

The Weather

West Texas: Little change in temperature tonight except slightly colder in Panhandle and South Plains.

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Good Evening

The report that Mussolini is ill may merely mean that he's sick of it all.

YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE HERE?



If you wonder why you haven't received your new driver's license here is the reason. About 300,000 applications for renewals have piled up in the license di-

vision of the Texas Public Safety department because too many drivers waited until November 1 to apply for renewals. License Division Chief J. B. Draper and

employees scan some of the applications which cannot be checked, validated and mailed before January 1. The vault in the background is stacked full too.

Abundant Dry Grange Available Over Texas

U. S. Military Roaring Ahead To 1943 Drives

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—American sea, air and land forces, according to all available indications, should have by late next summer the weapons to begin a series of powerful drives against the Axis. The battles which will then ensue, particularly in the Pacific, probably will make most of the actions to date look like glorified skirmishes by comparison. This picture of war in the making comes from recent official disclosures on the production of giant planes, aircraft carriers and battle-ships, and other formidable new weapons or improved types of old ones. Here are the high spots of those disclosures: Bomber planes — Great new bombers are on the way, and may soon begin to show up on the world's fighting fronts. Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of Army Air Forces, said in a speech Sunday, they would make the present Flying Fortresses look like small planes. Judged by usual standards of secrecy, Arnold's revelation of the existence of these giants certainly was not made until they were actually in production. Assuming that long-range plans for quantity output were made long since, they should be reaching the battle zones in quantity six or eight months from now. Aircraft carriers—Since last July three regular carriers and three converted from cruisers which were still on the ways have been launched. Formerly it took a year from launching date to put a carrier in commission but this has probably been cut under the navy speedup by two to four months. VAST FLEET GAINS Battleships — The new 35,000-ton Washington, North Carolina, South Dakota and Massachusetts are already in service. The Indiana and Alabama of the same tonnage were launched in November 1941, and February 1942, respectively. The 45,000-ton Iowa hit the water last August, and the New Jersey, of the same class, only this month. Other naval craft — Battleships and carriers do not operate without supporting squadrons of cruisers and destroyers, and Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet, is authority for the statement that 1943 will see the fleet swelled by numbers of these vessels. Guns — Little has been revealed about the development or improvement of guns, although that obviously must be one of the main concerns of all munitions research and design. It may be assumed as a certainty that behind the on-the-record information about new weapons are many other developments which for reasons of military security and surprise cannot be reported until after they have been in use.

Big Transport Plane Hunted; 20 On Board

AUSTIN, Dec. 15. (AP)—An abundance of dry grange feed is available in Texas as a result of mild dry weather following frosts in early November. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported that although precipitation was below normal in November, and surface moisture was being depleted there was generally adequate subsoil moisture. The exception was in the extreme southern counties, where moisture was short. Winter weeds and wild rye made good growth, and were supplying good grazing in most ranching areas. Considerable peanut hay was lost because of rains at harvest, but total tonnage was about double earlier in years because of increased acreage. Grain sorghum supplies were above a year earlier on the high plains, but slightly below last year's extremely large supply on the low plains. Cattle were strong and going into the winter in good flesh, and range food supplies were favorable for their wintering with a minimum of shrinkage. Cattle and calf movement continued heavy during October with market movement of 355,000 head compared with 291,000 head for the 10-months to November 1 was 2,107,000, a record movement for that period; the previous record was 2,157,000 head marketed in the comparable period in 1939. Cattle condition was seasonal decline for the month of November.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today that a Naval Board of Inquiry was making a "very thorough investigation" into the loss of the 21,936-ton former liner, President Coolidge while it was operating as an Army transport in the Solomon Islands area recently. Knox was asked whether the vessel, since it apparently was operating close to shore, might have hit an American rather than an enemy mine. "I have no information that it hit one of our mines," Knox said. He added an explanation that the location of the sinking was not absolute evidence that the mine was part of an American field since, he said, mines could be planted by Japanese submarines in the same waters in which our mines are strewn. There were 4,000 crewmen and United States troops on board when the vessel hit the mine, the Navy said. All but four of them were saved.

Galveston City Health Staff Hints Strike

GALVESTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Employees of the city health and street departments will meet tonight to decide whether to go on strike to enforce demands for union recognition and increased pay. G. C. Rickett, business manager of the AFL Teamster Local Union, announced today. AMARILLO FIREMEN Win Overtime Claim AMARILLO, Dec. 15. (AP)—Because Amarillo firemen—who are on duty 24 hours and off 24—start their tour of duty at noon instead of at midnight, they are due back pay under the Texas law providing six days as the maximum weekly time firemen in cities the size of Amarillo may work. This decision was reached yesterday by the Seventh Court of Civil Appeals which held that a day starts at midnight and ends at midnight.

Temperatures In Pampa

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9 a. m.	42
3 p. m.	42
6 p. m.	42
9 p. m.	42
12 Noon	42
Monday's maximum	42
Monday's minimum	27

I HEARD . . .

One of the Army flyers at Pampa field talking about the goat, "Blackland Billy" whose picture appeared in The Pampa News last night. It seems "Bill" has quite a past. He was acquired by one outfit, and purloined by another. The News is trying to dig up the story behind Bill's fame. It sounds good. For most warm, circulated air, see the Estate Hear in Lewis Hard-ware.

ROMMEL RETREAT STILL IS UNCHECKED

Yanks Storm Into Buna Rearguard Actions Weak Say British

3-Way Squeeze Now Drawing Around Japs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—The Navy announced today that American air forces in the South Pacific had poured more bombs on the Japanese air base at Munda on New Georgia Island on December 14, the fifth day of such attacks. ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 15. (AP)—American jungle fighters, supported by Australians, stormed into Buna village yesterday and heavy fighting raged about the Japanese-held Buna mission to the east today. While Allied bombers smashed at the enemy invasion expeditions put ashore by a strong cruiser and destroyer force at two points farther up the New Guinea coast. The Americans slashed their way into the village five days after the capture of Buna, 12 miles to the northwest. These were the main bases on the foothold established by the Japanese last July 23, in their closest thrust toward northeast Australia. War front dispatches reaching Melbourne said the Allies were squeezing the Japanese from three sides on the central sector of the Buna-Buna battlefield, with Australians pressing in from the left, Americans from the right and both Australians and Americans attacking through the center at Sannai.

Knox, Jones Joining In Houston's Cruiser Drive For Millions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox announced today that he and Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones would leave here next Sunday for Houston, Tex., to join in the final meeting of a campaign to raise \$26,000,000 for a new cruiser named after that city. The meeting will be held Monday night and Knox said that attendance would be the main purpose of his visit. However, he will also participate in the launching of the destroyer escort vessels Keith and Moore and in the presentation of an Army-Navy "E" to the Brown shipbuilding company at Houston. Knox did not say how he would travel. He praised the city of Houston. See KNOX, Page 8.

Allied Airpower Tipping Scales In Battle Of Africa

LONDON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Allied air power, grown to such strength that bombers coursed over Tunisia for four hours, was tipping the scales against the Axis today in the battle of North Africa as Marshal Rommel's Libyan army retreated from the Gulf of Sirte coast in central Libya. The pace of the British eighth army's pursuit of Rommel was not disclosed, but some estimates placed British advanced forces in Tripolitania beyond the marble arch airfield, 40 miles west of El Agheila. Military observers were surprised at the weakness of the Axis stand on the El Agheila line. Axis forces are continuing their retreat. See ALLIED, Page 8.

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor

Under lashing attack by 300 American and Allied warplanes, survivors of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Africa Corps were reported to have retreated more than 40 miles from the collapsed El Agheila front today, with the British Eighth Army in rapid pursuit. British headquarters announced that Rommel's tattered forces were still retreating westward, leaving only weak rearguards to combat the advancing Army. Perilous stretches of minefields, however, somewhat hindered the British in their pursuit through the narrow El Agheila defile. During the night, a British communiqué said, Allied planes kept up their strafing of the weary German troops. One report said British vanguards had already passed the Marble Arch airfield, 40 miles west of El Agheila. A broadcast from the German-controlled Vichy radio said Rommel was now expected to make a "strong stand" against the British about 125 miles west of El Agheila—or less than 300 miles from the big Axis base at Tripoli. Control Air British headquarters declared

Texas Crude Output Certain To Be Cut

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 15. (AP)—Non-union oil producers in Texas are expected to submit to the state-wide production hearing tomorrow will be slashed when the Railroad commission issues the January allowable schedule. Chairman Ernest O. Thompson said, and the Petroleum Administration for War undoubtedly will lower the January certification because of gasoline rationing and the acute transportation bottleneck. "Some adjustment will be made in next month's allowable to bring into line the disparity between Texas' production and recommendations from Federal authorities," the chairman said in an interview. "Nominations probably will be about the same as for December, however."

War Diary

Dec. 15, 1942 183 Days Since Private August Cies of San Antonio risked his life to save crew of bombing plane which crashed and caught fire in Honolulu. Bombs exploded a few minutes later. December nominations totaled 1,589,938 barrels daily compared with a federal recommendation of 1,350,000 barrels daily. The commission authorized average daily production of 1,470,000 barrels of all liquids. TRANSPORTATION BLAMED Assembling for the final hearing of 1943, industry spokesmen generally agreed with Thompson that a downward revision of January production was in order in view of the state's inability to produce its permissive and the delay in opening the big pipe line to the North. Texas' production in 1943 will be increased in direct ratio to the opening of new pipeline facilities to the shortage areas, and to the culmination of plans to increase the flow by tank cars, this authority suggested. One expert long identified with the industry contended, however, in off-the-record talks that Texas' allowable should be increased to counterbalance production declines in other states. With production falling in Kansas, Illinois and Oklahoma, he said, Texas is one of the few states that can fill the gap with increased production while maintaining conservation standards. See REARGUARD, Page 8.

PLANE EXPERT AT 19



Ward with a wrench, though his squadron for efficiency in keeping Kelly field planes in the air. Sgt. Cain is a veteran of 20 months service at the field.

Britain Faced Invasion Threat In 1940, With 100 Useless Tanks

LONDON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons today the British Army had only 100 tanks on June 11, 1940, to face the threat of a German invasion after the fall of France. Even these tanks, the prime minister said, were of a type found in the battle of France to be too weak to stand against German anti-tank guns. "The invasion of this country was expected if not in the autumn of 1940, at any rate in the spring of 1941, or even 1942," he said. In less than a year, Churchill noted, an entirely new tank had been conceived and put into quantity production. The Army had 400 by the autumn of 1941, and now has between 1,000 and 2,000, he said. These tanks have been surpassed by later models, and were designed originally for home defense rather than for long-range heavy offensive duty overseas, he said; yet they "gave a good account of themselves" against Field Marshal Rommel at El Alamein. Earlier the prime minister intimated that Great Britain is developing important new air weapons to combat submarines. Disclosing that he had formed a battle of the Atlantic committee in 1941, under his own direction, Churchill said: "In October, 1942, I felt that a new additional effort was needed on account of the ever more important part which the air had begun to play in anti-U-boat warfare. Consequently, he said, he reconstituted the committee as an anti-U-boat warfare committee, with himself as chairman.

