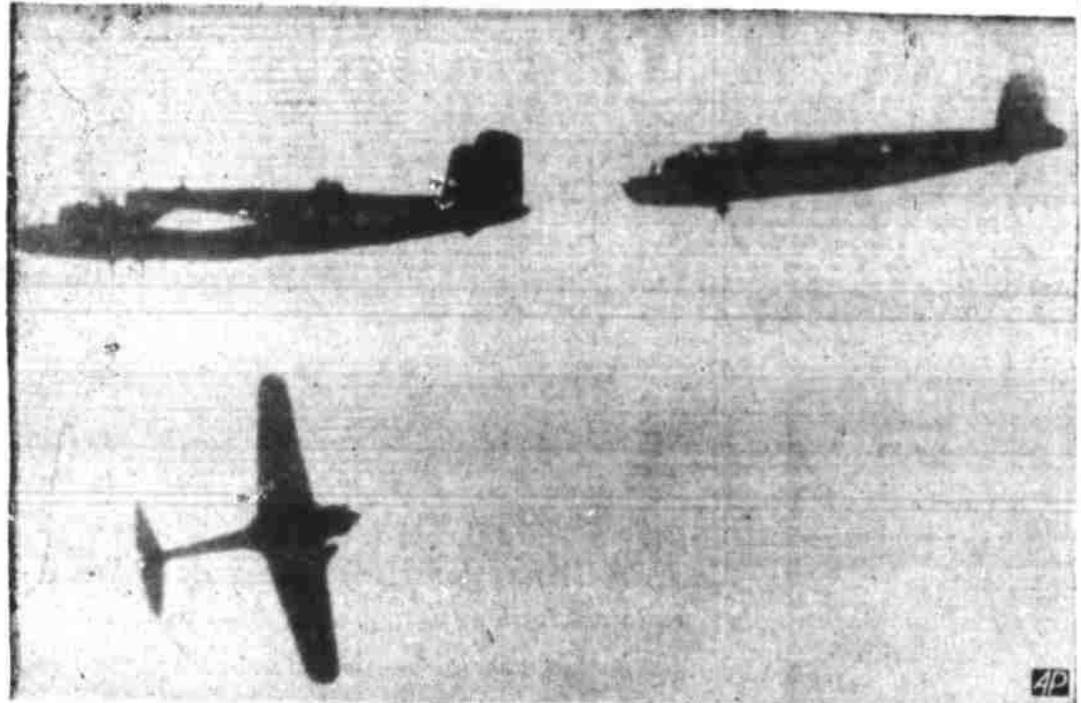


Nazi Columns Hit By Air Attacks



U.S. BOMBERS IN COMBAT WITH JAP FIGHTER PLANE — A Japanese fighter plane, an Oscar, flies below two Mitchell bombers of Maj. Gen. Davenport Johnson's 11th Army Air Force, while in combat with the big planes. The Oscar was destroyed.

Air Battles Rage Over Jap Plants Dug-In Tank Force Halts Big German Counterblows

By LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor
Japan's aerial candle was burning at both ends today in sky battles over homeland aircraft factories and Philippine battlefronts.
Thirty-eight Nipponese planes were destroyed yesterday, mostly in the growing American air offensive over the Philippines where Yank infantry pushed through the mountains of northwest Leyte Island to drive the disorganized enemy into the sea.
Forward elements of the 77th division pouring out of Ormoc valley advanced three miles along the road to Palompon, placing them only ten air miles from the Nipponese escape port which American artillery is shelling. These American units and other divisions mopping up pocketed Japanese.

By JAMES M. LONG
PARIS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Allied air might lashed fiercely today in a break in the weather at Nazi armored columns, dealing repeated bomb smashes against the German offensive tide that by Thursday noon had reached within 29 miles of historic Sedan.
Preliminary reports indicated effective blows had been delivered by hundreds of heavy and fighter bombers at Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's surging drive.

Planes Swarm On Nazi Supply Line

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Hundreds of war planes pounced on the German counteroffensive today despite fanatical Nazi opposition as the weather suddenly broke in Allied favor.

Waves of German fighters bunched in tight formations of 40 and 50 were tackled by American fighters and by night-fall at least 84 Nazi planes had been shot down by Thunderbolt, Lightning and Mustang pilots of the U.S. Eighth and Ninth Air Forces.
Railroad yards, junction points and columns of German tanks and trucks were silhouetted in bright sunlight against the snowcovered ground, affording perfect targets for some 400 Flying Fortresses and Liberators from Britain and their 700 fighter escorts.

Besides the railyards at Ehrang, near Trier, and Kaiserslautern, part of the 1,500-ton bomb load of the big planes fell on three road junctions squarely behind the counter-attacking Germans.

Returning pilots said most targets were hit visually as the snow and mist which has shrouded the German advance for days cleared and a brilliant sun shone on the battlefield. Attacks on all objectives were rated "fair" to "good" by U. S. strategic air force officers after interviewing returning airmen.

Britain-based bombers rumbled into the battle and swarms of fighters dived back and forth across the channel as the Allies got their first good whack at the advancing Germans after 72 hours of zero flying weather.

The German radio said three battle fleets came out of the west shortly before noon, but discontinued further announcements, indicating that the bombers and fighters were spilling their cargoes on the frontlines.
A brilliant sunshine broke out over the Luxembourg front enabling the planes to roar over the German columns.

Four hundred American Liberators and Fortresses dumped more than 1,500 tons of explosives this afternoon on railroad yards and road junctions behind Von Rundstedt's offensive.

A fighter escort of 700 Mustangs and Thunderbolts dived-bombed and strafed German columns, and hundreds of other fast planes based in France and Belgium joined in the attack on the Germans with bombs, machineguns and cannon.

Among the heavy bomber targets were Ehrang, near Trier, and Kaiserslautern.
First pilots returning to Britain said the German air force was up in strength and that the skies were ablaze with fierce dogfights over the battle front.

Taking advantage of better weather which has held Gen. Eisenhower's air forces fog-bound for days while the German offensive proceeded, the fortresses bombed their targets before 7:30 a. m.
However, the size of the attack was not comparable to some of the heavy blows landed in past weeks. Targets were not named immediately.

GOVERNOR'S MEETING
LANSING, Mich., Dec. 23 (AP)—The 1945 national governor's conference will convene next July 1 to 4 at Mackinac Island, Gov. Harry F. Kelly announced today.

PRESCRIPTION NO GOOD
DREXEL HILL, Pa., Dec. 23 (AP)—Sign at a drug store:
"We don't care if you do have a doctor's prescription, we still haven't any cigarettes."

Germans Withholding Ultimate Total Strength To Try For Major Victory

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Germany is withholding her ultimate total strength from the breakthrough battle of the western front until the Nazi high command can determine the prospects for a truly major victory.
Military men here, reporting this today, suggested the probable German idea of such a victory would be the trapping and destruction of two or three Allied armies cut off from the rest of the forces in France.

The Nazi offensive, despite its initial swift progress, has not reached the point where the high command can make the determination.
One military expert, implying that the Germans actually were falling behind on their timetable, said that in view of the early success of the breakthrough the enemy should have progressed farther than the 30-odd miles he is known to have advanced since last Saturday.

There is, however, no inclination to turn away from the fact that the situation in Europe continues grave.
The enemy by no means has committed his utmost strength to the breakthrough venture, military students here say. Sources of reinforcement, both men and armor, exist. These sources include more or less dormant sections of less active areas, including the central Russian front.

Reds In Budapest Capital Battle Nears Climax In Triple Offense

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Russian forces have broken into Budapest's southern and eastern "outer suburbs," the German broadcast said tonight, declaring that "the battle for the Hungarian capital is nearing its climax."
The thrusts into the city's outskirts were said by German reports to be a part of a massive triple offensive whose outer prongs are aimed at complete encirclement of the capital.
According to German broadcast reports, this renewed Budapest drive brings large sections of the eastern front in Hungary, Slovakia and Latvia into flaming action.

By EDDIE GILMORE
MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (AP)—An official Soviet announcement of the destruction of 101 German tanks in a 24-hour period ending Thursday night gave realistic support today to German reports that the Red army's great winter offensive is getting under way.
The fact that the long eastern front now lies under hard, firm snow, with deep freezes, offers the Russians just the kind of weather needed for their slashing attacks.
The Russian high command did not say where the Nazis suffered this huge loss of panzers. The Germans, however, reported that a mighty force of 270,000 winter-hardened Russian troops was on the move in snow swept Latvia where an estimated 30 Nazi divisions are pocketed against the battle.

Armed Carabinieri Arrest Gangsters

ROME, Dec. 23 (AP)—Six hundred heavily-armed Carabinieri supported by light tanks surrounded the Roman suburb of Tormaraccio during the night, arrested some 200 Roman gangsters and seized large stores of arms, the Carabinieri command announced today.
Official declarations also said four separate groups of civilian up soldier criminals believed to have been connected with a number of serious crimes, including murder of a farmer near Tivoli, had been rounded up.
These arrests were made by Allied military police operating in close cooperation with Italian civil authorities.
The first of the group of four included a number of Allied soldiers who admitted committing robberies in Naples and Rome.

Byrnes Urges Drive To Ease Shortages

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A stepped-up drive to ease war worker shortages in critical labor areas was urged on the war manpower commission today by James H. Byrnes.
Byrnes also announced that the war production board will issue a new regulation to authorize, after due hearing, the withdrawal of priority ratings and allocation rights from those less essential establishments and services which employment ceilings and hiring quotas are willing to comply with WMC regulations.

ELAS Reportedly Launch Attacks

ATHENS, Dec. 23 (AP)—A strong attack by left-wing ELAS forces in northwest Greece against rightist guerrillas led by Gen. Napoleon Nervas was announced today by British military headquarters.
The announcement asserted the attack was in violation of an agreement signed by the opposing Greek forces of Caserta before Allied forces landed in Greece to drive out the Germans.
The official communique said a deep penetration into the rightist (EDES) territory had been made by the ELAS. It was reported officially that these ranged up to 20 miles. The ELAS forces are commanded by Gen. Sarafis.

Skaggs Denied Beer Permit At 220 Main Street

J. E. Skaggs was denied a beer permit for his cafe and domino hall in the basement at 220 Main following a hearing before Judge James T. Brooks Friday afternoon.
His application had been protested by J. T. Morgan of the Liquor Control board and by petitioners from the First Methodist church. When Judge Brooks denied the application, Skaggs announced he would appeal.
Pleading his own case, Skaggs sought to establish that his operation of the Sky Harbor, a night club on the west highway, had been virtually free of trouble and that Morgan was without grounds in protesting his application for the new location. Morgan and A. M. Hood, Liquor Control board inspector, gave personal opinions that best interest would be served by denial of the application.
Skaggs argued he was being persecuted by the Liquor Control board and certain individuals and that "if anyone had told me I could have suffered the injustice I have in Big Spring, I would not have believed it."
He called available petitioners, including M. M. Thorp, C. E. Talbot, the Rev. H. C. Smith, W. A. Underwood, R. E. Satterwhite, L. R. Mundt, M. E. Ooley, Charles T. White, J. D. O'Bar, A. H. Haynes, S. T. Eason, A. L. DeGraffenreid and C. R. McCleany. All substantially testified they knew little or nothing of the place but that the corner was a particularly busy one. Answering Skaggs's questions, McCleany said he was not in favor of any such places, and White said "We're not protesting you" but the location. V. A. Merrick, who sold Skaggs the Sky Harbor, and Don Bohannon, beer distributor said relations had been good with Skaggs. J. L. Joiner and E. R. Chandler favored granting the application.

Daughter Born

A daughter, Carla Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Thornton at the Malone & Hogan Clinic Hospital Saturday at 11 a. m. Born on her father's birthday, the baby weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

White Christmas For Doughboys On Western Front Fighting Show

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A heavy snowfall along the western front has guaranteed a white Christmas for America's fighting men, but in that respect alone will it be like the traditional Yuletide. A great proportion of the Doughboys will be fighting for their lives.
Some have the prospect of spending Christmas surrounded by Germans, others of wielding guns in counterattacks designed to drive the enemy back into Germany.
As on Thanksgiving, turkey has been taken to the front for every U. S. soldier. But not all will get it on Christmas day. Most of those in the actual line will eat the usual canned rations. Their turkey will be saved and they will have Christmas dinner when they come out of battle—if they come out. Hundreds of thousands of Christmas parcels from home already have reached the troops in France. But some soldiers are complaining they have received none—and declare they must have been lost or stolen.
In Britain, many English families will share the holiday rations with Americans far from home. In Birmingham alone more than 500 Americans will be entertained in private homes.
The army has decorated mess halls with evergreens. The Red Cross is planning dances and other entertainments.
The Yanks themselves are playing Santa Claus in a big way. An example is one U. S. hospital where the patients have donated their own candy and other gifts for a party at which 700 British youngsters will be feted. Similar events will take place in France, Belgium and Holland.

Cases Filed By Police Chief In Justice's Office

Cases have been filed by Chief of Police H. F. Mitchell with the justice of the peace against Floyd Collins McDougle, Simon Terrazas, Glen Forguis, Oscar Watts Jr. and W. R. Weatherford for attempt to murder.
George Holmes, negro bus boy in a local cafe, was shot in the chest and left arm at 1:03 a. m. Saturday at the cafe. Police reported that McDougle was seen to shoot the boy and then leave. The gun was not seen again they said. McDougle was apprehended sitting in a car down the street. The other men were members of the party, police said. Cause for the shooting has not been discovered, officers stated.

Friday midnight John Parham was found beaten up and robbed of \$300 at the back of Casa Grande. At the time he was struck, he was accompanied by Claude local hospital for treatment. Allen Allen. Parham was taken to a was told to appear before the chief of police.

Seven cars were officially reported broken into Friday night in varied sections of town. Four more had been unofficially reported burglarized. The majority of the automobiles were opened by prying open the ventilator glass said. A .22 rifle was taken from one car and a wrist watch and a stop watch were taken from another. Nothing was reported missing from the other cars. Police are investigating all of the cases now.

Hutchins Car Is Damaged In Wreck
L. E. Hutchins, manager of Burr's store, had his automobile seriously damaged Saturday at 1 p. m. just prior to leaving with his family for Kingfisher, Okla. where they had been called by the death of Mrs. Hutchins' brother Friday afternoon.

The car was in collision with one driven by an army officer at 5th and Gregg streets. The latter car bounded into another before coming to a stop. No one was hurt.
Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins was prepared to leave by bus or train Saturday evening for Kingfisher to attend rites for her brother, Miles E. Elder, who died Friday in Oklahoma City.

Weather Forecast

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BIG SPRING AND VICINITY:
Mostly cloudy and colder tonight with occasional light rain. Lowest temperature tonight 26 to 32. Sunday, cloudy with fresh to strong winds.
Maximum in Big Spring 59 with minimum 33.

Russians Claim Nazi Atrocities

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Moscow radio said today an extraordinary Soviet commission had established that nearly 700,000 persons, including an undetermined number of Americans and British from German prison camps, were tortured and slain in the Nazi extermination camp at Lwow.

The broadcast, recorded here by the Soviet monitor, said an additional 200,000 persons were killed in another Nazi camp at Janow. And that children were slaughtered in target practice.
The broadcast did not make clear whether the British and Americans were prisoners of war or civilians and did not state their number.
Lwow was overrun by the Russians some time ago.
The broadcast said the commission's report was confirmed by numerous statements of Soviet citizens, as well as by French prisoners who were liberated by the advancing Red army in Lwow.

"Children were selected and given to detachment of Hitler youth as targets for shooting practice," the commission said.
Many Frenchmen and Englishmen also were killed by slow degree in a camp at Rava Russkaya, the report said.
The commission's report said a typhoid epidemic was introduced in one camp by deliberately putting typhoid sufferers among healthy prisoners. It took 5,000 lives, the commission said.

Turkey And Gifts For Pacific Men

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 23 (AP)—Turkey and a flood of gift packages will give Christmas some of its traditional holiday spirit for the troops and sailors in the Philippines.
The distribution of hundreds of sacks of Christmas packages has been under way for more than a week with delivery to the troops up front rating a high priority. Today the quartermaster corps started distributing a million pounds of turkey from a refrigeration ship.

Reviewing The Big Spring Week

At this Christmas season, the Herald wishes to express its sincerest appreciation to all the people of the Big Spring area for consideration during the past year; not only toward the paper, but toward each other in our community area. Such a fine spirit must surely manifest itself in a joyful Yuletide. Its continuation and development in the year ahead may temper us in our judgments, assuage us in our sorrows, and bring us peace and progress. May it be the will of God that we will all dwell as friends together.

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Dunne - Boyer Together Again In Ritz Feature

The words "together again" have always had a magical effect on the movie-goer. They have always meant that two or more of their favorite stars were once more to gaze into each other's eyes with that look. The news, therefore, that one of the most popular teams of all times, Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer, will return in Columbia Pictures' "Together Again" which bows in at the Ritz Theatre Sunday will be greeted with enthusiasm.

First captivating audiences as a team in "Love Affair" and later

in "When Tomorrow Comes," Dunne and Boyer have been separated for some time. But movie fans have a way of expressing their desires and getting them heard by the film powers. So here are Dunne and Boyer together again, but with an additional something — Charles Coburn.

