

The Weather

West Texas: Increasing high cloudiness this afternoon, becoming mostly cloudy in the Panhandle. Slightly colder in the Panhandle tonight.

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PAMPA, TEXAS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1941 Full AP Leased Wire

(PRICE FIVE CENTS)

Good Evening

Jesus Christ is my Light, even when the darkness of night has descended over the earth where we live.

Stores Will Remain Open In Evenings

By THE ROVING REPORTER
The Roving Reporter took his six-bits Christmas spending money and went shopping yesterday, and man, was there a mob in the stores, and because day by day the Christmas shopping crowds are getting larger and larger, stores tonight will begin staying open until 9 o'clock, and will remain open until that time each night until the last toy is sold on Christmas eve.

The Christmas shopping crowds are more flush, more generous, more numerous, than ever before. Even the war cannot close their pocket-books or curb their determination to make this Christmas one to remember forever and ever.

The Jap bombs which rained out of a cloudless sky over Hawaii on Dec. 7 nearly blew the bulging Christmas pack right off Santa's back in America—almost 5,000 miles away.

But Santa, like the American people, can take it. Momentarily stunned, he quickly recovered his bearings, picked up his pack, and went determinedly back to his work, with renewed Yule spirit.

The beginning of the second week before Christmas would normally be the height of the gift shopping season. Yet wandering through many of Pampa's expectantly stocked department stores on the morning after the Pearl Harbor attack, you'd have thought an air raid was actually in progress here—judging by the sprinkling of customers in the aisles.

The next few days were better. It didn't look as if Jap machine-guns in the Pacific would fulfill all of holes the widespread prediction that this would be America's biggest Christmas—ever.

But by week's end, in those same stores where you could have shot moose on Monday, you couldn't have pecked a sardine on Saturday. Recovering from their initial shock, Americans have apparently decided to make this the merriest Christmas of all, figuring that it may be some time before they are able to celebrate another one with all the trimmings.

This determination to make it a happy Yule was by no means eye-closed shoulder-shrugging at the realities of a still-distant war. The fact was written in deficits at America's amusement houses. Japan's stab-in-the-back attack was as first, too shocking for Americans to desire to escape its significance through entertainment.



WAR-SPARSE ON MONDAY. BY SATURDAY stores were jammed with Christmas shoppers.

Pampa Boy Dies In Pearl Harbor Raid

Pampa's first casualty in World War Two is Robert Duvall, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Duvall, now living near Grapevine. News of his death was received by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Runyan, longtime friends, this morning.

Young Duvall enlisted in the United States Navy in September of 1940 and was on board the U. S. S. California stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when war broke out.

No details of Duvall's death were given. Mrs. Runyan said that Duvall's father came to Pampa about 18 years ago and resided here until July of last year when they moved to Grapevine. Robert graduated from high school with the class of 1939. He worked at the Food Store and at Borden's during summer months and after school.

Mr. Duvall was connected with the Pampa Waterworks department for many years.

New BCD Directors Appointed
Tex Evans, M. C. Johnson, J. M. Collins, Farris C. Oden, L. N. Atchinson, and E. J. Hanna were appointed yesterday by the city commission as new directors of the Pampa Board of City Development to take office Jan. 1.

Court Ruling Favors Jehovah's Witnesses
AUSTIN, Dec. 17 (AP)—Because the prosecution was based on a portion of a law no longer in effect, the court of criminal appeals today reversed lower court rulings and ordered discharged J. D. Carter of Kerr, a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect charged with operating a commercial motor vehicle on a passenger license.

Civilian Defense Training Postponed
Postponement of the civilian defense school until after the first of the new year was announced today by city officials. Firms desiring to have men take the course are asked to continue sending names to the police station.

Temperatures In Pampa
8 p. m. Tuesday..... 55
9 p. m. Tuesday..... 47
Midnight..... 47
8 a. m. Today..... 40
9 a. m. "..... 40
10 a. m. "..... 40
11 a. m. "..... 40
12 Noon..... 40
1 p. m. "..... 40
2 p. m. "..... 40
Today's maximum..... 45
Tuesday's minimum..... 34

Nazis Running Without A Fight On Russian Fronts, Reds Report

Hitler Admits Nazi Disaster In Russia

By The Associated Press
Russia proclaimed a series of smashing new victories in the war with Germany today, and for the first time Adolf Hitler's high command wryly acknowledged that the German invasion armies were "shortening their lines" along the Soviet front and were hard-pressed on the defensive in North Africa.

