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Yanks Lash Back At Nazi Offensive

Japanese Industries On Kyushu Bombed

Ground Forces Advance Easily On Mindoro Japs

Superforts smashed again Tuesday at Japanese factories in a double-edged bombing campaign to eliminate the source of Japanese planes that have been pouring in an unending stream into the Philippines, where 742 were knocked out last week.

American ground forces advanced unopposed on Mindoro Island of the Central Philippines in sharp contrast to fierce fighting on Leyte. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the Japanese 26th Division has been annihilated in a crushing Yank vise on Leyte and the U. S. 77th Division has seized an airport near Valencia in the center of bloody Ormoc Bay.

Dozens of Superforts sweeping out of Western China bombed Kyushu Island industries in Southern Japan Tuesday. Official Tokyo reported they struck at Onura, whose aircraft factory has been the objective of three previous raids.

An imperial communique said between 30 and 40 B-29s made the attack on the heels of a double blow Monday by nearly 200 Superforts against Hankow and the Mitsubishi Aircraft Company's big Kokuki aircraft plant at Nagoya on Honshu Island.

The U. S. War Department described Tuesday's attacking waves only as a "medium force," while Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell, Jr., announced Superforts from Saipan Monday caused extensive damage to the Kokuki factory, set fire to a shipyard and perhaps knocked out Nagoya's power plant. Another Mitsubishi plant, the Hatsudoki works also at Nagoya, was heavily hit about ten days previously.

"Give Me Enough" More than half of the 742 Japanese planes knocked out last week in the Philippines were accounted for by fast carrier forces under command of Vice Admiral John S. McCain (Continued on Page 2)

Texaco Gets Oil In Clear Fork In East Crane

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

The Texas Company No. 3-B Hope, Southeast Crane County wildcat, in section 33, block 45, HATC survey, about one and one-half miles northwest of the discovery well for Devonian production in the Crossett field, and which missed that pay, and also failed to find anything in the Ordovician, was swabbing and flowing to test, above a plugged-back total depth of 3,225 feet.

In 15 hours of testing the well swabbed and flowed 23 barrels of oil, cut with two per cent water—which could be drilling water.

New Pay For Area The section making this petroleum is in the upper Clear Fork Permian at approximately 3,190-3,220 feet. There is no production from this zone, anywhere in the adjacent territory. Testing was continuing.

Deep One In Means Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 38-X J. S. Means, in the Means field, in North Andrews County, is scheduled as an Ellenburger test to 12,000 feet.

Location is 660 feet from east and 700.9 feet from north lines of section 9, block A-35, psi survey. Drilling is to start shortly.

Regular production in the Means area is from San Andres-Permian, around 4,475 feet. (Continued on Page 2)

Advertisement for Christmas shopping: "JUST TO REMIND YOU! Shopping DAYS LEFT Buy Christmas Seals"

Rugged-Outfit



(USMC photo from NEA)

When you see the insignia pictured above you know the guy you wear it is a rough, tough fighting man. It's the symbol of the new 6th Marine Division, formed in the field. Division includes elements of the 22nd Marine Regiment, which conquered Eniwetok; the 1st Marine Brigade, which fought on Guam; and the 4th Marine Regiment, famed for its Marine Raider battalions which have fought throughout most Pacific actions.

Japanese Atrocity Revealed

LONDON—(AP)—The British War Office asserted Tuesday that the Japanese had worked more than 60,000 white captives under such brutal and inhuman conditions that 24,000 of them had died.

The Japanese themselves have erected a memorial to 25,000 men who died in building the Thailand-Burma railway and road, the War Office said. Of the 25,000 men, it was said, fewer than 1,000 were Japanese and the remainder were English, Australians and Dutch.

In an urge for speed, the Japanese disregarded completely "the cost in human life," the War Office said. Sick prisoners were even carried to work on stretchers. Severe beatings were administered to officers and men, the statement said, and there were also cases "of torture and killing."

The statement supplemented an oral report to Commons by Sir James Grigg, war secretary, who said the Japanese used at least 60,000 white prisoners "regardless of conditions under which the prisoners worked and of the cost in human life."

Partial Eclipse Of Venus And Moon Delights Midland

Midland was treated to a rare and beautiful astronomical picture Monday night when the planet Venus passed by the moon in a partial eclipse.

The first observation found the brilliant star almost in the focus of the thin rim of the new moon, shortly after eight o'clock. As watchers continued to admire the phenomenon in the clear desert night, the star moved until it appeared as a huge shining jewel on the upper tip of the crescent. As time went by the star passed behind the moon, then below it, and soon both dropped below the horizon.

Very Rare Astronomers over the state said this was the first eclipse of this type in fifteen or twenty years but it had been forecast some years ago.

Wednesday night the moon and Venus again will be far apart, according to Dr. J. D. Boon, former professor of physics at SMU, who told interested Dallasites of the extreme infrequency of this type of eclipse.

Sign Of Peace In the Spanish-speaking villages of New Mexico sped the word that "the sign of peace is in the Western sky."

Newspaper offices at Albuquerque were swamped with calls, some from distant points over the state.

Origin of the interpretation, professors at New Mexico University said, was in Spanish-American folk lore.

The phenomenon was witnessed in Mexico City where the National Observatory reported the moon moved from west to east to cover the planet for nearly 30 minutes.

Sewell Avery Again Faces Government Seizure Of Concern

WASHINGTON—(AP)—For the second time this year Sewell Avery, chairman of Montgomery Ward Company, found himself Tuesday facing possible government seizure of his firm's property.

The War Labor Board, after waiting unsuccessfully for Avery to announce compliance with WLB directives involving workers in seven cities, said the next step was to shift the case to the White House. The WLB deadline was passed Monday night.

Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson will now get an opportunity to go into the details of the firm's non-compliance with orders directing minimum wages and union security in four Detroit stores where an 11-day old strike is in progress.

CIO-Called The strike was called by the CIO Retail Employees' Union.

Vinson could invoke economic restraints against the Ward chain, with its 500 units across the continent, or could pass the file along to President Roosevelt for possible seizure of stores in some or all of the seven cities involved.

Avery said Monday night in Chicago that if further hearings were desired by the board, Wards would be happy to attend, but that "in good citizenship" he could not take the board's "advice" which he said was "not enforceable."

Red Army Pours Into Kassa, Major East Nazi Point

LONDON—(AP)—Red Army troops swarmed across the Czechoslovak frontier from Northeastern Hungary Tuesday on a widening front, threatening early collapse of the entire German salient in Eastern Slovakia between Poland and Hungary.

Driving down all of the Keeske Mountains, Marshal Rodio Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army units gained up to 12 miles and poured into the broad Bodva and Hernad River valleys leading to Kassa, the enemy's major East Slovak stronghold.

By Monday, Moscow said, one of Malinovsky's columns already was within two miles of the Germans' southern highway escape route out of Kassa. Once it is cut the garrison in Hungarian-annexed Kassa would be able to flee only through the patriot-infested Czechoslovak mountains.

Russian and German aircraft, the Red Army was closing in on Kassa from three directions.

The Russians also advanced into Slovakia in the area of captured Baureve, 23 miles northwest of Miskolc. There, they seized the rail station of Kamecne on the Slana River.

Amarillo Bomber Crashes On Santa Fe Tracks Killing One

AMARILLO—(AP)—An Army medium bomber in flames crashed into track of the Santa Fe railway here Tuesday and 11 cars of a freight train were derailed.

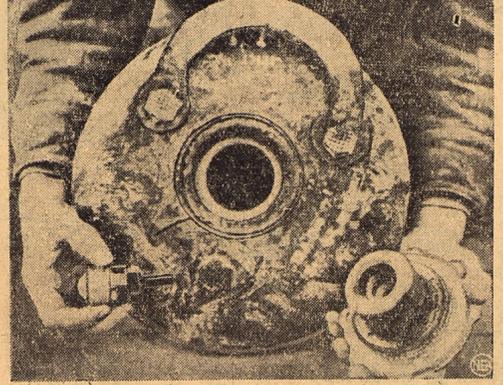
The pilot of the bomber was killed, but two other occupants of the plane escaped.

Harry Jasper of Amarillo a brakeman on the freight, suffered chest injuries which were described as not serious.

Engine Overturned J. L. Wilshire of Amarillo, engineer of the train, said the plane crashed through wires and hit the track about 15 car lengths in front of his train. Eight of the derailed cars overturned. The engine turned over on its side.

Wilshire remained in the cab and helped the brakeman out of it. Fireman Don O. Burnham of Amarillo was uninjured.

