



BOWL BEAUTY. Not war relief, but relief from war pictures is provided by this shot of Eileen Knapp, Florida beauty who has been named Orange Bowl Queen.

South Plains Farmers Raise Crops For Oil

LUBBOCK, Texas—Give the farmers on the South Plains enough time and they'll lick the Axis single-handed; that is as far as oil crops are concerned.

Uncle Sam didn't have to beg and cajole them into planting oil crops last spring. When these farmers found out what was expected of them under the 1942 Food for Freedom program they got busy on it.

As a result, they got a job done in proportion to the size of the country in which they live.

From Swisher county in the north to the New Mexico line of the West, stretching as far as Garza on the South and Dickens on the East, these farmers fell in line and planted soybeans, peanuts and castor beans.

The oil production job, however, was not left for the so-called "big" farmers. All of the big operators and small operators pledged to produce according to the size of their farms. From highly mechanized equipment to picking and threshing by hand, all of them were ready to do their part. The acreage ranged from 1/2 acre per farm to 1,200 acres per farm.

Oil crops were new to the majority of them but they said that if Uncle Sam needed their help they'd pitch in and do their part regardless of their previous experience.

If You Must Be Careless About Fires, Chief Murphy Urges That You Notify Department Beforehand

Fire Chief G. A. Murphy, and members of the Ranger Fire Department have addressed the following open letter to local citizens:

"Several reasons have prompted us to address you at this season, and request your cooperation in giving us certain information.

"Our department, like most others in Texas, has suffered the loss of experienced men during the past year. We are, therefore, operating with a shortage of manpower; wartime living conditions make it imperative that we make every effort to conserve automobiles and gasoline.

"Based on fire loss records of previous holiday seasons as compiled by Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, it is to be expected that there will be a number of fires in Texas within the next several days. Among these fires will be some loss of life. Such disasters will result from carelessness, neglect and 'taking chances' with unsafe decorations.

"In order that we of the fire department may schedule out individual activities, and be ready to answer your fire alarm with a minimum loss of time and with as little confusion as possible, kindly supply us with the following information:

"1. Have you decided when you want us to make a hurry-up call to see you? If so, please state the day and approximate hour.

"2. At what hour do you plan to expose your combustible decorations to open fires, heavy lights matches and candles?

"3. Please let us know the hour of day or night you plan to place in use your old, frayed electric cords, lights or appliances.

"4. We can reduce your fire loss if you will let us know when your accumulation of paper, waste wrappings and boxes will reach a peak, allowing a few minutes time before it is ignited.

"5. By letting us know about five minutes before you allow your Christmas tree to become ignited in the house, your loss can be kept principally to water and smoke damage, or maybe only the use of a small fire extinguisher will be necessary.

"Seriously, this is a reminder and a request that we diligently try to make this season fire-safe. Our carelessness can keep it pleasant; your carelessness will make it disastrous.

"Members of the Ranger Fire Department."

Convention Books To Be Used At Singing Tonight

In spite of gasoline rationing crowds have been holding up well at the weekly singings held at the Second Baptist Church. It was stated today by Pirtle Robinson, and another big crowd is expected to be present tonight, when the new convention singing books, which have just arrived, will be used for the first time.

A number of singers have already promised to be present. Robinson stated, and present indications are that a large crowd will be present.

The public is invited to attend, and all singers are urged to take a part in the singing.

Leaving School To Get Christmas Work Discouraged

DALLAS, Texas (Sp.) — The practice of taking children from classrooms and placing them on "holiday rush" jobs was condemned today by Miss Mildred Dougherty, associate child labor consultant of the Industrial Division of the U. S. Department of Labor.

"Such practices violate both the spirit of Christmas and the spirit behind the national war effort," said a statement issued from Miss Dougherty's Dallas office. "And in some cases such practices constitute a violation of the federal law as well."

She urged that "Christmas is a holiday, and it would be a pity if they arrived at it so exhausted that they are unable to enjoy the event."