Adjourning Bill Passed By Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—The senate unanimously adopted a resolution today calling for final adjournment of the seventy-seventh congress tomorrow. The resolution was sent to the house, where speedy approval was expected. Minority Leader McNary (Ore) announced that in view of the resolution he would object to the consideration of any bills of a controversial character, or of any more which had to go to the house. OIL MAN DIES DALLAS, Dec. 15. (AP)—Dee Elbert Humphrey, 59, Dallas oil man and contractor who in later years erected a number of Dallas skyscrapers, died yesterday.

RAF-Yanks Blast Axis-Held Section

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 15. (AP)—The United States 12th Air Force and the RAF teamed up in a heavy battering of many ports and communications lines in Axis-held areas of Tunisia yesterday, but ground action was limited to patrol activity as both sides mustered for the next big battle. A 12th air force spokesman announced American planes destroyed a total of 70 enemy craft, and damaged 43 more from the beginning of the North African campaign through Dec. 11. Twelfth air force losses in that period were 35 planes lost and eight missing. See REARGUARD, Page 8.

Senate Approves Pay Boost Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—The Senate unanimously passed legislation today increasing the salaries of more than 1,500,000 government civilian employes throughout the nation. The measure went to the House, where action could be taken only by unanimous consent in view of the absence from Washington of more than a quorum of its membership. Under the measure, time and a half would be paid thousands of workers for work hours above 40 hours a week, while a flat 10 percent increase in pay would be granted certain other government workers, including Congressional and judicial employes and postal workers employed on a mileage or other basis. See REARGUARD, Page 8.

Sugar Stamp No. 9 Good Only Today

If you want to use your No. 9 stamp out of your ration book, you have only today to make use of it, the office of the Gray County War Price and Rationing board stated today. After today No. 10, will take its place, and it is good for three pounds of sugar. The No. 10 stamp will be good until January 31.

Mr. Nomura Decides U. S. Ambassadorship Job One He's Tired Of

TOKYO (From Japanese broadcast), Dec. 15. (AP)—The cabinet announced today that Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, ambassador to the United States up to the outbreak of the war, at his own request had been relieved of ambassadorial assignment. Nomura returned to Japan last August after the exchange of Japanese and United States diplomats at Laurence, Marquess, Portuguese East Africa. Order your meats and poultry now for Christmas, fill your locker while you can. Barrett's Market, Adv.

8 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT I'm busy behind on my shopping! Buy Christmas Seals Install a Tropical or Southern heater or your car. Motor Inn Supply, distributor.

War And The Top O' Texas

Vital Information

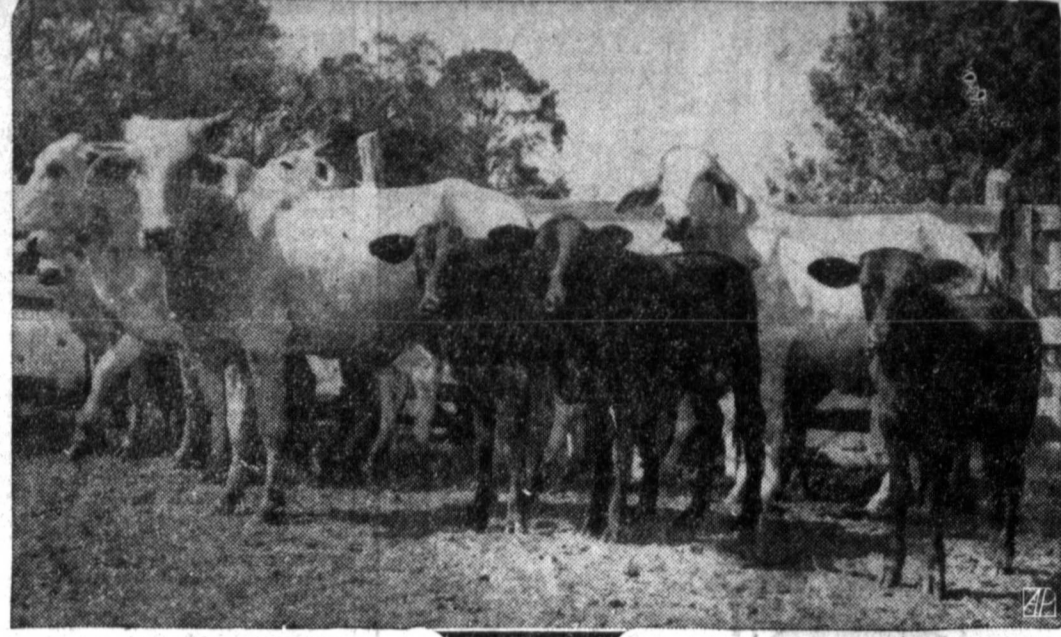
Salesmen will be given enough gasoline to travel 8,600 miles annually or up to 65 per cent of their last year's mileage, whichever is less, under a modification of the mileage rationing regulations, OPA officials announce. OPA war price and rationing boards will be ready to receive applications for rations to provide these additional miles after January 1.

Beginning December 15, use of chocolate in manufacturing or coating novelty items, coating miniature candy pieces, manufacturing chocolate shot, or decorating chocolate candy is prohibited by conservation order M-145, as amended by the director general for operations. Action was taken to provide more breakfast cocoa and chocolate bars for the people who are fighting and producing for the war.

Important approaching dates on OPA rationing calendar were stressed in a reminder issued by OPA. December 15 will be the last day on which consumers who do not have War Ration Book No. 1 may get books from their local war price and rationing boards. Book 1 is needed for purchase of coffee under rationing. December 15 also is the last day for use of ration stamp No. 9 to buy sugar.

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NEW BREED SUCCESSFUL



The three black calves above are part of a new cattle breed being developed for the Gulf Coastal country. A cross between the Angus and Brahman, the experimental breed is called Brangus. The calves come 98 per cent true to color and about 95 per cent hornless, according to A. T. McDannald on whose Harris county ranch the experiment is being carried on.

job of constructing the 857-mile eastward extension of the Texas-East Coast war emergency pipeline was announced by Petroleum Coordinator for War Harold L. Ickes. One construction crew will start welding and laying on the extension within a few days. Representatives of the contractors are now establishing field offices and warehouse locations.

Dallas, Houston and Texarkana were added to the list of areas in which labor shortages exist in a new report issued by the War Manpower commission. Amarillo, Galveston and San Antonio, in Texas,

and New Orleans, La., were added to the list of areas in which labor shortages are anticipated. The lists are furnished to WPB and government procurement agencies for guidance in placing war contracts with consideration for manpower factors.

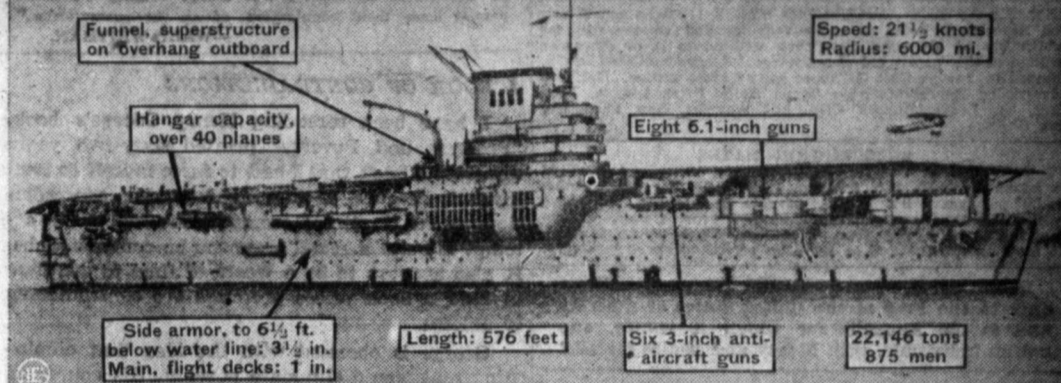
In telegrams to sponsors of the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl New Year's Day football games, ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman has made it clear that "home town delegations" and "team followers" are not to be permitted to travel to the games.

Restrictions on the grades of tires a seller may buy for inventory replenishment were lifted by OPA through amendment No. 4 to Ration Order 1A. By terms of the amendment, a tire dealer now may use a Grade I rationing certificate to replenish with a Grade I, II or III tire, at his option. Previously, he could restock only a Grade I or Grade II tire on a Grade I certificate. Similarly, a Grade II certificate now may be used to restock with a Grade II or Grade III tire. In addition, the previous limitation of 200 on the number of Grade II tires any one dealer could obtain an initial inventory has been removed.

Revocation of limitation order L-146, which placed limited control on distribution of welding rods and electrodes, was announced by WPB. Where purchasers of the items for maintenance and repair work find it necessary to obtain preference ratings, they should address applications for purchase of less than \$50 to WPB district offices.

U. S. government war expenditures in November totalled \$6,112,000,000 or 6.8 per cent over October spending. For the first eleven months of 1942, war expenditures amounted to \$46,975,000,000 compared with \$11,929,000,000 for the corresponding period of 1941.

ALLIES' GOOD LUCK?



Possible prize for our side is the 22,146-ton French aircraft carrier Bearn. In anchor at Martinique for more than two years, this warship may return to action with the Allies following Nazi attempts to seize units of the French fleet at Toulon.

Men in the U. S. armed forces abroad can now send gifts of souvenirs to the value of \$50 back home duty-free. Formerly such gifts from the man overseas were subject to customs duties.

Oil well pumping units have been removed from the list of items in which the use of steel is prohibited by Conservation Order M-126 as amended December 5 by the director general for operations.

Idle tires turned into district offices of the Defense Supplies Cor-

poration by passenger car owners in the Southwest OPA region now total 1,115,877, according to reports received by the region office of the OWI in Dallas. Sampling examinations of the tires at warehouses indicate that about half the casings turned in cannot be put into shape for resale, but must be scrapped and converted into reclaimed rubber. The rest of the tires are either usable as they are or can be repaired for service.

Consumers who have never filed an application for War Ration Book 1 which is used for sugar and coffee, have only seven more days to qualify for War Ration Book 2, regional OPA officials warned today, pointing out that the second important rationing book, which will be issued around the first of the year, will not be issued to consumers who do not have Book

I. December 15 is the deadline for filing of applications with local war price and rationing boards for the sugar and coffee rationing book.

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SPECIAL! PLASTIC FLASHLIGHT 59c

New! Sturdy plastic case in assorted colors! 2-cell size. (Batteries are not included.)

SALE! COOKIE JARS AND CAKE COVERS ea. 1.29

Keep cookies and cakes fresh! Dutch boy or girl cookie jars, or chrome plated cake cover.

8-CUP DRIP-TYPE COFFEE MAKER 1.54

Brews in 5 minutes! Made with PYREX Brand glass parts. Handy wide mouth. Price reduced.

11-PC. PYREX WARE GIFT SET 2.45

Set consists of casserole, baking dish, pie plate, 6 butter cups, loaf pan and cake plate.

