

SOVIETS MAY REPEAT DEEDS OF LAST YEAR

By Edward W. Beattie, United Press Staff Correspondent. LONDON, Sept. 26.—(UP)—Military circles were confident today that the Red Army will be able to repeat its offensive of last winter and keep the bulk of the German Army committed to an exhausting campaign in the east, while the Allied thrust grows in the west.

A Russian offensive this winter may not gain any more territory than it did last winter, they said, but it would succeed in pinning down the Germans to another campaign in Russia next spring and summer.

The last five months of campaigning from Kursk to the Caucasus has made big inroads in both Russian and German strength. But these military circles do not believe the essential of either side has been destroyed. They consider the German army still the world's greatest offensive force, and the Russian army a remarkable machine.

While the Red Army has never developed a general offensive, these military circles said, it is capable of hard-hitting local attacks which whittle down enemy positions. They said the intensity of battle such as those at Sevastopol and Stalingrad were likely to increase. The fact that modern warfare is considerably less costly in terms of lives than the world war, is one reason why there are more and more such periods between offensive spasms.

While accurate figures of losses in this war cannot be obtained, there is a rough basis for comparing the remaining strength of Russians and Germans. During the World War, which lasted 1,563 days, German dead totaled 2,050,466 of 11,000,000 men mobilized and altogether a total of 3,250,466 dead for Germany and Austro-Hungary. This is an average of 2,079 were killed every day for four years.

In this war, the "Greater Reich" has a pool of manpower roughly equivalent to the combined power of the Hapsburg and Hohenzollern empires. At a reasonable estimate, it has lost 1,580,000 men killed. The German Army, therefore, is nowhere near the accumulated casualties after the great spring offensive of 1918 failed. Military circles here believe the total of Russian dead probably is above the German total, and certainly the aggregate of prisoners and maimed is higher.

PROCEEDINGS IN COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

Eastland, Texas, September 26, 1942. The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District: Motions Submitted: Mrs. W. F. Vick, et al. vs. John R. Thomas, Appellant's Motion to Recall Mandate and Tax Costs. Lucille Ledbetter vs. The State of Texas, Appellee's Motion to Affirm on Certificate. G. B. Clark, Sr., et al. vs. W. L. Jones, Seamy. R. M. Miller vs. C. W. Robertson, Exath.

Motions Overruled: Maryland Casualty Co. vs. Ethel M. Stewart, et al. Appellant's Motion for rehearing. Safeway Stores, Inc. of Texas vs. C. R. Webb, et al. Appellant's Motion for rehearing. John Aman, et al vs. Sam R. Cox, Jr., Appellee's Motion for rehearing. John A man, et al vs. Sam R. Cox, Jr., Appellant's Motion for rehearing. Brown County Water Improvement Dist. No. 1, vs. J. A. Mcintosh, et al. Appellant's Motion for rehearing.

Cases to be Submitted October 2nd, 1942: Dublin National Bank vs. E. A. Chestnut. F. W. Belcher vs. Mrs. Lola Hurley, Administratrix, et al.

Executive Board Of Civic League Met Last Friday EASTLAND, Texas, Sept. 26.—The Civic League Executive Board met at the Club House at 2 p. m. Friday with nine members present, Mrs. Jack Ammer presiding. Mrs. Curtis Kimbrell, gave a detailed list of the Red Cross Kit Bags for our soldiers, and explained as class songs, as is the usual board voted to give twenty-five dollars to the Red Cross to help with this work, the members of the Club are always ready to help the Red Cross, when called upon.

Fun Night Held At Colony School Under a new program set up at Colony school, each fourth Thursday night will be "fun night" at the school. The first entertainment of this nature was held last Thursday at which time games and races were supervised by supt. L. R. Higginbotham, Miss Loretta Allen and Miss Opal Ramsey Games of 42 and bingo were also played.

They Really Take Off



J. C. L. A. backfield really gets up in the world. Left to right, George Phillips, Bob Waterfield, Al Iolani and Everett Riddle.

