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FIRST CRASHES TOWARD BONN

B-29s Bomb Nagoya; Nips Claim Palace Hit

By ELDON OTTENHEIMER
Associated Press War Editor

American Superfortresses, in force, smashed at vulnerable and heavily industrialized Nagoya on Japan's main home island of Honshu at midafternoon Wednesday as the Nipponese made claims that bombs had fallen recently on the grounds of the imperial palace in Tokyo.

Nagoya, which has the largest concentration of airplane and airplane parts plants in Japan, is a highly inflammable city which in 1940 had a population of 1,328,084.

Associated Press Correspondent Vern Haugland, writing from a 21st Bomber Command base in Saipan in the Marianas, described the raiding B-29 force as a sizable force, "equalling or exceeding the largest group yet" hitting Japan.

Not Confined

There were indications that the American raids were not confined to the Nagoya area. The Japanese radio said B-29s hit the home island of Shikoku as well as Honshu and Japanese-occupied Korea. They reported "about 80" Superfortresses flying in "small formations" raided the Tokyo area and Aichi and Shizuoka prefectures, on Honshu, where some damage was caused "on the ground."

Nagoya is in Aichi prefecture. Another Japanese city reported hit, Hammatsu, is in Shizuoka prefecture.

The Japanese claimed their interceptors went into action and are "believed to have caused heavy losses to the enemy."

Reports on the bombing of the palace grounds with damage to a manor house came via Melbourne, Australia, where it was recorded from a Japanese broadcast beamed to the Nipponese home islands. The report was probably propaganda for home consumption. Superfort crews are under explicit instructions to avoid bombing the palace.

Nip Convoy Lost

In the Philippines the Yanks intercepted another enemy convoy of 11 ships, sinking or damaging all

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Texaco's Fraser Had Free Oil In Drillstem Test

By JAMES C. WATSON,
Oil Editor

The Texas Company No. 1-B Fraser, West Ector County wildcat, in section 31, block 45, TP survey, four miles south of Shell Oil Company, Inc., and Cities Service Oil Company No. 1 TXL, recovered 4,141 feet of gas cut drilling mud, and 20 gallons of free oil on top of the mud, during a drillstem test at 7,711-7,914 feet.

The zone tested was unofficially reported to be Wolfcamp and upper Devonian.

Operator reported the packer showed signs of leaking at end of three hours. At that time drillpipe was pulled and arrangements started to run a double packer. A steady blow of air through the tester was reported for first three hours of the period.

Skaggs Made 2 BOPH

Continental Oil Company No. 2-E Skaggs, East Lea County, New Mexico exploration recovered 12 barrels of oil in six hours of testing by swabbing through two and one-half-inch tubing.

Along with the oil was 60 barrels of water. Operator was continuing to test to plugged-back total depth at 3,209 feet, in Devonian lime. Zone being explored is a 7,695-7,750 feet, through 165 casing perforations.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Jackson, Southeast Lamb County wildcat discovery in section 119, block A, Thomason survey, was shutdown for boiler repairs.

Pumped 140 BOPD Net

During a 24-hour pumping test on Dec. 11, the well is reported to have produced 200 barrels of fluid

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Army Thinks Smoke Plight To Get Worse

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senators heard Wednesday that the cigaret shortage may become more acute in 1945.

Col. Fred C. Foy, director of purchases for the Army Service Forces, told the Senate War Investigating Committee that anticipated army purchases "point to a demand on the cigaret industry in excess of that being placed upon it currently."

The committee, trying to find out what has become of the history's greatest supply of smokes, was told by Foy that the current shortage "may flow in part" from increased army procurement.

Limited Facilities

While cigarets have been either scarce or unobtainable in many post exchanges in the European theater, the witness said, "this is a direct result" of limited facilities for unloading ships. Food, gasoline and heavy artillery take precedence, he explained.

He estimated that the Army will have taken approximately 68,000,000,000 cigarets out of a total 1944 production of 330,000,000,000, although it could use 77,000,000,000.

He laid the heavy overseas drain to two major causes: heavier requisitions from European and Pacific commanders as offensive campaigns intensified and the purchase at home of large numbers of cartons for shipment to soldiers in Christmas packages.

Curriculum Changes At MAAF Include New Short Course

In reorganizing the curriculum of the bombardier school at Midland Army Air Field the AAF Training Command's key bombardier base at Midland, Texas, preparatory to the influx of returned combat men, several significant changes have been effected.

Instead of the usual nine weeks course for all student officers, a six weeks refresher course has been substituted. When that course has been completed, approximately one third of each class will be selected for an additional three weeks of training as instructors. These selections will be made in accordance with the desires of the student officers and with their academic standing.

The new system will preclude the indiscriminate appointment of men to instructor status when their wishes and their scholastic standing indicate that some other assignment would suit them better. Some of the student officers who do not become instructors may go to a radar school, others to a bombardier-pilot approach school; some may join an air force, and still others may be sent to pilot training.

Personnel Reorganization

Accompanying the change in curriculum has been a reorganization in personnel. Greeting the newly arrived student officers and arranging the essential details that go with a new station, is Capt. Robert D. Bell. Under his jurisdiction will fall the assignment of class and barracks numbers, food and gas rationing, and the problem of housing; with the last question, Captain Bell has the assistance of several volunteer women of Midland and Odessa, Texas.

Commandant of student officers is Major Morrison D. Oakley, with Captain August D. Winters serving as assistant commandant. Capt. Elmer Deblitz is the tactical officer

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Clayton's For World Price For Cotton

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON—(AP)—William L. Clayton told Senators Wednesday he favors a world price for American cotton, with inducement payments to domestic growers who change to other crops.

The 64-year-old Houston cotton broker, nominated for assistant secretary of state, was questioned before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in its second day inquiry into six department appointments.

The committee decided in a 45-minute closed session before Clayton began testifying that any senator would be permitted to ask questions of the witness. Questioning Tuesday was confined to committee members.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex) said the group had decided to recall Archibald MacLeish, one of those nominated for assistant secretary.

Clayton, scheduled to head the State Department's foreign economic division if his nomination is confirmed, was examined closely on his views about postwar international trade.

World Price Level

In response to questions by Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis) the witness endorsed a proposal he said had been made by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard that American cotton be permitted to seek its world price level. Clayton said he thought domestic price supports

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Christmas Seal Campaign Nears $3,500 Quota

The Christmas Seal campaign of the Midland County Tuberculosis Association was given a boost Thursday with receipt of a check for $566.25 from Midland Army Air Field, repressenting the city share of contributions from those stationed at the field.

Returns from the campaign now total $3,018.15, Mrs. J. M. Devereux, executive secretary of the association, announced. The association now lacks only 14 per cent in meeting its goal of $3,500.

MAAF Sale Divided

The Seal sale at MAAF was divided evenly between Midland and Ector counties. The total amount of Seal contributions was $1,132.50.

"We owe the men and women at MAAF our thanks for their splendid efforts. The interest and generosity of those at MAAF should be a challenge to us to complete the campaign with contributions well over the $3,500 goal," said Mrs. Devereux.

"This command was most pleased to participate for what we believe to be an excellent cause," Col. John W. White, commanding officer at MAAF, said in a letter accompanying the check for the association.

Concentration Camps Will Be Used For Nazis

By The Associated Press

The Allied Military Government in conquered German territory will take over all Nazi concentration camps and use them for the detention of arrested Nazis after the innocent victims in the camps have been released, a proclamation broadcast in the name of Gen. Eisenhower said Wednesday.

THE MARCH ON THE RHINE



The southern wing of the First Army swung out of the conquered Hurtgen Forest, southwest of Duren (upper center) early Wednesday morning and started a crashing drive to the city of Bonn, east, southeast of Duren, which lies on the Rhine only a few miles below Cologne.

Jaycees' Toy Show To Be At Yucca Thursday

Students in the elementary schools of Midland and the Junior High School will be admitted free to the Yucca Theater between 1:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday by bringing one or more toys to the theater.

The feature picture will be, "Hail the Conquering Hero," starring Eddie Bracken.

The toy matinee is being presented as one feature of the Chirstmas activities program of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce J. Howard Hodge, manager of the theater, offered facilities of the theater for presenting the toy matinee.

Gene McCollum, Elmer Adams and Jack Mashburn are members of the committee in charge of the collection and distribution of toys for less fortunate children. The toys collected at the matinee Thursday will be repaired under the direction of Mashburn. They will be distributed before Christmas by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Ground Troops Being Drawn From Air Force

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Lt. Gen. Ben Lear said Wednesday a radical change in the mission of the Army Ground Forces is resulting in their getting 65,000 individual soldiers from Air and Service Forces.

War Bulletins

PARIS—(AP)—As the Allied armies ground out new gains on the Western Front Wednesday, the Germans were disclosed to have thrown a new "device" into the war—mysterious silvery balls which float in the air. Neither the purpose or further information was available.

MOSCOW—(AP)—Russian assault forces pointed toward Budapest Wednesday from newly-captured Godollo, 10½ miles to the northeast, while artillery drew up in close formation at the northern and southern outskirts of the Hungarian capital.

LONDON —(AP)— RAF fire bombers put the torch Tuesday night to Essen, home of the Krupp armament works.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

WESTERN FRONT — U. S First Army jumps off below Duren in attack pointed toward the Rhine city of Bonn.

EASTERN FRONT — Russian assault forces point toward Budapest from newly-captured Godollo. Artillery massed at northern and southern outskirts of the city.

ATHENS — ELAS troops wage unsuccessful attacks as British await answer to cease-fighting terms.

PACIFIC — B-29 Superbombers hit Nagoya, highly inflammable Japanese city, in force equalling or exceeding largest group yet to hit Japan.

AERIAL — Four thousand American and British planes hit Reich with 10,000 tons of bombs. Fires rage in Essen.

ITALY — Canadian troops span the Lamone River and establish two bridgeheads northeast of Faenza.

ELAS Batter British In Darkness As Gen. Scobie Waits Reply

ATHENS—(AP)—ELAS troops staged strong but unsuccessful attacks against the center of Athens during Tuesday night even while their leaders were debating British orders to cease fighting.

The strongest assault was aimed at a British barracks northeast of the heart of the capital on the Kifissia Road.

(A British communique broadcast from Athens said further British reinforcements had gone into action, that some progress had been made against the ELAS in Piraeus, Port of Athens, and that RAF planes silenced one ELAS 75-milimeter gun firing on central Athens.)

Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, still awaited a reply to his cease-fire

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Nazis Plan Five Years Of Warfare After Army Fails

By WES GALLAGHER

ALDSDORF, GERMANY —(AP)—Information from inside Germany indicates that Adolf Hitler's close followers have prepared for five years of underground warfare against the Allies after the German Army collapses.

This is the picture of Gestapo Chieftain Heinrich Himmler's master plan for the struggle, as pierced together from information now available from various sources:

Himmler started laying the plans for underground warfare in the last two months of 1943 and these plans are being carried out inside Germany.

Threefold Plan

The plans are threefold, embracing (1) Open warfare directed from Hitler's mountain headquarters; (2) Sabotage and guerrilla activity conducted by partisan bands organized by districts, and (3) Propaganda warfare to be carried on by some 200,000 Nazi followers in Europe and elsewhere.

Already picked S. S. (Elite) troops have been established in underground strongholds and hospitals in the Austrian, Bavarian and Italian Alpine area and it is the plan of Nazi leaders to flee to that region when the Germany military collapse comes. Only true and tried party members will be allowed to enter the strongholds.

Have Sufficient Supplies

The Nazi party already has concentrated food and munitions in the Alpine area sufficient to carry on for a long period.

S. S. men and party members un-

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Choose Committee Members For ACA

Nine community committee men were chosen Tuesday night at a meeting of farm and ranch operators held at the courthouse, W. E. Pigg, chairman of the Midland County ACA, announced Wednesday.

The community committee men will meet in convention Monday to select the county committee.

Those chosen as community committee men are C. J. Lowke, Sherwood O'Neal, G. C. Missner, Norman Dawson, Johnnie Graham, Raymond McCarter, D. W. McDonald, Herd Midkiff and Dale Woolard.

The committee men assist farm and ranch operators in obtaining benefits under the AAA program.

Hodges' Troops Leave Hurtgen Forest In Attack

PARIS—(AP)—The southern wing of the U. S. First Army sprang into action before dawn Wednesday, sloshing eastward toward the Rhine city of Bonn in an attack beyond the Hurtgen Forest southwest of besieged Duren.

In less than three hours, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' muddy riflemen had advanced more than a mile and entered the village of Rollesbroich, 13 miles southwest of Duren and 35 west of Bonn.

The advance was between the Hurtgen and Monschau forests and was four and a half miles east of Rotgen, first German town conquered by American armies. A little farther north, other units of the First Army, now opposed by the German Fifth Panzer Army, were within 28 miles of Bonn (Pop. 101,000). Bonn lies 15 miles southeast of Cologne.

The First Army was drawn up to the swift and high Roer on both sides of Duren. In the center of the Western Front, the U. S. 7th Army trained its artillery on large sections of the German defenses inside the Bavarian palatinate, while the Third Army fought slowly deeper into the Siegfried Line inside the industrial Saarland.

It may now be disclosed that the Germans have pitted their new Fifth Panzer (tank) Army against the U. S. First Army on the Cologne plain. The commander is Gen. Hasso Eckardt von Manteuffel, 47, veteran of the siege of Bizerte in North Africa. His army includes armored units, regular infantry and Volksgrenadier troops.

Clearing Cellars

The last infested cellars west of the Roer were being cleared by the U. S. Fifth Army. A few Germans during the night filtered back into Derichweiler, Gey and Mariaweiler, virtually suburb of Duren, and these were being blasted from the cold mud, one by one.

Swift advances by the U. S. Seventh Army in the Karlsruhe corner brought the German frontier within sight at many points and placed great sections of the Siegfried Line works within short artillery range. Vanguards were within 15 miles of Karlsruhe.

Six miles inside the industrial Saarland, the U. S. Third Army shouldered its way through another 700 yards of Fraulautern, winning half that satellite town a mile north of Saarlautern. Repeated counter-attacks were broken three miles

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White House Shuffles U. S. Ambassadors

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The White House announced Wednesday the resignation of Carlton Hayes as ambassador to Spain and the nomination of Norman Armour to replace him.

Armour now is acting director of the State Department's Office of American Republic Affairs. At the time of the appointment of Secretary of State Stettinius and the reshuffling of the top level of department positions, President Roosevelt announced he would give Armour an important new position.

Armour formerly was Ambassador to Argentina. He was recalled several months ago when United States-Argentina relations became strained.

The President, in another diplomatic shift, nominated Laurence A. Turkey, to be Ambassador to the Czech government in exile in London. The Turkish assignment was left open.

Hallett Johnson was nominated Ambassador to Costa Rica, succeeding Fay Desportes, who died several weeks ago.

Canucks Spanning Lamone River As Nazis Fall Back

ROME —(AP)— Canadian troops have spanned the Lamone River and established two bridgeheads northeast of the highway town of Faenza, shoving the Germans back two miles in the direction of Lugo, Allied Headquarters announced Wednesday.

The bridgeheads, thrust across the stream some nine miles from Faenza, were joined in a continuous front of 6,000 yards after 24 hours of stiff fighting.

Astride Route

The Northern flank of the attack pushed along the Ravenna-Bologna railway northwest of Russi and the Allied troops were reported astride this route for some distance. This railway first was cut northeast of Russi several days ago.

On the Fifth Army front the enemy made several attacks south of Bologna but all were declared turned back. In one of these assaults, the Germans gained temporary possession of Castel Nuova on the right flank of the Fifth Army area.

Italian-based heavy bombers attacked targets in Germany Tuesday and Balkan air force units bombed and strafed vehicles in Yugoslavia.

