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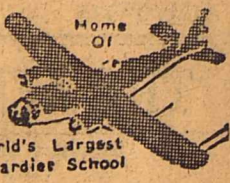
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50 NAZI DIVISIONS FACE TRAP

Americans, Canadians Force Enemy Back; Raid Cuts Off Escape

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — American Fifth Army troops, fighting in the jagged hills east of San Vittorio, have seized three more heights, it was announced Saturday, and the Canadian spearhead on the Adriatic coast has driven another mile toward Pescara.

Headquarters also announced that British raiders who penetrated behind the German lines at the mouth of the Garigliano River had demolished an important railway and highway bridge which would have served the enemy for a retreat to the Apennine Way a few hundred yards north of the river.

The commando tactics of the British inflicted a number of casualties on the Germans and resulted in the capture of prisoners who were brought back to the Fifth Army.

The communique called it a "daring raid." The headquarters of Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, Allied commander in Italy, gave no further details.

The plodding advances by the Americans and Canadians were made despite defiant German resistance and almost intolerable physical conditions. Miserable weather begged the drive on the ground and kept most Allied planes out of the air.

The positions taken by the Americans placed them about two miles southwest of Vituloso and approximately half a dozen miles from Cassino, the important road junction 70 miles from Rome.

San Vittorio In Doubt
The status of raised San Vittorio remained in doubt and Allied headquarters had no confirmation of the capture of the heavily-fortified position at the base of Mt. Samuro although the Bari radio, controlled by the government of Marshal Badoglio, announced yesterday it had been taken by the Americans.

Artillery fire demolished virtually every building in the German stronghold controlling the Via Cassino, earlier in the week, but the Nazis fought back fiercely from caves and cellars with mortars and machine-guns.

The same fierce opposition was being thrown against the Canadian vanguard of the Eighth Army strike.

Post-War Social Evils Studied At War Climax--FDR

WASHINGTON — (P) — President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Stimson emphasized the imminence of great United Nations offensives in New Year statements Saturday. The Chief Executive also said the Allies are giving attention now to post-war alleviation of unemployment and other forms of "economic and social distress."

Still confined to his bed with a slight attack of grippe, although reported as making "satisfactory progress," the President declared in a statement.

"Our armed forces are gathering for new and greater assaults which will bring about the downfall of the Axis aggressors."

From his War Department office, Secretary Stimson released a pronouncement that "we stand on the threshold of a titanic and decisive struggle, 'near the moment when strength in both Europe and in the Far Pacific."

Must Accept Casualties
The secretary described the fighting to date as of a perimeter nature with the main masses of enemy troops yet to be contacted. Then he added:

"We must accept the casualties which are bound to come and forge steel from our grief. We must learn to expect setbacks which may seem more serious than anything we have thus far known, and still not falter on the road to eventual victory."

Looking into the peace-after-victory era, the President said:

"The United Nations are giving attention also to the different kind of struggle which must follow the military phase, the struggle against disease, malnutrition, unemployment, and many other forms of economic and social distress."

"To make all of us secure against future aggression and well-being of the way for enhanced individuals every-nations and individuals everywhere, we must maintain in the peace to come the mutually beneficial cooperation we have achieved in war."

U.S. Airmen In Year Down 4,100 Nazis

By GLADWIN HILL
LONDON — (AP) — The Britain-based U. S. Eighth Air Force destroyed 4,100 German fighter planes during 1943 and dropped 55,000 tons of bombs on Nazi-occupied Europe at an over-all loss of less than four per cent, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the group, reported Sunday before taking up his new post as Allied aerial commander in the Mediterranean.

Stressing the rapid increase in the operations of the unit, the Eighth Air Force revealed a new secret method of bombing through clouds, thus over-coming bad winter weather, had enabled the Americans to drop a record load of 12,000 tons of bombs in 10 raids during December. This was more than double the weight dropped in November and roughly 30 per cent more than the total tonnage for the first six months of 1943.

Tells Of Growth Of Force
General Eaker, in his report which was broadcast to the United States, said that in the last two raids by the Eighth Air Force, approximately 1,500 planes were used—more than half of them four-engine bombers. Underscoring the growth of the force the general compared this number with 53 Flying Fortresses which raided Wilhelmshaven almost a year ago, Jan. 27, 1943.

Americans, he said, were the first to send fighter planes over Germany and he declared pilots of

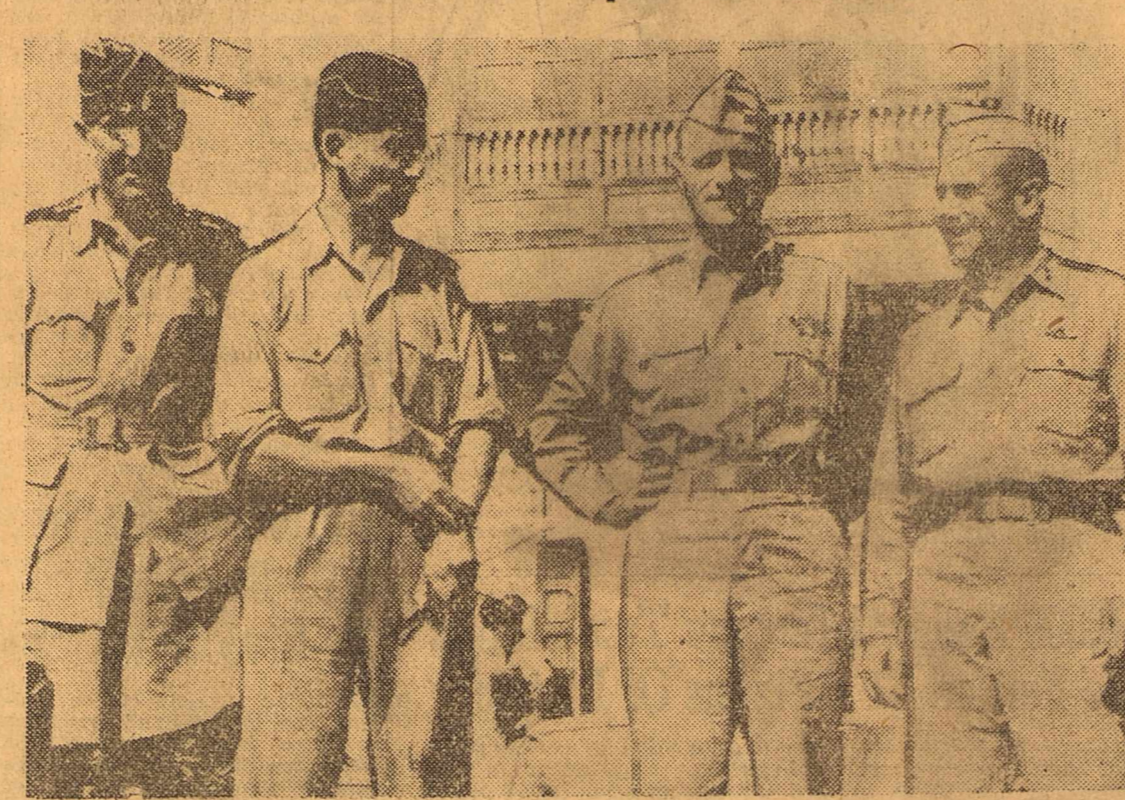
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On Heels Of Record Holder



Major Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, of Okanogan, Wash., commander of the "Black Sheep" Marine Corps Fighter Squadron in the South Pacific is now credited with blasting 25 Jap planes from the air, just one plane short of the record of Major Joe Foss, who holds the record in this war. (Marine Corps Photo from NEA.)

Able Directors Of European Air Offensive



Fortress Europa is undeniably going to be well pulverized from the air with these topnotch leaders of Gen. Eisenhower's choice. Left to right are: Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, British Tactical Air Force; Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, now deputy commander for Eisenhower in the new set up; Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commander of American Strategic Forces over Europe, and Maj. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, newly made commander of the U. S. Eighth Air Force in Britain. (NEA Telephoto.)

Nazis Can't Meet Economic Stress Of United Nations' Growing Might But Japs May, Survey Agency Says

WASHINGTON — (P) — The judgment that "the German economy cannot possibly be expanded to meet the increasing strength and pressure of the United Nations in 1944," was made public Saturday by the Foreign Economic Administration.

Japan, on the other hand, undoubtedly will be able to boost her production of nearly all kinds of arms in 1944, even though a poverty of shipping handicaps her exploitation of captured territory, the FEA report said.

If left in possession of her conquests.

Liberator Bomber Is Missing From El Paso

EL PASO — (P) — Biggs Field officials announced Saturday that a Liberator bomber with five men aboard is missing and is believed to have crashed or made a forced landing Friday night in the salt flats vicinity, 60 miles east of El Paso.

The ship was based here. Biggs Field planes were trying to locate the craft Saturday.

Exploitation Delayed

The drain of pouring munitions into Russia, Italy and Yugoslavia "stretched taut Germany's war economy," the report said, "and has made the Reich 'extremely sensitive to every instance of industrial damage from British and American bombing.' Deprived of economic initiative in the rear of the fighting front and the need of the front."

New Year's Eve Was Quiet In Midland

New Year's Eve was one of the quietest in the history of Midland, police reported Saturday. Only one arrest was made. An AWOL soldier was apprehended and turned over to military authorities.

Few calls were received at headquarters and no disturbances were reported.

Many citizens attended dances and parties. Motion picture theaters had large audiences.

At midnight, a few shots were heard and several motorists blasted automobile horns, but there was no great outburst of noise or excitement.

J. B. Stoddard Buys Circle Oil Company

DALLAS — (P) — J. B. Stoddard, independent oil operator, said Saturday he had purchased the Circle Oil Company of Houston and its 52 wells in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana for a cash consideration of \$1,500,000.

The transfer became effective at midnight Friday night, said Stoddard.

Thousands Of Japs Slain At Gloucester

By MURLIN SPENCER
ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA — (AP) — Marines, pushing a mile and a half beyond the airstrome in expanding their hold on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, have counted more than 1,000 Japanese dead and General MacArthur's Headquarters said "the total enemy casualties are estimated at many times this figure."

The estimates included wounded removed to areas still held by the Japanese and slain troops buried the day the invasion opened a week ago.

The enlargement of the American hold on that Northwestern New Britain base was largely a defensive move, intended to provide additional room in which to meet any Japanese counterattacks.

Offensively, the Fifth Air Force struck a 253-ton bombing blow at the Japanese Northeastern New Guinea base of Madang; the Solomons Air Force, which already has bagged more than 100 enemy planes at Rabaul since Dec. 23, added 20 more during a 39-ton bombing of that Northeastern New Britain fortress; and 12 enemy raiders were shot down during attacks on Arawe, the Southwest New Britain sector which the Allies invaded Dec. 15.

In the western sector of the Cape Gloucester position, Japanese counterattacks were repulsed at Tauai. A single plane Thursday night attempted one of the few

Slow Rains Brighten Texas' Hopes For 1944

By The Associated Press
Slow rains which at some points turned to snow or alternated with sleet, brightened Texas agricultural hopes by bringing welcome moisture to most of the state on the first day of the New Year.

Rain and sleet fell at Denison; rain turned to snow at Plainview and at Amarillo, and the Amarillo Weather Bureau warned that livestock in that Panhandle section be protected Saturday night against slightly below freezing temperatures.

The precipitation brought .62 moisture to the Plainview area. Other readings were: Dallas .68, Fort Worth .52, San Antonio .87, Houston .16, Big Spring .44, San Saba 1.67, Electra 1 inch.

Temperatures reported to the Dallas Weather Bureau at 4:30 p. m. Saturday ranged upward to the high sixties from 32 degrees registered at Amarillo and Pampa.

Ranges were put in excellent winter condition by the rain at Big Spring.

Other points reporting light rain included Paris, Pampa, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Waco, Austin, Midland, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Sulphur Springs and Texarkana. Clarendon had light snow.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy.

West Tex. Leads New Oil Output

AUSTIN — (AP) — Texas produced 39.11 per cent of the record U. S. oil output in 1943, Chairman Beauford Jester said Saturday in a summary of State Railroad Commission administration for the year.