"Together Again" according to advance reports, is a gay, romantic comedy about the mayor (Irene Dunne) of a small town in Vermont and a sculptor from the big city. When lightning strikes the statue of her dead husband, ex-mayor of the same town, Irene decides to go to New York and contract for another one. She is advised by her crotchety father-in-law (Charles Coburn) to have a good time besides, buy a gay hat and get away from the confining influences of civic virtue.

THEATRE CALENDAR ON PG. 6

Charles Boyer Sculptor Since the sculptor turns out to be Charles Boyer, it can be imagined quite easily that said instructions from Coburn are not difficult to follow.

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Special Christmas Feature At State

After six years in Hollywood, with the rating of first grade film stars, the East Side Kids are still the same bunch of rowdy street Arabs as when they first started New York theatregoers in the original stage production of "Dead End." The advancing years have brought only a slight tempering of their lusty pranks.

The East Siders come to the State theatre Sunday and Monday as the starring group in the Monogram comedy-drama, "Kid Dynamite," which tells a thrilling story of youthful hoodlums on New York's lower east side as they are affected by the war effort of the United States. Leo Gorcey, Bobby Jordan, Huntz Hall and Gabriel Dell are the principal members of this juvenile gang, and the cast of the picture also includes Pamela Blake, Daphne Pollard, Vince Barnett and Henry Hall.

The principal change noted in the East Side Kids after their six years in the film capital is that they have "toned down" somewhat during the intervals between scenes, when they are not actually working before the camera. At first they were so obstreperous and uncontrollable that production their pictures often suffered because of their prankishness, and numerous complaints to the "front office" were necessary before they decided to be a little less tough.

Bill Puzzles Chamber INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana state chamber of commerce remains puzzled about a purchase charged to it. From a downtown department store came a \$10 bill for a corset.

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The R. & R. Theatres—every person connected with the organization—wishes for you an abundant and Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season and a successful year in 1945.

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From The
STATE THEATRE

And The Entire Staff

Some Consumption!

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Government statisticians figured out today that the 1944 diaper cloth production amounted to 24 yards for each infant. After all the figuring, the War Production Board added this bit of information already well known to many a mother: "The tremendous demand is still ahead of the supply."

M. P. WANTS RAISE

LONDON—A square deal for Members of Parliament is demanded by Capt. C. C. Poole, Labor M. P., who claims that "being an M. P. is the most sweated of industries." He said it was impossible to exist on the \$2,400 a year salary and warned against the dangers of "subsidized members" drawing the major part of their income from industry or trade unions.



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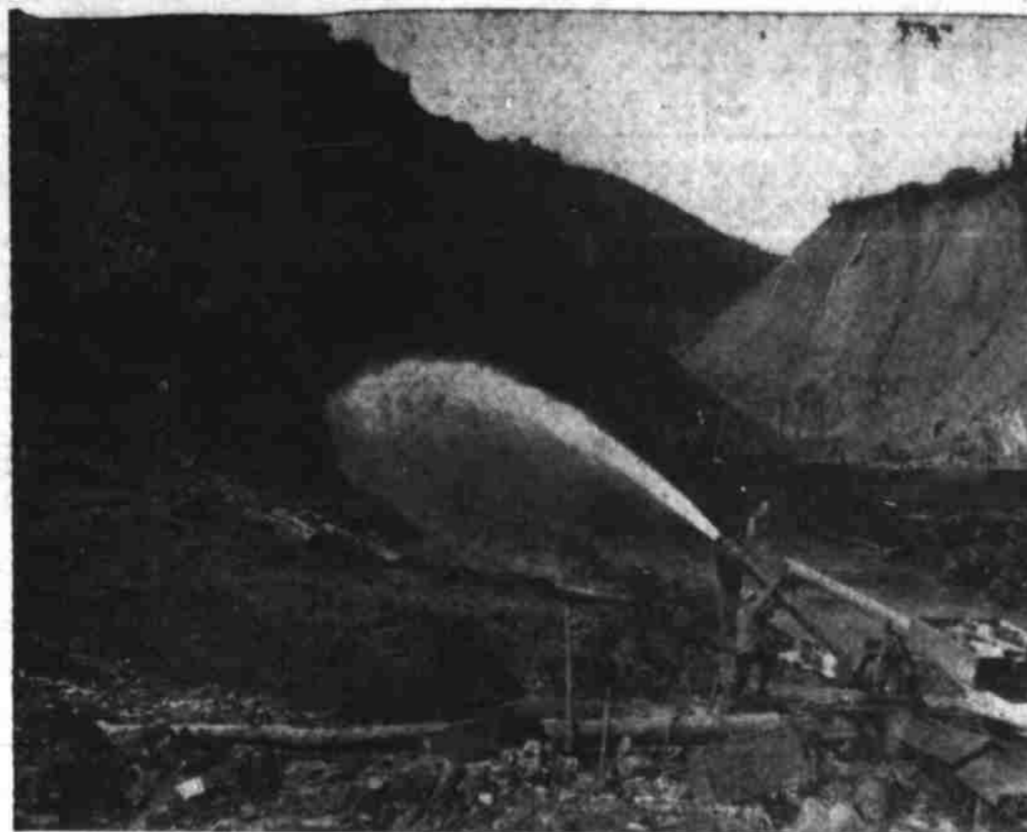
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MODERN MINING — A miner directs a powerful jet of water against glacial gravel at the Lowhee mine at Barkerville, B. C. Gravel knocked loose will be panned for gold.

Wartime Yule Toys Give British Children Same Thrill As Of Old

By ROBERT L. FREY

United Press Staff Correspondent LONDON—Father Christmas is having difficulty filling his sack of toys for this sixth wartime Christmas in Britain, but he is stretching his slim supplies of wood, cloth, cardboard and paint to the utmost.

Adults, who may be a bit war-weary, are viewing the first toy displays with jaundiced eye, lamenting the high prices, the crudely made building blocks, flimsy doll houses and the undistinguished cardboard going into many toys. But the tots, who really understand Father Christmas and know he is doing his best, are inspecting this year's display with the same big-eyed wonderment and the same exclamations of delight as have made Christmases merry since the beginning.

What the older people are saying is that they don't see any toys that look as if they are likely to last out the period between Christmas and New Year's Day. They say they are rickety, shoddy, ill-made and obviously over-priced. Naturally little boys and girls don't look at it this way.

Never Had "Real" Ones If Billy, aged six, gets a tiny blackboard whose surface is not quite smooth because it bears the grain of the wood from which it was made, he will not notice that, never having had a real one of slate. Anyway it would spoil the Christmas fun to try to explain to Bill that all the slate is needed now for repairing the roofs blown open to wintry skies by Hitler's V-1's.

Nor is his little sister Betty going to love her new doll this year any less because it is small, its eyes don't close, and it can't say "Ma-Ma." As a matter of fact, she will have to care for it a little more

tenderly than usual because, after six years of war, dolls are not as robust as they once were, the ones that used to have long, yellow curls and a wardrobe of flouncy dresses. These are austerity dolls, and little Betty who knows all about blackouts and bomb-shelters will understand.

It will be reassuring for parents visiting toy-shops this year to take their children with them. The displays are not a happy sight for a lone adult with mature memories of the magnificent showings of Christmases past.

Set of Blocks \$1.75 The wooden toys have a not-quite finished look, edges are a little rough, grains not smoothly planed down. A small set of painted wooden building blocks costs \$1.75. A tiny wooden gun shooting a missile about the size of a matchstick, \$1.15. For \$2.00 there is a small cottage made of heavy cardboard, its vivid blue windows and red door-trim beckoning cheerfully but not drawing attention from the ill-joined walls. Little animals made of pipe-cleaners dyed in various bright shades are as much as \$1.45 each.

Chess and checker games are made entirely of cardboard; there are slits in the "board" to hold the pieces. A box full of odd-shaped pieces of colored cardboard is sold as a game of designing patterns.

It is well that little Billy and Betty never knew those gorgeously filled toy-shops of old. As it is, they are happily dragging mother from counter to counter with cries of, "Look here!" — "Look there!" — and to watch them you would think there never had been a Christmas as good as this one is going to be.

Father Christmas has little to work with, just so much lumber, paint, cardboard and cloth, but there never was a year when you felt more like giving him a hearty cheer of encouragement and best wishes for successful completion of every one of his missions this Christmas Eve of 1944.



'TYPICAL' — Actress No-reen Roth was chosen "typical farmer's daughter" by Traveling Salesmen's League of America.

Village To Build Houses Against Devil

VERYAN, Cornwall — More devil-scaring houses — round buildings topped by a cross — to guard the entrances to this village are to be erected from a \$234,000 bequest in the will of a local alderman.

Alderman Tom Blaney, "prouder fonder" of his birthplace than of anything else in life, left his entire fortune to the village and its people when he died recently, aged 70. He was the last of a family of ancient lineage which has been associated with the village for many centuries.

His will provided for a playing field, the construction of a harbor near the village, local charities and village families who were

Iceland Vital Cog In Flying Planes Across

By REUEL S. MOORE

United Press Staff Correspondent MEEKS FIELD, Iceland — They are still pouring the big bombers into Europe to pulverize German's resources to wage war.

Within a few hours one morning while 12 American correspondents were visiting this important Army Air Transport Command base approximately a score of sleek, shiny B-17s landed on the field, en route to Britain.

A youthful pilot of one ship, who cannot be named, said he had flown from Goose Bay, Labrador, in approximately 11 hours.

"The weather was exactly the way they said it would be, scattered clouds at 8,000 feet and slightly overcast over Greenland," he said. "We flew at 9,000 feet to 11,000 feet. It was dark over the icecap but we could see the ice glare below. We got on the beam 300 miles out. The radio was very good. It took us about four hours to fly from Presque Isle to Goose Bay."

Only 13 Accidents He appeared perfectly confident, and reassured to believe that there had been only 13 accidents in 7,500 crossings by tactical aircraft.

This incident was typical of what goes on here at this base, where Lt. Col. Hugh R. Gilchrist, Clinton, Okla., is ATC commander, and Lt. Col. Roger H. Kruse, formerly of TWA and former resident of St. Louis and New York, is operations officer.

The base provides many services. Pilots and navigators are briefed on the course to Britain and shown pictures of the approaches. Complete weather information indicates their course and altitude. Crews are housed overnight and planes checked and serviced.

Eastbound the base is used primarily by combat craft, as the larger transports usually fly direct from Newfoundland to Britain. Westbound, because of the prevailing winds, many transports stop here.

his friends, and left two-ninths of his property to the vicar, and his home and one-ninth to the National Trust.

It's intended to build more devil-scaring houses with some of stand on roads leading to the village, but it is contended that the windfall. Two of the houses there are other roads left unguarded, among which wily spirits — or the devil himself — might slip in unnoticed and unharmed.

A local resident said: "Old Tom believed in the legend of the devil-scaring houses. We know he would approve of more being erected."

Will Start Crowing Soon

JENA, La.—A two-ounce egg is considered normal. A five-year-old silver lace Wyandotte belonging to L. L. Hooter of Jena added to the production, however, and recently produced one weighing 3 3/4 ounces and another three ounces.

Believed "Oldest" Priest

NATICK, Mass.—The Rev. Michael F. Delaney, pastor of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church, who celebrated his 94th birthday recently, is believed to be the oldest Catholic priest in America. He has been pastor of St. Patrick's for 54 years, longer than any other priest in the Boston archdiocese.

Merry Christmas

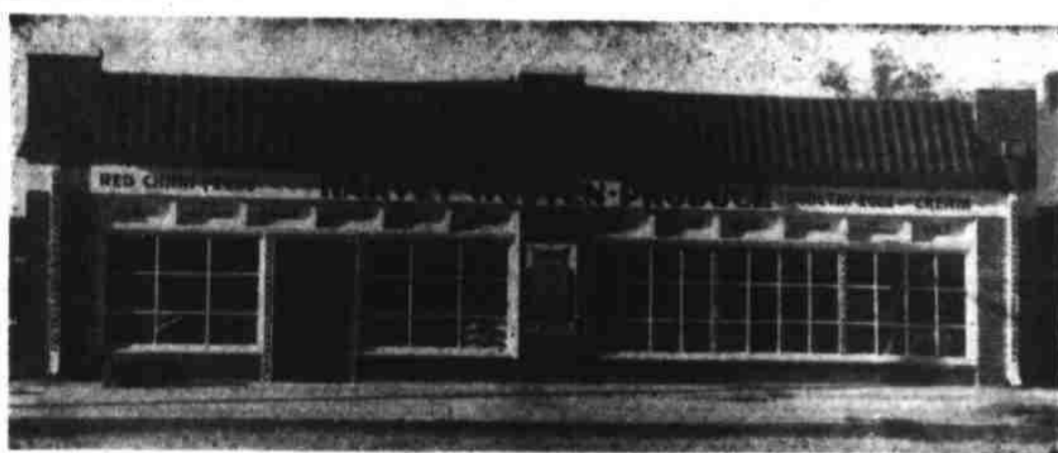


CHRISTMAS is night, and the world is filled with hope and expectations for Peace, Security, and Good Will for all. Old St. Nick is about spreading his warm good cheer, and scattering his gifts to lighten your heart and brighten your spirits. Here's hoping that you get your full quota of his choicest tokens, to keep you happy throughout the New Year.

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Christmas Season Brings Visitors To Local Homes

Mrs. Lela Goin will spend the Christmas holidays in Corpus Christi visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Edith Richardson is spending the holidays in Rockwood with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dunn will spend Christmas in San Angelo.

Miss Mary Green and Iris Dunlap will spend Christmas with their parents in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Williams will spend Christmas in Baird.

Pvt. Patay Stalcup is here on a 21 day sick leave for the Christmas holidays from Crile General Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Pfc. and Mrs. Victor H. Gregory and Wanda Joyce of Fort Benning, Ga. are home for the first time in four years visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sipes.

Ann Talbott, student at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, is home for the Christmas holidays visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Talbott and family.

Dorothy Sue Rowe, sophomore student at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth is home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rowe.

The W. E. Youngers will stay home this Christmas as they have a new son named Jerry.

Clarice Terry is spending the Christmas holidays visiting her sister and family, the Neal Stanleys, in San Angelo.

Mary Alice Cain, senior student at Washington University, in St. Louis, Missouri, arrived Wednesday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cain. Mary Alice will return January 3rd.

Mrs. M. H. Dove and children, Lonnie and Ginger, of Midland will spend the holidays with Mr. Jove's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Douglass.

Mrs. J. H. Reynolds of Albany is visiting her son D. D. Douglass, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin K. House will spend the holidays visiting in Bronte with their daughter Mrs. Gene Morrison, and family.

Bill Barnett will spend the holidays visiting his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Barnett of Dallas.

Betty Jo Glenn will leave Saturday afternoon for Bronte to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner are expecting their son, Sgt. Joe Turner, home on leave for Christmas, he is stationed at Brooks Field, San Antonio.

Jo Ann Switzer, former resident of Big Spring and now a freshman student at Baylor University in Waco, arrived Saturday morning to visit in the home of Barbara and Marjorie Laswell and other friends here.

Betty Bob Dilts arrived Wednesday from Texas Tech in Lubbock to spend the holidays with her mother Mrs. Mary Dilts who has recently returned from Carlisbad. Mary Ruth Dilts will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother also. Mary Ruth is living in Midland.

Earlene Reid arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reid of Coahoma. Earlene is a sophomore student at Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Burma Barley and family of Kermit will be holiday visitors of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barley.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Carter of South Springs, Tex. will spend the holidays visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. W. Cagle and family.

Mrs. J. L. Thomas from Wynnboro, former resident of Big Spring is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Baber. Mrs. Thomas plans to stay for two or three days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Petty and family are spending Christmas with Mrs. Petty's mother, Mrs. Gertie Bailey.

Major Ralph W. Baker, stationed at Ft. Sill Oklahoma is spending Christmas at home with his wife, Mrs. R. W. Baker and her family.



BUDAPEST — This pre-war view of Budapest, Hungary, shows two suspension bridges over the Danube river. In the left background the Royal palace is visible.



FAMILIAR SCENE—Remember when you used to gather around the hearth and pop corn over coals in the open fireplace? There is something about corn popper over the even heat of coals and many families are rediscovering this thrill anew this Christmas season.

will be accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Hamby and son Ronald.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denton of Seminole will spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Denton.

Jenn Etta Dodge will spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dublin of Midland will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Dunham and their daughter Mrs. G. W. Sills will spend the holidays with Mrs. Dunham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Suddie Cain will leave Saturday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in San Angelo.

Mrs. Peggy Williams will spend Christmas in Abilene with relatives.

Kenneth Stevenson of Toinette, Wisc. is here spending two weeks with his sister and family, Mrs. T. S. Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newton and family of Canyon are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Culwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Winslow from Ft. Worth and their daughters, Ann and Nancy and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Buzbee and their daughters Gail and Dale from Spur are visiting with Mrs. Dovie Buzbee.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Byerley are in Abilene today attending a family reunion.

Miss Georgia Ferrell and Mrs. Clara Ferrell will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ferrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gross of Sylvestor.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gunnip will leave Saturday for Irvin where they will spend Christmas.

Mrs. Nancy Johnson and Margaret Ann will spend Christmas in Tahoka with Mrs. Johnson's sister-in-law, Mrs. John Dupre.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greene and Jo Ann of Colorado City will spend Christmas with Mr. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greene.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pice will attend a family reunion in Abilene Sunday in honor of Mrs. J. W. Price's 75th birthday. They

Betty Williams will leave Sunday morning for Del Rio where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Otis Salter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cullum will visit friends and relatives over the holidays at Alba Tex.