War Bond Purchases Continue To Increase

War Bond purchases in Midland continued to climb Wednesday although the county is well over the top in its Sixth War Loan campaign, M. C. Ulmer, War Bond chairman, announced Wednesday.

Thursday morning, total purchases of War Bonds for Midland County had reached $1,725,466.75, well over the county's $1,370,000 quota. The Series E total had climbed to $345,201.25. The Series E. quota was $315,000.

The Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Company allotted $10,000 worth of its War Bond purchases to Midland.

Two CIO War Labor Board Members In Detroit Picket Line

DETROIT—(AP)—Two CIO members of the Regional War Labor Board had taken up places in a picket line at one of the four Montgomery Ward stores in the Detroit area where a four-day strike threatened Wednesday to lead to sympathy walkouts at the company's outlets throughout the nation.

The threat loomed from an announcement by Samuel Wolchok, president of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes of America (CIO), of an emergency meeting of the Montgomery Ward organizing committee in Washington Thursday.

Contributions For Goodfellow Fund Coming In Slowly

Contributions to the Goodfellow Club's Christmas fund are coming in slowly, Ily Pratt, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce welfare committee, said Wednesday. Pratt reported only two contributions had been turned in at the Chamber of Commerce.

"There are still needy families in Midland who face a bleak Christmas unless the Goodfellows help them out," Pratt said. "Christmas baskets distributed by the Goodfellows will go only to needy who are unable to work."

Betty Wendover, child welfare director, is making investigations of needy families in Midland and is preparing a list of those families which will be turned over to the Goodfellows Club.

The baskets purchased by the Goodfellows will be distributed by the American Legion.

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And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.—Matthew 6:5.

Announcements On The Spot

It may be that Richard Wagner and his operas really started it. And it may also be that Harry Bannister of Station WWJ in Detroit will finish it. The "it" in question is the singing commercial.

Of course Wagner enthusiasts will bitterly resent his being dragged into this discussion. But they can't deny that he was the originator of the "leading motive" in music—a scheme whereby the characters and some of the situations in an opera are identified by a melodic phrase which shows up in the orchestra when the characters or situations show up on the stage, or are even mentioned.

It took the commercial songsmiths some 80 years to copy Wagner's idea. But today any number of things—soup, soap, bread, soft drinks and what have you—are identified on the radio by melody. Blurps, burbles and fanfares and snatches of close harmony have become the new trademarks.

Many people don't seem to like the singing commercial. It may be assumed that Bannister is included among them. For, according to Broadcasting Magazine, he is banning all transcribed spot announcements from his station beginning Feb. 1. And Broadcasting reports that a major network is considering similar steps.

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The transcribed spot announcement naturally contains other things besides singing commercials, but there is reason to suspect that tuneful advertising is Bannister's chief target. At least when someone asked him what he'd do if an advertiser offered him a "live" singing commercial, he is quoted as having replied, "I'd turn it down."

The majority of listeners probably would welcome some changes in the technique of radio advertising. The wonder is that changes have been so long in coming. Broadcasters and the Federal Communications Commission have long kept close watch on the facts stated and opinions expressed in radio programs.

But they have paid less attention to their programs' good taste, beyond seeing that they did not exceed the bounds of decency.

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It is argued that listeners must put up with commercials if they want to hear the programs that sponsors buy. But that does not account for the spot announcements that may precede or follow your favorite program. Nor does it rule out the broadcasters' use of discretion in the spot advertising used.

It is getting so that on many stations during much of the day, programs are largely spot announcements, with little entertainment. And the unhappy truth is that many of these announcements are delivered with a heartiness, bombast, eagerness or lyrical enthusiasm which, with or without a musical "leading motive," irritates the listener.

Newspaper executives for many years have exercised the editorial prerogative of passing upon the content of advertisements they print. If radio executives are now beginning to follow suit, it is safe to say that listeners, broadcasters and sponsors all stand to benefit in the end.

———BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS———

An Owner

Years ago an American, an Englishman and a German, visiting an Oriental country, were granted an audience by the potentate. Addressing the Englishman, he said, "I understand that your are a subject of the king of England." The Englishman bowed and replied, "Yes, your highness, and I'm very proud of it. Turning to the German, he said, "And you are a subject of the kaiser." Clicking his heels and bowing stiffly, the German replied, "Yes, your highness, and very proud!"

Addressing the American, his highness said, "And you are a subject of the United States of America." Whereupon the American exclaimed, "Subject, hell! I own part of the United States of America."

———BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS———

Solution

Broadway's latest hit play is "Harvey." The title part is taken by a six-foot-one white rabbit who never appears on the stage.

We bet Harvey knows where all the cigarets have gone.

———BUY WAR BONDS AND SAVINGS STAMPS———

To measure a mind one need only to find out the size of the problem it worries about.

Man was created with two ends; one to think with and one to sit on. His success depends on which he uses most.

It's a mighty good thing to forget the things you don't want to remember.

Face powder is known to have caused explosions . . when found on men's lapels.

The bumps along the highway of life are to keep us within the speed limit.

A divorce wave is on the rise around the country. When it subsides, someone should put out a "Who's Whose."

While driving autos or bragains it is safer to keep to the right.

Money is the fruit of all evil, and the root of it.

Paying For A Dead Horse



Texaco's –

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—30 per cent basic sediment and 70 per cent oil, for a net oil yield of about 140 barrels per day.

According to unofficial sources the well had been pumped for three days prior to the latest test, and that is taken in some quarters to indicate what the development likely will do on a settled basis.

However, some observers contend the well will do more than 140 barrels of oil daily, if, and when, it is completely cleaned out. Informed sources claim the water coming with the oil is not from the producing formation at 5,348-6,006 feet, but is from another section of the hole.

Frankel 1-E Oily

Frank and George Frankel No. 1-E University, Northwest Andrews County wildcat, in section 22, block 13, University survey, one mile southeast of production in the Fullerton field, was swabbing to clean out and test, after washing pay section between 6,859 feet, and total depth at 7,010 feet, with about 500 gallons of mud acid.

Before acid the well is reported to have swabbed for 4.7 barrels of oil per hour. After results of the mud acid treatment are determined it is reported owners plan to treat the well with 2,000 gallons, 4,000 gallons and 6,000 gallons of acid.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Parrott, section 3, EL survey, in East-Central Upton County, was swabbing to test.

After treating with 400 gallons of mud acid at 7,480-7,500 feet, and with 600 gallons of mud acid at 7,530-70 feet, operator swabbed out oil load and acid water to 3,500 feet, from 2,500 feet, where it had been standing, when the swabbing started.

The well was then shutin for 10 hours and fluid rose 150 feet in the hole. Swabbing was resumed there.

Going Down Fast

Humble-Shell No. 1 Fee, Southwest Gaines County wildcat about one and one-quarter miles east and north of the recent discovery of Humble in No. 1 Humble fee (Doss) made 553 feet of hole Tuesday. It was drilling ahead past 1,450 feet in redbeds early Wednesday morning.

John L. Moore No. 1 Cosden, Howard County wildcat in section 38, block 32, TP survey, T-1-N, had recovered lost tools and was drilling ahead below 3,900 feet in lime.

DeKalb Agricultural Association, Inc., No. 1 Jenkins, Southwest Terry County prospector, had progressed below 5,100 feet in lime. A break was encountered at about 5,090 feet, according to unofficial sources. Location is in section 29, block DD, John H. Gibson survey.

Wheeler Extender Flowed

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company and Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1-C Wheeler, section 12, block B-7, psl survey, three-quarters of a mile northwest of the Wheeler-Ellenburger field, in East Winkler County produced 425.21 barrels of 45-gravity oil in 24 hours, flowing. Gas-oil ratio for seven hours was at the rate of 682-1. The register failed after that time. Oil was cut two-tenths of one per cent basic sediment.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle 4,400; calves 2,900; cattle fairly active but calves slow; most sales steady; medium grade steers and yearlings 11.00-13.00; cutter and common medium cows 7.00-10.00; weighty bulls 8.00-9.00; common light bulls 6.00-7.50; good and choice fat calves 12.00-15.00; common to medium butcher calves 7.50-11.50.

Hogs 1,100; unchanged; good and choice 180-270 lb. buthcer hogs 14.55; lighter weights 13.25-14.25; heavy hogs 13.80; sows 13.25-50; stocker pigs dull; few sales 12.50 down.

Sheep 5,500; slaughter lambs strong to unevenly higher; other classes steady; good and choice fat lambs 13.50-14.00; common to medium lambs 11.75-12.50; common to medium yearlings 8.00-11.00; good ewes and aged wethers 6.75 down; and common and medium ewes 5.00-75.

B-29s –

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but one and downing 50 protecting planes and five probably. American losses included eight planes. An Allied convoy was attacked Sunday and some ships damaged.

The Japanese radio claimed occupation of Ponson Island, a mere dot of land in Ormoc Bay, and the sinking of two destroyers, two medium-sized transports and three torpedo boats in Philippine waters. One destroyer and the transport were reported to be part of an American convoy attacked off Baybay, south of Ormoc.

Although their troops seem almost helplessly trapped on Leyte, the Japanese appear willing to sacrifice more men, ships and materiel in an effort to save their tremendous stake as fell as prestige in the Philippines.

By PTs and Planes

The convoy, apparently loaded with reinforcements and supplies, was caught by American planes and PT-boats off Leyte's northwest coast Monday and Tuesday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced.

As in eight other attempts, the Japanese paid heavily in men and ships. Three destroyers and four large transports were definitely sunk, while another destroyer and two freighter-transports were so badly damaged they were left floating without headway. Only a destroyer escaped unscatched.

An American convoy returning from a supply run to Ormoc at dawn Sunday, was assailed by 30 Japanese planes. American ships suffered damage and casualties, while Marine fighter planes downed 11 of the attacking Nipponese.

American ground forces, still battling the elements as well as the Japanese, are moving ahead slowly below Limon in the northern part of the Ormoc corridor, while at the southern end troops of the 7th and 77th Divisions are cleaning up isolated enemy pockets missed when they closed their trap, snuffing out thousands of Japanese soldiers.

ELAS –

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terms to the ELAS and there were indications the Leftist leaders were wavering in the fight to force the resignation of Premier George Papandreou.

Struck In Darkness

Strong, infiltrating ELAS forces scaled walls in darkness and penetrated the British barracks compound containing gasoline, ammunition, field artillery, and armor. By sunrise they had been driven into a corner after suffering heavy loss of life, but this battle continued.

The terms laid down by Scobie provided that the ELAS forces in Attica province—which includes Athens—must lay down their arms at once and that elsewhere in Greece the ELAS must undertake to obey British orders. They were announced after Scobie had conferred with Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Mediterranean Commander, who had hastened here to seek a speedy end to the hostilities.

The British labor party Wednesday adopted a resolution calling on the government to take steps to bring about an immediate armistice in Greece, but avoided any direct denunciation of Prime Minister Churchill's intervention policy.

The resolution, put forward by the party's executive committee, carried by a card vote of 2,445,000 to 137,000. These votes were cast by about 1,000 delegates, each of whom represents a union of known membership.

Most men appreciate good home work-bench equipment. Your completely stocked Western Auto Associate Store has tools of all descriptions for the hobby shop. Many wives are giving metal tool-boxes well stocked with quality tools from Western Auto, across from Western Union, Midland. Let us help with your selection. —(Adv.)

Curriculum –

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for Class 45-1; a pool officer, yet to be appointed, will have the job of orienting the men—explaining the course, the probable length of their stay, and what will be expected of them at Midland Army Air Field.

With the preparations under way for converting the cadet bombardier school entirely for returned combat student officers, many changes have forced the bombardier base into great activity. One of the primary aspects of the reorganization consists of moving the AAFIS (B) ground school and headquarters to the area used by the bombardier cadets.

The four buildings on Fourth Avenue which have housed the Instructors' School classrooms, are being vacated as the school prepares to move into the cadet ground school area. Much of the moving will have to wait until the last cadet class graduates on January 27, 1945, but a great deal of activity has been going on and a great deal of moving has been done.

Still temporarily in use are the mail room, the supply room, and a few classrooms, along with the office of the director of training for the Instructors School, Major Robert G. Swift, who will eventually occupy the new offices in the base operation building.

Charges Filed On Three Persons Here

Three charges were filed with Justice of the Peace B. C. Girdley Tuesday. They consisted of two charges of being drunk in a public place and one for driving without a driver's license, according to County Attorney Joe Mims.

READ THE CLASSIFIED

'Hats Off' To Be At MAAF

"Hats Off," a top-notch USO-Camp Shows musical revue, will be the treat for military personnel at Midland Army Air Field Wednesday night at 8:30 p. m. when this blue ribbon attraction is presented from the stage of the Post Service Club.

The show has an eye-filling array of talent, rated among the year's best "package vaudeville" shows, with click comedy beginning with the clever M. C., and carried on by comedians who are masters in the art of nonsensical absurdities. Add pretty girls, singing and dancing, spectacular novelties, and you nave "Hats Off" in one huge performance.

Included in the cast are: Le Van and Bolles, comedy; James Evans, juggler; Oga Diebinetz, singer; Herron and Richardson, musical and singing act; Park Avenue Sextette, beauty brigade dancers; David Louis August, pianist and musical conductor; and Rudy Horn, master of ceremonies. The top musicians of the 630th AAF Band at MAAF will play the musical arrangements for the show.

First Army –

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north at Dillingen and additional Nazi pillboxes were captured.

Below Duren the Hurtgen Forest had been left behind after a lengthy blood bath which started in mid-October.

German broadcasts continued to reflect concern about Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's drive toward the palatinate, the western twelfth of Bavaria, west of the Rhine. The Seventh Army closed within eight miles of the French border town of Wiesembourg (Pop. 8,000), natural gateway to the province.

The Maginot Line, partly inhabited by French civilians, was passed but the whole Siegfried Line was ahead. In this area, the German frontier breaks sharply westward from the Rhine.

Nazis –

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able to reach the Alpine strongholds would be assigned to directing partisan activities from such places as the Black Forest or out of the way villages. Himmler academies now are training both men and women in sabotage tactics which would be employed by partisan bands.

In order to hinder Allied police in running down party members during the occupation Himmler has in the past few months instituted a widespread program to establish double identities for his henchmen. Identity cards of soldiers killed at the front, or of civilians killed in air raids, have been given to S. S. men and Nazi women.

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Clayton –

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without subsidies would increase cotton production elsewhere in the world.

His idea, the gray-haired witness said, was to provide income payments to domestic cotton producers to aid them in changing over to some other crop.

With Southerners who don't like what they describe as his free trade views on cotton simmering in the background, Clayton was prepared for a burst of inquiries. His five colleagues were subjected to only rambling questioning Tuesday.

These five appeared to have cleared their first hurdle and Chairman Connally (D-Tex) was eager to get the whole public show over with so that the committee could vote Wednesday on the nominations. He hoped to have them ready for Thursday action in the Senate.

Suave Stettinius

Stettinius asked for confirmation of his team, suavely turned aside major questions of foreign policy. Grew advised against what to do about Emperor Hirohito until we get to Tokyo.

Clayton read a statement asserting that he is not a believer in international cartels. He cited a six-year-old speech of his to prove it and endorsed the reciprocal trade agreements program.