The production of Texas oil fields was 587,753,689 barrels, greatest in the state's history, and 109,330,460 more barrels than was produced the year before.

The U. S. production, also setting a new record, was estimated by Jester at 1,502,743,072 barrels.

Jester said the commission's recommendation to the petroleum administrator for war that increased use be made of West Texas crude bore fruit after a year, and that the greatest 1943 increase in production was from West Texas fields. Their output was 16,695,651 barrels greater than in 1942.

"The West Texas fields are practically the only fields in Texas that can produce without waste more oil than is now being produced," Jester asserted.

The Jester report also made mention of the Texas-West Virginia gas pipeline, prospectively a subject for inquiry by the State Senate investigating committee meeting here Monday.

Jester said: "The federal and interstate nature of the application of the Tennessee Gas Distributing Company—Chicago Corporation for the 1,200-mile natural gas line from Corpus Christi to Kenova, W. Va., enabled this application to be passed Texas authorities and governmental agencies."

"The majority of the commission have expressed their disapproval of this pipeline and any plan to drain Texas of natural gas or its other natural resources not needed for the war effort, and that could be better utilized in developing industry in Texas."

He added that protest was made to the Federal Power Commission which authorized the line.

With 171 counties now producing oil, 2263 new wells were completed compared to 3,006 the year before, and dry holes numbered 1,523 as against 1,197 in 1942.

Thirty new oil fields were discovered, but they were described as being small in amount of production and expensive to develop.

U. S. Destroyer, Transport Sunk

WASHINGTON — (P) — The destroyer Perkins was sunk in a collision off New Guinea on November 29, the Navy announced Saturday.

The Navy also reported that the coastal transport APC-21 was sunk by enemy aircraft off New Britain on December 17.

"The next of kin of the casualties in the Perkins has been notified. The next of kin of the casualties in the APC-21 will be notified as soon as possible," the Navy said.

'Rally Around Me, Forget Pasi,' Italian King Tells People

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (P) — King Vittorio Emanuele, striving to retain his throne in the face of vigorous opposition, called on the Italian people Saturday to rally around him and forget past political differences.

In a New Year's appeal, he said: "In the sacred name of Italy, I call upon you to rally around me. Let personal resentment be overcome, every special project be postponed. X X X There is but one duty and one right, for all to serve our country loyally in order as soon as possible to liberate her from the foe who tortures and oppresses her."

"As a New Year begins, your king wishes to be near you and asks nothing more than to be first to serve Italy."

Chiefs Map Invasion As Raids Go On

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE
LONDON — (AP) — The Allied invasion command worked with quiet urgency and without a pause for the holiday Saturday, in line with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's slogan promising victory in Europe this year, as squadrons of Allied planes again swept over the channel to drop

swooshing loads of bombs on Nazi defenses.

The invasion commander's confident prediction was enhanced further by the promise of Belgian Premier Hubert Pierlot that his country would be liberated of its Nazi invaders within "a few months."

A steady procession of Allied fighters and fighter-bombers went over the "invasion coast" of Europe in a tactical follow-up of Friday's American strategic bombing of two ball-bearing plants at Irvy and Bois De Colombes in the Paris suburbs and two Nazi airbases near Cognac in West-Central France.

Commanders Arrive
Some of the invasion commanders have already arrived here—notably Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, who will command American strategic bombing of Europe—and are busy with conferences and arrangements for bringing in the other officers that will complete Eisenhower's team.

Shortly after arriving, Spaatz Continued on Page 8

Services Held For Saddle Maker Boswell

DALLAS — (P) — Funeral services were held Saturday for James Milton Boswell, 83, whose skill as a saddle maker gained him wide repute in many cow camps in New Mexico and West Texas.

There is a story of his once making a pistol holster for Billy the Kid.

Born on a farm in Southern Ohio, he had been 60 years a resident of Texas, and had lived 25 years in Dallas.

Candidates Announce For County Positions

Midland County's political pot went on the stove Saturday, the first day of the New Year, as candidates announced for several positions.

Among officials seeking re-election are District Clerk Nettie C. Romer, County Judge Elliott H. Barron, Sheriff Ed Darnell, County Attorney Joe Mims, County Clerk Susie G. Noble, Tax Assessor and Collector J. H. Fine, and commissioners J. C. Roberts, Precinct No. 1 and J. C. Brooks, Precinct No. 2.

Frank Midkiff announced as a candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 3, and A. G. Bohannon seeks election as commissioner in Precinct No. 4.

Another Pork Bonus Announced By OPA

WASHINGTON — (P) — The Office of Price Administration announced another pork bonus Saturday, validating spare stamp number two in Ration Book Four for the purchase of five pounds worth of fresh pork and all sausage from Sunday, Jan. 2, through Saturday, Jan. 6.

The new special stamp will not be good for buying smoked or cured pork, such as smoked ham and bacon.

Spare stamp number one, which has been good for five pounds for the retail purchase of both fresh and cured pork since Dec. 21, expires at 12:01 a. m. this Sunday.

The new stamp is valid for any type of sausage, except that canned or in glass, regardless of the pork content. Spare stamp number one was good only for 100 per cent pork sausage.

War Bulletins

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Soviet trade journal "War and the Working Class" asserted Saturday that "Japan had lost the strategic initiative" in the Pacific and her "temporary advantage is a thing of the past."

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA — (AP) — The American hold on invaded Cape Gloucester, New Britain, has been enlarged and Japanese losses in the campaign are expected to run into many thousands, headquarters said Sunday.

LONDON — (AP) — Paced by tanks and hard-riding cavalrymen, Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's victorious First Ukrainian Army slashed its way forward to within 27 miles of the pre-war Polish border Saturday with the capture of Belokorovich and threw the retreating Germans out of 300 villages and hamlets, Moscow announced.

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA — (AP) — Madang, enemy supply and shipping base 200 miles north of Finschhafen, was rocked by 253 tons of bombs in an Allied raid Saturday.

Two New Production "Stretcher" Efforts For Andrews And One For Ector Added To Drilling Program

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

Locations for three development operations—two in Andrews County, and one in Ector County—each of which come near being wildcats, have been announced.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 "Faimage King estate, 660 feet from the south and 1,980 feet from the east lines of Section 1, block A-42, psl survey, will be a 4,500-foot cable tool test, approximately one-half mile north of nearest production in the Mascho field of West-Central Andrews.

North of Bay Discovery
Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-A Lowe & Biltzer, 660 feet out of the southwest corner of section 9, block A-23, psl survey, will drill to around 8,000 feet, or pay in the Fullerton section of Northwest Andrews.

The project is one-half mile due north of recently completed C. U. Boy No. 1 Bitter Lowe, which has tested for around 45 barrels per hour flowing from the Clear Fork line play. Drilling is scheduled to start as soon as a rig can be put into shape.

Humble No. 1 Marcus Gist and others, will be 1,980 feet from the south and 515 feet from the west lines of the west half of section 46, block 42, TPRR survey, T-1-S, Northeast Ector County.

Nearest production is one mile west in the Johnson pool. The new location is four and one-half miles north of Odessa. Drilling will be to 4,200 feet with rotary.

Spraberry Still Tests
Further testing was going on at Seaboard Oil Company of Delaware No. 1 A. J. Spraberry, possible pool opener twelve miles southeast of Lamesa in Dawson County.

After swabbing 43 barrels of fluid in nine hours, when top of the plug-back was found at 6,909 feet, the swabbing was continuing for a while. The recovery was 12 barrels of oil and 31 barrels of salty water during the hours.

The operator had intended to get the hole pushed back to about 6,870 feet, but the cement failed to reach that level. Likely another attempt will shortly be made to cut off the water.

Globe Oil & Refining Company and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Colden estate, Ordovician wildcat in North-Central Pecos County, was digging under 6,235 feet in the Ellenburger, after encountering the top of that formation around 6,190 feet, according to an unofficial mark.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Barnes, four miles east of nearest Ellenburger production in the Apco-Warner pool, in Pecos, was cutting hole under 4,065 feet in lime.

Bryce McCandless No. 1-10 Atlantic Refining Company, wildcat, scheduled to drill to the Ellenburger, or 5,500 feet, was drilling ahead below 3,550 feet in hard brown dolomite.

Gulf Still Going 2 Ward
Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-B Edwards, 9,000-foot exploration in northeast Ward County six and one-half miles southeast of the Monahans pool, had progressed to 7,282 feet and was drilling ahead in unrevealed formation.

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Sealy-Smith, 7,000-foot wildcat in Southeast Winkler County six miles northwest of the Monahans producing area was making new hole past 4,140 feet in lime section.

Stanolind No. 1-B Cowden, North-Central Ector County project being deepened from 7,000 feet, had reached 9,240 feet in lime and shale.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 Johnson, 6,800-foot wildcat in Central Ector, was boring under 5,280 feet in lime. Some signs of oil had been shown by cores between 4,399 feet and 4,510 feet and since drilling progressed below that level the operation has been carried as a "tight" test.

Humble No. 2-B, 10,000-foot Ordovician wildcat in the central part of Northwest Irion County, and 20 miles northeast of the Barnhart field had bored under 8,449 feet in shale.

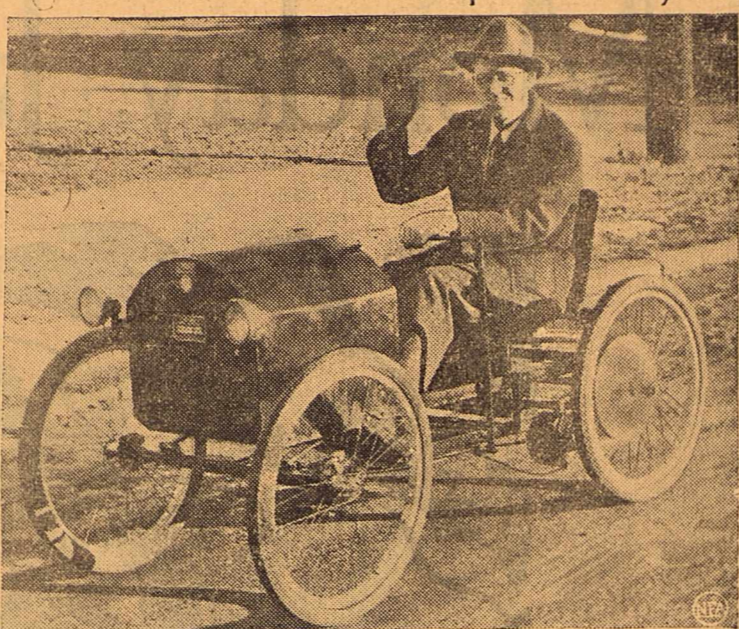
Schleicher County Operations
Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 J. C. Callan, 6,000-foot development in Northeast Schleicher County, was drilling past 4,701 feet in white lime.

Globe No. 1 Henderson, in the Page district of Schleicher had progressed to 5,602 feet in shale and lime and was drilling ahead.

Colex Refining Company No. 1 H. C. Miller, Ellenburger exploration in the Westbrook area of Northwest Mitchell County, had a fishing job for drillpipe at 7,488 feet in shale.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Ellwood estate, 8,500-foot wildcat in Southwest Mitchell had reached 7,437 feet in shale and was drilling on tank in the hole.

For Current Consumption Only



Gas rationing doesn't bother Joseph Jacobs, above, Minneapolis electric company superintendent. He drives to work in this electric car he built during his spare time. With four speeds forward and four reverse "it operates on three 12-volt storage batteries, makes 15 miles an hour and 100 miles to the battery charging.

County, was drilling ahead under 10,071 feet in chert.

The Pure Oil Company No. 1 Bernard Martin, Central Floyd County, had reached 4,878 feet in lime and anhydrite and was going ahead.

Evans Starts Swabbing
In Southwest Cochran County, Seaboard and Texas Pacific Oil & Gas Company No. 1 Lloyd Evans, is preparing to start intensive testings of oil shows which have been encountered in that development.

A string of 7-inch casing was set at 4,850 feet with 150 bags of cement on the bottom of 5,134 feet. The plug on that installation has been punctured and the hole has been washed to the total depth.

Various soft sections between the casing-seat and the bottom have shown some oil and gas. Some of those small quantities of salt water. The operator will probably plug off the bottom section, where most of the water was evidenced, and see if a well can be made from the more arid formations.