'Glass Mines' Are Germany's Newest



Metals must be scarce in Germany, if the German "glass mine" pictured above, is a criterion. The mine, found in Italy, is constructed largely of glass—the only metal part is the detonator, left. All else, including the cap, right, and the bolts, is made of glass.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

WESTERN FRONT — Germans smash 20 miles into Belgium through U. S. First Army lines as counteroffensive continues at high cost to Nazis.

ROME — Heavy fighting continues on Eighth Army front around Bagnacavallo, 10 miles into Po Valley.

PACIFIC — Superforts again smash at Japanese factories, bombing Kyushu Island. Ground forces on Mindoro advance.

EASTERN FRONT — Russians swarm across Czechoslovak frontier.

J. B. Hoskins Buys Everybody's Store

The sale of Everybody's Store, oldest dry goods business in Midland, to J. B. Hoskins was announced Tuesday by Mrs. Joe Youngblood. Hoskins will take charge of the store January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Youngblood and Miss Lois Patterson, owners of the store, will transfer its lease, fixtures and complete stock to Hoskins next month.

Hoskins, who has been in the dry goods business here 17 years, now is manager of The Dunlap Company department store. He was with the store before it was purchased by Dunlap's from Addison Wadley.

Personnel To Be Retained Hoskins said personnel of Everybody's Store will be retained after he takes charge, and also that the high standard of the store and its high-grade lines will be continued.

Mrs. Youngblood already has purchased Spring merchandise for the store.

The late T. S. Patterson, father of Mrs. Youngblood and Miss Patterson, came to Midland from Sweetwater in November 1903 to enter the mercantile business and the family has been engaged in that business here since that date.

In 1919, Patterson, his late son, Tom Patterson, and Mrs. Youngblood purchased the Everybody's Store from the late J. H. Barron, and it has continued at the same location.

All Men Under 30 To Be Reexamined For Draft

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Two new draft developments: Army calls on Selective Service, which have been running at 60,000 men a month, will be upped to 80,000 in January and February.

Winnie Blocks Commons Review Of Greek Row

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill blocked Tuesday a full-scale Commons review of the war and the strife in Greece, but was forced into a new hot-tempered defense of British troops intervention in Belgium.

"We were acting under American instructions," he said in upholding use of armed force in last month's riots in Belgium.

Referring repeatedly to Gen. Eisenhower in "hitting back at the acid criticism of opposition members," Churchill said "a great battle is proceeding now." He declined to give a review of the general war situation on the ground that Eisenhower was right in imposing a "temporary news blackout" on Western Front developments.

He reported the situation in Greece "has greatly improved," but refused to elaborate.

Vote Of Censure Churchill made it clear that if the House of Commons wanted an immediate review of the Greek situation it would have to come on a vote of censure—a Parliamentary maneuver which would mean his government would stand or fall on the outcome.

The opposition did not appear disposed to accept the challenge on those terms.

Opponents of Britain's policy, challenged Churchill's account of precautionary steps taken in Belgium in November when truck loads of armed insurgents were moving on Brussels from Mons.

Churchill said that for his part he had no intention of bringing up Britain's policy of intervention in Greece himself before Christmas. He served notice that he would not dodge immediate debate on the issue if challenged, but said it had best come on another vote of censure. The last such vote he won 279 to 30.

Churchill said he would not make a statement on the war situation before Christmas recess, which begins after the session Thursday and lasts until mid-January.

Roosevelt Returns From Warm Springs

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt returned Tuesday from a three weeks' vacation at Warm Springs, Ga.

Facing momentous months in the fields of war and Allied diplomacy—plus the beginning of a fourth term and organization of a new Congress—the chief executive came back to the capital sun-tanned and a few pounds heavier. He arrived by special train and went immediately to the White House to start a routine day.

He returned from Georgia via Camp Lejeune, on New River, at Jacksonville, N. C., where Monday afternoon he made a two-hour inspection tour of the vast Marine combat reservation. This was his only side trip outside of Georgia during his absence from Washington.

Will Hold News Conference Roosevelt planned to hold his regular news conference late Tuesday. It will be the first time since the special one he called Nov. 27, the day he left for Warm Springs, at which he announced the resignation of Cordell Hull as secretary of state.

First Army Troops Cross Roer River Entering Duren

PARIS—(AP)—American doughboys and tanks struck back Tuesday at the German armor-powered counter-offensive that had cut 20 miles into Belgium, while to the north First Army patrols crossed the Roer River barrier into Duren.

American blows to stabilize the front were thrown in as the bold Nazi push probed into Belgium and Luxembourg on a 60-mile front.

The First Army maintained pressure on the Cologne front despite the menacing counteroffensive. Just before noon patrols of the 83rd Division's 329th Regiment crossed the formidable Roer River and pushed into Duren, stronghold city 20 miles from Cologne.

Supreme headquarters imposed security silence on the powerful German counteroffensive, but a First Army dispatch said one German tank thrust below Manzhou "had some success in a frontal push" with the Germans being contained on some sectors.

Aachen Threatened The Germans were striking from above Monschau to near Echternach. The deep plunge into Belgium carried a broad flanking threat to Aachen.

The German onslaught was powered by massed reserves and supported by a new vengeance weapon of an undisclosed type. Supreme headquarters was silent on details of the battle.

But the Germans at one point were 20 miles or more inside Belgium, and 25 miles south and slightly west of Aachen. An air report told of British Typhoons shooting up Nazi armored vehicles "west of Stavelot," which lies 18 airline miles and nearly 22 by road from the German border.

Wedged Back 15 Miles The First Army line had been wedged back 15 miles or more at this point. The enemy assault gouging in at Stavelot may have been launched from somewhere west of the Reich border itself.

The First Army patrols sent into Duren felt out one of the main strongholds on the Cologne plain, the Germans had pulled back to the east bank of the Roer on a broad front above and below Duren after two weeks of long costly battle.

Heavy German artillery fire fell on the First and Ninth Army fronts. Ninth Army men in the Linlich area above Duren mopped up the towns of Wurm and Mullendorf.

Along the southern sector of the long Western Front, the U. S. Seventh Army hacked at stubborn German resistance along a line running 20 miles northwest from the Rhine. German artillery was extremely active. West of Blicke, Seventh Army men battled to overcome two hold-out Maginot forts. Two towns were taken in a two-mile gain northwest of Wissembourg.

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Humble Official Will Be Buried At Houston

HOUSTON—(AP)—Funeral services were to be held here Tuesday for Hiram H. Spain, 54, assistant division superintendent of Gulf Coast production of Humble Oil and Refining Company. He died at his home Sunday.

He had served throughout the Gulf Coast area as driller, tool pusher and superintendent.

Weather

Fair.

War Bulletins

LONDON—(AP)—Three hundred Flying Fortresses spread nearly 1,000 tons of explosives on German supply lines immediately behind counterattacking Nazi troops Tuesday afternoon. It was the first mission of its kind in the European war.

LONDON—(AP)—The German high command declared Tuesday that Nazi tank forces "have broken through, smashed and dispersed units of the American First Army deep into the enemy rear."

ROME—(AP)—Heavy fighting continued on the Eighth Army front around Bagnacavallo, about 10 miles into the Po Valley above the captured Rimini-Bologna highway town of Faenza, Allied Headquarters announced.

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And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.—Matthew 2:11.

Two Birds With One Signature

When General de Gaulle signed the new Franco-Soviet treaty of mutual assistance and security, he accomplished perhaps the most brilliant act of his short political career. His signature did much to restore France to her former place among world powers, to take his government out of the "provisional" class, and to enhance his own position and international prestige.

But the international importance of this alliance has diverted attention from its potentially equal importance within France, where it gives promise of continued political stability and orderly recovery.

Thus far General de Gaulle's personal strength and popularity have helped to prevent the tragic civil disturbances that have followed liberation of other occupied countries in Europe. But these qualities could not guarantee that such disturbances would not occur.

Underlying the bitter feeling between patriots and collaborationists in the liberated countries, there has been a lesser but still noticeable resentment by patriots toward fellow countrymen who escaped the German occupation. This has extended to heads and officials of government, even those who may have been more useful in the comparative safety of England or Africa or North America.

Soviet Russia saw the fruits of a similar resentment 20 years ago in the split between Stalin and Trotsky. It wasn't the only cause of the split, or even the chief one.

But men like Stalin and Molotov could not forget that between the 1905 uprising and the 1917 revolution they had worked inside Russia, living a life of suffering and constant danger of imprisonment and Siberian exile, while Trotsky and his circle lived and worked abroad, and in comfort.

