

NAZI INFANTRY BACKS ATTACK

American Infantrymen Capture Jap Headquarters On Leyte Island

Superforts Continue To Bomb Tokyo

By LEONARD MILLMAN
Associated Press War Editor

American infantrymen driving into the center of the crumbling Yamashita line on Leyte Island captured the enemy headquarters, seized an airfield intact and clamped a deadly pincers Wednesday on thousands of trapped Japanese.

Other Yanks reinvading the Philippines continued their unopposed advance on Mindoro Island while Allied planes destroyed over 90 enemy planes in farflung attacks. And B-29s were reported over Tokyo again.

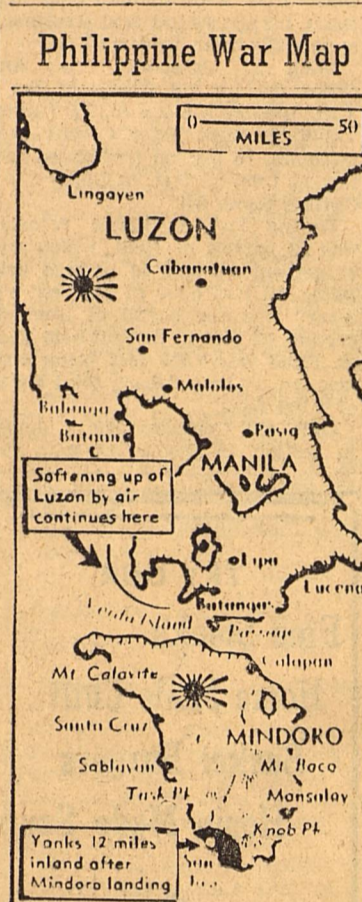
American and British naval commanders meeting in Honolulu planned greater naval operations against Japan.

The towns of Valencia and Lono were overrun by American troops Tuesday, trapping the strongest Japanese force fighting in the Philippines in Leyte Island's narrow Ormoc corridor between three U.S. divisions.

Close On All Sides

The U. S. 77th Division was on the south, the Dismounted First Cavalry on the east, and the 32nd Infantry Division on the north. To the west, guerrillas and planes, taking off from Valencia Airfield, harried the enemy's remaining escape route through the mountains to Palompon and the northwest coast.

Japan's Leyte headquarters at Valencia, eight miles north of Ormoc, were overrun Monday by the 77th. Gen. Sosaki Suzuki and his staff had already fled. Lono, six miles (Continued On Page 2)



Scobie Planning To Carry Fight To ELAS In Athens

ATHENS—(P)—Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, announced his determination Wednesday to carry the fight to ELAS forces and warned civilians in Athens that leftist guns firing upon the city after 9 a.m. Thursday would be attacked "with all arms at his disposal."

A BBC broadcast quoted Scobie as saying the ELAS would be attacked with aircraft, naval guns and rocket weapons as well as other forces.

Scobie's proclamation followed the fall of British RAF headquarters after a gun-dynamite assault by ELAS forces.

The Pro-Nazi ex-premier, Jean Ballis, who fled Averoff prison two days ago after 12 hours of a heavy ELAS siege remained at large in spite of a widespread search for him.

But the Communist paper Rizospastis said two others of the escaped prisoners, Gen. George Bacos, former minister of national defense, and George Pironakakis, minister of supplies during the German occupation, had been recaptured and executed.

Louisiana Governor Says 'Hands Off On Kissing Squabble'

BATON ROUGE, La.—(P)—Gov. James H. Davis indicated Wednesday he will not interfere in any way in the Louisiana state University student-administration dispute over the dismissal of a coed who wrote and distributed a leaflet on campus kissing and sex.

The governor reported he had talked at the capitol Tuesday night with two University students, but said he had no comment except that the matter "was one for school authorities."

The Governor

"Several hundred students, demanding the reinstatement of the comely co-ed, 18-year-old Gloria Jeanne Heller, marched on the governor's mansion Tuesday night after suggestions were made at a student mass meeting to "appeal to higher authority—the governor."

The students departed from the mansion an hour later, however, when they were told that the governor was not in and was not expected until very late in the night.

Although shouts of "Strike" and "We Want Heller" were heard at the meeting, no definite action was taken. Student leaders urged the students not to strike "in view of the adverse publicity already given our University."

FBI Indicts NJ Minister As Nazi Spy

WASHINGTON—(P)—The Justice Department Wednesday announced the indictment of a former minister who, the department said, had been instructed to establish himself in this country as a contact for German spies.

The indictment, returned at Newark, N. J., charged Carl Emil Ludwig Krepper, of Newark, with violating the sabotage, censorship and foreign agents statutes.

The Justice Department said the indictments were returned December 15, but were impounded until Wednesday upon orders of the court.

Two Years' Investigation

The action climaxes more than two years of investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation originating, the announcement stated, from a clue supplied by one of the eight German saboteurs who landed on the Atlantic coast from submarines in June, 1942.

One indictment alleges that Krepper conspired with Walter Kappe, identified by the FBI as a director of the Nazi sabotage school in Berlin, and with his wife, Bertha Krepper, "to injure, interfere with and obstruct the national defenses of the United States," and "to use a code and other devices" to circumvent censorship.

Method of Operation

The announcement said the conspiracy was to be carried out as follows:

Krepper was to establish himself as a United States citizen in order to provide lodging and other facilities for Nazi secret agents.

He was to keep his wife, who was in Germany, and Kappe informed of his whereabouts.

Kappe, or Bertha Krepper, or other co-conspirators then would come to this country for sabotage purposes and Krepper would give them assistance and refuge.

Atlantic Charter Does Not Exist Says Roosevelt

WASHINGTON—(P)—A reporter's search for a feature story three weeks ago has now developed into the disclosure by President Roosevelt that the Atlantic Charter does not exist as a formal document.

The reporter, Tom Reedy of The Associated Press, wrote on Nov. 23 that nobody then at the White House, Library of Congress or the State Department seemed at all sure where the Charter was.

Maybe A Want Ad

Reedy suggested an ad in the "lost and found" column.

Senator Chandler (D-Ky.) read the story and raised the question in the Senate.

Roosevelt held his first news conference since Nov. 27 Tuesday and told inquiring reporters that the nearest thing to an original probably was in the hands of radio operators who transmitted the Charter terms from a 1941 Roosevelt-Churchill meeting in the Atlantic.

Germans Crow Over Advance In Belgium

LONDON—(P)—The Berlin radio declared Wednesday that the German counteroffensive in Belgium and Luxembourg already had paid dividends by compelling the Allies to halt attacks on other sectors, but said military security precluded full details of the Nazi drive.

The broadcast quoted Adolf Hitler's newspaper, the Volkischer Beobachter, as saying:

"It is certain we are only at the beginning of heavier fighting. The German people, educated by the advances and retreats of this war, view the situation coldbloodedly, realistically and coolly. But there is joy in everyone's eye. We are advancing again."

War Bulletins

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Three Superfortresses from Saipan bombed Tokyo early Wednesday (Japan time) starting fires which crew members said covered a large area.

PARIS—(AP)—U. S. troops have recaptured Monschau in Germany and checked the initial impetus of the powerful German counteroffensive which bit more than 20 miles deep into Belgium. The front still was unstable Wednesday night, however.

WITH U. S. FIRST ARMY—(AP)—German armor by a pincers movement has cut off some elements of an American division in the area of St. Vith, Belgium, it was disclosed Wednesday night.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

WESTERN FRONT—German counterattack still advancing, but First Army situation officially termed "definitely better."

EASTERN FRONT—Four Red columns converging on Kassa, German defense anchor in Eastern Czechoslovakia.

ITALIAN FRONT—Eighth Army troops mopping up enemy south of Senjo River.

PACIFIC FRONT—Deadly pincers clamped on thousands of trapped Japanese on Leyte.

Russian Attacks On Kassa Show Heavy Increase

MOSCOW—(P)—Four Red Army columns were converging in heavy attacks Wednesday on the city of Kassa, anchor of the entire German defense system in the mountains of Eastern Czechoslovakia.

Advance forces already were reported within easy artillery range of the old Highland provincial center, whose mixed Slovak-Hungarian population before the war totaled about 84,000.

A communique Tuesday night announced fall of the village of Senja, only nine miles to the south. Other Soviet columns were boring in from the southwest, southeast and east. Field dispatches reported steady progress.

Part of General Advance

The drive on Kassa was part of general advances on a front more than 80 miles above the southern borders of Slovakia and in Northern Hungary. The border was crossed at many new points.

Under the impact of the Russian drive Hungarian troops were reported steadily deserting, although they are mixed in with German units and many of their officers have been replaced by trusted Nazis. The communique made no mention of the continuing siege of Budapest.

Churchill Says All Is In Perfect Accord

LONDON—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill told Commons in a special debate on Greece Wednesday that there was "entire agreement about the general aims" which bind Britain, Russia and the United States.

But "whether there is complete agreement on every aspect of these matters is another question altogether," he said.

Grimly referring to "this dangerous and momentous phase of the war," Churchill ran into a storm of criticism of British policy in Greece, despite Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's declaration that Britain had no selfish aims in that country and "will be glad to hand over her responsibilities as soon as we can do so."

Opening the full-dress debate, Arthur Greenwood, the Labor Party floor leader, declared "the prime minister has not handled this situation in the way in which it should have been handled."

Test Case

Calling the situation in Greece a test case, he criticized the "tone and words" of Churchill, declaring he had tried to convey the impression that "everyone who was an EAM was a gangster."

But he avoided challenging the government to a vote and conceded that, now that Britain had gone into Greece "with a perfectly good motive," she had "to see it through."

Opening debate on British policy in liberated lands, the prime minister said:

"We had a certain task thrown upon us and we are discharging it to the best of our ability."

He asserted that so far as the United States and Russia were concerned he had "not the slightest doubt that the complete and effective cooperation will go on in all aspects of the war."

Churchill sidestepped an attempt to draw him into a discussion of widely reported statements that the great powers already had agreed upon some "spheres of influence."

Pressed as to whether there was "now complete cooperation and accord" between Britain, the United States and Russia on British policy in Greece, Churchill replied:

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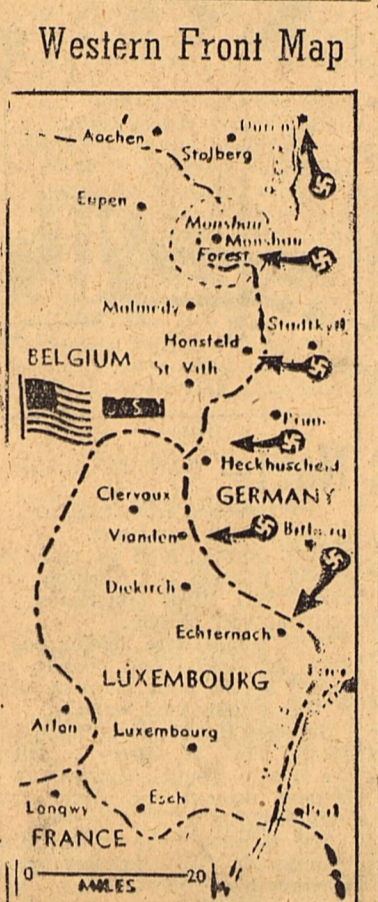
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The session will be in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, starting at 10 a.m. Three members of the Railroad Commission will be here, Ford Pulling, district deputy supervisor, who made the arrangements, said.

