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LIBYAN TANK BATTLE IS REALLY A COMPLICATED ONE A REPORTER STATES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A United Press correspondent watched the opening phase of the battle in the Libyan desert which resulted in the disruption of British offensive plans. His graphic dispatch describing the action, delayed in transmission, follows.)

By KENNETH DOWNS
WITH THE ADVANCED BRITISH ARMORED STRIKING FORCES IN LIBYA Nov. 30 (UP)—

Out here amid the shellbursts in the desert, hopeless confusion, but really it is an almost symmetrical pattern of tanks, armored cars, scout cars, trucks and ambulances, directed by a cool commander who is the quarterback in this most exciting game in the world.

We joined the British unit using American-made tanks—the imperials call the tanks "honeys"—at dawn, just before the time set for the advance to battle positions. We threaded our way through a maze of armored machines too one which flew the battle pennants of their famous commander.

I was a trifle startled when I saw the familiar figure of the gigantic commander because I thought he was wearing kilts. It turned out he was wearing a doubled horse blanket strapped around his middle.

"I lost my overcoat and all my kit in the fight three days ago," he explained.

The marrow-chilling cold of the desert night had not been dissipated. I wore a sweater, a coat and a heavy overcoat and was shivering.

The commander gave the final orders and as his subordinates hurried to their posts he gave us a quick explanation. Pointing to a man he said:

"We are taking this position about two miles north. The enemy is ahead here and to the left. We won't seek battle. Our main role today is to protect the flank of a strong attacking and support group on our right here. Got the picture? O. K."

As he climbed into the turret, he slapped the side of the tank and said:

"The Hun doesn't like the honey."

He spoke an order into his microphone and his tank shot forward. As he lifted both arms to give the signal to advance he was silhouetted against the dawn sky in a "V" sign.

The intelligence major with whom I was riding shot his staff car behind the commander's tank as other tanks, whipping along, formed into two long parallel lines at our sides. The leaders sat rigid in their open turrets like knights atop armored chargers. Pennants flew from whip-like wireless masts. It was a brave sight.

The tanks deployed and came to a halt in a big area from north to east.

Northward, three miles ahead of us, the battle raged. New Zealanders and the Tobruk forces were at grips with the Germans. There was the thunder of artillery, occasionally rising to a drum fire of intensity. To the rear hundreds of supply trucks extended as far as I could see.

Armored scout cars of a famous cavalry regiment darted out of the blaze of battle from time to time, bringing reports to the commander perched atop his tank.

We held this approximate position for several hours, making only slight shifts occasionally.

I walked in front of a line of tanks and immediately recognized the figure in a turret as that of a young man I had seen days ago, looking for a new machine. He had climbed out of two flaming tanks in this battle and had lost one crew.

"I see you've got your tank," I said.

"Good morning," he said with an abrupt smile and then leaned over, tinkering with his microphone. I saw he did not want to talk, so I pushed off, saying:

"So long! the best."

The words slipped out before I thought and I immediately regretted it, for I have found that tank fighters on the verge of action do not like anything which smacks of histrionics.

Most of the tank fighters sat almost motionless in their turrets peering into the haze ahead, through which we could see occasionally the explosion and columns of black smoke sent up by the shells. Two or three munched

PROCEEDINGS 11TH COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District:

Affirmed:

R. O. McCarroll vs. P. B. Lakey, Dawson.

Reformed and Affirmed:
Mrs. Florence Payton vs. City of Big Spring, et al. Howard.

Reversed and Rendered:
National Aid Life of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, vs. Charles S. Adams, et al. Stephens.

Affirmed on Certificate:
Lola Harrell, et al, vs. State of Texas, Eastland.

Motions Submitted:
Alton Birdett, et ux, vs. The State of Texas, appellee's motion to advance submission.

Herschel Hyde vs. Claude Neon Federal Co., appellant's motion for rehearing.

Lola Harrell, et al, vs. State of Texas, appellee's motion to affirm on certificate.

Provident Ins. Co., vs. Mrs. Catherine Bagby, appellant's motion for rehearing and to re-tax costs.

Lola Harrell, et al, vs. State of Texas, appellee's motion to advance.

City of Dallas vs. R. B. George, et al, appellant's motion for rehearing.

Hollis B. Douglas, et al, vs. Ida Mae Douglas, appellee's motion to affirm on certificate.

J. L. Crump, et al, vs. Humble Oil & Refining Co., appellee's motion to postpone submission.

Provident Insurance Company vs. Mrs. Catherine Bagby, appellee's motion for rehearing.

Frances Smith, Guardian, vs. Commercial State Bank of Ranger, motion for rehearing by appellants Fred O. Jaye and A. C. Humphrey.

Otto Fride more vs. San Angelo Standard, Inc., appellee's motion to certify question of jurisdiction and dismiss appeal.

Motions Granted:
C. W. Tarter, et al, vs. A. L. Frazier, appellee's motion for extension of time to file answer brief to brief of appellant J. H. Sheppard.

Lola Harrell, et al, vs. State of Texas, appellee's motion to affirm on certificate.

Lola Harrell, et al, vs. State of Texas, appellee's motion to advance.

J. L. Crump, et al, vs. Humble Oil & Refining Co., appellee's motion to postpone submission.

Motions Overruled:
Dallas Railway & Terminal Co. vs. James M. Walsh, et al, appellant's motion for rehearing.

Texas & New Orleans Railroad Co. vs. J. Kahn & Co., appellant's motion for rehearing.

A. M. Ferguson, et al, vs. Joe Lee Ferguson, plaintiff-in-error's motion for rehearing.

Mrs. Kate King, et al, vs. V. G. Cash, appellee's motion for rehearing.

A. M. Ferguson, et al, vs. Joe Lee Ferguson, defendant-in-error's motion to dismiss appeal for lack of jurisdiction.

Cases Submitted
December 5, 1941:
B. G. Jutson vs. Fred W. Herndon, Taylor.

John L. Burns vs. C. H. McDaniels, Jr. Howard.

O. S. Hurley, et al, vs. Burton Reynolds, et ux. Taylor.

Will Barron vs. W. G. White, et al. Mitchell.

