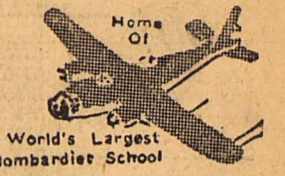


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REDS RIP THROUGH NAZI LINES

Paris Targets Blasted By Allied Plane Fleet In Year's War Climax

LONDON —(AP)— Allied planes bombed the suburbs of Paris in daylight Friday, the Paris radio announced after great formations of fighters and bombers of all types had streamed out after dawn in a continuation of the 1943 grand finale that sent more than 3,000 planes over enemy targets Thursday.

The brief radio announcement gave no details, and it was not immediately known whether the Paris blow was dealt by American heavy bombers or by fleets of Allied medium bombers.

Paris, administration center for German occupation authorities, also is a Nazi war production center. The Renault works on Seine Island at Billancourt is reported to be producing transport vehicles, tanks, and airplane engines. Nearby is the Gnome-Rhone works, which turns out airplane engines for the Germans.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

34 Planes Are Lost

Friday's attacks were in the wake of an assault on an objective which was announced but which may have been the chemical and poison gas works of the Germans at Ludwigshafen in southwestern Germany Thursday by the greatest fleet of U. S. bombers and fighters, perhaps 1,500 strong, ever sent against the Reich. Twenty-two bombers and 12 fighters were lost in the weighty operation.

The closing raids of 1943 Friday also followed fresh blows Thursday night by RAF Mosquitoes which hit targets in Western Germany and Northern France, and new mine-laying operations, in which not a single plane was lost.

Targets of an estimated 500 United States medium and RAF and Allied medium bombers and fighter-bombers Thursday announced by the officials only as "military objectives in Northern France"—possibly were the "rocket-gun" emplacements of the Nazis in the Pas De Calais area.

Another Raid Launched The daylight operations Friday were launched in cold fine weather by flocks of medium bombers which returned in an hour.

Another great force went out between Folkestone and Dungeness, heading toward the French coast with numerous squadrons of fighters flying top cover.

The Fortresses and Liberators with their fighting escorts shot down 23 Nazi planes in their daylight forays Thursday which followed the RAF's 2,240-ton blockbuster of Berlin Wednesday night.

In return the Germans stabbed only lightly at Southeast England Thursday night, causing slight damage at one place but no casualties.

Nazis Say Churchill Is Bound For Resort

NEW YORK —(AP)—The German Transocean News Agency in a broadcast of an Ankara dispatch said Friday Prime Minister Churchill left Cairo Tuesday for Aswan, a health resort on the Nile in Southern Egypt, where he will stay at the Cataract Hotel.

Both Are Scarce — Don't Mix 'Em

CHICAGO —(AP)— Don't celebrate New Year's by mixing alcohol and gasoline — even if you can get them — the National Safety Council suggested Friday. There may be less alcohol and gasoline requires coupons, the council said, "but the two still make a potent accident cocktail."

It suggested to holiday celebrants: "If you drink, don't drive—or vice versa; if you ride with someone else, be sure the driver of the car is on the wagon; start in plenty of time, drive slowly, take it easy; make allowance for winter weather."

Marines Take Gloucester And Airdrome

ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA —(AP)— Strewing the jungle with hundreds of dead Japanese, United States Marines captured savagely-defended Cape Gloucester and its airdrome four days and a few hours after a seaborne force from New Guinea invaded that Northwest New Britain stronghold. Friday the surviving Japanese faced entrapment.

On the last day of 1943, Gen. Walter Krueger, of the U. S. Sixth Army, proudly announced "I have the honor to present the Gloucester airdrome to the commander in chief as a New Year's present."

MacArthur Praises Marines

The irresistible manner in which the Marines burned their way through pillbox defenses with flame throwers, brilliantly supported by artillery and bombing planes, to complete the occupation Thursday of the base's two airstrips won praise from Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

He was "particularly pleased with the speed and efficiency of the operation."

The leathernecks, who are attached to General Krueger's army, landed unopposed Sunday at Borgen Bay, on the east side of the cape. They crossed beaches cleared of Japanese by naval and air bombardment and cracked entrenched jungle positions to get to the airdrome.

Now they are mopping up survivors. The Marine unit which landed unopposed in the Tualati sector approximately seven airline miles southwest of Cape Gloucester made its first contact with the enemy Thursday in sharp skirmishes which cost the Japanese some 50 dead and several prisoners.

National Day Of Prayer Proclaimed

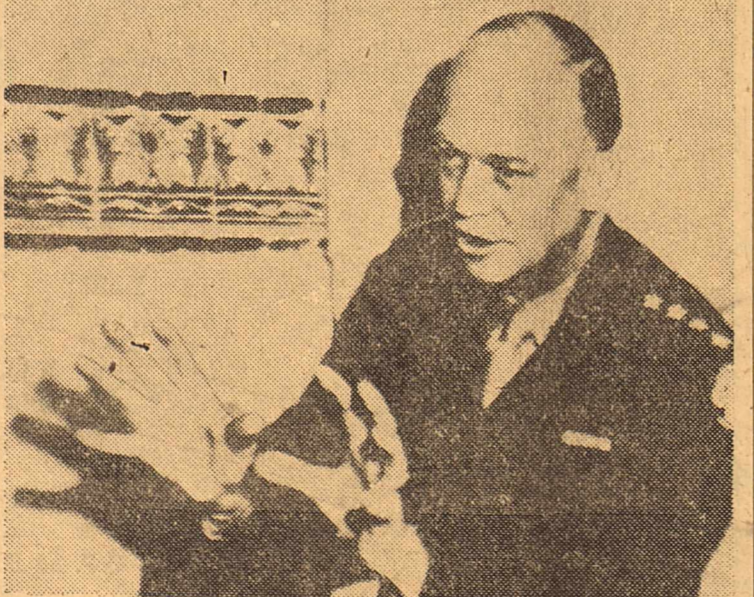
WASHINGTON —(AP)— By proclamation, President Roosevelt formally set Saturday as a National Day of Prayer for "strength and guidance for the problems of widening warfare and for the responsibilities of increasing victory."

Women May Buy Some Footwear Ration-Free

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Shoe dealers may sell part of their stocks of women's footwear ration-free, at \$3 or less a pair, during the two-week period from Jan. 17 through Jan. 29, the Office of Price Administration announced Friday.

The quantity of footwear released is 15 per cent of retailers' stocks of women's shoes listed in September inventory reports to OPA.

"European Victory In 1944"



General Dwight D. Eisenhower, named to command the main Allied invasion of Europe, is shown in this photo flashed to New York by radio, as he spoke before members of the Allied press at Allied Forces Headquarters in Algiers. He flatly predicted "we will win the European war in 1944." (NEA Radio-Telephoto.)



Right on Time

Screen actress Marjorie Riordan is right on time with a bewitching pose at the witching hour when 1943 blacks out and 1944 comes gaily in.

Little Guy Whose Head Spins With Problems And Perplexities Of Life In Wartime Is Hero Of Home Front

By The Associated Press For our home front man of the year we nominated that bewildered little guy—any ordinary guy—now strictly numb about the chin from 365 days of trying to get straight

in his head the news and events of the U. S. A. in 1943.

Bouncing homeward this New Year's Eve, part of it comes back to him now: words, arguments, double-talk. . . . He grins a little, remembering some of it. And some of it saddens him.

He learned to pronounce "Penicillin," the new wonder drug; "cartels" and "subsidiaries" and the "Little Steel" formula left him cold; he still wasn't sure his stamps were for "rayshuns" or "rashions;" and he ducked into the dictionary when the President said "piensyune" to a question about a fourth term.

He was glad to get cuffs back on his pants and, without stamps, coffee in his cup although he couldn't recall exactly why the increase in wool and beverage.

He still likes Bee But why did the Bureau of Fisheries try to tell him he'd enjoy shark and whale steaks when what he wanted was more of the old-fashioned kind from a cow?

He never could explain to himself why, when the first ration coupon on shoes expired last June, he joined the greatest shoe-rush in history.

And what ever happened to all that beeping about absenteeism and manpower shortages cutting down war production only a few months back? Weren't some plants shutting down now, throwing workers out of jobs? That was a little complicated. He was sorry he thought of it.

Labor said there wouldn't be any wartime strikes but there were plenty and Congress passed a law (Continued on Page 3)

Roosevelt Skips Press Conference

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Roosevelt, who has been following a comparatively light schedule for several days because of a cold, Friday omitted his usual morning press conference.

Curiosity Kills Deer, Children Get Venison

INDIANAPOLIS —(AP)— Because a wild white deer got curious about a war plant, patients at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children will have a venison dinner New Year's Day.

The deer was found inside a wire fence at the Stewart-Warner Company. It had injured itself trying to escape and conservation officers were forced to kill it.

Wounded May Get Gas For Trips To Homes

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Office of Price Administration announced Friday that wounded servicemen may get special gasoline rations for use in driving to and from their homes or other places of convalescence.

Drive Splits Bug River Defense Of Germany's Reeling Armies With Wedge On Kiev Railroad

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW —(AP)— Russian forces streaming through the greatest hole yet torn in Nazi defenses have broken into the outer Bug River defenses in a driving offensive which has split the routed remnants of Nazi Gen. Von Manstein's legions and carried to within 30 miles of the river itself, front line dispatches said Friday.

