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Prepare For A Longer War...

Nazi Army Well Equipped

BERN, Jan. 4 (AP)—Information from inside Germany, discounting Nazi propaganda, indicates that German armies equipped with a series of new weapons must be reckoned a fighting force capable of continued effective resistance—perhaps for many months.

Moreover, the Nazis apparently believe they still can win the war by taking advantage of Allied mistakes and difficulties.

Reports dealing with the German military situation and use of secret weapons coming from a half-dozen independent sources in the reich stress these factors:

While a fluke might end the war tomorrow, or a new Allied offensive might quickly smash massing Nazi forces, it appears (1) that the Germans have sufficient gasoline to carry out their present battle plan; (2) new secret weapons are being turned out steadily in underground factories, and (3) troop reinforcements are still available in large quantities.

Observers in Berlin are convinced the Nazis had far greater underground stores of gasoline than the Allies believed. Synthetic gasoline is still being manufactured, and the Germans need

far less fuel for their operations than in the days when the Luftwaffe went out steadily.

While the truth is difficult to distinguish second hand by any reporter, this is what non-German friends who have been on the spot, say:

The Nazis believe the political upheavals in Greece, and Belgium and the still uncertain political situation in France have done much to convince the Germans their best chance is to keep fighting, and that as the Allies involve themselves in more bickering a compromise will become more welcome.

These sources say the Germans who might be tempted to revolt or offer passive resistance are disheartened by Allied propaganda, because they are able to check and find errors. Consequently, they hesitate to accept that which is correct.

As an example, one informant said that on one day 800 Allied planes bombed and heavily damaged a factory outside Berlin. The Allied radio subsequently claimed the factory was put out of business.

"Out of business?" queried German employees. "It has been six months underground. The bombing accomplished nothing."

Germans Report Bomber Attacks From Italy Bases

Bad Weather Grounds Allied Air Assaults In Western Front Sector

LONDON, Jan. 4 (AP)—

German reports of Allied bombers approaching from the south, apparently U.S. 15th Air Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators from Italy, heralded the 13th straight daylight attack on the reich today.

Up until noon there was no warning of bomber formations invading Germany from the west—a sign that the weather might be halting the record winter string of 12 consecutive days of raids by the U. S. Eighth air force from Britain.

Snow, rain and leaden skies prevented operations yesterday by aircraft based in France, Belgium and Holland. Bombers flying from Britain had to drop their explosives through a heavy overcast.

In the past 12 days the Eighth air force flew 18,000 sorties and unloaded 26,000 tons of bombs on German objectives, principally forward positions near the western front, a U. S. army announcement said. This assault was complemented by the RAF with both day and night attacks.

Late yesterday British four-engine Lancasters and Halifaxes bombed two German fuel plants near Dortmund in the Ruhr and long-range Mosquitos carried the attacks through the night with raids on scattered objectives in western Germany.

German flak defenses caused the loss of one bomber and two fighters from the RAF yesterday and last night and three American bombers and two fighters. Seven other American fighters failed to return to base, but they were believed safe.

More than 900 fighter bombers and fighters struck at enemy communications in a wide area in Italy and Yugoslavia yesterday. Twelve locomotives, 64 railroad cars and six railway bridges were destroyed in the Po valley.

Brenner Pass and Yugoslavia and rail lines were cut at 67 places. One bridge destroyed was north of Padua. The rail yards at Zidani-Most were bombed. Several enemy planes were destroyed on the ground at an airfield at Ghedi south of Brescia in Italy.

A heavily laden troop train was strafed in northern Yugoslavia and the fliers reported hundreds of German soldiers were seen running for the woods.

FDR Considering National Speech On Plans For '45

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—President Roosevelt is thinking of driving his annual message home to the American people Saturday by submitting it to congress and then putting it on the air in person.

That's the procedure he followed last year. He sent the "State of the Union" message to Capitol Hill at noon, Jan. 11, then read it almost word for word over the radio the same night.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt will take another spin around the same course Saturday hasn't been determined finally.

He went on the air a year ago because he was "very anxious that the American people be given an opportunity to hear what I have recommended to the congress x x x and the reasons for those recommendations."

One of those recommendations was for national service legislation. He tied it into a five-point program which he said he wanted in its entirety and not piecemeal. Congress didn't give it to him.

Whether the president may have some equally far-reaching proposals this year remains to be seen.

First Army Doughboys Score Three Mile Gain

Canucks Capture Conventello On Leading Highway

ROME, Jan. 4 (AP)—Canadian troops have captured the village of Conventello, two miles east of Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway after inflicting heavy casualties on picked German forces, Allied headquarters announced today.

Approximately 100 prisoners were taken in the advance, a communique said.

Meanwhile patrolling by both sides was intensified all the way across the front, particularly in the area of highway 65 due south of Bologna.

American artillery broke up four sharp enemy raids in the area of San Ansano. The Germans continued their recently adopted tactics of trying to ambush American patrols feeling out enemy positions.

After capturing Conventello, the Canadians pushed out along a road to the north on the east bank of the Fosso Vecchio about 1,000 yards and came to within two miles of San Alberto.

This advance was accomplished against forces of Tiger and Panther tanks rushed up by Germans to support their falling infantry. Armored battles persisted.

Eighth army forces chipped away at the German bridgehead on the east bank of the Senio river and gained about a quarter of a mile.

ELAS Reaction Awaited On New Greek Proposal

ATHENS, Jan. 4 (AP)—Reaction of the new Greek government to the "common confidence" cabinet formed by Gen. Nicholas Plastiras was awaited today as an indication of the new Greek premier's chances of restoring peace to his troubled land.

Plastiras himself retained four important posts in addition to the premiership, assuming the war, navy, air and merchant marine portfolios. ELAS leaders previously had been reported insisting that they should be considered in filling these posts.

The men with whom Plastiras surrounded himself were described for the most part as having liberal affiliations, although they included several members of prominent families with rightist traditions.

Permitting one appointee to hold several portfolios—such as justice, health and social welfare—new premier left room for the inclusion of ELAS representatives in the government later.

SHAEF Declares It Can Not Cover Allied Losses

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AP)—Supreme headquarters took the position today that Allied losses were a phase of the war which it could not cover—that the announcements must be left to the respective governments.

Admittedly this makes for an incomplete picture of the battle in which the Allies have lost heavily, as have the Germans, whose losses are being reported here.

Today, for example, the First and Third armies announced they had taken a total of 19,154 German prisoners since Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's breakthrough started Dec. 16. Besides these official figures, First army reporters have been permitted to carry "unofficial estimates" that the breakthrough cost the Germans 60,000 casualties.

But there have been no Allied figures to balance the German claims of Allied losses. German propaganda is compounding these daily. Yesterday the German high command's broadcast, communique claimed more than 50,000 American casualties since the winter counter-offensive began. Today German broadcasts were proclaiming that 140,000 Americans had been lost on the western front in December.

American casualties are announced periodically in Washington by the war department, but in a form which makes it virtually impossible to associate them with any specific front, sector or phase of the fight. Canadian casualties are announced at Ottawa and British losses in London, also in blanket terms.



STAVELOT CITIZENS BURIED IN COMMON GRAVE—A priest presides over burial of a group of Stavelot, Belgium, citizen, who, according to Signal Corps caption for this photo, were slain by the Germans. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto).

Snowstorm Hits On Front; Tanks Keep Advancing

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AP)—American First army infantry and tanks fought three miles forward in the new offensive against the north flank of the Belgian bulge by 8 a. m. and continued the advance today through a blinding snowstorm, it was disclosed at supreme headquarters.

The gains were along a six mile front on both sides of Grandmenil, 20 miles north of Bastogne. Three to five miles north and northeast of that bastion town on the southern flank of the German penetration, the U. S. Third army was halted by violent counterattacks against the heroic 101st airborne division.

Half the gains below Grandmenil were made in the first eight hours after Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' resilient army went over the top. Weather worsened. Snowstorms turned into blizzards. Field Marshal Von Rundstedt reacted swiftly with tank-supported counterattacks.

(The Germans said British tanks were participating in the new offensive and that U. S. 9th Army had been rolled up from Aachen.)

A battle dispatch said the U. S. 7th army had blunted the German drive south of Bitcher below the German palatinate. The enemy, however, had advanced up to four miles in a day and struck within two and a half miles of the open Alsace plain. There he could threaten Allied positions in the Wissembourg gap into the Palatinate and to Strasbourg on the Rhine.

Moreover, the Americans had been forced to abandon their narrow conquests in the Palatinate and Saarland save for the Saarlautern bridgehead.

In the first three hours, the First army knocked out more than ten tanks.

Some 15 miles or so to the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army advance was halted at least temporarily by violent German counterattacks north and northeast of Bastogne against the famous 101st airborne division. Field Marshal Von Rundstedt built his southern flank force to ten divisions.

A dispatch from the Seventh army front in northern Lorraine said the threatening German thrust south of Bitcher had been blunted and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's men were hammering steadily at flanks of the enemy salient, achieving some advances.

Persistent German attacks from the Saar to the Rhine, however, had forced the Americans from their holdings in the German Palatinate east of the Wissembourg gap and from all except the Saarlautern bridgehead in the Saarland.

German advances of up to four miles in Lorraine reached almost to Reipertswiller, six miles below Bitcher and just 13 miles north of Saverne on the Allied lifeline to the Rhine City of Strasbourg. A small force of Americans was withdrawn from a corner of Bitcher itself.

Formosa Blasted By Yank Planes

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Hundreds of carrier planes and Superforts smashed for the second successive day at Formosa and Okinawa islands today, Japanese broadcasts reported, while a new U. S. transport convoy and task force cut through Philippine waters "seemingly to effect new landings."

Tokyo reported 900 sorties in two days against Formosa on the heels of a blazing B29 raid on homeland industries and extension of the American spearhead in the Philippines by a double landing on Mindoro, potential springboard for the next Yank invasion.

Domei News Agency said the appearance of the convoy in the Sulu Sea of the western Philippines—the third reported within a week—combined with the daring foray against Formosa "is a clear manifestation" of the "enemy's designs for a quick decision in the Philippines by a succession of daring offensives."

Domei reported about 40 Superforts from China joined nearly 500 Third Fleet carrier planes Wednesday in the Formosa attack. Another 400 aircraft struck today, a Formosa army communique said.

Both raids lasted approximately seven hours, from dawn until early afternoon.

Japanese announcements indicated land-based planes from either China or the Philippines—perhaps both—joined the strike by the U. S. Third fleet which has paved the way for most American invasions of the Western Pacific. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz mentioned only the fast carrier aircraft units of the Third fleet in a cryptic announcement yesterday of the first blow.

Superforts concentrated their attack yesterday on the Nagoya aircraft center. Returning fliers reported that heavy fires were left blazing in the target area, clearly marked in the snow-covered city.

One B-29 was shot down by unusually aggressive interceptors which met the squadrons on their fourth Nagoya raid. Tokyo said the bombers—90 or more of them—also hit Kobe, Osaka and Hamamatsu.

U. S. bombers sweeping the entire western waters of Luzon island, MacArthur's ultimate goal in the Philippines, sank or left in flames 25 Japanese ships—a large transport, 22 freighters and two trawlers.

Marine fighters swept Luzon installations near Mindoro while Liberators and fighters struck at Luzon's Clark field. 20 Japanese planes were destroyed at Clark field and in Nipponese land air bases.

PT boats sank five Japanese vessels in inland Philippine waters where Tokyo said suicide planes were attacking the Third U. S. convoy spotted heading toward Mindoro within a week, claiming two transports were sunk and a destroyer damaged.

In land actions Yank troops made unopposed leapfrog landings on either coast of Mindoro and killed 1,287 more Japanese on Leyte while their Allies advanced in southeast Asia sectors.

Chinese stormed and took Wanting last Burma road stronghold in China to fall. The British 14th army seized strongpoints on two sides of Kanbalu, by-passed in their drive through the Irrawaddy valley toward Mandalay. Advance spearheads met stiffening resistance around Ye-U and Kabo.

