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Proposal To Transfer Liquor Board Duties As Economy Plan Studied

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—A proposal that reached the bill stage in 1937 only to die in committee will be revived at the 1943 session of the Texas Legislature. The proposal is to abolish the Texas Liquor Control Board and place its tax collecting and licensing supervision in the State Comptroller's Office, leaving enforcement of restrictions to state police and local officers.

Sen. Clem Fain of Livingston recently advocated transfer of the board duties as an economy measure.

Opposition to a change will come from those who do not want to tamper with a regulation system at this time for fear enforcement may be weakened, and leave the "bone dry" prohibitionists with an argument for return of complete prohibition.

If the system to be tried should eventually work out well, the possibility of a letting during the period of legislation.

Some principal complaints have been in a too rigid enforcement in the appeals that have come before the Liquor Control Board.

The system of beer, wine and liquor sales under supervision of a state board was put into effect in November, 1935. Since that time, up to the beginning of December of this year, the board has taken in \$52,854,260.11.

Operation expenses and refunds have totaled \$5,736,151.05, leaving the net income the difference.

On the enforcement side, records of the board show that it has prosecuted 29,729 criminal cases and obtained 17,852 convictions and 2,111 jail sentences.

Total fines imposed has been \$1,664,294.30.

The "lic" and permit revenues go to state purposes, principally the welfare program. The fines go to county roads and bridge funds.

Hunting out illicit stills is another part of the enforcement program. The board records show 3,154 stills have been captured and that the board agents have destroyed 647,515 gallons of mash.

Computed from size of the stills and frequency of operation, it is estimated that the still captured represented a potential tax evasion amounting to \$3,253,990.

The permits and licenses issued to dealers are subject to cancellation or suspensions for failure to live up to the regulations thrown about them.

The board has conducted 15,763 hearings on complaints and has ordered 3,895 cancellations of licenses or permits, and it has suspended operation of 3,983 others.

Use of scantily clad girls as car hops has been stopped at beer taverns, and under an act of the legislature the placing of beer signs has been limited.

Liquor Administrator Bert Ford declined comment on the proposal to change the set-up.

"We are here to do what the legislature orders," Ford said. He has headed the organization since it was formed.

Reasons given for creation of the department were that the

handling of intoxicants was a type of activity that required a more concentrated supervision than that given by officers in the enforcement of general regulations.

On the income side, officials say they doubt if any other business that is taxed has such a nearly complete collection of the taxes upon it.

The board takes no particular credit for that, pointing out that unlike the usual delinquent taxes that are collected by suit, the dealers in intoxicants have their licenses and permits cancelled if they dodge taxes.

The liquor board occupies rented offices. Transfer of the duties to another department would hardly cure that because department space in state-owned buildings is so crowded that a proposal to build a new state office building was submitted by the last session of the legislature.

Separate forces are required in the comptroller's office for handling various types of tax collections put in that department.

Adding liquor would add another group of employees there. Whether there could be a saving in manpower employed is doubtful.

Extra efforts are being made now to prevent violations around military areas and these have spread so over Texas that the enforcement program is practically state-wide.

Rep. Pat Dwyer of San Antonio has announced that he intends to revive the movement to permit sale of liquor by the drink. He said he proposes to authorize such sales, putting the tax at a figure which will produce enough to offset the income the state expects to lose because of "gasoline rationing."

Like abolition of the Liquor Control Board, the licensing of cocktail bars has been proposed at previous sessions and has met the same fate as the liquor board elimination.

James Hamilton Buried On Sunday

Funeral services for James Henry Hamilton, 1123 Blackwell road, who died last Thursday, were conducted from the Killingsworth Funeral Chapel Sunday afternoon, with burial in the Alameda Cemetery. The services were conducted by Wesley Mickey, minister of the Ranger Church of Christ.

The decedent was born in Ranger June 2, 1880. He was a former member of the Alameda Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Dave Hamilton, Monahans and Raymond Hamilton, Amarillo; six sisters, Mrs. Jess Blackwell, Ranger; Mrs. Tommie Hamilton, Ranger; Mrs. C. E. Dean, Ranger; Mrs. Maggie Quin, Roby; Mrs. Vick Orle, Roby and Mrs. Maud Pratt, Avondale, Ariz.; and two brothers, George Hamilton, Ranger and John Hamilton, Waurika, Okla.

Active pall bearers were Jack Blackwell, Tom Fox, Jid Blackwell, Ed Franklin, J. M. Robinson and Gene Emley of Cisco.

