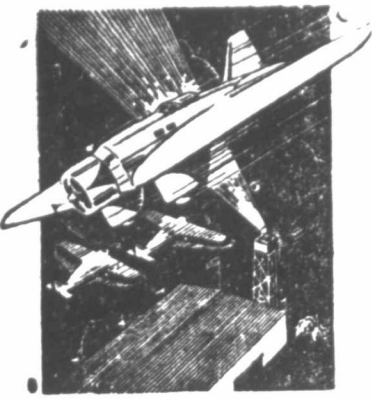




## B E A M

By J. W. Kling, Sr.

Farmers will be interested in the following lines from the Office of War Information. Some farmers have been worrying about whether they are to get enough gasoline to carry on their business. This will stop their worrying.

## On the Home Front

Here's a special message to the farmers, stock raisers and dairy-men of the Southwest from the Office of Defense Transportation. No farmer is to be put out of business as a result of the ODT's Certificate of War Necessity plan.

As long as the tires, spare parts and gasoline are available, the ODT will help every farmer get enough tires, spare parts and gasoline to carry on his necessary truck operations.

Any farmer who is dissatisfied with the amount of mileage and gasoline allowed in his Certificate of War Necessity for his truck or trucks should take the matter up immediately with his county agent, his county war board or his county farm transportation committee.

If the agency contacted is convinced that any farmer should have been granted more mileage and gasoline, it will recommend that a revised Certificate be issued.

This recommendation will be made to the ODT district manager serving the county in which the farmer lives.

Farmers who have received Certificates allowing them sufficient mileage and gasoline for a limited period are urged to delay filing appeals with their county farm transportation committees until those whose Certificates contain obvious errors have been taken care of.

If a Certificate does not contain an obvious error, the farmer's OPA war price and rationing board will grant him a gasoline ration in an amount provided by the Certificate, in accepting such a ration, the farmer does not forfeit his right to appeal for an additional gasoline allowance later. Appeals may be filed at any time.

If a farmer has received a Certificate which does not allow enough gasoline to operate the mileage allowed in the Certificate or which contains other errors obvious on the face of the Certificate, the farmer should do two things.

First, he should go to his OPA war price and rationing board, present his Certificate and ask for a temporary transportation ration. This ration will be granted by the OPA board, giving the farmer enough gasoline to operate until January 1.

Then the farmer should take his Certificate to his county agent, county war board or county farm transportation committee and point out that an error apparently has been made. The agency then will take up the case with the proper ODT district office.

In this drive to save rubber, Southwest OPA officials have moved quickly in every instance to take care of emergency situations and to keep the wheels of transportation rolling. Truck operators, passenger car fleet operators, and non-highway users of gasoline have been authorized to purchase gasoline on OPA's emergency form, R-555, or to use any slip of paper as long as the operator signs his name, and address, his vehicle registration number, and the amount of gasoline obtained. This action was taken to care for only the operators who have not yet secured their ration books from hard-working local boards, and will be in effect only until they have secured their books. It never has been the purpose of OPA or any other agency to keep essential mileage users off the road. The Government is only trying to look ahead—to be sure that these same operators are still on the road a year from now, or two or three years from now. If unnecessary travel continues and trucks and cars continue to drop off the road at the clip which they have been dropping off, the Government will have failed in its duty to the people of this country of keeping vital transportation rolling. Foresightedness now may save us much grief in the future.

Pvt. Gene Baird of Big Spring, visited his mother here Sunday.

Read In More Homes In The Loraine Territory Than Any Other Newspaper

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THE MIRROR THROUGH WHICH THE PUBLIC VIEWS THE COMMUNITY AS IT IS WEEK BY WEEK

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## Teen Age Boys Register In Dec.

All boys who were born on or after July 1st, 1924, but not after August 31st, 1924, shall register at the City Hall in Colorado City, Texas, on December 11th, 1942.

(1) All boys who were born on or after September 1st, 1924, but not after October 31st, 1924, shall register at the City Hall in Colorado City, Texas, on December 18th, 1942.

(2) All boys who were born on or after November 1st, 1924, but not after December 31st, 1924, shall register at the City Hall in Colorado City, Texas, on December 26th, 1942.

(3) During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1st, 1925 shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth; provided, that if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.

Registration will take place between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A. M. and 5:00 o'clock P. M. on the days designated above.

J. M. Herrington, Chairman, Local Draft Board, Colorado City

Sgt. Malcolm Mayes of Las Vegas, Nevada, is due in Loraine Thursday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Mayes. Sgt. Mayes was given leave after receiving the message of the serious illness of his mother.

## EMERGENCY GAS AVAILABLE TO CARS

To prevent public hardship in emergencies such as sickness or other emergency errands, Texas OPA Director Mark McGee directed local war price and rationing boards to permit sales of gasoline to passenger car owners on OPA certificates, Form R-555. Thousands of the forms are being printed and will be made available by local boards to filling stations in their jurisdiction.

Mrs. Coot Walker, Mrs. Robert Mote and Mrs. O. E. Moore visited their sister who is a patient in Sweetwater Hospital, Wednesday.

Miss Lillie Nelson left Tuesday for Wilson to visit Mr. and Mrs. Luke Coleman and daughter, Mrs. Coleman is the former Edna Pearl Nelson of Loraine.

Corp. A. G. Furlough of Big Spring Air Field visited his parents over the week end.

## GIFTS FOR THE SOLDIERS

To many people of all ages, giving has been a greater joy than receiving. It is the great joy of making other people happy. To see the faces of the needy, the poor, and the ill light up is a great delight, for at the moment all worries are forgotten.

There will be over five hundred men at the hospital base in Camp Barkeley this Christmas, and only one who has been ill at Christmas can possibly know the dreariness of such a predicament. It is the plan at the present time to present every sick soldier with at least one gift and a small Christmas tree. The Hospital Service Committee needs the support of the public to fulfill this plan.

Everyone has been asked to take the role of playing Santa Claus, and to contribute to this cause. Every class in our school has been asked to donate something, so let's all join in and help.

Everyone should stop to consider what the soldiers will go through. Most of them are too far away to visit their families, and too sick to go home anyway, so let us all help to brighten up their Christmas by helping to purchase gifts for them. Giving to this cause will be a very good way to observe the spirit of Christmas. Mrs. Fred B. Ison, who has been appointed chairman, will be glad to take any donation from class sponsors, and the public will find money jars for their contributions at each of the local drug stores.

Those of us at home will not want to shut ourselves in with a good time while men at the hospital suffer, so let's all contribute to this, a very good cause.

—By Elvis Lee

## "I was Lucky!"



years with a healthy bonus of good interest. For every \$3 you lay aside for War Bonds pays back \$4!

So put at least 10%—not 6%, or 7%, or 8%, but 10% of your pay to work killing Japs and Nazis—and making money for you at the same time! Sign up in the Payroll Savings Plan today!

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## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

If you are . . .

1. Already setting aside 10% of your pay in War Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan—boost that 10% if you can.
2. Working in a plant where the Plan is installed, but haven't signed up yet—sign up tomorrow.
3. Working in a plant where the Payroll Savings Plan hasn't been installed, talk to your union head, foreman, or plant manager—and see if it can't be installed right away. The local bank will be glad to help.
4. Unable to get in on the Payroll Savings Plan for any reason, go to your local bank. They will be glad to help you start a Plan of your own.

## "TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEAR'S!"



BUY U. S. WAR BONDS THROUGH THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN

This space is a Contribution to America's All-Out War Program by

## School Bus Routes Changed

Some changes have recently been made in the school bus routes, according to C. F. Cook, superintendent of schools. The changes were made to save bus equipment and for greater convenience of patrons.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR SCHOOL BEGIN DEC. 18

Christmas holidays for the Loraine school will begin on Friday, December 18, according to C. F. Cook, superintendent. Classes will be resumed on Monday, December 28.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

The Mitchell County News will be glad to publish letters to Santa Claus from the children of the territory in its next two issues. Older children are asked to leave the letter writing for the small children in order to conserve space.

Miss Bettie Burrus left Wednesday night for Houston to be at the bedside of her father after receiving a message that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. J. B. Fulton of Waxahatchie visited from Friday until Monday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riden and Mr. and Mrs. Dee McCollum.

Mrs. Olen Mayes has been seriously ill at her home here the past week. She was carried to the Johnson Hospital Wednesday.

Wanda Fae Richey, Louise Hellmark and Mary Love Walker of Texas Tech, Lubbock, visited their parents over the week end.

## Father Of Local Teacher Dies

C. H. Burrus father of Miss Bettie Burrus, commercial teacher in high school here, died Monday after a weeks illness. Mr. Burrus spent a month with his daughter here before going to Goose Creek six weeks ago to spend the winter with a daughter and son who reside there.

Funeral services were conducted at Highland Church of Christ at Abilene at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with Homer Hailey, church minister, officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill cemetery beside his wife who preceded him in death in 1939.

Besides Miss Bettie of Loraine, five other daughters and two sons survive.

## COFFEE DRINKERS NOTICE

Coffee drinkers who failed to get their war ration book No. 1 (sugar ration book) must file an application with their local war price and rationing board by December 15, in order to purchase coffee, and that date is the last date on which ration stamp No. 9 may be used to buy sugar. Book No. 1 is necessary not only for securing coffee now, but must be presented to local boards around the first of the year in order to receive war ration book No. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marshall of Big Spring spent Saturday night and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall.

Sgt. Charles Reeder of Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Norman, and friends here last week.

## S. Faulkenberry Marries In Seattle

Staff Sgt. Samuel A. Faulkenberry and Miss Alice Novak were married October 10, at the First Methodist Church in Seattle, Washington, by Rev. Edward Mote who used the double ring ceremony. Miss Margaret Novak, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Frances Novak, brother of the bride, was best man.

The altar was banked with fall flowers and greenery. A large crowd of friends and relatives, among them soldier and sailor friends, was present.

The bride wore blue suit with matching accessories and a corsage of orange blossoms. The groom was in uniform.

Mrs. Faulkenberry is the daughter of Mrs. Marie Novak and is employed by Sears Roebuck as chief clerk in Seattle.

Staff Sgt. Faulkenberry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry of Loraine, and has been stationed at Seattle since last December.

The couple left for a wedding trip to Vancouver, B. C., and will make their home in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagwell entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday honoring Mrs. Dee Finch, Mr. C. H. Bagwell and Mr. W. I. Barron who were celebrating birthdays. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Dee Finch and sons Ray and Billie, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Barron and sons A. J. and James, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bagwell, and the host and hostess.

T. A. McGee of Abilene was a Loraine visitor Tuesday.

## Ice Covers Trees In Territory

Ice and snow, the first of the season, covered trees and wires in this section Saturday night and Sunday. Damage to trees and telephone wires was extensive. Rain which fell during Saturday night froze and everything was covered with a thick coat of ice which remained until Tuesday.

The accompanying moisture will be of benefit to small grain and pasture land.

## Lions Entertain Wives at Banquet

The regular meeting of the Lions Club was held Tuesday night instead of noon, with the Lions entertaining their wives with a Christmas banquet. The meeting was held at the Lions building.

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson and Lion Johnson acted as master of ceremonies during the evening. Invocation was given by Lion Polnac. The group then gave the pledge to the U. S. Flag, then sang "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here" and "The More We Get Together."

The turkey dinner and all the trimmings was served family style by the W. M. U. ladies of the Methodist Church.

Lion Polnac welcomed the ladies, guests, after which games and stunts were enjoyed. Mrs. Hubert Thomas proved to be the goat in the stunt "Threading the Needle" and John Mahon and Foster Cook caused much laughter from the spectators when they were blind folded and fed each other what they thought was toasted marshmallows, but in reality was burnt cork.

Since Santa Claus only has an A gasoline card, he was unable to be there but Lion Stanton Hutchins and Luron Polnac very ably took his place and unloaded the beautifully decorated Christmas tree, which each one present received gifts.

The W. M. U. ladies had few pies to be auctioned off and Lion Roney proved to be a master at the job. We know now that he could hold down a job anywhere or anytime as a public auctioneer. He would make a good competitor for the auctioneer on the Lucky Strike program.

Lion Johnson pulled jokes on most everyone present and all went away with the idea of having more go-togethers.

The benediction was given by Lion E. C. Roney.