Many reports indicate an increasing tendency to take school children for work in over crowded stores where the strain is particularly heavy in holiday season, said Miss Dougherty. She warned:

"Retail establishments which produce any of the goods they sell and in addition ship such goods across state lines, must observe the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act."

In establishments that are subject to the child-labor provisions of the Act, the 16-year minimum age applies to work in the departments where the manufacturing is done, but in other departments—for instance in selling or clerical work—children of 14 and 15 may be employed for three hours a day and 18 hours a week when schools are in session, and 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week when schools are not in session.

Miss Dougherty pointed out, however, that their employment must be outside school hours and must not extend beyond 7 p. m.

Halt Upon Gold Mining Is Blow For State Of Idaho

ELK CITY, Ida. (UP) — This isolated central Idaho community on border of the largest primitive area in the United States has lost its school board and before spring may be without a pupil.

Site of extensive gold dredging the community lost nearly half its population when the War Production Board put a halt to gold mining. Included in that portion lost were the school directors three trustees, and 18 of the 32 students who enrolled last September.

Two other Idaho county communities may become ghost towns due to the WPB stop-order on gold mining—historic Warren and Yankee Fork. No votes were cast in the latter two communities at the last election.

Pageant To Be Sunday Night

A Christmas pageant under the direction of Mrs. David M. Phillips will be presented at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The public has been extended an invitation to attend the performance which is entitled "They That Sit in Darkness" and was written by Dorothy Clark Wilson.

Mrs. Phillips will be assisted by Miss Imogene Minton, director of music and Mrs. F. P. Brasher, pianist. The choir of the church, the Choral Club of Hodges Oak Park School and a trio composed of Mrs. Otis Taft, Miss Beatrice Reagan and Mrs. Frank Hicklin will assist in the music and there will be special music by Mrs. Brasher.

Members of the cast for the pageant are: Mrs. George Rogers, Miss Flois Ashley, Miss Frances Carrington, Charles Hargrave, Rev. David M. Phillips, Eugene Baker, Miss Jimmie Beth Todd, Miss Dorothy Davis, Miss Edith Ashley, Mrs. Eugene Baker, Grady Allen, Richard Cox, Warren Moore, Byron Gordon and Lonnie Ussery.

At the close of the program a free will offering will be taken for the Buckners Orphans Home and the Lottie Moon foreign mission fund.



PRESENTS FROM HOME. Like winter, Christmas comes early at this Russian front, where three women soldiers, foreground, and their men comrades, left rear, open boxes of food from home.



ON THE MAP in a major manner is Chicago showgirl-model, Rose Teed now that U. S. Army Engineers map makers in Alaska have named an hour-glass shaped lake after her.

Post Office Will Be Open All Day Here On Saturday

A. E. Crawley, Ranger postmaster, stated today that post office would remain open all day Saturday in order that people might mail Christmas packages.

An urgent appeal has been issued that everyone mail their Christmas packages as early as possible, in order to eliminate the usual holiday rush, but there are still many who have not mailed their packages.

In order to take care of this mailing the post office will remain open all day instead of closing at noon, as is the usual custom.

Red Cross Sewing Room To Be Closed During Holidays

Mrs. Arthur Murrell, chairman of production for the local Red Cross chapter, announced today that the Red Cross sewing room will be closed until the Monday following Christmas. Since everyone is so busy with preparations for the holidays it was felt that this schedule would be better.

After the holidays the regular schedule will be resumed and women are asked to make their plans to devote as much time as possible to the work.

Singing Held At Olden Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Vermillion of Olden opened their home Thursday night to the community for a singing.

Those who enjoyed the affair were Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Wanda Sue and James, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brown, Max and Grady, Mrs. M. Hulsey, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Morgan, Jimmie and Jerry, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Copeland, Velma, Roseau, Yvonne and Dorothy Copeland, Mr. Alfus Roberts, Mrs. Bobbie Heptinstall, Mrs. Bill Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Vermillion and Grady.

Eastland Woman Observes 82nd Birthday

Miss Sallie Morris celebrated her 82nd birthday on December 3, at which time the local Eastern Star Chapter gave her a fruit shower. Many of her friends remembered her in various ways. A poem was dedicated to her by Mrs. W. A. Cathey. Miss Sallie has the love and highest esteem of all who know her.