Shell No. 1 G. M. Cox, wildcat in Northwest Andrews County, four miles northwest of the Union pool, had reached 7,354 feet in lime and was shutdown for rig repairs.

Ralph Lowe No. 1 Lowe fee, development project about three miles northeast of the nearest production in the Fullerton area of Northwest Andrews, was digging below 7,212 feet in lime with no oil shows reported.

Humble No. 1 Carter, in the Deep Rock region of Central Andrews had reached 10,014 feet in lime and shale and was drilling ahead.

D & A In Ector
Dandiger Oil & Refining Company E. W. Cowden, prospector in section 10, block 49, TPRR survey, T-3-S, in Southeast Ector County, four miles west of the Midland County line, has been abandoned as dry at a total depth of 5,001 feet in lime.

The effort encountered water at 4,960 feet, which continued to the total depth. The lime was topped at 4,565 feet.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Price, East Pecos County extreme-deep prospector, had reached 12,918 feet and was still drilling. Unofficial reports are that the drill is still in the Pennsylvanian section.

Phillips No. 1 Pasco has set 13-3/8-inch casing at 589 feet with 700 sacks of cement, on a bottom of 601 feet.

Standard Oil Company of Texas No. 1 Trees, is at 3,071 feet in lime trying to regain circulation, lost in a cavity, or an extremely porous section.

Standard of Texas No. 1 McDer, is digging below 3,104 feet in hard lime.

Standard of Texas No. 2 Barnsley, extension effort in Crane County had progressed to 2,824 feet in lime.

Gulf No. 43-0 Waddell, another Crane development, was drilling under 3,330 feet.

Standard of Texas No. 1 Keasler, Reeves County wildcat was making hole below 8,395 feet in unreported formation.

Standard of Texas No. 1 Randolph, another Reeves County, exploration is rigging up cable tools.

Gulf No. 46-0 Keystone, Winkler County operation, has reached 4,968 feet in lime and is running 9 5/8 inch casing.

Winkler County Projects
Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Wheeler, in East Winkler County, was drilling under 9,112 feet in shale.

Stanolind and Shell No. 2 Blue, had reached 8,382 feet.

1944 Victory Forecasts Are Soundly Based

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Associated Press War Analyst

The war in Europe goes into the new year under a barrage of "victory in 1944" forecasts by American high command spokesmen.

The chief sources, Admiral King and General Eisenhower, dispel the notion that war-of-nerve propaganda motives had anything to do with these optimistic year-end outgivings.

Both men based their remarks on knowledge of coming military events in Europe, goes without saying. And they know all there is to know about now interlocked Russian-Allied war plans for 1944.

Both participated in the Teheran war councils. Both are professional, utter realists, in estimating the military situation.

Even a layman in the science of war could discern that the known factors in the European military equation at the year end tended to justify 1944 victory expectations.

The Nazi plight in Russia was growing more desperate hour by hour. Soviet troops held the initiative along the whole 1,800 mile front from the Baltic to the Black Sea. They had forged a 200-mile arc west of Kiev to create one of the most gigantic military traps ever conceived.

The plain inference was that King and Eisenhower had foreknowledge of Russian plans to force the great break-through toward the Polish and Rumanian borders that is on the verge of engulfing from a third to a half of all Nazi troops in Russia. That the critical developments for the common enemy in West-Central Russia were forecast by the Russians at Teheran cannot be doubted.

In effect the wide gap being cut through routed Nazi armies from Korosten to Kazatin must be a first product of joint Russian-Allied military undertakings at Teheran. Commitments exchanged there to the scope, direction and timing of Anglo-American matching attacks in progress and to come from the south and west probably had much to do with developments in the Kiev bulge.

Teheran Guides Moscow
Without the solemn Allied pledges unquestionably given at Teheran fixing both the size of the west front invasion effort and the date of its launching, it is questionable that the Russians would have dared risk the massing of reserves in the Kiev bulge that has made possible the great break-through.

Moscow knows what to expect of the Anglo-American armies in the west and south now and when to expect it.

German reports that the Allied west front invasion drive is to be launched within the next two weeks are of no importance except that they clearly indicate the increasing tension in Germany. They reflect growing apprehension that Nazi armies in the west are to be locked in a death struggle with Anglo-American forces before it has been possible to stabilize the east front.

Taylor Cole Will Do Consulting Work

Taylor Cole announced he had resigned from the geological staff of Lario Oil & Gas Company effective Jan. 1, and will practice as a consulting geologist, specializing in pre-Permian work.

Prior to going with Lario in March, 1943, Cole was in the geological department of University of Texas Lands for seven years.

He is the author of several papers on the pre-Permian formations of the West Texas-New Mexico area.

CELLAR-GROWN OYSTERS
Clams and oysters were cultivated in cellars during the winter by Dutch settlers of early New York. They planted the sea food in beds of sea sand mixed with Indian meal in autumn, and the crop was watered twice a week with river water, which kept it fat and edible.

and was expected to start a test early in the week.

Woodley No. 1 Farmer, Yoakum County development, two miles north of the Wasson field, was preparing to deepen from 9,219 feet after swabbing 19 barrels in six hours, with no water. The operator estimates that the well will pump 75 barrels per day as it is.

Washington Considers Law To Make Wartime Strikes Legally Criminal In Wake Of Victory-Delay Charges

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — (AP)—Stiffened laws to make wartime strikes a crime were talked at the capitol Saturday in swift aftermath of an assertion from a figure high in councils of the United States and the United Nations that recent labor disputes may have delayed victory over Germany.

Some legislators suggested, however, that it is up to President Roosevelt to take the leadership if the administration thinks new statutes are needed, and others were critical of White House handling of labor disputes.

Union men were indignant in private conversations but for the time being were standing on the public retorts already made by rail and steel labor leaders.

The high figure singled out particularly the rail and steel strike threats, saying the Nazis had seized upon them to broadcast throughout Europe that the United States is in a condition of chaos. He said the result had been to strengthen spirits of Axis satellites and probably delay results in subjugated countries.

Adds Up To "Tragedy"

It all added up, he said, to a "great tragedy" and would cost American lives.

Three railroad men—D. B. Robertson of the firemen, H. W. Fraser of the conductors, and T. C. Cashen of the switchmen—replied that the unions were not to blame.

"Had the administration permitted this case to have taken its orderly course," they said in a satisfactory settlement could have been worked out. X X X If this situation has had any effect upon the war or offers any psychological comfort to Hitler the labor unions are not responsible.

An official of the United Steel Workers, declining use of his name, called the whole thing "a filthy propaganda story designed to arouse the American people against labor unions despite their amazing production records."

Put Up To Roosevelt

Rep. Smith (D-Va.) co-author of the Connally-Smith anti-strike law, and Rep. Manasco (D-Ala) were among those who said the President should initiate any new labor legislation.

One influential member of Congress, however, said that regardless of administration action he contemplated offering an anti-strike measure soon after the law makers return on Jan. 10.

While declining use of his name and saying that his proposal is still in the formative stage, the legislator said that it would be a simple bill, invoking stern penalties against any person who participated in a strike.

He declared that it would cover employees working directly for the government. Those in factories or mines taken over by the government as a result of a wage dispute, common carriers "and any other business essential to the war effort."

Administration Criticized
Senator Johnson (D-Colo) was one of those critical of the administration.

"The seizure of the railroads certainly is a severe blow to the war effort of the United Nations," he said, "but the responsibility for it must be squarely placed where it belongs—on the shoulders of the administration. This matter was bungled by the administration as was the recent coal miners' controversy."

Senator Hatch (O-NM) said: "I wish everyone, labor and others, would realize that every strike, involving railroads, coal or anything else, adds fuel to the enemy's moral, aside from the material loss caused by the work stoppage."

In some quarters, the statement on the effect abroad of the strike situation had the effect of renewing interest in national service legislation, a bill long pending in Congress which would permit the government to use available labor where most needed.

Apprehend Man On Forgery Charge Here

Sheriff Ed Darnell returned Friday night from Alexandria, La., with a Midland man, wanted here on a forgery charge. The man is accused of passing a forged check for \$79 on a Midland merchant.

Midland Man Arrested For Ballinger Sheriff

A Midland man has been arrested by the sheriff's department for Ballinger authorities who asserted he is wanted there on burglary charges. They said he skipped a \$3,000 bond in Ballinger where he is wanted for trial on three indictments.

One out of every ten sentry dogs recruited by the Army is found to be too good natured for service.

Happy Ex-Warrior



After service on Crimean and Italian fronts, life in an Allied prison camp apparently looked good to this German soldier, captured by New Zealanders at Sangro river in Italy. (British Army photo.)

Sandusky To Make Plans For President's Birthday Celebration

L. W. Sandusky, treasurer of the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed chairman of the President's birthday celebration to be held here at latter part of January, to obtain money for the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The appointment was announced by Russell Howard, Jr., cee president.

Other members of the special committee are Buster Powell, E. Graham, Ray Gwyn, Gene McCollum and Curt Inman.

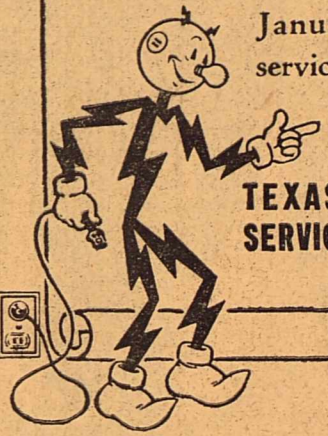
Half of the funds obtained here will be retained for local use. The remainder will be forwarded to the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Midland Jaycees have sponsored the birthday event for a number of years. The executive committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce serves as the executive of the Midland Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Howard said more than \$500 spent on three paralytic cases in Midland during 1943. He said fund here now is practically hoisted.

NOTICE!

Interest on customers' deposits is payable January 1, 1944. For the convenience of our customers, unless payment in cash is requested, all interest amounting to 30c or more will be credited on January electric service bills.



TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

NOW! MILK
WITH A JERSEY CREAMLINE
15¢ qt.

Rich Jersey milk from our select herd of Bangs and T. B. tested cows. All milk is handled in a strict sanitary manner which more than meets health regulations. Inspect our dairy at any time. DRINK PURE, RICH JERSEY MILK.

O'NEAL DAIRY FARM MILK DEPOT

Located At The Southeast Corner Of West Wall And A Streets
Store Opens 8:00 a. m. — Seven Days A Week

SUCKER? Are you an easy mark for fund-raising schemers who profit from the American way of giving? Sinclair Lewis exposes a new racket in his latest best-seller

GIDEON PLANISH
Another Epic Novel

Beginning Tomorrow In
The Reporter-Telegram

"FAULT FINDERS"

Guardians of War Production Quality

These young women from school and college are the type that help stand guard over the standards of quality in the war production of Chrysler Corporation.

By means of precision instruments and spectrum photographs these women are able to analyze pieces of steel, aluminum or magnesium alloys. If the chemical composition of these vital metal compounds falls below the rigid standards demanded—the report goes in and any defective piece promptly goes out.

Busy at widely different tasks in Chrysler Corporation are some twenty-nine thousand other girls and women from many walks of life and with varied amounts of schooling. They are helping to replace men called to the colors by the war.