Casualties Rise High With Nazi Blows Uncounted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Exclusive of the bitter German counteroffensive, American combat casualties through Dec. 21 totaled 638,139. This was an increase of 9,698 over the total announced last week for the period through December 14.

Army casualties totaled 556,352 through December 21, an increase of 8,529, and the Navy's total was 81,787, a rise of 1,169. The army's figures reported today:

Killed, 103,981; wounded, 326,127; missing, 68,567; prisoners of war, 59,667.

Figures for the Navy:
Killed, 31,332; wounded, 36,697; missing, 9,277; prisoners of war, 4,481.

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Protests Made By Correspondents In Field About Heavy Censorship

PARIS, Jan. 4 (AP)—Protests against censorship delays in news about the new First army offensive have come from correspondents both at supreme headquarters and in the field with the First army.

The SHAEF correspondents complained that the British Broadcasting Corp. sent out news of the offensive when it was still restricted at headquarters. SHAEF officers subsequently lifted the lid.

Frontline reporters protested that SHAEF scooped them by hours on the news.

A dispatch filed from the front by AP Correspondent William F. Boni at 6 p. m. yesterday was not released from transmission until today, about 12 hours after SHAEF had released virtually the same news. After giving a few details Boni said:

"This is the extent of the details which for the present First army correspondents are allowed to write—correspondents who, although they were on the scene when the attack kicked off in a miserable combination of cold, snow, sleet and rain and followed it through the first daylight hours, did not even have what surely was their privilege of being first to release news of the offensive."

Yesterday's criticism of supreme headquarters censorship came in the course of a heated discussion during which Drew Middleton of the New York Times called the recent SHAEF briefings "the worse I have experienced in five years of war." Marshall Yarlow, Reuters correspondent, asserted that "if BBC runs this place let us know and we can pack up and go to London and listen to BBC." Edward Angley of the Chicago Sun said BBC frequently had been enabled to anticipate official announcements.

SHAEF announced a 36-hour time lag on western front news was being cut to 12 hours.

After the British Broadcasting Corporation reported the U. S. First army advance, censorship ruled that correspondents might quote to this effect but would not permit them to attribute the information to supreme headquarters or to confirm or deny it on their own account.

Nazis Attack Russians



BRITISH ADVANCE IN BURMA—Arrows indicate Allied drives in the Burma-China theater of war including the British occupation of Kabo, northwest of Mandalay, which was announced Jan. 3. Other British troops have advanced through Rathedaung in a push toward Akyab on the coast.

Administration May Face Battles

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Congress and the administration may be headed toward another round of "good warm battles."

Again during the 79th congress a rambunctious republican-democratic coalition may hold the balance of power on critical issues, denying the administration a constant majority in the house.

During the last congress such a combine frequently struck down pet administration proposals. A portent of a similar alignment of forces in the new congress was the coalition's action yesterday in giving the house committee on un-American activities a permanent status.

In this surprise test of strength the democratic house leadership was bested 207 to 186.

Of this, House Minority Leader Martin of Massachusetts remarked: "It didn't look like the new dealers are too strong out there (on the floor). There are going to be some good warm battles before we get through this session."

President Roosevelt's latest nominees to high administration posts probably will win quick senate confirmation. Committee hearings may not be held on the nomination of former Senator Guy M. Gillette (D-Iowa) to the surplus property board, indicating swift senate approval. No criticism is heard of Harry D. White, named assistant secretary of the treasury.

Though some republicans are critical of the nomination of Paul Porter to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission, the minority party is not expected to make an organized fight against his confirmation.

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First Eastern Front Offensive Since October

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (AP)—

Mobile warfare raged between Budapest and Vienna today as a huge German tank and infantry force, mounting the first German counteroffensive on the eastern front since October, sought to break through Russian lines to the relief of the surrounded garrison in the Hungarian capital.

In the last two days the Russians had given ground and it was probable that more would have to be yielded, although the Russians appeared to be getting the situation in hand.

The German counterassault was sprung from the area of Komarom, a Danube river town 45 miles northwest of Budapest.

The German-Hungarian garrison in Budapest, where the Russians have overrun 1,062 city blocks, was reported making savage attacks in an effort to break out toward the relieving force.

Nearly a third of the eastern section of the capital was in Soviet hands.

In the Komarom area a heavy German thrust was thrown at Russian artillery positions.

A Red Star dispatch said the artillery line had been forced back by German tanks southeast of the city but it did not state the extent of the withdrawal. The official account said merely that the Russians had given up several populated points along the southern bank of the Danube.

The most recent official accounts of the advance on Komarom had placed Russian elements 10 1/2 miles east of the city.

The Russian communique said the attack was launched by "large forces of infantry and tanks." It added:

"At the cost of heavy losses in men and material, the enemy was able to capture several populated places on the southern bank of the Danube."

There were unofficial reports that parachute troops are being dropped to reinforce the mauled German defense forces in Budapest.

Gloria Heller Goes Home

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 4 (AP)—Pretty Gloria Jeanne Heller, the Louisiana State University co-ed who created a furor by writing and distributing a booklet criticizing the university's attitude on sex, has left here for her home in Havana, Cuba.

Mrs. Galleimore Improving

Mrs. Mattie Galleimore, long time resident of Big Spring, entered a local hospital last Thursday but is reported to be improving. Mrs. Galleimore has been ill for more than a year.

Stettinius And Connally To Meet

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Amid signs that congress wants more information on foreign policy, Secretary of State Stettinius and Senator Connally (D-Tex.) arranged today a straight-talk session of international problems.

Connally, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, expected to learn at the meeting where the administration stands on some current international questions.

In return, he planned to give Stettinius a summary of what he considers is the senate majority's attitude on such problems as European boundary decisions and steps to be taken to organize for

future peace. Their session may be followed later by a conference between President Roosevelt, Connally and possibly other legislative leaders.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Secretary Stettinius declared today that the United States and Britain are "in basic agreement" on aiding Italy, but are still working on how to go about it.

Bringing Anglo-American Italian policy up to date from the time last September when President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill enunciated a policy of assistance to the co-belligerent country, Stettinius issued a statement at his news conference which said:

"A series of discussions subsequently has taken place between British and American officials concerning the methods implementing the joint policy set forth above."

"There have been no major differences between the British and ourselves in these discussions and they have resulted in substantial agreement between the two governments."

"It is perfectly clear that the United States and the United Kingdom governments are in basic agreement and they desire to provide assistance to enable the Italians to start rebuilding their economic life and furnish the maximum contribution to the war effort."

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Fraley Expands Butane Business

Since installing a plant in Big Spring two years ago the Fraley Company has gradually spread its service throughout all parts of this section under the direction of G. H. Pruitt, manager for Fraley and company's butane services.

The company was purchased from H. W. Smith in 1942 by the owner, who also has plants in Abilene and Graham, and an expert butane man was sent to Big Spring to run the company.

When Smith sold his plant he had but one truck with which to service his customers. Since that time three other trucks have been added. Three delivery trucks and one big transport are now employed daily by the company. Also a 6,000 gallon storage tank is in use at the company's headquarters on the Lamesa highway.

Pruitt came to Big Spring with the opening of the new company with two years experience behind him at that time. He has been with Fraley and company during his entire work with butane. Before moving here in 1943 Pruitt was with the company in Abilene.

The local branch now has increased its business to most sections of this county, both in home plants and in drilling contracts. Some 300 home plants are now being serviced regularly by the company.

Seven drilling contractors are now using the services offered by the company and these include rigs in the Westbrook field, where there are three rigs using Fraley's butane, two in the Coahoma field, one in the Vealmoor field which is a wildcat, and the other this side of San Angelo.

Pruitt emphasizes that butane is as safe as natural gas, and after installation is as economical. The original cost of installing a home plant is, however, not out of the reach of most persons, and after this first payment monthly rates

run very low.

The fuel is good for both domestic or commercial use. As a motor fuel for drilling rigs and for all appliances that give heat in the home.

As a motor fuel it goes from the storage tank into a chamber where it is vaporized, and goes into the motor as a dry gas.

For home use it works under the same principles as natural gas. Put into the tank in liquid form it passes into each appliance and vaporizes as it enters.

A check with any of the 300-odd customers of Fraley and company will prove that nothing but satisfaction and the best of service is received when employing the service of Fraley and Company, and that butane is the answer to the housewife's problems in more remote areas of the section.

Thomas Built Business Upon Quality Repairs

The Thomas Typewriter Exchange at 107 Main is owned and operated by Eugene Thomas who built his business giving service during the depression days when repair service on typewriters was the main source of his business.

During those days of the depression when he opened the business he frequently had the opportunity of repairing one typewriter and taking another for his pay, as there were few sales in those days. From this experience Thomas came to specialize in repair.

This concern represents the Royal Typewriter company, the R. C. Allen Adding Machine company and Victor Adding Machine company. However, as the machine company factories have been making implements of war for several years, it has caused the Thomas Typewriter Exchange to handle more office supplies. Now they have a complete line of supplies that are available.

Office supplies such as binders, ledger sheets, ring binders, box files, columnar pads, typewriter and adding machine ribbons, typewriter carbon, pencil carbons, file folders and many other items that an office needs.

The Thomas Typewriter Exchange seeks to give the same high quality of service on typewriters and adding machines as they have endeavored to give in the past in the repair department.



PORTABLE PIPELINES?—Hardly, but these trucks of Fraley and Co. serve just as well for they carry butane gas in liquid form to the various farm and ranch homes of this area so that rural residents may have all the advantages of cooking and heating with gas. In addition, Fraley also serves many oil well contractors who find butane is ideal fuel for drilling power. (Kelsey Photo).

Cosden Refinery Makes Outstanding War Record

Not only increasing production to meet heavier demands, but also making changes to adapt the plant for manufacture of new products needed by armed forces and essential industry, the Big Spring refinery of Cosden Petroleum Corp. has made an outstanding record.

At the same time, the management has kept up with improvements in equipment so that the plant will be ready to produce the new and improved fuels which will be demanded by the public after the war.

The basic equipment of the Big Spring refinery consists of two Foster-Wheeler topping units, two Dubbs cracking plants, one naphtha re-run unit, and one Codimer unit, also treating plants, leading plants, tanks, and miscellaneous equipment necessary for processing various products. At present, one Dubbs cracking plant is operating as a topping plant and viscosifier breaker, having been revised in order to manufacture the maximum amount of 91 octane aviation gasoline for the army air forces. The naphtha re-run unit was built since the beginning of the war for the same purpose. The Codimer plant is a pre-war polymerization plant which was converted to the manufacture of Codimer, a necessary ingredient of 100 octane aviation gasoline.

The management points out that, although numerous changes such as those mentioned have been made, comparatively small amounts of critical materials have been used, as the engineering department

has succeeded in converting much old equipment already on hand to new uses.

Essential products being manufactured include 91 octane aviation gasoline; Codimer, a component of 100 octane aviation gasoline; mineral polymers, a synthetic oil needed by foundries; diesel fuels for the navy and lend-lease; heavy fuel oils for railroads and other industries; a wide variety of motor gasolines and burning oils used by army camps and other government agencies. In addition, large quantities of gasoline and other products are being made for civilian use.

The refining department normally employs about 200 men, there being at present 194 employees engaged in plant operation, and 16 in supervisory capacities. The department is proud of the fact that 86 of its men, or 40 per cent of the normal payroll, have entered the armed forces, the percentage being considerably higher than that of the company as a whole. Nine of those who entered the services have since received medical discharges, and seven of them have returned to jobs in the refinery.

The loss of this large number of men has complicated the job of operating and maintaining the refinery, since experienced replacements could not be found. However, the men who have been moved into key jobs have learned rapidly, and to these men, and to the foremen who trained them, most go much credit for the fact that serious breakdowns have been avoided, and on-stream time for the stills has actually been increased even under war conditions.