Some European patriots feel the same way today. They had their choice and they chose not to escape or collaborate, but to fight the enemy at the risk of death and torture. Thus they feel that they have earned the right to the dominant voice in present and postwar government.

This feeling was particularly strong in pre-invasion France, even though it did not break out in violence, as in Belgium and Greece. And in France as elsewhere, Communists have had a strong voice in these militant groups. They are not necessarily in the majority, and their motives may be spotlessly patriotic. But with their noted genius for organization, the Communists are considerably in evidence.

Now General de Gaulle is far from being a Communist, and it is most unlikely that this new treaty will change his views. But the treaty and the atmosphere of reciprocal regard in which it was conducted should have a conciliatory effect on French Communists.

It remains to be seen how this treaty will affect Churchill's hope of strong alliances in Western Europe. The immediate prospect, however, is one of benefit to France and to the vigorous prosecution of the war against Germany.

BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS

Air Setup Headed For Snags

Adolf Berle's Convention on Civil Aviation adopted at Chicago after six weeks of conferences with representatives of 50-odd nations seems headed for trouble in the Senate.

First, it will run head-on into Foreign Relations Committee opinion that no supplementary international agreements should be made until the Dumbarton Oaks thing is thrashed out and a United Nations Organization to maintain peace and security is a little more of a reality.

Second, it will be considered a violation of the Senate's request, delivered to the President by Sen. Bennett Champ Clark's Commerce subcommittee on aviation, that no post-war flying commitments be made until Congress determines policy.

Third, it will clash with considerable congressional opinion that at Chicago under Berle's leadership the United States not only lost its flying shirt but also gave away its flying pants and boots when there was no reason for being that generous.

There are two sides to this story and at this stage of the winged horse swapping it is impossible to make judgment. But behind one side of the story—belief in some aviation circles that the United States delegation gave away more air rights than it had to—there is a likely explanation of what led to the forced resignation of Adolf Berle as assistant secretary of state and an indication of what may happen next.

BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS

Explanation

We see where Representative May of Kentucky presented General Eisenhower with a bottle of 8-year-old Kentucky bourbon, which the general promptly sent to a field hospital.

Before any touchy Kentuckians utter bitter, hasty words about the eminent commander of our European forces, it should be made clear that the general sent the whiskey to the hospital for patients, not for analysis.

The only way for a man to keep on the upgrade is to stay on the level.

Charity begins at home, but is scheduled to take a lot more trips abroad.

Goodness! Who'd Ever Think It'd Come To This?



Texaco Gets -

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Humble No. 1 Parrott, East-Central Upton County discovery, in section 3, EL survey, swabbed 37 barrels of fluid in a full 24-hour testing period. The fluid was cut one per cent water and from five to eight per cent basic sediment. Remainder of the recovery was oil. Casing pressure was 175 pounds.

About The Same

The swabbing lowered fluid from 6,700 feet from the surface to 6,900 feet. Total depth is 7,750 feet in shale. The oil came from 7,480-7,500 feet and from 7,530-70 feet, through casing perforations.

Stanford Oil & Gas Company No. 1-D University, Southwest Andrews County exploration, in section 8, block 11, University survey, was still in the Simpson, after coring from 10,022 feet to 10,045 feet. The hole was being reamed to the bottom to core ahead.

Sinclair Prairie Oil Company has filed application to drill another Ellenburger test on the northwest side of the Keystone field, in North Winkler County.

The new project is Sinclair No. 7-A Walton, to be 660 feet from the west and north lines of the southeast quarter of section 20, block 77, ps1 survey.

It is 1,320 feet due north of same owner's No. 5-A Walton, now bottomed at 10,065 feet, with 5 1/2-inch casing cemented at 9,999 feet.

No. 5-A Walton had the thickest Ellenburger section of any well so far drilled in the Keystone area. Top of the section was at 9,205 feet.

Ohio Oil Company No. 1 Jones, wildcat seven miles southeast of Hobbs, in East Lea County, New Mexico, in section 18-12s-37e, was waiting for orders on a total depth of 5,779 feet in lime.

After coring at 5,772-79 feet, and recovering five and one-half feet of gray, fractured dolomite, with some streaks of porosity, and signs of bleeding oil, a drillstem test was taken at 5,702-79 feet. Recovery was 2,666 feet of sulphur water, with a slight stain of oil.

A Schumberger survey was to be taken and the owner was to decide the future of the exploration.

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1-11 University, section 29, block 13, University survey, Devonian development on the south side of the Fullerton field, in Northwest Andrews County, was swabbing to cleanout and test, after perforating casing and treating with acid in saturated section above total depth at 6,858 feet, in the Silurio-Devonian.

Cooper Outpost Cased

C. M. Pearce and others No. 1 Coates, Cooper area outpost in South Lea County, New Mexico, in the northwest quarter of section 10-24s-36e, cemented 7 1/2-inch casing on bottom at 1,415 feet, with 250 sacks of cement. Top of anhydrite was at 1,386 feet, on an elevation of 3,396 feet.

Richmond Drilling Company No. 1 Nelson, section 34, block M, EL survey, Northwest Dawson County wildcat, which has indicated a possible production of 100 barrels per day, had completed cleaning out to the bottom of the shot hole at 4,899 feet. Tubing and rods have been run, and a pumping unit is to be set to test and complete.

A Point In Lea Wildcat

Rowan Drilling Company No. 1 Simmons, Northeast Lea County, New Mexico wildcat, in section 10s-38e, only one and one-half miles west of the Cochran County, Texas, line, was drilling below 4,427 feet, in San Andres lime topped at 4,300 feet on an elevation of 3,919 feet, to give it a minus of 381.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., and Cities Service Oil Company No. 1 TXL, section 7, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, in West Ector County, was swabbing to cleanout and test after treating with 500 gallons of acid through perforations at 8,065-75 feet. So far, only acid water and emulsion has been recovered.

Gulf Oil Corporation No. 2-B-T Edwards, Ward County prospector for Permian pay, was cleaning out at 4,200 feet, and showing a slight amount of gas after a 730-foot shot at 4,562-85 feet.

Just Goes To Show That You Never Know

ALLIANCE, NEBR.—(AP)—Four Alliance girls who thought they married Air Force paratroopers here last August have discovered the nuptials were false, "performed" by a soldier impersonating an Army chaplain, County Judge Penrose E. Romig said Tuesday.

The "ceremonies" were conducted in an Alliance Army Air Base barracks which the girls were persuaded the paratroopers have since gone overseas, they told Judge Romig.

The judge asserted the girls discovered no marriage certificates had been recorded in Box Butte County Court here after applying for government allotment checks. None of the girls has heard from the men since they left for overseas, the judge said they informed him. Officers at the air base, which has been transferred since from the troop carrier command to the Second Air Force, asserted they had no knowledge of the case.

Yanks Lash -

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Farther west the Third Army mopped up all but the factory district of Dillingen, and cleaned strongpoints in Roden, suburb of Saarbrücken. Small gains were scored east and northeast of Sarreguemines.

The crucial battle was centered on the First Army sector of the fiercest German lash-out, and fighting still was heavy and costly.

The news blackout was 24 hours old—hours in which much could have happened. The Germans had swept to Stavelot in a day and a half.

This was but the second time that news silence had been imposed over an Allied reverse—the first was at Arnheim—and the first time it had been applied on the American front for reasons other than to mask sweeping U. S. advances.

It thus had a strongly sobering influence while word was awaited on the fight that might prove the hinge to the outcome of the whole western campaign.

Ground Forces -

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Cain, who declared "Give me enough fighter planes and we can go up to the empire and do the same" thing to Japan proper.

His planes, led by bomb-carrying rocket-firing fighters, knocked out 461 enemy planes, sank 28 ships and damaged 66 in 60 unbroken hours of raiding Luzon Island to cover MacArthur's invasion of Mindoro last Friday.

American planes will soon be taking off from newly-built airbases on Mindoro, within half an hour's flying time of Manila, Associated Press War Correspondent Elmore Waits reported. Only opposition to the invasion, he said, has been by Japanese aircraft.

MacArthur reported 48 were shot down attacking shipping off Mindoro Monday, including the 40th bagged by Major Richard J. Bong of Poplar, Wis., America's ace of aces.

The Japanese made an unconfirmed claim that Nipponese planes sank two warships and two transports and damaged two others off Mindoro.

"The enemy is offering no ground opposition," MacArthur said. "We caught him completely off balance."