Stores To Remain Open In Evenings Beginning Monday

At a meeting of the directors and members of the Ranger Retail Merchants Association, held this morning, it was voted that local retail stores would remain open each evening until 8:00 o'clock, beginning Monday evening, December 21, and continuing through Christmas Eve, December 24.

The meeting was called and was presided over by A. J. Ratliff, president.

Stamp No. 10 In Sugar Book Goes In Effect Today

Sugar stamp No. 9 expired at midnight Tuesday night, and stamp No. 10, good for three pounds of sugar, became effective today.

At the office of the Chamber of Commerce, where additional sugar allotments are received, it was announced that in the future additional sugar for canning purposes could be obtained only on Wednesday.



DESERT MULLIGAN. Huddled around a campfire, members of anti-tank crew, on the march near Safi, Morocco, cook up a stew while one of their number peers through field glasses as he stands guard.

Semi-Finals To Be Broadcast Next Saturday

The two semi-final games in the race for the 1942 Texas High School Football Championship, will be played on Saturday, December 19th. The game between Amarillo and Sunset High of Dallas will be played at Dal-Hi Field, Dallas, while the contest between Breckenridge and Austin will be played at Buckaroo Field in Breckenridge. Both games are scheduled to start at 2:30 p. m., Saturday afternoon.

Broadcast time for both games is set at 2:20 p. m. to allow ten minutes of preliminary discussion of the opposing teams before the kick-off.

The game at Dallas between Amarillo and Sunset will be carried over a network of 16 stations, with Charlie Jordan calling the play-by-play reports and Al Godwin handling the color. The game will be heard over KRLD, Dallas 1980 kc.

Yes Box will do the play-by-play reporting at Breckenridge with Dave Russell handling the color. The Breckenridge vs. Austin game is scheduled over KGKO, Ft. Worth 570 kc.

Eager Beavers Are Living Up To Their Nickname

SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER, Tex.(UP)—There's a sing-song "hep-hep" in the very name of the "eager beaver" boys.

The "eager beavers" are the hustlers in pre-flight school here on "The Hill" for aviation cadets. They're the lads who most apply themselves to ground school and drill fields.

Their eagerness is with good reason. It will determine if they are going to make the grade in pre-flight, and go on to primary, combat aircrew pilots for the but the front.

A familiar greeting at the Cadet Center is "Are you eager, Mister?"

One group in pre-flight calls itself the Eager Beavers.

That was all fine enough and stimulating for the morale until Aviation Cadet Beaver A. Kinsel of San Antonio came along. He was promptly dubbed Eager Beaver.

C of C. Directors Talk Over Plans For The Future

Three names were selected by directors of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, to be submitted to the Ranger City Commission, from which a director is to be selected to fill vacancy on the board.

Routine business and discussion of future activities of the organization were brought up for discussion at the meeting.

In the absence of B. E. Garner, president, Lee Dockery, past president, presided. Those present were Dr. Ross Hodges, John Kin-die, Lee Dockery, Paul MacDon-ald, Lester Crossley, F. E. Art-eburn, C. E. May and R. P. Earnest.

ANOTHER BIG BOSTON FIRE INJURES 57

BOSTON, Mass. (UP)—A devastating general alarm fire raged through two buildings in the heart of the Boston shopping district early today, injuring 57 coast guardsmen and firemen and causing damage that may reach 1,000,000 dollars.

Thirty business establishments were ruined or damaged by flames and water as Boston experienced its third conflagration within a month. The fire came just 17 days after Coconut Grove holocaust that cost 488 lives, one month after six firemen were killed and more than 40 injured in an East Boston blaze.

Prisoner Robbed While In A Jail

HOUSTON, Texas (UP)—Sheriff Neal Polk of Harris County has admitted recently that one of his prisoners had been robbed while in jail.

The amount taken from the prisoner was less than \$2., and it was recovered when the prisoner pointed out the culprits, a trio of teen-age youths being held on robbery charges.

The man from whom the money was taken said the boys held him up in his cell with a knife-fashioned from a spoon. Sheriff Polk investigated, found the money and the home-made knife and the youth-faced additional charges.

The man who was robbed got his money back, was taken to another cell and served out his remaining time.

U Of T Purchases Of War Bonds Up

AUSTIN, Tex.—"Good business" as well as patriotism has caused the University of Texas to bring its purchase of war bonds up to the maximum—more than half a million dollars worth, Comptroller C. D. Simmons revealed in a Pearl Harbor Day anniversary report.

