebration of their record-breaking achievement. It is being held on the grounds of the refinery.

Maj. Gen. Harmon, formerly commanding general of the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific, is now commanding general of the newly-created AAF Personnel Distribution command.

Rear Admiral Smith, former chief of staff and aide to Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet and U. S. Fleet and later commander of a cruiser task force (and pictured here) is now director of the Naval Transportation Service, office of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Navy department in Washington.

Population Tests Hinder Valley Area

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP) — The lower Rio Grande valley of Tex. would be denied production areas under the proposed pleige and population tests for defining agricultural production areas, a chief officer of the wage and labor division of the U. S. department of labor had been told here today.

Miss E. L. Besley, controller of the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distributors said that the proposed yardstick for defining production areas might require a supreme court ruling.

Kangaroos feed while sitting erect, the food being held in their forepaws.

Amendment Threatens To Kill Harbor Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — A controversial amendment threatened today to kill a postwar program of rivers and harbors work.

Added by the house, discarded by the senate, the amendment was restored to the bill by a senate-house conference committee. It would exempt California's central valley from reclamation law limitations on land irrigation from federally-financed projects.

The committee approved the amendment in the face of opposition by Interior Secretary Ickes. The action brought quick predictions of a bitter floor fight in the senate.

In the house, Chairman Mansfield (D-Tex.) of the Rivers and Harbors committee said the controversial provision might forestall final congressional action on the bill. Others said privately that President Roosevelt might veto the measure unless the section is eliminated.

Chaplin Trial Opens With Jury Selection

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14 (AP) — Attorneys squared off today for a new battle of the blood tests as a preliminary to picking a jury for the Charlie Chaplin paternity trial.

The defense got in the opening licks yesterday despite such noisy coos and squeals from the red-haired toddler, whom the comedian is accused of fathering, that her grandmother had to carry her from the courtroom.

Neither the 55-year-old film veteran nor Joan Berry, 24, mother of the 14-month-old Carol Ann, was present for yesterday's starting skirmishes.

Last April Chaplin was acquitted of a federal Mann Act indictment alleging he transported Joan, his former protegee, to and from New York for immoral purposes. In the present civil action she seeks to have Chaplin declared the father of Carol Ann.

The new blood-tests battle was initiated, just as jury picking was about to start, by Defense Attorney Charles E. Millikan. Earlier he had been denied a motion for continuance and had offered an affidavit indicating the defense contention—that "Joan Berry x x had sexual intercourse with a man or with men other than" Chaplin.

Nazi Effort Stopped In Arctic Waters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — Four coast guard cutters, operating in ice-packed Arctic waters, smashed a "determined Nazi effort" to establish fortified bases in Greenland.

The navy, reporting this today, said one German armed trawler was sunk, another captured, a third was found abandoned; 60 prisoners were taken and a radio station was captured and destroyed.

In addition a German bomber attack was beaten off in the series of actions which lasted from July to late October.

Three of the coast guard cutters were damaged by crushing ice-packs; one, the Northwind, had to be towed 3,000 miles for repairs.

The climax of the battle through ice floes and along frozen shores came Oct. 16 when the cutters Eastwind and Southwind captured the German armed trawler "Externsteine" and its crew of four officers and 30 enlisted men.

Salvo after salvo of shells flashed across the icepacks before the Nazi craft was cornered in a pocket formed by ice floes and forced to surrender.

TEXAN COLLAPSES; DIES
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14 (AP) — Schuyler E. Jennings, 70, of Freeport, Tex., collapsed and died a few minutes later in the union station here yesterday.

Senate Committee Studies Cigaretts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — A hard-to-discourage senate committee puffed doggedly away at the cigaret shortage today after smoking out little more than a mass of discouraging statistics.

Their original enthusiasm for the inquiry somewhat dampened by testimony that there will be even fewer packs for civilians next year, the senators turned to three

government agencies in the hope of uncovering something cheerful to report.

The war investigating committee group called in officials of the war manpower commission, the war food administration and the price administration with the hope of winning their support for three propositions.

(1) The possible classification of the cigaret manufacturing industry as an essential one entitled to a better share of the manpower

necessary to produce more fags.

(2) A war food administration order calling for greater production of long leaf tobacco.

(3) OPA revision of wholesaler price regulations to permit a better distribution of available stocks to retail dealers.

Souvenirs Dangerous

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP) — Souvenir shells, grenades and other projectiles sent home from battlefields may be enemy booby traps, the navy warned today in listing a series of explosion accidents involving supposed gifts.

Third naval district ordnance officers urged that ordnance souvenirs be turned over to police.

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War Board News

A weekly column contributed by members of the Howard county USDA War Board.

Tips On Dairy Barn Construction Given

By RHEBA MEMLE BOYLES
County Home Dem. Agent

One improvement many farm families have on their post-war "must" list is a home dairy barn. . . . Materials may be scarce now, but when they are readily available they want a small barn to shelter one or two cows.

To help families plan and prepare for this construction, the Texas A. and M. college extension service recently has published a new leaflet. It is entitled "The Home Dairy Barn." Copies are available from county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

If you want to select the site for the barn now, pick one on high ground, so it will have good natural drainage. Gladys Martin, Extension home dairy specialist and one of the authors of the new bulletin, has some other ideas on this subject. She suggests that the barn should be set away from hog sheds, poultry houses, and other buildings.

One other thing . . . the site should be in the open . . . not surrounded by trees.

The home dairy barn should have plenty of light and ventilation, and the entrance end should be screened with one-inch poultry wire to keep out birds and poultry. A concrete floor is recommended for the milking room so it will be easy to keep clean and sanitary.

Special Care May Cause Synthetic Tires Last Longer

If you get some new tires and tubes for your farm truck, the chances are they'll be made of synthetic rubber. Usually these will perform satisfactorily, but synthetic products need more careful handling and use than the natural rubber products you used to buy.

For one thing, synthetic tires and tubes are more likely to be destroyed by heat. So, experts advise farmers to stick to low or moderate speed in their trucks. And they should be particularly careful about overloading. It's also important that the tires be kept properly inflated . . . low air pressure tends to build up heat.

The ODT recommends that tubes and the insides of casings be treated with a soap solution before they are mounted for the first time. Dealers can give additional information on this precau-

tionary step. Incidentally, you'll find that synthetic tread stock is not as resistant to cuts and tears as is natural rubber. That necessitates more careful breaking in of new tires, rotating and mating them properly, retreading when needed, and frequent checking of air pressure. It's also believed to be better to inflate tires when they are cool.

Make Your Knives Give More Service

What a knife will slice and its capacity to do the job well is largely dependent upon whether or not you've been using it to sharpen pencils or to pound round steak. If you're guilty of neglecting this currently irreplaceable kitchen aid, sharpen your wits and knives accordingly with these reminders.