Formal notices of the hearing are being prepared, and will be mailed to all parties concerned.



Santa Claus To Come To Midland In MAAF Plane

Santa Claus will fly to Midland in an airplane of the Midland Army Air Field and will greet youngsters at 5 p.m., Thursday on the courthouse lawn, after a drive through the business districts in an Army jeep.

An airplane was dispatched by MAAF Wednesday to bring Santa Claus to the city. Officers at the world's largest bombardier school ranked their assignment of flying the old gentleman to Midland as one of their most important and every precaution was taken to assure his safe arrival.

Plane Carefully Checked

Mechanics carefully checked the plane before its departure and a military escort will be provided from the field to the city after the ship lands here.

Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce members decided Santa Claus should visit Midland children before Christmas and appointed Frank Monroe to arrange for his visit and entertainment. This will give all children an opportunity to make their wishes known.

A jeep will meet the plane at MAAF and bring Santa Claus to the business district for a quick tour before he goes to the courthouse lawn. His time is limited, but he agreed to make the trip.

He is anxious to talk with all Midland youngsters and told Monroe in a telegram Wednesday he would be disappointed if any fail to visit him Thursday afternoon.

Weather Fair

WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt and members of the high command sent Christmas greetings Wednesday to men and women of the armed forces throughout the world.

"On behalf of a grateful nation," said Roosevelt's message, "I send to the men and women of our armed forces everywhere warm and confident good wishes for this fourth Christmas of war. On Christmas Day, more than on any other day, we remember you with pride and with humility, with anguish and with joy. We shall keep on remembering you all the days of our lives.

"It is therefore with solemn pride that I salute those who stand in the forefront of the struggle to bring back to a suffering world the way of life symbolized by the spirit of Christmas."

Message To Wounded

In another message addressed to ill and wounded fighters, the president said:

"With a deep personal sense of obligation, I welcome the privilege of sending to you this Christmas Day a message of administration and affection. You have given of your blood and health to restore to Christmas its meaning and to make the spirit of Christmas genuinely prevail throughout the world.

"It takes courage to fight on a battlefield and it takes courage to fight from a hospital bed. We would not cheapen your hours of heroism by wishing you a 'Merry Christmas,' but we wish you a 'Happy Christmas,' with you in spirit, in comradeship and in faith."

Top military leaders also sent Christmas messages to service personnel throughout the world.

Ist Army Strengthens Flanks As Plight Is Termed 'Much Better'

PARIS—(P)—German infantry rammed in Wednesday behind swift Nazi armored columns advancing more than 20 miles into Belgium, but U. S. tanks and doughboys were holding firm in some sectors of the Nazi breakthrough channel.

One front dispatch said the First Army's situation was officially termed "definitely better" Tuesday night, with hardening of the American flanks above and below the four-pronged Nazi counteroffensive. American tanks and tank destroyers hit in from these sides.

Supreme headquarters disclosed the Germans had slashed five to 20 miles ahead by Monday noon in four columns driving into Belgium and Luxembourg.

But Wednesday the German wildcat armored columns struck deeper into Belgium, and Nazi infantry was beginning to back up these probing fingers "in some strength," a First Army front dispatch said.

This would put the Germans more than 20 miles into that lowland country. The deepest disclosed penetration had been to Stavelot, 20 miles inside Belgium and only 22 from the fortress of Liege.

A middle German column has achieved the greatest advance, dispatches said, hammering beyond the column that reached Stavelot.

Precise details were withheld.

The fast-ranging German mechanized columns were obviously in quest of American supplies, but were reported meeting little success.

"Can Be Won Right Here"

One First Army officer declared the enemy had drained troops from other sectors for this "very bold" move, and that if the counteroffensive were crushed, "the war can be won right here."

American knocked back numerous enemy counterattacks on the eastern end of the northern flank, two of them before dawn Wednesday, east of Malmédy "in the corridor where infantry first met the main force of the enemy onslaught," said AP Correspondent William Bond.

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And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.—Luke 2:7.

Tip To OPA

The OPA has issued a new regulation covering "occasional institutional users of ration food." Translated—as most OPA terms must be—this means people who know and then serve a church supper or similar eating function and charge money for it.

The "occasional institutional users" must now make application 30 days before the date of the meal, and specify how many persons are going to attend. They must also account for any unused rationed food within 10 days "after the last service of food during the period covered by the application."

Now this may be very well, but it is clear to us that the regulation was drafted by some city slicker in Washington who never attended a church supper.

If he had he would know that he was dealing with an old and inflexible American tradition in which two things inevitably happen:

(1) The "occasional institutional users" never know how many are going to attend their occasional functions, and (2) no amount of planning is going to prevent the late-comer at said function from getting a superfluity of hot biscuits and cole slaw, and something less than a minimum of creamed chicken.

Our advice to the OPA is to forget the whole thing and go back to its tussle with the black market. Those late-comers always feel had enough anyway, and there's no point in OPA sticking its neck out as a target for their disappointment.

'Toward A Greater Faith' Is Theme Of All-Civic Luncheon

The Rev. James E. Moore of Big Spring told Midland men, at an all-civic luncheon Wednesday noon in the Hotel Scharbauer, that men without methods or techniques have no spiritual life.

The luncheon, sponsored by the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce, had as its theme "Toward a Greater Faith," and this was the subject selected by the Presbyterian minister.

"Faith must be vitalized if it is to grow," he told the men. "There is no more certain way to deny a great cause than to refuse to take the road that leads to it. Straight is the way and narrow is the gate which leads to faith."

"We must have method and technique before we have arts and science. We must have them also to have faith in God."

Preserve Faith
"Don't toss faith overboard. There will come a time when you'll need it. We must not toss overboard those means which translate our creed into beautiful deeds."

He urged all to become better men and to use properly the power placed at their command, asserting the world is full of power improperly used as instruments of death. "Americans consumed 650,000,000 pounds of aspirin last year," he continued, "looking for happiness where it can't be found."

The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Hubert Hopper. Harlan Howell presided at the luncheon and outlined the Jaycees Christmas activities program. Entertainment was furnished by the Lions Club quartet, J. M. McDonald, Roy Tuggle, John L. Biggs and E. N. Stracener. Roy DeWolf was at the piano.

Arrangements For Bryan Services Await Relatives

Funeral arrangements for Winston Irben Bryan, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bryan, await the arrival of relatives.

The boy died Tuesday at a Midland hospital shortly after the wheel of a truck ran over him at his home, 603 N. Dallas. He was hanging to the bumper of the truck when his father started the truck, not seeing the boy. The boy fell from the bumper and the wheel ran over him.

Surviving are the parents, two sisters, Elizabeth Ann and Martha Caroline Bryan; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryan of Midland, and Mrs. Martha Goodwin of Conroe.

Future Farmers Send Newspaper Overseas

The Midland chapter of the Future Farmers of America has ordered The Reporter-Telegram sent to about 15 former members of the organization as a Christmas present. One of the subscriptions will go to D. H. Livingston, a former president of the Midland FFA.

Funds for sending the newspapers were taken from the organization's treasury. Harlan Howell is advisor for the group, George Knox is president, Bill Brown is vice president and Billy Gossett is treasurer.

Lions Entertain Ladies At Banquet In Hotel Scharbauer

Midland Lions entertained their ladies at a banquet and dance Tuesday night in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer. It was their annual Christmas party and a turkey dinner was served.

The Rev. R. J. Snell was toastmaster and short talks were made by Frank Stubbeman, W. B. Neely Jr., and the Rev. Hubert Hopper, president of the club.

Fred McMurry entertained with legere and several selections were offered by the Lions Harmony Quartet, J. M. McDonald, John L. Biggs, E. N. Stracener and Roy Tuggle. Roy DeWolf was at the piano.

After the banquet, dancing was enjoyed by the couples. J. S. Nolan was in charge of the arrangements.

Rotarians To Meet With Service Men

Members of the Rotary Club will meet at 8 p.m. Friday in the day-room at Midland Municipal Airport with service men stationed there for a stag party.

C. V. Cap) Lyman will be the principal speaker on the program. C. H. Shepard, president of the Rotary Club, said, Shepard promised there would be plenty of fun and entertainment at the party. He urged a full attendance of Rotarians at the party.

Plans Complete For Rotary Yule Party

Plans are all complete for the Rotary Club's Christmas dinner and party to be held in the Educational Building of the First Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, C. H. Shepard, president, said Wednesday. The Rotarians will entertain their ladies and guests.