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17-IN. BABY DOLL THAT SLEEPS, CRIES! 1.29

Dressed in Pink Cotton Flannel Coat, Eskimo hood with Maribou! Will delight any little girl.

24-PC. LITTLE ARMY TOY NURSE KIT 59c

Play Army Nurse! Everything you need to "cure" toy soldiers in handy carrying case.

LARGE SIZE MARBLE GAME BOARD 1.00

Fun for all! Includes 7 marbles and instructions for playing 21, Bagatelle, Baseball—2 other games!

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

McNutt's Big Job

The task which has been handed to Paul McNutt is as big, as complicated and as saturated with chances for bitter failure as any job created by this super-war.

Manpower cannot be coordinated, shuffled and effectively utilized on the broad scale required by our crisis unless every personal or political consideration is shelved; unless a courageous, intelligent over-all plan is formulated; unless adequate machinery is provided; unless the administrator receives the unqualified support of the president.

Commissioner McNutt, and he alone, can supply the motive power that is essential. President Roosevelt, and he alone, can back Mr. McNutt when the going gets tough and the dead cats begin to fly.

With the framework handed to him, and the collaboration of those available, Mr. McNutt should be able to formulate a workable plan and set up the machinery.

One big job that faces him is complete rehabilitation of that well-meaning but inefficient agency, the United States Employment Service.

The whole scheme will fall of its own weight unless the USES is organized to get men and jobs together fast and right. Red tape and formalism must be held to a minimum. The organization must be imbued with a spirit of aggression, of initiative, of imagination, of sound judgment that will overcome the distrust which both workers and employers now feel toward it.

Originally a collection of state agencies, loosely affiliated with the federal free employment service, the USES now is wholly federalized. But up to now its units have lain undigested on the federal stomach, contributing little to the health of the body politic.

The unemployed have preferred to register with private agencies, and pay fees, because in that way they got better jobs faster. Even very recently and in communities where the USES was relatively active, employers have favored private agencies because, from them, they got a selection of applicants assorted in advance, whereas USES seldom appeared to have chosen men particularly for the jobs they were being sent to fill.

Mr. McNutt is going to have to change all this, if the USES is to be the sole placement agency for manpower. It may prove the hardest part of his onerous assignment.

BUY VICTORY BONDS
Rationing Headache

As rationing spreads, one of the most difficult phases will be control over restaurant eating and bar drinking.

Inevitably there will be in the U. S. as in the United Kingdom and in Canada, an argument that it is unfair to ration foods for home consumption and then permit those who can afford it to get excess portions by eating out.

England learned in World War I that if tickets were demanded for restaurant meals, the housewife could not prepare balanced meals for the family out of what was left; and also, that foods prepared in quantities were used efficiently. Therefore Britain now encourages eating in restaurants—"off the ration."

BUY VICTORY BONDS
Keep Saving Rubber

Don't get careless about your tires merely because in theory you are eligible for replacements or re-capping when needed. All that the new order means is that the available rubber will be made to go as far as possible.

"In the event a (local tire) board receives more valid applications than it has quota to accommodate, it will have to decide among the applicants on the basis of relative importance to the war program, public health and public safety," says an official statement.

That is the red flag to be heeded.

BUY VICTORY BONDS
Stagger System

New Jersey's state-wide staggered hours program for schools, stores and offices has accomplished wonders. Persons who used to fight for standing room in buses, trolleys and trains now actually get seats, part of the time. Travel time has been cut down in some instances as much as 15 to 20 minutes.

BUY VICTORY BONDS
The Nation's Press

OUTRAGEOUS
Shipment of U. S. Plants to Russia
(Los Angeles Examiner)

As a glaring instance of irresponsible government by commission and bureau running insanely wild is the wholesale shipment of American industrial plants to Russia at the very time when Americans are being held down to the absolute necessities of life.

According to a recent dispatch from Washington, the Treasury procurement division has recently purchased for Russia:

1. Two complete oil refineries.
2. A complete steel mill.
3. A complete aluminum mill.
4. A complete railroad system, including locomotives, freight cars and other equipment.
5. A new electric power plant to be built and equipped by the United States at a cost of \$13,000,000.
6. A complete oil pipeline, including pumping stations and all essential equipment.
7. The Ford tire manufacturing plant.

Beside these purchases many others are in prospect.

We are the military ally of Russia in our war against the common enemy, but that does not mean that we must give away our industrial establishments.

This unheard-of procedure has properly roused the ire of many of our Congressmen.

Representative Johnson of Illinois calls it "outrageous," which indeed it is.

He further says it is probable that some of those 1130 Reds and pinks that Chairman Dies named as being socked in Government jobs are working in this way for a "United States of the

Common Ground

BY R. O. HOLLES
"I speak the pass-word primeval. I grip the sign of democracy. By God I will accept nothing which all cannot have their counterpart of on the same terms."
—WALT WHITMAN.

A BOOK OF CONTRADICTIONS

I have been rereading Henry George's book, "Progress and Poverty" printed sixty-two years ago. It is a book that I had to force myself to read through because of the innumerable contradictions in it. It always seems to me foolish to attempt to build a social organism on contradictions. It also appears to be a waste of time to continue to read a book whose premises are contradictory to axioms.

George is obsessed with the idea that eliminating rent would eliminate poverty. His course of reasoning is very similar to Townsend's pension plan. George seems to think that eliminating the reward for men who discover and develop natural resources would not stop their effort to discover and develop such natural resources as minerals and fertile lands and natural locations for commerce. Of course, if we could take the wealth resulting from the labor of some people and give it to others, it would temporarily benefit those securing it.

The trouble with George's scheme is that the minerals would not be discovered if the discoverer were not to be rewarded. Natural resources would not be developed if the developer were not to be rewarded.

His definition of land is arbitrary. He gives one definition in one place and another in another.

As an illustration, he says, "The term land necessarily includes, not merely the surface of the earth as distinguished from the water and the air, but the whole material universe outside of man himself." Another place, he contends that water in a river is land, but when it is in an irrigating ditch it is not land. If water is land in one case, it is land in another, if the English language means anything. George fails to see that he would be penalizing, or taxing certain groups for the benefit of other groups, just as all socialists and pension advocates fail to see. Often they do not even realize that they are doing it, as the Georgians evidently do not realize what they are doing.

If the Henry George theory of having no tax but a land tax, were put in operation, the man who discovered oil in the ground and had not pumped it out would pay tax to have it protected, but after he pumped it out and put it in a tank on the next lot, he would not have to pay taxes to have the government protect it for him from fire and theft. Of course this is an absurdity.

The Henry George Utopian theory of eliminating poverty by arbitrarily taking the fruits of labor from some workers by taxation is just as impractical as \$30 every Thursday or the Townsend scheme of making people rich by taxing one group to give to another. It is just as impractical as the New Deal theory, which is based on confiscating the labor of certain groups, as Henry George proposes, in order to benefit other groups.

George believes only in limited free enterprise. Everybody should have all he produces excepting the man who adds to the value of the land by improving it. If Henry George's ideas were worked out, the state would have to make all improvements on land.

He even admits the impracticability of his very scheme. He admits in reality that he is willing to rob the workers who purchase improvements made by the workers of the past, or who have handed down the fruits of their labor to their descendants, but the present workers who improve land he implies he would not rob. Here is his admission. I quote from page 426:

"Absolute accuracy is impossible in any system, and to attempt to separate all that the human race has done from what nature originally provided would be as absurd as impracticable. A swamp drained or a hill terraced by the Romans constitutes now as much a part of the natural advantages of the British Isles as though the work had been done by earthquake or glacier. The fact that after a certain lapse of time the value of such permanent improvements would be considered as having lapsed into that of the land, and would be taxed accordingly, could have no deterrent effect on such improvements, for such works are frequently undertaken upon leases for years. The fact is, that each generation builds and improves for itself, and not for the remote future."

In the above George is in reality advocating a pure robbery.

And if it were true that each generation builds and improves only for itself, there would be mighty little progress. If there were no love in the world and people only thought of the present generation, instead of the race, we would be little different than beasts.

Yes, Henry George's book is one of the most contradictory of books. It has caused untold confusion and done untold harm to humanity because of its contradictions and absurdities.

WEEK—which would mean a bankrupt U. S. A. Representative Woodruff of Michigan says without bandying words:

"If we are sending steel mills out of this country, we must be out of our heads. We don't have enough steel as it is."

"And the shipment of an oil pipeline at the time that Americans are asked to live in frigid homes because of the lack of transportation to bring oil to the East seems utterly incomprehensible."

It is, however, not so incomprehensible when we realize that there is a Government bloc at work in our top-heavy bureaucratic set-ups that is more interested in economic and political union with Soviet Russia than in a military alliance only with the Russians for the duration.

For eight years Congress has been heedlessly delegating away its powers to crackpot New Dealers. We are now reaping the whirlwind.

And meanwhile Americans are patriotically going short on everything.

Such inanity will not help win the war.

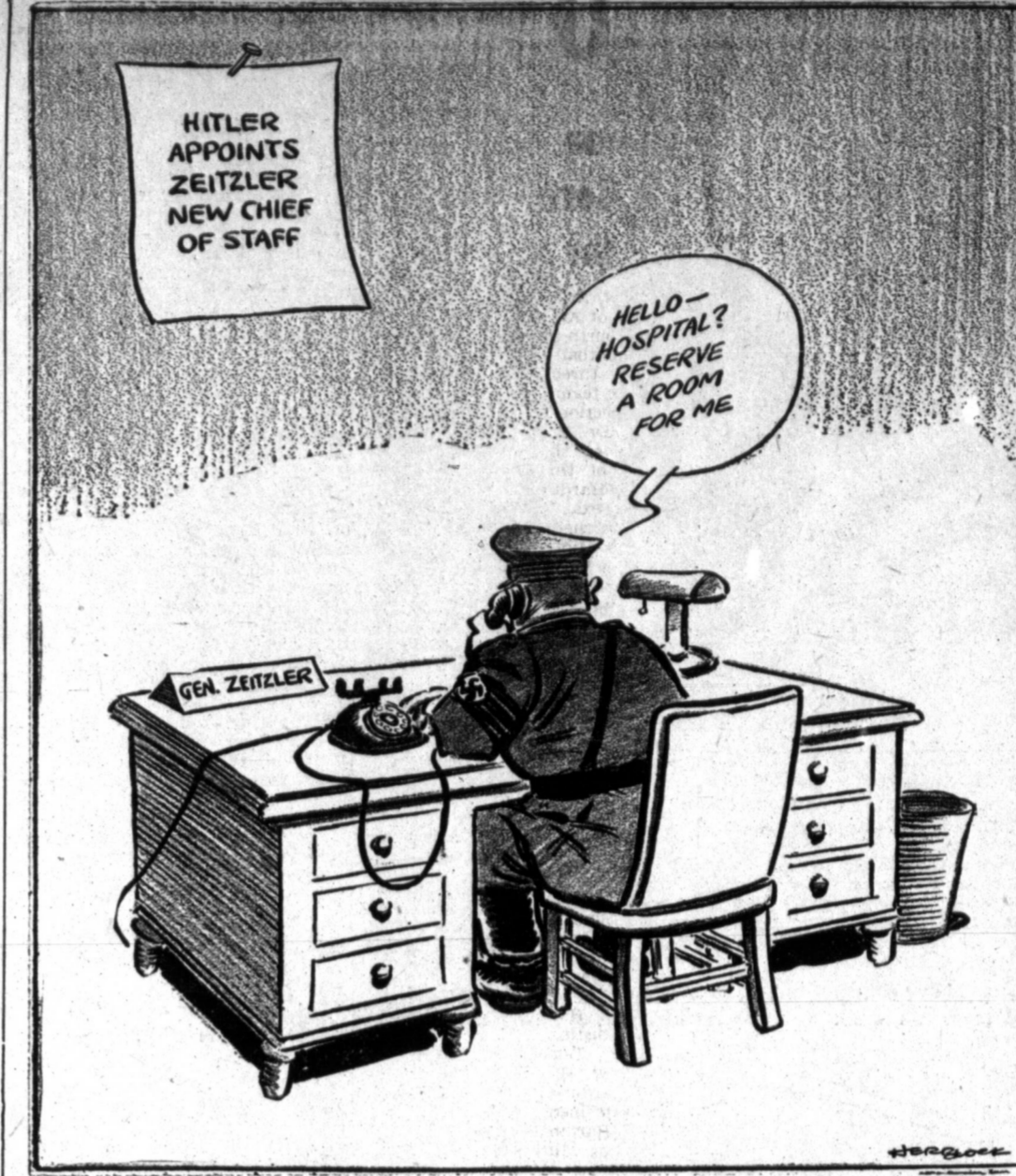
On the contrary, it disgruntles millions of Americans, and thereby injures morale at a critical juncture.

