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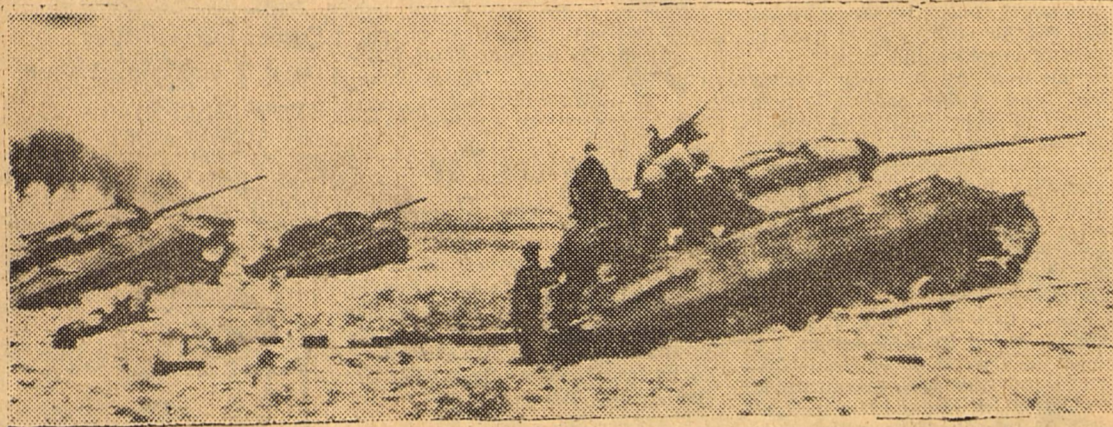
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Tank destroyers stand braced on ramps as they fire over Roer River spearhead counterattacks of the German army. Some of the bitterest fighting of the War accompanies the Nazi offensive. —U. S. Army Radiotelephoto via NEA.

B-29s Continue Hammering Of Japanese War Industries As Leyte Battle Nears End

By LEONARD MILLMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Superforts bombed Mukden Thursday in the fourth successive day of mass B-29 raids on scattered Japanese industries as U. S. infantrymen shattered the last vestiges of the Yamashita defense line and drove surviving enemy soldiers into the hills of Western Leyte Island.

Sweeping advances by two American divisions on Leyte cut off the Japanese escape highway, captured huge stores of supplies that would have lasted the enemy for six months, and ran the total of Nipponese soldiers known to have been killed on the island to 43,096.

Stettinius May Pave Way For Big Three Meet

By FLORA LEWIS

WASHINGTON—(P)—The possibility arose Thursday that Secretary of State Stettinius might go to London as a preliminary to a Big Three meeting.

British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden called for a reestablishment of "quarterly meetings of foreign secretaries" of the great powers in the House of Commons Wednesday.

The British have clearly shown their wish to have a high Allied conference on their home ground, and it seems out of the question that Marshal Stalin would be willing to travel that far to meet President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in England.

The flare-ups in Greece and Italy bared differences in Anglo-American policy towards liberated Europe which both sides have expressed their interest in talking out.

Churchill told Commons the Allies agreed on general aims but that "whether there is complete agreement on every aspect of these matters is another question altogether."

Whether Stettinius will travel to London before the big three meet depends on President Roosevelt, say well informed sources.

So far, no decision has been taken, they said.

FDR Signs Bill Extending Powers

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt Thursday signed legislation extending through 1945 the extraordinary powers voted him by Congress at the outbreak of war.

The bill—a renewal of the Second War Powers Act which cradles the authority for industrial priorities rationing, food control and other emergency war activities—was rushed through the closing days of the 78th Congress. It provides for the first time a court review of rulings of the War Production Board.

New York Phone Operators To Strike

NEW YORK—(P)—A majority of New York City's long distance operators have voted to strike unless a \$5 weekly wage increase is approved by the War Labor Board, officials of local 101, federation of long lines telephone workers (Ind.) announced Wednesday night.

Reds Force Nazis Back On 125 Mile Front

MOSCOW—(P)—The Red Army pushed the Germans back on a 125-mile front in Southern Slovakia Thursday and battled with battered Nazi garrisons on the outskirts of the strongholds of Kassa and Rimaszombat.

Soviet columns Wednesday night were on three sides of both these heavily defended Southeastern Slovakian towns which control highways and railways connecting with direct routes to Bratislava, Vienna, and Prague to the west.

In advances up to five miles, a communique said, the Russians captured 13 towns in the Rimaszombat area in a drive aimed at the key citadel, 17 miles westward.

Latest reports had Soviet forces preparing a climactic attack on the Torva River fortifications two miles outside Kassa.

Front reports said the great battle raged farther to the west, north of the Danube bend, was going favorably for Red Army troops struggling for other routes westward toward Bratislava and Vienna.

The German high command was reported throwing in large numbers of reserves and new air units in an effort to check the Soviet push, which threatened to spill out across the Danube and block escape routes from beleaguered Budapest.

In 41 days, the war bulletin said, the Russian Second Ukraine Army has taken 41,244 prisoners in fighting along the Hungarian-Slovak border.

Scobie Says Progress Made In Clearing Athens Of ELAS

ATHENS—(P)—Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, announced progress Thursday in clearing insurgent forces from Athens and Piraeus in a routine statement issued three hours after the time he had set for beginning a full-scale attack on the rebel gun positions.

In an ultimatum Wednesday night the British general said that as of 9 a.m. Thursday (3 a.m. central war time) any ELAS forces still holding out would be attacked "with all the arms at my disposal."

A communique issued at noon made no mention of this warning, but said further prisoners and weapons had been captured.

Jean Rallis, the pro-Nazi former premier who escaped from the Averoff prison two days ago when the insurgents stormed the building, was recaptured Wednesday night.

A reply was awaited from King George II in London on whether he would accept or reject a suggestion that the nation's leadership be turned over to Archbishop Damaskinos as regent. It was stated that premier George Papandreu had advised the king by message to accept such a regency. Some cabinet members, however, are understood to have urged the king to oppose such a move.

Girl Steals Bible For Christmas Gift

A mother will not receive a Christmas present from her 15 year old daughter because the daughter is in jail, and police are returning the Bible which she stole to a hotel. She told officers she planned to send the Bible to her mother for Christmas.

The girl claimed to be 21 years old but her parents said she was only 15. She also had told her parents she was married, but she isn't. When taken to the police station she had the Bible gift wrapped and a card attached.

Brig. Gen. Kraus Commends MAAF

A letter of commendation to Midland Army Air Field from Brigadier General Walter F. Kraus, Commanding General, AAF Central Flying Training Command, was announced to the bombardier base personnel Wednesday by Colonel John W. White, post commanding officer.

"It is my desire that you and the personnel of Midland Army Air Field be commended for the efficient and excellent manner in which the minimum basic training program was accomplished at your station.

The exceptionally high command percentage of 98.9 per cent of all personnel retained is indicative of your foresight, your sound judgment, and your initiative.

"This record is most impressive and you and all those who had a share in its attainment should take a great deal of personal pride and satisfaction in such a record."

Weather
Cloudy and colder.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

WESTERN FRONT — German counteroffensive rolls on largely unchecked, with casualties on both sides heavy.

EASTERN FRONT — Russians push the Germans back on a 125-mile front in Southern Slovakia.

ITALY — Canadian troops cling to Naviglio Canal bridgehead despite heavy Nazi counterattacks.

PACIFIC — American Superforts hit Mukden; Americans smash Yamashita defense line on Leyte.

Allied Reverses Bring Many New Production Aches

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Allied set-back in Europe "will hit us between the eyes" with new war production problems, WPB Chairman Samuel W. Anderson said Thursday.

He added that the powerful German counter-offensive makes it impossible to predict an end of the civilian production freeze.

Present urgent demands for more shells, guns, trucks and other vital material "certainly" will be followed by "armament problems" as difficult as the ones we have now, Anderson told a news conference.

Hit Us Between Eyes

"I feel sure the present military situation in Europe will come back and hit us between the eyes in various ways, at present unknown," said the vice chairman who signed the recent order freezing future civilian goods production programs at present levels.

"The purpose of the freeze is to see that rising civilian production does not interfere with urgent munitions output," he asserted. "I have not any idea how long it will last, or how long we will have critical shortages in war materials."

Simultaneously, WPB announced that all brass mills contributing to the Army's enormously expanded 1945 ammunition program have been placed on the national production urgency list, giving them top priority in recruiting labor.

Lieutenant Norman Cables He Is Safe

First Lt. Joe Norman, who was reported missing in action November 20, is safe. His mother, Mrs. Mittie Norman, received a cable from him Thursday reporting his safety.

The cable said, "All of crew well. Letters follow. Having nice time. Visited some very interesting places."

Lieutenant Norman entered the Army in February 1943. He is a graduate of Midland High School.

War Bulletins

ROME—(AP)—German forces are throwing heavy tank-spearheaded counterattacks against the Canadian bridgehead across the Canale Naviglio northeast of Faenza but the Canadians are holding fast despite the ferocity of the thrusts, Allied Headquarters said.

LONDON—(AP)—The Berlin radio reported Thursday "the Russians have launched their long expected offensive between Balaton Lake and the Danube" in Hungary.

LONDON—(AP)—U. S. 15th Air Force heavy bombers struck rail targets Thursday at Rosenheim, 35 miles southeast of Munich, rounding out seven straight days of blows at Southern German communications.

LONDON—(AP)—The Germans continued to batter Southern England with V-bombs Wednesday night while pressing their offensive on the Western Front. A government announcement reported both casualties and damage.

Year's Coldest Weather Hits Over Nation

By The Associated Press

The season's coldest weather struck a wide section of the country Thursday as King Winter made ready to make his official entry at 6:15 p.m. Central War Time.

Sub-zero temperatures prevailed over Midwest states as a mass of cold air moved from Montana into the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma, Northern Arkansas and into Kentucky, and spread southward and eastward into Pennsylvania and New York.

International Falls, Minn., on the Minnesota-Canada border, was the coldest spot reporting—a low of 19 below.

Moving South

The U. S. Weather Bureau at Dallas reported the cold front was moving toward Houston and the Lower Rio Grande Valley and was expected to reach Laredo early Thursday afternoon.

Temperatures tumbled in the wake of the pre-Christmas cold spell. Amarillo and Pampa reported 24, Abilene 27, San Angelo 37, Lubbock 29, Wichita Falls 32 and El Paso 28. At Fort Worth the mercury stood at 29. Dallas had 40, Waco 42, Texarkana 49 and Tyler a warm 52.

Fog covered most of Central Texas, where Austin reported a 51-degree temperature and San Antonio 46.

Goodfellow Gifts Will Be Accepted Through Friday

The Goodfellow Club's fund to provide food for Christmas dinners for indigent families had reached a total of \$383.47 Thursday.

"Contributions can continue to be accepted at the Chamber of Commerce through Friday," by Francis chairman of the Chamber of Commerce welfare committee, announced.

Distribution of the food certificates started earlier in the week. Lates contributors to the fund are Mrs. Lester Grant, \$2; Roy Frazier, \$5; Mac McGarr, \$10; Mrs. B. C. Grafe, \$5; William F. Boese, \$2; Gordon Holcomb, \$5, and the First National Bank, \$25.

Three Killed When Car Plows Thru Safety Zone

DETROIT—(P)—Three young women were killed and 13 other persons injured Thursday when a motorist plowed into a group of homebound-bound war workers standing in an unprotected safety zone in suburban Hamtramck.

UTILITY PRESIDENT DIES

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—(P)—James D. Donovan, 59, national president of the American Public Power Association, died Wednesday.

Von Rundstedt Drives Wedges 35 Miles In Belgium In New Thrust

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press War Editor

Nazi Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's swirling counteroffensive shoved two great wedges into U. S. First Army lines, one of them stabbing 35 miles into Belgium, the other driving three-quarters of the way across Luxembourg, Supreme Headquarters announced Thursday.

These were the developments, disclosed under the partial security news blackout.

The northern flank of the counteroffensive speared 14 miles west of Malmédy and ten miles beyond Stavelot, headquarters said. Stavelot was reported in a front dispatch Wednesday as recaptured by the Americans, and at last reports still was in First Army hands.

The southern flank of the German drive, through Luxembourg, was building up a menacing threat towards Sedan. This thrust carried from the frontier town of Viondon to a point just east of Wiltz, 14 miles west of the frontier. A parallel attack carried to the vicinity of Clerf, five miles west of the frontier and seven miles northeast of Wiltz.

A front dispatch said reinforced First Army elements, backed by additional armor, artillery and tank destroyers, stemmed the northernmost prong of the German offensive and contained the flank of that spearhead on a line running through Malmédy and Stavelot.

Outside Stavelot, another dispatch said, tank destroyers smashed Nazi armored attempts to break through and rescue remnants of 60 tanks trapped near the village.

The Germans sustained heavy losses in the northernmost sector of their salient into Belgium, both in armor and infantry, in a head-on collision with veteran Americans, and were pushed southward at some points.

Exacting Frightful Toll
The battle was exacting a frightful toll on both sides. The Americans, fighting their greatest engagement of the war, gave and took the heaviest losses of the invasion, and it was reported on reliable authority (Continued on Page 6)

Price Ceiling May Be Placed On Live Cattle

WASHINGTON—(P)—Reports the government is ready to fix price ceilings on live cattle circulated in Washington Thursday as a New York delegation arrived to press for this measure.

Informed sources said that stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson has decided to authorize such ceilings and probably will announce the program before the end of the week.

The War Food Administration, on the other hand, was reported still opposed to "on-the-hoof" ceilings. In the past that agency's views have prevailed over those of the Office of Price Administration, which is advocating the change.

Returning House Members Report 'All Is Well'

WASHINGTON—(P)—House members back from Europe left the definite impression Thursday they found everything going well at the fronts—although more ammunition could be used.

Fifteen members of the military committee returned Wednesday night by Army plane and arranged to tell General George C. Marshall and Secretary of War Stimson of their four-weeks inspection.

Although bound by self-imposed censorship not to discuss in detail what they had seen until they had talked with Army bosses, the return legislators left these impressions with interviewers:

American troops want for nothing, including cigarettes, gasoline, and supplies of all kinds; their morale is high, although they want to get the war over with quickly and return home; the supply organization, from buttons to tanks, is, as one member put it, "just simply amazing and will be recorded by history as the greatest job of its kind ever undertaken."

This appraisal of the situation followed recent expressions of alarm by military men over the output of heavy ammunition, trucks and other critical items. Even the Selective Service regulations have been revised to help increase this production. However, most of these calls (Continued on Page 6)

A-13 Gas Coupons To Expire Friday

Motorists who have any A-13 gasoline rationing coupons left should exchange them for gasoline before midnight Thursday if they want the gasoline. They expire and will not be valid after that date, ration board officials said.

Sun Wheeler Had Heavy Oil Yield In Silurian Zone

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

Sun Oil Company No. 1 Wheeler, East Winkler County wildcat, in section 13, block B-7, psi survey, one-half miles west of the nearest Ellenburger production in the Wheeler field, has shown for at least 42 barrels of pipe line oil per hour, according to conservative estimates, based on results of a drillstem test of the Fusseman-Silurian, at 9,163-9,230 feet.

The test was for one hour. Recovery was 250 feet of gas-cut drilling mud and 5,760 feet of pipe line oil. The well unloaded while the drill pipe was being broken down.

Following the test the project drilled ahead to 9,260 feet, and another drillstem test is being taken to the bottom.

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1-P State, in section 24-215-34c, a south offset to production in the West Eunice field, in South Lea County, New Mexico, was flowing out of control, for an estimated 12,000 barrels of oil per day, from a pay section just entered at 3,820 feet, in the upper section of the Permian—probably the Seven Rivers.

Operators was having earthen dykes thrown up to hold the oil, while efforts were being made to kill the well to get in under control.

This is an unusually large production for wells from that pay in the West Eunice area, informed sources report.

Flowed 275 BOPD
Continental Oil Company No. 2-B Skages, wildcat exploration in section 23-208-37c, two miles east of Monument, in East Lea County, New Mexico, has definitely shown for a commercial producer from the Wolfcamp section.

During 21 hours Wednesday the well flowed 236 barrels of 42.3 gravity oil, natural, with no water. The petroleum came from 75 casing perforations in the pipe at 7,700-25 feet, with the plugged-back total depth at 7,725 feet. On that basis the 24-hour production would be 274.6 barrels.

Previous Water Eliminated
Operator was continuing to test. The oil was accompanied by an estimated 150,000 cubic feet of gas per day. A 3/4-inch tubing choke was used during the test.

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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.—Luke 2:8-9.

5000-To-1 Shot

Cecil B. DeMille has made one of the most publicized long-shot bets in the history of political ethics. In effect, he has put up his \$5000-a-week salary against the American Federation of Radio Artists' efforts to make him pay \$1 for something he doesn't believe in.

Probably DeMille can afford this extravagant gesture. As an early movie director and producer, he parlayed that great American institution, the bathtub, into a tidy fortune. And it is likely that DeMille could live out his days without being wholly dependent on his Social Security check, even without his radio salary, which isn't hay.

