



VON RUNDSTEDT STOPPED

Reds Crack First Ring At Budapest

MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian forces cracked the first of three inner defense rings of the encircled Nazi garrison at Budapest Friday, while the Austrian-bound Red Army to the north stepped up its drive along both sides of the Danube River.

The Red forces made an all-out bid to win strategic control of the Hungarian capital in a matter of days, if not hours, as fanatical Nazi troops in the hilly district of Buda and the populous flatlands of Pest gave ground under a score of assaults by Russian combat teams of tommy-gunners, tanks and self-propelled guns.

Fight At Komarom

A battle of even greater military importance raged on the approaches to the Danubian communications center of Komarom, which is less than 85 miles southeast of Vienna and within 53 miles of Bratislava.

Two columns from Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army group converged on the city from the east and southeast, while across the Danube to the northeast, Marshal Rodion Malinovsky mounted a powerful smash at the Nazi Iron River defense line.

Fighting down the northwestern slopes of the Vertes mountains, Russian troops reached points less than 10 miles from Komarom.

The Russians said enemy troops were told they were fighting to save the Reich from immediate invasion and that the German commander at Budapest had decreed the death penalty for soldiers failing to hold their positions until ordered to retreat. The latter edict resulted from the large number of desertions by Hungarians.

Tom Green Test Making 10 To 12 Million CFCPD

By JAMES C. WATSON, Oil Editor

The Texas Company No. 1 Gorman, Southeast Tom Green County wildcat, in section 85, district 11, SP survey, about seven miles southeast of San Angelo, was showing gas at an estimated rate of from ten to twelve million cubic feet per day, while swabbing through tubing on section at 4,860-5,004 feet.

The zone had been treated with 2,000 gallons of acid. In swabbing after lifting the acid load, operator was recovering one barrel of oil per hour, with a rainbow of oil, along with the gas.

Looking Like A Well
Texasco No. 3-B Hobbs, section 33, block 35, H&C survey, in Southeast Crane County, was flowing to pits to cleanout and test, after re-treating with 3,000 gallons of acid at 3,190-3,200 feet, in the Clear Fork-Permian.

Initial flow, after acid, was from 10 to 12 barrels of fluid per hour, cut 35 per cent basic sediment and acid water.

Japs Say Six GI Transports Sunk In Battle

By LEONARD MILLMAN, Associated Press War Editor

The Japanese high command Friday reported a big, heavily guarded convoy of American transports moving westward through inland Philippine waters and claimed six were sunk in a two-day attack.

Unconfirmed Tokyo broadcasts recently have reported a seemingly endless movement of U. S. transport convoys in and around the Philippines. If only part of them were true it would mean Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops were being heavily reinforced for their next amphibious operation.

Friday's enemy communique said the convoy consisted of 30 transports escorted by more than 20 warships. Japanese planes, the report said, attacked Wednesday and Thursday as it moved through Mindanao Sea from Santiago Strait south of Leyte Island, perhaps headed for Mindoro, within 150 miles of Manila.

Tokyo radio claimed Nipponese air assaults on Mindoro were continuing. But General MacArthur said there was no trace of air, naval or land activity after U. S. PT-boats and planes routed a Japanese task force that erratically shelled the airbase and lost three destroyers. No mention was made of further damage to enemy warships by pursuing planes.

Mitscher Returns
New major naval-air battles can be expected to develop soon in the Western Pacific, said Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, on his way back from six weeks' vacation to resume command of the fast carrier forces he has led in devastating raids up to the doorstep of Japan.

He said the Japanese "have reached the point where they'll throw everything in the fight. I think in another year we should have their navy pretty well cleaned up."

The Nipponese continued to throw bombers—in diminishing numbers—at the Saipan Superfortress base. They came from daily raided Iwo Island, 750 miles south of Tokyo.

Major Gen. Robert W. Douglas, commander of the 7th Air Force, explained the Nipponese can repair their fields in half an hour and "every time our men fly over they find airfields repaired." Liberator bombers in Wednesday's naval-air raid on Iwo, he said, "got a hell of a lot of Japanese troops." Tokyo claimed three bombers were shot down.

For the third successive day Yank fliers heavily bombed Halmahera Island from which the Japanese periodically try to ferry troops to the U. S. air base island of Morotai, 300 miles south of the Philippines. An enemy communique claimed Nipponese anti-aircraft gunners have shot down 176 raiders over Halmahera this month.

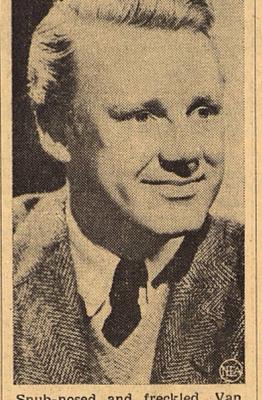
MacArthur announced 912 Japanese were killed and 16 taken prisoner by Yanks mopping up Leyte Island in the Philippines. There's a lot of mopping up to be done in rugged territory, said Jim Hutcherson, Associated Press war correspondent with the 77th Division.

Two Dead Negros Found In Room

The badly bloated bodies of a negro man and negro woman who had apparently been dead since Sunday were discovered about 4 p.m. Thursday in the servant house at the John W. House home. The bodies were discovered by House.

The gas stove in the room was burning with a high flame when the bodies were discovered. They were so badly decomposed officers were compelled to wear gas masks while removing them. They were buried immediately.

'Ah-h-h' Man



Snub-nosed and freckled, Van Johnson, above, new Hollywood heart, appears to be the current heart-throb, especially among the more mature segment of the swoon sisterhood. His pictures attract long lines of sighing girls, who spurn Frank Sinatra to see Johnson make faces, which, they declare, "does something" to them.

Avery Refuses To Recognize FDR's Authority

CHICAGO—(AP)—Montgomery Ward and Company's properties in seven cities across the nation Friday by Presidential order, were under Army control, but the legality of government seizure of the mail order firm's plants remained unrecognized by Board Chairman Sewell L. Avery.

Avery, 70 year old chief executive of the nationwide merchandizing firm, in challenging President Roosevelt's authority to take over the facilities, said the company "welcomes the opportunity to present its case to the courts."

The government acted to have its controversy with the company over non-compliance of War Labor Board directives settled in the courts. Avery, whom President Roosevelt in a statement accompanying the seizure order termed guilty of "consistent and wilful defiance" of WLB decisions, described Roosevelt's order in violation of the constitution and one which the company could not obey.

His statement to the President's order was issued several hours after it was read to company officials by Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, who was designated the firm's military manager.

In the six other cities where Ward stores and plants were taken over by the Army Thursday no protest was voiced. Strikes at Ward Plants were in progress in Chicago and Detroit, but ended when the Army presented the Presidential order. There was no apparent interruption of normal operation at the plants.

The company has 20 days in which to answer the government's federal court suit which asked for an injunction to restrain Ward's from possible interference with Army operations and for a declaratory judgment establishing legality of the presidential power and the seizure.

Midland In Fog; General This Area

Midland and West Texas generally were in a dense fog Thursday morning which almost amounted to a drizzle. The minimum temperature was a 36 at 2 a.m. which held for 15 minutes before moving up two degrees to 38. The mercury was still holding at 38 at 9 a.m.

Wednesday's maximum temperature was reached at 4 p.m. when the mercury reached the 40 degree mark and held there until midnight before falling.

Abilene reported overcast, light fog and a 37 degree temperature; San Angelo reported no fog but a heavy overcast with a 40 degree temperature.

Texas Exceeds Overall Quota By One-Third

DALLAS—(AP)—Texas has rolled up a score of \$563,246,405 in War Bond sales—136 per cent of its quota in the Sixth War Loan drive—in support of the nation's hard-fighting combat teams, Nathan Adams of Dallas, chairman of the War Finance Committee of Texas, said Friday.

The over-all total is being increased by day-to-day reports and the final tabulation will not be known until next week, Adams said.

Through Thursday Texas had exceeded its E-Bond quota by more than one million dollars; its individual quota by \$24,000,000, and surpassed its over-all quota by an excess of more than \$149,000,000.

The important E-Bond quota—the average Texan's stake in war financing—was attained with a margin of more than a million. E sales are reported at \$106,828,756 as against the E quota of \$105,000,000, or a percentage of 101.7 of the quota. Similarly, individual War Bond sales (including E series) are reported at \$219,533,000 as compared with a quota of \$225,000,000. The over-all goal asked of Texans in the Sixth War Loan was \$414,000,000.

Adams said the German counter-offensive undoubtedly whipped up bond buying. "This was a magnificent response from the people of Texas," the War Finance chairman declared. "And it will serve as a stirring New Year's message to our men fighting desperately in Europe and in the Pacific."

"Our war government has called upon the nation three times this year for history-making war loans. Each time Texas has far exceeded every quota assigned to it. Big money and little money have joined hands in these war-financing drives to write records for this state. The Sixth was a great success, a great farewell to the old year and a grand promise that Texas, as all good Americans, are still on the war job."

Of Texas' 254 counties, 152 have reached or surpassed their Sixth War Loan quotas.

George Edgar Tittle Buried Thursday

ITALY, TEX.—(AP)—George Edgar Tittle, who became widely known ten years ago as Chamber's Creek New Deal philosopher, was buried Thursday.

An ardent Roosevelt supporter, Tittle was known to Jim Farley, who always invited him to the New York Jackson Day dinners.