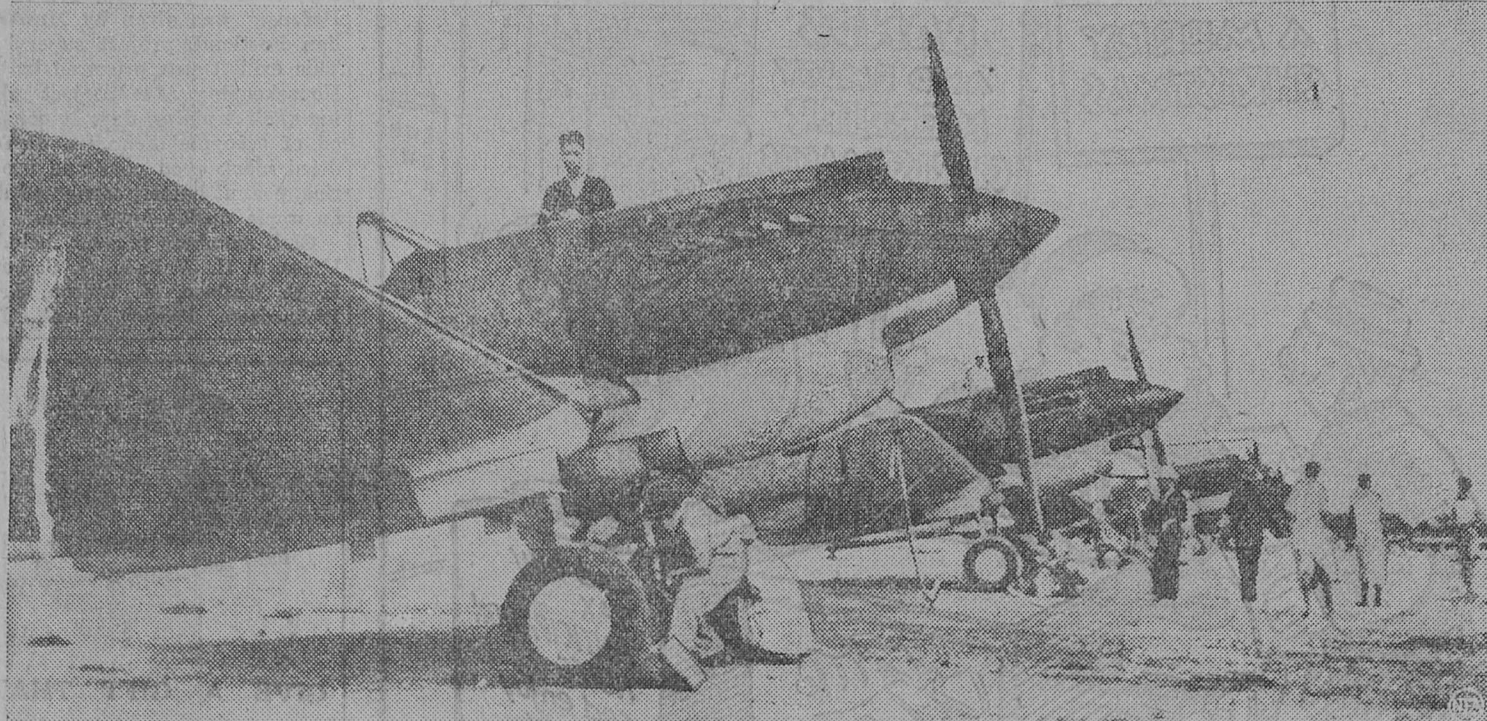
Cases to be Submitted
December 12, 1941:
Hotel & Restaurant Employees' International Alliance, et al, vs. Paul Langley et al. Palo Pinto.

Maryland Casualty Co. vs. Crazy Water Co. Palo Pinto.

WATCHMAN FORGETS

MATTOON, Ill. (UP)—William Sparks, watchman at a railroad crossing here, for years posted a sign—"No Watchman on Duty"—as his last official act before leaving for home at the end of the day. Late one night a car moved into the path of a slow-moving locomotive at the crossing and suffered considerable damage. Sparks was the driver of the car.

American Fighter Planes For China



American fighter planes are lined up in Burma for testing before going on to China, where they'll be used against Japanese and guard the famed Burma Road supply line.

Commands Fleet



New commander of the British fleet in eastern waters is Rear-Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, above, who steps into a tough job in middle of Far East crisis.

Stimson Is Ired Over Publication Of Army Reports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today criticized publication of the government's secret war studies as demonstrating a lack of "loyalty and patriotism" to the government.

He did not challenge authenticity of the documents revealed by the Chicago Tribune, but said they dealt with "unfinished studies of production requirements for national defense, which was carried on by the general staff as a part of its duties in this emergency."

Giant Naval Plane Damaged By a Fire

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 5.—The giant naval airplane "Mars" the world's largest flying boat, was damaged today when a fire started aboard the plane as it was being tested in Chesapeake Bay, officials of the Glenn L. Martin company disclosed today.

Extent of the damage or the cause of the fire was not disclosed.

The giant flying boat was built by the Martin company for the United States Navy, and was launched recently with all fanfare of a battleship launching.

Aggie Class Of Cisco High Go On Project Tour

CISCO, Dec. 5.—To study feeding and management practices, the third-year vocational agriculture class of Cisco high school went on a project tour Thursday morning. They were accompanied by T. G. Caudle, agriculture teacher, and visited the following students and future farmer members:

Jerry Myrick, who has as his project a fat steer, a registered Jersey bull, 15 feeder lambs and a registered Rambouillet ewe.

Mitford Johnson: A fat steer, two fat barrows and a registered gilt.

Victor Childers, who is feeding three steers as a vocational agriculture project.

All three of the above mentioned boys grow feed crops as additional projects, to be used in feeding out their livestock.

MACHINERY IS SET FOR SMALL MANUFACTURERS TO GET MORE BUSINESS

WASHINGTON.—Machinery has been set in motion to obtain for small Texas manufacturers opportunities to participate in government and private industry defense contracts for war materials.

Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson said today he is seeking to have OPM business clinics established in Texas and has asked Texas regional chambers of commerce cooperation in bringing Southwest productive and manufacturing capacity to the attention of the Office of Production Management, the armed forces and large manufacturers who are sub-contracting large defense orders.

Johnson wrote regional chambers of commerce presidents he had received assurances from Floyd B. Odum, director of contract distribution for OPM, that so-called "business clinics" would be established in Texas as soon as practicable, and that allowances for freight differentials would be considered on products manufactured in Texas under defense contracts and shipped to eastern manufacturing centers.

"It is essential for small Texas manufacturing plants to have a share in defense production not only because maximum production is needed for this country's protection, but in order to bolster those firms which have been producing only for civilian needs and now cannot obtain materials. They must either turn to defense production or greatly curtail operations," Johnson said.

