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## BIG FRENCH BATTLE FLEET IS SCUTTLLED IN TOULON'S HARBOR

LONDON—The pride of the French Battle Fleet, headed by the 26,500-ton Battleship Strasbourg, was blown up and scuttled in the harbor of Toulon today, according to French reports, to prevent it from falling into the hands of Adolf Hitler.

Naval dispatches, broadcast by Radio Vichy, revealed that the Strasbourg was blown up by a mighty explosion, when Nazi forces acting upon orders from Adolf Hitler—scrapped the last vestige of the Franco-German armistice, raced into Toulon today.

The example was set by the Strasbourg, and presumably many lives were lost. The example was followed quickly by other ships, crews of the French Armada, which lay in the Toulon Harbor.

It appeared that while Hitler's sudden maneuver kept the French fleet out of Allied hands, it also denied him the hope of using the ships himself.

Naval dispatches reported that the ships now lie sunken at their anchorages in the debris-filled harbor.

In Toulon, at last reports, were the Battleships Strasbourg, Dunkerque and Provence, seven cruisers, a seaplane carrier, 25 destroyers and 2 submarines. All of these ships, according to reports, were sunk by their crews while Nazi bombers roared over the harbor dropping magnetic mines and flares and bombing harbor fortifications.

It was reported that "most of the French captains" and many crew members went down with their ships to their deaths.

Some of the French crews—finding their ships couldn't be repaired to repairs that were in progress—turned their guns on each other, smashing and damaging the warships so they wouldn't be of use to the Germans.

### Singing Planned At Church Here For This Evening

The last Second Baptist Church singing before gasoline rationing goes into effect will be held tonight at the church, it was announced here today.

A large number of singers will likely be present, with word having been received from Gumsight that the Sparrows quartet, from Strawn that the Cole family and from Eastland that the Fischer quartet and Judge Rust will be present.

The public has been invited to attend.

### Pretty Present



Luck service men will find Hollywood's Leslie Brooks all tied up like this on their Christmas trees—but only in picture, not in person. She's sending copies of this photo to our fighting men.

## NAZIS FACE SETBACKS ON BOTH FRONTS

Axis forces in North Africa and Russia today fought to stem the rising momentum of the Allied offensives which threaten pushing their two southern fronts—in Tunisia and South Russia and in the Caucasus.

The tempo of the African fighting was rising swiftly with an Allied column moving close to Bizerte, Tunis and the key Nazi positions in Tunisia.

Dispatches from Africa reported that an Allied force had driven the Germans from an important center 35 miles away on the Southwest of Tunis and had moved straight up the main railroad to positions possibly only 10 miles from the Tunisian capital.

The second column was reported moving along parallel lines only a little farther from Bizerte.

The Rome communique today revealed another attack on the base of Catania, in Sicily.

On the Russian front the Red Army appeared to be slushing the Nazi positions from Stalingrad west to the Don River bend, so heavily that a general German withdrawal did not appear improbable.

The Russians had at least three, possibly more, columns knifing through the area, attacking Nazi strong points, seizing rail and highway communications lines.

Stalingrad's defenders were still on the aggressive and were making progress slowly, but surely.

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### John Barnes Is Buried Friday In Cemetery Here

Funeral services for John Barnes, 60, who died suddenly at Corpus Christi Wednesday morning, were conducted from the First Baptist Church of Ranger Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Rev. David M. Phillips, pastor of the church and Rev. H. B. Johnson, pastor of the First Christian Church, in charge of the services. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with the Killingsworth Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

John Barnes had lived most of his life in and near Ranger, and for a number of years was a peace officer here. Recently he had been employed as a guard at federal projects being constructed at Corpus Christi.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. John Barnes of Brady; one son, Durwood Barnes, Fort Riley, Kas.; two daughters, Mrs. Lois Spaulding, Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mrs. Doris Lawson, Big Lake, Texas; five brothers, J. W. Barnes, Ranger; E. J. Barnes, North Platte, Neb.; Martin Barnes, San Antonio and Cleve Barnes, Oklahoma; one sister, Mrs. Frank Dupree, Ranger and one sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keaton, Fort Worth.