Visiting in the Charles M. Crouch home during the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leach of Brownwood, and Mrs. W. A. Knight of Gothwait.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Redding for Christmas will be their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harris and son Lyn of Ballinger and their daughter-in-law Mrs. C. R. Redding and her mother, Mrs. Callie Vickers of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Thomas will leave Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of their son and daughter-in-law in Pyota.



AGAIN . . . it's the happy Holiday Season and we extend our many thanks and best wishes for the New Year.



Merrill Creighton

Consignee for
Magnolia Petroleum Corporation
Big Spring, Texas



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We are happy to offer our best wishes to each of you for the most cheerful Christmas you have ever experienced. It is with reverent appreciation of all the blessings that have been made possible by friendships of long standing, that we extend our best wishes for your happiness on this Christmas day and every day of the coming year.

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May the joys of the Christmas Season go with you throughout the coming year, and may your share of happiness be brightened by the acknowledgement of our appreciation of your past favors.

We gather our share of happiness by giving our service to this community and our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your prosperity and good health.

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If it were at all possible, we would see each of you personally, clasp your hand in a friendly sort of way, and say, "Merry Christmas!" At the same time, we would express our sincere thanks for all past favors, and invite your continued patronage on the basis of our genuine interest in your welfare and our desire to be of every service possible to you during the coming year. Wishing you all the joys of the Christmas Season.

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Big Spring Citizens Visit Friends And Relatives

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Garner will spend the Christmas holidays visiting in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Clinkscales are planning to spend the holidays in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Crook will

spend Christmas day in Midland.

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Romiy Borland have been called to Punker, Okla. because of the illness of Mrs. Borland's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Dalmont

left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Dalmont's mother, Mrs. E. R. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davis will have as their holiday guest, Mrs. Arthur McFarland of Buckeye, Arizona, Mr. Davis' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Bales of Sacramento, Calif., will visit Mr. Bales mother, Mrs. Will Davis, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. R. Dawes has as a holiday guest her daughter, Miss Nancy Dawes of Dallas. Miss Dawes arrived last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dawes will have as a holiday guest, Mrs. Dawes' sister, Merrie Elizabeth Duffot of Canyon. She will arrive on Dec. 28.

Mrs. Paul Dehlinger of El Paso is visiting in Big Spring with her brothers-in-law William and Martin Dehlinger and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis will be in Big Spring for the holidays to visit Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dehlinger.

Ju Nell Lloyd of Akron, Ohio, is spending the holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Cadet and Mrs. A. C. Hottensmith.

Miss Ruth Beasley from Houston is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Blankenship. Their mother, Mrs. Annie Beasley will spend the holidays in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bledsoe plan to spend part of their Christmas holidays visiting in San Antonio with Boyd Bledsoe, brother of Mr. Bledsoe.

Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Boatle, and Joe Robert Boatle of Cal are spending Christmas with her parents. Joe Robert will be enlisted into the Marines the 28th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Currie and family are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. Brenner. The Curries are from Milledgeville, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cantrell and J. E. Brigham are spending Christmas with the parents of Mrs. Brigham, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cantrell at Gayle.

Betty Flower of Denton is the guest of Lorena Brooks home from TSCW. Lorena is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McDaniel and their family will spend Christmas day with Mrs. McDaniel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Avant.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Abele have as their guests during the



INDIANS IN ACTION — An Indian mortar crew with British forces in Italy fires across snow covered hills on the Fifth Army front. British official photo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patton formerly of Big Spring and now residents of Clyde will spend the holidays with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard LeFevre.

Lt. Kent Faulkner of Valdosta, Ga. will spend Christmas with his brother Capt. R. H. Faulkner and Mrs. Faulkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Falkner will have as their holiday guests Mrs. Falkner's sisters Natalie Smith from A. C. C. and Mrs. Carl Coleman and her family from Pecos.

Mrs. A. Farrar will have her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stringer and their son Jackie as her Christmas guests. They are from Vancouver, Wash.

Mrs. H. V. Flewelling has gone to Salina, Kas., to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and his wife, Lt. and Mrs. Gene Hardy Flewelling.

Mrs. Doyle Robinson of Corpus Christi and Mrs. W. R. Copeland of Odessa will spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. E. M. Estes.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With a friendly wish for your happiness throughout the New Year. And a genuine "thank you" for your courtesies of the past year.

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To wish you a Merry **CHRISTMAS**

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CHRISTMAS Greetings

As this Christmas day approaches . . . and we are ready to greet the New Year . . . it is our sincere wish that it will bring you better days with added happiness and increased prosperity.

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Christmas holidays Mr. Abele's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Abele of Elizabethtown, Pa. They arrived last Monday and plan to return in about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sanders of Sweetwater will spend Christmas with Mrs. Sanders parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Angel are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Angel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tate, in Lubbock.

Capt. and Mrs. James Anthony have as their holiday guest, Capt. Anthony's mother, Mrs. S. K. Anthony.

Maj. and Mrs. A. E. Armstrong will visit Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Shelton of Odessa on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith of Midland will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Arnold. Mr. Smith is Mrs. Arnold's brother.

Corporal E. C. Bell, stationed at Childress is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Bell.

Myra Lee Bigony is home from McMurry College in Abilene to spend Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bigony.

Lt. and Mrs. Marc Ostenato and their son, Mark Junior from Washington D. C. are visiting with Mrs. Ruby Billings. J. L. Billings, husband of Mrs. Billings is also home with his wife. He has been in Cuba, Missouri since March of this year.

Mrs. L. Campbell from Austin is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Gage. Mrs. C. E. Hahn from Austin, daughter of Mrs. Gage is also spending her holidays here.

Mrs. F. W. Yarbrough and daughter from Abilene are with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Graham spending their holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Green



IN LONDON — Actress Mary Brian is pictured in the Mayfair hotel in London at the start of a tour to entertain U. S. soldiers in the European theater of operations.

and daughter from Colorado City are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Green.

Mrs. J. A. Wright and daughter, former residents of Big Spring and now from Vanhorn are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eastham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Edmonds are with Mr. Edmonds parents in Ft. Worth, celebrating Christmas there.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Moffett of Oklahoma City are with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. (Bill) Edwards for Christmas.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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Home Demonstration Plans For 1945 Include Clothing And Care Of Yard

In 1945, home demonstration women will major in clothing, yard improvement and fruit production demonstrations and 4-H club girls will concentrate in bedroom improvement and fruit production, the new plan of work drafted by Rhea Merle Boyles, county home demonstration agent, shows.

Reason for emphasis in fruit production is that a survey shows that fresh fruit is the greatest need in the diet of the people, said Miss Boyles. After two years of repair demonstrations have put farm home interiors in good shape she believes the time is at hand for dressing up the exteriors. War conditions are responsible for the increased emphasis on personal and bed clothing.

To accomplish the program, she has planned for a series of organization, planning and training programs, a number of rallies, etc. In addition, the annual encampments for women and girls, annual picnic and Christmas parties are on tap.

Already plans are being drafted for a county fair of farm and home products in the autumn of 1945. One of the achievement events of Nov. 1945 will be a style show to feature all the clothing work

done during the year. Augmenting the visits to and meetings with club women and girls, Miss Boyles has a regular program of publicity through press and radio designed.

There will be 10 clothing, 10 yard improvement, and 10 fruit demonstrators among the women and eight each for bedroom and fruit production among the girls.

Reunion In England
ALBION, Ind. — For the first time in five years—and then in England—the three Hollopeter brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Hollopeter, saw each other. S/Sgt. Earl W. T/Sgt. Frank R. and 1st Lt. Wayne W. had not seen one another since 1939 when they attended their parents' silver wedding anniversary.

Doll Doctor Performs Miracles Of "Surgery"



DOCTOR AT WORK: Mrs. Emile Voltier and patients.

By JAMES KALSHOVEN
AP Newsfeatures
NEW ORLEANS — Pint-sized mothers whose children have suffered severe attacks of skin diseases, or who have emerged from a bad fall somewhat the worse for wear, can send their beloved offspring down to a motherly white-haired woman who performs plastic surgery miracles on dolls.

Mrs. Emile Voltier has been a doll surgeon for nearly half a century. She is in the profession principally because her mother got into it by accident.

In the 1880's Mrs. Voltier's mother had a toy and doll shop in the city's French Quarter. Many of the dolls were cracked or broken in shipment and the mother learned from necessity how to repair them herself. Then customers began to bring their own damaged dolls to be salvaged, until the sideline grew bigger than the sale of dolls. The mother abandoned the shop and set up the first doll hospital in the south.

Mrs. Voltier had wanted to become a fashionable seamstress, and her talent for embroidery is evident in the costume doll dresses she fashions. But her mother's last wish was that she continue the business, so she carried on.

Thousands of dolls from all over the United States, Canada, Alaska and Mexico reach the small back rooms of her two-story house. In the months before Christmas, the shelves are crowded with pink armless trunks and trunkless arms, with heads and eyes and wigs.

Some of the dolls on which Mrs. Voltier works are almost

priceless rarities, often hundreds of years old. In New Orleans, city of antiques, collectors who realize what a prize they have in their own backyards send her delicate bisque creations, rich in lace and silk dresses.

At the moment she is particularly proud of her successful doctoring of a 125-year-old Madame Pompadour doll.

Since the war, says Mrs. Voltier, the business of doctoring dolls has expanded tremendously. People are not satisfied with the type of doll now manufactured, and substitution of materials has led to greater breakage.

Sleeping eye dolls are almost impossible to secure; the metal which acts as the weight for the eyes is too critical. And human hair is also unobtainable; mohair acts as a substitute.

Mrs. Voltier finds her greatest difficulty in the repair of eyes. Her stock of replacement eyes cannot be replenished and she is reluctant to dig into it unless paint, glue and air-brush offer no hope.

In a rush, as during the pre-Christmas season, her five daughters pitch in and help her. However, says Mrs. Voltier a bit mournfully, "they are like I was with my mother. It was a long time before I could show any interest in dolls. After all, my daughters have their work in the commercial world, and I can't expect them to work at home too."

Where There's Fire There's Also Smoke

AUBURN, Me. (AP)—Men teachers at Edward Little high school had been forbidden to smoke in the school's boiler room during classroom hours, so they signed a petition with this heading: "Order of Men and Men. Purpose: Educational, Inspirational, Inhalatory. Motto: Better smoke here, than hereafter."

The school committee rescinded the ban and now the "mice and men" may resume their boiler room, inhalatory "bull sessions."

Thanks, It Is; Thanks, It Isn't

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — At Harding Field where non-commissioned officers of the first three grades pulled KP on Thanksgiving to give their stripeless brethren a break, every one was duly thankful.

One sergeant remarked, while scouring a stack of pots and pans — "The privates are thankful that it comes at least once a year, and we're thankful it comes only once."

Police Listen In On Housing Racket

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A man who thought he had bought a home, two others who thought they had rented it, an auctioneer who believed he had purchased the furniture and five persons who thought they had bought various furnishings held an indignation meeting at the Oakland police station. A warrant was issued for the arrest of a couple

Deer, Deer, Deer And Steak Is Rationed

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Sywert Letrud's story about how he got his black eye was so good he hardly believed it himself. He got it from a deer's horns, which were nailed over the head of his bed and fell off in the night, striking him in the face.



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All Around the Town-- All Around the World--

—to the men and women of our community who have served democracy so well in assuming their wartime responsibilities to the point of sacrifice! This Christmas brings as its most treasured gift the imminence of the return of our men and women in service—and each day of the New Year will find us closer to the return of all peacetime pleasures. To each of our friends here at home, we extend the very best wishes of the Yuletide season—plus the hope that 1945 will bring your fondest wishes into being for yourself and your loved ones.



From

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Dick Byrd, Mgr. And The Entire Staff



We wish to extend our greetings far and wide—to those in whose hands the nation's security is entrusted; to those we love wherever they may be; and to our neighbors, customers and personal friends in this—our very own town!

It is at a time such as this that the people we know earn our fondest thoughts—and in an effort to express our sentiments most tangibly, we have redoubled our efforts to serve everyone to the best of our ability. So that when we say "Merry Christmas" we are glad to know we have helped make it merrier for many.

HILL TOP GROCERY

— Joe Horbath

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Charlie Badwick

Army's Plastic Eyes Better Than Glass

WASHINGTON (AP) — At more than a dozen hospitals throughout the United States, the Army has set up special technical shops whose sole job is manufacturing and fitting plastic eyes — the war-born development which has proved to be greatly superior to the oldtime glass eye.

Before the war, virtually all glass eyes used in this country came from Germany and supplies of these are nearly exhausted. Military doctors say the plastic eyes are seemingly unbreakable and, unlike their predecessors, are not damaged by acids contained in the

secretions from the eye socket. G. I. wearers rate them so highly that they jokingly ask the doctors to fix them up "Sunday morning eyes"—heavily "blood-shot."

TWINS TOGETHER AGAIN

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Twin brothers, Corporals Harley and Harvey Feole, 21, who never were separated until they joined the Army, are together again — by presidential order after their grandmother, Mrs. Charles Feole, Royal Oak, Mich., had written the request to the President. The boys enlisted together, but were sent to different camps. Now they are both at the Air Service Command training center here.

These Women— Service Men's Santa

She Has No Long White Whiskers But Her Gift Pack Is Enormous.



BETTY MASON . . . She gets the Santa Claus letters. . .

By ADELAIDE KERR
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Betty Mason plays Santa Claus for thousands of United Nations service men scattered all over the world.

Look for her nearly any weekday and you will find her flanked by miniature mountains of lingerie, perfume and whatnot in a large New York department store, selecting Christmas gifts for the mothers, wives and sweethearts of soldiers, sailors and marines. Thousands in Pacific and European battle areas delegate her to

do a job which they can't do themselves. Others who pass through New York enlist her help as United Nations service men's shopper in the store where she is employed.

"What do you think they buy most?" asked blue-eyed Betty with a little grin. "Black underwear for their wives and sweethearts. They buy stacks of it, and all kinds of other lingerie too. Their next favorite is a make-up kit or anykind of a kit and the third is purses or wallets. Then, they love musical powder boxes and the tune

most of them want the boxes to play is "Always."

Betty says she filled 7,000 service men's orders last Christmas and expects to do much more this year. In her work she has helped patch up a lot of quarrels, learned of some tragedies, kept a lot of secrets. One ensign ordered a number of Christmas gifts last year for his expected heir — and died the day after he was born. (When she learned that Betty cried.) . . . A sergeant in the European war theater wrote that he had broken his mother's rocking chair as a child and wanted her to buy another to replace it. (She finally found what she wanted, even to chintz cushions of the right color.) . . . A captain wrote from Italy, "My girl and I have had a row. I want to fix it up. Here's a check for \$75. Get her something nice in jewelry." And then a little later, "Thanks a lot. But it didn't do any good." . . . A corporal wrote from England, "Get my girl the prettiest flowers you can find." And then, before she could fill the order—"Never mind those flowers. Buy me a flashlight instead."

Most service men for whom Betty shops write her extravagant thanks.

TEARS LIKE A SURPLUS

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Maybe the address has something to do with it but Mrs. Helen Olsen's backyard Bartlett pear tree which produced its regular crop in September came out with another load of Bartletts the other day and bore blossoms for a third crop. She lives at 11038 Bartlett avenue, N. E.

" 'Twas The Night Before Christmas" Echoes Across War-Torn World Again

To hundreds of people in this immediate area and to millions of the nation, no Yuletide would be complete without Dad or Mother dusting off a certain little book and reading to the youngsters:

" 'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house Not a creature was stirring; not even a mouse."

It seems as if this had been a part of the American Christmas as long as there had been one, but in truth the United States had blossomed into a thriving young nation by the winter of 1822 when Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, professor of languages and literature at New York city's General Seminary went for a 19 mile sleigh ride through downtown Manhattan behind the driving of a pot-bellied Dutch houseman to distribute toys to children in the dingy, teeming tenements along East river.

After returning to his study, Dr. Moore pulled himself in front of a popping log fire and reflected on the rotund Dutchman, the fireplace, the sleigh ride. Inspiration struck him and before the evening was over, he had composed the immortal Christmas poem.

It was read in his home for the first time that Christmas season. A friend snatched a copy and took it to Troy, New York where it was first published in the Daily Sentinel. For years Dr. Moore denied

Blood Vessels Are Frequent Casualties

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, West Va. (AP) — At Ashford General Hospital, here, doctors report that the great fragmentation of explosives used in this war has led to an unexpectedly high incidence of small, peppery wounds in which a blood vessel is not entirely severed but is damaged to the point where a pulsating growth is established, like a blister on an automobile inner tube. More than 100 of these growths have been removed at Ashford alone.

authorship because it might reflect upon the scholar who had written "A compendious Lexicon of the Hebrew Language. He finally admitted authorship in 1837 when it was reprinted in a collection of acclaimed poetry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jones are in San Angelo today and plan to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Tom Guin and family.



During the Christmas season we earnestly hope that everyone will enjoy the fullest of joy and happiness—that the desire of every heart will be fulfilled. To one and all—A Merry Christmas.

Crawford Beauty Shop

Mr. Alma McLaurin
Crawford Hotel Phone 740

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At this Christmas time let us remember the quill, with which Thomas Jefferson penned these immortal words on parchment, still is mightier than any tyrant's sword . . . Jap or Nazi . . . for, in the high sacrifice of this hour, it writes anew the Declaration of Independence.