His poetic appeal published in the local newspaper once caused a thief to return a large flock of poultry stolen from the Tittle farm. The thief was not caught, but Tittle said he was satisfied—his rooster was back to wake him up every morning.

RED CROSS KEPT BUSY TRACING KIN

PARIS—(AP)—American soldiers in Europe are so keen on finding family relatives on the continent they have been besieging the American Red Cross at the rate of 200 letters a week for help in tracing kin.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

WESTERN FRONT—American armored blows send most advanced German spearheads reeling back ten miles; Yanks slam into three sides of Belgium-Luxembourg bulge.

EASTERN FRONT—Germans say Russians are fighting in "heart of Budapest" in battle unequalled since Stalingrad.

PACIFIC FRONT—Japanese radio reports American planes "circling over" Kobe and Osaka, industrial centers.

ITALIAN FRONT—Fighting dies down in Serchio Valley after four-day German counterdrive.

AERIAL—American bombers from England and Italy brave foul weather to strike Germany.

U. S. Now Has World's Largest Naval Force

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The largest Navy in the world, fighting the most extended war in history, now has 4,167 men-of-war to carry the battle to the enemy. And it is still growing.

This was reported by the Navy Friday in a review of ships production which showed that in the last year 39,977 new vessels—420 of them boosting the overall total to 61,045 Navy ships of all types.

Much emphasis was placed during 1944 upon landing craft and attack vessels, with construction of 37,724 of the little ships used to batter the way for landings on enemy-held shores.

The new construction also included, the Navy said, 640 patrol boats and mine craft, 630 auxiliaries and 557 harbor craft.

War Veteran May Lose Hands And Feet From Freeze

MALONE, N. Y.—(AP)—A discharged war veteran, frozen into helplessness on Christmas Eve and rescued nearly three days later from his isolated cabin, lay in a hospital here Friday while surgeons considered amputating his hands and feet.

He is Joseph Eggsware, honorably discharged from the Army three weeks ago upon reaching the age of 42.

Eggsware spent the day before Christmas in Malone and returned in the evening to his cabin in the Lake Titus region. During the night the door blew open. When Eggsware awakened his hands and feet were frozen.

He lay helpless until Wednesday afternoon when his cries brought a neighbor to the cabin. Temperatures in the vicinity of Eggsware's cabin have gone as low as 28 degrees below zero this week.

Cattlemen Fight OPA's 'Live' Ceiling

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Cattle producers spoke sharply against a proposed ceiling for livestock following a conference Thursday with John J. Madigan, OPA official, who described the meeting as a success.

The cattlemen contended that the OPA was being stampeded into setting prices by the strike of butcher shops in the east and that price ceilings would bring an end to fattening cattle in feed lots.

Their statements followed the session which was closed to newsmen. Madigan, assistant director of the food branch division of OPA, said the meeting was a success because he obtained a backing for the program from "a substantial minority, the intelligent minority."

"The minority doesn't believe wholeheartedly in the program, but agrees that it is about the best that can be done under the circumstances," he said.

Spoke Their Views
Madigan observed that the cattlemen spoke their views here while at the meeting the previous day in Chicago they had remained silent.

Madigan declined to discuss a report at the Chicago meeting that the proposed ceiling price was \$17.50 a hundred pounds.

Some of the comments by the cattlemen:
W. A. Hopley, Atlantic, Ia., president of the Iowa Producers Group—"This is one of the most damnable things ever poked down the throats of the cattlemen. I'm inclined to go home and empty my yards tonight."

E. C. Robbins, Belvidere, Kas., feeder—"Cattle will back up on the range and become almost seasonal, like lettuce—battered and placed in cold storage all at one time each year. There is nothing in the program to encourage feeding."

Madigan said the proposed changes in the price ceiling program on live cattle would deal a "body blow to the illicit trade in meat" and that "the changes will not cause a sharp rollback in fat cattle prices," because the proposal is for an overall ceiling on beef and not a ceiling by grades.

Italian Area Again Becomes Quiet After Nazi Attack Fails

ROME—(AP)—Allied Headquarters announced Friday that fighting "had died down" in the Serchio Valley area where a strong German counter-offensive had driven the American Fifth Army from the important road town of Barga.

The four-day-old German drive toward Lucca also had pushed Allied forces from the area of Galliano, two and a half miles from Barga on the west bank of the Serchio, before it was slowed.

Patton Slams Advanced Nazis Back Ten Miles

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS—(AP)—American armored blows on the nose of Field Marshal von Rundstedt's offensive have beaten his most advanced spearheads back more than 10 miles and chased them across the narrow Lesse and Homme rivers into Rochefort.

Field dispatches, reporting this development up to Thursday morning, said the von Rundstedt escape gap at the same time was cut to less than 17 miles north of Bastogne.

Von Rundstedt's December offensive had been kicked into reverse by American forces which slammed into all three sides of his extended bulge, with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army sensationally changing its front and advancing into the German flank in six days.

Lose Bridgehead
The situation was not an unmixed success, however, for Patton's shift of front brought his own offensive along the Saar to a stop, and obliged the Americans to give up their hard-won bridgehead across the Saar at Dillingen, where they had broken into the initial defenses of the Siegfried line.

The big turning point was the seven-day stand of the U. S. 101st airborne division and other as yet unidentified units at Bastogne, one of the hotspots to French Sedan.

And now the Americans were hitting back. Throughout the northwestern area of the German penetration, from Celles to Rochefort, doughboys, tanks and Greyhound armored cars slashed across the frozen fields, outrunning German trucks, armored cars and infantrymen wandering blindly. The Americans groped for their disorganized enemy in a fog which limited visibility to 50 yards.

The Lesse and Homme at Rochefort Wind, approximately 14 miles east of the Meuse and 10 miles southeast of Celles, deepest point of German penetration toward Dinant. Here the critical battle was fought in the hamlet of Humain, four miles (Continued on page 2)

School Officials Reaching For Saturday's Vote

School officials of six school districts of the county were calling at the courthouse Friday to obtain supplies for the holding of elections in the districts Saturday to determine if they shall be combined into one district.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. All qualified voters in the Midland Independent District will ballot in the basement of the courthouse. Other voting places are at the Valley View school, the Stephenson school, Cotton Flat school, Mid-Tex Building at Warfield and those living in the Pleasant Valley district will vote at the A. G. Bohannon ranch.

All Voters Eligible.
School officials emphasized voters need not have children in school in order to be eligible to vote in the election.

In the five rural districts the voters will decide whether or not they wish to consolidate their districts with the Midland district. Voters in the Midland district will ballot on whether or not they wish to have the rural districts combined with the Midland district.

German Planes Strafe U. S. General Hospital
WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP—(AP)—A U. S. general hospital at Mirecourt, France, was bombed and strafed in moonlight Tuesday by two German planes. The buildings are clearly marked with red crosses, some of them placed there by the Germans, who used the buildings as a hospital before their withdrawal. A number of soldier patients and military personnel were wounded.

Weather
Cloudy.

War Bulletins

WITH U. S. THIRD ARMY—(AP)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops have entered the villages of Jodenville and Villeroux in the vicinity of Sibret, it was announced at 3 p. m. Friday. Villeroux is 2 1/2 miles southwest of Bastogne.

LONDON—(AP)—The Russians are fighting in the "Heart of Budapest," the German high command announced Friday as house-to-house battles for the Hungarian capital reached a fury unequalled on the Eastern Front since Stalingrad.

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN BELGIUM—(AP)—The Nazis are dropping dummy parachutists in American front lines simultaneously with real German parachute forces, apparently to deceive observers as to the strength of their landing forces.

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Back To Reality

It is unfortunate that lives and territory and time must be lost to convince the Allied nations that the war isn't over. But if the German counter-attack has the effect of concentrating our attention to the task at hand, then the price may be no heavier than that incident to a victory.

The enemy offensive launched may prove to be the last strong thrust that the Nazis can deliver, but certainly there was nothing half way about it. It showed us pointedly how short our war effort is on the all-out variety.

No bombs have dropped on our factories, but German industry has been bombed with mounting strength and frequency. Our people are safe, well fed and reasonably content. Great areas of German cities have been reduced to rubble, with a tremendous loss of life.

Most of our business is making its biggest profit in years in spite of steep taxes. In Germany, the government-controlled industry has been driven underground or dispersed to home workshops. Millions of weary, despondent Germans, with the reluctant help of enslaved foreign laborers, are producing German guns and munitions.

Allied planes have strafed Nazi troops and communications as well as Nazi industry almost without opposition. Such first quality German troops as remain in the west are backed by a force of almost untrained youngsters and old men who are really the last scrapings of the manpower barrel.

And yet these German troops, supported by V-bombs and the remnants of the Luftwaffe, were able to attack with a strength that bent the American lines back over territory that we had won yard by yard and street by street in the bitter weeks just past.

Our troops have been short of several essentials, particularly ammunition, trucks, and tires. And these shortages have been blamed on war workers who leave essential jobs to seek secure peacetime employment. But that is only part of the story.

Over-optimism did not originate on the production line. It drifted down from above—from some military leaders, from the political campaign's emphasis on post-war problems and promises, from industrial executives' preoccupation with reconversion.

Perhaps the current German move will now force us to face hard reality again. And perhaps this same show of strength may help to convince Churchill and Stalin that their politely suspicious start toward carving up Europe is a little premature, and help them to remember that the defeat of Germany's armies, still alive and still dangerous, remains our prime task.