Uses For Cotton Have Been Listed By Cotton Council

The cotton industry's first comprehensive study of cotton uses by volume has been completed and is now available to cotton students and industry leaders, the National Cotton Council announced today. Compiled into a graphically illustrated 32-page booklet titled "Cotton Counts Its Customers," the study represents two years of painstaking research under the joint sponsorship of the Council and the Bureau of Business Research, University of Mississippi. Dr. M. K. Horne, Jr., and Frank A. McCord, co-authored the finished work.

In announcing the completion of the project, Dr. Horne, director of the Council's division of research, described the study as being a compendium of facts and ure drawn from thul. Figures drawn from thousands of sources, and pointed out that in it the cotton industry has for the first time a complete statistical picture of the amount of cotton going into each consumer use. "In the study are listed all the 266 known uses in which substantial quantities of cotton list available," Dr. Horne stated. "On average, each product is given a careful estimate of the number of 478 pound weight bales which that product consumed during 1939, the last year in which essential statistics are not strongly influenced by war production."

Figures listed ranger from the 633,100 bales that went into automobile tires the 100 bales used in making backing for maps and charts said to have been assembled from all available published data and supplemented by first-hand inquiries of approximately 1,500 industrial and governmental authorities, each fact is carefully substantiated in an appendix which gives a description of its source.

WCS Groups To Meet This Week

Group number one of The Women's Society of Christian Service of Cisco District including Breckenridge, Calde, Desdemona, Goran and Olden will meet in Ranger Tuesday September 29th. at 10:15, for the annual mission study and officers training institute.

Mission study instructions will be given by Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, district secretary. Instruction for the new officers will be given by Mrs. M. H. Hagaman, Mrs. C. E. May, and Mrs. Ratliff. Ranger WCS will welcome the guests. Olden will respond. Calde will give the scripture lesson. Breckenridge will give the closing devotional.

Former Ranger Boy Gets Pilot's Wings

Word has been received that Jerry J. Hunt, 20, son of Jay Hunt, formerly of Ranger, and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunt, has finished his course as fighter pilot, at Lake Charles Flying School, Lake Charles, La., and was assigned immediately as instructor at Mathis Field Sacramento, Cal.

Naval Dismisses State Secretary

VICHY, Sept. 26.—(UP)—Chief of Government Pierre Laval today dismissed Jacques Benoit-Mechin, secretary of state for German relations from the cabinet and the Presidency of the Tricolor Legion on "charges that he had plotted against him in Paris."

British Sub Hits Many Axis Ships

LONDON, Eng. Sept. 26.—(UP)—The admiralty reported today that a British submarine has sunk five Axis supply ships, probably has sunk two more and has damaged another in attacks in the Mediterranean.

Minstrel's Return



Singer Al Jolson, minstrel to the A. E. F., arrives bewildered and grinning at LaGuardia airport from a trip overseas where he entertained troops.

All Employed Persons Removed From Stamp List

AUSTIN, Tex.—The State Department of Public Welfare announced today that all employable persons now receiving federal surplus commodities of food stamps will be taken off the rolls if the request is made by the War Manpower Board and the County Commissioners' Courts. The department had previously announced that all idle employable persons would be removed from the rolls if so requested and this has now been broadened to include the employed persons who have been receiving supplementary aid from the surplus food program.

Mavericks Win Over Olden By 12 to 6 Score

The Eastland Mavericks defeated the Olden Hornets in their second game of the present football season in a game on Maverick Field in Eastland Friday afternoon. The score was 12 to 6.

American Planes Bomb Gai Lam

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE, CHINA, Sept. 27.—(UP)—American bombers escorted by fighters attacked Gai Lam airdrome at Hanoi, Indo-China, Friday, shooting down two and probably 3 Japanese planes which attempted to intercept them, a communique announced. The raid was accomplished without the loss to the U. S. Forces, the communique said. Results of the bombing, however, were unobserved.

FORCE OF NAZI DRIVE ON STALINGRAD LAGGING AS SOVIETS GET UPPER HAND

Hitler's Attempt To Take Industrial City Is Thwarted, For Time Being By Timoshenko's Counter Offensive Against Enemy

Wounded Reporter Tells of Battle of Destroyer Jarvis

(Joe James Custer, United Press Correspondent, wrote the following at the Hospital where surgeons are trying to save the sight of his left eye, threatened by a wound received in the Solomon Islands. It is one of a story he has written despite the protests of attending surgeons.)