In perhaps the gloomiest Nazi communique of the entire war—giving the German people at least an inkling that the tide of conquest has been thrown into reverse—the high command reported:

"In the course of transition from aggressive operations to stationary warfare for the winter months, necessary improvements involving the shortening of lines now are being systematically undertaken on various sectors of the eastern front."

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Carpenter Sons Safe At Pearl Harbor
Chester Carpenter and Orville Carpenter, sons of Mrs. W. L. Carpenter, 403 North Banks street, came through the bombing of Pearl Harbor according to a letter received by their mother this morning.

\$616 More Given To War Relief Fund
An additional \$616 was pledged yesterday in Pampa's drive to raise \$5,200 for the emergency Red Cross war relief fund, hiking the total to \$1,891.

Red Army On Offensive On Every Front

MOSCOW, Dec. 17. (AP)—On the whole Russian front, from far north of long-besieged Leningrad to the Black Sea, the Red Army was reported on the offensive today, taking hundreds of towns and villages in one sector after another in a mighty winter sweep against the Germans who were said in some instances to have run without a fight.

The extent of the German retreat along the whole 1,200-mile Russian battleline was high-lighted by a British broadcast reporting that all communications between Moscow and long-besieged Leningrad had been reestablished.

Soviet dispatches said the Red Army was pushing a vast counter-offensive from Leningrad to the Black Sea, capturing hundreds of villages and towns in one sector after another.

Siv divisions routed from Kalinin, on the upper Volga 95 miles northwest of Moscow, were reported offering little effective opposition to a rapid Soviet advance which had reached two towns 40 and 45 miles west of that city captured only yesterday.

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Spurious \$5 Bills In Circulation
Pampa merchants have been warned by the Retail Merchants association to be on the lookout for spurious \$5 bills.

U. S. Submarines Sink Jap Ships

By The Associated Press
Japan took alarm today at the reported presence of 20 U. S. submarines operating in Japanese waters even as Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet, announced that American submarines had gone into action for the first time in the 11-day-old conflict and scored success in two out of three attacks.

U. S. army headquarters in Manila reported also that at least 26 Japanese planes had been destroyed yesterday at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, where the Japanese still maintained one of their three toeholds on Luzon Island.

Admiral Hart's cryptical statement did not identify the victims of the American counterblows—whether Japanese warships or merchant craft—or the locale of the sinkings.

It seemed plausible, however, that the United States was tightening a blockade around the Mikado's densely-populated island empire.

In Washington, a war department communique dismissed the Japanese shelling of Kahului, on the Hawaiian Island of Maui, as having damaged only a pineapple company. About 10 shells were fired, the communique said, without a single casualty.

War Flashes
LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The air ministry news service declared today that the Japanese are using both Messerschmitt 109's and 110's—German fighter planes—in the air battle of Malaya.

6 SHOPPING DAYS to Christmas
Also GIVE U.S. Defense Savings BONDS and STAMPS
61 STORES • BANKS • POST OFFICES

Published every evening, except Sundays, and Sunday morning... THE PAMPA NEWS... SUBSCRIPTION RATES... PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE... I HAVE not yet begun to fight!



Oil May Win War... We aren't hearing any more loose talk about oil shortage... Nature, of course, gave us our oil reservoirs, and we should use them wisely and without waste.

Button Up The Lip... Loose talk and rumors have been for many months a dis-service to the nation... Now they are downright dangerous.

The Long Roll... The long roll is again extended. Names are being added to the long list of those who died for their America.

The Nation's Press... NEW YORK—Japan is almost solely dependent on imports of oil for her economy.

Common Ground... I speak the pass-world primer, I give the slip of democracy, by God! I will accept nothing which I cannot have their counterpart of on the same terms.

AVENUE BEING BORN AGAIN... A contributor advises another who is studying the philosophy of Christianity that it is necessary to be born again in order to enter into the Kingdom of God.

WHOLE OF A STORY... Assistant Director Robert Webb got to yarning about some location trips he had made in the Pacific, beginning with the one way back to "The Sea Beast."

PAGO-PAGO PAY... He had an adventure in Pago-Pago, too, with 2,800 angry natives. "I had hired 2,800 of them for a

Spies, Saboteurs Up Against Rough Going... It would be inconceivable in this war for the United States not to have sabotage and espionage, for these are twin activities considered vital to the effective operation of any war effort.