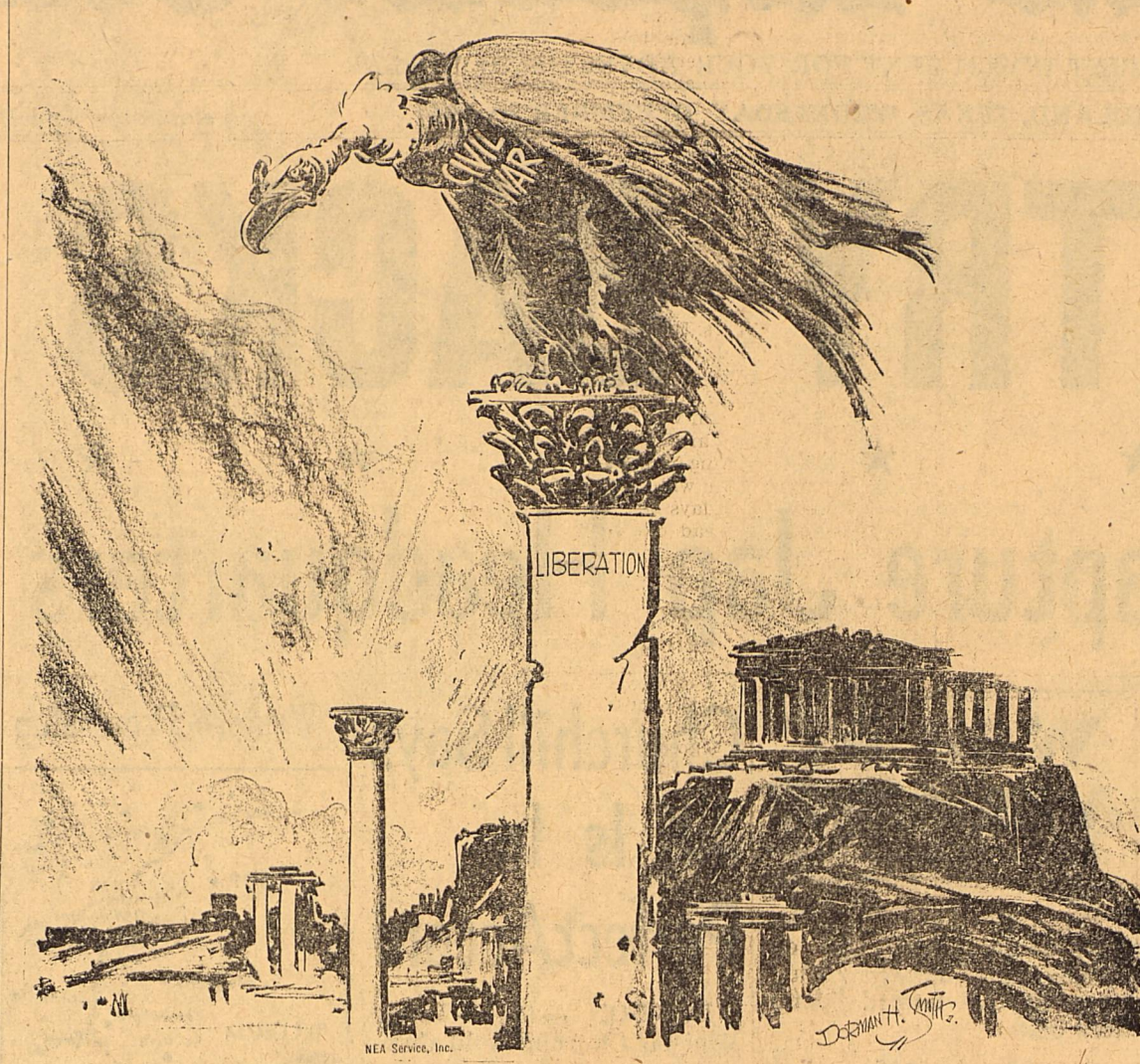
W. T. (Tanalac) Strange of Lubbock will be the principal speaker. He has won wide reputation over this section of the state as an entertaining speaker and is in great demand.

"Everything points to this being a very enjoyable event," Shepard said. "I urge all members to be present."

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—Cattle 2-500; calves 1,500; fairly active, generally steady with Tuesday's declines of mostly 25c; medium to good slaughter steers and yearlings 11.00-13.00; culler and common kinds 6.50-10.50; good beef cows 10.00-11.00; common and medium kinds 7.00-9.50; bulls 6.00-9.00; good and choice fat calves 12.00-13.25; common to medium kinds 7.50-11.75. Hogs 1,200; active and unchanged; good and choice 180-270 lb butcher hogs 14.55; good and choice heavier butchers 13.80; good and choice 150-175 lb averages 13.50-14.25; packing sows 13.50-13.75; Pigs 12.50 down. Sheep 4,500; slaughter lambs and ewes steady to mostly 25c lower; good fat lambs 13.25; common to medium lambs 10.00-12.00; yearlings weak at 11.00 down; ewes 4.50-6.25.

The Glory That Was Greece



Nazi -

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parried the German blows.

(The German high command declared without confirmation that more than 10,000 Americans had been captured so far.)

U. S. troops were holding out in some key towns and pockets, bypassed by the main German forces in this wholly fluid warfare.

Supreme Headquarters partly lifted the cloak of secrecy to tell of the five to 20-mile advances up to Monday noon in the winter counteroffensive.

The German were crushing into increasingly dense defenses thrown together by the First Army.

American anti-aircraft gunners claimed more than 200 German planes shot down in three days.

Continued silence on later developments suggested that the front had not yet been stabilized against the ramming columns of German armor and fresh infantry seeking a major breakthrough.

The partial lifting of the security blackout gave the first official disclosure of the depth and danger of the Nazi recoil offensive mounted with all the power of Germany's arsenal—rested crack divisions, tanks, planes, V-weapons, parachute troops, and amphibious vehicles.

Dispatches from the counterattack line, however, declared Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges had slammed in his infantry and armor alike in attempts to stem the onslaught.

In fluid, confused battle, some doughboys fought until they were overrun in their foxholes by tanks. German parachute troopers seized one American hospital, but doughboys rewon it, freeing the captives.

Liege Evacuated

Unconfirmed reports in Paris said a precautionary civilian evacuation of Liege had been ordered Tuesday night.

One German column struck in force across the border from near Honsfeld—27 miles southeast of Aachen—and then split. One unit veered to the vicinity of Butgenbach eight miles northeast of Malmédy. A second jabbed on to Stavelot, five miles southwest of Malmédy and eight miles below Spa, the famous resort town.

The second Nazi drive was a pin-curl thrust on the important road hub of St. Vith, four miles inside Belgium and about 12 miles below Malmédy.

Dispatches Wednesday from both British-Canadian and U. S. Ninth Army headquarters said enemy patrols had suddenly thrust into Aachen—some 35 miles above the northernmost German push—and heavy mortar fire crashed on Allied positions.

(Whether this heralded a new Nazi assault in this area where once the British Second and U. S. Ninth armies had their junction point or simply was intended to prevent the Allies from moving reinforcements south was not apparent.)

A Ninth Army dispatch said German prisoners were extremely confident about the offensive beating into U. S. First Army lines. Buoyed by propaganda, some said this was but the beginning, and that Antwerp would fall in a few days.

Tuesday night, when American and British correspondents at SHAEF protested the ban on news, the Allied command promised that disclosures would be made as soon as consistent with military security.

A 34-year-old white truck driver for a Midland business concern was arrested at 4 a.m. Wednesday by police on West Wall when complaints were received he was driving on all sides of the road.

When taken to the police station it was discovered he had about \$1,000 in cash and checks in his possession. Practically all of the money belonged to the company for which he was working. A representative of the company called at the police station at 5 a.m. and took charge of the company's funds.

Superforts -

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beyond Valencia, was taken by the cavalrymen pushing down from the northeast to sever the enemy's carefully guarded escape highway.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported 1,484 more Japanese dead were counted on Leyte abtline fronts, and 22 Nipponese surrendered.

Only opposition on Mindoro came from Nipponese planes. Thirteen were shot down. U. S. bombers and fighters sweeping Japanese airfields from Luzon Island to the Dutch Indies ran the day's total of enemy aircraft destroyed on Southwest Pacific islands to 47.

Revised Totals
Revised totals listed 42 Japanese planes definitely destroyed and 24 probably in Monday's record raid on Hankow by Superforts, Liberators, Mitchells, Mustangs and Warhawks. They dropped 1,000 tons of bombs, leaving installation in flames.

The German Transoceanic news agency reported three Marianas-based Superforts rained incendiaries on Tokyo Tuesday night. Other B-29 targets were the aircraft works at Omira, Japan, bombed through a heavy cloud cover; and docks and engineering works at Shanghai and Nanking, China, both hit squarely in daylight.

Tokyo said ten B-29s participated in the Nanking attack. Japanese propagandists claimed three Superforts were damaged at Omura.

New worries for the Mikado's sea lords were brewing in Honolulu, where Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, just elevated to a five-star admiral, conferred with Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, commander-in-chief of the new British fleet assigned to the Pacific.

OPA Limits Charges For Radio Repairs

Complaints have come to the office of the Midland County War Price and Ration Board some radio service operators are violating price regulations governing this type of work, OPA officials said Wednesday. Copies of the regulations governing charges which may be made for radio service work are available at the ration board office and will be furnished on request, officials said.

APPOINTS DIRECTOR

AUSTIN—(AP)—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson Wednesday announced appointment of Rufus R. Peoples of Tehuacana, Limestone County, as a member of the board of directors of Texas A. and M. College.

Goodfellows Start Distribution Of Food Certificates

Purchase certificates provided by the Goodfellows Club were being distributed Wednesday among needy families of Midland by which they can obtain food for Christmas dinners. The food will be paid for by funds received by the Goodfellows for this purpose.

The number of contributors to the fund declined Wednesday as compared with Tuesday's contributions. "If contributions come in satisfactorily through Thursday we will be able to give food purchase certificates to all Midland families who need and deserve them," Ily Pratt, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce welfare committee, said.

The Goodfellows have started distribution of the food certificates, giving them first to families most in need. We hope to obtain sufficient funds to provide all needy families of Midland with food for Christmas dinners," Pratt continued.

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A Big Connection
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In a recent deal Chalmette acquired from General American Oil Company of Dallas, for cash, plus an overriding oil payment, to General American Oil Producing Company leases on a 1,600 acre block in Northwest Andrews, on which the new wildcat is located. Included in the transaction were the northwest quarter of section 24, north-half and southeast quarter of section 17, all of section 14, and east half of section 7, all in block A-26, 1st survey.

Richard E. Gille, Midland division manager for Texas and New Mexico for Bay Petroleum Corporation, and affiliated operations, will also have charge of Chalmette operations in the same territory, and Midland will continue to be division headquarters for both organizations.

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This exploration is to be 330 feet from south and east lines of north-half of section 45, block 40, G&M-B&A survey, T-2-N, and is slightly less than one mile due east of closest production in the Mabee pool, which so far has been developed on acreage controlled by The Texas Company an owned in fee by J. E. Mabee.

No Too, Encouraging
The Texas Company No. 3-B Hobbs, Southeast Crane County exploration, in section 33, block 35, H&T/C survey, was swabbing at the rate of three-quarter barrels of oil per hour, showing a shakeout of four percent drilling water.

Section producing the fluid is 3-100-3,220 feet, over a plugged-back bottom of 3,225 feet, in Permian lime.

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Cotton

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cotton futures prices at noon Wednesday were unchanged to 10 cents a bale lower; March 21.94, May 21.87; July 21.47.

strong sulphur odor. No drillstem test was taken.

Standard of Texas No. 1 McElroy, West Upton County exploration in section 135, block E, CCSD&RGNG survey, found top of plug-back at 6,870 feet, and is to take a drillstem test from 6,765 feet to 6,870 feet.

Didn't Show Much
Frank and George Frankel No. 1-E University, section 22, block 13, University survey, one mile southeast of production on southeast side of the Fullerton field, in Northwest Andrews County, was drilling below 7,021 feet, in lime, showing promising shows of oil.

The project had been acidized and tested above previous total depth at 7,010 feet, and had swabbed about one-half barrels of oil per hour, after a total of 10,000 gallons of acid, in three stages.