By Joe James Custer, United Press Staff Correspondent. UNITED STATES FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 26.—(UP)—Six Japanese dive bomber planes peel off one by one and plummeted down on the destroyer Jarvis.

It was an execrable exhibition of poor shooting at a single ship, but just when we thought it was over a last bomb struck the fantail of the destroyer, the blow which crippled it and led to its death. Announcement by the Navy at Washington that the Jarvis disappeared later with all hands, on his way to a repair base, makes it possible for me to tell the story.

The Jarvis was the first American ship hit when the Japanese attempted to retaliate for the American Naval and Marine invasion of the Solomon Islands. The Jarvis was part of the patrol force which was guarding our fleet transports.

That afternoon, I saw it lying all alone in the distance in the Guadalcanal Channel between Guadalcanal Island and Tulagi. It was hard to understand why the Japanese dive bombers, when they came over, picked out this tiny ship for their target instead of our transports, which looked like duck soup for them.

They came down in rapid succession in the poorest exhibition of bombing I have seen so far in this Pacific war. I watched their bombs drop harmlessly into the waters, sending geysers spurting up. The Jarvis guys were going full blast. It looked like a comic opera for a few minutes, though we all realized it was a deadly fight.

By HARRISON SALISBURY, United Press Staff Correspondent. The massive Nazi drive on Stalingrad today appeared to be spending its force with the momentum of the attack lagging in the face of the Red Army's last ditch defense.

Soviet reports indicated that Semyon Timoshenko's defense plans had thwarted, for the time being, Adolf Hitler's attempt to capture the Volga River city and that the Nazis may be forced to start a new offensive if they hope to capture the city this autumn.

Military experts in London believed that the Red Army would still have sufficient strength to wage a winter war against the Germans and pin down a major portion of the Nazi armies in Russia during the cold months.

The Soviet counter-attack north-west of Stalingrad was developing steadily reports from Moscow and appeared to be pinching the big German forces assembled on the Stalingrad battleground.

The Russians fought off several Nazi counter-attacks north-west of the city and were driving in with a flanking maneuver designed to force the Nazis to pull out the troops attacking Stalingrad from the north and north-west.

The German high command again noted the determined Soviet counter-attacks, reporting that they had been repelled north-west of the city and that in Stalingrad German troops had captured some communist party buildings close to the Volga River bank.

In Western Europe chief interest centered on a troubled France where Pierre Laval's efforts to keep his shaky Vichy regime going were under new threats.

Laval ousted Jacques Benoit-Mechin, his secretary of state for relations with Germany, from his cabinet after uncovering a plot whereby, it was alleged, Benoit-Mechin was trying to negotiate a deal with the Germans which would remove Laval from power.

Benoit-Mechin was son of Laval's closest collaborators and headed the so-called tri-color legion of French "Volunteers" fighting inside Germany on the eastern front.

The Vichy report said that Benoit-Mechin was trying to make a deal with the Nazis which would install him and Jacques Doriot, radical Nazi collaborator, in power in place of Laval. Vice Admiral Charles Platon was also named as a figure in the anti-Laval dicker.

An indication of the growing tension inside the Vichy regime was given by news from Beirut; that Vichy's ambassador to Bulgaria, Jules Bissadi, had slipped into Syria and joined the fighting French movement.

The Axis was turning the full glare of its propaganda spotlight on France, circulating an extensive series of rumors and reports alleging that an Allied attack on the Vichy colony of Dakar was in preparation. Some of the Axis reports claimed that Dakar already was under blockade.

Nazi radios claimed that American troops were swarming along the African coast at half a dozen points in preparation for the move.

Another Axis propaganda theme was the anniversary, tomorrow, of the signing of the tripartite military alliance. Axis radio was making much of the closeness of cooperation between Japan and the other Axis partners. Speeches by the Axis foreign ministers, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Count Galeazzo Ciano, were expected.