Mr. Simmons said from May 1, 1941, to Dec. 7, 1942, the University has bought \$584,670 of war bonds for its permanent fund, and has also purchased \$4,119,600 in U. S. Treasury Bonds.

In addition, University faculty members have invested \$328,442.04.

Cotton Ginned In County By Dec. 1 Was 1003 Bales

The census report on cotton ginning in Eastland County for the period ending Dec. 1, 1942, shows that 1,003 bales were ginned in the county, as compared with 706 bales ginned during the same period in 1941.

The report was made by the Department of Commerce, bureau of the census by Lannie Man-vill, special agent.



TOP THIS ONE — Team-mate Buford Maddox, who stands 5 feet 11, gets on step ladder to illustrate how futile it is to attempt to stop Bob Kurland, 7-foot freshman center of Oklahoma A. & M.

Troop 12 To Hold Meeting Tonight

An important meeting of Troop 12, Ranger Boy Scouts, will be held tonight at 7:30 at the First Methodist Church.

Among other things to be taken up will be fingerprinting of all members of the troop. All scouts have been urged to be present.

Members of troop 12 are Robert Hundick, Dan Conway, Worth Carlin, Richard Cox, Richard West, Leidon Martin, Wesley Walker, Mace Oyler, Charles Cross, Gayle Blacklock, Eugene Wright, Bill Eakin, Gilbert Lanier and Jack Townsend.

Army Convoy Is In Ranger Today

Lt. Taylor of the United States Army, in charge of a convoy of 29 trucks, 44 men and two officers, arrived in Ranger shortly before noon today, and had their noon meal here.

Lt. Taylor telephoned ahead to make reservations at cafes here for feeding the men.

Mother Of Ranger Woman Is Buried

Funeral services for Mrs. Mosley, mother of Mrs. Harry Wallace of Ranger, were conducted at Graham Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace attended the services.

THE WEATHER WEST TEXAS—Slightly colder east, south portions. Light to heavy frost Northeast interior South portions except extreme South tonight.

ALLIED FORCES GATHER STRENGTH FOR COMING ASSAULT NORTH AFRICA

U. S. AIRMEN IN INDIA SOLVE FOOD PROBLEM

By WALTER BRIGGS United Press Staff Correspondent U. S. AIR BASE, Northern India, (Delayed) (UP)—A can of second grade American pears cost \$1.25 at this out-of-the-way base from which U. S. airmen are operating against the Japanese in Burma and China.

I also paid a dollar a pound for sausages and a dollar a pound for peanut butter imported from the United States.

These prices give an idea of the cost of imported foods, which often cost 500 per cent more than at home.

Even at this Indian base, American fighters want their "chow" prepared American-style.

The problem of food supply for Uncle Sam's airmen scattered over many airfields in the tea-ravine country is being handled by a young lieutenant who used to be a newspaper reporter, and a crew of hard-working enlisted men.

Lt. John E. Uhler, Jr., Baton Rouge, La., and his men sometimes work around the clock keeping the Americans fed. Theirs is the job of finding and delivering "quality grub" from the markets of Calcutta, the vegetable gardens of rural India, and from the long lines of supply that dodge here and there from America.

American mess officers and cooks furnish the culinary touch that turns the food into the dishes the men learned to relish in the camps of Mississippi, Oklahoma or New York.

Working with Uhler are Sgt. James Anderson, Forrest, Miss., and Pvt. Antonio Bianchi, Portland, Me., Edgar J. Bayli, New Orleans, Edwin Siffert, Marion, O., Childs J. Wheaton, Providence, R. I., and John Hoagland, New London, Conn.

To obtain fresh foods for daily use—known by the army as "A" rations—Uhler dispatches a truck over an 1,800-mile route twice weekly. The drivers buy all the fresh and canned goods they can find.

A largeful of food is purchased monthly at Calcutta, but sometimes it's necessary to bring in food by two-engine transport planes from Calcutta.

Most of the army canned rations arriving from the United States are held to build up a reserve supply. The quartermaster draws some foods from the British army but men say that the British foodstuffs is unsatisfactory because they "taste different."

Uhler's staff has established a butchery for animals brought from Indian contractors. Indian bakers make bread daily from American ingredients. The Americans have started to raise chickens and ducks and intend to plant truck gardens to be cultivated by Indian labor.

English, Scotch and Irish tea-planters have been of great help in development of the American bases. Many have closed their estates in order to put thousands of their laborers to work building air fields, railway sidings, roads and troop shelters.

The Americans say that the tea-planters are "mighty fine people". A middle-aged Dubliner, Bernard J. Pierce, who closed his plantation to assist in building an airfield, frequently entertains American officers at afternoon tea and tennis.