Congress should call a halt on our moving to Russia.

IS THAT A PROMISE, EARL?
(Detroit Free Press)

Finding our war effort wanting, and offering his formula for its improvement, Earl Browder, America's top Communist, says he is not concerned over the situation in this country after peace returns. If Comrade Browder and his fellow Communists will just maintain that detached attitude when the fighting is over, we need ask no more of them. About the only ground we ever had for prejudice against soviet Russia was the Communist urge to make us over. With that suppressed, there should be very little trouble about perpetuating our wartime admiration for the Reds.

THE FIRST ORDER



News Behind the News
The National Whirligig

BY RAY TUCKER

MISTAKES: Recapture of excess war profits has already netted Uncle Sam approximately a billion dollars. Unless the renegotiation process is blocked by a reactionary Capitol Hill clique, the final economy may amount to about twenty billion, as revealed exclusively in this column a few days ago (7 December 42).

General Motors has turned in to the treasury about two hundred and forty million dollars. The Aluminum Company of America has given Secretary Morgenthau nearly seventy-six million in refund. These kickbacks reflect no discredit on the government or on the private corporations involved for reasons which are not generally understood.

Making war is necessarily a wasteful measure. When Hitler conquered Poland, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, France, London and Washington grew panicky. We launched our tremendous rearmament and lend-lease programs. The Army and Navy agreed to pay any price for early models of ships, planes and artillery, overlooking that volume production would reduce the cost per unit. So we are now trying to rectify previous mistakes in awarding orders.

POCKET: Full credit for our success in North Africa is given to the gallant Russians in recent confidential Army release. This acknowledgment of Moscow's contribution represents quite a change from the viewpoint held by our brass hats only a year ago. Then they predicted a quick Soviet debacle and forecast of the record that "only an act of God" could save the U. S. S. R.

The purport of this new memo is that if the Red army had not "frozen" millions of Nazis from the White to the Black seas during the last six months, the Allies would never have had the time, facilities or supplies to prepare for and stage the descent on Morocco and Algiers. The two operations—that on the southern rim of the Mediterranean and that on the Moscow-Stalingrad-Caucasus sector—are treated as one engagement in this departmental summary. We are giving Hitler what former Heavyweight Champion Jack Dempsey called the "one-two punch."

Approval of the Kremlin's strategy by the military has sensational implications which Washington insiders understand and appreciate. The working out of the scheme proves that P. D. R., Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin pulled a world rug from under Wendell Willkie's feet.

The Moscow chief of staff knew of the Anglo-American plan when he talked with the G. O. P.'s 1940 campaigner—and when he told the Hoosier. "The trouble with you folks is that Churchill carries Mr. Roosevelt around in his vest pocket." It begins to look as if everybody sold the former utility magnate a bill of bad goods.

CONTROVERSY: The Capitol Hill squabble regarding the financial relationship between Jesse H. Jones's Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Vice President Henry Wallace's board of economic warfare marks a new high in congressional foolishness. In the opinion of many here. This is the inside story:

In privately criticizing B. E. V.'s authority to tap his federal funds, Mr. Jones has stuck on his side that is right. When this administration's current money transactions are liquidated and investigated by some future congress—probably by a hostile bunch of Republicans—it is the Texas who will be held answerable. The cash was given to him and he will have to explain how it was spent. Under the present system he has no control over the disbursement of sums ad-

vanced to the Wallace-Perkins agency.

For the same reason the secretary of commerce must exercise caution in foreign deals associated with the global conflict. He is prominently a banker and he has been attacked because he is supposed to have held up purchases of needed essential materials. Mr. Wallace, who established a reputation as a greenback doer when he was secretary of agriculture, has no such worries. He simply cashes a check on Jesse's R. F. C. account.

Congress, or rather Senator John A. Danaher (R.) of Connecticut, wants to establish fiscal responsibility in a single agency without hindering the war effort. Although he is keeping out of the controversy, Secretary of State Cordell Hull agrees with his fellow cabinet member. The White House is backing Henry and Milo, hence the compromise settlement will probably favor the Presidential pair.

GRAVITY: Earl Venable, long-time secretary of the G. O. P. congressional committee and an astute student of partisan affairs since he came here many, many years ago as aide to the late Senator William Edgar Borah, has a true measure of the increasing strength and prestige of his party.

In the dark days of his group in 1932 or 1942, or until last November 3rd—he was the nation's "forgotten man." Only a few friendly reporters visited his office because it was a morgue in so far as exciting news was concerned. His milkman, newspaper boy, bootblack and bus driver showed no interest. "He didn't know or care whether he was a Republican, a Democrat, a Socialist or a New Dealer. He was an earnest fellow but a person of no apparent importance to the world at large."

Now all is different. Whenever he goes through the city they bow and say, "Good morning, Mister Venable."

It may even be that with the help of sympathetic members of the District of Columbia Rent commission he will be able to persuade his landlord to reduce the rent. "If the trend anticipated by the tall, gray-haired politico materializes in a couple of years, he may be the next secretary to the President of the United States. In short, Earl figures he is now riding the "gray train."

BUY VICTORY BONDS

BIG GALS NEEDED

No. 2 headache was rounding up a group of 6-foot show girls. Despite all the big talk by California chamber of commerce, they don't grow 'em all that big out here. Stromberg finally rounded up six of them, headed by Elinor Troy, the gal who once almost became Mrs. Tommy Manville.

Stromberg's aversion to type casting gives a young Irishman, Eddie O'Shea, the break of his life as Miss Stanwyck's leading man. There's a swell story behind this, too. On opening night of "Eve of St. Mark" on Broadway a few weeks ago, Stromberg was in the audience. O'Shea was in the cast, playing Private Mulveroy, an American artilleryman on Bataan.

At the end of the first act, Stromberg wrote O'Shea a note asking his interest in pictures. At the end of the second act he was backstage to meet the actor and after the performance he wrote out a temporary contract on the back of a postcard.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

Office Cat . . .

Teacher—"You know that heat causes an object to expand and cold causes it to contract. Now, can any one give me a good example?"

Junior—"Well, teacher, in the summer the days are long and in the winter they are short."

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HAVE YOU EVER?
Another thing I'd love to see: 'Tis something I've never seen—Will someone point one out to me, A greenhouse that is painted green.

Around Hollywood

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

Hollywood's "Ball of Fire" is still rolling.

We mean Barbara Stanwyck, of course, and today's she's putting even more fire into a burlesque entertainer named Gypsy—pardon me, Dixie—in the film version of Gypsy Rose Lee's risqué book, "The G-String Murders." Gypsy—pardon me, Dixie—was a strip teaser in the book but in the movie she's a singer. Censorship, you know.

It starts with a typical burlesque production number. A line of 24 chorus girls. A parade of 6-foot show girls in filmy costumes.

And then Barbara steps into a blue spotlight. But instead of peeling off what little clothes she's wearing, she goes into a sort of vocal strip tease:

"Come and give me heat,
"Cause I like my meat sweet."
"I want to feel my impulse beat."
"Take it off the E-string and play it on the G-string."

THERE'S A STORY

Words and music by ace tunesmith Harry Akst, composer of "Dinah" and "Am I Blue," and Sammy Cahn. And all in the best of taste, of course, under the pro-

Uncle Sam's New Food Chief Gets Himself Big Job

By PETER EDSON

A name you are apt to see more in the public press from here on is that of Roy F. Hendrickson, the Washington newspaperman who has been named head of the Food Distribution administration in the new Department of Agriculture setup to handle the nation's food problems.

Mr. Hendrickson is the new fair-haired boy of the department, literally and figuratively. He will be 39 years old come Dec. 29, and on the shoulders of his 200-pound frame has been draped the mantle of authority over the most important phase of this whole wartime food problem. Planting the necessary acreage is a comparative cinch for the American farmer, and the technique of rationing is in a fair way of being worked out. But in between production and rationing, foods have to pass through all the bottlenecks of harvesting and transportation to market, slaughtering, canning, dehydrating, freezing or otherwise processing, allocation to armed services, Lend-Lease, occupied countries and the general consumption. That is the problem of food distribution and that is where Roy Hendrickson, the boy from St. Ansgar, Iowa, had better be good as Secretary Wickard's assistant.

TROUBLES KEEP ROLLING ALONG

The mere fact that full responsibility and control over the nation's food program has been placed in the hands of Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard doesn't mean that by Jan. 1, sooner or later, all our food troubles will vanish. This is just a beginning. Secretary Wickard says he never has believed in having a food "Czar" such as there was in the last war. He has believed in having someone in the Department of Agriculture setup in charge of the food program. That's just what he got but when he says he doesn't yet know the answers, he is telling the truth.

There is supposed to have been somewhat of a Washington tussle between the Department of Agriculture and the War Production Board over who should control the food program. WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson wrote a letter to the White House some weeks ago, saying that food control should reside in his department, but when the President's executive order gave control to Wickard, Nelson is supposed to have been vastly relieved. He had asked for control over food only because his advisers and rain-trustees thought that would be the best setup, with all authority in one lap.

WPB will still have indirect control over food production through its control over the metals going into farm machinery, food processing machinery, chemicals in fertilizers, tin for cans, and so on. But all the headaches of food control now pass to the Department of Agriculture. And the biggest of its headaches will be these problems of food distribution in Mr. Hendrickson's new department.

NO 1 PROBLEM

First job, perhaps, will be to win over the food processors and distributors, the packers and canners who have been almost solidly against putting control over their industry in the Department of Agriculture. It was their idea that a man from the industry should be put in charge. Hendrickson plans to have various industry advisory committees and deal with the processors through these committees.