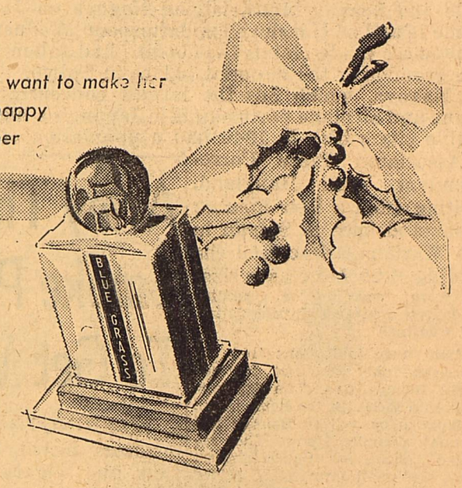
As for his cotton business, Clayton said he had been only a stockholder and not active in the $50,000,000 Anderson, Clayton & Co. since he went into government service in 1940. He added that the company operates in Mexico, Peru, Argentina, Paraguay, Bragil and Egypt. He said it had closed its sales agencies in Germany shortly after the war began in 1939 and had sold no cotton to Japan for some time prior to Pearl Harbor.

"If any senator believes my own foreign interests would prevent me from taking an objective and patriotic position with reference to the interests of my own country," Clayton said, "I would expect him to vote against my confirmation."

Navy Will Use Women Orderlies On Flights

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Naval Air Transport Service plans to use Navy women as flight orderlies on all continental trips as soon as special courses now in progress are completed and adequate personnel have been trained, the Navy said Wednesday.

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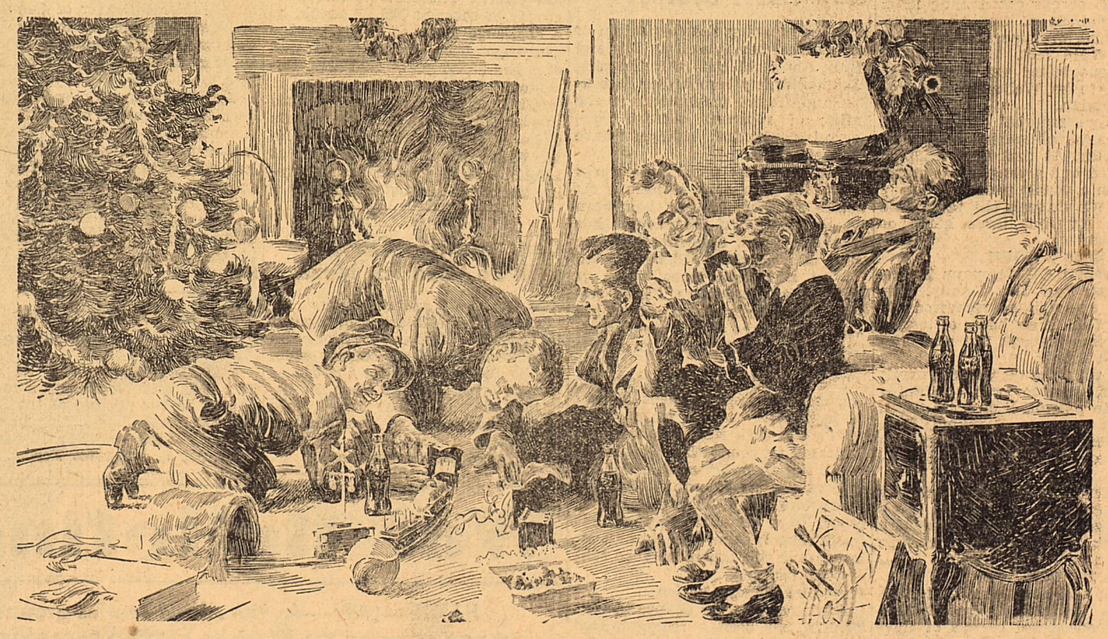
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Society

Mrs. G. H. Butler Is Hostess To Members Of Rijnhart Circle

The Rijnhart Circle of the First Christian Church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. H. Butler, 933 N. Baird Street, with Mrs. S. W. Estes as co-hostess.

At the business meeting which preceded the program, Mrs. John E. Pickering, circle chairman, announced that Mrs. Glenn S. Brunson would review the book, "The Emperor's Physician," at the regular 1 p.m. luncheon Dec. 18.

The members then signed a Christmas card to be sent to Mrs. Ella Ragsdale, who is ill.

Mrs. W. E. Price, program leader, gave the devotional entitled, "And This Shall Be A Sign," which was followed by a study of "World Call."

Study Church Magazine

In the study of the magazine, Mrs. Long discussed the article, "People's Of All Churches," and Mrs. Charles Klapproth discussed the article, "New Wine."

Names then were drawn for the mystery pals, and gifts were exchanged. Gifts also were brought for the residents of Harwood Hall in Dallas.

At the end of the meeting, a refreshment plate was served.

Others present were Mmes. Brunson, W. S. Dunnan, R. H. Frizzell, Jr., J. Roy Jones, George Bennett, Paul Martin, Joe Norman, B. W. Recer, D. B. Snider, Ed Black, and E. M. Marvin.

Banquet Will Honor Midland Grid Team

Midland High School's grid warriors of 1944 will be honored at a banquet in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the annual football banquet.

Joe Mims will be master of ceremonies and Frank Monroe, school superintendent, will ask the invocation. The Rev. Hubert Hopper will deliver the address and Coach Gene McCollum will announce the names of lettermen.

Mary Catherine Graham and Mickey Jo McDonald will entertain.

Frank Wade Arrington Arrives In England

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington have received word that their son, T/Sgt. Frank Wade Arrington, has arrived safely in England. He is a member of a combat engineer battalion.

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Dorcas Circle Meets With Mrs. Hartwell

The Dorcas Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. T. Hartwell, 511 N. Marienfield. Mrs. Dana Secor conducted the business meeting, which was followed by refreshments.

Members present were Mmes. J. M. Hills, J. L. Kendrick, M. B. Bell, C. M. Morrison, L. G. Byerley, Andrew Fasken and A. Knickerbocker.

Twentieth Century Club Holds Annual Christmas Tea

Mrs. R. L. Aikin was hostess to the annual Christmas tea of the Twentieth Century Club in her home at 2010 W. College Tuesday afternoon.

In the absence of Mrs. J. E. Banks, the program prepared by her was given by Mrs. Wendell Sanford and Mrs. C. L. Chase. The program consisted of slides showing scenes of English cities, towns, and countrysides. Christmas carols then were sung by the group.

Members and guests who attended were Mmes. W. B. Heroy, Jr., T. M. West, R. L. Thorp, Roger Rhorer, Raymond Leggett, James G. White, Charles Lehrer, Harlan Howell, J. A. Jorgensen, Jerry Phillips, William Fehon, Jr., Arnold Scharbauer, J. A. Winkelman, Edward H. Kemp ,K. C. Slough, S. M. Erskine, W. G. Epley, and E. R. Osburn.

Others present were Mmes. Vernon Yearby, Earl Smith Ridge, Lawrence Evans, B. E. McCollum, Russell Howard, Joseph Mims, Ed Prichard, C. C. Thomas, John M. Speed, Jr., J. B. Koenig, Robert L. Gray, Felix Ankele, F. A. Crockett, W. E. Shipp, Jr., and Frank Monroe.

W. S. C. S. Of First Methodist Church Gives Holiday Tea

The W.S.C.S. of the First Methodist Church entertained members and guests at a Christmas tea and program Monday afternoon in the Scharbauer Educational Building. For the party, the room was decorated with Christmas candles and clusters of berries and leaves.

Preceding the program, a short business meeting was held, at which Mrs. D. A. Pass announced that all decorations, including the tree, have been purchased for the enlisted men's dayroom at Midland Municipal Airport, and that gifts for the two hundred men stationed there also have been purchased.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. W. E. Chapman, retiring president of the W.S.C.S., and to Mrs. Pass, Mrs. R. P. Simpson, and Mrs. C. H. Shepard, circle chairmen, in recognition of their services.

Reads Christmas Play

Mrs. George Vannaman then read a timely Christmas play, "Candle In the Window," which showed that Christmas can be happy even in wartime.

Following the reading of the play, refreshments were served from a beautifully-set table, laid with a peach damask cloth, and decorated with hand-dipped candles, green leaves, and red berries. Mrs. Will C. House poured, and Mrs. G. L. Shoemaker, Mrs. Ellis Conner, and Mrs. J. A. Sewall were hostesses for the afternoon.

Guests and members who registered in the guest book, which was presided over by Mrs. W. B. Hunter, included Mmes. George Bradbury, D. E. Keitle, E. J. Voliva, J. W. Thorne, B. F. Haag, C. C. Thomas, O. L. Crooks, Roy McKee, T. A. Fannin, Mary Lou Snodgrass, W A. Black, Mollie McCormick, F. A. Cowan, J. C. Vian, and C. C. Watson.

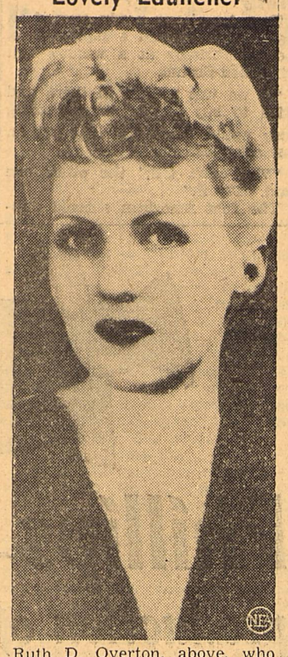
Others attending were Mmes. J. M. Flanigan, L. M. Fielding, R. B. McClure, R. E. Klebold, C. M. Chase, D. H. Cardell, Hugh Duncan, Frank Nixon, A. D. Minney, W. E. Crites, G. L. Kirk, B. P. Guyton, M. J. Allen, Stacy Allen, J. L. Barber, S. H. Hudkins, Mary S. Ray, C. H. Shepard, Mary Anna Mayfield, Robert Gray, Laura Evans, L. W. Sandusky, R. E. Hensley, Ben Smith, Nettie Crawford, J. L. Tidwell, and H. M. Reigle.

POSTAGE?

DENVER, COLO. —(AP)— A postcard has arrived from Athens with postage of 6,000,000,000 drachmas on it.

Four railways meet at the Belgian port of Antwerp.

Lovely Launcher



Ruth D. Overton, above, who serves at Washington as secretary to her father, Sen. John H. Overton of Louisiana, was selected as sponsor for the launching at Newport News, Va., of the Aircraft Carrier Boxer—17th vessel of the Essex class to be floated since Pearl Harbor.

Ruth Circle Members Are Guests In Home Of Mrs. S. L. Parhan

Mrs. S. L. Parhan was hostess to the Ruth Circle of the First Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon in her home at 1204 W. Ohio. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. William Osborn, circle chairman, who then conducted the business session.

The lesson-topic was entitled, "Every Thought In Captivity To Christ," and was taught by Mrs. Lena Osborn, assisted by Mrs. D. R. Dickson and Mrs. J. B. Richards.

Mrs. William Osborn then read an article called, "Keep The Christ In Christmas."

At the end of the program, refreshments were served.

Others present were Mmes. W. S. Barcus, R. L. Foulks, W. E. Hankla, N. D. McKee, R. L. Miller, J. Hollis Roberts and F. A. Stout.

Naval Officer Unsafe Then Saved From Safe

FARRAGUT, IDAHO —(AP)— Lt. (JG) C. G. Hatley, assistant disbursing officer at Farragut Naval Hospital, caught his necktie in the door of the office safe when he slammed it shut.

Several sailors arrived to help. They all tugged. Finally the officer slipped the knot in his tie down far enough to permit his escape—ostrich fashion.

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Ration Calendar

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

PROCESSED FOODS — Book Four blue stamps A8 through Z8, A5 through Z5, and A2 and B2 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until Jan. 1.

SUGAR — Book Four stamps 30 through 34 good indefinitely for five pounds each. Stamp 40 good for five pounds for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945.

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MEMBERS OF SOUTH ELEMENTARY P.T.A. HOLD MEETING

The South Elementary P.T.A. met Tuesday afternoon at the South Elementary School. Mrs. F. D. Breedlove, president, called the meeting to order, and had charge of the business session.

The program for the afternoon was presented by Mrs. Archie Woodward, with Miss Geraldine Callicoate leading the members in the singing of "Silent Night," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." This was followed by the recitation of the "Parent-Teacher's" prayer.

The rest of the program was given by Mrs. Jack Ellington's room.

Mrs. Dennis Murphy then introduced Mrs. D. R. Carter, district president, and Mrs. L. G. Byerley, third state vice-president of the P.T.A. who reported on the convention recently held in Fort Worth. Mrs. Carter also read the Sixth District P.T.A. letter.

A report on the lunch room was given by Mrs. Inez Luce, principal of the school, and yearbooks were issued to the members.

At the conclusion of the meeting a social hour, at which refreshments were served, was held.

BROWNIE TROOP 14 PLANS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR MOTHERS

Brownie Troop 14 met Monday afternoon at the home of troop leader, Mrs. J. E. Gaffney. After the members completed work on their Christmas gifts, they made plans for a Christmas party to be held Monday at the home of Mrs. S. P. Hazlip. Mothers of the members will be guests at the party.

Brownie present included Peggy O'Neal, Mimi Speed Retta Hazlip, Judy Cole, Rosemary Gaffney, Janice Hill, Helen Zant, Carolyn Leggett, Juanda Bradshaw, Georgia Kelley, and Sue Blevins.

If you are able to donate clothes to those less fortunate, make sure that they are clean before giving them.

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Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old. I have been a good girl and I would like for you to bring me a doll, a blackboard, a set of dishes, and a pair of gloves. I will have my stockings hung up for you and I am going to save you a pie or a cake and glass of milk.

Yours Truley,

Lila.

A dash of horseradish mixed with each glassful of tomato juice will add new interest.

Palmolive Victory Beacon To Shine

CHICAGO—(AP)—The beacon atop the Palmolive Building, claimed to be the world's most powerful navigation light, is going to shine again after nearly three years of darkness because of the war.

The beacon, now to be known as the Palmolive Victory Beacon, will be relighted by one of Chicago's war mothers during an infantry demonstration in connection with the Sixth War Loan drive.

The Navy granted permission to relight the beacon, a 2 billion candlepower beam.

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PORTLAND, ORE.—(AP)—Railroad Conductor H. P. Kalinker walked into the depot to purchase some cigarets.

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Coming Events

THURSDAY:

The Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church will hold a Christmas party at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. S. H. Hudkins, 1200 W. Indiana.

The Midland Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, 511 North D Street.

The International Relations Group of the AAUW will meet at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. E. E. Reigle, 613 W. Storey. The program for the evening will be entitled, "Economic and Social Background of Russia."

Members of Brownie Troop 7 will give a Christmas tea for their mothers at the home of Mrs. E. E. Reigle, 613 W. Storey at 4 p.m.

Red Cross first aid class will meet at 7 p.m. in the City hall.

The Belmont Bible Class will hold its annual Christmas party at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. H. Nicholson, 601 W. Ohio.

The City-Council of the P.T.A. will meet in the Superintendent's office in the High School at 2 p.m.

Girl Scout Troop 8 will meet at 4 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. J. Howard Hodge will review "So Little Time" on the Midland County Library Radio Program over KRLH from 4 to 4:15 p.m.

Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Frank Aldrich; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. H. W. Hull.

The Intermediate McPherson Girl's Auxiliary of the Calvary Baptist Church will meet at 5 p.m. at the home of Beth Whatley, 910 S. Baird.

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FRIDAY:

The Grace Lutheran Young People's Society will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Meissner for a Christmas party.

The surgical dressings room in the Salvation Army USO will be open to all army wives at 9:30 a.m. to roll bandages for the maternity ward of the MAAF Post Hospital.

Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Eugene Russell; 8 to 10:30 p.m., Mrs. Clyde Cowden.

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SATURDAY:

The Children's Story Hour will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Children's Library in the basement of the courthouse.

The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at 11 a.m. at the Watson School of Music.

Tickets Go On Sale For Jaycees' Party

Tickets can be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce for the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas party to be held in the crystal ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel at 8 p. m. Thursday, A. A. Jones, chairman, announced Wednesday.