Here is the enduring document of America . . . giving fresh, clear voice to the determination of Americans to remain free . . . to worship where they choose . . . to work where they please . . . to make life an individual adventure.

In facing the ugly realities of total war, let Americans mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor, to live as free individuals in a sweet and great land of liberty.

Let us continue to invest in War Bonds, they are the ideal Christmas gift.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Just as the ties of friendship are strengthened by the cherished coming of the Holiday season, so may our business associations grow in mutual regard and confidence.

In behalf of our entire organization we welcome this opportunity to extend to you our Greetings for Christmas and with them our best wishes for 1945.

West Texas Compress & Warehouse Company

Chas. Baker, Superintendent

Abilene Area Group OK's Priority Referral Plan

A priority referral program calling for every individual's cooperation in view of present urgent war production needs has been given full approval by the Abilene area labor-management committee conducted this week in Abilene.

The meeting was held simultaneously with other district meetings throughout the nation to acquaint labor and management with the specific problem of war production and devising a program to meet the problem.

"Forty per cent of our individual war production schedules are lagging and 28 per cent of production needs are of a super-critical nature, products without which the war cannot be won," said E. J. Berry, War Manpower Commission director for the district, declared.

Although all war production in

the Abilene area is on schedule, no super-critical items are manufactured within the district, Berry pointed out.

Primary problems of the Abilene district is the transferring of surplus labor (persons employed in less-essential or non-essential or in less-essential activity) to war production centers badly in need of manpower, the committee was told.

The labor-management committee favored transfers to the adjacent Amarillo district, where several "must" production centers are behind schedule and pledged itself to give full assistance and cooperation to the WMC and the United States Employment Service in presenting and publicizing war production conditions to all groups and individuals in the area.

Specifically, the committee agree to participate in organizing community mobilization committees composed of the county judge, the newspaper publisher and a member of the local selective service board in each of the 28 counties of the Abilene area not directly served by a local USES office.

In connection with this, a pledge of cooperation with this program was prepared by the committee. It is to be distributed after Christmas to employers throughout the area who will be asked to join in declaring they will not hire any workers in violation of established WMC employment stabilization programs. It is to be signed and returned to the USES office, and the committee had hopes of publishing it in the form of an honor roll. A similar honor roll for workers who accept war production jobs will be prepared.

At the suggestion of Harold Getts, Ranger, representing labor, it was suggested publicly be given to employers who release workers during partial lay-offs due to war production cut-backs so they may accept jobs in other areas.

Early in January the committee will meet to review and evaluate effectiveness of the program and make necessary revisions. At that time the committee will consider the advisability of setting up a ceiling program for employers. Thus far this has not been necessary in the area. Berry pointed out it might if the need of 141,000 workers needed to produce critical items now and another 159,000 within the next six months is met.

Members of the committee are Nib Shaw, Abilene; J. A. Deen, Brownwood; A. V. Karcher, Big Spring, who did not attend but who approved the program, representing management; Roland C. Sugas, Abilene, Harold Getts and Verge Peterson, Ranger, and Roy L. Elenary, San Angelo, representing labor.

Managing Editors Can Investigate This

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — While millions of words of election news were being printed in other papers, the San Quentin News, weekly paper of San Quentin prison, summed up the situation in ten words: "There was some voting outside. The incumbent President was retained."

Inside Job

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 23 (AP) — A mail clerk brought Postmaster Lawrence P. Luby a letter, addressed to his daughter and minus a stamp, and got the boss to pay the postage due.

Later Luby, after reminding his daughter to impress upon her friends the practice of affixing postage to their letters, handed her the missive. It was from Miss Kitty O'Connor, Postmaster Luby's secretary.

JUST LIKE CHOW MEIN
SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Home from Italy where he served as gunner on a B-24 bomber, Sergeant Willie Wong, Chinese-American, says not to go to Italy for "real, Italian spaghetti because it doesn't hold a candle to what you can get in California."



GERMAN PERSUADER—S. Sgt. Edwin R. Stoddard, Decorah, Iowa (left), and S. Sgt. Lou Milewski, Waukegan, Ill., examine thong found near Ubsach, Germany, believed to have been used by the Germans to make people talk.

Wild Man Clips Yank Sailor In Hairdo

GRAND ISLAND, Nebr. — His African haircut is one war experience Seaman 1-c H. J. Townsend is not going to forget. In a letter to his parents, the sailor, related: "This French African barber pulled me down on a seat like a high chair with the legs knocked off. With a wild look in his eye he started slashing with a razor. To get him away from my throat, I pointed to my hair. 'He'd take a clip here and a slash there. When he clipped here I was there and when he clipped there I was here. Then he'd clip and I'd duck. When he finished I still had some hair but it didn't look like I had it on straight. 'Then he asked me if I wanted perfume, I said 'no.' Well, after the perfume he turned me loose with a burning scalp, bleary eyes and a sweet smell."

Sweet Letters

HEADQUARTERS 31ST DIVISION, Morotal Island, Dec. 23 (AP) — Never was the mail from home any sweeter than that received recently by an infantry outpost of this "Dixie" division.

The bundle of letters dropped from a Cub delivery plane just at chow time, fell into a syrup pot. It was rescued by Sgt. Harold Bank of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

At Last—Harmony

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (AP) — After 25 years the third French horn and the first bass viol finally got in key.

Richard Periss, third French horn player, and Helen Smith who plays bass viol in the Los Angeles philharmonic orchestra, are honeymooning.

They met in 1919 when both played with the national youth orchestra here.

RADIO PROGRAM

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| <p>Sunday Morning</p> <p>7:00 Sign On.</p> <p>7:00 News.</p> <p>7:05 Wood Shedders.</p> <p>7:30 Morning Melodies.</p> <p>8:00 Correspondents Around the World.</p> <p>8:15 White Rabbit Line.</p> <p>9:00 Radio Bible Class.</p> <p>9:30 A Little Music.</p> <p>9:45 Songs by Bing Crosby.</p> <p>10:00 AAF Symphonic Flight.</p> <p>10:30 News.</p> <p>10:45 Melody Lane.</p> <p>11:00 First Presbyterian Church.</p> <p>Sunday Afternoon</p> <p>12:00 Stanley Dixon.</p> <p>12:15 Sammy Kaye Serenade.</p> <p>12:55 Leland Stowe.</p> <p>1:00 Chaplain Jim.</p> <p>1:30 Homer Rodeheaver.</p> <p>1:45 Christmas Carols.</p> <p>2:00 Charlotte Greenwood.</p> <p>2:30 Miss Hattie.</p> <p>3:00 Darts for Dough.</p> <p>3:30 Set to Music.</p> <p>4:00 Let's Face the Issue.</p> <p>4:30 Question Please.</p> <p>4:45 Gems of Melody.</p> <p>Sunday Evening</p> <p>5:00 Radio Hall of Fame.</p> <p>6:00 Cleveland Orchestra.</p> <p>6:30 Christmas Gold.</p> <p>6:45 Cleveland Orchestra.</p> <p>7:00 Evening Melodies.</p> <p>7:15 Washington Inside Out.</p> <p>7:30 Trinity Baptist Church.</p> <p>7:45 Gabriel Heatter.</p> <p>8:00 Wake Up America.</p> <p>8:45 Jimmy Fidler.</p> <p>9:00 Concert Music.</p> <p>9:15 Dickens Christmas Carol (story).</p> <p>9:45 Christmas Carols.</p> <p>10:00 Old Fashioned Revival Hour.</p> <p>11:00 Sign Off.</p> <p>Monday Morning</p> <p>6:30 Musical Clock.</p> <p>7:00 Daily War Journal.</p> <p>7:15 Bandwagon.</p> <p>7:30 News.</p> <p>7:45 Bob Wills.</p> <p>8:00 News Summary.</p> <p>8:05 Breakfast Club.</p> <p>9:00 My True Story.</p> <p>9:25 Aunt Jimmie.</p> <p>9:30 Carols and Greetings.</p> <p>9:45 Bing Crosby.</p> <p>10:00 Breakfast at Sardi's.</p> <p>10:30 Gil Martyn's News.</p> <p>10:45 Carols and Greetings.</p> <p>10:55 Lanny & Ginger.</p> <p>11:00 Glamor Manor.</p> <p>11:30 Carols and Greetings.</p> <p>11:45 Between the Lines.</p> <p>Monday Afternoon</p> <p>12:00 Ranch Music.</p> <p>12:15 Christmas Carols.</p> <p>12:30 News.</p> | <p>12:45 Homer Rodeheaver.</p> <p>1:00 Cedric Foster.</p> <p>1:15 International News.</p> <p>1:30 Inter-American Series.</p> <p>1:45 Ladies Be Seated.</p> <p>2:00 Morton Downey.</p> <p>2:15 Two Keyboards.</p> <p>2:30 Christmas—1944.</p> <p>2:45 Carols and Greetings.</p> <p>3:00 Views of the News.</p> <p>3:15 The Johnson Family.</p> <p>3:30 I'll Buy That.</p> <p>4:00 Carols and Greetings.</p> <p>4:00 Toyland.</p> <p>4:15 Christmas Fantasy.</p> <p>4:30 International News.</p> <p>4:45 Hop Harrigan.</p> <p>Monday Evening</p> <p>5:00 Terry and the Pirates.</p> <p>5:15 Carols and Greetings.</p> <p>5:30 Tom Mix.</p> |
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Series Of Social Events Held By The U. S. O.

A series of social events have been held by the USO this week to try to make the service men who will not be home for Christmas have an enjoyable and memorable Christmas.

Sunday ladies of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church served refreshments at the USO to the service men and to the group who gathered mistletoe and cedar for the decorations used to decorate the club. Hostesses were Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. Bertah Geune, Mrs. W. C. Harker, Mrs. Gust Oppgard, Mrs. Evelyn Hohertz, Mrs. Allert Hohertz, Mrs. W. F. Tachall, Mrs. O. H. Horn, Mrs. Leo Weeks, Mrs. Fred Lowke, and Mrs. Rudolph Tachall. Mrs. Mary Locke was in charge of the finger painting and Mrs. R. B. Dunavan served at the Christmas wrapping desk. Thirty-five Junior hostesses and service men went out by the old wells to gather greenery with transportation being furnished by the special service office.

Monday members of the B&PW club and junior hostesses decorated the USO for Christmas assisted by the service men. Mrs. Roselle McKinney and Mrs. Jessie Nelson were desk hostesses and in charge of the wrapping desk. Some of the decorations used were donated by local stores and the U.S.O. staff wishes to express their thanks to them.

Wednesday 48 service men and Junior hostesses went to the State Hospital to give a Christmas caroling program. The Credit Women's Breakfast Club were hostesses for the Christmas bingo party held at the USO also Wednesday evening. Hostesses were Mrs. Virginia Schwarzenbach, Florence McNew, and Billie Barnett.

Thursday night the annual Christmas dance was held for serv-

ice personnel with G.S.O. Girls as hostesses. The formal dance was held in the game room of the USO and the music was furnished by the post orchestra.

Friday night transportation was furnished from the USO for the girls attending the Aviation Trainee buffet dance held at the post gymnasium.

Mrs. Brown Given Gift By V. F. W.

Mrs. Jessie Brown, president, was presented with a gift when the V. F. W. auxiliary met Wednesday night at the V. F. W. home for a Christmas party for members and their husbands. Games were played, gifts exchanged and refreshments were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dooley, Harold Neel, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thurman, William A. Hunter of Coahoma, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. True, W. A. Slegner and son, J. D. O'Barr, R. R. McKinney and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Weaver, Mrs. Everett Wilkerson, Lahoma O'Brien, Mrs. Eula Lea, Mr. and Mrs. John Corcoran, Mrs. Mary Ehlman, Mrs. M. C. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Monroey, Mrs. B. F. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown, Mrs. Louise Horlin, Mrs. Mary Wilkerson, Mrs. Margaret Barnett, Mrs. H. C. Thames, Eugene Kinal and Lt. and Mrs. N. Q. Powell.



SUB-DEBS OF 1945 WHO WERE PRESENTED IN A FORMAL CEREMONY SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM—They are left to right in the top left photograph: Cecilia Long, Betty Lou McGinnis and Patricia Curry. Top right photograph: Bobby June Bobb, Helon Blount, and Wilma Jo Taylor. Bottom

left photograph: Cora Ellen Selkirk, Melba Anderson, and Nancy Thompson Bottom right photograph: Betty Sue Sweeney, Luan Wear, and Anna Claire Waters. Mary Nell Cook was also presented but she was out of town when the photographs were made. (All photos by Bradshaw).

High Heel Club Plans For Party

G. I. A. MEETS AT WOW HALL

Delegate Elected; Officers Installed; Christmas Party Held

Members of the High Heel Slipper Club met in the home of Pat Cochran Wednesday night for a business meeting with Muriel Floyd, president, presiding.

A Watch Party was planned to be held in the home of Evelyn Arnold on December 31st. Members and dates will see the old there attend the midnight preview year out and the new year in and Committees were appointed to make arrangements for the party. They were: refreshments, Evelyn Arnold, and Gypsy Cooper; invitations, Doris Morehead, Millie Balch, Kathleen Little, and Muriel Floyd; decorations, Wilda Watts, Jean Murphey, and Pat Cochran; and entertainment committee, Ann Blankenship, Virginia Neel, and Kathleen Little.

The program for the meeting consisted of musical selections by Muriel Floyd, Champe Phillips, sponsor, led a discussion on "Do's and Don'ts of Etiquette," Bobbie Green led the singing of Christmas carols.

The president appointed a program committee for the next meeting which will be in the home of Gypsy Cooper.

Hot Chocolate and cookies were served to Evelyn Arnold, Wilda Watts, Evelyn and Bobbie Green, Millie Balch, Muriel Floyd, Jean Murphy, Virginia Neel, Ann Blankenship, Kathleen Little, Doris Morehead, Champe Phillips, sponsor, and the hostess.

Mrs. Charles Vines was elected representative of the G.I.A. at the state convention held in June at Cleveland, Ohio, when members of the G.I.A. met Thursday afternoon at the W.O.W. hall.

The regular installation of officers for the new year was held and those installed were: insurance secretary, Mrs. Max Wilson; president, Mrs. R. D. Ulrey; vice-president, Mrs. Frank Owens; secretary, Mrs. C. L. Gill; treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Barbee; chaplain, Mrs. R. L. Schwarzenbach; guide, Mrs. Ned Boyle; sentinel, Mrs. Zack Mullins.

A Christmas party was held and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served from a lace laid table centered with red tapers surrounding a reflector with a yule log and Christmas angels. A Christmas tree on a low table held the gifts.

Visitors present were Mrs. R. A. Elder, Mrs. J. W. Orr, Mrs. O. T. Arnold, and Mrs. J. L. Swindell. Members present were Mrs. R. D. Ulrey, Mrs. Max Wilson, Mrs. S. M. Barbee, Mrs. R. L. Schwarzenbach, Mrs. W. C. Bird, Mrs. Zack Mullins, Mrs. S. K. Owens, Mrs. M. D. Davis, Mrs. D. C. Pyle, Mrs. W. G. Mims, Mrs. Charles Vines, Mrs. Ned Boyle, Mrs. A. N. Ripps, Mrs. A. B. Wade and Mrs. C. L. Gill.

Cadet Aubrey Weaver, stationed at Carlisle, N. M., and his brother, Lt. R. H. Weaver, stationed at Randolph Field, are home for Christmas. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. Weaver.

Cornelia Frazier To Be Guest Soloist

Miss Cornelia Frazier will be guest soloist Sunday morning during the devotional hour of the Philathea class at the First Methodist church.

Mrs. Bruce Frazier will accompany her daughter at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eason and daughter, Billie, of Gladewater, will spend the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Dona Hartman.

Pvt. and Mrs. Victor H. Gregory and daughter Wanda Joy, of Fort Benning, Ga., are here spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Snipes.

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Sub-Debs Of 1945 Are Presented In Ceremony

Before a red and gold "Sweetheart Scene", the Sub-Deb Club presented 12 pledges to society Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the Municipal Auditorium.

The gold metallic draped curtains formed the background for a huge padded red velvet heart tipped diagonally with three steps covered with red velvet leading through an archway of white chrysanthemums. The heart supported large red letters which read "Sub-Debs of 1945."

Members of the club and escorts entered the stage from the side to form a line on either side of the heart. As the girl being presented stepped from the heart and down through the archway her escort presented her with a bouquet of red sweetheart roses. The couple then danced to their place at the side of the heart.

president of the club and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Anderson, escorted by Duane Williams, wore a dreamy black chiffon formal with a wide yoke of gold and red sequins. Her shoulder corsage was of red camellias tied with red and gold ribbon.

Pattie McDonald, granddaughter of Mrs. W. J. Flowers, escorted by Billy Casey, wore a molded crepe draped fuchsia jersey bodice cut with a low sweetheart neck line and three-quarter length sleeves. The skirt was of bouffant moire ice blue taffeta. Her corsage was an orchid.

Janet Robb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Robb, escorted by George O'Brien, wore a cloudy black net with a full gathered skirt on a close-fitting bodice dipped low and trimmed with ruffles around the sleeves, the hem-line, and two rows of ruffles curving up into the full skirt. Her corsage was an orchid.