"Texas not only wants to do everything it can for defense, but it foresees the need for preserving and expanding its manufacturing plants for normal demands of the future. None of us want to see ghost plants and factories and permanent unemployment as a result of shutting down plants for the duration because they are not included in the gigantic defense production effort."

Johnson said the first phase of defense contracts, when 75 percent of the initial orders went to a very few large firms, was over. All plants, big and small, that have suitable machinery and tools should get into defense work, wherever they are located, he declared.

"To accomplish this purpose, the Office of Production Management is establishing 'Business Clinics' throughout the country. At such clinics the small manufacturer can see on permanent exhibit the 'bits and pieces' needed for the production of tanks, planes, guns, and other essential supplies. They can meet with government purchasers and big manufacturers over a conference table with blueprints of what is needed. They can find out what they can do and make arrangements for doing it," the Congressman said.



Madame Za-Za, that greatest of mystics, From the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Bought her spirits new sheets, Seven baskets of sweets, And a short course in ghost town ballistics.

Baits America



Japan's leading pro-axis figure, Seigo Nakano, demands belligerent action against America, unless U. S. accepts Japanese terms for Pacific peace.

Japanese Answer Questions About Troops In South

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Japan told the United States today, in response to inquiries by President Roosevelt, that troop concentrations in French Indo-China are in full accord with an agreement between Tokyo and Vichy.

The Japanese reply, given to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, during a 25-minute interview with the two Japanese envoys, Kichisaburo Nomura and Saburo Kurusu, was understood to assert:

1—An agreement between Japan and Vichy provided for stationing of Japanese garrisons in Indo-China. The number of troops now there was consistent with this agreement.

2—Foreign reports of the number of troops in Indo-China had been exaggerated.

3—The disposition of troops in Indo-China was calculated to offset "threatening concentration" of Chinese troops in Yunnan Province, and they were not menacing Thailand.

WEST TEXAS.—Fair, colder, temperatures near 32 degrees in northwest and extreme north except 26 degrees in extreme northwest tonight. Saturday fair and somewhat colder.

Defense Bond QUIZ

Just what is a United States Defense Savings Bond?

A. An interest-bearing Government security issued in many denominations from \$1.75 to \$10,000 (cost price) for the convenience of all types of savers and investors in lending their money directly to the Government for National Defense.

Q. What are Defense Savings Stamps?

A. Stamps selling for 10 cents to 50 cents, and always redeemable at their face value, enabling people to save money systematically in small amounts for the purchase of Defense Savings Bonds.

Note: To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps are now on sale at retail stores.

PEACE IN PACIFIC IS AT A NEW CRISIS WITH JAPAN STILL HOPEFUL

PROBER TELLS OF PROFITS BY DEFENSE FIRM

WASHINGTON.—Special Investigator Gordon K. Miller today told a house military affairs subcommittee that Leon K. Shanack, alleged New York "defense broker" has made \$94,405.70 in commissions for his services in obtaining defense contracts for one firm.

Miller, who searched Shanack's confidential records, said that he also stands to collect an additional \$91,959 on pending orders for the same company. This would result in a total of \$186,364 in commissions, if the orders now pending go through.

These figures, Miller said, represent only Shanack's transactions with one company, the Greenwich Machine and Tool Co., of New York. He said Shanack has "numerous other orders" not represented in the figures he presented.

Miller said that Shanack would obtain contracts from Remington Arms Co. for dies, contact the Greenwich concern and arrange to have the work done at a substantially lower figure than that which he was paid by Remington. On one deal, Shanack made a clear profit of \$60,000.

Chief committee Investigator H. Ralph Burton asked whether Shanack had been served with a subpoena. Miller replied that he had been served to appear before the subcommittee yesterday.

Miller stated that Shanack had once declared in his presence that he would tear up a subpoena if it were served on him.

An earlier witness told about Shanack's services for another company, the Transcontinental Machine and Tool Co., New York. The witness, Jack Green, general manager of the firm, said Shanack made \$23,527 in commissions on orders totalling \$103,000 which Transcontinental filled for two aeronautical concerns.

This represented a commission of 22 percent for Shanack on these orders over a period from October, 1940, to October, 1941, Green testified.

Ranger Youth Gets Wings In Canadian Royal Air Force

OTTAWA, Canada, Dec. 5.—Among a large class of airmen who today received their "Wings" as full-fledged pilots of the Royal Canadian Air Force was Leading Aircraftman Thomas M. Smith of Ranger, Texas. Presentation of the coveted flyer's badge was made by Group Captain G. S. O'Brien, A. F. C. at a ceremony held at No. 16 Service Flying Training School, Hagersville, Ontario.

Leading Aircraftman Smith is the son of William T. Smith, of Ranger and with the receipt of his flying badge he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He will now receive additional instruction in operational flying before being posted to units of the Royal Canadian Air Force in Great Britain or elsewhere.

There were 16 Americans in the group receiving "Wings" today at Hagersville representing the states of Texas, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Indiana.

Among the total personnel of the R. C. A. F. which now numbers close to 100,000—equivalent to a United States air force of about 1,200,000 on a comparative population basis—it is estimated that at least 12 percent are of American birth. It was recently announced that before the end of this year the Royal Canadian Air Force will have 25 complete squadrons in action overseas besides those units which have been engaged since the outbreak of war in coastal patrol and convoy duties on this continent. In addition, many members of the R. C. A. F. are already serving with the Royal Air Force in England and elsewhere.

War threats in the Pacific reached another crisis today with a Japanese spokesman suggesting that a peace formula might be formulated despite new threats of armed action in the South Seas.

The moderate attitude indicated that only a "big misunderstanding" of the Japanese policy in the Far East was preventing progress toward an understanding between the United States and Japan was taken at Tokyo by the official spokesman, Tomokazu Hori, who denied Washington charges that the despotism new order was planned in East Asia as unwarranted numbers of Japanese troops were being concentrated in French Indo-China.

The viewpoint was presented, significantly, at a time when the Red Army was reporting continued success against the Axis forces on the Eastern Front, and only a few hours before Japanese envoys met with United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull at Washington.

The viewpoint was also in contrast with charges by the Japanese press that the United States was plotting aggressive action in the Pacific and that Britain was preparing to invade Thailand and that Thailand was raising 2,000,000 volunteers to meet any threat to her neutrality.

In addition the Japanese spokesman in Shanghai said that Japan was now strong enough to launch a "campaign in any direction" without weakening her forces on the China Front.

Dispatches from Australia said that it had "confirmed" a report that Japanese naval and military forces were moving southward and the Australian cabinet cancelled Christmas leaves of Australian troops.