Around Hollywood... HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 17—We were talking about the war, naturally, and the vastness of the Pacific, and wondering what sort of movies that 20th-Fox location company had got in Hawaii, where it had been sent, just before Japan's attack.

Yesteryear In The News... Ten Years Ago Today... Dr. A. Cole was elected first vice-president of the H. H. Wheeler, was elected secretary-treasurer, and Dr. W. Purviance retained as two-year censor of the Gray-Wheeler Medical society at a society election held here.

So They Say... We are at war today... the primary objective is not difficult to state. It can be completely defined in one word: Victory!

People You Know... Do you remember that when Gene Worley was running for congress he said that he would vote for war only as a last resort, but that he would offer his own services any time he tried? Well, a dispatch comes from Washington saying that he is trying to get into some kind of an active unit but to date with little success.

Behind The News In Washington... WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The wonder of it is how the Japanese statesmen figure they can afford to take on a war against both the United States and Great Britain, considering only Japan's unquestionably lousy economic position.

TEX'S TOPICS... SOMEBODY has come up with a good idea down at Marshall, Texas. That's where Coach Ouch Mitchell went from Pampa... Anyway, a movement is spreading across Marshall like wildfire enlisting members in the "Fenny-A-Plane Club."

Cranium Crackers... TWELFTH MONTH... December is best known as the month of Christmas and the one when winter begins. There are many other interesting items that happen or have occurred during the last of our 12 months.

Answers on Classified page... cotton, wood pulp, petroleum, iron, steel, copper, machinery, auto, aircraft and parts... U. S. investments in Japan in 1936 were \$4 million... U. S. holdings of Japanese bonds, as of Jan. 1, 1941, were \$105 million...

Salvage A Big Business... The result has been a series of salvage campaigns that make our aluminum and newspaper collections look like the picnic affairs they really were.

Silk Becomes Surplus... Silk trade, long the backbone of Japan's world-wide export business, once accounted for a third of the country's sales abroad. Raw silk has been the one raw material of which Japan had a sufficiency, and now is an unusable surplus because the United States and Great Britain have stopped buying it.

WASHINGTON'S MID-WINTER CHERRY BLOSSOMS... Japan has six cities of more than a million population—Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto, Kobe, and Yokohama... Tokyo, with 6,800,000 is the third largest city in the world.

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Various small notices, advertisements, and classified answers on the right side of the page.

17, 1941
 SERIAL STORY
 HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL
 BY ADELAIDE HAZELTINE
 CHAPTER II
 THE employees of the store stood in little knots after the announcement of Mr. Dearborn's death. They talked in hushed whispers or just stood staring. Some of the older ones cried, quietly, tears streaking their tired faces. Like little Miss Fanny who had been with Dearborn's since she wore pigtails and ran cash. She had been hosiery buyer for twenty years. There were those who complained that fingers gnarled with rheumatism detracted from the beauty of sheer nylons. But Mr. Dearborn said there would always be a place for her and he had kept his word.

The Christmas extras for the most part looked embarrassed. One of them, Mary Todd of cosmetics, said, "I thought Mr. Herrick ran the store." A dozen were quick to deny it.

Among them all, both old and new, the question was, "What will young Andy do?" Uppermost in their minds, unspoken, each wondered, "Can I keep my job? What will this do to me?"

Even Nicky Moore, the newsboy on the corner, was worried. "Jiminy-gee," his freckled face wrinkled with concern. "He was a good guy." Ashamedly he brushed back a tear. "He always helped me. 'Spose the new fellow will be like that, Miss Carol?"

"Don't worry," Carol comforted him. "Mr. Andy's all right. He'll be here any day now."

But he wasn't there. After two days the cable office reported they had failed to contact the Dearborn yacht.

So the store closed for an afternoon in spite of Mr. Herrick's reluctance to lose the business and the funeral of Andrew Dearborn was held without the presence of his son.

The following day Carol received a wire from Andy saying he was flying back and would arrive at once.

SHE took the message to Mr. Herrick.

"Too late for the funeral," he growled. "But he'd better hurry anyway. They won't read the will until he comes."

Carol was silent.

"I suppose you know who holds the will?" he persisted.

She thought quickly, decided there was no harm in admitting she knew a will existed. The contents were what Mr. Dearborn asked her to keep secret.