Mary Lou Watt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Watt, escorted by A/T Chan Hitchcock from Macon, Ga., wore a filmy black net dress over a silk taffeta gathered underskirt with a low cut bodice dipped in the back covered with net, short cap sleeves with sprinkles of black sequins. Her corsage was an orchid.

Celia Westerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Westerman, escorted by Tommy Clinkscales, wore a black taffeta tissue skirt with a black velvet torso cut with a sweetheart neckline and narrow velvet ruffles around the hip line. Her corsage was an orchid.

Wynelle Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bart Wilkinson, escorted by Joe Bruce Cunningham, wore a black velvet snug-fit bodice cut with a sweetheart neckline and softened at the waist with tiny poptan on a full gathered skirt of plaid taffeta. Her shoulder corsage was of talisman roses with a small rose for her hair.

Sub Deb new members were announced as they stepped from the heart and the spotlight shined on the girl as she entered.

Melba Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Anderson, escorted by Darrell Douglass, Jr., wore a heavenly blue metallic cloth formal fashioned with a fitted bodice trimmed with silver sequins, narrow shoulder straps covered with sequins held her corsage, an orchid.

Helon Blount, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blount, escorted by Gene Neighbors, wore a white formal with a fitted torso of braided marquisette, plain marquisette yoke with a double frill of net covered with sequins, fashioned with a full skirt of white net with designs made of double ruffles sprinkled with sequins. Her corsage was a bird of paradise.

Bobbie June Bobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baker, escorted by Harry Middleton, wore a white lace bodice with dropped shoulder straps above a full gathered white net skirt sprinkled with silver se-

quins. She wore a silver butterfly in her hair and a corsage of gardenias.

Mary Nell Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Cook, escorted by Billy Merrick, wore a primrose pink chiffon dress with ostrich feathers around the dropped shoulder band. The bouffant chiffon skirt was gathered over a pink silk taffeta underskirt. Her corsage was an orchid.

Patricia Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wiley Curry, escorted by Tippiie Anderson, wore a black chemise lace bodice over robin's egg blue taffeta gathered to a full blue net skirt with gold sequin shoulder straps. Her corsage was of white gardenias tied with gold and blue ribbon.

Cecilia Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Long, escorted by Pete Cook, wore a shell pink chiffon gown trimmed with gold sequins at the tightly fitted bodice and around the low sweetheart neckline, off the shoulder straps shirred at the top. The full gathered skirt was sprinkled with gold sequins. Her corsage was an orchid.

Betty Lou McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McGinnis, escorted by Richard O'Brien, wore a pink iridescent satin, with a long bodice and off-the-shoulder ruffles of pink tulle bound in satin. Her corsage was an orchid.

Cora Ellen Selkirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Selkirk, escorted by Bobo Hardy, wore a lime green brocade taffeta with accordion pleated ruffles around a sweetheart neckline, torso, and in an insertion of the bouffant skirt. Her corsage was an orchid.

Betty Sue Sweeney, daughter of Mrs. Yette Sweeney, escorted by Horace Rankin, wore a gray and white checkboard chiffon dress with a low cut sweetheart neckline and full gathered skirt. She wore a single strand of pearls and a corsage of gardenias.

Wilma Jo Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Taylor, escorted by John Cooper, wore an apricot net formal with the bodice of lace sprinkled with wine and sil-

ver sequins over an apricot taffeta slip with a single ruffle at the hem line. Her corsage was an orchid.

Nancy Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Thompson, escorted by Tommy Lucas of Houston, wore a white taffeta bodice sprayed with red sequins over the left shoulder and gathered on to the full net skirt with a white net ruffle. Her corsage was of gardenias.

Anna Claire Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Waters, escorted by Robert O'Brien, wore a white net dress fashioned with a closely fitted bodice with a design of silver braid around the sleeves and tracing the lines of the bodice. The skirt was full over a petticoat of ruffles. Her corsage was an orchid.

Luan Wear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Schwarzenbach, escorted by Ardis McCasland, wore a full skirted dress of pale blue brocade over a skirt of blue tulle with gold sequins sprinkled over the skirt and around the collar of the dress. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

The presentation was closed by the girls singing the club song. The setting for the dance was two large silver Christmas trees and tumbledresses sprayed with silver and silver letters on the blue curtain carrying out the club colors. Around 600 persons attended the affair.

LT. (jg) J. R. Collins and wife are spending Christmas at home. J. R. is the son of Mrs. Ida Collins and has just returned from 15 months in the South Pacific. Mrs. Collins has another son, S/Sgt. Roy Collins, who will spend his Christmas "somewhere in England."

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Cream of Asparagus Soup—Hot Consomme
Broiled Supreme of Deep Sea Red Snapper Steak, Lemon Butter..... 1.20
Baked Filet of Halibut, Spinach, Mushroom Marmay..... 1.15
Oysters ala Brochette on Toast..... 1.25
Braised Potted Leg and Loins of Spring Lamb, St. Mode..... 1.30
Grilled Tenderloin Pork Chops, Fried Apple Rings..... 1.30
Roast Young Texas Tom Turkey, Dressing, Giblet Gravy..... 1.40
Broiled T-Bone Steak, Mushroom Sauce... 1.85
Omelette with Creamed Chicken, Asparagus Tips..... 1.00

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Mexican Plate No. 2—Tacos, Enchilada, Tamales, Chili, Fried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tostadas..... .90
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Women Wrap 200 Gifts At USO

Volunteer hostesses wrapped 200 Christmas gifts for the special service Christmas tree Friday night at the U. S. O. Those participating were Mrs. J. Lusk, Mrs. Herb Tannenbaum, Mrs. George Badger, Mrs. James Butler, Winnie Dell and Lillian Rhoton, Nell Brown, Inez Eaves, Merel Smith and Margie Preston.

Pastor And Wife To Celebrate Golden Wedding

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Pettus will hold an open-house from 4 to 10 p. m. December 26th in their home at 1000 Lancaster street in honor of their golden wedding anniversary.

Rev. Pettus is pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church and is 72 years of age. Mrs. Pettus is 68 years old. The couple was married in White county, Arkansas, December 26th, 1894, and have been residents of Howard county since 1926. They farmed ten years in the Knott community and moved to Big Spring in February of 1937.

Rev. and Mrs. Pettus are the parents of eight children, five of whom are married and settled in this county. Their eldest son, Floyd, now lives in Oakland, Calif., where he is employed in defense work and served in World War I; the youngest son, Stalbert, is now serving with the air forces somewhere in the Pacific. One son, Festus, from Arkansas, will spend the Christmas holidays here.

Lt. and Mrs. Jack Lane arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Homan will go to Colorado City Sunday to visit Mrs. Homan's sister, Mrs. H. C. Doss, Jr. Mrs. Homan's parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Land, of Lorraine.

L. C. Soldan from Nebraska is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. E. B. Jewell.



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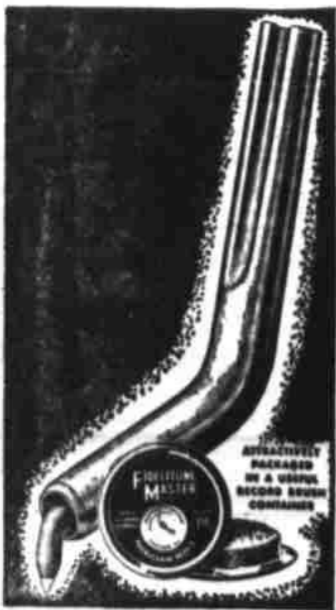
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Pictured above is Miss Gloria Strom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strom of 409 Pennsylvania, returned to Big Spring for the holidays December 20th. Miss Strom, who is a freshman student of Hockaday Junior College in Dallas, held her annual open house after the Sub-Deb dance Saturday night. She was a guest at Miss Hockaday's formal Christmas dinner December 19th and will be hostess to 10 West Texas girls for a week-end party December 27th. The girls attended Hockaday with her.

VISITS AND VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Culvert of San Diego are the guests of Mrs. Felton Smith, mother of Mrs. Culvert.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert J. Cook are here with Lt. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cook. Robert is stationed at Memphis, Tenn., where he is a ferry pilot.

Mrs. Vernon Baird and daughter, Delores, are also spending Christmas in Big Spring. Mrs. Baird is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Staggs and family will spend Christmas in Shamrock with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. York.

W. B. Bethany will spend the holidays visiting relatives in Lubbock.

T/Sgt. Trigger Kuykendall of California will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kuykendall. Sgt. Kuykendall has been in the army for 30 years.

Pvt. and Mrs. Bob Smith and Johnny of Austin will spend Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lumpkin and Mary Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bob Pool and Robbie of Austin will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kuykendall.

A/S John Ulrey, who is stationed at Georgetown in the V-12 unit of the Navy, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Ulrey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carlton of Austin will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pendleton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lemons of Shreveport, La., and James Lemons, who is stationed in San Diego with the Navy, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Magee during the holidays.

Mrs. Burl Haynie will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Owens immediately following Christmas.

Mrs. Harry Hall Wyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hayward, is expecting her husband, Lt. Wyatt home for the Christmas holidays. Lt. Wyatt has been in Corsica since last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heinze have Mrs. Heinze's mother, Mrs. Frank Arner, and her brother, Thomas Earl, from Ryan, Okla., visiting with them.

Mrs. Roy C. Bonds from Abilene is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jones. Mrs. Bonds husband is somewhere in the Pacific.

John H. and C. A. Sheffield arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in the J. L. Terry home. They are the father and brother of Mrs. Terry.

Mrs. S. R. Nobles, Betty and Bobbie will spend Christmas in San Antonio with Mrs. Nobles' daughter, Mrs. Virgil Hubbs.

Edwa! Gray, who is a war worker at the Corpus Christi naval base, will arrive Sunday to spend Christmas with his family. Mrs. Gray and their two daughters, Nellie Gray, on furlough from the WAC, and Mrs. B. P. Ledbetter and her daughter, Kay Marie.

Christmas Party At East 4th Church

The Dorcas Class of the East 4th Baptist Church met for the annual Christmas party Friday at the church. Acting as hostesses were Mrs. A. D. Harmon, Mrs. D. W. Anderson, and Mrs. Fannie Brooks, assisted by Mrs. B. H. Williams, and Eva Anderson.

The devotional was led by Mrs. R. J. Barton and the prayer led by Mrs. C. M. Harrell. Readings were given by Mrs. D. W. Anderson and Mrs. J. W. Hollis. Mrs. A. J. Hillbun spoke on the meaning of Christmas.

Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree and refreshments were served from a candle-light table.

Those present were Mrs. S. A. Callahan, Mrs. R. L. Heath, Mrs. Ora Todd, Mrs. Irene Bennett, Mrs. A. J. Hillbun, Mrs. H. C. Barnett, Mrs. C. M. Harrell, Mrs. H. L. Mason, Mrs. J. W. Hollis, Mrs. J. T. Riddle, Mrs. W. H. Bagley, Mrs. C. A. Masters, Mrs. H. T. Moore, Mrs. Fannie Brooks, Mrs. A. D. Harmon, and Mrs. D. W. Anderson. Visitors were Mrs. C. H. Williams, Eva Anderson, and Mrs. T. B. Clifton.

Duley-McAlister Give Program At Post Hospital

Ruth Beard was in charge of the program for the men at the Post Hospital when De Alva McAlister and Helen Duley gave a musical program Tuesday night representing the Red Cross entertainment committee.

Thirty-one patients were present to hear Miss Duley play requests and Miss McAlister sing. Some of the songs were: "It Had to Be You", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "The Very Thought of You", and "What a Difference a Day Makes."

Aviation Trainee Dance Held At Post Gym Friday

Members of the Sub-Deb club, High Heel Slipper club and two truck loads of Big Spring girls attended the Aviation Trainee dance held at the post gymnasium Friday night from 8 to 11:30 p. m. Music was furnished by Sgt. Winslow Chamberlain and his post band.

Chaperons for the affair were Mrs. J. Y. Robb, Mrs. Dave Watt, Mrs. R. B. Dunivan, and the post hostess, Mrs. E. Blount. Food was served buffet style to around 200 girls, and around 250 air trainees.

Billy Dodson of Gladewater is spending the holidays with Mrs. J. A. Magee.

Telephone Operators Honored With Party

A Christmas party was held Thursday night in the H. H. Squyres' home for the telephone operators by Mrs. Francis Hendricks, Mrs. Joe Clark, and Mrs. Louise Griffin.

Games and contests were held with bingo prizes given. The group sang Christmas carols and refreshments were served buffet style. Red punch was served from a crystal punch bowl with double green tapers burning on either end of the table. The home was decorated with cedar sprayed with silver.

Gifts were distributed by Santa Clause who arrived at 10 o'clock. Those present were Carolyn Smith, Pat Holcombe, Lorraine Allen, Mrs. Louise Hamilton, Mrs. Betty O'Brien, Mrs. Novella Schroder, Mrs. Mildred Puckett, Mrs. Harriett Smith, Mrs. Mattie Skiles, Mrs. Opal Oglesby, Sue Vastine, Marjorie Locke, Grace Wilkes, Fay Robinson, Carmen Brooks, Harriett Smith, Hattie McDurman, Winona Phillips, Mattie Mann, Dorothy Henderson, Lolita Cleavenger, Billie Robinson, Mrs. Bertha Martin, Clara Bell, Carlene Jackson, Clea Faye Hill, Wanda Tankersley, Mrs. Pauline Milam, Jodee Nations, Marilyn Stevens, Ina Jo Nix, Mrs. Verna Simmons, Nell Thorton, Lt. Clyde Doyle, E. S. Ridge, and St. Nick from the North Pole.

Cadet and Mrs. Louis Schoeneman of Big Spring have as their guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schoeneman of Aplington, Ia.



RECENT BRIDE — Pictured above is Mrs. Howard William O'Dell, who was Miss Amy Lee Echols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Echols of Coahoma, before her marriage Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian Church of Coahoma.

Cadet Christmas Dance Monday

A Christmas dance for all cadets, their wives and dates will be held at the Cadet club Monday night with transportation being furnished for the girls from the Setles hotel at 7 p. m. The dance will start at 7:30 p. m. and music will be furnished by Sgt. Winslow Chamberlain and the post band. The affair will be formal for cadet hostesses and optional for the wives and dates.

Lorraine Shop Employees Honored With Breakfast

Employees of the Lorraine Shop were entertained with a quail breakfast given by the manager, Mrs. C. A. Weaver, in her home Saturday morning. Gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christ-

mas tree and breakfast was served from a linen cut-work table cloth with the centerpiece a poinsettia. Guests were Mrs. Guy Combs, Mrs. Dale Smith, Mrs. Ralph Towler, Mrs. Mary Ditt, Mrs. Cappy Ricks, Mrs. Seth Boynton. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. I. E. Sumner, owner of the shop, from Lubbock, and S/Sgt. T. D. Weaver of California.

Captain J. S. Jackson and wife are spending Christmas in Ft. Worth with the parents of Mrs. Jackson.



J. D. HARVEY

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IN BIG SPRING



Port Arthur Rolls Over Lufkin To Reach Finals

HAROLD V. RATLIFF
PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 23 (AP) — Port Arthur's bulky Yellow Jackets — one of the biggest leviathans in Texas schoolboy history — rolled over Dallas today for the team that plays them in the finals, Lufkin's passing Panthers stowed away under a barrage of touchdowns in a 27-19 thriller.

Sports

The Big Spring Daily Herald

Age Twelve Sunday, December 24, 1944

Pyote Gives Postive Tough Go But Drops Game 42-59

The Big Spring Bombardiers expected to have an easy time of it Friday night but they ran into one of their toughest cage cats of the season before they subdued the Rattlers of Pyote 42-59.

Victors over Pyote here Nov. 1 by a 47 to 21 score, the Bombardiers ran into a scrappy five at was bolstered by the return of Sgt. Bill Hogan, ex-star from the College of New York who had been out of the lineup with an injured leg. Hogan was a whirlwind as he racked up 22 points to add both teams in scoring.

It was a rough contest and the score at the half was deadlocked 20-20. Then Capt. Floyd Burdette and Pfc. Rex Alexander, who just rejoined the club after an emergency furlough, started to lead the hoops. First Lieut. John Woffington added some timely baskets to put the Bombardiers ahead.

Capt. Burdette led the Bom-

bardiers' scoring with 14 points, while Alexander and S/Sgt. Mel Vice chalked up 12 markers. Lieut. Woffington tallied 10 points.

Return to the lineup of Alexander, the smooth playing star from Murray State Teachers' College in Kentucky, will make the local five plenty tough from here on in. The Bombardiers are expected to be idle during the holiday season, resuming action here Jan. 2 when they entertain Hobbs AAF.

Bombardiers	G	F	T
Woffington, J.	5	0	10
Mariana, J.	2	0	4
Vice, M.	6	0	12
Burdette, G.	5	4	14
Frazier, G.	0	0	0
Doty, C.	0	0	0
Kowalsky, G.	1	0	2
Reading, G.	2	1	5
Alexander, J.	5	2	12
	26	7	59

Pyote	G	F	T
Chapman, J.	1	0	2
Crownshield, J.	1	0	2
Morriasi, C.	2	0	4
Hertling, G.	1	0	2
Burke, G.	0	0	0
Hogan, J.	11	0	22
Ray, G.	1	0	2
Burns, J.	1	0	2
Evans, G.	3	0	6
	21	0	42

schoolboy annals. A crowd of 10,000 was in an uproar from start to finish as Harmon Carswell, a truly great passer, kept the Panthers in the ball game until the final minutes. But the brutal power of Port Arthur's massive line — which outweighed the Panther forwards 16 pounds to the man — told the story although it was on passes that Port Arthur eventually won the game.