Admission to the party will be limited to Jaycees and their guests.

Arrangements have been completed to make this the most enjoyable Jaycee party yet held, Jones said.

A well stocked buffet will be provided, and tables will be arranged around the dance floor where guests may sit and eat their choice of the many foods which will be provided.

Plenty of the most popular dance records will be available for the benefit of the dancers.

Jan Garber Closes MAAF Engagement

The "Idol of the Airlanes," Jan Garber and his orchestra, closed a two-day engagement Tuesday night of entertaining the military personnel at Midland Army Air Field.

An estimated crowd of 4800 persons danced to Jan Garber's music during the two nights he entertained the bombardier base personnel and their guests.

Highlight of Garber's two-day visit occurred when Midland's radio station KRLH, was granted permission Tuesday, to air Garber's music direct from the Service Club stage from 10 to 10:30 p.m. Lieut. Allan J. Phaup, MAAF's popular radio sportcaster, was the announcer for the thirty minute broadcast of sweet and hot swing music.

And There Were A Few Red Leathernecks

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC —(AP)—First Marine Division veterans pooh-poohed any insinuations that they are souvenir collectors.

But they blushed when the order was posted to turn in—along with certain other "souvenirs" — all "40mm. aniaircraft guns" taken from the Japs.

Such a weapon weighs approximately 3,000 pounds.

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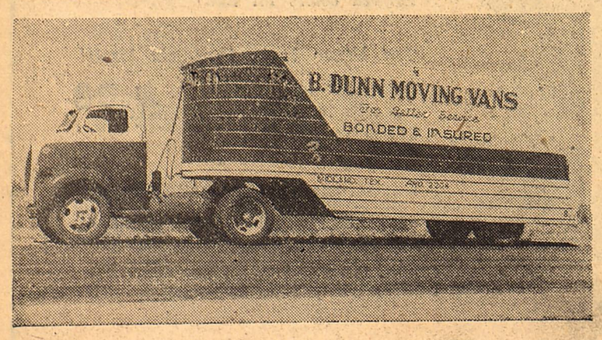


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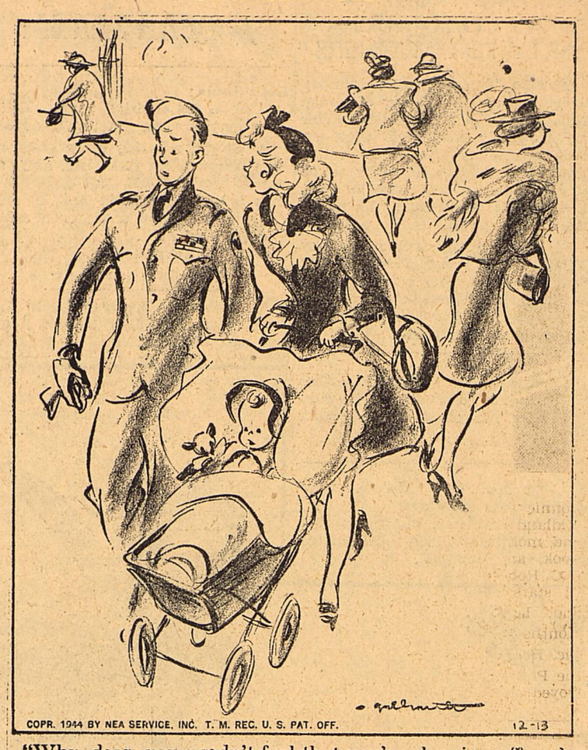
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Relative Of Midland Citizens Is Missing

Lt. George Howard Sparks, brother of Mrs. Ralph J. Hickman of Midland, is reported missing in action in Germany since November 27. He was serving in the infantry.

Lieutenant Sparks is the son of Mrs. Jennie Sparks of Blanco, and is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Daniel of Midland.

V-BOMBS HARASS ENGLAND

LONDON —(AP)— German flying bomb attacks on Southern England continued unabated during Tuesday night, causing a number of casualties.

EISENHOWER IN LONDON

LONDON—(AP)— Gen. Eisenhower visited London Tuesday to present the Legion of Merit Decree of Chief Commander to Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas, it was announced.

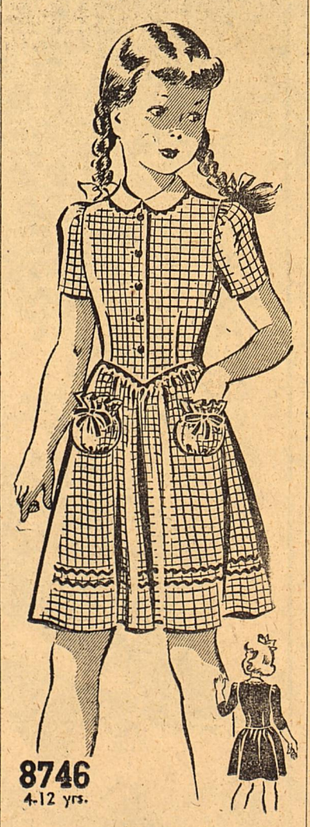
Steinbeck Volume Gets Nazis In Dutch

SOMEWHERE IN HOLLAND — (AP)— Secret publication of John Steinbeck's "The Moon Is Down" helped raise funds for underground activities in Holland. The translation in limited edition is said to be excellent. It is paper-bound on rich vellum and well illustrated.

Pen names of translator and illustrator are used. The Dutch title is "The Flycatchers." Copies sold for about $40.

The hot springs of Araknsas, 47 in number, are government-owned and operated.

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Lions Turn 'Liars' At Wednesday Meet For Cigarettes

A liars club was inaugurated at the Lions Club meeting Wednesday noon in the Scharbauer Hotel with J. S. Noland, the Rev. R. J. Snell and the Rev. Vernon Yearby being winners of the cigarettes offered for the best stories by Dr. Y. D. McMurry, program chairman.

Other Lions who told stories on the program are James F. Daugherty and Frank Stubbeman.

Members of the club voted to employ Roy Tuggle as secretary and treasurer of the club.

Christmas Plans Announced

Noland, Christmas party chairman, announced plans for the club's Christmas party Tuesday night in the Crystal Ballroom of the Scharbauer Hotel. A turkey dinner will be served. Mr. Snell will act as toastmaster, and the Rev. Hubert Hopper will preside. Lions and their wives will all bring small gifts which will be distributed later to indigent children of Midland.

Harlan Howell announced plans for the all-civic luncheon to be held next Wednesday when all of the civic clubs of Midland will meet together. Theme of the luncheon will be, "Toward a Greater Faith."

Jim Moore of Big Spring will be the speaker.

Penicillin Saves Life Of Young French Girl

PARIS — (AP) — Penicillin was credited Wednesday with saving the life of an 18-year-old French girl shot through the temple by a stray bullet in the liberation of Paris last August.

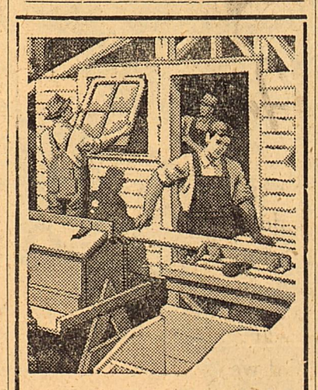
A French surgeon removed the bullet but infection set in and the girl, Nicolle Duchaillut, failed rapidly.

Two U. S. Air Force officers, Lt. Col. Alexander Hunter of Springfield, Mass., and Maj. Robert Osborn of McAllen, Texas, overheard the story in a French Red Cross club and arranged for a 24-hour supply of penicillin.

Six weeks later the girl was able to eat normaly and was continuing to improve.

Cotton

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton prices at noon Wednesday were 5 to 25 cents a bale higher. Dec. 21.83, March 21.95, May 21.89.



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London Changes Little Despite Fact War Is Much Farther Away

By HAL BOYLE

LONDON—(AP)—The war has moved quite a way from London—but noisy, teeming London hasn't moved very far from the war.

Though the lights have gone up a little, the blackout pall still lingers, long after peace returns, many Londoners probably will draw their blinds at night through habit. It is odd to think there are children of kindergarten age in England who never have looked out of a lighted window at night.

But it doesn't make much difference at this time of year. London is in the midst of its season of misty miasmas. Fog shrouds the gray, timeworn streets and buildings and hides the face of Big Ben.

No city gives more of a sense of mystery than London gripped by fog. Even Casbah, the native quarter of Algiers, lacks London's dramatic sense of something unknown impending—perhaps another buzz-bomb, perhaps an encounter with Sherlock Holmes, trying to find his way back to Baker Street through the fog.

Thirsty

Two Americans newly arrived in town stood outside a liquor store, looking thristily at a window full of bottled Scotch.

"If we just walked in there and tried to buy one of those bottles, they would throw us right out on our ear," said one.

"You can't tell," the other one said. "Try it."

The first American entered dubiously. He came out a few moments later carrying a bottle but wearing anything but a triumphant look.

"Well, they didn't throw you out," said his buddy.

"No, but I wish they had," the other said, holding up the bottle and inspecting it painfully. "This thing cost me 17 bucks."

Cabbing Leading Sport

Cab-hunting still is the leading outdoor sport. Because of their tips Americans usually get the not from taxi-drivers when they are hailed by more than one prospective fare.

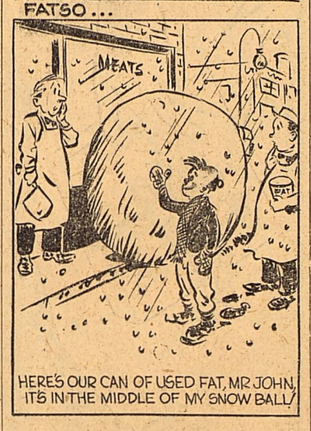
This causes a bit of Anglo-American friction, and you can't help feeling that justice lies on the Englishman's side. It's easy to understand his annoyance when a cab he signals passes him by.

As one fuming old gentleman put it when the American "Invasion of England" was at its heights:

"These bloody cabs! They stop only for Americans and streetwalkers!"

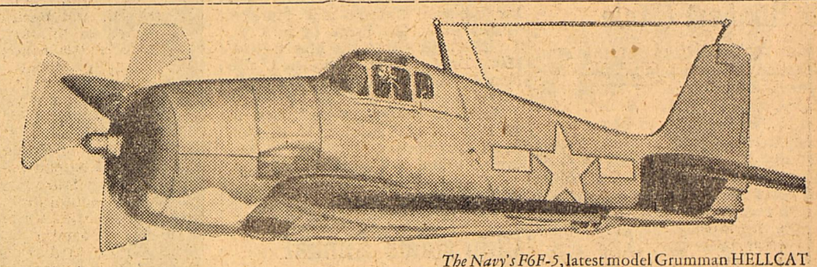
TYPUS CONTROL

The extremely successful control of the typus fever epidemic in Naples early this year by the U. S. Army medical corps was done with two new weapons—new insecticides, chiefly DDT, and new method of applying DDT powder to destroy lice.



Just received, the largest shipment of phonograph records ever to reach Midland — Victor, Bluebird, Decca, Capitol and Columbia. Give record music this Christmas, special packing for safe mailing. Western Auto Associate Store across from Western Union, Downtown Midland. —(Adv.)

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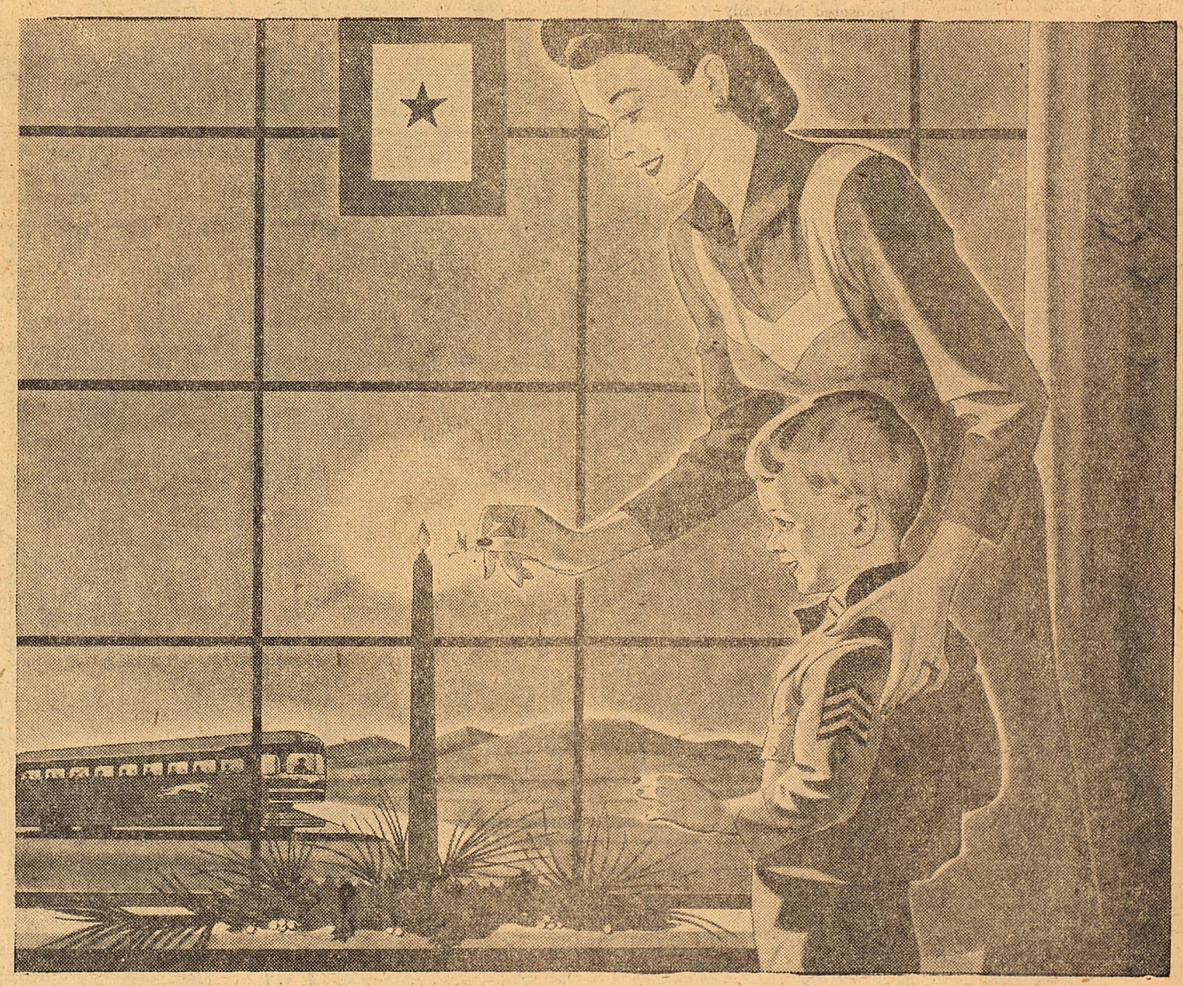
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A lot of other lights are twinkling on again all over this battered old planet, little boy-at-the-window! This will be a Christmas of such hope and promise as our war-tired world has not seen for more years than you've had birthdays.