Previous reports of the well having shown four barrels of oil per hour after a 500-gallon mud acid wash, for the initial acid treatment, apparently were in error.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., and Cities Service Oil Company No. 1-TXL, section 7, block 45, TP survey, T-1-S, in West Ector County, was swabbing to test on perforated section at 8,065-75 feet, in lime.

Getting Some Oil
During last 24 hours, recovery was 53 barrels of fluid, which was 81 percent oil and 19 percent acid water. In last hour of the test, recovery was one barrel of fluid, 87 percent oil and 13 percent acid water. Fluid was 7,000 feet below surface, on a plugged-back total depth of 8,100 feet.

Ohio Oil Company No. 1 Jones, in section 19-19s-39e, in East Lea

CANCEL FRIDAY BOARD MEETING OF JAYCEES

The usual bi-weekly meeting of directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will not be held Friday noon, L. W. Sandusky, president announced Wednesday.

County, New Mexico, instead of being in section 18-12s-37e, as reported through error on Tuesday, had plugged-back 15 feet from total depth at 5,779 feet, and will try a drillstem test.

According to unofficial sources, section being tested, and which had some shows of oil, and sulphur water in the zone which has been plugged off, is probably the Holt horizon of the Permian.

Another Test Going
Continental Oil Company No. 2-B Skaggs, section 23-20s-37e, in the Monument section of Lea, was to run a test on perforated section at 7,700-25 feet, which had been opened with 75 shots. Plugged-back total depth is 7,725 feet, and packer is at 7,651 feet.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 State-Hart, North-Central Pecos County wildcat, was preparing to shot in the zone at 6,070-88 feet, in the Waddell section of the Simpson. Plugged-back total depth is 6,100 feet.

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Society

Lu Ellen McIntire, Sgt. Donald Tucker, Joined In Marriage

With the Rev. Vernon O. Yearby officiating, Pvt. Lue Ellen McIntire of the Women's Army Corps was married to Sgt. Donald R. Tucker in a double ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church Tuesday morning.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McIntire of the "Pump" McIntire Ranch near Mineral Wells, the bride represented the Bombardier School in Midland's Tenth Annual World Championship Rodeo last June.

Her husband, the son of Ruben Tucker of Price, Utah, attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake before entering the army. He was the first member of the Quartermasters Corps to arrive at the Midland Army Air Field, and has been stationed here since October, 1941. He now is foreman of the clothing dispensing department.

Sergeant and Mrs. Tucker left for a honeymoon trip after the wedding ceremony.

Midland Garden Club To Plan Decorations For Airport Mess

The Midland Garden Club will hold a special meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the home of Mrs. E. E. Reigle, 613 W. Storey to plan decorations for the mess halls of Midland Municipal Airport.

Members are asked to bring greenery, and any decorations which they may have that are ready to be used. Mrs. P. D. Moore will be at the meeting to instruct in making of other decorations.

Mrs. L. G. Lewis, chairman of the Midland Camp and Hospital Committee of the American Red Cross, also will attend.

Troop 9 Girl Scouts Honor Mothers At Christmas Party

Girl Scouts of Troop 9 gave a Christmas party for their mothers Monday night at the home of Mrs. K. C. Slough, 612 West Kansas.

Games were played and Christmas carols were sung by candle light. Various Christmas gifts were exchanged after cookies, hot chocolate and mints were served.

Guests were Misses W. E. Hankla, Loy Mashburn, T. L. Dunlap, Marivena Kemp, J. P. Glenn and Elizabeth Carnes, grandmother of Mary Lou Price.

Members of Troop 9 attending were Helen Cartwright, Rita Dunlap, Janis Slough, Eloise Glenn, Manda Mashburn, Wanda Jo Hankla, Denzil Ann Kemp, and Mary Lou Price.

Mrs. Slough is chairman of Troop committee.

Presbyterians Hold Family Night Dinner

Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, a "family night" dinner was held at the First Presbyterian Church Monday night, with over 100 guests attending. Mrs. W. H. Gilmore was in charge of the refreshments and Mrs. E. F. Peters had charge of the program.

The tables were decorated with red and white candles and ivy, and a Christmas tree dominated one corner of the room.

Couple Visit Parents

Yeoman 2/c Hershel Parkis and his wife, are visiting Yeoman Parkis parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parkis for the Christmas holidays.

Moves To Midland

Miss Martha Jane Tubb has joined the petroleum engineer's staff of the Humble Oil Company's Midland office after being transferred from the Houston office. Miss Tubb is a Sweetwater girl.



Nine-year-old Cornelia Stewart of McLean, Va., smilingly displays the doll recently presented to her by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower by the people of Brittany, France, in gratitude for liberation brought by Allied armies. The general presented the doll to the children of America, and it will go on exhibition at the National History Building of the National Museum in Washington.

Kentucky Girl Is Bride Of MAAF Officer

Miss Margy Ann Black of Covington, Kentucky became the bride of Lt. Henry S. Vanderbank of Midland Army Air Field in a double ring ceremony Monday evening in the post chapel. The Rev. Patrick J. Toomey was the officiating chaplain.

Mrs. W. J. Pedersen of Oakland, California acted as matron of honor with Lt. William T. Wolfe of MAAF as best man.

The bride was attired in a pink crepe afternoon dress with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. Mrs. Pedersen wore a gray wool suit with black accessories and a corsage of gardenias. The chapel was decorated with palms, gladioli, and candelabra. Sgt. Donald M. Gillett, post organist, furnished traditional music for the wedding.

Parents Here For Wedding

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Black of Covington, attended the ceremony. Mrs. Black wore a black crepe street length dress with black accessories and a gardenia corsage.

Lt. Vanderbank recently returned from the European theater where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with two clusters. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vanderbank of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brownie Troop 14 Has Christmas Party And Formal Initiation

Brownie Troop 14 met in the home of Mrs. S. P. Hazlip for initiation and a Christmas party, Monday afternoon. The troop leaders, Mrs. John E. Gaffney and Mrs. Sherwood O'Neal, proclaimed each member full fledged Brownie after a colorful ceremony. Gifts were distributed with the girls presenting their mothers with gifts they had made.

Refreshments were served to Brownies Helen Zant, Janice Hill, Carolyn Leggett, Gwendolyn Campbell, Donna Marsh, Betty Sue Crump, Judy Cole, Peggy O'Neal, Mimi Speed, Retta Hazlip, Rosemary Gaffney, Margaret Pool, Juanda Bradshaw and Sue Elvins.

Mothers who were honored were Misses J. E. Zant, A. J. Hill, Waldo Leggett, J. Wayne Campbell, Marsh, John R. Crump, Taylor Cole, Sherwood O'Neal, Thomas L. Speed, S. P. Hazlip, John E. Gaffney and Ray Pool.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE HAS YULETIDE PARTY

The Mary Martha Circle of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. A. A. Jones, 403 Holmsley, Monday for a Christmas party. Mrs. Arnold Scharbauer opened the meeting with a prayer. The Bible study was directed by Mrs. Harold Cheeves.

Refreshments were served to Misses O. D. Schuckel, Raymond Leggett, P. D. Phillips, Jr., Hal Coker, Frank Monroe, J. G. White, Arnold Scharbauer, and Mrs. Harold Cheeves.

Home For Holidays

Dorothy Wolcott arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wolcott, 1698 W. Texas. She is on vacation from the Ursuline Academy in San Antonio, where she is a junior.

Mary Jane Weatherall Becomes Bride Of D. P. Weatherred

Miss Mary Jane Weatherall became the bride of Daniel Preston Weatherred Monday evening in the parsonage of the First Christian Church. The Rev. John E. Pinkering, pastor, read the wedding vows for the single ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Weatherred will be at home in Midland.

Mrs. Noyes Home After Operation

Mrs. Iva Noyes returned home this week after convalescing from a recent emergency operation at the home of a sister in Dallas. The operation was performed several weeks ago in St. Louis, where she was visiting relatives.

She will rest in her home for several days before resuming her duties as head of the Stuart Photo Print Shop.

Mercury Tumbles To Freezing Mark Again

The temperature hit the freezing mark in Midland again Wednesday morning when the mercury fell to 32 degrees at 6:30 a. m. and remained there until 9 a. m. before starting to climb.

Midlanders enjoyed three and a half hours of comfortable 60 degree weather Tuesday from 3 to 6:30 p. m.

Daughter To Be Home

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Proctor left Tuesday for Dallas and will return Thursday for the holidays with their daughter, Jo Ann, who is a music student at Southern Methodist University.

JOINS WAVES

Miss Audra Bullard, formerly with the industrial relations department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company's Midland office, left Tuesday for Houston to visit before going to Hunter College December 24 to report to the WAVES.

Return From Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nance have returned from Lubbock where Mr. Nance underwent medical treatment.

Home From Mills College

Miss Nancy La Force arrived home last weekend to spend her Christmas vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. La Force. She is a junior at Mills College in San Francisco.

Western Auto Associate Store, opposite Western Union, will remain open evenings till 9 o'clock all this week. —(Adv.)

Red Cross Announces POW Supplies Reach Japanese Mainland

WASHINGTON — American Red Cross relief supplies for prisoners of war are reported by the Japanese to have arrived in Kobe, Japan, from Nakhodka, a Soviet port 100 miles east of Vladivostok, it was announced by Basil O'Connor, chairman. The supplies, sent to Vladivostok last year, were moved by the Soviet government to Nakhodka and picked up by a Japanese boat.

Food, medicines, clothing, and some recreational supplies were sent by the American and Canadian Red Cross societies and the YMCA from a west coast port of the United States via Russian ships to the port of Vladivostok at the suggestion of the Japanese government after other methods of sending prisoners of war supplies to the Far East had been rejected by that government.

The cargo, valued at about \$1,500,000, contained approximately 300,000 eleven-pound food packages, 2,661 cases of drugs and medical supplies, 19,500 sets of clothing, 4,200 pairs of army shoes, 7,080 overcoats, 125 cases of shoe repair material, 21,000 sets of toilet articles, 1,000,000 cigarettes, and 200 cases of YMCA books and religious and recreational supplies.

It is understood that a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross met the ship on arrival at Kobe to direct the forwarding of materials to Allied prisoners of war. The international delegate has been instructed to make every effort to see that supplies are sent to camps that did not receive their share of the previous two shipments sent by the American Red Cross. Former shipments, valued at \$1,462,926 were made on two voyages of the diplomatic exchange ship, Gripsholm, in 1942 and 1943.

Boy Scouts To Make Holiday Camp Trip

Boy Scouts of Midland have the opportunity to spend seven of the Christmas holidays on a camping trip in the heart of the Davis Mountain area, Scout Executive J. V. Niedermayer said Monday.

In order to make the trip the boys must have a medical examination, obtain permission of their parents and turn in their application at the Chamber of Commerce not later than 5 p.m. Thursday.