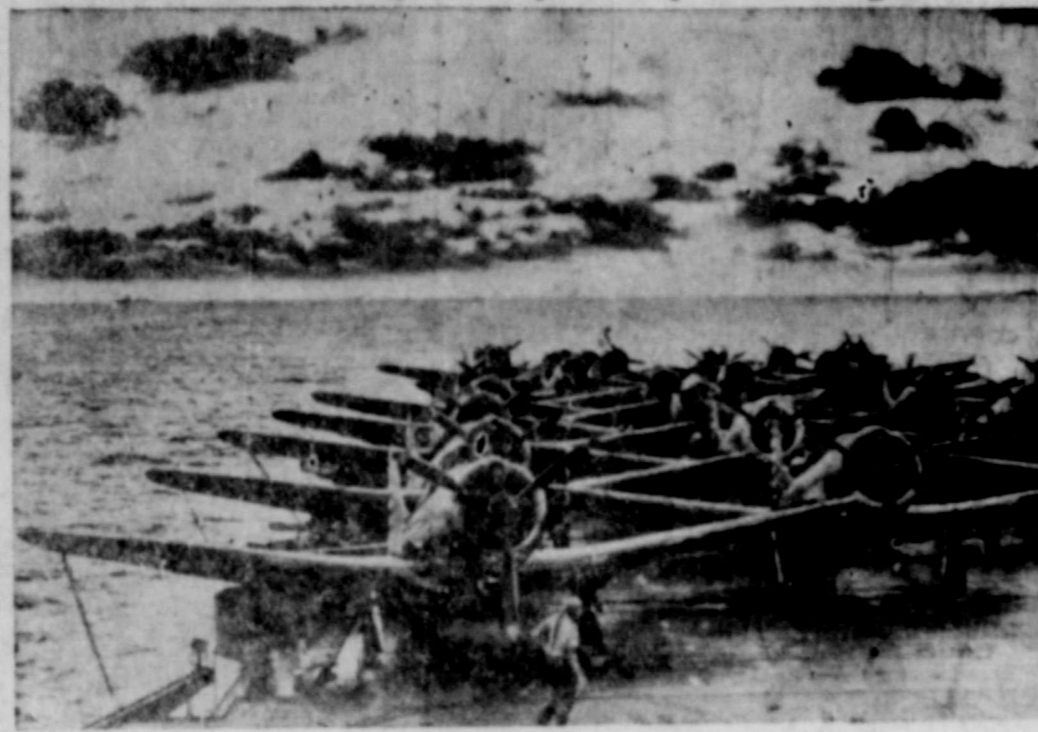
Also surviving are a nephew, Ray Jones of Fort Worth, and three grandchildren, Miss Mary Lou Lawson, Mrs. Loydell Spaulding and Monte Ray Spaulding.

Active pall bearers named were L. E. Ripley, Houston; Charles Hommel, Ray Payne, Roy McClellan, Sig Faircloth, all of Ranger and Ray Jones of Fort Worth. Honorary pall bearers were Dr. A. K. Wier, Colonel Irashier, J. N. McFatter, Joe Barnes and L. H. Fiewellen.

### THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Warmer west this afternoon, not quite so cold in east portion tonight.

## America's Sea Eagles Help Meet Japan's Rising Sun



Bunched aboard an American aircraft carrier somewhere at sea, this brood of fighting planes has just returned from a flight as the setting sun provides an ominous hint as to Japan's impending fate. Note other warships on horizon.

### Ground Crew Sergeant Tells Of Hasty Retreat From Burma Field

**KELLY FIELD, Tex. (UP)**—Five hundred howling coolies and a throaty test pilot brought a dramatic close to the Burmese jungle experiences of Technical Sergeant George Kepka who recently launched his comeback campaign here against the Japanese.

Sgt. Kepka, 30-year-old, Wilmett, Ill., veteran of a year's service as a ground crew member of the Flying Tigers of Burma, brought his story of ground crew exploits of the American Volunteer Group to Kelly Field following his recent re-enlistment in the Air Corps.

Kepka and two co-workers were handling a P-40—the shark-facced planes—when the runway-buffing coolies and a pilot left loose with a vocal air raid warning which sounded the beginning of the end of the A. V. G. base at Toungoo, Burma.

