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Does Her Bit



Valerie Cole, whose aunt is British Prime Minister Chamberlain's wife, is now a London Air Raid Precautions nurse. Above, she attends a "casualty" during an air raid drill.

Tubing Set in Second Cedar Lake Producer, Test Is Being Started

BY FRANK GARDNER.

Reports today from Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 American Warehouse Company, second producer in the Cedar Lake area of northeastern Gaines county, stated that tubing had been set at approximately 20 feet off bottom and that preparations were being made to test. No gauges have been reported from the well since it was given 760-quart nitro shot from 4,570 to 4,720, 20 feet up from total depth. Prior to shooting, the well had been acidized with 2,500 gallons, swabbing and flowing on air lift 355 barrels of oil in 22 1/4 hours following. No. 1 American Warehouse is a direct one-quarter mile west offset to Stanolind No. 1 J. B. Rayner, the pool opener.

Offsetting No. 1 American Warehouse to the south, Stanolind No. 1 Edith Johnson is drilling below 2,000 feet in anhydrite.

The same company's No. 1 Thomas S. Riley, indicating three and one-half mile northwest extension of the area, is said to be awaiting parts for Cardwell unit. Total depth is 4,864 feet in lime, and plug was drilled with rotary from 7-inch casing cemented at 4,471. The well showed intermittent streaks of oil saturation and porosity from 4,765 to bottom.

In the Seminole pool of central Gaines, Magnolia Petroleum Company and Atlantic Refining Company No. 3 Havemyer & Jenny is standing after cementing 9 5/8-inch casing at total depth of 3,059 feet in anhydrite with 300 sacks. Humble Oil & Refining Company and Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company No. 1 T. H. Hahn is drilling anhydrite below 4,555 feet. Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 2 I. E. Auten is nippling up to drill plug from 5 1/2-inch casing cemented at 5,110, seven feet off bottom, with 300 sacks. Osage Drilling Company, Inc. of Oklahoma No. 4-A J. L. Tippett set 5 1/2-inch pipe at total depth of 5,025 feet with 100 sacks and is waiting for cement to set.

Central Ector Wildcat.

Landreth Production Corporation-Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 1-A J. L. Johnson, central Ector wildcat in section 43, block 43, township 1 south, T. & P. survey, this morning was drilling at 4,125 feet in lime. Cable tools replaced rotary at total depth of 4,052 feet after 7-inch casing was cemented at 4,029.

In the South Cowden pool of Ector, Stanolind No. 37-A Elliott F. Cowden flowed 921.64 barrels of 35-gravity oil per day after shooting with 966 quarts in pay from 4,065 to 4,150 feet, total depth. Gas-oil ratio was 1,940-1.

Stanolind also has completed No. 26-C J. E. Witcher, in the Foster pool of Ector, for 2,142.94-barrel daily flow after shooting with a total of 1,845 quarts of nitro. The well topped pay at 3,965 feet and is bottomed at 4,165. Oil tests 34-gravity, and gas-oil ratio is 1,060-1.

Fitzgerald Test At 5,027.

The Sloan & Zook Company and T. N. Sloan No. 1 Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald, northeastern Yoakum county wildcat in the southeast corner of section 22, block D, J. H. Gibson survey, this morning was drilling

(See OIL NEWS, page 6)

Federal Oil Control Plan Is Opposed

Thompson and Sadler Declare States Can Handle the Situation

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12 (AP).—Representative Carl Mapes, republican, Michigan, member of the house committee conducting a hearing here on the Cole oil regulation bill, died suddenly today. He was 65.

Mapes was found seriously ill in his hotel room by hotel employes. He told them he was suffering pains of the heart, died a short time later.

The committee decided to adjourn today's hearing. Chairman William Cole will accompany the body to Grand Rapids.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12. (AP).—A lengthy exchange between Col. E. O. Thompson, member of the Texas oil regulatory body, and Rep. Wolverton (R-N.J.) over price fixing effects of production limitation featured opening of a congressional hearing Monday on the Cole federal oil control bill.

Thompson and Jerry Sadler, members of the Texas railroad commission, which regulates the petroleum industry there, were the only two witnesses at the hearing which is expected to last through Wednesday. Both expressed vehement opposition to the bill, claiming state regulatory bodies were "a picture of efficiency" and that federal control would impair state sovereignty.

After reading a prepared statement, Col. Thompson was submitted to close questioning by the four congressmen holding the hearing as a subcommittee of the house interstate commerce committee. The group is headed by Rep. William P. Cole Jr. (D-Md) author of the federal bill.

Rep. Wolverton questioned Thompson nin detail on the price effects of limiting production.

The Texan agreed in general that such limitations affects price, but added, "the building up of great reserves under ground holds up the price as much as above the ground."

Rep. Wolverton observed, "if production is limited unduly, this unduly increases the price of the consumer. The market can consume more of a cheaper article."

Thompson replied: "The price of gasoline and the price of crude oil don't seem to have any relation. Gasoline costs as much when oil is 10 cents a barrel as when it is a dollar."

Wolverton then referred to action of the Texas commission in shutting down production for 15 days last August ten days after a major oil company had reduced its prices.

He said, "The commission shut off production when a major company reduced its price. Where did the consumer come off?"

Thompson said the action was taken to save the stripper wells, which make only two and three barrels a day, because if the price were reduced below the cost of operation thousands of these wells would have had to be abandoned in Texas, at great loss to the state and its citizens.

65,000 Needy Will Go on Full Relief In Cleveland Soon

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12. (AP). — Cleveland's 65,000 needy, on short rations for twenty-six days, will be restored to full relief Friday, the city announced Monday.

Mayor Harold H. Burton said City Council authorization of $1,050,000 in tax delinquency notes and increased WPA activity would allow the restoration.

The situation here and in Toledo, where the City Council adopted Monday an ordinance to provide an additional $273,000 for poor relief and WPA sponsoring funds, had provoked a federal-state dispute with numerous political implications.

Republican Gov. John W. Bricker, who refused cities' pleas for a special session of the State Legislature, said that "All blasts against us" have come from new dealers. He referred to criticism of his relief policies from President Roosevelt, Secretary Harold Ickes and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York.

The President approved the expenditure of $1,248,991 for three Cleveland area WPA projects. These and projects previously authorized will provide more than 14,000 persons with six months' employment, the Federal Works Administration estimated, but will not raise this county's December quota of 37,000 workers.

"Relying on the increased WPA program," Burton announced, "and the tax notes, the city will restore its regular food issues and will restore to the relief rolls those who are in need of relief but have been deprived of it solely by lack of funds."

Madelaine Carrol Is Given Divorce

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP).—Madelaine Carroll, British star of American films, today was granted a divorce from Captain Philip Astley on grounds of misconduct with a woman named Dorothy Everard.

Succumbs



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, SR.
(See Story at Right)

Marjorie Warner To Be Crowned Annual Queen

Marjorie Warner will be crowned as annual queen in a brilliant coronation service to be presented by the "Catoico" staff at the high school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock Paul Klatt, as king, will place the crown upon the queen's head.

Background for the coronation ceremonies will be the Court of the Rainbow and the queen will have as her attendants the duchesses of the six colors of the rainbow who, with their escorts and other royal attendants, will be in the royal party.

The Duchesses will be: Joyce Saunders, Wilma Mahoney, Lois May Lynch, Mary Sue Cowden, Virginia Ford, Marjorie Ann Monaghan.

A large number of other students have taken part in the coronation preparations including entertainers for the royal court, script writers, stage set designers, and other workers.

The public is invited to attend the coronation, tickets being 35 cents each.

Proceeds will go to the annual fund.

Recreation Program Explained to Jaycees By Director Today

Louie Cure, director of the WPA Recreational Program in Midland, was the guest speaker at the luncheon of the junior chamber of commerce today, explaining work being done by the organization here since it started about 15 months ago.

Cure pointed out the many benefits received by both children and adults here through playground facilities of the organization and urged support of all civic organizations and individuals in formulating a bigger program for the coming year.

He explained that through recent agreements, grounds at the Boy Scout hall were now available for playground facilities six days each week whereas time has previously been split with the scouts and the Mustang club. Full cooperation of the Jaycee organization with Cure and his assistants was promised by President Bill Holmes.

Chairman Carl Ulffers reported for the committee in charge of awarding prizes for the best decorated homes in Midland before Christmas. Ulffers pointed out that accomplishments of the committee would be held to a minimum unless each member of the club took it on himself to urge all persons to decorate their homes, thereby greatly adding to the beauty of the city during the holiday season.

He explained that final judging would be done on the night of Dec. 21 and all persons entered in the contests were urged to leave their lights on until at least ten o'clock that night. The winners will be announced December 22. Prizes to be awarded winners are now on display at the chamber of commerce office. Judges will remain anonymous.

Twenty two members and three guests, Attaway, Murphy and Rev. W. C. Hinds, were present. Luncheon was served by women of the First Methodist church.

BULLETIN

Mrs. Sterling Hanks was admitted to a Midland hospital this afternoon for treatment of serious injuries received when accidentally shot on a hunting trip about five miles from Stanton. She received serious gunshot injuries in the abdomen and leg, according to hospital authorities, and lost much blood before she could be taken to the hospital.

STANTON WOMAN HERE.

Mrs. Jim Kelly, Stanton newspaperwoman, is in the city this afternoon.

KERMIT MAN HERE.

Tom Studdert, connected with the weekly newspaper at Kermit, is a business visitor in Midland today.

Heart Attack Proves Fatal To Fairbanks

Former Movie Star Succumbs at Home In Hollywood Today

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12. (AP). — Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., 56, who leaped to film fame with his spectacular acrobatics, died in bed today of a heart attack. He had complained of being ill yesterday but his illness was not considered serious.

He was born in Denver and achieved fame in the early days of pictures. He rose to heights in such films as "Robin Hood" and "The Mark of Zorro."

He was married three times—first to Beth Sully Fairbanks in 1907; to Mary Pickford in 1920; to Lady Sylvia Ashley in 1936.

His widow and his brother, Robert, were at his bedside when he succumbed. His son, Douglas, Jr., was called immediately from his home nearby.

Midland Schools to Close for Holidays December 21-Jan. 3

School Supt. W. W. Lackey today announced that local schools will close for the holiday season on Dec. 21 and classes will be resumed on Jan. 3.

Christmas programs of the various schools will be presented Thursday, Dec. 21, after which the holidays will start.

Many of the teachers will return to their homes for the holidays. However, football coaches Taylor, Myer, Moore and Kimbriel will leave on Dec. 26 with 20 members of the high school football squad for Pasadena, Calif., and the Rose Bowl game between Tennessee and Southern California. They will return here Jan. 3.