Overall operation of the Big Spring refinery is under the direction of J. B. Mull, refinery manager and vice president, while manufacturing operations are supervised by J. L. LeBlau, refinery superintendent, and construction and maintenance are handled by E. B. McCormick, chief refinery engineer. These men have achieved successful operation under difficult conditions, but they all give full credit to the supervisors under them, and to the men in the plant who do the actual work, since, without the cooperation of every man, this accomplishment would have been impossible.

K. & T. Makes Old Equipment Like The New

"Where to get old equipment made new," is the motto of the K. and T. Electric company at 400 E. 3rd street, which specializes in repair service. If the machine is electrical a cleanup job may save the motor or appliance, in addition to extra expense and loss of use.

Electric motors can either be completely rebuilt, or minor adjustments can be made. Either type of work can be done on motors of any type or size. For better light, K. and T. urges that Kohler plants be tuned up now.

At the present time new motors are being released and now is a good time for trading in old motors for new ones. Also available now are new Kohler plants which are on display. Such plants are the ideal substitute for A.C. current for use on farms or ranches.

The stock of magnetos parts is now increasing and K. and T. can usually furnish anything necessary to repair worn out magnetos. K. and T. is also able to supply new magnetos.

As coal purchases were advised last July, so does the K. and T. Electric company urge owners of air conditioning systems to get them ready for the hot summer months with necessary repair work now. A shipment of circulating water pumps has lately been received which were impossible to obtain last summer. So, for a cool, comfortable summer K. and T. urge that such repairs be made now while labor and materials are

available. On the first day of the New Year of 1945 the owner of K. and T., Henry Thames, expresses his gratitude to all his friends and customers for helping make 1944 a pleasant and interesting year. He says: "We are looking forward to serving our customers better during 1945 as it is possible now to get the parts needed to repair almost any type of electrical appliance."

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Byrnes Does About Face; Demands Essential Work, Asks Farm Draft

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — The sudden crackdown on draft-deferred farmers is the latest chapter in a story that is grim and shows how top officials have changed their tune.

The number of men squeezed into the army from farms probably will be just a drop in the bucket. War Mobilizer Byrnes wants draft boards to go over their list of 364,000 men aged 18 through 25—deferred as farm workers—and ferret out the unneeded.

The farm draft boards are supposed to have done this already, repeatedly. It's to be assumed—and that's the opinion of informed people here—that most of the 364,000 will be found still needed on farms.

Up to Aug. 29—which was 32 months and 22 days after Pearl Harbor—total army casualties in all theaters were 337,743.

But in the next 3½ months—between Aug. 29 and Dec. 14—the announced army casualties soared by another 210,000.

So in 3½ months we had suffered two-thirds as many casualties as we had suffered in the previous 32½ months.

But since Dec. 14—when the army last released its casualty list—the Germans put on their offen-

sive which cost us heavily.

And now—in January and February—the army wants its draft calls upped from 60,000 to 80,000 a month. A big share of these draftees will come from the youths reaching 18.

On Monday Byrnes said he wanted 4-Fs between 18 and 38 forced into war jobs or into the army if they're not in essential work. Now he cracks down on the farm workers.

Byrnes' actions this week climax a series—a fairly recent series—of moves by top officials who only a few months ago seemed optimistic.

In July Prime Minister Churchill thought Germany's end might come "earlier than we have any right to say" and General Eisenhower in August thought Germany would be licked in 1944 "if every one did his part."

Keeping pace with statements like these, here at home plans were hastily whipped together—under prodding by Byrnes—for reconversion to peacetime when Germany fell.

But Germany didn't fall. Our casualties increased. And suddenly we were told—although not a couple of months before arrangements were made for letting a number of plants go into civilian work—of a great need for all kinds of munitions, including mortar shells which couldn't be made until next August.

And there has been a steady, increasing pounding ever since by Washington big-wigs for more war production and for workers to stay on the job.

Finally, J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board, disclosed that war production had been affected by overly optimistic statement by the "wise boys in Washington."

So, now it's all out war work and no optimism.

Three Suffocate In Home; Fires Burning

DALLAS, Jan. 4 (AP) — The bodies of a father and his two sons were found in a Dallas home here last night.

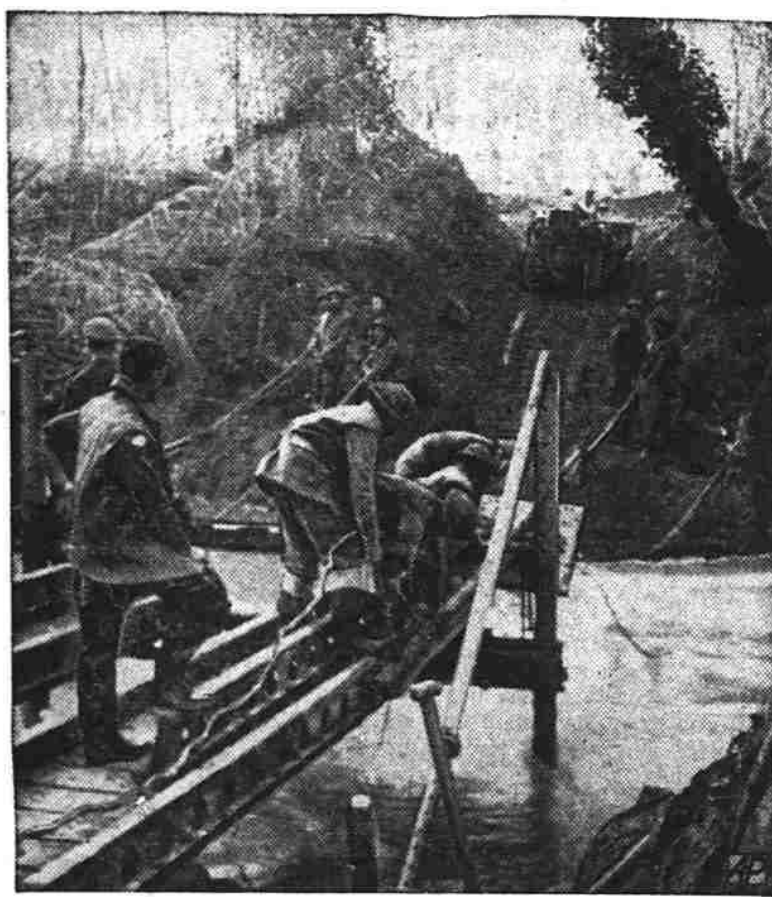
The dead were listed as: Sydney W. Evans, about 65, of Blackwell, Texas; and elder son Sydney W. Evans Jr.; Dallas pharmacist in whose home the bodies were found, and a younger son, Darnell Rust Evans, 17, of Blackwell.

Neighbors who noticed lights burning in the home throughout the day, summoned police who said they found gas fires burning and windows closed. They said the victims apparently were preparing to retire when stricken.

Control Board Will Recommend Proposal

GALVESTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — Judge Weaver Baker, chairman of the state board of control, has announced that the board will recommend to the legislature a proposal to quadruple the patient capacity of the state psychopathic hospital here.

Baker, who is here making a survey of the buildings damaged by a storm in 1943, said the suggested expansion would increase its usefulness to the public and its value to the medical school for teaching purposes, and would substantially reduce the per unit cost of treatment.



BRIDGING ITALIAN RIVER — Sappers of the Royal Engineers work on a trestle bridge to cross the Lamone river during the successful campaign of Canadian troops and British forces to capture the city of Ravenna, Italy.

WLB Asks Wages In Oil Undergo Survey

DALLAS, Jan. 4 (AP) — Carroll R. Daugherty, director of the National War Labor Board, has requested that wage brackets in the oil refining industry in the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma and northern Louisiana, as set by the regional WPB, be re-examined under the Cluster method.

This method, Daugherty said, is a different technical approach to setting wage scale for job classifications.

"Experience in other boards has shown that the resulting bracket will be the same. However, if any appreciable difference is shown between the technical method of averaging rates and the Cluster method, the regional and national boards will work together to determine whether a change would be advisable," Daugherty said.

NUMBER ONE DOG

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 4 (AP)—C. B. Hulsey starts every new year the same way: By buying a city license for his dog. For the last 12 years Hulsey's dogs have worn Pueblo city license No. 1. The present family pet has been No. 1 for nine years.

Most nuts are made more digestible by being ground into nut butter.

Denton General Aide To B-29 Commander

SUPERFORTRESS HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Jan. 4 (AP) — Brig. Gen. Haywood S. Hansell, who now for the first time is directing B29 operations from this American possession has as his chief of staff Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, of Denton, Tex.

The two are sharing jointly a new house erected as a part of the military facilities of the island, which was recovered from the Japanese.

Doughboys still spot an occasional sniper. Ramey who preceded Hansell to Guam, coming from New Guinea, was former commander of the Fifth Army Air Force Bomber Command.

During peace years, about 6,000 stray dogs are collected annually in Washington, D. C.



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- GIRL'S CHAMBRAY DRESSES!**
Size 7 - 14! Stripes! Were \$3.98!... **\$2.77**
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Housing Situation Is "Desperate"

An urgent appeal to Big Spring residents to provide additional housing facilities for military personnel was sounded today by officials of the Big Spring Bombardier school.

The appeal was made after Maj. W. E. Turner, billeting officer at the post, admitted the housing shortage has advanced from the

critical stage and now can be classed as "desperate."

The post's personnel has been swelled recently by the arrival of combat officers who have returned from overseas war theaters, Major Turner stated. Additional aviation cadets and civilian employees have arrived here to face an acute housing shortage. These groups have

the largest number of dependents who cannot find living quarters in town, it was pointed out.

Local civic leaders have sponsored housing meetings and conducted campaigns which have opened some new sources of housing, but even more facilities are needed.

Rental trades were suggested as a means of meeting the need. A technical sergeant this week offered to trade his four-room apartment occupied by himself and wife for a two-room apartment or bedroom. This is expected to enable an officer to secure quarters for himself and family of four.

"We're appealing now to persons who never before have opened their homes to military personnel," Major Turner said. "We believe there are still some who could make available an extra bedroom."

Those interested were asked to call Major Turner at 1680, extension 213 or to contact the chamber of commerce or USO.

At the chamber of commerce office there are at least 30 inquiries every day for places to live.

The waiting list of all civilians eligible for use of the Ellis Homes now stands at 140 and will probably increase every week, J. H. Greene, chamber of commerce manager, stated.

Greene said that the possibility of construction of additional unit housing looks dark and the only hope for meeting the situation lies in the H-3 or "hardship housing" program. Applications for construction of this type are available at the chamber of commerce office.

Howard County's New Official Family Set For Two Year's Work

Howard county's official family, with four new faces included, was all set Monday for two years of work.

Oaths of office were administered to the official family at the court passed on bonds.

Sworn in were:

James T. Brooks, county judge; Lee Porter, county clerk; Mrs. Ida Collins, county treasurer; John F. Wolcott, county tax collector-assessor; R. L. (Bob) Wolf, sheriff; George Choate, district clerk; H. C. Hooser, county attorney; J. E. (Ed) Brown, county commissioner precinct No. 1; H. T. Hale, No. 2; R. L. Nell, No. 3; Earl Hull, No. 4; Walter Grice, justice of peace precinct No. 1; and J. T. Thornton, constable precinct No. 1.

New officers were Wolf, whose badge was pinned on his lapel by Mrs. Andrew Merrick, who succeeded her late husband as sheriff; Hooser, Thornton and Hull. J. B. Bruton, county juvenile officer, is still serving under his commission filed last September.

Wolf announced A. D. Bryan, formerly assistant police chief, as his chief deputy and Katie Gilmore as office deputy. Other deputy appointments were not announced, but few changes were anticipated.

Besides Mrs. Merrick, retiring officers are George Thomas, who entered the army while serving as county attorney; Jim Crenshaw, constable. Hull replaced Alvin Simpson, who died Saturday midnight.

Choate, who has been ill for the past two weeks, was back at his office to be sworn in Monday as district clerk.