Kepka told how the trio was busily at work when gibberish screams of the natives and ex-Navy Pilot Buster Keaton's abrupt "Let's get the hell out of here" sent them running for their lives. Just then a bomb exploded almost instantly, Kepka recalled.

"These bombs were stringing mushrooms across the field," he said. Then he told how quickly the A. V. G. field was deserted.

The mechanic told how the men were making a bee-line across the hanger line when an ex-Navy flier, Ed Goyett, piloted along side in a station wagon and asked calmly as a minister, "Care for a ride?"

The mechanics jumped into the vehicle, Kepka said and darted away from the Jap target. The driver stopped again to ask another mechanic if he would care to board the retreating vehicle. "Hell no!" was his answer. Goyett, the driver, didn't waste time arguing. Falling bombs hastened his departure. Kepka finally recalled.

Shrapnel ripped through the metal car body, he said, and made selves out of the fenders. "The car was a hot spot," the mechanic said, "we jumped into a ditch, made a group of three, then flagged it away from there in a hurry." Kepka smiled as he told of this, but admitted it "wasn't so funny then."

Behind the retreating men lay pock-marked Toungoo, a base the Tigers operated for months, despite its location near a Jap base in Thialand.

Kepka said the Japs' big push drove the Americans from Toungoo in February, this year. Then, the Tigers moved into China, established another base and continued shooting down Japanese planes until the A. V. G. was disbanded in July and then reformed into a U. S. Army Air Corps unit.

Kepka was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Forces when he was honorably discharged in 1941 to go to China's battlefield and wage war against the Japs. At the time of his discharge, he was serving at Keesler Field, Miss.

As a member of the A. V. G. he received a salary of \$450 per month.

When the Tigers were disbanded, Kepka said he flew by transport to the northeast coast of India where he boarded a troopship for American territory. Recently he re-enlisted in the Air Force and now is itching to get back in to foreign service. He wants to run the Japs out of their airfields for a change.

### Gas Rationing Books Are Still Available

It has been called to the attention of the county gasoline rationing board that numbers of people were unable to register for the Basic 'A' ration book.

If this is true people can still secure the book by going to Eastland (taking your license receipt) or by visiting the Rationing Board where facilities for registering will be found. In Eastland the board has an assistant in the person of Miss Anna Joe Tabelman, who will gladly aid all who have a good reason for failing to register thus far.

Some failed to register cars that are entitled to an A card, but whose owner is in the armed service. These cars may be registered with the Eastland board.

Those requiring additional gas should secure Form OPA R 535 from your local chamber of commerce, or from your local board member, fill it out and leave with your chamber of commerce. Or, they may be mailed direct to the rationing board at Eastland.

Some cars were not registered because they had commercial licenses, though of the passenger car type. These should be registered as passenger cars. Use the Basic A blank. However, all commercial cars, (pickups, etc.) that are so registered with the office of defense transportation, can secure their gasoline, as well as trucks, as per mileage set out on the certificates of war necessity.

Non-highway equipment (tractors, engines, washing machines, stoves, motorboats, etc.) may secure a non-highway blank from the rationing board, fill it out and leave with the chamber of commerce, to be picked up by the local board member. Or, they may be mailed direct to the Eastland office.

Local board members will be glad to assist all who need help, but almost 5,000 applications are being considered by the board and it will require full cooperation with the board to get the quickest results.

### Ground Observer Training Unit To Visit County

A Ground Observer Training unit of the National Aircraft Warning Service will be at the 88th district courtroom in Eastland Tuesday night, December 1, at 8:00 p. m. It was announced Wednesday by Judge W. S. Adkinson, director of the aircraft warning service for Eastland county.

The purpose of the group's visit to Eastland is to improve the operation posts in the county. Similar groups are visiting other counties in the State.

All parties connected with the County's aircraft warning service are urged to attend the Eastland meeting since the Observer Training unit will be prepared to aid them in their important work.

### Funeral Rites Friday For Mrs. Sarah Phillips

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Holloway 58, who died at her home, 608 S. Halbury street, in Eastland, Tuesday were expected to be conducted from the Eastland Church of Christ sometime Friday, A. F. Thurman, pastor of the Eastland church, will conduct the rites. Interment, with Hamner's in charge, will be in the Eastland cemetery. The time for the services depended upon the arrival of a son, who is in California serving with the United States military force.