The Russian column sweeping toward the Bug, Germany's next line of defense along the south-central front west of the Dnieper River, thrust down the Kiev-Zhmerinka Railway to open a deep wedge in the reeling Nazi army.

Vatutin's vanguards were reported within 43 miles of the old Polish border and within 90 miles of the Dniester River which forms Rumania's old eastern boundary.

Reds Near Vinnitza With the Warsaw-Smelna Railway severed at captured Kazatin, only one supply line remained open to the retreating Nazis before the main Odessa-Lwow line itself is endangered.

That supply line from Poland winds southeastward through the Ukraine and the Red Army advance has carried to within 20 miles of it. Cutting of this line would mean that all supplies for Nazi forces in the Dnieper Bend and west of Kiev would have to move over the Odessa-Lwow railway.

The advance column sweeping southwestward toward the old borders of Poland and Rumania was but 30 miles from the provincial center of Vinnitza on the Upper Bug River. Vinnitza lies only 60 miles from the Dniester.

The Russian spearheads knifed through the remnants of Marshal Fritz Von Manstein's 22 defeated divisions—perhaps 300,000 troops—on the eighth day of this greatest Soviet offensive of the winter that already has swept up a total of 1,300 communities.

Soviets Plunge Toward Poland On the northern end of the biggest breach ever made in German lines, Red Army troops were plunging west of Korosten toward Poland.

At the southern end, Soviet units were driving on the Dniester across (Continued on Page 2)

Mrs. R. B. Wells Dies In Midland Hospital

Mrs. R. B. Wells died Thursday afternoon at a Midland hospital.

Survivors include her husband; three children, Robert Vernon, Carroll Thompson and Clara Juanita; her mother, Mrs. Lucille Wise of Taft, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Vera Bowling, also of Taft; a brother, Joe Wise, in the Army; and a grand-mother, Mrs. Bielah Bowling of Snyder, Texas.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon in Snyder. The Ellis Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

U. S. Rail Rule Indefinite With Strike Call Alive

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The 15 railroad non-operating unions Friday rejected President Roosevelt's proposed basis for arbitrating their wage dispute, and insisted they were entitled to a ruling on overtime independent of every other consideration.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Army control of the railroads for the indefinite future appeared likely Friday in view of the darkening prospects of an early wage settlement.

President Roosevelt advised the 15 nonoperating unions he is ready to make a final decision in their case, but he stipulated a basis of arbitration which the union chiefs say is unacceptable.

The War Department said it wanted to return the rail system to private management, but could not because at least two unions—the firemen and conductors—instead of cancelling strike orders, had merely postponed them for the period of government operation.

Attack Administration The union chiefs, after lashing the administration in one statement (Continued on Page 3)

10,000-Barrel Well Completed In Mexico

TAMPICO, MEXICO —(AP)— A new well, the Mecatpec No. 12, was brought in Thursday in the famous Poza Rica oil field at a depth of about 3,000 feet with an initial production of 10,000 barrels.

Petroleos Mexicanos, the government oil industry, announced drilling will increase next year.

War Bulletins

LONDON —(AP)— The British battleship Duke of York scored the long-range, underwater hit on the Nazi battleship Scharnhorst which crippled the 26,000-ton warship and led to her destruction, the Admiralty announced Friday.

CHUNGKING —(AP)— Chinese forces have recaptured more than 10 villages around Owchihkow in the Hunan-Hupeh border region, thereby restoring the situation in that sector to what it was before the Japanese began their Rice Bowl campaign, the Chinese high command announced Friday.

LONDON —(AP)— German U-boats in the Atlantic and Mediterranean have sunk five Allied merchantmen totaling 35,000 tons and three destroyers, and damaged four other ships, the German communique said Friday.

LONDON —(AP)— Dutch guerrillas still are fighting in the center of Sumatra, in the Netherlands East Indies, where the Japanese recently claimed all resistance had been wiped out, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands disclosed Friday in a New Year's broadcast.

Ex-Midland Man Killed In Houston

Bonnie Wayne Cook, a former resident of Midland, was killed in an automobile accident near the E. O. von Shipyard in Houston Thursday according to word received here Friday by his brother, L. E. Cook. He was employed at the shipyard.

Midlanders who survive, besides L. E. Cook, are his uncle, Bill and Curtis Cook, and his niece, Mrs. J. C. Roberts Jr. He leaves his widow and baby in Houston; his mother, Mrs. John Cochran of Big Spring, and four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held in Houston Saturday afternoon. Midland relatives plan to attend.

Inflation Plot Seen Aimed At Democrats

AUSTIN —(AP)— Congressman Lyndon B. Johnson declared at an anti-inflation meeting Thursday night that pressure groups want to take the lid off now so that next November they can blame inflation on the Democratic party.

"A year from now too little price control and too little OPA will be the big talk and they'll make an issue in the campaign," he asserted.

ODT 'Picks' Chicago For Both Conventions

WASHINGTON — The Office of Defense Transportation has reinforced its proposal that both major political parties hold their 1944 conventions in Chicago with a statement that more than three times as many sleeping car cars arrive daily at the Illinois city than at any other midwest port.

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Little temperature change.

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Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.—Psalm 100:3.

Happy New Year! A Sound Hope

New Year, 1944! What a wealth of memory it may bring some day! What vital events hang upon its advent now! Certainly history will record the next twelve months as a milestone in human progress. The war probably will be won in 1944. Industry very likely will turn, at least to some degree, toward normal service to mankind. Some of our boys may come marching home, lightening the burden carried by older men and women who have striven to maintain homes and firesides through this period of terrific stress, allowing younger brothers and sisters to return to school, facing the altar with brides who waited patiently, establishing new homes.

Midland will experience all that any sound American city experiences in the sadness of battle casualties, in gladness at the end of hostilities, and the upsurge of hope and progress which will follow.

The Permian Basin has served through the war years, furnishing Uncle Sam and his allies with stalwart soldiers, oil, cattle, cotton and other products. It will serve in the peaceful future as well.

It's reasonable—sensible, too—to hope for . . . A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR ALL!

Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps

95 Per Cent Wrong

Senator Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee, acting chairman of the Appropriations Committee, has checked with Administrative agencies and reports that Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska was "95 per cent wrong" in his attack upon our spending policy in Latin America.

Well, we wouldn't say that. Fifty-fifty, perhaps. Right in theory, for the most part; wrong in facts, almost wholly.

Instead of spending six billion dollars down there in three years, exclusive of purchases, we actually are spending either \$324,185,000 or \$178,593,000, according to whether military expenditures are included or excluded, says Senator McKellar.

On behalf of the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, it was suggested earlier that the figure was perhaps \$600,000,000. Of the three, that seems rather acceptable, so far as laymen are in position to judge.

Senator Butler is right in asserting that there is much waste. Evidences of boondoggling have been gathered and written by responsible newspapermen, but you haven't read them.

They have been squelched by censors in Washington, though they had nothing even remotely to do with national security, but only with protecting the political positions of the boondogglers.

It seems a shame, at a time when practical, sound economy is so badly needed, that a United States senator should have made such a botch of presenting the case for economy. Starting with a gross exaggeration of the aggregate expenditure, continuing with superficial suggestions as to where waste lay, Senator Butler ended up by playing squarely into the hands of apologists for boondoggling and waste.

But don't be sidetracked by Senator Butler's accident. He was only half wrong. We're still tossing money around both in Latin America and elsewhere.

It's a dollar-to-a-doughnut bet that Senator Truman could go down there and bring back the bacon—and neither OPA nor military censorship could prevent a senator from frying out the bacon fat and cooking a lot of boondogglers in it.

Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps

Big Bertha Rocket

American ordnance experts say that they would not be amazed if the Nazis do have a super-rocket with which they could bombard England from across the channel. But they confirm the first opinion of many laymen who feel that such a weapon will have no real effect upon the ultimate course of the war.

In 1917 the Germans sprang a surprise with Big Bertha, the gun that dropped shells into Paris from an incredible distance. A few civilians were killed needlessly, some Cultural and religious buildings were destroyed sacrilegiously, but that was all. In all probability this will be the story of the new rocket gun, if there is one.

Such a weapon can not be used accurately. It can only serve to add to the long indictment against the Nazis for wanton disregard of every decency.

Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps

So Say We All

The coffee industry protests against the tendency of restaurateurs to hold down coffee consumption, now that rationing is ended. "There is absolutely no justification for limiting the service of coffee to one cup," says Manager W. F. Williamson of the National Coffee Association.

This attitude toward coffee is merely typical of the way in which some businesses are taking advantage of war conditions to make savings for themselves that, in many instances, have no proper justification.

"Well Done, Old Fellow!"



San Vittore Dies Under American Artillery's Pulverizing 'Serenade'

By DON WHITEHEAD WITH THE FIFTH ARMY NEAR SAN VITTORE.—(AP)—Another Italian town died beneath terrible, crashing explosions of American artillery.

The mass of rubble and debris still has a name—San Vittore—but that is about all that is left to identify the once peaceful place except a church steeple.

Artillery men call the new kind of barrage a "serenade." Hundreds of guns thundered and explosions echoed as the shells crashed into enemy positions. It was truly a serenade—of death or destruction.