Trailing in penetrations and tied 13-13 in the riotous third period, the Jackets took to the air for the touchdown that forged them ahead to stay and used a pass to set up the score that put on the clincher.

The great Carswell, a slim but rugged youngster, threw 33 passes and completed 18 for 179 yards — a mighty feat indeed — but Port Arthur also boasted an aerial defense such as Lufkin hadn't run into this season. Four times the Jackets intercepted and many other throws did they bat down — some of them aimed at receivers in the end zones.

Port Arthur, with the powerful Neumann rolling up 108 yards, gained 242 on the ground and 54 in the air to show a wide margin over Lufkin. And the Jackets had more first downs, 13 to 9. Carswell turned in a masterful kicking exhibition to average 36.8 yards whereas poor punting put Port Arthur in the hole repeatedly. It was a short boot by Tommy Thrower that gave Lufkin an opportunity to tie the score in the fourth period. Frazier with Carswell pitching strikes, Lufkin paraded 68 yards to the touchdown, but the Panthers elected to pass for the extra point and Vernon Vick, brilliant Port Arthur center, batted the ball away from would-be Lufkin receivers — and the Panthers never had another chance.

The Jackets took the next kickoff and rolled 59 yards for the touchdown that took away all hope for the Panthers. A pass from Don Campbell to End Charlie Davidson, one of the game's stars, carried to the three-yard line after Neumann had led the drive down to the thirteen. Then Neumann made a yard and Campbell whirled around right end for the score — and Port Arthur was in the finals for the first time since 1929 when Tom Dennis, coach here for 19 years, had an eleven that battled Breckenridge to a scoreless tie in the state title game.

Lufkin jumped to a lead early in the second period on a pass from Carswell to Jack Ivy and Carswell added the extra point. Port Arthur got a touchdown in six plays after taking the kick-off on its 43-yard line with Neumann ripping right tackle from the Lufkin five — but the try for point was low and Don Campbell failed when he picked up the ball and tried to run it across.

Port Arthur took the lead just before the half ended, the touchdown coming on a lateral from Campbell to Thrower from the Lufkin 12-yard line. Neumann kicked the point.

Lufkin received on its 30 to open the third period and paraded to a touchdown, a pass interference ruling helping the Panther drive along. The score came on a pass from Carswell to H. J. Shands that ate up 20 yards. Carswell's try for the extra point was wide.

One of the tallest lighthouses in France, 233 feet above water, is located on Cape Barfleur, on the Bay of the Seine.

Sliding Down The Sports Chute

with BILL

Mr. R. H. Snyder dropped by the office Friday morning with the following clipping from the Ranger Daily Times. It is an amusing view of an Englishman's version of a football game and was written for an English paper.

It reminds me quite a bit of what I would probably say in writing up a game of English football. Hope you enjoy it and thanks to Mr. Snyder for bringing it by. (If any other readers have any items they would like mentioned, just give me a ring or come by The Herald office. All tips are greatly appreciated.)

Sixty thousand Americans and their girls swarmed into the White City Stadium, Shepherd's Bush to see the U. S. Army v. the U. S. Navy in what General Doolittle described as a "real old-fashioned American football game."

Girl cheer leaders from the services pranced in front of the crowd waving megaphones, inciting yells like "ARMY, Army," or "NAVY, Navy."

Meanwhile a free fight seemed to be going on in the center of the stadium. Twenty-two enormous young men in crash helmets were locked in deadly struggle for an oval football.

They wore spiked-cleated is the word the Americans use — shoes, strange ginger shorts which cling closely to the thighs and end abruptly just below the knee, and padded jerseys.

The object of the game seems to be to pass the ball to some unfortunate player, then for every one else to fall on him.

The only thing that moves play towards the goalposts seems to be the instinct of self preservation of the man with the ball.

He runs as far as he can before he is maimed or killed by the other players.

The program seemed sinister. It gave the names of the 11 men of each team. It then gave a list of 15 "substitutes" for each team.

The "substitutes" did not have long to wait for their call to battle. First casualty went to the Navy. Horrified, I watched a GI scamper across the field with two buckets in his hands. But not as I thought, to mop up the blood.

The buckets held towels and water for the players still living. Casualties are dealt with by a doctor — who rushes out with a black bag — the umpires, (splendid in white plus fours and striped shirts), and stretcher bearers, if needed.

American football is played in four quarters, not two halves like ours. Each team has the ball for four "downs." If by that time they have not made enough ground the other side takes over.

Before each "down" the team which has the ball goes into a huddle while the captain decides who shall be the victim to receive the ball — and the assaults.

Favorite method of assault yesterday seemed to be: (1) springing like a tiger at the man's throat, or (2) just shoving so that sheer weight bore him down.

The attacker must keep one foot on the ground as he tackles. After the tackle he is usually all on the ground.

The Navy lost 20 points to nil. During the interval — end of second quarter, as they say, bands played and the goat mascot of the Navy paraded with the donkey mascot of the Army.

I'll be seeing you Tuesday and until then I wish each and every reader a very Merry Christmas. Think it over. . . .

Criticism Of War Sports Decreased

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — Criticism of wartime sports faded to a minimum during 1944, the annual year-end poll by the Associated Press disclosed today.

Virtually all of the 80-odd sports editors from every section of the country, participants in the poll, stressed the demand by the public and armed forces for the continuation of sports in contrast to a year ago when rumors were rife that sports might be stopped for the duration.

"The principal effect (of 1944 on sports) was the passing of the crises," Hal Cressman, of the Norristown, Pa., Times-Herald, said in summing up. "This time last year everyone, including the major leagues, was concerned whether or not the sports show would go on for the duration."

"There was talk about the big leagues folding up by July 4. Now, I believe, there is little doubt that sports will be continued and survive through the world's conflict. Chief reason for this is the fact that 12,000,000 are now in service and while the demand for manpower in industry and the armed forces is still grave, enough men are being discharged from the services to take up the slack and assure continuance of the program."

Highland Park Tramples Angelo For 39-6 Victory

Leaving West Texas football fans in stunned silence the Highland Park Scotties gained sweet revenge for a 21-20 defeat handed them in last year's semifinal high school playoff contest and with little Donk Walker leading the Highlanders ran and passed their way to an amazing 39-6 victory over the here-to-fore mighty Bobcats of San Angelo, defending state champs.

Highland Park got there early and stayed late with scoring and the cats never had a change all afternoon. It was a most decisive victory and was the biggest score run up in the present play-off campaign, and the largest majority over the Bobcats in two years of play.

Highland Park meets Port Arthur in the final clash next week with the site still undecided. Highland Park's first score came fast after the initial kickoff had launched the game. Capitalizing on a Bobcat fumble the Highlanders moved across the goal-stripe, with Walker lugging the leather for their first score. The kick was bad.

In the same period, and just a few minutes later, Walker heaved one to halfback Moxley who was waiting in the end zone for the second tally, with the conversion again failing. The kick again wild. Walker passed the touchdown heave standing on the 15.

Early in the second period Moxley roared through the big Bobcat forward wall from his own 41-yard marker and raced 59 yards to pay-dirt. This time Walker made the kick good and the Highlanders were out in front over their surprised and favored foes 19-0.

The final tally of the first half came on another Walker aerial, this time to right end Clark, after it had sailed 34 yards to reach him, and over he went for the score. Walker's conversion was good and the half ended some minutes later with the mighty Bobcats of San Angelo trailing at halftime for the first time this year by a 0-26 score.

The Bobcats came back to the field determined to retake a lead in the second half but the Highlanders were not to be denied and roared downfield for two more touchdowns behind the "bulseye pitching" of Walker who never seemed to miss his receivers.

Walker heaved to Clark from the 24 in San Angelo territory for the next score and added the point to give a 32-0 advantage. Again, some minutes later the mighty little passer laid an aerial in Clark's arms for 34 yards and the final Scot score as the conversion went wide.

Angelo came back weakly against the Scot subs and in the waning minutes of the game managed with Dwain Dodson heaving to Max Box for 39 yards and the tally. That was all for the day and the Bobcats are out of the race by virtue of a 6-39 loss.

The Country Club will hold open-house tonight at the club house for all members.

Colored Bombers End Football Year

Big Spring football fans won't get to see the colored Bombers of Section F at AAFBS in gridiron action this season because of a war department ruling banning all post-season games for Army teams.

The Bombers, who were forced to cancel two games here earlier in the season, had planned to meet the San Angelo colored All-Stars in Steer stadium New Year's Day.

The war department order was directed at Randolph Field's undefeated team that was scheduled for an Oil Bowl appearance in Houston on New Year's Day, but it called off the Big Spring contest as well.

Persons who hold tickets for the Bomber game may obtain refunds from the agent from whom they purchased them. It was announced at the post.

By losing to Samuel Huston college, the Bombers suffered their first loss in two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dillingham are Christmas guests in the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy. They will return to Dumas, their home Tuesday.

Mohammedans first used coffee to keep awake during long religious ceremonies.

Bidding Lively For Site Of Title Game

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 23 (AP) — Bidding was lively today for the state schoolboy football final game with the Fort Worth chamber of commerce most active in seeking the contest.

Herbert Joseph, convention manager of the Fort Worth chamber was here for the Lufkin-Port Arthur game yesterday, contacting the coaches of both teams. He was to be in Dallas today to be present when the Highland Park-San Angelo game is over and the finalists are ready to make a decision.

Joseph said the game would be awarded at a conference of officials of the two schools, probably tomorrow, at Dallas.

Other cities seeking the game are Houston, San Antonio and Austin. Joseph said he understood Dallas would not go after the game unless Highland Park is in the finals. Dallas had the final game last year.

MISTAKEN DELIVERY
 R. V. Jones, 1012 Nolan, Saturday received a parcel containing Christmas presents for children. The package, addressed to his name and was from Don Barber, Floydada, and apparently was delivered to him by mistake. The package is at the chamber of commerce office.

Green Takes Bout

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP) — Although he hit the deck for a count of nine in the eighth round, Harold Green 140, Brooklyn, again outpointed Rocky Graziano, 154, New York, in their return 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden last night. In their first meeting Green was down for nine in the last 15 seconds of the scrap, but won on points.

The two welterweights put on a slugging match all the way. Graziano went down for a three count in the second stanza.

BATTING AVERAGE
 CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 23 (AP) — The Fort Francis E. Warren Sentinel makes this baseball prediction: "There'll soon be a drop in the Jap Bataan average."

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Veterans Show Interest In Plan For Post-War Education Program

More and more veterans of World War II are showing an interest in the educational programs offered by the government, it was revealed Friday by J. D. O'Barr, veteran's representative at the local U. S. Employment Service.

The almost complete absence of red tape connected with this program is one of the major reasons for this interest, he said. There are really two programs, he con-

tinued, one for men with service connected disability and one for all persons who have served for as much as 90 days and have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and after September 16, 1940. To qualify under the second program a veteran must have been under 25 years of age at the time of his induction or must be able to show that his education was interrupted or delayed.

The local USES office has assisted five veterans making applications for vocational training or college training within the past week. The total number of veterans who have taken advantage of or are planning to take advantage of this educational program is not known, O'Barr said.

The veteran can get information and application forms from the veteran's representative at the USES or from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, or from the Howard County Veterans Service officer.

Some veterans have gone directly to the veterans administration at Waco, Texas, and some have gone directly to the school of their choice. This procedure may entail expense which may be avoided by obtaining available application forms to be approved by the veterans administration. He will then be supplied with the college application form for the particular school of his choice and will be informed of what other information he will be required to produce. If the veteran has service connected disability, he will be furnished transportation and sustenance from his home to school.

Veterans are also eligible for apprentice training with practically the same money benefits as are allowed for college or vocational training, O'Barr added.

Crane County Is Producing In Clear Fork

By JOHN B. BREWER
SAN ANGELO, Dec. 23—Production from the Clear Fork section of the Permian lime in the Texas Co. No. 3-B Hobbs estate of San Angelo in southeastern Crane county only 1 1/4 miles northwest of No. 2-B Hobbs, fifth and most northerly Devonian producer in the Crosssett field, held the interest of West Texas oil operators at the week's close.

Locations for three wildcats were staked during the week, one in Scurry and two in Andrews county.

Texas Co. 3-B Hobbs swabbed and flowed 23 barrels of oil in 15 hours from a saturated section from 2,190 to 2,220 feet in the upper Clear Fork which is believed to be below the Gorieta and Holt zones. The section is not productive anywhere else in the area. It later swabbed an average of three-quarters barrels of oil per hour cut with from 4 to 40 per cent drilling water. No. 3-B Hobbs is in the C NE 41-35-14-T-C.

The Texas Co. received a six-months extension of its lease on the south half of the southeast quarter of section 31-45-1s, T&P, Ector county, on which its No. 1-B TXL is located.

Shel and Cities Service No. 1 Texas Pacific Land Trust (TXL) indicated Devonian lime discovery in west central Ector county, recovered 64 barrels of fluid, 90 per cent acid water and 10 per cent emulsion, in 16 hours. No. 1 TXL's best showing was from 7,964-78 feet, 41.6 gravity oil flowing for 30 minutes.

Andrews county gained two new wildcat tests, one by a new company searching for production in Texas for the first time. The new unit is the Chalmette Petroleum Corporation. The Bay Petroleum Corporation of Denver has taken it over for considerations said to be in excess of one million dollars cash. The new company will work out of offices in Midland and will operate in New Mexico and Texas.

Chalmette's first venture in Texas, seeking the Fullerton, is the wildcat test, No. 1 Lake Short corporation, fee in northwest Andrews, 660 from the north and 1,980 feet from the east lines of the northeast quarter of section 24, block A-26, pal.

Texas Pacific Oil Co. staked No. 2-A-1 Midland Farms for 5,100 feet in southeast part of Andrews about one mile due west of closest production on the west side of the Mabee field.

George P. Livermore, Inc., of Lubbock has staked location for a proposed 3,500 foot wildcat in southeastern Scurry county six miles northeast of Ira.

Fabulous Prices On Leases Came With Spindletop

(Editor's Note — The Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association gives some of the romantic history of Spindletop, whose anniversary will be observed on January 10 in Beaumont.) Residing in Beaumont today is a man who lived next door to Captain Anthony F. Lucas while the well that was to become world-famous was being drilled. He is J. W. Kinnear, tax assessor-collector for the South Park School District, a position he has held for 29 years.

"Within 30 minutes after the blow in, I was there," Kinnear recalls. "It was a mighty sight and its great roar made many fearful that the earth would cave in."

He was almost the owner of a tract on Spindletop when the well came in. Kinnear says, "I was planning to buy 10 acres there and was saving as much as I could out of my salary as a school-teacher. I would have had enough, by February, 1901, for the down payment. But the well blew in January 10!" Land that previously could have been acquired at \$15 an acre was sold in tracts as small as a sixteenth of an acre at the rate of approximately \$300,000 an acre.

Acreage not even in the county was sold to "tenderfeet" at big prices as "about 500 feet from the Lucas gusher." Five oil companies had headquarters in one tiny room and it took one man all day to write the stock certificates. With a line a block long in front of a cafe, the proprietor barred the door with a two-by-four; when a customer was ready to leave, the bar was lifted and one man was allowed to enter.

"A young fellow arrived in Beaumont on a Tuesday with \$6.75," Kinnear says. "On Saturday, he had \$32,000 and he remarked, 'I'm just a country boy and if I stay, they'll get me.' So he got on the Saturday night train for home—Temple, I believe—and he never came back to Beaumont."

When the Palestine "wild well" was raging, Kinnear recalls seeing 11 men lying on the ground at one time; they had been overcome by gas.

American Zionist leaders have proposed a new irrigation and power project for the Jordan river valley in Palestine.

Three Communities Entertain Service Men With Party

Three West Texas communities joined last night in staging a gala Christmas party at Colorado City for a group of GIs and Air Crew Trainees from the Big Spring Bombardier School.

More than 125 military guests, including 45 Trainees, were feted at the Mitchell County Service Club, which launched the project for a "Just Like Home" Christmas. Quick to share in the Colorado City affair were the Coshoma School District and the Big Spring Lions Club, who arranged for bus transportation.

For the 18-year-old Trainees the party was a particular thrill because this marks their first Christmas away from home. Most of the youths come from northern and eastern states.

Ladies of the Mitchell County Service Club, of which Mrs. Lois P. Bennett is director, spent long hours preparing a turkey dinner with "all the trimmings." The club was decorated with a tree and holiday tinsel and there were gifts, singing and dancing for the guests.

Back in the barracks at Section K today one Trainee said: "Those women were just like mothers to us and gosh, everybody was swell."

Men Thought Lost In Caddo Lake Waters

MARSHALL, Dec. 23 (AP)—Searchers were dragging the waters of Caddo Lake today for three hunters feared drowned yesterday.

The missing men are Frank Haddock, Jr., 35, Marshall; Eddie Hartzo, 50, and his brother Audrey Hartzo, 52, both residents of Caddo Lake.

The search was begun following discovery, three miles from a duck blind the trio had been occupying, of an overturned boat and a hat believed to have been worn by Audrey Hartzo.

The leather in a single steer hide will provide all the leather articles required to outfit six soldiers for a year.