A blade becomes dull in a short time if a knife is thrown into a drawer with other utensils. Knife racks solve this problem by providing a separate slot for each blade. Knives also may be kept in divided drawers where the blades cannot rub against each other.

Extreme heat will destroy the temper of steel, so keep the knife blade away from the flames. Handles need careful handling. The wood and synthetic materials chip and crack easily, especially if they're soaked in hot water.

A knife will wear longer if washed immediately after each use.

If a blade has lost its keen edge, 2 or 3 strokes on a butcher's steel will restore it. When very dull, stroke several times on a carborundum stone.

Measures Cited For Controlling Diseases Among Poultry Flocks

By RICHARD LEWIS
Respiratory diseases in poultry result from specific infection. Poor ventilation, dampness, drafts, chilling and bad sanitation may influence the severity of rate of spread once disease is present in a flock.

Since the number of vaccines and curative drugs are limited in scope a preventive program is the most desirable. Accordingly, eradication of the infection from a farm is of the greatest importance.

As many of the respiratory diseases are highly contagious it is difficult — often impossible — to prevent their spread except where different units of poultry are

housed wide apart, or do not contact each other on range, he explains.

Chickens are susceptible to a group of diseases referred to collectively as colds and roup. The group includes laryngotracheitis, infectious bronchitis, and infectious coryza. Laryngotracheitis, which extends inflammation to both the larynx and trachea, is the only disease of the type for which a satisfactory vaccine is available.

Drugs are of no value for any of the respiratory diseases except infectious coryza when the attack is not complicated. Sulfathiazole one half per cent will prevent infection from developing. If used at the rate of one to one and one half per cent it will hasten recovery.

Cautions that birds which have recovered from a respiratory disease should be considered as carriers even though they may ap-

Are Congressmen Paid Enough?

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Do you think your congressman should get more dough? He won't say must about it. He's afraid you'd get mad at him. His raise would come from your money. But he hasn't had a raise in 19 years.

Senators and representatives

appear healthy. Such birds will infect others which haven't had the disease upon contact. This probably is the origin of the general belief that cold weather causes the trouble. New pullets usually are brought into the laying house in the late fall and come into contact with the carriers. Direct contact is necessary for spread of an infection from carriers.

get the same salary, \$10,000 yearly. The only way they can get more money is to vote it for themselves.

They raised themselves from \$5,000 to \$7,500 in 1907, waited 18 years, and in 1925 boosted the \$7,500 to \$10,000. Now they're murmuring again.

Some labor officials here, favoring a raise for congressmen, say: "If they don't get an increase, congress will turn into a rich man's club. None but the rich, after a while, could afford to be a congressman at \$10,000 a year. And will the rich be friendly to labor?"

"Besides: with better pay, better men would be willing to serve in congress."

Rep. Vinson, Georgia democrat, made a long speech in congress this week. He wants congress-

men's salaries raised to \$15,000. He pointed out:

A congressman, married but without children, in 1925 paid only \$220 in federal income taxes on his \$10,000. Now he pays \$2,500. And since 1939 he's been subject to state income taxes.

Back in 1925 and for years afterwards congress had short sessions. But now—although this is due to the war—the sessions are almost continuous.

This means a congressman has to keep up two homes: One here and one where he came from.

A representative—in order to remain in congress—has to campaign every two years. Sometimes this is very expensive.

Senators and representatives are allowed certain sums—if not used the money must be turned back to

the government—for clerical help in their offices.

Some congressmen can thus boost their income by putting a wife, daughter or other close relative in a job in their office. In no case can any one of the clerical workers draw more than \$4,500.

Four Years Ago

By The Associated Press

Dec. 14, 1940—Marshall Petain dismisses Pierre Laval as vice premier of France and abolishes office; Pierre Flandin named foreign minister, post formerly held by Laval. British freighter, Western Prince, 10,000 tons, torpedoed 430 miles off Ireland with cargo of war supplies; 16 lost.

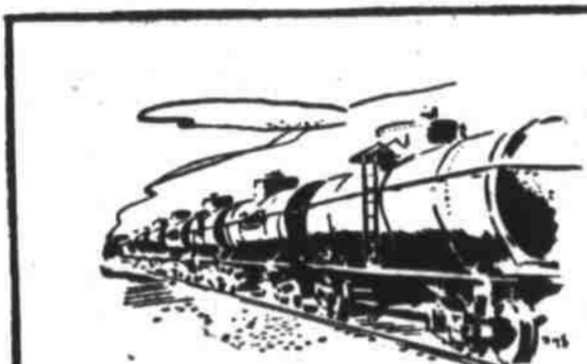
The carat, used for centuries to express the weight of gems, is now standardized at two-fifths of a gram.

Road To Berlin

By The Associated Press
1—Western Front: 301 miles (from near Duren).
2—Russian Front: 304 miles (from north of Warsaw).
Hungarian Front: 400 miles (from north of Sob).
4—Italian Front: 351 miles (from north to Ravenna).

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It is one of the wartime contributions of the 14,000 men and women of Humble—scientists, drillers, roustabouts, stenographers, pipeliners, technologists, truck drivers, geologists, glassblowers, stillmen and those working in hundreds of other occupations.

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English Press Says Greek Rule Should Embrace Both Sides

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP) — The London Times contended today that Grecian strife could be ended only by formation of a government "which will embrace all parties, right as well as the left, around the core of resistance."

Cosden Downs Estah's In Final Keg Game

Two matches were decided by forfeits and Cosden tripped Estah's 2-1, in the final round of the women's bowling league before the holidays Wednesday evening.

Jeanne Dickerson Injured In Ride

Jeanne Dickerson, freshman student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickerson, was injured Wednesday for the third time this autumn by the same horse. She sustained five broken ribs and possible internal injuries.

Admiral Smith To Become NC President

HOUSTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — Rear Admiral Norman M. Smith, founder of the Seabees, said he was wiring today his acceptance of the presidency of the University of South Carolina.

All Parties Frown On US-Dutch Love

MAASTRICHT, Holland, Dec. 14 (AP) — Romances between liberated Dutch girls and liberating U. S. soldiers are diplomatically discouraged in Limburg province, without reflection upon either.

Weather Forecast

DEPT. OF COMMERCE WEATHER BUREAU
BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Fair, not much change in temperature this afternoon, tonight and Friday.

Air Medals To Be Awarded In Post Ceremony

Air medals posthumously awarded to three Air Corps heroes will be presented to their parents at a military review in their honor Saturday at 11:45 o'clock at the Big Spring Bombardier School.

Federal Anti-Trust Suits Are Halted

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14 (AP) — Two big government anti-trust suits, halted at army and navy requests that they wait until the end of the war, will resume here shortly with President Roosevelt's approval, it was announced yesterday.

Strikers Supported By Other CIO Unions

DETROIT, Dec. 14 (AP) — Leaders of a union whose members have been on strike at four Montgomery Ward stores in this area since last Saturday were pledged support by heads of more than 100 other CIO locals as they went to Washington today for a War Labor Board "show cause" hearing.