The deceased was born Sarah Elizabeth Phillips on June 3, 1884. Survivors include the husband D. G. Holloway, two daughters, Mrs. M. S. Warren of Crane, and Mrs. J. I. Sims of Eastland, and four sons, A. Holloway of Eastland and Marvin Holla, ay of California. Also surviving is a sister, Nancy Phillips of Eastland, and three brothers, Lee and Gilbert Phillips of Eastland, and Tom Phillips of Nevada.

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### Pensions Reach A New Peak In The Past Month

AUSTIN, Tex.—The amount of assistance received by those on the Texas Old Age Assistance rolls reached its peak, \$3,708,851, in October, and then declined to \$3,602,322 in November the State Department of Public Welfare announced today. The reason for the decrease was lack of funds, which necessitated proration beginning with the November checks.

The rolls continued to increase during October, changing from 180,291 to 181,554 recipients, a net gain of 1,263. Although each November check is for one dollar less than the amount which would be paid if sufficient funds were available, the average check for the current month is for \$19.84, only seven cents less than the October average.

The number of blind persons receiving assistance in November is 3,879, an increase of 136 over October. The average Aid to needy blind grant is \$23.11, five cents more than the average October grant. Total cost of the payments is \$89,645 for the month.

Aid to Dependent Children cases increased to 22,501, making a net gain of 743 families. These 743 families represent 1,299 children added to the rolls, bringing the total number of children under the program up to 45,945. The average grant per family in November is \$10.55, due to the fact that proration is now in effect and all checks are issued for \$10 less than the amounts which would otherwise be paid. Checks for the month total \$237,304.

Proration in the two programs became necessary, as the rolls grew, because of limitations on funds available for grants.

### Infant Son Of Olden Couple Is Buried On Wed.

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### Squirrel Turns In Air Raid Alarm

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (UP)—A Squirrel gave the Brownwood District Air Raid Warning Center some excitement.

The warning light flashed yellow, an "alert" signal; then came the blue "approaching" light; and finally the red "raid imminent" signal. Workers couldn't believe the lights, so they sent State Police Sgt. C. E. Tabor to the roof to investigate the warning.

A squirrel was nibbling peacefully at the telephone wire insulation, causing the warning lights to burn.

They moved the Brownwood District Air Raid Warning Center to a squirrel-free location, said the DPS news.

### Dog's Bark Leads To A Lost Boy

McARTHUR, O. (UP)—The frantic barks of a faithful shepherd dog "Brownie," led rescuers to the spot where seven year old Carl McInnis lay exhausted. He had been lost for more than 24 hours.

The youngster a county ward, went into the woods on a recent afternoon to gather nuts. He became lost and not until "Brownie's" heroic efforts attracted a searcher to the woods, was his whereabouts known.

Weatherford High School defeated Ranger High School in an Oil Belt Conference game here Thanksgiving Day by a score of 14 to 0, when both teams waged a good defensive battle which bottled up the offense most of the afternoon.

The first eight points obtained by Weatherford were more or less donations, as they scored on two fumbles which gave them opportunities they were quick in turning into scores.

On the eighth play of the game, and the fifth for Ranger, Houghton's fumble flew into the arms of E. Layman, who was backing up the line for Weatherford, and he raced 32 yards to the goal stripe to score.

Neither team could make a serious threat during the remainder of the first quarter because of the stiff defense and the score remained 6 to 0 in favor of the visitors at half time.

Weatherford came back strong in the second half to chalk up three first downs in a row, after failing to make one during the first half. The Bulldogs put up a stiff defense and Weatherford kicked out of bounds on the Ranger nine-yard line to put the Bulldogs in a hole.

One play lost two yards, one failed to gain and then a bad snap-back from center sent the ball sailing out over the goal line, where it was recovered for a safety and two points.

Weatherford's third score, however, was earned. After taking over on their 26 after a quick kick, C. Wren raced through a hole over his left tackle, dodged the secondary and outraced the defenders to score.

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161 yards rushing  
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4 for 24  
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### Long And Short Accepted By Navy

KEY WEST, Fla. (UP)—The "long and short" of it enlisted in the Navy here a few days ago. First to enlist was Robert Henry Eschen, 6 feet, 5 and one-half inches. He was followed by Luis Nerisus, Jr., 5 feet, one inch.