## FIVE MEN CLASSED 1-A

Five men in Mitchell County have been classed 1-A by the Selective Service Board the past week.

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| 1603 Clarence A. Moore      | 1-A |
| 16031 Raymond B. Cook       | 1-A |
| 16572 Byron Smith           | 1-A |
| 16780 Frank N. Henderson    | 1-A |
| 16566 Francis J. Redford    | 1-A |
| 574 Albert L. Botsford      | 1-A |
| 10219 William A. Waldrop    | 1-C |
| 11000 Royal G. James        | 1-C |
| 43 Arthur C. Hampton        | 3-A |
| 10414 Corley D. Bozeman     | 4-A |
| 379 Isaac V. Tompkins       | 3-B |
| 10760 Ollie A. Farnier      | 3-B |
| 1539 Juan G. Garza          | 4-F |
| 1222 Frank Griffin          | p   |
| 10861 Caspacion L. Garrasco | p   |
| 10864 Harold C. Simmons     | p   |
| 10874 Paul B. Hunter        | p   |
| 10879 John P. Hines         | p   |
| 10851 Frank C. Hayes        | p   |
| 10889 Charles H. Nuckolls   | p   |
| 10891 Luther Randles        | p   |
| 10892 Virgil L. Chappel     | p   |
| 10893 Herbert C. Hardgree   | p   |
| 10896 James L. Haynes       | p   |
| 10897 Welborn H. Payne      | p   |
| 10898 Thurston F. Taylor    | p   |
| 10899 Ben A. Thompson       | p   |
| 10900A Earnest C. Caffey    | p   |
| 10901 John Dunn, Jr.        | p   |
| 10903 R. Pardeez            | p   |
| 10906 Alvie L. Stephens     | p   |
| 10907 Alfred B. Rhode       | p   |
| 10209 Alton A. Jordan       | p   |
| 10910 Thomas J. Wooten, Jr. | p   |
| 10922 Henry Feaster         | p   |
| 10948 Bryan B. Rowland      | p   |

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Price received word Friday that their son Roy Price of Shephard Field, had undergone major surgery. Over a long distance call there Sunday his condition was reported satisfactory.

## Bond Purchasers Remember Pearl Harbor

Sale of War Bonds in Loraine during the "Remember Pearl Harbor" drive Monday was very brisk. At the First State Bank, where the majority of the bonds were purchased, K. L. Taylor reported a total of \$11,675. Added to the amount will be seven Bonds and a large number of Stamps sold at the post office where names of buyers cannot be revealed.

K. L. Taylor, vice president and cashier of the bank, was elated over the results of last week's publicity in The Mitchell County News and expressed his thanks to the editor and to all Bond purchasers. "Those who think people don't read The Mitchell County News are mistaken" he said. Following are the names of those who purchased Bonds at the bank.

Mrs. Lily L. Bennett, Corp. Russell B. Cope, Christine W. Wiggins, Charley W. McAnally, W. P. Wiggins, Mrs. Christine Wiggins, W. K. Woods, Glen Coon Oscar Baumann, Mrs. Elvora Baumann, Mrs. Anna Louise Baumann, Melvin H. Baumann, Charles C. Finley, Miss Nelda M. Finley, Billy Joe Martin, Rodney C. Hallmark, Miss Margaret Bennett, Frank Stewart, Miss Clara Beth Narell, Miss Hester Fav Narell, R. D. Lefevre, Mrs. T. M. Mahon, Carl Smith, Mrs. Katie Pearl Neill, J. H. Neill, Miss Beverly Jean Johnson, T. J. Riden Hubert E. Thomas, Mrs. Inez Thomas, Miss Iota Dights, N. J. Brians, Mrs. Gracie Lee Parker, Barzile Play Parker, Luke Finley, Miss Lois Finley, Miss Christine Thomas, Mrs. Henri Gay Ison, Claude F. Spiles, Percy Bond, Mrs. Viola A. Coon, Miss Irene Brown, J. C. Hall, Mrs. Ira Hall, Moody Richardson, Bernhard A. Hackfeld, Alfred A. Hackfeld, Aug. B. Hackfeld, Charlie M. Duke, Mrs. Rosa May Brians, Ottis Muns, Gordon Lynam, Clyde Lynam, Walter I. Wiggins, C. C. Gilroy, Royce Mahon, Elmer O. Mahon, W. I. Barron.

Earl Hallmark, Mrs. May Hallmark, Harry Hallmark, Miss Emma Jean Walker, Miss Mary Love Walker, J. Wiley Walker, Mrs. Syble Walker, Kirk Taylor, Mrs. Mattie Taylor, Mrs. Annie Taylor, John B. Mahon, Plez W. Beaty, Virgil A. Henderson, Stanton A. Hutchins, George A. Hutchins, Louis Scawimmer, William S. Walker, Mrs. Anna Baumann, Ed Mahowsky, S. O. Chaney, C. L. Throckmold, Jr., Armer Shultz, Glen Bagwell, C. T. Marth, Mrs. Jessie Marth, John B. Hill, Garland Faulkenberry, S. E. Hallmark, Hugh W. Hallmark, Mrs. Susie B. Hallmark, Mrs. Reatha Davis, Miss Louise Hallmark.

Mrs. Roy Sisson, Miss Wanda Merle Sisson, Roy P. Sisson, C. H. Martin, Miss Mary Marie Webb, G. B. Tarrt, Miss Julia Tarrt, Howard Tarrt Robinson, Green First Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Harry Cranfill and Harry Gene Cranfill.

## MRS. W. R. MARTIN TO PRESENT PROGRAM

"The Swiss Toy Shop", an original "costumed" recital, will be given by pupils of Mrs. W. R. Martin at the high school gymnasium December 15, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

This program will be of special interest to children, as the costumed characters appear as real live dolls and toys in a world where the Christmas gifts originate.

Twenty-five characters will take part in the program.

Mrs. Clarence Williams of Tacka visited her mother Mrs. C. E. Elliott and brother Hugh Friday. Mrs. Williams left Sunday for Norfolk, Virginia, to join her husband who has recently been transferred to the training department as rifle instructor at the Naval Construction Training Center, Camp Allen, Va.

Captain Homer Johnson and his pilot Lt. J. J. Langenfeld, of Larry Field, Denver, Colorado, arrived by plane Saturday for a week end visit here with Captain Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson. They returned to Denver Monday.



## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Soviet Pushes Offensive Against Nazis  
As Italians Contemplate Allied Threat  
Of Stepped-Up War Against Them;  
Tunisia Battle Climaxes African Drive

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



The liberated French supplied the refreshments and a toast was raised to an American alliance when a lieutenant with the Yankee invasion forces brought word to the Foreign Legion barracks in Safi, Morocco, that the troops there were no longer prisoners. Thus ended another phase of the Allies' North African campaign.

TUNISIA:  
Allied Forces

Axis forces in Tunisia stood with their backs to the sea as Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's British first army thrust a wedge between enemy strongholds in Tunisia by capturing the town of Djedeida, which controls road and rail communications between Tunis and the Bizerte naval base.

Thus by severing communications between Tunis and Bizerte, the Allies virtually had isolated the Axis positions, leaving only a coastal road open.

The German-controlled Paris radio said that fighting was taking place in the Mateur region and indicated that the British are preparing for a general offensive by deploying forces in that sector.

Axis forces fell back, following futile counterattacks, within the semicircular defense line around Tunis and Bizerte. According to the Morocco radio, Allied paratroopers attacked Axis positions near Mateur and other Allied forces stabbed at the defenders of Tunis.

Defeat of the Axis in Tunisia would leave Allied troops free to move south into Tripolitania and attack Marshal Erwin Rommel's Africa corps from the rear while General Montgomery's British eighth army attacked from the east.

That such plans were contemplated was indicated by the fact that for four straight days General Montgomery's headquarters had "nothing to report." It looked as though Montgomery was delaying an assault on Rommel at El Agheila and merely holding off until the trap was sprung.

TRAGEDY:  
Strikes Boston

Not since the 1933 Iroquois theater fire in Chicago had so many people been burned or suffocated to death as perished in the disaster which struck the Cocoanut Grove night club that Saturday night in Boston. An incomplete toll by the police first set the number of dead at 477 with the belief that it might rise above 500. At the time this count was made 213 persons were receiving hospital treatment for their burns and injuries.

As hysterical parents and friends were engaged in the difficult task of identifying the bodies of those killed, Stanley Tomaszewski, a 16-year-old high school boy and part-time employee of the club, told his story of how the blaze began. He said that after a patron had unscrewed a light bulb he attempted to replace it and when he lighted a match to see better, the flame ignited some of the decorations. Swiftly the flames spread and the 750 patrons rushed frantically for the exits. Many were killed as they were trampled beneath rioting hundreds seeking escape. Only about 100 of the total 750 in the building escaped unhurt.

Many of the persons killed were servicemen and football fans celebrating college victories of that afternoon. Buck Jones, well-known western star of the movies, was among the persons who had packed the smart club.

As all available medical help was rushed to the scene, the Red Cross released supplies of blood plasma which was used in extreme cases in efforts to keep the death toll down.

NAZI SHIP:  
Trapped in Pacific

In a double-edged announcement from Allied headquarters in Australia came word that two destroyers attempting to reinforce Japanese units at Buna were believed sunk by Allied bombers, while far to the west an 8,000-ton German auxiliary ship was trapped and 78 Germans captured.

The announcement was the first mention of Nazi shipping in this area for months.

The Washington  
MERRY-GO-ROUND  
DREW PEARSON

Washington, D. C.

## QUIET CONFIDENCE

It brought no headlines, but Chief of Staff General Marshall made the first step toward better co-operation between Capitol Hill and the Executive Branch of the government by holding a quiet conference with key senators and representatives.

He gave them an intimate, and on the whole optimistic, progress report on the war, which left a good impression with congressional leaders. Both Republicans and Democrats were present, most of them from the military affairs committee, and also the vice president, the speakers and other leaders.

General Marshall gave the actual figures on American losses in North Africa. These must remain confidential, but they were encouragingly small. He explained that one reason for the light casualties was General Eisenhower's peace arrangement with Admiral Darian.

General Marshall attached great importance to this since the army, navy and civilian population in North Africa were under the influence of Admiral Darian. Therefore he suggested to congress that it would be very helpful if there were no critical speeches of the admiral despite his Vichy connections.

Admiral Darian had come to visit his son who was stricken with infantile paralysis. General Marshall said, then he returned to France. But when his son suffered a relapse, Darian came back to North Africa. Thus it was pure accident, but a very fortunate one, that he was in Algiers at the time. Darian had given the order immediately which resulted in the saving of many American lives.

General Marshall also paid high tribute to Robert Murphy, the state department's charge d'affaires in France, who spent most of his time in North Africa. It was Murphy who mapped out most of the advance political plans of the U. S. army.

General Marshall was also optimistic regarding the amount of Nazi strength being diverted from the Russian front, especially a powerful. He felt that Hitler would have to take more and more planes away from Russia to protect Italy, now considered the soft spot of the Axis, and that Hitler could not lack Russia without airpower.

Another optimistic part of the war picture, the chief of staff said, was New Guinea, where he expects some real Allied progress against the Japs at Buna.

Note: Secretary of the Navy Knox is now following Marshall's cue and has invited members of the senate and house naval affairs committees to have dinner with him some evening soon. As a result of the elections, it looks as if the executive branches of the government had awakened to the fact that there was a congress.

## HITLER INFLUENCE

If Hitler moves in on Spain, he may accomplish at one blow what we have failed to do in nine months of diplomatic discussions with Argentina. He may force that South American country into a break with the Axis.

It was Argentina which principally gunned the works at Rio de Janeiro last January, when astute Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, was trying to line up all 21 Latin-American countries behind a resolution to break relations.

There Argentina Foreign Minister Ruiz Guinazu insisted on "neutrality" and Argentina remained on the fence.

Ruiz Guinazu is a great admirer of Spain, is proud of his own Spanish blood. Furthermore, he points to Spain's "tradition of neutrality" as the best guarantee of peace.

So if the Germans now attack Spain, the Argentine government would almost be forced to come to the defense of the mother country by breaking relations with the attacking country.

Note: Resignation of Argentine War Minister Tonazzi, a friend of the United States, is regarded here as the first important rift in the Castillo government.

COURTEOUS  
MRS. CORDELL HULL

Mrs. Cordell Hull was leaving the Shoreham hotel one morning when she encountered Dr. Jose Richling, former minister of Uruguay.