Nevertheless, there is a good deal of interest in and sympathy for DeMille's fight. He objected to AFRA members being assessed \$1 to fight a California referendum which would have outlawed the closed shop. He hasn't paid the dollar. If he doesn't pay up he isn't an AFRA member in good standing, and so can't work in radio.

DeMille contends that if he must let someone else make up his mind for him before he can work, then he is no longer a free man. He also contends that if this assessment is legal, then a union could levy any amount on its members for any purpose.

And DeMille has a case. Any AFRA members who shared his views but not his money must have compromised principle for the sake of money and paid up rather than lower their living standard or risk unemployment.

But AFRA has a case, too. Assessments like the one in question are legal under California law. Consequently AFRA can say, as it does, that DeMille is not "law abiding" when he refuses to kick in with the dollar. And AFRA might cite a hypothetical parallel.

Suppose a rugged and crotchety individualist thinks a pavement or sewer on his street is needless and nonsensical, and refuses to pay taxes for it. It is theoretically possible (though a little far-fetched) that he might lose his house because of his persistent refusal to pay.

Now DeMille proposes to test the California law to see if taxes levied by a union with majority consent, in support of an idea, are any different from taxes on material improvements levied by government with popular approval.

He proposes to see if an organization within a government dedicated to freedom of speech and opinion can, under that same government, allegedly act to abridge those freedoms.

This government has often levied taxes for projects toward which some of its tax-paying citizens had no sympathy. It will be interesting to see, through DeMille's test case, whether a union can extend to the limit this governmental power by depriving a member of his livelihood if he fails to abide by majority opinion.

—BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS—

Still Going

The weary battle of Montgomery Ward drags on, with the scene of action shifted to the retail field. On one side is the stubborn intractable Sewell Avery. Opposing him is an unsure government bureau of limited authority, egged on by the zealous but somewhat awkward ranks of labor.

The Ward workers are on strike again. Though they are members of a congress of unions which has often struck through impatience with the sluggish War Labor Board, this walkout is a gesture of protest at Avery's defiance of the same WLB. It also is being used as a lever to force another government seizure of Montgomery Ward property.

The first time this happened Avery won the skirmish, even though he lost his dignity in the process. Public indignation caused the Justice Department to drop the whole thing like a hot potato. Then, the Justice Department went too far too quickly. Now, the WLB is powerless to go far enough. But it is still a government problem.

The Ward union is naturally impatient, but it has done what it could. Its present use of a wartime strike as pressure on the government is neither necessary nor becoming.

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Double Loss

The Senate Military Affairs Committee, searching for the original copy of the Atlantic Charter, has cast some doubt upon the existence of any such document more "original" than the version printed by the House of Representatives.

One might conclude, after reading Mr. Stettinius' rebuke of British policy in Italy, that the State Department may fear that the original spirit of the Atlantic Charter has also been mislaid or forgotten.

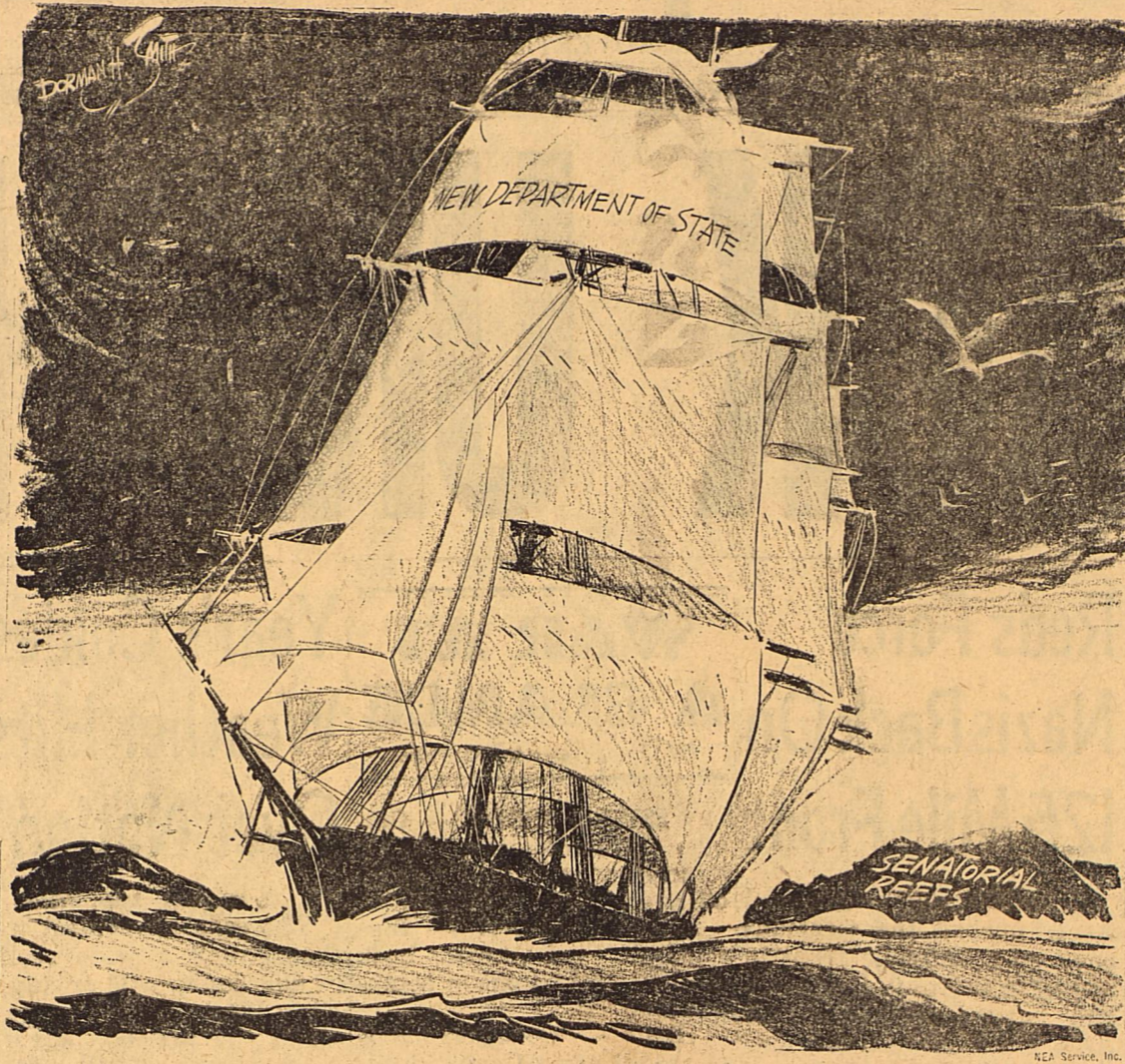
—BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS—

Help For Santa

A poll of department store Santa Clauses discloses that the top request on most children's Christmas lists is that Santa "send my daddy home from overseas." The purchase of an extra War Bond by all of us will be a great help to the old gentleman in carrying out that Christmas mandate.

Do you know anything that grieves a child more than to study the wrong lesson . . . and learn something he wasn't required to learn?

Now Then, Sail On, Oh Ship Of State



THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

The great German counter-offensive appears to have slackened slightly in violence Thursday, with immediate results much clouded.

That's not to say that the ultimate outcome isn't clear. The vastly superior Allied strength ensures victory in the long run, but it must be admitted that meantime many things can happen in fighting which once more has become fluid and is swirling over a battlefield that covers literally hundreds of square miles.

This gigantic engagement may be the last clash of such magnitude on the Western Front. It might even be decisive as regards the whole Hitlerian war. The Germans are committing their entire available strength in the west to this effort. They're going all out with manpower and materiel, as witness the fact that every road behind the 50-mile Nazi offensive line is jammed hub to hub with transport of all descriptions.

Gambling
The Germans of course are gambling on upsetting Eisenhower's offensive plans and so on prolonging the war with the vague hope of securing a compromise peace. They are too good soldiers to have any expectation of winning the war.

It would be absurd to make any forecast of the trend of the battle at this stage. However, it's quite evident that the Germans have created a dangerous position for themselves by driving through the Allied line and spreading themselves all over the landscape. We are entitled to believe that General Eisenhower has a large reservoir of reserves. If he also has the necessary supplies there is always the possibility that he may turn the German advance into a terrific debacle.

No Wishful Thinking
However, while we may speculate along this line, and even hope that the battle may take such a turn, we shouldn't do any wishful thinking about the Allies being able to spring a trap on the Hitlerites. The possibility exists, but the Germans are pastmasters of the art of getting out of traps.

A change of the foul weather which blankets the front would make a mighty difference to Eisenhower. A pea-soup fog which has been keeping air fleets on the ground, thereby not only depriving us of their striking power against enemy columns and supply lines, but taking away the eyes of our armies.

On Skids?



Joachim von Ribbentrop, above, Germany's Foreign Minister, may soon be fired by Heinrich Himmler, according to German reports. Von Ribbentrop, long in Himmler's bad graces, may be replaced by Arthur Seyss-Inquart, Nazi Governor in The Netherlands.

Senator George Moses, Well Known Republican Dies In New Hampshire

CONCORD, N. H. (AP)—George Higgins Moses, 75, former U. S. Senator from New Hampshire and a widely known Republican died Wednesday night at his home.

Once described as "the most exciting man in American public life," he served three times in the United States Senate. He lost his seat in the Democratic landslide of 1932.

He had been ill in a Concord hospital for over a year and had just returned to his home for the Christmas holidays when death came of coronary thrombosis.

His widow and his only son, Gordon, were with him when he died. During the past few years he had served as chairman of the board of directors of the Rumford Press and had been working on an autobiography.

Managing Editors Can Investigate This

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—While millions of words of election news were being printed in other papers, the San Quentin News, weekly paper of San Quentin prison, summed up the situation in ten words: "Christie was some voting outside. The incumbent President was retained."

Grandma Comes Home



Grandmother, perched atop a cart piled high with her household goods, is given a ride home again in Metz by members of her family after the Allies' liberation of that French city. (Photo by Charles Haacker, NEA-Acme war picture pool photographer.)

Joan Berry 'Tells All' Before Jury

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—A worried-looking, attractive girl of 24, who twists her hands and shifts about in the witness chair, has testified that Charlie Chaplin fathered her baby but that when she implored him to give the child his name he replied: "You know my views on marriage. I don't believe in it."

Auburn-haired Joan Berry, who faces a jury again Thursday in her suit to have the 55-year-old, silver-haired comedian declared the father of her 14-months-old Carol Ann, testified to four sexual intimacies with the 55-year-old master of pantomime.

She declared she had had "no relations" with any other man since meeting Chaplin in June, 1941.

"I asked him at least five times to marry me," she said. "I told him, 'I'll even divorce you after the baby is born if that's the way you want it.' But he said: 'I don't want any part of anything like that.'"

She said the comedian "jumped up" and exclaimed: "I'd rather spend 20 years in jail and have my peace. I'm a great artist. I've got to protect my soul. No woman is going to force me into marriage. Babies are a biological mistake. For all I know, I might have a lot of other children running around, and all of those women don't want me to marry them."

Joan said the intimacies with Chaplin—all in 1942—occurred the night of Dec. 10, after she had encountered him at a restaurant and "I knew he wanted to see me"; Dec. 23 in his bedroom after she had broken into the house with a gun; the following morning in the same room, and Dec. 30, in the living room, when she was "partially" undressed.

Joan asserted that when she informed him of her pregnancy—nearly five months after it began—she told her, "I'll do the right things."

"He said, 'If you take any step like that (to bring a suit) and cause me any publicity, I haven't any choice; to protect myself I'll spend my entire fortune to blacken your name. I'll bring into it every man you've ever spoken to.'"

Joan's lawyer asked her why she waited so long to tell Chaplin of her condition.

"Were you afraid he might ask you to get an abortion?" inquired 77-year-old Joseph Scott.

"Yes, sir, I knew he would," replied Joan.

Joan testified Wednesday in the absence of the screen veterans, who had told the jury earlier in the day that he was physically capable of begetting a child. (A daughter was born 4 1/2 months ago to Chaplin's wife, Oona O'Neill, 19-year-old daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill.)

When Joan informed him she was pregnant, Chaplin asserted, "I told her it was impossible that I was responsible; that I hadn't seen her for almost a year."

Rotarians Have Two Events Scheduled

This is a busy week for members of the Rotary Club with two events scheduled. They will entertain their ladies and guests at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church with a Christmas dinner and party.

At 8 p.m. Friday they will meet with service men stationed at Midland Municipal Airport in the day room for a stag party.

Kentucky Farm Hand 'Did Know Of War'

LOUISVILLE, KY. (AP)—A tall, 24-year-old farmhand, Albert Joseph House, told Police Court Prosecutor John Dougherty he knew there was a war on but was "danged" if he knew that farm boys had to register for Selective Service.

Dougherty said House explained he had no draft registration card because he had been working on a farm near Nicholasville, Ky., and had been "out of touch with things."

Western Auto Associate Store, opposite Western Union, will remain open evenings till 9 o'clock all this week. —(Adv.)

Sun Wheeler

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This project drilled to a total depth of 10,465 feet, in granite. It had plugged back to the current bottom, and tested all the way back, and had failed to get any oil until it reached the present horizon.

Last week the well showed some oil and a considerable amount of water from the zone now producing. The bottom section was squeezed off and apparently operator got a good squeeze.

This is first production in New Mexico from the Wolfcamp and makes the third new producing horizon discovered in Lea County in the last few months.

Midway Oil Company, Lubbeck, has filed application with the Railroad Commission to drill No. 1 Lulua A Morro et al, as a wildcat to 5,500 feet, in Central Gaines County.

Northeast Of Seminole
Location is 950 feet from north and west lines of section 200, block G, WT survey. That puts it slightly over one mile northeast of closest oil well on the northeast side of the Seminole field. Drilling with rotary is to start by Dec. 28.

Fumble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Keel, North-Central Mitchell County prospector, in section 22, block 27, H&TC survey, five miles northwest of Colorado City, was bottomed at 7,810 feet in lime, and was taking a drillstem test, with packer at 7,735 feet.

A core was taken at 7,800-10 feet. Recovery was 30 feet of lime, with no apparent shows of oil or gas. Operator has not revealed what the formation being tested is.

Oil From Yates Zone
Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 3-11 Ralph, 801.5 feet from east and south lines of section 11, block A-37, psi survey, on the west side of the Fullerton field, in Northwest Andrews County, which was drilled primarily to get gas in the Yates zone, has been completed for 27,600 barrels of 41-gravity oil, pumping, in 24 hours, from a pay section at 2,870-3,150 feet, in the Yates.

Operator shot the zone at 3,050-3,150 feet with 200 quarts of nitro and treated it with 1,500 gallons of acid. This is first oil production of that amount from the Yates in that section of the Permian Basin.

An Unofficial Report
Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1-11 University, section 29, block 13, University survey, Sevier-Devonian producer on the south side of the Fullerton field, is unofficially reported to be capable of producing 100 barrels of oil hourly from an 85-foot section somewhere between 3,450-8,650 feet, through casing perforations, after treating with 1,000 gallons of acid. The well is still cleaning up, and has not been officially completed.

Mayor Releases Monkey But Adds Stipulation

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP)—Merchant Seaman Bill Murphy of Los Angeles and Harold Smith of Albuquerque, N. M., asked Mayor Clyde Tingley for "jocko," a city zoo monkey. It was to replace their other mascot, torpedoed at sea.

The Mayor complied with one stipulation: When the war is over, the sailors must return the monkey "alive or stuffed."

Fifty Horses Guests At Philadelphia Party

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (AP)—Fifty horses were guests at a Christmas party given by the S.P.C.A. Women's auxiliary Wednesday.

Gifts included blankets, chest protectors and bags of oats. Oats, apples, a tasty concoction of crushed corn and crushed apples and—in limited quantity—lumps of sugar were served.

OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license was issued Wednesday at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble for Arthur Pere Nielsen and Doris Henrietta Schlichting.

Tough Terry



Maj.-Gen. Terry de la Mesa Allen, above, who commanded the First Division which added new laurels to its already crowded battle banners in North Africa, now commands the 104th Division, which has fought its way through plenty of tough spots on the western front, including Stolberg, Eschweiler, Weisweiler and Inden.

Hold Services For Winston Irben Bryan

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Ellis Funeral Chapel for Winston Irben Bryan, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bryan, with the Rev. J. E. Pickering officiating. Interment was at Fairview cemetery.

The boy died Tuesday shortly after he fell from the bumper of a truck his father had started. A wheel of the vehicle passed over the boy.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters, Elizabeth Ann and Martha Caroline Bryan; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryan of Midland and Mrs. Martha Goodwin of Conroe.

CAB Hearing Will Be Held In Fort Worth

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board Wednesday scheduled a hearing at Fort Worth, Jan. 31 on 56 applications of airline companies seeking to serve almost every city and village in Texas and Oklahoma.

Cab Examiner Thomas L. Wrenn will conduct the hearing, which previously had been scheduled tentatively for Jan. 8.

The hearing probably will continue for a month, said Wrenn.

Some of the applications propose lines solely within either Texas or Oklahoma, while others would include termini in the adjacent states of Kansas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana. Equipment to be used, as set forth in the applications ranges from multi-engine airliners to helicopters and gliders.