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Key to control of the western Mediterranean is the French naval base of Bizerte, now bearing the brunt of battle between allied and axis forces in Tunisia. Bizerte and nearby Tunis are just across a narrow, 90-mile strait from Sicily, the Nazis' island "aircraft carrier" in mid-Mediterranean. Map shows closeup of Bizerte battle area and relation to other north African fighting fronts.

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BY PETER EDSON NEA Service Washington Correspondent

THE way the WAVES—the lady sailors—are taking over the Navy Department is one of the current sensations in Washington. It's a regular occurrence now for some salty, wind-burned old desk admiral who previously had viewed with horror the idea of women in the Navy to come around and requisition reverses for this or that department.



Edson

One reason the admirals are learning to like the WAVES is that they are selected with more care and higher qualifications than the girls offered by Civil Service. More important is the fact that the WAVES, being in the Navy, can be based around better and can be disciplined when they don't obey orders.

Credit Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, with one of the neatest slips of the tongue on record. The valuable doctor was testifying before Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, investigating the shortage of medical men in war production centers and the activities of the Procurement and Assignment Service which has been recruiting doctors for the armed services. Said Dr. Fishbein, "I always believe in obeying the laws and orders of the United States government wherever possible." Then he caught himself and asked that the last two words be struck from the record.

MOST encouraging development of the week on the manpower situation is the fact that Bernard M. Baruch is working on it.

Gradually the administration of war production has been shifting into line with more and more of the recommendations which Baruch had made throughout the 1930s when the various Army 30-day mobilization plans were being drafted—through straightened out rubber, Baruch's ideas on price control finally came to be adopted. Baruch's ideas are reflected in WPB's new Controlled Materials Plan.

It Baruch's ideas on manpower could be put over, some of the present confusion might end.

BRITISH Information Service in Washington was faced with a pretty problem recently when a woman from Arkansas wrote in for proof that it sometimes rains frogs in heavy thundershowers.

It seems that this woman had adopted two British children for the duration. Riding home in the family car one evening, they ran

with clouds blacker than they had ever seen and water coming down in buckets. Then a few little white objects began to pelt the car. They thought they must be hailstones, but when they looked closer, it developed there were frogs pouring out of the sky.

Next day in school the British children, all excited, told about this truly great experience they had been through. But instead of being heroes, the poor British youngsters got nothing but the raspberries. Teachers and schoolmates peep-pooled such nonsense.

The British children came home to their adopted mother in tears. That's what started the Arkansas woman to writing letters to see if something couldn't be done to restore her charges' spirits.

E. L. S. called up some scientists in Washington and sure enough, they did find scientific proof that sometimes when the sun was sucking up water too hard, it did suck some shallow ponds dry, frogs and all.

That's what they wrote the Arkansas woman, anyway, and the hope it will help keep the United States from importing frogs.

Policeman Tells What Cops Think About The Public

FORT WORTH, Tex. (UP)—Ever wondered what a policeman thinks of the public? Patrolman Keith Whit of Fort Worth submitted this editorial comment to the departmental publication: "We hear of lots of gripes from

people in war work concerning the speed limit making them late to work. These same people are the ones we hear laughing about what an easy job they have and what good money they get working eight hours a day for five or six days a week. It seems a little silly to me to hear a man in these times brag about what a soft job he has. We all realize that some jobs are harder than others, but it isn't very patriotic for a person to bite the hand that feeds him."