The new Japanese foreign minister, Maruyuki Tani, made his initial address and declared that Japan's relations with Russia were "unchanged and tranquil." He admitted growing American and British counter-attacks against Japan.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that Australian forces defending Port Moresby were blasting back at the Japanese with new artillery. Allied planes ranged widely over New Guinea and other Japanese lines blasting the Buna-Solomon route, the Salamaua-Lae area, Rabaul and other points. British planes attacked Nazi shipping along the European coast from Holland to Calais and in Oslo, Maj. Vidkun Quisling's efforts to announce his plans for a new Nazi order in Norway were interrupted by a British air attack on the city.

HEADED FOR THE BEL MONT PARK FUTURITY



This is how Jar W. E. Hoising's Slide Rule, Conn McCreary up, beat the west's 2-year-old champion, John Marsch's Occupation, Eddie Arcaro aboard, in the \$12,475 The Cowdin over six-and-a-half furlongs at Aqueduct. Occupation was then disqualified. Victory means one of Snark will be heavily backed in the \$85,000 The Futurity at Belmont Park, Oct. 2.

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BULLDOGS WIN OVER A GOOD MERKEL TEAM BY A SCORE OF 34 TO 6

Gray and Mitchell Each Score Touchdowns, Elder Gets Three, While Ownby Kicks Three Straight Points After Touchdown and Mitchell Has On-

The Ranger Bulldogs playing their second consecutive game of the season defeated the Merkel Badgers, regional champions in District 6-A last year, by a score of 34 to 6 at Merkel Sunday night.

The Bulldogs got off to a quick start, after winning the toss and electing to receive the kickoff. The Bulldogs marched to their first score of the game in the first few minutes of play.

Ownby, who kicked three straight, kicked the point after touch down after Gray had carried over for the score, to climax a 59 yard drive. Mitchell, who also scored one of the touchdowns, kicked 1 extra point and failed on the other chance he had.

The Bulldogs scored twice more before the half ended, with the score standing 19 to 6 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Merkel's score came when a quick kick backfired and they advanced the ball to the two yard line. Tom Bulldogs held for three downs, but on the fourth down the Badgers pushed over for their lone tally of the game.

Billie Ray Elder spaced the Bulldogs to victory, scoring three of the five touchdowns and passing to Mitchell for one, while Gray scored the other marker.

The passing defense of the Bulldogs was greatly improved over the showing made against Gorman last week, as all but one of the seven passes were either intercepted or knocked down.

The Bulldogs amassed a total of 299 yards rushing and the passing attack clicked for a total of 129 yards. It was the passing offense and defense that looked weaker in the Gorman game last week, both departments showed great improvement, while the line play was good.

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First downs in the Merkel game favored the Bulldogs, too, with the locals accounting for 12 while the Badgers earned but three, one on a 15-yard pass.

Couch Scruggs used 26 of his 28-man traveling squad he took with him to Merkel.

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Second Front Discord

The misunderstanding between Moscow, on the one hand and London and Washington on the other, about a second land front in Europe is distressing but not at all surprising. It has seemed inevitable ever since the London-Washington announcement last June that the three United Nations were in agreement as to "the urgent task of creating a second front in Europe in 1942."

Obviously this was one of those matters on which the public could not be given even the vaguest hint as to details. Speculation therefore spread in all directions in the free press of Britain and the United States.

In Russia the press is not free. Speculation there took the direction that the government considered wisest. Judging from reports, the Russians were given assurance that the Anglo-American forces definitely would come to their assistance by attacking Hitler from the rear—that is, from the west.

This situation and its statement involve no criticism of the Russian course.

Quite apparently, as we now can see, those speculators were correct who considered the statement as a weapon in a war of nerves.

To the extent that the Russians, unfounded hope for a second land front may have contributed to the doggedness with which they have resisted Hitler's hordes this summer, perhaps the statement justifies itself.

To the extent to which the Nazis were made uncertain whether we might be silly enough to attempt an invasion of the Continent without proper preparation or adequate resources, the strategy may have helped Russia by keeping some Reich strength away from the eastern front for a time.