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- Flour Kitchen Craft Finest Quality 25-Lb. Bag \$1.25
- Flour Gold Medal Kitchen Tested 25-Lb. Bag \$1.32
- Mince Meat Lady Betty 30-Oz. Jar 42¢
- Pumpkin Alice No. 2 1/2 Can 15¢
- Pure Honey Beeville 16-Oz. Jar 25¢
- Olives Queen Isabella Queen Olives 21-Oz. Jar 69¢
- Olives Queen Isabella Stuffed Olives 8 1/2-Oz. Jar 67¢
- Marmalade King Kelly 16-Oz. Jar 19¢
- Preserves Tak-A-Taste Pure Plum 16-Oz. Jar 25¢
- Grape Punch Monterey Pint Bot. 24¢
- Peaches Extra Choice Evaporated 1-Lb. Pkg. 37¢
- Fancy Peas Rogers No. 2 Can 14¢
- Sardines American Soil 3 1/4-Oz. Can 7¢
- Pimiento Spanish Trail 7-Oz. Can 18¢
- Asparagus Sunny Skies Natural No. 2 Can 34¢
- Niblets Corn Del. Maiz 12-Oz. Can 14¢
- Wesson Oil For Salads and Cooking Pt. Bot. 27¢
- Shortening Swift's Jewel 4-Lb. Ctn. 72¢

- Coffee Nob Hill Luxury Blend 1-Lb. Pkg. 23¢
- Coffee Fresh Roasted 2 1-Lb. Pkgs. 41¢

Holiday Values

- Mince Meat Little Cook 9-Oz. Pkg. 14¢
- Syrup Sleep Hollow Rich in the Real Maple 16-Oz. Bot. 21¢
- Peanut Butter Beverly 9.5 Jar 35¢
- Catsup Red Mill Tomato (50 Points) 14-Oz. Bot. 15¢
- Cherub Milk (1 Point Per Can) 3 Tall Cans 25¢
- Pecans Stewart, Large Paper Shell 14-Oz. Pkg. 37¢
- Shelled Pecans 8-Oz. Pkg. 53¢
- Layer Figs Calimyrna 1-Lb. Pkg. 48¢
- Peanuts Tennessee Roasted 2 1-Lb. Pkgs. 49¢
- Soda Arm and Hammer 3 1-Lb. Pkgs. 20¢
- Corn Meal Morrison Premium 5-Lb. Bag 26¢
- Matches Favorite 3 Boxes 10¢

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Meat Values

- Pork Chops Center Cuts (8 Points) Lb. 36¢
- Beef Roast Grade AA (5 Pts.) Shoulder Cuts Lb. 28¢
- Beef Steak Sirloin, Grade AA (13 Points) Lb. 42¢
- Beef Liver Sliced Lb. 35¢
- Hamburger Fresh Ground Lb. 25¢
- Ground Veal Fresh Ground Lb. 28¢

Grocery Values

- Mayonnaise Nu-Made 32-Oz. Jar 47¢
- Mustard French's Prepared 9-Oz. Jar 13¢
- Schillings Sage 1 1/2-Oz. Pkg. 13¢
- Crackers Krispy or Premium 2-Lb. Box 33¢
- Shredded Wheat N.B.C. Pkg. 12¢

- Oranges California Navel Lb. 10¢
- Oranges Texas Juicy Lb. 7¢
- Grapefruit Foster Pink Lb. 7¢
- Celery California Crisp Tender Lb. 14¢
- Brussels Sprouts Lb. 17¢

- Red Grapes California Emperor Lb. 10¢
- Apples Washington Delicious, Johnathan or Winesap 2 Lb. 23¢
- Grapefruit Texas Seedless Lb. 5¢

- Texas Yams Lb. 9¢
- Carrots Fancy California 2 Bun. 17¢
- Lettuce Arizona Firm Heads Lb. 11¢
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LISTEN in on Radio Station KRLL from 1 to 1:15 p. m. each Saturday—your best cattle market is on the air **LUBBOCK AUCTION & COMMISSION CO.** (76-1f)

THERE is nothing new about the American people waiting until the last minute to do their Christmas shopping; but it is new to find a store with a day-after-Thanksgiving selection of merchandise to choose from at the last minute. Wemples Western Auto Associate Store is that something new in Midland. Across the street from Western Union... Open till nine until Christmas. (246-2)

NOTARY PUBLIC at Reporter-Telegram. O. M. Luton. 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. (157-1f)

PHONE 2202, W. D. North, for service on typewriters, adding machines and cash registers. (232-1f)

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Good Things to Eat 4

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XMAS fancy fruits and nuts—large variety, real quality. Your patronage appreciated. Dillard & Nix, S. Main St., by Dillard Cafe. (235-14)

LARGE paper shell pecans, 4 1/2 and 4 3/4 pound. 411 N. Carrizo. Phone 981-J. (245-3)

ROMING Beauty apples, \$3.75 per box. Plenty Delicious apples, paper shell pecans and citrus fruits, 400 E. Florida, Garden City Highway. (245-3)

Lost and Found 7

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)

WANT ride to Lamesa Sunday—W. R. H. McAshan, Phone 749-W. (245-3)

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

Help Wanted 9

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

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

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

WAITRESS wanted, day or night work. Excellent working conditions. Apply Cactus Cafe. (201-1f)

WANTED—Experienced waitresses, good money, short hours. Apply Log Cabin Inn. (169-1f)

SODA GIRL wanted. No night or Sunday work. Apply in person only. City Drug. (206-1f)

DUMP TRUCKS WANTED: To haul caliche, Andrews County, Texas. Pay 35¢ per 4 yard load mile. Long job. Trucks now making an average of \$40.00 per day. Will hire 15 trucks between December 20th and January 1st in order to start second crushing plant. Call Floyd Hunter, Supv. Office phone 32, Residence 39, Andrews, Texas. (244-12)

PORTER wanted. Petroleum Pharmacy. (245-3)

TRUCK route salesman wanted. Work out of town. Salary and commission. Kraft Cheese Co. Phone 1067 or 2152-W. (245-6)

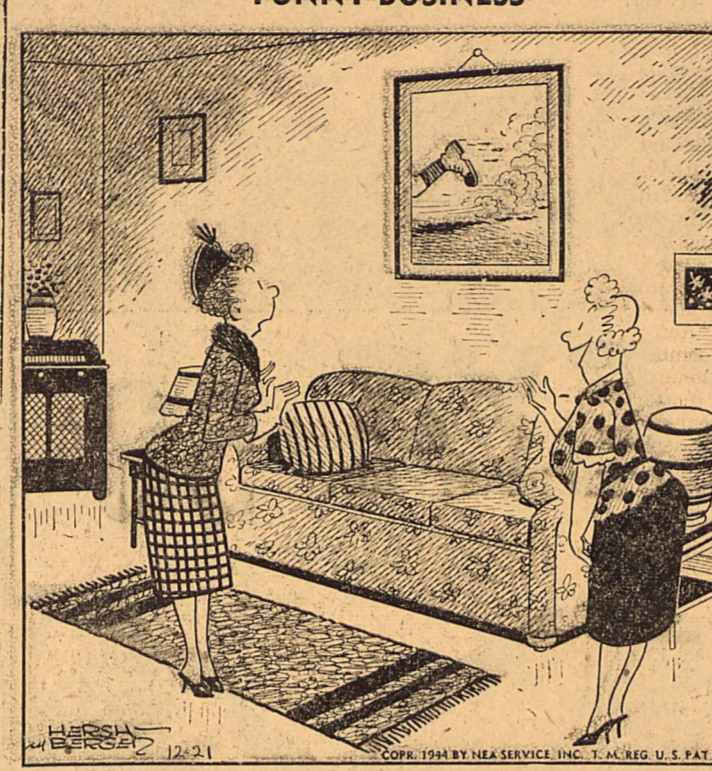
JANITOR wanted. Midland Public Schools. Phone 279-W. (246-3)

CREDIT MANAGER needed. Good chance for advancement. Apply Montgomery Ward, 111 S. Main, Phone 396. (246-3)

WANTED—Boys or girls 16 years old, men or women for day or night messenger duty, bicycle or walking. Good salary. Apply Western Union. (246-6)

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Situations Wanted 10

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

WILL keep children in my home by hour, day or week. Phone 1444-J. 1009 S. Big Spring. (245-6)

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RENTALS

Bedrooms 12
 IF YOU want to sleep, we have 22 extra beds Haley Hotel. (236-12)

Wanted To Rent 21
 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)

BEDROOM wanted for two. Write Box 372. (242-6)

WANTED—Furnished room or apartment by permanent couple. Write Box 374, care this paper. (245-3)

OFFICER and wife want room or apartment. — U. H. Schumann, Phone 9526. (245-6)

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Let's Swap 25

WANT to trade 4 rooms, bath, 2 lots in Monahans for house here. Phone 1790, Midland, or write J. E. Fossell, Box 711, Monahans. (238-12)

Wanted To Buy 26

SELL US the things you don't need—we make small loans. Nix Trading Post, 200 E. Wall. Phone 9544 (204-1f)

WANTED to buy—late model portable Singer sewing machine. Must be in good condition. Write Box 369 care this paper. (240-1f)

WILL BUY and repair alarm clocks. Will pay up to \$4.00 each for Baby Ben or Big Ben clocks. Will buy clocks in any condition. — Phone 2234-J, 1406 W. Illinois. (245-6)

WANTED—30-06 rifle, prefer with telescope sight. Must be excellent condition and reasonably priced. Phone Room 338, Scharbauer Hotel. (246-3)

WANTED—Chest of drawers, also trade table lamp for floor lamp. Phone 2065-M. (246-1)

Radios and Service 27

RADIO REPAIRS 610 S. Lorraine - Phone 1810-M (232-26)

TREAT lawns for better grass in spring; Trim and transplant shrubbery; Examine poplar and eradicate borers; Trim shade trees and treat Elm if needed; Call me for estimate on new shrubbery trees and roses; Complete landscaping; Experienced; Permanent. J. A. Richardson, Phone 332-R. (226-26)

FOR SALE

Household Goods 22
STORKLINE baby scale, play pen and pad, small bookcase, card table, 2 end tables. 1904 West Kentucky. (244-3)

WANTED—Used furniture and stoves, a ny amount. Highest prices paid. GALBRAITH'S 319 E. Texas Phone 746 (206-1f)

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ANTIQUE white oak dinette table with four red leather upholstered chairs. Phone 1894-R after 6. 2101 W. Kentucky. (246-6)

Nurseries, Flowers, Seeds 30

GOOD variety evergreens, flowering shrubs, roses, shade, fruit and pecan trees. If in need of trees and shrubs, pruned or moved; call 1494-W-1. Baker Bros. Nursery. In business since 1884. Will be here next year. (244-26)

Wearing Apparel 32

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)

PAIR boys leather chaps for sale. 709 N. "D." Phone 1837. (246-3)

Livestock and Poultry 34

FIX UP that vacant lot for profit; plenty of poultry wire at Barron's Supply Store. No certificate required. (244-3)

DEAD animals wanted for gunpowder. Free pickup service day or night. Call collect 484, Big Spring Soap Works, Big Spring, Texas. (134-121)

FOR SALE: 50 White Leghorn hens. Phone 1063. (245-2)

CHOICE butcher hogs for sale.—C. R. Welch, Phone 1494-W-2. (246-5)

BUSINESS SERVICE

Plumbing & Heating 39
Shattuck Plumbing Co. 308 N. Weatherford St. Phone 2046-W. (238-1f)

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FOR CHRISTMAS—Boys bicycle. Phone 1239. (246-1)

REMINGTON portable typewriter for sale, \$50.00. See Lester Short, City Drug. (246-2)

More than 1,000,000 men and women in the United States are employed by wholesale and retail grocers. (246-5)

Pecos Negro Sentenced To Electric Chair

PECOS—(P)—A district court jury here Tuesday night found Pvt. Joseph W. Oglesby, negro from Philadelphia, guilty of criminally attacking a Pecos white girl. He was sentenced to die in the electric chair.

The jury verdict was returned after 17 minutes of deliberation. Pvt. Cyril Addeley, Miami negro charged with attacking two white girls, is scheduled to go on trial this week.

Where There's Fire, There's Also Smoke

AUBURN, ME.—(P)—Men teachers at Edward Little high school had been forbidden to smoke in the school's boiler room during classroom hours, so they signed a petition with this heading: "Order of Mice and Men. Purpose: Education. Inspirational, Inhalatory. Motto: Better smoke here than hereafter."

The school committee rescinded the ban and now the "mice and men" may resume their boiler room, inhalatory "bull sessions."

PECOS NEGRO APPEALS

PECOS—(P)—Pvt. Joseph W. Oglesby, Pecos Army Airfield soldier, convicted by a district court jury on charges of criminally attacking a Pecos white girl and given the death penalty, has filed notice of appeal.

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Houses for Sale 61
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FOR SALE: 14x20 frame house; hardwood floors, to be moved. 710 South Baird. (246-6)

Lots for Sale 62
SEVERAL good lots in West End. \$200.00 up.
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Farms for Sale 63
80 ACRE modern improved farm and grass lease. 1 1/2 mile Andrews on pavement. Box 131, Andrews. (244-5)

FOR SALE: 200 acres: 1/2 in cultivation; 4 room house; windmill; lots of good water; mineral rights. Phone 1734-W. Box 306. (239-12)

Real Estate Wanted 67

HOMES WANTED
 If your home or other property is for sale I can sell it. Homes especially wanted at once. Call—
BARNEY GRAFA Ph. 106 203 Thomas Bldg. (241-1f)

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5:55 A.M.	6:30 A.M.
6:25 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
6:55 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
7:25 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
7:55 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
8:20 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
10:50 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:30 P.M.
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3:30 P.M.	4:10 P.M.
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Base Builder



(USAAF Photo from NEA)
 Lt. Col. Edward A. Flanders, above, 27-year-old aviation engineer from Oshkosh, Wis., is the man responsible for completing B-29 Superfortress bases on Saipan since U. S. invasion in June. A graduate of United States Military Academy, Flanders has been directing Air Force base building in the Pacific for three years.

City Employees To Receive Yule Bonus

Members of the city council in session Wednesday afternoon voted unanimously to give city employees a 10 per cent bonus on their December salaries as a Christmas present bonus. The Christmas bonus will be given all employees who work through December.

Other routine matters were disposed of by the council.

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Society

Short Talks Are Feature Of Modern Study Club Program

The Modern Study Club met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. John Casselman for a program and Christmas party. The decorations featured a lighted Christmas tree. Mrs. John Crump, president, presided at the business meeting in which the club voted \$10 to the Goodfellows fund and made a contribution to the cancer control work for the state of Texas.

A number of short talks were featured on the main part of the program. Mrs. Lamar Lunt discussed "what the men on the firing line think of some of our fretting on the Christmas home front." The theme for the afternoon was returning to the old past. Mrs. Hubert H. Hopper gave a speech on "Way of Private Devotion." Mrs. F. R. Schenck talked on "The Path of Family Religion." "The Path of Public Worship" was the subject of Mrs. B. W. Reecer's talk.

Mrs. John E. Gaffney, Mrs. B. L. Pilcher, and Mrs. I. E. Hood were the Christmas social committee. A party plate was served to the following people, in addition to the members previously mentioned: Mrs. Leo Brady, Mrs. J. M. Devereaux, Mrs. Charles L. Sherwood and Mrs. C. H. Shepard.

MRS. LEONARD IS HOSTESS TO MUSIC HUSTLES AT PARTY

Mrs. Maud Leonard was hostess to approximately forty of her pupils at a Christmas party Wednesday night in her home at 710 W. Ohio. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house, with gifts being distributed from under a large Christmas tree. In accordance with the tradition of many years, Mrs. Leonard presented each of her pupils with a stocking filled with Christmas candies, fruits, and nuts.

Calvary Church Young People Have Joint Christmas Party

Mrs. Hoyt Burris, counselor of the Lois Glass Girl's Auxiliary, and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, leader of the Junior B. T. U. of the Calvary Baptist Church entertained their young people with a Christmas party at Mrs. Burris' home Tuesday evening.

Games were played and refreshment were served to Virginia Brooks, Ann Wells, Willa Mae Baker, Eddie Mae Hamlin, Wanda Smith, Pat Riley, Thomas White, Elizabeth Hargrove, Lakie Lester, Lorene Pike, Doris Ann Alexander, Leonard Pike, Roy Lee Wallace, Edwin Ware, Leland Morrow, Stanley Burris, Don Frazier, Clifford Baker, Clyde Smith, Betty Lettwich, Doris Nell Hightower, Reba Bishop, Clinton Hamlin, Meloduse Burris and Jo Ann Drake.

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Ann Ulmer Honors Club With Christmas Tea

The QVV was honored with a tea and Christmas party Wednesday afternoon by Ann Ulmer at her home. The tables were decked in the holiday spirit with holly and red candles. Gifts were exchanged by the group. The monetary value of the present couldn't be more than eighteen cents, so it was all in fun.

Girls attending were Mary Bissell, Margie Barron, Phoebe Lewis, Shirley Culbertson, Ann Porterfield, Janice Knickerbocker, Marjorie Morrison, Peggy Ayres, Joan Steinberger, Jo Ann Stanley, Betty Chandler, Jean Russell, Mary Ellen Midkiff, Mickey McDonald, Billy Ann Hill.