"No," she replied, "I don't know who holds it. Mr. Benson helped him draw it up, then died a few weeks later. I should think his office would know."

"You're sure there is one?"

"Yes. Bill and the doctor witnessed it."

"All go to the son?" his small eyes bored into hers. When she failed to answer promptly, he continued. "He can't know much about stores. He certainly hasn't spent any time around here."

Carol rose to Andy's defense. "Why should he? When he wanted to come into the store in earnest, his father wouldn't let him. Later," she spread her hands in futility, "he had other interests."

"It may be a break," he checked himself, said gruffly, "I'll bet he turns out to be a weak sister."

Anger flushed Carol's cheeks. No one but Mr. Herrick would dare voice that accusation. Yet it was, more or less, the way all the em-

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

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"I don't need you in the store now," Mr. Dearborn had told Andy. But when he did need him, only a few years afterward, young Andy was too busy with his Linda Julians and his yacht to care.

ployees felt. They resented young Andy, resented his dark good looks, his indifference to the store. Most of all, they resented Linda Julian and the long parade of others like her who combined to take his attention from business. To them, Linda was the embodiment of his idleness.

But to Carol she was only the cloak of gaiety in which Andy wrapped his disappointment. He had grown up in the store, running errands, watching the clerk sell, studying the cash register as they rang up change. He loved it with the fervor of a teen-age boy for his life occupation.

She was working in the store on Saturdays then. A freshman in high school, Andy was a sophomore and wore the halo of the boss's son. She admired him from a respectful distance. She didn't know herself when that admiration began to be something more. It was when he came back from military school she felt the first sweet shock of it. She was Mr. Dearborn's secretary by then. Seated at her typewriter one day she looked up to see Andy beside her. Andy, a man. Broad-shouldered, tall, with the clean line of his father's jaw and the same well-molded lips. His eyes were gray with glints of silver in them.

"It's you?" he said, looking at her. As if he didn't quite know what she was doing there. "Can you tell me where to find my father?"

Between this simple question and her stammered reply, the thing had happened. Her breath caught in her throat. For a fleeting moment—it seemed hours—she stared at him and something came alive, some inner flame all her tears would never quench.

He hadn't seen. He hadn't known.

But Carol knew and the knowledge tortured her.

"He was graduated that year. She saw the letter in which he told his father he was ready now to go into the store."

She saw his father's answer, too. He dictated it to her. It spoke of higher education, travel, the things he wanted Andy to enjoy. Things he'd never had himself. "Plenty of time to come into the business later," he advised. "I don't need you now."

TRUE, he didn't need him at that time.

But when he did, only a few short years afterward, young Andy was too busy with his Linda's and his yacht to care. Oh, he took a

desk, all right. In the merchandising office. He did well to sit at it an hour a week. His father had set the stage for a life filled with pleasure and Andy had acted his part so long he was loath to give it up. He had become a model playboy and the model was de luxe!

No wonder the store condemned him. No one but Carol knew the truth—the actual reason behind the years he was wasting.

Carol left Mr. Herrick's office and made her way to the floor below to her own. She stood outside of it a moment, gazing down upon the crowd of shoppers of the main floor. People jostled one another good-naturedly. Clerk hurried from one customer to another, smiling a thank-you to the one as they turned to the next.

Christmas at Dearborn's! How long could the store go on without him? It was the next day before Carol had time to think of that.

It was up to Andy and, indirectly, to the six of them who were named to judge him. There were the terms of the will. How well she remembered them! "If, by the first inventory date after Mr. Dearborn's death, the six specified below agree that my son is going to run the business as I would have done, faithful to the traditions upon which the store was built, then he is to inherit it all with my blessing. But if he has continued to pursue his own pleasure, using the store only to support that pleasure without regard for the welfare of the people, I hereby order the store closed, its goods sold at auction. The name of Dearborn's shall never stand for anything but service. It must remain the People's Store."

The will went on to state that in case the store was sold, the entire proceeds were to go to charity.

Mr. Dearborn had set aside a material sum for each of the six employees who were to form a jury to make this decision for him. That, Carol realized, would keep them impartial.

It was only when she found herself listed as one of them that her heart thudded in her ears. How could she sit in judgment on the man she loved?

ports of Ostend, Dunkerque, and Brest on the German-occupied coast of Belgium and France, and mines were laid in German waters, the air ministry declared.

The operations were carried out with the loss of only one plane, it added.

