

## GERMAN ASSAULT THROWN BACK

### Superforts Blast Tokyo

#### Official Reports Hushed Quickly By Yank Planes

By LEONARD MILLIMAN  
Associated Press War Editor  
About 53 Superforts bombed Tokyo today interrupting official war reports being read to the Japanese diet.

The B29s making their first mass raid on the enemy capital since Dec. 3 emphasized the increasing tempo of the Pacific air war that saw American fighter pilots destroy 74 Japanese planes over the Philippines and in North China.

As ground fighting in the Philippines dwindled temporarily to mopping up operations on Leyte island, the Chinese communist Eighth route army reported it had defeated a Japanese force 30 miles east of Loyang in revived fighting in western Honan province.

Four American divisions wiping out the last vestiges of enemy resistance on Leyte, killed 899 more Japanese soldiers and took 14 prisoners. Seven Yanks were killed and 21 wounded.

Japan's war minister, Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama, told the 86th session of the diet that American forces had suffered 503,000 casualties since Pearl Harbor. He interrupted the reading of his war report to the lower house to announce:

"Approximately 50 B29s have penetrated the skies over the Tokyo Yokohama area" dropping "explosives and incendiaries on several points."

An imperial communique claimed that nine raiders were definitely shot down, five probably and 27 others damaged. Four interceptors were admittedly lost. Tokyo radio said crowds in the streets cheered when a Superfort fell.

American Liberators making their fourth successive raid on Luzon island air bases near Manila poured 44 tons of explosives on Clark Field Christmas day while Lightning fighters shot down at least 39, possibly 43, of 50 Japanese interceptors. Major Thomas McGuire of San Antonio, Tex., emerged from the mass dogfights with a wartime total of 38 Japanese planes to his credit, only two less than Major Richard I. Bong, America's ace of aces.

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American fighters and bombers flew 1,400 sorties and the RAF 700. They destroyed more than 1,000 German motor vehicles, including 146 armored cars and tanks, and 71 Nazi planes. Allied losses were set at 30 fighters and one bomber.

#### Nineteen Nazis Still At Large After Escape

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 27 (AP)—The next 36 hours may determine if there will be a quick roundup of 19 Germans still at large after a sensational escape from the Papago Park prisoner of war camp, an Army officer said today.

Six of 25 Nazi U-boat officers and men who fled through a 200-foot tunnel were recaptured Sunday night a few hours after the escape was discovered. None has been apprehended since.

"Past experience would indicate most of the recaptures should come in the next day or two," said Maj. Eugene Tays, director of security and intelligence at the camp.

"It usually takes four or five days for them to become tired in their flight across the desert," Tays said. "Then they surrender."

Col. William A. Holden, camp commandant, disclosed yesterday that individual prisoners labored tediously many months excavating through rock a 200-foot escape tunnel from an outdoor coal box to an exit beyond the camp's east fence.

He denied that Guenther Frien, U-boat commander credited with sinking the British battleship Royal Oak, was a prisoner here. The report was blamed on a misunderstanding of an inquiry.

#### Army Paper Says Nazi Paratroops Dropped In Lines

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The American Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" declared today that a well organized "task force of German paratroops clad in American uniforms had been dropped behind the Allied lines on the western front in an attempt to kill high ranking officers.

The paratroops were equipped with small vials of sulphuric acid, fitted inside match boxes and designed to be thrown in the face of any person stopping them for questioning, the paper said.

It asserted the paratroops were equal in number to about two battalions, and had been specially trained for sabotage work in connection with the present German offensive. The Germans were said to have taken the uniforms from captured American troops who later were shot.

#### Rail Centers Are Struck By Bombs

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—One thousand U.S. Eighth Air Force planes from British bases raided secondary rail traffic centers in western Germany today, after photo reconnaissance officers reported the principal rail artery from Berlin to the west had been knocked out of commission.

Six hundred heavy bombers, escorted by 400 Thunderbolts and Mustangs, lashed at six railroad yards and one important junction. Favorable weather permitted Allied planes based on the continent to join the attack on Field Marshal von Rundstedt's counteroffensive.

The Thunderbolts and Mustangs bagged at least 25 Nazi fighters in a furious battle with enemy planes southwest of Bonn.

Targets included the traffic-jammed yards at Euskirchen and Andernach, northwest of Coblenz; Homburg, southwest of Kassel, and Fulda, 60 miles south of Kassel, as well as a rail junction 40 miles west of Coblenz.

A staff officer at headquarters of the U.S. strategic air forces in Europe, said all the targets were on the alternate route which the Germans began using during the past week.

"The main rail route from Berlin to the western front was by way of Hannover to Hamm, Munster and Osnabruck," he said. "The American air force and the RAF concentrated the attack on this network and photo reconnaissance on Christmas day showed all three of the yards empty."

Pictures taken on Christmas day showed yards along the southern route through Kassel crammed with a backlog of traffic, much of it apparently for the repair of bomb damage, the officer said.

The German radio reported formations of heavy bombers heading north over Austria, indicating that Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the U.S. 15th Air Force were striking from Italy at Nazi war industries far behind the battle lines.

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#### Postal Receipts Show Some Gain

Postal receipts for 1944 will show a 20 per cent gain over 1943. Postmaster Nat Shick forecast Wednesday after checking figures which showed the year already is more than \$23,000 ahead of last year, the previous record of the Big Spring postoffice.

He had been anticipating receipts of \$140,000 for the year but brought Tuesday's figures amounted to \$143,772.99. This compared with \$120,063 for all of 1943.

December business has amounted to \$17,823.99 as against \$16,388 for all of December a year ago.

While business has declined sharply since the pre-holiday peak, it nevertheless was continuing at a steady clip Wednesday. Accumulations of mail at terminal points during the holidays resulted in deluges of incoming mail Tuesday and Wednesday, but the postmaster ventured that today would see the last of the excessively heavy movement.

Combat commanders reported finding numerous Nazi vehicles abandoned in Belgium after they exhausted their fuel and were unable to get more from rear areas.

Representatives Sent By Moscow Government  
MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AP)—The official Russian news agency, Tass, announced today that Gen. De Gaulle's French government had exchanged representatives with the five-month-old Polish regime at Lublin, which is expected here to declare itself the provisional government of Poland before the new year.