The food products on which completely new distribution systems will have to be worked out are meats, canned goods and dairy products. Allocating the available supply, dividing it equitably between the civilian and military demands, then seeing that within the civilian allotment every community has its share in proportion to its population and still further down the line that no one store will have more food stock than it has customers, there you have a problem to tax the ingenuity of the gods.

Hendrickson has been handling food problems directly for only 15 months. Since February he has been head of the Agricultural Marketing administration, which has bought over \$2 billion worth of food for various government accounts.

Today's War Analysis

By DeWITT MACKENZIE

CAIRO, Dec. 14.—(Delayed)—Marshal Rommel's withdrawal from El Aghella is not a matter of vast surprise since it was a foregone conclusion that a terrific weight of air power could be thrown against him.

The battle is still too young to give much clue as to what stand the Nazi marshal may make in new positions. As for the British and Allied forces, I returned only a few days ago from the desert front, where I found the highest possible confidence among all ranks.

What is more to the point, the troops were eager to fight and when you have an army with morale like that you can perform wonders with it.

On the other hand, the Nazi marshal seems to have lost the aggressiveness of touch which, prior to his recent debacle at El Alameh, had rescued him from uncomfortable spots and brought him victories.

He is no longer the cavalier who rode his iron charger into battle and worked his tactics out on the field of action in a theatrical display which he obviously enjoyed.

Marshal Rommel's famous Africa Corps and his Italian units had for some days been displaying extreme nervousness behind their defenses at El Aghella. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's bombardment and persistent prodding of the Axis line for weak spots were grim warnings that he was set for action and would strike like lightning the moment he discovered the opening he sought. Axis fears were registered clearly in wild bursts of artillery fire and continual use of flares to light the desert by night.

The boche had ample reasons for their fears. Indications are that the Nazi marshal is weak in all parts of his fighting machine.

Can't Spare Planes

As explained in previous articles, the fact is that Hitler assigned Rommel to do a holding operation which may be suicidal. Somewhere in Tripolitania the marshal is supposed to make a stand in an effort to halt the eager British eighth army and the British and American air units. His task is to hold until his master can realign Nazi forces for the defense of Europe. Nazidom hopes, meantime, it will be possible to pierce the Allied air and sea blockade and work his reinforcements for the hard-pressed Axis in both Tripolitania and Tunisia.

One of Rommel's greatest weaknesses is in the air. As at El Alamein, so now at El Aghella the British and American air fleets hold heavy superiority. His defenses at El Aghella and, more important, his communications have been blasted day after day by bombing which he couldn't stand off. Hitler hasn't been able to spare warplanes because of the tremendous pressure being put on him in the southern and eastern Europe by Allied air units. His greatest strain is of course on the Russian front, where the amazing Red army has intensified its offensive and is hurling great air units into the conflict. Thus we have a grand example of what coordination among various theaters can achieve.

To me, one of the most striking features of the eighth army drive has been the manner in which supplies of all categories, including even drinking water, have been rushed to the scene of action over hundreds of miles of desert. Many of the so-called roads literally have been little more than wheel tracks in fluid sand.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

The wife came home breathlessly after a hard day of shopping.

Wife (happily)—Look, darling, I've got one of those new hats without a crown, and a dress without a back, and shoes without toes.

Husband (grunting)—You think that's something. Look at this suit of mine; it has pockets without money!

FUNNY BUSINESS



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PLAYER, TRANSPORTATION UNCERTAINTY HOLDS UP PLANS

No Shortage Of Bottled Yuletide Cheer Faces Nation, Experts Assure

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—The other day Chief Bender remarked that "old men" of 40 ought to be able to play big-league baseball if they could keep their nerves under control, and Navy Lieut. Jim McMillen, the ex-rigger, added that we all ought to be ashamed when men of 38 aren't in good enough condition for the Army. . . . Maybe they're both right, but since baseball obviously is easier than combat fighting, we'll merely add our two bits worth to the chief's idea.

Baseball may become a game for 40-year-olds before very long, and as a columnist approaching that age, we don't see why they couldn't make those 20-yard sprints between bases, or even twice as fast after a fly without losing very many limbs. . . . Of course, they'd look pretty bad by comparison with youngsters a step or two faster, but wasn't Jack Quinn still pitching for Brooklyn when he was supposed to be anywhere from 50 to 150 years old? . . . And you'll probably be surprised at how many sprightly young ballplayers finally admit this year that they're over 38.

SCOUTING REPORTS

When Georgia's Frankie Sinkwich and Columbia's Paul Gernsbacker together at the recent Helmsman trophy clam bake, they recalled their first meeting when the Bulldogs played the Lions here last year. . . . Frankie had been told that if he got past the Columbia safety man he could score standing up, so he was quite surprised when Gernsbacker overhauled him on a long run. . . . "I was told you weren't that fast," Sinkwich said as they got up. . . . Gernsbacker looked at the harness Frankie then was wearing to protect his busted jaw. . . . "I was told you couldn't talk," he replied.

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

Since the Oklahoma Aggies hit town, Coach Hank Iba has eaten lobster six times in five days. . . . It must have been the day he doubled up that he went on the radio with the suggestion that basketball should be played by seven-man teams on bigger courts so more fans could have the seats they want right on the sidelines. . . . The St. Louis Browns sent 1,024 baseballs to service men during the 1942 season, although the fans only tossed back 912 from the stands. . . . Fred Fitzsimmons was offered a contract by the Giants after he turned down the Montreal managerial job, but instead he took a salary cut to stay in Brooklyn. His bowling emporium must have had something to do with that decision, for he's supposed to be making more dough from it than out of baseball.

MENTAL UPSETS

One of the most reasonable explanations we've heard for all the football upsets (possibly including what happened to the Bears Sunday) was advanced by Buff Donelli of Duquesne, who says he's seen it happen to his own teams all too often. . . . "When a good team gets behind," says Buff, "it tries to catch up all at once. The boys get worried and, knowing they can't win, they try to do it in a hurry instead of taking their time. They go in for passes, trick plays, etc., and as a result they don't get anywhere."

TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Jimmie Murphy, Canton (Ill.) Daily Ledger: "Blue, gray, white and black are listed on the Cuba, Ill., High school basketball squad. The team should be a colorful one, especially since most of the players are said to be even."

Two Pacific Caden Scores At Garden

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Two of the most prolific basketball scorers ever to visit Madison Square Garden will be on the visiting teams Saturday when Syracuse plays New York university and Oklahoma meets St. John's in a doubleheader. Joe Glacken, of Syracuse, played twice in the Garden with high schools and rang up 22 points each time; and last year, as a Syracuse sophomore, he scored 13 against N. Y. U. Oklahoma's Gerald Tucker tallied 19 points against St. John's last winter.

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Moguls Await Clearing Up Of U. S. Stand

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Recent activities in professional football and baseball left the definite impression today that sports generally have decided not to get too far out on a limb, and so have adopted a "mark time" policy until there is some line on their outlook for 1943.

You can't blame the boys if they don't want to do anything too definite one way or the other just now concerning curtailment, suspension, or continuation of their affairs for the duration, especially since no one knows just what the situation will be by next April or September. So, until the fog lifts, they're apparently trying bravely to keep the "business as usual" sign out, with certain necessary war-time variations.

You don't need a crystal ball to figure out that conditions are uncertain, at best, for sports next year. Reports going around Washington yesterday at the National Football league's December meeting were that there might eventually be some ruling from Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt on just where athletes and athletics fit into the picture.

One of these reports, heard by some men in the league, was the place of spectator sports in entertainment value for war workers was being given consideration; and that eventually the "green light" might be given. But in the meantime, the folks with investments in sports promotions are marking time.

This was more than a little obvious when the National Football league club-owners failed to hold their annual draft of graduating college players yesterday at the December meeting, which is held each year specifically for that purpose.

MAY DRAFT IN APRIL

The owners did vote unanimously to continue the league's operations, "subject to whatever regulations or conditions might arise," and then adjourned until April. But since the drafted players each year go to make up almost half of the league's playing personnel the following fall, and since, much of the material available during the just concluded campaign is headed for armed service, you wondered just what the owners had in mind for gridironing talent for '43.

His cruise, the draft could be held at the regular meeting in April, or any time Commissioner Elmer Layden might call a get-together for that purpose. In that case, however, the moguls run smack into the problems of where to begin drafting, because most of them, too, are also ear-marked for duty with Uncle Sam.

Veteran baseball writers, who "covered" the major league meetings for years, point out that the recent conclaves in Chicago had less than the usual amount of talk in a long time. The loops went through such motions as agreeing to

BOWLING

DANCIGER				
Baxter	148	191	196	535
Patrick	137	140	157	434
Hutchens	129	142	179	450
Jones	172	180	190	542
TOTALS	741	787	883	2411
MACK AND PAUL				
Mitchell, C.	141	135	171	447
Duanel	149	122	133	404
McWright	164	156	150	470
Mitchell, D.	193	170	164	527
TOTALS	817	747	784	2578
DIAMOND SHOP				
Fraser	152	223	291	676
Robb	128	167	143	438
Mohr	152	166	196	514
Behrman	159	146	146	451
Shaw	193	168	170	531
Nesselrod	193	131	170	494
TOTALS	799	845	856	2500
THOMPSON HARDWARE				
Huff	160	211	166	537
McFarland	211	159	125	535
Zesch	187	189	186	562
Thompson	186	144	156	486
Ives	187	193	185	575
TOTALS	881	896	828	2603
KIWANIS CLUB				
McGrew	131	157	119	407
Westberry	128	167	147	442
Yoder	148	122	135	405
Hendler	123	135	156	414
Wells	123	154	182	459
TOTALS	694	766	729	2188
SCHNEIDER HOTEL				
Murphy	147	167	162	476
White	158	109	167	434
Wells	175	167	182	524
Heck	154	243	163	560
Loiving	186	168	199	553
Holloway	182	192	138	512
TOTALS	829	869	844	2553

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Nolan Lee Cummings, Pampa Boy, Received Into Ancient Sea Order

Many young Pampans, like other Americans from far and wide, are enjoying experiences few of them ever dreamed would be theirs. One of them, Nolan Lee Cummings, son of Mrs. Clyde B. Cummings, 513 East Campbell street, recently visited home on furlough with a story of both harrowing experience, and adventure limited to the few.

A petty officer in the United States Navy, Nolan Cummings participated in battle in which five fellow crewmen of the U. S. S. Casca, to which he was attached, were wounded seriously. War then was real and brutal to him.

His cruise, however, didn't wholly lack luster. In the operations of his ship, he crossed the 180th meridian, and by so doing earned the right to fellowship in one of the ancient orders of the deep—the Honorary Order of the 180th Meridian—which can be conferred only by King Neptune, ruler of the Seven Seas.

His ship crossed the meridian on May 19, last. Thereupon Neptune, boarded, and conducted the mysterious rites whereby the crew was inducted into the order. Each crewman received from Neptune a certificate, signed by him, proclaiming membership, and commanding the respect due him in recognition thereof.