By contrast, 905 enemy dead were counted in a single day on Leyte. Chinese, turning the tables on the invaders in Central China drove to within six miles of Chin-Cheng-Kiang, "Golden City" on the railway 81 miles west of the former U. S. air base at Litchow in Kwangsi Province.

The Navy Department announced Monday U. S. submarines sank 33 more Japanese ships—12 warships, two tankers, two transports, 17 freighters—bringing their wartime bag to 907.

Gifts To Goodfellow Club Show Increase

The number of contributors to the Goodfellows Club's fund to provide food for Christmas dinners for indigent families of Midland showed a splendid increase Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

"If contributions continue to come in through Thursday as well as they have in the past 24 hours the Goodfellows will have sufficient funds to provide for all of the needy families who need help," Ily Pratt, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce welfare committee, said.

Pratt urged contributors to turn their gifts in at the Chamber of Commerce as early in the week as possible so the Goodfellows can estimate how many families they can provide with food for Christmas dinners. Pratt emphasized food would not be provided for those able to work.

Latest contributors to the Goodfellows fund are: employees of The Reporter-Telegram, \$10; William Simpson, \$5; Fine Arts Club, \$5; R. D. Weaver, \$5; Lester T. Grant, \$5; H. G. Bedford, \$5; Mrs. W. H. Sloan, \$5; J. Howard Hodge, \$25; E. H. Peyton, \$3; Ernest Sidwell, \$5; Presbyterian Church, \$20; Addison Wadley, \$5 and an anonymous gift of \$2.

Crude Oil Production Again Shows Decline

TULSA, OKLA.—(AP)—United States crude oil production declined 5,420 barrels daily in the week ending Dec. 16 to 4,700,030 barrels daily, the Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

Texas output was stationary at 2,111,550 barrels daily. Louisiana saw an increase of 650 barrels to 361,400; Rocky Mountain area, up 1,960, to 124,960; California, up 5,000 to 885,260, and East Texas, up 100 to 371,100.

Illinois production declined 7,000 barrels to 199,400 barrels daily; Eastern Fields, down 5,000 to 63,000; Kansas, down 200 to 267,100; Oklahoma, down 2,200 to 358,200, and Michigan, down 200 to 52,700.

J. B. Stevens Dies In Electric Chair

HUNTSVILLE.—(AP)—J. B. Stephens, convicted of murder in Ellis County in the slaying of Deputy Sheriff Jess White, died in the electric chair here early Tuesday.

He was given the last sacrament by a Catholic priest as he was strapped in the chair at 12:13 a.m. He was pronounced dead seven minutes later, at 12:20 a.m.

Stephens had been granted one 30-day stay of execution by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson. The Board of Pardons and Paroles refused to grant a further stay.

Livestock

FORT WORTH.—(AP)—The livestock market was generally steady on cattle and calves here Tuesday. Estimated receipts Tuesday compared with actual arrivals on the like day of last week were: Cattle 3,700 and 4,206; calves 2,500 and 2,578; hogs, 1,300 and 1,252; and sheep, 4,000 and 7,604.

Medium to good slaughter steers and yearlings ranged from 11.00-13.75 with cutter and common kinds at 7.00-11.00. A few good beef cows brought 10.00-11.00; common to medium cows 7.00-9.50; and canners and cutters 4.00-7.00. Stockers scarce and nominally steady.

Good and choice 180-270 lb. butcher hogs brought the top of 14.55. Good and choice 150-175 lb. averages sold at 13.50-14.25. Heavy butchers cashed at mostly 13.50. Packing sows turned at 13.25-50. Stocker pigs brought 10.00-12.50.

Medium and good lambs sold at 11.00-12.50, top price being paid for lambs with No. 1 pelts. Good shorn yearlings brought 11.25. Cull to medium ewes cashed at 4.50-5.75. Light weight feeder lambs brought 10.25.

FBI Discovers Jap Fire Bomb On Free Balloon

KALISPELL, MONT.—(AP)—A huge paper balloon, bearing Japanese ideographs and armed with an incendiary bomb capable of starting a major conflagration in this northwest timber empire, has been found 17 miles southwest of Kalispell, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said Monday night.

Announcement of the strange device, camouflaged blue and cream color, was permitted a week after Owen Hill and his father, O. B. Hill, found it while on a wood-cutting trip.

Although more than 500 residents saw the balloon, which dangled in a region sometimes swept by forest fires, they heeded a warning to refrain from talking of it.

Travel 200 MPH

Ward Bannister, in charge of Montana-Idaho FBI offices, commented that prevailing winds on the West Coast recently have been from the west or northwest. Free balloons, he added, are known to travel as fast as 200 miles an hour in swift, high-air currents. Air mile distance from Cape Flattery on the Northwest Pacific Coast to Kalispell, is 475 miles.

He did not comment on the probable purpose of the balloon, nor its point of release, but said it was a "free balloon, capable of making only one flight" and that it was not a weather balloon.

The balloon was 33 1/2 feet in diameter and armed with a six-inch bomb containing "aluminum and some oxide."

A 70-foot fuse had ignited then snuffed out without causing any damage.

Bannister said the Japanese ideographs stated date of manufacture and inspection, and that the balloon was "high quality paper," treated with varnish.

The incendiary device, he added, apparently had been fixed so as to consume the balloon.

Texans Enable Patients At McCloskey To Call Free

TEMPLE.—(AP)—Wounded veterans at McCloskey General Hospital now may telephone home—free.

Gifts from individuals, groups and organizations of Texas make this possible, Brig. Gen. A. Bethea said Monday. He said major credit goes to students of Stonewall Jackson High School of Houston, who last week sent a check for \$1,364.08 to start the fund. They raised the money by collecting and selling waste paper.

Cotton

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Cotton futures 25 cents a bale higher. March 21.94, prices at noon Tuesday were 5 to 25 cents a bale higher. March 21.94, May 21.86, July 21.46.

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Federal Grand Jury Indicts Norden Co.

NEW YORK.—(AP)—A special federal grand jury Tuesday indicted Carl L. Norden, Inc., bombsight manufacturers, and a war plant survey firm and four individuals on charges of conspiracy to slow down production of the war-vital Norden bombsights.

The indictments also charged a conspiracy aimed at forcing makers of war goods to employ the Survey Company, Corrigan, Osburne and Wells, Inc., specialists in the installations of production control systems for industrial concerns.

Individuals named were Theodore H. Barth, president, and Ward E. Marvelle, vice president of the Norden Company; Navy Cmdr. John D. Corrigan as head of the survey firm; and Robert H. Wells, vice president of the concern.

Hold Services For Mrs. Hoekendorf

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Ellis Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Augusta Hoekendorf, 74, with the Rev. Harold H. Hare officiating. Interment will be at Liberal, Kan., Wednesday.

Mrs. Hoekendorf died at her home in Midland Sunday of a heart ailment. She had been living in Midland since 1936.

Surviving are five sons, E. A. Hoekendorf, William Hoekendorf, Edwin Hoekendorf, Harry Hoekendorf and Richard Hoekendorf; two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Herzog and Mrs. J. L. Webster; 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Temperature Sinks To 30 Degree Mark

The temperature in Midland went two degrees below the freezing point Tuesday morning when the thermometer registered 30 degrees at 9 a.m. This was two degrees below the minimum temperature for Monday when the mercury fell to the even freezing mark of 32 degrees.

Monday's maximum temperature of 52 degrees was reached at 5:30 p.m. and held there until 7 p.m.

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Three-Year-Old Bryant Child Is Fatally Injured

Winston Ervin Bryant, three-year-old son of S. W. Bryant, 603 N. Dallas was injured fatally Thursday afternoon when a front wheel of his father's car passed over his body. He was rushed to the hospital but died soon after being admitted.

The boy was playing on the front bumper of the automobile when his father started the car, not knowing that the child was nearby. The youngster tried to get off of the bumper but in doing so fell under the wheel.

Lake View Paratrooper Killed In Auto Wreck

CHILDRESS.—(AP)—Staff Sgt. Tommy Moreland, 24, Lakeview, survived 16 months duty overseas as a paratrooper. Monday he was killed in an automobile accident.

Moreland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moreland of Lakeview, had been wounded in Italy last August after serving in the North African and Sicilian campaigns, and recently had been released from Harmon General Hospital at Longview.

LeRoy Beavers, Lakeview, was seriously injured in the same accident, which occurred when their car overturned near here.

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Society

Mrs. Peck Entertains With Bridge And Tea

Mrs. Hal Peck, entertained the Edelweiss Club with an annual Christmas party at her home Monday morning. Gifts were exchanged by the members with Miss Patti Peck distributing them from the Christmas tree.