#### Six Months Added To Peace Date

What will happen depends on Russian plans, as yet unrevealed. There is for instance the question of whether and when the Red army will open a full scale offensive against Germany on the Polish front. The ground is frozen and the time is ripe since the Germans are heavily engaged in the west.

The success of the present German drive is being attributed by some authorities here partly to a failure of Allied intelligence and planning.

Very young, very old and second rate troops found in many westwall fortifications were considered typical of all German forces — relatively weak units held together with a sprinkling of battle-hardened regulars. Allied intelligence apparently made two great blunders:

1. It believed that the German armies in France had been almost completely destroyed.

2. It believed that it knew the strength and had guessed the intended use of German reserves backing the west wall and it considered them to be defense forces.

#### Yanks Slowly Regain Offensive In Western Fight

By JAMES M. LONG  
PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP) — American troops have thrown back German armored columns that thrust within four miles of the Meuse river, and a front dispatch today declared doughboys were slowly regaining the initiative on flanks of the German drive into Belgium.

The German offensive—believed to be powered with some 250,000 troops — had sent light armored combat teams to Celles and Ciney in a bid to reach the Meuse. But Doughboys in a Christmas day battle rolled them back one to two miles, supreme headquarters disclosed.

A dispatch from the field today declared U. S. armor and infantry, "slowly regaining the initiative, have locked in a series of sharp battles with probing Germans on both flanks of the 20-mile gap between the Hotton and Bastogne areas." Fighting still is extremely fluid in this sector, it added.

Supreme headquarters said Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had been held virtually without gains in the 24 hours up to Tuesday morning.

But the German southern flank at that same time stiffened against the American push to relieve the encircled garrison at Bastogne. The Yanks at last official reports still were 4 1/2 miles south of the city.

Hundreds of tons of supplies were parachuted today to the Bastogne garrison.

Another front dispatch said the front was comparatively, and almost ominously, quiet today with each side thrusting tentatively and ineffectually at opposing defenses.

Von Rundstedt's advance tank units had speared into Celles, only four miles from the Meuse, and eight from the French frontier, and into Ciney farther northeast, 14 miles below Namur. At Celles, his men were only 50 miles from Brussels, and had penetrated 57 miles from the take-off positions.

By Tuesday morning, Celles was firmly back in American hands.

The Americans folding back these thrusts found at least a dozen tanks and self-propelled guns dry of gasoline — perhaps an indication of the results of air blows on Von Rundstedt's supply lines.

Fighting continued in this sector near the Meuse, supreme headquarters said, but there were indications the main German weight was being shifted to the Antwerp supply line.

More than 20 German divisions, northwest — toward the Allied including 10 armored or armored-infantry units, were reported to have been thrown into the winter counteroffensive.

Associated Press correspondent Hal Boyle said the Germans in no battle had been able to summon the initial force with which it lashed out Dec. 16.

#### Von Rundstedt Suffers First Serious Defeat

By WES GALLAGHER  
STAVELLOT SECTOR IN BELGIUM, 2 P. M., Dec. 27 (AP) — During the past 24 hours Field Marshal von Rundstedt has suffered his first serious setback since the German offensive began 11 days ago.

The 36-hour limitation on the release of news prevents giving details, but infuriated doughboys and tankmen have gone on the offensive and have driven a deep salient into the German bulge in one sector.

At the same time the weather continued clear and the Allied forces whittled away at Nazi tanks and transports. Flight after flight of Thunderbolt fighter bombers pounded German positions.

Just south of here, fighter-bombers a few minutes ago caught a German tank spearhead milling around on top of a bald ridge and struck heavily, destroying at least two tanks and damaging several others.

"They really gave that column a working over," declared Maj. Albert Treasure of Landsdowne, Pa. All along the northern flank there were indications the Germans were on the defense for the moment, with infantry replacing tanks and machinegun positions being set up. Von Rundstedt apparently still is trying to turn the American line to the west, but from here east the huge losses convinced him the line was firmly held.



GERMAN CAPTURED IN AMERICAN UNIFORM — Two Yanks hold at gun point a German captured in Belgium and wearing American GI pants, leggings, shoes and raincoat. He wears a German blouse under the coat. Censor has blanked out the captive's face. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto).

#### Red Army Shock Troops Charge Into Budapest

#### Populist Party Refuses Terms

ATHENS, Dec. 27 (AP)—Greek populist party members declared today that peace proposals by representatives of the left-wing ELAS were unacceptable and the conference called by Prime Minister Churchill ended its second meeting without an agreement.

The ELAS offered terms which former Premier Stylianos Gonatas said "are inadmissible." He declared that "if accepted, they would mean complete dissolution of the state."

Other members of the conference said they would consider the terms and reply later.

Even while the conferees met in the Grand Bretagne hotel the British accused ELAS artillerymen of breaking a conference truce late yesterday and the fresh fighting flared in the district behind British headquarters. Parachute troops forged ahead with tanks and armored cars in a drive to clear the southern triangle leading into Omonia Square.

The British announced today that ELAS artillery had broken a conference truce by firing upon a British warship and the Anglo-Greek naval headquarters late yesterday and that, as a result, offensive air action would begin again.

The British informed the ELAS that the truce was regarded as null and void.

It had been agreed that no artillery action would be taken on one side or air action on the other for three quarters of an hour from 3 p. m., while ELAS delegates were being brought to last night's conference at which Prime Minister Churchill appealed for the warring factions to end their strife.

The conference was so tense that all delegates surrendered their side arms at the door.

The British announced that the first shell fell at 3:10 p. m. near a British warship at Piraeus. The second landed a little later near the naval headquarters.

Nevertheless, the British said another 45-minute truce would be arranged today for the protection of ELAS delegates attending a second session of an all-party conference to discuss Greece's political troubles.

British guards returned the ELAS' delegates guns to them when they left last night's conference under a safe conduct.

#### Crude Production Increased In Week

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 27 (AP) — United States crude oil production increased 21,520 barrels daily in the week ended Dec. 23 to 4,721,550 barrels daily, the Oil and Gas Journal reported today.

California output was up 3,500 barrels daily to 888,750; Illinois, 7,800 to 204,200; Kansas, 12,100 to 279,200; Michigan, 50 to 52,750; Oklahoma, 1,200 to 359,400.

Texas production was unchanged at 2,111,550 barrels daily. Louisiana had a decline of 350 to 361,050; East Texas, 100 to 371,300, and the Rocky Mountain area, 2,480 to 122,300.