"Can I take you somewhere?" she offered.

"I'm going to the state department," said Richling.

"Come along, I'll take you."

"No, but it doesn't matter. I have nothing to do. Anyhow, I want to see how my husband works."

## CAPITAL CHAFF

In spite of space shortage, a magnificent suite of offices in the state department is still reserved for the venerable "General of the Armies."

Unfortunately Pershing has to spend all his time at the Walter Reed hospital.

The U. S. army in North Africa will consume local fruits and vegetables, not to mention lamb and mutton, produced there in large quantities, and formerly shipped to Italy, France and Germany.

## 'Get the Message Through' Is Job of Signal Corps



In this war, instructions and reports, not only from plane to base but from ship to shore and field commander to officers, are sent by wireless. These pictures show some of the phases of signal corps training. At left, Moon Young, Chinese student, tries to perfect his diction so he can become a member of the signal corps and get out to the Southwest Pacific. He has a score to settle with the Japs. Center: Type of equipment used by planes to keep in touch with home bases and other planes during "dog fights." Right: Skilled fingers beat out messages on semi-automatic telegraph keys.

## Captor and Captives in British 8th Army Push



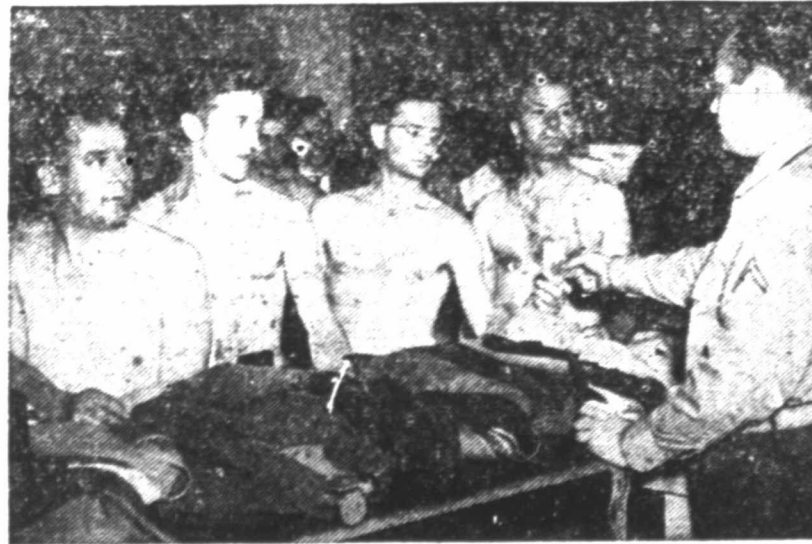
One of the first trains to get to Cairo, Egypt, from the Alamein front after the British Eighth army started its victorious drive is shown at left. The train was jammed to the doors with thousands of Axis soldiers taken in the early stages of the fighting. At right, Lieut. Gen. George Montgomery, head of the Eighth army, poses for his picture right at the front. The general leans on a tank and smiles for a photographer, as if he were in some London studio. Shells are bursting less than a half mile away.

## Aids of Saboteur Get Death Sentence



"This looks like payday," said Hans Max Haupt (front right) shortly after he heard the death sentence pronounced on him and two other German-Americans who had given aid to his executed saboteur son, in Chicago. Behind Haupt is Walter Froehling, and behind Froehling is Otto Wergin, both condemned to death. The wives of the three convicted men were sentenced to 25 years in prison, and fined \$10,000 each.

## Fathers and Sons Inducted Into Army



A pair of fathers and their sons were inducted into the army the other day, in New York. Photo shows, left to right, George Spencer Goodacre, 43, and his son, George, 21; Edward Dondero, 21, and his father, Robert Dondero, 41, as they handed their clothes to Pvt. Nathan Rubin, prior to examinations for army service.

## Paved Way in Africa



Tall man in center is one whom the writers of the history of the U. S. coup in North Africa will particularly mention. He is Robert Murphy, and its African colonies. Murphy prepared the groundwork for our occupation of North Africa. He is shown during a visit to Dakar being welcomed by M. Chapoulin, the colonial governor (in whites).

## 'Priority' Dolls



With our second wartime Christmas approaching, American toy manufacturers are faced with priorities. Instead of dolls being made of rubber they are now made of wood pulp. Here an aid to Santa paints faces on the new kind of doll.

## Walter Winchell

## Newspaper Man Stuff:

Down at the White House one of the staffers showed the President a mid-west paper's editorial attack.

"I want to show you how low some people can get," said the White House.

"Oh," replied FDR brushing it aside, "those editorials aren't worth the paper they're written FOR."

H. R. Knickerbocker's bride returned by boat the other day from London. . . . Two passengers were frightful bores, she was telling John Gunther, so she confided that before getting on the ship a fortune teller told her: "You'll never live to see your 30th birthday!"

"Ha!" said one of the bores.

"That's a good one."

"What's good about it?" groaned Mrs. Knickerbocker. "My 30th birthday is two days hence!" . . . The trick worked, all right. . . . The bores stayed away for two days, but so did everyone! Including all the submarines.

Several Broadway characters were being discussed when I walked a columnist.

"I wonder," someone wondered,

"what his hobby is?"

"Collecting," retorted another,

"dirty looks."

One of the New York gazettes sent a photographer down to Chinatown the other morning. The assignment: Get picture of a Chinese reading those Chinese bulletin-board newspapers about the Allied victories, etc.

The news photographer had no difficulty finding a willing Oriental—who refused, however, to pose full-face. "Take a picture from back, please," he said.

"Why?" asked the lens-lad. "Bashful?"

"Nup," was the reply. "But this isn't a Chinese newspaper. It's a sign saying 'Get Your Clothes at Barney's!'"

Kinlinger's "Washington Is Like That" is still among the best-sellers.

Its most engrossing chapter, we think, concerns the FBI. . . . The thoroughness of the bureau is almost incredible. In the Mattison kidnapping case, 24,000 possible suspects were examined! Of the 211 kidnapping cases which were handled before it ceased to be a criminal industry, only two remain to be solved and the G-men are still working on them. . . . Only one perfect crime was ever reported to the FBI. Not much may be said of it, for the man and woman who did the killing are influential members of their community and would inevitably demand huge damages if their identity were hinted at. . . . The bureau knows when the murder was committed and where and how. But the body was never found, and the evidence was not the kind that a court would listen to. But, even now the FBI agents have been "getting" up in the morning with them, and "putting" them to bed at night—for seven years!

It's always interesting to trace the origin of words. Maj. Paul Raborg reveals in "Mechanized Might" (Whittlesey) how the war tank got its name. The British built the first tanks during the last war in complete secrecy. Even the workmen who built them didn't know for what purpose they were being made. They were told the machines were to be used in Egypt for transporting large containers of water, and every record in connection with their manufacture was made under the heading "water-carrier." Eventually the men in the factories adopted the word "tank" for brevity. The name stuck and is now used by practically all countries.

F. Oechsner's arresting "This Is the Enemy" has this nifty . . . Goebbels' Romeing is so brazen, Germans whisper that if he ever wanted to hide, he could never be found—if he slept in his own bed!

It's been Eddie Davis' (the cab driver-author) ambition to write a play for Bob Hope. He got that way one night 8 years ago when he shot gags at Hope while driving the comedian home in his cab. Hope, he says, gave the gags back to him with a push. Last year Davis collaborated with E. A. Ellington on a movie script designed for Hope. He sold it outright to Paramount. Paramount produced it with Hope, Crosby and Lamour; in fact, it's called "Road to Morocco." The title is Eddie's, too. But he had sold it outright, and the screen credits only Frank Butler and Don Hartman as authors. So until Hope reads it here, he won't know that "Road to Morocco" is Eddie Davis' way of "showing him!"

Notes of a New Yorker: Washington's Louise Atwill, who is the ex-wife of Gen. MacArthur, was being driven home from a party the other night by a Senator. . . . "Have you ever been sorry," he asked, "that you are no longer a great General's wife?"

"No, Senator," she said, "I haven't."

"But," he butted, "you'd now be making history!"

"Who made history with Napoleon," she reminded him, "Marie Louise or Josephine?"

"I don't know," she said, "but I think I'd like to be like her!"

"You look like her!" he said, "I don't know!"

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## ACE IN THE HOLE

by JACKSON GREGORY

THE STORY SO FAR: Old Bill Cole, having been fatally shot by an unknown assailant, made two identical wills, leaving his money and the King Cole Ranch to Ann Lee and Cole Cody, children of his two old cronies, Rusty Lee and Buck Cody. Rusty Lee, who claimed relationship, put in an appearance at the Ranch just before Old Bill's death. Meanwhile, both Ann Lee (accompanied by her Aunt Jennifer) and Cole Cody were on their way to the Ranch by stage coach. During the journey the stage was held up by bandits. Long Peters, the driver, and a passenger, Andy Jenkins, were shot, but Jenkins saved the money he was carrying in a carpet bag.

Now continue with the story.

### CHAPTER V

And so, at least in so far as Mr. William Cole Cody and Miss Ann Lee were concerned, all was well and the night was filled with beauty. There was little talk between them; at first just a few words referring to what had just happened, then silence. The high seat of a lurching mountain stage is at no time the ideal spot for any steady flow of conversation; further, just now Cole Cody, driving a team new to him, the horses still of a mood to jam their necks deep into their collars and take the bits in their teeth and run away, had his work cut out for him—then, too, he had to keep his eyes focused watchfully on a road none too good, full of bends and kinks and spotted with chuck holes and crossed by ridges and hollows, a tricky road by daylight to a man familiar with it, far worse than that by night to a stranger.

He had buckled the stage driver's leather belt about him for anchorage; the girl kept a hand locked on the iron guard rail at the back of the seat. But whereas he had to watch the road, she was free to watch him out of the corners of her eyes. There were times when there was a little approving half-smile on her lips. At times with the swaying of the stagecoach her sleeve brushed his; she was warmly aware of the slight contact. She approved of this and the way he walked and talked and bore himself.

Unconsciously she drew a long, quivering sigh—

And it was just at that moment, as the stage having rocked through a bit of starlit clearing was about to plunge into another of the dark, forested canyons, that Cole Cody put on his brakes and pulled his horses down, and said hastily—his voice sounded curt to her,

"Look here! You've got to get down and ride inside!"

"Oh!" she said. She whipped back from him, as far away as the seat allowed. She was having such a wonderful ride! The wind in her face, her hat blown back and the wind in her hair, her lips partly opened to let the cool fresh air stream across them—living only in the moment, looking less at the dark world about her than at the glitter of the heavens above. So she said, "Oh!", an "Oh!" like an icicle.

He was still slowing his team down, not looking at her but straight ahead.

"And tell Bert Nevers I want him up here with me. You can help your aunt with the two wounded men."

What a crude sort of beast he really was. She no longer felt the cool air against her face; her cheeks were burning hot. She bit her lip before she spoke. Then her voice sounded gay and it also sounded quite determined.

"But I prefer to ride outside. It was stuffy in there and I like the wind in my face. I was miles away, thinking—"

He had the horses at a restless standstill now and turned briefly toward her.

"I've been a fool," he muttered.

"I wasn't thinking—"

"I've heard that all men are fools," she said brightly. "Are you going to drive on? I am not getting down!"

"I tell you, I wasn't thinking!" He was urgent, and sounded harsh. His eyes had only flicked at her, then turned ahead again, to the road entering the deeper dark in the canyon. "Just because those two highwaymen rode off doesn't necessarily mean that they've gone for good. They may waylay us again. You mustn't be up here! Let Bert Nevers come up; if there's any trouble he can use Long Peters' carbine."

"I won't do it! I am going to stay here. Whether you like it or not! Like it, Mr. Cody, I am staying here!"

"You'll do nothing of the kind. Look here, Miss Lee—"

"I won't look. And I won't go down!"

"I'll make you get down! I'll drag you off the seat and throw you inside!"

She laughed at him, treating him to her scorn at his best.

"You just try it!"

He put one hand on her shoulder, the other busied with the reins—and Miss Ann Lee slapped his face. Good and hard. And his temper blew off the lid. Lord, Lord, this girl was the most unreasonable little chit of a thing that was ever born to drive a man mad.