Two Oil Tests Are Completed

Two completions were recorded in this area during the past week with the Cosden No. 2 W. L. Foster, in extreme eastern Howard county, rating 95 barrels pumping and the Continental No. 4-B Settles, section 160-29, W & NW, rating 160 barrels.

The Foster well was completed at 2,853 feet following a 260-quart shot. It is in section 49-30-in. T & P. The Continental well was bottomed at 1,296 feet for the shallow pay of the Howard-Glasscock field. Continental No. 133 6-S Settles, section 133-29, W & NW, was still testing at 1,315 feet.

Continental's deep test, its No. 1-D Settles, section 133-29, W & NW, was reported below 7,280 feet, putting it within 1,500 to 2,000 feet where deep production might lie. Continental No. 8-E Clay, section 138-29, W & NW, was drilling at 2,517 feet with 700 feet of oil in the hole after topping pay at 2,480 feet.

Cosden No. 4-B Read, section 48-30-in. T&P, was below 1,485 feet in anhydrite. Moore No. 1 Cosden, adjacent to Cosden refinery and in section 38-32-in. T & P, was shut down at 4,168 feet in lime. Lily No. 1 B. F. McKinney, section 42-30-in. T & P, is below 2,790 feet. Last reports on Hunt Oil No. 1 Wason, northeast of Coshoma and in section 19-29-in. T & P, showed it below 2,825. Warren Petroleum No. 1 Chester L. Jones, section 9-26, H & TC, was at 4,400 feet in lime with some increase in water.

American flags brought to North Africa when Allied troops landed there were sand-proofed.

Man Found Mangled On Dallas Street

DALLAS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Authorities were continuing their investigation today into the death of an unidentified man whose badly mangled body was discovered in the 1000 block of Forest avenue road, near midnight last night.

Investigating officers said the body had apparently been dragged 150 feet. Cards found on the body bore the name of Frank L. Snyder, but listed no home address.

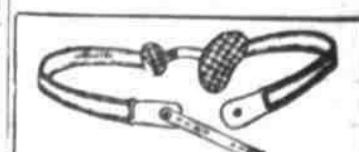
Costly Mistake

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Mrs. Boyd Rogers, daughter of Gov. Forrest C. Donnell, asked for two pairs of hose at a department store and received a paper bag from the clerk.

Returning home, she found the store had been frantically looking for her. Inside the bag supposed to contain the hose was \$1,000 of the store's money.

Road To Berlin

- By The Associated Press
- 1. Western Front: 361 miles (From near Duren).
- 2. Russian Front: 394 miles (From north of Warsaw.)
- 3. Hungarian Front: 460 miles (From north of Szos).
- 4. Italian Front: 550 miles (From Mezzano.)



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Over Hills Came The Boom Of Nazi Guns--In The Hospital Was Death

By HAL BOYLE
IN BELGIUM VILLAGE, Dec. 19 (Delayed) (AP)—Over Hills came the faint boom of German guns.

In the morning the sound was no louder than the soft thud of a falling snowball, but as the day

wore on it became louder. Then, although it still was miles away, it became so loud that windows rattled faintly in the long, white-walled hospital room and the major looked up from his task.

He was a medical officer, and there was no one else in the room but a neat nurse—a young lieutenant with brown hair and disturbing hazel eyes.

They were sitting on cots, checking patients' charts. But the patients themselves were gone. They all had been "walking cases"—patients able to move on to the convalescent hospitals in the rear. Only few moments before, they hurriedly bundled together shaving kits and toilet articles and left. They were sick men who had given up their neat beds for wounded men who would mark them with blood.

"We won't keep any patients here from now on except those too desperately wounded to be moved," said the major.

"We'll be plenty busy when they start to arrive."

"You know, the Germans already have overrun two of our hospitals."

The first one we got our patients and our own people out all right but we lost all of our equipment—yes, all of our equipment."

"We don't know what happened to the second hospital the Germans took," said the major. "So far no one has come back. We just don't know yet."

The major knew that some medics had been in that line of 150 men which one German armored column had ordered into a field and machinegunned. There was no fear in his eyes nor in the eyes of the nurse. But they both knew that if the Germans broke through to this village there would be no escape for them. They couldn't leave the helpless wounded men who would die without their care.

American and German guns boomed in distant hills—and the beds were waiting.

MAYFIELD RITES PLANNED

WACO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Funeral services were planned today for I. J. Mayfield, 70, retired banker, who died at his home here yesterday.

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I am counting on you, old man, to help me. As you know, these mechanics and this porter will be well paid.

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The True Christmas Story

In accordance with a Christmas Eve custom of many years standing, The Herald carries the glorious story of peace on earth and good will toward men, as contained in the first 14 verses of the Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. x x x

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem. x x x

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

It's The Little Things In Life

Strange, the odd assortment of things a man of catholic tastes and the opportunity to gratify them can turn up in the course of a day's interruption-filled reading.

There was the story the other day, for instance, which told how the tulip and daffodil breeders and growers of Holland have kept right on during the occupation, improving their plants, trying to keep the sea out of their fields, and standing off poachers. Already they are trying to negotiate ship passage for their seeds and bulbs for the American market, to the tune of \$25,000,000 worth. Some hard-boiled official probably will decide more important cargo awaits shipment, and leave these Dutch master-growers high and dry in their flooded fields.

So we fell to wondering about it, and we decided that here in miniature is a small segment of the postwar problem of leveling off the world's economy so as to prevent the bottlenecks and dams which did a great deal to unsettle the balance of world trade in between wars. Where are the diligent Dutch bulb-and-seed people to sell their wares, to get the money to buy American canned beans and Australian beef?

Well, the answer to that is the answer to many questions that must be settled if the postwar world is not to get itself tied up into knots of conflicting economic strains and reflexes.

In another place and a few minutes later we read that the British can't enjoy their hyacinths because the few that Britain produces are earmarked for America to exchange for dollars to pay for fighting tools.

The Transatlantic Edition of the London Daily Mail speaks of the hyacinths with a sentimental wench that only a restrained Englishman can show when he lets himself go.

Then, with becoming modesty, the Mail notes that "Britain's export of trees, plants and bulbs last year were worth nearly \$672,000—a wee part of our war bill, but helpful."

We, too, must look to our trade after the war—not with a view to grabbing when and where the grabbing is good and enriching ourselves beyond the dreams of avarice, but to keep from becoming gorged on our riches and thus becoming fat and slothful again.

A multitude of little things like hyacinths, tulips and daffodils make up our world of commerce, and we must look lively lest we die of a surfeit of the good things of life.

Washington— James Byrnes Heads The Home Front

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON — With no fanfare, James F. Byrnes has emerged in the last two weeks as the most important man in our home front government.

Congress has confidence in Byrnes. It's no secret that when Secretary of State Cordell Hull's resignation was announced, some influential members of Congress went into a huddle and dashed for the White House to plead that Byrnes be named to the post. Before they could get there, the President beat them to the draw by naming Stettinius.

The rumor that Harry Hopkins was behind it even got public pronouncement on the floor of the Senate. Coming on top of the Biddle-Littell row in the Department of Justice, an dthe Hurley-

Heller appointments to the Surplus Property Disposal Board (matters in which "Little President" Byrnes ordinarily would have had an important say) gave rise to the misunderstanding that Byrnes was being by-passed.

Such was far from the case. For Byrnes already was so busy setting up his new office of War Mobilization and Reconversion that he had no time to play liaison to Congress and general troubleshooter.

Until now, Byrnes has been almost a one-man right hand for the President on the home front. His offices were small, his assistants few and virtually anonymous. Byrnes, himself, in spite of his authority, kept in the background.

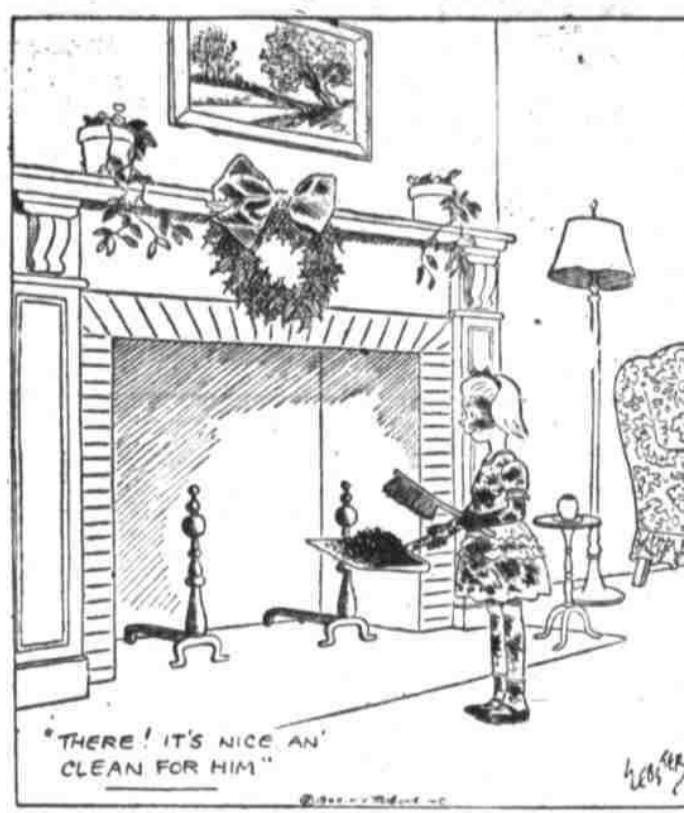
Those days are gone forever. The new OWMR is taking over a large portion of the LaFayette building for its rapidly expanding agency. What is far more important is that Byrnes is setting up a "little cabinet." Most of them are virtually unknown to the general public. Whether they will become prominent or not depends—but here in Washington, they will be top men on many matters. Byrnes recent manpower di-

rective, which told the Offices of War Manpower and Selective Service and USES exactly how they are to handle the war manpower shortage that had developed, merely underscored Byrnes's new authority.

This authority actually comes from Congress, which passed the George act setting up OWMR. But there's every reason to believe that President Roosevelt concurs in it heartily and is happy to have Byrnes in complete charge of the home front.

Byrnes's "little cabinet," so far, includes John B. Hutson, formerly of the Commodity Credit Corp., who will plan postwar agriculture and keep production up to snuff as long as it's needed for prosecution of the war; William Haber, who will do the same for manpower; Maj. Gen. Lucius Clay, who as deputy director for War Production, will have charge of seeing that the armed forces get all they need; and Fred Sealley, Jr., who will be responsible for keeping munitions output at the required level. There will be a couple or more members of the "little cabinet," one an overall reconversion planner. There's no longer any reason for Congress to think that its "favorite son" has been side-tracked by New Dealers, conservatives or anybody.

The Thrill That Comes Once In A Lifetime



What It Means: Ammunition Demands Are For Future, Not Present

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON — 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."

Ammunition Booming Use of heavy artillery and mortar ammunition has increased proportionately, 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.

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 over-riding priority. The war had become bogged in the mud and long range guns had a new prominence in the overall strategy.

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.

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."

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.

Hollywood— Rooney Loses Show To Little Girl

By JACK O'BRIAN

AP Drama Editor The new M-G-M film, "National Velvet," is enchantingly reminiscent of "Lassie Come Home." Like the latter, it concerns an animal—this time a race horse—be a couple or more members of the "little cabinet," one an overall reconversion planner. There's no longer any reason for Congress to think that its "favorite son" has been side-tracked by New Dealers, conservatives or anybody.

Donald Crisp. Anne Revere, as the mother, has a private history of somewhat similar dreams which came true and understands the youngster's determination to see the horse run in the famous stakes. Finally the entire town is rooting for them.

As befits such a new fairy tale, the horse wins. While the movie is not a mystery, the ending is the sort that will better be seen to be appreciated. It is done beautifully and with deft understanding of day dreams.

The entire case is one of the pleasantest collections of M-G-M talent which could have been tossed together for this sort of film. Jackie Jenkins, the wonderful little sprite of William Saroyan's "The Human Comedy," has another bright bit, this time as a young brother who collects ants, hangs them in a bottle around his neck and complains loudly when one of them attacks him: "I was stung by a stinkin' ant."

It is little Miss Taylor's picture, however. The entire cast deserves a collective back-pat and so does Clarence Brown, who directed with understanding and uncommon perception. It is scheduled for release around the holidays, and is a cinematic Christmas package of which M-G-M can be proud.

ROOSEVELTS GIVE GIFTS WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — The President and Mrs. Roosevelt today presented to 258 White House office staff members their annual Christmas present. This time it was a scroll of the president's D-Day prayer, handsomely engraved and tied with a blue ribbon.

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Today And Tomorrow Women And Wounded Men

By WALTER LIPPMANN

The last thing our people will put up with is that sick and wounded American soldiers should suffer because the Army cannot find enough women to nurse them. Yet I am reporting only the stark truth, which is well known to the Army and to the leaders of the medical profession, when I say that in military hospitals at home and abroad our men are not receiving the nursing care they must have, and that with casualties increasing in number and in seriousness, this will mean for many of the men brought in from the battlefields that their recovery is delayed, and even jeopardized. No one will question this statement. So great is the shortage of women who are volunteering to nurse the sick and wounded that the Army has had twice to lower its own standard of nursing care.

Instead of one nurse to eight beds the Army has had to come down to asking (though it is not getting) one nurse to twelve beds. But even this standard to which the Army has been reduced is not being met. To meet it the Army Nurse Corps should now have 50,000 nurses. In fact it has 41,500. Instead of a ratio—low enough in all conscience—of one to twelve, the average in fact in continental United States is now one to twenty-two.

by giving them high wages. They are neither compelled nor induced; they have neither a legal duty nor a pecuniary reward. This means that each woman who volunteers must do so because she has a much higher sense of public duty. But it means also that each trained nurse who has to make the choice of enlisting is in fact offered a strong inducement not to enlist. If she stays in civilian nursing, she does not have to place herself under Army discipline, or to go away from home, or face the discomforts and risks of service in the theaters of war. She can make a great deal more money because the civilian patients have a lot of money, and are willing to pay high prices for special private nursing. Finally, she is subject to considerable pressure of one kind and another to stay where she is, and so to protect her job and her career after the war.

Women, though they are fit and without family responsibilities, have no national duty under the law to serve their country; there are combined financial and institutional and what might be called professional trade union pressures upon women to prefer civilian to military service. The result is not only to discourage enlistment in the nurse corps, but to create inertia and resistance in the face of the many practical efforts being made to enlarge the supply of women who can do some nursing.

I do not believe it is necessary for any one who has seen our wounded here and abroad to talk as if the families of the men and their friends and their fellow citizens had to be reminded of the human cost of war. They can imagine, without any one telling them, what it means to lie on a bed of pain unattended and uncared for over long stretches of time. I am saying, not on my own authority of course but on that of the responsible commanders, that this record cannot be sustained if the work of the surgeons and doctors and of the devoted Army nurses and corpsmen is not reinforced at once by more women—by women who know how to nurse the sick, and who by their presence, and because they are women moving about among men who are in pain, in fever, in low spirits, are lonely, evoke the will to live and to recover.

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LOST: Ladies Elgin lapel watch, in or near North Ward School. Reward, Phone 736.

LOST: Three keys in brown leather holder. Reward, Phone 1547.

LOST: 9x12 and 7x9 Inglemum rugs, purchased at Montgomery Ward, on highway to Airport Courts. Reward. Call Howell 509s, Crawford Coffee Shop or N. B. Howell, Cosden Petroleum Corp.

Personals

SEWING MACHINE SERVICE SHOP
 Guaranteed repairs. 305 E. 3rd.

CONSULT Estrella, the Reader, Jefferson Hotel, 303 Greer, room 2.

Straight pins were banned for use by the War Department to save steel.

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Announcements

Instruction

WELL TRAINED individuals are in demand now, and will be after the war. Let us give you that much needed training. Our graduates give satisfaction. Big Spring Business College. 611 Runnels, Phone 1692.

Public Notices

DUE TO insufficient help, we are forced to stop taking flat finish and fluff dry bundles. Will accept men's bundles, quilts, blankets and wet wash, also solicit the patronage of both former and new customers in our Help-Your-Self department, and we are sure that we will be able to give you better service here than before. Working people may start washings as late as 6:30 p. m. Phone 610, Stallings Laundry.

PLEASURE

REAL riding horses, no work stock. Now open. Scenic Riding Academy, 1 1/2 blocks north of entrance to City Park.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS:

The Creighton pasture just west of Big Spring, between highway 80 and T&P Railway, is post-ed. No hunting will be permitted and trespassing prosecuted.

Business Services

Ben M. Davis & Company
 Accountants - Auditors
 817 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas

WILSON AUTO ELECTRIC CO.
 We exchange Generators and Starters. \$7.50 up; Armatures rewound; Delco Remy parts. 408 E. 3rd. Phone 328.

ELECTROLUX service and repairs. L. M. Brooks, Dealer. Will service any gas appliance. Call Gas Co., 839 or 578-J.

FOR better house moving

see C. F. Wade, on old highway, 1.4 mile south Lakeview Groc. Satisfaction guaranteed.

REPAIR, refinish buy or sell

any make sewing machine or furniture. Pickle & Lee. 609 E. 2nd. phone 260.

WESTERN Mattress Co. representative

J. R. Biderback, will be in Big Spring twice monthly. Leave name at McCullister Furniture, phone 1261.

BRING your wet washes to

Peterson's Help-Your-Self Laundry at 508 E. 2nd St. Washed with care. Equipped with steam now.