The official Japanese news agency, Domei, reported another border clash with Russian forces near Vladivostok, on the Manchukuo frontier, asserting that a small band of 14 men had invaded the Japanese territory. One Russian was reported killed and the others were driven back from the border, the report stated.

Frank Simmons 88, Was Buried In Eastland Today

Funeral for Frank Simmons, 88, Eastland county pioneer who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mattie Ward, at Sidney in Comanche county Wednesday night, were being conducted at the grave-side in Eastland cemetery this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The deceased was a member of one of the old pioneer families of this section. He was born in Titus county, Texas, the son of Dr. E. C. Simmons, and had resided in Eastland and adjoining counties for more than a half century. He made his home alternately with Mrs. Marion Seaborn, a daughter, in Eastland and with Mrs. Ward at Sidney. He left Eastland about a month ago apparently in good health for one of his age.

Among the survivors in addition to Mrs. Seaborn and Mrs. Ward are two sons, Lawrence and Elliott Simmons, the former of Eastland and the latter of West Texas, and a number of grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A brother, E. Y. Simmons, resides in Oklahoma. Another brother, Charles Harvey Simmons, died in September, 1933. His wife died some 20 years ago.

Grandson Of Two Ranger People Gets Promotion In Navy

Joseph LeRoy Hise, 18, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ricker of Ranger, was among a hand-picked group of 120 sailors at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Alameda, who graduated recently from a 16-week aviation mechanist's course.

The course, part of the Navy's program to help keep the "wings of the fleet" in the air, virtually qualified Hise except for length of service, to become aviation machinist's mate third class.

Navy officers selected Hise from among other recruits at the Alameda Air Station on the basis of altitude and other tests. Now a seaman second class, he enlisted on May 22, 1941.

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16 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

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Yes, It Is a Smaller World

The trouble with bromides is that so many of them have an unpleasant habit of turning up true.

To say that the world is getting smaller by the clock is merely to perpetrate another bromide. But it is all too true.

It is, perhaps, the central fact of our times. It is a tendency which has been marked for more than 100 years but which happens now to be going forward with terrifying speed. The world is shrinking so fast that many of us do not yet realize it.

As it grows smaller, as every community on earth becomes closer to every other community in point of time, so it grows more interdependent. We learned part of the lesson during the depression. We know that in the United States the North cannot be solidly prosperous alongside a depressed South; the East cannot prosper in the face of a dust-seared West; no man can be secure in riches while many are poor. We are all in the same boat; we are saved or we drown together.

The world is getting in the same case. The fall of the Austrian Creditanstalt in 1931 was a domino that pushed over the whole World War debt structure, and was reflected in business all over the world. Deflected back again from the American shore, the great depression washed over Europe.

We have found, to our sorrow, that they were right who said "Peace is indivisible." We are learning that trade and prosperity are equally so.

The channels of normal world trade must be reopened. Barriers must be thrown down. The idealism of yesterday has become the urgent, pressing necessity of tomorrow.

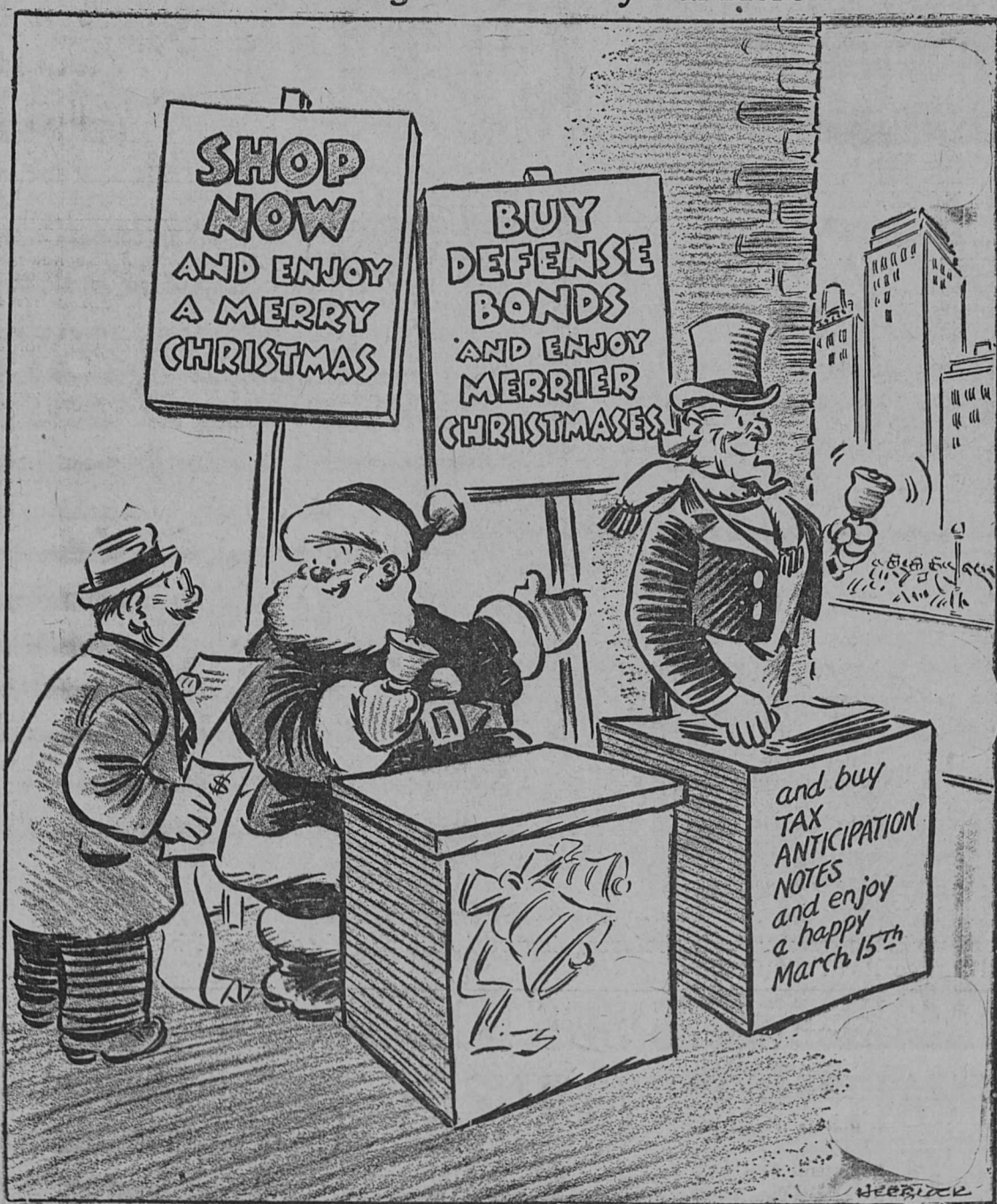
It will not do to break those barriers down with tanks and guns and allow the peoples the same freedom in the world that a slave might have had to wander over a plantation. Barriers must be leveled intelligently and peacefully by people who have decided it is best, not by a conqueror who says "I will it."