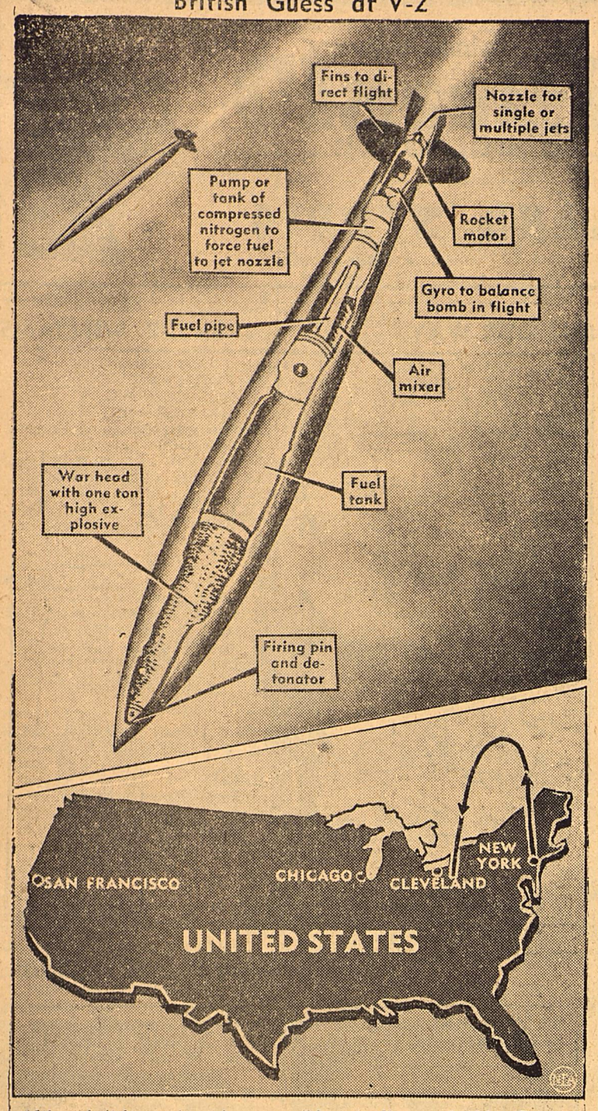
Lights from the headlamps of thousands of Greyhound buses reflect the hope that shines in the eyes of people everywhere —*for Greyhound may well be a principal carrier of our victorious fighters, in the greatest home-coming of all time.*

In the meantime, let's keep everlastingly at the jobs we're doing. Any let-up in our war assignments, now, may *let down* our men who are finishing the hard and grinding job that still remains.

Greyhound's special task, today, is carrying an enormous volume of war manpower. Its most pleasant job in post-war days will be to show America's millions the charm and beauty, the friendliness, of the land we have all been fighting for.

GREYHOUND LINES

British 'Guess' at V-2



Although it has not yet been possible actually to rebuild a German V-2 from exploded parts, as was done with the first flying bomb, the V-1, British experts have a fairly good idea of what the Nazis' latest vengeance weapon looks like and how it works. The cutaway sketch at top is an artist's conception, drawn from all available information. Thirty to 50 feet long and five feet in diameter, the "flying telegraph pole" weighs about 13½ tons, but holds only one ton of explosive, the same as the V-1 robot bomb. Range, with the highest trajectory of any missle ever fired by man, is estimated at 250 to 300 miles, shown in terms of U. S. geography on lower map.

Military Leaders Have Eye For Future In Crying For Shells

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The new series of "must" orders from the battlefronts for big increases in ammunition production spring from future needs, not current shortages.

These needs have mushroomed for two principal reasons:

1. The tremendously accelerated pace of the Allies' assault in both the European and Pacific theaters.

2. Revision of military plans on the basis of battle experience.

As a result of stepped up offensives, ammunition that had been tagged for use next year is now being expended against both the Nazis and the Japanese. Illustrating this, Gen. Eisenhower has reported that his forces on the western front are using about four times as much small arms ammunition "as anyone ever imagined they would."

Ammunition Booming

Use of heavy artillery and mortar ammunition has increased porportionately, bringing urgent appeals for huge production boosts. Close on the heels of these petitions, orders have gone out to munitions makers to double output of small arms bullets and cartridges; plans are being mapped for $500,000,000 in new infantry mortar facilities and heavy artillery shell production schedules for the first three months of next year are reported to have been boosted by about 22 per cent over earlier steep increases.

This situation is a complete reverse from a year ago when ammunition production was cut deeply, as much as 50 per cent in some categories.

The kind of war anticipated at that time was one of swift movement similar to the dash of the German army through Europe in 1941 and 1942, and the Allied smash across North Africa last year. Air power was relied on heavily to blast the way for ground forces.

War Changes Ideas

This concept was revised beginning with Salerno, and when stubborn Nazi resistance held up the Allies for weeks at Cassino, the production of heavy artillery and ammunition was given an overriding priority. The war had become bogged in the mud and long range guns had a new prominence in the overall strategy.

The same situation developed in France when, following the breakthrough at St. Malo, the Allied advance was slowed at the Siegfried line. Once more the heavy artillery was rolled up in force to batter an opening to Berlin. All the indications now are that a long siege is ahead, requiring quantities of ammunition of all kinds far beyond earlier expectations.

This has depleted reserves that had been deemed sufficient to carry over several months.

Navy Uses Army Shells

Adding to the need for heavy ammunition, the Navy has been using more and more high explosive Army-type shells to prepare the way for Pacific landings. Heretofore its needs had been confined largely to the traditional Navy-purpose armor-piercing shells.

While Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces, has said that so far the battlefronts have not lacked for any kind of supplies, he added:

"What we are apprehensive about is that we will not be able to keep up with the demand in the future."

And he cautioned that there is "every reason to expect shortages at the front unless manpower needs are met."

To turn out the ammunition needed poses a tough new problem for the War Manpower Commission, which even before the new orders began to roll in had been trying for months to find 200,000 additional workers for lagging munitions programs. The fresh demands are expected to require at least 150,000 more.

More Women Needed

A large percentage of women workers is needed in the ammunition program. WMC is hoping to persuade those laid off a year ago to come back on the job, but this is expected to be quite a task. Women who have left war work, the records indicate, have shown little inclination to return.

Gen. Somervell has demanded that the manpower problem be solved this month. He has made it clear that if the need is not met voluntarily, he will ask Congress for other means, presumably national service legislation.

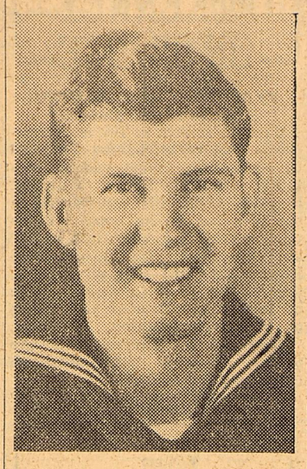
Roy B. Jones Wins Mid-Continent Award

WICHITA FALLS—(AP)—Roy B. Jones, nationally known petroleum operator and former president of the Panhandle Refining Co., of Wichita Falls, was presented with the distinguished service award of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association at a luncheon here Tuesday.

The plaque was presented by L. E. Barrows, Houston, manager of production of the Texas Company.

Losses by fire, including those caused by lightning amounted to $380,000,000 in the United States in 1943.

Home On Leave



Connie Mack Cook has been in Midland visiting with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cook, and with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Roberts. He has been awarded stars for nine major battles and landings during the 33 months he has spent in the Pacific. He served in the invasion of the Philippines, and his ship destroyed Jap installations on Leyte.

Hold Services For William M. Hodges

Funeral services were to be held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ, North A and Tennessee, for William M. Hodges, 81, with Mr. L. C. Bankhead officiating, assisted by Mr. Bill Gibson. Interment was to be in Fairview Cemetery with the Ellis Funeral Home in charge.

Died Tuesday

Hodges died in a Midland hospital early Tuesday. He had been residing here with a daughter, Mrs. G. E. Buffington, for the past few years.

Surviving are two sons, M. M. Hodges of Linden and T. C. Hodges of Andrews; four daughters, Mrs. Buffington, Mrs. L. C. Miller of Midland, Mrs. B. H. Smyres of Midland and Mrs. F. A. Berning of Marshall; 32 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

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Legion And Auxiliary Will Sponsor Christmas Gifts For Ill Soldiers

Service men and women at Midland Army Air Field and Midland Municipal Airport who happen to be in the hospital Christmas will receive Christmas gifts through efforts of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. O. M. Luton, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced Wednesday.

Sponsored Nationally

The movement to make sure all service men and women in hospitals receive Christmas gifts is sponsored nationally by the national headquarters of the American Legion.

Persons who wish to contribute some gift or gifts to be distributed among patients at the hospital can leave them at the office of District Clerk Nettye Romer on the third floor of the courthouse.

The gifts will be taken to the hospital by members of the Auxiliary December 22 and distributed.

REELECTED MAYOR

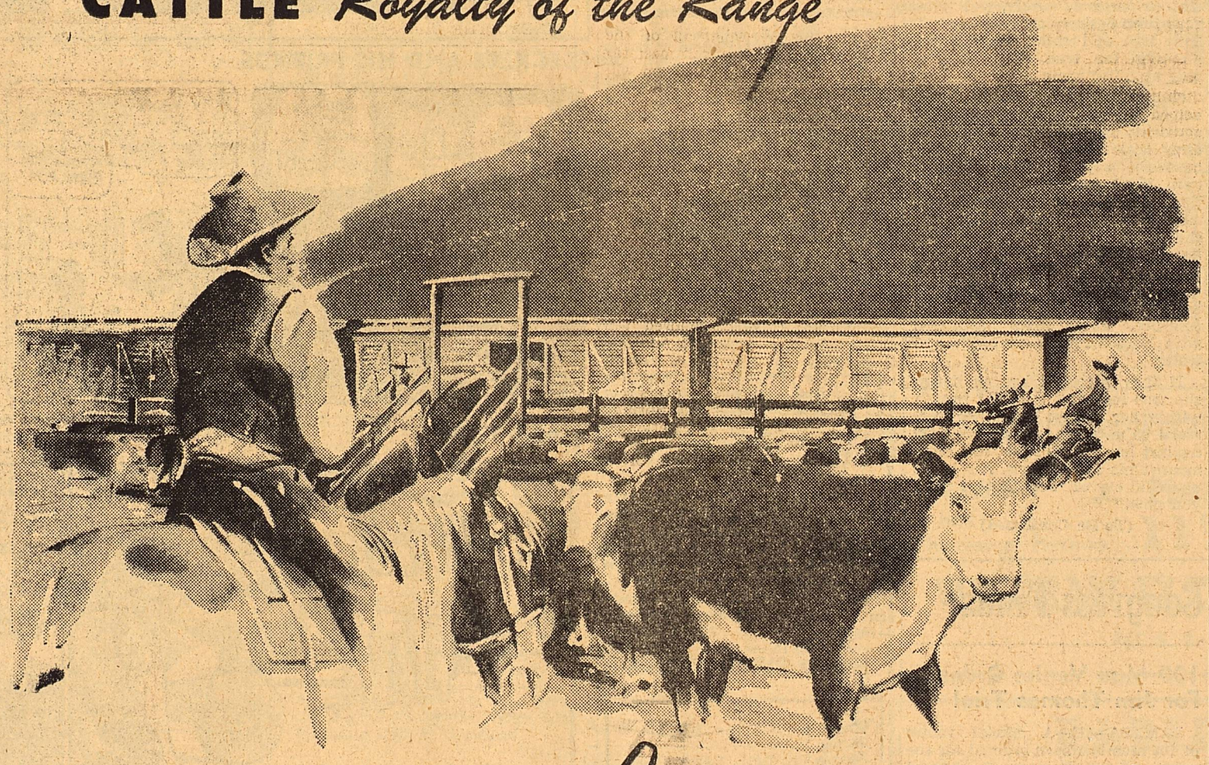
HARLINGEN—(AP)—Voters of this city Tuesday re-elected Hugh Ramsey, as mayor for his fifth consecutive term.

J. L. Head and A. F. Dabnes were elected city commissioners.

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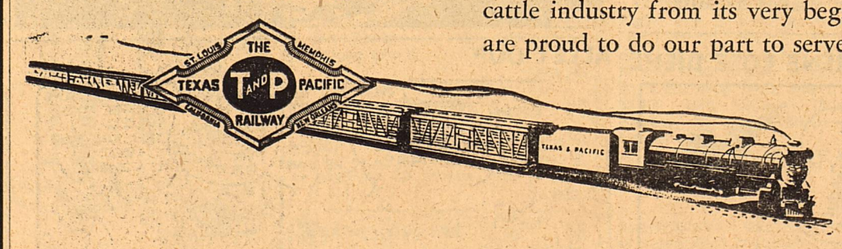
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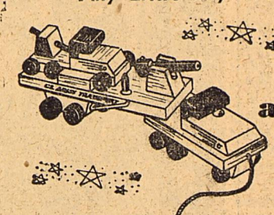
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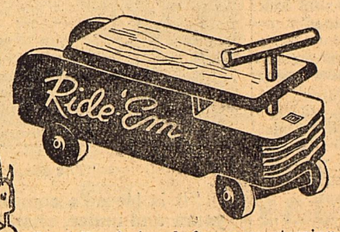
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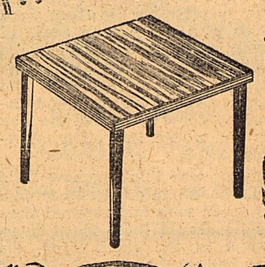


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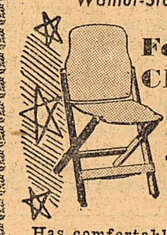
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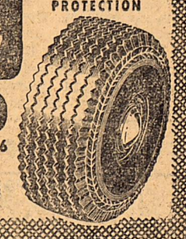
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The ACACIA TREE

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DAN ignored the riders, and carefully boosting himself, stood up on his feet. With one hand outstretched he maintained his balance and took his first small steps, putting his feet down as though the ground came up to meet them and crowing with delighted pride in his accomplishment.

His mother must have set the water-pot down upon her robe's hem, for as she rose hastily the half-emptied vessel fell over, spilling its sweet water on the loose brown earth she had been working around the roots of the newly planted acacia.

With that sweet little stagger that is the prerequisite of very young legs obeying the command to walk, the baby reached the water where the acacia and the earth drank slowly. His fat little legs seemed to collapse beneath him and he sat down with the ease of one accustomed to such phenomena. The water squeezed from under him and drew together in a puddle and Dan disregarded the reproof and patted it approvingly.

Michal saw him without seeming to look at him, then shut him from her mind determinedly as she turned to face the men who stood with drawn swords in the center of her courtyard. Her lovely face was serene and belied the wild fear within that echoed Joel's reproaches of the past months.

Drusus, the leader, was no stranger to her and it was to him that she addressed herself.

"Why hast thou come with witnesses to call upon me?"

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FAMILIAR as he was with the slender figure before him, yet the Roman captain had been halted by the dear grace of her, and if his followers had crowded closer to view her lips that were redder than the reddest seeds of pomegranates from Ascalon, he would have understood their eagerness. Now he hesitated and his men awaited his command uncertainly, for this was not the way they had ridden into other courtyards.

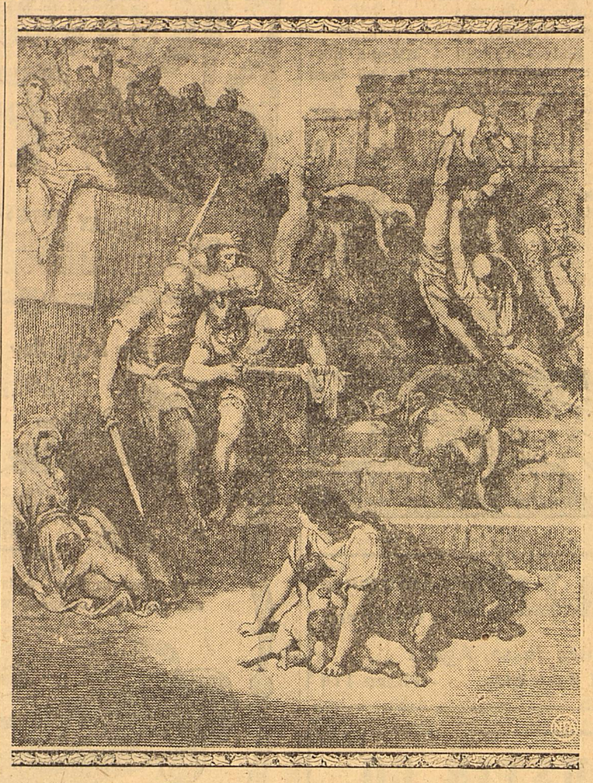
Drusus was thinking how little motherhood had changed her who was Joel's wife and realized then that he should have taken more interest in the child. True, his sister had written him of Michal's pregnancy and he had purposely stayed away, not wishing to see her grow heavy and slow who had been so quick upon her little feet. Since his return he had again become the slightly audacious admirer of former days and the infant had been a cradled nonentity. He could not even recall its sex.