One of the outstanding activities of the trip will be a visit to the McDonald Observatory and look at the moon through the giant telescope. Other activities will consist of exploration hikes and a tour of old Fort Davis.

Action Postponed By Legion At Meeting

Business matters ordinarily disposed of at regular monthly meetings of the American Legion were postponed until the January session when members of the Woods W. Lynch Post met in the private dining room of the Scharbauer Hotel Tuesday night.

Attendance was light as many of the Legion members were attending the Lions Club Christmas party.

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Coming Events

THURSDAY—
The Red Cross first aid class will meet at 7 p.m. at the city hall.

Hostesses for the Junior Canteen will be: 4 to 6 p.m., Mrs. Frank Aldrich; 7 to 9 p.m., Mrs. H. W. Hull.

SATURDAY—
The Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at 11 a.m. at the Watson School of Music.

Santa Claus will appear in person to distribute gifts to children of military personnel at the MAAF post theater at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess for the Junior Canteen from 3:30 to 6 p.m. will be Mrs. A. Knickerbocker.

All Girl Scouts of Midland will assemble on the steps of the courthouse at 7 p.m. for the singing of Christmas carols.

Ration Calendar

By The Associated Press
MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book four red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through S5 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until Dec. 31.

PROCESSED FOOD—Book four blue stamps A8 through Z8, A5 through Z5, and A2 and B2 valid indefinitely. No more will be validated until Jan. 1.

SUGAR—Book four stamps 30 through 34 good indefinitely for five pounds each stamp 40 good for five pounds for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945.

SHOE—Book three airplane stamps, 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

GASOLINE—13-A coupons good for four gallons each through Dec. 21. 14A coupons will become valid Dec. 22 and will be good for four gallons each through March 21. B-4, C-4, B-5 and C-5 coupons good for five gallons.

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VII
MORNING had flung an orange cap across her shoulders and it trailed in untidy splendor over the sky as she hastened before the sun, when Flavia sought Joel.

Flavia's own shoulders were covered with a disgustingly heavy robe, dark and rough, and a staff was in her hand. In the faint light she could have been mistaken for a shepherd's wife and none who knew her would in a glance have seen the mistress of Bethlehem's inn.

Joel, with his arm about the neck of a ewe that had brought forth twins, held the sheep now on its back that the small lamblings might more easily nurse. It was customary thus to hold a ewe whose young were too weak to nurse naturally, but it presented Joel with the problem of holding two small helpless creatures with one hand, while they drank.

It was an exhausting task, so that upon recognizing Flavia he was immediately angry with her because she was not Michal. She sat down by him and took a lamb into her own clean hands, knowing she would have to hold it until her arm grew weary and the lamb's small sides had plumped out with its dam's milk.

She stopped Joel's impatient words directly. "This day," she said, "this day thou shalt look upon thy firstborn son, and thou hast thought for thy puny lambs!"

"His firstborn son! Michal?" "Michal is sleeping," Flavia said, answering his unspoken need. And was all unprepared for the flood of bitter words he released.

Joel was weary and his nerves fretted. All that night he had tended lambs and aided ewes in lambing. All night Michal's pain had wounded him. All night he had kept his hands oiled and he was sick of the smell of oil, olive oil. So he had tended sheep while

Michal gave birth to their child! All night he had worked alone and worried without knowing why. He turned his unreasoning anger upon Flavia. "So my son is born! Doubtless Michal shall send him to Rome as she sent the son of Jonathan. If she could give her firstborn to the Roman gods, is it to be thought she will withhold the son of Joel whom she despises?"

Flavia must hold the nursing lamb while she told him. For it is like that the great or tragic moments of life come to most of us, come while we do the humble task at hand and pride forbids our quitting. So Flavia found words to tell him, the shepherd husband of Michal, words to tell that Michal, who had been Jonathan's wife, was not the mother of Jonathan's son.

"Michal has not told thee? Nay, Michal would not tell thee what was not her secret to reveal. Malachi is my son."

"MALACHI thy son!" he exclaimed in unbelief. "We met at Rachel's tomb, Jonathan and I. My husband was old and tyrannical and Jonathan's betrothed was a child. And we were maid and man."

"So that thou transgressed the law?"

"The law, Joel? Is there older law than that a man shall seek a woman for his own when he has looked upon her and found her desirable? Is the law older than a woman's instinct to give to her beloved?"

Flavia almost dropped the lamb as she turned to him, forgetting as she did all but the need to justify Jonathan and herself and a love long past.

"There was no thought between us that we should do wrong. Ah, there was no thought of any but ourselves! Not even of little Michal.

"The olives were heavy on the

trees and the grapes ripening in the terraces, and the whole world was vivid with harvest. Dates and figs and pomegranates." Her voice became very soft as she remembered that this was Jonathan's brother. "Men were gathering the ripened fruit, Joel. Dost thou wonder Jonathan took myself? I was ready and his Michal had not yet ripened into womanhood."

Joel said sternly, "Thou didst tempt him unlawfully." "Tempt Jonathan!" she exclaimed. "But of course I did," she said quietly. "There was never a beautiful woman who did not tempt Jonathan. Hast thou not learned that from Michal?"

Joel gazed into the well of the past and Michal's mocking voice echoed in his ears, "I would not raise a sheep to be seed into thy brother Jonathan!"

The lamb in Joel's hand finished nursing and he put it down gently, aware of Flavia's impatience with the one she held. "Doubtless she told and I did not understand," he acknowledged. "I have been blind these many months and would not see."

Flavia felt the lamb's side becoming warmer and plump as they extended with piteous milk.

"Jonathan had greater love for Drusus, my brother, than for me," she said. "There was a friendship of years, and I was but a season's pastime, although he never forgot that I had borne his son, his little Roman."

Malachi ran into the past Joel visioned and he saw that Flavia was right. And Michal, also, for the child was like Drusus.

"For that brief season, Jonathan was mine," she said. "Then Drusus returned him to Michal, and my son with him!"

Joel interrupted, protesting the injustice done Michal. And Flavia reminded him, "Hast there been no injustice to Michal she would not now be sleeping with thy son beside her! If Michal had borne Jonathan's children she would not have married thee. Rather would she have gone to my brother, Drusus."

(To Be Continued)

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority
Seventeen years ago the American Auction Bridge League was organized, and one of the men active in that organization was R. W. Halpin of Chicago. "Bob" is now a devotee of rubber bridge, but once in a while he plays on a good team in a tournament. At the recent all American tournament in Chicago, his team won 41 1/2 matches. The next highest team won 32 matches. The other mem-

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♥ A J 4
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ 7 3

♠ J 8 7 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ Q 10 7
♣ K 8 5 4

Dealer

Halpin
♥ A 10 5
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A 8 4
♠ A J 10 2

Duplicate—None vul.
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass
Opening—♥ 5. 20

bers of the team were Albert Weiss, Jules C. Bank and Maynard Adams of Chicago, and David B. Clarran of St. Paul, Minn.

Halpin won one match with a squeeze play for six-odd. After winning the heart, he went over to dummy and took the club finesse. He won the heart return, cashed the diamonds, took another club finesse, cashed the ace of hearts, and now East could not protect the king of clubs and jack of spades.

In 1908 French investigators discovered that the keeping quality of cut flowers was not improved by any chemical used in water unless it was in combination with sugar.

Read the classified ads

HOLD EVERYTHING



"It's nice, Lambykins, but I'd rather have a nice carton of matched cigarets!"

Mexico Alarmed Over Imported Products

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—The National Chamber of Manufacturers gave out a statement to the press Wednesday in which it expressed alarm over the danger from dumping North American products on this market.

"A great number of products are now being imported here which are manufactured in this country," the statement declared. "The economic power of the United States enables them to be produced on so great a scale that competition with them is impossible. Mexican manufacturers are threatened with ruin and our workers with unemployment."

Recalling a recent announcement by President Avila Camacho that Mexico would shortly begin to negotiate better commercial treaties, the chamber declared that dumping "is a present evil, which should be remedied immediately."

Native platinum is never chemically pure; five other metals are generally associated with it.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

Fighting continues along the seventy-mile front of the mighty German counteroffensive which thundered out of the Rhineland so suddenly.

Unofficial reports say that the American First Army, along whose front the Germans have flung the bulk of their weight, appears to be holding the flanks of the enemy offensive. If that's confirmed it is indeed good news, for it will mean that thus far we have avoided the grave danger of a complete breakthrough and the turning of our own flanks.

The greatest threat to the Allied front seems to be in the Aachen sector.

Aachen, which we captured after a blistering siege, is the funnel through which we have been pouring our weight against the Roer River and Duren—anchor of the German line there. Duren is the gateway to the Cologne plain, which in

turn gives access to the Rhenish city of Cologne and Germany's great industrial area of the Ruhr. One of Nazi Field Marshal von Rundstedt's chief objectives is to cut the American First Army front southeast of Aachen and turn our General Hodges' flank so that he will have to swing back northward and abandon Aachen. This also would be calculated to give the German possession of the Belgian distribution center for Allied supplies and reinforcements intended for the front from above Aachen clear down to Luxembourg.

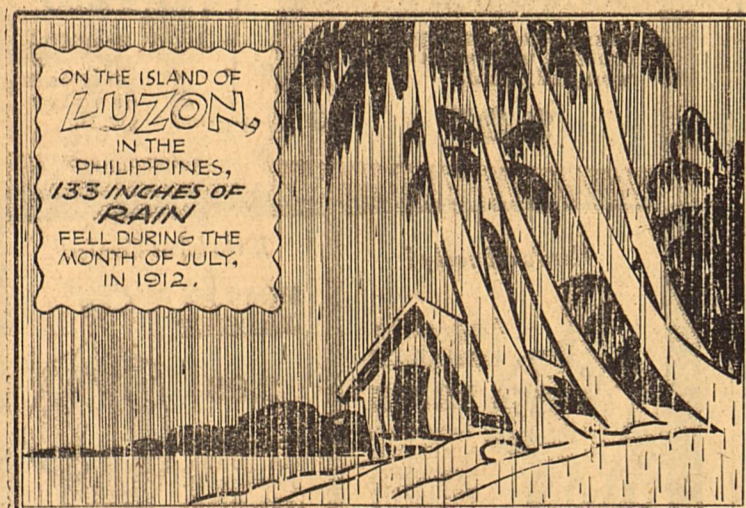
Should we lose Aachen and Liege, the Germans might even have dreams of capturing Antwerp upon which General Eisenhower is so heavily dependent for all his supplies from overseas.

However, latest reports indicated that General Hodges not only was holding along the Aachen sector but was counterattacking and had even sent patrols into Duren, on the east bank of the Roer. The German advance has been south of there against a comparatively thinly held line.