What world politics needs today is a halt and a breathing spell, on the chance that better faith and better reason may prevail. If the re-emphasized necessity of Germany's defeat provides that breathing spell, then Marshal von Rundstedt can almost be said to have done the Allies a service.

—BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS—

Battle On For No-Ad Radio

National Association of Broadcasters having filed an objection to the granting of radio wavebands to "Subscription Radio," the battle line has been drawn before the Federal Communications Commission in Washington on whether there will be radio entertainment without advertising in the postwar world.

Application for license to operate a three-channel radio service of classical music, popular music and feature programs—free of ads but at a cost to the listener of 5 cents a day—was originally put before the FCC last October when the commission held hearings on postwar allocations of frequencies. Joseph L. Weiner, formerly an attorney for the Office of Price Administration, appeared before FCC at that time as attorney for a group headed by William Benton, chairman of the board of Encyclopaedia Britannica, Beardsley Ruml and Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago. After the war it is anticipated that Chester Bowles, now head of OPA, will be associated with the group.

An original application to build an experimental station to test their idea was made by Muzak, Inc., in 1941, but materials shortage interfered.

—BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS—

Promptness And Wisdom

In the midst of some depressing exhibitions of fumbling, delay and wrong-headedness on the part of some of the world's statesmen, it is encouraging to come upon one direct and statesmanlike decision by a military man.

That is General Eisenhower's move to close all public schools in the portion of Germany under Allied control, and his announcement that they will not be reopened until "Nazism has been eliminated."

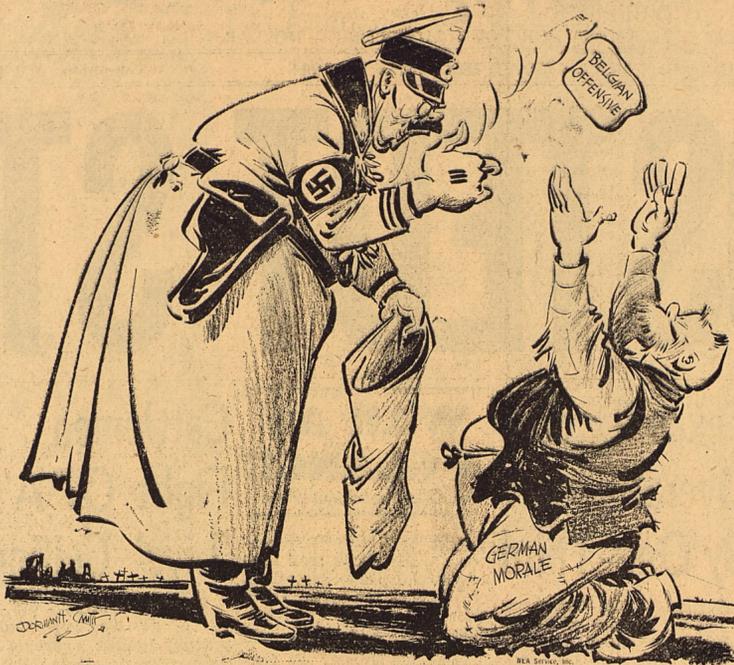
The debate on the difficult question of how and when to de-educate and re-educate the Germans still goes on without a decision. But in the meantime General Eisenhower has seen the first step and taken it. He surely knows that the process of re-education will be a long one, but he has seen no reason for not beginning it.

Nowhere is the poison of Hitlerism more alarmingly present than in the minds of German youth, and nowhere is an antidote more quickly and badly needed.

The fair weather when good fellows get together often turns into a storm when they get home.

Some people could reduce by living within their means.

A Crust Of Bread For The Starving



Tom Green --

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from a zone at approximately 5,340-6,000 feet.

The project drilled to a total depth of 7,191 feet, six feet in granite. It plugged back and is now reported as a completion. Nearest production is about 18 miles south, in the Smyer field, in East-Central Hockley County, where three wells are producing from practically the same formation.

Found Top Of Anhydrite
Woodley Petroleum Company No. 1 Ellwood, section 26, block A, Thomson survey, one mile west and about one-quarter of a mile north of the closest production in the Smyer area, was making hole under 2,060 feet. Top of the anhydrite was picked at 2,020 feet. Elevation is 3,410 feet.

John I. Moore, No. 1 Cosden, section 38, block 32, TP survey, T-1-N, Central Howard County exploration, about five miles east of Big Spring, was bottomed at 4,169 feet, in lime, and making a complete over-haul of boilers on drilling rig.

Humble No. 1 Keel, section 22, block 27, TP survey, in North Mitchell County, was still on a total depth of 7,875 feet, in lime, and was circulating, after running a Schlumberger survey.

Testing In Lubbock
Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware and Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Cravens, North-Central Lubbock County wildcat, in section 16, block D, L&SV survey, plugged back to 6,150 feet, from total depth of 8,800 feet, and was running tubing to swab test section above new bottom.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Johnston, section 38, block C, D&W survey, in East Lubbock County, was bottomed at 9,431 feet in lime, and was waiting after cementing a cavity at 6,186-6,450 feet, with 100 sacks.

Continental Oil Company No. 1 Walton, section 20, block 77, psi survey, on the southwest side of the Keystone-Ellenburger field in North Winkler County, was drilling below 10,426 feet, in white lime, and no oil indications have been reported.

Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation No. 1 University, Southeast Andrews County exploration, in section 30, block 1, University survey, had progressed below 4,288 feet, and was continuing in lime.

Keinath Coring Ahead
Humble No. 1 Federal-Keinath, section 8-215-58e, lower Ordovician prospector in East Lea County, New Mexico, cored to 9,720 feet, in lime, and was still coring. No shows, no Ellenburger have been reported.

Humble No. 1 Parrott, section 3, EL survey, East-Central Upton County development, which has tested for some oil, in the lower Permian, was drilling out cement in casing, left from perforation squeezes, at 7,320 feet, and indications are that it is to be deepened from present bottom of 7,750 feet, in shale.

Humble No. 1 Buchanan, Baldridge survey No. 32-692, Northeast Midland County wildcat, reached 7,808 feet, in shale and lime, and was drilling ahead, losing circulation of some drilling mud, as it proceeded.

An Embar Producer
Phillips Petroleum Company No. 60 University-Andrews, on the east side of the Embar-Ellenburger field, in South-Central Andrews County, completed for a 24-hour flowing potential of 249.03 barrels of 47.5 gravity oil, through a 1/2-inch tubing choke.

The pay section at 7,750-7,850 feet, had been treated with 500 gallons of acid. The well is 1,991 feet from the north and 728 feet from the west lines of section 29, block 10, University survey.

Russia Predicts Nazi End In Coming Year

LONDON—(AP)—Russia's top-flight commentator, Ilya Ehrenburg, in a New Year message broadcast Friday by the Moscow radio, said: "We will finish off the Germans this year."

Von Rundstedt --

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southwest of Marche and four miles north of Rochefort.

Used Everything
The Germans were driven out of the village with planes, artillery, infantry, tank destroyers and finally flamethrowers, and the Americans were firmly in control of the town, including its old chateau where a cornered German group made its last stand.

Celles, where the enemy offensive was stopped, was one of the ghastliest carnage scenes of the war. Here a German pocket was wiped out, 2,200 prisoners were taken, and 83 enemy tanks, 49 guns and 177 military vehicles littered the terrain. The Germans said a British Second Army Division of Highlanders had a part in this battle.

Another small pocket of infantry and tanks was cleared up in the vicinity of Marche. Enemy armored columns which fled Jamblinne, five miles west of Rochefort, were chased by American tank formations which claimed more than 1,000 prisoners.

Other spearheads in the southwestern tip of the salient were isolated near St. Hubert and were fighting a death struggle.

Corridor Broadened
The long, thin corridor by which hard-driving Third Army forces of Gen. Patton reached the beleaguered 101st U. S. Airborne Division and other troops in Bastogne, was broadened to six miles wide and six miles deep.

Ten more towns were captured as Patton's men in, building up this area to a power wedge close to the heart of the Nazi bulge, and expanded his grip on the north side of the Sure River to a width of 14 miles.

More Germans were thrown back into Germany in the Echternach area at the southeastern hinge of the Nazi rim.

That was the situation as of 30 hours ago.

The Germans themselves admitted their drive had been halted and that the Allies were lashing back with fierce counterattacks on both the northern and southern flanks.

(The Berlin radio quoted a spokesman as saying: "The days of the blitzkrieg in the 1939-40 style have passed. Von Rundstedt's gains in the new offensive have been hard come by.")

Texas Wins Title As Most Visionary Marine

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—(AP)—A nominee for the title of the most visionary Marine, is Corp. Royce H. O'Brian, 26, son of Tom O'Brian, Texas City.

A non-smoker, Corporal O'Brian was asked why he purchased an expensive cigaret lighter. He explained: "After the war I plan to do a lot of squirrel hunting back there in Texas. This lighter will come in mighty handy when I want to start a fire and flush em out of logs and 'hollers.'"

Cotton

NEW YORK—(AP)—Noon cotton prices were 35 to 70 cents a bale higher Friday, March 22 08, May 22.00, July 21.75.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle 700; calves 400; active, strong; load good fed steers 14.50; two loads medium steers 13.00-25; two loads good heifers 13.00; two loads beef cows 9.50; most low grade butcher cows 7.25-9.00; few good killing calves 12.50-13.25; plain and medium 8.00-12.00.

Hogs 300; good and choice 180-270 lb. butcher hogs 14.55; good lighter weights 13.25-14.25; sows 13.25-50.