Young Officer Cummings brought his certificate home, and left it in his mother's care.

Neptune Was Hurried

Mystery and deep secrecy shroud these "doings." Beyond informing that Neptune, in person, trident in hand, his snowy and barnacle-burdened beard blowing in the winds, welcomed the new members, nothing may be told. Even the fresh water sailor knows that.

These, furthermore, are busy days for Neptune. Far to south—meridian 180 lies close to the Arctic Circle—ships laboriously were throbbing onward. The moment each crossed the equator Neptune must be there. For there another rite is performed, according to the lore of the seas. The ship which crosses the equator, likewise, earns a warm place in Neptune's heart. There, too, rites are to be performed, certificates to be awarded.

Neptune, the story goes, must be there, else the Trade Winds do not blow. The ship must drift aimlessly and endlessly.

There are advantages beyond count in membership in these orders. The whale, for example, may not blow if it inconvenience the seaman member. The siren's song, which lures him to death on the rocks, is hushed. Every sweatear in every port is faithful.

In any event, Neptune could not spare much time when he visited the U. S. S. Casca. He had little time for elaborations.

Officer Cummings, who is well known here, enlisted in the Navy at Pampa Sept. 26, 1941.

Here is the text of the document which thus sets him apart from other men, even those who pridefully may boast possession of sea legs:

"To all sailors, wherever ye may be, and to all scullpins, killer whales, mermaids, spirits of the deep, sea otters, sea parrots, and other living creatures of the Bering Sea:

"GREETINGS! KNOW YE that on this 19th day of May, 1942, in latitude 82 degrees, 30 minutes North, longitude 180 degrees, there appeared within the limits of my Mystic Domain the United States Ship Casca

HARKEN YE, for, the said vessel, officers and crew have been inspected and passed by my august body and staff; and KNOW YE that all chit signers, squaw men, aleuts, sourdoughs, snoozle blowers, ice men, and all around land lubbers, that,

"Having been found sane and worthy to be numbered a dweller of the Far Northeast, has been gathered into my worthy fold and duly initiated into the solemn mysteries of THE HONORARY ORDER OF THE 180TH MERIDIAN

"Be it Further Understood: That by virtue of the powers vested in me, I do hereby command, under penalty of my august displeasure, all fish-eaters, cheechaks, and other subjects to show due honor and respect to all his wishes whenever he may enter again my domain.

"Given under by hand and seal, Nolan Lee Cummings, Ruler of the 180th Meridian."

WHEN FAST BROTHERS GET-TOGETHER



Brother act-Cerap... The quick brother act—For the first time in major league hockey, three brothers played for one team. Reg. Iyer, joined brothers Max, center, and Doug Bentley in forward line of Chicago Black Hawks.

Cards' Mound Aces Set Pace For Hill Work

By JUDSON BAILEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Morton Cooper and Johnny Beazley, the righthanded mound stars of the St. Louis Cardinals, received confirmation from the official figures of the National league today as outstanding pitchers of the year in the senior circuit.

Cooper, already acclaimed as the most valuable player in the league, topped all pitchers in earned run average with a sensational 1.77, while finishing second in winning percentage. Beazley, the frosty-nerved 21-year-old rookie who now is a corporal in the Army, was second in earned run average with 2.13, and first in winning percentage among pitchers participating in at least 10 complete games. Beazley's won-lost record was 21-7.

A second classification in the averages, listing pitchers who appeared in a minimum of 10 games, but not 10 complete games, was topped by veteran Lefty Larry Evers, who won 15 and lost four, while compiling a low earned run average of 1.82 per nine-inning game. In this same group Ace Adams of the Giants had an 1.84, and Max Macon of the Brooklyn Dodgers 1.93.

Cooper, 24-year-old Missouri farmer, compiled the most remarkable pitching record in a decade in the National league. His ERA was the lowest since Southpaw Carl Hubbell was in his prime for the Giants and set his mark of 1.69 in 1932. Cooper pitched 10 shutouts, and this also was the most any hurler accomplished since Hubbell administered the same number of white-washings in 1933.

In addition, Cooper scored the most victories, 22, and started the most games, 27, appearing in at least 10 complete games had less than the earned runs per nine-inning session. They were Cooper 1.77; Beazley 2.13; Curt Davis, Brooklyn 2.36; John Vander Meer, Cincinnati 2.45; Bill Lehman, New York 2.47; Cliff Melton, New York 2.63; Ray Starr, Cincinnati 2.66; Bucky Walters, Cincinnati 2.66; Claude Passeau, Chicago 2.69; Lon Warneke, St. Louis and Chicago 2.73; and Whitlow Wyatt, Brooklyn 2.74.

Game To Gotham On Lark; Gets Larkin Bout And Crack At Title

By HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Sidney Walker, who was brought to New York on a lark, and Anthony Pilleteri, who was twice belted out three years ago, fight 15 rounds for the world lightweight championship at Madison Square Garden on Friday night.

Walker answered to the call, "Hey, Bo!" at the Augusta National Golf Club, where he caddied and shined shoes. Chick Weirpels, his manager, made it Beau and added the Jack. Everybody around the Augusta National Club liked Beau Jack, the pleasant young Negro, so a group of golfers chipped in \$25 apiece and brought him to Manhattan.

SEKS 24TH STRAIGHT

Tony Pilleteri's brother boxed under the name of Larkin and the kids called this one Tippy.

Few would have given a dime for this Garfield, N. J., Italian's chances when those delightful little characters, Bummy Davis and Lew Jenkins, placed lids in his hand three years ago.

It developed that Larkin was suffering from an ailment of some sort at the time, and there is considerable evidence that something was wrong. He hasn't been beaten since, seeks his 24th consecutive triumph.

Jack became the country's outstanding 135-pounder when he cut up and stopped Alvie Stoliz of Newark at odds of 1-to-5 the night Sammy Angott vacated the throne. JACK IS PICKED TO WIN

Jack guaranteed Stoliz \$10,000 for the privilege, took a percentage and did well financially.

Stolz appeared to be the heir apparent in dropping a debatable decision to Angott.

The New York and New Jersey commissions will recognize the Jack-Larkin winner as the titleholder.

That will save one of those elimination tournaments which is never fall to wind up with all hands eliminating themselves, although the National Boxing Association seems bent on staging one.

Tippy Larkin, 25, is more experienced than the 21-year-old Jack. He is taller and the better

Whirlaway Year's Best Horse, Writers Decide Alsab Second Choice

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Ending an argument that has been being waged around racing circles for months, Whirlaway today was named the "best horse of this year" by a one-sided vote of turf writers representing all parts of the country.

A total of 128 writers balloted in the Turf and Sports Digest's annual poll of the top gallopers in all divisions, and 76 of them picked little Mr. Big Tail to hang onto the honor for the second straight season. Only 45 voted for Al Salsab, the Chicago Express who had been expected to give Whirlaway a much closer fight than that.

Settling the other title disputes, the writers picked Alsab over Mrs. Payne Whitney's Shut Out as 1942's three-year-old boss, and Mrs. John D. Hertz's ray-racing Count Fleet, advance favorite for next spring's Kentucky derby, as the best of the two-year-old colts, by a comparatively close margin over John Marsch's mid-west ace, Occupation.

CHRISTMAS MONEY

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Riding Chair Car Boosts Morale Of Sooner Cage Boys

NORMAN, Okla., Dec. 15 (AP)—Give the chair car with the SRO sign part credit for Coach Bruce Drake comes through with another top-ranking basketball machine at the University of Oklahoma.

The co-defending champions of the cage-conscious Big Six conference are purposely making their road trips the hard way—and liking it.

"I like quick trips to and from the scene of action," Drake explained, "because the boys don't have time to sit in hotel lobbies reading how good they are—or how tough their opponents are. They understand there's a war on, and that we're lucky to get a train of any kind."

It works this way: The Sooners waited until the afternoon of their pre-season warmer-upper with Southwestern college at Winfield, Kas., before boarding a train. "So the boys could get a little conditioning in riding chair cars," Drake said.

The big six-footers stood most of the way. In the diner they ate at second table behind 150 soldiers. The team arrived at 7:30—game time—and hustled to the gym in taxis.

But those circumstances—the plight of many an away-from-home loser the past pigskin season—furnished Drake a winner's alibi. Oklahoma won, 43 to 20.

GRIDIRON TO COURT

ANN ARBOR—Six Michigan players switch from football to basketball uniforms—Bob Wiese, Paul White, Bob Chappuis, Don Lund, Mervyn Fregulman and Bob Shemky.

DAM IS HONORED

BALTIMORE—Maryland Jockey Club will inaugurate a good race for fillies to be called The Marquette. It will honor the dam of Gallant Fox, Fighting Fox, Pete Wrack and Footwrack.

BUY VICTORY BONDS

A buffalo herd 25 miles wide in 1871 made one of the largest migrations on the American plains.

EVEN THE ROCKIES ROCK WITH RHYTHM AND LAUGHTER!

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SERIAL STORY THE EDGE OF DARKNESS BY WILLIAM WOODS

ESCAPE CHAPTER XXVI LONG before it was time, men were at their posts. They huddled in their coats and waited, rifles ready. A wind had sprung up during the night and driven a pack of low clouds in from the sea. Sverre and Osterholm crouched in the brush behind the hotel and heard the guard march past them on his last round. Then, from the far side of the building came his muffled call. "Who goes?"

Hitler Designates Dutch 'Fuehrer'

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Adolf Hitler has designated Anton Mussert, an obscure Dutch Nazi politician, "Fuehrer" of the Netherlands people in his "new European order," and Axis radios followed up the announcement with reports that powerful France under Marshal Henri Petain is moving closer to cooperation with Germany.



RED RYDER One Taker By FRED HARMAN



ALLEY OOP Dawn Of A Dark Day By V. T. HAMLIN



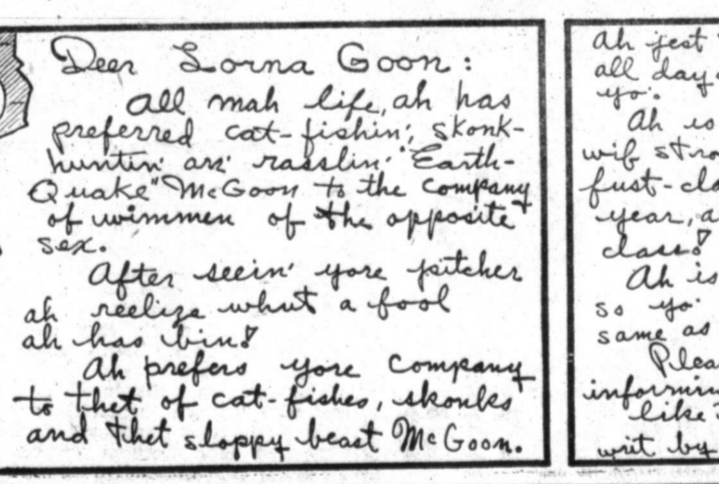
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS Problem Solved—Maybe By MERRILL BLOSSER



WASH TUBS How Come, Pal? By EDGAR MARTIN



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES Oh! By ROY CRANE



LIL' ABNER Sweet Talk By AL CAPP



FIFTY SHAGGERS YOU'VE COVERED ENOUGH TERRITORY, SHORTY! YOU GOT A CUSTOMER, FOR FIFTY DUCKS.