"We planters are growing to like the Americans here immensely, we get along jolly well together," Pierce said.

While native women sit under the tropical sun cracking boulders by the plane runways, scantily-clad coolies carry rock for filling in the surface, pour asphalt and roll the ground for an average of 16 cents a day wages.

The workers are pleased with the pay because it's somewhat more than they get on the tea plantations.

Eighth Army Backed By American Bombers And Fighter Bombers Races To Goal In North Africa

The Allied army in Tunisia gathered strength today for an assault on Bizerte, Tunis and in Tripolitania the British Eighth Army pushed more than 50 miles west of its break through point at El Aghelia.

American bombers, fighter-bombers raved ahead of the eighth army battering retreating Germans. The main body of the Axis army was apparently about 65 miles west of El Aghelia.

Allied patrols in northern Tunisia were reported to have found the Germans had abandoned some of their advanced positions when

Cisco Pair Have Been Married 50 Years-Celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Magill of Cisco observed their golden wedding anniversary Monday at their home in Cisco. Descendants of Pioneer Williamson county families, they have resided in Cisco for the past five years. Mrs. Magill is the former Margaret Pickle, daughter of the late A. P. Pickle, and Mr. Magill is the son of the late Capt. James P. Magill. They were married at Leander, William son county. They have two daughters, Mrs. Allan Newberry of Dallas, and Mrs. E. H. Baumgart of New Ulm.

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Attorney General Proves Versatile

AUSTIN — Attorney General Gerald C. Mann's versatility is well known to Texans.

He became a famous football player at Southern Methodist University, he has been a preacher, a lawyer, secretary of state, Texas liaison official at Washington and candidate for the United States Senate.

But few know that he also is a stockman.

A recent issue of "The Cattleman" reports that he has purchased the son of Advance Domino Maker for further use in his herd of fine Hereford cattle.

Now Okra Seeds Are Offered As Coffee Substitute

AUSTIN, Texas (UP)—Texas Agriculture Commissioner, J. E. McDonald, suggested recently that when the coffee problem becomes "really serious," okra seed makes a fairly good substitute.

McDonald said he remembers back a half-century when the "roads weren't so good and sometimes we didn't leave the farm for a good spell." In those days we took okra seeds, and dried them out, roasted and ground them into a reasonable substitute of coffee.

"Of course," McDonald explained, "it's not as good as coffee, but then, to a real coffee drinker who likes a particular blend, nothing short of the real McCoy would please."

New Trial Ordered For Alleged Slayer Houston Executive

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—A new trial was ordered today by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for Helen O'Keefe, blond Houston office girl, who had been given 25 year sentence in the Harris County for the alleged slaying of J. C. Franklin, loan company executive.

War Effort Of Britain Growing

LONDON, Eng. (UP)—Britain will be able to increase her war effort as much as one third through agreements reached for American material and equipment. Cap. Oliver Lyttleton, minister of production, told the House of Commons today.

air pressure became heavier. London commentators estimated that the Axis had fewer than 200 combat planes operating from the Tunisian base.

Marine corps dive bombers pounded at the Jap air bases Monday. Buin in the Solomons without opposition, the Navy announced at Washington.

Allied pressure was heavy all along the North African front.

The Spanish estimated that the combined strength of the Afrika Korps, German Tunisian army at 100,000 and said that Rommel had arrived in Tripoli to plan a toe hold for the Axis in Africa.

The Allied air activity against the German reinforcement ports of Tunisia increased, and British planes from Malta joined in the assault. The grand assault to drive the Axis out of Africa may begin soon as the rain soaked roads are dry enough to permit the movement of mechanized equipment.

The middle Eastern command, making its first position announcement since the British breakthrough, said that the Eighth Army is now well west of El Aghelia where offensive started.

There was flare-up activity on the long snowy Russian front where the Germans threw in tank reinforcements in Stalingrad, Ishev sectors in an attempt to retard Soviet offensives. The Russians admitted that the Germans made eight penetrations and said that the artillery attacks halted the German tanks.



SAVAGES. It makes a world of difference where you meet them—the one above being Hollywood's Ann Savage, the one below the No. 1 boy of a New Guinea village.

THE GHOST WALKS. The bedraggled but happy gentleman is Flying Officer W. B. Hay who walked into a British airframe in Egypt after being given up for dead. He spent 11 hours in the sea, hid out on the desert for a day and night before reaching home.