CHAMBERLAIN EXECUTED  
PARIS, Dec. 27 (AP) — A military firing squad today executed Henri Chamberlain, alias La Fontaine, Pierre Bony and six other members of Vichy's French gendarmerie who were convicted of collusion with the Germans against French patriots during the occupation of France.

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While there were numerous spills on slick sidewalks, automobile mishaps were kept to a minimum as people drove more cautiously to compensate for miserable driving conditions.

Ranchers and farmers welcomed the 24 of an inch moisture, beneficial to small grains and a harbinger of good spring weed crops for the ranges.

Farmers, however, waited to survey damage to unharvested feed. Thousands of acres of combine maize have never been gathered and it was feared that the icy conditions Tuesday would result in causing stalks to fall. If this developed as a general condition, the loss would be extensive.

# Port Arthur Coach Thinks He Is Due One Undisputed State Title

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF  
Associated Press Sports Editor  
Tom Dennis, the University of Texas football great who has been a high school coach for some 20 years, thinks he should already have an undisputed state championship.

# Teen-Agers Will Fill 1945 Grids

By BUS HAM  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Teen-age players will carry the ball for most college teams next fall if the army and navy induct their 4-F's.

Such a development was seen as a distinct possibility today as the Office of War Mobilization said that college as well as professional 4-F's will be called up for review in scrapping the manpower barrel.

However, the New Year's Day bowl games seem secure. There is little time left for any re-examinations. Further, it was said there is no present intention of slapping any new transportation restrictions on football.

War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes originally mentioned only the pros in stating that he and the public find it difficult to understand how men can be unfit physically for military service and yet be able to compete with the greatest athletes of the nation in games demanding physical fitness.

Asked whether instructions to selective service to re-examine 4-F's also applied to college athletes, Byrnes' office said that they cover everybody, that there can be no discrimination.

Since many 4-F's on college teams are the older players, their induction would leave principally the youngsters—16 to 18—for next autumn's play.

# EIGHT TEAMS TO PLAY

HARLETON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Eight teams will play in an invitation high school basketball tournament here Jan. 5-6. Supt. Stacy Newman announced. Entered are Harleton, Waskom Karnack, Tatum, Spring Hill, Elysian Fields, New Diana and Union Hill.

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# Sliding Down The Sports Chute

Publicity has been loud and long about the approaching Spanghetti Bowl to be played in Italy next Monday. The site has been kept a military secret as some 25,000 servicemen will gather in some undisclosed stadium to witness the New Year's day football classic that will bring so many of them so close to home again.

Listed recently were a few of the Texans who will participate in the game. Charles Henke, ex-Texas Aggie, Laddie Liska, also an ex-Ploughboy will be playing for the Fifth Army.

On the other side of the line will be John Ramsey, former Texas center, and in the backfield for the Twelfth Air Force (which is the opposing team of the Fifth group) will be L. Edward Shanks, former star at Texas Tech.

The reason for mentioning this is that the latter star is a former schoolmate of mine, and his father is a resident of Big Spring and is employed at one of the garages downtown. He is Earl Shanks.

Jack (that is the name Edward went by in school) played tackle for Texas Tech for four years, three under Pete Cawthon, and finished his career in 1941 receiving his degree in June of 1942 under Coach Dell Morgan, present Red Raider coach.

Shanks was better known as "Lantern Jaw" by his friends in this area and played football at Monahan before entering Tech.

Joel Mencher, president of the Association of New York State Young Republican Clubs, Inc., made a most emphatic comeback to War Mobilization Director James Byrnes' statement and directed about re-screening athletes for the draft. Said Mencher:

"Your recent statement recommending the recall of athletes into the armed service for another physical examination for those who failed litimates that athletes as a class have sought to evade military service or that they have used influence to exempt themselves from further service."

Mencher goes on to cite the examples set by our nationally known sports figures by various battle-front citations. He also says that if athletes are to be rechecked, so should all other persons.

In that line I quite agree with him. Athletes have talents just as other people. The insinuation was quite clear at the time and for a real sports fan it makes the blood boil to think that any person in any high position could have the gall to indirectly accuse American athletes of draft-dodging. They do quite a bit for the servicemen and the war effort as it is, without anyone making any unnecessary statements about their physical abilities.

While on the subject of sports and war here is a brief note that might furnish fuel for the hot stove league. A recent review from Army Air Forces Headquarters, Central Pacific:

"Service football teams of the Central Pacific area league which concluded their schedule early in December, played before a season gate estimated at 600,000, almost entirely of servicemen. Soldiers, sailors and marines on this Central Pacific Island (Oahu) thus were enabled to enjoy the thrills of football."

Who says the servicemen do not enjoy having those not eligible to enter the army carry on for the sports world. Perhaps war-time sports are not quite up to par, they are at least sports. It might be best for the bureaucrats to let the boys themselves decide who the draft dodgers are.

Think it over . . .

**Duke-Tide Squads Feature 'Foreigners'**  
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Duke Blue Devils and the Alabama Crimson Tide have squads dominated by out-of-state boys, but they plan to start the eleventh annual Sugar Bowl football game here on New Year's day with lineups loaded with "home grown" talent.

Duke, with only 12 North Carolina boys in a squad of 41 players, lists only two out-of-staters, End Clark Jones of Richmond, Va., and blocking back John Kriza of McKees Rock, Pa., on their starting team.

Alabama's squad of 15 Alabama-born boys and 18 out-of-staters starts only four "foreigners." Wingback Lowell Tew comes from nearby Waynesboro, Miss.; John Wozniak, tackle, lives in Fairhope, Pa.; End Jack McConville comes from Wheeling, W. Va., and Fullback Fred Grant is a Christenberry, Va., citizen.

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# Christmas Week - End Busy At The U. S. O.

Christmas week-end was certainly busy at the U.S.O. said Ann Houser, U.S.O. director. A total of 2,988 service men and women visited the U.S.O. from Saturday through Monday, with 1,032 service men being present at the Christmas tree held Sunday afternoon.

The activities for these three days include arts and craft work, recordings, bridge, sing-songs, pool, ping-pong and dancing. Plenty of fruit, nuts and candy was on hand for the men to eat.

The Christmas tree was surrounded by plenty of gifts that had been donated by townspeople with large baskets of fruit and nuts on either side of the tree.