Michal's low and calm voice broke in on his reflections and he faced her unhappily.

"It is Herod's order," he said shortly. "It is his command that all male children, of two years and under, shall be slain by the sword."

"But why such sudden affection for the sons of others?"

Michal spoke in his own language and the impatient soldiers noticed no change in her voice, and saw that she gave no glance toward her child. "Has he not still the sons of Doris and Malthace to lavish his love upon? Surely it was not to the sons of Miriam that he gave his all?" Her voice was mocking and laughter shone in her gold-flecked eyes as they met his somber glance and ridiculed the king's murder of his sons.



"The Massacre of the Innocents" by Gustave Dore.

"It is Herod's command that all male children of two years and under, shall be slain by the sword."

He had no time now for the familiar teasing that had kept him hoping all these years that she was not as good as he knew her to be. It was a hope that had told him that if it would be to bear his child that she became less slim and lovely, he would not ride away to war as when she carried the child who sat yonder in the mud.

"Wilt thou enter thy dwelling?" he asked coldly, wondering if Joel's child could be lost to her without pain.

"That thou mayest slaughter my child?" Her alarm did not slip the guard of love that permitted her words. A thousand times her heart had sung "my son," but that heart was not a careless girl's heart no matter what Joel might believe.

"Michal," he protested in her own tongue, "these men will not delay for long. Thy child is only another Hebrew to them."

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STILL she did not look at the child, her head lifted proudly and the lie on her lips was as gracious as though her heart were not burning with anger and fear. Her words were distinct in the Roman tongue. (Surely it was for this occasion Adonai had willed her destiny with Jonathan and his Roman friends?) Precise and clear, her words carried to the soldiery, "Thou knowest our custom, how we plant a cedar for a son, an acacia for the birth of a daughter."

Behind a juniper tree lit with white blooms, the sky was red where the sun was setting beyond the sea horizon. The captain was suddenly sickened of his charge under Herod. The blood of how many lives as pure as the juniper bloom had stained the soil of Bethlehem as red as the flagrant sunset? The heat simmered against the white tree and the crimson of sunset spread like blood across the whole horizon. It flowed to the sea and stained the gray waters, and the captain waited now for Michal to release him from his invisible chains and let him ride away away from the slaughter.

Sensing that Drusus had not accepted her statement for the dismissal it was meant to be, she challenged all of them, laughingly. A small and dusty hand lifted to loose a curl about her right ear so that it played on her rose-tinted cheek while the tiny breeze, like a careful matron, guarded against too loving intimacy. "Thou knowest our custom, surely, yet perhaps thou desirest a closer look at both tree and child. I was but planting the tree even as you rode up. But come . . . "

She turned at last to the child, where he sat now with his earthy garments denying his nobility, his dirty little face as lovely as his mother's, with the same golden eyes, the same proud curving of lips, absurd on a child so young.

He held out his arms to her, and she caught him close against her bosom, ignoring the soil and the Romans, forgetting the acacia tree and its vital importance. Here in her arms she held her heart's treasure, Joel's baby smudged with Bethlehem's dear earth and water.

If they accepted her challenge she was lost, and the wild tumult within her at last broke her outward calm. She buried her face against her baby's neck, her curls against his fairer curls, her heart one wild cry of "Joel, Joel, I need you now!"

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY
America's Card Authority

I met a soldier in Pittsburgh recently who introduced himself to me as "Big Mike"—and he certainly was a big fellow. I wanted to talk about his experiences in the war, but all he would tell me was that he had to go into enemy territory in a jeep, to get some information. The jeep hit a mine, and Mike came home with a couple of broken legs. During the course of our conversation, he said, "There are times when you have to take a chance, but carelessness can cost a lot of lives."

Carelessness often costs a trick and your contract in bridge. Today's hand brings out that point well. When West held the first trick, he shifted to the ace of diamonds and followed with another diamond. Dummy won, a small club was ruffled with the three of spades, a small heart ruffed in dummy with the ten of spades, another club ruffed with the six of spades, the seven of hearts ruffed with the jack of spades, and another club ruffed with the nine of spades. Now, instead of picking up the trumps, declarer laid down the ace of hearts, which was ruffed, and the contract was defeated. Of course South should have cashed the ace before ruffing any hearts.

♠ J 10
♥ None
♦ K Q J 10 6 3
♣ 9 7 5 3 2

N W E S
Dealer

♠ A K Q 9 6 3
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ 7 2
♣ 8

Duplicate—None vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Double	Pass	Pass

Opening—♣ K. 13

Dallas Plane Plant To Build Fairchild C-82

DALLAS—(AP)—The Fairchild C-82 Packet, a twin-engined ship in the 50,000-pound class with a wingspread of 106 feet and a range of 3,500 miles, is the new cargo ship which will be manufactured by North American Aviation at Dallas.

The company named the ship Tuesday night after announcement was made last week that the Army had awarded the firm a fixed price contract for production of a cargo plane.

About twice the size of currently standard transport aircraft, the packet is powered by two Pratt and Whitney engines of 2,000 horsepower each.

Versatile GI Pants Cover Many Fronts

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. —(AP)—Worn and frayed Army trousers serve many purposes at Welch Army Hospital near here. The legs are cut, producing serviceable athletic trunks. But the legs aren't thrown away; they are stuffed as cushions to ease bedfast soldiers, fashioned into typewriter covers and used to patch mattresses in the hospital's gymnasium.

The week-end has brought large shipments of additional holiday merchandise for Western Auto Associate Store from New York and Chicago markets. Shop Western Auto Store daily. New stocks arriving every express. Opposite Western Union, Metropolitan Midland. —(Adv.)

Texas POW Camps Properly Managed Congress Finds

By TEX EASLEY

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Apparently the prisoner of war camps in Texas are being properly managed, because a congressional committee investigating prisoner centers has received not a single complaint concerning any of the 18 located in the state.

Investigators of the House Military Affairs Committee have gone to numerous other camps throughout the country to check stories of coddling of prisoners, but they don't contemplate visiting Texas camps with their 24,210 Germans and 1,400 Italians.

Gross Exaggerations

The committee, incidentally, in a recently released interim report concluded that most of these coddling stories are without foundation or are Gross Exaggerations. They pointed to the Geneva convention, which sets forth certain definite rules concerning the treatment of prisoners of war, and added that the Germans were living up to the convention, although interpreting some rules less liberally than we do regarding German prisoners. The Japs were given credit for following the principles of the treaty reasonably close, even though they never did ratify the Geneva pact.

Italian prisoners who have been passed upon by our military intelligence officers are allowed to join service units, and are given almost as many privileges as an allied soldier.

Against Coddling

While definitely against any coddling, Texas congressmen questioned on the subject were unanimous in approving the terms of the Geneva convention. They believed we should follow it in order to safeguard the America boys who are held prisoners by the enemy. This was the view expressed by Reps. Sam Russell and Clark Fisher, and it was typical.

Congressman Bob Poage of Waco interestingly notes that there's a big difference in the attitude of German prisoners taken now and those captured early in the war. During a visit among prisoners at Camp Hood a year ago he found those captured in the Tunisian campaign to be arrogant and confident the Nazis would win, many still believing that New York was half destroyed from bombings. On his recent trip to France he walked among German prisoners captured in Normandy and found many of them dejected and resigned to defeat.

100 Man Venire Ordered For Jim Thomas Trial

LAMESA—(AP)—A special venire of 100 men has been ordered for the retrial of Jim Thomas, 50, charged with murder in the slaying of Dr. Roy Hunt, Littlefield physician. The trial is set for Jan. 8, in 106th District Court of Dawson County.

At the first trial at Plainview, Thomas, a convict on parole, was convicted of the slaying and given the death penalty. He was granted a new trial Sept. 22 by Judge C. D. Russell of 64th District Court after ggtestimony that Thomas' previous criminal record had been mentioned in the jury room.

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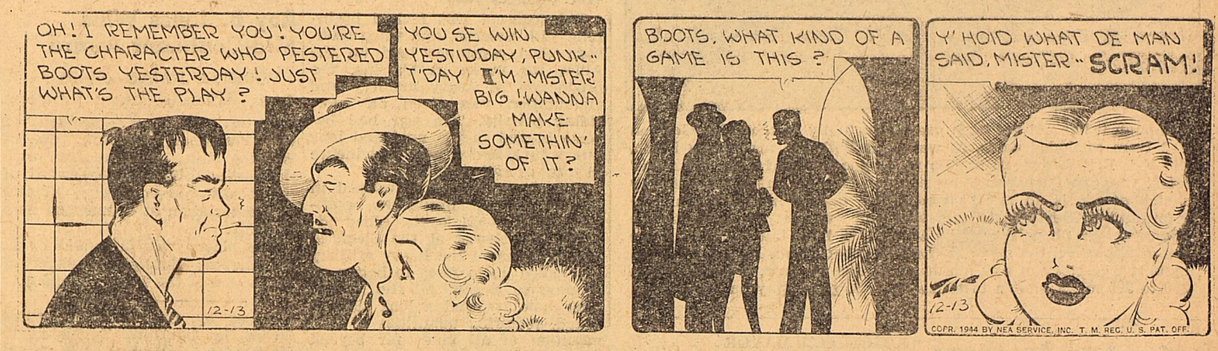
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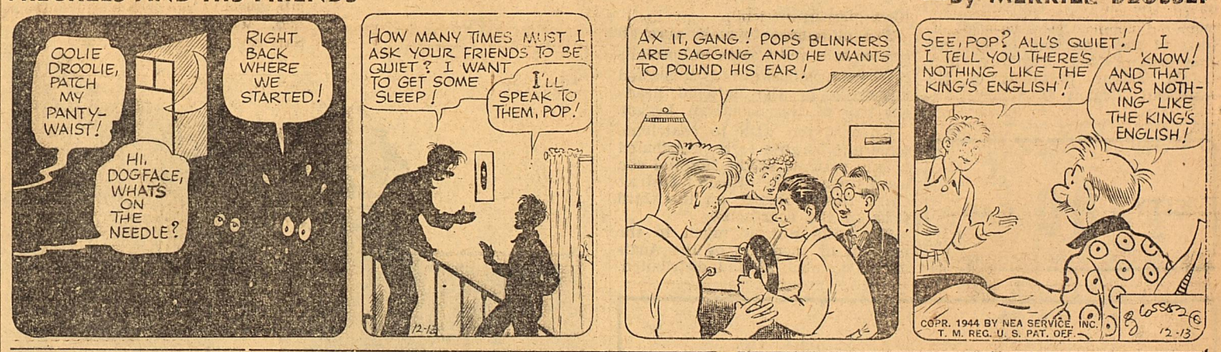


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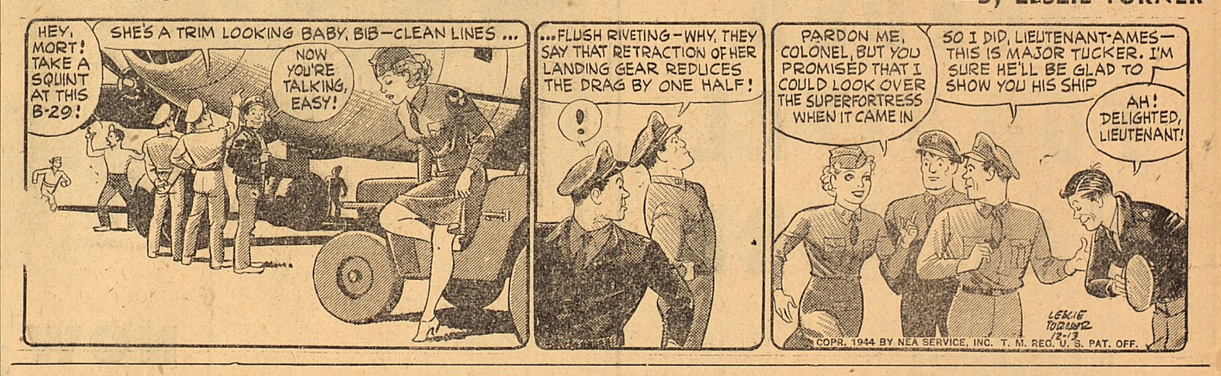


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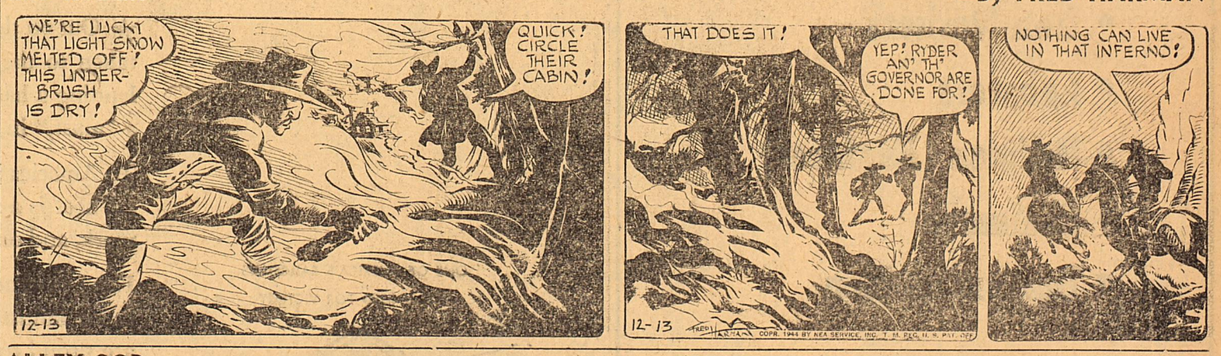
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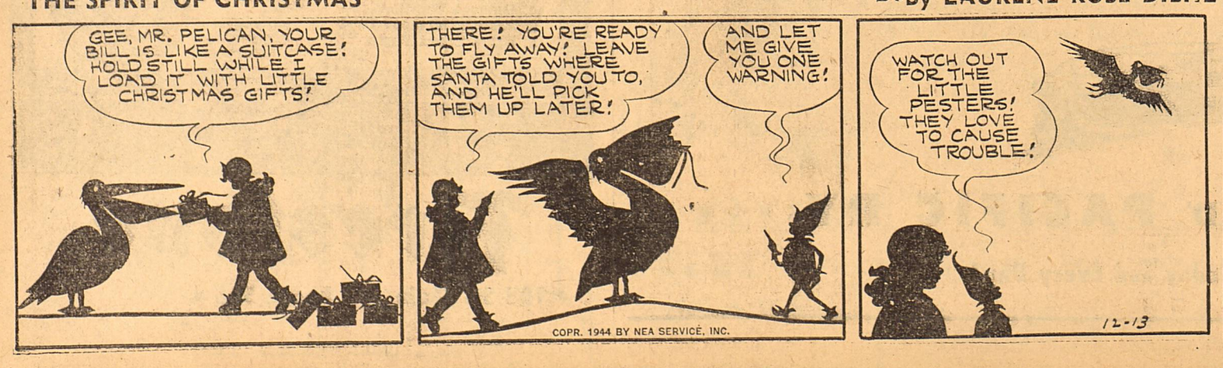
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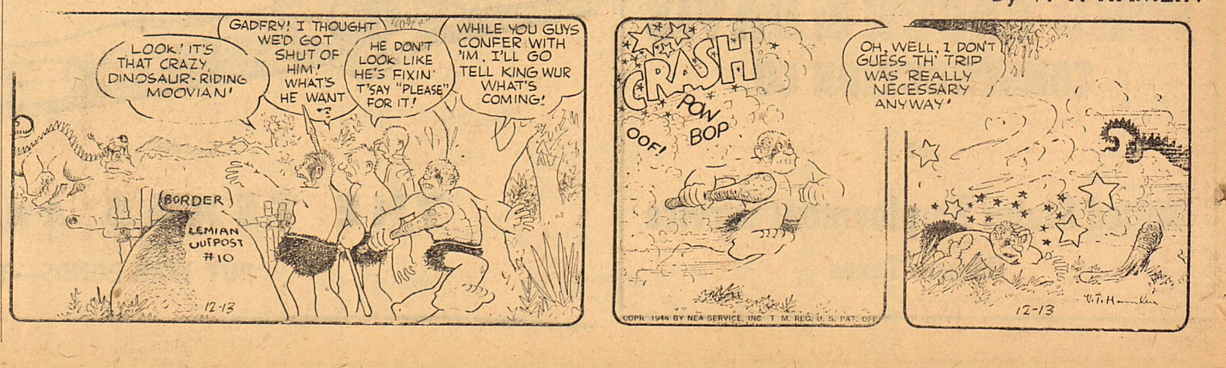
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(212-30)