Mrs. R. L. Miller Reviews Book On Wartime Greece

The Woman's Wednesday Club met in Mrs. Andrew Fasken's home for a Christmas program and party. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Ernest Sidwell, vice-president, presided over a meeting in which the members voted to contribute five dollars to the Goodfellow fund and five dollars to the cancer control clinic.

The program for the afternoon was a book review of Ann Duffield's "Turn to the Sun" by Mrs. R. L. Miller. It is a story of Greece in war time.

Two New Members Join

Two new members were welcomed to the club. They are Mrs. R. L. Foulks and Mrs. Guy Cowden.

The next meeting will be January 10 rather than January 3 as previously announced. The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. R. L. Miller with Mrs. O. B. Holt reviewing a book on Italy.

Tall red Christmas tapers burned on the mantle, and a large lighted Christmas tree furnished holiday atmosphere. The buffet of the dining room was arranged with Christmas candles with a lighted Santa Claus as the center piece for the table.

The members present were Meses James N. Allison, R. C. Conkling, Clyde Cowden, C. M. Goldsmith, O. B. Holt, Dave N. McKee, R. L. Miller, Eric Payne, Ernest Sidwell, W. G. Whitehouse and the two new members.

Junior Music Club Has Christmas Program In Pickering Home

The Junior Music Club met at the home of Betty Ruth Pickering Tuesday evening for a Christmas program.

Sharon Cornelius opened the program with a talk on famous paintings of Madonnas. A round, "Dann Novis," was sung by a trio of girls composed of Billy Jones, Doris Denton, and Virginia Dunagan. In closing, Edwina Hood presented a piano solo, "O Holy Night."

Members present in addition to the persons on the program were Dorothy Butler, Shirley Brunson, Eloise Pickering, Evelyn Wemple, Mary Catherine Graham and the sponsor, Mrs. Parker.

Visiting Daughter

Mrs. W. L. Kendall of Rushville, Ind., arrived Sunday to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Louis C. Hiner, 1009 W. Illinois. She expects to stay for several weeks.

Visit Here

Mrs. Frank L. Savage and twin daughters, Suzanne and Dianne, are in Midland visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Murray at 909 West Illinois. Mrs. Savage and daughters are making their home in Dallas while Capt. Frank L. Savage is overseas serving with the amphibious engineers as personnel adjutant.

Home From College

Miss Doris Mickey arrived home Wednesday night from Texas Christian University, where she is a freshman. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McKey.

Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book four red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through S5 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until Dec. 31.

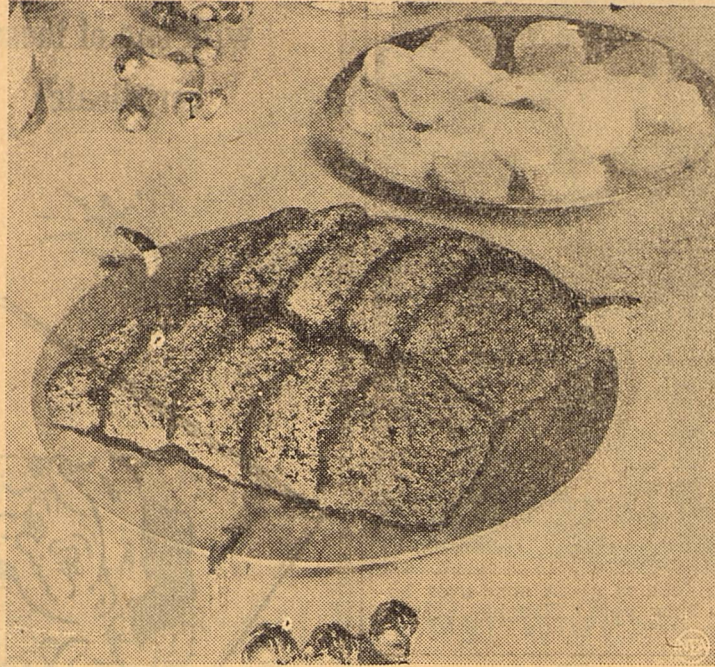
PROCESSED FOOD—Book four blue stamps A2 through Z8, A5 through Z5, and A2 and B2 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until Jan. 1.

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—12-A coupons good for four gallons each through Dec. 21. 14-A 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.

Serve Buffet Supper On New Year's Eve



Serve punch, sandwiches, and raisin nut cake for New Year's Eve.

By GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Staff Writer

For New Year's Eve, have a well-seasoned meat loaf, cold sliced, a boiled or baked ham, plenty of assorted bread, some good tasty spreads in small bowls, peanuts, olives, a fruit punch, coffee—and lots of it, and a fruit cake on your buffet. When guests are hungry they can help themselves.

Unless there are lots of capable hands to help do the work, don't try hot dishes or display recipes that require last-minute fixing. The hostess should be able to stay right with the party herself.

Here's a fine cake that can be made in the morning—it's festive and tastes like more.

Raisin Fruit Cake

Four cups seeded raisins, 2 tablespoons grated lemon or orange rind, 1 tablespoon cinnamon, 1 tablespoon allspice, 2 1/4 cups water, or water and strong coffee; 2 1/2 cups nut meats, 4 cups sifted cake flour, 5 teaspoons combination baking powder, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup shortening, 2 eggs, well beaten, 2 teaspoons vanilla.

Combine raisins, rind, spices and water in saucepan. Cover and cook gently for 8 minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid, add water or coffee to make 1 1/2 cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nuts.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar and sift together three times. Cream shortening very thoroughly, add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla, and reserved raisin liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Then beat vigorously 2 minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix well. Turn into two 9x4x3-inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper, and again greased. Sprinkle with chopped nut meats, if desired. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 1 hour and 15 minutes on cake rack; remove from pan, leaving paper attached. Cool. Wrap in cloth to store.

Spotters To Assist At Chaplains' Party

Mrs. Ralph Pickett, Spotters Club chairman in charge of assisting Chaplains Patrick J. Toomey and Bannen Y. Swope with the children's party at MAAF Saturday, announces that all workers who have agreed to help at the party are expected to be at the post theater at 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Midland women who have volunteered their services for the party are Meses Julius Schmidt, M. L. Hall, Embree Hunt, M. E. Ramsey, S. L. Catalani, E. H. Hulce, Rod Kohler, T. H. Brodnax, J. K. Jackson, E. A. Grashoff, Vernon Grout, Charles R. Orlando, and Mourne. Approximately the same number of Odessa Spotters also will be on hand to assist with last minute details.

Methodists Start On \$25,000,000 Drive

DALLAS — (P) — North Texas Methodist ministers will seek \$25,000,000 with which to attempt to spread Christian principles at home and abroad as the aftermath of an inspirational address here by Dr. Roy L. Smith, Chicago, editor of the Christian Advocate.

Dr. Smith said that as soon as Luzon is cleared of the Japanese there will be enough money to begin rehabilitation work on the island originally assigned to the Methodist Church for missionary work.

One Marriage Vow That Was Broken

SMITHVILLE, MO. — (P) — Charley Chinn in the Smithville Democrat-Herald twitted: "The guy who got married may have been able to keep most of his promises, but not the one to bring home the bacon."

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Mrs. Freels Reviews 'The Other Wiseman' At MOW Club Meeting

The Midland Officers Wives Club met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Waldo Grossman for a program and Christmas party. The co-hostesses were Mrs. T. D. Phillips and Mrs. J. M. Devereaux.

The group bought Christmas presents for needy children to be distributed by the Chamber of Commerce.

As the feature for the afternoon, Mrs. Merle Freels gave a review of the book "The Other Wiseman."

The next meeting of the club was announced as January 2 in the home of Mrs. C. D. Blount.

Refreshments were served to members Meses B. J. Bishop, C. D. Blount, Paul Drickey, Rawleigh S. Elliott, Merle Freels, J. N. Goodman, Waldo Grossman, J. A. Jorgensen, C. L. Monical, B. W. Reecer, A. P. Shirley, R. K. White, R. J. Rhorer, and K. F. Elliott.

We will be open evenings till 9 o'clock all this week. Western Auto Associate Store, opposite Western Union. —(Adv.)

Coming Events

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.

"Anableps-dowe!" is a fish having two frog-like pop-eyes, each of which is divided in half.

MARGIE SCHUMATE YWA GIVEN YULETIDE PARTY BY MRS. HARRIS

The Margie Schumate Y. W. A. met in the home of Mrs. R. W. Harris Monday evening for a Christmas program and party. The group sang Christmas carols with the counselor accompanying them on the piano. The minutes were read by the secretary, Alma Ruth Streeter with each girl present answering roll call with her favorite verse of Scripture. The ten points necessary to become a Standard Y. W. A. were explained by Mrs. Harris, and the group agreed to become a standard organization next year.

Opened With Prayer The program was opened with a prayer by Lurline Ponder. "The Real Christmas," a devotional, was brought by Betty Wood. The group sang "Little Town of Bethlehem."

and Nell Shattuck closed the meeting by leading a prayer. Gifts were exchanged, and each girl received one of the stockings which hung from the chimney filled with candy and nuts.

Refreshments were served to visitors Alta Merrell, Mary Alice War-

Leaves For Fort Worth

Mrs. Maud Leonard left Thursday morning for Fort Worth on a business trip. While there she will attend the San Carlo Opera performance of "Carmen" and "Il Trovatore." She will reopen her music studio Jan. 4.

Because of its resemblance to silver, platinum was named from the Spanish word "plata" for silver.

ner, and members Gladine Newsome, Nell Shattuck, Dorothy Gay, Ruby Hale, Gwen Simpson, Betty Wood, Polly Allgood, Ruth wood, Lurline Ponder, Clara Belle Kelton, Lara Lou Howell, Corrine Akins, and Alma Ruth Streeter.

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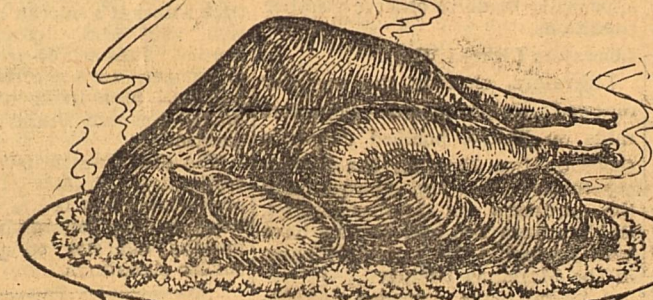
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- TONGUES CALF Fresh LB. 23¢
- HENS Fresh Dressed LB. 39¢

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- Apples 2 Lbs. 25¢
- Onions Yellow 2 Lbs. 9¢
- Tangerines 2 Lbs. 25¢
- Grapefruit Marsh Seedless, lb. 6¢
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Lufkin And San Angelo Are Named Favorites In Penultimate Game

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor
Lufkin's pass-pitching — and catching — Panthers go to Port Arthur Friday to open the penultimate round of Texas schoolboy football.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

NEW YORK—(P)—Branch Rickey, who was showing alarm last winter because of the possibility that pro football might become a rival to baseball, is about ready to join up with one of the new grid leagues. Plans aren't complete yet, but at least his coach (who might be Sid Luckman) wouldn't have to worry about the boss trying to run things from the bench as long as the season continued to remain away from Sunday games.

One-Minute Sports Page
Australia, planning to develop young tennis players for post-war competition, has asked the United States Lawn Tennis Association for copies of its junior development program.

In the past four years, Puerto Rico's annual appropriation for sports has increased from \$11,000 to about a half million. Clinton, Iowa, has two high schools and each finished its football season unbeaten and untied in eight games.

The Right Words
Mack Creager, who boots all the points after touchdowns for the Oklahoma A. and M. football team that is heading for the Cotton Bowl, also is a sports writer for the campus paper. A couple of years ago Mack was advised to give up football because of a heart murmur. When an Oklahoma scribe asked him about it this fall, Creager supplied the details, then suggested: "If you write anything about that, have 'em head it. 'Kicker's ticker starts to flicker.'"

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probably will break all speed records getting to Dallas the next day to see San Angelo against Highland Park.

Next week comes the finals with Fort Worth the most active bidder for the big game. They believe there that chances are excellent to bag the attraction, especially if San Angelo wins over Highland Park. They figure either of the Southern bracket teams would be favorable to Fort Worth.

But for the moment all interest is on the semi-finals in which San Angelo and Lufkin will go to the post as favorites.

Listed Odds
At Dallas betting row listed these odds: you can get six points if you take Highland Park and six and a half if you choose Port Arthur; to take San Angelo you must give seven and to wager on Lufkin you need to give seven and one-half.

It is believed this is a criterion of betting odds over the state. The Dallas struggle is due to attract between 15,000 and 20,000 fans. If it does it will be the third time since the state play-off opened that the Dallas game has drawn the most fans. Seventeen thousand turned out for both the Sunset (Dallas)-Paschal (Fort Worth) and Highland Park-Sunset contests.

Each of the four teams in the semi-finals has won eleven games and lost one. All losses were in early season, however, and are not considered of importance in comparing the teams today.

Pint-Sized Tailback Will Lead Tulsa In Georgia Tech Game

TULSA, OKLA.—(P)—A pint-sized freshman will lead Tulsa's veteran football giants against Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl game at Miami New Year's Day. He's Perry Moss, a level-headed, 158-pound tailback with an accurate pitching arm, a solid kicking toe and a pair of flying feet. Moss steps into the field general's post occupied two years ago by Glenn Dobbs and last year by Clyde LeForce.

Moss, the only Tulsa regular who did not play against the Engineers in the Sugar Bowl last January, hasn't attained the all-around efficiency of a Dobbs or LeForce but his coaches think he has a brilliant grid future ahead.

The first year man calls the signals, does most of the passing, punting and placement kicking and is an elusive runner. Little Perry is the brains of the Tulsa backfield. The brain is provided by Pullback Camp Wilson, a 200-pound line crusher who has been hitting the enemy's mid-section at a six-yards-a-try average all season.

Texas Aggies Mourn Death Of Joe Routt

COLLEGE STATION—(P)—Aggie-land Thursday mourned the death of another of its athletic stalwarts—Joe Routt, who was the first All-America football player at Texas A. and M.

Routt, a captain who commanded an infantry company, was killed in action in Europe Dec. 10, his widow was notified at Brenham Wednesday.

It was in 1936 that Routt was selected as All-America guard and he repeated in 1937, his senior year.

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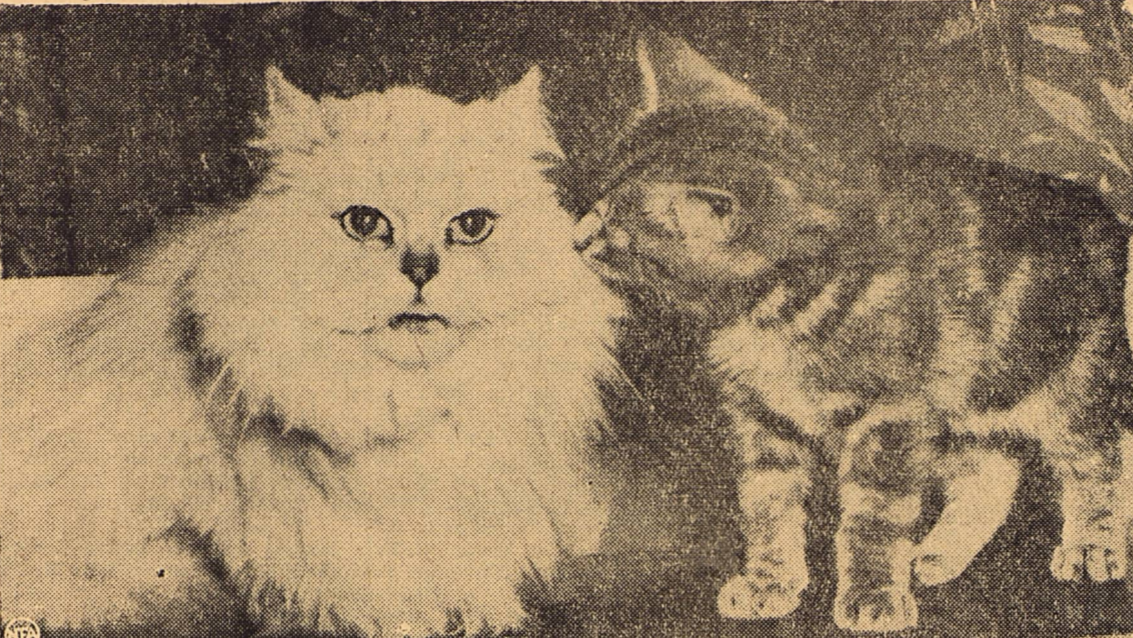
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Dick Harris Is Outstanding 2-AA Player

WICHITA FALLS—(P)—Dick Harris, captain and center of the Wichita Falls Coyotes, 1944 district title holders, has been named the "outstanding player of District 2-AA."

Harris was selected by players in the district through a poll conducted by the Exchange Club, which presents a trophy to the outstanding player.

Sammy Pierce, of Vernon, was second and Loren Ashley of Vernon, third.