Girls registering over the week-end were: Marjorie Locke, Shirley Fisherman, Betty Cantrell, Wynelle Franklin, Doris Stutewille, Winnie Rogers, Jane Darby, Norma Nell Burgess, Marie Dunivan, Mary Stalls, Roselle McKinney, Corie Walker, Maurine Urey, Edith Mary Jones, Helen Duley, Wilda Fae Simpson, Debra Bradford, Dorothy Sain, Sarah Kelley, Betty Jo Pool, Margie Preston, Murel Smith, and Neta Chapman.

The girls listed above and the following sent gifts: Winona Bailey, Opal Chapman, Melva Ray Chapman, Erma Lee Gideon, Elizabeth Burrell, Jean Nickson, Elnora Hubbard, Dierda Cox, Ruth Burdett, Beth Luedeker, Gladys Smith, Clara Brewer and Betty Williams.

The following business firms and organizations donated fruit, nuts, homemade cakes and candies: Hyperion Club, Sanitary Food Market, 1930 Hyperion Club, Music Study Club, Modern Woman's Forum, Business and Professional Women, ladies of the Church of Christ, and the mothers of the junior hostesses.

Members of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met at the Settles Hotel Tuesday night for a program on Hobbies. A short business meeting was held and the next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Mary Lou Stipp.

The program consisted of talks given by Jean Johnson on "Psychological effect of acquiring things," Martha Eul spoke on "Doll collections." A display was shown and they were furnished by Agnes Currie, Charlene Dobbins, and Dorothy Dean Sane.

**Newly Wed Couple Visiting Here**  
Sgt. and Mrs. Carter Nelson of Bainbridge Ga. are here on their honeymoon visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Nelson of Route one. The couple was married Tuesday December 19 at 9 a. m. in Bainbridge.

Mrs. Nelson is the former Carolyn Kirbo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kirbo of Bainbridge. The rites were read by Wilber Wallace, pastor of the First Christian church of Bainbridge.

**Rebekah Lodge Meets Tuesday**  
A regular business meeting was held when the members of the Rebekah Lodge met Tuesday evening at the IOOF hall with Mrs. Clara Bender, noble grand, presiding.

Those present were Mrs. Hazel Nichols, Mrs. Beatrice Bonner, Mrs. Lillian Mason, Mrs. Cordia Mason, Mrs. Evelyn Rogers, Mrs. Lovie Barlow, Mrs. Alma Blain, Mrs. Thelma Sheppard, Mrs. N. L. Blain, Mrs. Tessie Harper, Mrs. Nannie Adkins, Mrs. Rosalee Gilliland, Sonora Murphy, Mrs. Gertrude Cline, Mrs. Ola Ruth Barbee, Mrs. Clara Bender, and Mrs. Ella Lloyd.

**Railroad Brothers To Face Essentials**  
AUSTIN, Dec. 27 (AP)—The state executive board of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen has suggested that the 49th legislature attend to barely essential business, then go home.

The board passed a resolution here yesterday to that effect, specifically asking that the 49th legislature do nothing but pass the appropriation bills necessary to operation of state government.

The resolution expressed the belief that other matters could be laid aside until the defeat of Germany. Money and manpower, both could be saved by a short session, the trainmen said.

**Berlin Says English City Hit By Robots**  
LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Berlin radio said today that Manchester had been struck by V-1 bombs, indicating either that German pick-a-back planes were making daring sweeps toward northern England, or that an improved type of V-1 had a longer range.

Censorship has not permitted British correspondents to comment.

# Social Calendar Of Events For Week

THURSDAY  
ROYAL NEIGHBORS will meet at 2:30 o'clock at the W.O.W. hall.

# Ackerly Couple United In Church Ceremony

The marriage of Miss Norma Murle White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis White of Ackerly, to A/C Bill R. Hambrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hambrick also of Ackerly, was solemnized Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Ackerly Baptist church.

The Rev. O. H. Garner officiated from an improvised altar of fern and tall baskets of red carnations and white daisies.

Preceding the ceremony, Billy Joe Baker sang "Because" by D'Hardiot, and "Always" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Joe Lemmon who also played the wedding march from Mendelssohn, and the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a beige dress fashioned with a low neckline of black lace and small blue velvet bows. She wore a corsage of red roses and her accessories were black and blue. For the traditional something old was a pearl necklace, which her mother wore at her own wedding, and the bride carried a white Bible borrowed from Judy E. Brown.

The bride was attended by her sister, Hallie Jean White, who wore a yellow dress with black accessories and a da shoulder corsage of white gardenias.

Freida White, youngest sister of the bride, carried the ring. A/C Bob Stamps of the Lubbock Air Field, attended the bridegroom as best man and O'Brien Bowlin and Dudley Coleman were ushers.

The couple left immediately for Lubbock where A/C Hambrick is stationed. For her traveling suit, the bride wore a powder blue woolen suit with brown accessories and a shoulder corsage of white gardenias.

Both A/C Hambrick and Mrs. Hambrick are graduates of Ackerly high school. Mrs. Hambrick attended Baylor University during the 1943-44 term.