Born December 3, 1860 at Van Alstyne, Grayson county, Texas, the oldest child of the late Judge and Mrs. J. M. Morris, Miss Sallie came to Eastland April 1, 1905, with her father and settled at the home where she has resided since.

Her father was a native of North Carolina. Her grand father was a captain in the Confederate army and moved to Georgia where he established a large plantation with the usual large home and numerous negro servants found in southern homes of that period. Here many visitors were entertained.

Miss Sallie was the first person to be employed as a librarian in Eastland, a position she held for two years and eight months when failing eyesight compelled her to resign.

When she was 72 the Eastern Star gave her a birthday party which has been her custom each year since. She has held all of the offices in the Eastern Star Chapter, some of them for many years. She was a charter member of the Eastland Civic League and has always been active in that organization. Also she was a charter member of the Alpha Delphian study club of which she is life historian. She has served the ladies aid of the Baptist church as president, secretary and treasurer.

A great lover of her church, flowers and vegetable gardens, she has a rosebush that she has cultivated for 30 years.

Her father died March 17, 1921, at the ripe old age of 90 days. Since this time she has lived alone.

M. B. Wilson Has Completed First Air Training

COLEMAN FLYING SCHOOL, LTD., Coleman, Tex. — Dec. 14. Having graduated from this primary flying school, Aviation Cadet Merrill Buford Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson, has completed the first and probably the most difficult part of his flight training preliminary to being awarded the coveted wings of the Army Air Corps.

Cadet Wilson now moves to a basic flying school where he will learn to handle faster and more powerful ships preparing him for the final phase of his training in an advanced flying school.

Typical of the Army Air Forces' newest wartime training program, Coleman Flying School, Ltd., is turning out an ever increasing number of fighting air men.

Cisco Pair Have Been Married 50 Years—Celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Magill of Cisco observed their golden wedding anniversary Monday at their home in Cisco. Dependents 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, Williamson county. They have two daughters, Mrs. Allan Newberry of Dallas, and Mrs. E. H. Baumgart of New Ulm.

Henderson Sour About Resignation

BALTIMORE — Leon Henderson is not pleased about his resignation as price administrator. He made that plain here last night, where he sang his swan song at a meal of coffee, sugarless and butterless meal. He proclaimed himself a private citizen who doesn't have to be nice to people any more.

BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY STILL PURSUING ROMMEL'S FLEEING AND BATTERED AFRICAN FORCES

15th Panzer Division Among Trapped Germans as British Continue to Draw Ring Tighter

People Entering Employment Must Get SS Cards

ABILENE, Texas. — "For the first time in their lives hundreds of people — men, and women, boys and girls — are entering paid employment in order to help win the war by relieving manpower shortage and to permit other individuals to enter the armed forces of our country," said Mr. W. O. King, manager of the Abilene office of the Social Security Board.

"It is to this group that we direct this message which has to do with social security account numbers and Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance for the worker and his family."

Continuing, King called on all workers to be certain to show their social security account numbers to each employer. He stated that anyone not now having a social security account number should secure one before reporting for work on any job covered by the law. Applications may be presented in person at the office located at 205 Alexander Building or they may be mailed to that address.

It was emphasized that only through having a social security number and making certain that it is entered on the employer's records could the worker be assured of receiving credit for all wages paid. The total of the wages received by the worker is used in calculating the amount of the retirement benefit which he may receive at age 65 or the amount of survivors' benefits to which his family may become entitled on his death.

Department, drug, and novelty stores dealing in Christmas merchandise were urged to require each additional person employed during the holiday season part time or full time—to present his social security account number at the time his name is placed on the payroll of the employing firm.

Counterfeit Coin Passed In Ranger

A lead quarter which was passed at a Ranger service station recently has been turned over to Chief of Police Lee Ames.

Chief Ames urged Ranger people to be on the lookout for more of the counterfeit coins, though he expressed doubt that a counterfeit ring had been operating in this vicinity.