The navy department was established by Act of Congress, April 30, 1798.

Midshipmen at Annapolis are forbidden to chew gum.

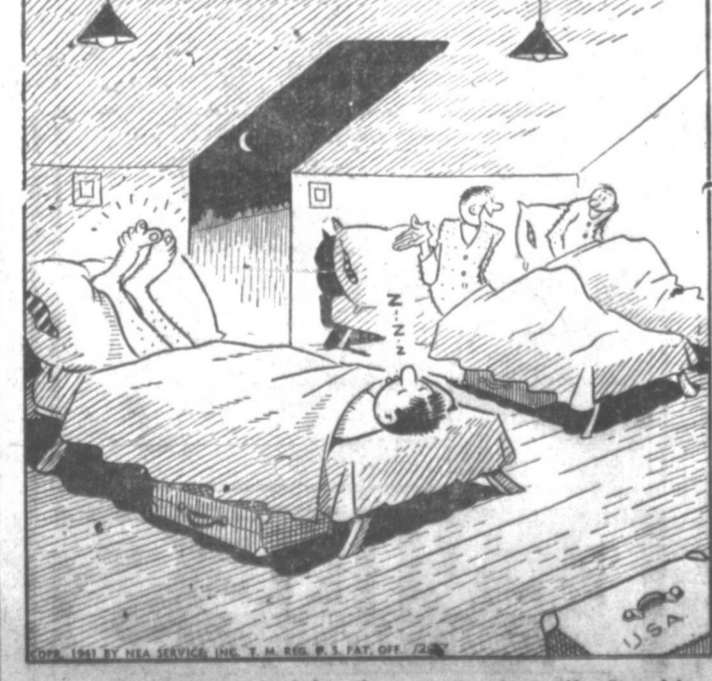
British Bombers Attack Naval Base

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—British bombers attacked the German naval base of Wilhelmshaven in force last night and blasted at Bremen and other towns in northwest Germany, the air ministry announced today.

Large fires were left burning among the Wilhelmshaven docks, the announcement said.

Attacks also were aimed at the

FUNNY BUSINESS



"He never appreciated his feet so much until after his first 20-mile march!"

LIL' ABNER Murder Will Out!



RED RYDER Caution Needed



ALLEY OOP What Was That?



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS Ahem!



WASH TUBBS Rabbit Ears



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES Happy Landing



OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE



"He never appreciated his feet so much until after his first 20-mile march!"

OUT OUR WAY



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The Voice Of the Oil Empire

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 4:30—Melody Parade.
- 5:25—Santa Speaks from Toyland.
- 5:30—The Trading Post.
- 6:45—News with Bill Browne—Studio.
- 6:50—Songs of Ken Bennett—Studio.
- 6:55—Hillbilly Harmonies.
- 7:00—Sports Picture—Studio.
- 7:45—Santa's Personal Gift Guide.
- 7:50—Mallman's All Request Hour.
- 8:00—Songs of the Pioneers.
- 8:15—Monitor Views the News.
- 8:30—The Sunshine Serenaders—Studio.
- 8:45—Isle of Paradise.
- 9:00—Echoes of the Opera.
- 9:30—Best Bands in the Land.
- 9:45—Front Page Drama.
- 10:00—Goodnight.

THURSDAY

- 7:00—Checkboard Time.
- 7:15—News—WKY.
- 7:30—The Musical Clock.
- 8:30—Stringing Along.
- 8:45—Vocal Roundup.
- 8:50—Adam & Eve—Studio.
- 9:00—Sam's Club of the Air—Studio.
- 9:15—What's Doing Around Pampa—Studio.
- 9:30—Dance Orchestra.
- 9:45—News Bulletin—Studio.
- 10:00—Woman's Page of the Air.
- 10:30—The Trading Post.
- 10:45—Isle of Paradise.
- 10:50—News—Studio.
- 11:00—Songs of the Pioneers.
- 11:15—Novelty in Swing.
- 11:30—Light of the World—WKY.
- 11:45—White's School of the Air.
- 12:00—Hits and Encores.
- 12:15—Luna and Abner.
- 12:30—News with Ted DeWesse—Studio.
- 12:45—Latin Serenade.
- 1:30—Let's Dance.
- 1:35—Sign On!
- 4:30—Melody Parade.
- 5:25—Santa Speaks from Toyland.
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- 8:15—Monitor Views the News.
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