The house was decorated for the holiday period with poinsettias, holly, mistletoe, Christmas candles and other decorations. Mrs. James N. Allison won high score for bridge, with Mrs. O. B. Holt winning second high. Mrs. Roy Parks won for bingo, and Mrs. Foy Proctor won the floating prize.

Approximately twenty guests in addition to the club members called during the morning for tea. Mrs. Peck presented each of the club members with holly corsages. They were Mes. James N. Allison, Clyde Cowden, Ellis Cowden, John Dublin, Hayden Miles, J. R. Martin, Tom Nance, Roy Parks, G. E. Hall, S. J. Lones, Mamie Stokes, John M. Speed and the hostess.

Mrs. Dunagan Gives Truly Circle Coffee

Mrs. John C. Dunagan entertained the Mary Elizabeth Truly Circle of the First Baptist Church with a coffee Monday morning in her home 1904 West Wall.

Mrs. C. M. Dunagan poured from a table decorated with fruit and big red candles.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the group sang, "Silent Night." Mrs. B. C. Girdley opened the meeting with a prayer. A short business meeting was held during which Mrs. John Dunagan read a letter from her son, Buddy, thanking the circle for the fruit cake he received from them. Mrs. C. M. Dunagan taught a lesson on "Holy Spirit and Blessing" from the Bible. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The group exchanged gifts by drawing numbers, with Mrs. G. A. Wakefield acting as Santa Claus. Members attending were Mes. J. K. Wright, O. L. Bevil, G. A. Wakefield, Russell Howard, B. C. Girdley, C. M. Dunagan and the hostess.

The next meeting of the circle is to be January 8 at 3:15 p.m. at the Church.

Visit Sons In Navy

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parks and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer left Tuesday for San Diego, Calif., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with their sons, Roy Parks, Jr., and Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., who are stationed there with the Navy.

B. & P. W. CLUB HOLDS REGULAR CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Business and Professional Women's Club held its annual Christmas dinner party Monday night in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel. Ruth Rhodes, vice-president, conducted the short business session in the absence of the president, Iva Noyes, and Frances Harrison led the informal program.

Lucy Moore, a former member of the Coleman B. & P. W. Club, was accepted as a member, and Mrs. Cecil Tillman, Sgt. Janie Boldt, Sgt. Lea Lowery, Mrs. Betty Deane and Mrs. T. J. McGuire were guests.

The table had as a centerpiece a floral arrangement of coral gladioli and daisies, flanked by two large Christmas candles on either side.

Toys were distributed by "Santa," played by Cordelia Taylor, which later were given to the Goodfellow Fund.

Members present were Fannie Bess Taylor, Flossie Vaughn, Josephine Ligon, Eleanor Luton, Laura Jesse, Neta Stovall, Gail Watson, Sue M. Simms, Glenyth Herring, Maude Prather, Mae Promhold, Colysta Christian, Annie Ford, Mary Louise Rhodes, Maria Spencer and Ophelia Greene.

All-Civic Luncheon Scheduled Wednesday

Midland's pre-Christmas all-civic luncheon will be held at noon Wednesday in the crystal ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel with members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Lions Club meeting together.

The luncheon is being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as a part of its Christmas activities program which is entered in a state and national contest.

Harlan Howell of the JayCees is chairman in charge of arrangements for the luncheon. Howell said an inspirational program had been arranged for the affair in keeping with the JayCees' Christmas theme, "Towards a Greater Faith."

Laura Haygood Circle Has Christmas Party

The Laura Haygood Circle of the First Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. D. A. Pass Monday afternoon for a Christmas party and luncheon. After the luncheon gifts were taken from a lighted Christmas tree and distributed. The group presented Mrs. J. L. Tidwell, study leader for the past year, with an appreciation gift in recognition of her service.

Members attending were Mes. T. A. Fannin, Wayne Campbell, Stacy Allen, O. L. Crooks, Clyde Gwyn, L. M. Fielding, Nettie Crawford, W. A. Black, C. C. Thomas, H. E. Hensley, G. P. Bradbury, A. B. Stiekney, J. L. Tidwell, Hugh Duncan, and her visitor Mrs. Scott Duncan of Dallas.

Scanty — But It's All Velvet



Just to give you winterbound readers something to look forward to, the comely model in the photo above was snapped at a recent New York fashion show, where she modeled this black velvet scantyswim. California designer Cole says you'll see it on next summer's beaches.

Mrs. R. C. Tucker Is Hostess To Trinity Episcopal Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Episcopal Church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. C. Tucker, 1411 W. Illinois. After the devotional was given by the Rev. R. J. Snell, Mrs. James N. Allison presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. Don C. Sivalls read the play, "Candle in the Window," after which the birthday calendar was compiled.

A light luncheon then was served. Members present were Mes. Felix Ankele, Louis A. Bartha, A. T. Barrett, John P. Butler, B. K. Burlington, Chappell Davis, I. E. Daniel, C. L. Griffin, W. D. Henderson, R. W. Hamilton, W. B. Harkinder, Paul Kolm, R. E. Kinsey, S. J. Lones, Jack Lively, J. P. Ruckman, J. M. Shipley, W. A. Yeager and Mrs. Dick Gile.

Mrs. Alice Henry and Mrs. E. H. Ellison were guests.

Methodists Give Christmas Vespers

The "Music of Christmas," a vesper service, was presented by the adult and junior choir of the Methodist Church, Sunday evening.

A candle lighting ceremony opened the program with the junior choir marching in to the procession and lighting individual candles from a big candle at the front of the church. The invocation was by Dr. Will House. Capt. Jerome Snyder was director of the program, and Mrs. Holt Jowell was at the organ.

The musical program began with "O, Come All Ye Faithful," and continued "Christmas Invitation," "Dark Silent Town," "First Noel," and "Gentle Mary." The audience joined in the singing of "Hark The Herald Angels Sing," "Luther's Cradle Song" by Gabriel was played as the offertory. The program continued with "Alleluiah," "Gloria Excelsis Deo," "O, Holy Night," "I Heard the Bell of Christmas," and "Silent Night." "Joy To The World" ended the program with the audience assisting in the singing.

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Co-Eds Visit Parents

Among the college students returning home for the Christmas holidays, are three Stephens girls who have arrived to visit their parents. Beiva Jo Knight is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Knight; Bobbie Jean Gibbins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gibbins; and Suzanne La Force is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson La Force.

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Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press

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SUGAR—Book four stamps 30 through 34 good indefinitely for five pounds each stamp 40 good for five pounds for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945.

SHOE—Book three airplane stamps, 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

GASOLINE — 13-A coupons good for four gallons each through Dec. 21, 14A coupons will become valid Dec. 22 and will be good for four gallons each through March 21, B-4, C-4, B-5 and C-5 coupons good for five gallons.

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W. M. U. Of Calvary Baptist Church Has Christmas Party

The W.M.U. of the Calvary Baptist Church held a Christmas party Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Sutherland, with member of the Grace McBride Circle as hostesses and members of the Mildred Smith Circle as guests.

After the opening prayer was said by Mrs. Y. V. Walker, Mrs. R. L. McFadden read the Christmas Story from Luke, 2nd Chapter, 8th to 16th verse.

The guests then sang Christmas carol and hymns, after which gifts were distributed and refreshments were served.

Those present included Mes. Claude Bishop, J. W. Parker, T. S. Dunn, Alice Paddock, J. M. Moore, J. D. Kuykendall, Ras. Dilberry, Ulys. Barber, Hoyt Burris, W. G. Flournoy, W. D. Smith, Eugene Cecil, B. F. Ward, Cecil Scrivenir, Allen Beard, and Miss Anne Bingham.

Visiting Mother

M/Sgt. Lawrence Millican arrived Monday to spend a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Fred Fromhold, 1705 W. Wall Street. He is a pilot and is stationed at Minter Field in Bakersfield, Calif.

Meeting Place Changed

The Modern Study Club will meet in the home of Mrs. John Casselman, 602 N. Big Spring at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday instead of in the home of Mrs. I. E. Hood as previously announced.

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY—
Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. E. A. Culbertson; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. C. O. Fredregill.

The Woman's Wednesday Club will meet at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Andrew Fasken, 1511 W. Missouri.

The Star Club will meet at 1 p.m. for its annual Christmas luncheon and party at the home of Mrs. Joe Dobson, at the Atlantic Tank Farm. The Star sisters will exchange gifts at the party.

The Modern Study Club will meet at 3:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John Casselman, 602 N. Big Spring for its Christmas party.