Sheep 1,100; steady; medium and good shorn lambs carrying No. 1 p-its 12.25; common to medium lambs 11.35-50; others scarce.

Advertise or be forgotten.

Russian Cowboys Hit Long Trails

WASHINGTON—Soviet Russia has adopted the technique of the old West—mass herd-driving—in restocking liberated areas with cattle.

Retreating Germans systematically destroyed livestock in Western Russia as they fell back. Then millions of cattle, sheep and goats were bought in Central Asia by the Soviet government. Hundreds of scouts went ahead to mark off routes with plenty of water and pasture. Some 540 veterinary stations and 250 control stations were set up along 23 routes, which totaled the distance around the world.

The trek began last spring. Millions of head of livestock grazed their way across Russia, Byelorussia and the Ukraine, all the way from Kazakhstan, Kirov and Volozda. They were tended by 25,000 herdsmen.

To have taken them by rail would have tied up for a whole month some 60,000 freight cars and 1,000 locomotives, says an official bulletin issued by the Soviet embassy here.

The cattle were driven slowly enough that they gained in both weight and numbers. One Cossack cowboy named Parsidsky started from Kazakhstan with 600 cows weighing about 200 tons. He reached Voroshilovgrad with 660 cows totaling 230 tons.

Romania Shipped Huge Amount Of Oil To Russia

MOSCOW—(AP)—Romania has shipped 386,000 tons of petroleum to the Soviet in three months, Tass said Friday in a report on fulfillment of armistice terms. It added that 800 freighters loaded with goods ranging from machine tools to beverages, described as recovered Soviet property, had arrived at Constanta for reshipment to Odessa.

Stettinius May Go To England For Talk

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British radio was quoted by NBC Friday as saying that Secretary of State Stettinius would meet British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in London to get a first-hand account of the Greek situation.

WFA Will Purchase Extra Corn Stock

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Food Administration is making plans to purchase and stockpile 50,000,000 bushels of corn for use of industrial processors making war materials in the event of a corn shortage next year.

Times Square Will Be Well Patrolled

NEW YORK—(AP)—New York City's famed Times Square will be well patrolled New Year's Eve. Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine has assigned 2,566 policemen to handle crowds there.

SHIPYARDS HAVE DONE MUCH REPAIR WORK

NEW YORK—(AP)—American shipyards have done more than 23,000 repair jobs this year, H. Gerish Smith, president of the shipbuilders council of America, said Friday.

FRENCH AUTOS SOON

PARIS—(AP)—French automobile manufacturers, apparently acting on the theory that the next few months may see the end of the war in Europe, are going ahead with plans to produce 25,000 civilian cars for public sale in the last half of 1945.

ENGLAND V-BOMBED

LONDON—(AP)—Breaking a one-night lull in their aerial assaults upon Britain, the Germans struck at Southern England with V-bombs again during Thursday night. The government announced some damage but no casualties.

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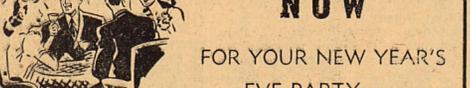


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(Official U. S. AAF Photo by AAF Training Command.) The Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, awarded to Lt. Weldon H. Harris, Air Corps, "For exceptionally meritorious achievement" while participating in fifteen sustained operational missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe, was presented recently by Col. John W. White, commanding officer of Midland Army Air Field, Midland, Texas, to Lieutenant Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce H. Harris, of Midland. Lieutenant Harris, who was a pilot with the 15th Air Force, was killed in action during one of his many sorties against the enemy. Another brother, Lt. Temple Harris, navigator, was killed in an airplane crash at Sioux City, Iowa, earlier this year. Others in the Harris family are: Sgt. Truman Harris, who is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands; Mrs. Lillian Vos, wife of Pvt. William Vos, of MAAF; and Wanda, a senior at Midland High School. The presentation was made by Colonel White after impressive ceremonies in which massed troops at Midland Army Air Field marched in review.

John E. Ward Still Missing In Action

No further facts have been learned concerning S/Sgt. John E. Ward who was reported missing in action May 27, the adjutant general's office said in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Zona Ward.

Sergeant Ward was a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber which was shot down over Saarbrücken.

Maybe The Turkeys Just Liked To Ride

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Not an alarm-sounding gobble in a truckload of turkeys!

That's what Helen Goodrich of suburban Van Nuys concluded after thieves in the night trucked away 200 birds.

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Society

McCains Give Banquet For Employees Of Fashion Cleaners

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McCain entertained the employees of the Fashion Cleaners with a banquet in the Scharbauer Hotel ballroom Friday evening.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. T. D. McGuire, Ann Little, Beulah Palmer, Lois Lowe, Velma Lee, Cleo Herring, Sgt. and Mrs. Thelma Droett, Dorothy McGuire, Mrs. C. C. Heath, Irma Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moran, Irene Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCain, Mrs. Joe Howard and Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Farnum.

Mrs. Nancy Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Seegers, Mrs. L. B. Maning, Mrs. Janie Bill, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morris, Mildred Smith, Dorothy Wright, Carle Lee Henderson, Lona Dixon, Ethel Jo Carrell, Alta Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Ruby Lee Pruitt, Minnie Frazier, Cleo Davis, Jackie Gregory, Mrs. Sineo, Rossella Alexander, Lucille Howell, James McCain, B. W. McCain and guest, Mrs. Jack Hollis of Walnut Springs, Texas.

Nashville Girl Is Wed To MAAF Cpl. In Chapel Ceremony

Mrs. Viola Skelley Woodall of Nashville, Tenn., became the bride of Cpl. Roy J. Trimble of MAAF in a single ring ceremony December 27 at the Post Chapel with Chaplain Patrick J. Toomey officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Skelley of Nashville; and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Trimble of San Francisco, Calif.

For the ceremony the bride was attired in a brown pin-striped wool dress with dark brown accessories and wore an orchid corsage. The matron of honor, Mrs. Alice Marie Skelley, also of Nashville, was dressed in a dark red velvet street length dress with dark brown accessories and gardenias. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, S/Sgt. Shannon M. Skelley, who is assigned to MAAF. Pfc. Isidore San Roman of MAAF acted as best man for the ceremony.

The chapel was decorated with poinsettias and candelabra. The altar was surrounded by Christmas trees laden with blue lights and tinsel.

Visits J. C. Smiths

Mrs. James T. Smith is in Midland visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith. Lt. Smith is in San Francisco awaiting orders for six months limited duty for the Navy because of his recent illness. He expects to receive a furlough before reporting, and plans to spend it here visiting his parents and friends.

VISIT IN MIDLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Houston of the Proctor Cross X ranch in Arizona are spending the holidays in Midland visiting friends and relatives.

Group Postpones Dance

The Municipal Airport Eighth Ferrying Group was forced to cancel the dance that was scheduled for Thursday. Because of adverse weather Gene Gardner and his orchestra were unable to fly from Dallas for the dance. Special Service at the field say that a dance is being planned for next month.

COMING EVENTS

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

Three Couples Obtain Marriage Licenses

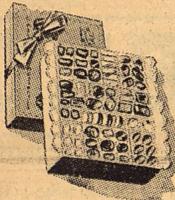
An after Christmas boom in issuing of marriage licenses developed Thursday at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble when three licenses were issued during the day.

The licenses were issued to John D. Bowden Jr. and Doris Jean Shockley, Leon Thelton Clark Jr. and Mary Nila Hannaford, and William B. McCullough and Mable Deck.

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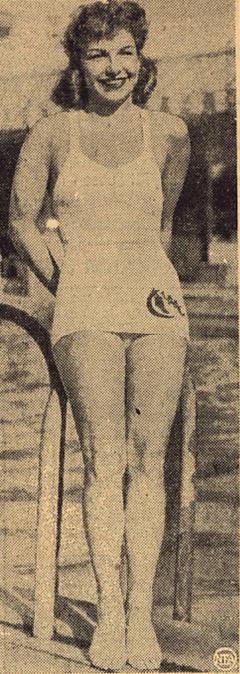
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Dot the Eyeful



A war worker in a Los Angeles aviation plant, Dorothy Poynton Teuber, whose competitive diving record has never been equaled, is participating in exhibitions for the first time since Pearl Harbor.

Col. White To Present Medal To Seminole Parents At Retreat

The Air Medal and an Oak leaf Cluster, awarded to Technical Sgt. Ramsey Longbottom of Seminole, by direction of the President, will be presented to Sergeant Longbottom's step-father, Mr. Abner J. Roach, at formal retreat ceremonies Friday evening at Midland Army Air Field.

Col. John W. White, Commanding Officer of the headquarters field of the nation's bombardier training program, will make the presentation following retreat and before members of the graduating Cadet Class 44-53B and members of Section C pass in formal parade review during the colorful ceremonies, at which Mr. Roach will be honored guest.

An aerial engineer and gunner, Sergeant Longbottom was killed in action during one his many sorties against the enemy in the European Theater where he was a member of the Eighth Air Force.

Houston Area Has Terrific Explosion

HOUSTON—(AP)—A terrific explosion rocked the ship channel area just east of Houston about 4 a. m. Friday, destroying two barges filled with gasoline and sinking a tug. Flames threatened ships and docks in the vicinity.

Reports as to whether anyone was killed were conflicting. One fireman said he heard between eight and 11 men were missing. An oil company official believed that possibly five men were lost. Another report, from a funeral home manager who rushed ambulances to the scene, said several persons were blown into the water but were believed to have been rescued.