Complimenting Miss Nora Murle White, bride-elect of A/C

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# FOR VICTORY—

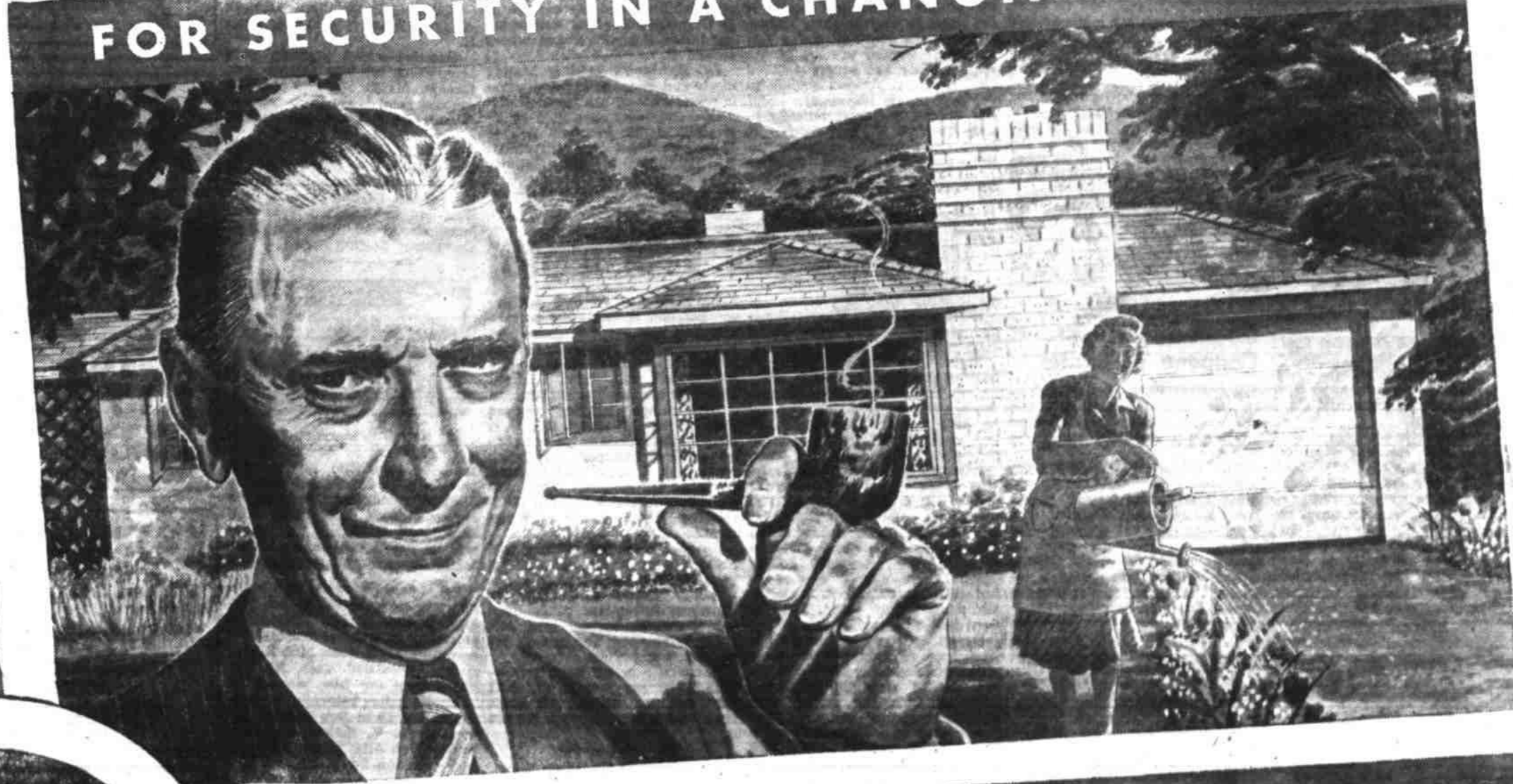


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Editorial - -

Severe Pronouncement

War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes has stirred a tempest with his "crack down" order on sports. He invited wrath when he ordered horse and dog tracks to shut down Jan. 3.

In many instances it is true that those in athletics are in general superior fighting condition to some in the services.

After all, most of these men are doing the thing which they know best to do. They have stayed with it not because they wanted to shirk war responsibilities.

If they are more needed in war production or if the services will adjust regulations to accept their services, then they should be given the opportunity without all this bluster and ill-advised talk.

More Than Just Pictures
Passing of Charles Dana Gibson, famed artist and creator of the celebrated "Gibson Girls," is regretted by many who hearken back to the day when his name was a by-word.

Washington—
A Digger Digs Out The Yankees
By JACK STINNETT
WASHINGTON — The Commonwealth of Australia Information Department is really going to town now in letting the United States know about what is going on down under.

On the other hand, he has found the Americans generous almost to a fault. They'll share their equipment, their food, their beer, their cigarettes, and the proverbial shirts off their backs.

He finds the Yanks "soft" (sentimental to the point of gullibility) in several respects, especially toward women. He thinks this may be because we are still clinging to the frontier tradition that "nothing's too good for the little woman."

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The War Today

by Dewitt Mackenzie
Associated Press War Analyst

We can't know the extent of the damage which the German offensive has done the Allies until General Eisenhower launches his major counter-attack and puts Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt's flashing steel to the full test.

Those alternatives still are before him. There is, however, this difference: His position is much stronger today because of the damage he has inflicted to the American fighting machine.

General Eisenhower hasn't yet lost his opportunity of administering a knockout to his opponent. Still, von Rundstedt by clever generalship has maneuvered himself into such a position that when he has to face the full strength of the Allied counter blow he may be able to pull back into his old position in the Siegfried defenses and thus avoid having his forces cut off and annihilated.

It would also mean that the Germans had secured greater freedom of action in meeting the Russian drive in the east. We may be sure that the German high command had this aspect of the situation well in mind in launching the attack against the western Allies.

The western Allies naturally are watching anxiously for the development of the Russian drive against the Vistula front toward the German frontier. That would be calculated to ease the situation on the western front immeasurably.

of the times as they once were entertaining. Thus, there is something more than of temporary importance to be attached to his sketches.

ten years in age and maturity, and there's little doubt the Aussie soldier looks tougher. Smith adds, however: "Personally, I would hate to meet a Marine seeing red and me at the same time."

Gasoline Ration Coupons To Expire
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP) — Gasoline ration coupons B-4, C-4 and fourth quarter T will expire on Dec. 31, the OPA announced today.

Washington—
"The Voice" Got Rains A Start
By ROBBIN COONS
HOLLYWOOD — Claude Rains started in pictures by being heard from plenty—but nobody saw him.

Nevertheless, since then he has been one of Hollywood's more prominent character actors, though not all to draw the headlines. After all, he's the fellow who finished a picture and then celebrated in a Hollywood night spot but by picking apples back on his Pennsylvania farm.

You probably noticed that he hit the front pages with a bang not long ago. He was paid \$1,280,000 in American money—high-six salary ever paid an actor—for six months' work as Caesar in George Bernard Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra." It seems that Producer Arthur Rank had to pay Rains that much so that the American actor would let his guarantee of \$48,000 for the picture, after taxes.