San Vittore was caught in the same unhappy state as San Pietro, which American guns reduced to appalling wreckage.

The Germans had made the town the center of another fortress along the road to Rome and to demolish the fortress the town itself had to be destroyed.

For 20 thunderous minutes San Vittore was battered by tons of explosives and lost in billowing smoke, dust and flame. When the dust and the smoke drifted away there were

only gaunt jagged walls, houses with roofs smashed and streets piled high with debris.

The serenade preceded a move by troops under Major David Frazier of Houston, Texas, to enter the town with a strong patrol led by Lt. Richard Dashner of Waco, Texas.

San Vittore has been the hot spot on the Fifth Army front since the capture of San Pietro. The enemy is strongly situated on a ridge to the east of the town.

Frazier sent a patrol into San Vittore, but the doughboys ran into fierce enemy fire, lost two men killed, and had to withdraw under a smokescreen.

Before dawn, Pvt. Fred Costello of Beaumont, Texas, led a second patrol into the town and while the men were searching the buildings, Costello climbed into the church steeple to inspect the countryside.

The Germans discovered Costello's patrol and pinned the Americans down for several minutes with intense fire, but they managed to withdraw.

Allied Military Leaders Confident

By The Associated Press Prospects for the new year of world conflict brought from Allied military leaders declarations of confidence and victories in mighty impending blows against the enemy, while Nazi spokesmen offered the German people only gloomy predictions of more hardships in 1944.

The Allies are "closing in upon the enemy" and the coming year "gives every promise of being a year of deliverance," declared Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, who is going to the Mediterranean theater as deputy commander of Allied forces.

In Washington, Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Navy, said he concurred with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, new European invasion commander, that Germany may be defeated in the coming year, and asserted that a tremendous offensive against Japan is planned in 1944.

"Unrelenting pressure on Japan will be continued and increased," King declared.

The American commander in the South Pacific, Admiral William F. Halsey, declared that "never have we been so ready to strike killing blows in so many places, simultaneously. We propose to strike these blows again and again."

Russians in Moscow, preparing to celebrate New Year's Day as the biggest unofficial holiday of the year, everywhere expressed hope that 1944 would see the end of the war.

Associated Press Correspondent Eddy Gilmore said General Eisenhower, whose prediction that Germany would be defeated in 1944 was widely published by Soviet newspapers, had suddenly become a very popular figure.

In Tokyo Domei news agency broadcast a gloomy New Year's message from Premier Hideki Tojo warning the people that the Japanese nation now is facing a "crucial test" and that it is "the sublime duty of everyone now to sacrifice body and soul without a single atom of self-interest."

Dr. and Mrs. Kurt Lekisch are spending the weekend visiting relatives in various Texas points. They will return Tuesday.

Cadet Robert L. Filson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Filson, recently has been transferred to Midland Army Air Field from Ellington Field, Houston.

Neither the north nor the south magnetic pole coincides with the geographic pole.

Midland Jaycees Honor National 4-H Club Winner

Midland Jaycees honored R. C. Vest Jr., National 4-H Club dairy production contest winner, at their meeting in the Cactus Cafe Friday noon. He is the first youth from this section ever to win the national contest.

Vest told of his trip to Chicago to attend the National 4-H Club Congress and related interesting incidents and program highlights of the meeting. He was awarded an all-expense paid trip to Chicago and a \$200 college scholarship.

A 4-H member since 1940, Vest told of developing his dairy herd from one registered Jersey bull to 14 head of dairy cattle at the present time. Feeding practices and care of dairy stock were explained by the speaker.

Fresh Nazi Troops Sent To Balkans

LONDON.—(AP)—The German enemy is trying "with all his strength" to break guerrilla resistance in Eastern Bosnia, and has drawn up fresh forces and special landing troops in an attempt to seize islands along the Dalmatian coast still in Partisan hands.

No details were given of the German attack on the islands, but presumably they were making giant efforts to seal off the Adriatic supply route from Italy to the Partisans' "Balkan front."

Nine heavily-guarded German troops and supply trains, most of them operating on the main Zagreb-Belgrade Railway line serving Northern Croatia and Serbia have been attacked and eight of them destroyed, the communique said.

Scores of freight cars were wrecked and many tons of enemy supplies fell into the hands of the Yugoslav Partisans. Many German troops were killed or taken prisoner in the rail attacks.

CHURCHILL'S SALARY Winston Churchill's salary as prime minister of England is about \$40,000, about \$22,000 after income taxes.

Stalin's citation said that Vatuin's army had advanced from 30 to 60 miles in the Kiev bulge through Wednesday to capture more than 1,000 towns. The army communique added another 300 liberated since then, as the Red Army troops pounded westward over the frozen terrain, carpeted with abandoned German equipment. More than 100 big guns, 70 tanks and thousands of military vehicles of all descriptions were declared captured, and the toll of prisoners mounted hourly.

18-Pound Baby Fifth Largest On Record

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—(AP)—Statistics record only four babies in the world larger at birth than the 18-pound 10-ounce son born here Thursday to Mrs. George Esslinger.

Figures presented in Dr. Ed A. Schumann's textbook on large babies indicate the Esslinger child is the fifth heaviest on record. The largest weighed 25 pounds, the book shows.

The Esslinger baby appeared normal, said the attending physician, Dr. W. D. Richards, and the 26-year-old mother, wife of a war plant worker, is doing nicely. It is the Esslingers' third son.

The boy measured 21 inches in length and had a head measurement of 15 1/2 inches.

MacArthur Lock's Aid To War Lauded

SAULT STE. MARIE, MICH.—(AP)—The great new MacArthur Lock, one of America's 1943 production miracles, received official appropriation Friday for its part in feeding the war-vital steel mills to keep arms output at high speed.

In the first formal report on the new lock's contribution to the speeding of iron ore through the Soo Canal of the Great Lakes, the United States Army Engineers office at Detroit emphasized the magnitude of shipments in the face of weather handicaps.

The MacArthur Lock, named in honor of the American general, was built at a cost of approximately \$14,000,000 in 13 months and was acclaimed an engineering masterpiece. It operates in conjunction with four older locks on the canal.

War To Have No Victors, Just Survivors — Hitler

LONDON.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler grimly told the German people in a New Year's message Friday that "in this war there will be no victors and losers but merely survivors and annihilated."

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Folks... we are back again (feeling fine) Tomorrow we swing open to serve you a lovely New Year's dinner, with all the trimmings. Don't forget, if you are not served Blackeyed Peas wherever you dine—come by and have a serving (on us). KING'S 406 West Wall Phone 1357

A Happy New Year We can't see everyone, of course, but we can take this means of wishing you a new year of health, happiness, and prosperity. Petroleum Cleaners 1944

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NOTICE! Q. M. (Shine) Shelton, The Glass Man, formerly with Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company, now at 1611 W. Wall Street, has gone to Dallas to meet with the Libby Owens Ford Glass representatives to familiarize myself with new glass and its uses. Will be equipped in the very near future to serve you with your glass requirements.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! We go out on a limb revealing our most heartfelt thoughts... which are, a very happy new year to each and every one of you! And that entails the realization of every American's deepest hope—for Victory in the near future! We hope to serve you happily as ever—in '44! Popular Store WIN THE WAR IN '44

NEW YEAR 1944 First Baptist Church 8:00 p. m. — 12:01 a. m. HEAR "Prophetic Signals Of 1944" ("What The Bible Says Of 1944") 10:30 p. m. Delivered by Vernon Yearby Surprise Talent Program Fellowship Talent Inspiration "Something Every Minute For Every One" THE NURSERY WILL BE OPEN FOR TINY TOTS

Society

Winnifred Pfaff Becomes Bride Of Staff Sgt. Luther Truman Nance

The marriage of Miss Winnifred Pfaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. E. Pfaff of Palestine, Texas, and Staff Sgt. Luther Truman Nance, son of J. A. Nance of Midland, took place Dec. 22 at 4 p. m. in the First Methodist Church in Palestine. The Rev. Frank Dent performed the double ring ceremony.

Baskets of white daisies and white tapers in crystal candelabrum were arranged about the church. Mrs. Gore Hinzie, organist, played during the ceremony.

Mrs. Nell Faulkner of Austin, an

aut of the bride, was matron of honor and Eugene Hughes was best man.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a neutral shade afternoon dress with brown accessories. She carried a shower bouquet of white gardenias on a white prayer book.

Mrs. Faulkner wore a smoke blue dress with wine colored accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Dent.

The bride is a graduate of Trinity University and received her M. A. degree at the University of Texas. She has been a teacher in the Abilene schools for nine years.

The bridegroom is a graduate of North Texas State Teachers College. For 13 years prior to his entrance into the armed forces, he was with the Abilene schools. He is the grandson of Mrs. J. S. Tidwell and a nephew of Luther Tidwell of Midland. Two brothers, Pvt. Ernest Nance and Pvt. Homer Nance, are stationed at the Midland Army Air Field.

After a short wedding trip, Sergeant Nance will return to Shepard Field and Mrs. Nance will resume her teaching duties in Abilene.

Newly Weds Honored At Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tidwell were hosts Thursday evening at a dinner honoring Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Luther Truman Nance, whose marriage was an event of Dec. 22.