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CIO Threatens US With National Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — Union President Sam Wolchak today voiced the threat of a nationwide strike of his CIO retail, wholesale and department store employees.

Farm Labor Meeting At Settles Wednesday

There will be meeting of Farm Labor at the Settles Hotel Wednesday, December 20 beginning at nine o'clock.



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Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 14 (AP) — Cattle 4000; calves 2500; steady to easier; common to medium slaughter yearlings 8.00-12.50; beef cows from 7.00-10.00 mostly; fat calves 7.50-13.00; stocker calves and yearlings 11.50 down; stocker cows at 6.00-8.00.

E Bond Lacking

DALLAS, Dec. 14 (AP) — While overall war bond sales in Texas have almost reached their mark, less than two thirds of the E quota has been subscribed.

Railroad Rates Rise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP) — Emergency increases in railroad passenger rates will continue for another year but the carriers have been turned down in request for higher freight rates.

Interstate Oil Chairman To Jackson

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 14 (AP) — Gov. Andrew Schoepel, chairman of the interstate oil compact commission, said he would leave by plane today for Jackson, Miss., where he will preside at the commission's meeting here tomorrow.

Public Records

Building Permits
L. W. Curry, to build 16x16 foot frame house at 1102 Scurry, cost \$855.

Advertisement for Phillips Tire Co. featuring a tire and the text 'YOU NEED ANTI-FREEZE NOW!' and 'BATTERIES'.

Advertisement for Safeway featuring a list of holiday goodies including Mince Meat, Beverly Peanut Butter, Peanut Ruff, Pecans, Walnuts, Cane Syrup, Meal, Chocolates, Peaches, Prunes, Raisins, Calimyrna Figs, Rice, Shortening, Wesson Oil, Hemo, Bread, Shredded Wheat, Flour, Corn Starch, Camay Soap, and Duz Soap.

Advertisement for Safeway featuring oranges and other grocery values like Plain Chili, Fancy Peas, Corn, Apple Sauce, Tomatoes, Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes, Chum Salmon, Airway Coffee, and Edwards Coffee.

Advertisement for National 3-Minute Oats featuring a can of oats and the text '3 WAYS BETTER BETTER GRAIN'.

Advertisement for Safeway Meats featuring various meat products like Steaks, Roasts, Hens, Beef, Pork Chops, and Beef Liver.

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Editorial = = We Need Low Cost Housing

There is much speculation now about post-war housing, and Henry Kaiser, that fabulous man who does things which can't be done and does them in a big way has come forward with a proposal for low-cost post-war housing.

If he can do it — and few doubt Mr. Kaiser's ability to do anything short of restoring the tower of Babel — it might well be a great service to the nation. Even in Big Spring there would be a definite place for such units.

To our minds, there is a definite need for this type of housing to replace many of the hovels which exist in the northwest quarter of the city. Low cost housing could be made easily within the reach of the people of this section, many of whom are in the low income groups. Properly handled, it might conceivably be a locally financed — or at least a privately financed — undertaking.

This would be a boon to the community. None with an open mind will deny that for one cause and another much of our Negro and Latin-American population is existing in conditions that will eventually penalize us as a community if indeed they haven't already.

Those who have read the exhaustive and brilliant articles in the Dallas News by Barry Bishop on the Negro problem cannot but be impressed by the unanimity of opinion that squalid housing conditions are contributing as much to the aggravation of the problem as anything else.

Sub-standard housing standards contribute to social situations everywhere. Proper attention to that problem is one of the things we as a community should devote our energies to. It does not mean giving anything to anybody, rather making it possible for people to help themselves.

Open the way to better housing and then follow through with other institutions and facilities such as playgrounds, small parks, schools, etc. and you open the way to a happier, more prosperous and wholesome community.

Help The Salvation Army

To date, contributions to the Salvation Army Christmas fund are lagging in Big Spring. Weather has mitigated against the traditional campaign to collect a good portion of these funds through kettle collections. Only means in which the deficit can be made up is by contributions made directly to the Salvation Army.

If only those who have in their hearts to do a decent thing on Christmas and who have no particular religious affiliations would make it a point to mail checks to the Salvation Army, then more than enough would be on hand. Besides these, there are many old friends who can be counted upon to help the worthy cause.

To those who will not take the trouble to do this, there is still the opportunity to boost the ket-

Washington— Nothing Complicated In Payroll Fight

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON — There really is nothing complicated about the factors behind the recurrent fight in Congress over whether to freeze payroll taxes at their present level of one per cent each for employer and employee or allow them to increase now to two per cent for each and to their eventual three per cent from each.

The original concept of Congress, the Treasury and the White House in passing the Old-Age Insurance Act, was that a gigantic interest-bearing reserve should be built up to take care of that future time when payments to oldsters will exceed receipts.

It still is the concept of the White House and the trustees of the Old Age Insurance trust fund. It no longer is the concept of the majority of Congress.

There is no doubt that eventually the tax will be allowed to increase to two per cent on each employer and employee but it is being predicted that the tax may be frozen indefinitely at that four per cent.

The point is that Congress feels the big reserve already piled up, amounting to \$5,500,000,000, is more than adequate for any contingency for some time to come. The theory is that the reserve should be about three times more than is estimated will be paid out in any one year of the next succeeding five.

On the basis of this theory and would be about 1960 before payments would reach \$1,900,000,000 or one-third of the present reserve. And even with only a one per cent levy on payrolls and one on employers, the tax this year will

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How To Torture Your Wife



Hal Boyle: Camouflage Unit Fills The Bill With Strange Assignment For Men

By HAL BOYLE IN BELGIUM, Dec. 8 (AP)—You would think it was the GI idea of heaven to work in a nice warm factory and boss 50 girls around—but Pfc. Nathaniel Jacobson has such a job and is willing to swap, with no questions asked.

This 28-year-old Boston artist is probably the only American enlisted man overseas who is running a clothing factory. And the tall, dark-haired soldier is anxious to shed his distinction.

"I never even worked in a clothing factory before—never wanted to," said Jacobson, looking with a frown at the low-ceilinged white-walled room in which half a hundred Belgian women under his supervision were chattering like magpies. "And here I am running one. You sure do strange things in the army."

But the first army camouflage unit of which he is a member is used to filling strange requests. His assistant, Pvt. Donavin Ramcliff, a husky trooper from Radcliff, O., glanced over the busy workroom, whistled a few bars and said more cheerfully: "Well, so we got to work in a roomful of girls. It ain't so bad. I can think of a lot worse ways to win the war."

Hollywood— Sol Lesser Transfers Stage Hit

By JACK O'BRIAN AP Drama Editor (One star means poor; four, excellent) "Three Is A Family," with Charles Ruggles, Fay Bainter, Helen Broderick, Arthur Lake, Marjorie Reynolds and John Phillipber.