Former Midland Woman Succumbs

Funeral services were held at El Paso Monday afternoon for Mrs. Viva Roberts George, 45, who died in that city Saturday afternoon. Mrs. George, who formerly lived in Midland, had been ill for the past few weeks. She was the sister of Holly Roberts of Midland.

Survivors include her husband, Herber George, her mother, Mrs. T. B. Roberts formerly of Midland, and two sisters of Twin Falls, Idaho, and two brothers, Carl Roberts of Odessa, and Holly Roberts.

Headquarters Are Established Here For Census Chiefs

With office arrangements completed, officials recently named to head census taking arrangements in this district next year, with Midland as headquarters, announced today they were receiving applications for census enumerators.

Harold M. Fennell, Marfa, has been named district supervisor and J. Waldo Carson, Odessa, his assistant. Offices have been located on the third floor of the court house. Applicants for jobs as enumerators who live in Midland are requested to call at the office; those living in other towns over the district are urged to write.

Midland will be headquarters for district 22, the largest in size in the entire United States, and in area 94 with headquarters in San Antonio under John L. Lewis, manager.

Officials here today said the first three months of the year would be devoted to taking a business census in the district. Full cooperation of merchants in completing the work has been asked. Carson pointed out that all replies to questions in the business census blanks were confidential and asked merchants to fill out in full the blanks, to be issued January 1. Enumerators and other census officials are liable to fines and imprisonment for divulging information gained through the census.

On April 1, officials will start taking population, housing and agriculture censuses.

West Texas districts include 22, 21, 16, 20, 25, 15. Headquarters for district 21, 12 counties, will be located at Coleman with H. B. Jackson supervisor and J. B. Hilton, assistant. District 16, El Paso, one county, Wayne Brown, supervisor, A. B. Cushing, assistant. District 20, San Antonio, Bexar county only, N. S. Morris, supervisor, Mrs. Leo Lesser, assistant. District 25, Kerrville, 16 counties, G. Rankin Starkey, Kerrville, supervisor, Geo. E. Love, assistant. District 15, Laredo, 13 counties, W. F. Pulliam, supervisor, C. K. Richards, assistant.

Connected with Lewis in area headquarters will be assistants L. M. Pittman, A. G. Werner, Bill Rosin, Mrs. Grethen Cook.

VISIT NEW OIL STATES.

Pete Droppelman and R. C. Langston, back from a business trip to new oil areas in Mississippi and Tennessee, report much activity, especially in the latter field.

40 MILES OF PIPELINE WRECKED

Where Kidnaper Snatched Texas Lad From Parents at Port Arthur





Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mingle of Port Arthur and their son, Irwin, are shown in this posed picture as they sat at home when a kidnaper entered and abducted the boy who was helping his mother wrap Christmas gifts last Thursday night. The lad was taken to a vacant house, bound and left overnight but he managed to escape the next day after his cries from the attic hideout were heard by neighbors. Dr. A. C. Welch, a chiropractor and friend of the boy's father (left) was arrested Saturday and charged with the kidnaping. Bond of $15,000 was set for Welch, who remains in jail. He declares the kidnaping charge is a "frameup."

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Reds Refuse To Reply to League Offer

GENEVA, Dec. 12 (AP). — The deadline for a reply to the League of Nations' offer to mediate the Russian Finnish war passed today without a reply from Russia.

The committee considering Finland's appeal for aid began drafting a report which would condemn Russia as the aggressor.

Reports circulated France would break diplomatic relations with Russia if the League expels the Soviets.

Little Theatre Announces List Of Patrons

Complete list of the patron members and associate patron members is announced today by Little Theatre officials as follows: Patron, Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Penn, Mrs. N. A. Lancaster, Dr. and Mrs. John B. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott F. Cowden, Lloyd French, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer, Mr. and Mrs. George Barham, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elder; associate patrons, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crump, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cowden, Mrs. John Haley, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Blakeney, Mrs. Phil Scharbauer, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lowe, A Friend of Little Theatre, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Duffey.

Little Theatre officials urge that holders of season tickets or of general admission tickets to the opening play, "Stage Door," to be presented at the Yucca Wednesday evening, take their tickets to the theatre lobby as soon as possible after eleven o'clock Wednesday morning to choose their reserved seats from the floor chart to be displayed there. The entire lower floor of the Yucca will be reserved for the Theatre's initial presentation and those planning to attend are advised to reserve their places early.

Tickets are now on sale at the following places:

Scharbauer Cigar Stand, Hotel Scharbauer, Petroleum Drug store, City Drug store, Central Pharmacy, Midland Drug store, Red Cross Pharmacy, and Palace Drug store. General admission tickets are 75 cents each.

Humble Is Sued for Chain Store Taxes

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 (AP).—The state today filed suit in district court against the Humble Oil and Refining company for chain store taxes totaling $730,130.

The petition alleged the amount was due on 280 filling stations.

British Declare Bremen Sighted on Trip to Homeland

LONDON, Dec. 12. (AP). — The admiralty announced today a British submarine had sighted the German liner Bremen within torpedo range but had refrained from attacking without warning.

This, the announcement said, was in conformity with "rules of sea warfare."

The admiralty said the Bremen, last reported in the Russian Arctic port of Murmansk, apparently was homeward bound.

The admiralty gave no hint where the submarine encountered the Bremen or whether it took any action to capture her.

Aggies Rated Number 1 Club Of 1939 Season

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP).—The Texas Aggies, Southwest Conference champions, are the team of the year in the opinion of 116 sports editors who participated in the final Associated Press ranking poll of the season.

The Aggies polled 1,091 votes to Tennessee's 970.

Other teams, in order, were Southern California, Cornell, Tulane, Missouri, UCLA, Duke, Iowa and Duquesne.

Oil Association Head Proposes Eligibility Rules for Governors

MINERAL WELLS, Dec. 12. — Addressing 600 oil men, business leaders and state officials last night at the eighth annual membership banquet of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas association, J. C. Hunter of Abilene poured oil in the political pot by proposing that restrictions be placed on the eligibility of men to be Texas governors.

"The stripper well boys of West Central Texas," he said, "favor submitting a constitutional amendment providing for limitations to the eligibilty of a candidate for the governorship of Texas."

Hunter, president of the General Mid-Continent Oil and Gas association and immediate past-president of the West Central Texas organization and Frank Buttram of Oklahoma City, president of the Independent Petroleum association of America, shared last night's feature spot on the program. J. D. Sandefer Jr., of Breckenridge acted as master of ceremonies.

A new slate of officers, which place Joe Clarke of Albany as 1940 president, was announced by Sandefer. Others are W. J. Rhodes of Breckenridge, first vice president; J. E. Whitesides, Brownwood, second vice president; and Harold G. Neely, Fort Worth, third vice president. The officers were picked at a noon luncheon of the association's 63 directors.

They succeeded A. J. (Art) Fraizer, Abilene, president; C. K. West, Breckenridge, first vice president; Charles J. Kleiner, Cisco, second vice president.

Hunter's suggestion would provide that the heads of any state department, either elected or appointive, should not be eligible for the governorship until two years after their terms of office expired.

He also hit at excessive governmental spending, quoting Will Rogers: "The time has come when we ought to quit spending money we don't have for something we don't need."

"The public," he said, "has to quit demanding things they can do without."

His remarks echoed similar statements made during the afternoon "open forum" meeting, attended by about 400 operators.

C. W. Hoffman, oil man-mayor of Eastland, led off discussion at the forum by declaring "if we pay up our delinquent taxes, and keep them up to date, it will not be necessary to assess any additional taxes on the oil industry."

Workmen's compensation costs were discussed by Elbert Hall of Abilene.

Blake Johnson of Breckenridge warned against the legal liabilities and hazards of the oil industry.

"Unfortunately because you are an oil operator," he said, "it is taken for granted by the general public that you are wallowing in wealth; that you have no particular expense in your operations but that you do have all kinds of money. Whenever suit is brought against you, you can just be certain that the claimant will sue for an outrageous sum; and, because you are an oil operator, the jury is likely to help him get your money.

"Be sure," Johnson cautioned, "that when you buy insurance protection, the amount of protection is adequate for your needs."

"The public in West Central Texas generally doesn't care anything about the oil business," said E. M. Davis, former state senator from Brownwood, "yet in my county, those stripper wells in the last 10 or 12 years have produced more wealth than all the cotton or livestock revenue."

Davis said in this day of "block legislature," the independent stripper well operators of the West Central Texas association were doing the best thing they could by banding together for protective interests.

Blame Blast For Damages To Shell Line

Long Sections Said Stood Along End in Wichita Falls Area

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 12. (AP). —Nearly 40 miles of the Shell company's pipeline running from Wink to Chicago was blasted from the ground today by a series of terrific explosions.

The cause was not immediately determined but a pump station employe said the 10-inch main was being cleaned by a scraper being rammed through with compressed air.

Sections gave way every 30 to 50 feet from a point 10 miles southwest of Wichita Falls to an undetermined point northeastward. Witnesses said long sections were stood on ends.

Only one person was reported seriously hurt. Roy Brinkley, Wichita Falls, was hurt, not seriously, when his automobile was caught by one blast where the line crossed the highway ten miles south of here.

The explosions were plainly felt in Burkburnett and Henrietta.

Russians Reported To Be Moving Up in Finland Rapidly

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12 (AP).—A correspondent of the Stockholm Aftonbladet today reported Russians were advancing rapidly near Soumassalimi where Soviets were driving westward at Finland's narrowest point.

HELSINKI, Dec. 12. (AP). —In heavy fighting Monday along the entire Finnish battlefront, Russian troops reached points from 40 to 60 miles from the border in some places but, a Finnish communique said, at a cost of many casualties.

The Finns reported three companies of Russians wiped out in one surprise machine gun attack, and counterattacks by fast-flying Finnish ski detachments.

The Russian advances, representing aggregate gains in 12 days of fighting with sharpshooting Finnish ski units along the snow eastern frontier, were mainly in two sectors—just north of Lake Ladoga and several hundred miles farther north near Kuolojarvia, which the Russians took yesterday.

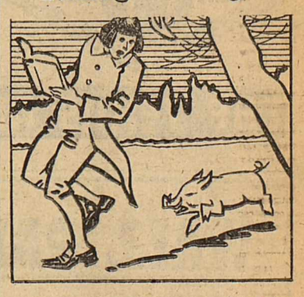
Their drive near Kuolokarvia carried to Salla, just above the Arctic Circle and 40 miles in from the border. Finnish troops withdrew from Salla and the Russians promptly burned the town.