The deal for his co-star, Vivien Leigh, is much more complicated. Vivien, a British subject, has been under an exclusive contract to David O. Selznick ever since she was chosen as Scarlett O'Hara in that picture. As a contract player, Miss Leigh is paid by Selznick who in turn lent her to Rank. This would mean simply that

Crossword Puzzle
ACROSS
1. Insects
2. Always
3. Head covering
12. Sea eagle
13. Evergreen tree
14. Luron native
15. Pitt of a matter
16. Burden
17. Arc
18. Location
19. Half tone
21. Cry of a cat
22. Prepared for printing
24. Not ready
25. Nothing
26. Tibetan monk
28. Biblical country
34. Adherent of
35. Jogs
37. Preceding
38. Bones
39. Medicinal plant
41. East Indian
42. Weight
43. Numbers at one's command
45. Knife case
46. Part of a curve
47. Grabbed
52. Playing cards
53. Feminine name
55. Masculline
57. Bark of the paper mulberry
58. Clear profit
59. Small island
60. Of the ear
61. Before
62. Close
63. Head: archaic
DOWN
1. Aaks alms
2. Great Lake
3. Models to follow: archaic
4. Hunting dog
5. Epic poem
6. Climbing plant
7. Census taker
8. Discoverer of the Americas
9. Hand-drawn roughly
10. Make amends
11. Hand-drawn roughly
12. Motion of the sea
13. Part of a shoe
14. River mouth
15. Eggs of insects
16. Reproduce the meaning in other terms
17. Soap plant
18. Preserve by drying
19. Finished
20. Nothing more than
21. Bristle
22. Russian sea
23. Star in "The Dragon"
24. Elongated speaker
25. Division of a play
26. Hang futtering on the wing
27. Put up
28. Feminine name
29. Antlered animal
30. Heroic
31. Bag

The Unseen Audience



Hal Boyle: It Didn't Take Hamilton Long To Shake The Name "That Shavetail"

By HAL BOYLE
WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN GERMANY, Dec. 12 (Delayed) (AP) — The old men in the platoon shook their heads when they learned their assignment—to take German pillbox No. 41.

Twice before, veteran combat troops had tried to crack this key fortification. Twice they had failed. "It's a tough enough job—but with that young shavetail and a platoon full of rookies..."

Over rough terrain swept by enemy mortar and machine-gun fire, Hamilton worked his men toward the pillbox as Nazis in adjoining pillboxes sniped at them.

One squad, led by Staff Sgt. Homer D. Brown of Ipava, Ill., finally surrounded the pillbox. Demolition men heaved a satchel charge of TNT at an aperture in the pillbox observation room.

Hollywood—
"IN UNIFORM"
Lt. Walton S. Morrison, who resigned his post as Howard county judge to enter the service as a private, is now in Siapan, his wife has been informed.

Public Records
Marriage Licenses
Albert Wilborn to Pearley Moore, both of Big Spring. George D. Early to Norma Sell, both of West Virginia.

Building Permits
Bertha Turner, to build 10x20 frame garage at 708 Bell street, east \$165. A. E. Rusk, to build 6x24 foot frame addition to present house at 2102 Nolan, east \$200.

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Mirrors Of Austin—

Medics Plug University

By PAUL BOLTON
Students of the medical branch of the University of Texas at Galveston are utilizing the Christmas holidays to plug for their project of removing the school from Galveston.

In towns all over the state, he returning students have planned this sort of a program: To interview their local legislators and get support for the necessary constitutional amendment which would have to be submitted to the next legislature as the first step toward such a removal.

Moreover, these students point out that certainly a new site for the medical school could not be accomplished in time for any of their training, hence they cannot be accused of having a selfish motive in their campaign.

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The obvious fact about such a proposed rewriting of the sanitary code is that in the legislative machinery it consolidates the opposition. Thus every oil company objecting to the proposed new pollution law would team up with every oyster fisherman, and every municipality objecting to state jurisdiction over its water and sewage systems, in opposition to the whole measure.

One of the most important, as well as one of the shortest, provisions, is that regarding pollution, a steadily growing problem all over Texas as industries increase. This particular part of the bill says that no sewage, trade or industrial waste or other matter that might impair the sanitary quality, potability of water, or adversely affect its usefulness for dairy farming, truck farming, oyster growing or domestic purposes shall be deposited where it will drain into well, underground or surface stream, pond, or lake or reservoir used as a source of water supply.

It goes on to say that oil field brines shall be disposed of by approved injection wells or other approved methods, presumably giving the state health officer to determine the other approved methods. And the state health officer is giving general charge insofar as sanitation is concerned, of all water supplies.

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### Harvest Increased Two Per Cent By Texas Farmers During 1944

AUSTIN, Dec. 27 (AP)—Despite labor problems and difficulties in planting and harvesting Texas farmers this year harvested 29,179,000 acres of principal crops, two per cent more than last year and eight per cent above the 1933-42 average.

In its annual crop summary the U. S. department of agriculture, describing the year as one of extremes, reflected bumper yields of wheat, rice and sorghum grain and good hay and peanut production. Cotton and corn fared rather poorly.

What made the harvested acreage unusual, said the department, were difficulties brought about by heavy rains, floods, extremely high temperatures and a period of drouthy conditions.

The department reported these thumbnail crop pictures:

Combined hay and roughage production was 6,609,000 tons, 12 per cent above 1943.

The major feed grains, corn, oats, barley and grain sorghums, were up 17 per cent from a year ago while oil crops, cottonseed, peanuts and flax, were below 1943 production by three per cent, due to a smaller cotton crop.

Excessive rainfall prevented normal corn planting and final production was 69,622,000 bushels compared with 88,416,000 bushels a year ago.

Cotton production is estimated at 2,640,000 bales (500 lb.) compared with 2,823,000 last year and 3,273,000 for the 1934-42 average.

Wheat production at 74,746,000 bushels was an all time high. It more than doubled the 1943 production.

Sorghum grain production broke all previous Texas records at 96,724,000 bushels. Last year's yield of 71,817,000 bushels was the previous high.

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### Big Spring AAF Pilot Receives Court Martial

Second Lt. Lawrence D. Mills, a pilot of the 2nd provisional training group at the Big Spring Bombardier School, was sentenced by a general court-martial December 22, after pleading guilty to a charge of violating Army Air Forces flying regulations. The sentence calls for a fine of \$500, payable in \$50.00 monthly installments, and restrictions to the limits of the post for three months. The findings are subject to approval by higher headquarters.