Keep a handy beauty box in your desk drawer if you are a working girl, so that you will be prepared for a sudden evening date.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



Quoting Odds

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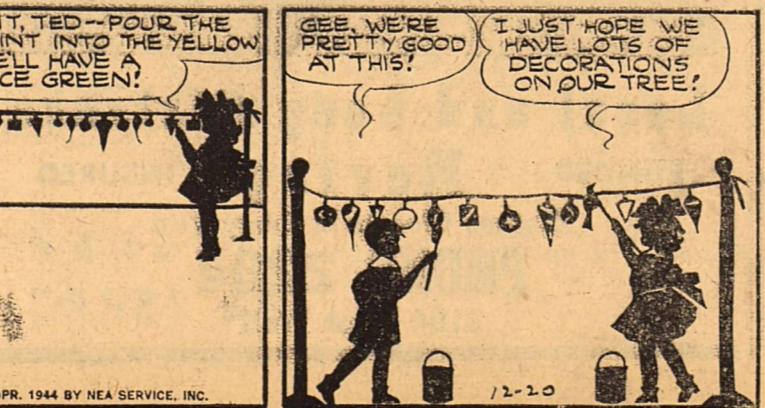
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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By LAURENE ROSE DIEHL



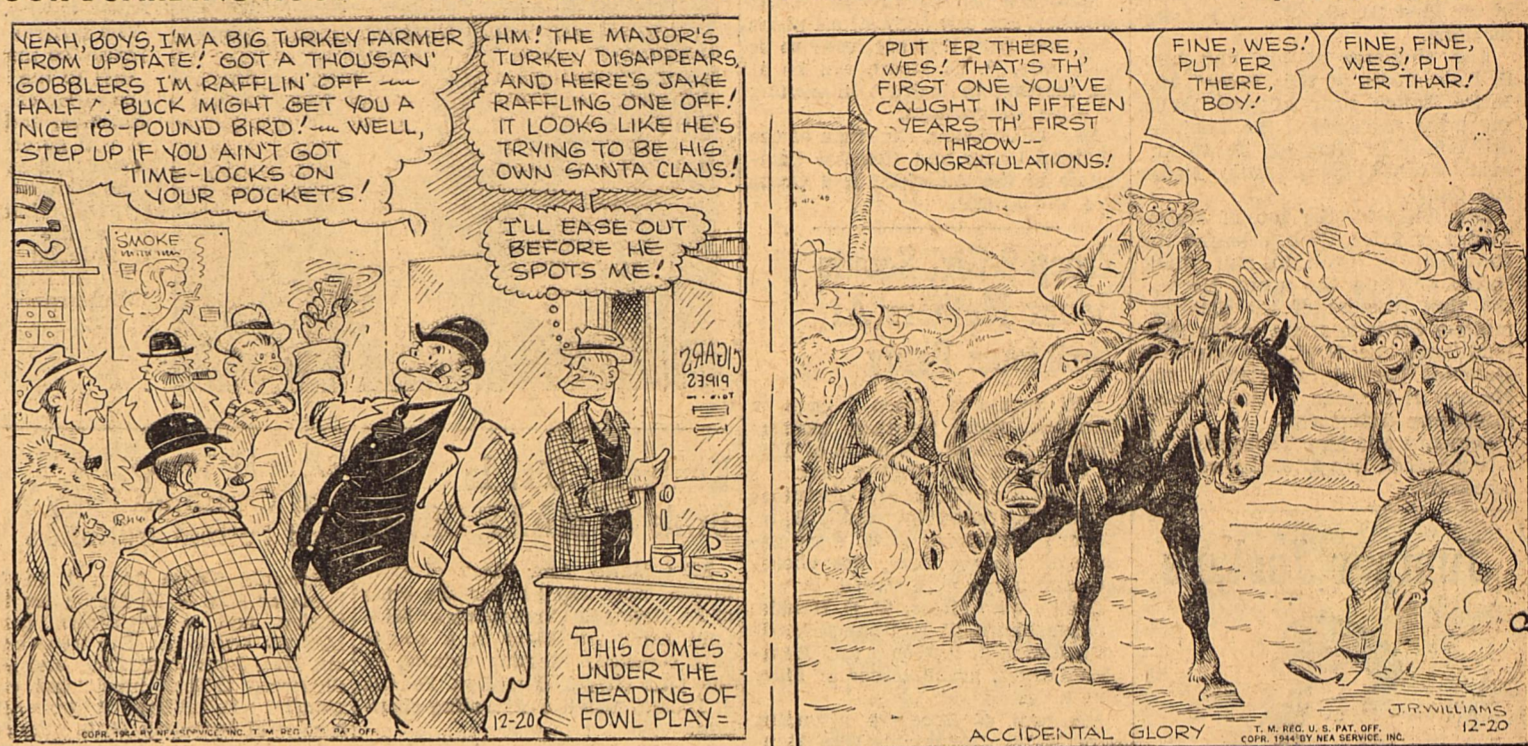
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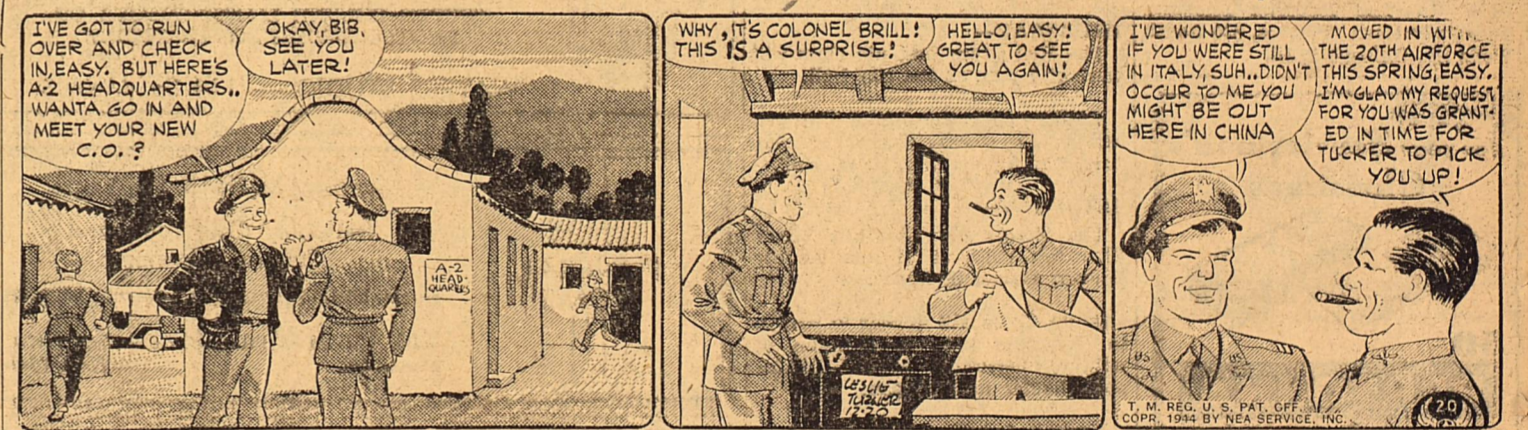


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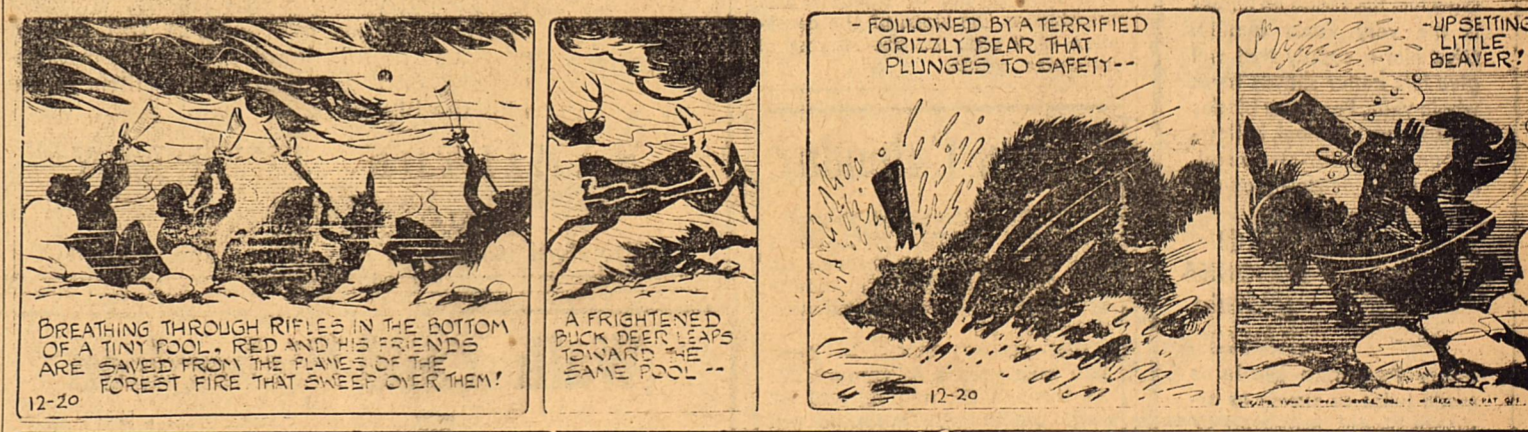
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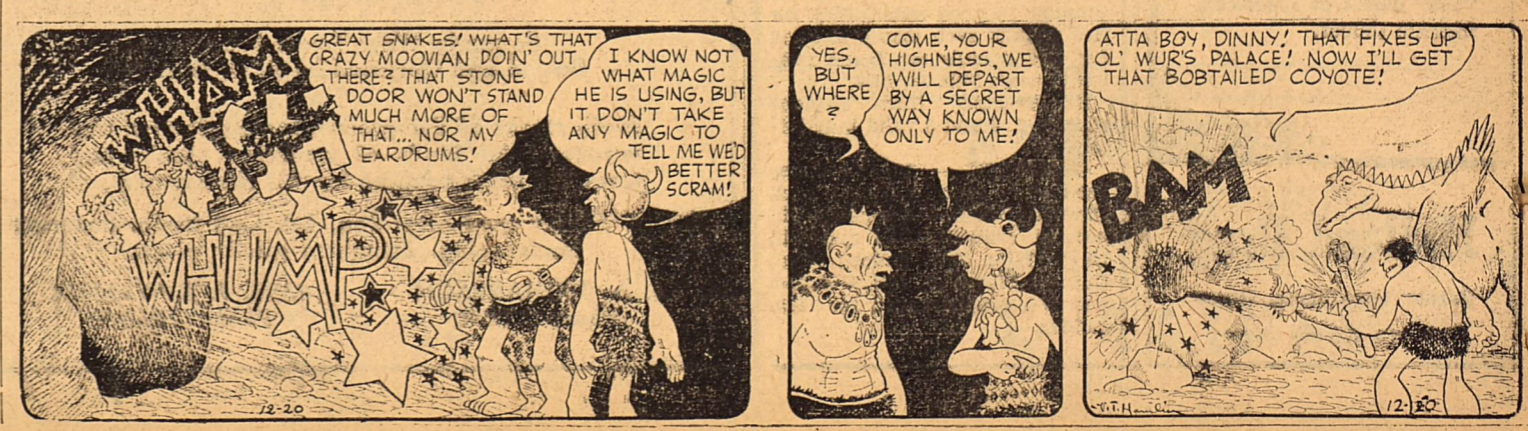
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SEWING MACHINES Repair all makes sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. Cash paid for your old machine. E. W. (Bill) Jennings, 705 N. Main. (233-30)