The New World still offers hope. Argentina and Brazil have just taken the first steps toward a customs union. Free entry into either country is provided for products of new industries of the other. The road has been opened toward a vast free-trade area comprising both these vast South American republics.

The barrier has been thrown down by reason and peaceable agreement, not by force. Similar future arrangements between the United States and Canada are being actively discussed. Trade between all the countries of the Americas is being facilitated by a series of Hull treaties and by other means.

Even while the world reels under the shock of war which vitally affects every corner of it, concrete measures are being taken to solve the problem of economic interdependence, and solve it in a way in which Hitler can never solve it, no, not in his boasted thousand years.

"Don't Forget to See My Pal Here"



Hodges Oak Park Honor Roll For Six Weeks Listed

The following is the honor roll for Hodges Oak Park School, as announced today by H. C. Scruggs, principal of the school:

- First Grade—**
Johnnie Barton, Jimmie Conrad, Jonnie Gay, Stanley Harbin, Lynn Nicholson, Ervin Stallings, Bryan Talliaferro, Al Tune, Bill Young, Marianne Baker, Madeline Bond, Betty Jo Fry, Marilyn Jackson, Mary Lou McLaughlin, Lida Jane Smith, Betty Christensen, Evelyn Robinson.
- Second Grade—**
Frank Hill, W. E. Huckaby, Donald Varner, Joyce Kay Anderson, Sammie Jean Barnhill, Peggy James, Pheta Beth Perlestein, Laverne Wineinger.
- Third Grade—**
High Honors
Max Lyon, Jimmy Turner, Carolyn Pruet, Sally Ann Schooley.
- Honors—**
Roife Brooks, Monte Meador, Billy Summers, Joy Dupree, Melba Mathis, Carolyn Slaughter, Betty Thomas, Doris Williams.

Fourth Grade— High Honor

- Mary Ann Fox, Tommy Wilson, Bobby McLaughlin, Joanne Jackson, Gene Keady, Miley Williams.
- Honor—**
Jackie Bell, Patsy Ruth Taylor, Lewis Woods, Bobby Gene Dobbs, Joe Miller, Jimmy Don Mills, Dona Mae Champion, Bob Hamrick, James Varner, LaNita Creager, Betty Marie Mickey, Evelyn Hargraves, Marjorie Roberts, Duane Rose, Bill Swaney, Gene Barton.
- Fifth Grade—**
High Honor—
B. Tony Lewis, Jane Hatley, Gloria Graham, Nadine Conrad.
- Honor—**
Pauline Williams, Patsy Sue Vaughn, Deanne Sanders, Joann Joy, Marvin Wilson, Jerry Page, David M. Phillips, Montie Ray Stewart.
- Sixth Grade—**
High Honor—
Jimmy Heinlen, Jacqueline Edwards, Truman Reese, Odell Vinson, Melba Creager, Glenna Weaver.
- Honor—**
Joyce Cole, Hannah Curtis, Betty Jean Dickson, Flogene Freeman, Ralph Gay, Charles Hamor, P. O. Hatley, Richard Martin, Robert Martin, Wanda Rose.

Annual Is Planned By Junior College

The Student Council of Ranger Junior College met three times this week to make plans for an annual. A staff for the annual was selected and will be presented before the student body next Wednesday for their approval. Discussion and plans were also made for a Christmas party on Dec. 17. The party will be planned and conducted by the Council. Members of the Student Council are Donald Tow, Pleas Moore, Fannye Dell Swaney, Mary Beth Moore, Bob Galloway, Royce June Lyon and Cleanna Moore.

Co-Workers Meet At Housekeeping Aide Project On Tuesday

The Co-Workers Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday at the Housekeeping Aide Project, when plans for a Christmas party for club members and their families were made. After the business of the club was transacted an explanation of the exhibit of "Foods for Home Defense" was given by Mrs. Lillian Eastland, project supervisor. This exhibit was prepared by the Housekeeping Aide project during their training day. It consisted of "Hoppin' John," a dish of dried black eyed peas and brown rice, peanut butter, cornbread and an apple upside-down cake. Club members present included Mmes. J. H. Wallace, G. C. Love, L. E. Wallace, M. Wilson, J. L. Richardson, Presley Neal, Lee

Ames, Haden Neal, George Williams and Lillian N. Eastland. Dates for the Christmas party were not announced at the meeting, but will be announced later.

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15 Debutante (abbr.)
16 Paradise.
20 Incapacitates.
22 Persian deer.
25 Black, viscous liquid.
26 Russian hemp (pl.).
28 Lovers.
29 One who professes some ism.
30 Smallest state (abbr.).
31 Coldly.
35 Climbing plants.
37 Tufted ornament.
40 Belonging to Sy.
46 Enraptured.
49 Club.
51 Mineral rock.
52 Hawaiian wreath.
54 U.S.
56 Jumbled type.
57 Lone Scout (abbr.).

44 Abates.
45 Mister (abbr.).
47 Senior (abbr.).
48 Steal.
50 Japanese coins.
51 Jewel.
53 Sketch.
55 South American (abbr.).
58 Drive forward.
59 One skilled in science.

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7 Obtain.
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AMARILLO, Tex. (UP) A cowboy who dropped the bridle reins over the metal post was the first person to use the city's new parking meters.

Workmen are busy now installing the parking meters. City Manager, A. E. Hancock said all the meters would be in operation by Jan. 1.

TRINIDAD, Colo. (UP) — W. H. Haxby shot at one rabbit and discovered he had killed two. Huxby fired at a rabbit which bounded from a bush, went to pick it up and found the bullet had passed through the running rabbit and hit a sitting one.

ONE BULLET, TWO RABBITS

SERIAL STORY

LADY BY REQUEST

BY HELEN R. WOODWARD

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THE STORY: Stephen Curt kissed his wife, Diana, tenderly. Then, "I forgot myself," he said. "That wasn't in our bargain, was it?" The bargain by which pretty, farm-bred Diana Tucker, just fired by lawyer Richard Thorpe after receiving his advances, has become the bride of the famous writer and commentator, is a contract whereby she is to remain his wife for six months and \$10,000—saving for Stephen a \$20,000 inheritance he would have lost had he not married before he was 35.