Testimony brought out the fact that the plane, piloted by Lt. Mills, was flown at an altitude of less than 100 feet in the vicinity of Spur, Texas, on December 1, 1944. Such court-martial proceedings are made mandatory by the AAF in the interests of both public and military safety because loss of or dangerous flying can be the cause of property damage or loss of life. With this in view the AAF move swiftly to curb such practices, said the announcement.

Lt. Mills, by all testimony at the trial and as shown by his army records, is rated an excellent pilot and a man of highest character, it was reported.

### Impromptu Service Speeches To Lions

Impromptu service talks developed the idea at Lions club Wednesday that there is considerable planning for the post-war period here.

This expression was common to most of the talks, including those by City Manager B. J. McDaniel, Marvin Miller, vice-president of Cosden Petroleum Corp., and Otis Grafa, president of West Texas Sand and Gravel company. Several city projects are in the blue print stage, said McDaniel, and means of financing are under consideration. Cosden constantly is seeking substantial expansion with an idea of having good jobs for its former employees when they return from the service, said Miller. Grafa said his concern's plans were in this direction and told of plans for a concrete building materials concern and investigation of a lime kiln. A service talk on the newspaper field was given by Joe Pickle.

Miss Nancy Dawes, public school music director for the Sam Houston school in Dallas, played Rubenstein's "Romance," one of Gershwin's Preludes and a piano composition of her own and accompanied her brother, William R. Dawes, who sang "Winter Song" and "Homecoming."

### Gas Coupons A-13 Expire Thursday

Gasoline coupons "A-13" expired at midnight Thursday, Dec. 21, the district office of Price Administration reminded Wednesday. Coupons "A-14" will be valid from Dec. 22 until March 21, according to Ely Fonville, rationing executive.

"B-4," "C-4" and "T" coupons marked fourth quarter will be invalidated January 1, 1945. The "B-5," "B-6," "C-5" and "C-6" coupons now in circulation will remain valid until further notice, officials stated.

### Germans Try Panic

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A German radio station which has been trying to panic the Belgians ever since opening of the Nazi offensive said today Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's forces were using an atomic bomb in the new attack.

"This is the type of bomb on which the Allies had claimed to have a monopoly," the announcer said. The "Germans used it at St. Vitth. Wherever such a missile is dropped all animals and plants cease to exist. Huge areas of land are scorched, woods are consumed, and any human being caught in the hurricane is shattered to smithereens."

### Yanks Escaping Germans Reveal Nazis Schedule Capture Of Paris

By WES GALLAGHER  
IN THE STAVELOT SECTOR, Belgium, Dec. 25 (Delayed AP)—There is a feeling that the tide of battle has turned in this sector after eight days of desperate fighting.

The Allied air forces delivered a stupendous attack today that left the roads strewn with wrecked German tanks.

"We have given the German panzers their worst beating since the Argentan gap debacle," declared Maj. C. S. Sonestier, of Harrisburg Pa.

That is the big picture—but it has been etched with the individual exploits of scores of heroic American doughboys.

There was Sgt. William Weidener, Loganport, Ind., who with five other men saw two command posts overrun on each side of him but held fast to his position in a barn outside a chateau.

He was cut off and the Germans were 30 feet away—but he refused to give up. He grabbed a bazooka and for 24 hours held on, although four of his men were killed or wounded.

A private with his hand smashed by an enemy bullet sneaked back to his company command post through the German lines for more ammunition.

"I told him we had to evacuate—but he said to hell with that. Weidener needed him and ammunition, and he went back carrying it," declared the company commander.

Wounded men with Weidener who were unable to fight kept contact with the command post by telephone until they died. The young private with the smashed hand picked up a revolver in the other hand and, with Weidener, charged the chateau.

The private was shot in the chest, shoulders and face and only then could his comrades get him into an ambulance.

It was this sort of courage which drove the crack German troops—dazed and beaten—back into a small town in the valley. The Germans established a defense in the town and placed 130 GI prisoners in the cellar of a church.

An American tank battalion hauled a giant 155-millimeter self-propelled cannon up on a ledge overlooking the village 800 yards away. They blew houses down on the Germans heads with direct fire.

The German captors were young, tough troops and very talkative, according to Sgt. Bruce Tate, Columbus, S. C. Another American captive who was released.

"The lieutenant who marched us back said their schedule called for them to reach Paris by Jan. 17," Tate said. He said, "Maybe your Mr. Roosevelt will make peace terms then."

In an area of less than two miles were found the wrecks of 39 tanks, 75 half tracks, eight armored cars, four flak wagons, six self-propelled 150 mm. howitzers, six anti-tank guns, six mortars and a variety of other equipment.

It was apparent that Von Rundstedt had lost the heart of one of his armored divisions here.

### New Point Values Set For Rationing

New point values have been set as follows it was disclosed Wednesday by Ely E. Fonville, district rationing executive.

Asparagus: 7 oz. - 1 lb. 6 oz., 10 points; 1 lb. 6 oz. - 2 lbs. 20 points; 2 lbs. - 3 lbs., 30 points; No. 10, 60 points.

Beans, green and wax, are the same as asparagus.

Corn, vacuum packed, whole kernel: 7-10 oz., 10 points; 10 oz. - 1 lb., 20 points; 1 lb. 2 oz. - 1 lb. 6 oz., 30 points; 1 lb. 6 oz. - 2 lbs., 40 points; 2 lbs. - 3 lbs., 60 points; No. 10, 100 points, sizes not listed, 20 points per pound.

Corn, except vacuum packed and whole kernel: 7-14 oz., 10 points; 14 oz. - 1 lb. 6 oz., 20 points; 1 lb. 6 oz. - 2 lbs., 30 points; 2 lbs. - 3 lbs., 50 points; No. 10, 100 points; sizes not listed 20 points per pound.

Pears: 7-14 oz., 10 points; 14 oz. - 1 lb. 6 oz., 20 points; 1 lb. 6 oz. - 2 lbs., 30 points; 2 lbs. - 3 lbs., 50 points; No. 10, 100 points; sizes not listed, 20 points per pound.

Spinach: 7 oz. - 1 lb. 6 oz., 10 points; 1 lb. 6 oz. - 2 lbs., 20 points; 2 lbs. 3 lbs., 30 points; No. 10, 60 points; sizes not listed, 10 points per pound.

The Howard county ration board will be closed Saturday for monthly reports.

### Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

**BIG SPRING AND VICINITY:** Cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday. Not much change in temperature. Lowest tonight, about 34.

**WEST TEXAS:** Considerable cloudiness, except fair in Panhandle this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

**EAST TEXAS:** Mostly cloudy, rain in east and central portions this afternoon and tonight and in southeast and extreme east portions Thursday; not quite so cold in east and south portions tonight and Thursday.

**TEMPERATURES**

City	Max.	Mjn.
Ablene	32	30
Amarillo	31	27
BIG SPRING	33	30
Chicago	17	6
Denver	43	15
El Paso	61	42
Fort Worth	36	34
Galveston	63	55
New York	44	18
St. Louis	19	15

Local sunset 6:49 p. m.; sunrise, 8:46.

### Here And There

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tidwell have returned from Abilene where they met their son, A/C James Tidwell, who is stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Inkman were reported Wednesday to be recovering from injuries sustained during the holidays when they were struck by an automobile. Mrs. Inkman was bruised and he sustained bruises and a minor leg fracture.

When Rotarians met Tuesday, they came in for the shocking news that there was no program. However, they were equal to the occasion, for members gave impromptu impressions of Christmas as they knew it in their early days from widely separated sections of the country. Result: one of the most interesting programs the club has had recently.

Annie Louise Henis, negro woman has been brought back to Big Spring from Georgia by members of the Sheriff's department. The woman is to face a theft charge.

Over the week-end two people were charged with theft and four were charged with being drunk.

A small coupe reported stolen from Jesus Chabina, Colorado City, here Saturday was recovered Sunday on Scenic Drive. It has been overturned in a ditch, officers reported.

J. E. Harris, 34, former Texas and Pacific employe, has been added to the city police staff as an identification officer, it was announced Tuesday at the city hall. Mr. and Mrs. Harris and family have resided here since August.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thornton have as their guests, their daughter, Mrs. H. B. Mounce, Mr. Mounce, and their sons, Herrell, Curtis and Gerald of Walnut Springs.

**GENERAL HARRIS HERE**

Major General Harris and Col. Brice, both of the Marine Corps, were guests of Col. Ralph Rockwood at officers' mess at the Big Spring Bombardier school Wednesday. The Marine officers arrived on a C-47 en route to Call-ern.

### Three Thurstons Ready For Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The new congress may show up now . . . the three Thurstons are ready.

The three Thurstons really aren't Thurstons at all. They only act like magicians.

They sit by the rostrum in the house and, like magic, reel off the names of every one of the 435 members whether they have seen them before or not.

They are Col. Bill Roy, the assistant parliamentarian; George Maurer, the reading clerk, and Fishbait Miller, custodian of the 103-year-old mace.

Speaker Sam Rayburn will tell you how important they are to the orderly conduct of the house.

Sam is pretty good at remembering the names and states of the members. But with 90 new ones coming in . . . a vast majority of strangers . . . the speaker would have a tough time all alone "recognizing" them for the privilege of the floor—which means a speech.

That's where the three Thurstons step in. One of them is always Johnny on the spot ready to whisper to the speaker when a new member gets up.

"That's Doakes of Arkansas," the speaker "recognizes" the gentleman for whatever business the gentleman had in mind. And you can imagine that the gentleman is pleased about the whole thing. How in the world, he wonders for a while does the fabulous Rayburn do it?

It's easy.

The three Thurstons just go crazy for a couple of weeks. That's all there is to it.

They have a book. It has pictures of every member. The day after election letters go out to the newcomers for pictures and biographies.

Then the three sit down for hours daily and study the pictures, memorizing the facial characteristics.

After a while, they see the pictures in their respective nightmares.

### Army Hospitals Get Clean Bill Of Health From House Committee

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Except for isolated cases of such things as "dehydrated" patients and the use of ancient eggs, army hospitals got a clean bill of health today from the house military committee.

A preliminary report prepared by H. Ralph Burton, general counsel, said that generally speaking sick and wounded soldiers are receiving the best of treatment, their food is excellent, recreation facilities are adequate and equipment is of the finest.

The committee said its investigators inspected 89 hospitals in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Its investigation, it explained, resulted from "rumors of a disquieting nature that sick and wounded soldiers in many instances were being crowded into inadequate crude, uncomfortable, makeshift hospital buildings, often inadequately equipped and insufficiently staffed with doctors, nurses and attendants."

"Whatever may have been the situation," prior to the investigation, it added, "with few exceptions the results following the investigations have been decidedly reassuring."

The committee said it had cited to the war department conditions in unidentified hospitals which "warrant attention."

Of one hospital the committee had this to say:

"No air conditioning of any kind in operating rooms; windows must be kept closed even in the hottest weather. It is difficult for surgeon and staff to operate under such conditions. Patients often become so 'dehydrated' as to require the administration of intra-venous fluids in order to assure recovery."

**MISSION COMPLETED**

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27 (AP)—Detectives Mike Vecchio and August Bettinger, in search for a man reported by neighbors as missing for days and probably dead, tried to get into his house, but the doors and windows were locked.

After considerable noise and exertion, they heard a voice from within: "What are you doing out there? You're making enough noise to wake up the dead."

**BOY BORN TO LEWTERS . . .**

County Agent and Mrs. Durward Lewter have an excellent 4-H club boy prospect. The boy was born to them Dec. 24 at 8:35 a. m. at a local hospital and weighed eight and a half pounds at birth. He has been named Lile Wilson and he and his mother were reported doing well.



**OVERSEAS**—Lt. John D. Robertson, son of E. D. Robertson, Big Spring, recently arrived overseas to serve as a B-17 navigator with the 15th AAF in Italy. He is a graduate of Big Spring high school and was employed as a weather bureau meteorology observer before enlisting in the AAF in January of 1942. He won his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant at Hondo, Texas in August 1944.

### Racial Discrimination To Face Next Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Legislation to forbid racial or religious job discrimination will be high on the calendar of the new congress.

Senator Chavez (D-NM), principal sponsor of a bill which died on the senate calendar last week, said today he would reintroduce the measure on the first day of the new session.

### MURDER CHARGE FILED

Charges of murder were filed with Justice of Peace Walter Grice Wednesday against Teleforo Galan, Jr. He was charged with the fatal stabbing of Edward DeAnda on Dec. 24. Examining trial has not yet been held, said Grice.

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