Nobody can blame the Russians, desperate as they are, for trying to induce us to come to their rescue on a second front after all, Stalin's primary interest is in Russia—not in Britain, not in the United States, not in the United Nations, and not in democracy. Self-preservation still is the first law of nature for nations as for individuals.

By the same token, nobody can find justified fault with the British and us for not committing national suicide by invading the Continent this summer.

Starting from militarily naked scratch, with all our irritating and discouraging failures we have done a good job of arming. We are nearly ready to translate local petty offensives into the beginning of a grand sweep that, in course of time, will destroy totalitarianism completely.

If Russia can hold out for what now will be a short while she will be amply repaid in new fronts—second, third, fourth and perhaps fifth.

Burdens can broaden your shoulders—or break your back. It depends on you.

SMALLEST STATE

Word puzzle section with horizontal and vertical clues. Includes a crossword grid and a map of Rhode Island.

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'Damed Bad Art' Goes In To Scrap Salvage Drive

By JOSEPH L. MYLER United Press Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, D. C. (U.P.)—A dapper old gentleman stooped up to a wooden bin outside the filling station and tossed in a two-foot statue of a Bechambeau holding a bunch of grapes within easy snatching distance of her open mouth.

"It's damed bad art but good bronze," he said. "It ought to help at least one Jap or German across the Styx."

The old gentleman's attitude appears to be shared by a lot of Washingtonians.

The capital's scrap metal collection drive doesn't really get into high gear until tomorrow, when 229 trucks will rumble through several sections of the city picking up householders' contributions from the sidewalks. Thus far, however, the campaign has netted:

Any number of Civil War cannon and swords, plus several tons of artillery, tanks, helmets, shell casings and other trophies of World War I.

A lofty piece of statuary which once adorned the German embassy—a bronze amazon astride a bronze horse which is being attacked by a bronze tiger.

An ancient Japanese floor lamp, elaborate as all get-out and containing enough metal to bring down a Zero fighter.

A metal tray from U. S. S. Winehooper which sank off the Florida Keys in 1695.

A 1914 taxicab.

An anchor used by Dr. Samuel P. Langley in his experiments with flying machines in the early part of the century.

Sixteen hundred feet of iron picket fence which once enclosed the White House grounds.

New Lexington Takes To Water

QUINCY, Mass. Sept. 26 (U.P.)—The U. S. S. Lexington, the second aircraft carrier to be launched by the Navy since the bombing of Pearl Harbor, slid down the ways of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company here.

It was the 19th American Naval vessel bearing the name of Lexington and the second carrier. The first carrier Lexington sank from internal explosions while flying back to port after sustaining damage in the battle of the Coral Sea.

Fifteen contingents, named Lexington have wired secretary of Navy Frank Knox their congratulations on launching of the new carrier and the Navy's decision in name it for the ship of the line that have brought honor and tradition to the service.

Try Our Want Ads. Try Times Want-Ads

1942 to keep steel production at capacity and provide a stockpile for the bad weather months. Washington's quota is only 2,000,000 pounds, but it will be increased to 2,500,000. The amount will be increased.

Hundreds of children, girls as well as boys, are picking over the miscellaneous junk in a 2-1/2 vacant lots.

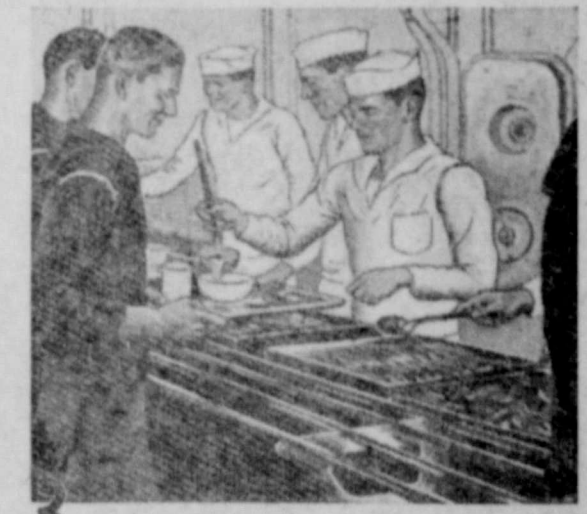
President Roosevelt joined the drive not only with a plea to all Americans to get busy but also with orders for a clean-up at home. Result: five tons of metal from the White House.