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DARLAN IN NORTH AFRICA

The position of Admiral Darlan in North Africa, as protector of French interests there with the approval of American military authorities, surely is paradoxical. No wonder everybody is puzzled, many annoyed and at least some bitterly resentful.

We have always regarded Darlan as pro-Nazi, and his influence as very bad. He coolly turned French Indo-China over to the Japanese. He had never made any corresponding gesture toward us.

Why, then, do we suddenly accept Darlan as an equal, an ally, an agent of our own in a position where treachery might be particularly harmful?

True, Darlan surrendered Algiers to us with a minimum of resistance. Thereafter he ordered all Vichy troops in Africa to cease fighting against us. Then he radioed a request to the French fleet to leave Toulon and join the Anglo-American forces. He appointed as military leader for North Africa one of the few high French generals who commands universal respect from anti-axis peoples, Gen. Henri Giraud.

What does that mean? Does it imply, as critics of the arrangement argue, nothing more than that Admiral Darlan is a realist; that he has concluded that the United Nations are going to win?

That could be, of course. And yet, Roosevelt and Churchill, Eisenhower and Clark are realists too. One would be surprised if our realists accepted Darlan's realism to the extent of playing into his hands or to the extent of unnecessarily alienating our fighting French Allies.

How did it happen that Admiral Darlan was in North Africa at the psychological moment when we struck—in position to assist us—bearing Petain's credentials as head of all French fighting forces, on land and on sea?

Could it be that Admiral Leahy, the President's chief of staff, who was our ambassador in Vichy for the principal reason of his long friendship with French military and naval chieftains, knows what lies behind Darlan's sudden conversion?

Unquestionably the people of France will be confused. They are told by the home radio, which they know is Nazi-controlled, that Marshal Petain disapproves of Darlan's move. But they are told by Darlan, who they know has enjoyed the chief of state's confidence far more than Pierre Laval ever did, that Darlan speaks in the name of the aged marshal.

We believe that the confusion must resolve itself into a strong suspicion on the part of the French public that only Laval really is pro-German. This decision inevitably would strengthen the anti-axis cause, would tend toward French unity in our interest, and might mean the difference between success and failure when and if Anglo-British forces seek to roll up the Rhine valley to Berlin.



WITH NEVER A SLIP, Britain's prime minister fights his way up greasy logs which are part of battle course on which he has been watching infantry troops train. (Passed by censor.)

For First Time Women Play Big Part In A War

AUSTIN—For the first time in all the centuries of history of warfare, the women of the world have a chance to work for victory. Herbert E. Chamberlain, psychiatrist and child welfare expert, told a University of Texas student recently.

"In past wars, the job of women could be explained in four words," he said, "weave or wape, work and wait. But in this war, women can work—and they must work."

THE PAYOFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

NEW YORK—Ank Scanlan tells how Holy Cross built better mouse-traps to another Boston College, 55-12, in the upset of the year. "Scouts reported that a couple of Boston College linemen were takers for mouse-trap plays," explains Coach Scanlan. "Gil Douke, his big left tackle, was one of them, and we gave him plenty of open. We trapped him all afternoon. Bob Sullivan, Egan and Riggs knifed inside of him."

Holy Cross planned its rushing attack to take advantage of a quick-charging opposing line. Every other play was a trap on either a tackle or guard. The Eagle forwards waded in to be sidestepped from unexpected angles and put out of plays.

SCANLAN suspected Boston College would anticipate sweeps and reverses Holy Cross used in earlier games, so he crossed the Eagles by running inside the tackles. "A good hilter," asserts Rogers Hornsby, "can hit 300 if they pitch potatoes or corn cobs."

DAN FERRIS has a letter from a sailor praising a submarine chaser's new cook. The chef is named Joe Platak, greatest of all hotel-ball players and seven-time national champion. Still serving.

Lawyers File A Lengthy Brief To Get More Gas

AUSTIN—Many lawyers in Texas are filing gasoline application statements that are practically law briefs.

A judge in of the state higher courts in his application for supplemental gasoline noted conditions that apply to many people in Texas.

"His legal residence is a county far removed from Austin where official duties require his presence much of the time. He has private investments and interests in ten widely separated counties that from time to time require his presence."

"Part of his investments are in establishments directly serving the Army. He concluded with the statement: 'In order to visit these various places and attend to my official duties in Austin, I must travel at week-ends when the buses and trains are crowded.'"

In the past, his statement says, he has been driving 1,250 miles a month and he doesn't do it for fun.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Turkeys, live or dressed. Call 487-J.