Walker Bailey is mid-way in his four-year term as county superintendent, as is District Judge Cecil Collings. Judge Collings said that appointment for district attorney would be made each term of court since Lt. Martelle McDonald, district attorney, is in naval service. The appointment of Chester O'Brien as county auditor holds good for two years from the date he was named in the spring of 1944.

Big Spring Unit To Celebrate Third Anniversary Soon

Company E, 34th battalion of the Texas State Guard, Big Spring's own unit, will be three years old on Jan. 12 and a celebration for the men and officers is being planned.

Capt. Hudson L. Bohannon, commanding officer, said that there would be an informal program at the county warehouse on Jan. 11, which is the meeting date nearest the date of activation, and that there would be a "feed."

Among special guests will be Lt. Col. Joe Pyron, Odessa, battalion commander, and his staff.

The company was mustered following a mass meeting at the Bettles hotel early in 1942 and on Jan. 12 it was activated with Cliff Wiley commanding. Subsequently, he was succeeded by Bohannon, who originally had been first lieutenant. Leslie D. Thompson was promoted from second to first lieutenant and Joe E. Pond, originally a platoon sergeant and later first sergeant, was made second lieutenant.

Few of the original company still remain, but they will be honored specially at the meeting. Since organization, the company, which has furnished more than two score men to the armed services, has met at the county warehouse, which serves as the arsenal.

Colorado City Couple Receives Two War Messages In Twelve Hours

COLORADO CITY, Jan. 1 — Two War Department messages in twelve hours were received by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller of Colorado City, Monday. The first, a telegram, informed them that their older son, 1st Lieutenant Bobby D. Miller, was killed in action in Germany on December 10. Twelve hours later they had word that their youngest son, Floyd Miller, 2nd lieutenant and prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Manila, has been moved to an enemy prison camp in Japan.

The Miller family moved here 18 months ago from Lamesa and are former residents of Winters and Abilene. Lt. Bobby D. Miller, 12, was born in Norton, Runnels county. He attended John Tarleton College one year before entering military service, September 12, 1942.

He was married to the former Dollie Cooper of Ballinger in June, 1935.

Lt. Miller received his basic training at Camp Robinson, Little

Rock, Arkansas, and was then sent to Officers' Training school at Fort Benning, Georgia. Commissioned second lieutenant in March, 1943, he was sent overseas to the European theater after further training at Camp Wolters; Camp Swift, and Fort Leonard Wood. He was promoted to first lieutenant in May of this year when he went to foreign duty.

The most recent letter from him was dated November 28 and was written from "Somewhere in Luxembourg."

The younger Miller son, 23, joined the navy for six years in the spring of 1942 and after radio communications training at San Diego boarded the USS Houston which was later lost.

He is a 1939 graduate of Abilene high school where he was a member of the quartet and of the A Capella choir.

It is estimated that rats destroy as much every year as 200,000 farmers can produce.



BOB WOLF



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Twenty Registrants Reported Missing

Names of 20 registrants whose addresses have not been reported were listed Saturday by the Howard county selective service board.

They were: Hubert Jennings, Apolonia Juarez, Jose Lujan Franco, Marcellus Nute Brown, Jess Jackson Stocks, Simon Perez, Salomon Miller, Sam Lee White, Jesse Moore, Percy Payne, Chester Leon Hall, Clyde Owens, Earl Williams, Floyd Evans Gross, James Lee, Plew Daniel Hair, Perfecto Gonzalez Galindo, Francisco Morales Almansa, Juan Robles and Miguel Coronado. Some of these are long delinquent in reporting changed address, and to avoid names being turned over to federal authorities for action, friends were urged to report any information as to present addresses to the board in the Petroleum building.

The board was in session Friday reclassifying a long list of registrants under new regulations.

Building Permits In 1944 Reach 587 Total

Building permits issued in 1944 totaled 587, according to F. W. Bettie, city building inspector. The year's building expenditures came to \$385,075.

May showed the high point in individual building projects with 67. August's permits showed construction expenditures of \$123,875 when the permit for the Malone-Hogan hospital addition was issued. The July expenditures reached \$55,605 when permission was granted for the construction of the B. H. and B. theater.

The 1944 records revealed a decided increase over those of 1943 both in the number of permits issued and the expenditures. A majority of the permits were granted for remodeling or making additions to buildings already constructed.

Bettie declared that sanitary conditions in Big Spring were definitely improved and that approximately 150 sanitary toilets had been installed.

Rushing Business For Farm Bureau

Rushing business greeted Howard County Farm Bureau workers Tuesday as they began the task of making out income tax returns for members of the organization at the county agent's office.

At noon there were still several waiting to have returns completed, and workers anticipate an even heavier run during the afternoon. The bureau has asked members to report, according to an alphabetical order mailed them, not later than Jan. 9.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

J. H. Greene, manager of the chamber of commerce, announced Saturday that the nominating committee will meet Wednesday and warned that all nominations for the chamber officers should be in before that time.



VETERAN of many campaigns is Maj. Fred P. Woodson, son of F. P. Woodson, Coahoma. Two years ago on Nov. 1 Maj. Woodson (then a lieutenant) was in the 324th fighter unit as it sailed from New York harbor. Since then the group has blasted Rommel back and helped drive him out of Africa, bombed and strafed Sicily, challenged the Luftwaffe over Anzio and cut away at Jerries as Cassino and Monastary Hill before participating in the Riviera invasion of France and subsequently flying against the Siegfried line. Maj. Woodson was among the national guard volunteers who left Howard county in 1940 and trained originally at Santa Anna and Camp Bowie before transferring to the air corps in November of 1942.

Shoe Stamps To Remain Valid

Cancellation of shoe stamps is not being considered, the Office of Price Administration announced from district offices at Lubbock today.

The announcement was made after a few cities in the district reported rushes on shoes in the wake of invalidation of outstanding food stamps earlier in the week.

Although increasing military demands are cutting into the civilian supply, the War Production Board office of civilian requirement said the shoe supply was adequate to honor stamps now outstanding.

OPA reported the next shoe stamp probably would not be valid until sometime next summer. Until WPB completes its estimates of 1945 production and weighs other factors, the announcement of the date cannot be set.

While there was some increase in shoe purchases here, there was no run on stocks through Saturday.

Martin-Howard Soil Under Conservation Program During '44

Thousands of acres in the Martin-Howard soil conservation district came under influence of the program to save soil and moisture during 1944, according to records of the Big Spring SCS office.

Contour cultivation led the list of activities of the 183 farmers and ranchers cooperating 196,517 acres affected by the district approved program. Records showed 38,223 acres of the 59,604 acres cultivated by the cooperators were farmed on the contour. Another 13,037 acres were applied to crop residue or stubble management.

Ranchers protected 28,729 acres with guards, ridges, etc., and adapted practices of good range management on 83,419 acres. They make proper salt distribution on 49,609 acres and supplied temporary pasture on 2,321 acres.

Farmers practiced strip cropping on 1,011 acres and had 149 miles of terrace systems on 4,658 acres. In addition, there were 26 livestock ponds requiring moving of 61,089 cubic yards of dirt to provide a total reservoir capacity of 13,256,800 gallons. Contour pasture furrowing was applied on 1,555 acres. There are 36,913 acres of range land owned by cooperators within the district.

During 1944 15 farm plan agreements, covering 4,676 acres, were cancelled due to change in ownership.

First Branch Unit Of Postoffice Open

The first branch office of the Big Spring postoffice went into operation officially Tuesday at 2 p. m.

Designated as branch unit No. 1, the station is located at the community center at Ellis Homes to serve not only the occupants of the homes but all residents in extreme western Big Spring and airport area.

Mrs. Lora Betty Middlebrook is sub-clerk in charge, announced Postmaster Nat Shick, and office hours will be from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. All general postal services will be transacted at the office as a means of improving service to people in that vicinity, the postmaster pointed out.

The postoffice at the Big Spring Bombardier school, while channeling its business through the local station, is not properly a branch since it is operated as a contract office, Shick said.

CHILD BURNED

Ernest Carey, one and a half years old, of Coahoma was burned on the arm and hand Sunday night when he fell into a pile of coals. His condition was not reported serious. He is receiving treatment at the Cowper hospital.

A. D. Bryan Resigns As Assistant Chief Of Police; Named As Deputy

Resignation of A. D. Bryan as assistant chief of police was announced Saturday. He has been named by R. L. (Bob) Wolf, who will be sworn in as sheriff of Howard county Monday, as chief deputy.

Wolf also announced that Katie Gilmore would be commissioned as office deputy.

Bryan's resignation ends an eight and a half year tenure with the city police. A major portion of the time he has been on night patrol and is rated by fellow officers as being a specialist in handling cases dealing with negro or Latin-American personalities. He served as acting chief for a time this year and for the past five months he has been assistant chief of police. He joined the force on July 4, 1936 and had served longer than any other member of the force. He had been, according to city officials, particularly helpful to new staff members.

He came to Big Spring in 1933 from Cisco, where he had served 10 years as a member of the police force there. Bryan also had three and a half years in sheriff office work. He has a son, M/Sgt. D. W. Bryan, who is serving in France.



A. D. BRYAN

Forsan News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson and family spent Christmas in Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conger Jr. and Bill III and Mrs. W. T. Conger were holiday guests of relatives in McCarney.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Longshore and Roy were recent visitors in Sterling City.

Mrs. C. C. Long is ill in a Brownwood hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Hines spent Christmas with Mr. Hines' mother in Carbon.

Mrs. Arthur Barton of Brownwood visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson of Dallas visited the J. E. Letts this week.

Spooky and Jimmie Green spent Christmas with their parents in Houston.

James Craig, SM 2/c and Mrs. Craig of Galveston are visiting Mrs. Vera Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Adams leave Monday for Sedona, Kan. to visit Capt. and Mrs. John Camp Adams.

Ruben Shussler and Roy C. Davis are under treatment in Big Spring hospitals for injuries received in a recent car accident.

Paper Shortage Still Described Critical

Despite the fact that the paper salvage contest in the schools came to a close the middle of December, there is still a shortage of paper, it was announced Friday by the salvage office at the Big Spring Bombardier school. Paper collection directors urged that the people of Big Spring continue to send their waste paper to the schools where it will be picked up.

National directors of paper salvage have urged that merchants, in cooperation with American consumers, declare a wrapping holiday for the duration and wrap only those purchases which absolutely require wrapping. Millions of tons of paper can be saved in that way they stated.

VD Treatments Here In Month Total 353

The patients treated at the VD clinic at the Big Spring-Howard county health unit this month totaled 353. Five women were sent to the rapid treatment center in El Paso for treatment.

Sixty-six contacts were made by the clinic of which 13 were infected. Three patients were transferred, 21 delinquents returned, five patients were readmitted and there were 18 new patients. There were 18 delinquent patients accounted for during December.

Forty-eight X-rays were given which were paid for with funds of the Howard County Tuberculosis association.

Christmas Packages Given Nazi Prisoners

Christmas packages to prisoners of war in Germany have been received in that country and have either been delivered or are in process of delivery, the Howard-Glasscock chapter of the Red Cross has been informed.

Well over a score of Howard county men are prisoners of war in Germany.

Past Year Good One For Marriages Here

The year of 1944 was accounted a good one for marriages, at least from a volume point of view, according to records from the office of County Clerk Lee Porter.

During the year a total of 435 marriage licenses were issued. Not all were executed and some few were voided. How the number stacked up beside divorces could not be ascertained Wednesday since George Choate, district clerk, is now engaged in compiling his annual report.

Manhattan exported apples to Holland in 1939.

Dates For 4-H Livestock Show Given By Lewter

Dates for the 4-H club boys livestock show, which promises to far exceed even the precious district shows in size, have been announced by Durward Lewter, county agent.

The show proper starts on Feb. 28, followed by the sale on March 1. However, the schedule calls for all animals to be in place by 5 p. m. on Feb. 28 and to be arranged for showing the following day.