Secretary of Interior Harold I. Ickes directed a similar clean-up at the D O I with the result that 25 tons of scrap have been collected, thus far and 50 tons more are expected.



"What happens when I join the NAVY?"

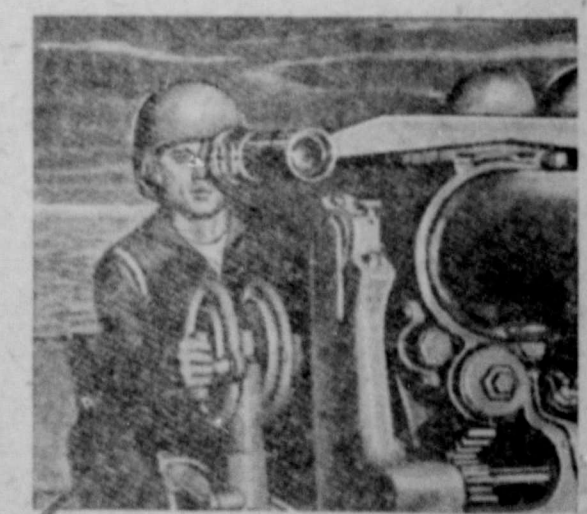
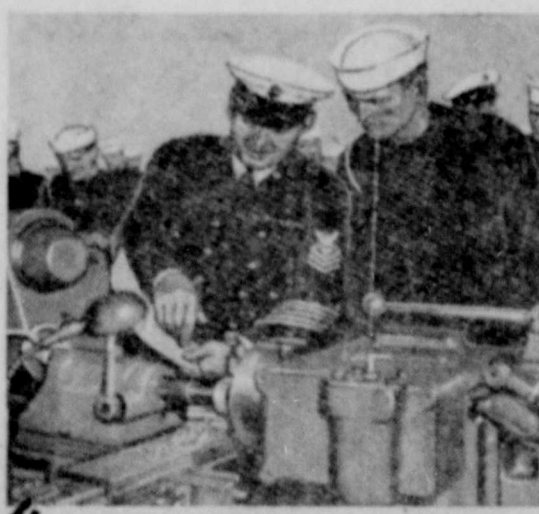
Thousands of men—17 to 50—are asking this question. They're red-blooded Americans, men who want to get in and fight for their country. "Just tell us what to do!" they ask. Okay—here's the answer. First, have a friendly chat with the Officer in Charge at any Navy Recruiting Station. Here are some of the things he'll tell you...



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2. You get free clothing—\$133 worth! Complete uniforms for both winter and summer. You'll be proud—and rightly so—when you step out in your smart Navy blues. From then on, you soon get into the swing of real Navy life. You learn Naval history, Naval regulations, Naval traditions.

3. You get the finest food! Three square meals a day with all the seconds you want. Wholesome, hearty meals that stick to a fellow's ribs. And you'll have an appetite for them, for you'll be living a rugged, outdoor life—the kind of life that will put you and keep you in tip-top physical trim.



4. You're trained for a trade! If you qualify, you go to one of the great Navy trade schools. Here you get expert training worth \$1500 in your chosen field—radio, aviation, engineering, electricity, photography, telegraphy, welding—or any of 49 skilled trades. Whatever your specialty, Navy training fits you to do a better job now—and after the war.

5. You get good pay, quick promotion! After approximately two months' service, upon completion of recruit training, you get a raise in pay. By the end of your first enlistment, you can be making up to \$138 a month, plus allowances. And remember, your pay is all yours, because your meals, quarters, clothing, medical and dental care are free!

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SERIAL STORY

LUCKY PENNY

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COMMUNITY SING
CHAPTER XI

BACK in the office of the Courier next day, Penny checked hurriedly on proofs of the literature she had prepared for her Friday night meeting. Circulars, posters for store windows, the newspaper—all were in readiness.

No one would suspect, from the recent wording, the real intent of the mass meeting. "Community Sing" and "Concert" were the big headlines. The men in the mill had been given double notice by Penny's friends there.