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Good Things to Eat 4 GET all the Grade A milk you want daily at 707 S. Baird. Mrs. Hippis Grocery. (241-6)

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LARGE paper shell pecans, 4 1/2 and 45-lb. 411 N. Carrizo. Phone 981-J. (245-3)

ROMING Beauty apples, \$3.75 per box. Plenty Delicious apples, paper shell pecans and citrus fruits, 400 E. Florida, Garden City Highway. (245-3)

Travel Bureaus 5 WANT ride to Houston 22nd or 23rd, return 26th or 27th. Dorothy Brucewell. Phone 1860 or 1713. (243-5)

Lost and Found 7 LOST—Rose gold Bulova wrist watch, at main gate MAAF. Reward. U & I Cafe. (244-3)

STRAYED—Black pig, west of town. Sam Holmes, Phone 2162-W. (244-3)

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Lost and Found 7

LOST—Arm dining chair from truck. Reward. Galbraith's, Phone 746. (244-3)

FOUND—Check book, Midland Co. Library. (245-1)

Help Wanted 9 WANTED—Handy man or boy, combination job, painting, etc. Haley Hotel. (236-12)

WAITRESSES wanted. Apply Scharbauer Coffee Shop. (126-1)

WANTED: Retail milk route driver. Must be reliable with good references. Apply in person. Banner Creamery. (193-1)

WAITRESS wanted, day or night; work. Excellent working conditions. Apply Cactus Cafe. (291-1)

SODA GIRL wanted. No night or Sunday work. Apply in person only. City Drug. (206-1)

DUMP TRUCKS WANTED: To haul caliche, Andrews County, Texas. Pay 35¢ per 4 yard load mile. Long job. Trucks now making an average of \$40.00 per day. Will hire 15 trucks between December 20th and January 1st in order to start second crushing plant. Call Floyd Hunter, Supl. Office, phone 32, Residence 39, Andrews, Texas. (244-12)

PORTER wanted. Petroleum Pharmacy. (245-3)

TRUCK route salesman wanted. Work out of town. Salary and commission. Kraft Cheese Co. Phone 1067 or 2182-W. (245-6)

Situations Wanted 10 EXPERT linoleum laying. All work cash. See Foster, 400 N. "D". Phone 1109-J. (219-52)

SEWING wanted. 1303 N. Marienfield. (243-24)

WILL keep children in my home by hour, day or week. Phone 1444-J, 1009 S. Big Spring. (245-6)

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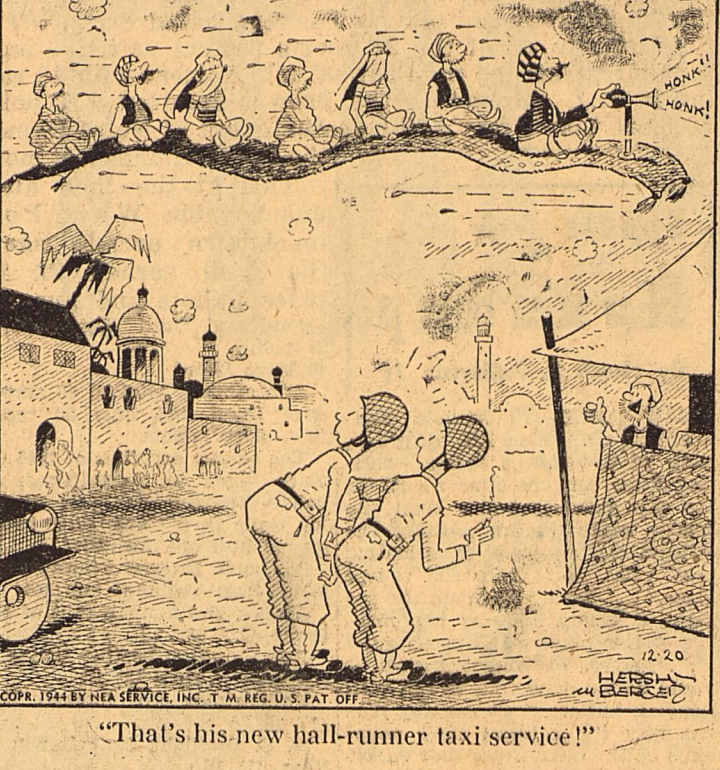
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FUNNY BUSINESS



Wemple's Western Auto Associate Store, across the street from Western Union, offers the following GIFT SUGGESTIONS—

FOR THE TINY TOTS—Rag dolls; teddy bears; musical blocks; baby feeding plates and bowls; lamb skin house shoes; dolls; military guns; pull tractors; fire trucks; movable pull toys including grasshopper; turtles; ducks; mice; horses; lawn mowers; elephant clocks; wagons; coasters; wheel barrows; airplanes; locomotives; wagons of educational blocks and pegs or a big, brown teddy bear; bright-colored gingham circus animals; high chairs; play telephones; rocking chairs; hobby horses; Pound-a-Peg tables.

FOR BOYS 5 to 8—Black boards; Wood burning sets; Animals on parade; Bubble sets; Drawing sets; Dolls; Doll beds; Doll swings; Tea sets; Jig-saw puzzles; Electric football and basketball games; Outfit boards; WAC suits; Toy clock banks; Toy telephone banks; Clay moulding and coloring sets; Magic calculator; Drawing sets; Military cut-out sets; Fleeced-lined shoes; Yo-Yo; Doll high chairs; Refrigerators; Kitchen cabinets; Irons.

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FOR THE LADY—Bridal table and chairs; Pyrex oven ware; Cookie jars; Card tables; Water pitcher and glasses; Full sets dishes; Sterling silver dresser sets; Record album; Record cabinet; Ladies bill folds; Desk lamps; Bed lamps; Stainless steel table service for six; Pyrex casserole; Pie plates; Double Boilers; Large pottery vases; Colored individual teapots; Plastic towel racks and tooth brush holders; Salt and pepper shakers with sterling silver tops and bottoms; Pyrex coffee makers; Pyrex double boilers; Cocktail bars; Hand carved breast pins; Christmas trees; Glass serving trays.

FOR DAD—Men's socks; Poker tables; Desk lamps; Auto robes; Barbecue grills; Poker chip racks; Individual poker chip holders; Tools; Tool boxes; Electric drills; Portable bars; Whiskey bottles; Grass bracelets; Hunting knives; Auto horns; Hammers; Saws; Wrenches Folding tape measures; Paint guns; Auto floor mats; Aviators' flying caps; Fountain pen and pencil sets; Golf bags; Golf balls; Rods and Reels.

All the above gifts available at Wemple's Western Auto Associate Store across the street from Western Union. (243-3)

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GIRLS pre-war bicycle for sale. Phone 59 before 4:30. (244-3)

ELGIN 21 jewel man's pocket watch for sale. Box 165, Stanton, Texas. (244-3)

LADIES Eastern Star ring with emblem on black onyx. Phone 352 (245-3)

WHITE crocheted table cloth for sale. Large size. Phone 352. (245-3)

STOVES—STOVES—STOVES! Gas heaters, coal ranges, air tight heaters, new stock at Barron's Supply Store. (244-3)

DOUBLE barrel 12 gauge La Puzos gun for sale. Phone 1256-J. (244-3)

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Let's Swap 25 WANT to trade 4 rooms, bath, 2 lots in Monahans for house here. Phone 1790, Midland, or write Mrs. J. E. Fussell, Box 711, Monahans. (238-12)

Wanted To Buy 26 WANTED—Childs ball bearing roller skates. Phone 828. (243-3)

SELL US the things you don't need—We make small loans. Nix Trading Post, 200 E. Wall. Phone 9544 (204-1)

WANTED to buy—late model portable Singer sewing machine. Must be in good condition. Write Box 369 care this paper. (240-1)

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Radios and Service 27 RADIO REPAIRS 610 S. Loraine - Phone 1810-M (232-26)

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Nurseries, Flowers, Seeds 30 GOOD variety evergreens, flowering shrubs, roses, shade, fruit and peach trees. If in need of trees and shrubs, pruned or moved, call 1494-W. Baker Bros. Nursery. In business since 1884. Will be here next year. (244-26)

PLENTY nice Christmas trees, 4 to 14 feet at Baker Bros. Nursery, E. Highway 80. Phone 1494-W-1. (234-12)

Wearing Apparel 32 BOYS' all-wool overcoat, size 12-14, \$15.00; man's wool-gabardine riding pants, 31x31, barely used, \$12.00; 1414 West Indiana after 6 p. m. (244-3)

Livestock and Poultry 34 FAT lambs for sale Thursday at Cattle Sales Barn, to sell individually. F. F. Elkin. (244-2)

FIX UP that vacant lot for profit; plenty of poultry wire at Barron's Supply Store. No certificate required. (244-3)

DEAD animals wanted for gunpowder. Free pickup service day or night. Call collect 484, Big Spring Soap Works, Big Spring, Texas. (134-121)

FOR SALE: 50 White Leghorn hens. Phone 1093. (245-2)

BUSINESS SERVICE Moving and Storage 38 GENERAL hauling. Call 1842-W day or night. (220-26)

Plumbing & Heating 39 Shattuck Plumbing Co. 308 N. Weatherford St. Phone 2046-W. (238-1)

Painting & Papering 45 FIRST class painting, decorating, house repairing, floor finishing. Contractor W. C. Jordan, Phone 682. (220-26)

FOR the best labor or material. Phone 1539-W. Box 133. Nineteen years satisfactory service in Midland. Floor surfacing and finishing. Estimates cheerfully given. L. H. Pittman, 900 N. Weatherford. (230-26)

When ironing bias-cut slips, try ironing diagonally across the slip so that your iron moves along the straight grain.