The Red Army force pushing westward in this sector evidently intends to rend Finland by advancing to the Swedish border. Following one of the few roads traversing this area, the Russians at Salla were approximately one-fifth of the way to the Swedish Frontier.

Finnish troops were withdrawing slowly into the forests, where they can provide much rougher going for the Russians than on the snowy but open terrain east of Salla.

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Christmas Carols Through the Ages



BOAR'S HEAD CAROL

"The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bay and rosemary;
And I pray you, my masters, be merry,
Quot estis in convivio . . ."

This unique carol is sung annually at Queen's College, Oxford, when a boar's head is served with Christmas dinner. The story behind this custom is that a student was walking in the country nearby, studying his Aristotle, and was attacked by a wild boar. He crammed the book down the beast's throat to save himself. The carol was first printed in 1521.

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Using Facts as Defense

The best way to beat back propaganda, says Prof. Maynard Krueger, of the University of Chicago, is to be armed with the facts. It is true that persons well versed in the real facts about a war or any other issue will never be deeply impressed by propaganda which disregards the truth.

The fundamental difficulty is that it is almost impossible to determine, in many cases, what the true facts may be. The most effective kind of propaganda is the kind that is deftly disguised. Much of it appears to be completely logical. A speaker from another country with an ax or two to grind sounds sincere and unbeguiling.

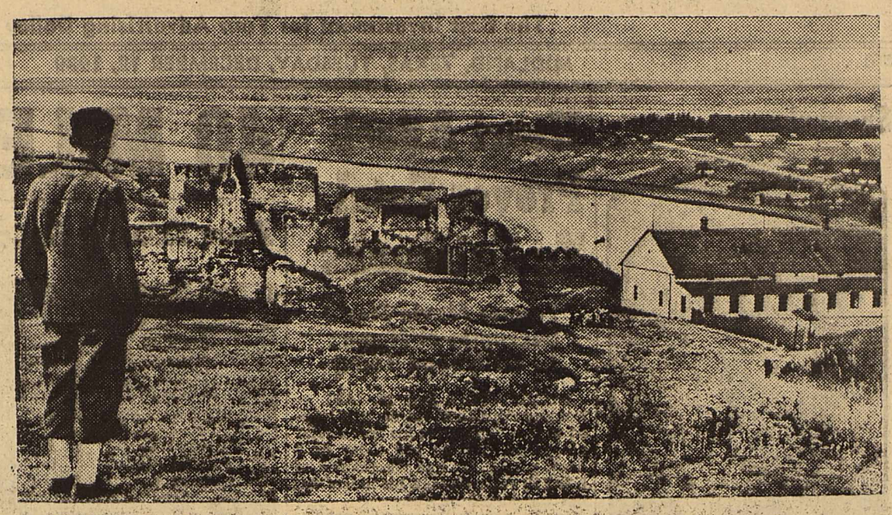
The newspapers today are trying hard to present the European wars as factually as possible. They are meeting with unusual success. The American press learned a thing or two about propaganda during the last war. It does not intend to become a sucker for glib-tongued misstatements in the present situation.

A London bookmaker is offering 10 to 1 odds that Britain will win the war in 18 months. If she doesn't, there may not be anyone around to collect anyway.

The number of marriages is rapidly gaining in Canada. England expects every man to do his duty,—or get married.

WAR IN BALKANS HINGES ON RED MOVE AGAINST ROMANIA, JOHNSON WRITES

BY THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent.



Border post on the Red-Romanian frontier. . . . Russian troops would meet no resistance here.

IF Russia means its about seizing Romania's province of Bessarabia, we are likely to see a tremendous politico-military razzle-dazzle, and Europe's war spreading to the Balkans and the Near East.

But perhaps we shall merely see Russia walk in on Bessarabia. For one apparently weird aspect of a weird situation is that the Red Army can have Bessarabia for the taking.

The Romanian general staff would fight there only a delaying action, making real resistance on the Pruth River, backed by the hills that the Bessarabian steppes lack. The Romanians are today fortifying along this river, which was cirtually the Russo-Romanian boundary before the World War when Bessarabia was a (forcibly annexed) Russian province. So, why any shooting at all?

ROMANIA SQUATS BEFORE ENEMIES.

FIRST, Romania is in the Balkans, where it takes only one shot to start a barrage; second, Romania's shape is round, like a spot. On that spot she squats, surrounded by the finest assortment of enemies confronting any nation in Europe—Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary—each full of vengeance and vehemence.

To give to one without giving into all is a trick even for agile King Carol. If he must give up Bessarabia when war starts, his game is to prevent it starting.

If war should start, he might lose not only Bessarabia, but his shirt—and Romania's

So Carol marshals his resources, including a prayer and an army—the greater of which is not, in military opinion, his army.

His army wears prettier uniforms than any European army and lately was slowest to mobilize; its officers use makeup and have had to be reorganized; its soldiers are the most numerous in the Balkans (1,700,000) numerous in the Balkans (1,700,000 potential) and the worst equipped, and some are of doubtful loyalty.

Which helps explain why Romania is on a spot.

MINORITY INDIGESTION AFFECTS ROMANIA.

IT'S the old European complaint, minority indigestion. Too many Hungarian and Slavs governed by Latin Romanians. True, their right to govern is better than those good neighbors. Hungary, Bulgaria and Russia claim.

Bessarabia has more Romanians than Russians; Transylvania more Romanian than Hungarian;s Dobrudja has some of everything. But, why does a farmer covet his neighbor's acres? Especially if he once had them—no matter how he got them. In Europe politics is mostly history and power.

Hungary and Bulgaria lack the power now, for Romania's twenty millions outnumber them combined. But if Russia marched, though only to the Pruth, that would keep much of the Romania army busy and give Hungary and Bulgaria a chance. Then what?

CAROL MIGHT LOSE ALL.

PERHAPS their blast of concerted revenge would leave King Carol in his socks. But perhaps it would bring a rushing mighty wind that would blow down the whole cardhouse of Balkan peace and whirl it into the cyclone of general war.

For in the Balkan game all the big shots have stakes, and are playing with knives in their boots. Not just Russia but Germany, if only for Romania oil; Italy, for trade, power and safety from communism for herself and her protege, Hungary; Russia, for Bessarabia, perhaps not merely as lost acres, but as stepping-stone to more Red revolution in the Balkans and via Stalin's rather trembling protege, Bulgaria, to Russia's historic goal, warm water at the Dardanelles.

But there stands Turkey, still Russia's professed friend though now an ally of Britain and France—who also have guaranteed Romania against aggression.

CAROL'S PRAYER IS EXPANSIVE.

CIRCLING King Carol's spot, we arrive at his prayer—that if he must be the boy on the burning deck, yet, ere his ship of state sink, help may come. Help against Russia might come from Italy, Jugoslavia, perhaps remotely, even from Germany; of if Germany casts lots for his shirt with Russia, then still,



Hotin in Bessarabia is just across the Dneister from Russia.

help from Italy and from Britain and France, Yugoslavia and Greece.

It could come quickly if Turkey opened the Dardanelles to a British and French expedition; more slowly if that expedition must land in Greece and reach Romania overland. But such help has been prepared by Foch's old right hand, Weygand, just back from strengthening French garrisons in the Near East and advising King Carol about his army.

That one-time playboy must play a game now that makes number or pinball look straightforward as mumbletypeg. The possible combinations would puzzle Einstein. What will Stalin do? Hitler? Mussolini? Today Carol is trying to appease Hungary and Bulgaria by better treatment of their minorities.

Shall he even give back parts of Transylvania and Dobrudja? Shall he without war give Russia what he must give her with war? Or shall he, if forced, risk war hoping for help that will enable him to regain Bessarabia? Thus far he has sat tight, on the hottest spot in Europe—which is getting hotter every minute.



The Town Quack

At a meeting of west central Texas oil and gas men at Mineral Wells, it was proposed that legislation be enacted to limit the number of times a candidate can run for governor. Now wouldn't that be a slap at old Jim Ferguson. It wouldn't even be fair to Tom Hunter. From the number of times a man can run for governor, unsuccessfully, I've always wondered how they can come out on it. But I used to worry about some of these oil men and their dry holes. Often, when an operator completes a dry hole he buys a new automobile.

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Filmdom lost a grand old man in the death of Douglas Fairbanks Senior. He is my conception of Robin Hood, whenever that name is mentioned.

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The husky Sweetwater Mustangs, only team to defeat the Midland Bulldogs in 1939, have a strong chance at the state championship, despite the fact that they will meet an inspired team at Lubbock Friday. In this instance, just because the Mustangs reperesent 3-AA, I hope they go all the way. When the Bulldogs tell their grandchildren about the season of 1939, it won't be so bad to say they were beaten only by the state champions.

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They say the Midland Reporter-Telegram made a lot of friends in Wink by the comment in the Pay-Off and Quack columns after the last minute decision to oust Wink from the championship of 7-A. I still say they could have dug up that data last September and Pecos could have played the Thanksgiving game with the Wildcats.

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Before we know it, Christmas is going to be a thing of the past. Rare is that person who actually does his Christmas shopping early, selects each gift for each recipient, wraps the packages and mails them. But each one of us could make it easier on ourselves and on clerks and postoffice employes (and I do mean postoffice employes) by completing this annual project this week. Most people actually enjoy giving, or else they would drop it. Of course there are instances where some people give presents in self defense and don't know how to quit. But, the Christmas giving habit is a pleasure, or it would have died out long ago. So why not seize the opportunity to get in ahead of the last minute rush and do a better job of it?

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Citizens would get a lot more pleasure from giving Christmas baskets to needy families if they could see the happiness created in each instance. In doing your Christmas giving don't forget to make provision for some happiness in families not as fortunate as yours.

Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a doll and a buggy and a school desk and a buggy with a drawer and a brake.
Gloria Ruth Anguish.

Four leading steel ingot producing states in 1937 were, in respective order, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The province of Quebec, Canada, has 342 women farmers' clubs in 67 of its counties.

Facial Relaxation Urged As Cure for Headaches

ABERDEEN, Scotland (U.P.) — To get rid of a headache, just let your face slip.

That is the advice of Prof. G. W. Pickering, of London, during an address to the British Medical Association conference.

Prof. Pickering said he made the headache disappear "by consciously relaxing the muscles of facial expression," which is the scientific way. The most usual causes of headache, it also was declared, were not physical disorders, but: hangovers, dislike of other people, insults, unwanted visitors, loud voices, depression, worry and insomnia.

The puffin, a bird of the far north, flies under water.