FIREMEN ANSWER CALL
Firemen answered a call at 11:20 p.m. Thursday at 811 South Colorado, where a faulty bathroom heater caused a minor blaze. The fire was out by the time the firemen arrived.
Classified Ads bring results

Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press
MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book 4 red stamps Q5, R5 and S5 valid indefinitely. Five new red stamps will become valid Sunday, Dec. 31, on which date new point values for meat become effective and many cuts will be returned to rationing. Butter point value was increased from 20 to 24 points a pound on Dec. 26.
PROCESSED FOODS—Book 4 blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2 and B2 valid indefinitely. On Jan. 1 five new blue stamps will be validated. Changes in vegetable points become effective Dec. 26, when canned peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach were added to ration list. Other changes in processed food point values will take effect Dec. 31.
SUGAR—Book 4 stamp No. 34 good indefinitely for five pounds. All other coupons have been cancelled. Another sugar stamp will be validated Feb. 1.
SHOES—Book Three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.
GASOLINE—14-A coupons good everywhere for four gallons each through March 21. B-5 and C-5 coupons good everywhere for five gallons; B-4 and C-4 coupons will expire Dec. 31.
FUEL OIL—Old period four and five coupons and new period one and two coupons good through-out the current heating year. In Midwest and South period three coupons also good now and valid throughout heating season.

Site Of Chemical Plants Not Ready For Announcing

NEW YORK—(AP)—Philip M. Denkins, vice president and general manager of the new Jefferson Chemical Co., said Friday exact location of its investment in plants to engage in the manufacture and sale of chemicals from petroleum is not expected to be announced for "several months."

When the new company recently was formed jointly by the Texas Co. and American Cyanamid Co., it was announced the chemical plants would be located adjacent to large Texas Co. refineries.

H. L. Derby is president of the new company. W. S. S. Rodgers, Texas Co. chairman, who will act as vice chairman of Jefferson, said the importance of petroleum and petroleum gases as raw materials for the production of chemical substances was being increasingly appreciated. W. B. Bell, president of American Cyanamid, will be chairman of the new company.

Navy Unveils 'Puddle Jumper'

HOUSTON—(AP)—The Navy Friday unveiled to the public view the latest of its landing ships, a powerful craft described by some officers as the "Pacific Puddle Jumper."

Now coming off the ways on the Great Lakes, the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts by the score, the landing ship, medium, has already made its weight felt in the Japanese struggle when it was used in the Philippine invasion.

Over 200 Feet Long
In excess of 200 feet long and with a breadth of 34 feet, the vessel is manned by 48 enlisted men and four officers. Powerfully engineered far in excess of previous designs with watch-smooth diesels, the ship demonstrably was able to slide smoothly onto a shelving beach and then, with a mighty shove, to rise ashore with only a perceptible shock.

Designed to carry light tanks, half-tracks and gun carriers, the craft was described as "an ideal shallow water vessel" by a Naval officer of wide experience on landing vessels.

Self-contained, the L.S.M. can make her own "smoke" defensively as an aid to the offensive power of numerous weapons so mounted as to be available against land, sea and air enemies. Her construction also permits weapons on carried vehicles to be brought into action.

Berlin Claims One Yank Division Wiped Out

LONDON—(AP)—Berlin broadcast Friday a report that one American division, described as the 106th Infantry, had been virtually wiped out. It said the division had 11,840 men Dec. 16 but eight days later "consisted of 212 men who are wandering about the Ardennes and are perishing in a snowstorm." The enemy asserted "most of the men came from Delaware, Pennsylvania and Ohio." There was no Allied confirmation.

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The formal birth of the United Nations was the adoption in Washington, D. C., on January 1, 1942, of the "Declaration by United Nations."

A Yank, Now



Ellen Schwanneke, 29-year-old actress who once snubbed Hitler, is shown above swearing allegiance to the U. S. as she became an American citizen in New York City. She made her great hit in "Maedchen in Uniform" and was the toast of Berlin. Adolf Hitler sent her gold-embossed invitations, but she turned them down.

Nephew Of Midland Woman Is Missing

First Lt. F. W. McCargo, nephew of Mrs. H. N. Phillips, has been reported missing in action in Italy. He was pilot of a pursuit plane.

Lieutenant McCargo has visited in Midland. His home is at Plains, Texas.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY Private Dining Room Scharbauer Hotel

10:30 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning lesson-sermon "Christian Science."
4:45 p. m.: Saturday radio program.
8:00 p. m.: Second Wednesday of month, services.
The Golden Text is: "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:21).
Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?" (Proverbs 22:20,21).
The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The still, small voice" of scientific thought reaches over continent and ocean to the globe's remotest bound" (page 559).

Church News

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. O. H. Horn, Pastor
Services in Trinity Episcopal Church at H and Illinois streets.
8:00 p.m.: Divine worship every Sunday.
7:15 p.m.: Sunday School and Bible Class.
7:15 p.m.: Instruction for membership.
Holy Communion every first Sunday of the month during the regular service. Ladies aid, business and social meeting every first Wednesday of the month. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner North A and Tennessee
Leonard C. Bankhead, Minister
10:00 a.m.: Bible Study.
11:00 a.m.: Sermon and Communion.
7:00 p.m.: Young People.
8:00 p.m.: Service.
2:00 p.m.: Tuesday class.
8:00 p.m.: Wednesday class.

GOSPEL HALL
500 South Lorraine
J. D. Jackson, Pastor
10:00 a.m.: Bible study.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
7:45 p.m.: Preaching service.
7:45 p.m. Tuesday: Young People's meeting.
2:30 p.m. Wednesday: WMB meeting.
7:45 p.m. Thursday: Preaching services.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Garden City Road at City Limits
Elder B. R. Howze, Big Spring, Pastor
Regular services at 11 o'clock on second and fourth Sunday mornings. Services at 11 a. m. on second Saturdays.

AAF BOMBARDIER SCHOOL
CHAPEL, Midland
Patrick J. Toomey, Post Chaplain Catholic Services
Chaplain Patrick J. Toomey
Mass at 8 a. m. and 9:45 a. m. Mass at 12:15 p. m. Monday through Friday.
Protestant Services
Chaplain B. Y. Swope
11:00 a.m.: Regular services.
Hebrew Services
8:00 p.m.: Friday.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Rev. H. H. Hare
W. Pennsylvania and Lorraine
Saturday Services:
10:00 a.m.: Sabbath school.
11:00 a.m.: Morning service meeting.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC
Father Frank Triggs, Pastor.
Sunday Masses
8:00 a. m.: English and Spanish.
9:30 a. m.: Spanish.
11:00 a. m.: English.
Sunday Evening Devotions
7:00 p. m.: Novena and Benediction.
Daily Mass: 8:00 a. m.
Saturday: 4:30 to 6 p. m.; 7 to 8:30 p. m.: Confessions.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Indiana and Big Spring Streets
Rev. R. M. Hoeker, Pastor.
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
8:00 p.m.: Evening worship.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
510 South Baird Street
Rev. Paul H. Cox
10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
7:00 p.m.: Young peoples service.
Wednesday:
8:00 p.m.: Prayer meeting.

MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION
Washington and Midland Streets
Jean Ann Cowden, Sunday School Supt.
9:45 a.m.: Sunday school.
10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
7:00 p.m.: Young peoples service.
Wednesday:
8:00 p.m.: Prayer meeting.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH
502 East Illinois Street
9:30 p.m.: Sunday radio program.
10:00 a.m.: Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.
9:00 p.m.: Preaching service.
9:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
300 North Main Street
Rev. Will C. House, D. D., Minister
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:00 p.m. — Intermediates and Young People.
8:00 p.m.—The young people will have charge of the service.

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS TABERNACLE
600 South Colorado Street
O. W. Roberts, Pastor
11:00 a.m.: Preaching.
7:45 p.m.: Preaching.
8:00 p.m. Thursday: Preaching.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
8:30 p.m.: Evening worship.
Wednesday
8:00 p.m.: Bible Study.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
H and Illinois Streets
Rev. R. J. Snell, Minister.
8:00 a. m.: Holy Communion.
9:45 a. m.: Church School.
11:00 a. m.: Holy Communion and sermon, "Highway of Christian Living."

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The WAY OUR PEOPLE LIVED

A PURITAN VILLAGE IN 1680

ON his return from his morning walk about the farm on this April morning, Captain Walling went briskly up the narrow, uncarpeted stairs of the salt-box house. He wanted to speak to Harriet a moment and tell her that he had given young Oliver Hillman permission to be her steady company.

That young lady was sitting alone in her narrow little room engaged in a secret operation. She was bending over a baking dish of pottery that contained milk in which she had poured a half a cupful of vinegar and the juice of a number of lemons. With this device she was trying to remedy what she considered a serious defect of her complexion. She was a healthy, buoyant girl with rosy cheeks and a sun-tanned appearance. In some way she had learned that fine ladies were always pale, and that in Boston some of them wore masks when they went out of the house so the sun would not ruin their complexions. This was long before cosmetics and their use had become a fine art, otherwise Harriet might have given her cheeks an unhealthy pallor at the cost of only a few pence. Besides, any device which was contrived to change a complexion given by God would have been sternly frowned upon by the Puritan elders. If she had used as much as a single dab of face powder, or a touch of eyebrow blackener, they would have had her up in meeting, weeping before the congregation and confessing to the sin of vanity.