NEW TWIST TO RULES AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN
NEW YORK—(P)—Wartime eligibility rules will give New York's sports program another novel twist Dec. 28 when Howie "Stretch" Schultz, Brooklyn Dodgers' first baseman, appears at Madison Square Garden in the basketball tussle of Hamline University.

Schultz' education was interrupted by the war and he is finishing up at Hamline in St. Paul, his old home town.

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Bombers Operating From Newly-Built Fields on Mindoro Island

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Tennessee Vols: Little But Loud

PASADENA, CALIF.—(P)—They may not be big, but they're fast and full of fight.

That was the impression given by the Tennessee Volunteers in their initial, unlimbering workout after arriving Wednesday for their Rose Bowl clash with Southern California's Trojans.

In a two-hour drill, the Southerners showed speed and spirit—also extreme youth and slimmness. One veteran observer said the Vols appeared to be the smallest team ever to come to the Rose Bowl.

Twenty nine of the squad, and seven of the starting 11, are freshmen.

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Bombers operating from newly-built fields on Mindoro Island in the western Philippines, could patrol the sea to the coasts of China and French Indo-China. U. S. ground forces continued to advance on Mindoro without opposition.

MacArthur announced 1,541 more enemy dead were counted on Leyte. This runs the total estimated Japanese casualties—virtually all killed or drowned—for the two-months-old Philippines campaign to nearly 127,000. The figure includes an estimated 30,000 drowned in convoys sunk trying to reach Leyte and 35,000 lost in the second naval battle of the Philippines.

Central Burma

In Central Burma three Japanese divisions retreated toward Mandalay, offering little resistance to British infantrymen advancing down the railway from Myitkya.

The British occupied Nankan and Wuntho, 135 miles north of Mandalay. To the east, the Chinese 30th Division, trying to reopen the Burma Road, captured three villages near the Bhamo-Namkham road.

Chinese forces, backtracking the railway through Central China toward Luichow, fallen U. S. air base, threatened two enemy-held cities. They closed in on Hochih, 95 miles west of Luichow, and drove on Chingyang, 15 miles east of Hochih. The U. S. 14th Air Force supported both operations.

American airmen will bomb every Japanese port on the China coast with the "maximum tonnage of bombs and the greatest number of planes" possible, said Major Gen. Robert B. McClure, U. S. chief of staff in China.

Los Angeles Woman Booked On Murder Of Her Employer

LOS ANGELES—(P)—Mrs. Louise Peete Judson, 63, paroled murderer, was booked Thursday on suspicion of murder in connection with the death of her employer, Mrs. Martha R. Logan, 60, real estate agent whose body was found Wednesday in a shallow grave in the rear of her Pacific Palisades home.

Mrs. Judson's husband, Lee Borden Judson, 67, a bank messenger, was held as a material witness.

Deputy Dist. Atty. John Barnes said Mrs. Judson had admitted burying Mrs. Logan's body, but refused to confess any further connection with her death, believed by police to have occurred about June 1.

Paroled In 1939
Mrs. Judson was paroled in 1939 after serving 19 years of a life sentence on her conviction of murdering Jacob C. Denton, wealthy Los Angeles mining and oil man, whose body was found in the basement of his home Sept. 23, 1920, with a gunshot wound in the head.

Police Capt. Thad Brown said Mrs. Judson was employed as Mrs. Logan's housekeeper after Mrs. Logan had sponsored her for parole.

Walter H. Lentz, chief of the district attorney's bureau of investigation, said Mrs. Judson and Lee Borden Judson, 67-year-old bank messenger, were married last May and had been living at the Logan home. He said Judson was being questioned.

The district attorney said an investigation of Mrs. Logan's disappearance began when signatures to her letters during recent months did not correspond with earlier signatures.

Nazi Attack

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that the Nazi onslaught was not likely to be halted this week.

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More Gains Expected
An Allied spokesman with the 21st Army Group said the Nazis "must be expected" to make even more gains before countermeasures now underway became fully effective, and belief was expressed that the enemy drive was beginning to lose momentum.

Supreme Headquarters, painting a gloomy picture, conceded further advances were likely, and there was a feeling it might be weeks before the First Army regained positions it held Sunday when the Germans plunged from 13 to 15 divisions into their bid to turn the tide of the war.

Alarm over possible return of the Germans spread as far as Brussels, where some packed their belongings for flight, although the Germans were still more than 75 miles away.

It seemed clear General Eisenhower's winter timetable was wrecked. Despite this greatest setback to the Americans in two years of European and African war, a belief prevailed that this battle was the decisive one that eventually would lead to Allied victory.

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Kill Crazy' Youth Held For Butcher Slaying Of Neice

PRINCETON, ILL.—(P)—Fifteen year old Norman Burton was held without charge for questioning at the Bureau County jail Thursday in connection with the slaying Wednesday of his five year old niece, Sara Jane Tyne.

Deputy Sheriff Russell Brokaw said the boy appeared at the Princeton home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton, at 7 a.m. Thursday after sleeping outdoors in the county park north of the city Wednesday night.

The father, Brokaw said, brought the boy to Sheriff Frank W. Grisell who called in State's Attorney Joseph Peterson for the questioning.

Found By Parents
The bruised and cut body of the little girl was found by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Tyne, when they returned from work in a war plant to their home.

Sheriff L. E. Bates of Lee County said the Tyne's told him that Mrs. Tyne's brother, young Burton, who had been living at their home for a year, had been left in charge of the Tyne's four children.

Search for Burton moved southward after he was seen bicycling through Ohio in the afternoon.

Bates said that a butcher knife was found near the child's body as well as a note, which read: "I am kill crazy. Don't try to catch me for you'll never take me alive."

The other children, who had been in the care of the boy, were unharmed.

Thanks, It Is; Thanks, It Isn't

BATON ROUGE, LA.—(P)—At Harding Field where non-commissioned officers of the first three grades pulled KP on Thanksgiving to give their stripeless brethren a break, every one was duly thankful.

One sergeant, remarked, while scouring a stack of pots and pans — "The privates are thankful that it comes at least once a year, and we're thankful that it comes only once."

Nazis Change Norwegian Headquarters For Safety

LONDON—(P)—The Norwegian Telegraph Agency declared Thursday the Germans were preparing to shift their headquarters in Norway from Oslo to Lillehammer, 100 miles further inland.

The agency said there were better facilities to guard against Allied air attack at Lillehammer.

VISIT IN HOUSTON

A. P. Loskamp and Charles Sherwood flew to Houston Wednesday in a Union Oil Company plane. They expect to return Friday.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle 2,200; calves 1,300; active and about steady; slaughter steers scarce; common to medium grades of slaughter yearlings 8.50-12.00; brahman yearlings at 11.00; common to medium cows 7.00-9.50; canners and cutters 4.00-7.00; good and choice fat calves 12.00-13.25; common to medium calves 7.50-11.50; stockers were scarce and nominally steady.

Thursday Short On Hours Of Daylight

Time should pass swiftly Thursday for it is the shortest day of the year, at least as far as daylight hours are concerned.

The sun came up over the horizon behind clouds at 8:32 a.m. central war time, and will sink in the west at 6:33 p.m. central war time.

Someone Evidently Told Him Of City Directory

DENVER—(P)—The Tracy Flemings moved 30 miles from Conifer, Colo., last October, leaving behind them Whiskers, a stray dog they had fed for months.

Wednesday footsore Whiskers showed up at the Flemings home. They knew he never had been in Denver before. They don't know how he learned their address.

The famous gondolas of Venice are flat-bottomed and about 30 feet long.

May Unify China

Seldom photographed Gen. Chou En-Lai, above, represented Chinese Communists in recent parleys with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking, where the Communists' and Chiang's Central Government sought to settle their long-standing rivalry and unite against the Japs.

He fell, and was killed.

Accumulated purchasing power in the United States at the end of 1943 was estimated at \$85,000,000,000.

But Will It Go Choo-Choo?



(NEA Telephoto)
It doesn't look very different, but actually it's the first turbine-powered locomotive, a Pennsylvania Railroad engine shown at Philadelphia, Pa. Note absence of cylinders, pistons, drive rods

Police Listen In On Housing Racket

OAKLAND, CALIF.—(P)—A man who thought he had bought a home, two others who thought they had rented it, an auctioneer who believed he had purchased the furniture and five persons who thought they had bought various furnishings held an indignation meeting at the Oakland police station. A warrant was issued for the arrest of a couple who had "sold" and "rented" the house and furniture to all comers.

Shoot The Llama To Me Mama

NEW YORK—(P)—Pass the Llama, Mama.

A packing company here is selling dressed meat of a Llama, butchered at an upstate game farm after an accident made it unsaleable to a zoo.

'Pears Like A Surplus

SEATTLE, WASH.—(P)—Maybe the address has something to do with it but Mrs. Helen Olsen's backyard Bartlett pear tree which produced its regular crop in September came out with another load of Bartletts the other day and bore blossoms for a third crop. She lives at 11038 Bartlett avenue, N. E.

Sugar

WASHINGTON—(P)—Paul Porter, Democratic National Committee publicity chief during the fall campaign, took the oath under a recess appointment Thursday as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission.

LOOK FOR LUPE'S POISON

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.—(P)—Four law enforcement agencies have begun investigations into the origin of sleeping medicine with which Actress Lupe Velazquez committed suicide last Thursday.

NAVAL PROGRAM EXPANDED

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt signed legislation Thursday authorizing a \$50,000,000 expansion in Naval ordnance production facilities.

ABBAS HILMI DIES

GENEVA—(P)—Abbas Hilmi, 71, who ruled Egypt from 1902 to 1914 as the Khedive (viceroys) under Turkish suzerainty, has died of a heart attack, it was announced Thursday. He had lived in Geneva for several years.

CHILD KILLED REACHING FOR BAUBLE

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—Carleton Adams, 2, alone in the parlor of his home, climbed on a chair, reached out toward a shiny red ornament on his newly-trimmed Christmas tree.

He fell, and was killed.

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Maj. Gen. Brooks Sees Human Side Of Troops' Work

By THOBURN WIANT
 WITH THE U. S. 7TH ARMY IN ALSACE—(P)—The eight dirty and unshaved American G.I.'s working on a muddy road a few hundred yards from German positions did not know what to expect when a jeep bearing a two-star plate pulled up beside them.

A six-foot, 175-pound man crawled out, returned salutes and told the G.I.'s to gather around.

"I just want to tell you I think your job is as important as the job being done by the men with guns," he said. "The men over there making all that noise are helpless unless ammunition and supplies of all kinds can get over this road to them."

Whereupon, 51-year-old Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, of Concord, N.H., who succeeded Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., new commander of the U. S. Fifth Army in Italy, as the Sixth Army Corps Commander, crawled back into his jeep and drove off to another part of the front.

Typical

That is typical of Brooks. That's one reason why men like to take orders from him.

Before Pearl Harbor, Brooks left

Wounded Texans Praise Filipino Guerrillas

TEMPLE—(P)—Two Texans who were among the first four casualties evacuated from Leyte Island to reach McCloskey General Hospital praise the Filipino guerrillas.

Pfc. Demetri Ramirez, Lyford, and Pvt. William Stelle of Wichita Falls declared that Filipino guerrillas were very helpful in bringing up rations, ammunition and water for the invading Yanks and in supplying important military information.

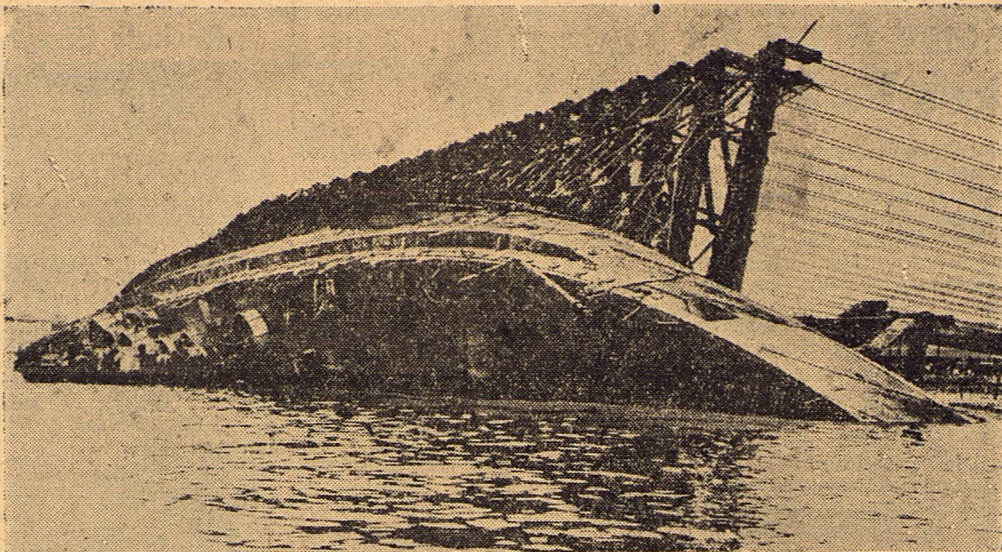
The War Department's general staff to join the armored force for which he developed the self-propelled 105 MM Howitzer and an assault gun.

Brooks won the Silver Star for the assistance the Second Armored Division supplied in blocking German attempts to split the U. S. First and Third armies at their narrowest junction point in the Pery and Vire areas.

The cluster was added to that decoration for deploying ten officers and men including his two aides, at a crossroads near Marchiennes to delay by small-arms fire an SS column of more than 100 vehicles and several hundred men. The delay made possible the annihilation of the column by hastily summoned tanks.

The general also holds the Legion of Merit award and an oak leaf cluster for earlier service.

Mighty Oklahoma Rises From Her 'Grave'



Covered with barnacles and other marine growth, the bulk of the 29,000-ton battleship Oklahoma rises from the waters of Pearl Harbor, where it was sunk during Jap attack, Dec. 7th, 1941. Spectacular salvage operation was effected through a shore-to-ship series of electrically actuated cables. When half-erected, as pictured above, a cofferdam was built around the low stern holes patched and pumping begun to provide the buoyancy necessary to float the

Statistics Reveal Non-War Workers Have Highest Percentage Of Change

By JAMES MARLOW
 WASHINGTON—(P)—So the war workers think the fighting's over and are running away from their jobs, are they?

Maybe you came to believe that in the past few weeks. But the figures don't bear that out. On the contrary.

Workers in non-war jobs are doing more job-changing than war workers.

A special survey by the War Manpower Commission—made public here for the first time—shows that:

Workers are quitting non-war jobs at a rate of 60 to 70 per 1,000 a month.

War workers are quitting their jobs in the munitions industries at a rate of 40 to 55 per 1,000.

Less Quitting This Year

In manufacturing industries—where war workers are heavily concentrated—there was less job quitting this year than in 1943.

From here on the figures used are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics which gathers them monthly. The latest are for October.

"Separations"

The word "Separations" is the general, over-all word covering all reasons why a worker leaves a job. Those reasons are: quitting, being discharged or fired, being laid off for lack of work, and being drafted.

These figures show what has been happening to employment in manufacturing industries generally.

Total separations in October, 1944, were 64 per 1,000. They were 70 per 1,000 in October of 1943.

October showed the lowest total of separations of any month this year. And separations in every month of 1944—except May—were lower than in the corresponding months of 1943. The number of

Army's Plastic Eyes Better Than Glass

WASHINGTON—(P)—At more than a dozen hospitals throughout the United States, the Army has set up special technical shops whose sole job is manufacturing and fitting plastic eyes—the war-born development which has proved to be greatly superior to the oldtime glass eye.

Before the war, virtually all glass eyes used in this country came from Germany and supplies of these are nearly exhausted. Military doctors say the plastic eyes are seemingly unbreakable and, like their predecessors, are not damaged by acids contained in the secretions from the eye socket.

G.I. wearers rate them so highly that they jokingly ask the doctors to fix them up "Sunday morning eyes"—heavily "bloodshot."

The War Food Administration has in the United States about 2,000,000 tons of foodstuffs on hand to meet emergencies.

people fired for cause in October, 1944, was 6 per 1,000, exactly the same as in October, 1943. The number of people fired in 1944 generally paralleled the figures for 1943.

Real Difference

The real difference in the figures between the two years came in the number of people out of jobs drafted into the armed services. They were 3 per 1,000 last October, but 7 per 1,000 in October, 1943.

This drop reflected the changed policy of Selective Service to take fewer, and younger, men.

But what about the number of workers who replaced those separated from their jobs for any reason?

In October, 1944, for every 64 out of 1,000 workers who were separated there were 60 replacements.

But there is something to be remembered here. There are fewer people available for work than there were a year ago.

Dream Is True



Many a battle-weary Yank has dreamed of going to sleep or the battlefield and waking up at home with mother and dad.

but Pvt. William Guy Harrell, above, of Hyattsville, Md., is one G. I. who just about did it.

The 20-year-old paratrooper was dropped behind the German lines on the Cherbourg peninsula the night before D-day. He saw 15 days of tough combat, then was knocked cold by a German tank. Unconscious 34 days, he woke up in a New York hospital, was sure he was dreaming when he saw his father and mother at his bedside. Pvt. Harrell is now convalescing in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington.