Common Sense About Constipation

A doctor would tell you that the best thing to do with constipation is *get at its cause.* That way you don't have to *endure* it first and try to *cure* it afterward—you can avoid having it.

Chances are you won't have to look far for the cause if you eat the super-refined foods most people do. Most likely you don't get enough "bulk"! And "bulk" doesn't mean a lot of food. It means a *kind* of food that isn't consumed in the body, but leaves a soft "bulky" mass in the intestines.

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Texas Today

BY WILLIAM T. RIVES
Associated Press Staff

The three men in a tub had nothing on a pair of adventurous Houston school teachers who sailed in an 88-foot schooner to the Cayman Islands northwest of Jamaica, battling a howling hurricane on the way.

The voyage was made last June but the news of the exploit has just gotten around.

The teachers, Miss Margaret McConnell and Miss Stubblefield, decided in a search for novelty that a trip in a schooner would be a thrill.

They heard of one leaving Tampa, Fla., for the Cayman Islands; drove to the Florida city and booked passage.

Their hearts sank, however, when they saw how tiny the vessel looked alongside some freighters.

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"We really roughed it," laughed Miss McConnell. "There were six passengers, three men and another woman, and sleeping in one big cabin presented no problem, because getting ready for bed we merely took off our hats and shoes.

"Taking a bath meant putting on our bathing suits and having some other passenger throw buckets of water on us. We had no dining table but ate off the hatch.

"We had been advised by friends to take along our own food, for they warned us that food on boats of that type wasn't supposed to be so good. They had put it mildly. It was terrible—boiled salt pork, beans and greasy soup.

"We were glad we had taken along a case of tomato juice and crackers. It helped some. We also ate some of the fish we caught, but even at that we each lost about 10 pounds over a period of eight days.

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"We left on a Saturday," she continued, "and on Sunday our bad luck began.

"The hurricane struck with NO warning. The older woman passenger was certain she would die without seeing her relatives again. She prayed and sang hymns hysterically and every once in a while the crew would join her, alternating their singing by chewing tobacco."

Miss McConnell said she thought every moment would be her last. "The crew took down all the sails and put up a short storm sail to keep us from toppling over. Finally we just went down into the hold, locked ourselves in, and prayed for the best. I've never been so frightened."

The boat's crew were a tough-looking lot, Miss McConnell said, "but we soon found they had hearts of gold. They were God-fearing men who lived close to nature.

"They never forgot to say grace before meals, and they objected strenously if we fished or played games on Sundays."

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Grand Cayman, Miss McConnell said, is composed of coral and coral limestone, and is covered with dense, luxurious vegetation and bright flowers and trees. There are no mountains and the trade winds bring a continual cooling breeze.

The inhabitants live for the sea. ishing and boat building are the main industries.

The teachers spent 10 days on the islands and then headed for Jamica.

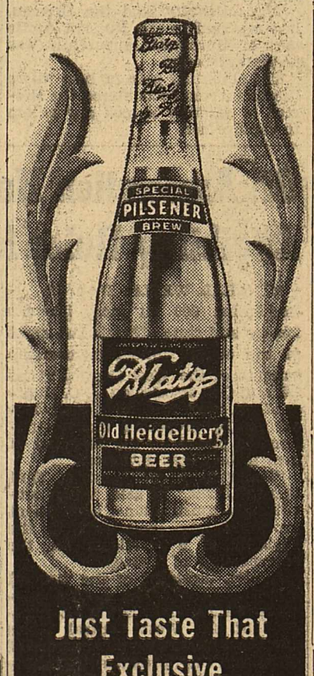
"If anything, the boat on which we engaged passage for the new journey was worse than the schooner," Miss McConnell said. "It seemed to be top-heavy and bumped on every swell. We had to hang on to something to keep from falling out of our bunks."

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Did they return on a schooner?

"No, indeed," exclaimed Miss McConnell.

They had had their fill of schooners.



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Shipyards Hum In Tampa Again

TAMPA, Fla. (U.P.) —Tampa—a city that 25 years ago led the nation in shipbuilding—is making a comeback.

One new vessel already is afloat, and seven more are under construction.

When the Sea Witch — a big, fast cargo ship—slid off the runway a few weeks ago it brought the actual revival of the city's greatest industrial operation.

Approximately $16,000,000 worth of contracts for ships to be built have been signed. More are in sight after first orders are filled.

Big Program Outlined.

Tampa Shipbuilding & Engineering Co., won the first contract in 1938, when the maritime commission began a gigantic program of construction. Five hundred ships were to be built during the next 10 years to rebuild the American merchant marine.

During the World War, the company delivered 15 ships and held the highest rating for efficiency among all shipyards in the country.

In its first order in the current program, four vessels were requested. Before the first was finished, a second contract for four more was signed.

Jobs to Last 2 Years.

The company now employs more than 1,400 me, who are working on two shipways, and the number will be increased when keels are laid for two more ships. The present contracts will mean continued work until 1942.

Ships under construction are of the C-2 type, 459 feet long, with a displacement of 13,900 tons and a cruising range of 13,000 miles. Features of their construction include enlarged and modernized quarters for crews, a smoke detecting system and an "iron mike" or automatic steering device.

The first four ships have been assigned to the American Pioneer Line for service in the Far East.

The ministerial alliance of Paris, Texas, has adopted a resolution asking that in future no funeral services be planned for Sunday, because ministers are busiest that day.

Circulation of books in the library at East Texas State Teachers college, Commerce, increased more than 60,000 the last school year over the preceding year, says Opal Williams, librarian.

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Miss Ethel Long and Henry Orson Wed In Sunday Afternoon Ceremony at Dallas

Of interest to a wide circle of Midland friends was the marriage Sunday of Miss Ethel Long of this place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Long of Marshall, and Henry G. Orson of Fort Worth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orson of Midland.

The wedding was solemnized at the home of Dr. Geo. W. Truett in Dallas, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock ,with Dr. Truett reading the service.

Miss Bernice Long of Dallas, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and W. N. Orson of Midland attended his brother as best man.

The bride wore a costume of green wool with rust accessories and a yellow chrysanthemum corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Orson are at home at 1535 West Pulaski, Fort Worth.

Mr. Orson, who was reared at Midland and is a graduate of Midland high school, is a member of a pioneer ranch family of this region. He holds a B.B.A. degree from the University of Texas where he was a member of Theta Xi fraternity. He is now employed with the Retail Credit Company of Fort Worth.

The bride is a graduate of Marshall high school and St. Paul's School of Nursing, Dallas. Her postgraduate work was done at Meninger's hospital, Topeka, Kansas. For the past three and a half years, she has been employed as superintendent of nurses and anesthetist at Ryan Hospital-Clinic here.

Mrs. Frank Orson, mother of the bridegroom, and W. N. Orson attended the wedding from Midland.

Lots Frontage 3 Inches.

ST. LOUIS. (U.P.) — Deputy assessors have found 12 lots with 3-inch frontages recorded on the city platbooks. Each had been assessed at $20 but no record of tax payments could be found.

Wallace Jackson Is Honoree at Birthday Party

Wallace Jackson was honored on his seventeenth birthday with a surprise party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jackson, 306 S Pecos, Monday evening.

When the honoree returned from dress-rehearsal for the annual queen coronation, he found that a group of friends had gathered, bringing birthday gifts.

The occasion was also the birthday of Mrs. Jackson which lent added significance to the celebration.

Games were played and Christmas carols sung by the group.

A pink-and-white birthday cake was cut and served with other refreshments.

Present were: The honoree, Catherine Hanks, Colleen Doss, Winonah Jones, Eloise Gabbert, Juandell Jones, Betty McKenzie, Alene Reynolds, Jill Parrott, E. J. Ragsdale, Jimmie Pickering, Odie Kelly, J. C. Reynaids, Burvin Hines, Jack Waldin, Glen Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and rMs. Pearl Parrott.

Church Opens Nursery.

PITTSBURGH, Kas. (U.P.) — The Rev. A. B. Miller has opened a nursery at the First Presbyterian church for mothers who said they could not come to church because their children would not be quiet.

Rev. Pickering Is Guest Speaker At Auxiliary

Rev. John E. Pickering, pastor of the First Christian church was guest speaker at the meeting of the Episcopal auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Edwards, 705 N Marienfeld, Monday afternoon. He presented a human and interesting talk on the background and belief of his church. This was the second in a series of educational lectures which the auxiliary is sponsoring, working toward church fellowship and understanding.

Announcement was made that next Sunday will mark the dedication of the Episcopal church school. It has been designated as "parents' day" and all parents are urged to attend with their children.

The church school's Christmas program will be held at 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Hal Peck is chairman of church decorations for Christmas.

The auxiliary Christmas party will be held at the home of Mrs. I. E. Daniel next Monday. Members are requested to bring their Christmas calendars and also "white elephant" gifts for exchange.

Mrs. F. E. Lewis announced that a candy sale will be held December 21.

Tea was served at the close of the afternoon.

Present were Mr. Pickering, another visiting church official whose name was not obtained, Mrs. W. P. Butcher of Oklahoma, and the following members: Mmes. Don Sivalls, W. P. Trapnell, James Parker, R. E. Gile, Geo. Burton, Joe Crump, R. W. Hamilton, John P. Butler, C. P. Butcher, Geo. Kidd Jr., F. E. Lewis, Elliott Miller, Hal Peck, J. A. Reaney, Chas. Vertrees, I. E. Daniel, C. R. Young, and the hostess.

Methodist Groups Meet for Parties And Regular Session

Laura Haygood circle of the Methodist missionary society held its Christmas party in the form of a luncheon at the home of Mrs. D. W. Young, 810 W Texas, Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Gifts were exchanged and a Christmas tree was the center of attraction in the party rooms.

Games were played during the afternoon.

Present were: Mmes. J. A. Andrews, W. A. Black, O. L. Crooks, L. T. Fowler, C. H. Hammett, J. M. Haygood, S H. Hudkins, Jimmy Lott, P. A. Nelson, H. M. McReynolds, M. H. Crawford, J. R. Custer, Mary S. Ray, Rea Sindorf, Ben W. Smith, E. J. Voliva, J. E. Steele, C. P. Wilson, R. E. Throckmorton, Fred Fromhold, W. C. Hinds, Ellis Conner, two out of town guests, Mrs. Tom Nance of El Paso and Mrs. M. W. Talkington of Fort Worth, and the hostess.

Mrs. Ferguson Is Leader for Circle Program

Mrs. K. S. Ferguson was leader for the program subject, "The Church of the Open Door" at the meeting of the Rachel circle of the Presbyterian auxiliary with Mrs. Fred Turner, 1705 W Missouri, Monday afternoon.