He yielded to the urge within him and caught her hard and fast in the circle of his free arm and drew her astonished body close to him—and

kissed her on the mouth. Good and hard. A kiss every bit as emphatic as a slap.

She gasped and jerked away and scrubbed her mouth with her hand and then with all her might she slapped him again! The blow jarred him; after it was over he could feel the shape of her hand, fingers and all, etched in fire along his cheek and jaw. For an instant he sat rigid. Then again he dragged her to him and again he kissed her, and it was a long kiss, his lips crushing hers, before he would let her go.

"I didn't do that for any fun I get out of it," he told her in a cold fury. "It's just the best way I know to slap you back, you little wildcat."

And, making sure that she saw, he scrubbed his lips savagely with the back of his hand.

And she slapped him! And, as he was reaching out for her she let the carbine slide off her lap and scrambled out of the seat and half leaped, half fell over the wheel to the ground.

Aunt Jennifer's voice called up. "What's wrong? Why are we stopping?"

He took a long breath to steady himself, then answered.

"I just saw a wildcat—Oh, never mind! We'll be going right on. I want Bert Nevers up here with me. Miss Lee will ride inside after this."

Bert Nevers came as desired, retrieved the fallen gun, climbed up beside the driver.

"What's all this about wild cats?" he demanded.

Cody threw off the brake and started. A scream stopped him. It was Aunt Jennifer.

"Mr. Cody! What on earth! Ann isn't even in yet."

"That's all right, Aunt Jenny," said Ann's voice—if it really was



His slim brown hand ran like the flick of a striking snake to his side.

Ann's! "I could walk from here—Thank you for waiting, Mr. Cody. I hesitated because I thought I just saw a skunk!"

Then she got into the stage. And from that spot on into Bald Eagle the stage horses probably made the best time they had ever made in their lives.

The two old porch-sitters in front of the Bald Eagle Hotel smoked and sat in a companionably gloomy silence. They didn't once mention Early Bill Cole. But like the Irishman's parrot who didn't talk, they did a lot of thinking. They had known for a long while that Early Bill had seen his last roundup, had watched his last spring come in and bloom out into young golden summer, and yet now that he was gone they missed him as neither of them had ever realized they could miss an old reprobate like Bill Cole.

It was early dark, a couple of hours after sunset, and fiddle music blared and died in the saloons—accordion and music box and somewhere the scraping of an inaccurate, languid fiddle; men went up and down, stopping in small knots now and then for an exchange of old news; everything was quiet yet mildly expectant, for it was stage-day and time now any minute for Long Peters to swing his racing team into Main Street and pull up in front of the hotel in a great billowing volume of dust.

The stage came lurching and rocking around the bend, the four horses at the run, and pulled up at its usual place. That was because Bert Nevers had instructed the stranger-driver. Men caught the horses by the bits; Cole Cody tossed his reins far out to right and left, socked his whip and got down. He ran briskly up the steps and confronted the Judge and Doc Joe.

"There are a couple of men in the stage who've been hurt," he said crisply. "Where'll I find a doctor?"

"Who are you? Where's Long Peters?" demanded the Judge.

"Long Peters is one of the men that got hurt. Both of them want a doctor right away."

### WALL RELEASE

Doc Joe stood up. "Get the men inside," he said. "I'll go ahead and have a room ready." He went into the hotel.

The Judge threw away his cigar and reached to his pocket. "Bad hurt?" he asked, and stood up.

"Not Peters. The other man, Andy Jenkins is the other, I'm afraid he's in pretty bad shape." His eyes had followed the departing Doc Joe. "He the doctor?"

The Judge nodded and went down the steps to watch proceedings and to direct. Already the stage doors were open, folks were getting down. He saw a couple of females, didn't pay them any attention. He watched Long Peters descend under his own power. Men standing close lifted little Andy Jenkins out; at first they and the Judge, too, thought him dead already. He was carried into the hotel, Long Peters following.

Men were asking rapid-fire questions: Just what had happened? Where? When? The two women, looking a bit bewildered as so many earnest-eager men milled about them, clung to each other and looked for escape. Upon Bert Nevers, knowing to many here, fell the duty of giving a running account of the hold-up, and Aunt Jennifer and Ann broke free.

One of the men, though still held, here to listen to Bert Nevers, followed the two with their appraising eyes.

Cole Cody, standing on the steps leading to the raised platform before the hotel, looked down over the throng a moment. He himself was accosted and asked to tell about everything; curiously he jerked his head toward Bert Nevers.

"He knows all about it; listen to him," he said, and moved away.

Cody didn't look back to see Aunt Jennifer and Ann Lee make their way into the hotel lobby. Ann, looking with quick interest in all directions, saw his back; in the swing of his stride and in the set of his shoulders and even in the way he wore his hat she read something of the man's mood. He was still furious; he was impatient to be done with the stage and all it contained, all that it suggested to him. She had the swift impression that he was headed straight for the first saloon and meant to wash a lot of things out of his memory with good strong liquor. She was, in this, quite right.

Young Mr. William Cole Cody felt not only desolate and down-in-the-mouth, but mean and ugly. He made something of entering the Last Chance Saloon; he struck the swing door with his shoulder as a man asworn through his veins with beligerence might smite an enemy. The half-door, flung violently back, struck a man about to depart and all but swept him off his feet.

This man glared and showed his teeth. Those teeth of his were as white as snow, as glistening as a hound's teeth and about as sharp. He was a small, aged Mexican-Indian, Porfirio Lopez by name, a stranger here in Bald Eagle and, tonight in no mood at all to be, knocked around. His slim brown hand ran like the flick of a striking snake to his side—just under his ornamental jacket. It would have been with him just then a supreme joy and a perfectly superb relief to slit somebody's gullet from ear to ear.

And then he saw who it was!

"Don't do it!" he cried. He dropped all thoughts of his knife and caught both Cody's hands in the warm Latin way. "Gracias a Dios! Look Señor! Me, all over, I weeshed I was dead! I ask for to thiel! And now! I keep your hands, the two!" All of which meant, Thank God! When I was ready to die, here you are! You!

"You are drunk, Porfirio," said Don Codito. "Go to bed."

Porfirio laughed like a coyote. He pulled his hair, looked at his hands, saw that he had caught some few harsh black strands between his lean fingers and tossed them upward.

"Boracho, Señor?" That laughter of his showed those teeth of his to all advantage; and still in his laughter there was the snarl of a coyote, the threat and surrender of a wounded wolf. He said quite simply, "This is one other time, Señor Don Codito, you save my life. We are going to drink one with the other. You will honor me in this little thing, this thing that is so big, Don Codito?"

Porfirio began, frank and unhidden in all he did, to cry. "Pretty soon," he confessed, "I am going to cry like one babe. The fines' man in this world, the fines' man, I am a-tellin' you, is sick; he is pretty sick." (Only Porfirio said "seek.") "He is going to die! Ale! I jumped on top my bes' horse, an' I ride 'n ride an' I ride, Señor. You believe me? More than one hundred, more than one hundred and fifty (feifty) miles, I ride! An' here I am—an' he is already dead!" He put his head down on the bar and let his tears run at large.

"I'm sorry, Porfirio," he said in voice as gentle as his heavy hand. Porfirio jerked up his head, tossed back his black mane of hair, getting it cleared away from his burning black eyes—and began to laugh.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## Rural America's Future Prosperity or Hard Times All Depends on Action of Farmers During Present Period

400 Per Cent Increase in Income Over '29 Causes Boom Danger to Arise

WILL THIS WAR PRODUCE A LAND BOOM ON AMERICAN FARMS?

This question concerns not only agricultural economists, but everyone who lives on or near a farm. Its answer will largely determine future prosperity or hard times for rural America.

Every previous war has brought its own land boom that left a wreckage of deflation behind. Under ordinary circumstances and with an ordinary war, the current situation would be ripe for history to repeat itself. The elements for a first-class boom are present. But from Pearl Harbor down to the moment, farm real estate values have defied precedent by remaining below pre-World War I levels.

Meanwhile agricultural income has zoomed to record highs, production has reached unheard-of peaks and the 1943 outlook promises further expansion.

Farm economists are frankly puzzled over the trend of land prices but they unanimously hope it continues. They credit the good sense of farmers themselves with the fact that farm real estate prices have risen so slightly thus far. They point out that while the danger of a boom exists, farmers themselves have the power to head it off.

### Production Picture Brilliant.

As the 1942 crop year ends, farm conditions never appeared more promising. More than 15 billion dollars will flow into farmers' pockets from this year's bumper harvest. The biggest previous figure was 14½ billion dollars in 1919. This year's farm total is nearly four times the low-ebb depression income of 4½ billion dollars in 1932. When operating costs, including taxes, interest, wages for labor, machinery and other items are deducted this year, farmers should have a spendable income of from four to five billion dollars for living, savings and investment. Farm families will have an average of \$438 more to spend this year than last.

The production picture is equally brilliant.

For example, the 1942 corn crop is reckoned at 3,132,000,000 bushels—a record exceeded only by 1920 and then by but a slight margin. The crop ordinarily runs between 2 and 2½ billion bushels, but dipped down to 1½ billion in the drought



More bread for doughboys means a bigger wheat producing job for American farm land.

years of 1934 and 1936. Despite the huge 1942 crop, corn commands a high price.

The wheat yield this year will be the largest since the miracle crop of 1915 and the market price is the highest since 1929.

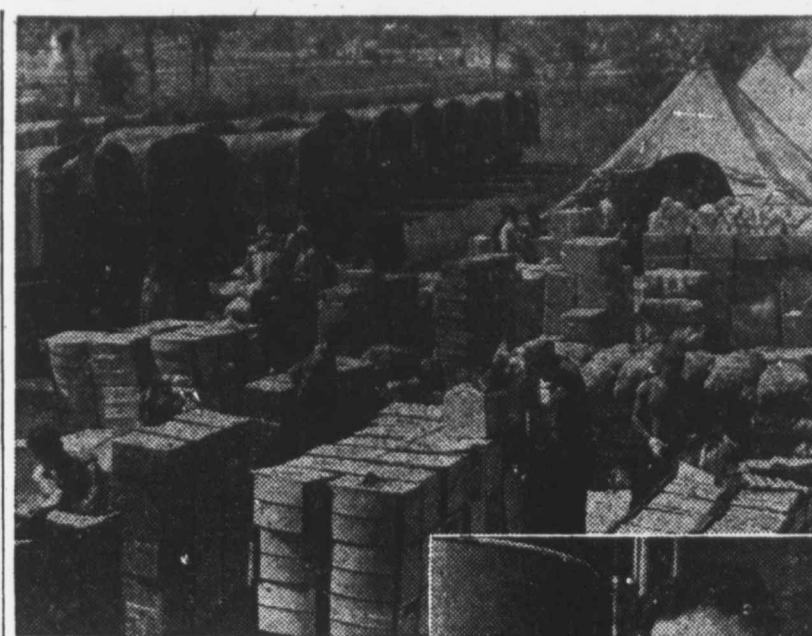
Hogs have returned to their traditional role of "mortgage lifter." They are more numerous than ever and worth more per pound. The \$5 hog of a few years ago has been replaced by the \$15 hog. In excess of a 100 million hog crop was figured for this year and even more production is expected for 1943.

Beef prices are the highest since 1920. It is estimated that on January 1, 1943, cattle and calves will number about 77 million head—more than a three million increase for each of the last two years. The 1942 calf crop is probably the highest on record, totaling 32 million head. Sheep and lamb marketings have established records and the average price is the best in 20 years.

Niagara of Milk. A Niagara of milk, exceeding 120 billion pounds, will have cascaded into dairy pails throughout the United States by the end of this year.

Undeniably, farm labor shortages and the rationing of agricultural machinery are deterrents to over-expansion. With the War Manpower commission's recent move to defer dairy, livestock and poultry workers, some relief will be forthcoming, but labor will be scarce.

In all history there never has been a time when it was more essential for farmers to follow efficient production methods and utilize to the



### More, and Still More

Every productive acre of farm land will be called on to yield more food for Uncle Sam's expanding armed forces in 1943 and to meet Lend-Lease demands. As a result the value of farm land as an investment will be enhanced. (Above) U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps receives and allocates food shipments for troops. (Right) Rising demand for dairy products spurs activities in creamery and bottling plants and helps boost farm income to record highs.

ed States by the end of this year. More milk cows are grazing America's pastures than ever before—26,000,000 to be exact. Egg production for 1942 is estimated at 50 billion. Poultrymen are receiving top prices for their production. And to mention one or two other items, there is more hay than ever; and the potato crop of 376,308,000 bushels beats all previous records.