The coin passed here bore the date 1940, and was a good reproduction.

Most of the German Afrika Korps' anti-tank artillery was trapped today in the Libyan desert as the British Eighth army, now 90 miles west of El Agheila, continued to push its advance toward Tripoli.

The 15th Panzer division also was among the trapped enemy troops, front dispatches said and British planes, tanks and infantry were drawing the ring tighter all the time.

In Washington, the Navy announced that Flying Fortress and Air Corps fighters attacked the Jap base of Munda in the Solomons for the seventh consecutive day of raids in that area.

The Allied Army in Tunisia also stepped up its tempo of operations with the United States Army Air Forces going on around-the-clock basis in its attack on Axis held bases, airbases and communications to troops and ships.

There were fresh difficulties in war-weary Italy where, it was reported by the Russian Tass Agency from Geneva, that 50,000 German troops had occupied Rome and that Italian soldiers had been withdrawn from the city because of lack of discipline and morale. King Victor Emmanuel's palace was said to be under guard and the German Transoceanic News Agency said that Rome was about to be declared an open city.

British bombers struck at northwest of Ormsay last night, flying through rainstorms and low clouds. Eighteen planes failed to return and the weather was partly blamed for the heavy loss.

Increased patrol activity was noted around the Japanese base of Salamaua in New Guinea and it was hinted that a new Allied drive might be in the making.

Ensign Gregg Is Given Promotion

Mrs. Saunders Gregg has received word that her son, Ensign Saunders Gregg, has just been promoted to the rating of lieutenant, junior grade. He is expected home Saturday for a visit with his mother, before going to Newport, R. I., for additional training in the naval school there.

Lieut. Gregg was the only one chosen from the New Orleans district to take the special training he will receive in Newport.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS — Warmer this afternoon. Moderate temperatures south portion. Colder north portion. Freezing temperatures in northwest portion with light rains and snow flurries increasing winds in north portion tonight. Livestock warnings in northwest portion.



LONG, LONG LETTER FROM HOME.—This soldier is all wrapped up in his mail while he reads a 25-foot letter from his former co-workers in an electric company in Schenectady, N. Y. He is Private Kenneth Michon, of Troy, N. Y., now assigned to Headquarters, Fourth Service Command in Atlanta, Ga. Cheerful letters from home are regarded as the fighting man's best tonic. Have you written your soldier?

COMRADES IN HONOR.—These two American soldiers, friends from boyhood, who joined the Army the same day, trained in the same outfit, were wounded in the same engagement and are now lying side by side in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, proud possessors of the Purple Heart, the War Department has announced. Sergeant Ernest H. Robson (left) and Private Rocco R. Perrotti (right) both of Orange, New Jersey, both 22 years old, are recovering from leg wounds received in landing operations at Safi, Morocco, November 8.

When Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, pinned the Purple Heart on Sergeant Robson and Private Perrotti it called for a three-way handshake. General McNair shook hands with both men and they shook hands with each other.

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Steel Assumes New Burden In The War Effort

The tanks and flat-top guns roaring into battle for the United Nations will carry more iron and steel than ever this coming year, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute.

To conserve aluminum and copper, Army ordnance engineers are specifying ever increasing numbers of steel functional parts as pinch hitters for parts formerly made of other metals. This program, when fully in effect, will save 180,000,000 pounds of primary aluminum and as yet untold amount of copper and copper alloys for war production jobs where they have been found indispensable.

Heavy ordnance equipment has been made of steel. But now many smaller component parts from cartridge cases—which liberated 531,000,000 pounds of copper—to sights range finders and fuses, are being converted to steel wherever possible without any sacrifice of military effectiveness or safety. Many are out-performing their predecessors.

A large plate for the firing platform of the 90 mm. anti-aircraft gun when converted was expected to have slow firing action because of the relative heaviness of steel compared to aluminum. But, a thin, ribbed plate was designed, so light that the gun actually goes into action a few seconds faster.