FOR SALE—Nice 6-room house in Ghisla Addition. Easy terms. Write Box 165, Ranger, Texas.

WANTED—to buy stoves and heaters. Any make or type. J. D. Jones

SEE US FOR Light, hauling, transfer and storage. J. D. Jones

FOR SALE—My modern six room home in Ranger, including double garage, servant's house, and four lots. Convenient terms. B. H. Peacock, 2207 North Rolfe Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR SALE—1939 Ford Coupe. Good tires and running condition. —Ranger 1942.

FOR SALE—1847 Rogers Silverware and a Ladies' Diamond Ring. Priced to sell quick. Ranger Times.

FOR RENT—Two bedrooms, 270-J, 455 Pine.

DEFENSE to OFFENSE

AMERICAN defense effort must become a war offensive against the enemy. You can hasten this offensive by investing your dollars with Uncle Sam. U. S. War Savings Bonds and Stamps bought today mean more fighting planes and ships tomorrow.

Climb aboard! The Pay-Off Savings Bond wagon. Everybody's doing it—investing in victory through the regular purchase of U. S. War Savings Bonds and Stamps on pay day.

FLYING TIGERS' CHIEF

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small portrait of a man.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for words.

BY PETER EDSON, NEA Service Washington Correspondent

UNOFFICIAL new slogan of the Naval Guard, the outfit which mans the guns on merchant ships, is "Sighted sub. Glub! Glub!"

Unofficial designation of the new Controlled Materials Plan or CMP, forced up by the War Production Board, is "Cripes! Poor Paperwork!"

Munro Lief, the whimsical fellow who wrote Ferdinand the Bull, has just been promoted to an army captaincy and sent out to a Kansas service school to find out what a fighting branch of the service was all about. But a sort time ago when he was just a first lieutenant in Washington, writing serious speeches for generals.



Edson

FLYING FORTRESSES, the biggest, toughest fighting planes the U. S. Army or any other Army possesses today, are now being made by a labor force that is 50 per cent women, and by the end of next year officials at the Boeing plants in Seattle and Renton, Wash., say the labor force will be 70 per cent women.

In Washington it is believed this is the highest percentage of women employees of any aircraft plant in the country. In April, Boeing had more than 4 per cent women employees. By July it was 23 per cent and it has been doubled since then by simplifying work processes.

Eighty per cent of all beginning or probationary mechanics being hired are women, and there are now some women doing practically every job in the plant. Ninety-five per cent of all the rivet buckers (in women, and from two-thirds to three-fourths of the workers in photostyrene fabric covering, electronic wiring and tubing shops are women.

Big surprise has been that most of the married women with children prefer the second shift, from p. m. to midnight. They do neighborhood work in the morning, let neighbors take care of the children. The husband gets home from his day shift.

The famous and highly-secret Norwegian aerial bombight is still believed to be just as ex-

Buy War Bonds

In addition to their war-time jobs, women should be thinking now of their postwar responsibility for securing better housing, the elimination of child labor, and provision to meet the nutritional needs of all communities, Dr. Chamberlain asserted. Closet hooks are where dad forgets to hang things he forgets to throw down the clothes chute.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



IN EUROPE, THE DRINKING OF COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE ONCE WAS CONSIDERED WICKED, AND SPEAKEASIES SPRANG UP WHERE PEOPLE WENT TO DRINK IN SECRET. CHOCOLATE DRINKING WAS CONSIDERED THE MOST VICIOUS AND STRANGEST LAWS WERE PASSED PROHIBITING IT.



GEM STONES WITH STAR FORMATIONS IN THEM WERE BELIEVED BY THE ANCIENTS TO HAVE BEEN FORMED OF SPARKS FROM THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

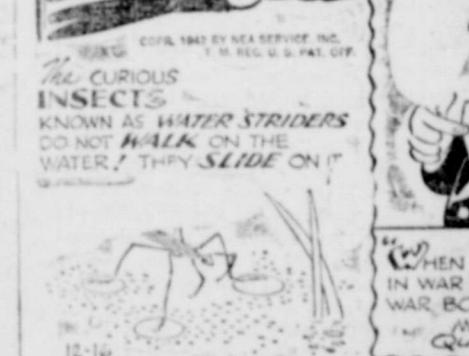
WHERE'S ELMER? ANSWER: Iceland. NEXT: High and low in precipitation.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE ANNUAL PRECIPITATION IN THE UNITED STATES RANGES FROM 12 1/2 INCHES IN DEATH VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, TO 128 1/2 INCHES AT QUINAILT, WASHINGTON.