The dinner table was laid with a lace cloth and the centerpiece was a silver bowl of assorted fruits.

Guests included Mrs. J. S. Tidwell, Miss Louise Terry, Mrs. John Rhoads Jr., Pvt. and Mrs. Ernest Nance, Pvt. and Mrs. Homer Nance, and J. A. Nance, all of Midland, and Mrs. Kenneth Shoemaker and daughter, Terry Lane, of Hobbs.

Esky And Varga Girl Lose Mail Privilege

WASHINGTON (AP)—Postmaster General Walker has ruled that Esquire magazine, with its curvaceous "Varga Girl" and sundry breezy cartoons and articles, is neither of the arts, news nor science and for that reason it should be barred from the second class mails.

Apparently was Walker's own personal decision which was announced. The majority of opinion of a three-man postoffice trial board, after a two-to-one vote, had field that proceedings against the magazine should be dismissed.

Walker said that a magazine or other periodical, in order to be eligible for second class mailing privileges, "must be originated and published for the dissemination of information of a public character, or be devoted to literature, the sciences, arts, or to some special industry."

Esquire's attorneys estimated it would cost the magazine \$500,000 yearly to use the higher, fourth-class rates.

Nazarene Church To Have Special Services

Special New Year's Eve services will be held at 8 p. m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene. Song and praise services led by John F. Price will open the meeting.

The Rev. C. A. Lamb will speak on "The Coming of the New Year." Five minute talks, with the New Year as central theme, will be delivered by Mrs. R. C. Reece, Mrs. W. A. McMullen, Mrs. Gene Cox, Sergeant Sherman and Esther Hoeker.

The Rev. R. M. Hoeker, pastor of the church, will close the meeting with a brief sermon on "Forgiving the Past."

The Church Of The Nazarene

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'Sarge, Meet My Ma'



(OWI Radiophoto From NEA)

It was a proud day for Alvin Bailey, center, above, a Yank fighter in Italy, when he introduced his mother to Edward L. Hillan, left, his top sergeant. Pvt. Bailey's mother, WAC Pvt. Theresa Bailey, was sent to Italy, paid her son a surprise visit.

Colden Wildcat - Little Guy -

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notary for No. 1 Fillingim, Yoakum County wildcat.

No. 3 Glenn Makes 10 BOPH

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 3 Glenn, stretcher for the McKee Simpson sand field in Southwest Crane County, flowed 183 barrels of oil in 18 hours from the bottom at 6,141 feet.

Humble No. 1-B Reynolds in Culberson County has the hole stopped-up at 1,624 feet with the total depth at 2,211 feet.

Amerada Petroleum Corporation, No. 1-A Hickman in the Barnhart area of Reagan County, is at a total depth of 9,054 feet in lime mixing mud after losing circulation.

Amerada No. 2 Johnson is drilling under 7,580 feet in shale and lime.

Amerada No. 1 Hickman is boring below 3,146 feet in shale and lime.

Superior Oil Company and Wiggins and Hyde No. 1-A University, South Reagan County wildcat, had reached 800 feet in anhydrite.

Another Winkler Deep Try

Superior No. 1 Wheeler, Ellenburger effort in East Winkler County, has drilled out the cement on 16-inch surface pipe set at 200 feet with 165 bags and is below 416 feet going ahead.

The Texas Company No. 4 Mebee, Southeast Andrews County, is conditioning the hole to 4,640 feet, getting ready to core.

A drillstem test Thursday with the tool open 45 minutes recovered 2,300 feet of mud and water.

The Texas Company No. 5 Mebee is making hole past 3,340 feet in anhydrite.

Mrs. J. Howard Hodge To Discuss Libraries

Mrs. J. Howard Hodge will speak on "Post War Libraries" Wednesday afternoon over KRLL from 3:15 to 3:30. The address will be sponsored by the Midland County Library.

Livestock

FORT WORTH (AP)—Cattle 1-100; calves 700; slow; about steady; short fed steers and yearlings of medium grade 11.50-13.25; better kinds scarce. Few beef cows available 9.25-10.00; good and choice fat calves 11.25-12.50; plain butcher calves 7.50-10.50; few stocker calves and yearlings 8.50-11.00.

Hogs 1,500; active; fully steady; top 13.65; good and choice 200-300 lb. butcher hogs 13.55-65; good 170-190 lb. 11.75-13.40; sows 11.00-50; most pigs unsold.

Sheep 1,500; steady; common to medium fat lambs 11.25-12.00. This market will remain closed Saturday in observance of New Year's Day.

HOSPITAL DISCOURAGES UNNECESSARY VISITING

Officials of the Western Clinic Hospital Friday urged persons not to visit the hospital unless absolutely necessary, due to the prevalence of colds and influenza in this area.

Hospital authorities are taking all possible steps to prevent spread of disease.

A large oak tree at St. Martinsburg, La., marks the legendary spot where Longfellow's heroine, Evangeline, started her search for her lover.

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San Vittore -

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the raid, but it apparently was aimed at junctions controlling the coastal road to Rome over the Pontine Marshes—a highway that for centuries has been known as the Apennine Way.

Berlin broadcasts said that the Allies had been prevented from reaching the Apennine Way and that the fighting had been localized on the beaches with heavy casualties for the landing forces. The key city in this battle area is Minturno, slightly inland from the coast.

The attack by the Allies countered a heavy two-day offensive by the German Tenth Army in the Garigliano sector aimed at the town of Ponte Fiume at the mouth of the river.

Headquarters gave no additional information about the drive of American troops to take San Vittore, last fortified village in the valley leading to Cassino. Bitter fighting has been raging there and the town has been reduced to rubble by Allied artillery, advances from the front said, but the Germans were dug into wine cellars underlying the town where it was difficult to reach them with artillery fire.

The communiqué said that action elsewhere on the Fifth Army front was confined to patrol activity except for German shelling of Mignano.

On the Eighth Army front the hard-fighting troops of the Canadian First Division plunged another mile northward from Ortona, putting their lines at about two miles from the city, and front-line dispatches said they had established advanced positions within about nine miles of the vital port of Pescara.

Their drive was concentrated at a German-held emplacement on a hill overlooking the Adriatic Sea near the mouth of the Tevere River and controlling much of the ground over which the advance is being made.

Make Raids In Snow

Farther inland in the Montagna Della Madiella range of mountains which tower to heights of 8,000 feet and extend to a depth of 15 miles, British troops made raids in deep snow, probing German positions.

It was disclosed that Newfoundland units of artillery which had fought with distinction in North Africa now are attached to the Indian Division in the Eighth Army fighting in Italy.

The weather on both fronts was cold and clear, making ground action uncomfortable but providing a perfect day for aerial operations and the Allied air forces made the most of it.

Fortresses Blast Rail Yards

For the third straight day Flying Fortresses of the 15th U. S. Air Force, with an escort of Lightning bombers, bombed the railway yards at Rimini on the coast in north-east Italy and other Fortresses smashed warehouses, repair sheds and railway tracks near Padua and Ravenna.

Medium bombers attacked rail communications at Borgo and Viareggio on the Po Valley line between Rimini and Piacenza, Roccasecca north of Rome, San Lorenzo, and at Falconara where hits were made on the junction and repair sheds, and detonated a dump

Hobart Bosworth Of Films Is Dead

GLENDALE, CALIF. (AP)—In 1909 tall, soft-spoken Hobart Bosworth, supported by his medical advisers to be incurably ill, came west to die.

He died, Thursday, at the age of 76, but he made good use of the 34 intervening years. He played a leading part in the first motion picture ever made in the Los Angeles area, and subsequently made nearly 600 others. He had been writer, director, producer, and was undisputed dean of the motion picture colony.

The white-haired Bosworth, who until the last maintained his erect bearing, and whose twinkling, humorous eyes still looked keenly upon the world, succumbed of pneumonia after a brief illness. His son, George Hobart Bosworth, was at his hospital bedside; his wife, Cecile, was flying west from Washington.

U. S. Rail -

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ment, asserted in reply to the War Department that they had done all they had agreed to do and were empowered to do. They said a strike vote by the membership can not be cancelled by the officers while the issue which precipitated it is still alive.

The latent bitterness of the controversy emerged in the statement issued by D. B. Robertson of the Firemen, H. M. Fraser of the Conductors, and T. C. Cashen of the Switchmen, who accused the administration of bungling, delay, and of straying from the processes of the railway labor act which they, the unions, said they "scrupulously followed" during the controversy.

of mines at Zara on the Yugoslav coast.

Fighters and fighter-bombers also expanded their sorties over the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia, and in better weather paraded over the Italian battle front. They dropped a heavy concentration of bombs in the Tollo-Chieti area in advance of the Eighth Army front.

In the aerial operations six Allied planes were lost while accounting for 11 of the enemy's.

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All-Out Drive On Europe Fortress Will Develop History's Greatest Test Of Air Power As War Weapon

By GLADWIN HILL
LONDON —(P)—The new year 1944 will bring the greatest demonstration of air power in history. The great test will be the air offensive paving the way for and supporting the Allies' final all-out drive against Germany. As now conceived, that campaign will be the largest military undertaking of all time and it follows inevitably that the air end must be correspondingly unprecedented.