Still more copper will be freed for other purposes by the conversion to steel of a large number of parts on medium and light tanks: fuse sockets on all guns; bomb fuses; components of anti-aircraft and 50-caliber machine gun mounts; parts of the carriage.

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Prior to November 1913, there was no prescribed uniform for sailors in the U. S. Navy. Each ship dressed its men differently. For example, the crew of Commodore Stephen Decatur's ship wore blue jackets, scarlet vests and straw hats. Sailors who had served on any ship that had circumvented the globe wore hats of lacquered bamboo from the East Indies in order to mark their travels.

Recruits in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve who meet the requirements can enroll in the Ensign School at the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, New Jersey. Elementary training covers study in weather codes, maps, elements of weather observation, aerological instruments—their uses and care, weather chart analysis and elements of weather forecasting.

U. S. Navy men and Naval Reservists who are to receive schooling in Machinists work, Metalworking and Woodworking will be sent to the Ensign School. Training at Lakehurst is available to men who have completed their recruit training and have been selected from applicants who desire to learn mechanical trades and aspire to the Navy ratings of Machinist's Mate, Aviation Machinist's Mate, Shipfitter, Metalsmith, Boilermaker, Molder, Aviation Metalsmith, Carpenter's Mate and Patternmaker.

Posted on the bulletin board of most ships in the U. S. Navy is a sign headed "Lucky Bag." This contains a list of clothing and other articles lost on shipboard. A man whose articles get into the "Lucky Bag" too frequently is penalized by being given extra duties.

You can test at a glance how fast a ship in the U. S. Navy is traveling if you know the flag alphabet. A glance at the speed flag hoists will show this. If the ship is moving at 12 knots the "Love" flag (that flag representing the letter "L", the 12th letter in the alphabet) will be flying.

ing. If the speed of a vessel is 17 knots then the "Queen" or "Q" flag, the 17th in the alphabet will be shown. A red meal pennant is hoisted as a matter of routine during mess and during a religious service the slender church pennant, a red cross on a white background, is flown.

Religious services are conducted aboard ship in the U. S. Navy. Attendance is not compulsory, but the ships' Captains recommend that all men not otherwise engaged attend. When circumstances allow, men are permitted to attend worship elsewhere than on their own vessels; in port, details are frequently made up to attend services at churches of various denominations ashore.

A New Source of Gypsum Found

AUSTIN, Texas—A new source of gypsum, useful in treating soil and in manufacture of such products as plaster of Paris, was discovered during the mineral resource surveys conducted by the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, Dr. E. H. Selhards, director has announced.

The Bureau report on a survey of Gillespie County estimated that approximately 7,500,000 tons of gypsum are present in the area and easily available by open pit mining. The Gillespie County survey was one of many which the Bureau has made to determine Texas' mineral resources and to make the information available to industrialists.

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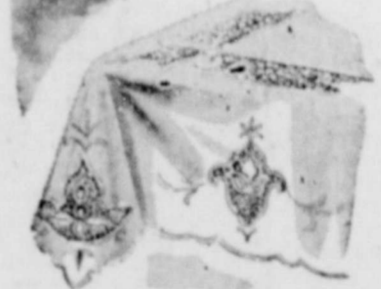
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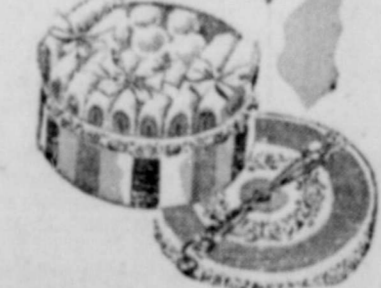
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COLLEGE STATION, Texas—Texas farmers will not be put

out of business by present mileage-saving regulations. B. F. Vance, chairman, Texas USDA War Board, announced this week that farmers who have not received sufficient gasoline for normal operations should ask local war price and rationing

At the same time temporary rationing is asked for, they also should make formal appeal for additional mileage, he said. Appeals are made through county farm transportation committees who assist farmers in filling out required forms which

boards for temporary transportation. The date for obtaining temporary transportation has been extended to January 31, 1943.