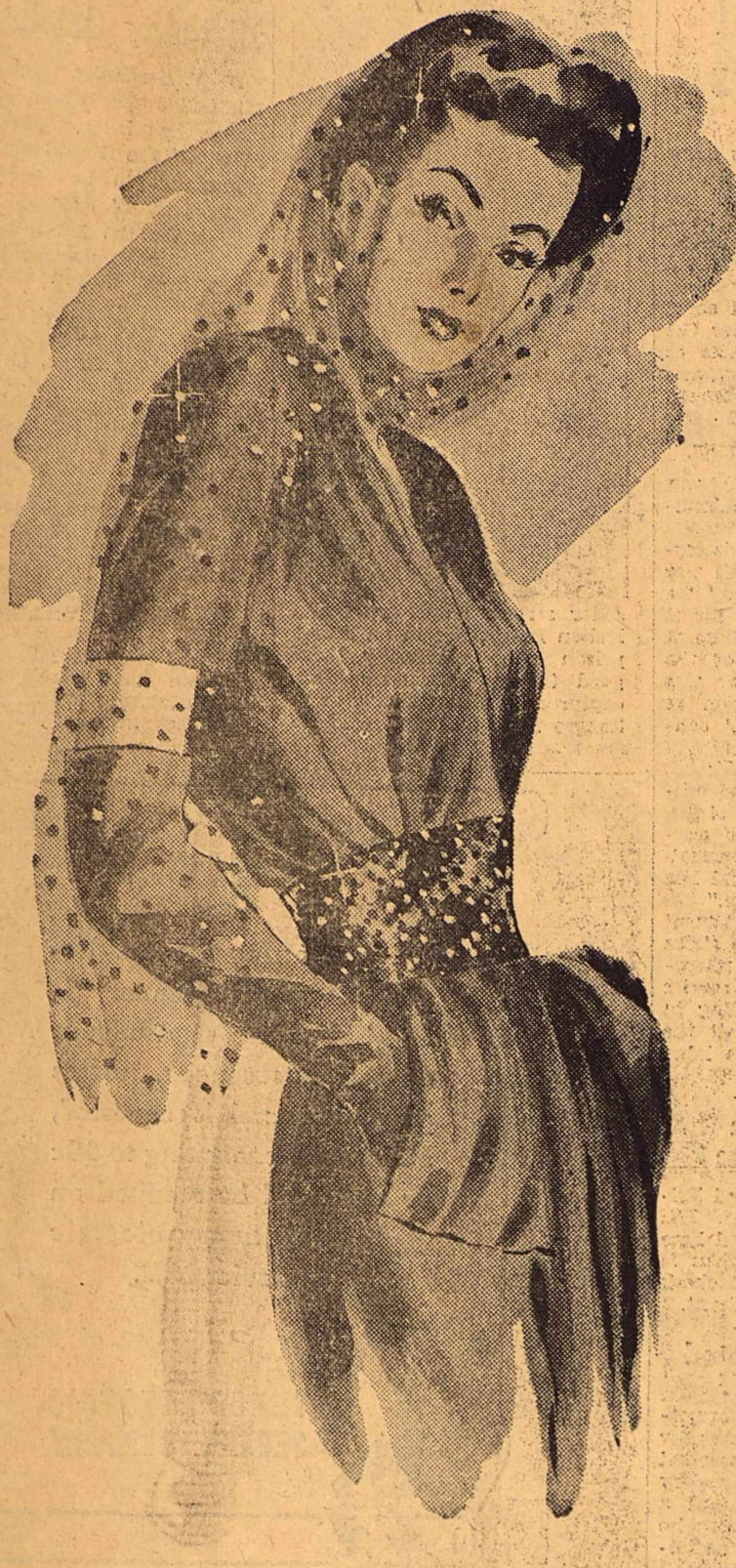
This picture gives but a small glimpse of the vast research and laboratory background, employing hundreds of men and women experts, that aid in guarding Chrysler Corporation quality. It is a vigorous "guardianship" which demonstrates itself in the exceptional war-time service of some seven million Chrysler Corporation cars and trucks in the hands of owners.

It insures high standards of quality in enormous quantities of fighting equipment (from big tanks to small ammunition) now being built by Chrysler Corporation for the use of officers and men at the battlefronts.

Chrysler Corporation
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Let's All Back the Attack — Buy More War Bonds

SPECIAL CIVILIAN NOTICE
If you are the owner of a Chrysler Corporation car or truck, your factory approved service and of factory engineered repair or replacement parts if you need them



CLEARAWAY OF DRESSES!

Here's your chance to pick up two dresses for the price you'd expect to pay for one! Wools, carefully detailed casuals, dressy crepes — with still lots of time ahead to wear them! Choose from every hit style of the season — admired at much higher prices—we bring them to you in our January Clearance Sale at tiny prices! Hurry in — these values will "walk out"! ... Sizes: 9 to 44.

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| \$ 6.50 and 6.95 DRESSES | \$ 4.95 |
| 7.95 DRESSES | 5.95 |
| 8.95 DRESSES | 6.95 |
| 10.95 DRESSES | 7.95 |
| 12.95 DRESSES | 8.95 |
| 14.95 DRESSES | 9.95 |
| 16.95 DRESSES | 10.95 |
| 19.95 DRESSES | 13.95 |
| 22.50 DRESSES | 14.95 |
| 25.00 DRESSES | 16.95 |
| 29.50 DRESSES | 19.95 |

DRESS & SUIT CLOSE-OUT!

One lot of ladies' suits and dresses... one of a kind... broken sizes... but values you can't afford to pass if your size is in the lot.

Values to \$25.00
Choice \$9.95



CLEARANCE OF COATS AND SUITS!

Save big money on every suit and coat—and remember there's lots of cold weather ahead to wear them! Every one handsomely tailored of fine fabrics—suits and coats that you'll wear many seasons! We offer savings from every department to help you serve and conserve — to keep your cost of living down! Double check these coat and suit savings now! Sizes: 10 to 20.

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| \$16.95 values | \$12.95 | \$19.95 values | \$14.95 |
| 22.50 values | 16.95 | 25.00 values | 19.95 |
| 29.50 values | 22.95 | 35.00 values | 26.95 |
| 39.50 values | 31.95 | 49.50 values | 39.95 |



JANUARY CLEARAWAY of all

CHILDREN'S COATS AND DRESSES!

The special values in our January sale make it easy for every member in your family to be smartly, warmly dressed on the tiniest budget! This coat and dress clearance for children from 7 to 14 years of age is typical! Wonderful clearance values on everything for teens, and there's plenty of cold weather ahead.

| CHILDREN'S COATS 7 to 14 | | CHILDREN'S DRESSES 7 to 14 | |
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| \$10.95 values | \$ 6.95 | \$ 1.95 values | \$ 1.55 |
| 12.95 values | 8.95 | 2.95 values | 2.35 |
| 14.95 values | 9.95 | 3.95 values | 3.15 |
| 16.95 values | 10.95 | 5.95 values | 4.75 |
| 19.95 values | 12.95 | 7.95 values | 6.35 |
| 22.50 values | 14.95 | 10.95 values | 8.75 |

LADIES SLACK SUITS REDUCED!

If you love good sport clothes and love a good "buy" (and what woman doesn't) then don't miss these values. Sizes: 10 to 44.

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| \$ 8.95 SLACK SUITS | \$ 5.95 |
| 10.95 SLACK SUITS | 6.95 |
| 12.95 SLACK SUITS | 8.95 |
| 16.95 SLACK SUITS | 10.95 |
| 29.50 SLACK SUITS | 19.95 |

JANUARY CLEARANCE OF EVENING DRESSES
Values \$14.95 to \$49.50
25% OFF

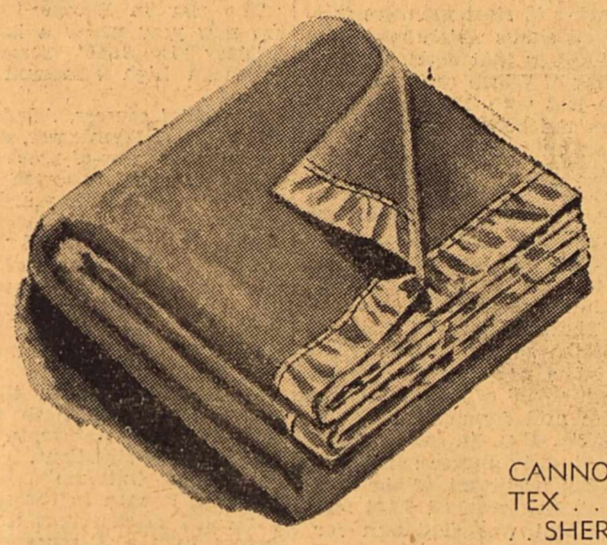
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You bet We're Having JANUARY

SIX DAYS ONLY

JANUARY CLEARANCE OF BLANKETS!



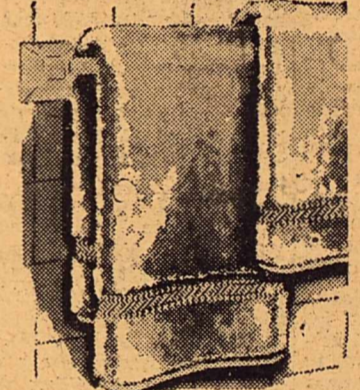
During these days when Americans are trying to fight inflation, an event that features substantial reductions in prices is great to know about. And everyone in Midland has heard about our store-wide January Clearance and plans to come. Here are real values in blankets that you may need... there are double cotton blankets, part wool... mixtures of rayon, wool and cotton, and all wool numbers that are temperature defying... Be sure and attend!

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| \$ 2.50 BLANKETS | \$ 1.95 | \$ 4.50 BLANKETS | \$ 3.60 |
| 4.95 BLANKETS | 3.95 | 6.50 BLANKETS | 5.20 |
| 6.95 BLANKETS | 5.55 | 7.95 BLANKETS | 6.35 |
| 8.95 BLANKETS | 7.15 | 9.95 BLANKETS | 7.95 |

20X40 BATH TOWELS

39c

Thirsty, firm looped, sturdy double thread turk towels for bath or shower. White, with pastel borders of blue, green, peach or rose. You can have freshness unlimited in these sturdy, long-wearing, thick, thirsty towels. Buy the things you need here now — pocket the savings!



COSTUME JEWELRY 1/2 PRICE

Lapel pins, bracelets, necklaces, ear rings, rings, lockets, etc., made of "priority" minded plastics... wood... and metal. Circus bright colors in various creations that you'll be able to use in many ways... For January Clearance they're only

1/2 PRICE

LADIES HANDBAGS \$1.00

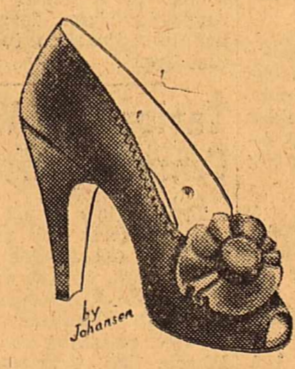
Odds and ends of bags that sold from \$1.95 to \$5.95 included in this January Clearance Sale at an unbelievable price... Choose from a collection that you can use now and on thru spring and you'd be wise to get several of these at

\$1.00 each

EXCEPTING A FEW CONTROLLED LINES... EVERYTHING IN THIS HUGE STOCK IS REDUCED FOR SIX DAYS!

WARTIME SAVINGS ON SHOES! START THEM

Many women's shoe leathers aren't used by the government. This year reductions aren't as large as in peacetime, the quantities available are small and any discount at all, make them rare values.



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| Johansen - Rhythm Step and Glamour Deb | Johansen - Rhythm Step and Glamour Deb | Children's SHOES and BOOTS |
| SUEDE SHOES | BLACK PATENT advance spring styles | 10% OFF |
| 1/2 PRICE | 10% OFF | 10% OFF |
| 10% OFF... MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S | | |

NON-RATIONED PLAY SHOES

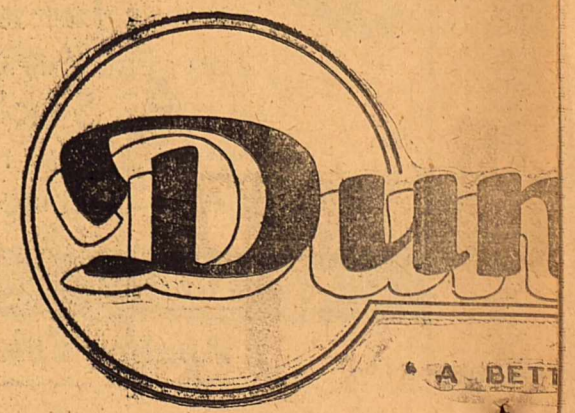
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PRICE!

HOUSE SHOES

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PRICE!