In England, the most obvious jumping-off point for a second front, has been built up the greatest concentration of air power ever known in this "unsinkable aircraft carrier." In the space of a few thousand square miles, the USAAF alone has some 100 bomber, fighter and service bases. The RAF may have at least twice as many more. Continuous "softening up" from here for more than a year the whole gamut of Allied aerial weapons—heavy, medium and light bombers, fighter-bombers and fighters—have been almost daily making attacks against the continent, softening up the Germans while tempering their own forces.

In this campaign Germany's submarine resources have been thoroughly disrupted and at least one-third of Germany's war production is estimated to have been knocked out. The Ruhr has been destroyed as the industrial heart of Germany. Seven of Germany's first 10 cities have been blasted virtually out of the war. Seven of Germany's principal airplane assembly plants have been put out of commission. In France, Belgium and Holland, 75

of the German air force's advance bases have been systematically bombed week after week.

Air Cover Extended
The radius over which an air cover for invasion can be provided from England now takes in important stretches of the Scandinavian coast, the Dutch coast and a large part of the French coast.

At the same time other heavy bombers will be hitting deeper, bombing railroad junctions and other foci of enemy reinforcements for the threatened zone.

As the landing forces strike, they will be supported by low-level fighters and fighter bombers, to press home further attacks on enemy front-line forces and installations.

As the landing is contemplated and the advance proceeds, the different air forces will continue this sort of support, the lighter forces leap-frogging ahead as soon as advance bases can be set up—the American force closely coordinated with the RAF, possibly under joint command.

Nazi Air Force Weaker
This Allied aerial drive will come up against a now numerically inferior German air force, weakened by losses and the disruption of replacement manufacture, which has had two-thirds of its fighter strength stretched to inadequate thinness over Western Europe trying to defend its homeland from complete ruin, while the rest has striven futilely to give German ground forces enough support to hold back their foes in Russia and Italy.

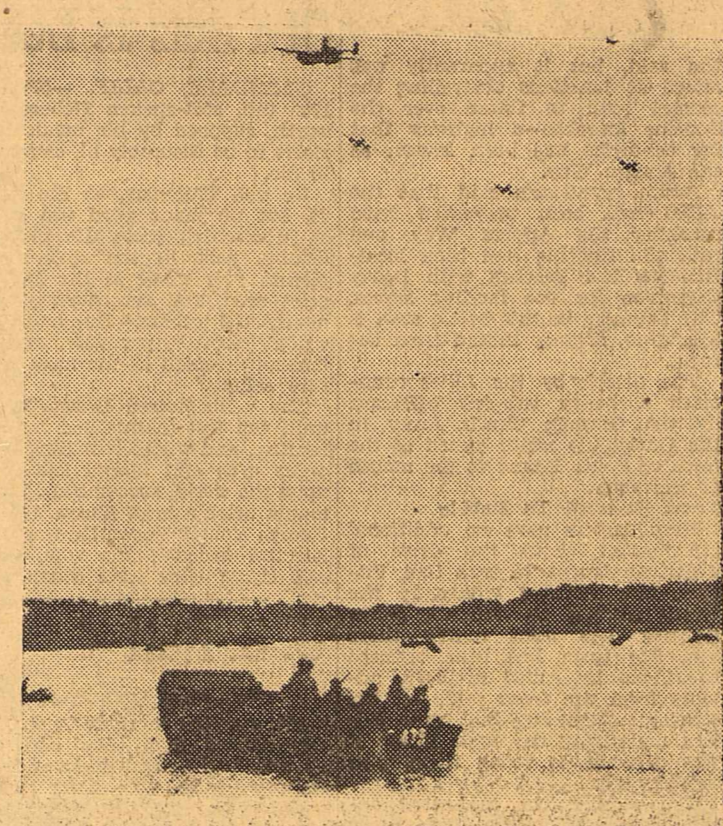
It is a force transformed so drastically to the defensive since its heyday in 1939-40 that, in the face of the most damaging raids on Germany, it has been able to produce in reprisal only feeble 20-plane raids on England and threats of "secret weapons."

It is a force in which the essential plane reserves already have been sapped to keep up frontline strength, which now is incapable of expanding sufficiently to meet the assault coming at it; and in which ground staffs have been "combed out," for anyone including grey-haired veterans who could fly to fill the personnel shortage.

But this material deterioration does not apply to the German fliers individually. Few probably are as enthusiastic as in the days when they were dive-bombing helpless French refugees but there is no evidence that the German air force's morale is gone.

The German air force still can fight and will to the extent of its limitations. But that it will not be enough to save Germany already has become clear.

Air Protection For Landing Barges



Landing craft heading in for Arawa Beach on New Britain Island with the U. S. Fifth Air Force B-25 bombing planes protecting the landing. (Passed by censors.) (NEA) Telephoto.

Helicopters To Seek Game Law Violators

SAN ANTONIO —(P)—Texas nimrods who are wont to tempt fate by living outside the state's game laws will find the odds stacked against them in the postwar era.

A. E. Hitzfelder, captain of Region No. 5, said in announcing that the Texas State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, has on order 10 helicopters for patrol use.

No Woman's Worth Suicide, Says Judge

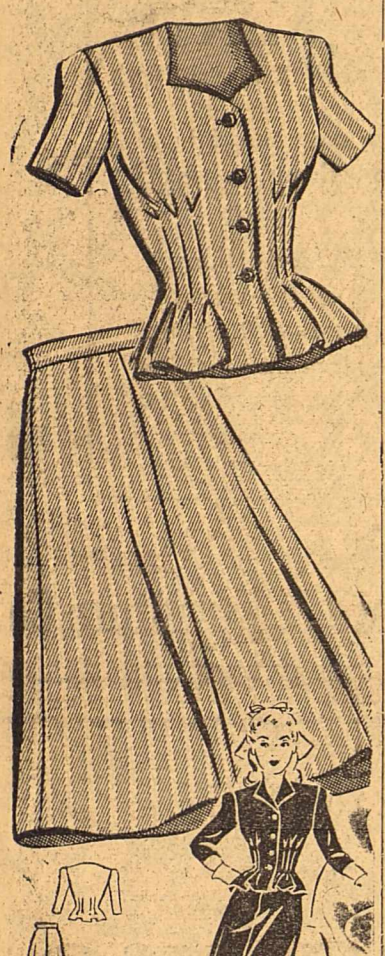
CHICAGO —(P)—"No woman is worth killing yourself for," Municipal Judge Francis Borrelli told John Jankaskas, 27, when he freed him on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Jankaskas had admitted he attempted to end his life with gas because his wife had left him.

"If your wife doesn't come back to you," Judge Borrelli told Jankaskas, "find another."

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General Brant Sees Nazis Beaten By Fall

LUBBOCK —(P)—The last 1943 class of glider pilots to graduate at South Plains Army Air Field heard Major Gen. Gerald C. Brant declare before this coming fall, then we can take our time in wiping Japan off the map.

General Brant, commanding general of the Army Air Forces Central Flying Training Command, Thursday reviewed the role the glider played in France for the Nazis and in Sicily for the United States and described it as "a weapon of opportunity. You might go a long time in a campaign before the opportunity presents itself. That it is a valuable weapon there is no doubt."

Electric Irons Again To Be Manufactured

WASHINGTON —(P)—Orders for the first important resumption of civilian goods since the war began have been issued by the War Production Board, with 2,000,000 electric irons and 50,000 bathtubs authorized for 1944 production.

The bathtub output will be restricted to use in war housing projects. The electric irons will move into normal trade channels for civilian purchase, and there is no present plan for rationing them. It probably will be May before the new irons reach dealers' shelves in volume.

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Dr. W. H. Bruce, Educator, Dies

OPELIKA, ALA. —(P)—Dr. W. H. Bruce, 37, who rose from village teacher to the presidency of one of the largest institutions in the Southwest—North Texas State Teachers College—died here Thursday at the home of a daughter.

Author of several preparatory school textbooks on mathematics, Dr. Bruce headed the Denton College for nearly a quarter of a century.

The later years of his life were devoted almost solely to the compilation of textbooks. He was born in Waverly, Ala.

Funeral services will be held here Sunday.

Widow Of Air Hero Runs For Legislature

AUSTIN —(P)—The widow of Bomber Hero Lt. Col. John Payne—Mrs. Mariette McGregor Payne—is a candidate for the state legislature.

Mrs. Payne announced Thursday she would seek one of two Travis County seats in the House of Representatives. She is the daughter of former State Senator T. H. McGregor of Austin.

Colonel Payne was killed over Naples last Jan. 11.