THE CURIOUS INSECTS KNOWN AS WATER STRIDERS DO NOT WALK ON THE WATER. THEY SLIDE ON IT.

WHEN YOU PUT YOUR TRUST IN WAR BONDS, YOU PUT YOUR WAR BONDS IN TRUST. Says Mrs. CORA JAMES, Queens, N.Y.

OUT OUR WAY

BY WILLIAMS



PICKIN' TH' LOCK TO GIT IN, HAH? SORRY I WAS DELAYED BUT WHERE'D YOU GET THEM MATCHES AN' TOOLS? OM, I CLIMBED IN TH' KITCHEN WINDER TO GIT THESE!

THE SECOND FRONT

Study Of Oil Structures To Be Made Now

WASHINGTON — Authorization of a study of crude oil price

structure and appointment of a committee on manpower for the petroleum industry and a technical committee to supervise the technical collaboration necessary to the production of 100-octane aviation gasoline, synthetic rubber, and other war products, concluded the business at the Decem-

ber meeting of the Petroleum Industry War Council today, Chairman William R. Boyd, Jr., reported.

At the request of its production committee which reported an alarming decline in the rate of discovery of crude oil reserves the Council instructed its com-

mittee on cost and price adjustment, and petroleum economics, to collaborate upon a study of the crude oil price structure with a view of determining those factors which can be expected to stim-

ulate an increase in the rate of discovery of new reserves of crude oil.

Boyd appointed Dr. Robert E. Wilson, president, Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co., New

York, chairman, and Robert H. Colley, president, The Atlantic Refining Co., Philadelphia, and W. S. Rodgers, president, The Texas Co., New York, to be the Council's new technical committee. This group will plan and supervise the work of an advisory-functioning technical advisory sub-committee which has been working closely with the Petroleum Administrator in the development of the technological program of petroleum refining for the increased production of petroleum war products.

Another resolution of the Council authorized the chair man to appoint a five-man committee to confer with the Petroleum Administrator and the chairman of the War Manpower Commission upon the numerous manpower problems of the petroleum industry. The Committee will be named in a few days, Boyd said.

SERIAL STORY

PLAY BY PLAY

BY PAUL DAVID PRESTON

CHAPTER XIX

AS Mom Miller had expected it would, the luncheon for the two cadets in her home turned out happily. Indeed, it is impossible to damage soldier morale with a friendly home-cooked meal.

Norman Dana left the table literally pounding his chest. "Let me at 'em!" he boasted. "In the air or on the ground!"

"Mom's propaganda has to do with on-the-ground scrapping first," Blythe reminded them. "And the field of battle is a football field."

"Mom Miller," Norman pinched Mrs. Miller's cheek, "for you I'll make a personal touchdown. What do you think of that?"

"Ma'am?"

Pop was fingering his hair fringe and beaming happily. "What she means, son, is that Nancy needed a sort of big brother that night of the car wreck, and you happened to be the one. You'll have to excuse an old man for preaching, but it don't never do any harm to show unfortunate people a favor that way. You understand?"

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SOCIETY CLUBS

W. S. C. S. Met Monday

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Methodist church Monday at 4 p. m. Harvest Day and Christmas program combined was led by Mrs. Arthur Deffebach. Opening song "Oh Come All Ye Faithful. Prayer by Mrs. Deffebach. "Christmas for the World" was the principal discourse composed of five parts: (1) "Christmas Bells," Mrs. E. S. Balch (2) "Christmas in Other Countries," Mrs. Knox. (3) "Christmas Candles," Mrs. C. O. Strong (4) "Gifts of His Son," Mrs. Stanley McAnally. (5) "Christmas Everglades," Mrs. McDonald.

Miss Mildred Balch accompanied by Miss Peggy Bundick at the piano sang several appropriate numbers.

Mrs. C. E. May gave the devotional. The principal theme was "The Christmas Story."

The closing song was "Silent Night," after which a social was enjoyed by all present.

This was the last meeting of the year.

Cooper P. T. A. Meets

The regular meeting of the Cooper School Parents-Teachers Association was held at the school Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Earnest Sneed serving as leader.

A surprise program with members of the Association taking part, was presented in honor of the students of the school. The program was a Christmas playlet and in response to the program the students sang Christmas carols.

Following the program each child was presented with a Christmas bag filled with nuts, fruit and candy.

Local Student Wins

Scholastic Honor

Miss Jane Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews, was named this week to the "Dean's List" at Stephens College. This scholastic honor was given to the upper seven percent of the entire student body of 1,700 at Stephens who not only excelled in their studies, but also did an outstanding job in the college's all-out war program.