U. S. PRESIDENT

A crossword puzzle titled 'U. S. PRESIDENT' with a grid and various clues. Clues include 'Answer to Previous Puzzle', '1 Pictured U. S. President', '2 President', '3 Franklin', '4 Sultan', '5 decree', '6 Circle part', '7 River', '8 embankment', '9 He is full of', '10 Make lace', '11 Scoff', '12 Genus of trees', '13 Urge on', '14 Principal', '15 Hindu gar', '16 ments (var.)', '17 Small (Pl.)', '18 Doctors', '19 interpret', '20 South Caro', '21 lina (abbr.)', '22 Thus', '23 About', '24 Over all', '25 Masts anew', '26 Colonist', '27 Type', '28 Symbol for', '29 Hindu', '30 Small (Pl.)', '31 President', '32 serve three', '33 South Caro', '34 lina (abbr.)', '35 Thus', '36 About', '37 Over all', '38 Masts anew', '39 fabric (pl.)', '40 Dana's step', '41 Lariat', '42 State of being intensified', '43 Sunnites', '44 Hawaiian', '45 island', '46 Aren measure', '47 Tan again', '48 Kind of beer', '49 Mohammed's', '50 son-in-law', '51 Variety of figs', '52 Whirlwind', '53 Tin (symbol)', '54 Sun god', '55 And (Latin)', '46 Colonist', '47 Type', '48 Symbol for', '49 Hindu', '50 son-in-law', '51 Variety of figs', '52 Whirlwind', '53 Tin (symbol)', '54 Sun god', '55 And (Latin)'.

A small puzzle or graphic with a grid and numbers.

A portrait of a man with a grid overlay, possibly a word search or a similar puzzle.

Ready to Give Up a Distinction



BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Arthur J. Hodson reaches such sound conclusions of what the future holds for athletics that Daniel J. Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, passes them along. Hodson makes his observations in the annual report of an athletic club in Sydney, Australia, which he reached A. U. headquarters here.

"Our present endeavors," he writes, "are directed principally to the maintenance of the main framework of athletics to the end that, when victory is won, we may be in a position to tackle promptly and effectively the problems of reconstruction and development."

"MODERN athletics owes much sport—to the Olympic Games. This being so, it is of interest and importance to contemplate the future of the Olympic movement. We are somewhat disturbed by current suggestions that the Olympic Games will never be revived."

"This is a view in which no person who thoughtfully subscribes to the principles of the Roosevelt-Churchill Atlantic Charter, August, 1941, will acquiesce. We look to see the Olympic Games revived in the best traditions of the movement."

"We firmly believe they will play a not unimportant part in the realization of that hope for peace among men and nations which is the object of all our present striving."

DESDEMONA

BY MRS. C. W. MALTBY Mrs. Pete Warren and children of Fort Worth, have been visiting friends here this past week.

Charlie Cross of Olden, spent Friday and Saturday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid and daughter, Janette, were shopping in Gorman Saturday.

Jodie Wall, J. E. Wittie, and son, Kenneth, were in Eastland on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis and Mrs. Maltby drove to Eastland Friday afternoon. Mr. Davis, to transact business and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Maltby to attend the County Federation meeting of Women's Clubs.

Pvt. Miles Ervin, who is stationed in Massachusetts, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ervin.

A marriage that was quite a surprise to their many friends, was that of Miss Ruth Williams to Mr. Ben Koutse on Nov. 17. Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Williams and graduated from the Desdemona High School in 1941.

Pvt. Leslie Williams who is stationed in Waco spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams.

Mrs. C. W. Maltby and daughter, Var'a, Grace Lemaster and Kenneth Friday morning for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Maltby, who were passing through Eastland on their way from Los Angeles, Cal., to Mississippi.

Lieut. and Mrs. V. S. Irwin of Marshall, have been visiting the Rufus Buckley home this past week. Mrs. Buckley returned to Marshall with them to visit another sister, Mrs. Deth Irwin and from there to Longview, to visit her father, Alvin Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Revels and son, David, of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Revels.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lemaster of Arlington, visited friends and relatives here Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams and baby of Fort Worth spent the week end at the Morrow and Adams homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Halder and son, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Halder, Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Baker and children drove over from Cisco Sunday to bring Miss Helen Allen.

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CARBON NEWS

By Evelyn Masseege The W. M. U. is planning a very interesting program for Monday, November 30th. It will be a mission program. Lunch will be served.

Staff Sgt. Harry C. Hall is visiting his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall.

Mrs. C. R. Yarbrough is home from a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Bruce in Weatherford.

Ray Rankin is here from Savanna, Georgia visiting friends and relatives.

Bro. H. D. Christian and wife were here Monday visiting friends.

Mrs. C. Wyatt visited her husband in San Antonio this weekend.

Bobby Joe Jackson, from home and to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hush Able.

Mrs. I. N. Williams, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jim Joiner of DeLeon, to Anson where they attended a meeting of the Eastern Star, Monday night.