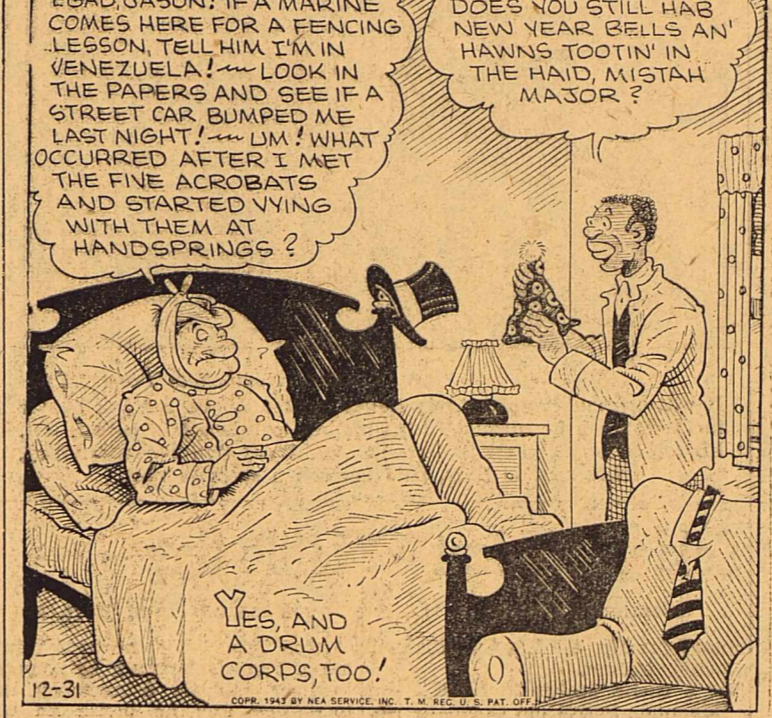
There are modern Icelanders who trace their descent from Snorro, the first white man born in America—about the year 1000.

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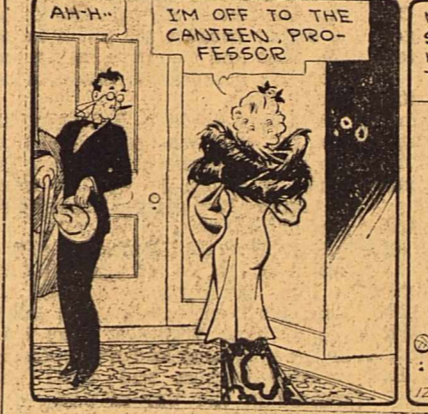


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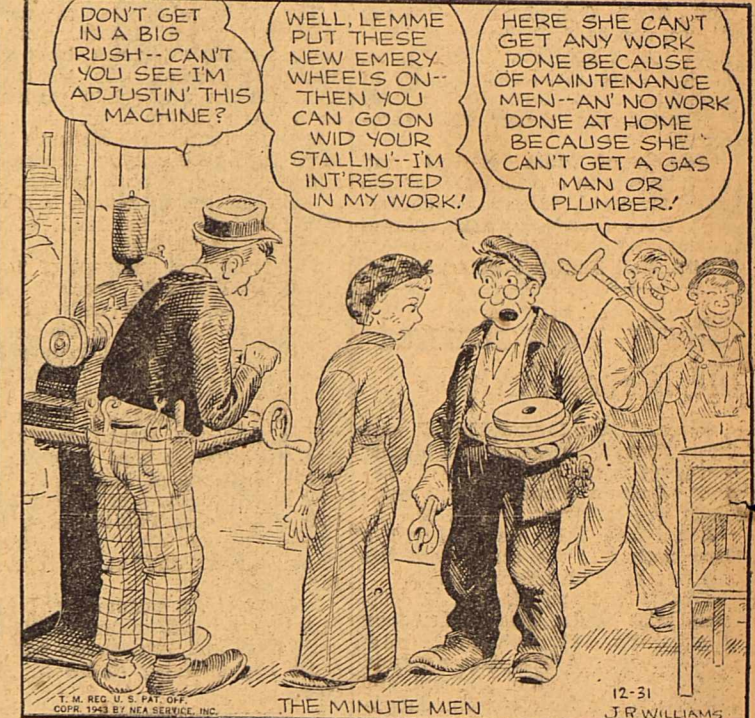
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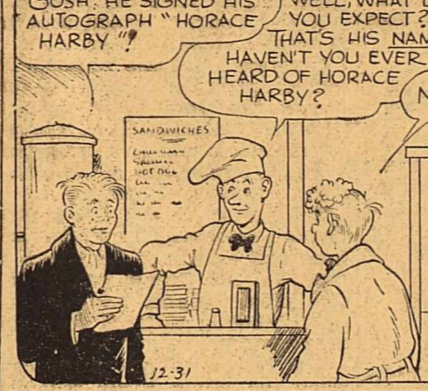


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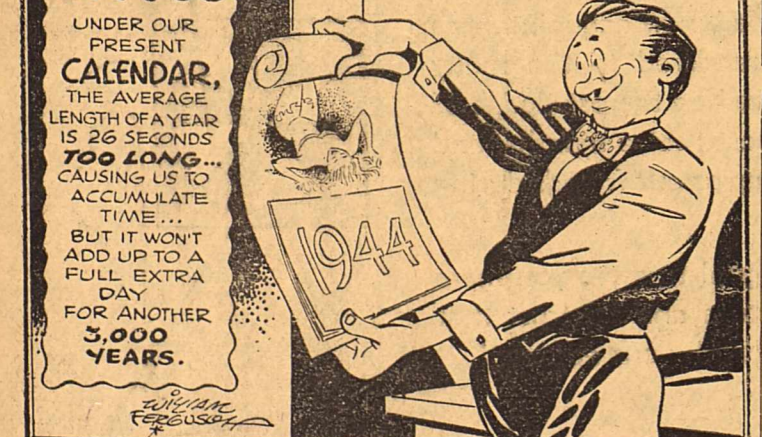
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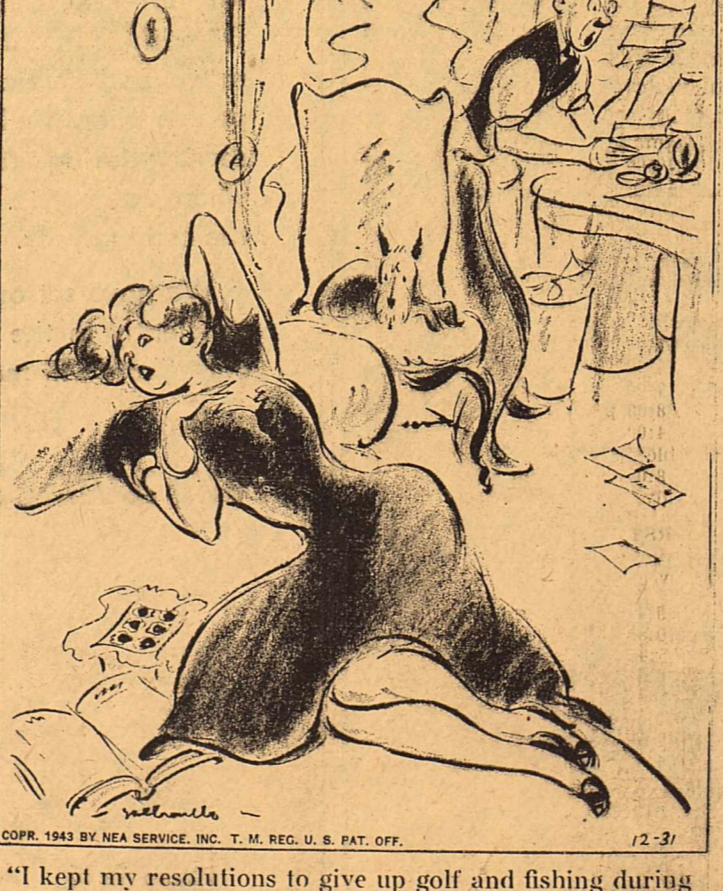
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THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



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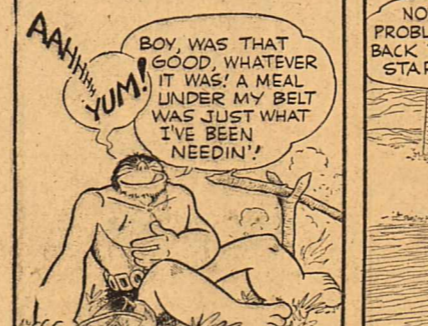
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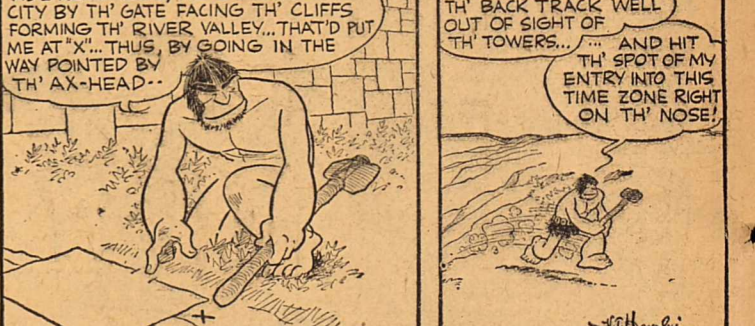
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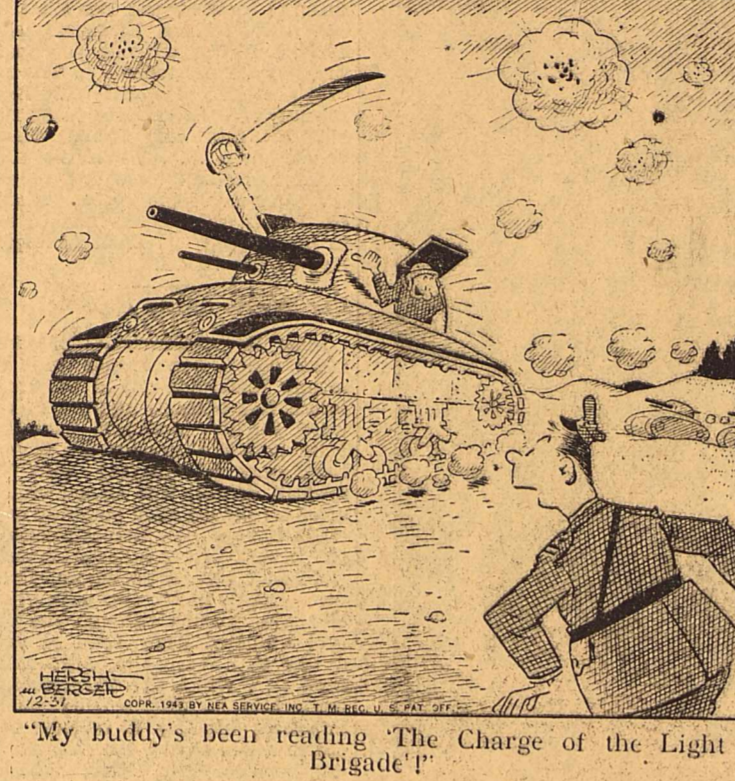
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Church News

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC Father Frank Triggs, Pastor. The first Sunday in each month the English congregation at 9 a. m. and the Latin-American people at 11 a. m.

MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION Washington and Midland Streets Rev. Charles C. Pierson, Pastor 9:45 a.m.: Sunday school. 8:00 p.m.: Evening worship and sermon by the pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY Private Dining Room Scharbauer Hotel 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.: Sunday morning lesson-sermon. Subject: "God."

GOSPEL HALL 500 South Lorraine J. D. Jackson, Pastor 10:00 a.m.: Bible study. 11:00 a.m.: Preaching service.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Indiana and Big Spring Streets Rev. R. M. Hocker, Pastor. 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.

AAF BOMBARDEUR SCHOOL CHAPEL, Midland C. C. Dollar, Post Chaplain Catholic Services Chaplain Patrick J. Toomey 9:30 a.m. Sunday: Mass.

HEBREW SERVICES 8:30 p.m. Friday. MEN'S CLASS W. L. Pratt, Teacher Meets at 9:45 a. m. Sunday in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 316 North Lorraine Rev. J. E. Pickering, Pastor. 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.: Special services will celebrate pastor's tenth year here.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH West Texas Ave. and North A St. Rev. Hubert Hopper, Pastor. 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon subject: "Stepping Into The Unknown."

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH 510 South Baird Street Rev. Warren J. Pierson 10:00 a.m.: Sunday school. 11:00 a.m.: Preaching service. 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH 502 East Illinois Street 8:30 p.m.: Sunday radio program. 10:00 a.m.: Sunday school. 11:00 a.m.: Preaching service. 9:00 p.m.: Preaching service. 9:00 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Corner North A and Tennessee 10:00 a.m.: Bible study. 10:30 a.m.: Morning worship. 7:00 p.m.: Young people's class. 8:00 p.m.: Evening worship. 4:00 p.m. Monday: Women's Bible study. 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible study.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Main Street and Illinois Rev. Vernon Yearby, Pastor. 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School. 10:55 a.m.: Morning worship. 5:45 p.m.: Training Union. 8:00 p.m.: Evening worship.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Garden City Road at City Limits Elder E. R. Howze, Big Spring, Pastor Regular services at 11 o'clock on second and fourth Sunday mornings. Services at 11 a. m. on second Saturdays.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH 300 North Main Street Rev. W. Carl Clement, Pastor. 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. Sermon: "Perilous Sleep." 6:30 p.m.: Senior, Junior and Intermediates Leagues. 8:00 p.m.: Evening worship. Sermon: "A Mind To Work." Fellowship meeting immediately preceding evening services.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Rev. R. L. Webb W. Pennsylvania and Lorraine Saturday Services 10:00 a.m.: Sabbath school. 11:00 a.m.: Morning service meeting.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Rev. O. H. Horn, Pastor Sunday school at 7:15 p. m. Church services at 8 p. m. each second and fourth Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1410 West Illinois.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Southside) 410 South Colorado Street Raymond Boyd, Evangelist 11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. 8:30 p.m.: Evening worship. Wednesday 8 p. m. Bible study.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. A. W. Smith, Pastor 10:00 a.m.: Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.: Morning worship. 7:00 p.m.: Training Union. 8:00 p.m.: Evening worship. Wednesday 8 p. m. Prayer Meeting.

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Pretty cute is this maneuver of Cannonball, a pup bought for a pack of cigars in Casablanca and adopted by Yank troopers. Action is designed to dodge shell fragments—but, doggone it, it didn't work on four occasions. The pup received four shrapnel wounds in Sicily in nine battles.

Odessa Soldier Is Wounded In Action WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Department announced that Corp. Brown W. Hughes of Odessa has been wounded in action in the Mediterranean area. He is a brother of Mrs. Maggie L. Whitmore of Odessa.

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Primary Votes For Service Men Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cooperation between Congress and the state legislatures to open the way for service men and women to vote in primaries as well as the November general election was urged Friday by Senator George (D-Ga.).

The Georgia senator, one of the leaders in the Senate fight which resulted in the substitution of a "states rights" measure for an administration-supported federal ballot bill, told a reporter he believes the men and women of the fighting forces are as interested in voting for sheriff and governor in their home states as they are in the presidential election.

Pointing out that in several southern states nomination in the Democratic primary is tantamount to election, George said the provisions of the original federal ballot bill limiting such absentee voting to the November contest constituted little more than a "gesture" as far as uniformed personnel from those states is concerned.

Flu Fighters Cause Spittoon Dim-Out

LO SANGELES (AP)—Fire houses have lost some of their gleaming brass. On advice of the flu-combating health department, firemen have stored their cuspidors.

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Texas' All-State Football Team Of 1943 Is Most Representative

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor

The most representative all-state team in Texas schoolboy football history was presented Friday by The Associated Press.

Eleven schools from eleven of the sixteen districts landed places with the Rio Grande Valley getting a man on the all-star team for the first time.

So far as the first three teams are concerned, State Champion San Angelo dominated, placing four men. Runner-Up Lufkin and Highland Park (Dallas), which gave San Angelo such a battle, each put three men on these three teams.

All-Star Team

The backfield has everything—speed, power, passing, punting, running, blocking. The line isn't large but it's rugged and fast.

Heading up the forward wall is Joe Williams, San Angelo's great center, one of the finest pivot men

this writer has seen in Texas schoolboy football.

Flanking Williams are Jesse Bolles, the watchcharm battler from Lufkin, and Pete Odoms, McAllen's jewel of consistency.

At tackles are Alan Sparkmar, giant from Thomas Jefferson (San Antonio), and Bill Cook of Austin (Houston).

Charles Sheets, veteran from North Side (Fort Worth), and Richard Rowan, the star of Breckenridge's fine forward wall, are the ends.

Bobby Lane of Highland Park (Dallas), probably the best all-around football player of the year, little George Walmsley, the Goose Creek flash of fire, Charles Boyles, giant triple-threatener from Pampa, and Charles Easter, heart and soul of Waco's team, make up the backfield.

The second and third teams would give the first selection quite

Fliers Confident They'll Bulldog Steers In Bowl

DALLAS—(AP)—A cocky gang of footballers from Randolph Field let it be known Friday they're not taking any lip from the Texas Longhorns and that there's likely to be some disappointed folks in Austin after Saturday's Cotton Bowl game.

Lt. Frank Trilico, who coaches the Ramblers, observed:

"I think we have a darn good chance to win. And we're not underrating the Longhorns. They have a team as tricky as any I ever saw."

He ought to know; he saw Texas play twice and had them scouted twice more.

Trilico scoffed at talk that the speedy young Longhorns would run the "Air Corps Graybeards" down.