Not infrequently movies provide much better entertainment in adapting a Broadway play to the screen than the original play afforded. In transferring "Three Is A Family" to films, Producer Sol Lesser has turned this enviable trick to advantage.

Busman's Holiday

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 14 (AP)—Because servicemen have driven buses before, passengers in an interurban bus thought nothing of it when a soldier slid behind the wheel.

Technically Right

ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 14 (AP)—When Beverly Harris, a grade school pupil, received her report card from her teachers, she followed directions and sent it to her father to be signed.

Pleasant Surprise

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 14 (AP)—Sgts. Robert W. Anderson and Howard W. Goodrick, railway military policemen, know servicemen need their sleep.

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Today And Tomorrow Crisis In The Liberation

By WALTER LIPPMANN FROM our experience in Italy, Greece and Belgium on the one hand, and in France on the other, it is now possible to begin to see a little more clearly the problem which the British and American governments have to meet during the first phase of liberation, that is to say, before the defeat of Germany.

The essence of the problem is that these countries have to be governed in a time when they lack most of the materials and facilities needed for governing. Imagine trying to govern a country in which the railroads, telephones, telegraphs, the mails, and highway traffic are broken down or are monopolized by the liberating armies; a country into which the government cannot import supplies in any quantity, nor even distribute the supplies which exist within its territory; a country which has been disarmed by the enemy and is unable to equip its own army or even its own police.

Now it seems to me that British and American difficulties in the liberated countries may be traced back to commitments and to grooves of action formed about two and a half years ago. Before

Radio Program

- Thursday Evening 5:00 Terry & The Pirates. 5:15 News. 5:30 Tom Mix. 5:45 Music for Swing. 6:00 Fulton Lewis Jr. 6:15 Dance Orchestra. 6:30 Christmas Gold. 6:50 Dance Time. 7:00 Confidentially Yours. 7:15 Treasury Salute. 7:30 Voice of the Army. 7:45 Evening Melodies. 8:00 Gabriel Heatter. 8:15 Farm News. 8:30 Treasury Hour of Song. 9:00 Raymond Gram Swing. 9:15 Andy Russell Show. 9:30 March of Time. 10:00 News. 10:15 Henry J. Taylor. 10:30 Sign Off. 6:30 Sign On. 6:50 Musical Clock. 7:00 Martin Agronsky. 7:15 Bandwagon. 7:30 News. 7:45 Bob Wills. 8:00 News. 8:05 Breakfast Club. 9:00 My True Story. 9:25 Aunt Jemima. 9:30 Cliff Edwards. 9:45 Songs by Bing Crosby. 10:00 Breakfast at Sardi's. 10:30 News. 10:45 Serenade in Swingtime. 10:55 Lanny & Ginger. 11:00 Glamor Manor. 11:30 Amos R. Wood. 11:35 Musical Interlude. 11:45 Between the Lines. 12:00 Ranch News. 12:15 Christmas Carols. 12:30 News. 12:45 Homer Rodeheaver. 1:00 Cedric Foster. 1:15 International News Events. 1:30 Ladies, Be Seated. 2:00 Morton Downey. 2:15 Palmer House Concert Orchestra. 2:30 The Listening Post. 2:45 Bandwagon. 3:00 Views of the News. 3:15 The Johnson Family. 3:30 To Be Announced. 3:45 Turkey Capers. 4:30 International News Events. 4:45 Hor Harrygan. 5:00 Terry & The Pirates. 5:15 Treasury Salute. 5:30 Tom Mix. 5:45 Trail to Glory. 6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr. 6:15 Treasure Salute. 6:30 Christmas Gold. 6:50 Dance Time. 7:00 Singing Up the News. 7:15 Stars of the Future. 7:30 Freedom of Opportunity. 8:00 Gabriel Heatter. 8:15 Farm Features. 8:30 Double or Nothing. 9:00 Earl Godwin. 9:15 Say It With Music. 9:30 Ed Wynn. 10:00 News. 10:15 Henry J. Taylor. 10:30 The Doctors Talk It Over. 10:45 Sign Off.

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our landing in North Africa we assumed, more or less unconsciously, that when our armies liberated an occupied country, they could bring with them at once the supplies to raise as people's standard of life and to rehabilitate their national economy.

We have been unable to bring plenty as well as freedom. This is because the demands of the German and the Japanese wars upon our shipping are greater than we anticipated, and because the German strategy of wrecking the ports, railways, and power plants has been devilishly ingenious and effective. So the problem of governing the liberated countries is fundamentally different from what we assumed it would be when we first formed our policy.

Fortunately for us and for Europe we have been compelled by the rightness and stubbornness of General de Gaulle to revise our pre-invasion policy as respects France. If it had not happened, we should be having in France on a grand scale the kind of trouble we are having in Belgium, Greece and Italy. For the policy we tried to apply to France, but were prevented from applying, is the same sort of policy which the British are now applying elsewhere with such unhappy results.

I refer to the Giraud policy — which rested on the premise that a government selected by us and entirely under our influence, could become the provisional government of France because it would be supported by our arms and by our supplies.

Because we cannot bring immediately to the liberated countries both freedom and plenty, but only freedom from the Germans, our political policy must be shaped accordingly. The less a government can do to make its people comfortable, the more necessary it is to have that government rest upon the consent and participation of the most energetic elements of the population.

No government can now govern well: its one hope of governing at

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ACROSS 1. State positively 2. Philippine mountain 3. Moist 4. Soft drink 5. Spoken 6. Genus of the olive tree 7. Hint 8. News organization; abbr. 9. Use any 10. Symbol for antimony 11. Stilted office 12. Frozen water 13. Wager 14. Infuriates 15. Mineral spring 16. Tropical bird 17. Light beds 18. Measure of length

DOWN 19. Adapts to the shape again 20. Style of type 21. Prepare for writing 22. Anglo-Saxon slave 23. Arabian garment 24. Feline animal 25. Collected and kept 26. Draw 27. Color 28. Prospect 29. Exist 30. Heelshoes 31. Form of lotto 32. Playful 33. Preposition 34. Form of lotto 35. Beverage 36. Satellite 37. Superlative ending

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-37 indicating starting positions for words.

CLASSIFIED USERS WILL TELL YOU, 'THEY PAY'

Automotive

Used Cars For Sale

TOP CASH FOR GOOD USED CARS

1943 Pontiac Sedan
 1943 Packard Convertible Coupe
 1941 Chrysler Sedan
 1941 Plymouth Special Sedan
 1941 Dodge Tudor
 1940 Plymouth Coupe
 1940 Ford Coupe
 1940 Hudson Tudor
 1939 Plymouth Sedan
 1938 Plymouth Sedan
 1937 Chevrolet Coupe
 1937 Olds Sedan
 1936 Ford Tudor
 1936 Chevrolet Sedan

MARVIN HULL MOTOR CO.
 207 Goliad Phone 80

Trailers, Trailer Houses

1936 Packard sedan, good tires. See at 1110 Johnson St.

1938 Pontiac Tudor Sedan, fair tires. Phone 1521.

1939 Model Ford, good condition, good tires. See at Coca-Cola Plant, Phone 859.

STOCK trailer, 817 E. 3rd St.
 29 Ft. M trailer house, 817 E. 3rd.