Marine Corps Unites Brothers After Twin Is Killed In Action

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—(P)—This is the story of four Texan brothers, and an understanding Marine corps.

There were four—the twins, Ray and Roy, 23; Beaman, 25, and Neuman, 20, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Buckner of Silsbee.

Since the campaign of the Marianas, three remain.

In April, 1941, the twins quit their jobs at the country club ice cream company in Beaumont to enlist in the Marines. A year later they were followed by Beaman and Neuman.

All four came overseas. Ray and Roy were with the Third Marine Division, Beaman and Neuman with the Second Marine Division. In the American assault on the Marianas Islands, the second went to Saipan and the third hit Guam.

Were Sergeants

The twins were sergeants in different platoons of the same infantry company. Off duty they were inseparable.

Ray was wounded in the leg on Guam on the twins' 23rd birthday. After four days at the hospital he returned to the front lines to find that both he and Roy had become platoon leaders.

They went through the remainder of the rugged Guam campaign unscathed, then, after the island was secured, the twins were stationed at an outpost. One night a group of remaining Japs sneaked into the area and launched a suicidal attack. Ray was shot.

Ray Died

Roy returned next morning from a two-day patrol with his platoon. He rushed to the hospital and stayed at Ray's bedside for six days until Ray died.

Officers of the Third Division, mindful of the heroic performance of both boys during the battle, determined to do something to ease Roy's grief.

Beaman and Neuman, the remaining brothers, were Pfc's in an artillery unit of the Second Division. They had gone safely through the Saipan and Tinian campaigns together.

Roy was transferred to the Second Division to join his other brothers.

Now they are all in the same artillery battery.

Army Needs More Artificial Limbs

ATLANTA, GA.—(P)—At the Army's Lawson General hospital 100 artificial legs and arms are manufactured every month to meet the needs of amputation cases here, and an Army doctor says "we're going to have to increase that output shortly." Lawson is one of six amputation centers in the Army hospital chain.

Army Man Doesn't Like Job Of Being Boss Of 50 Girls

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

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

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

But the First Army Comouflage Unit of which he is a member is used to filling strange requests. Jacobson drew his assignment when his outfit was ordered to provide thousands of emergency snowcaps for Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' frontline troops.

Regular Army snowcaps hadn't arrived when the first snow fell. Combat men found their olive drab uniforms stood out against the white landscape, making them splendid targets.

Within 36 hours Lt. Col. Robert E. Kearney, Hollywood, Cal., commander of the camouflage unit and former motion picture director, had the first snowcape off the production line.

Materials Flown In

He had white muslin flown from England and borrowed white engineer tape to use in place of buttons. His supply officer, Capt. Anthony L. Mondello, New York City, rented a factory located nearby, thread and hired the girls.

Then Jacobson was made the factory boss.

"These girls are just like American girls," said Jacobson. "They never stop talking. And the way they spend their money! One girl just paid 900 francs for a pair of shoes—three weeks salary for one pair of shoes!"

Jacobson looked moodily around at the happy, humming girls.

"I am a happily married man—this is no place for me," he said.

His assistant, Pvt. Donavin Macomber, a husky trooper from Radcliff, O., glanced over the busy workroom, whistled a few bars and said more cheerfully:

"Well, so we got to work in a roomful of girls. It ain't so bad. I can think of a lot worse ways to win the war."

Fair-Haired Boy?



Arthur Seyss-Inquart, above, German Governor of The Netherlands, may replace Joachim von Ribbentrop as German Foreign Minister, according to reliable reports from Berlin. Von Ribbentrop has been in Himmler's bad graces for some time.

Pop Corn Boom Is Nation-Wide

The nation's appetite for pop corn has increased to three times what it was before the war. Home use is the greatest in history. Retailers report record sales and public vending machines are catering to long lines of waiting customers.

Army camps and Navy installations in this country and overseas from New Guinea to France have set up popping machines, which are popular gathering spots for our boys. Pop corn is one thing that tastes like home no matter where they are.

Limited Supply

Retailers say there is some pop corn still available, but make no promises as to how long the supply will last. While enough pop corn has been raised to cover normal demands, it is not expected to be nearly enough to supply the present public craving.

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Army Lieutenant Only Wants 'To Drive A Car Some'

MANHATTAN, KANS.—(P)—Lt. Walter Ehlers, 23, winner of a congressional medal of honor, isn't interested in the keys to the city. He would prefer the keys to somebody's car.

This young man, who killed 18 Germans—four of them with his bayonet—in exterminating a couple of machine gun nests, came home Monday for a hero's welcome.

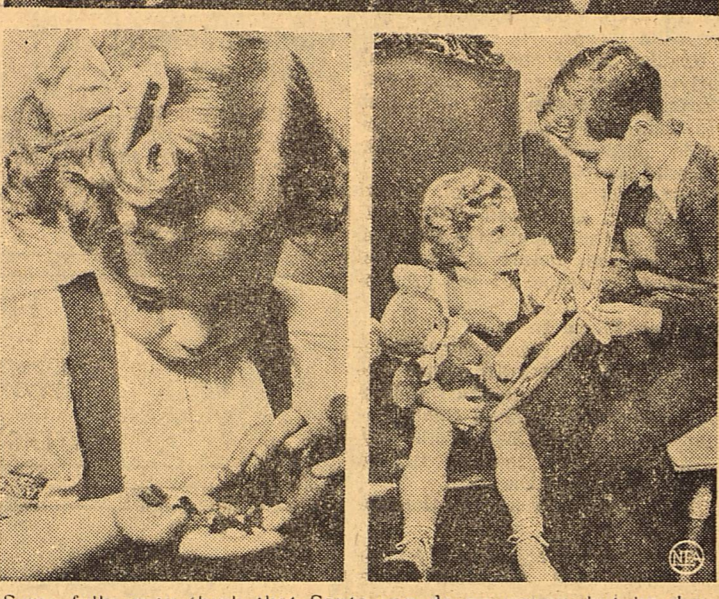
While the town dignitaries peered on anxiously, striving to please, he was asked what he most wanted to do.

Liked To Drive
After a moment's thought, Ehlers replied, "I'd kinda like maybe to drive a car around a little."

Looking happily at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ehlers, he reckoned he might take in a movie later on. But Mrs. Ehlers did something the Germans couldn't do. She stopped him with, "I don't know, son. You look tired."

"I guess you're right, mom," he agreed.

Ehlers, who flew home from Paris in four days, will step out, though. The young man who was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant for heroism on the battlefield plans to take in a basketball game between Kansas State College and Rockhurst. "Haven't seen a basketball game in four years," he said.



Do's and Dont's for Santa
Some folks may think that Santa can do no wrong, but he does slip up occasionally according to the National Safety Council, which posed the above pictures in Chicago to demonstrate what toys should or shouldn't be given to children. In top photo, little Gerrie Ann Sweeney has a metal truck, with very sharp corners which might cause her injury. Jimmy Murray explains that the dart game is much too dangerous for her, but it's dangerous for him, too. Darts is a game for adults only. At left, below, Gerrie examines some tiny celluloid toys—an unwise gift choice because a child as young as she might swallow them and spend Christmas week in the hospital. Just the thing for 3-year-old Gerrie is the soft teddy bear she holds in photo at right. And for 8-year-old Jimmy an airplane construction set is perfect.

Midland Army Air Field Post Office's Work Has Huge Jump

Twelve thousand letters and cards, fifteen hundred packages, and five hundred magazines and newspapers—these are distributed every day by the Midland Branch Post Office at Midland Army Air Field. From now until Christmas Day the Post Office will be the busiest spot on the post.

The eight thousand letters and cards, and eleven hundred packages that leave the bombardier base every day add to the work of the busy Post Office staff. Before this mail can leave the field it must be classified in one of about three hundred categories such as states, APO addresses and terminals. But the Post Office staff has still found time to sell \$50,000 worth of bonds in 1944, plus \$100,000 in money orders each month, and \$100.00 in stamps every day.

One section of the Post Office handles mail for the permanently assigned officers at Midland Army Air Field. This department, headed by S/Sgt. Arrell Foster, handles twelve hundred letters a day, three hundred papers and magazines, and four hundred packages.

Lack Of Boxes
Dispensing mail for over one thousand officers when only four hundred mail boxes are available is not an easy task, but S/Sgt. Arrell Foster, with his three assistants, does the job. Usually he has

to have several persons use the same letter box—seven officers share one box—but the news and the papers and the packages from home are delivered on time. Assisting him in this work are Cpl. Douglas Strand, Pfc. Violet Fisher, and Pvt. Alpha Williams.

Also attached to the Post Office staff is the man who literally carries the mail, Pfc. Joseph Coiten the truck driver, who makes four scheduled runs to Midland every day. He starts at five-thirty in the morning and rarely finishes before seven in the evening, but Midland Army Air Field mail is picked up and delivered on time.

Superintendent of the Branch Post Office is Frank Smith of Midland, who has served 10 years with the United States Post Office Department, and has been in charge of the branch office since activation of the bombardier school. During normal times, five full-time employees are on duty and during the holiday season the number is boosted to eight employees.

Dangerous Tea-Party

LONDON—(P)—Three men who used an electric hotplate to boil water for tea in the midst of 49 tons of high explosives were fined about \$135 each at the northwestern court.

Rockets Coming



(U. S. Navy Photo from NEA)

Gigantic rockets of "unprecedented accuracy and destructive force" will be used by the Navy to help knock out both the Nazis and the Japs, Capt. Gerald D. Linke, above, of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance, revealed in New York. He said the use of rockets had reduced casualties and pulverized enemy beach defenses in past Navy amphibious landings.

That Paris Problem Is Here Again

CHICAGO—(P)—Up for an answer again is the 1917 vintage question: How're you gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've see Paroo?

Several women here for a national convention of agriculturists reported rural boys now in the armed forces were eager to return to the soil. But another believed that to attract the girls now in uniform it would be necessary to "glamorize" rustic life.

British Accumulate Bricks

LONDON—(P)—There are now 1,000,000,000 bricks in stock in Britain—enough to build 50,000 houses.

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Congressional Raise In Salary Approved By Labor Factions

WASHINGTON—(P)—Do you think your Congressman should get more dough?

He won't say much about it. He's afraid you'd get mad at him. His raise would come from your money. But he hasn't had a raise in 19 years.

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

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

Labor Favors It

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

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

Rep. Vinson, Georgia Democrat, made a long speech in Congress this week. He wants Congressmen's salaries raised to \$15,000. He pointed out:

A Congressman, married but without children, in 1925 paid only \$220 in federal income taxes on his \$10,000. Now he pays \$2,500. And since 1929 he's been subject to state income taxes.

Long Sessions Now

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

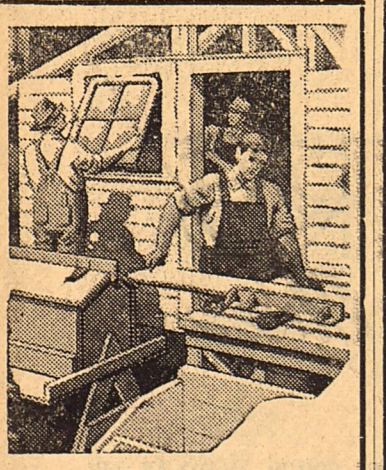
This means a Congressman has to keep up two homes: One here and one where he came from.

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

Senators and Representatives are allowed certain sums—if not used the money must be turned back to the government—for clerical help in their offices.

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AP Newsfeatures
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The Moscow radio, which has an outlet into every apartment house in the capital and every area in the Soviet Union, consistently plays U.S. music.

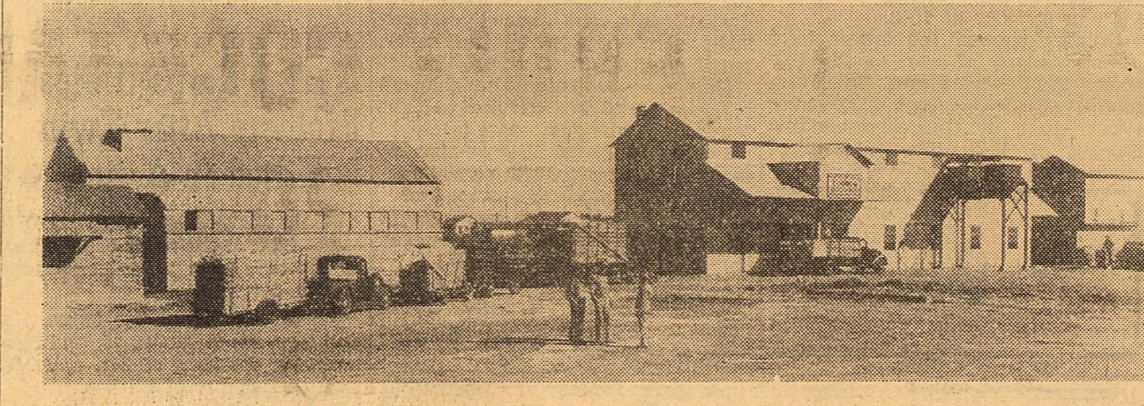
In one 24-hour period: Irving Berlin's "You're In the Army, Mister Jones" was given a long airing. An American jazz hour included "As Time Goes By," and a symphonic arrangement of "Yankee Doodle."

On a band music program were "American Patrol" and an arrangement of "The Star Spangled Banner."

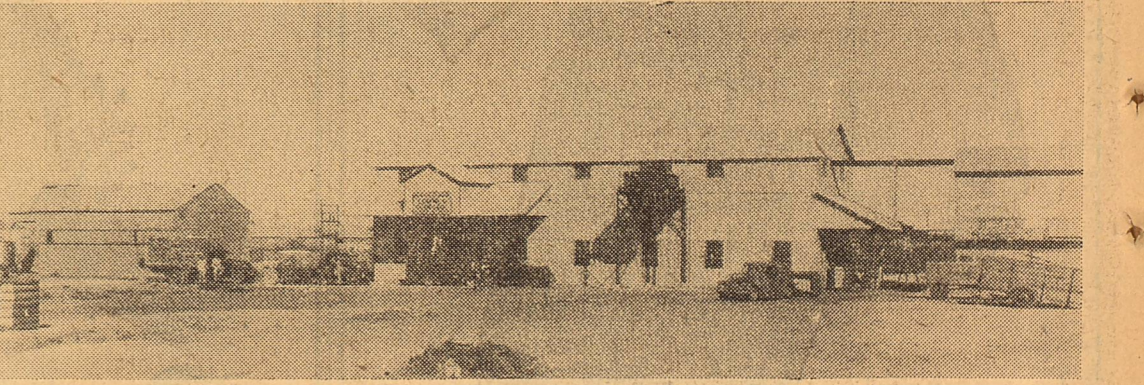
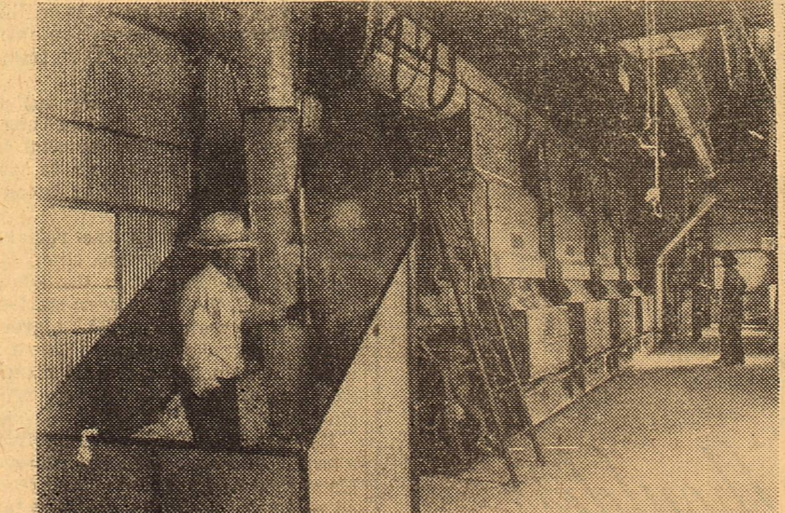
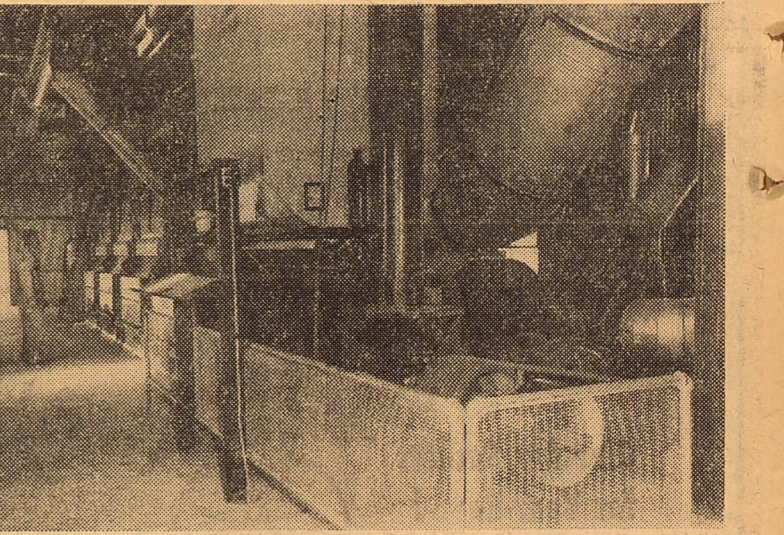
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AT THE LEFT is a view of the new stands at the Midland Cooperative Marketing Association gin. The overflow pipe can be seen in the foreground. Because of the modern equipment cotton is ginned faster and cleaner. AT THE RIGHT is another exterior view of the gin building showing cotton filled trucks awaiting their turn.