Ordinarily whenever an industry does as well as farming has done, there is a tendency to speculate. Those already in the business seek to expand their operations. Others seek to get in on the bonanza. And soon a spiraling boom is born.

A survey of the rural real estate market recently revealed that farms are selling in increasing numbers, but no unusual price advances are yet noticeable.

The Farm Credit corporation and insurance companies have been leaders in liquidating their farm holdings. It is estimated that the FCA has disposed of more than 25,000 farms since 1933. Some insurance companies report they have sold more than 90 per cent of the farms they acquired during the depression. In recent months thousands of Midwest farms have changed hands in individual farm auction sales.

Analysis of the transactions revealed that 60 per cent of the buyers were farmers, half of whom were tenants. Of the tenants, most were former landholders who had lost out during the depression, when 2,100,000 farms were foreclosed. With farm income on the rise, these tenants are getting back on their feet and able to make down payments on farms of their own.

Of the 40 per cent non-farmer buyers, a large group represented city dwellers approaching retirement age who have bought farms in order to live reasonably on their pensions and income from savings.

How long this paradoxical situation of high farm income and low farm real estate values will continue, economists do not care to predict. But they point out three factors which at present make the farm picture of World War II different from that of World War I:

### A Different Farm Picture.

1. Today's farmers would rather get out of debt than into it. Hence they are not bidding up the farm real estate market by seeking additional land. Instead they are paying off mortgages and investing their surplus funds in War Bonds. They are making needed repairs on buildings and building up their land's productivity by the adequate use of fertilizers and by other soil conservation measures.

2. The hangover aftermath of World War I's land speculation spree is still fresh in the memory of most farmers. Farmers are hedging on the future by "plowing back" present earnings into their present holdings without attempting any expansion.

3. The present farm labor shortage and the rationing of farm machinery are effective deterrents to the urge to acquire more land.

Let's look first at the debt situation. The extent to which farmers

are using their expanded income to get out of hock was disclosed by A. G. Black, head of the Farm Credit administration, who recently pointed out that a large percentage of farm mortgages are now being paid off ahead of schedule. The nation's farm mortgage debt has been reduced to 6½ billion dollars—the lowest figure in 25 years. There are fewer foreclosures and other distress transfers than at any time in the past 20 years.

"Farmers realize more and ever before that a healthy, liquid financial condition is the safest goal these days," said a recent statement of the Middle West Soil Improvement committee. "Such a goal means getting debts out of the way. It means building up the blood strains of livestock and eliminating the non-producers. It means making needed repairs on the house and barn. It means paying particular attention to the fertility level of the soil."

### Long-Run Earning Power.

"This last is of particular importance, for the real value of land is dependent on its long-run earning power. Thus any investment in a soil-building program that will pay dividends in years to come is an important contribution to a farm's future productivity."

"In wartime as in peace, the farmer can obtain valuable information from his county agent or agronomists at the state agricultural experiment station in developing his soil improvement plan. Such a program should include the raising of legumes to provide necessary nitrogen, the commercial supply of which is now largely required by munitions factories. It should include regular crop rotation and the use of sufficient quantities of fertilizer containing phosphorus and potash to encourage plant growth."

"It should include pasture improvement. By means of such a program, the soil's future fertility level can be assured and its immediate output of foods and fibers for war and civilian needs increased."

Most farmers instinctively fear a repetition of the World War I land boom. Their hindsight has taught them many valuable lessons from the bitter experience of the 1920s and early 30s. If they profit by that hindsight, they can escape the headache of a land collapse.

World War I was a story of agricultural upsurge. Farm income rose from 6 billions in 1914 to 14½ billions in 1919. High prices and a ready market for agricultural products, plus easy credit facilities, encouraged farmers to bid up land prices. Farms were bought on speculation with the expectation of a quick sale at a profit. Land values were inflated from an average of \$40 per acre in 1914 to \$70 in 1920. Within those six years farm real estate rose in total value from 39½ billion dollars to 66 billions.

The sequel was a crash that still reverberates. Land prices fell from an average of \$70 per acre to \$28. More than a third of the nation's six million farms were foreclosed by the end of the depression. All farm land and buildings declined from 66 billions to 31 billions. Even today farm real estate is worth only 36 billion dollars—less than it was before World War I.



## Wendell Willkie AND Global Politics

By Frank Gervasi

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Wendell Willkie's recent visit to the Middle East was the second of two memorable events during the last days of August and early September. The first, of course, was the defeat of Rommel's Afrika Korps.

This, among other things, caused stocks to rise on the Cairo Bourse. The victory over Rommel removed an immediate threat to Egypt and at least put our side in a position to resume the initiative—as they say in treaties on war. The enemy lost a considerable quantity of men and weapons. The myth of Rommel's invincibility was destroyed in a brief hot battle which was over almost before anybody knew it had begun. It was as brief as it was hot and almost as destructive to the German war machine as a short circuit in a generator.

There's no tendency here, however, for the British to overestimate the damage done to the Afrika Korps or to underestimate Rommel's ability to recuperate.

### Two Events Collide.

The two events—the victorious battle and Willkie's arrival—coincided so closely that they became confused. The newspaper boys hardly had time to cover the first event before it telescoped into the second, and they were very busy with the second. The blitz visit was crisscrossed with statements, interviews, receptions, appearances before still and movie cameras, radio talks, calls on diplomats and kings, conferences with politicians, soldiers and more diplomats.

Short as it was, the correspondents worked harder and longer during Willkie's visit than at any time while away from the fighting front. Willkie shook up their lives.

He sassed the censors, made formal diplomatic calls in a lounge suit instead of the sacred striped pants and tail coat of tradition. He managed to impart to nearly everything he did an atmosphere of clambake. Censorship, motivated by the sheer necessity for keeping Berlin in the dark as to Willkie's views about political and military affairs in the Middle East, prevented details of his visit from becoming known. This article is an attempt to supply some of those missing details.

In any other setting, the breezy politician might have seemed a heroic figure, remarkable for his frankness and sincerity. In the Middle East, however, with its traditions of reticence, its compunctions of secrecy in political and military matters, Willkie's act didn't quite come off. He was usually out of character and seemed, most of the time, a huge and handsome bull in a store full of porcelain images. Every time he moved, you wanted to warn him that he might break something.

### Willkie, Image Breaker.

He did some good but he also broke a few images. The damage occurred despite the presence in his cruise crew of Joseph Barnes, soft-spoken former newspaper man who now is an official in the Office of War Information. Joe was the conscience of the party, a small voice which kept saying: "Be careful, Wendell! Somebody might be trying to sell you a bill of goods. Watch what you say and remember this is a British battlefield and they are the bosses here."

### Calls on King Farouk.

He didn't prevent Willkie, however, from calling on His Majesty King Farouk of Egypt in an ordinary suit, or from having himself photographed in a sloppy bush shirt, baggy pants and an outside sun helmet, with German prisoners who stood rigidly at attention and regarded him with considerable coolness.

Willkie's first plunge into Middle East affairs happened in the marbled hall of the impressive headquarters of the United States forces in North Africa, formerly the home of a wealthy Egyptian family. The active and passive press, uniformed and ununiformed, male and female, American and foreign, were there about seventy strong. Even the Times of London came; so did British and American censors.

Willkie, in a summer-weight single-breasted suit, his pants belt tight around his middle, his hair rumpled, and looking very much a man of the people in his white shirt and unremarkable necktie, sat on a chair before a table set on the first landing of a staircase that swept upward behind him. There was a shaft of light on his face from an open door. He reassured us that the Yankees were doing well.

Then he turned prophet. He announced that, in his opinion, Hitler was "way out on a limb and that the tide had turned against the enemy."



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Senior 12th A. George Hoover, Billie True Linam, Eleanor Green, Billie Jean McCollum, Doris Butler, B. Hugh Elliott, Gypsy Ted McCollum, Bryson Mahon, June Trotter, Merrill Martin, Rae Furlow, Ina Mac Haygood.

Grade School  
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Claudia Chapman, Bobby Price, Janie Sue Forbus, Melvalene Blair, Richard Blair, Barbara Small, Willie Burrow, B. George Follis, Mattie Ewell Griffin, Lia Yvonne Linley, Dale Click, Dai-rell Paine, James Hallmark, Edward Beatty.

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3rd grade A. Marie Beights, James Donald Clifton, Wayne Reddin, Ronald Bruce, B. Shirley Preston, Lynn Sheppard, Don Martin, La Joyce Beatty, Bobby Gene Craighead.

4th grade A. Peggy Beatty, Patsy Green, Keith Laseter, Max Coffee, Jo Ann Mayo, B. Max Shepherd, Joa Leggett, Gladys Fae Claxton, Annie Pearl Kingstons, Betty Jane Barton, Jim Barrett, Billy Joe Martin, Neida Jean Lee.

5th grade A. Dale Laird, Patsy Beatty, Fay Montgomery, B. Deryle Bennett, Max Hallman, Norma June Corryon, Wanda May, Faye Narrell, Wanda Sisson, Shirley Taylor.

6th grade A. Weldon McCollum, Reagan Martin, Leon Payne, Willard Pratt, Don Mathis, Ralston Bruce, B. Lori Nell Jean, Zada Zane Hughes, Patricia Martin, Mary Laverne Clifton, Melcena Clark, C. F. Cook, Jr., Patsy Darden.

7th grade A. Eloise Prestor, B. Charlene White, Glen Bowlin, Jeannine Martin, Elaine James, Doris Trett.

8th grade A. Iela Jean Bruce,

Jane Coffee, Norma Lee Jean, B. Merlyn Bruce, Raymond Hackfeld, Eela Mae Cheek, Dorothy Duke, Doris Hilderbrand, Doris Peterson, Marie Preston, Myra Nell Thomas.

## Sports News

The boys and girls have really been playing basketball the past week. Some of them have dropped out, and some new ones have started playing, too. If it is at all possible, everyone in school should take some kind of recreation. It is a great help to build up your bodies and minds. Any one who has a study period and has a pair of tennis shoes, be sure to play basketball.

We won't get to go far off to play, but we can go to some of the nearby towns, (we hope.) Mr. Cook said that the winners would be picked from these tournaments. Some of the boys were not able to play during this week because of bruised knees, and ankles, but they will be able soon. If you want to be plenty sore, just play basketball and see how you feel. You hear all over the campus some saying, "O, I'm so sore I can hardly move." Yet that's a minor matter and part of the game.

We had another contribution, for sweaters for the football boys from Bro. Poinac. We really do appreciate it.

## School In General

The school is started again on the third six weeks. The reports showed that some need to study a little harder. The teachers are just now finding out what kind a pupil each of us is and know better as to how to grade us this time.

At first, the plan was that if any student made three 90's and one 80 he would be on the A honor roll or 90 honor roll. And if a student had three 80's and one 70 he would be on the B or 80 honor roll. Later in the week, though, it was decided that those making all 90's would be on the A and those making all 80's be on the B. Some were very disappointed when the change was made.

The basketball season has opened and everyone interested is playing the best he knows how, trying to make the first team. The schedule will soon be changed so everyone will have a chance to play.

Maybe you would like to know something about a very popular interesting person, who plays a very important part in our school. It is no more than our principle, Mr. DeBusk. Mr. DeBusk is very popular with the student in high school. He has a personality that most men don't have. The thing about him that stands out is that broad smile and a "goodmornin'" to everyone. Being a lawyer, he has preferred teaching school, since he is needed so badly at a time like this, teaching math, junior business and Civics. If you want to hear a good speech,

just call on Mr. DeBusk, and you will never regret calling on him. The band is still working. Practicing on new marches, preparing for the concert that is to be given in the near future.

The school is glad to welcome Miss Shoemaker to our school system. She is filling the vacancy left by Miss Watson, who taught the sixth grade. We regretted losing Miss Watson very much, but wish her success in her new school.

## Junior Play Friday Night

Brr! Brr! Boy is this weather cold, but it isn't too cold for these bright, brilliant, little Juniors. No Siree, and we hope that it isn't too cold for you Friday night, December 11, 1942, because that is the night for the Junior Play called the "Little Cloghopper." Please come one, come all. We have fun working on the play and hope everyone will come out and enjoy it.