Tractors

1938 model W. C. Allis-Chalmers tractor, good tires and good equipment, price \$750. Also 2,000 bundles Hageria. See W. T. Stocks, 506 Abrams St. or W. A. Burnell, Knott, Tex.

Used Cars Wanted

SPOT CASH FOR YOUR CAR

No Red Tape
 "Highest" Prices
 Paid For All Makes and Models
 Your Money In 2 Minutes

BIG SPRING MOTOR CO.

819 Main Phone 636
 YOUR FORD DEALER

Announcements

Lost & Found

FOUND: Sorrel horse with blazed face. See Jess Oden, across street from Minute Inn. Owner pay for feed and ad.

Persons

Consult Estella the Reader; Hefner-Hotel; 305 Gregg; room 2.

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE SHOP
 Guaranteed repairs, 305 E. 3rd.

Instruction

WELL TRAINED individuals are in demand now, and will be for the war. Let us give you that much needed training. Our graduates give satisfaction. Big Spring Business College, 611 Runnels, Phone 1692.

Public Notices

Scene Riding Academy
 WHEN we have good weather, go horse-back riding for health and enjoyment; good horses. 1 1/2 blocks north of entrance to City Park.

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NOTICE TO HUNTERS: The Creighton pasture just west of Big Spring, between highway 80 and T&P Railway, is posted. No hunting will be permitted and trespassing prosecuted.

DUE to insufficient help, we are forced to stop taking flat finish and buff dry bundles. Quilt, blankets and wet wash, also solicit the patronage of both former and new customers in our Help-Your-Self department, and we are sure that we will be able to give you better service here than before. Working people may start washings as late as 6:30 p. m. Phone 610, Stallings Laundry.

Business Services

Ben M. Davis & Company
 Accountants - Auditors
 817 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas

WILSON AUTO ELECTRIC CO.
 We exchange Generators and Starters, \$7.50 up; Armatures rewound; Delco Navy parts. 408 E. 3rd. Phone 328.

ELECTROLUX service and repairs. L. M. Brooks, Dealer. Will service any gas appliance. Call Gas Co., 639 or 678-J.

OSBORNE REPAIR SHOP
 We do electric and acetylene welding; also automotive and diesel engine repair work. 201 N. Austin St. Phone 118.

FOR better house moving, see C. F. Wade, on old highway, 1.4 mile south Lakewood Groc. Satisfaction guaranteed.

REPAIR, refinish, buy, or sell any make sewing machine or furniture. Pickle & Lee, 609 E. 2nd, phone 260.

WESTERN Mattress Co. representative, J. R. Bilderback, will be in Big Spring twice monthly. Leave name at McCollister Furniture, phone 1261.

BRING your wet washes to Peterson's Help-Your-Self Laundry at 508 E. 2nd St. Washed with care. Equipped with steam now.

UPHOLSTERING of all kinds expertly done; also make slip covers, draperies; four years experience interior decorating; quotations quoted upon request. Mrs. C. H. Pool, 205 W. 6th, Phone 1184.

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE SHOP
 Repairs guaranteed, 305 E. 3rd.

Employment

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED: A private secretary for January 1st. Extra good position for capable stenographer, book-keeper and general office worker. Write P. O. Box 194, stating qualifications and experience. Replies treated confidential.

WANTED: Practical nurse, past middle-age, for elderly lady. Apply at 811 Gregg after 5 p. m.

WANTED: Man or woman with car to deliver telegrams. Call Western Union.

Employment—Male

PAINTING and paperhanging. See S. B. Echola, 201 Goliad Street. Call 1358 for estimates.

Financial

Business Opportunities

ROSS Barbecue Stand for sale by owner. Please call at 904 E. 3rd.

For Sale

Household Goods

SEE Creaths when buying or selling used furniture; 20 years in furniture and mattress business in Big Spring. Rear 710 E. 3rd. Phone 802.

CHROMIUM kitchen table. Also several canaries and cages. 506 E. 12th St., phone 225.

NICE three-piece bedroom suite for sale: Settles Heights, Mrs. M. B. Mullett.

Musical Instruments

FOR sale or trade: Fine old violin, A-1 condition; also 12-gauge hammerless Winchester pump shot gun and five boxes of shells. 1000 Gregg, Phone 1362.

Livestock

HORSE and buggy, lots of fun. Horse is gentle to ride too. Price \$100. 202 Lexington St.

TWO Shetland kid ponies, with saddles, blankets and bridles; price \$135 and \$150. Scenic Riding Academy.

KID'S pony and brand new saddle, very nice, \$150. 202 Lexington.

385 bred ewes, from two to five years old, will start lambing March 1st. Priced \$7.50 head. See Justin Holmes or Al Shroyer at Shroyer Motor Co. Day phone 37, night phone 539.

YOUNG milk cow, \$65; guaranteed, 1106 E. 4th St.

Pets

WIRE-haired Fox Terrier puppies, AKC registered, 505 Runnels.

BEAUTIFUL Cocker Spaniel puppies, make nice Christmas gifts. Mrs. George Parrott, P. O. Box 141, Lamesa, Texas.

Building Materials

LEFT-over new tile and used lumber. Bargain, 110 Goliad St.

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: Good new and used radiators for popular make cars and trucks. Guaranteed. Pearl-Radiator Shop, 901 E. 3rd, Ph. 1210.

MOTORCYCLES rebuilt; parts. Bicycle parts; almost any kind.

LAWN MOWERS sharpened. Cecil Thixton Motorcycle & Bicycle Shop, 1002 E. 15th, Ph. 2082.

SEE our line of beautiful Christmas cards, wide selection Christmas gifts, and a complete line of office supplies. Thomas Typewriter & Office Supply, 107 Main.

CHILD'S electric train in good condition. Mrs. Velma Morrow at Haley Hotel, Main St.

BABY bed and mattress, only been used one month. Mrs. Roy Horton, 108 Nolan after 2 p. m.

FOR Sale: Dairy feed, poultry feed, hog feed, and all kinds of grain. H. P. Wooten Produce, Phone 467.

ONE gas pump and 560-gallon tank, perfect condition. H. P. Wooten Produce, Phone 467.

Woman's Column

WILL keep children by the day or hour, special care. 606 11th Place, Phone 2010

DO ironing, 804 San Antonio St. Mrs. Digby.

EXPERT fur coat remodeling and alterations. Years of experience. See Mrs. J. L. Haynes at 508 1/2 Scurry, Phone 1724-J.