"Of course," she answered gayly. "Any time!"

It was a charming place, softly lighted, and with a decidedly Bohemian air of informality. The scarlet and chromium bar was crowded at this cocktail hour, but Phil steered Diana back to the more secluded tables.

"But won't it spoil your dinner?" Diana asked.

"Gosh, no! Lady, you are gazing on a man who not only eats to live, but lives to eat!"

"It's a wonder you're not completely surrounded by fat," she said, noting however his lean, muscular figure.

"I would be, I suppose, if it were not for the religious ceremonies I undergo every morning with dumb-bells and the like."

"Some day I'm going to settle down and turn into a nice old gentleman with a bald pate and a round tummy," Diana laughed.

"Add long white whiskers, and you could double for Santa Claus!"

"Later she said curiously, "You promised to tell me something of Evalyn Thorpe—how she happened to marry Richard."

"Phil's face sobered, took on the look of rapt adoration Evalyn's name always called forth. "To tell you the truth, I don't know quite how it happened. We three—Evalyn, Steve, and I—grew up together—were neighbors, you know."

"His voice trailed off for a moment, remembering. "Then Steve and I went off to college—we only saw Evalyn during the holidays—and Richard Thorpe came to practice law in old man Durbin's office. I guess he just swept her off her feet. We didn't like to think that Thorpe used Evalyn to insure his position in the community. We were relieved when we saw how considerate—how genuinely fond he seemed of her."

"Diana's fingers tightened on the slender glass before her. What would Phil and Stephen do if they knew about Adela's affair with Thorpe?"

"SHE decided suddenly to see Ellen Curt. She had not seen her for several days and had an idea the old lady might be lonely, though she would die rather than admit it."

Dabney smiled her wintry smile and admitted Diana into the living room.

Presently Ellen came in, in small gray slippers tapping on the polished floor. She carried an ebony cane today and Diana thought her small round face looked strained with suffering.

"You're ill! I shouldn't have bothered you."

"Nonsense! Sit down. My arthritis is a little 'troublesome' today." She seated herself on the stiff sofa. "Will you have a cup of tea with me?"

"Yes—if you're going to have it anyway. I just had a cocktail with Phil Bruce."

"Humph! Cocktail!" When the tea had been brought she asked sharply, "Do you like that young man?"

"Very much."

"I'd better warn you! He intends to marry you himself when Stephen divorces you. I let him know that there was to be no divorce!"

Diana faltered, "You wouldn't want to keep us together if we were unhappy?"

The old lady eyed her shrewdly. "You don't look unhappy! Is Stephen unhappy?"

"I—I don't know."

"You don't know! What has the world come to when a wife doesn't know whether her husband is happy or not. Is there going to be a child—soon?"

Diana felt her face flushing hotly. She wished she had not come here today. It was becoming harder and harder to parry the old woman's questions.

"No."

"And why not, madam? Are you one of these modern cowards? I thought better of you! What kind of a marriage is this, anyway?"

Diana rose and set down her tea cup. "Please," she said, "I didn't come to carry tales. I only came because I wanted to see you and know if you were well. And you mustn't worry about me and Stephen. We'll get along all right." She stopped and kissed the old lady's rounded cheek. "I'll be late for dinner if I don't hurry."

Outside she breathed a sigh of relief. Without intention she had let Ellen Curt find out that all was not well with the marriage. "Well," she reflected, "she won't be so surprised when the break finally comes!"

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then halted.

"We stand here," the major said.

As he spoke one of our batteries, already in position, opened terrific fire to the west. Two minutes later another of our batteries was pouring it in. The tanks deployed facing the Germans whom we could see on the horizon now, coming out of the sun—their favorite position.

The firing continued at an intense rate for half an hour. It ended suddenly, as it had started.

"The Huns have had enough and are pulling out," the major said, and the commander at once gave orders to form up for a new attack.

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TEA WITH ELLEN

CHAPTER XV

A FEW days later Diana, downtown on a shopping trip, found herself crossing the small park on which she had looked down that snowy afternoon when she had first met Stephen. She smiled as she thought of all that had happened since; knew it had been for the most part pleasant, remembered Stephen's glance upon her that night in the kitchen, lived again the thrill of being in his arms, of being a part of his comforting gentleness, his courage, fidelity, and honor. Then his quick release of her, his apology for having overstepped the bounds of their "bargain."

Diana knew that if it had not been for Adela she would have been entirely contented in Stephen's house. But Adela was a person around whom turmoil always surged. Her intrigue with Richard Thorpe distressed Diana deeply, for she knew that they spent hours together. She had caught glimpses of them in many places, and knew that there was talk.

"HELLO! If you're thinking of having some of that candy, I'll give you with you."

She turned to meet Phil Bruce's smiling face and her own lit up with pleasure. "Hello, yourself! How nice to see you!"

He took her arm. "Let's go in and see what they've got. Every afternoon at this time I experience the pangs of starvation! It's the English in me, I guess. Couldn't you do with a little something?"

LIBYAN TANKS

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biscuits. One captain rubbed the palms of his hands continually with a handkerchief.

"The commander flashed an order and the tanks sprang into action. From then on there was not a quiet moment for six hours.

A dozen tanks shot northeastward out of sight in the dust as two batteries of artillery to our rear opened fire in the same direction.

For 10 minutes the air was filled with the roar of guns. The major explained that British troops were attacking a huge German convoy which had slipped through from east.

In the next 15 minutes four tanks returned. They had been hit. And there were casualties in them. They were out only 10 minutes, for crew replacements, and then roared back into the battle.

We heard the angry crack of many antitank guns amid the dull thunder of field artillery. The tanks had inflicted heavy damage on the convoy but they had run into a thick net of antitank guns and

tanks. The commander recalled them.

Now the order came through from corps headquarters for a major attack. Two mobile batteries of crack artillery regiment hurried past and took positions with amazing speed. All our tanks went forward this time. A really big attack with one by the New Zealand and other tank units. We started east toward the new point of attack.