Mattress Renovating 47

CITY MATTRESS FACTORY; we give one day service on all size mattresses. Also Innerspring rebuilt. 411 South Main. Phone 1545. State Permit 948. (223-24)

Oil Land & Leases 50

Charlie Parker Voted Athletic Man-Of-The-Year

DALLAS—(P)—Charley Parker, the flying schoolboy of San Antonio, was the outstanding sports figure in Texas this year, sports-casters on radio stations served by the Associated Press voted Wednesday.

The Thomas Jefferson High School track star who went undefeated for three seasons and won the National AAU junior 100 meters and senior 200 meters races nosed out Coach Leo (Dutch) Meyer of Texas Christian University for the honor of being the man-of-the-year in athletics.

Switzerland's 22 cantons were unified by a federal constitution approved in 1874.

'Dutch' Meyer Says Carswell Is Greatest

LUFKIN—(P)—The man who produced such passing greats as Sam Baugh and Davey O'Brien saw Lufkin's Harmon Carswell in action and had this to say:

"I never saw a greater passing exhibition anywhere, any time." And Leo (Dutch) Meyer, Texas Christian University's master of the aerial attack, emphasized that he included college football.

Mexico University Plans Different Game

MEXICO CITY—(P)—A lightweight but tricky University of Mexico football team, which has just won the 12th consecutive Mexican Championship for its school, thinks it's time for a change in its Sun Bowl game against Southwestern (Tex.).

Despite its long string of successes locally, Mexico U. has had rough going with heavier, more experienced U. S. elevens. In the 16 years that football has been played here, not once has Mexico won a game from a team north of the border.

TENNESSEE VOLTS ARRIVE

PASADENA, CALIF.—(P)—Tennessee's undefeated and once-tied Volunteers—38 strong—are scheduled to arrive Wednesday and breeze through an afternoon unlimbering drill, larking the start of all-out preparations for their New Year's Day Rose Bowl clash with USC's Trojans.

Basketball Scores

North American 43, TCU 42. SMU 54, Dallas NAS 45. Texas 75, Southwestern 66.

Soldiers Reminded On Limited Days

WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY IN GERMANY—(P)—A large sign in a battalion command post of the 45th division bears this reminder of the approaching Yule season:

"Six more shooting days until Christmas."

Thunderbolt Princess



Thunderbolt Princess from the Abilene, Texas, Army Air Field who will represent the fighter pilots in the 10th Annual Southwestern Sun Carnival at Paso Nuevo's Day is 19-year-old Doris Louis Bohannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bohannon of Abilene. (NEA Telephoto.)

Slammin' Sammy Drops Glove To Byron Nelson

SAN FRANCISCO—(P)—The greatest golf match of the year is in the making. It will bring together, unless there is a hitch in the plans, not anticipated, none other than Byron Nelson, the golfer of the year, and Slammin' Sam Snead, the hottest man in the game at present.

Nelson has just been named "athlete of the year" by the country's sports editors in the annual Associated Press poll.

The big match will be played in the Los Angeles area because the two rivals are there now, preparing for the Los Angeles open, Jan. 5 to 8.

Mr. Big Snead is the Mr. Big of the current winter open tournament swing along the West Coast, having won the Portland Open and the Richmond Open.

Slammin' Sam sowed the seed for

Illinois Twins Vie For Basketball Honor

ARTHUR, ILL.—(P)—Harold and Gerald Anderson, twin brothers, had a private duel Tuesday night for scoring honors as their Arthur High School basketball team smothered the Arcola quintet, 120 to 12.

Gerald popped in 24 field goals and four free throws for 52 points, to edge out his brother, who added 44 points to make their total contribution 96 points.

GREENLEAF TURNS TABLES

NEW YORK—(P)—After losing four straight blocks, Ralph Greenleaf turned the tables Tuesday night on Willie Mosconi, pocket billiard champion, in the fifth block of their 13-block exhibition series.

Greenleaf ran 92 the first time he shot and won 125 to 18 in only three innings.

This two-man links duel when he

drawled: "I heard they're going to pick Nelson as the top golfer of the year. He deserves it. Just the same I'd like to play him. I'll meet him on any course he wants to pick and I'll play him for 36 or 72 holes. I'm still a little rusty around the greens but I'm getting into shape. I'm not discounting Byron one bit. He's a great golfer but I'd like to take him on."

Snead thus set the stage for the match of the year. The next move is up to Nelson.

ST. LOUIS BROWNS WIN VOTE AS TOP SPORTS SURPRISE

NEW YORK—(P)—The feat of the St. Louis Browns in winning their first American League pennant was proclaimed Wednesday the biggest sports surprise of 1944 in the annual year-end poll by The Associated Press.

Virtually all of the 84 sports writers participating in the poll mentioned the Browns' achievement with 40 ranking it first. Altogether the Browns received 141 points, 48 more than Army's 59-0 football rout of Notre Dame at the Polo Grounds last month.

This at-the-time almost unbelievable West Point touchdown parade against the Irish earned 22 first place ballots and numerous second and third place votes for 93 points.

40 Were Listed Altogether a total of 40 surprises were listed, but only 20 received first place ballots.

The biggest surprises of 1944 (first place votes in parentheses, with points awarded on basis of three for each first place vote, two for second and one for third):

- St. Louis Browns winning American League pennant (40) 141.
- Army's 59-0 football rout of Notre Dame (22) 93.
- Bob Hamilton beating Byron Nelson in PGA final (3) 12.
- Philadelphia pro football Eagles (1) 10.
- N. C. Preflight football win over Navy (1) 10.
- Ohio State unbeaten football team (2) 9.
- Utah winning mythical national basketball title (2) 8.
- Georgia Tech's 17-15 grid victory over Navy (1) 7.
- Lou Boudreau winning American League batting title (1) 6.
- Indiana's 20-0 grid win over Michigan (1) 6.

Others Other first place votes were cast for the following:

- Carroll Widdoes, Ohio State football coach; Sam Snead's victory in Portland golf tourney; Michigan's football team; Glenn Dodd's record 4:06.4 indoor mile; Arne Andersson's 4:01.6 world record outdoor mile; Denny Galehouse's pitching prowess in World Series for Browns; Pete Gray's (the one-armed outfielder) great season in Southern Association; Detroit Tigers; Yale's undefeated football team; and Al "Bummy" Davis' 63-second knockout of Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery.

Charlie Chaplin Denies Charges

LOS ANGELES—(P)—It's a new and violently explosive Charlie Chaplin—who shouts "That's a lie! That's not true!"—who faces his second day of grilling Wednesday in Joan Berry's suit to have him decreed the father of her baby.

The Chaplin acquitted last April of a charge of transporting her to New York for immoral purposes was calm and almost icy when he addressed a federal court jury then.

Now he is fiery and loud and slashes the air, twists and turns and pounds the witness-box rail as he cries:

"I have committed no crime... your honor, I am human... This man (Joan's attorney) is trying to infer that I am a monster... I have been verbally pilloried and lynched."

Seeks \$2,500 Monthly Joan wants the 55-year-old comedian ordered to pay \$2,500 monthly for the support of her 14-month-old Carol Ann.

The changed Chaplin emerged as he was prodded with such questions as "What happened then?" "What did she say?" by Joan's 77-year-old attorney, Joseph Scott, veteran of more than half a century at the bar.

Scott, in outlining his case to the jury of seven women and five men said evidence would show that Carol Ann was conceived in Chaplin's bedroom the night of Dec. 23, 1942.

But Chaplin denied this. He said he and his former drama pupil had broken of their "intimate relations" months before.

"She came to my bedroom," he said, referring to the date of Dec. 23, 1942. "It was close to midnight. I was telephoning someone. She was in the door to the bathroom with a gun in her hand."

"She circled around, and I asked her what she was up to. She said she was going to kill herself. I said 'why do you come to my house?' in order to create a scandal? She said she was going to teach me, that she was destitute."

Slept In Guest Room Chaplin said he finally consented to her remaining overnight and that she slept in the guest room.

Scott, outlining his case, said Miss Berry went to Chaplin's house May 8, 1943, to advise him of her pregnancy and found a "naked young girl" in Chaplin's bedroom.

"Do you recall a nude, naked girl in your bedroom," the lawyer asked the comedian.

"That's lie—it never happened!" Chaplin shot back.

Chicago Corporal Is Army's Highest Paid CHICAGO—(P)—Cpl. Joseph Aurelio's Army pay is going to be boosted more than he expected.

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Lt. T. Hall Keyes Appointed Post Singing Officer

Lt. T. Hall Keyes III of New York, assistant Personnel Services officer, has recently been appointed post singing officer at Midland Army Air Field. It is his job to organize and supervise all singing activities on the post.

To inaugurate his new office in proper style, Lieutenant Keyes has organized two large groups to sing Christmas carols. Each group, which consists of both enlisted men and WACs, boasts over forty voices. The groups will sing on alternate nights, traveling around the post in the line taxi and singing at the mess halls, the officers' club, the library, the hospital, and other appropriate spots. The nightly caroling will last through Christmas Eve.

Sing At "Fatigue Dance"

The groups will add a few Christmas songs to the festivities at the "Fatigue dance" Friday night. They will also make a tour of the section parties on Christmas Eve.

Man Receives Minor Bruises In Accident

Minor bruises and abrasions were suffered by a Midland man at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday when he was struck by a car driven by a woman. The accident occurred in the 500 block of West Wall.

CHICKEN HOUSE BURNS

Firemen answered a call to 1309 New Jersey at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday where a chicken house was blazing. The structure was destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$50.

State Fails To Get Padre Island

AUSTIN—(P)—The Supreme Court Wednesday affirmed lower court rulings against the state which had sued Alberto Balli and 250 others, claiming title to fabled Padre Island on the Texas Gulf Coast.

A dissenting opinion was written by Associate Justice John H. Sharp, who upheld the position of the state. Documents in the case dated back to 1811. The court had to take into consideration treaties, the effects of constitutional provisions and statutory enactments designed to validate titles based on Spanish and Mexican grants of the land that ultimately became a part of Texas.

MAAF 'Fatigue Dance' Will Provide Variety To Post Yule Season

Civilians in Midland and Odessa may stand agape as the usually well dressed enlisted men of Midland Army Field briefly visit both cities Friday night in their fatigue clothing. The explanation is that something new has been added, something new and different, in the form of a "fatigue dance" at the post service club.

Enlisted men will wear fatigue clothing; their civilian lady guests will wear slacks, and the WACs will wear either fatigues or slacks. Men will walk the city streets in this attire, unmolested by the military police, while they call on their guests to escort them to the dance.

It promises to be a gala affair, an evening of relaxation for man and maid. Music will be provided by the MAAF Sextette and the dancers will cut a rug from half-past eight until half-past eleven.

Holes or tears in overshoes or rubber boots should be mended with either cold or hot rubber cement reinforcements.

Western Auto Associate Store, opposite Western Union, will be open evenings all this week till 9 o'clock.—(Adv.)