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Employment

Help Wanted—Male

EXPERIENCED porter and lubrication man. Apply at Lone Star Chevrolet Co.

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED: Two experienced waitresses. Apply Settles Coffee Shop.

WANTED: Unencumbered lady full time or part time, good salary, room and board to stay with elderly lady and son. Write Box 311, Abilene, Texas, or Phone 4100.

For Sale

Miscellaneous

RIBBON Cane and Sorghum syrup; fresh load made on the farm. See Mrs. Birdwell, 206 N. W. 4th St.

FUR coat, size 12, in good condition. Bargain, 310 Austin St. Phone 9517.

60 ANCONIA hens; oil burning heater and cook stove; cream separator, and other household furniture. See W. T. Stocks, 506 Abrams St.

STANLEY HARDWARE CO. TOYS: table and chairs, red rockers, blackboards and games.

ELECTRICAL needs for Christmas are lower priced at Wardal Fuses, plugs, bulbs, outlets, wire. MONTGOMERY WARD.

ELECTRIC Neeco roaster with boiler attachment; oil heater; Maytag gasoline motor; Hawaiian guitar; complete; plastics, case and music stand. 502 Douglas, Phone 262.

280-3000 Savage rifle, good condition. 202 Lexington.

FARMERS! Replace worn-out light-plant batteries with Montgomery Ward Powerites... no priority ratings needed! Lower than any other batteries of equal quality. For example, a 13-plate, 16-cell set, GUARANTEED FOR 10 YEARS, is only \$119.95 f.o.b. factory. MONTGOMERY WARD.

For Sale

Household Goods

FURNITURE wanted. We need used furniture. Give us a chance before you sell, get our prices before you buy. W. L. McCollister, 1001 W. 4th, Phone 1261.

Radios & Accessories

WANTED: Used radios and musical instruments. Will pay cash for anything. Anderson Music Co., phone 886 or call at 115 Main St.

Pets

WANT to buy: Male Cocker Spaniel or Scottie Phone 1735 from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

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WILL buy your grain, threshed or heads; three trucks to haul it or will buy delivered here; also, do custom grain hauling. E. T. Tucker, opposite Oldham Implement on a mesa highway, Phone 434-W.

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For Rent

Apartments

NICE clean rooms, by day or week, for child 4 years old, 601 E. 3rd St. Phone 991.

Garage Apartments

NICE servant's quarters, 1601 Main St.

Wanted To Rent

Bedrooms

CADET'S wife wants furnished room or apartment. Call Mrs. Huber at Douglas Hotel.

WANTED: Two bedroom house or apartment. Excellent local references. Call 842-J.

Real Estate

Houses For Sale

SIX-room house, barber shop, 708 E. Third. Write owner, Miss Morley, 510 Bayles, Austin, Texas.

PREFABRICATED houses 16x16 ft. up to 20x48 ft. suitable for beauty parlors, barber shops, gift shops, offices, cab stands, service stations, living quarters, package stores, tourist courts, house for cotton pickers, farm house and for many other purposes. See Roy F. Bell at The Ranch Inn Court, phone 9521.

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WELL Improved half-section land, \$35 per acre. J. B. Pickle, Phone 1217.

2-ACRES with 6-room house, new tin barn, good chicken house, car shed, cow and chickens. Bargain. Located half mile south Casino Club. See owner at 300 N. E. 2nd St., phone 1153.

120-Acre ranch six miles south city limits. Nice furnished home, tenant house, dairy barn, lots, etc., electricity, butane gas, ideal for summer home; also 12 head Herefords, 2 mares, 3 colts. Call W. L. Mead, 160, for appointment.

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DO YOU WANT

1. A permanent job?
2. A post war future?
3. Good advancement?
4. An opportunity for foreign assignments?

Men with experience in truck driving, truck maintenance, mechanics, radio servicing, electrical experience, surveying and drafting can meet requirements.

See representative of the National Geophysical Company, Inc.

at

United States Employment Service

105 1/2 East 2nd St.
 Big Spring, Texas
 December 15 and 16

Approved by War Manpower Commission

Allied Planes Grounded

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Poor bombing weather today gave the Germans another day to patch up their battered rail network in the west.

Absence of warnings from Nazi radio stations apparently meant the RAF and American heavy bombers in Britain and Italy were still grounded.

KING HAS BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—King George VI celebrated his 49th birthday today without benefit of pomp or ceremony. The king planned to spend the day quietly,

working as usual on state business.

TOP PRICES Paid for Hogs

All Sizes

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Mead's fine BREAD

PATSY

AS SOON AS PATSY SPoke TO THE WOMEN AND ELECTRICIANS THEY DROPPED EVERYTHING AND WENT AWAY!

WHAT? YOU THREE KIDS DON'T ON THIS SET?

I'M GOING TO BE IN A PICTURE—AN THESE OTHERS ARE GONNA PROTECT ME FROM AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS!

HEY—LISTEN TO THOSE KIDS 'TALKIN'!

WHAT DO THEM GUYS KNOW ABOUT KID? ESPECIALLY ABOUT KID! THEY OUGHTA ROLL UP AROUND PER A COUPLE DIME!

NOW THAT IS WHAT I CALL A SCINTILLANT IDEA—1945, YOU FOLLOW THOSE KIDS FOR THE NEXT WEEK!

HUH??

STAY ON SET!

OAKIE DOAK

DUKE, BLOW-OUT-THOSE--CANDLES!

I WON'T!!

BOY! WHAT A SWELL BREEZE!

DICKIE DARE

WIGOH! I WONDER WHAT GOT INTO HAP?

RUNNING ROUND TOWN OUT OF WHIRL! HE'S JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE!

NAP! WHAT'S COOKIN'?

MY GOOSE!

SCORCHY SMITH

ON THE HILL, WHERE HE WAS FORCED TO CLIMB FROM HIS PLANE... SCORCHY HAS DISCOVERED A CLIFF OF CAVES!

...GOING IS KIND OF TOUGH TO REACH THOSE CAVES... BUT THEY'RE MADE TO ORDER, FOR A SAFE PLACE TO PARK THESE WEARY BONES!

NO TELLING IF THERE'S FRIENDLY NATIVES ON THE ISLAND... IN FACT, THERE MAY EVEN BE —

...JAPS!!

BLONDIE

COME ON WOODLEY I'LL LET YOU WALK UNDER MY UMBRELLA WITH ME TO THE BUS STOP.

THIS IS MY UMBRELLA! YOU BORROWED IT TWO MONTHS AGO AND NEVER RETURNED IT!

HERE COMES MY BUS I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE YOU NOW DAGWOOD

BUS STOP

BUS STOP

ANNIE ROONEY

COURSE THE HOUSE ISN'T VERY SWELL, BUT YOU JUST WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS MR AND MRS. MARTIN MAKE—

EXQUISITE! ADORABLE! THIS IS BY FAR THE LOVELIEST FLOWER SHOW I EVER ATTENDED!

OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

PLEASE DON'T MENTION THANKS--AND PLEASE MRS. MARTIN, RAISE YOUR PRICES--

YOU SOLD ME YOUR ADORABLE FLOWERS AT SUCH A LOW PRICE THAT I FEEL LIKE AN ESCAPING BANK-ROBBER.

BUZ SAWYER

I'VE GOT BUZ'S ROOM FIXED UP, AND HIS OLD CLOTHES OUT OF MOTHBALLS, IF HE WANTS THEM.

TEDDY, YOU'D BETTER CLEAN HIS SHOTGUN, AND GIVE SPOT A BATH.

YES, YES.

LET'S SEE, WE'LL WANT ALL HIS FAVORITE THINGS TO EAT—WATERMELON PRESERVES, STRAWBERRY JAM, PICKLED PEACHES. WE'D BETTER DRIVE OUT TO THE FARM AND GET SOME OF BEN'S SMOKED SAUSAGE.

—YOU KNOW HOW CRAZY BUZ IS ABOUT REAL COUNTRY SAUSAGE WITH CORNBREAD AND GRAY.

DON'T FORGET BUTTERMILK, MOTHER— AND MAKING PIES.

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Red Cross Reports Reflect Good Year

Officers were re-elected amid predictions that 1945 will be an even greater Red Cross year than glowing reports reflected for 1944 at the annual meeting of the Howard-Glascock counties chapter of the American Red Cross Tuesday evening.

Returned were Roy Reeder, chapter chairman; A. V. Karcher, vice-chairman; Jewell Barton, secretary; Mrs. Reba Baker, treasurer; and Mrs. Moree Sawtelle, executive secretary.

Climaxing a series of strong reports, Henry Norris, roll call chairman, declared that the objective was to reach whatever quota



CITED—Sgt. Neill A. Rudd, 31, son of Mrs. Cora Rudd, has received a citation as a member of the 435th troop carrier group for "outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on June 5-7" during the Normandy invasion. The unit flew 131 powered aircraft sorties and 50 glider sorties, often amidst intense anti-aircraft fire and at dangerously low altitudes and slow air speeds, to spearhead the invasion. Sgt. Rudd is a native of Big Spring, attended schools here but enlisted from Pecos. Holder of a private pilot's license, he went into the glider program and trained as glider pilot and later M. Albuquerque, N. M., Wichita Falls, and at a station in North Dakota before going across in Feb. 1944 to England. He served in Italy before returning to England for the invasion.

Leecroy Clifton Home At Butler Camp From Italy

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 11 — Christmas will be spent at home by 1st Lt. Leecroy Clifton, 23-year-old P-47 fighter pilot who wandered for five weeks behind the German lines in Italy when his plane was shot down by the light flak of enemy anti-aircraft.

Lt. Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clifton of Butler Camp, oil company settlement near here, arrived home for the holidays this week. He reports for reassignment at Santa Monica, California, January 2.

Because the spot where he made a crash landing is still in German hands he can not recount his experiences getting back to the 12th Army Air Force base in Italy where he has been stationed since early this year. Italian natives rendered all aid possible to his escape, he admits.

Officially listed as missing in action for five weeks, Lt. Clifton was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for the mission on which he was temporarily lost.

In addition to the D.F.C., he wears the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the American Defense and European theater ribbons, and the Presidential Unit citation.

Mobilized with the Texas National Guard in November, 1940, Lt. Clifton transferred to air corps training in April, 1942, and was given his wings and commission in August, 1943, at Craig Field, Alabama. He went overseas, first to North Africa, in January of this year. He is a 1938 graduate of Westbrook high school and an ex-student of West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon.

Farmers Not Required To Pay CCC Agent Fee

Cotton farmers are not required to pay CCC purchasing agents any fee for preparation of sales documents used in the 1944 cotton purchase program, WFA has announced.

The only fee required of farmers is a classing fee of 15-cents a bale, and accumulated warehouse charges.

In selling cotton to CCC, farmers are required to place their cotton in an approved warehouse, the warehouseman or bonded sampler is required to take representative samples from both sides of the bale and the cotton is to be classed by a board of cotton examiners.

Since provisions have been made on the back of the sales agreement instructing CCC to pay liens on the cotton, farmers are asked to check carefully the names and amounts of money to be paid each lien holder before signing the form which directs payment of funds.

Friday Closes Paper Salvage

The paper salvage drive in the schools of Big Spring and surrounding communities ended Friday with a grand total of 157,845 pounds of paper to be converted into paper containers necessary to the war transportation effort.

Big Spring school children alone brought in 130,440 pounds. Thursday's drive brought in 27,290 pounds, with 4,935 pounds gathered by Jimmie Joan Bennett on that day.

Forsan contributed 4,015 pounds of the total and 23,390 pounds was accumulated by Coahoma and Midway.

Winners of the paper contest from Coahoma and Midway will tour the Big Spring Bombardier school Monday at 1 p. m. and winners from Big Spring and Forsan will make the tour later in the week. Finalists at Coahoma were the sophomore class; in the second grade, David Hodnett, Ann Hodnett, Bob Garrett, Albert McGehee; fifth grade, Key Bennett, Emilio Hernandez, Wanda Shive and Rhonda Farris; seventh grade, Margaret Stamps, Edwin Earl Dickson, Bobby Cathey and Wendell Shive. Midway winners have not been announced.

Housing Problems Attract Attention

Housing problems monopolized attention of chamber of commerce directors Monday as they pondered means of relieving an acute shortage of living quarters.

Only hope of immediate relief appeared to be in securing of a battery of 50 trailer houses, but this project was purely in the investigative stage.

J. H. Greene, manager, reported that the Southwest Investment Co. of Ft. Worth had filed and FHA had confirmed receipt of plans for eight of 35 houses allocated to Big Spring. Other plans will be filed within a week to 10 days, the applicant reported, and work should be started soon on the initial eight units.

The manager estimated at least 10 applicants had been filed under the hardship provision which would permit the building of as many additional as FHA approved.

The National Housing Authority regional office in Dallas has recommended an additional allotment of 25 houses for Big Spring, but no action has been taken in Washington, Greene reported.

USES Places Large Number Applicants

Seventy per cent of applicants were referred by the United States Employment Service to local job openings were placed during the month of November, H. A. Clark, local USES manager, reported Saturday.

There were 948 reception contracts, 660 were routed for additional service, there were 394 local referrals, 277 local placement and one clearance placement.

These placements included 40 clerical and sales, 63 service, 23 skilled, 65 semi-skilled and 86 unskilled. Ninety six were women, 42 non-white, 29 short time, 26 handicapped and 28 veterans. Twenty four of the veteran placements were from World War II.

Fifty nine veterans were given service as follows: 40 applications for work, 44 referrals to jobs, 28 placements verified, three directed to Veterans Administration, one directed to training agency and 11 directed to other agencies.