There are now on feed 87 calves, 38 pigs and 33 lambs. Lewter was confident that at least 70 calves would qualify for showing, that 35 pigs would make the grade and that all of the lambs would be ready for judging at that time.

Although his boys got a late start on their feeding, the agent believed that many of the animals would show extensive finish by show dates. One calf already has topped 1,000 pounds, he said.

The show will be held at the Howard county warehouse, and judges likely will come from Texas A. & M. College.



RECENT BRIDE — Pictured above is Mrs. Stanley Bogard, who was Miss Jeanetta Christensen before her marriage December 23rd. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Christensen.

Selectees Accepted For Service By Board

Names of selectees accepted for induction on the December call were announced Tuesday by the Howard county selective service board.

Into the navy went John Sidney Robinson, Balfour Shelton Hubbard, and Edward Rayner McLaren, Jr., the latter an 18-year-old for immediate induction, and Randall Lope Sherrod, Marcelo Torres was accepted for the marines.

Accepted by the army were Leonard S. Hanson, in charge of the group, Arthur R. Marion, Victorio V. Baraza, Jim C. Grant, Hiram C. Reid, Jr., Dols M. Day, Henry M. Stewart, Roy C. Miller, Dalco Cryer, Adam C. Flores, Leovillo Carrillo, Gilmer Beck Jr., Ralph L. Coates, Manuel T. Puga, Murray L. Petty, Jose Carrasco, transferred from Sander, and Osborn D. Allen, transferred from Sweetwater.

Seventieth District Court Opens Tuesday

Seventieth district court opened its current term at Stanton Tuesday morning and after the grand jury had been in session for about 10 minutes, Foreman Edmond Morrow announced no indictments could be found.

Judge Cecil Collings dismissed the grand jurors subject to call. He set the case of Herbert G. Keaton versus H. W. Davenport, trespass to try title, for Jan. 14.

The court opens its January term in Big Spring on Jan. 18.

Boy Born To Meyers

A boy was born to S/Sgt. and Mrs. Joe Robert Meyers on Dec. 31 at Del Rio, it was learned here today. Mrs. J. A. Meyers, mother of Sgt. Meyers, has been in Del Rio. Sgt. Meyers has been on New Guinea for the past three months.

Thousands Of Dollars May Be Saved By Farmers, Ranchers In Local Area

Thousands of dollars may be saved by farmers and ranchers in the Big Spring area under a recent internal revenue ruling on certain livestock sales which would be under the 1944 income tax law.

Under the ruling, only 50 per cent of the sale price of a cow from the breeding herd of a farmer or rancher is taxable. The animal must have been owned by the seller for at least six months prior to the sale. Otherwise, the full amount received is taxable. Livestock sales heretofore, whether on cattle raised or bought, were 100 per cent taxable.

The new tax range applies to livestock used for dairying, breeding and work, and also covers animals raised on farms or purchased. It is applicable whether the case or accrual method of reporting is used, according to information

Polish Agency Says Jews Destroy Plant

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (AP)—The Polish telegraph agency said today a group of 35 Jewish engineers died in a suicide action which destroyed a rubber factory in Poland, Silesia turning out tires for the German army.

"A survivor, whose story has just reached London through underground channels, said that the action took place just before the start of the recent German offensive on the western front, and that the entire plant, as well as its outbuildings and stores of tires was demolished in an explosion that could be heard for miles," the Polish agency said. "In addition to the Jewish engineers, all the German supervisors and large numbers of Nazi workers were killed."

"As reprisal, the Nazis publicly hanged all the Jews they could find in the district—11 men and an 18-year-old boy."

Singing Senator Is Out Of Luck-Home

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (P)—Senator-elect Glen H. Taylor gathered his family about him on the cold steps of the capitol this morning, strummed a chord on his battered banjo and started singing:

"Oh, give me a home, near the capital dome, 'With a yard where little children can play—' 'Just one room or two, any old thing will do—' 'Oh, we can't find a pla-a-a-ce to stay!'"

Then, just as if there weren't two movie cameras, a dozen still photographers and a microphone within a mile, the Idaho democrat observed conversationally:

"These are serious times, but I do think it would be a good idea to put up a barracks where new members of congress could stay."

Mrs. Taylor, an attractive brunette in a dark fur coat, put her arms around the two Taylor youngsters and said things were never like this back in Pocatello.

Her husband, a singing cowboy who sang himself into a senate seat, introduced the folks.

While waiting for their song to produce a house the Taylors are staying at a hotel.

Chinese Recapture All Of Burma Road

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 (P)—Chinese troops today recaptured the Burma Road border town of Wanting, putting the entire Chinese section of the Burma Road in their hands.

A field dispatch said the Japanese suffered heavy casualties at Wanting, whose fall climaxed the Salween offensive.

Farmers Use Tax Service Offered

Farmers were making use of the income tax service offered by the Howard County Farm Bureau Wednesday.

During the initial day Tuesday, 21 returns were filed and about that many members of the bureau were on hand waiting. Wednesday the rush was increasing.

The bureau has around 350 members and probably will add many more on the strength of the service. Several hundred others are either making the forms out themselves or having other tax men do it for them.

AIR LINES GET DIRECTIVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (P)—Four of the nation's principal airlines were ordered by the Civil Aeronautics Board today to show cause why their mail rates should not be reduced.

ASKS SENATE STAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (P)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) proposed today that the senate formally proclaim its own peace aims, "in the absence of the president's taking a stand."

EX-NOTRE DAME STAR DIES

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 30 (P)—Several months' illness ended in death last night for Sam Dolan, 60, former Notre Dame football star and Pacific Coast gridiron official for 26 years.

Doris Nesbitt Finds Christmas Is Busy Time As Readers Swamp Library



Editorial -

A Gold Mine If Used

Reports from the Howard County Free Library shows a healthy trend and give grounds for encouragement that this will in time become one of our keystone institutions.

So far as libraries go, the 4,842 books issued within the space of six months is small potatoes, but starting from scratch and with limited facilities, the figure represents a substantial gain. The important thing is that each month brings a greater number of book readers to the library.

There have been little less than 800 persons to register, meaning that the reading has been done by this number. This is the figure that we want to see broadened, for as it increases, the other will multiply correspondingly. The problem is to break the ice with individuals. As they become familiar with the services of the library, they will make greater use of it. As they use it, they will tell others about opportunities for reading adventures.

The entire objective is to get the largest possible number of people in Howard county to use the library. If they read, it will be comparable to an intellectual gold mine. It makes no difference that it is now comparatively small and lacking in space. A growing clientele will ultimately justify expansion in quarters and in books. When that time comes, we can look back with the realization that money put into the free library has been some of the most wisely invested funds ever expended.

Easy There, Ma'm

Commenting on the fact that pictures carried in the press on Dec. 29 showed a woman with a live bantam rooster on her headpiece, the Dallas Morning News wryly observes that "the historian may date Dec. 29 as the beginning of the third stage in women's headgear."

The first was the sunbonnet era, comments the News, an era stressing comfort and service. The next was the imitative, putting emphasis on facsimiles of vegetables, fruits, magpie nests, fishing nets, and infinitum. And now the "live" era is impending, the News fears.

Perhaps, but then we recall the presentation of an embattled cockerel to a club president here on one occasion. In a less strenuous role than that of adornment for a headpiece, the cockerel's behavior was not without its imperfections. In the light of this, mildy may hesitate to embrace a fad which might be more startling in results than intended.

Washington—

Odds Favor Big Meeting In Moscow

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON — Your capital in wartime:

There are a couple of hundred angry WAVES in Washington, but don't think for a minute that they are saying anything about it openly. They are the girls who live in barracks within a stone's throw of the Navy building.

At first, according to barracks rules, no man was allowed any further in the building than the reception room just inside the front door. The rest of the sprawling quarters were strictly a woman's domain. The girls got up, and down the halls in their uniforms, visited in negligees and enjoyed a privacy that made even barracks life a pleasure.

Then the worst happened. A navy brass bat came to town and was unable to find quarters for himself and family. A bright idea occurred to him. He had the walls knocked out of several rooms in the WAVE barracks and put himself together an apartment for himself and family.

The rush to buy dressing robes was something. Now all is decorum in the barracks, but there's a lot of underbreath mumbled as the WAVES peer around corners to see if the coast is clear before dashing for the showers or the room of some matey for a snack before lights out.

When that meeting of the big three finally is held (and it's almost certain to be, probably soon after the President's inauguration) the odds are being given here that Roosevelt and Churchill will go almost all the way to Moscow again for the session.

It's up to Mark MacMahon and

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Booby Trap Detector

In the snow, in the sand, on the beaches, on the roads, in the woods, everywhere the Axis soldiers hide "booby traps," to slow the movements of our fighting men of the United Nations. The detector does the same work on land as the mine sweeper does at sea.



Like buying War Bonds, the soldier operating the detectors will never know just how much they have aided in the success of their campaign, but he knows his work is necessary and must be accomplished. If more Americans on the home front will come to realize this, the success of our War Bond campaigns will be assured.

U. S. Treasury Department

The War Today

by Dewitt Mackenzie
Associated Press War Analyst

The American First army's new counter-offensive against the northern flank of Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt's Belgian bulge affords solid encouragement but shouldn't lure us once more into the pleasant but dangerous fields of over optimism.

The cold fact is that the crisis of the great German assault hasn't yet been passed. Our General Hodges' drive in the Grandmenil sector—officially reported today as making good progress against stiff resistance—must be regarded as of defensive nature at this juncture.

Of course if the First army push is successful it will complement General Patton's sensational drive northward into the southern flank of the bulge and so will threaten to cut off the bulge at the base. This would enclose large German forces in a sack. However, that's merely a potentiality. The actuality is that Hodges' attack is essential for the security of the Allied line north of the bulge.

The American forces have regained the initiative about the perimeter of the bulge, but on the southern flank of the Allied line the Germans are on the offensive in the Sarreguemines-Bitche-Lauterbourg zone and have made some progress. Their main purposes are to compel us to divert forces from other areas, and to oust us from the Saar region, but we may be sure that if they should succeed in making a break-through anywhere, this would be exploited to the utmost in a drive into France.

Thus on the whole von Rundstedt, while he has lost the initiative at least temporarily on the perimeter of the bulge, still is able in considerable degree to make a dash to his fiddling. As remarked, we aren't yet out of the woods.

Hereford Breeders Convoked By Head For Important Meet

Howard County Hereford Breeders

association members have been convoked by Rexie Cauble, president, for an important meeting Saturday at 3 p. m. in the city courtroom.

Looking toward the association's first annual sale March 2-3, the membership will develop plans and prepare the sale roster Saturday.

"Members are urged to bring papers on each animal they plan to enter in the sale," said Cauble. He had no definite idea how many registered calves would be in the sale, but he said the association was aiming at around 40 bulls and 10 to 20 females.

Original objective of having each member put two animals into the sale has been abandoned, he said, and instead they will be urged only to put in the bulls and cows they consider top material for the sale.

"We are interested in developing a sale that will attract buyers and keep on attracting them," said Cauble. "Thus, we are placing emphasis on quality rather than quantity."

Animals will be on display March 2 and the sale will be held March 3 with Earl Gartin, widely known auctioneer, conducting the sale.