Previous deadline date had been set for December 31, 1942. Under the temporary rationing phase of the program, farmers may receive sufficient gasoline to tide them over until appeals are approved, he said and explained that all temporary allocations

later would be deducted from the final amount of mileage allowed under the Certificates of War Necessity. If Certificates of War Necessity have been applied for and not received and if obvious errors were made on the Certificates when they were issued are other conditions under which temporary transportation may be received, he said.

Failure of many truck operators to fill out application blanks properly and promptly has been the principal difficulty in issuing Certificates of War Necessity throughout the state, Vance said.

Eastland Women Active In U. S. Military Work

Mrs. Marie Johnson-Johnson of Eastland received her appointment on December 10 as local recruiting officer for the WAACS. Lieut. Booth of Camp Barkley, Abilene, made the appointment. Mrs. Johnson has complete information and material for local recruiting work which has been placed in the hands of the presidents of the federated clubs. Eastland has three girls in the nation's military service, Miss Mildred McGlamey and Miss Lillian Caldwell are in the WAACS and Miss Helen Butler is in the WAVES. Miss Butler is to receive her commission as an ensign on January 8.

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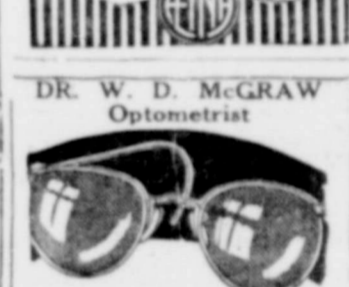
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SERIAL STORY PLAY BY PLAY

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WHY GETS A PRESENT CHAPTER XX

HERE are axioms about opportunity, Blythe Miller reflected. Some say it knocks only once, and the implication is that there's the devil to pay if you don't open the door. Blythe was ready to believe it.

Yesterday just after lunch, chaise had given her a perfect opportunity to tell her father and Duane Hogan all about Nancy Hale's heart-breaking treachery. There had been a tender moment between the three of them, a privacy there in the Miller living room, when almost surely the two men would have understood her, and together they might have worked out a plan.

"But then," Blythe sighed now, thinking, "everybody had been praising Nancy. And—and in effect, comparing her and me. I couldn't have told that awful thing about her, there! Anyway I"—she actually whispered the last of it—"I simply don't want to tell with her calling me a friend—and with baby Scooter!"

Remembrance of baby Scooter Hale had perhaps been the deciding factor again. Scooter's father had been slain trying valiantly to defend Pearl Harbor. Nancy was all he had left. If she were—imprisoned—or anything, it would just about wreck his innocent life.

And, too, Blythe had persisted in her little-girl belief that she could work out something alone, if the matter didn't solve itself in some miraculous way. But here it was Wednesday morning, and she had done nothing and no miracle had occurred. Right now she sat in solitude in Pop's office. Remembering the gamblers, she didn't much like being here alone, but on this day before the State U. game she couldn't be really alone or lonely for long. Too many people kept calling or telephoning.

There was the press to answer, the passes to be issued, the laundered football suits being returned, the long distance from State U. officials 300 miles away, the colored trainer's request for more rubbing alcohol and ointments, the repaired cleats on Duane Hogan's shoes, the anxiety about the weather tomorrow, the increasing stream of "pests" who just wanted to chin about the game prospects. But here was a little moment, even so, when

Nancy Hale had gone downtown to cash a check for Pop and Pop himself was out with a committee inspecting Municipal Stadium.

SHE was glad Pop didn't have to be alone. Pop was in danger, and this was another gnawing fact inside Blythe. Yesterday, Duane Hogan had offered his help, without knowing much about the trouble. Pop had been trampled by it, but had merely said he would surely call Duane if needed.

Good old Pop had suddenly put on an act of light-heartedness, scoffing at the matter of the pistol as "a bit of private fun, lad, thanks just the same; a little fun I'm having." Blythe knew why. Knew that Pop's main duty and effort here was to keep his football players on an even keel emotionally. Heavy Underwood, star center, was already out of tomorrow's lineup, injured when his plane was mysteriously sabotaged. Pop couldn't afford to have his main back, Duane Hogan, carrying any new worry on his mind.