Saturday January 8th

an Old Fashioned

DRY CLEARANCE

ARE having our famous January Clearance. Despite "priorities" and "disappointments," we've planned the greatest Clearance Savings yet! Certainly merchandise shortages have taken toll of us—as they have to them! Frankly, we must tell you that in some instances, quantities are limited. But we urge you "Please, don't hoard." It's unfair to your neighbor. Remember when you "hoard" you cause undue strain on the economy—means high prices—inflation which we all want to beat! That's why we're having this true American tradition to bring you these money-saving opportunities of what you need — buy wisely — save tremendously!

OUTS!

BLANKETS \$3.65
100% rayon, 25% wool
are in pastel shades
and green with generous
fringe. These were made to
close-out for January
the lot at

Rayon Hose!

of 47c makes these
at 39c pair. They're
grade A, 320 needle.
Sun, sizes 8 1/2 to

PICTURES!

med pictures of florals
size 13x15 and fram-
blue and pink, with
ds. About five dozen

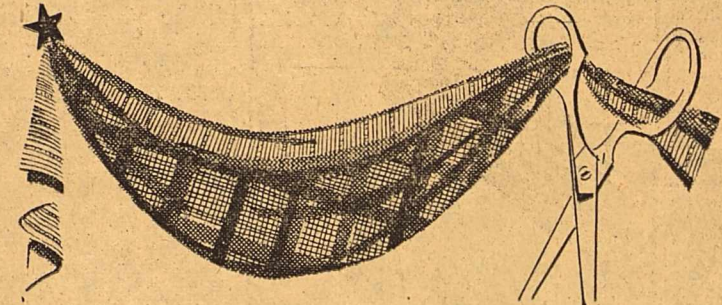
LADIES' BELTS!

of ladies' novelty belts,
sold at \$3.95 to go at
re's a color and a size
and you'll want several

OVERS!

ELS, 36x80 \$1.48 pr.
OVERS 79c ea.

January Clearance of Piece Goods!



Uncle Sam says—"Make more of your own clothes" and put the savings into U. S. War Bonds... So take a tip from Uncle Sam and choose from this prize collection of crepes, woolens and cottons at way below ceiling prices for six selling days...

Clearance of Jersey, Velveteen and Woolens!

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| \$3.95 Print Wool Jersey, 54 inch | \$1.95 yd. | \$2.95 Coat Woolens, 54 inch | \$1.95 yd. |
| \$2.95 Velveteen, 54 inch | \$1.00 yd. | \$3.50 Dress Woolens, 54 inch | \$1.95 yd. |
| \$2.50 Shadow Plaid Woolens, 54 inch | \$1.48 yd. | \$1.00 Part Wool Dress Goods, 30 inch | 79c yd. |
| | | \$1.95 Green Wool Jersey, 54 in. | \$1.00 yd. |

Clearance of Cotton Jersey, Crepes and Shantung!

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| \$1.69 Rayon Jersey Prints, 54 in. | 98c yd. | \$1.79 Crepe Prints, 39 inch | \$1.29 yd. |
| \$1.39 Plain Rayon Jersey, 54 in. | 89c yd. | \$1.19 Plain Rayon Shantung, 39 inch | 89c yd. |
| \$1.95 Jersey Prints, 39 inch | 98c yd. | | |

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| ONE LOT SPUN RAYONS, ETC. Values 69c to \$1.00 yard 48c yd. | ONE LOT POLKA DOT ALPACA \$1.95 Value... Seven Colors \$1.29 yd. |
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REMNANTS 1/2 PRICE

NEW YEAR RIGHT — BUY QUALITY SHOES!

as always, we offer you the highest quality shoes! Even though the price is higher, they're all real shoe values at ceiling prices.

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| Boy Scout and Boys' | 8 inch Safety Toe | Florsheim - Nettleton and Jarman |
| DRESS SHOES | WORK SHOES | SHOES for MEN |
| 10% OFF | 10% OFF | 10% OFF |
| WOMEN'S OVERSHOES AND GALOSHES... 10% OFF | | |



EVENING SANDALS
1/2 PRICE!

JOYCE PLAY SHOES
10% OFF!

CLEARAWAY OF MEN'S SUITS!

Now is the time to buy that suit you've been needing—now while you can get recognized quality and fit of a Hart Schaffner and Marx... Society Brand or Style-Mart suit at much less than the ceiling price—so much less, in fact, that you'll be able to set aside a healthy amount toward War Bonds! Quality of fabric you never expected to see until the war is over are yours in this magnificent collection of men's suits.



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| \$25.00 SUITS | \$32.50 SUITS |
| \$19.95 SUITS | \$23.95 SUITS |
| \$35.00 SUITS | \$42.50 SUITS |
| \$27.95 SUITS | \$33.95 SUITS |
| \$45.00 SUITS | \$55.00 SUITS |
| \$35.00 SUITS | \$43.95 SUITS |

CLEARANCE OF TOPCOATS

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| \$29.50 TOPCOATS | \$45.00 TOPCOATS |
| \$22.50 TOPCOATS | \$35.00 TOPCOATS |



CLEARANCE OF MEN'S JACKETS

Capeskin... Zelan Poplin... Wool... Tackle Twill... Etc. Give any cold snap a "warm reception" in one of these! They're ideal for the "heatless days" ahead! Savings that you can't afford to overlook on Field and Stream, V and S, and Ford Jackets

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| \$ 5.95 Values | \$ 4.75 | \$ 7.95 Values | \$ 5.35 |
| 9.50 Values | 7.55 | 10.00 Values | 7.95 |
| 11.50 Values | 9.15 | 12.50 Values | 9.95 |
| 13.95 Values | 11.15 | 19.50 Values | 15.55 |
| 21.50 Values | 17.15 | 27.50 Values | 21.95 |

CLEARAWAY OF MEN'S HATS

(Stetsons' Excepted)

Don't miss this chance to make a real saving on a new hat... every hat in this huge stock has been reduced (Excepting Stetsons—the price is controlled by the manufacturer) so get your Dobbs, Berg or Champ while this sale is on at phenomenal savings.

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| \$ 3.95 Values | \$ 2.95 | 5.00 Values | 3.95 |
| 6.50 Values | 5.00 | 7.50 Values | 5.95 |
| 8.50 Values | 6.95 | 10.00 Values | 8.95 |



LUGGAGE

Every bag carries official OPA ceiling price... buy them now at 20% discount

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| \$ 3.70 VALUES | \$ 2.96 |
| 9.00 VALUES | 7.20 |
| 10.40 VALUES | 8.32 |
| 11.50 VALUES | 9.20 |
| 13.45 VALUES | 10.76 |
| 14.65 VALUES | 11.72 |
| 15.00 VALUES | 12.00 |
| 16.50 VALUES | 13.30 |
| 17.50 VALUES | 14.00 |
| 22.70 VALUES | 18.16 |
| 25.50 VALUES | 20.40 |
| 29.95 VALUES | 23.96 |
| 34.00 VALUES | 27.20 |
| 35.45 VALUES | 28.36 |

\$24.50 SERVICE PAKS... \$9.95

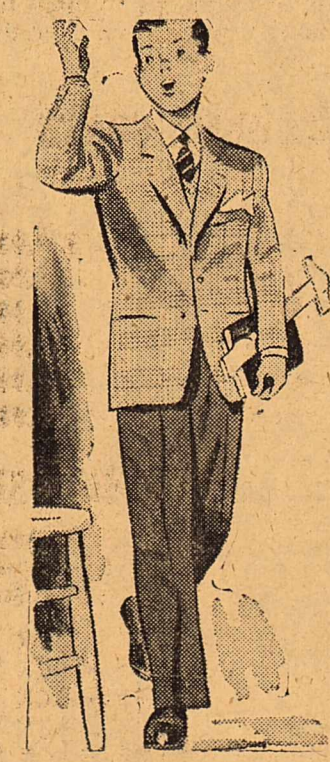
A man's two-suit bag of khaki color, waterproof gabardine, bound in heavy horsehide and built for service... compartments for all essentials and a real buy at ceiling price... for January Clearance Close-Out they're only

\$9.95

CLEARANCE OF BOYS SUITS!

Here are the right suits at the right price for this wartime winter of '44! These suits can take it—lugging books or model airplanes back and forth to school... and they'll come up smiling for dress occasions! Snap them up at this price! Sizes 6 to 14.

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| \$11.50 VALUES | \$ 8.95 |
| 13.95 VALUES | 9.95 |
| 14.95 VALUES | 10.95 |
| 16.50 VALUES | 12.95 |
| 17.50 VALUES | 13.95 |



CLOSE-OUT!

59c ATHLETIC SHORTS... 39c
Men's tie-side khaki color shorts, full cut... fast color... seamless crotch... balloon seat... worth more than the ceiling price of 59c, as a close out for January Clearance buy them in sizes 28 to 40 at only

39c pair

Outlook For New Year Teems With War Finale's Diplomatic Questions

By WADE WERNER
 LONDON—(AP)—Diplomatic activity possibly even more intense than that which characterized the closing months of 1943 is in prospect for 1944—the "year of decision" in the calendar of World War II.

Already there is talk of another meeting of President Roosevelt,

Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill in 1944 to follow the historic Middle East conference where, it is understood, actual settlement of multiple detailed problems was left for future discussion.

In any case, here are some of the tasks confronting statesmen and diplomats:

1. Clarification of the status of refugee governments with respect to new leadership arising among patriot forces fighting inside occupied countries, with the aim of co-ordinating all efforts toward liberation.
2. Increased diplomatic pressure—parallel with military action such as the bombing of Sofia—to jolt out of the war the Axis satellites whose wagons still are hitched to Hitler's falling star.
3. Encouragement of neutrals such as Sweden to take a tougher attitude toward Germany, and further cultivation of Turkey's newly-declared trend toward closer collaboration with the United Nations.
4. Stabilization of political and economic conditions in liberated areas such as Southern Italy.
5. Finally, the pivotal problem of what to do with defeated Germany, how to reorganize her bombed-out industries to serve in rehabilitation, how to carry through the trial and punishment of criminals, how to impress homeless people of obliterated cities that they have lost the war and at the same time mobilize their energies for the reconstruction of Europe, and how to liquidate completely Germany's armed strength and at the same time garrison and police the country well enough to forestall anarchy.

Admiral Halsey May Command Drive On Japs

By The Associated Press
 An all-out naval drive through the Central Pacific, coordinated with Gen. Douglas MacArthur's offensive in the Southwest, to disintegrate Japan's stolen empire is certainly in the air on the basis of statements this week by ranking naval commanders. Admiral William F. Halsey may command that strategic thrust.

Usually close-mouthed Admiral Ernest J. King, commander of the U. S. fleet, said flatly in an interview in Washington that the navy was ready to shift United Nations power into the Pacific against Japan. That strategy might not await defeat of Germany but be implemented "as her defeat seems near at hand."

Staggering blows for Japan in 1944 were promised by Halsey, commander in the South Pacific and one of the fightingest admirals in the Navy, in a New Year's statement from his headquarters. They will come simultaneously and in so many places that the enemy retreat on the road back to Tokyo "will be disastrously quickened."

Squeezed To Bougainville
 Since Halsey took over in the Solomons late in 1943, the Japanese have been driven from one island after another. Now they are compressed largely on the northernmost island, Bougainville. And Bougainville, the admiral said in his statement, "already has been stricken from the list of effective Japanese bases." It is being used as one prong of a pincer that has "begun to squeeze the life from Rabaul," key to the enemy's hold on the South Pacific.

The other prong is the New Guinea-New Britain offensive under the command of General MacArthur. A good start has been made. But those islands and the vital base of Rabaul, as well as New Ireland to the northeast, must come under Allied control. Truk, powerful Japanese naval base to the north, also must be overcome or neutralized before Australia and the South Pacific become secure.

Much of that job, however, will fall on MacArthur. Already he has been assuming more and more the full responsibility for conducting the war in that area. Truk undoubtedly will be a Navy undertaking.

So, it appears that Halsey's work in those remote islands of the South Pacific may be nearly completed, and that he may be called to other and greater tasks.

German Riddle Pends
 All those questions undoubtedly have been dealt with in broad outline by the big three and other Allied statesmen, but the actual post-war treatment of the Germans is likely to depend largely on how much of their productive capacity remains and how much their cooperation is needed in the rehabilitation of Europe.