The lesson was carried out in the form of a roundtable discussion. The prayer topic for the month was announced as the ministers' annuity fund.

Plans were made for the circle to give a basket to a needy family at Christmas.

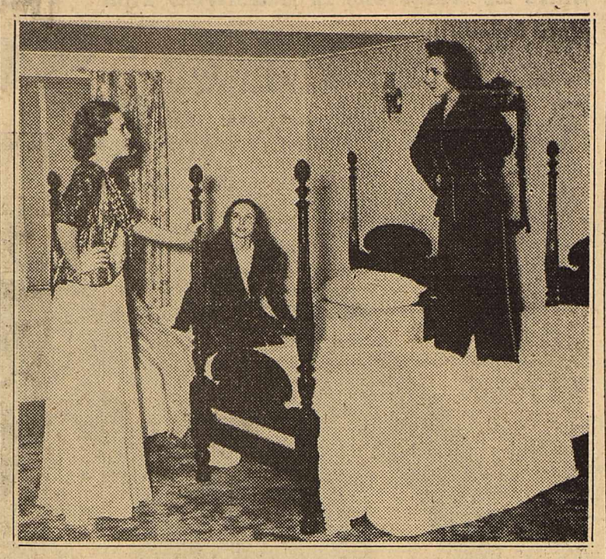
Mrs. A. P. Shirey, circle chairman, presided.

Refreshments were served during the social hour to a guest, Mrs. E. H. Pipkin, and the following members: Mmes. John Drummond, Ferguson, E. Hazen Woods, W. P. Knight, Harry Adams, Lem Peters, Peck Cunningham, Mary Lou Anderson, L. B. Lancaster, Shirey, J. B. Richards, and the hostess.

FROM LOS ANGELES.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Russell had as guests for the week-end Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell of Los Angeles.

In Stage Play



Here are three of the girls who will appear in "Stage Door," first presentation of the Little Theatre, which will be enacted at the Yucca theatre Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Pictured are, left to right, Ida Beth Oliver, Dorothy Perkins, and Durelle Van Zandt.

Business and Professional Women's Club Holds Christmas Dinner Party

Blending humor and seriousness in a two-part program directed by Miss Norene Kirby, Business and Professional Women's club held its annual Christmas party in the form of a dinner meeting in the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer Monday evening.

Questions and humorous and philosophical sayings were propounded in the first part of the program. In the second portion of the program Mrs. Frances Carter discussed Christmas customs in several lands; Miss Burlyne McCollum read the story of the origin of the song, "Silent Night"; Mrs. Lenorah Epley read a brief pholosophical essay, "Can You Keep Christmas?"; Mrs. Hilda Blair Ray read a poem, "Noel Night"; Miss Fannie Bess Taylor discussed the origin of various Christmas carols; Mrs. Iva Noyes told of Christmas customs in many lands; and Miss Kirby described the keeping of Christmas in Mexico with its las posadas and pinatas and other festivities.

Highpoint of the program was the presentation of a piano reading "Power of Music" by Miss Elma Graves with Mrs. Frances Stallworth accompanying.

Climaxing the evening was the distribution of Christmas gifts by Mrs. Stallworth.

Guests introduced were: Mrs. E. R. Thomas, Miss Lotta Williams, Mrs. Ruby Trammell, and Miss Prudie Woodward.

Member presented by Miss Betty Wilson, club president, were: Miss Mary Rambo, Miss Fannie Craig, Mrs. Barbara Rodgers, and Miss Vesta Deaton.

Other members present were: Misses Maria Spencer, Geneva Risinger, Ernestine Sumner, Cordelia Taylor, Betty Wilson, Mamie Belle McKee, Ophelia Greene, Maude Prather, Burlyne McCollum, Fannie Bess Taylor, Norene Kirby, Elma Graves, Kathleen Eiland, Mmes. W. C. King, Rose Prager, Elsie Gilkerson, L. A. Denton, Ella Cooper, Frances Carter, Lenorah Epley, Hilda Blair Ray, Iva Noyes, Frances Stallworth.

Tables were decorated in Christmas theme. Red candles burned in crystal holders wreathed with greenery and berries and artificial snow was strewn on the cloth. Favors were packages of mints held in wee chimneys guarded by Santa Claus figures or in tiny Christmas sledges.

Invocation was offered by Miss Graves.

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY.

Rainbow girls will meet in regular session at the Masonic hall Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Modern Study club will meet with Mrs. L. C. Link, 1411 West Texas, for a Christmas program at three o'clock.

Home Arts club will meet with Mrs. Eula Mahoney, 614 W Tennessee, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Miriam club members and husbands will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Roxane Fuller Wednesday evening.

Fine Arts club will meet with Mrs. W. P. Trapnell, 214 South L street, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY.

Neighbors' club will meet with Mrs. Bill Carson, 300 S Mineola, Thursday afternoon.

Octet club will have a Christmas party and luncheon at the home of Mrs. M. L. Weatherall, 1611 W Illinois, Thursday afternoon at one o'clock.

Bien Amigos club will meet with Mrs. John House, 910 W Kansas, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for a dessert-bridge.

FRIDAY.

Third in a series of Christmas recitals will be presented by piano students of Mrs. Lee Cornelius in the upstairs room of the First Christian church Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend the program which will be a costumed presentation dealing with farm life.

Belmont Bible class will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. C. G. Murray, 701 N Colorado, Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Each member is asked to bring a contribution to aid in packing a Christmas basket for a needy family.

Methodist League council will meet at the annex Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Lucky Thirteen club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. J. T. Walker, 301 N. Loraine, Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Husbands of members will be special guests.

SATURDAY.

Midland University club will hold its Christmas dance in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer Saturday night from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock. Jack Amlung and his orchestra from Mineral Wells will play. The dance will be informal and invitational.

Story Hour will be held in the children's library, at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

T.E.L. class will have a Christmas party Saturday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. Lena Wimberly hostess at her home, 617 W. Texas.

Whole Nut Meat.

To remove nuts whole from Brazil nuts, heat them in a moderate oven until warmed through. Then crack the shells lightly. The nuts should easily be removed without breaking.

Women's Council Holds Circle Meetings

Mrs. John E. Pickering brought the lesson in the absence of the teacher at the meeting of Circle No. 2 of the Christian women's council with Mrs. R. D. McBrian, 909 W. Illinois, Monday afternoon. Acts, chapters 21, 22, and 23, formed the basis of the study.

A business meeting preceded the lesson.

Refreshments were served at the tea hour.

Present were: Mmes. S. E. Mickey, A. B. Johnson, L. A. Arrington, R. L. York, Paul Oles, B. W. Stevens, Pickering, S. P. Hall, L. B. Pemberton, and the hostess.

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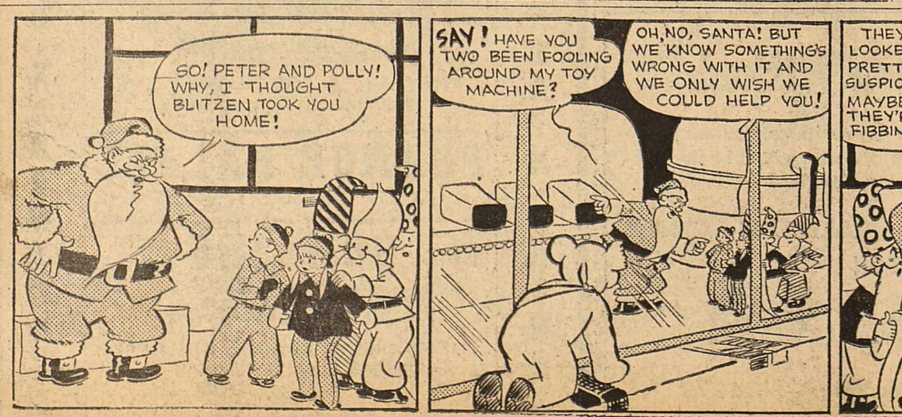


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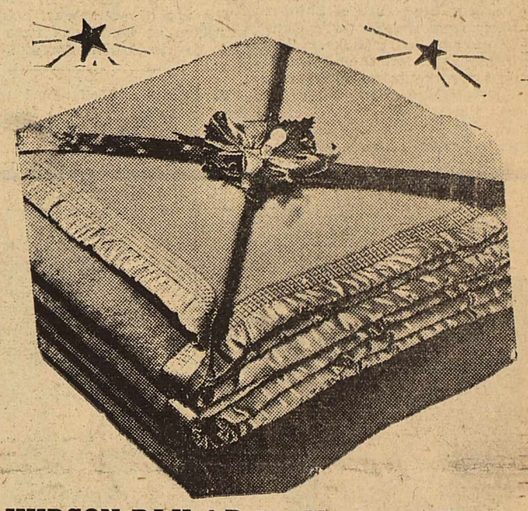
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December 12, Big Lake at Big Lake
December 15, Fabens in Midland
December 16, Kermit at Kermit
December 19, Big Lake at Midland
December 22, Crane at Midland
January 3, Ysleta at Ysleta
January 4, El Paso at El aPso
January 4, El Paso at El Paso
January 5, Austin at El Paso
January 5, El Paso at El Paso
January 6, Fabens at Fabens
January 12, Big Spring at Big Spring
January 13, Bowie at Midland
January 16, Odessa at Odessa
January 17, Wink at Wink
January 20, Ysleta at Midland
January 23, Big Spring at Midland
January 26, Lamesa at Lamesa
January 27, Sweetwater at Midland
January 30, Lamesa at Midland
February 2, Sweetwater at Sweetwater
February 3, Kermit Tournament
February 6, Wink at Midland
February 9, Odessa at Midland
February 10, Crane at Crane
February 16-17, District Tournament, Midland

Clemson Players Happy Over Chance to Play Against Boston College in Cotton Bowl Game

CEMSON, S. C., Dec. 12. — "It's like a dream come true," grinned Captain Joe Payne of the once-defeated Clemson Tigers when told of Clemson's bid to the New Year's Day game in Dallas (Texas) Cotton Bowl. "We've all had something under our skins since the season ended —another ball game, I guess —and now have a chance to get that out of our systems."

"Boy, oh, boy," chimed in All-America Banks McFadden, "another game with the same old gang of blockers, protectors and pass receivers. What more could a senior ask for? I've practically been itching for another 60 minutes with those babies in front of me."

"And I thought my college days were over," mused Guard Walter Cox, a five year man who graduated last June but returned this fall because he had another year of football eligibility. "What a climax to three years with the finest ball club a fellow could hope to play with."