All In Good Shape

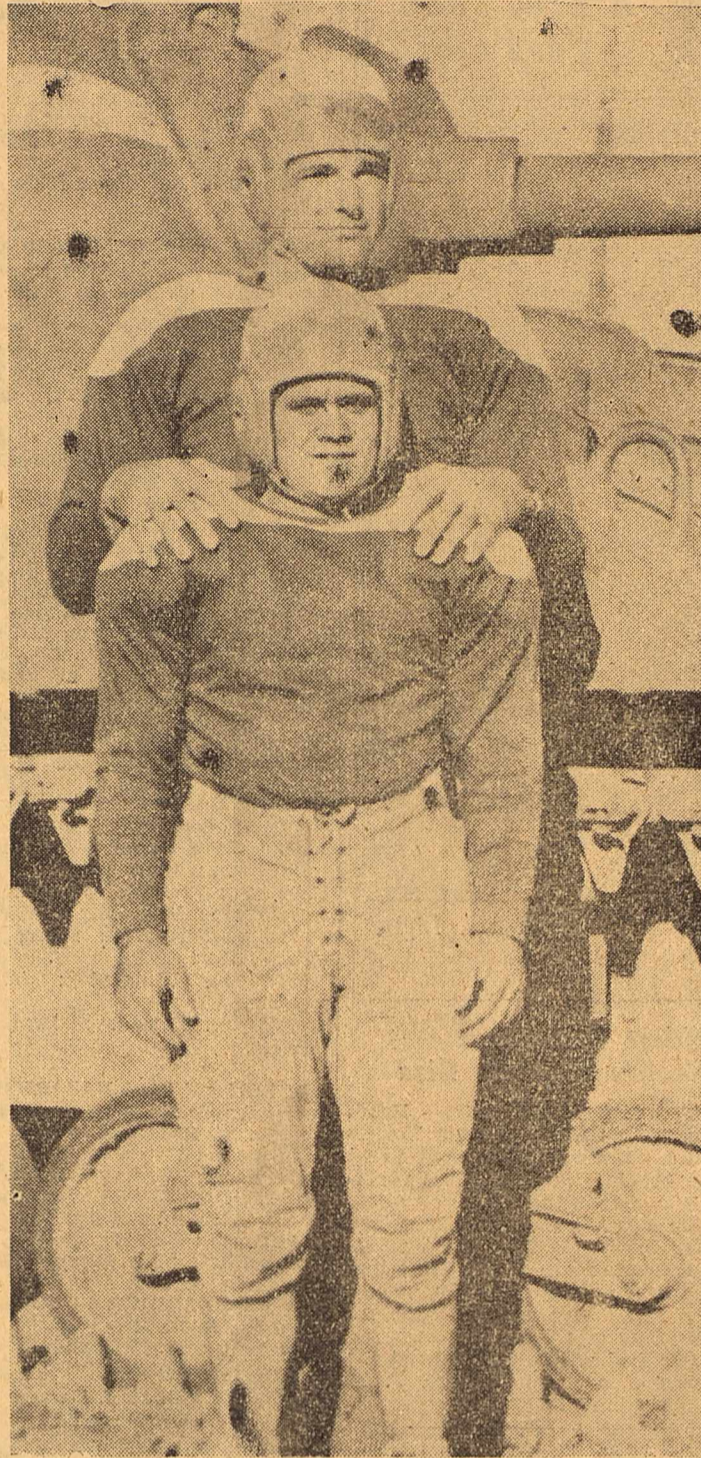
"It's true some of these fellows had been out of football a while prior to this season," he said, "but we now have 10 games behind us and everybody is in excellent condition."

Randolph's squad of 35 arrived Thursday in time for a workout.

Crippled Texas comes to town Friday.

It's problematical whether Ralph Ellsworth, all-conference back, will be able to play because of a touch of the flu. Marcel Gres, regular tackle, has been out with illness since November and reserve tackle Ken Merritt is on the shelf with flu.

Abilene Tankers



These two men will be much in evidence for the Tankers of Camp Berkeley when they clash with the Fort Bliss Ack-Acks in the Victory Bowl in Odessa New Year's Day. The two could be called the long and the short of it. The big fellow is Herb Kendrick, 6 foot 4 inch, 230 pound tackle from LSU. The short one is M-5 Zorens, 5 feet 3 inches, 160 pounds—the Baby Tank from Minnesota. He is a guard.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Yankees suffered their biggest loss since the departure of Joe DiMaggio when Charlie Keller entered the marriage service Thursday. . . . The figures prove it; although King Kong hit only 271, he knocked in 86 runs and hit into only seven infield double plays. . . . When the Kentucky basketball team started east for Thursday night's game against St. John's, the players had to ride in the baggage car from Lexington, Ky., to Cincinnati.

One-Minute Sports Page

Mike Ryan, University of Idaho track coach, corresponds with 350 former Idaho athletes in the armed forces. Lou Nichols, who played forward for the Arkansas basketball team here the other night, may be back next fall playing with the football Giants, who signed him up after he played four years at Ouachita College. . . . Bob Kenefick of the U. S. Trotting Association sends word that harness racing still draws huge crowds in Moscow with plenty of rubles passing through the mutual windows. They have 14 races a day with purses of 1,000 rubles each. . . . When the Tulsa football team had a little trouble getting breakfast the day it reached New Orleans, Joe David, Sam Cornsuet and other Sugar Bowl officials turned cooks and waiters to provide it.

Today's Guest Star

"Lev" Paterson (N.J.) Morning Call: "The best pitching that was served up at Wrigley Field this season came from the arm of Sid Luckman. The Chicago Bears got that kind of pitching and wound up with the professional football championship. The Chicago Cubs did not get that kind of pitching and wound up behind the eight ball."

Service Dept.

Major Billy Southworth Jr., son of the Cards' manager, again is piloting his plane over France and Germany after a "rest" as an operation executive in England.

Ickes Sees No Need For Control Of Oil After War Is Won

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes, who is Petroleum Administrator for War and president of the Petroleum Reserves Corporation, said he does not believe any form of government control over the domestic oil industry will be necessary after the war and he intends to close the PAW.

But when asked if the same plan applied to PRC, Ickes answered: "That has nothing to do with the domestic situation," and declined to elaborate.

Well, She Couldn't Precede First Lady

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—(AP)—Screen Actress Phyllis Brooks, recently returned to Hollywood after entertaining troops in the South Pacific area with Una Merkel and Gary Cooper, stakes claim to at least one pioneering feat.

She wrote her mother, Mrs. George W. Sells, that she "visited one island where no white woman ever went before except Eleanor Roosevelt."

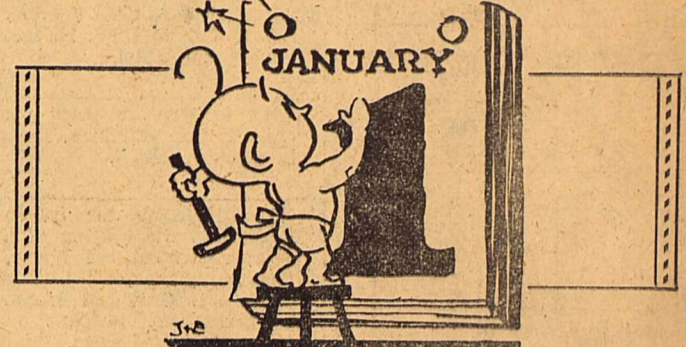
ORPHANAGE GETS PROPERTY
HOUSTON—(AP)—H. W. Gillette of La Porte has given property valued at \$35,000 to \$40,000 to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. The gift included eight rent properties in Houston.

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10,000 Expected At Odessa Game

ODESSA—(AP)—A sell-out crowd of 10,000 is expected Saturday when the Fort Bliss Ack-Acks meet the Camp Berkeley Tankers on Fly Field in the Victory Bowl.

A military parade is planned before the game with the coronation of a queen taking place just before the kickoff. Duchesses from El Paso, Big Spring, Midland, Monahans, Pyote, McCamey, Midland Army Air Field and other places will be in the parade and coronation.

Trojans, Huskies To Top Colorful Grid Schedules

By HAROLD CLAASSEN

NEW YORK—(AP)—A football season which saw a waterbury actually score points ends Saturday in a lineup of bowl games in which a team that hasn't played for nine weeks is the 3 to 1 favorite in the Rose Bowl.

That's only one oddity in a program that is expected to lure some 240,000 spectators out into the fresh air New Year's Day and has two pairs of elevens meeting for a second time this season, the Oil Bowl making its debut at Houston, and five teams giving all their receipts to charity.

Ideal Weather Is Promised Cotton Bowl

DALLAS—(AP)—Ideal weather was forecast Friday for the Cotton Bowl game matching Randolph Field and Texas Saturday.

The weather bureau said Saturday would be partly cloudy but the clouds would be high without rain inclinations.

Eleven Year Old Girl Takes Bowling Honor

Eddie Juan Darnell, 11 year old daughter of Sheriff Ed Darnell, took top honors of the week for children at the Plamor Bowling Palace, with a score of 140.

Honors for women were captured by Mrs. Elizabeth Forman with 190. P. D. Grommon and C. E. Bradford tied for top honors for men with scores of 222. The best man's score last week was 224, rolled by Clarence Scharbauer Jr.

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The island of Foula, in the Shetlands group, may be isolated for weeks at a time since the sea around it is the most dangerous in the British Isles.

Basketball Scores

Baylor 45, Corsicana Airmen 32.
Oklahoma A. and M. 44, Texas Tech 24.
Phillips Oilers 66, Texas Christian 26.
Will Rogers Field 42, Sheppard Field 29.

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New Year's Greetings

As the New Year is ushered in, we wish to pause for a moment or two and look back on the past twelve months.

In doing so we can see innumerable instances where our friends have been very considerate—where favors have come our way, and friendships have been proven in more ways than one.

Consequently, it is with genuine enthusiasm that we stop at the threshold of the New Year to wish each of you all the good things we can think of for the next twelve months. We are grateful for all you have done for us and take this means of expressing our thanks to each of you.

May the New Year be one of Health, Happiness and Success to all.

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AUSTIN—(AP)—A statewide salvage campaign for broken and discarded fountain pens begins Jan. 15.

The pens, in any condition, will be repaired and sent to chaplains for free distribution among servicemen overseas who do not own pens.

Announcing the drive, Executive Secretary A. Patrick Flood of the Texas Salvage Committee said all repair work will be done by Emerson McCord of Houston, an invalid, who for two years has collected and repaired broken pens and sent them to chaplains without charge. Hundreds of repaired pens have been sent overseas. McCord has made the project his hobby.