Miss Matthews is a Senior, a member of Eta Epsilon Gamma social sorority and Beat Epsilon Phi, honorary radio sorority, on the Dean's List last school year and a member of the soprano section of the FAUST chorus.

Personals

Miss Cla Fayé Morgan has gone to Baird where she is temporarily employed as laboratory technician.

Terrance Barton, is a medical patient of the West Texas Clinic.

Mrs. Hortense Matthews was a Fort Worth visitor today.

Friends of Mrs. B. F. Blanton, a patient in the West Texas Clinic, will be glad to learn her condition is improving.

Mrs. Floy Morrison visited in Fort Worth today.

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Mr. O. Hooks is a medical patient of the City-County Hospital.

Walter Lee Jackson and Reid Hunter students of Baylor University arrived home today to spend the holiday vacation with their parents.

Mrs. M. L. Gard of Strawn is a City-County Hospital patient.

John Kinzie and Harry Henry are transacting business in Dallas.

Rev. S. E. Bryson has returned to his home in Dallas after a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Dorothy Palmer of Breckenridge was a Ranger visitor, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. G. Philbrick has returned home in Stephenville after visiting her daughter, Miss Vivian Fairbairn.

O. G. Lanier left Tuesday for Pecos on a business trip.

M. E. Lee has returned home from Kaufman for a visit with his family during the holidays.

F. P. Brazier Jr., arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents.

Miss Catherine Murray of Fort Worth visited her mother, Mrs. Blanche Murray today.

Mrs. E. N. Clark of Cisco was a Ranger visitor, Tuesday.

Mrs. N. N. Bonney of Strawn was in Ranger shopping Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Henry and daughter, Dorothy, have returned from Waco, where they visited relatives.

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One official explained frankly that he did not consider it expatriotic "to outguess those nitwits in Washington."

On the farcical side was the expression of the Texas woman warned in an order that a truck used for delivering baby chicks to purchasers must not be used on Sundays.

"Who's going to use a heave-truck on Sunday just for the hell of it?" she wanted to know.

Quaintly, one person inquired if it is going to be compulsory to have your birth certificate posted on the automobile windshield to get gasoline.

Another thought the A. B. and C. gasoline-ration stickers might lead to the establishment of classes in America.

A girl with a C sticker will consider it mortally "stupid in life" to marry a boy who has only an A or B sticker," she suggested.

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In memory of our husband and father, William E. Dugan, who passed away December 15, 1942.

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His loving voice is still
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When we are all alone.
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Maybe There Was No Ammunition, Praise The Lord

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (UP)—Capt. Ray Seale Thompson of Leona, Texas, recently back from the Southwest Pacific war zone, brought with him one of the strangest stories to come from that battle area around the Solomons.

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The fighter pilot was headed back to his base after participating in the sinking of a Japanese aircraft carrier. He was trailing his squadron several miles and he was without ammunition—no even a pistol.

Suddenly, Thompson said, a Jap Zero moved up swiftly behind ward compartment, with a load capacity of 1,000 pounds. The bottom of the hopper is a moving, endless belt, rotating beneath a slotted opening which drops the seed in measured quantities into a wind tunnel from which it is sprayed uniformly over a ground space about 50 feet wide.

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Soon the Zero came alongside and the American pilot expected a machine gun burst to end his life at any moment. Thompson said his friend told him he was not scared—just mad clear through.

But as the Zero pulled along side, almost wing to wing the American, nothing happened. The American could see the Jap pilot plainly.

Matchmaker Nat Rogers made the mistake of pairing Jimmy Bivins with another counter fighter at Madison Square Garden with the result that Lee Savold is definitely through as a major attraction and the freakishly-built Negro's Broadway bow was a magnificent bust.

Although by no stretch of the imagination a great one, Bivins is a more formidable warrior than he appeared to be here.

He undoubtedly was over-anxious in his first effort in the east, and Savold's disinclination to take a chance didn't help him.

MAYBE Bivins is one of those blokes who can fight only in his own backyard. He has enjoyed all of his success in Cleveland.

There have been a number of gloven men like that. Tommy O'Toole, feather, and Young Ernie, lightweight, a crack Philadelphia pair of 30 years ago, were striking examples. O'Toole was a

whirlwind in the Quaker City, but required excuses following trip out of town.

Ernie outscored Abe Atell Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons, whom he conceded 11 pounds, by the home fireside, but with a match with Battling Nelson the prize, he was outgloped by Lew Powell in San Francisco.

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