And so it went on down the line and far into the night at Clemson as the boys rolled restlessly in their beds awaiting the return of Skipper Jess Neely from the Southern Conference meeting in Roanoke. The student managers tore their hair and bee-lined for the training room to get practice equipment in shape for teh first workout.

There long faces in only one spot on this hysterical campus. Down at the field house the basket ball team glanced again at a schedule that takes them against the University of Kentucky on December 21st, Baltimore on December 30th, Maryland on January 1st, George Washington on January 2nd and watched center Banks McFadden, who was also selected on the only All-America basket ball team picked last year, pack away his court duds until after the Cotton Bowl classic.

Coach Joe Davis was thrown "between the devil and the deep blue sea." His days will be filled to capacity, what with instructing the football ends in the afternoons and working with the McFadden-less basket ball team at nights.

Whirling through the excitement is an undercurrent of determination on the part of the gridmen to put on a football show right in the heart of the Southwest district that will prove to the Texans—and those Missourians—why Banks McFadden was placed on all of the big All-America football teams and why Clemson's Tigers of 1939 were labeled one of the most spectacularly colorful teams in football.

The use of evergreens, holly and mistletoe at Christmas time dates back to the Druidic ceremonies.

Very little of Holland's land surface rises more than 15 feet above sea level, while some of it is as much as 6 feet below.

Stars So Numerous in Southwest That Twelve Are Named on All-Conference Football Team

ALL SOUTHWEST



Competition for the 11 places on the Southwest Conference football team this year was so hot that the squad was expanded to 12 so there would be spots for all the stars. The mythical team, pictured above, has five men in the backfield. By a vote of the coaches, Olie Cordill of Rice and Jack Crain of Texas U. were tied, so both were included in the backfield. The champion Texas Aggies landed two men in the backfield, John Kimbrough, fullback, and James Thomason, a stellar blocker and line backer. The other place went to Jay Eakin, Arkansas' ground-gaining wizard, one of the nation's leaders. The ends are Herb Smith, Texas Aggie 163-pound end, and Don Looney, Texas Christian senior. The guards are Leonard Akin, Baylor, and Marshall Robnett, Texas A. & M. The tackles are Joe Boyd, Texas A. & M., and Jack Sanders, Southern Methodist. Baylor's field goal kicking center, Robert Nelson, was selected for the pivot post.

AGGIES PLACE 5 MEN ON ALL-SOUTHWEST '11'

By FELIX R. McKNIGHT.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 12. (AP). — Not its historic five-man backfield, nor its All-America members, but the missing names of two youngsters caught in the vagaries of football, make the 1939 Associated press All-Southwest conference team memorable.

Twelve youngsters beamed when the composite selection of the seven coaches and the writer appeared, but two hard-luck boys plagued by hurts and a general inability to "get going" were fotgotten.

Only last season, as a sophomore, Connie Sparks was the unanimous first team fullback choice. Connie was the driving power of that great '38 Texas Christian team that burrowed right on through the Sugar Bowl—unbeaten.

Slowed down by bruises, operating behind a line that had lost its Ki Aldrich and I. B. Hale, Connie was just another good football player in '39, being shifted to end in a couple of games to bolster a sagging TCU line. Not even Connie's fine line-backing was enough to win him a vote.

Only two seasons ago one of the most sensational sophomores in college football, a boy praised the nation over in newspaper and magazine stories finished his college career quietly—not a vote cast for him.

Ernie Lain of Rice had one of the most pathetic years in football. The big passer and runner tried, but leg and shoulder injuries made his record zig-zag like a fever chart.

Deadlocked in secret voting, the committee wound up wive five backs, Olie Cordill, Rice Institute's great senior, and Cowboy Jack Crain of Texas, the boy who averaged 51 yards on eight touchdown runs, finishing all even on points.

Both moved into the backfield that included John Alex Kimbrough, the Texas Aggies' All-America fullback who jolted Sparks back into the ranks; James Neal Thomason of the Aggies, a marvelous blocking back and line backer and Kay Eakin of Arkansas, a fine passer, runner and kicker on a losing team.

Only unanimous choices were three Aggies—Kimbrough; Marshall Foch Robnett, a guard who placed on the second All-America team, and Joe Boyd, a tackle who landed on the third All-America eleven.

One vote behind came Robert Nelson, Baylor's stormy center and Jim Thomason of the Aggies.

Little Herb Smith, the Aggie's mite who played all the other ends off their feet, shared the wings with Don Looney, the Texas Christian veteran, to give the Aggies five men on the first team.

Burly Jack Sanders of Southern Methodist teamed with Boyd at the tackles while Baylor's Leonard Akin, a quiet sort of coach's guard, was paired with Robnett in the middle of the line.

Arkansas' Howard Hickey gave Looney a close battle for the first team end position, but lost and paired with Durwood Horner of TCU on the second string. The other positions on the reserve squad:

Tackles—Earnest Pannell, Aggies, and Park Myers, Texas; Guards—Milt Simington and Wilfred Thorpe, both of Arkansas; Center—Wilburn Echols of Southern Methodist. Backs—Sophomores Preston Johnston of Southern Methodist, and Jack Wilson of Baylor; Will Mullenweg of Southern Methodist and Will Conatser of the Aggies.

The PAYOFF

By JERRY BRONDFIELD
NEA Service Sports Writer.

In defense of Dutch Meyer, Tiny Thornhill and a few others who suffered disaster in the 1939 gridiron wars:

The curbstone critics, alumni wolves and downtown coaches who have so much to say when their favorites ride the rocky road to defeat have a careless habit of overlooking one of the salient points of football. In our estimation, at any rate.

You can say what you will about coaching ability and so-called systems but the rock-ribbed foundation of any football team's success is material, spelled m-a-t-e-r-i-a-l. Otherwise known as guards, tackles, halfbacks and other handy individuals.

A year ago at this time Dutch Meyer was being hailed as one of the greatest coaches in the game. Texas Christian thundered through to an undefeated season and defeated Carnegie Tech in the Sugar Bowl. There are those who insist the Horned Frogs could have spotted Southern California two touchdowns in the Rose Bowl and won going away.

This year the Frogs dropped seven and won three—beating only Rice, Centenary and Tulsa.

Hard to Replace Three All-Americas on One Team

Yet Meyer was just as good a coach this year as he was in 1938. He just couldn't lose men like Davey O'Brien, Ki Aldrich, I. B. Hale, and Forest Kline and expect to get anywhere without finding replacements. In this case the task was doubly tough because the first three were All-America selections.

From 1933 to 1935 inclusive when Stanford teams included such stars as Bobby Grayson, Bones Hamilton, Monk Moscrip and Bob Reynolds, Thornhill basked in the good graces of everyone. The famous "Vow Boys" landed in the Rose Bowl three years hand running.

But then his material ran out. Talent runs in cycles and the better prospects drifted away from The Farm as the Palo Alto institution is called.

Tiny Thornhill is just as good a coach now as he was four years ago but the wolves have been after his scalp. The wolves forget easily.

Oregon Prep Talent Sticks Closer to Home, These Days

Jimmy Phelan has had a bad time of it ever since Washington lost to Pittsburgh in the Rose Bowl three years back. One of the reasons for this is the fact that a good part of the Oregon prep talent is staying home these days, as witness the climb of Oregon and Oregon State.

Football fans can be blind and unreasonable. The late Sam Willaman was fired from Ohio State a few years ago because he lost two games in two seasons. But he made the mistake of losing both to Michigan.

Coaches, of course, have to make the most of a situation, and when their material is lean they have to adapt their offense to what they have at hand. They're lionizing Dr. Eddie Anderson for what he did with that heroic handful at Iowa, and Dr. Eddie deserves the fullest measure of praise. But what Iowa lacked in material was made up in the presence of Nile Kinnick, a super-star who could carry any undermanned squad to the top.

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Jackrabbit Sets Fire.

HANFORD, Cal. (U.P.) — Jackrabbits now are regarded in this country as a definite rural fire menace. Fire prevention officials came to the conclusion after investigating a $5,000 grain fire which spread with mysterious speed that the rabbits' tails caught fire and scattered the flames as the panic stricken animals raced for safety.

French Revive Sports Despite Clouds of War

By NEA Service

PARIS. — After being virtually abandoned at the start of the war, sports are being revived in France. Thirty football games were played in one day in the Paris area, with free admission to soldiers. Cross-country, bicycle races, and basketball games are being renewed.



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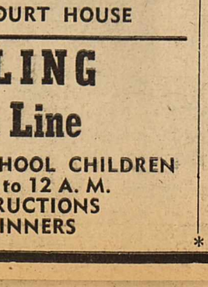
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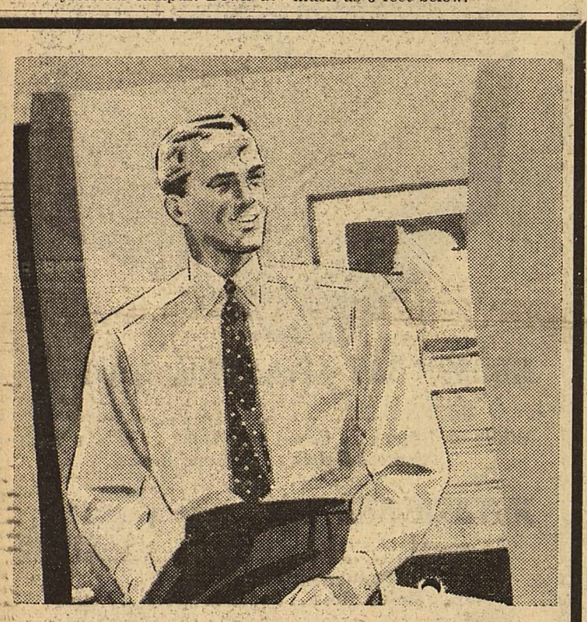


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	772	820	779	2381
Team average				709

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Owens	127	101	156	384
Baker (blind)	149	149	149	447
Arsdale	178	159	120	457
Kimrey	174	167	149	490
	845	766	747	2358
Team average				786

Kansas Popcorn With Byrd.

LAWRENCE, Kas.. (U.P.) — A local seedhouse supplied the Byrd Antarctic expedition with four 100-pound bags of popcorn to take to the South Pole for the expedition members.

The adult eel dies as soon as its spawning season is over.

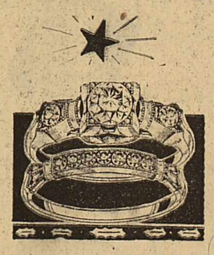
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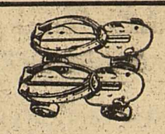
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The address was simply "Professor E. W. Hilgard"—who until his death had been dean of the Agricultural College Here. The letter came through in regular time.