When her father knocked at her door she hastily put the pan of milk under the bed, and stood up to receive him. He did not sit down but stood smiling and said rather gallantly, "I have a prince for my young princess." Harriet said gravely, "What do you mean, Father?" just as if Oliver Hill-

man had not already told her of his interview. Her father replied that he had consented to the young man's request, but he would not have done so if he had not thought it would please her. "I do not want to force you to do anything," he assured her.

Harriet stood, as if in quiet reflection, for a moment and then said sedately, "It's all right, Father. If it pleases you I shall be satisfied. He seems to be a devout and serious young man. I hope I may grow to care for him." She might have added that she had been meeting him quietly and secretly for a month or more in various out-of-the-way places, but she said nothing, because she concluded, after a brief consideration, that such a statement would not add to her father's good humor.

NEXT day was a Thursday, and every Thursday in Puritan Massachusetts was known as Lecture Day. On that day all work, except what was absolutely necessary, was suspended and the people, after listening to an edifying lecture, or sermon, in the morning, turned to the enjoyment of sports, games and gossip for the rest of the day.

Most of these activities took place on the village green, where the stocks, pillory and whipping post were also placed. This conjunction of pleasure and punishment had a benign purpose. People who became too boisterous, or who were drinking too much, or who were attempting to inveigle a maiden, or who were spreading scandalous stories about their neighbors, had only to turn their eyes toward the southern end of the village green and there they would see, sitting miserably in the stocks, those who had failed to behave with piety and decorum on some previous occasion.

Harshness was a characteristic of the Puritan mind, and the harshness had a sadistic streak. Therefore, it was natural and

quite in keeping with the essential order of things, according to the Puritan way of thinking, that the stocks should stand on the village green, to remind the pleasure-seekers that all is not beer and kettles in this world of sin and temptation. The Puritan meetinghouses were unheated, and as cold as ice in the winter season, when they might just as well have had chimneys and fireplaces. But a warm and comfortable church would have seemed to make religion too easy.

To the Puritan mind there was a touch of evil in almost every human activity that happened to be pleasant. One of the colony's statutes, for instance, forbade a man to kiss his wife in public. The chronicles of the time record the case of a Boston sea captain who had been away for a year on a long voyage. One day the town crier went around with his drum to announce that this seafarer's ship was coming into the bay. The captain's wife went down to the water's edge to welcome her husband. As soon as he came ashore he took her in his arms and kissed her, with many people looking on. For that serious piece of misbehavior he was taken before a magistrate and sentenced to two hours in the pillory on his first afternoon on land.

Curiously enough, these harsh restrictions on perfectly natural and human pleasures did not apply to liquor drinking. People who got drunk were, of course, taken up and fined or set in the stocks; and the taverns had to close at the curfew hour and also on the Sabbath, but otherwise there was no curb at all on drinking. As a matter of fact, everyone drank liquor, or beer or cider—and that really means everybody from ministers and magistrates down to nursemaids and 2-year-old babies. If a prohibitionist had appeared anywhere in the colonies he would have been considered a crackpot.

(To Be Continued)

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

The German counteroffensive finally has been clubbed down to a near standstill and we now are witnessing the preliminaries of what is likely to develop into a vast, liquid battle which may determine the duration of the European conflict.

This is one of the really great moments of the war, for there's a fighting chance that General Eisenhower may be able to trap and annihilate a large part of the Hitlerite forces. He foresaw this possibility even in the first anxious moments of Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt's surprise break-through, and developments have kept the opportunity open for the Allied commander.

While recognizing that this possibility exists, it should be emphasized that we have no right to bank on such good fortune. The Allies will win the battle, but circumstances are such that no man can foresee the details of the victory.

The position is that the Allies have stopped the German drive short of the Meuse River and our vital communications centers of Liege, Namur and Sedan. Not only that, but American forces have been making dangerous slashes into the perimeter of the big bulge which von Rundstedt has thrust into Allied territory.

Von Rundstedt has ceased, at least temporarily, to try to expand his salient and seems to be devoting his energies to consolidating his positions, bringing up supplies and giving his men a rest after a fortnight of terrific strain which has taken them fifty miles or more into enemy territory. We mustn't assume, though, that this necessarily means the Nazi commander has abandoned his counter-offensive.

Firestone Opens First Aircraft Dealer Store

HOUSTON—The Erwin-Newman Company of Houston Friday announced plans for the opening of the first Firestone Aircraft Dealer Store in the South.

C. P. Erwin and R. G. Newman, owners of the company, reported that the store now is being established at their airport at Alameda Road and Old Spanish Trail and within a short time will offer the Firestone aircraft line—the first complete line of aircraft products, accessories and supplies ever distributed by a single concern.

In addition to aircraft tires, tubes, wheels and brakes, the company also will offer under Firestone name aircraft storage batteries, brake lining, aircraft finishing materials, flying apparel and accessories and many other items.

Dallas Used Car Men To Hold Ceilings

DALLAS—(AP)—Formation of a used car dealers' organization in Dallas with plans to make it statewide with the objective of co-operating with the Office of Price Administration in ceiling price enforcement was announced here by E. H. Green.

Green, vice president of the new organization conferred with W. J. Holt, district OPA information executive on plans of the association to lend all possible assistance in ceiling price enforcement.

In the meantime Dallas District OPA investigators have begun questioning of recent purchasers of used cars in a move to prevent ceiling price violations.

The earliest examples of wood carving are some remnants of Scandinavian carving dated from the ninth and tenth centuries.

Before the war, Belgium's trade with the United States averaged \$100,000,000 a year.

Yount Announces Changes For 'On Line' Trainees

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount, commanding general, has announced that approximately 16,000 "on-the-line" trainees in the AAF Training Command will be transferred to permanent party status effective Jan. 1, 1945.

General Yount explained that an "on-the-line" trainee is an enlisted man earmarked for aircrew training as a pilot, navigator or bombardier, who has been serving as a student airplane mechanic on flight lines of flying schools while awaiting assignment to pre-flight schools.

The term "Permanent Party," he explained, applies to overhead or administrative personnel who perform the duties necessary for the operation of the training command's nationwide network of flying and technical schools.

The transfer will in no way alter a man's opportunity to enter aircrew training, he said.

Braniff Airways Has New Western Schedule

DALLAS—(AP)—Inauguration of a new service on Jan. 2, between Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, has been announced by Braniff Airways.

The airline release said the new service would connect Mexico City and Monterrey with Denver by the way of Nuevo Laredo, San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

DEAD WOMAN IDENTIFIED

HOUSTON—(AP)—The body of a woman found floating in Buffalo Bayou has been identified as that of Mrs. Grace S. Berry, 33, by her mother, Mrs. J. H. Haines, who said Mrs. Berry was almost blind.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority

Lee Hazen game me this interesting hand the other day and asked, "What would you bid with that hand?" And I said to him, "I haven't the slightest idea; I never held that many big cards at one time." However, I did finally say that I thought I would bid at least four no trump. He said he had bid five no trump.

Of course, six no trump is easy with an opening bid a heart.

♦ J974	♠ K63
♥ Q873	♥ KJ94
♣ 64	♦ 853
♦ K75	♠ J94
♠ 1082	♠ A10
♥ 652	♥ AKQJ109
♦ 72	♠ AQ
♠ 108632	♠ Rubber—None vul.
	South West North East
	5 N T Pass 6 N T Pass
	Opening—♥ 6.

However, he won the opening lead with the ace of hearts when East played the jack. He then took three rounds of diamonds and cashed the ace and queen of clubs. He now led the ten of hearts, as he knew that West's opening lead was the top of nothing.

East won the trick with the king, and of course could not return a heart into dummy's tenace. So he returned a spade, and there was nothing for South to do but take the finesse, which worked. I am sure, however, that had I bid five no trump and my partner had gone to six, the king of spades would have been wrong.

Eliseo Guerrero Charged With El Paso Murder

EL PASO—(AP)—Eliseo Valdez Guerrero was charged Thursday with murder in connection with the fatal stabbing of Ruben Romo Alaniz, during an altercation on a Mexican labor train near the union station, December 22.

R. H. Lessor, of the police detective department, who filed the complaint before Justice of the Peace Charles Windberg, said Guerrero is believed to be a fugitive in Mexico.

Mexican officials are co-operating with the El Paso officers in the search for Guerrero, officers said.

Mangum Advocates Smaller Legislature

DALLAS—(AP)—Reduction in the membership of the lower house of the Texas Legislature from 150 to 72 will be proposed in a bill to be offered at the next session, Representative Preston Mangum has announced.