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(232-tf)

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(233-30)

Good Things to Eat 4

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(235-14)

Travel Bureaus 5

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Lost and Found 7

LOST—Brindle bull dog pup, black nose. Reward. Return to Police Station.
(238-3)

LOST: Black fabric coin purse near H&H No. 1. Reward. Phone 813-J.
(238-3)

LOST — Brown wallet containing AGO card, gas coupons and cash. Keep cash and mail wallett to Lt. Stampe, 911 W. Illinois.
(238-3)

LOST — 10 karat gold cross on chain. Keepsake. "G" on back. Phone 1225-J.
(237-19)

LOST—Ladies Bulova wrist watch. Reward. Phone 1108 after 6.
(237-3)

Help Wanted 9

COMBINE operator wanted. $1.00 per hour. See or call J. C. Miles, Phone 563-J.
(239-4)

WANTED — Girl to wrap Xmas packages. Phone 21, Everybody's.
(239-3)

WANTED: Salesladies. Also girls to wrap Xmas packages. Apply J. B. Hoskins, Dunlaps.
(238-3)

WANTED — Man with family to work farm of 160 acres by month or would rent to right party with equipment to work. Box No. 1756, Midland.
(237-5)

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

WAITRESSES wanted. Apply Scharbauer Coffee Shop.
(120-tf)

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

WAITRESS wanted, day or night work. Excellent working conditions. Apply Cactus Cafe.
(291-tf)

WANTED—Experienced waitresses, good money, short hours. Apply Log Cabin Inn.
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(206-tf)

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Situations Wanted 10

BOOKKEEPER and receptionist now employed desires acceptable employment after Jan. 1st. References from present employer. For interview write Box 367, care this paper.
(239-6)

EXPERT linoleum laying. All work cash. See Foster, 409 N. "D." Phone 1109-J.
(219-52)

SEWING wanted. 1303 N. Marienfield.
(224-26)

2 ROW tractor for hire. See Alton Sorge. Phone 9035-F-12.
(235-6)

RENTALS

Bedrooms 12

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

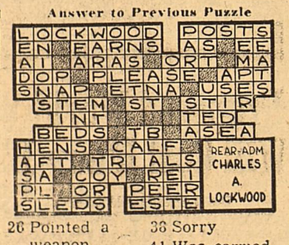
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Former Actress

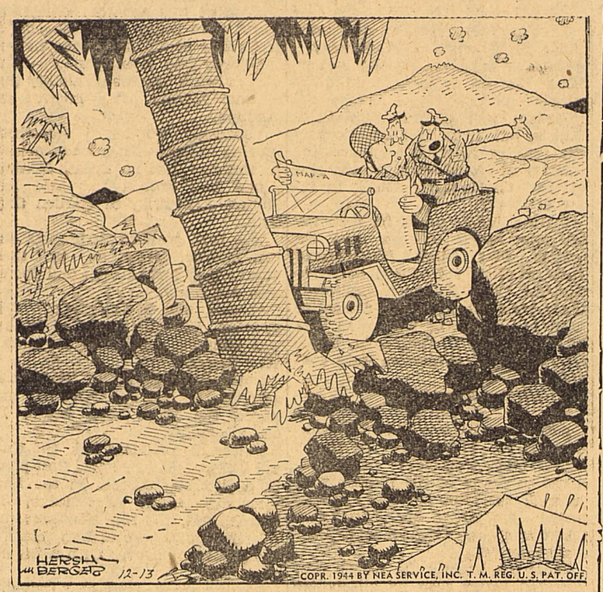
HORIZONTAL
1 Pictured screen star of yesteryear,
9 Domesticated animal
10 Ireland
11 Mineral rock
13 2000 pounds
14 Whole
16 Sprite
18 Measure of area
19 Near
20 Five and five
21 Account of (ab.)
22 Relaxes
25 World-famed classic writer
28 Let it stand
29 Slope
30 She was a famous —— heroine
33 Transmitted
36 Rent
37 Smells
39 Either
40 Skill
43 Exist
44 Each (ab.)
45 Twisted
47 French art museum
49 Also
50 Over (contr.)
52 Liquid measure
53 Dispose
54 She was a

VERTICAL
1 Writing implement
2 And (Latin)
3 Lease
4 Ignited
5 Legal instrument
6 At this place
7 Toward
8 Before
9 Skin openings
12 Exalt
13 Paving substance
14 Orient
15 Finishes
17 Enemy
23 Street (ab.)
24 Relates
26 Pointed a weapon
27 North Dakota (ab.)
30 Ferrous (comb. form)
31 Indian army (ab.)
32 Dinner
33 Several
34 Negative
35 Direction
36 Not high
38 Sorry
41 Was carried
42 Change course
43 Provides with weapons
46 Affirmative
48 Tub
49 Atmosphere
51 Rhode Island (ab.)
53 Egyptian sun god

Answer to Previous Puzzle



FUNNY BUSINESS



"Go back and have 'em put a curve on the road map!"

Wanted To Rent 21

OFFICER and wife want room or apartment. Call Mrs. O. H. Schuermann, Buckner Hotel, 9526
(237-6)

UNFURNISHED house urgently needed by Jan. 1st by family of four. Call 429-R.
(231-9)

WANTED to rent unfurnished house by permanent civilian couple. Call Halloway, Sinclair-Prairie Scouting Dept.
(235-6)

WANTED: Clean cotton rags. No silk, woolens or scraps. The Reporter-Telegram.
(235-6)

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(236-12)

FOR SALE

Household Goods 22

FOR SALE—Matching chenille bedspread, 2 pairs draperies, shag rug. 711 N. Colorado. Phone 1522-W.
(239-3)

FOR SALE — Prewar Magic Chef range, 2 piece living room suite, occasional, coffee and end tables. 1807 W. Wall.
(239-3)

CHRISTMAS chairs for gifts. Needle pointed. Please come and get what you have here. Sanders Furniture & Upholstering Shop, Phone 752.
(238-6)

DIVAN, rocker, arm-chair, cooking utensils and bamboo blinds for sale. Phone 1613-W.
(238-3)

WANTED — Used furniture and stoves, any amount. Highest prices paid.
GALBRAITH'S
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(206-tf)

Miscellaneous 23

FOR SALE — 6 extra large skins Kolinsky fur piece. Very reasonable. Phone 2006-M.
(239-3)

FOR SALE — Ladies second hand bicycle. Phone 517.
(238-2)

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Miscellaneous 23

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(237-tf)

FOR SALE—Bicycle (boys). A-1 condition. 28 inch. Phone 666—W. S. Kubic.
(237-3)

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(225-15)

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(227-22)

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(224-15)

Let's Swap 25

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

Wanted To Buy 26

WANTED — A sewing machine. Phone 1584.
(239-6)

WANTED to buy, electric train.—Phone 961.
(237-3)

WANTED—Electric or other train. Phone 1424-J.
(237-3)

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

WANTED to buy tricycle for 3 year old boy for Christmas. Write box 72, Route 1, O. F. Crawford.
(235-6)

Wanted To Buy 26

WANTED—Any kind toys—let us have them and make some kid happy for Xmas. We pay you the cash. Galbraith's, 319 E. Texas, Phone 746.
(238-tf)

Radios and Service 27

RADIO REPAIRS
610 South Loraine.
(232-26)

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

Nurseries, Flowers, Seeds 30

PLENTY nice Christmas trees, 4 to 14 feet at Baker Bros. Nursery, E. Highway 80. Phone 1494-W-1.
(234-12)

Wearing Apparel 32

ARMY officers slightly worn 37 blouse, 30x31 pinks, 14½x33 pink Barathea shirt and olive drab wool shirt. All ideal for extra work clothes. Woody Wilson, Phone 78.
(237-3)

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Machinery 33

FOR SALE—Allis-Chalmers 2 row combine, excellent repair. In use now on J. C. Miles farm 4 miles south, Rankin Highway.
(239-4)

Livestock and Poultry 34

TURKEYS for sale. Phone 2150. W. H. Wade, Midland Co-op Gin.
(238-3)

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

Pets 35

FULL blooded male wire-haired terrier, one year old, for sale. 609 N. Carrizo.
(239-3)

BUSINESS SERVICE

Moving and Storage 38

GENERAL hauling. Call 1842-W day or night.
(220-26)

Plumbing & Heating 39

Shattuck Plumbing Co.
308 N. Weatherford St.
Phone 2046-W.
(238-tf)

Laundry 44

IRONING wanted. 911 E. New York or 910 E. Washington.
(236-6)

Painting & Papering 45

FIRST class painting, decorating house repairing, floor finishing Contractor W. C. Jordan, Phone 682.
(220-26)

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(230-26)

Mattress Renovating 47

CITY MATTRESS FACTORY; we give one day service on all size mattresses. Also Innerspring rebuilt. 411 South Main. Phone 1545. State Permit 948.
(223-24)

Oil Land & Leases 50

AFFIDAVITS of Adverse Possession, also Tenants Consent Agreement forms, 100 to pad. Phone 8, The Reporter-Telegram. We deliver.
(103-tf)

AUTOMOBILES

Used Cars 54

1937 PLYMOUTH 4 door sedan for sale, good condition. Phillips 66, 500 W. Wall.
(239-1)

We will pay cash for late model used cars.
ELDER CHEVROLET CO
(196-tf)

FOR SALE: 36 Ford V-8; white stucco across from A&M Packing Co. Mr. Bearden.
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MACKEY MOTOR CO
200 S. Loraine Phone 245
(4-tf)

We will pay ceiling price for used cars.
CHARLTON GARAGE
110 S. Baird - Phone 99
(236-26)

WANTED — By private party, a light sedan. Must be in good condition, good rubber. Call 711.
(236-6)

Auto Repair 57

GENERAL repair work on generators, radiators, motors, etc. — Greenwald Garage, 402 S. Big Spring. Phone 1537.
(239-3)

REAL ESTATE

Houses for Sale 61

NICE 4 room frame house and garage; corner lot; well fenced; nice shade trees. 1301 S. Colorado. See Guy Branch at Branch & Shepard Sheet Metal Shop.
(239-4)

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Clear And Cold Is Weather Forecast

Clear and cold weather is in prospect for Midland and vicinity as weather officials made their Thursday forecast.

The mercury failed to make the freezing mark Wednesday when it ceased falling at 6:30 a. m. at the 34 degree mark, three degrees higher than Tuesday's minimum of 31 degrees at 5:30 a. m.

The thermometer registered a maximum temperature Tuesday of 54 degrees at 4:30 p. m.

Houses for Sale 61

NICE 2-berroom frame home at 1001 W. Dakota. Just recently redecorated. 100x140 lot. Immediate possession.
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(234-6)

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(238-3)

Farms for Sale 63

300 acres land for sale. All can be cultivated. Small house, well water. 10 miles Southwest of Midland. $30.00 per acre.
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Phone 24 205 W. Wall
(238-3)

500 acres land for sale. 5 room house, 2 wells. 200 acres in cultivation. 11 miles Southwest of Midland. Priced right for quick sale.
MIMS & CRANE
Phone 24 205 W. Wall
(238-3)

Farms for Sale 63

FOR SALE: 200 acres; ½ in cultivation; 4 room house; windmill; lots of good water; mineral rights. Phone 1734-W. Box 306.
(239-12)

GOOD 160 acre farm 3 miles from Stanton. 134 acres in cultivation. Good 3 room house with bath and electricity. Priced Right.
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100 acre farm 3 miles southwest of Midland. 60 acres in cultivation. 4 room house; good water, windmill and overhead tank.
SPARKS & BARRON
Tel. 79 First Natl Bank Bldg.
(234-6)

Real Estate Wanted 67

WANTED: To lease or buy 1 to 3 sections of grass near Midland. Roy Stockard. Phone No. 375.
(237-5)

WANTED TO BUY: 3, 4 or 5 room furnished or unfurnished house, prefer to deal direct with owner. Write Box 422, Midland.
(228-tf)

WANT to buy furnished house, 1 or 2 bedrooms. Phone 971-R.
(236-6)

WANTED to rent or lease: Family of eight (8) wants a farm of from 150 to 300 acres in cultivation with some pasture. Write C. J. Williams, Box 1689, Odessa, Texas.
(227-17)

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

The editor of an American newspaper has asked this column whether there's any injustice in the fact that Uncle Sam is carrying on his broad shoulders the bulk of the military load in both Western Europe and the Orient.

The query isn't argumentative but is a straightforward effort to iron out a question that's puzzling many minds. The editor suggests that if there are any suspicions they should be ironed out now and not be carried into the post-war period to plague a nervous peace—and of course he's right.

No Unjust Loads

My own feeling (and I've analyzed this war as an observer since it was incubated at the Munich Conference, which I attended) is that there's no basis from a military standpoint for any one of the Big Three to feel that it's carrying an unjust load—a bigger load, yes, but not an unjust one. All the indications support Secretary of War Stimson's recent statement that he's convinced "all the Allies are contributing to the full measure of their resources."

That's the way it looks to this column from the "military standpoint." If you retort that power politics are being played in Europe, I shan't dispute you but shall insist that we shouldn't get political problems mixed up with the military aspect—or trade and economic questions, for that matter.

Heavy Burdens At Times

Naturally there have been times when each of the Allies has felt that its burden was hard to carry. John Bull sorely needed help back in the days of France's collapse, when he was fighting Hitler's blitz with bare fists. During her trial by fire in 1943 Russia urged an invasion of Western Europe by Britain and America to ease her terrific strain. And recently some folks have been wondering why the Muscovites haven't attacked the Vistula Line to support the Allied drive in the West.

However, while the needy ones have felt anxiety at the time of need, there seems to have been general recognition that the Allies have contributed willingly to the extent of their means. There never has been any question, so far as I know, of making all the contributions balance exactly. Reasonable men have remembered the parable of the widow's mite.

Three Couples Obtain Marriage Licenses

Tuesday was a banner day at the office of County Clerk Susie G. Noble with three marriage licenses being issued.

Harry E. Vanderbank and Margy Ann Black, Lucien W. Soulon and Evelyn Marie Caffey, and William J. Scott and Barbara Hopf obtained the licenses.