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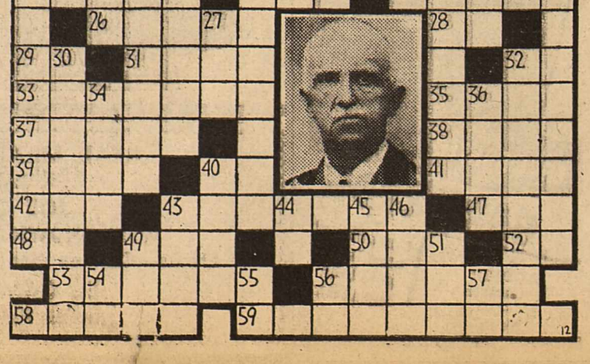
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33 Secret Italian society.
35 Pertaining to air.
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38 To kill a fly.
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43 Fad.
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8 Mitten.
9 Like.
10 To combine.
11 Roof edge.
12 Pound.
15 Associates at mess.
18 Digestive substance.
20 Circle making instrument.
21 Political party in his kingdom.
22 Grieved.
25 The —— Alps separate his land from France.
27 Sailor.
30 Thin transparent fabric.
32 That may be framed.
34 Debatable.
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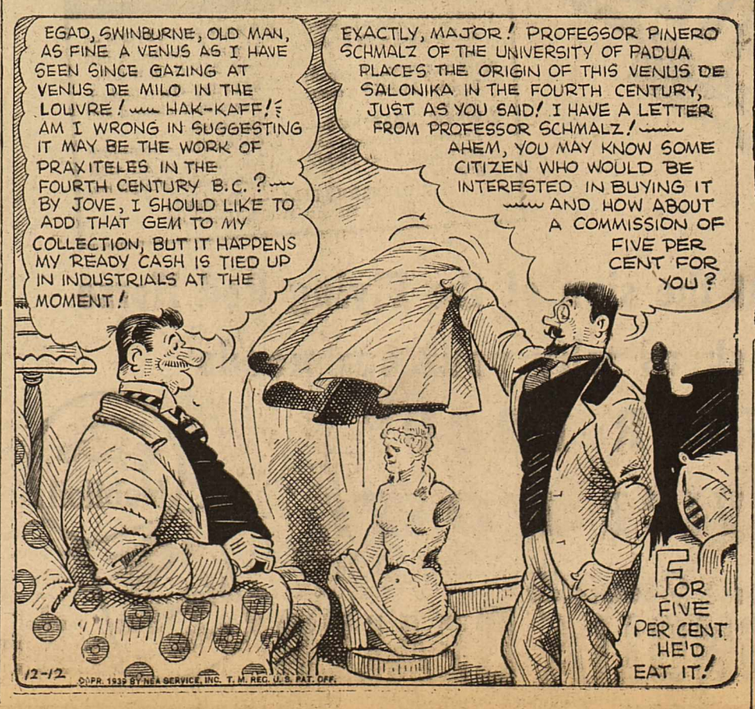
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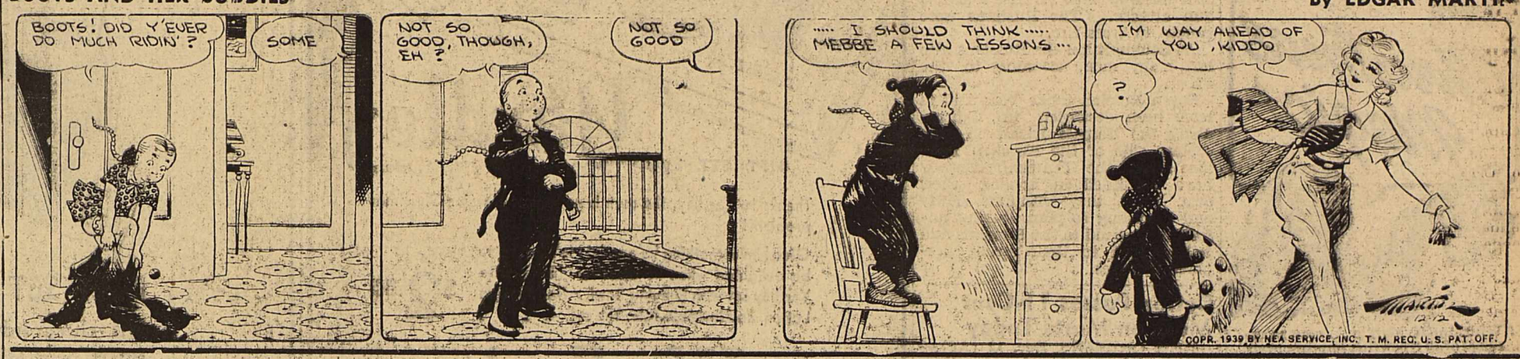
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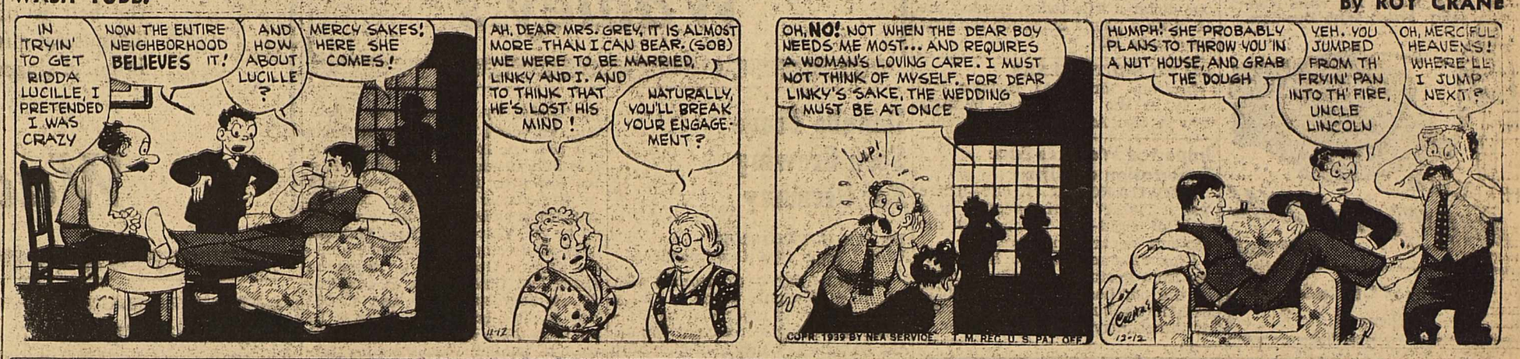
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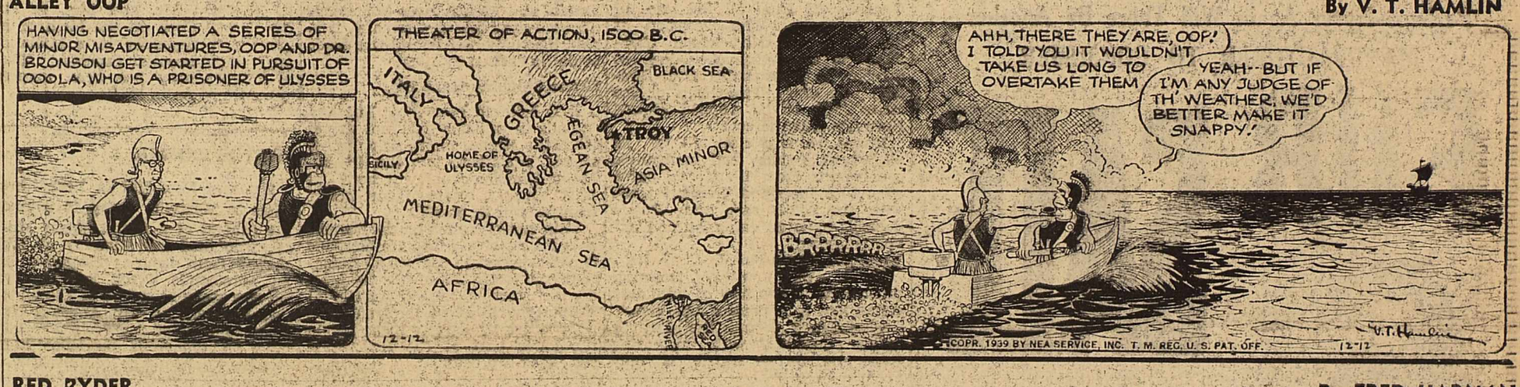
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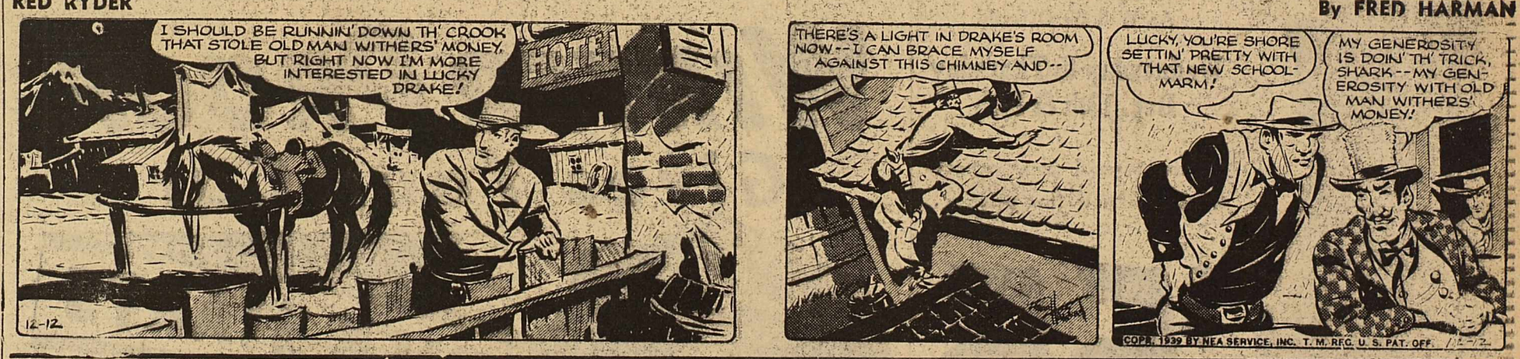
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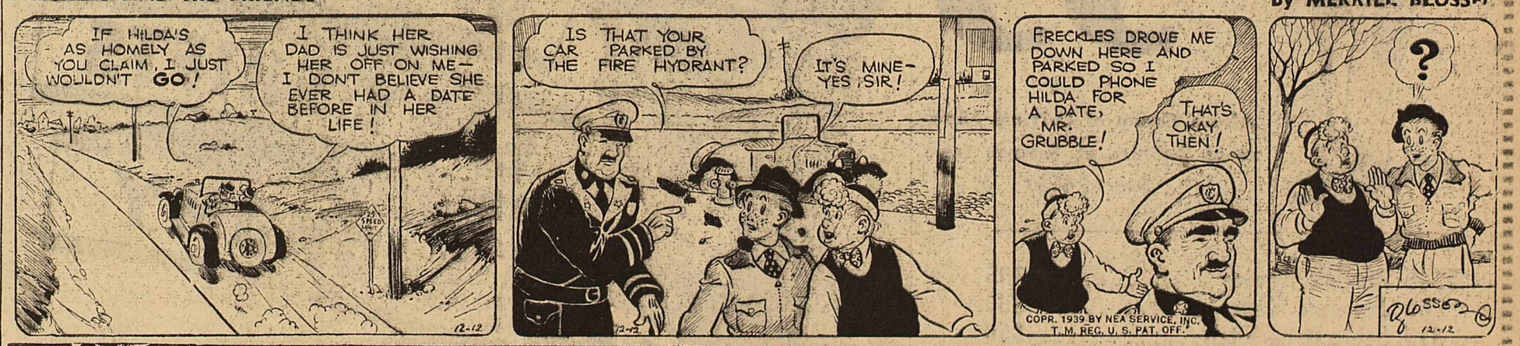
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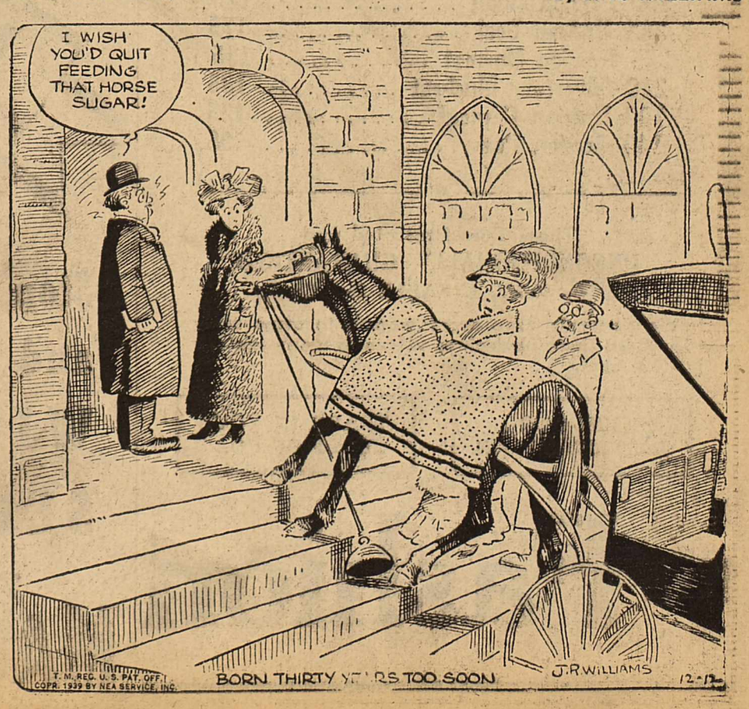
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS — By MERRILL BLOSSER