THURSDAY—
The Red Cross first aid class will meet at 7 p.m. at the city hall.

Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Frank Aldrich; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. H. W. Hull.

SATURDAY—
The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at 11 a.m. at the Watson School of Music.

Santa Claus will appear in person to distribute gifts to children of military personnel at the MAAF post theater at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess for the Junior Canteen from 3:30 to 6 p.m. will be Mrs. A. Knickerbocker.

All Girl Scouts of Midland will assemble on the steps of the courthouse at 7 p.m. for the singing of Christmas carols.

Tangerine Queen



Nonite Dean Cuesta, above, of Tampa, Florida's Tangerine Queen, gave New Yorkers a look at her brunet beauty and her state's tangerines recently when she arrived on a Good Will Tour sponsored by Winter Haven, Fla., Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. O. G. Henry New Southwest Head

ARKADELPHIA—(P)—Rev. O. G. Henry, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, has been appointed director of Presbyterian religious education and publications for the Southwest area. He will move to Dallas Feb. 1. The Southwest area includes Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri.

Dr. Gaines Says He Will Stick At W&L

LEXINGTON, VA.—(P)—Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, recently mentioned in connection with the presidency of Rice Institute at Houston, said this week he had no intention of leaving Washington and Lee University.

Dr. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee since 1930, said it was not "of the best interest of the University for its faculty and students to think it has a president who is poised to fly to other institutions."

Government Figures 34 Diaper Yards Per Baby

WASHINGTON—(P)—Government statisticians figured out Tuesday that the 1944 diaper cloth production amounted to 34 yards for each infant.

After all the figuring, the War Production Board added this bit of information already well known to many a mother: "the tremendous demand is still ahead of the supply."

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Midland To Have Plenty Of Turkeys

Midland will have plenty of turkey for Christmas. For a time indications were that all in Midland who would like a turkey for the Christmas dinner would not be able to obtain one as the Central Texas Christmas turkey market closed without enough being imported to Midland to meet the demand, but R. A. Doran, local produce buyer, located a shipment of the birds and received them Monday.

Doran said he believed the latest shipment of turkeys is sufficient to meet the demand in Midland through the Christmas season.

Lions Schedule Christmas Party

Members of the Midland Lions Club, their ladies and guests will meet in the crystal ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday for their Christmas dinner and dance.

J. S. Noland, chairman in charge of arrangements, said a traditional turkey dinner would be served. The Rev. R. J. Snell will act as toastmaster for the occasion.

Each person attending will bring a gift. Later in the week the gifts will be distributed among indigent children of Midland.

Belgians Scurry To Welcome Nazis

LONDON—(P)—With the German army driving back into Belgium, Belgium civilians are hurriedly scrubbing from walls and buildings slogans derogatory to the Nazis, front dispatches said.

One correspondent told of seeing a man hastily washing from the side of his home a picture of Hitler receiving a kick in the pants. The Belgians, he said, were stunned by the turn of events.

Visits Parents

Bob Preston, Jr., seaman first-class who is stationed at Staten Island, New York, is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Go To Oklahoma City

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hall have gone to Oklahoma City, to spend the Christmas holidays.

OPA Surveying Unregistered Rental Units

The Midland-Odessa defense area rental office in conducting a survey of unregistered rental units, said Bill Baehr, area rent director.

Baehr pointed out that federal rent control became effective in Midland and Ector counties August 1, 1944, and the area comprises all of Midland and Ector counties. He has requested that those who have not registered their rental units to come to the rent office at once to file registrations statements. Penalties

He said that those who ignore and refuse to comply with the rent regulations in this respect will necessarily be referred to the enforcement division.

The rent regulations for housing require every landlord renting housing accommodations to file a registration statement with the area rent office. The registration statement shows the maximum rent that may be collected. The landlord is not permitted to receive rents in excess of the maximum rent shown on the registration statement until he has received a written order from the rent director authorizing the collection of a greater amount.

The rent director pointed out that the housing accommodations situated on a farm and occupied by a tenant who is engaged for a substantial portion of his time in farming operations need not be registered.

Visits Here

Opl. Alfred E. Jesse visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jesse and other relatives here over the week-end. He is stationed at Las Vegas, Nev. and is a member of the Air Forces.

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hand against a gnarled old olive tree and watched the lowering clouds. The storm broke with a suddenness that startled him...

THE sheep were incapable of moving, so strong was the wind, and Joel drew his cloak close about him...

JOEL was pleased with his flock. Indeed Adar had been a month wholly satisfying to one whose calling was with sheep...

He cast an anxious eye skyward, noting the gathering of heavy vapor masses. Rain would descend in torrents soon...

He sounded his staff on the rocky soil, and obediently the lead sheep fell into line...

Joel encouraged the sheep with his voice, leading them to the olives. With his staff he turned the strays back to the flock...

"Home is so far," she said wearily. "Joel, take me to Bethlehem and Flavia."

To the inn at Bethlehem! Surely the storm had unsettled her mind. Home so far? But it was nearer than Bethlehem.

"Michal, my darling," he said tenderly. "Michal, thou art ill."

She shivered then, clinging to him piteously. "Joel, take me to Flavia," she pleaded.

IT was foolish, he felt, to stand in the courtyard of the inn with his wife in his arms...

Flavia came to him while he pressed his face to Michal's throat, breathing his own warmth upon her...

As he put Michal down upon the couch, pain swept her face and left it blank of all expression...

The pain had passed and Michal looked at him with wide eyes. "Stay with me, Joel," she murmured...

The old words were torn from her lips by another scourge of pain. She let it pass and finished determinedly...

"Nay, Joel," she answered him wearily. "Flavia—I need only my friend and my shepherd."

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By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority Interest in Master Points and tournament bridge is certainly increasing...

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for Ryan, Dealer, and Mrs. Ryan. Includes a duplicate hand and a score table.

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Stars And Stripes Say Nazi Executed Italians

ROME—(P)—The Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" Monday quoted a person who recently crossed the front line as saying the Germans hanged 35 Italian hostages...

Georgia JP Has Hooked Over 1,500 Couples

KINGSTON, Ga.—(P)—J. N. McKelvey, has been reelected for the 50th time as justice of the peace and is beginning his 52nd year in that job.

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Texan Flies 350,000th Combat Sortie In Italy

ROME—(P)—The honor of flying the 350,000th combat sortie for the U. S. 12th Air Force went to a Texan. He is Maj. Hughes "Rowdy" Dow of Fort Worth...

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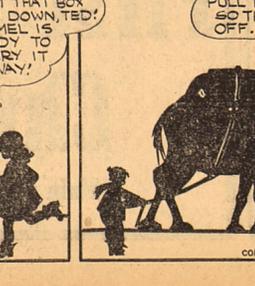
By William Ferguson

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



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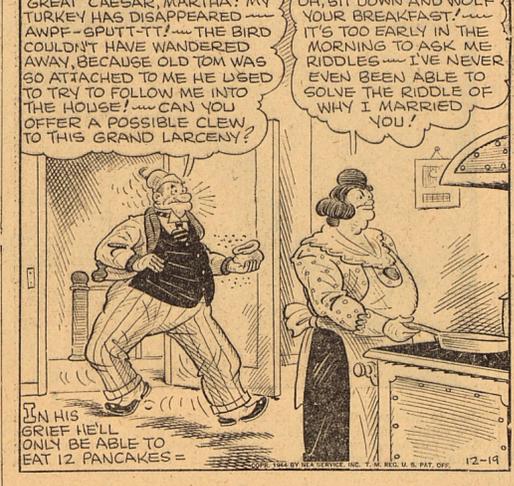


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LOST—American Pit buckskin bulldog. Reward. Phone 827-J. (242-3)

LOST—Check made payable to C. W. Dodson. Phone 2146-J. (242-3)

LOST—Rose gold Bulova wrist watch, at main gate MAAF. Reward. U & I Cafe. (244-3)

STRAYED—Black pig, west of town. Sam Holmes. Phone 2162-W. (244-3)

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LOST—Arm dining chair from truck. Reward. Galbraith's, Phone 746. (244-3)

Help Wanted

FARM carpenter to build 2 - 10x20 granary concrete foundation, one way roof. Burton Lingo Co. (240-5)

WANTED—Handy man or boy, combination job, painting, etc. Haley Hotel. (236-12)

WAITRESSES wanted. Apply Scharbauer Coffee Shop. (120-1)

WANTED: Retail milk route driver. Must be reliable with good references. Apply in person. Banner Creamery. (193-1)