Only after the question of Germany's future status is decided are Europe's future frontiers likely to be discussed seriously.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull pointed in that direction when he told a news conference after his return from Moscow that frontier questions would have to wait until the war is won.

Arrangements To Be Made Soon For Annual C. Of C. Banquet Here

Arrangements for the annual membership meeting of the Midland Chamber of Commerce have not yet been completed, Paul McHargue, president of the organization, said Saturday.

He said meetings of committees charged with arranging for the annual event will be held this week to perfect plans. John W. House is chairman of the date and speakers committee and P. A. Nelson is chairman of the ticket and menu committee. M. C. Ulmer is program chairman. The nominating committee is headed by R. M. Barron.

The type of meeting to be held will be decided this week, McHargue said.

1943 Was Successful Year
 He asserted 1943 was a successful year in every way for the Chamber of Commerce. He expressed appreciation to all organizations and individuals who assisted in carrying on its program.

"A large percentage of the organization's time, effort and money was spent on war work, which is as it should be, but still many worthwhile civic projects were accomplished during the year," he added.

The annual report of Chamber of Commerce activities will be distributed at the annual meeting.

SUPERSTITION
 Prince George Chavchavadze, Russian pianist, has a good luck superstitious belief. Each month he bows low nine times to the new moon while turning over coins in his pocket.

MAAF Representative Is Victory Bowl Queen

Miss Mary Margaret Grant, Midland Army Air Field representative, was chosen queen of the Victory Bowl football game in Odessa Saturday.

Other candidates included Marcella Demmon, Nell Owen, Doris Shaws, June Wansley, Joy Matthews and Mary Helen Key, all of Odessa, and Miss Herbie Johnson of Abilene; Mary Lou Laseid of El Paso; Jo Ann Qualls of McCamey and Patsy Warren of Midland.

PHAROHS RODE ON RUBBER
 Crude chariots of the ancient Egyptians were equipped with two-wheeled rubber tires. Their formula for treating the rubber is unknown, but some of it is still in a fair state of preservation.

Aztec Indians utilized cocoa beans by grinding them with corn, then adding water and seasoning the resulting soup with chili, spices and herbs.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

IF HENRY WICKHAM HAD NOT SMUGGLED 70,000 RUBBER TREES OUT OF BRAZIL IN 1876 AND TAKEN THEM TO ENGLAND, WHEN PLANTS WERE SENT TO THE EAST INDIES TO THRIVE AND DEVELOP INTO THE WORLD'S CHIEF RUBBER SOURCE, BRAZIL PROBABLY WOULD BE THE CENTER OF RUBBER PRODUCTION TODAY, AND WE WOULD HAVE NO TIRE WORRIES.

IF YOU STOOD ON THE EQUATOR TODAY AT LONGITUDE GO° WEST AND POINTED TOWARD THE WEST, WHICH WAY WOULD YOU POINT?

ANSWER: Straight up. The zenith is that part of the heavens directly over you.

NEXT: From Sydney to Valparaiso.

FITTE NAMES
 TINY COTE OWNS A DRESS SHOP IN BEATTYVILLE, KENTUCKY.

WINK KORN
 IF YOU STOOD ON THE EQUATOR TODAY AT LONGITUDE GO° WEST AND POINTED TOWARD THE WEST, WHICH WAY WOULD YOU POINT?

ANSWER: Straight up. The zenith is that part of the heavens directly over you.

NEXT: From Sydney to Valparaiso.

Today's War Map



Today's war map pictures the Russians rolling ahead in a double-trap offensive which will, if successful, seal up Germans in North, South areas. Reds may push through to the lower Polish border, forcing a German withdrawal to the Bug and perhaps the Dniester Rivers and the Bessarabian border. (NEA Telemag)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
 America's Card Authority
 Recently I had the pleasure of playing with Col. Robert J. Gill of Baltimore, at the Eastern Tournament. We didn't win, but we had the satisfaction of making top score in the final session.

The Colonel certainly forced the declarer in today's hand with his opening heart lead. North just could not picture him underleading the king and queen of hearts after South had bid them—but as Col. Robert Gill said, if North was ever to

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| ♠ 93 | ♣ KQ13 | ♠ 10762 | |
| ♥ 974 | ♠ 10962 | ♣ KQ105 | |
| ♦ A104 | ♠ 987 | ♦ 3 | |
| ♣ K754 | ♠ 54 | ♠ A63 | |
| | ♠ 652 | ♠ A8 | |
| | Duplicate—E-W vul. | | |
| South | West | North | East |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 N ♠ | Pass |
| 2 ♠ | Pass | 2 N ♠ | Pass |
| 3 N ♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Opening—♥ 5. | | | |

HOLD EVERYTHING

make a mistake on the heart suit, he should be given the opportunity to make it at once. I'll never know why the declarer did not put on dummy's jack, but he played a small heart and my nine-spot held the trick.

Realizing what the Colonel had done, and also that he probably did not have an entry except the king of hearts, I decided to risk the chance that he held the ten of spades and led back the eight. North played the nine, the Colonel covered with the ten, forcing dummy's queen. The ace of clubs was led, then a small club. I won with the king and returned a heart, the Colonel's queen forcing the ace.

Now when North led a small diamond from dummy, I went up with the ace and returned the heart. The Colonel won with the king and led back a spade—and we had five tricks, enough to defeat the contract.

"She's to handle those newly drafted fathers!"

SIDE GLANCES

"Your cousin Emma and her husband and kids are coming for a visit—that explains those canned goods they sent us for Christmas!"

Texas Bees Busier In 1943 Than '42

AUSTIN—(AP)—Texas bees were busier in 1943 than in 1942. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported Saturday that honey production is estimated at 6,328,000 pounds as compared with 5,282,000 pounds in 1942.

In 1943, 2,250,000 cords of pulpwood were needed to manufacture containers for shipping food, supplies and munitions overseas.

Druggists Do Bit By Sending Out Remedies

WINCHESTER, VA.—(AP)—Uncle Sam unquestionably looks out for his soldiers, but the boys still call on their druggists back home for certain favorite remedies. Drug stores here have received a number of orders of this nature. One boy wrote from the Aleutians for nose drops, and a remedy for sore feet.

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HEAVENS, JAKE! DON'T MAKE MARTHA NERVOUS IF YOU PRIZE THE REMNANTS OF YOUR ONCE CURLY LOCKS! AS TO THE FINE, I'M PONDERING THAT PROBLEM MYSELF!

I'LL SNEAK BEFORE THEY SWING THE GRAPPLING HOOK AT ME!

INVENTORY AS OF JAN. 1—EVEN—1-1

OUT OUR WAY —By J. R. WILLIAMS

YUH SEE, WITH TH' BROOM HANDLE THETAWAY HE CAIN'T GIT AT THET WIRE CUT 'T CHEW ON IT WHEN IT TITCHES— AN' I'LL MIX YUH UP SOME SALVE TO TAKE TH' SWELLIN' OUTA HIS LAIG!

THAT'S CLEVER, BUT THE SALVE... DO YOU MIX THAT YOUR-SELF?

HE'S SHOWIN' HER EVERYTHING HE KNOWS TO WIN HER— THEN SHE WON'T NEED HIM— BUT HE'S STILL GOT A CHANCE IF HE DON'T TELL HER WHUT'S IN TH' SALVE!

THE COME ON

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

HANDY...!!

THIS'S THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF ALL! A LITTLE LATE— BUT THE WAR, I SUPPOSE.

HELLO

SEE... IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU!

SAME HERE, SKIPPY! AND, SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, WAIT TILL I TELL YOU ABOUT THE ONE I GOT.....

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

AFTER SENDING HOME A WIRE STATING THAT THEY MET PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL, THE KIDS LEARNED THAT THE MAN WAS REALLY AN ACTOR! — THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT WAS VERY KEEN—

I'VE HAD DIFFICULTY FINDING YOU BOYS, BUT I FINALLY SUCCEEDED! ??

I'VE COME WITH SOME SURPRISING NEWS FOR YOU! I'M SENATOR COE— FROM YOUR OWN HOME STATE!

DON'T TRY TO KID US, PAL— WE WERE JUST FOOLED BY AN EXPERT!

WASH TUBS

IT'S A SHAME TO SMASH THIS MACHINE... BUT WE DON'T WANT THE NAZIS TO GET HOLD OF IT!

I'VE BEEN SAVING THESE GUNS FOR A PURPOSE, EASY.

WITH THOSE NAZIS WAITING FOR US, WE COULDN'T HAVE THEM AT A BETTER TIME!

ALL CLEAR SO FAR, BRINER! LET'S MAKE A BREAK FOR THE TREES!

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RED RYDER

PARDON, DOC— BUT THATS TH' MAN WHO SIGNED RED RYDER'S EXPRESS RECEIPT!

SH-H, MARSHAL! MEBBE I CAN TRAP HIM!

I'VE DON'T WANT YOU TO TALK— YOUR PARTNER JUST CONFESSED AND BLAMED YOU!

HE— HE DID! IT WAS HIM THAT GOT ME TO DRAW THOSE ENGRAVINGS!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RED RYDER RANCH, AN INDIAN DRIVES OFF A PRIZE BEEF!

ALLEY OOP

TWONT BE LONG NOW!

YEP THIS IS IT! NOW ALL I GOTTA DO IS SIT DOWN AN' WAIT FOR OL' DOC T' POUR TH' JUICE INTO TH' TIME MACHINE.

GOSH, I JUST REMEMBERED IT WAS ME, NOT DOC, WHO WAS RUNNIN' TH' GADGET... SUPPOSIN' THERE WAS EJUMPIN' I DIDN'T DO 'T RIGHT AN' HE COULDN'T FIND ME?

WHOOEY! THAT'D MEAN T' HAFTA STAY HERE IN THIS FORSAKEN PLACE— OW! THAT'D BE ANFUL!

I SWEAR, AMOS, I'M AT ANY WIT'S END! I THINK I'VE GOT OOP LOCATED SOMEWHERE WITHIN A CENTURY, BUT WHEN CALCULATIONS HAVE TO BE EXACT TO SPLIT SECONDS, IT MIGHT AS WELL BE A MILLION YEARS.

BUT EBERT, WE JUST CAN'T QUIT! NOT ONLY IS OOP OF INCALCULABLE VALUE TO SCIENCE, BUT HE'S A SWELL CHAP AND A STALWART FRIEND— WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!

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Wanted To Buy 26
WANT to Buy, a 5 or 6-room house. M. H. Beebe, Plamore Bowling Palace.

WANT to Buy, 8-ft. Aeromotor windmill. See C. T. Gibson, Andrews, Texas.

Nurseries, Flowers, Seeds 30
MONUMENTS: Like fruit trees and roses, will be scarce this time, but we still have plenty of all.

Office Supplies 31
USED Underwood typewriter for sale. Phone 397.

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Ow, We're Sunk! Look What Nazis Say Was Done

LONDON —(AP)—The Germans presented a summary of 1943 naval action Saturday in which they claimed, without Allied confirmation, to have sunk 607 Allied merchant ships, an aircraft carrier, six cruisers, 63 destroyers, 18 submarines, three corvettes, 56 motor torpedo boats and several midget submarines.

Road to Rome



British engineer fills in roadway ruts beneath a significant signpost to make advance easier for Rome-bound troops.

Americans -

(Continued from Page 1)
ing toward the port of Pescara on the Adriatic.
Patrols Advance
Patrols of French-speaking Canadians managed to thread their way through minefields, demolitions and enemy outposts to reach points on the Pescara River, behind which the main German forces in that area are concentrated.

Senator O'Daniel Blames 'Racketeers'

DALLAS —(AP)—Senator W. Lee O'Daniel said Saturday the threatened rail strike and other labor troubles were the result of a policy in Washington which he described as "favoring labor leader racketeers."

FEA To Handle Food Buying Operations

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Leo T. Crowley's Foreign Economic Administration took over Saturday all the foreign food development and buying operations formerly handled by the Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation and the War Food Administration, it was learned authoritatively.

Bascom Giles Seeks Third Term

AUSTIN —(AP)—Bascom Giles, commissioner of the land office Saturday became the first state official to file formally for a place in the ballot in the 1944 Democratic primary.