The world's loudest noise was the volcanic explosion in 1883 of the island of Krakatoa, which was heard as far away as Bangkok, a distance of more than 1,400 miles.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Hastened
2. Out of
3. Month of the year: abbr.
4. Public vehicle
5. Molten rock
6. Equality
7. Proposition
8. Beard of grain
9. American author
10. Cause of ruin
11. Great statesman
12. Unit of work
13. Thrown
14. Distant
15. Worship
16. Southern constellation
17. Stack
18. Fowl

DOWN
1. Indolent laugh
2. Negative
3. Is under obligation
4. Ipecac plant
5. Opposite of liabilities
6. Cry of the cat
7. Sound of a trumpet
8. Part of each roof hole
9. Religious
10. Dry awakenings
11. Epoch
12. Lamb's pen name
13. Automobile
14. Lively dance
15. English school

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle



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MOBILE AVOUCH
OR GAM DEN HE
NEB NICER ROD
OS NESTLE
PHAEON SOLAN
LO COLOR WIRE
ATS REBEL COW
TELA SIMON ME
SLIPS TABULAR
LOOSER TO
STY RISKS TOW
TA ART ITA GO
EPOPEE NATURE
PANELS GRAPES

And Nothing Can Be Done About It



Hal Boyle: Battling Bernstein Challenges Sniper But Only Answer Is Lead

By HAL BOYLE

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN BELGIUM, Dec. 29 (Delayed) (AP) "Don't forget Pearl Harbor."—Pfc. Joe Bernstein used to yell that in the middle of long hikes during training days. It always brought a grin to dusty lips.

"Battling Bernstein" was a morale builder then. And now on the battlefield, this tough medical aid man from Chicago is still pepping up the weary, long-faced GIs. Even wounded men chuckle at this rough talking, sentimental medic as he patches them up and packs them off to a clearing station.

Bernie is a rifle company aid man—one of the most dangerous of medical jobs—and one of five Chicago brothers, four of them in service. He talks jerkily, gambles for big dough and is the only medic on the front to win a medal while in a daze.

"Once, back in the hedgerow country, we were sweating out a big bombardment when all of a sudden a big tree was hit," says

Bernie. "It broke and conked me right on the bean. Knocked me out. That's the only time I got hit. I was in a daze for two days and everyone says I did big stuff in those two days. They put me in for a Silver Star."

Bernie used to be an amateur boxer. Now he moves up with the infantry, wearing two Red Cross arm bands and aid pouches over his shoulder—but no rifle.

Once he set up a forward aid station by himself in a captured enemy pillbox and for 24 hours ran a one-man hospital under fire.

Like any good doughboy, he hates snipers. "Look," he says, "once I bend down to fix up a guy who got hit while we were marching down a road. The sniper's still around. He keeps on me. He don't try to hit me; just near miss. Lots of 'em. I got so damn mad I stood up and challenged him to come down and fight like a man. That made all the guys laugh. Helped their morale. But I never got hit!"

Hollywood—

Movieland Is Town Of Success Tales

By ROBBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD — This is a town of success stories, and this is a success story. Nothing flamboyant nor spectacular about it — nothing, that is, if you're in the mood for Cinderella who went to a soda fountain and presto, you know what.

There's not even a personality involved. There's just an institution. The Motion Picture Relief Fund. No. That's wrong. There is a personality. Jean Hersholt.

Seven years ago, the fund was so nearly insolvent that it might well have applied to itself for succor. It had an organization of sorts, and the folks in charge were lacking. Its income was sinking to a mere fraction of the minimum amount needed for the rescue of picture people — ex-stars, extras, workers of many kinds in the industry—who had to call on it.

The fund organization doesn't like individuals to be singled out for credit, but I can't help hanging the palm on Hersholt. I may have to leave town when he reads it, but that's how I see it.

Jean and a small group of associates got together with the movie producers and decided the Fund should be run by representatives of all the guilds and unions in Hollywood, together with producer representation. Jean became president and plowed into his job.

They put on a campaign to get movie workers to donate one-half of one per cent of the making less than \$100 a week, which is regarded as pin-money of course, being exempt. They cooked up an idea for a radio show called the Screen Guild Players, and they sold it to a sponsor.

On this program every week top stars donate their services to appear in plays based on popular movies, the studios donating the script rights. That show has been a gold mine. With the proceeds the Fund has built the Motion Picture Country Home near Calabasas — a pretty and restful resort for the folks who have grown old in pictures, or ill, or broke.

The air show has gone on, and now the Fund has completed plans for a 90-room hospital to handle the bulk of its medical cases on the country home grounds.

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Applications In For New Air Routes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board's hearing on 55 applications of companies seeking to establish new air service throughout Texas and Oklahoma, scheduled to open Jan. 31 in Fort Worth, will be the largest consolidated case of its kind heard by the CAB.

Practically every city and village in the two states is listed as a proposed stop on one or more of the applications. Most of them have main terminals in Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio and Houston.

Some of the lines are for fast service between the larger cities, some would operate solely within one or the other of the states, and still others would operate to points in Kansas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Equipment the applicants would use ranges from fast multi-engine airliners to helicopters and gliders. Some would operate small craft which could take off from short runways and serve only as feeder routes connecting with main lines.

Thomas L. Wrenn, CAB examiner who will conduct the hearing, is familiar with the southwest and has knowledge of the distances and other factors involved in serving towns and cities in that part of the country. He formerly lived in Sherman, near the Red River line.

The hearings probably will last at least a month, Wrenn believes, since each of the applicants will get a chance to present supporting data and testimony. The CAB decided to hold the hearing in the region so that the great number of persons involved would not have to pay traveling expenses and hotel bills, in addition to loss of time, if held in Washington.

Originally scheduled for hearing were 55 applications, but Southwest Airways, which sought to serve Dallas-Fort Worth to San Antonio, Houston, Oklahoma City and scores of cities in Texas and Oklahoma, announced it was withdrawing its application.

Applicants, and the main points they would serve, follow: Wichita Falls Air Transport company—Oklahoma City to Midland, Tex., via Wichita Falls and other intermediary points; Southwest Feeder Airlines, Inc.—Dallas-

Fort Worth to San Antonio, Houston, Oklahoma City and scores of smaller cities throughout both states;

Brantley Airways, Inc.—Amarillo to Houston, via Lubbock, Abilene and Austin; Bowen Airways—scores of cities and towns throughout both states; Frisco Transportation company, using helicopters or gliders—Wichita, Kas., to Oklahoma City to Dallas-Fort Worth; Texas Airlines—Amarillo to Brownsville, via Lubbock, San Angelo, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo, McAllen, Harlingen and east-west routes across Texas from Texarkana, Beaumont and other cities to Big Spring;

Dixie Motor Coach Corp., helicopter or similar craft—Dallas to Oklahoma City; Aviation Enterprises—Houston to Amarillo via Austin, San Angelo, Lubbock; Arkansas Valley Airlines—Fort Smith to Dallas;

Community Air Service, Inc.—Fort Worth to Ardmore, Wichita Falls, Lubbock and other points throughout Texas and Oklahoma;

Oklahoma Airways, Inc.—Oklahoma City to Okmulgee, Muskogee, McAlester, Shawnee, Holden and Seminole; Texas Central Airways, Inc.—Dallas-Fort Worth to Ardmore and other points throughout Texas and Oklahoma; Great Plains Airways, Inc.—Amarillo to Clayton, N. M., to Boise

City, Okla.; Southwest Airlines—Roswell, N. M., to Phoenix and routes into West Texas and to Brownsville; Lone Star Airways, Inc.—San Antonio to Austin; Chicago and Southern Air Lines, Inc.—to include Beaumont-Port Arthur as stop on existing route 53; Continental Air Lines, Inc.—San Angelo to Fort Worth and Tulsa to Dallas-Fort Worth; Essair, Inc.—to include Brownwood and Plainview as intermediate points, with authorization to omit San Angelo as a stop on any schedule in which Brownwood is served, and with authorization to serve Plainview as intermediate stop on alternate schedules; Essair—to serve San Antonio and other towns throughout East and West Texas; Spartan Airlines, Inc.—Amarillo to Oklahoma City to Fort Smith, and routes into Kansas; American Airlines—to extend existing route 30 from Fort Worth to Houston; Eastern Air Lines, Inc.—to include Austin as a stop on existing route 5; Hannaford Airlines, Inc.; Wayne B. Lee, Texas Bus Lines and Texas Motorcoaches, Inc.

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Announcements

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FOUND: Sorrel horse with blazed face. See Jess Oden across street from Minute Inn. Owner pay for feed bill and ad.
LOST: One visit because earlier left no name card. Owner Printing Co. 206 E. 4th St.
LOST: One Hereford steer about 2-yrs. old, weighing about 700 lbs. Any information, call Big Spring Locker Co. Phone 153.
LOST: Fitted colored glasses, probably on Johnson Street. Reward. Phone 2007-J.
LOST: One sorority pin with 15 pearls, 3 rubies, LV on top in gold, triangle-shaped. Reward. Phone 2007-J.
IDENTITY known of person who picked up six twenty dollar bills in Postoffice January 2nd. No action will be taken if returned immediately to Postmaster.
LOST: Large silver and rhinestone spray pin. New Year's eve in Officer's Club. Please return to Samuella Shaver, phone 285. Reward. School or 155-J after 5:30 p. m. Reward.
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Personals
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NOTICE TO HUNTERS: The Creighton pasture just west of Big Spring, between highway 80 and T&P Railway, is posted. No hunting will be permitted and trespassing prosecuted.
BEGINNING January 1, due to labor shortage we will deliver mornings instead of evenings. Will take your order and make delivery till 9:30, all orders phoned in after 9:30 will be delivered following day. John Davis Feed Store.

THE undersigned is an applicant for a package store permit from the Texas Liquor Control Board, to be located a mile and a half north of Big Spring on highway No. 9. Cap Rock Package Store, Mrs. Caroline Marchbanks, owner.

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REPAIR, refinish, buy or sell any make sewing machine or furniture. Pickle & Lee. 608 E. 2nd. Phone 260.

PETERSON'S Help - Your - Self
 Laundry at 508 E. 2nd St. Equipped with steam now.

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE SHOP
 Repairs guaranteed. 305 E. 3rd. Phone 428.

OSBORNE REPAIR SHOP
 WE do welding and automotive and diesel engine repair. Contractors equipment a specialty. 201 N. Austin St. Phone 118.

WESTERN Mattress Co. representative, J. R. Bilderbank, will be in Big Spring twice monthly. Leave name at McCollister Furniture, phone 1281.

Woman's Column

WILL keep children by the day or hour, special care. 608 1/2th Place. Phone 2010.

DO ironing, 804 San Antonio St. Mrs. Digby.

EXPERT for coat remodeling and alterations. Years of experience. See Mrs. J. L. Haynes at 608 1/2 Scurry. Phone 1724-J.

WILL keep children by day or hour, excellent care. 207 Benton St. Phone 1257-J.

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Announcements

Woman's Column
MOTHERS! Mrs. E. A. Thetford, 1002 W. 6th St. takes care of small children in her home by the hour, day or week. Extra good care.

EVERY woman needs stationery with her personal letterhead. Horne Printing Co. 206 E. 4th St.
WILL do ironings by piece or do laundry. Work guaranteed, prompt service. 407 1/2 Nolan St.

Employment

Help Wanted—Male
EXPERIENCED porter and lubrication man. Apply at Lone Star Chevrolet Co.

WANTED: Boy with bicycle. 40¢ per hour, time and half over time. Must be 16 years old or over. Western Union.

WANTED: Man to help in operation of well established local concern, apartment available. State background, qualifications. Write Box HFN, % Herald.

WANTED: Garage mechanics. Top salary or good commission. Apply H. M. Rowe Garage, 214 1/2 W. 3rd.

WANTED: Full time automobile mechanic and also parts man. Can furnish living quarters. Scurry Motor Co. Midland. Tex. Phone 644.

WANTED: ENGINEER FOR ICE PLANT WITH BRUCE MACBETH ENGINES. GOOD JOB FOR RIGHT MAN. ANGELO ICE COMPANY, 231 North Chabourne St., San Angelo, Tex.

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED: Two experienced waitresses. Apply Settles Coffee Shop.

WANTED: Maid, apply in person. Pitman's Jewelry, 117 E. 3rd.

Employment Wanted—Male
PAINTING and paperhanging. See S. B. Echols, 201 Gollard Street. Call 1558 for estimates.

Employment Wanted—Female
EXPERIENCED bookkeeper and typist wants bookkeeping job. Can furnish local references. Write Box LB, % Herald.