OUT OUR WAY — By J. R. WILLIAMS



Russians—

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Along the icy northern shore of Lake Ladoga, where a strong Russian force has undertaken a wide flanking maneuver around the fortified Karelian Isthmus, a Finnish communique told of Finnish troops withdrawing from Pitkaranta, railroad terminal about 60 miles from the frontier, after fierce fighting.

The Russian air force activity supported the land offensive but no details of its operations were mentioned.

The town of Loimola, on a spur railroad north of Pitkaranta, was heavily bombarded, evidently in preparation for attack as the Russians advanced along the lakeshore.

Several Russian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses at the tourist resort of Tolvajarvi, about 50 miles north of Ladoga.

Still farther north in the rocky, lake-studded Ilomantsi sector, near the industrial town of Enso, the Finnish command announced it had wiped out three companies of Russian infantry with surprise machine gun attacks. The Russians were caught in cross fire.

At Soumussalmi the Russians also lost many men, according to the Finns.

Seven Russian tanks were said to have been destroyed in fighting along the Taipale River, on the eastern side of the Karelian Isthmus sector, the Finnish generally have succeeded in holding their own. There they withdrew slowly and according to plan, leaving unfortified ground to the Russians and falling back to their strong prepared defenses.

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GO TO SOUTH TEXAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bodkins left early in the week for a business trip to San Antonio and Houston.

Imported Watches Face Exportation as Gifts

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (U.P.)—There was a "joker" in the auction of a case of eight-day watches by the customs department here.

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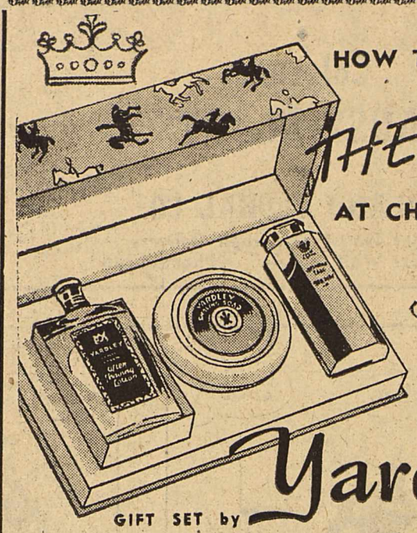
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Danube Trade Seen Growing For Germany

By JAN H. YINDRICH
United Press Staf Correspondent.

LONDON. (U.P.) — Confronted with an Allied blockade which is slowly tightening, it is reported that Germany is turning increasingly toward the Danube as a means of obtaining supplies and shipping exports.

The Allied blockade has cut German off from all but one of the seven seas. The exception is the Baltic through which Germany is reportedly obtaining so far only Russian timber and Swedish iron ore. Two-thirds of the latter have to be shipped around Norway's Atlantic coast.

Russia ships almost all of its oil, wheat, fodder, and manganese ore exports from Black Sea ports, wherefore increased German trade with the south east and Russia depends upon an extension of Danube shipping.

Technical Curbs Faced.

There are, however, technical difficulties in the way of unlimited expansion, it is pointed out here.

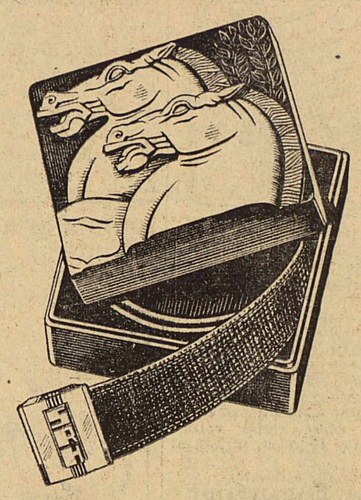
First, below Vienna the Danube rushes downhill with increasing force and upriver traffic is only practicable by tug convoys. Second, no vessel larger than 600 tons can pass the Iron Gate and in summer and autumn the water is often too low even for such ships while in the winter the lower reaches, sometimes as far a Vienna, are closed by ice. Third, the three German controlled companies Donau Dampfschiffahrts Gesellschaft, Bayrische Lloyd and Czech S. D. P, own together between 350,000 and 400,000 tons of tugs, barges and lighters. In addition there are a further 375,000 tons of similar vessels sailing under Hungarian, Rumania, and Jugoslav flags, as well as some British, Dutch, and French river tankers. If all were available to Germany, it is said that only half its pre-war trade could be carried by river.

Rhine Shipping Hard Hit.

It is believed here that Germany intends to transfer tugs and barges from the Rhine, where shipping is almost paralyzed, but the Rhine-Maine-Danube canal will need at least another year's labor before transfer will be possible.

Thus concentration on the Danube as a means of evading the blockade is not expected to provide an immediate solution to Germnay's dilemma, despite starting upriver traffic at Turnu Severin, above the Iron Gate, with larger Rumanian tugs plying the lower part of the river from the Black Sea coast.

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GO TO FUNERAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal C. Peck have gone to Kerrville today to attend the funeral of a friend, Edgar Mosel, who died late Monday at Big Spring from injuries sustained in an automobile wreck last Friday. He was superintendent of the state fish hatchery at San Angelo. Mr. Mosel had visited the Pecks at Midland on numerous occasions and was known to many local citizens.

HAVE APPENDECTOMIES.

Mary Ellen Sage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sage of Levelland underwent an appendectomy in a Midland hospital this morning.

Mary Livingston daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Livingston, underwent an appendix operation Monday night.

PATIENTS ADMITTED.

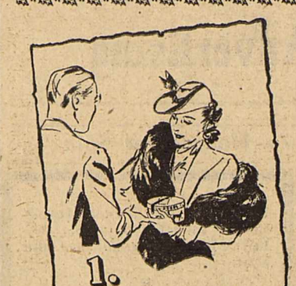
Mrs. F. H. Gill was admitted to a Midland hospital Monday night. Mrs. H. A. Roberts was also admitted yesterday.

SINGERS TO MEET.

A singing convention will be held at Cotton Flat next Sunday, Dec. 17, it has been announced. A picnic lunch will be spread. The public is invited to attend, bringing well-filled baskets.

TWO LANDINGS.

Two landings for today were reported by Midland Municipal Airport in a checkup early this afternoon. A B-10, flown by Capt. Snaveley, came from Biggs Field, El Paso, and went to Kelly Field, San Antonio. Lieut. Champagne, flying an A-17-A, came from El Paso, en route to Barksdale Field, La.



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Oil News—

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unchanged at 5,027 feet in lime.

Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 3 J. G. Comer estate, in the southwest extension of the Bennett pool in Yoakum, cemented 7-inch oil string of casing at 4,807 feet with 350 sacks and is standing, bottomed at 4,820 feet in lime.

Oil Development Company of Texas No. 8-803 fee, in the Wasson pool of Yoakum, set initial potential of 1,946.16 barrels of 34.3-gravity crude per day, with gas in the ratio of 472-1, after shooting with 500 quarts. Pay was topped at 4,930 feet, and total depth is 5,215.

Also in the Wasson pool, Magnolia No. 11 R. M. Kendrick halted drilling at 5,140 feet in lime and is preparing to test. Sinclair-Prairie Oil Company No. 6-A Kendrick, bottomed at 5,148 feet in lime, swabbed and flowed 50 barrels of oil in the last six hours and is preparing to acidize. The same company's No. 1-B Kendrick is drilling past 2,295 feet in anhydrite.

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