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BOOKKEEPER and receptionist now employed desires acceptable employment after Jan. 1st. References from present employer. For interview write Box 367, care this paper. (239-6)

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SEWING wanted. 1303 N. Marlenfield. (243-24)

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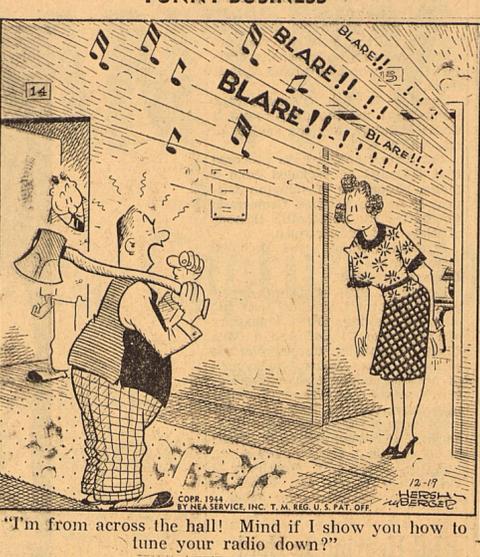
Wanted To Rent

UNFURNISHED house urgently needed by Jan. 1st by family of four. Call 429-R. (240-9)

CIVILIAN family of four adults wants to rent house or apartment with two bedrooms. Mrs. Kemp, 1407 West Texas. Phone 549. (236-12)

From 1923 to 1939, the city of Memel belonged to Lithuania and was called Klaipeda. (244-3)

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Wanted To Rent

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Miscellaneous

GIRLS pre-war bicycle for sale. Phone 59 before 4:30. (244-3)

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LADIES Eastern Star ring emblem on black onyx. Phone 352. (244-3)

WHITE crocheted table cloth for sale. Large size. Phone 352. (244-3)

STOVES—STOVES—STOVES! Gas heaters, coal ranges, air tight heaters, new stock at Barron's Supply Store. (244-3)

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WILL TRADE smooth haired male Fox Terrier, year old, for 10 laying hens. 604 N. Carrizo. (242-3)

Wanted To Buy 26 WANTED—Childs ball bearing roller skates. Phone 828. (243-3)

WANTED—Tricycle for two year old child. Phone 1142-J. (242-3)

WANTED—A sewing machine. Phone 1584. (239-6)

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BOYS all-wool overcoat, size 12-14, \$15.00; man's wool-gabardine riding pants, 31x31, barely used, \$12.00; 1414 West Indiana after 6 p. m. (244-3)

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DEAD animals wanted for gunpowder. Free pickup service day or night. Call collect 484, Big Spring Soap Works, Big Spring, Texas. (184-121)

Pets

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HOME wanted for a black female Cocker. 610 S. Colorado. (244-3)

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Used Cars 54 1939 CADILLAC 4 door sedan for sale, low mileage, good rubber. 505 N. Main, between 5 and 8 p. m. (242-3)

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We will pay cash for late model used cars. ELDER CHEVROLET CO. (196-1)

We will pay highest cash prices for used cars. MACKAY MOTOR CO. 200 S. Loraine Phone 245 (4-1)

We will pay ceiling price for used cars. CHARLTON GARAGE 110 S. Baird - Phone 99 (236-26)

REAL ESTATE

Real Estate Loans 60 IS THERE A DEBT ON YOUR FARM OR RANCH? If so see your nearest National Farm Loan Association about the new long term, low interest rate on Federal Land Bank loans. You may save many dollars each year on reduced interest rate. Stanton-Midland NPLA, Stanton, Texas. (242-30)

ESTATE OF MARY L. QUINN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS. Notice is hereby given that letters of independent administration upon the Estate of Mary L. Quinn, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 20th day of November, 1944, by the Court of Midland County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby requested to present same to me within the time prescribed by law. My postoffice address is Midland, Texas. (Signed) Paul J. Reiger, Independent Executor of the Estate of Mary L. Quinn 12/19-26-1/2-9

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THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

The great German drive out of the Rhineland bears the earmarks of being a colossal gamble in an effort to disrupt Allied plans for an offensive and so achieve an indefinite delay out of which Berlin hopes might grow a compromise peace.

Speculation at this juncture regarding the immediate future of the attack should be cautious, since the security news blackout imposed by the Allied high command leaves us without sufficient facts upon which to base a studied judgment. Taking a longer range view, however, we can say that Allied superiority in manpower and materiel insures our victory. Therefore, while it would be folly to regard the situation lightly, there certainly is no occasion for developing "war nerves."

Plenty of Precedent We have plenty of precedent to show how far a battle-front can bend with suffering disaster. For example, your columnist was right in the path of the final German attack about 1918 in the valley of the Somme on the British front. This was the time, you will recall, when Field Marshal Haig issued his famous "Backs to the wall" order of the day to his armies. That was the Kaiser's final fling, and it all but crushed through—but the Allied line held.

I'm not suggesting the present situation is as bad as that in the spring of 1918, but there are similarities. The beautiful thought about the Somme show is that it was there the Kaiser broke his back. The same thing could easily happen to the Germans in the present battle.

The German high command may have decided to make this offensive the decisive battle in the west, instead of waiting for it to be staged on the open plain of Cologne just west of the Rhine. It's a great and dangerous gamble, but it's difficult to criticize the decision as an act of desperation.

The United States possesses about 413 million acres of crop land and about 379 million acres of pasture and range land.

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Army Picked As Outstanding Team Of 1944 Season

NEW YORK—(AP)—Army's explosive unbeaten and untied football team that rolled up 504 points in gaining the mythical national championship Tuesday was picked the 1944 team-of-the-year in the annual Associated Press year-end poll.

Breaking a 12-year monopoly by major league baseball teams, the T. minded West Point Cadets polled a total of 209 points to finish far ahead of the 104 garnered by the second-place world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Unbeaten, Untied

The unbeaten and untied football teams of Randolph Field and Ohio State were third and fourth, respectively, with 23 and 23 points. Completing the first five was the St. Louis Browns, whose feat of winning their first American League pennant earned them 21 points.

The outstanding teams of 1944: Army, football; St. Louis Cardinals, baseball; Randolph Field, football; Ohio State, football; St. Louis Browns, baseball; Montreal Canadiens, hockey; Utah, basketball; and Green Bay, football.

Borlund Meets Androff In Houston Ring

HOUSTON—(AP)—Gunnar Borlund meets Frankie Androff of Minneapolis here Tuesday night in the 10-round main event at City Auditorium.

Borlund recently defeated Jimmy Corolla at Galveston, and is making his first appearance in Houston. In his last fight Androff lost to Johnny Flynn at Cleveland.

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Dutch Meyer Scoffs At 19-Point Talk In Cotton Bowl

FORT WORTH—(AP)—That eternal optimist, Leo (Dutch) Meyer, headman of Texas Christian University's fighting Frogs, scoffs at this 19-point talk they're putting out regarding his team's chances in the Cotton Bowl against Oklahoma A. and M.

"Inasmuch as we are tremendous underdogs, there may be some surprises," grinned the chunky little guy who took T. C. U. to the Southwest Conference championship this year when the Frogs were rated last in everybody's book.

Don't Be Surprised

"Sure, Oklahoma A. and M. should be the favorite, but it's going to be a ball game, and don't be surprised if we win," said Meyer as he returned to the practice field with his squad of 30-odd youngsters.

Dutch also was a little burned up about all this talk of his team being lucky to win the conference title. "Talking about luck," he said pointedly, "we lost five regulars on Nov. 1. The only way you could call us lucky is that we didn't have a single serious injury all season."

Had Four Substitutes

And Meyer admits he did a lot of worrying over there on the bench when his boys blocked and tackled, fearing one of them wouldn't be able to get up. You see, he only had four substitutes he could use without appreciable loss of strength.

But he feels much better now. Dutch had his reserves out last week and says he uncovered three boys who "are going to do us a lot of good in the Cotton Bowl."

So, that makes a starting team and seven subs.

Those subs, however, are not too sure they'll get to play. During the regular season, T. C. U. had 26 instances where a boy played the full 60 minutes. In two games eight went the route. Out of a possible 600 minutes in the 10-game schedule, three fellows played more than 480 minutes. Merle Gibson, pass-catching end, went 492.

Mexico City—(AP)—The University of Mexico football squad of 35 players is expected to leave Tuesday by rail for El Paso, to meet Southwestern University in the annual Sun Bowl game New Year's Day, Coach Bernhard A. Hoban said Monday night.