"But that doesn't mean Pop is out of danger!" Blythe breathed now. "Those gamblers—they'll do anything!"

She had reason to hope they would not be able to approach Pop now until after Thursday. For one thing, the papers had proclaimed him sick in bed with a cold on Sunday and Monday, and since then he was almost constantly in a crowd. That amounted to protection. And the same gamblers, she realized, would make their showing again tonight in Nancy Hale's apartment upstairs. By then, Blythe felt she would have worked out a plan to trap them. Some kind of plan.

"I've just got to get right down to it!" she told herself harshly now, sitting here at Pop's desk. "As quick as I can. I'll think out every move. I guess I—I'll have to—"

The phone rang, and took 10 minutes. Elmer Summers on the Journal wanting to chin about stuff and things. Blythe liked him, a genial, sincere sports editor crusading for decency and for the Lincoln team.

Then 12 cadets crowded in for their passes and instructions as ushers tomorrow in the stadium. They lingered to talk small talk just because Blythe was the coach's daughter and a dark-haired, violet-eyed girl. The moment they left she heard someone outside calling.

"Bye... Bye! By-y-y-y-y." "Yes, darling!" She had to go out and help baby Scooter Hale, mature gentleman going on 25—months. It seemed

that the bathroom doors had all blown shut and were too heavy even for his maturity. Also, his mittens needed readjusting, his sweater was unbuttoned, and his puppy Link was shivering in the November cold. She brought them both inside to play soldier and stand guard over the radiator. Scooter was faithful, but Link, the pup, shamelessly went to sleep on the rug.

THERE was a moment's interval again for planning. Tonight—this very night!—Nancy was to lure Duane and Norman to her apartment and drug them, as carefully planned. Indeed, the "luring" had already been accomplished. It had been done yesterday under Blythe's own eyes at the Miller home. Recalling that fact infuriated Blythe now—and she rather grasped at the sense of fury. It helped offset the love and sympathy for the little boy nearby, Nancy's little boy. It would be easier if she could only hate Nancy Hale!

She might have made a cold-blooded plan for getting the goods on Nancy and the gamblers, except that she heard a flurry of feet and laughter and talking outside, and Norman Dana came in with Nancy herself. They held packages.

"Heigh ho, Bly!" Norman hailed her. "Oughta be out, it's beginning to snow!"

"Norman has leave from flying field until after the game!" Nancy put in. "Isn't that wonderful?"

Everything was in a stir. Scooter shrieking happily, Link the pup demanding attention from everyone, good-looking Norman talking and laughing and opening packages as Nancy directed. It was altogether a gay moment—except for Bly. She had to bite her lips to keep from showing the pressure within her soul. It hurt, hurt terribly, to know the treachery of this sweet-looking Nancy Hale.

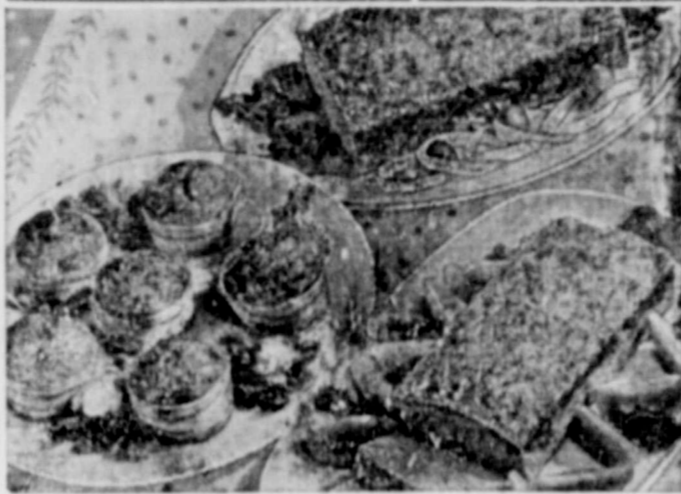
All at once there was one special-looking package which Nancy brought to Blythe unopened. She spoke to Blythe in a tone as per se as if it had been genuine and sincere.