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VIII

"I SHALL not attempt to explain the passions that governed us. Such things are better unknown, but when my son was born and placed at his feet, my husband did not lift the child from the ground, as when a paterfamilias acknowledges the child is his own. So it was that servants took the child to the hills and abandoned him, yet in such a way that my brother Drusus and Jonathan had no trouble in finding him and recognizing him.

"They came to my brother's home, Drusus and Jonathan, and the babe in Jonathan's arms, and Michael with them. Michael, Jonathan's wife, thy little Michael, Joel."

Flavia paused and Joel made a move as though he were impatient to hear the end. She began to speak quickly, her words stumbling from her haste. "Little Michael, with her hand in her hair, stood smiling among her flowers, and greeted her husband and guest—'Blessed be he who cometh.'"

"And Jonathan laughed and thrust the child at her. 'This is my son,' he said shamefacedly, not meeting her eyes.

"Instinctively her arms clasped the child and she looked at her husband, her golden eyes growing dark, a wild pulse beating in her throat where her blue garment closed upon it, her voice quite controlled and clear although so low Drusus says he scarcely heard her words. 'Thy son, Jonathan?' she said.

"Drusus loved her from that moment, he claims, when she looked upon my son's small face for an instant and then, courageously, to Jonathan. 'We have been hasty, surely,' she said, a smile faint about her mouth that was red as the anemone. 'Here it is but the second month since we were wed and already our son is come.'

her heart is wholly innocent of malice, when Jonathan obtained from her a promise that Malachi should go to Rome."

Somewhere beyond the range of his vision, Ajalon wore a nimbus of silver while the moon stood still in the valley, and Flavia took the last shabby garment from the past and let him look upon the sin that dyed it.

"DRUSUS loves thy wife," she said, and he nodded in agreement. While the lamb she was holding ceased nursing and he placed it beside its twin and released the ewe.

"Jonathan," Flavia said, not sparing Joel, nor his brother, nor yet herself. "Jonathan promised Michael to Drusus if he himself should die. Vowing he should have her by El Shaddai, thy god of faith."

Joel had need now to know the end. "And Michael?" he asked.

Malachi's mother looked long at him, surprise in her glance. "It is not possible thou should doubt her readiness to marry thee was aught but the wilful determination to withhold from Jonathan one thing at last that he desired."

He must know one thing more while the moon stood still and he watched his sheep by night, while in the inn his beloved Jay with their firstborn son, "Michael," he said. "Did Michael love thy brother?"

A lamb bleated. And somewhere, far off, a nameless bird called for its mate, and Joel waited for the answer to the demand his heart had found.

"She was fond of his company," Flavia told Joel. "I have seen her dancing to meet him, flowers in her hair and joy upon her face."

She had greeted him thus, Joel told himself, doubting not that Jonathan, too, had known her glad. Had known her angry also. Had known her?

Jonathan was dead. Drusus loved Michael. And Michael? Her life with Jonathan was past. Her child was his own. But how had Jonathan died? He had never asked.

"The nations have heard thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land." Joel thought how often the stony words of his anger had struck upon Michael's flesh, and the bitter lash of his pride had flayed her. While she shielded the memory of the dead.

Flavia's voice went on, telling the intolerable truth. "Michael had learned to love the child, for

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The Western Pennsylvania Tournament recently held in Pittsburgh re-established that city as a duplicate center. It was their biggest tournament since the national championships were held there in 1939. The open pair event, with 79 pairs and an exceptionally strong field, was won by Mrs. F. Ebersson and R. C. Jones of Pittsburgh.

While I did not know Mrs. Ebersson personally, I remarked to

my partner in the team-of-four game that she was an excellent player. I was not a bit surprised when it was announced that she had won the open-pair event. Today's hand occurred in that contest.

When East bid two spades, Mrs. Ebersson decided that the strength of her hand was increased, and she made the nice bid of six diamonds. By cashing only the king of diamonds and ruffing a heart and two spades, she made seven.

POSSIBLE MERGER
PARIS—(AP)—A possible merger of France's two largest Left-wing parties was forecast Wednesday when a bi-partisan Socialist-Communist committee appointed a commission to study ways and means to effect a union.

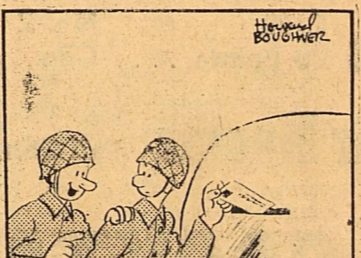
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Plants and facilities for naval aircraft production in this region are in place for expansion on output which will be required in the future, he said.

While in Dallas he conferred with War Production Board officials.

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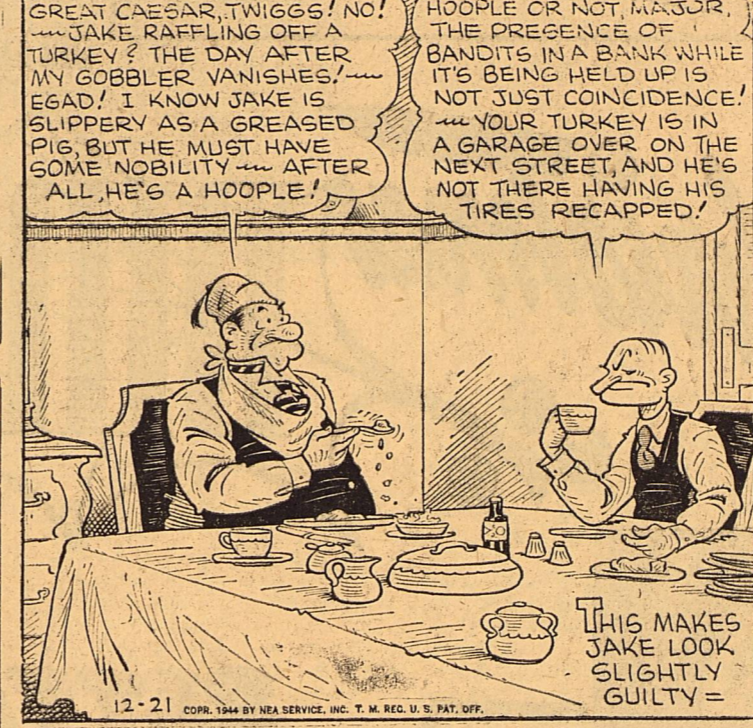
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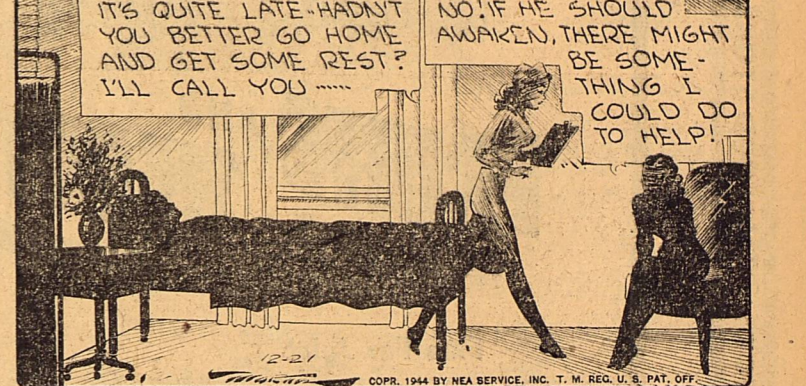
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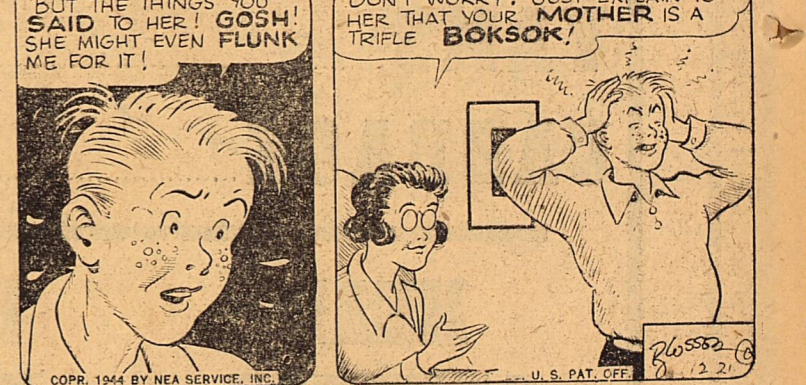
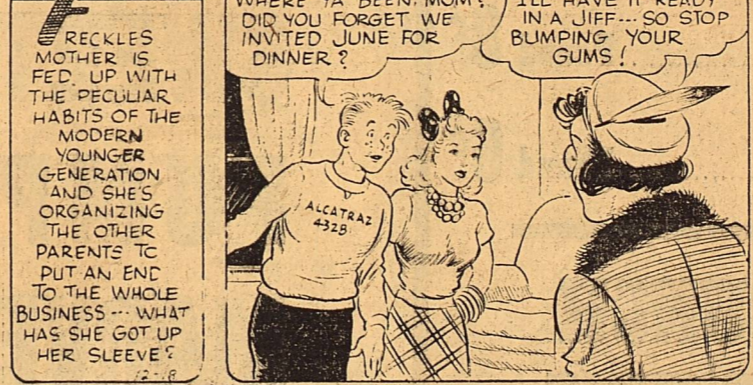


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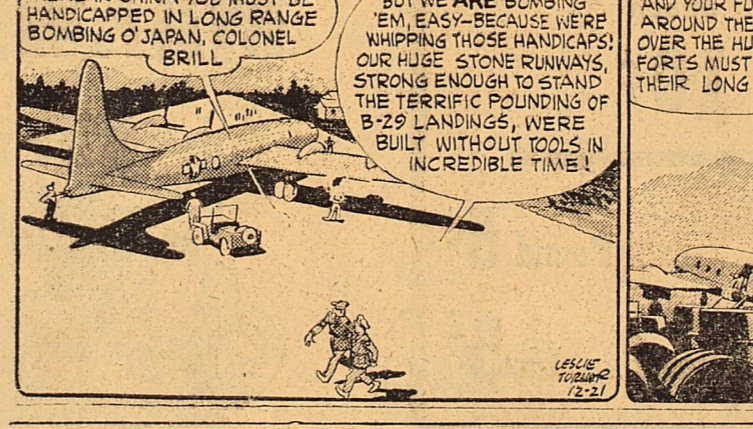


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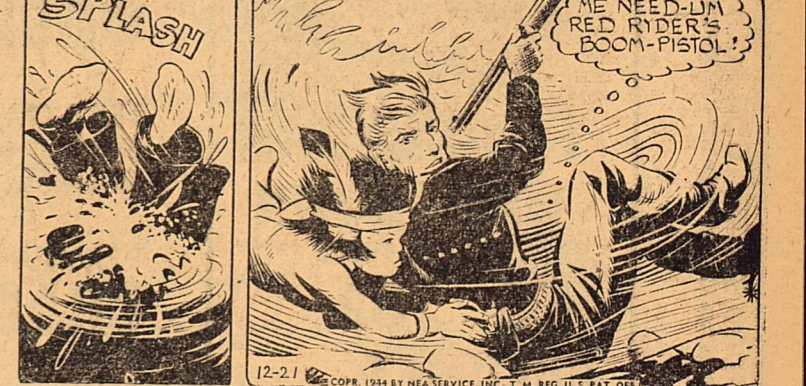
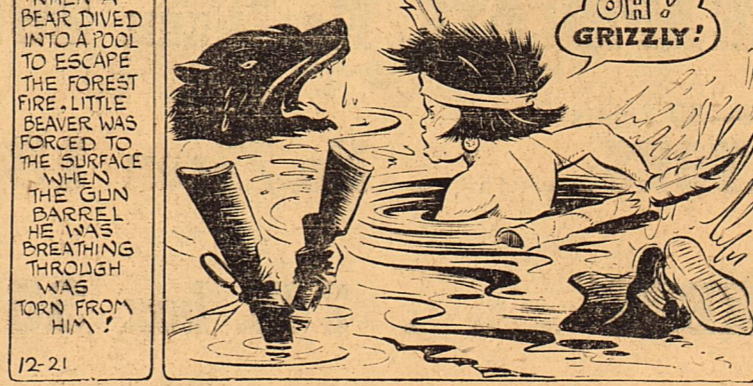
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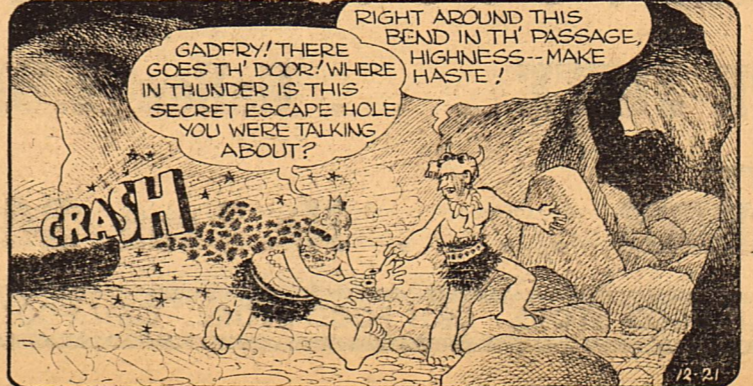
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MAAF Private Comes From Famous Line

George W. Goethals, private in the Army of the United States, curiously doing an excellent job in the bombastic maintenance department at Midland Army Air Field, has broken the tradition of an illustrious family, and with two children of his own may well be on the way to inaugurating a new tradition for the Goethals family not militaristic but aesthetic.

Ever since the founding of the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1802 a member of the Goethals family has been in attendance. Pvt. George W. Goethals, however, decided that a pursuit of the good, the true, and the beautiful was more to his liking than strategy, tactics, and the deployment of troops. So the youngest member of the family went to Harvard where he majored in English and Greek literature. He managed to get a sufficient number of credits in science to qualify for medical school should he feel inclined

Kitchen Matches May Ease Shortage

NEW YORK—(AP)—Sharp curtailment of book match production will not create a match shortage, but will force increased use of large kitchen matches, spokesmen for the match industry in the United States say.

Production of all types of matches in 1944 is running to 35 per cent of 1942 production. Meanwhile paper book matches are disappearing, with 35 per cent of production going to the armed forces, and all small safety-type box matches are earmarked for military use.

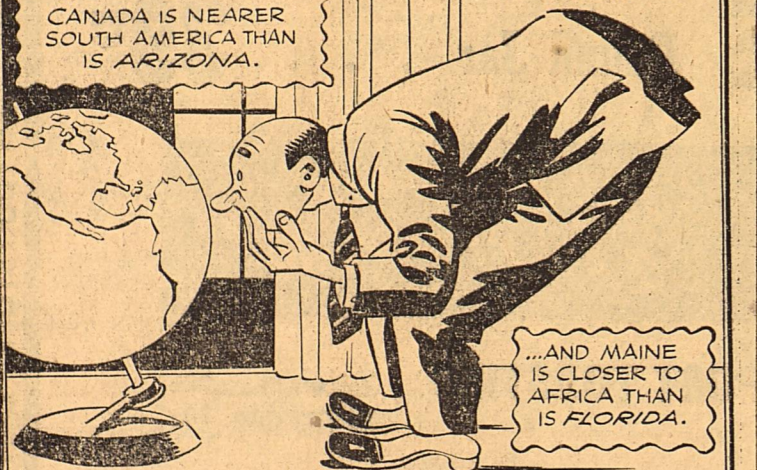
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THIS CURIOUS WORLD —By William Ferguson



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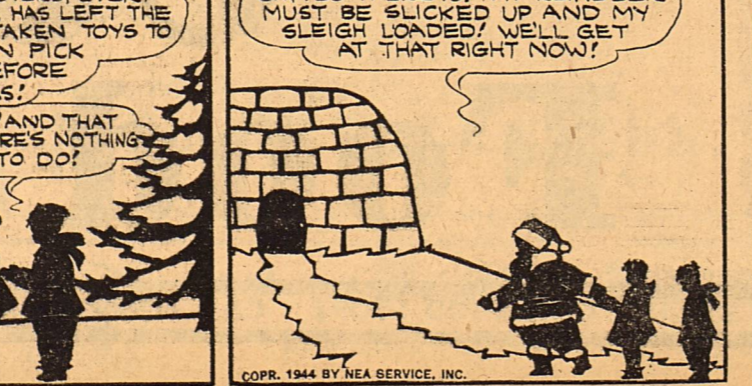
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Yellow Cabs Try To Give Prompt Service

Persons who will be using taxi service during the holidays should put in their taxi calls ahead of the time they plan to need the cars, H. C. Watson, owner of Yellow Cabs, suggested.