Hardin-Simons University, of Abilene, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Arch Jackson this weekend.

Mrs. Ben Stevenson and son, Jack visited her parents in Killeen last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Nowlin visited their daughter, Mrs. R. B. Murray Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. N. C. Morris and daughters, Opal and Loreta, visited their son and brother, Guy Morris, at Camp Hood last week.

Mrs. C. B. Brosten and two children of Houston are visiting her mother Mrs. W. L. Stubblefield.



MORE ABSENCES IN WAR INDUSTRIES ARE CAUSED BY COLDS and complications than almost all other illnesses combined, totalling 40,000,000 work days since Pearl Harbor. To aid war production by combatting sick absences due to colds, the Vick Chemical Company is distributing free to war plants posters like the one shown here.

OUT OUR WAY



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

SERIAL STORY PLAY BY PLAY

BY PAUL DAVID PRESTON

CHAPTER VIII AN hour before practice time this Friday afternoon, Blythe Miller parked her bike outside the Lincoln gym and started around to Pop's office. She had agreed, when Nancy telephoned her, to help Pop while Nancy ran an errand downtown. She turned the corner of the building in time to see a man leave by the main door.

It didn't, and she went on with her stenographic work. Or with Nancy's, until Nancy returned. Pop didn't come back in.

mumble, mumble." It was like a radio voice fading out while other sounds took over. The other sounds here were a frenzy of cheering, a rumbling of military drums.

The man was a stranger. He wore a derby, and an overcoat with collar turned up. He almost trotted out front to a taxicab which had been waiting. He didn't see Blythe at all, and she walked on.

Practice was spotty, as it frequently is on the day before a major game. Norman Dana, quarterback, would perform brilliantly for five minutes, then do something inexcusably dumb. The two ends developed butter fingers, and all three cadets who played center began fumbling the ball.

The 5000 Lincoln cadets saw Duane's kickoff shoot upward. The ball seemed to hover up there a moment like one of their own planes stalled, glided a few yards, then nose-dived down. When it crashed it was on the seven-yard line—and three Lincoln lads were all over it, to the Aggies' consternation.

"Something's on Pop's mind, Bly," he spoke soberly.

"You're telling me! And it seems to be catching."

"Lads, lads, you are like boys in grade school!" he chided. "I have taught you to drive, but you must drive with care! Don't overrun your interference. Don't let their ball carrier wreck your timing with a simple change of pace! Haven't I showed you how?"

When she entered Pop's office, though, something in the very atmosphere arrested her.

"Golly, Pop, you look like Mussolini! Sitting there red-faced, with your lip all puffed out!"

They drank water, sucked oranges, tried to relax. They made solemn vows. They donned fresh socks. They went back with grim vises and vigor. And again the teams played stand-off ball—until late in the last quarter when Duane backed up to the far corner and himself caught a punt. Then before anyone quite realized it, he had charged through 10 Aggies and was outrunning the 11th in a race diagonally across the field.

He got up and left the room and she stared then at the desk drawer. It was where he kept a referee's whistle, a book of football rules, two stop watches, a timekeeper's pistol and boxes of blank shells, a few newspaper clippings and photos and such. Why had he hastily put a fat envelope in there? And why was he shaking?

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"Oh, Duane! Of course he does! But he—he was mad about something. Biting mad!"

And it was that way, too, on the morrow.

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SATURDAY threw down a splash of rain, a dash of snow, then turned on the sun in its glory.

Then—in one dramatic instant—a near silence swept the whole bench, the whole stadium.

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# Men Make the Navy

... THE NAVY MAKES MEN

If a sailor in the U. S. Navy that the wearer has served continuously in the U. S. Navy for at least twelve years, has won the maximum number of three good conduct awards, has a perfect record of sobriety, and a proficiency record of not less than 3.5 on a basis of 4.9 as perfect.

A gold "hashmark" or stripe on the left sleeve of an enlisted man's uniform in the U. S. Navy shows he has been confronted with the need of his tug off Cape Hatteras and was

learning a new terminology. Barrette, for example, is a cylinder of heavy armor extending from the lowest protective deck above the magazines to the armored turret and enclosing the foundation on which the rotating turret rests.