The past week we have been studying on Plane Geometry trying to bring up some of those terrific exam grades we made on our last six weeks exams. Or do I say terrible? Well, anyway they weren't so very good.

I have a little warning that I think that all you little boys and girls know about. "Don't wait until the night before Christmas to be good," because as the weeks and days are slowly rolling around it is drawing near Christmas, and as all of you know that if you aren't very good little boys and girls old Santa won't slide down your chimney to leave you a little doll or a pistol.

As for the gossip, there is plenty, but since space doesn't allow, we will just tell you a little of it. What little brown haired and brown eyed girl was seen with a different big Senior boy last Tuesday night?

What certain little Junior boy has acquired a new stretchy brace-let?

## Sophomore News

We, as the reporters, want to thank Mavis Webb and Bill's Jean Stewart for writing the news for us last week. We think it was very good.

Some of us Sophs were disappointed last week because at first we thought we could make one 80 and be on the 90 honor roll, but Mr. Cook had been misinformed about past customs and not so many of us got on the 90 honor roll. I guess we will just have to study harder, don't you?

Last Friday the Home Making 2 girls changed classes with the

Home Making 1 girls just for that day, so the girls didn't have Algebra or World History, but we surely made up for it Monday.

## Freshman News

Did you see those report cards? Well, it's a good thing you didn't. There isn't a single freshman on the A honor roll. That's a shame. Why don't some of us Freshmen start studying so our class can be waving its colors when the mid-term tests roll around?

"I'm dreaming of a White Christmas." I must have dreamed too much, because it really did snow here. Besides there was enough ice to run an ice plant. There were quite a few Freshmen absent because of this cold weather.

Have any of the Freshmen read the senior news lately? The Seniors say they want some snapshots from every class to put into the annual. So, come on, Freshmen, let's be well represented in the annual. Let's bring all our snapshots in.

The freshman class wants to wish the Juniors lots of luck in their play. (Maybe when we're Juniors, someone will be nice enough to wish us good luck.) What if the freshmen had a whole column of news? What if Lois didn't like Roscoe? What if Neysa Nell didn't have so many boy friends? What if Myrl could make a certain little freshman like him?

The freshmen class is losing a very prominent member of the class. Loree Cranfill is moving to San Diego, California. She has been in our class ever since we were in the first grade. We are going to miss her an awful lot, but we wish her lots of success and happiness. In her new home, and we hope that someday she will come back and be with us again.

## Introducing the Seniors

Harold Lee Johnson, sometimes known as "Percy", was born in Comanche County, April 1, 1922. After living there a year his family moved to the place they now reside, which is located seven miles north of Loreine.

"Percy" acquired his first seven years of school education at Valley View; he then came to Loreine. He is a very active member of the Senior class as well as of High School. He has been one of those real go-getting Bulldogs for three years, lettering for two. He is also a real good basketball player. Harold held the Royal Position of King of the High

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School where we were Sophomores. He has also served as President of our class for one year.

Harold, like everyone else, lives to eat or rather we could say, he eats to live perhaps, and he says while he's eating he might as well eat strawberry ice cream as that being his favorite dish. When he sees a movie he prefers Clark Gable and Betty Grable; he also likes the movie "Holiday Inn." "Percy" says his favorite day is Christmas Day, I wonder if it's because Santa Claus comes then.

And last, but not least, Percy describes his ideal girl friend as oh, well; she must be real pretty and have a charming personality. Does he have a good group here, or does he?

Harold is five feet and nine inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, and has brown wavy hair, brown eyes, pretty white teeth and is really good looking.

Percy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Johnson, and his ambition is to make a success in Uncle Sam's Army.

We regret that Miss Burrus is still absent from school due to the serious illness of her father. We hope he will soon be sufficiently recovered for her to return to us.

## Senior Chatter

The Seniors along with the rest of the student body are beginning to think that our dreams are coming true. You know everyone is "Dreaming of a White Christmas." Although it is rushing the season, it is still a pretty sight in spite of the freezing weather.

We have finally started on the annual. We are now planning the construction of it. The staff has had several meetings and will soon be able to inform you how much you have to bring as a deposit. Remember we want an annual in every home this year. We know that it will be worth your money, and you will be proud of its treasures in years to come. By the way, we will have every grade in school represented in the year book and, too, if you buy one you will have an individual picture.

Oh, yes! The Senior boys and girls are being patriotic by going "courtin'" in Civil Government every morning. We have been having court, in which we have tried several Civil cases. We find that this is very interesting, and it saves gas by "Courtin'" in Civics class.

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Let them have  
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ALL of us believe that the men and women in Military Service are entitled to the right of way for the holidays. Furloughs will be liberally granted, enabling many of them to be with their loved ones for a few days.

Transporting these folks will tax train facilities to the utmost. So we are asking the civilian population to refrain from traveling by train, particularly from December 15th to January 15th, unless absolutely necessary. There just isn't enough equipment to serve everybody. Maybe later on you can go if you must—while the fighting forces are chopping the Axis down.



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## Home Making News

The H. E. 1 girls are still studying on the breakfast, dinner and luncheon menus, but never the less we intend to know how before we ever start. We enjoy studying though because we are sure it will be helpful to us later on. We enjoy preparing and serving a school lunch that might be brought to school by a child.

The H. E. 2 girls have studied some and have cooked quite a bit also in the past two weeks. We really like to cook, because we get to eat what cook. It is a lot better for us to taste our own cooking than it is for someone else too, because if we should ever get sick we will know that it our own cooking, but of course we all can cook better than that.

The H. E. 3 girls have been cooking again this week for the grade school children. Cordillia Van Dyke, Frances Kidd, and Juanita Reese were served from the eighth grade, and Louise Moore, Marguerite Peterson and Mary Helen Caviness were served from the 7th grade. The High School dietaries will be served this week. Our Red Cross course has been put off until after Christmas, and until then we plan to study dietaries.

## Band News

The band has dwindled down since our last report. Several of the boys have dropped band with the permission of their parents and are playing basketball. Maybe when basketball season is over, they will remember to come back.

With all the ice on the ground the band is still playing "hot" marches. Although the horns were cold, those poor band students trudged on. If you for once think those instruments don't get cold you have another thought.

## OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

## C. W. WIGGINS NOW SERVING OVERSEA

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wiggins have received a letter from headquarters of the regiment in which their son, C. W., is serving. The letter was written October 28, 1942, but for reasons of safety we will omit the name of the regiment to which C. W. is attached. The letter:

To: The families of soldiers of this regiment.

Your son, C. W. Wiggins, is serving overseas in this regiment. You undoubtedly have thought much about him and wondered how he was getting along. At Christmas you are going to miss him more than ever. I believe it is appropriate to give you a general picture of our situation in the hope that it will be of comfort to you.

The date of departure of the regiment is known to you. We had a stay of some days at the Port of Embarkation at which time the men had a chance to visit the city on 24-hour passes. You will be glad to know that their conduct was excellent and

it coming.

This week we would like to pay tribute to our director, Mr. Harold Martin, who is doing a fine job of making musicians of all of us. We appreciate this very much, Mr. Martin.

Since Christmas is near the band students have been writing to Santa Claus.

they created a favorable impression wherever they went.

The voyage over here was as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. The discipline was excellent, particularly at the time of a submarine alert. As I looked from the bridge down upon the soldiers the training and discipline they had undergone was apparent. All were calm. Many, as they lay on the deck waiting for a possible torpedo, continued to play checkers, or were apparently engrossed in their reading.

Upon arrival at our destination the regiment debarked in orderly fashion and immediately set up a temporary camp. After a few days we moved to our present location and established a semi-permanent camp with good cover for the men. Post Exchange facilities are available. The camp is comfortable, healthy and suited for our present tasks.

Progressive training, both mounted and dismounted, is carried on, including a very considerable degree of work at night.

The men are well armed and equipped. Food is plentiful, varied, and of good quality. Our Government issues free cigarettes, soap, razor blades, tooth brushes, talcum powder and similar articles at stated intervals. In addition the regiment Post Exchange carries numerous other items.

The health of the regiment is excellent, the sick rate being as low as it has ever been at home. There have been no men in the

guard house since July 10th, and there have been no cases of venereal disease since before that date. This is a record which all of us, including you, can be proud of.

Recreational facilities are few, although there is ample athletic equipment. We have had some movies and upon receipt of additional equipment from home (in about two weeks) we will have our own projectors and generators, which will, of course, mean more movies. I may add here that mail from home is the most potent factor in keeping all of us happy.

In conclusion, you must understand that the situation I have outlined above may change at a moment's notice and require the officers and men to undergo the discomfort, danger and rigors of active combat. The morale is superior and I am convinced that the regiment, when and if it goes into action, will reflect credit upon our army and you at home. In the name of the regiment I wish you a merry Christmas, which we out here are going to celebrate with as many home-like touches as it is possible to contrive.

Julian W. Cunningham, Colonel, Commanding.

## CECIL MEARSE IS STATIONED IN UTAH

Kearns, Utah—Pvt. Cecil L. Mearse, of Loraine, is now stationed at this Army Air Forces Basic Training Center, it is announced by Col. Converse R. Lewis, Commander.

The son of W. L. Mearse of Loraine, Pvt. Mearse has been in the Army Air Forces since Sept. 10, 1942.

Men at this post are trained under the rigorous program of the Air Forces Technical Train-

ing Command. They are taught how to march, the use of small arms and machine guns, chemical warfare and other kindred subjects before going to duty with ground crews.

## CARLOS SMITH FINISHES MECHANICS COURSE

Sheppard Field, Texas.—Cadet Carlos L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Smith of 523 So. Eddy, Pecos, Texas, has graduated from an extensive course in aviation mechanics and now is prepared to blast the Axis.

Sheppard Field, near Wichita Falls, Texas, is one of the many schools in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the specialist technicians who maintain our bombers and fighter planes in perfect combat condition. He now is eligible to become crew chief on a bomber and to win a rating as corporal or sergeant.

Before entering the school, he was trained at one of the basic training centers of the Air Forces Technical Command and learned to fight the Axis with other things besides the tools of his trade. Men trained by the Command are versed in the art of protection and offense as well as repair.

## S. B. WATTLINGTON'S SON COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY

Seaman first class Sam Brack Watlington, 21, son of S. B. Watlington of Loraine, was commended by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox for "speedy action, bravery and coolness" exhibited under fire while serving as a member of an armed guard unit on a merchant vessel.

Young Watlington, when notified of the commendation, was at his home at Fort Benning on furlough.

Because of Naval regulations, Seaman Watlington was prevented from describing in detail the exploit which won for him the Secretary's commendation. However he said that the incident occurred on his first assignment, an involved a "brusk" with an enemy submarine.

Seaman Watlington joined the Navy in February, and after completing his studies in Naval Gunners School at Norfolk, he embarked in May as gunner on one of the merchant ships.

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## TIMELY TIPS ON COFFEE

College Station, Dec. 7.—Arguments that coffee taken black is "better for you" than coffee with cream and sugar has no basis in fact. For coffee is not a food. It can neither build and repair the tissues of the body nor provide energy for the body to run on. The cream in coffee is food, and the sugar, but not the coffee itself, says Hazel Phipps, specialist in food preparation for A. and M. College Extension Service.

She says rationing will cause many people to change their food habits and they may as well change them for the better.

For example, to "stretch" their coffee allowance, many people may want to try their coffee the French way—half hot coffee and half hot milk. This is a good beverage for making coffee go farther and for getting more milk into the diet. Miss Phipps says, too, that coffee and chocolate are flavors which blend well together. So for a change she suggests a cup of hot chocolate or cocoa with a dash of coffee in it, instead of a cup of coffee.

Homemakers who have any left-over coffee, can make excellent use of it provided they store it in the refrigerator. It can be used as a flavoring, especially in desserts.

The specialist also suggests serving beverages, which fill in the gaps where coffee formerly was served. At lunch or dinner a cup of steaming meat or vegetable broth is good. "The fragrance of that hot cup should give your appetite a lift," Miss Phipps says. With desserts, try a hot spiced fruit juice. Hot grape juice, spiced with cloves or stick cinnamon, or hot spiced cider go well with many sugar saving desserts.