Hospital Farm Has Big Yield In 1944

Yields on the Big Spring State Hospital farm have been better this year than in 1943, principally due to better stands, Dr. C. A. Shaw, superintendent, said Saturday.

In the face of severe drought conditions, the farm had enough grain sorghum for 450 tons of trench insilage.

Most of this will go to some 50 head of dairy cattle, 26 of which are registered and graded milking shorthorns added recently to the hospital's herd at a cost of nearly \$180 per head. In addition to the dairy stock, the hospital herd includes more than 25 beef cattle.

Jones Asks For More Farm Production

Marvin Jones, War Food Administrator, sent the following statement to M. Weaver of the AAA office concerning future food production:

"The food production job for the next year will be just as big and just as important to the war and to the peace as it was in 1944. The efforts of farmers and their families have brought us safely through a period of rapidly expanding war needs. Their responsibilities will not be lessened in 1945.

"To allow a margin of safety in case of adverse weather and to assure maintenance of our reserve stocks we will need to plant about the same total acreage as in 1944. We cannot risk the possibility of a shortage. We may have some seasonal surpluses, as we have had in 1944, and at the same time some shortages now unforeseen may develop."

TRIALS SET JANUARY 17
In the cases of the State of Texas versus A. L. Kennard, charged with driving while intoxicated, and J. D. Young, charged with assault with intent to murder, trials have been set for January 17, 1945.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE
In the case of the State of Texas versus Carson Wesley Halford, charged with burglary, a suspended sentence of five years was given him. Halford entered a plea of "guilty" before a jury of the 70th District Court Friday.

Postmaster Nat Shick "Holes Up" After Working Hours For Hobby

By CHAMPE PHILIPS
If you're looking for Postmaster Nat Shick after working hours, you won't find him in his home. . . . but you will find him under it. In June of this year, Nat got a couple of Mexicans to start digging a hole under his wife's kitchen, and today that hole, complete with rock walls, cement floor, rock fire place and plenty of work benches serves as his "hobby shop."

In 1920 Shick started collecting unusual shaped rocks and continued this until 1931 when he took up wood work and collecting odd-shaped branches of trees. It was during this year that he made a swing from five cotton wood logs, and placed them together with the use of dowl pins. Because the swing was constructed without nails or glue, Robert Ripley ran it in his "Believe It or Not" column.

Perhaps the only log cabin ever erected in Howard county is in Nat's back yard. In 1932 he had collected enough logs from "Bud" Roberts ranch (the first settlers ranch in this county) to construct the cabin. Under it's porch hangs an ox yoke and wagon wheel. Shick's mother was in the wagon when the yoke to pull the wagon that brought her to Texas when



she was still a baby. Other creations of Shick's include a 40-foot totem pole carved from one of the first telephone poles placed on the streets of Big Spring on the corner of 3rd and Main. It is now at the city park where it was dedicated to the Boy Scouts Buffalo Trail in 1939. Nat also carved the Boy Scout

badge that is the Shick trophy for advancement awarded at each court of honor.

His most unusual oddity is the Cowboy Sterling. Five years ago he came across a wild china berry tree, and saw how it resembled a cowboy sitting down with one leg crossing the other in a typical ranch-hand position. He let it grow until last year, whacked it down and dressed it up, complete with fancy regalia and carved features and one carved hand. Otherwise it is as nature grew it.

So if you go by his home sometime, don't be alarmed if Mrs. Shick stalks into the kitchen and stomps in the floor three times. It's just one of her signals, this one meaning "Brush your hair and come out from that hole. We've got company."

Five People Hurt In Accident Here

Five people were injured slightly Friday night at 10:20 p. m. when an automobile driven by Lottie Caddell and a driller's truck driven by H. L. Yates, 17, collided at the intersection of Benton and Third streets.

Mrs. Caddell and the other occupants of the passenger car including Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis, W. H. Goswick and Janal Buttrell, all of Snyder, suffered minor abrasions. They received treatment in a local hospital and were carried by ambulance to Snyder. Yates was uninjured.

The automobile was pretty badly smashed, police said, but there was little damage to the truck.

Daring Night Flier Pilots Take Photos

By FRANKLIN BANKER
A U. S. PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE BASE IN FRANCE, Dec. 11 (Delayed) (AP)—Using powerful flash bombs 8,000 times as bright as the flash bulbs of news photographers, daring Ninth air force fliers have been photographing tactical targets by night ever since D-day. It was disclosed today.

Flying from dusk to dawn in twin-engined medium bombers these "night focus cats" take over where the daytime aerial photographers leave off, thus putting the Army's aerial photo reconnaissance on a round-the-clock basis and leaving the Germans no time at all in which to move troops, artillery or supplies in secret.

The new technique was put to dramatic use at the very outset of the invasion when Lt. Edward Lentscher of Milwaukee, took off from a base in Britain at 11 p. m. on June 5, flew over the French coast and returned with vital photographs showing the Germans were unaware that the invasion armada already was under way.

Participation of night photo reconnaissance planes in the invasion operations was made possible when Dr. Harold Edgerton of Massachusetts Institute of Technology was summoned from Italy only two weeks before D-day.

How Much Is a Billion Gallons of 100-Octane Gasoline?

It's enough to fill 120,000 tank cars—a train 1,000 miles long.

It's enough to fill an 8-inch pipe line that would circle the earth three times at the equator.

It's enough to fuel 400,000 Flying Fortresses for a round trip flight from Britain to Germany.

That's a billion gallons of 100-octane gasoline! But it's more than that. It's the effort of the 14,000 men and women of Humble Oil & Refining Company, who are today celebrating the production of the one-billionth gallon of 100-octane aviation gasoline at Baytown refinery—a remarkable feat in the history of the petroleum industry.

It is one of the wartime contributions of the 14,000 men and women of Humble—scientists, drillers, roustabouts, stenographers, pipeliners, technologists, truck drivers, geologists, glassblowers, stillmen and those working in hundreds of other occupations.

Here is a partial list of their accomplishments to date:

- FIRST** to produce at one refinery a billion gallons of finished 100-octane aviation gasoline. The Baytown refinery has produced more 100-octane aviation gasoline than any other plant in the world.
- FIRST** to produce synthetic toluene. The Baytown Ordnance Works, first to synthesize toluene from petroleum, has supplied the toluene for at least one out of every two bombs used by the United Nations since Pearl Harbor.
- FIRST** in the production of crude oil. Humble Oil & Refining Company is the nation's largest producer of crude oil, and is currently supplying about one-fourth of the increased production required for war as measured by the gain since 1941.
- FIRST** in the transportation of petroleum. The Humble pipe lines transport more oil than any other system, handle one barrel in every seven of the domestic supply.

These accomplishments climax a quarter century of development, planning and team work of a great organization. The men and women who made them possible are behind the billion gallons of 100-octane aviation gasoline. They are behind whatever America needs of them for victory.

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