"The number of our cabs is extremely limited," Watson pointed out. "We do not like to keep our customers waiting, but there are times when more calls come in than we can answer immediately."
"We are using all of our efforts trying to give our customers as prompt and efficient service as we possibly can."

Insurance Policies Should Be Checked

Insurance policies should be checked from time to time to make sure enough insurance is being carried to take care of the increased costs of recent years, Wayne Gillespie, district manager of the Employers Casualty Company, suggested.

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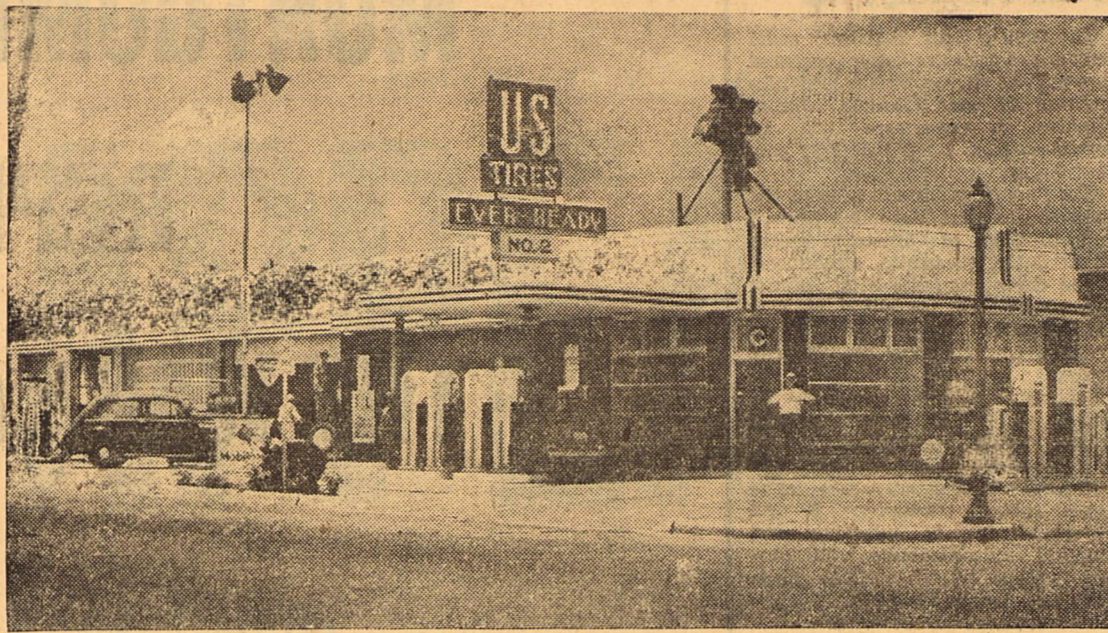
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Texas Cattle Sales Provides Farmers, Stockmen Ready Market

Every Thursday is auction day at the barns of the Texas Cattle Sales and buyers from almost all sections of the country are there at one time or another. Cattle are consigned to the Texas Cattle Sales from 40 counties of this area.

The concern is owned by J. C. Miles. It began business four years ago, and since that time the number of livestock sold has continued to increase from year to year as more and more stock owners of West Texas learned of many advantages offered by selling through the Texas Cattle Sales.

Facilities Are Increased
The Texas Cattle Sales has had to increase its facilities from time to time during the past two years and a number of new corrals have been built to take care of the increasing number of animals consigned to the company.

An average of 300 head of stock now go through the auction ring each week. Practically every type of stock grown in this section are sold in the ring, including cattle, hogs, sheep, goats and horses.

Miles, who is also well known as a Midland County stockman and farmer, has spent his entire life in the business. He came to Midland in 1927 from Fannin County, Ga. In addition to his Midland County farm holdings he has land in Mitchell County.

The Texas Cattle Sales facilities are available for both large and

small buyers, and for large and small stock producers.

Prices Are Good

In the four years since the company began operations here it has developed into a top market, and stock producers of this section have found they can obtain as high prices at the Texas Cattle Sales as they can receive anywhere.

"We plan to continue to operate the Texas Cattle Sales for the benefit of both producers and buyers," Miles said.

"We will expand the facilities of the company as expansion is needed so a good market will always be available for West Texas stock raisers."

When the Thursday auctions are held there always are many spectators to see the stock and how the market is running.

"Visitors always are welcome at the auctions," Miles said.

Former Cowboy Wrangles Horse On Leyte Island

LEYTE, PHILIPPINES—(AP)—Pfc. Marion West, former cowboy and rodeo star of Weed, N. M., wrangled himself a captured Japanese horse to become the first mounted military patrolman on Leyte.

West, on a looted saddle, now gallops past jeeps and other mechanized equipment to unjam traffic jams.

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Midland Cooperative Marketing Association Saves Farmers Money

The Midland Cooperative Marketing Association is helping Midland County farmers and ranchers save money on many of the supplies they need to carry on their operations.

The association was created under the marketing act of 1934, and has been in business in Midland nine years. J. E. Davis is president of the association and Jim Baker is vice president. D. W. McDonald is secretary. Seven directors are on the board. W. H. Wade is manager for the cooperative association.

The Midland Cooperative Marketing Association is entirely producer owned and operated. Members of the association enjoy the advantage of buying many of their supplies from their own business.

High Quality Feeds

The concern carries a line of feeds of high quality, and feeders who have used the feeds point to their high food content and fattening value.

Farmers and ranchers who trade with the association have found they can make big savings in auto accessories by purchasing them from the association. Many items of farmers' supplies are carried by the association.

The filling station operated by the association handles high quality gasoline and lubricants which customers say give extra mileage and conserve wear and tear on the car.

New Gin Installed

When the association's old gin burned in January its members decided to erect a new and modern gin where cotton producers of the county would always be sure of getting well ginned bales.

The group installed an all electric gin which is new throughout. The equipment includes a dryer which is of great advantage to cotton producers if there are many rains during the harvesting.

Cotton producers who have taken advantage of facilities offered by the new gin claim it turns out cleaner bales of higher quality, which assures them of top prices for their cotton.

Since the gin turns out a bale in 10 minutes producers having their bales ginned at the Midland Cooperative Marketing Association avoid many of the long waits usually encountered in the rush season.

Executors Find Heir Who Drops Dead

GRANTS PASS, ORE.—(AP)—For 14 years executors have been searching for Ed S. Young, whose grand-uncle in Philadelphia bequeathed him \$5,000.

Finally they found Young here, a 72-year-old relief recipient. He listened to the news, then dropped dead.

Used Furniture Can Bring Extra Money

Now is the time to sell unwanted used furniture, A. C. Caswell and C. C. Worley owners of the Home Furniture Company, said.

The furniture company owners pointed out, used furniture is bringing better prices now than ever before. It might prove profitable to search the house and learn if there are not some forgotten, unwanted pieces around which could be turned into cash.

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'Nearly Ten Million New Jobs Will Be Created'

HOUSTON—(AP)—Seven to ten million new jobs above the number available in 1940 must be provided for the postwar period by private enterprise, Paul G. Hoffman, chairman of the National Committee for Economic Development, told business leaders at the annual Houston Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night.

To obtain a favorable economic climate, Hoffman said, business, labor, agriculture and government must work together.

If we are not prepared to deal with the problems of peace when Germany falls, partial peace may bring a partial paralysis of our economy," Hoffman declared.

Commissioner Comes Home Pardonably Tired

PORTLAND, ORE.—(AP)—City Commissioner Fred Peterson, who played Santa Claus at an orphans' party, had a good excuse when he staggered home, worn out.

After he had hoisted one four-year-old up in his arms, the other ninety-five orphans refused to leave until they had been lifted, too.

Marines invading Peleliu Island in the Palau named one of the hills "Million Dollar Ridge" since more than a million dollars worth of ammunition was spent taking it.

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American Beauty Shop Is Busy Place

The American Beauty Shop at 407 West Wall has been a busy place this week as women of Midland prepared for the Christmas holiday social season.

The five experienced operators at the beauty shop kept a full appointment list, as they have in recent weeks.

In addition to beauty parlor work the American Beauty Shop carries a complete line of cosmetics.

Clare Boothe Luce May 'Christmas' With GIs

BARI, ITALY—(AP)—Members of the U. S. House Military Affairs Committee enroute home Wednesday by plane after 25-day tour of the battlefronts.

Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.), who had been suffering from ear trouble induced by air travel—remained behind. She said she might spend Christmas with the frontline troops.

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A Few Simple Repairs Make Toys New Again

By EPSIE KINARD
NEA Staff Writer

Bring Sonny's paint-scarred battered, wheel-less toys and Sister's dismembered doll out of the basement. You can use experts' remodeling tricks to make them look new enough in this year of toy shortages to hang on the Christmas tree.

Painting out wear and tear on toys, hammering out dents, replacing wheels, "grafting" new skin on a doll's battered body or "resetting" her dangling arm are simple restorations for even a tyro.

How? John Dovenziana, director of toy repairs of the Boys' Clubs of America, tells you what's being done in 350 Boys' Club remodeling shops throughout the country. Arm yourself with a few tools, he advises, and some small cans of quick-drying paint — bright colors for toys, of course; flesh pink for dolls — and an inch-wide brush.

All set to paint? For the many coaches and engines, velocipedes, sidewalk bikes, wagons, and tin soldiers, two coats of paint are all that are needed to restore such toys to children's favor. Clean them, sandpaper, then paint—and brush in one direction.

If the toy is dented, hammer it smooth before you paint. A bulge here, a depression there comes smooth as new if you'll hammer it over a piece of hard metal placed under the dent.

A wheel missing? Using a hand rail, slice a new wheel off a fowel rod or old curtain rod with a diameter and thickness measured to match other wheels on the truck or engine. Anchor the new wheel to the empty end of the axle rod by driving a 3/4-inch brad through the wheel hub and into the rod. If the whole works have to be restored — axle and wheels—make a new axle out of a dowel rod, and, using the same procedure as described above, nail on new wheels.

Scared doll? Sandpaper the cracked enamel around scarred edges and coat with flesh-colored paint to match the skin of the doll.

To re-set the dislocated arm of a doll, drive a nail through the shoulder end of the dangling or detached arm. Hitch wire or rubber band to the nail, poke it through the shoulder area of the doll's body, tie tightly to the other arm to anchor. If both arms are dismembered, drive a nail through each arm and use the same technique as described to fasten to doll's body. If the business end of the nails poke through on the doll's arm, file down points.

Spare The Rod

HARWICH, ENGLAND — (AP)—A Harwich medical officer blames reluctance of parents to make children eat things they dislike for "widespread" dietary deficiency among schoolchildren.

Pvt. Rocco Caputo Reported To Be Fond Of Food And Food

Outstanding wit and subject of witticisms at Midland Army Air Field is Pvt. Rocco Caputo of Brooklyn, who maintains an air of frenzied hilarity throughout his immediate area.

Private Caputo's caustic comments on things in general, his egotistical pronunciation of names, his credulous nature, his irreverent attitude, his sincerity, his ready smile, and his surgical treatment of the king's English—all these things serve to make him a very well liked young man and a highly desirable barracks mate. His policy of getting along with everyone and arguing with no one has apparently solved the problem of how to live happily in the army.

However, the young man from Flatbrush, who happens to be a Giant fan, does have his likes and dislikes. He likes to eat and he dislikes not eating. Just before consciousness dawns upon him every morning his mouth starts forming these words, "What's for breakfast?" Hence, by the time he opens his eyes and grunts his morning greeting to the world he has received an answer. Not that it makes any difference what the answer is, for he will go to breakfast no matter what is being served.

Private Caputo's rotund 180 pound frame he has placed in the capable hands of Pvt. Claude Schoch, body builder extraordinary, with the request that something be done about the waist-line. Thus far progress has been slow—body building interferes so much with eating—but Private Schoch has outlined a training schedule and Private Caputo has applied himself, with a few exceptions, to the task set before him.

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Blood Vessels Are Frequent Casualties

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VA.—(AP)—At Ashford General Hospital, here, doctors report that the great fragmentation of explosives used in this war has led to an unexpectedly high incidence of small, peppery wounds in which a blood vessel is not entirely severed but is damaged to the point where a pulsating growth is established. Like a blister on an automobile inner tube. More than 100 of these growths have been removed at Ashford alone.

Medic Marvel



Medical Corpsman Pvt. Duane N. Kinman, of College Place, Wash., flashes jackknife which he used in an emergency operation during fighting near Louvigny, France, to save the life of a G. I. who had been hit in the throat by mortar fire. Kinman made an incision in the soldier's throat and inserted fountain pen, permitting man to breathe. (Photo by Charles Haacker, NEA-Acme War Picturepool photographer.)

Dean Of Santa Clauses

CLINTON, ILL.—(AP)—Very few, of any, men can compete against Roy Lane for the title of dean of the Santa Claus corps. This was the 37th consecutive year that he dusted off his red velvet suit and combed his false whiskers to appear as Kris Krinkle at school, club and family gatherings.

JayCees Schedule Four Christmas Radio Programs

The first of four Christmas radio programs which are being presented as a part of the Christmas activities program of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce will be broadcast from KRLH at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The first program will present the choir of the First Methodist Church in a program of Christmas music. U. A. Hyde, chairman, announced.

The choir from the First Baptist Church will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, and the First Presbyterian Church choir at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Saturday at 8:30 p.m. C. G. Cooper will read Charles Dickens' famed, "Christmas Carol."

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MONTGOMERY WARDS
REPLY TO
THE WAR LABOR BOARD

December 18, 1944.

National War Labor Board
Washington, D. C.

Your telegram of December 14, demanding that Wards comply with the War Labor Board's order covering Wards four Detroit stores, was obviously intended to give to the public the false impression that wages are the major issue.

The Board knows very well that Wards has offered to adopt the minimum wage rates recommended by the Board. The Board knows very well that Wards policy is to pay wages as high or higher than those paid by other employers in the community for similar employment. The Board did not base its wage recommendations upon the survey of competitive rates made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Mr. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board, deliberately attempted in his December 16 press release to mislead the public into believing otherwise. Wards only objections to any of the Boards wage recommendations has been in those instances where the Board has arbitrarily demanded that Wards substantially increase its rates above those of its competitors in the highly competitive retail field.

The Board knows very well that the real issue arises from its attempt to impose upon Wards a closed shop in the form of maintenance of membership, together with the check off of union dues from wages. Wards has refused to agree to any form of closed shop, or compulsory union membership, because the closed shop violates the American principles of Liberty and Freedom. The Board is well informed as to Wards position.

Mr. Davis is quoted in the press as threatening the cancellation of Wards priorities, the denial of scarce materials to Wards, and the seizure of its business if Wards does not comply with the Boards demands. These are the tactics by which the Board has forced innumerable employers into granting special privileges to labor unions.

The Board knows very well that its orders cannot be legally enforced by such punishments. Congress, which is the sole law making authority under our Constitution, omitted from the War Labor Disputes Act all provisions which would have given Board orders the force of law. Congress included in the original draft of the law a section which would have made Board orders enforceable in the courts. Congress later removed this provision upon the written request of Mr. Davis, who asked that Board orders be left as mere declarations which no one could be compelled to accept. Mr. Davis express reason for his request was that the Board would then not be "subject to court review of its decisions."

The Board knows very well that its orders are consequently unenforceable. The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia has held, at the request of the Attorney General acting as counsel for the Board, that orders of the War Labor Board are merely "advice" which no one has any legal duty to obey. The Court held that anyone who refuses to comply with orders of the War Labor Board is not defying a command of the Government and that, since the orders are merely advisory, no Government official has the right to impose punishments on those who do not comply. The Supreme Court has refused to alter this decision.

The Board knows very well, since its orders are legally unenforceable and since Congress has not authorized any punishment for those who reject advice of the Board that the reprisals with which it threatens Wards are necessarily illegal. The President of the United States knew this when he recently explained to Mr. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians why that union could not be compelled to obey a Board order.

Wards has violated no law, nor denied to any union a privilege to which it is legally entitled. Wards has many times informed that Board that its closed shop demands would require Wards to violate the National Labor Relations Act. Wards cannot in good citizenship accept the Boards advice, and give to the union special privileges which Wards believes to be not only unfair and uneconomic but illegal.

The time has come for the Board to cease its threats of reprisal upon those who reject its advice. The Boards policy of granting special privileges to unions has led to a breakdown of collective bargaining and has encouraged strikes in time of war. The Boards disregard of the facts and its pretense of an authority which it does not possess have destroyed the confidence of labor, industry, and the public. The usefulness of the War Labor Board in the settlement of wartime labor disputes has been destroyed.

The best interests of employees and employers and the welfare of the American people, demand that Congress face the realities of the country's need. The great problem of wages and the closed shop in time of war should be governed by law and must be solved by Congress.

If the Board desires a further hearing, Wards, as always, will be happy to attend.

MONTGOMERY WARD AND COMPANY
SEWELL AVLEY
Chairman.



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grocer when he is temporarily out of Imperial Sugar... or when he offers Imperial in paper packages only. It contains the same fine, pure cane Imperial Sugar you have always known... May the holiday season be a happy one for you and yours, is the wish of IMPERIAL SUGAR COMPANY of Sugar Land, Texas.