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Four Convicts Stab Guard And Escape

ANAMOSA, IA. —(AP)—Four long-term convicts in the state reformatory here Saturday stabbed a prison guard, seized two hostages, drove with them through the prison gate in plain view of at least three other guards and escaped toward the Illinois state line after terrorizing a farm family and releasing the hostages.

Wendell Willkie Says Stalin Steals Show

NEW YORK —(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie will say in the New York Times Sunday that the United States has failed in moral, economic and political leadership, and that as a result Premier Stalin has emerged as "the single most potent statesman in international affairs."

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Claim U. S. To Get Mandated Islands After Japs Beaten

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The Army and Navy Journal says Allied leaders at the Cairo and Teheran conference agreed the United States should get the Japanese mandated islands in the Pacific after the war.

Postwar Tax Load Of Over \$23,000,000,000 Annually Foreseen

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A postwar tax load of \$23,000,000,000 to \$28,000,000,000 annually was foreseen Saturday by Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.). Current federal income is over \$40,000,000,000 a year.

Dairy Subsidy Plan Rate Is Increased

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The War Food Administration announced Saturday the continuation of its dairy subsidy program through January with a boost in minimum rates to help compensate for a recent nine-cent-a-bushel increase in the ceiling price of corn.

WFA To Release Canned Pork And Beans

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The War Food Administration plans soon to release about 440,000 cases, or about 20,000,000 pounds, of canned pork and beans for sale in civilian channels.

G. W. Haggard Quits Farm Bureau Position

WACO —(AP)—G. W. Haggard has resigned his position as executive secretary of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation and editor of its state paper, the federation office said Saturday.

PRODUCTION STEPPED UP

War production plans call for an increase in munitions of 35 per cent above 1943 and 120 per cent above 1942; increase in aircraft tonnage 185 per cent above 1943 and 325 per cent above 1942; maintenance of naval construction at about the present rate of 215 per cent higher than 1942 or 193 per cent higher than the average for 1943.

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U.S. Lawmakers Say Europe War To End In 1944

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Members of Congress generally expect the war in Europe to end in a smashing victory for the United Nations in 1944, but fear the fight against Japan will last into 1945 and possibly until 1947.

Program For Farmers Is Planned By OPA

DALLAS —(AP)—H. H. Williamson, recently appointed agricultural relations adviser to the Office of Price Administration, said Saturday he planned to work with farmers as much as possible through farmer organizations and agricultural educational agencies.

Midland BUS LINE SCHEDULE
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Buses Saturday every 30 minutes from 12:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Last bus 2 a.m. Sunday. Phone 500.

Want To Match A Color? Here's How To Do It

By ANN STEVICK
NEA Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON—Colors of cloth will be as simple as x, y, z, when Bureau of Standards experts work out precise measurements for 216 standard colors.

Colored cloth samples are measured in an elaborate machine called a spectrophotometer. The exact amount of each color is recorded in a curve. This is tallied up into an x, y, z formula representing red, blue and yellow content. The spectrophotometer is a machine so nearly human in faculty it sometimes throws up its hands and gives up in complete confusion on encountering a complicated fabric.

The prime motive for this color-testing work at present is to set precise specifications for the 43 shades of khaki and drab used by the Army and the 22 colors of military ribbons. An expert textile dyer can look as a spectrophotometer curve and reproduce the color by trial and test. Yarn, thread, textile and trimming colors should be easier to match in the future by precisely standardized colors.

Rainy Day Fuel

No national scheme for rationing of coal, electricity or gas is planned for this winter. It is too complicated to set up. Even Britain, much shorter than the U. S. in coal supply, has left saving to the patriotism of householders. They have issued a "Fuel Saving in the Kitchen" booklet, however, which gets down to brass tacks with such suggestions:

Odds And Ends

Increased emergency allotments of alcohol have been granted to drug manufacturers for production of medicines to combat the flu epidemic. Small stores doing an annual business under \$50,000 will be allowed to pay one or two cents more per pound for butter to jobbers. This increase will appear on the price you pay for butter in these stores. Manufacturers of wood furniture have been allowed a 5 per cent increase. So far retailers are not permitted to follow suit; that problem will be settled later.



WAC Sergeant Frances Garland of Woodstock, Illinois, is secretary to Brigadier General Thomas J. Davis, Adjutant General's Department, U. S. Army, shown above at Allied Forces Headquarters in North Africa. It's a job that the capable sergeant of the Women's Army Corps fills with admirable efficiency.

Scrappy Hobby



Keeping a scrapbook record of hundreds of local men in service makes Mrs. Sarah A. Bridge, of Madison, Wis., an ace authority on their careers. In addition she corresponds with 10 servicemen, and has a grandson overseas.

Use Model Tricks To Keep Hair-Do Neat, Attractive

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

Does your carefully dressed coiff tumble or go blurry an hour or so after you put it up? Then try these professional tricks that models use.

When you plan a coiff, indulge hair in its idiosyncrasies. It has a natural part—sometimes slanting and sometimes straight. Give in to it. If hair doesn't swirl naturally at the crown, settle for whatever line it takes at this starting-off point.

When you put up your hair, nail it down with enough pins. Too few studded here and there, in the hope that they'll hold, is another reason why hair tues loose. If it lacks "body," tease it a bit to give it more substance, but running your comb through your hair the wrong way.

To keep blurry outlines cleanly etched, go over your coiff after you dress it with touches of lacquer. To preserve the hand-box look, even through wear and tear, carry with you some self-saturated lacquer pads. One or two, stored in your compact, will take care of repairs.

MOSQUITO PROCREATION

The common, ordinary house mosquito, given an old tin can partly filled with water and 10 days time, will raise a family large enough to keep a neighborhood annoyed for weeks.

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Quiz On Treatment Of Soldiers' Wives

By RUTH MILLETT

A war wife who has encountered a good deal of smugness and thoughtlessness among women whose husbands are still at home suggests that the latter wives ask themselves these questions:

Do you invite a war wife for dinner in your home at least once a month, and make her feel that you are having her for herself and not just because you think she needs cheering?

Do you refrain from irritating her by such remarks as, "I think the men at home are having it just as hard as the men in service. Joe has not had a Saturday off in months."

Do you check the impulse to elaborate on the wonderful time you and your husband had celebrating your wedding anniversary—when you know the war wife spent her last anniversary going to a movie with another woman?

Don't Be Too Critical

Do you realize that she may feel resentful toward you if you criticize the behavior of another war wife, since you can't possibly fully appreciate the problems of a woman left alone?

Do you stop yourself before you have told her about the husband of a friend of yours who had his arm blown off in Sicily?

Do you remember always to ask about her husband when you see her on the street or at parties, and do you really listen when she starts to tell you news of him?

Do you realize that she probably won't find anything funny in humorous remarks about the women her husband may be meeting?

If you can say "Yes" to all of these questions—you needn't worry that you're irritating the war wives of your acquaintance.

Six Of Capone Mob And Pal Sentenced

NEW YORK—(AP)—Seven men, six described as remnants of the Al Capone mob, have been sentenced to long prison terms on conviction on charges of conspiracy to extort in an attempted million-dollar shakedown of motion picture magnates.

Federal Judge John Bright imposed 10-year sentences on the six who were said by the government to be former Capone henchmen. The seventh, Louis Kaufman, Newark, N. J., labor leader, drew a seven-year sentence.

In addition, each of the defendants was fined \$10,000.

BEAUTY HINT

"Red hands can be overcome by soaking the feet in hot water as often as possible," according to the "Compendium of Cookery and Reliable Recipes," published in 1890.

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"Take a Letter," Says the General to the Wac

"The story of the WACs to date can be put briefly: they are making history," Lt. Cora Lee Morrow of the U. S. Army Recruiting Station, in Big Spring, Texas, said today.

"Not only at Army posts throughout the country but overseas as well, the trim olive drab uniform of the Women's Army Corps has come to be recognized as the sign of an efficient and capable job being done, and of a real soldier on duty," Lieutenant Morrow continued.

"We're getting glowing reports of the WACs from Italy, North Africa, England, and every camp in the country where they are stationed. Many of them are in positions of great importance, the places where great decisions are made, such as the secretaries to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and to Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Davis, adjutant general's department, at Allied forces headquarters in North Africa."

"But secretarial duties in the various nerve centers of the Army administrative machinery represent only one of the many—more than 150, actually—kinds of Army assignments WACs are filling with distinction. In many cases, civilian skills are directly utilized. In others, training by the Women's Army Corps itself equips each woman for the assignment for which she is best suited. So, while a civilian skill or specialized ability is useful, the really important requirement is the ability to learn. And that is an ability many women already have demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of the most exacting."

West Texas War Bond Quota In Fourth Drive Is Set At \$58,644,000

West Texans in the 59-county Fort Worth Regional War Finance Committee area will be called on to invest \$58,644,000 in war bonds in the Treasury Department's Fourth War Loan Drive starting Jan. 13. R. E. Harding and J. B. Thomas, co-chairmen of the regional committee, said Saturday.

To reach West Texas' part of the 14-billion-dollar National goal in the campaign every individual is asked to "sacrifice" to buy an extra \$100 war bond.

Included in the total for the West Texas region is a \$23,932,000 quota for the citizens of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Members of the regional executive committee include M. C. Ulmer and Mrs. Hal C. Peck of Midland.

Chicken production has decreased 10 per cent in the United States since July 1, 1933.

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WAC QUIZ

Question: How do I begin my WAC training?

Answer: When you join the WAC, you'll be classified as a private—just like an Army man. Then for five weeks you'll have basic training at one of the WAC training centers at Fort Des Moines, Iowa; Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, or Daytona Beach, Florida.

Question: What happens after basic training?

Answer: After basic training, you may be sent to active duty with a field unit. You may be sent to a specialist school. Or you may be accepted for officer candidate school.

Question: What are the specialist schools?

Answer: Many of the Army jobs which WACs take over require technical training in special fields. WACs are trained for these jobs in various specialist schools. Some of these schools are exclusively for WAC students. Some are regular Army schools to which WACs are admitted.

Question: Can I become an officer?

Answer: That depends on YOU. If you are qualified, you may apply for officer training.

HEY, KIDS!

Authorities of Zurich, Switzerland, have recommended that children be required to go barefooted during the summer to conserve leather.

Scharbauer Estate Attorneys Seek To Cancel Oil Leases

ODESSA—(AP)—Attorneys for the estate of John and Kate Scharbauer, pioneer ranch couple, have filed suit for cancellation of oil leases on estate property. The list of defendants included Skelly Oil Company, Tidewater Associated, Phillips Petroleum, Standard Oil of Texas, Cities Service, C. C. Duffey, Eastland Oil Company, Gibson and Johnson, Inc., Westexas Oil and Royalty Corp., and Owen-Sloan Oil Company.

The suit alleged defendants secured the leases in 1925 and for many years have abandoned the purposes of the leases and have had no intention of carrying out those purposes. The holdings subject to leases include areas of Ector and surrounding counties in the Permian Basin.

If laid end to end, New York City's bus, subway and trolley lines would extend from that city to Cleveland, O.

Jersey Bridegroom Dies Of Hiccoughs

CAMDEN, N. J.—(AP)—Frank Smith, 23, was married in a hospital recently, unwilling to cancel his wedding because of a severe attack of hiccoughs.

The next day he died. Physicians said the hiccoughing had aggravated a heart condition.

India Now Produces Drugs And Dressings

NEW DELHI—(AP)—More than 300 items of drugs and dressings formerly imported are now manufactured in India.

Upon entering a church, American men take off their hats; the Arab takes off his shoes.

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Formerly priced at \$5.95 to \$22.50
ON SALE \$3.95 to \$16.95

CLEARANCE VALUES IN ROBES

One group of robes in satin and quilted silk prints.
Formerly priced at \$7.95 to \$12.50
ON SALE \$4.95 and \$7.95

JUMPER DRESSES

One group of Jumper Dresses in gabardines, flannels and corduroy...
Formerly priced at \$5.95 to \$9.95
ON SALE \$3.95 to \$5.95

JANUARY CLEARANCE ON CHILDREN'S COATS

Sizes 6 to 14
One group of children's coats in tweeds and camel fleeces.
\$5.95 to \$12.50 Values
ON SALE \$3.95 and \$7.95

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Here Are Ration Point Changes For January

CONSUMER POINT VALUES FOR MEAT, FATS, FISH AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

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Table with columns for BEEF, VEAL, PORK, FATS, OILS, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, and VARIETY MEATS. It lists various items like steaks, chops, roasts, and their corresponding point values.