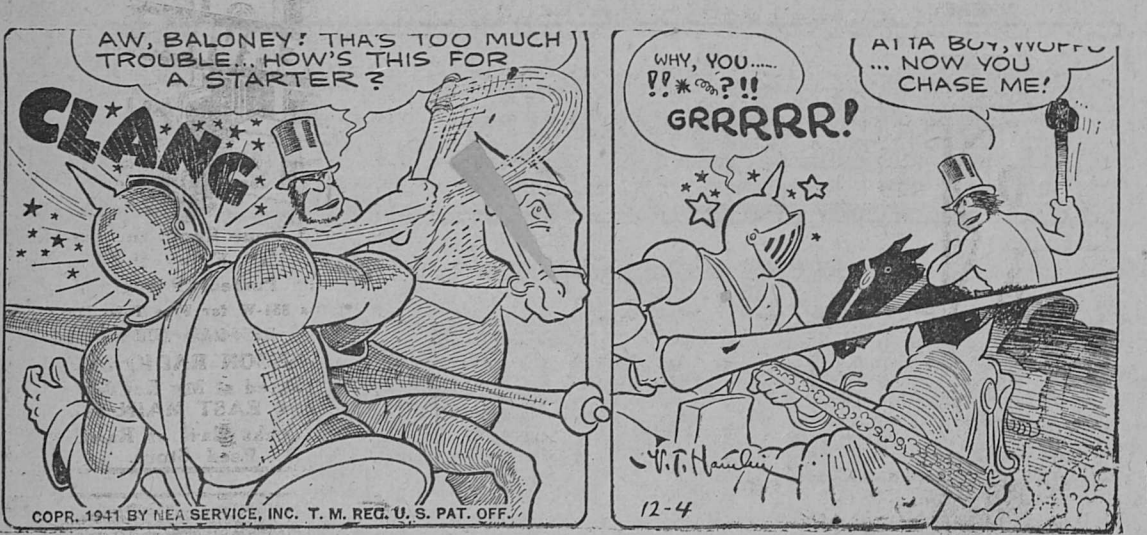
Then the Germans attacked us. The first shell dropped 30 yards away from the commander, who did not bulge, or even look where the shell had struck, but kept his glasses to his eyes. He is one of those nerveless men who make good generals.

The German tanks were advancing from the west. Clouds of dust enveloped the scene. Suddenly deafening, rippling explosions broke in our midst.—Instead of rpd dust, we were enveloped in bluish-white smoke. It was a high bombing attack. We could not see the planes.

One tank was knocked out. We maintained a steady pace eastward for more than a mile and

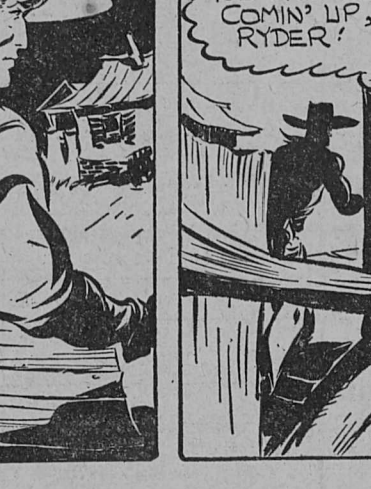
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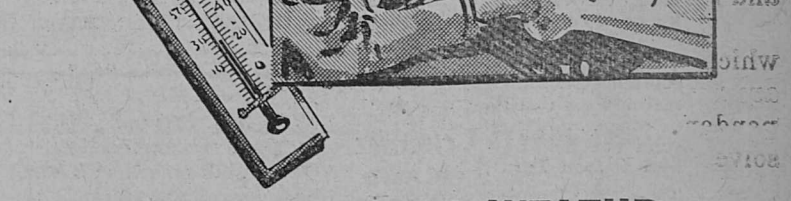


Freckles and His Friends — By Blosser



CHURCH SERVES LUNCH By United Press PITTSFIELD, Mass.—Parents here have little trouble getting their children to attend Sunday school. The First Baptist Church breaks the monotony of a long session in class by serving a light lunch of crackers and cookies during a recess period.

Cancer Machine For Defense GRANITE CITY, Ill. (UP)—A 1,000,000-volt X-ray machine has had a chance of duty caused by national defense efforts. The machine was constructed to combat cancer. The American Steel Foundries Co. is using it to detect flaws in gun turret castings.



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Society Notes

Former Resident to Wed in Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Meeks Dodson of Amarillo, formerly of Amarillo, formerly of Ranger, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence Sue Dodson, to Mr. William Rhea Jenkins. The ceremony will take place at the West Amarillo Church, Saturday evening, Dec. 27, at 8 o'clock.

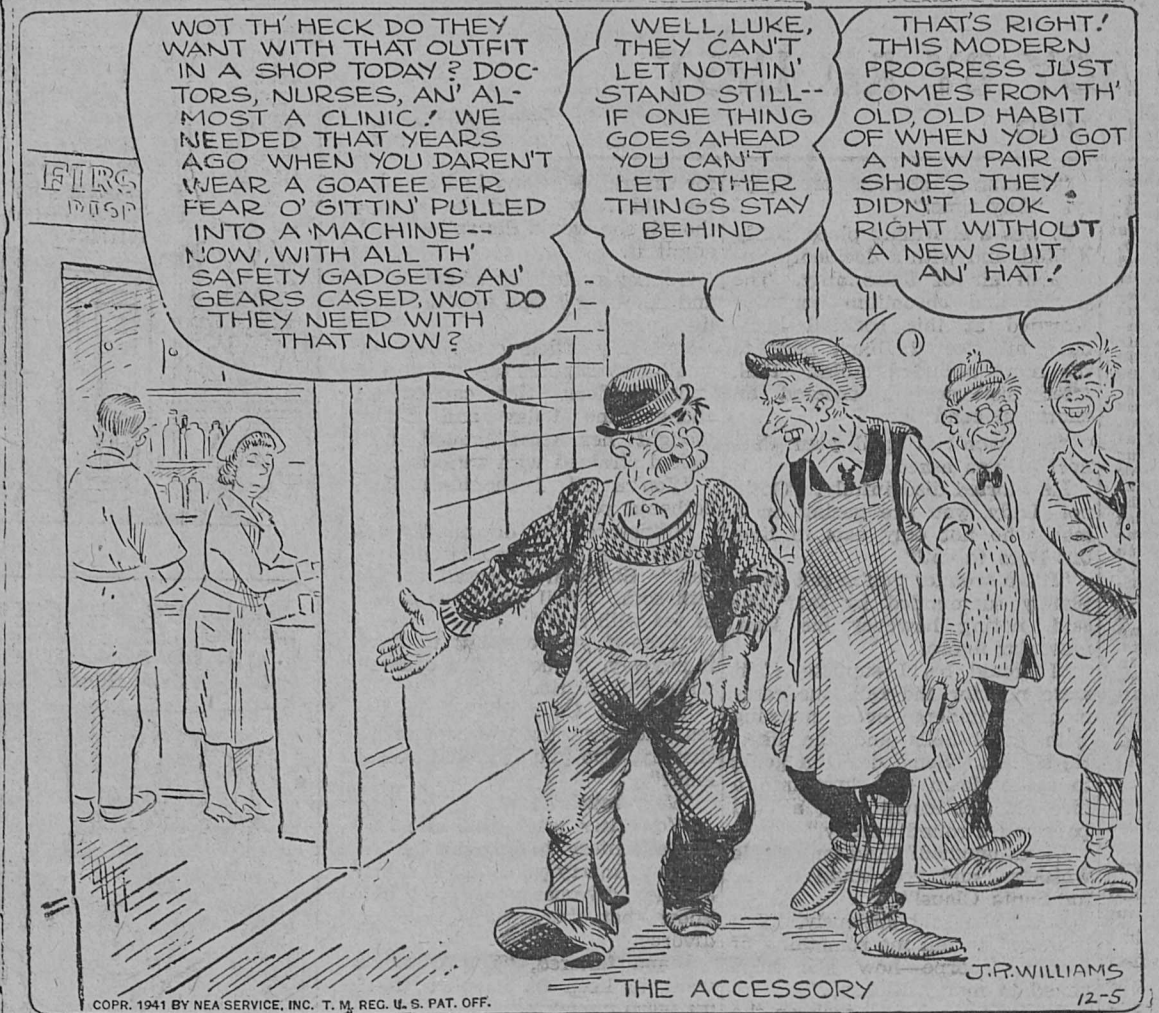
Mr. and Mrs. Dodson and daughters were prominent in civic, social and church affairs during their residence here and have many friends to whom the approaching marriage will be of interest.