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We do welding and automotive and diesel engine repair. Contractors equipment a specialty. 201 N. Austin St. Phone 118.

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at Ward's. Recharge only 75c, including three-day rental. Come in today. MONTGOMERY WARD.

Woman's Column

WILL keep children by the day or hour, special care. 606 11th Place. Phone 2010.

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

EXPERT fur coat remodeling and alterations. Years of experience. See Mrs. J. L. Haynes at 508 1/2 Scurry. Phone 1724-J.

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

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

Employment

Help Wanted—Male

EXPERIENCED porter and lubrication man. Apply at Lone Star Chevrolet Co.

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

Announcements

Help Wanted—Male

WANTED: One to five school boys, earn some Christmas money, help with feed on R. L. Gillean place, one mile south Lee's Store on Garden City highway.

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

WANTED: Agent to collect debit and write insurance. Liberal commission and special salary, with an opportunity to earn quarterly bonuses. Experience unnecessary, we pay you for your services while you train. A good opportunity to build a post war position. Will consider lady or man as agent. Apply Room 609, Petroleum Bldg., Tuesday, Dec. 26, through Saturday, Rio Grande Nat'l Life Insurance Co. J. N. Malone, Supt.

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED: Two experienced waitresses. Apply Settles Coffee Shop.

WANTED: Practical nurse, past middle-age, for elderly lady. Apply at 811 Gregg after 5 p. m.

WANTED: Unencumbered lady full time or part time, good salary, room and board to stay with elderly lady and son. Write Box 311, Abilene, Texas, or Phone 4100.

WANTED: Teacher for high school English, good salary, county unit system, school member of Southern Association. Call 44 or write Supt. C. G. Parsons, Garden City, Texas.

Employment Wanted—Male

PAINTING and paperhanging. See S. B. Echols, 201 Gollard Street. Call 1358 for estimates.

Financial

Business Opportunities

PASTIME cafe at Coahoma for sale by owner. Apply there.

For Sale

Household Goods

SEE Creaths when buying or selling used furniture; 20 years in business and mattress business in Big Spring. Rear 710 E. 3rd. Phone 802.

STUDIO couch for sale. Phone 1709.

Livestock

385 bred ewes, from two to five years old, will start lambing March 1st. Priced \$7.50 head. See Justin Holmes or Al Shroyer at Shroyer Motor Co. Day phone 37, night phone 539.

JERSEY milk cow; three-year-old filly, D. D. Haghe stock; two-year-old filly sire Sabra. Phone 793-W.

THREE work horses with harness; one wagon; two fresnos; one plow; one dirt roter; two heavy log chains; bargain if sold immediately. Apply 601 E. 4th St.

Pets

ONE pedigreed female Cocker Spaniel puppy, two months old. J. A. Hensley, 425 Settles Heights.

BEAUTIFUL Cocker Spaniel puppies, make nice Christmas gifts. Mrs. George Parrott, P. O. Box 141, Lamesa, Texas.

RABBITS and hutchers for sale, reasonable. See Dalton Olson, 208 Harding St. Wright Addition.

Farm Machinery

ONE-row AC combine, good condition; also a stock trailer. See R. L. Warren, across road, east from State Hospital. Phone 9005-F-2.

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: Good new and used radiators for popular make cars and trucks. Guaranteed. Peurifoy Radiator Shop, 901 E. 3rd. Ph. 1210.

For Sale

Miscellaneous

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

FOR SALE: Dairy feed, poultry feed, hog feed, and all kinds of grain. H. P. Wooten Produce, Phone 467.

THOMAS TYPEWRITER & OFFICE SUPPLY
 New supply of Christmas cards; also leather, zipper, brief cases. Call for yours now.

STANLEY HARDWARE CO.
 10-Gallon galvanized garbage pails; also 4, 5, 8, and 10-gallon lard cans.

EVANS cigarette lighter and case; mahogany Gilbert clock; pair vases by Paris artist. Excellent condition. Mrs. Krause, 500 Main St.

CLOSING out entire stock Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Open evenings. Thunderbird Curio Shop, 102 E. 3rd St.

SHOW case and lumber for sale. Thunderbird Curio Shop, 102 E. 3rd St.

TWO boy's bicycles for sale, good tires. 308 N. Gregg St.

BATH tub and hot water heater; also white Spitz puppies. 1111 W. 3rd St. Phone 8536.

GOLD cuff links with platinum top. Phone 558.

Wanted To Buy

Household Goods

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

Radios & Accessories

WANTED: Used radios and musical instruments. Will pay cash for anything. Anderson Music Co., phone 896 or call at 115 Main St.

Miscellaneous

WANTED: Clocks to repair; we buy broken clocks. Wilke, 100 W. Third St.

WILL buy your grain, threshed or heads; three trucks to haul it or will buy delivered here; also, do custom grain hauling. E. T. Tucker, opposite Oldham Implement on Lamesa highway. Phone 434-W.

WANTED to buy: Good cedar chest. Call 4321.

For Rent

Bedrooms

FRONT bedroom with adjoining bath. Gentlemen or couple preferred.

Wanted To Rent

Bedrooms

CADET'S wife and child want room, would like kitchen privileges, for about two weeks. Call Mrs. Haas, Room 1201, Settles Hotel.

CADET'S wife wants furnished room or apartment. Call Room 706, Settles Hotel.

Houses

WANTED: A two bedroom house or apartment. Excellent local references. Call 542-J.

Real Estate

Houses For Sale

SIX-room house, barber shop. 705 East Third. Write owner, Miss Morley, 519 Baylor, Austin, Texas.

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

Real Estate

Houses For Sale

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

7-ROOM modern house by Ellis Homes, price \$4,000. Also 5-room modern home just redecorated, vacant, reasonable. Rube S. Martin and C. E. Read, phone 257.

4-ROOM house with bath. Priced to sell. Cash. 410 Donley St.

DUPLIX, furnished, two large rooms with sleeping porch, private bath. Two blocks from post-office. Inquire at 207 1/2 W. 6th St.

6-ROOM frame house, 402 Galveston St., Big Spring, Tex. A bargain. See owner at this address.

Farms & Ranches

320 ACRE farm, 238 acres in cultivation; has nice 6-room house, modern equipped with bath, etc. Butane for lights and heating. Also 3-room house, tractor and equipment. One of the best farms in Martin County. Call Marvin Hull, phone 99.

94 ACRES one mile west of court house, will cut in three tracks. Terms. J. B. Pickle, Phone 1217.

FINE 160-acre irrigated farm 5 miles from Artesia, New Mexico, on pavement, half-mile of gin and postoffice. Well improved, enough water to irrigate entire track. Makes from bale to two bales per acre and 4,000 lbs. grain. Price \$105 acre. Possession January 1. J. B. Pickle, phone 1217.

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5-SECTION farm and ranch located in the fertile Estancia valley, central New Mexico. Plenty of water, Grama grass range, 360 acres cultivation, large modern 5-room house. Three sections deeded, two sections leased. \$15 per acre. See or write C. R. Donaldson, 607 E. 12th St., Big Spring, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

There is no way in which we can express the measure of comfort the floral offerings, the written and spoken words, and the visitations of friends, gave us following the death of our father. Mr. T. A. Smith. Words cannot convey our appreciation.

Jack Y. Smith and Family. (adv.)

CARD OF THANKS

We are thankful for friends who remembered us with flowers, comforting expressions and acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

C. J. James and Family. (adv.)

MADARIK INJURED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—An injury which forced Tippy Madarik, Detroit University fullback who played this season with Randolph Field, to decline the chance to play with the West team in the East-West Shrine football game here January 1, leaves the West with only 23 players on its squad.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE HERALD

German Women Are Dropped In France

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—English-speaking German women, equipped with knives, are being dropped by parachute inside the American lines, according to the Daily Telegraph's Paris correspondent who quoted "reports from an area near the 1st army front."

Seven are said to have been arrested and to have confessed that their mission was to seduce American soldiers and then kill them, the correspondent said.

Son Was "There"

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—When Mrs. Curren Mullen heard of the Missberger raid on a late radio broadcast, she remarked to friends, "It would be something if my son were in that raid." Shortly after she was informed that Lt. Joseph E. Mullen had scored a kill on the Nazis during the battle. He was there.

Apple Tree Has "Seconds"

ROCKPORT, Ind.—Mrs. Frank Rebel was amazed when one of her apple trees showed up with a second crop of red June apples in December. The tree had borne a regular harvest last summer.

SIGNS

305 East 3rd or
 Phone 73 After 7 P. M.
 JOE J. GREEN

DFC Given Texans

DALLAS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Presentation of the Distinguished Flying Cross to two Texas pilots featured a formal military review of the Fifth Ferrying Group at Love Field.

Capt. William R. Barnes, Marshall and Lt. Frank H. Holcomb, Houston, received the decorations for more than 300 hours of flying over air transport command routes from India to China.

Bumps Way Into \$100

CHICAGO—J. M. Peterson, 44, an employee of the Pullman Co. shops, bumped his way into \$100. Peterson got tired of bumping his head against the free-swinging door of a medicine cabinet at the shop and finally devised a hinge on the automobile brake principle which held the cabinet door in a fixed position and eliminated the free-swinging which was cracking his fellow workers' skulls. He dropped his idea in the company suggestion box and the bosses thought so well of it they paid Peterson \$100.

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On the eve of this Yuletide season, in a troubled world, we need more than ever to remember friends and loved ones in the true Christmas spirit. And so from the depths of our hearts we wish you the very merriest Christmas and a happy and victorious New Year.

Elmo Wasson

"MEN'S WEAR OF CHARACTER"
In Petroleum Building

Three Charged With Ralls' Man's Murder

RALLS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Three persons had been charged today in the death of Eric Wheeler, 65, who was found dead in bed with his throat slashed.

E. C. Wheeler, 28, Wheeler's son, and Mrs. E. C. Wheeler, the dead man's daughter-in-law, were charged jointly yesterday with murder in the death Tuesday of the Crosby county farmer.

Previously Mrs. Donna Wheeler, 51, had been charged in connection with the death of her husband. Technicians in the state department of public safety crime laboratory were assisting in the investigation.

Two Dead In Lower Rio Grande Valley

HARLINGEN, Dec. 23 (AP)—Two persons were dead today and a third was in a critical condition from traffic accidents in the lower Rio Grande valley.

Samuel Garrett Cox, Sr., 39, pipeline contractor of Weslaco, was fatally injured in a grade crossing collision. J. Leon Hargrove, La Feria, citrus grower, was seriously injured.

Juan Medina, 45, Lyford, was instantly killed when struck by a truck near Lyford.

He'll Be Home For Christmas In 1944

By The Associated Press
Last Christmas Sgt. Owen K. Johnson of Schwertner, Tex., worshiped in a war-scarred, 700-year old church in a small village near the front lines in Italy.

He wore a gas mask in a blinding sand storm in Libya the Christmas before that. This year he will be at home.

And so will many other service men stationed in Texas, whose leaves coincide with the holidays. But for thousands of other G.I.'s in Texas camps and hospitals efforts have been bent by the army,

churches, the USO, civic organizations, and individual Texans toward seeing that Christmas follows as much as possible its traditional pattern.

Johnson is one of a number of combat veterans at Randolph Field, Tex., for whom Christmas at home will be a reality this year. Another is Sgt. Allen T. Brown, who spent Christmas 1943 at a fog-bound airfield in England, refueling his Flying Fortress. He will be with his wife in San Antonio this Christmas.

The San Antonio Christmas program for servicemen is typical:

A big feed at the camps; visits an dgifts for patients at Brooke General Hospital; service men invited to many private homes as guests for Christmas eve and Christmas day, and a week's entertainment fostered by the USO.

At Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Dallas, Midland, Waco, and Temple have various plans for post parties—USO dances, gifts for hospital patients, the appearance of Santa Claus at parties for children of soldiers, private parties, and special religious services.

There were Christmas furloughs for several hundred patients at Temple's McCloskey General Hospital. Thousands of gifts were pouring in there for those unable to be with their families. The Houston Chronicle had laid the foundation of a cheer fund for patients at McCloskey with a donation of \$5,000, and half of that was set aside for holiday telephone calls by wounded men.

Chapels at Camp Hood were presenting daily programs of carols, and will hold special holiday services. Most major units of the camp planned parties.



RECEIVE MEDALS: Col. Ralph C. Rockwood, commanding officer of the Bombardier School, presents medals posthumously for three Texas heroes killed or missing in action. Pictured are Mrs. Marie Callaway, left, of Lamesa, whose husband, 1st Lt. David L. Callaway, missing in action, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Mrs. James E. Hinson, center, Motor Route B, Lamesa, whose son, Lt. James E. Hinson was killed last May; and Mrs. W. M. Wood of Ackerly, mother of Sgt. Thomas M. Wood, gunner, missing and presumed killed in action. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Hinson received Air Medals.

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at Settles Hotel
Mezzanine Floor
Open Every Evening
8 to 12
We Sell Beer by the Case.
Afternoons—open from 3 to 7;
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Beer and Wine Served
Soldiers Welcome



To all those serving abroad and to all the men and women working for Victory at home, we send our heartiest Christmas Greetings and our sincerest wishes for a Happy New Year.

The FASHION
WOMEN'S WEAR
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Christmas Worship In Big Spring

"On Wings of Angel's Song" will be the cantata presented at 10:55 a. m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian church under direction of F. H. Talbot and with Mrs. J. P. Kenney at the organ.

Soloists will be Mrs. R. M. Parks, Ann Talbot, Mrs. B. E. Freeman, J. C. Douglass, Jr., and F. H. Talbot. Mrs. R. T. Piner, B. E. Freeman, Mrs. B. E. Freeman and F. H. Talbot will comprise a quartet.

At 7:30 p. m. the candlelight service will be "The First Born Among Many Brethren." B. J. McDaniel and Mrs. Albert Davis serv-

ing as readers and featuring the young people's choir with Mrs. Kenney as accompanist. Candle lighters will be Marilyn Miller and Bonnie Lou Talbot, and Clarice Petty will sing "O Holy Night."

The Rev. M. Powers will be celebrant for the midnight Mass Sunday at the St. Thomas Catholic church. Before mass, Sgt. Joe Kling will sing "O Holy Night." M. Loesch's Mass in F will have Sgt. Kling, Pfc. Don Vavro and Pfc. Bernice Sciorra as soloists, while Mrs. L. D. Jenkins and Mrs. Kathaleen Springer will be soloists for Adeste Fidelis, the offertory. At 1 a. m. Monday, high mass will be solemnized at the Sacred

Heart church with singing of the Gregorian Mass of the Angels and Adeste Fidelis as the offertory.

At 11:30 p. m. Sunday the St. Mary's traditional Christmas worship will start with an organ recital, followed by Solemn Procession. The Rev. Charles Abele, rector, speaks at midnight.

Cruickshank's musical setting will be background for the Communion. A/C Robert Jack, with Charles E. Poston at the organ, will sing. Pietro Yon's "Jesu Bambino" and T. Tertius Noble's "Dost Thou in a Manger Lie" will be anthems. There will be Holy Communion at 8 a. m. but no further services until the evening.

Silver Wing
Lobby Crawford Hotel
A Supper Club For
Military Men And
Their Guests
Open 6 P. M.
No Cover Charge

Full Schedule Of Entertainment Readied For Men At Local Post

Officers and men who will be home for Christmas "only in their dreams" are finding a full schedule of entertainment on the holiday weekend calendar at the Big Spring Bombardier School. The round of festivities began

Saturday afternoon at the post theatre with a Christmas Party for approximately 200 children of military personnel. The program included a community sing, distribution of gifts, refreshments and the showing of six short movies.

The NCO Club was the scene last night of a Christmas Dance, and special events have been planned for this afternoon and Christmas Day.

The Post Orchestra will give a holiday swing concert this afternoon at the post theatre at 3:30. Curfew for tonight has been extended until 2 a. m.

While no special events have been planned, the Officers' Club will remain open all day Christmas Day. All operations on the field will be suspended, and enlisted men subsisting regularly at the mess halls may have as guests immediate members of their families and not more than one friend for Christmas dinner.

The G. I. will feast on turkey, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, nut dressing, candied sweet potatoes, snowflake potatoes, fresh corn, buttered asparagus, sweet mixed pickles, stuffed celery, sliced tomatoes, pumpkin pie, white cake, ice cream, mixed nuts, assorted fruits, hot rolls, butter, coffee and lemonade. Each man will also receive a package of cigarettes.

Midnight Mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Chapel tonight by Chaplain Thomas J. McDonald, with the choir under the direction of Sgt. Joe Kling. Aspirant Armand Mathiot will be organist. Low Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 o'clock Christmas Day.



—and sincere good wishes for your health and happiness at Christmastime and the New Year.

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Tuesday, December 26th
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Wednesday, December 27th

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Holiday Greetings

Many are the prayers in our hearts this Christmas day. Some pray for the restored health of a stricken loved one. Some pray for the return of child, husband or beloved far from home.

Some wish for security against the dangers with which life can be fraught. Others look forward in a hope that for all the peoples of all the world, suffering of all kinds may one day be ended, through the achievements of science, education, and true spiritual awareness among all mankind.

To all of you whose prayers and good hopes spring from deephearted jealousy, we say "May those prayers be answered on this Christmas Day—and for all the days to follow."

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