The weatherman proved cooperative when Friday evening arrived. The auditorium was filled, the Kirktown Glee Club took its place on the stage. Rafters echoed to the lusty lilt of their voices. Men predominated in the audience, and their voices lifted in song as the concert proceeded.

Quietly, before the last row in the audience, Lou MacDonald, Jim Vickers, and Penny seated themselves in their appointed positions on the stage. With cheers for the club still ringing, MacDonald stepped forward.

"Friends," MacDonald started, "this story is not pleasant, but it is told. It affects every one of us. It is the story of a tragedy that came regularly to the attention of the Humane Society. He laid the blame squarely on Castro's machinations. There was no mirth in the sober faces uplifted to him.

When Jim stepped to the speaker's platform, a spontaneous cheer attested to his popularity. The men admired his courage and respected his judgment.

"Fellows," Jim said simply, "Not long ago there was a tragic bridge accident here. You or some member of your family was saved from death only by the will of Providence. A crooked city administration was responsible for the death of two of our best friends. I call it plain, cold-blooded murder." Eloquently Jim recited the many factual instances of graft and favoritism and crookedness.

NOW Penny stood before the sea of faces, displaying no sign of the nervousness she felt.

"I haven't known you very long, but I feel I know you very well," Penny began. "There isn't a coward in the crowd! You have power! You're strong! Let's show Castro he can't run Kirktown! Tonight—together—let's chase him out of town!"

There were shouted affirmations.

Men jumped from their seats, ready for action.

"Wait! Just a moment!" Penny shouted. "No one wants to start any violence. We are all interested only in peaceful means with which to remedy conditions in Kirktown. The sheriff is here tonight. He has named Bud Walsh and several of your men as deputies. Let's go as an army of citizens—not as a mob. You won't need to start a fight. When Castro sees you, he'll know he has had enough."

Bud Walsh was already organizing the eager crowd. They were flooding through the wide-open doors in orderly fashion. Their march to Castro's hangout had begun.

Jim was white with anxiety. "What have you done, Penny?" he worried. "The Castro gang won't give up its easy pickings without a fight. Someone is sure to get hurt."

"Perhaps this will change your mind," Penny handed him the red-lettered warning to leave Kirktown. "It's up to you to make up your mind, Jim. Either Castro goes or I go. Both of us can't stay here."

Grimly Jim said, "Come on!" With long strides he reached the head of the column of marching men. Bud Walsh had naturally fallen into leadership. Penny was right. The men were as orderly as a disciplined army—and no less tough.

"All I want is five minutes alone with Castro," Jim told Bud.

"You'll have your five minutes," Bud promised. As they approached Central avenue, Bud halted his column.

"Quiet, men," he ordered. "We want to surprise Castro. No one has had a chance to tip him off. We'll all wait while I send a couple of scouts ahead." The men liked this game. "Like the old covered wagon days, looking for Indians," someone whispered.

"Let's go," Bud shouted when his scouts signaled him. They pushed through two swinging doors into a back room. There, in a room filled with slot machines, gaming tables and gambling devices, sat Castro and a prize group of city officials. The surprised mayor of Kirktown opened his mouth in a moronic stare. An unlighted cigar dropped from the lips of the safety director. Castro swung around, a vicious revolver in his hand.

"Shoot—if you dare," Jim invited through set teeth. Castro hesitated. He studied the silent crowd. Bud Walsh had a gun. So did at least a dozen others. Castro glanced quickly at the

badges they displayed. He dropped his weapon.

THE crowd cleared a space for the returning men who had rounded up other members of Castro's gang. "Take a good look at this prize collection of apes," Bud Walsh invited. "This is the last time you'll see such specimens in Kirktown. They're going to be so rare that there will be a reward for their capture, even in slightly damaged condition, within the city limits."

Bud turned to the mobsters. "You guys have just two hours to get packed and beat it," he warned. "We mean business and we're plenty tough. If you can't understand our nice treatment, we'll have to teach you a lesson." A good movie director would have found a note of comedy in the way his guns, marked cards, extra axes, and a special collection of crooked dice were piled on the cement floor, awaiting destruction. "Start moving," said Bud, twirling his gun menacingly. There was relief in the faces of the gangsters as they left. They had expected much worse treatment.