For Sale

Household Goods
SEE Creaths when buying or selling used furniture; 20 years in furniture and mattress business in Big Spring. Rear 710 E. 3rd. Phone 602.

DINING table; six chairs; dresser; three iron bedsteads, one three-quarter size. Phone 1871-J or see at 610 11th Place.

BABy bassinet and child's desk; also studio couch. 1307 Main St.

ONE grandfather clock; one alarm clock; Buster Brown kodak; two quilted jean quilts; portable clothes closet. Phone 1824.

LIVING room suite; also dining room suite, both excellent condition. Mrs. Diffey, Apt. 3, 708 Rannels St.

BOX springs and mattress; also odd pieces of furniture. See Cal Boykin, Settles Hotel.

Radios & Accessories

ONE Stewart-Warner and one Philco 6-volt battery radio, late model. City View Courts office, 18th block West 3rd.

Office & Store Equipment

SEVEN-column Burroughs adding machine in good condition. H. H. Carille, across street from Jones & Laughlin Supply Co. on Bell St.

8 FT. showcase for sale. Can be seen at 106 W. 3rd, phone 11.

Livestock

MEAT hogs fattened ready to kill. Also red gilts for sale. J. D. Wright, Rt. 2, Box 8, two miles west of town.

For Sale

Farm Machinery
GOOD 1938 model John Deere tractor. For information see J. C. Clanton at Clanton Service Station, 300 E. 3rd St. Phone 8584.

OLIVER 70 tractor in good condition with extra good tires and all equipment. Reasonably priced. Arnold's Garage, 201 N. W. 2nd, phone 1476.

FORD tractor, planter and cultivator, in good condition, \$750. Phone 1680 extension 370. Bombardier School, or see W. E. Mann, Ellis Homes.

Miscellaneous

MOTORCYCLES rebuilt; parts. Bicycle parts; almost any kind. **LAWN MOWERS** sharpened. Cecil Thixton Motorcycle & Bicycle Shop. 1602 E. 15th. Ph. 2052.

THOMAS TYPEWRITER & OFFICE SUPPLY
 WE have a complete line of office supplies to fill your needs. 107 1/2 Main.

STANLEY HARDWARE CO.
 1-gallon glass dash chutneys, 5 and 10-gal. milk cans and cream separators.

PURE Ribbon Cane and Sorghum syrup for sale. Mrs. Birdwell's fruit stand, 206 N. W. 4th St.

BEFORE weddings—invitations; after announcements. See Horne Printing Co. 206 E. 4th St.

ONE car radio in good condition; 5-string tenor banjo; crystal mike with 7 ft. cable; clarinet. Kinard Radio Service, 1110 W. 4th St.

Wanted To Buy

Household Goods

FURNITURE wanted. We need used furniture. Give us a chance before you sell. Get our prices before you buy. W. L. McCollister, 1001 W. 4th. Phone 1261.

WANTED: Junior Youth bed complete, must be in good condition. Phone 1183-M.

Livestock

WANTED to buy: Two gentle saddle horses, must be reasonable. 202 Lexington, phone 480.

Radios & Accessories

WANTED: Used radios and musical instruments. Will pay cash for anything. Anderson Music Co. phone 856 or call at 115 Main St.

Miscellaneous

WANTED: Clocks to repair; we buy broken clocks. Wilke, 106 W. 3rd St.

WILL buy your grain, threshed or heads; three trucks to haul it or will buy delivered here; also, do custom grain hauling. E. T. Tucker, opposite Oldham Implement on Lamesa highway. Phone 424-W.

WOULD like to buy all metal bird cages if in good condition. See Mrs. Reid, back apartment, 411 Johnson.

WANTED: A 22 bolt-action rifle, chambered for long rifle shells. Must be in perfect condition. Phone Bill Darby at 1859-W.

WANTED: 16-gauge hammerless Winchester pump shot gun, or Browning automatic. Phone 1382.

For Rent

Apartments

TWO-room furnished apartment, bills paid. Working couple preferred, no children, no pets. 409 W. 8th.

Garage Apartments

TWO-room servant's quarters for colored couple. 1508 Nolan St.

Bedrooms

BEDROOM for rent. Working couple only. 1405 W. 5th St.

About 76 tons of tin are required in the construction and equipping of a battleship.

Wanted To Rent

Apartments

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER AND WIFE URGENTLY NEEDS FURNISHED APARTMENT. HOUSE OR GARAGE APARTMENT. CALL COACH HOLMES, PHONE 825.

CAN'T find place to live for self and child, will work in home for room and board. Please write Box PRG, % Herald.

Houses

EMPLOYEE of the B & B Food Store wishes to rent 3 or 4-room house by January 15. Have no children; will be permanent. Call 9569, Roy Little.

WANTED: At least 3 or 4-room house or apartment, would consider furnished. Have 3 children, ages 13, 10 and 6-months old baby. Must vacate immediately. Contact Hale at 104 E. 6th. Phone 245-W.

DR. PEPPER salesman desperately in need of a house, 2, 3, or 4-room furnished or unfurnished. Phone 1079.

Real Estate

Houses For Sale

SIX-room house, barber shop, 705 East Third, write owner, Miss Morley, 510 Baylor, Austin, Texas.

PREFABRICATED houses 16x16 ft. up to 20x48 ft. suitable for beauty parlors, barber shops, gift shops, offices, cab stands, service stations, lunch quarters, package stores, tourist courts, house for cotton pickers, farm house and for most any purpose. See Roy F. Bell at The Ranch Inn Court, phone 9521.

TWO-story frame house at 211 N. W. 2nd St. George Tillinghast, phone 1223.

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GEE, MAJOR SLOANE, I THINK I'LL EVER SPOT THAT ISLAND? THERE'S SO MANY THAT LOOK ALIKE —

STILL NO SIGN OF A RESCUE, SCORCHY... YOU DON'T THINK THEY... (ABOUT)

THEY'LL SHOW UP... IT'S THE NICE WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!

YOU'VE BOTH GOT THE SAME THING

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Real Estate

Houses For Sale

IF you are having trouble about your housing, see J. A. Adams, he will build you a house and let you pay for it while you use it. Prices reasonably low. 1007 W. 5th.

GOOD residence well located, possession now. J. B. Pickle, phone 1217.

SMALL apartment house worth the money. J. B. Pickle, phone 1217.

DUPLEX close in, one side available now. J. B. Pickle, phone 1217.

ONE 10-room brick house, two apartments; eight-room stucco house, two apartments, with everything modern. Zeb Womack, 1711 Scurry.

8-UNIT brick apartment building that is a good investment. Paying big income, taxes reasonable, upkeep and care very small. Priced to sell. Rube S. Martin and C. E. Read, phone 257.

Lots & Acreages

TWO lots in 1900 block Johnson St.; one lot in 100 block Lincoln St. See Alvin Shroyer or Justin Holmes at Shroyer Motor Co., phone 37.

SIX acres land located at Sand Springs, Tex. Electricity and gas available, good well water and fenced. Inquire 1001 Sycamore St.

Farms & Ranches

320-ACRES, 260 acres in cultivation, 80 acres grass, 16 miles north of town. Will trade for property in town; bargain. Clanton Service Station, 300 E. 3rd St. Phone 8584.

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"CORVETTE"

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also
"Musical MovieLand"

Mechanical Harvesting Expected To Reach Record Amount Soon

With perhaps three or four thousand more bales still to be gathered before farmers call it quits on the 1944 cotton season, a record amount of mechanical harvesting was in prospect.

Pink Bollworm On Move In Local Area

The pink bollworm, considered by many a dire threat to the cotton industry than economic pressure, is on the march again.

After many years of encouragement in this particular area, entomologists now frankly admit that developments of the past year leave the picture with its most gloomy hue.

This year pink bollworms have been found in gin trash as far north as Terry and Lynn counties and as far east as Taylor county. Without exception, counties in this area are infected with the pest.

There has been an alarming spread of the bollworm along the lower coastal area where incidence has been heavy enough to cause substantial damage. Along the border areas the pink bollworm plague is several.

While no appreciable damage has resulted in this area from the destructive worms, it is the spreading area in which worms have been found that alarms entomologists. As yet there have been comparatively few pink bollworms found in trash, but their very presence indicates the possibility of the threat getting out of hand.

The pink bollworm is the most destructive cotton pest known, and ordinary poisons seem to have little effect on him. About the most effective means of control have been non-cotton zones. This immediate area has been under limited quarantine for years, which imposes restrictions upon movement of cottonseed and upon the disposition of gin trash.

the remaining cotton. Some were staying with the time honored pulling by hand, but this was expensive.

The picture was virtually a dilemma. Cotton has been in the field so long and through so many adverse spells of weather that the loss in grade is substantial. Moreover, sledding and other mechanical gathering results in an abundance of dirt and trash getting into the picking, meaning a further loss in grade.

On the other hand, manually gathered cotton costs all the way from \$40 to \$50 per bale. Low staple and grade leave the farmer very little margin. Some are paying more than the accepted \$1.75 and there have been isolated cases where farmers paid up to \$3 and in one case \$4 per hundred for pulling. This is considered far higher than the \$4 top for picking back in World War I when cotton brought 40 cents or better.

Prospects are that many producers will plow the remaining lint back into their fields, believing that the fertilizer value will exceed anything they could make out of harvesting it. Moreover, many are worried about getting feed crops in before all the stalks fall from recent rains and freezes. Not a few fields already are past harvesting stage. Only means of utilizing the grain will be to run cattle on the fields.

J. E. Hogan Named As ABC Nominee

Dr. J. E. Hogan has been named by the American Business Club as the Big Spring nominee for one of the five distinguished service keys to be awarded by the junior chamber of commerce.

These keys will be awarded to the five outstanding young men of Texas on the basis of service and achievement during 1944, as well as personal character and ability.

Dr. Hogan was chosen for his activity in the Lions club, the country club, the contributions he has made as the city health officer and the work he has done in the VD clinic. He has contributed to all charity and civic drives and the China Relief in particular.

The selection will be made by the state committee of the junior chamber of commerce early in 1945.

Long Illness Fatal To Mrs. Gressett

Mrs. Bee Lottie Gressett, 42, member of a well known ranching family, died at a local hospital at 9:55 p. m. Wednesday after a prolonged illness.

Mrs. Gressett had resided with her husband, Walter Gressett, and family in the Forsan area for 16 years. Besides her husband, she leaves one daughter, Dorothy Jean; two sons, Donald Gressett and Kenneth Gressett; and a brother and sisters. Services are pending word from relatives in Chicago. Arrangements are in charge of the Eberley-Curry Funeral home.

Boy Scout Troop 126 Awarded Shick Trophy And Court Of Honor Banner

Boy Scout Troop No. 126 was awarded the Shick trophy and the Court of Honor banner at the Court of Honor held Tuesday night, it was announced by Scout Executive H. D. Norris.

Those boys made Star Scouts were J. L. Pettit, James Kilgore and William Thomas of Troop No. 6 and W. D. Willbanks and Billy Bob Watson of Troop No. 2. Life Scouts were Bobby Hollis, Hal Hensley and Dalton Olson of Troop No. 6.

Scouts awarded merit badges were W. D. Willbanks, Troop No. 2, public health, first aid, path-finding, metal work, masonry; Bobby Blum, Troop No. 2, poultry keeping; Daryle Hohertz, Troop No. 2, carpentry, reading, home repair, animal industry; Bobby Hohertz, Troop No. 2, athletics, animal industry; Sam Thurman, Troop No. 2, animal industry, automobile, book binding; Kenneth Cannon, Troop No. 2, carpentry, farm home and its planning, wood carving; Bobby

New Classifications Released By Board

New classifications announced Thursday by the Howard county selective service board include:

1-A — Owen Gilbert, W. L. Carriger, James A. Waddle, Phillip E. Riddle, Roy P. Shaffer, Horace W. Dearing, Jr., Stanley L. Johnson, William N. Cochran, C. J. Ingram, Arnold J. Lloyd, Howard M. Smith, Aethur B. Pachall, Louis Joeris, Jack A. McNew, Edward D. Marion, Odus Wilson, Melvin C. Coleman.