The binnacle, another unfamiliar word for the new recruit, is the stand in which the compass rests. In former days the sick list used to be posted on the binnacle; hence the phrase "binnacle list" in present slang terminology is the list of those under medical care.

The forerunner of the modern U. S. Navy torpedo boat was the torpedo raft built in New York in 1862 with the plan of destroying harbor defenses at Charleston, S. C. The raft broke away from its tug off Cape Hatteras and was

not located again until it washed ashore in Bermuda six years later.

Considered one of the most effective of all naval air weapons, the torpedo planes of the U. S. Navy can transport a 21-inch torpedo or a large bomb load for hundreds of miles at sea. They are dropped from these planes at an altitude of 100 feet or less and are aimed by the planes at their targets.

Although the landing space on a U. S. Navy aircraft carrier is only about 5 per cent of the area of an average runway, the floating airport has some advantage as it can be moved to head into the wind to help planes take off, and if there isn't any wind the carrier makes

## More Casualties From Accidents Than In Action

CHICAGO, Ill. (UP)—The National Safety Council today compared total casualties of 3,844,500 among war workers since Pearl Harbor to 48,965 casualties in the armed forces as grim evidence that accidents drain the nation of manpower needed for victory.

"Those who die in battle die for a cause," said Ned H. Dearborn, executive vice-president of the council. "Those struck down by accidents die in vain."

The council said casualties to American workers since Pearl Harbor up to Nov. 15 have been 44,500 dead and 3,800,000 wounded. Government figures for casualties in the armed forces during the same period were 3,694 dead, 3,435 wounded and 32,827 missing or prisoners. The total national accident toll since Pearl Harbor has been 89,000 killed and approximately 8,800,000 wounded, the

council said. "Casualties on the battlefield are a necessary sacrifice to perpetuate our freedom," Dearborn said. "Casualties on the homefront through accidents, are preventable and hinder the efforts of our fighting men by sabotaging the production of weapons and material of war."

"It is the duty of every patriotic American to conserve manpower for victory. We must stop accidents."

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MODERN MENUS -

By MRS. GAYNOR MADDOCK  
NEA Service Staff Writer

I'VE not much time for parties these days, but that excuse for losing the delectable of stirring up a batch of special tea biscuits for such or Sunday night supper have an interesting quickie filling.

Fruit and Nut Biscuits (Makes 12 biscuits)

Two cups sifted flour, 1 tsp salt, 3 tps baking powder, 1/2 cup shortening, about 3-4 cu milk, 10 Brazil nuts and 16 little dates, chopped, sharp cheese melted butter, salt, paprika.

Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Cut in shortening until well mixed. Stir in milk until mixture is soft, but no sticky. Roll dough lightly on floured board to about a quarter inch thickness and cut into rather large rounds.

Spread each biscuit with melted butter, sprinkle half the rounds with grated sharp cheese, chopped dates and nuts, season gently with salt and paprika. Fold buttered edges together and bake in hot oven (450 deg. F.) for 2 minutes.

The old-fashioned custom of keeping the cookie jar filled is guaranteed to disappear rapidly.

Honey Spice Cookies

Two cups sifted flour, 1-4 tsp salt, 1-2 tsp soda, 1-2 tsp nutmeg, 2 tsp allspice, 1 tsp cinnamon, 2 cup butter, 1-2 cup sugar, 1-4 cup honey, 1 egg, beaten.

Sift flour and measure. Add soda, salt and spices and sift to either three times. Cream butter and add sugar. Beat until light and fluffy. Add honey to butter and sugar mixture and lastly add beaten egg. Then stir in the sugar and spices. Chill and shape into balls about 1-2 inches in diameter. Wrap each roll in waxed paper and chill thoroughly in the refrigerator. Cut into thin slices and bake on an ungreased cookie sheet in a moderate oven (350 deg. F.) for about 20 minutes.

TOMORROW'S MENU  
BREAKFAST: Orange juice, dry cereal and top milk, scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, coffee, milk.  
LUNCHEON: Consomme soup, moulded vegetable salad, hot fruit and nut tea biscuits, chilled canned pears, honey spice cookies, tea, milk.  
DINNER: Strawberry cocktail, braised pork chops, buttered Brussels sprouts, apple-sauce, spice cake, tea, milk.

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