THE ARMY IS READY TO MARCH, YOUR MIGHTINESS? THEN GIVE TH' ORDER, SO'S WE CAN BE OVER TH' BORDER BY SUN-UP. AN' WITH ANY LUCK, THIS WAGGLE BE IN TH' BAG BY SUN-DOWN!



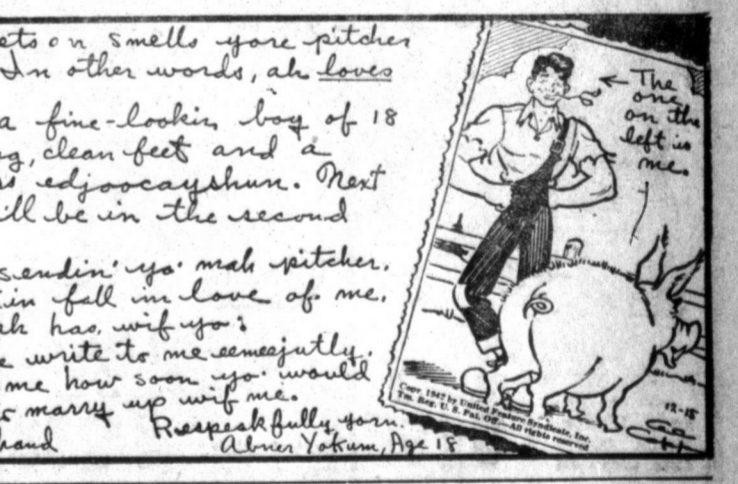
MR. MULLIGAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE A GUY WALK ON AIR?



EASY! SHE'S LOOKING AT YOU!



I'M APPLYING FOR A JOB



Dear Lorna Coon: All mah life, ah has preferred cat-fishin', skunk-huntin', are' raddlin', Earth-Quake' McGoos to the company of wimmen of the opposite sex.

- K P D N The Voice Of the Oil Empire TUESDAY AFTERNOON 8:30—Save A Nickel Club. 8:50—Firewise Hannon. 9:15—Treasury Star Parade. 9:30—Trading Post. 9:45—Jesse Crawford. 10:00—News with Harry Wahlberg. 10:15—Movie Time on the Air. 10:30—Our Town Forum. 10:45—Sports Review. 11:00—Salon Music. 11:15—Lum & Abner. 11:30—Goodnight. WEDNESDAY 1:30—Sagebrush Trails. 7:45—The Wedgeworth Sisters. 8:00—What's Behind the News with Tex DeWeese. 8:05—Musical Revue. 8:30—World of Song. 8:45—The Three Suns. 9:00—Treasury Star Parade. 9:15—What's Happening Around Pampa with Betty Dunbar. 9:30—Let's Dance. 9:45—News with Harry Wahlberg. 10:00—Woman's Page of the Air with Betty Dunbar. 10:15—Neighborhood Call. 10:30—Trading Post. 10:45—News, Harry Wahlberg. 11:00—Borger Hour. 11:15—Woman to Woman with Betty Dunbar. 11:30—Mildred's Melody. 11:45—White's School of the Air. 12:00—Jerry Seams. 12:15—Partner's Exchange. 12:30—U. S. Army. 12:45—News with Tex DeWeese. 1:00—Chisholm Trail. 1:15—Farm News. 1:30—One O'Clock Club. 1:45—Benedictine with Romance. 2:00—Moments of Devotion. 2:15—Lean Back and Listen. 2:30—All Star Dance Parade. 2:45—KPDN Cannon Ball. 3:15—Monitor News with Harry Wahlberg. 3:30—Save A Nickel Club. 3:45—Little Show. 4:00—Treasury Star Parade. 4:15—Trading Post. 4:30—Organ Recital. 4:45—News with Harry Wahlberg. 5:00—19-34 Ranch. 5:15—Our Town Forum. 5:30—Sports Review. 5:45—Your American Music. 7:00—Goodnight.

New Selective Service Class, 4-A, Provided For 38-45 Age Class

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) — Draft boards across the nation had a new Selective Service classification—4-A—in which to place registrants from 38 to 45 years of age today. Name of the new group was announced during the week-end by the Office of War Information, which issued the following list of classifications: 1-A—Registrants available for general military service. 1-A-O—Registrants who are conscientious objectors available for non-combatant military service when found acceptable to the land or naval forces.

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British Internees Now At Liberty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—All British internees in French West Africa have been released. It was learned authoritatively today. Word of this action by French authorities has been received by the state department here and by the American embassy in London and coincides with broadcasts by radio Dakar to the effect that serious differences between the Darlan administration in Africa and the British government have been clarified.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE

THE TRAIL HERD



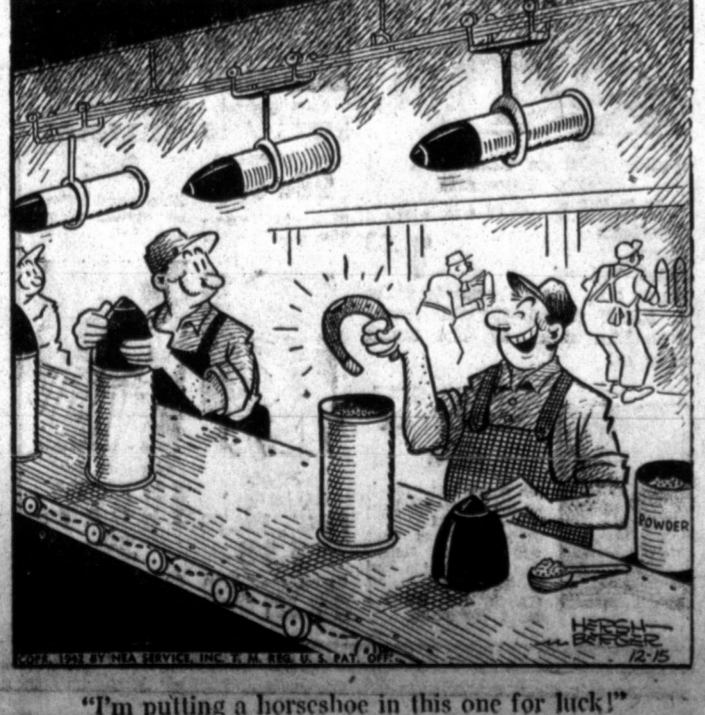
THE TRAIL HERD

HOLD EVERYTHING



I hope you didn't forget to turn off the gas!

SIDE GLANCES



I'm putting a horseshoe in this one for luck!

Market Briefs

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A little more tax selling and switching in today's stock market raised volume to one of the best levels in more than a month without altering the general irregular price picture.

While individual firm spots were present from the start, many leaders failed to make progress and trends remained foggy at the close. Variations were small in most cases although a few wider spreads were in evidence.

There were many slow intervals but the day's aggregate was around 700,000 shares. A year ago, dealings were much sparser and the direction was sharply downward. Wall street suggested that tax adjustments in the current December so far have been well under those of the like 1941 month.

Dividends and earnings continued to exert a beneficial influence on some stocks but were ignored by others. The financial sector was cheered by the good news although it was debatable how much of a factor this was marketwise. Quick-victory thinking seemed to have

waned appreciably as a speculative or investment inspiration.

Zenith Radio made another peak for the year as six months' net of \$2.14 a share was reported against \$1.53 in the like 1941 period. Others in the new high division included Colson, American Viscose, Industrial Rayon, Johns-Manville, Bohn Aluminum, American Airlines and Union Carbide.

Doing fairly well were Bethlehem, Chrysler, Montgomery Ward, International Harvester, Douglas Aircraft, Dow Chemical, Kennecott and U. S. Gypsum.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST

Barnard Oil	9 1/2	12 1/2
Chrysler Corp	10 66 1/2	65 1/2
Curt Motors	18 4 1/2	4 1/2
Consolidated	27 7 1/2	6 1/2
Continental	28 6 1/2	6 1/2
Gen Elec	61 29 1/2	28 1/2
Gen Motors	61 43 1/2	42 1/2
Greyhound Corp	10 14 1/2	14 1/2
Int Harvester	15 56 1/2	56 1/2
Houston Oil	5 3 1/2	3 1/2
Mid Cont Pet	5 17 1/2	11 1/2
Ohio Oil	3 17 1/2	17 1/2
Packard Motor	22 3 1/2	2 1/2
Pan Am Airways	60 24 1/2	23 1/2
Getty Oil	28 1/2	28 1/2
Phillips Pet	10 43 1/2	43 1/2
Plymouth Oil	1 12 1/2	10 1/2
Pure Oil	10 10 1/2	10 1/2
Radio Corp of Am	21 4 1/2	4 1/2
Sears Roebuck	29 66 1/2	66 1/2
Shell Union Oil	3 17 1/2	17 1/2
Southern Pac	76 9 1/2	9 1/2
Southern Ry	44 14 1/2	14 1/2
Stand Oil Ind	33 27 1/2	27 1/2
Stand Oil N J	47 44 1/2	44 1/2
Stone & Webster	13 2 1/2	2 1/2
Tex & Pac Ry	1 17 1/2	17 1/2
Texas Co	22 39 1/2	39 1/2
Tex Gulf Prod	1 35 1/2	35 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulph	1 35 1/2	35 1/2
Tex Pac C & O	21 1/2	1/2
U S Rubber	13 24 1/2	24 1/2

NEW YORK CURE

Am Cyan B	14 36 1/2	36 1/2
Ark Nat Gas A	13 1 1/2	1 1/2
Gas Service	8 3 1/2	3 1/2
Basic Pish	7 1 1/2	1 1/2
El Bond & Sh	45 1 1/2	1 1/2
Gulf Oil	4 26 1/2	26 1/2
Humble Oil	6 60 1/2	60 1/2
Lone Star Gas	15 7 1/2	7 1/2

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. (AP)—(USDA) Hogs 30,000; very active; 25-25 higher; good and choice 200-300 lbs 12.90-14.00; freely to 14.10; limited numbers good and choice 150-200 lbs 13.50-90; sows shared by advance; good and choice sows 350-550 lbs 13.90-14.00 mostly.

Cattle 16,000; calves 1,500; general market extremely slow; bidding 25-50, mostly 50 down; bulk unsold, however, and numbers bids 1.00 off; early sales fed steers and yearlings 12.50-14.00. Strictly choice kinds held well above 16.00; heifers 14.50 down; but market hardly established; sprouting medium to good cows on shipper accounts 10.00-11.25 but not enough other grades sold to establish reliable quotations; mostly 12.50 down on sausage hogs; vealers steady at 14.00-15.00; not fully stocked cattle weak to 2.50 lower.

Sheep 18,000; market slow, not fully established; few early sales lambs unevenly steady to 15 or more lower; one load good to choice lambs to shipper 15.50; bulk to choice bid around 15.25; string 95 lb fed westerns 15.15; other classes weak; good to choice wethers yearlings 14.10.

PORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

PORT WORTH, Dec. 14. (AP)—(USDA) The general market was slow, but steady, practically demoralized by new ceiling on beef carcasses. As consequence little trading in beef carcasses. A few early sales of good killing classes of cattle carrying to slaughter mostly 10.50-12.00; few sales slaughter calves carrying to steady prices. Bulk of slaughter calves carrying to slaughter mostly 10.50-12.00; few sales slaughter calves carrying to steady prices. Bulk of slaughter calves carrying to slaughter mostly 10.50-12.00; few sales slaughter calves carrying to steady prices.

OKLAHOMA CITY LIVESTOCK

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 14. (AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Cattle 4,000; calves 1,000; killing classes opening slow, nothing done early on around 25 loads beef steers and yearlings; mostly early bids on cows, canners and cutters lower; bulls steady at 25 lower, mostly 12.50 and down to 10.00 on sausage hogs; better grades 12.50-14.00; slaughter calves slow; lower grades tending lower; steers medium to good cows on shipper accounts 10.00-11.25 but not enough other grades sold to establish reliable quotations; mostly 12.50 down on sausage hogs; vealers steady at 14.00-15.00; not fully stocked cattle weak to 2.50 lower.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14. (AP)—(USDA) Hogs 4,000; active; uneven; 15-30 higher; mostly 25 higher than Friday's average.

Mainly About Pampa And Her Neighbor Towns

Mrs. Clyde Ives and son, Jack, and Mrs. Eulice Davenport spent the week-end in Sayre, Oklahoma, visiting with relatives.

LOST—Suit vest around front of Combs-Worley building. Finder please call 2452.

Mrs. W. P. Upham and Mrs. Charles Rice of McLean visited with Mrs. Sherman White Monday.

HANDSOME GIFTS AT 1902 E. FRANCIS.

Charles Burford Fagans, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fagans, 901 Mary Ellen St., was commissioned second lieutenant in the Army Friday upon completion of a three-month infantry officer candidate course at Ft. Benning, Ga. Lieutenant Fagans held the rank of corporal before being commissioned. He was inducted into the Army February 25, 1942, at Ft. Benning, Ga. He is a graduate of Pampa High school, and attended Texas Technological college, Lubbock.

Latest list of enlistments in the Army from Gray county, announced by the West Texas District headquarters, Lubbock:

Leonard Charles Higgins, Pampa, air corps assigned; Carl Raymond Sullivan, McLean, air corps assigned; Clarence Fry Jr., Pampa, air corps assigned; Russell Dale Jenks, Pampa, aviation cadet; Leo Ralph Ferguson, Le For, aviation cadet; William Mickey Sims, Le For, signal corps assigned; Kenneth Zane Bond, Pampa, air corps assigned. Also listed are the names of three WAAC members, already announced.

Three marriage licenses were issued yesterday from the office of County Clerk Charlie Thurt.

Woody Pond and Juanita Higgins; Cliff E. Thompson and Norma Louise Irvine; Ernest G. Wolfe and Miss Ruth Anderson.

Appointed by the county commissioners as a jury of view on an application for a new county road, one mile long, north of Alamedre were Ray Sherrod, Hartley Davis, R. M. Gibson, E. G. Castleberry, and Jenks Shaw.

County commissioners have accepted the resignation of R. D. Massey as justice of the peace of Precinct 4. Justice Massey resigned on account of ill health.

CANADIAN—Mrs. C. W. Allen, Jack Wheels, and Miss Ruth Bruce of the Canadian FSA offices, attended a two-day area FSA meeting in Amarillo Friday and Saturday.

SQUEEZE

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AN ATTACK FAILS

Despite the frightful cost in men and supplies inflicted upon the new Japanese landing operations, a headquarters communiqué indicated some reinforcements were put ashore by the heavily protected convoy standing off the mouths of the Kumusi and Mambare rivers, some 20 and 40 miles, respectively, north of Buna.

"In heavy bombing and strafing attacks, the enemy's landing barges were sunk or disabled," the communiqué said. "Survivors attempted to reach the landing by swimming, suffering heavy casualties. Supplies were set afire. Several hits and many near misses were made on the war vessels.

"The enemy's air force intervened unsuccessfully, an enemy bomber and two fighters being shot down and the remainder dispersed. It is believed that the major enemy effort was largely parried."

(The Melbourne Herald's correspondent in New Guinea said that although a proportion of the Japanese were believed slain before they reached shore, the landings "means that the enemy has established an additional sector on the Papuan coast.")

Japanese soldiers under full pack were reported to have plunged wildly into water coated with blazing oil and littered with wrecked and

School Board Is Visited By Santa; Gets \$789 Check

It was a "white Christmas" 11 days in advance for the board of the Pampa Independent School district at their meeting last night. They received a check for \$789.34 from the Associated Indemnity corporation as a dividend on a workmen's compensation policy covering work on the high school building.

This makes a total of \$1,304.82 in a refund on the policy as a check for \$515.48 was received last January.

There was no serious injury to any workmen when the structure was being built.

Other business of the board at the meeting last night, held in the office of the business manager at City hall, included adoption of a policy concerning use of gymnasium, by organizations other than affiliates of the school system.

Restrict Gym Use

While permission had already been granted to the Pampa Kiwanis club to hold its pre-Christmas ball Thursday night in high school burning landing barges as the Allied armers drove home their wave assaults on the convos.

gymnasium, the board decided in the future to restrict gymnasium use to the gymnasium of the Pampa Junior High school building.

Use of the gymnasium by the public will be subject to these regulations:

Such use must not interfere with school activities; those of the public using the gymnasium for dances or other events must be members of responsible clubs; organizations must guarantee to pay for any damage to building or its furnishings; permission to use the gymnasium is at option of superintendent, and the policy of allowing the public use of the building can be revoked at any time.

Reason for the board's action was their desire to protect the floor of the gymnasium, and to guard possible damage to the building and equipment.

Bills totaling \$2,008.35 were approved.

Attending the meeting were Supt. L. L. Sone; Roy McMillen, business manager; V. L. Boyles, M. A. Graham, and W. D. Kaley.

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LEVINE'S IS HEADQUARTERS FOR ARMY MEN IN PAMPA!

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40 miles north of Tunis, the capital.

Berlin's announcement said the Allied landing forces were compelled to retreat.

Without confirmation elsewhere, another German broadcast asserted the Allies were continuing to fall back westward from the Tunis-Bizerte area and reported that "in local thrusts our troops destroyed some enemy tanks."

Fins May Quit

Allied headquarters, however, declared American and British guns smashed a German motor column northwards of Medjer El Bab, 34 miles southwest of Tunis, while U. S. Flying Fortresses again pounded the docks and shipping at Tunis and Bizerte.

Drenching rains bogged roads in the Tunisian hills and slowed operations on both sides.

Experts said that Finland had made advances for peace through Sweden met an official denial in Stockholm.

Scandinavian quarters in London had said yesterday that Russia's second winter offensive had spurred new talk of peace in war-weary Finland.

Vice Admiral Emile Muselier, former commander of the Fighting French naval forces, said in London a careful study of photographs of Toulon harbor indicated the destruction of France's "suicide" home fleet was virtually 100 per cent complete.

In contrast to Navy Secretary Frank Knox's statement that 20 French warships were apparently intact in Nazi hands, Admiral Muselier declared that "the French fleet with certainty no longer exists."

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. (AP)—Wheat No. 1 hard 1.38.

Corn: No. 3 yellow 86 1/2, 89 1/2; No. 1 yellow 90 1/2; No. 2, 89 1/2-90; No. 3, 90; No. 4, 90; sample grade white 93.

Oats: No. 1 mixed 50 1/2; sample grade 47 1/2; No. 1 white 55; No. 3, 54.

Barley: maiting 55-1.04 nominal; feed 50-70.

Field seed per hundred weight nominal.

Timothy 4.75-5.00; alfalfa 18.00-22.50; fancy red top 7.00-8.00; red top 13.00-22.50; sweet clover 7.00-9.00.

CHICAGO GRAIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. (AP)—An early upturn in wheat futures lifted December wheat futures to \$1.32 1/2, highest price posted here for nearby delivery contracts since last January, but today when mill buying and short covering subsided.

Strong demand for actual grain, with No. 1 grades quoted anywhere from 5 1/2 to 17 cents a bushel over December contracts, highest since 1937, stimulated buying in the futures pits. Other grades, however, lagged behind, except for December rice which rose a cent. Wheat's reaction was mostly in sympathy with a decline in corn prices reflecting increased receipts.

Wheat closed 1/2 cent higher at \$1.32 1/2; corn unchanged to 1/2 cent lower, December 33 1/2; May 30 1/2; oats 1/2 cent lower, December 50 1/2; soybeans unchanged to 1/2 cent lower to 5 1/2.

CHICAGO GRAIN TABLE

Dec.	Low	Close
1.32 1/2	1.32 1/2	1.31 1/2
1.33 1/2	1.33 1/2	1.33 1/2
1.32 1/2	1.32 1/2	1.32 1/2
1.35	1.35	1.34 1/2

CHICAGO PRODUCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. (AP)—Butter, receipts 255,237; firm prices as quoted by the Chicago price current; creamery 93 score 46-46 1/2; 92, 45 1/2; 91, 45; 90, 44 1/2; 89, 44; 88, 43 1/2; 90 centralized carlots 45.

Eggs, receipts 6,425; firm; fresh graded, extra firsts, local 40 1/2; cars 41; firsts, local 39, cars 39 1/2; current receipts, 34 1/2; dirties 32 1/2; checks 31 1/2.

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retreat from the El Aghella position while maintaining weak rearguards which offer only slight "resistance," the Cairo communique reported.

"They are hindering our advance by means of large numbers of minefields which are being methodically cleared up by our forward troops."

Observers in London said that even after the defeat in Egypt Rommel should have been able to muster sufficient force for a more spirited defense in the favorable El Aghella area, some of which, they added, still might have been cleared of all Axis forces.

The Morocco radio in a broadcast of a dispatch purportedly from Cairo, said that Rommel's forces numbered four German divisions, including two armored divisions.

On the long, waterless road of withdrawal, and at the Tunisian supply ports at the other end of the North African front, British and American planes were taking a terrific toll.

—BUY VICTORY STAMPS—

Rabies Warning Is Issued In Pampa

Dr. Roy A. Webb, county health officer, today sounded a warning against a rabies epidemic in the Pampa area.

He said there was one case at White Deer, two cases at the Phillips plant south of Pampa, and three families at Berger, affected.

Two dogs running loose at Phillips plant had started the disease there, the doctor said, and rabies treatment has been ordered by the state health department.

Police Chief Ray Dudley said today that numerous warnings against allowing dogs to run loose in Pampa had already been issued by his department, but he repeated his warning today, saying that there would be an immediate stopping of all unfagged dogs, especially those known to be vicious, running loose in the city.

The county health officer has asked for a roundup on stray dogs and said that dogs suspected of being infected with rabies should be impounded for three weeks.

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