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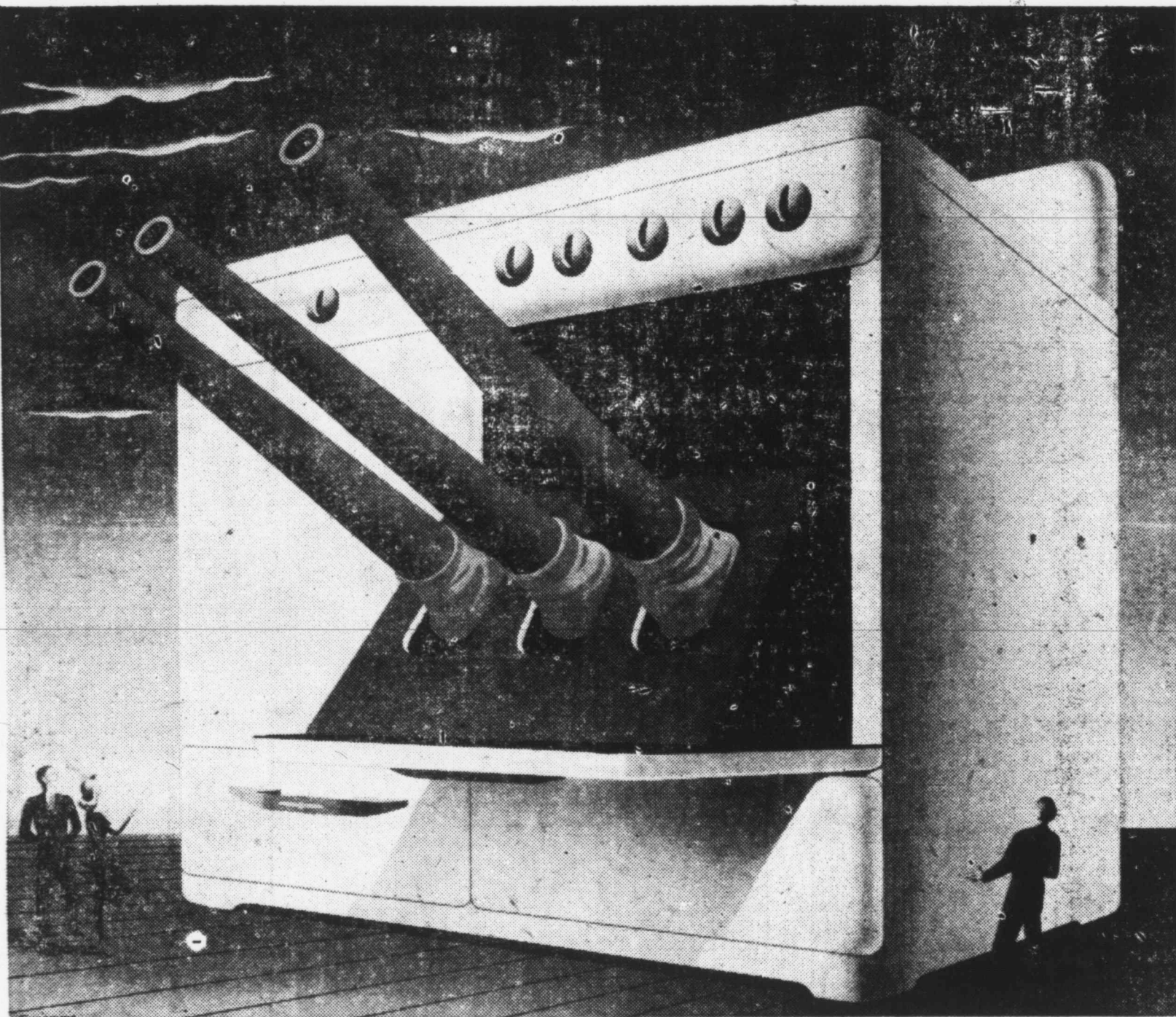
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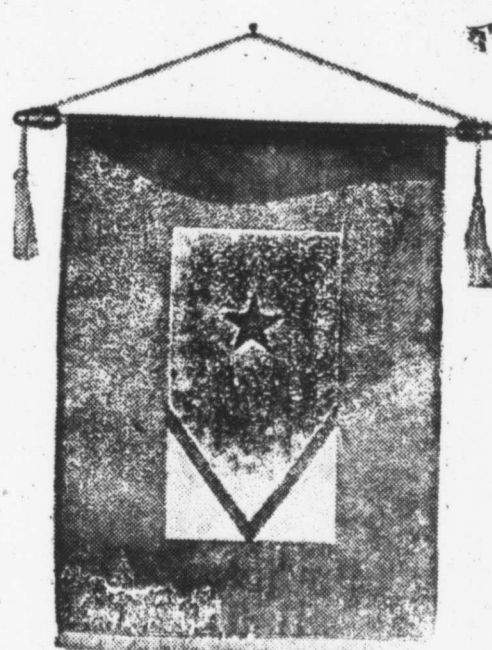
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When constipation brings on discomfort after meals, stomach upset, bloating, dizziness, gas, coated tongue, and bad breath, your stomach is probably "crying the blues" because your bowels don't move. It calls for Laxative-Senna to pull the trigger on those lazy bowels, combined with Syrup Pepsin for perfect ease to your stomach in taking. For years, many Doctors have given pepsin preparations in their prescriptions to make medicine more agreeable to a touchy stomach. So be sure your laxative contains Syrup Pepsin. Insist on Dr. Caldwell's Laxative-Senna combined with Syrup Pepsin. See how wonderfully the Laxative-Senna wakes up lazy nerves and muscles in your intestines to bring welcome relief from constipation. And the good old Syrup Pepsin makes this laxative so comfortable and easy on your stomach. Even finicky children love the taste of this pleasant family laxative. Take Dr. Caldwell's Laxative-Senna combined with Syrup Pepsin, as directed on label or as your doctor advises, and feel world's better. Get genuine Dr. Caldwell's.

Chris—I am sorry. I didn't mean it. I was just scared. Read Yesterday's Romance in November Personal Romances and you'll know what I mean.—It's on sale now.—Adv.

## TO RELIEVE MISERY OF COLDS

LIQUID TABLETS  
SALINE  
NOSE DROPS  
COUGH DROPS

## SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER

In 749 war production plants, 75 per cent of 434,600 workers arrive by private automobile. That's why war workers must have tires.

When it is understood that 54,000 communities in this country depend entirely upon highway transportation, the importance of the rubber situation will be appreciated.

There were 10.78 pounds of crude rubber per car tire made in 1940 and 21.55 pounds, while in 1941 it was 21.69 pounds.

The overall weight of the average passenger car tire in 1940 was 21.55 pounds, while in 1941 it was 21.69 pounds.

There is a former in Osborne, Iowa, who still carries on a serviceable career, a tire that came on his car as original equipment in 1917. He looks up the wheels when the car is not in use.

*Forney Shaw*

In war or peace

**B.F. Goodrich**

FIRST IN RUBBER

**BUREAU OF STANDARDS**

A BUSINESS organization which wants to get the most for the money sets up standards by which to judge what is offered to it, just as in Washington the government maintains a Bureau of Standards.

You can have your own Bureau of Standards, too. Just consult the advertising columns of your newspaper. They safeguard your purchasing power every day of every year.

# THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Clean Comics That Will Amuse Both Old and Young

## THE SPORTING THING



By  
**LANG ARMSTRONG**

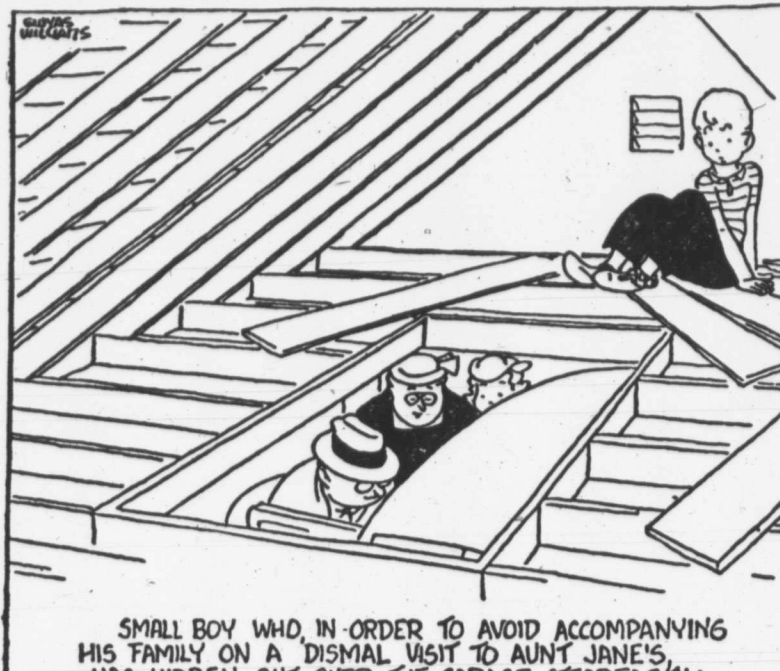


"—You guys'll have to hold that line alone—the yell leader is all wore out!"

## The World at Its Worst



By  
**GLUYAS WILLIAMS**



SMALL BOY WHO, IN ORDER TO AVOID ACCOMPANYING HIS FAMILY ON A DISMAL VISIT TO AUNT JANE'S, HAS HIDDEN OUT OVER THE GARAGE, STEADFASTLY IGNORING ALL THEIR SHOUTS FOR HIM, DISCOVERS THAT PLANS HAVE CHANGED AND THEY'RE GOING TO THE MOVIES

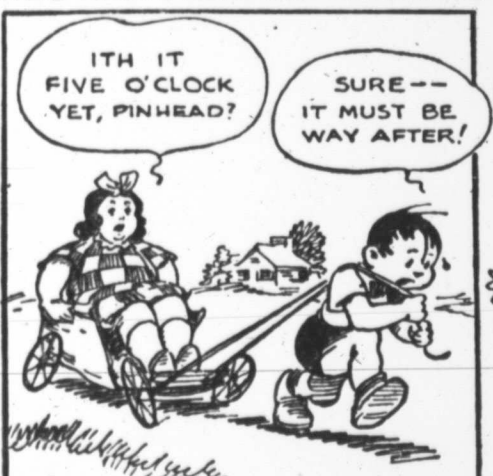
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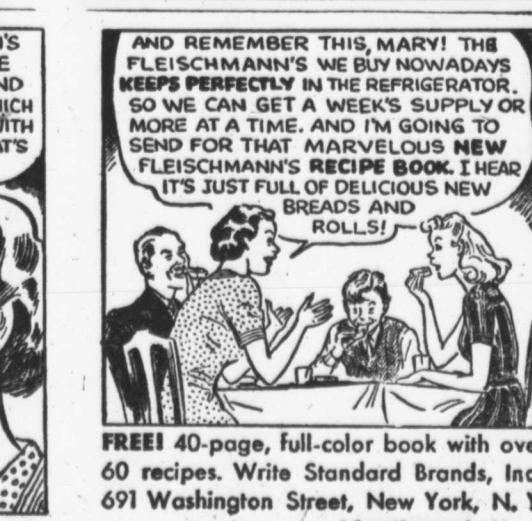
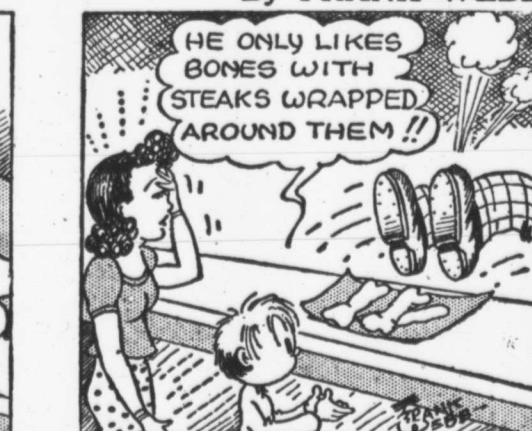
## LALA PALOOZA —A Hasty Exit



## REG'LAR FELLERS—Assistant Cook



## RAISING KANE—Such as New York Cuts?



## NOTHING CAN DO MORE FOR YOU

In the entire field of aspirin than St. Joseph Aspirin. None faster, none safer. The world's largest seller at 10c. Also sold in economy sizes—36 tablets, 20c. 100 tablets, 35c. Demand St. Joseph Aspirin.