HANDY POINT CHART FOR PROCESSED FOODS

Table with columns for CANNED AND BOTTLED, SOUPS, FROZEN, BABY FOODS, and DRIED. It lists items like soups, frozen fruits, baby foods, and dried goods with their point values.

Joe Mims Seeks Second Term As County Attorney

County Attorney Joe Mims Saturday announced he would be a candidate for re-election in the Democratic Primary.

Young People Attend New Year's Services

Approximately a hundred young people of the First Baptist Church attended the special New Year's services at the church Friday night.

A. G. Bohannon Seeks Election Precinct 4 County Commissioner

A. G. Bohannon, Midland County stock farmer, Saturday announced his candidacy for county commissioner Precinct No. 4 in the Democratic primary.

395 Millions Texas Goal In 4th War Loan

Announcing \$395,000,000 as the goal set for Texas' share in the \$14,000,000,000 Fourth War Loan Drive, Nathan Adams of Dallas, state chairman for the volunteer bond sales-for-everywhere throughout Texas, Saturday mailed to each chairman in the 254 counties of Texas a letter giving the individual county's quota for a sales effort designed to place more bonds in the hands of plain citizens than have ever before been distributed in any previous bond drive.

Advertisement for diamonds featuring a large diamond image and the text 'Diamonds' in a stylized font. It promotes diamond mountings and engraving.

Advertisement for Midland Bakery featuring a loaf of bread and the text 'MIDLAND BAKERY' and 'Phone 1106 112 S. Main'.

Advertisement for Waters Studio featuring the text 'PHOTOGRAPHS PICTURE FRAMING WATERS STUDIO MIDLAND'.

Advertisement for Midland Floral featuring the text 'COLORADO GROWN PANSY PLANTS ARE NOW READY MIDLAND FLORAL FRED FROMHOLD'.

Advertisement for Banner Milk featuring a bottle of milk and the text 'Banner MILK' and 'PHONE 1137'.

Commissioner Roberts Seeks Reelection. County Commissioner J. C. Roberts Saturday announced his candidacy for re-election from Precinct No. 1.

Frank Midkiff Is Candidate For Pct. 3 County Commissioner. Frank Midkiff Saturday announced his candidacy for county commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Midland County, in the 1944 Democratic Primary.

J. C. Brooks Seeks Another Term. County Commissioner J. C. Brooks of Precinct No. 2 Saturday announced his candidacy for re-election. He now is serving his third term.

Advertisement for Special Suits and Dresses featuring the text 'SPECIAL SUITS and DRESSES Cleaned & Pressed 49c PETROLEUM CLEANERS'.

Sheriff Ed Darnell Seeks Reelection. Sheriff Ed Darnell Saturday announced his candidacy for re-election, subject to the Democratic primary.

J. H. Fine Is Candidate For Reelection In 1944. J. H. Fine Saturday announced his candidacy for re-election as Midland County tax assessor-collector, and takes this opportunity to solicit votes of citizens in the Democratic Primary July 22.

Advertisement for Jack Tar Togs featuring a child in a military uniform and the text 'Jack Tar Togs FOR YOUNG AMERICA'.

Mrs. Susie G. Noble Hopes To Continue Record Of Service. County Clerk Susie G. Noble is ever ready to serve anyone coming to her office, and always without discrimination.

Army Air Corps Suits. Regulation pinks with olive drab coats, air corps insignia on sleeve. Shirt and tie in tan. Sizes 2 to 7.

Advertisement for Kiddies Togger featuring a child and the text 'Kiddies Togger In The Popular Store Next door to Midland National Bank'.

More Contacts Needed. This, he said, meant that for every two contacts made by salesmen in the Third Drive upon prospective buyers of bonds intended for purchase by individuals, at least three such contacts must be made in Texas if its goal in E. F. G. and other bonds to individuals is to be reached.

Advertisement for furniture featuring a living room set and the text 'Furnish your Home with an Eye to the Future!'.

Advertisement for Roettger's Jewelry featuring the text 'Roettger's Jewelry R. VOSATKO, Successor'.

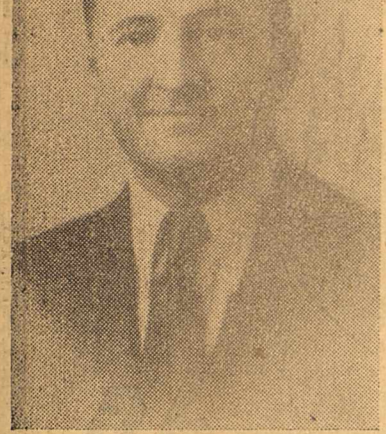
Advertisement for Midland Hardware & Furniture featuring a dining table and the text 'MIDLAND HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY'.

Rev. J. E. Pickering Begins Tenth Year As Minister Here

The Rev. J. E. Pickering will begin his tenth year as pastor of the First Christian Church here Sunday and special services will be held to commemorate the event.

"Life's Greatest Values" will be the sermon subject and will deal with his years as pastor of the church.

During his residence in Midland, he has been active in district and state work of his church. He has been chairman of the nominating committee for the Christian Church



State Convention for three years; secretary of the Texas Christian Missionary Board for six months during the illness of Dean Colby D. Hall of Texas Christian University; a member of the board of trustees of Texas Christian University for four years; chairman of the board of district presidents of Texas for two years; twice elected president of the fourth district convention, and now is a member of the executive board of the Texas Christian Missionary Society, helping direct affairs of the church in Texas, and he is an alternate member of the state permanent fund for Christian churches.

As president of the Mineral Wells convention he was presented with a watch by the convention for his cooperation and unstinting services.

Headed Ministers Alliance

For 23 years he has worked with the Boy Scouts and is immediate past president of the Midland Ministerial Alliance.

Before coming here, he was pastor of the Riverside Church in Fort Worth and the church in Logansport, La. While in Louisiana he served two years as missionary-evangelist in the French field.

Looking back over the years in Midland, Mr. Pickering has only fondness in his heart for the people here and for their assistance in making his work the pleasant task it has been.

"I do not have words to express the inner feeling of joy and gratitude for all the kindnesses people of the community and district have given me these years," Mr. Pickering said.

Half's unit of currency is the gourde, with a value of about 20 cents.

Jumper Suit



The teen-ager's delight! A jumper—combined with a jacket it is even more appealing! White blouse, plaid jumper and jacket make a set that will delight any school girl!

Pattern No. 8510 is in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Size 8, jumper and jacket, takes 3 1/4 yards 39-inch material.

For this attractive pattern, send 15 cents, plus 1 cent for postage, in coins, with your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram, Today's Pattern Service, 530 South Wells St., Chicago, Ill.

Keep up your wartime sewing, thus you are helping bring victory sooner. You'll find 52 pages of absorbing sewing news, 102 new designs in the new fall issue of "Fashion," just out. A copy is 25 cents.

Texas Baptists Seek \$3,000,000

All the 19,000 members in the 94 Baptist churches of District No. 8, representing 11 West Texas counties, will be given an opportunity to share in raising \$3,000,000 cash for the additional endowment of the 18 Baptist schools and hospitals owned by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, it was announced Sunday by the Rev. W. C. Harrison of Odessa, district missionary, who will head that effort in this district.

Other directors associated with Mr. Harrison in this district are Rev. P. D. O'Brien, First Baptist Church, Big Spring; A. L. Wasson, Big Spring, and Judge Thomas J. Pitts, Odessa, laymen, and Mrs. J. M. White, Midland, district president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Dr. Bruner Heads Drive

While Baptists of large means will be appealed to for large gifts in raising the \$3,000,000, all members of the churches will be invited to contribute according to their ability, the leaders said. The statewide effort is being led by Dr. J. W. Bruner of Dallas, endowment secretary of the denomination, who advises the campaign will be presented in many churches throughout the state Sunday, Jan. 23, which has been designated "Denominational Day."

The various Texas institutions participating in the endowment effort, and the sums they are scheduled to receive from the movement are: Baylor University, Waco, \$500,000; Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, \$200,000; Baylor Hospital, Baylor College of Dentistry, and Baylor School of Nursing, all at Dallas, \$100,000 each; Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, \$700,000; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, \$500,000; Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, \$125,000; Howard Payne Col-

It's A Toast



A toast to their wedding is in order by Red Skelton and Eleanor Powell in M-G-M's slick musical extravaganza, "I Dood It," which makes its debut Sunday at the Yucca Theater. Jimmy Dorsey and his band, Lena Horne, Hazel Scott and many other stars also appear in the film.

lege, Brownwood, \$100,000; College of Marshall, Marshall, \$100,000; Wayland College, Plainview, \$75,000; Decatur College, Decatur, \$25,000; San Marcos Academy, San Marcos, \$50,000; Memorial Hospital, Houston, \$200,000; Hendrick Hospital, Abilene, \$50,000; Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco, \$50,000; and Valley Hospital, Harlingen, \$25,000.

REV. YEABY ANNOUNCES SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

"God's Greatest Text" is the subject chosen by the Rev. Vernon Yearby for his Sunday morning sermon. "Flaming Prophetic Signals" will be his sermon subject for the evening service in the First Baptist Church.

Odd War Romance Definitely In Bag

AKRON, O. (AP)—This romance is in the bag.

Thelma Kipe, war plant worker, put her name and address on a floating rifle bag—used by the army to protect the rifle and double as an emergency life preserver.

"That was last February. The other day came a letter from Pvt. Floyd Williams, New York City, from 'somewhere overseas.'"

Williams slyly pointed out that he didn't know "whether I am writing to a married woman or a single woman," but anyway went ahead and asked for a long letter and a picture of Thelma.

He got both.

Autographed Card Is Battle Talisman

CAMP VA NDORN, MISS. (AP)—

The autographs of President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill are going to war with the Blood and Fire division, a combat outfit born on June 15, date of the Casablanca conference at which Allied leaders pledged to make the enemy "bleed and burn."

On that date the division adopted as its insignia a sheet of red flame emblazoned with a bloody-tipped golden sword.

A card bearing the Blood and Fire insignia was started circulating among the Casablanca conferences to obtain their autographs, and will be carried into combat by the infantry division as a battle talisman.

PRISONS PRODUCE FOR WAR

Between August, 1942, and November, 1943, state prisons produced war-important industrial goods worth \$9,880,268, including items never before considered possible for prison production—assault boats, shell cases, bomb crates, submarine and cargo nets, etc.



On to VICTORY Against Winter's Ills

The health of the "Civilian Soldiers" on the home front can hasten or retard America's victory. Guard against the seasonal ills that are so costly to production—and to the individual. Keep your medicine chest filled with these tried and proven health needs—quality-tested in the laboratory—quality-proven by daily use in millions of homes.

- Upjohn's 8 Oz. Citro Carbonate 89¢
- ANACIN For Quick Relief of Pain Due to Simple Headache .98
- ALKA SELTZER 49¢
- ENO PLEASANT-TASTING EFFERVESCENT SALINE .57
- MURINE For Your Eyes .49
- WATER SOFTENER and BATH CRYSTALS, 5 lb. bag..... 59¢
- WRISLEY'S SUPERBE BATH SOAP, 4 large cakes 89¢

COUGH & COLD REMEDIES

- \$1.25 Size CREOMULSION 98¢
- 4-WAY COLD TABLETS 17¢
- Isotonic, Antiseptic, Non-Oily NORWICH NOSE DROPS 19¢

Vimms VITAMINS-MINERALS

- Reg. size 49¢
- Large size \$1.69
- New Family size \$4.79

- \$3 Mead's — 50 cc OLEUM PERCOMORPHUM 2.49
- \$5 Abbott's Improved VITA-KAPS 3.98
- \$3.50 Lederle (Capsules or Oral) B COMPLEX 2.98
- Any Brand Oral COLD VACCINE 98¢

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