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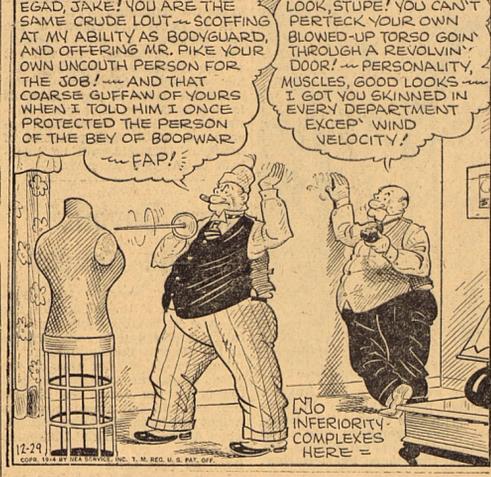
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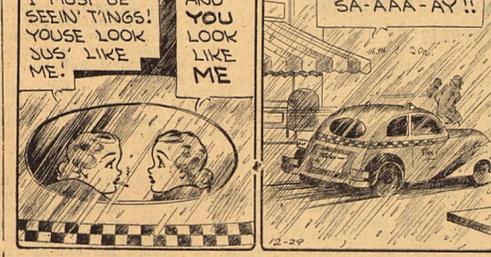
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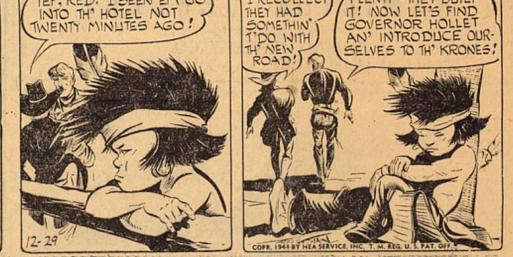
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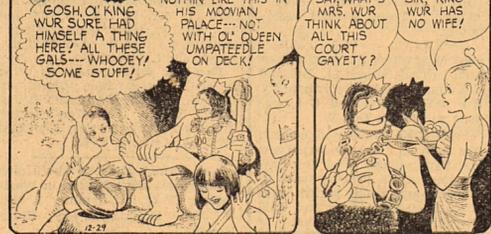
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WANTED—Sleeping room or apartment by officer and wife. Phone 9526. J. D. Kelly. (248-6)

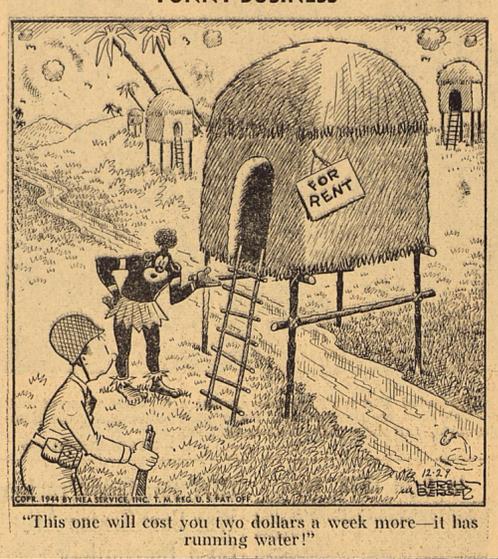
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Household Goods 22 ANTIQUE white oak dinette table with four red leather upholstered chairs. Phone 1894-R after 6. 2102 W. Kentucky. (250-6)

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Legal Notices 68 CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: T. F. Spangler and S. A. Chenaull, and if dead, their unknown heirs, their legal representatives, all persons claiming any title or interest in lands under deed heretofore given to John Scharbauer, Pres. Cowboy Carnival Ass'n., of Midland County, Texas, as grantee and their heirs and legal representatives, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Midland County, at the Court House in Midland, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 5th day of December, 1944. The file number of said suit being No. 3894. The names of the parties in said suit are: J. B. Hoskins, as Plaintiff, and the above named parties to whom this Citation is issued and directed, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleges ownership of All of Lot No. Six (6) in Block No. Thirty-seven (37) of the Original Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, as per the map or plat of said town, recorded in Book 3, Pages 232-3, of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

Such action is a suit in trespass to try title brought by plaintiff for title and possession of the land above described, plaintiff alleging both record title and title through peaceable, continuous and adverse possession under the three (3), five (5), Ten (10) and Twenty-five (25) year Statutes of Limitation; for damages in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, and alleging that the reasonable annual rentals of the lands and premises above described are as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleges ownership of All of Lot No. Six (6) in Block No. Thirty-seven (37) of the Original Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, as per the map or plat of said town, recorded in Book 3, Pages 232-3, of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

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Legal Notices

cribed is Eighteen Hundred Dollars. Plaintiff prays that he recover as set out hereinabove.

Issued this 6th day of December, 1944.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1944. (SEAL)

(Signed) Nettie C. Romer, Clerk District Court, Midland County, Texas. 12/8-15-22-29

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We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeable to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Texas relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as follows: "That the name or firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is ABELL-McHARGUE LUMBER COMPANY, LTD.; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is a lumber business, that construction of buildings and the doing of any and all other things in connection therewith which the parties hereto consider necessary, advisable or convenient, it being understood that in connection with the operation of said business, said partnership may buy and sell real estate; that the names of all the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence, are as follows: George T. Abell, special partner, whose place of residence is Midland, Midland County, Texas; and Paul McHargue, general partner, whose place of residence is Midland, Midland County, Texas; that the amount of capital which said special partner, George T. Abell has contributed to the common stock is \$33,333.33, all being in cash; that the period at which the partnership in its commencement is the first day of January, 1945; and the period at which it is to terminate is the 31st day of December, 1944. Witness our hands this 11th day of December, 1944. (Signed) George T. Abell, Special Partner Paul McHargue, General Partner 12/15-22-29-1/6-12-19

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Laura K. Jenkins and husband, A. B. Jenkins; C. M. Brecken and wife, Mrs. C. M. Brecken; C. M. Brecken and wife, Mrs. C. M. Brecken; C. M. Brecken and wife, Mrs. C. M. Brecken; and if dead, their unknown heirs, their heirs and legal representatives, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 5th day of February, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. before the Honorable District Court of Midland County, at the Court House in Midland, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19th day of December, 1944. The file number of said suit being No. 4000. The names of the parties in said suit are: Paul J. Reiger, as Plaintiff, and the above named parties

to whom this Citation is issued and directed, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: This action is a suit in trespass to try title to The Southeast One-fourth (SE 1/4) of Block Forty-two (42), Homestead Addition to the Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas; alleging both record title and title through peaceable, continuous and adverse possession under the three, five, ten and twenty-five year Statutes of Limitation; for damages in the sum of \$30,000.00, annual rental of \$500.00 and costs of suit.

Plaintiff prays for recovery of title and possession to and of the above described land, also for damages, rents and costs of suit.

Issued this 21st day of December, 1944.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1944. (SEAL)

(Signed) Nettie C. Romer, Clerk District Court, Midland County, Texas. 12/22-29-1/5-12-19

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Some Militarists Believe Germany Will Try Again

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A belief that the Germans will make at least one more major effort to break out of their salient before starting a general withdrawal was expressed in more cautious military circles here Friday.

This idea was entertained despite late reports of Nazi withdrawal of armor from the areas at the southwestern corner of the penetration and the successes of U. S. Third Army elements moving up from the south.

One student of the situation said he believed it is quite possible that von Rundstedt still has some divisions standing by near to the base of the salient. These would be thrown into action if the Nazi commander discovered a likely spot for a new breakout attempt.

PATTON DECORATED WITH U. S. THIRD ARMY—(AP) — Gen. Omar N. Bradley Friday decorated Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. for leading the Third Army's spectacular dash across France last summer, presenting him the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Cross.

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Sun Bowl Game Has Promise Of Razzle-Dazzle

EL PASO (AP)—The old razzle-dazzle, the wide-open brand of football, which has marked many a grid game in the Southwest, promises to give an expected near-record crowd an interesting afternoon when the University of Mexico meets Southwestern of Texas in the Sun Bowl New Year's Day.

Both the Southwestern Pirates and the Pumas from south of the border play "thrill a minute" football, featuring tricky passes and speedy backs.

Will Need Tricks

The Mexicans may need their classiest tricks for this 11th cactus classic, the wagering gentry opines. Mexico Mentor Bernard A. Hoban, former Dartmouth player, says his team will average only 165 pounds.

"We'll be out-weighted 16 pounds per man," he said, "but we are used to that. We'll give 'em a real battle, and I wouldn't say it is impossible for Mexico to win."

Both teams are in top form.

Better, by Half



By cutting his cigars in half and using a holder to smoke them, Lt. Lloyd Kiser, above, combat flyer now at Don Cesar Convalescent Center, St. Petersburg, Fla., makes a hard-to-get pack last twice as long. He picked up the idea overseas.

MAAF Invaders Drop Thriller To Pecos 44-42

The MAAF Invaders drooped a 44 to 42 basketball decision to Pecos Army Air Field Thursday night on the latter's court in a thrill packed overtime encounter. It was the first game of the season for the MAAF team.

The game started slowly and gathered momentum to close with a surge of brilliant shooting and continuous action. The Invaders enjoyed a 16 to 12 advantage at half-time and held on to the lead until the closing minutes of the game when Pecos overcame a three point deficit to tie up the score at 36 to 36 as the horn sounded and end the regular playing time.

Terrific Pace

The pace was terrific in the five minute over-time period as the advantage shifted from one team to the other. The Invaders led at 38 to 36 and again at 40 to 38, but the shot-making of the Pecos aggregation could not be denied. The lead slipped away from MAAF and Pecos annexed the victory, 44 to 42, for their eighth win of the season.

Taking scoring honors was Pvt. Bill Wright of Pecos who accounted for seventeen points. High scorer for the MAAF Invaders was Lt. Dan Markley with twelve points.

A return engagement is scheduled for the MAAF Invaders at the Post Service Club on Monday night, January 15.