"I've waited for this for a long time," Jim said softly.

The fight which followed, Bud Walsh always said, was the toughest, noisiest, bloodiest battle that had ever raged in Kirktown. Jim had asked for five minutes—actually, Bud stood guard outside the doors for an hour.

Castro tried in every way he could imagine to kill Jim. He bit, he kicked, he kneed, he gouged, he punched, he butted. He swung heavy chairs at Jim's head. He narrowly missed Jim with the jagged edge of a table leg. Jim met each furious attack, each vicious thrust calmly, alertly. In his own heart there was murder.

Desperate, Castro drew a murder-bladed knife from a hidden recess in his trousers. He lunged viciously. Jim felt no pain, but he knew from the red on Castro's weapon that the dagger had found its mark on his shoulder. Cautiously, he circled out of Castro's reach.

The room's unshaded light singled out the gangster's knife. Swiftly, painfully, Jim lifted a prize chair and shattered the bulb. Automatically, he lunged forward as darkness shrouded the room. He twisted the knife out of Castro's hand. Then he lifted Castro to his feet.

For weeks, Jim would show the scars of his battle. For months after the scars were gone, he would look back happily to the day when the Castro gang left Kirktown forever.

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37 Enrolled In Surgical Dressing Class In Ranger.

Mrs. W. L. Jackson announced Saturday that 37 women have enrolled for the 15-hour course in making surgical dressings and stated that if as many as 20 women were interested that a night class will be organized.

In making the announcement, Mr. Jackson pointed out that in order to be eligible for making dressings for the Red Cross one must complete the 15-hour course being taught by trained workers. Mrs. Jackson recently attended a training school in Mineral Wells and is now training a corps of workers who will direct the local classes.

It was expected that arrangements for the night class would have you come.

RJC Sophomores Elect Officers

The sophomore class of Ranger Junior College met Tuesday September 22, with their sponsor, Mrs. Hunter, for their first class meeting for a building for the classes would be completed Saturday and as soon as the building has been equipped the classes will begin.

President, Donald Barton; Vice-president Cleoanna Moore; Secretary and Treasurer, Berta Lee Pickett; Reporter, Charles Osteen.

After the election of the class officers, Harold Tiffe was then appointed lieutenant for the college scrap metal drive.

LETTERS FROM READERS
Miss Joe Charrette has of her

meeting of the new school year. The group proceeded to elect class officials that will preside during the entire year. Officials elected are as follows:

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LETTERS FROM READERS
Miss Joe Charrette has of her

own choice transferred to Seattle, Washington. We regret to lose her. She has been a faithful and loyal employee of the Ranger postoffice for 23 years. She is a fine character and has many friends. She is loved by young and old.

Ranger's loss is Seattle's gain. Ranger Friends.

Good Singing Is Heard At Church On Friday Night

By CHARLES ASHCROFT

Having been elected reporter for the Community Singing, which meets each Friday evening at the Second Baptist Church, here is our offering. So far as we know, this organization has a president, but no other officers. No member-

ship fees are collected, no public collections solicited. Plenty of song books are supplied by those who support it, and piano accompaniment is made by whomsoever the respective leaders call for.

This week end meeting was honored by more visitors who enjoy singing, but do not sing themselves, than usual. Mr. A. E. Le Clair, who has been president of the Eastland County Singing Conventions for years, never leads, but is a real booster and makes the meetings regularly. The organization which he serves is one of the oldest in the County, dating back in our own memory for 10 years. Miss Clara Belle High, long

an invalid, is a frequent guest at these gatherings. Her favorite number is "Amazing Grace," and this was beautifully rendered as a solo by little Breliene Parkes. Several other old hymns were used as class songs, as is the usual custom.

A group of children twelve years of age, and younger, rendered "God Bless America," and then led the assembly in singing our favorite "America."

Those sponsoring these weekly gatherings meet once a month, on the Fourth Sunday afternoon with the First Christian church, and a lot of people might be surprised at the valuable training they supply to some of the children and young people, as well as the inspiration given to all. The meetings are informal, and a cor-

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