HOUSTON LUMBERMAN DIES

HOUSTON—(AP)—W. H. Heath, 41, vice president of the Blalock-McCall Lumber Co., died suddenly at his home here Tuesday.

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Midland Bulldogs Defeat Monahans In First Contest

MONAHANS.—Midland High School's Bulldogs defeated the Monahans High cagers 25 to 8 in the opening basketball game of the season here Tuesday night.

M. C. Hale, Midland center, led the scoring parade with 12 points.

In a B game contest, Midland also took the victory, 26 to 21. Richard Vaughn, Midland forward, scored 13 points.

The Monahans teams will come to Midland for a return engagement Friday. The A game will start at 3 p.m. and the B game at 4 p.m.

At halftime in Tuesday night's contests, the Bulldogs were ahead 11 to 0.

The box score:

Midland—	G	F	TP
Conly, f	0	0	0
C. Vertrees, f	0	0	0
Vaughn, f	4	0	8
M. C. Hale, c	6	0	12
Edwards, g	0	0	0
F. B. Hale, g	0	0	0
Yeager, g	2	1	5
Shaw, g	0	0	0
Totals	12	1	25
Monahans—	G	F	TP
Scown, f	1	0	2
Hanson, f	2	0	4
Cobb, c	0	0	0
Estes, c	0	0	0
McGowen, g	0	0	0
Latham, g	1	0	2
Totals	4	0	8

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Coach Gene McCollum Gets New Contract

Gene McCollum, head coach of the Midland High School Bulldogs, was presented his fourth contract by the Midland Independent School District at its meeting Tuesday night.

He has coached football teams of Midland High School three seasons.

Pro Baseball Favoring Night Games For 1945

NEW YORK—(AP)—The lights will be on again in 1945—in full blast—for most of the 11 major baseball clubs possessing lighting facilities in their parks.

A decision in favor of unlimited night ball is believed certain to be forthcoming from Wednesday's joint session, in view of Tuesday's decision by the National and American leagues for unrestricted arclight tilts. Washington, Philadelphia and St. Louis are expected to take full advantage of this ruling.

Half-hearted opposition voiced by the night ball curbing trio of Presidents Ed Barrow of the New York Yankees, Horace Stoneham of the New York Giants, and Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was overruled when it was pointed out that the majors, aided by unlimited night ball last season, attained the highest attendance since 1940.

The owners, however, insisted that this condition will continue only in wartime, as President Clark Griffith pointed out.

"Thousands of fans are defense workers and cannot attend day games. As long as they want baseball at night, we'll give it to them," Griffith said.

Fritzie Zivic Wins Over Kid Azteca

SAN ANTONIO—(AP)—Corp. Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, former welterweight champion of the world received the nod over Kid Azteca, Mexico City, welter champion of Mexico, in a ten round bout here Tuesday night.

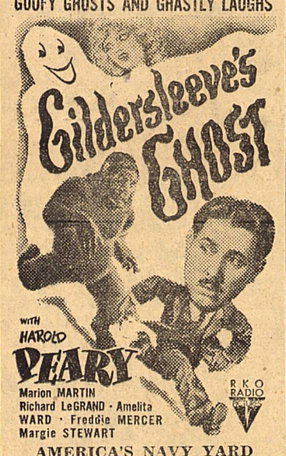
Zivic finished strong to get the nod of two judges who gave him six rounds to four.

Willie Hoppe Dethroned As Billiard Champion

NEW YORK—(AP)—Willie Hoppe, 57-year-old former "Boy Wonder" of the billiard table, was dethroned as three-cushion champion Tuesday night by Welker Cochran of San Francisco.

The Californian beat the White Plains, N. Y., veteran, 50 to 44 in 31 innings as the ten-day round robin tourney ended.

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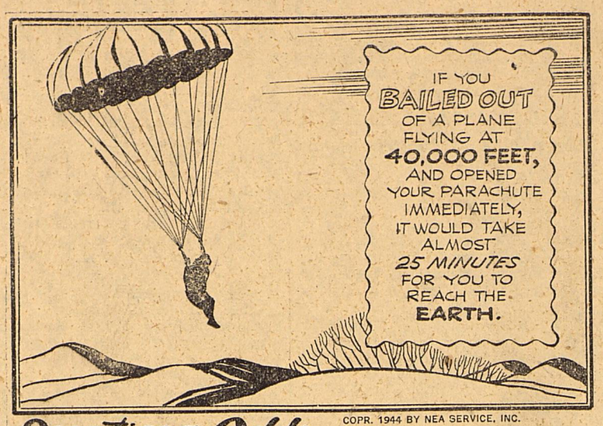
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Kansas 47, Rockhurst 23.
Oklahoma 39, Norman Navy 38.
Amarillo Air Field 49, West Texas State 37.
Blackland Army Air Field 62, Baylor 23.

Sunday's Pro Game Featuring Specialists

CHICAGO—(AP)—A battle of gridiron specialists seems likely next Sunday when the Green Bay Packers invade New York to tangle with the New York Giants for the National Football League championship.

The Packers will rely heavily on the league's scoring and pass-snatching champion, peerless Don Hutson. The Giants, on the other hand, have three titlists in specialized departments — Bill Paschal, league ground-gainer for the second straight season, field-goal artist Ken Strong, and Howie Livingston, who was tops in pass intercepting.

Star Golfers Tee Off At Richmond, California

RICHMOND, CALIF.—(AP)—A star studded field of golfers, professional and amateur, who have been making the Pacific coast tournaments the last few weeks, opened play Wednesday on the Richmond Golf Club course for the $7,500 reward.

Rating among the favorites in this 72-hole medal play meet are Sgt. Jim Ferrier, winner of the Oakland Open; Byron Nelson, winner of the San Francisco Open and Sammy Snead, winner of the Portland Open.

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Oklahoma Aggies Hope For Pleasant Weather

OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) — The Oklahoma Aggies hope the weather is mild for their Cotton Bowl date with Texas Christian in Dallas New year's Day.

Veteran Tackle Ralph Foster, mainstay of the Aggie line, and Joe Thomas, who understudied All-America Halfback Bob Fenimore, dashed out into the cold Tuesday for a workout—then wheezed right back into the warm dressing rooms.

They both have trouble breathing on cold days—asthma.

Treasury Bond Bowl Game Now Underwritten

NEW YORK—(AP)—The $79,750,000 War Bond quota for the "Treasury Bond Bowl" football game at the Polo Grounds on Saturday between Randolph Field and the Second Air Force has been underwritten by corporate interests and payroll savings groups, it was announced Tuesday night.

This means that the public now can buy tickets for the game without buying a war bond in addition.

NCAA's Final Basketball Game Will Be In Garden

COLUMBUS, OHIO—(AP)—Coach Harold G. Olsen of Ohio State University, chairman of the National College Athletic Association's basketball tournament committee, announced Wednesday the NCAA's final 1945 tournament would be held in New York's Madison Square Garden, March 27.

The final game will match the winners of the western and eastern division playoffs.

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'T' Formation Spread Is Big Football Light

NEW YORK—(AP)—Spread of the tricky "T" formation and better play of civilian teams were the most noteworthy trends of the 1944 college football season, an Associated Press survey showed Wednesday.

Leading exponent of the system, famed for its deception and quick opening plays, was of course the unbeaten and untied West Point Cadets, but virtually all sections of the country reported an increasing number of teams dropping the single and double wing attack in favor of the T.

On the Pacific coast, for instance, all four major colleges used the system that Clark Shaughnessy (now at Pitt) introduced at Stanford in 1940. Sotuhern California made excellent use of the formation after experimenting with it in 1943. The University of California, UCLA and Washington likewise were converts.

Adopted But Reverted

In the Southeast Conference Coach Ab Kirwan of Kentucky adopted the T, but reverted to the single wing after three games because so many of his players were injured. He went back to the balanced line setup for Kentucky's last two games when enough players recovered.

Press box experts the nation over reported better play by all-civilian elevens as exemplified by Ohio State's perfect season. They pointed out that the tough Navy and Marine trainees of 1943 had largely moved on into the fighting theaters and that the new trainees frequently were boys with only high school experience. Thus civilian teams, aided in some cases by discharged veterans, were more on an equal plane with Navy V-12 or Marine trainee-laden opponents.

This levelling off process brought many 17- and 18-year-olds to the fore as spectacular backfield runners. Bob Kelly of Notre Dame, Bob Fenimore of the Oklahoma Aggies, and Tony Minisi of Pennsylvania were among the more prominent.

Sports ★ Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr

NEW YORK—(AP)—Don't look for the appointment of another baseball commissioner in February when the new major league agreement is to be submitted . . . the big leagues couldn't very well offer the job to anyone until his duties and powers are clearly defined and that means until the agreement has been ratified . . . also, the minors likely will want to have something to say about the selection this time . . . although you'll hear a lot about the Giants' "old men" shooting for the pro football championship Sunday, Packers' roster lists just about as many 30-year-olds . . . and when Ken Strong, age 37, tried lugging the ball last week Steve Owen claimed there wasn't a man on the field running harder . . . Owen suggests selling box lunches at the polo grounds so the fans who see Saturday's second Air Force-Randolph Field bond game can stay over for the pro playoff.

Unsatisfied Ambition

Barclay Cooke, the new hockey and baseball announcer at the garden, also is a member of the Madison Square Garden Club—Tex Rickard's famous "600 millionaires" organization . . . this dept. would like to hear what Joe Humphreys would have thought about that—as explained by Harry Balogh.

Sports Before Your Eyes

National League club owners won't get their annual free dinner at the expense of the World Series winner this year. Sam Breadon donated his series "take" to war charities and decided that was enough . . . and Bucky Harris almost didn't get invited to the managers' feast Tuesday night. It was at the last minute that someone remembered Bucky was an ex-national league pilot . . . all but two members of the Valparaiso U. basketball team that showed in the garden last week live in Indiana and not many miles from Valpo . . . in awarding a plaque to Boxing Commissioner John J. Phelan, the Boxing Writers' Association limited him to a half hour acceptance speech. Then they said he'd have to deliver it in 15 minutes—via double talk, of course.

Army-Navy Tilt Officials To Judge War Bond Game

NEW YORK — (AP) — The officials of the Army-Navy football game have volunteered to work Saturday's Treasury Bond Bowl game between Randolph Field and Second Air Force. They are: T. Atimlin, Niagra, referee; F. S. Bergin, Princeton, umpire; W. H. Ohrenberger, Boston College, linesman; F. R. Wallace, Washington, field judge.

Hank Luisetti Has Played His Last Game

NORFOLK, VA.— (AP) —Lt. Hank Luisetti, USNR, Stanford's great basketball player of seven years ago, has played his last game.

In an interview with Bill Diehl, of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, he disclosed it had been necessary to use so many sulfa drugs in combatting a recent attack of spinal meningitis that his heart was weakener and doctors advised him not to play again.

Four Sleeping GIs Surprised By Big Prowling Porker

By HAL BOYLE

WITH THE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—(AP)— It was night and the four doughboys weren't too happy about sleeping in the cellar of an abandoned house.

Guards had been posted — but there always was the possibility that a Nazi raiding party might slip through.

"Suddenly we heard something moving around with a lot of noise—it sounded like a whole German squad had broken in," said Pfc. Hubert J. Crowley of Garden City, Kan.

The men grabbed their guns and ran outside. Reassured by their guards they turned back and peered into a window.

"Inside was a huge pig," said Crowley. "He had wandered in and was bumping around in the dark."

War Dancer

Pvt. Alton Massey of Texas was surprised to learn that he had annoyed the Nazis even before he came overseas.

Before his regiment left the United States, Massey copped first place in a jitterbug contest at the Servicemen's Center in Chicago, in March, 1942, and Life Magazine ran a half-page picture of him "cutting the groovy maneuver with a Chicago lass."

Picking up a copy of a popular German Magazine recently, Massey found in it a copy of the same picture with the caption sneering at this style of "war dances" enjoyed by American soldiers.

Two For One

It was a two-man race for the shallow slit trench covered with earth-and there was room for only one man.

Both soldiers heard the distant bark of the Germany artillery piece firing and the sound of shells whining ever neared. T/5 Earl Lovelace of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, reached the shelter first and dived into it headlong. Right after him came S/Sgt. Joe L. Verock of Lakeside, Ohio, was pushed and butted Lovelace forward as he tried to get in too.

After the barrage lifted, part of Verock still was outside the trench —but Lovelace had been wedged in so far that it took three soldiers to get him out.

Hot Cake Fan

"I don't feel very hungry this morning," said Capt. Giles Gabarron, 220-pound, five-foot-ten company commander from San Antonio.

He waded through a plate of hot cakes.

"I'm not very hungry," he said, "but I guess I can eat a few more." He finished his second helping, and then had a third.

When he finally backed away from the table, he'd eaten 27.

Tex Warrington 'Not So Sure' He Wants Moore

AUBURN—(AP)—After 12 seasons of football, Caleb Van (Tex) Warrington, Auburn's 1944 All-America center is "not so sure" he wants any more.

He has a preference for professional baseball over pro football, but the immediate objective of the 205-pound, six foot two inch ex-Marine is to finish college. It will take Warrington, now 23, another year to obtain a degree in business administration.

Has Wife And Child

Married and the father of a month-old baby boy, named Caleb Van Warrington, III, the big center says of the future: "eventually, I want to coach, but I'd like a fling at professional baseball."

He played two years at Zordentown Military Institute in New Jersey then he had a freshman and two varsity years at William and Mary, under Coach Carl Voyles, who transferred to Auburn last summer.

He was in the Marines in 1943, and after a discharge in August of this year, enrolled at Auburn. Called in the draft by the Boston Yanks, Warrington said, about the possibility of turning pro:

"I'm not so sure," with a negative accent.

ROSE RATES FENIMORE AS "GREATEST BACK"

STILLWATER, OKLA. — (AP) — Coach Glenn Rose of Arkansas thinks Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma A. and M. triple threat, is one of the greatest backs of all time.

"Fenimore is the greatest back I ever saw," says Rose, "and I'm not just talking about wartime backs, either. I'm including Dick Todd of Texas A. & M., Sammy Baugh, John Kimbrough and all the other Southwestern standouts. Fenimore is more dangerous and a better all-around back than any of them.





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Proposed World War 1 Pension Plan Will Cost Many Billions Of Dollars

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON— (AP) —President Roosevelt has a bill on his desk. If he signs it into law it will affect many people and cost many millions of dollars, eventually perhaps billions.

The bill, passed this week by Congress, would do this if it became law:

Give pensions to the widows and children of World War I veterans who died or will die from any cause not connected in any way with their war service.

Any Cause At All

It could be from pneumonia, a truck accident, a drunk, suicide, falling downstairs, or any cause at all.

In order to understand how this present bill would work—if it becomes law—look at the two laws already on the books for the survivors of World War I veterans:

1. If a veteran dies of a disability connected with his war service, his widow gets $50 a month. If she has one child, she gets an extra $15; $13 extra for each additional child.

2. This is a pension for the survivors of a veteran who died of any cause not connected with his World War I service, provided he had a disability, no matter how small, due to his war service.

The present bill—if it became law—would pay the same kind of pensiones as No. 2 above. But the point is this:

No Disability Necessary

These are two main provisions in the bill:

This World War I veteran must haev served at least 90 days and been discharged for reasons other than dishonorable.

His widow gets no pension if she has an income over $1,000 yearly. If she has one or more children she gets no pension if her income is over $2,500.

In order to collect a pension the widow must have been married to the veteran not later than the day before the President signs the bill into law, if he signs it.

SYNTHETIC FUEL

In order to cut down long distance transportation of oil, the Soviet Union is carrying out a broad plan of developing fuel sources in areas of use. Six plants for producing synthetic oil, are being built in Sibera.

Bird study is the most popular nature hobby, and more than 500,000 Americans are actively engaged in it.