## Haste to Forgive

A wise man will make haste to forgive, because he knows the true value of time, and will not suffer it to pass away in unnecessary pain.—Samuel Johnson.

## Relief At Last For Your Cough

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

**CREOMULSION**  
for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

## Pleasing One Side

The best way to please one half of the world is not to mind what the other half says.—Goldsmith.

## JOLLYTIME POP CORN

Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who make its laws.—Andrew Fletcher.

## Older folks say it's more sensible ALL-VEGETABLE LAXATIVE

• In NR (Nature's Remedy) Tablets, there are no chemicals, no minerals, no phenol derivatives. NR Tablets are different. They are a combination of 10 vegetable ingredients formulated over 25 years ago. Inaction is dependable, thorough, yet gentle, as millions of NR's have proved. Get a 25¢ box today... or larger economy size.

Others' Business  
I tend to the business of other people, having lost my own.—Horace.

## SKIN IRRITATIONS OF EXTERNAL CAUSE

acne, pimples, bumps (blackheads), and ugly broken-out skin. Millions relieve misery with simple home treatment. Goes to work at once. Direct action skin healing by killing germs it touches. Use Black and White Ointment only as directed. 10c, 25c, 50c sizes. 25 years success. Money-back guarantee. Vital in cleansing in good soap. Enjoy famous Black and White Skin Soap daily.

Find the Scrap to Eliminate the Jap

## To relieve distress of MONTHLY Female Weakness AND HELP BUILD UP RED BLOOD!

Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound TABLETS (with added iron) have helped thousands to relieve periodic pain, backache, nervousness, weakness, nervous, cranky, blue feelings—due to functional monthly disturbances. Taken regularly—Pinkham's Tablets help build up resistance against such annoying symptoms. Also, their iron makes them a fine hematinic to help build up red blood. Pinkham's Tablets are made especially for women. Follow label directions. Worth trying!

WNU—L 49-42

## That Nagging Backache

May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

You may suffer nagging backache, headache, dizziness, getting up at night, leg pains, swelling—feel constantly tired, nervous, all worn out. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder are sometimes burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

Try Doan's Pills. Doan's help the kidneys to pass off harmful excess body waste. They have had more than half a century of public approval. Are recommended by grateful users everywhere. Ask your neighbor!

**DOAN'S PILLS**

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## Pre-Inspection

## Repairs

A little later the tires on your car will have to be inspected by an authorized Government Inspector, and if there is anything wrong with your car that will cause wear on tires it must be repaired. Why not drive it now and have us check your car for defects before inspection—it might save you some time and trouble later.

We plan to be properly equipped to inspect your tires under the Government program.

**Walker Motor Co.**

## LOCALS

Holiday lines are being fast depleted. Let us help you in your selection. Hutchins & Hall Drugs.

Raymond Bray, who underwent major surgery at Sweetwater last week, was brought to the Johnson Hospital Monday.

Mrs. Richard Loomer of Long Beach, California, arrived Saturday night for a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Haggerton.

You can yet find gifts in our Gift Line. Trade now and not be sorry. Hutchins & Hall Drugs.

G. L. Crownover left last week for Monday, where he will visit his sister.

Mrs. J. J. Land, who has been ill at her home here the past two weeks, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hall of Colorado City visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Land Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Stanley and son of Midland spent last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Land.

You are requested to mail gifts early. Let us show you our line. Hutchins & Hall Drugs.

Herman Shields and James Walden of Littlefield visited over the week end with Mrs. W. C. Dickenson and Miss Lillie Nelson. Mr. Walden is a cousin of Mrs. Dickenson and Miss Nelson.

Mrs. Dennis Cranfill and daughter Loretta left Tuesday night for San Diego, California, where they will make their home. Mr. Cranfill has been there the past six weeks working.

Pfc. Howard Tartt of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tartt, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Albright and son of Grand Prairie are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson of Valley View, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Albright this week.

Mrs. Sallie Clements, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. K. Baker and Mr. Baker, the past few weeks, left Tuesday for Fort Stockton to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Faulkner and family.

Mrs. Benton Templeton of Austin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hutchins, from Thursday until Monday.



## Methodist Church

Our church calendar for December calls for the offering for our Home at Waco, the church papers subscription, and Christmas and Methodist Youth Day. Those of you who get the Sunshine Monthly read the December issue and note the picture of Cliff on the front page. In counting your Christmas money do not forget the Home.

We were too late last week getting our items to the editor and hence we missed the landing. We had two meetings, the board of stewards and board of education. We need to begin now for the close of the year by getting a good start. Evangelism, Christian Education, Missions, and Stewardship will be the heads under which we are to work.

Our bond drive has not yet materialized. We are talking it to individuals and organizations but no bonds bought yet since Mrs. Wilson gave hers. What are we going to do about this matter? The income tax is going to rake off a lot of money this year and people will be allowed a certain percent reduction on their tax payments for what they pay to the church but this must be done before December 31. We have written the Internal Revenue office at Dallas to get the correct status of the matter but to date we have heard nothing from them. Why not place all your income tax allowance with the church and let the church have that money to use for the needy places and people of the earth? The church has a great burden on it today and the continuation of the war will increase this burden and opportunity for service to men and to the kingdom of God.

We are going to look for a church crowd next Sunday with a double offering as we did not have but a few out last Sunday and we must make up for the last Sunday. As a usual thing when we miss a meal we eat more when we do get to it. Many of the people in the country say they are not able to get their chores done and get to the services at 10:15, so far as we are concerned we can have the services any time the people can get there.

Mrs. Birdie McArthur has purchased the home place of Mrs. J. Richey. Mrs. Richey and Boyd have purchased a home in Colorado City and will move there in the near future to make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Haggerton will move to the Richey place.



## The Martin Drug Store

WE MAY HAVE JUST WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR—COME IN—A Fair Stock of Merchandise Especially Suited for Holiday Gifts.

ONE NEW FRIGIDAIRE

Our 30th Christmas in Loraine LUNCHEONETTE SERVICE

## COOK'S NEW Strato Wall-Liner

### THE DECORATED BUILDING PAPER

Gives the Beauty of Wallpaper in one operation

PASTE IT ON  
RIGHT OVER  
Ship-lap  
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NO TACKS  
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NO WALLPAPER

WARMER THAN WALLPAPER  
AND COSTS LESS THAN CANVAS ALONE!  
A War-Born Product That Does A Better Job

CHOICE OF 16 PATTERNS 21¢ A ROLL (18" Wide or 30" x 36")

Loraine Furniture Co.

## Classified Ads

Wanted—100,000 rats to kill with Ray's Rat Killer, guaranteed. Sells for \$1.00. Also a liquid rat killer. Hutchins and Hall Drugs 17 to 30p

For Service—Registered Jersey bull, \$2 fee when served. Bull was Grand Champion at Loraine Show last year. H. W. Hallmark. 4tp

For Sale—3 work horses, also double-row planter and cultivator. Adolf Helmer, 4 miles West of Roscoe. 2tp

Strayed—Whiteface freshly dehorned cow. \$5.00 for information leading to recovery. H. W. Hallmark. 1p-1f

Pedigreed Von Roeder and Lankhart cotton seed. August B. Hackfeld. 3tp

Plenty of coal on hand. Get your winter supply while you can. J. C. Meek.

Lost—A bill fold on road south of beacon light, containing drivers license and registration card. Please return to Earl Krop. 1tp

STRAYED—onto my place 6 miles northwest of Roscoe—3 miles north of Brownlee—one big brown mare and a brown mule. Owner pay for feed and advertisement. Ernest Wiman. 1p

For V Mail Stationery call at The Mitchell County News. 12 sheets 10 cents.

New Shipment Typewriter and adding machine ribbons. The Mitchell County News.

If you have a son or husband in the service get a beautiful service flag to display in your home. The flag is 8 by 12 inches guaranteed washable, a blue star for each person in service, not a print but a heavy woven material \$1.00 each at The News office.

Mrs. G. A. Hutchins and Mrs. Benton Templeton visited in Midland Friday.

Congressman George Mahon arrived Wednesday night for a visit with his father, J. K. Mahon and other relatives.

Harold Simmons, who enlisted in the Marines some time ago, left Monday for Dallas from the Abilene recruiting station.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker Sunday were Captain Homer Johnson and Lt. J. J. Langenfeld of Denver, Colorado, Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walker and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, Mrs. Lee Walker, and Mary Love Walker of Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Lee of California visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lee, last week.

## COUGHS

Due To Colds or Bronchial Irritation Here's good news for the people of the U. S. A. Canada's greatest cough medicine is now being made and sold right here, and if you have any doubt about what to take this winter for the common cough or bronchial irritation get a bottle of Eucalypti's CANADIAN Mixture. You won't be disappointed—it's different from anything else you ever used—one little sip and you get instant action. Only 45¢—all druggists.

Hutchins and Hall Drugs

THIS M. BORN "D. B." IS A NATURAL FOR YOU



Young men who like double breasted are particularly partial to the 3-button style shown here. And tailored the M. Born way—to your individual measurements. It's certain to give the utmost in clothes satisfaction. An outstanding value at the price!

**Leggotts  
Tailor Shop  
And Laundry**

## Christmas Gifts

### FOR THE BOYS IN SERVICE



There's nothing more appreciated by the boy in service than a box of nice Christmas Cards with his name and rank imprinted.



Box of 50 assorted cards with name and rank printed on each card—

**\$2.25**

Send your boy a box as a gift—but do it soon.

## Mitchell County News

### MARTINS MENS WEAR & CLEANER

MEN! CHECK YOUR NEEDS! NOW! !!

New Hats Fortune Dress Shoes, Wolverine Work Shoes, Jayson Shirts, TraVal Shirts, Ties, Sox, Underwear.

Mens and Boys JACKETS and COATS.

We Appreciate Your Business

Pvt. Butsie Hall of Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, spent from Friday until Monday here with Mrs. Hall and Jimmie.

Mmes. Russell Cope, Alfred Richey, Jack Walker, and John Horton visited in Abilene Wednesday.

Pvt. Tharon Henderson of Great Falls, Montana, arrived Saturday night for a weeks visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henderson.

Pvt. Troy Jones of Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, left Saturday after a ten day visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones.

## Flour

PURASNOW Double your money back guarantee 4c coupon in each 24 lb 8c coupon in each 48 lb

24 lb sack \$1.10  
48 lb sack 2.10

10 Pound Bucket  
Morton Sugar .95

Sausage Seasoning pkg .25

## A Few Christmas Trees

Dreft box .27

Nelson's Pure Concord  
Grape Juice full qt. .29

Peaches yellow cling gal. .69

Smoked Sausage lb .25

Chili home made lb .30

Oleomargarine Lily lb .20

Steak fancy 4-quarter .25

Roast flat rib 2 lbs .39

## J. B. Mahon

Grocery & Market Phone 50

Your Favorite Place to Trade

### IF YOUR TRACTOR BURNED, WOULD THERE BE INSURANCE MONEY TO REPAIR OR TO REPLACE IT?

Our Insurance can protect against loss by fire, lightning, cyclone, tornado, explosion and other dangers. "In and Out" protection. May we explain it to you? Just call at our office or write or phone us.

UNDER GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS a substantial down payment is required to buy machinery and implements. Insurance can furnish the down payment.

## Glen Coon

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1941-42 MITCHELL COUNTY CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS

Cash on hand October 16, 1941 \$668.52  
Receipts: General Fund 2280.76  
War Fund 3490.34

#### Disbursements:

General Fund:  
Utilities for work room \$23.80  
Hospital and Service Council 269.98  
Civilian Relief 204.32  
First Aid supplies and training 68.03  
Roll Call expense 25.34  
Text Books 12.48  
War Relief Production 314.74  
Transportation charges on production 40.51  
Aid to Service Men 64.19  
Milk for school children 65.00  
Home Hygiene 48.96  
Nutrition 29.83  
Surgical dressings, supplies and training 65.65  
Remittance to Headquarters, St. Louis 569.46

1,802.29

#### War Fund:

Check returned unpaid 5.00  
15% transfer to local chapter use 515.45  
Remittance to headquarters, St. Louis 2,920.89  
Transfer to local chapter 7.35  
Remittance to headquarters 41.65

3,490.34

Total Expenditures 5,292.65  
Balance on hand, October 21, 1942 1,146.93

6,439.62

Cash in Bank, October 21, 1942 1,146.99