Hoban said Manager Leopoldo Noriega flew to El Paso Monday to sign the contract and complete arrangements.

Practically all butadiene rubber now produced is extracted from either petroleum or ethyl alcohol.

Mexico University Team Leaves For El Paso Sun Bowl

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W. T. Waggoner Jr. Buys Eureka Ranch

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—(AP)—Purchase of Eureka Ranch, one of the largest spreads in Southern Arizona, by W. T. Waggoner Jr., Texas cattleman, for a price reported in excess of \$400,000, was announced Monday by Sterling Hebbard, broker for the transaction.

Principal shareholder in the Eureka Ranch, Inc., operating company, was R. C. Jeffcoat of Patagonia, who acquired the majority of the stock eight years ago. The total acreage was not disclosed, but the property will support 3,000 head of cattle.

Included in the purchase contract were 2,000 head of Herefords, all range lands and leases, a ranch and guest houses and other buildings and equipment. Eureka was established more than half a century ago. It has seen service as a stockade and a stage stop between Fort Grant and Fort Thomas.

The new owner is a member of a prominent Vernon and Fort Worth family. He has other holdings in Texas and New Mexico, including an interest in Arlington Downs race track in Texas.

Steps Lively

CAPT. PAUL WALKER KEEPS RIGHT ON GOING AS YALE'S HIGH-SCORING BASKETBALLER

BIG BOY BLUE WILL CAPTAIN 1945 FOOTBALL TEAM, SPECIALIZING IN THROWING BALL-CARRIERS FOR LOSSES

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WHERE 'Y GOIN' BUD?

Houston Sportswriter Has Plan For Wounded Vets' Reemployment

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor

Andy Anderson, sports editor of the Houston Press, who has been doing a grand job of helping entertain the men in Army and Navy hospitals, comes up with this idea: He wants the sports editors to work with him in contacting the heads of sports groups in obtaining jobs for the thousands who will come out of this war minus arms and legs.

Andy's plan is simple. The operators of various sports enterprises are asked to list jobs they may have. These jobs will be tabulated and sent to all hospital personnel officers. If a boy is interested the officer contacts the job offerer and brings the two together. They start correspondence and through this the wounded veteran will learn what is expected of him when it comes time to take the job.

Work around golf courses, bowling alleys, baseball parks, swimming pools and other athletic enterprises would be provided.

Andy urges the heads of sports groups not yet contacted to write him, listing jobs they may be able to offer. He will see that the lists are compiled and furnished to the various hospitals. Anderson believes 15,000 jobs can be provided over the nation.

Gen. Marks Calls For Increased Production

DALLAS—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Marks, War Production Board representative for a three-state region including Texas, Monday said 60- and 81-mm mortars and 105-mm artillery ammunition "was urgent" and must be increased 65 per cent to meet war demands.

ice struggle. . . . Lou Nova (maybe with an assist from Jimmy Johnson) is expressing a loud "beef" over Abe Greene's reference to him in a magazine article about punch-drunk fighters. Lou says he'll undergo an examination by any doctor Greene picks out, providing the NBA prexy takes the same exam, "then we'll see who's punch-drunk."

. . . Marine Angelo Bertelli, Boston's football draftee who recently signed with Los Angeles of the All-American Conference, wasn't offered a contract by the Yanks, but owner Ted Collins did talk about financing a business Bertelli wants to start after the war.

WHAT A TEAM!

Imagine the football talent at Texas A. and M. when the war's over! Just think of all the stars who have eligibility left at Aggie-land.

For instance, there's George Strohmeier of McAllen. He was on the freshman team and A. and M. before being assigned in the Navy's air training program to Iowa Pre-flight, where he became All-American service team center he'll have three seasons at A. and M.

And there are plenty more and they're not confined to A. and M. But the Aggies will have the most talent since it is a military school and sent more athletes into the service.



"—and sometimes I feel like we're downright ornery and selfish, you and me—sittin' here in comfort and luxury smokin' Y-B's—and us all the time knowin' how hard it is for those poor boys at home to get 'em."

O'Daniel Excluded From Washington Democratic Dinner

AUSTIN—(AP)—Texas was no element of suspense or surprise in the votes cast here Monday by Texas' 23 Democratic electors. All named Roosevelt for president and Truman for vice-president.

Filled with praise for those who labored in the political vineyard with them, they were equally critical of those who had worked against them.

Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, who campaigned for the anti-Roosevelt Texas Regulars, was the subject of one critical act.

Jim Strong of Carthage proposed that O'Daniel be excluded from a dinner planned in Washington January 19 by the National Democratic Committee for Democratic electors, officials and congressmen.

Strong's motion was adopted unanimously.

Odessaan Presided

Homer L. Pitts of Odessa, temporary chairman, presided over the electoral meeting. Other temporary officers were: Vice chairman, Mrs. Clara Driscoll of Corpus Christi; secretary, Mrs. Dallas Scarborough of Abilene; assistant secretary, Edwin Hayes, Jr., of Wharton; parliamentarian, Geo. W. Eddy of Dallas.

All electors were present but T. S. Jones of Canadian and G. C. Harris of Greenville, both reported ill. Substitutes were L. R. Granberry of Celeste for Harris and Elmer L. Lincoln for Texarkana for Jones.

RRC Hearing Is Held On January Allowable

AUSTIN—(AP)—The Texas Railroad Commission Tuesday considered a statewide oil production pattern for January and then turned to discussion of an extended natural gas conservation program.

The statewide production hearing precedes a scheduled informal discussion on gas conservation in which all interested parties are invited to participate.

The general discussion will be followed eventually by hearings on individual gas and oil fields with a view to adapting for each pool specific means for improving gas conservation, the commission announced.

Started Monday

The commission began Monday—and recessed until Wednesday—a special hearing involving gas conservation in the Stratton and Agua Dulce fields of Nueces, Jim Wells and Kleberg counties.

Specifically, the hearing was on application of the Chicago Corporation and the Gulf Plains Corporation, which had been ordered by the commission to sever pipeline connections for alleged failure to comply with pressure maintenance regulations.

High (School) Jinks

Bill Chauncey of Webster City, Ia., whose 191-point prep scoring record disappeared when Billy Wayne Frazier of Merkel, Texas, came up with a 245-point total for 12 games, is a Navy "boot" at Farragut, Idaho, now and won't be able to try again next year. Frazier has another high school season.

Now comes "Happy" Reed of Russellville, Ark., who completed 70 passes out of 121 tries this year for a total of 1776 yards, which ought to be a record. . . . And at Hampton, Va., 14-year-old Jack Hill played the entire season at center for a class "A" high school team. Just turned 15, he's been elected captain. Wonder if he's the youngest high school leader.

Cleaning The Cuff

The "Cockatoo," a GI newspaper mimeographed in the Netherlands East Indies, carried a fairly complete account of the Army-Navy football game, picked up from the radio. Another boost for the Ser-

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W. T. Waggoner Jr. Buys Eureka Ranch

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—(AP)—Purchase of Eureka Ranch, one of the largest spreads in Southern Arizona, by W. T. Waggoner Jr., Texas cattleman, for a price reported in excess of \$400,000, was announced Monday by Sterling Hebbard, broker for the transaction.

Principal shareholder in the Eureka Ranch, Inc., operating company, was R. C. Jeffcoat of Patagonia, who acquired the majority of the stock eight years ago. The total acreage was not disclosed, but the property will support 3,000 head of cattle.

Included in the purchase contract were 2,000 head of Herefords, all range lands and leases, a ranch and guest houses and other buildings and equipment. Eureka was established more than half a century ago. It has seen service as a stockade and a stage stop between Fort Grant and Fort Thomas.

The new owner is a member of a prominent Vernon and Fort Worth family. He has other holdings in Texas and New Mexico, including an interest in Arlington Downs race track in Texas.

Elect Members Of County Committee

Members of the 1945 committee for Midland County Agricultural Conservation Association were chosen Monday afternoon at the county convention of community committee men.

W. E. Pigg was elected chairman to serve for another year. Jim Baker was chosen as vice-chairman, and Sam Midkiff was elected as a member of the three man committee.

Members assist farm and ranch owners and operators in obtaining benefits under the AAA program. Since start of rationing of many supplies needed for farm and ranch operation; farm and ranch operators are allowed to purchase some equipment only on the recommendation of the county committee.

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Legion Meeting To Be At Scharbauer

Members of the Woods W. Lynch post of the American Legion will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel for their regular monthly meeting.

A. C. Hefner, post commander, asked that all members of the post who possibly can be present for the meeting as Legion projects for 1945 are to be planned and discussed.



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