Charlie M. Medford, Jr., Rufus P. Morton, Carl E. Hammack, William J. Gary, Epifania Carrillo, William C. Clantno, Jesse W. Brown, Denver G. Harris, Hershel L. Eason, Marion C. Denton, John A. Marshall, William A. Allred, Richard L. Patterson.

Morris Patterson, Franklin J. Smith, James E. Medford, Aubrey P. Lucas, Gordon Buchanan, Jr., J. D. Henderson, Jessie L. Brown, Claude M. Hodnett, James D. Mading, Arthur M. Neves, Richard E. Mierits, Raymond E. Richardson, Francis E. Thibodeaux, Raymond D. Key, Leon A. Webb, Floyd W. Lewis, Thomas E. Chambers, Robert O. C. Flowers, James E. Hendricks, Loyd M. Rice, W. A. Miller, Francis H. Franklin, Jr., Arvin R. Hart, Luke P. Smith, Richard C. LeFever, Dee Seagars, George L. Sledge, Irby H. Davidson, Irvin W. Wiseman, Robert T. Reynolds, Parks W. Cranfill, Jordan V. Anderson, Robert M. Sill, Vernon E. Stepp, J. C. Eudy, Robert B. Hearne, James L. Edwards, Joseph C. Davis, C. S. Edmonds, Jr., Marvin D. Parkhill, Henry F. Merrell, Jr., Richard S. Young, Nathaniel L. Stallcup, J. C. Brown, Walter F. Julliff, Jr., Ned Wilson, Homer A. Gray.

First National—Loans and discounts, \$1,062,802.82 plus \$1,330,854.04 cotton and producers notes; deposits, \$8,520,473.75; cash, \$3,460,008.01; total resources, \$8,891,297.74.

Lt. Chester A. Shaw, Jr., left Monday for Luke Field, Ariz., after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Shaw. Lt. Shaw is stationed at Luke Field as a pilot instructor.

Revised List Of Delinquents Given

A revised list of registrants delinquent in addresses was released by the Howard county selective service board Thursday.

Included are the following names: Charley Washington Benton, Thomas Perry Musgrove, Apolonia Juarez, Jose Lujan Franco, Marcelus Nute Brown, Simon Perez, Salomon Miller, Sam Lee White, Amelio Hinojos, Jesse Moore (colored), Bryan William Cathey, Leland Edwin Fox.

Josh Dawkins, Chester Leon Hall, Roy Truman Townsend, Clyde Owens, James Lee, Earl Williams, Olen Daniel Hair, Floyd Evans Gross, James Earl Miles.

Information as to present address and occupation of the Mexicans listed below is desired by the board: Perfecto Gonzales Galindo, Francisco Morales Almansa, Miguel Coronado.

Assembly Of God Church Has Revival

Under the direction of the Reverend and Mrs. Paul Savage, Evangelists, a revival meeting opened last night at the Assembly of God Church, at 4th and Lancaster.

Services will continue each evening through next week with the teachings to be heard beginning at 7:30 p. m.

UNDERWRITERS MEETING

Big Spring Life Underwriters association will have its first meeting of 1945 at Saturday noon, Dalton Mitchell, president, has announced.

Deposits Jump Over Three Million Dollars Local Bank Reports Show

	Dec. 30, 1944	Dec. 30, 1943	Gain
Loans, discounts	\$ 5,352,793.75x	\$ 4,735,253.37y	\$ 617,540.38
Deposits	\$14,340,355.79	\$10,910,303.40	\$3,430,052.39
Cash	\$ 5,527,940.47	\$ 4,188,100.10	\$1,339,840.37
Total resources	\$15,054,197.38	\$11,555,341.00	\$3,498,856.38

x—Includes \$3,504,066.26 in cotton and producers notes; y—includes \$3,190,183.67.

Deposits jumped nearly three and a half million dollars over the same time a year ago, combined statements of the First National and State National banks showed here Thursday in response to calls of condition as of Dec. 30, 1944.

Loans and discounts gained more than half a million, about half of the increase being in cotton and producers notes held by banks.

Cash was up by a million and a third dollars for the two banks and their total resources showed about a three and a half million dollar gain.

The deposit figure was a new record, being well ahead of the \$11,687,003 as per the last call in July. Likewise, cash was far ahead of the \$4,926,378.83 at the last call.

Statements by individual banks showed: State National—Loans and discounts, \$785,924.67 plus \$2,173,212.22 in cotton and producers notes; deposits, \$5,819,882.04; cash, \$2,067,932.46; total resources, \$6,153,899.64.

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Mrs. Shelby Hall, formerly of Big Spring and now of Portales, N. M., has been advised of the death of her sister, Mrs. Walter Price, in Russellville, Ky. on Dec. 31.

AFTER A Real BREAKFAST

You can really "go to town"

Post's	RAISIN BRAN	11c
	SHREDDED RALSTON	12c
	CREAM OF WHEAT	14c
	KIX	12c
In cello-bags	RICE	11c
Veg-All Mixed	No. 2 K and B	
Vegetables	16c	G-fruit Juice 12c
Little Andy Mustard	No. 2	Campbell's 10 1/2 oz.
Greens	12c	Tom. Soup 9c
Rosedale	No. 3	Heinz 10 1/2 oz.
Pumpkin	14c	Bean Soup 15c
Rosedale	No. 2	Heinz Oven Baked No. 2
Midget Peas	17c	Beans 16c
Niblets	12 oz.	Our Mother's 1 lb.
Mexicorn	17c	Cocoa 12c
Harvest Inn 1/2 m. style.	No. 2	Folger's 1 lb.
Sweet Corn	10c	Coffee 33c
Pinto	2 lbs.	Bright & Early 1 lb.
Beans	20c	Coffee 26c
		Maxwell House 1 lb.
		Coffee 33c
		Pinto 5 lbs.
		Beans 50c
		Large Size
		Mop 59c
		(Perma Color)
		Broom 1.08
		Water Softener Box
		Rain Drops 20c
		P&G or CRYSTAL WHITE
		3 Bars 14c
		Large Size
		Oxydol 23c
		Large Size
		Duz 23c
		Large Size
		Super Suds 23c



Skinless 1 lb.
Weiners . . . 27c

1 lb. Pkg.
Pig Liver . . . 23c

1 lb. Pkg.
Dried Beef . . . 21c

1 lb. Pkg.
Roast . . . 32c

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Seven Cut . . . 28c

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Oranges . . . 7 1/2c

All sizes Delicious
Apples . . . 11c

Large size
Lemons . . . 13c

Grapefruit . . . 5c

Pink
Grapefruit . . . 7c

No. 1 Idaho
Potatoes . . . 22c

Wash Board . 49c

Libby's Sweet Spiced
Tom. Pickles . 25c

Libby's Home Made Style
Pickles . . . 20c

Libby's Sweet
Relish . . . 27c

Nubbins Sour
Cut Pickles . 27c

Pick-King
Olives . . . 24c

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Olives . . . 22c

Heinz Tomato
Ketchup . . . 26c

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Hot Sauce . . 19c

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Dates For Mitchell County Stock Show For 4-H, FFA Set In February

COLORADO CITY, Jan. 4 — Dates for the 1945 Mitchell county fat stock show for 4-H club and FFA feeders were set for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 26 and 27, in a meeting here of chamber of commerce directors Tuesday night. The Colorado City chamber of commerce sponsors the annual exhibit and underwrites all cash and other prizes offered.

The 1945 competition promises to be the keenest in any recent year with 4-H boys coached by Ted Roensch, county agent, vying with the FFA feeders under R. E. Post, Colorado City vocational ag-

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Night"

—with—
Warren William
Marguerite Chapman
Mona Barrie

PLUS
Boran Minnevitich
& Cartoon

riculture teacher, and Ed Brown VA teacher at Loraine. Roensch estimated Wednesday that 70 calves, 70 swine and 50 or 60 fat lambs will be shown in addition to capons and rabbits.

Frank Kelley, president of the chamber, appointed P. K. Mackey, Mitchell rancher, as general chairman of arrangements for the show. Lay Powell will act as finance chairman in charge of securing and setting prizes.

Others named to the stock show committee are Otto Jones, Les Terry, Clay Smith, A. L. McSpadden, Oscar Price, A. E. McClain, R. D. Bridgford, Joe B. Mills and Roy Davis Coles.

For the past two seasons the exhibits and judgments have been held in the armory portion of the city-county building.

Charles C. Thompson was named chairman of the committee to secure a judge for the livestock classes which will include drylot and milked baby beefs, fine wool and mutton lambs, barrows and classes for breeders.

Woman Saved From Chair Because Of Pregnancy Will Be Freed Soon

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 4 (UP)—Mrs. Beatrice Snipes, the woman who was saved from the electric chair more than a decade ago because she was going to have a baby, will be free soon.

The late Governor I. C. Blackwood in 1933 commuted the woman's death sentence to life imprisonment after receiving a flood of petitions asking that she be spared the anguish of childbirth while under death sentence.

As one of his last official acts before resigning Tuesday to take office as U. S. senator, Gov. Olin D. Johnston further cut her sentence to 12 years and three months. Penitentiary officials declined to say what date her imprisonment was regarded as having begun. But figured even at the latest time—the time her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, Jan. 10, 1933—she would be released in about three months.

Gov. Johnston's commutation order was not registered at the secretary of state's office until yesterday.

Mrs. Snipes was charged with grabbing a rural policeman's gun and shooting him down after the policeman had stopped the Snipes' car and searched it for liquor.

Mrs. Lenora Wickard Dies At Flora Home

FLORA, Ind., Jan. 4 (UP)—Mrs. Lenora Wickard, 70, mother of Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, died last night in her home near here.

The secretary's father, Andrew Jackson Wickard, died a few months ago.

Mrs. Wickard also is survived by a brother, Lon Wickard of Palacios, Tex.



COLORADO CITY, Jan. 3 — Student Cadet Nurse, Ina Mae Haygood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Haygood of Colorado City, left this week for further training at Hillcrest hospital in Waco after a short holiday visit with her parents. A 1943 graduate of Loraine high school, she entered the nurses' cadet corps and training at Hillcrest in February of 1944.

Student Cadet Nurse, Deldra Vanderford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Vanderford, left Wednesday night for Lubbock where she will resume her studies at the West Texas Hospital. Deldra entered Cadet Nurse Training in June of 1943 after graduating from the Big Spring high school in the class of 1943. Cadet Nurse Vanderford will remain in Lubbock until February when she will go to Dallas for two months training, then will return to Lubbock for six months, she will spend her last six months at an Army or Navy hospital where she will become a graduate nurse.

Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Fair this afternoon and tonight. Not much change in temperature.

WEST TEXAS: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Friday; not much change in temperatures.

TEMPERATURES

City	Max.	Min.
Ablene	61	32
Amarillo	52	22
BIG SPRING	62	30
Chenoweth	23	-1
Denver	45	24
El Paso	61	32
Fort Worth	45	36
Galveston	65	55
St. Louis	43	19
New York	35	-

Tentative Plans Set For Scout Activities

Tentative plans for Boy Scout activity were mapped Wednesday at the scoutmasters' round table. These plans include a basketball league, promotion of camping, boy leadership, training advancement.

Plans were made for the observance of Boy Scout week from Feb. 8-14, and of Boy Scout Sunday on Feb. 11. An evening service will be dedicated to Scouts with the place and speaker to be chosen by the Ministerial Alliance association.

Scoutmasters present were Elra Phillips, W. D. Willbanks, George Mclear, Sgt. Ted Hull, Fred Skaggs, W. D. Berry, Arnold Seydler, R. D. Crane and Cecil Nabors.

Qualifying troops for the Silver Jubilee were announced by Scout Executive H. D. Norris as troops No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and pack No. 13.

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