The box score:

Player	G	F	T
Markley, I	5	2	12
Pierce, I	4	0	8
Riemer	0	0	0
Fink, C	1	2	4
Wiedmayer	0	0	0
DuBow, G	3	4	10
Berry, G	1	0	2
Kistler	3	0	6
Totals	17	8	42

Player	G	F	T
Taylor, I	2	0	4
Baum	0	0	0
Samaro, I	5	4	14
Wright, C	6	5	17
Gartman, G	2	2	6
Oakland, G	1	1	3
Totals	16	12	44

Nazi Leaders Confer On 'Big Drive'



Field Marshal Walter Model, left, and Marshal Karl von Rundstedt, extreme right, study a map of their counter-offensive against the Allies. With them are staff officers. Photo made in Western Front headquarters according to this radio photo from neutral sources.

—NEA Radiotelephoto.

Lookabaugh Has No Illusions On TCU Being Easy

DALLAS (AP)—Both times that Big Jim Lookabaugh saw Texas Christian's Horned Frogs play they were defeated but the coach of the Oklahoma Aggies said Friday he had no illusions of any easy job when his Cowboys meet the Frogs in the Cotton Bowl.

"We don't pay much attention to the score, you know," Lookabaugh drawled. "I saw a well-balanced T.C.U. team—one that can run, pass and kick. That's what I'm concerned about."

"Sure, we outscored them this season but they had a better defensive record. I can't see where the folks get this 21-point stuff. We have a hard day's work ahead with T.C.U."

The Oklahoma A. and M. squad, boasting its best record in history—undefeated against college competition—arrived here Thursday afternoon in time for a work-out. Lookabaugh brought 40 players and said the squad was in top shape. He plans practice sessions Friday and Saturday and a limbering up drill Sunday.

In Real Role, Now



(U. S. Navy Photo from NEA) Seven Jap planes equal seven "meatballs"—that's a mission record of Lt. Bart DeWayne Morris, above, USNR flyer aboard a carrier in the Pacific. Face look familiar? Yep, he's none other than Wayne Morris, who in civilian life played lighter roles in movieland.

ODT Reminds Truckers War Certificates Are Good Indefinitely

Commercial motor vehicle operators were reminded Friday by E. P. McCallum Jr., Dallas, regional director of the Office of Defense Transportation, that certificates of war necessity, issued to the operators, are good indefinitely until cancelled and need not be renewed on an annual basis.

Police Have Pegg's Watch But No Pegg

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eighteen years ago Clifford Pegg lost a valuable wrist watch and asked police to look for it.

The officers now have in jail a man on whom they said they found Pegg's timepiece.

But the police do not know Pegg's present whereabouts.

Point Barrow Soldiers Have Christmas Feast

By OLEN CLEMENTS
POINT BARROW, ALASKA (AP)—In Arctic darkness Eskimos and soldiers gathered at the site of the ancient village of Utkiavi to observe Christmas.

The temperature was only 10 degrees below zero and a brisk wind whipped in from the ice-covered Arctic Ocean. The moon, which at this period of darkness never sets on this northernmost settlement under the American flag, circled above staying always at about eight degrees above the horizon. The sun glowed far to the south for a brief period.

There were religious services conducted by the Rev. Fred Klerepoper, Presbyterian minister, in a little church built by the missionaries. There were whistling, jumping dog sled races and, for Army lads, turkey which had been flown in.

Raw Fish Feast

The Eskimos feasted on raw fish, walrus and whale meat dipped in seal oil. There was reindeer stew for all Barrow village's 26 white residents turned out for the festivities.

Charles Brower 84, the first white settler at Barrow, observed the holiday quietly at his home. Around him were most of his 16 children and 35 grandchildren. The old timer did not give his usual party for the Eskimos, an arctic event featured by gifts to all from the so-called "King of the Arctic." Brower abandoned this practice a few years ago when whaling and seal hunting diminished, but he still conducts his trading post at Barrow.

Christmas Day marked the beginning of a week's feasting and dancing among the colorful Eskimos. Highlights of the contests included

Customer Literally Uses A Pipe

PORTLAND, ORE.—(AP)—A customer took literally the advice to "Use a pipe during the cigarette shortage."

When John R. Poliodakis told the customer he had no cigarettes, the man produced a pipe. Now Poliodakis is in the hospital with a three-inch laceration.

It was a lead pipe.

Budapest built the world's first subway—a group of tiny white cars, each provided with cushions, which traveled along the two and a quarter mile route from the city center to the city park.

wrestling and jumping in which men kicked both feet into the air simultaneously as furs hung from the wall.

Highland Park Scotties Arrive In Austin For State Title Game

DALLAS (AP)—In top condition, Highland Park's Scotties leave here Friday for Austin, where they play Port Arthur for the state high school football championship Saturday afternoon.

Continued rain and cold has hampered workouts all week, and the final home session was a skull practice Thursday afternoon.

Cheered by reports of clear weather for the game Saturday, Coach H. N. (Rusty) Russell said he looked for a tough game, and praised Port Arthur as a big, powerful team.

The Scotties will work out in Austin Friday afternoon, if weather permits.

Big Spring AAF To Meet Midland Ferry Station Friday Night In Midland

Friday night at the Midland High School Gym, the Big Spring Army Air Field at the Eighth Ferrying Service Station at the Midland Municipal Airport will match their basketball quints in what promises to be a plenty fast game, according to Special Service officials at the Ferry Station.

The game is called for 8 p. m. and Army officials stated that the public is invited to witness the teams made up of former high school and college stars in their initial meeting.

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KRLH To Carry Saturday Game

KRLH, along with 33 other Texas stations will broadcast the Highland Park-Port Arthur state championship title game Saturday afternoon, with the program beginning at 2:20 o'clock, according to radio station officials.

On New Year's Day the station will carry the Humble Oil and Refining Company broadcast of the Cotton Bowl game.

The two teams meeting in this great game will be TCU, winners of the Southwest Conference, and Oklahoma A&M, champions of the Big Six Conference.

Two of Humble's ace announcers will be on hand to broadcast the game. Ves Box will handle the color assignment, while Kern Tips reports the game play-by-play. The broadcast will start at 1 p. m. over stations KPRC, Houston; WCAT, San Antonio; WFAA, Dallas; Fort Worth; KRIS, Corpus Christi; and KRGV, Waco.

Mexican Minor League Application Will Wait

DURHAM, N. C.—(AP)—An application from the Mexican National League for membership in the minor baseball leagues will probably have to wait until after the war.

President W. G. Bramham of the minors says the application can't be considered now, adding that the present is an inopportune time to consider membership involving international affiliations.

Porker Prexy Assigns Writers A Tough Job

FRAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—(AP)—Prof. W. J. Lemke of the University of Arkansas has given sports writers a job some of them don't relish.

He is conducting a poll to select an all-time Razorback basketball team. One sports editor who responded said the assignment was too tough because there have been too many star Porkers.

MRS. F. AMBROSE CLARK IS TOP RACE WINNER

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark was the leading money winner of steeplechase horse owners in 1944 with a total earning of \$69,215 in taking 21 races, twice as much as any other stable.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

NEW YORK (AP)—The biggest reason why Herbert Bayard Swope resigned as chairman of the New York State Racing Commission probably was that he was the only real "racing" man on that body.

Brig. Gen. John J. Phelan's term as chairman of the New York Athletic Commission is soon to expire and that means two big jobs will have to be filled . . . The New York commissions are probably the most influential of all in their respective sports . . . Incidentally, the racing commission job is salaryless, although New York made over 29 million bucks from racing in 1944.

Today's Guest Star
Eddie Brietz, New York World-Telegram: "Well, whoever wins the war, the New York State Athletic Commission probably won't recognize 'em."

One-Minute Sports Page
When Wilbert Robinson made seven hits in one game at Baltimore in 1892—the only time it ever has been done in major league baseball—not one Baltimore paper mentioned the feat . . . It didn't go into the record books until many years later, when Robbie casually referred to it while talking to Heywood Brown . . . If Lightweight Willie Joyce repeats his victory over Ike Williams in Philadelphia, Jan. 8, Los Angeles promoters want him to come back and meet NBA Champ Juan Zurita.

Service Dept.
Lt. Birdie Tebbetts, former Tigers' catcher, has one of Texas' strongest basketball teams at Waco Army Air Field . . . The Red Cross Columbia Club on the Rue de L'Elisee in Paris has installed a gym with boxing equipment and has hired Cleto Locatelli, former European lightweight champion, to run the place . . . Pvt. Artie Dorrell, the welterweight boxer, has been assigned to Van Nuys, Calif., airport to give fighter pilots some muscle building exercises . . . Bruce Smith, former All-America and All-Service footballer, has joined the Lee Field, Fla., court squad.

Obliging Thief Leaves Stolen Car With Police

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—(AP)—The thief who stole D. C. Parmenter's automobile was obliging.

He left it at the rear of Police Sgt. M. J. Johnson's home.

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Denison Dam Crippled By Low Water Level

DENISON (AP)—The \$55,000,000 Denison Dam across the Red River faces the new year with its hydroelectric power output still on a temporary basis, Denison District Army Engineers said Friday.

Water in the reservoir behind the huge structure is still 16 feet below normal pool level for full time power production, they explained.

Lightning Struck Twice By Burglars

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—(AP)—Twice within a week the lightning delivery company has been burglarized. Each time the loot was a case of cigarettes.

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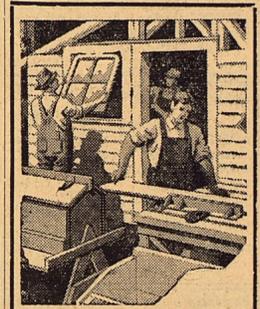
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