Julia Alexander Grove Meets

The members of the Julia Alexander Grove No. 1954 of the Woodmen Circle met at the I. O. O. F. hall Wednesday for a business session, with District Manager Freda Fowler acting as Guardian.

Regular business was transacted and the following officers elected for the 1942 term: Guardian, Eula Blackwell; Past Guardian, Ruth Booth; Advisor, Lena Patterson; Recording Secretary, Thelma Bott; Banker, Ruby Greer; Chaplain, Edna Williamson; Attendant, Viola Cash; Assistant Attendant, Fannye Robinson;

OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



son; First Auditor, Florence Ramsey; Second Auditor, Louise Calder; Third Auditor, Viola Brink; Inner Sentinel, Effie Powell; Outer Sentinel, Anne Vaughn; Captain, Emma Warden; Junior Counselor, Viola Brink; Musician, Bessie Harris, and reporter, Ruby Greer.

Interesting reports were given by those who attended the meeting and visited the Woodmen Circle Home at Sherman recently.

A Christmas party will be held at the home of Lillie Wilson on Dec. 17. Details will be announced later.

Visitors present were District Manager Freda Fowler, Elizabeth Vaughn and Ella Reynolds of Mineral Wells. Eleven members answered roll call.

Methodist Church Has Social

A fellowship social for members of the First Methodist church was held at the church Thursday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Ross Staton, president of the Board of Stewards, served as master of ceremonies, and presented Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Scarlett, who were recently assigned to this church by the conference. Rev. Scarlett responded with an expression of appreciation for the welcome which they have received.

Dr. G. C. Boswell, at the close of very timely remarks, presented to the church a new Christian flag and a new United States flag, which were accepted by Mr. Staton.

At the close of the program a fellowship hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served to 125 guests.

1920 Club Meets

The regular meeting of the 1920 Club was held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Arthur Murrell.

Mrs. W. L. Jackson, president, opened the meeting and introduced

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Mrs. Paul Teagarden, Asheville, O., shows with Cornet Command, her polled shorthorn bull which won senior grand championship honors at Chicago's International Livestock Exposition, and Collynie Dale, junior champion shorthorn. Latter is owned by Russell Blomstorm of Waverly, Neb.

leader for the afternoon program. Mrs. Maddocks presented Mrs. E. R. Priesing, who directed the singing of three delightful numbers by a sextet composed of Misses Mildred Balch, Mary Beth Moore, Darlyne McGregor, Ozelle Wiley, Dorothy Mathena and Jeanie Jones. The numbers were accompanied by Miss Gwendolyn Tunnell.

Mrs. David M. Phillips was the speaker for the afternoon and in a very impressive outline discussed "The Women of the Bible."

CRACKS NUTS, NOT SAFES ST LOUIS. (UP).—Isadore Edelstein, paroled life term, when arrested here for possessing burglar tools had 30 pounds of walnuts in his room. A five pound sledge hammer lay near the nuts. He told police the sledge hammer was his nut cracker.

Society Personal

Mrs. L. H. Flewellen, Mrs. John Thurman and Mrs. Bob Hodges spent Thursday in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport has returned from a visit with relatives in Pecos.

Mrs. Leo Bow left today for Bowling Green, Ohio, where she was called by the serious illness of her father. She was accompanied to Fort Worth by her mother, Mrs. Frank Kalkhoff.

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3—HELP WANTED, FEMALE
WANTED: Woman for cook at cafe. Box A, Ranger Times.

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Denver's Vaults Hoarding Gold

By United Press
DENVER.—Vaults deep under the Denver mint building now hold the world's second largest store of gold—more than \$5,000,000 worth of it in neat little piles of bricks.

The Denver vaults climbed into second place close behind the gold store at Fort Knox, Ky., with a recent shipment of \$650,000,000 worth of gold from the mint at San Francisco.

The new gold, shipped a few hundred thousand dollars worth at a time in specially guarded railroad baggage cars, raised the total amount of gold stored in the Denver vaults to 5,100 million dollars worth, mint officials said.

Elaborate precautions are taken to insure the safety of the Denver gold hoard. The mint vaults are in constant touch with Denver police headquarters by a bullet proof cage in which sits a man 24 hours a day guarding all entrances with tear gas and machine guns.

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Rising Star News

RISING STAR, Dec. 5.—R. B. McClure and wife, formerly in the grocery business at Brady, have moved to their farm home recently purchased from S. W. Hughes southwest of here. They expect to truck farm and keep a few good dairy cows.

News was received here early this week of the death of James Barnes, a former resident of Rising Star, at his home in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The Rising Star City council has passed an order banning double parking on the city streets. Mrs. A. T. Shults announces the coming marriage of her son, A. T. Jr., to Miss Lorraine Ann

Dugas at Thibodaux, La., at the home of the bride on Jan. 7. The groom is employed by an oil company in Louisiana.

Why does a man lie to his wife so he can get out and play poker when, if he'd tell the truth—he wouldn't lose any money?