Blythe opened the package mechanically, saying nothing. She took out a handsome hand-tooled leather purse. Blythe knew it cost \$25 if it cost a dime.

"Whew!" breathed Norman, impressed. "I had my pay check," Nancy was saying, gently, "and I wanted to get this for you, dear. You've been so awfully kind to Scooter and me. Norman, if I ever had a sister, I'd want it to be Blythe!"

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WORRIED ABOUT MEAT? Here's Three Ways to S-T-R-E-T-C-H Meat... and Like It!



OATMEAL, DELICIOUS MEAT "EXTENDER"

While we don't know exactly how much shortage there will be—it's certainly good to be prepared. And here's a cooking secret that all good cooks will want to know, especially as it provides such saving and delightful meat dishes. It's not magic, but it looks like it, when you follow any of these 3 new "Meat Stretcher" recipes and see how much more you can get from a pound of meat.

The secret is oatmeal. Recently chefs and food economists have discovered that oatmeal is a most delicious and practical meat "extender" for meat loaf, meat patties, and other molded meat dishes. Not only does it mix and blend with the meat and other ingredients to form a firm, beautifully "sliceable" loaf... it actually seems to give you so much more meat! The reason? Oatmeal's bland flavor is ideal for effectively absorbing meat juices and flavors in cooking, and adopting them as its own. Famous for its healthful benefits, too, oatmeal is far more than a mere "bulk maker," for it is a valuable and highly nutritious food—high in Protein and Vitamin B1!

Try all three of these easy, quick recipes soon, and see how you can help conserve meat without passing up that second helping! The meat loaf calls for beef chuck and pork loin ends. The meat patties are made from beef, pork, bacon. And the ham loaf is made from smoked ham and veal, for the kind of dish that will make the menfolk say, "Oh, Boy! Let's have it again!"

"ECONOMY" HAM LOAF (Serves 8-10) 1 lb. leftover smoked ham (ground), 1 lb. veal ground, 1 tablespoon green pepper (chopped), 1 tablespoon onion (chopped), 1 teaspoon salt, 1 dash of pepper, 2 eggs, 1 cup oatmeal (quick or regular, uncooked).

Combine the meat, green pepper, onion and seasonings. Add beaten eggs, tomato soup and oatmeal. Pack in a standard bread loaf pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for one hour and a half.

"ECONOMY" MEAT PATTIES (Serves 6) 2 slices bacon, 1 lb. beef (ground), 1 lb. pork (ground), 1 egg (beaten), 1 tablespoon onion (chopped), 1 cup tomatoes (canned or fresh), 1 cup milk, 1 cup oatmeal (quick or regular, uncooked), 1 teaspoon salt, 1 dash of pepper.

Line 6 muffin tins with strips of bacon. Combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Put into the muffin tins. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for approximately 1 hour.

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SOCIETY CLUBS

Hotel Employees Are Entertained
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bell entertained employees of the Paramount Hotel with a dinner and theatre party at Fort Worth Tuesday evening.

After a dinner at the Blackstone Hotel the group went to see the Skating Vanities.

Those attending, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Bell, were Claude Fay Purdie, Norma Cooper, Lilian Arnett, Madig Williams, Joyce Ames, Ogal Conlee, Clon Hughes and George Law.

Home Economics Class Entertains
The second year home com-

puter classes entertained Tuesday evening with a Victory Buffet Supper for the members of the School Board and their wives.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Puet, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Herring, Mr. L. L. Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Boswell and Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Hatley.

The table was decorated with a large red V on a blue mirror effect on either side by tall white candles in blue holders. Surround-

ing this were bright colored maps of the A. B. C. of Democracy—America, Britain and China, each topped with a miniature flag of that nation. The menu contained no foods on, or about to be on the ration lists.

Hostesses for the evening were Edna Jean Morton and Vivian Cooper, Bobby Anne Buchanan, Ida Frances Gregory, Earline Martin and Billie Faye Pounds served as waitresses.

The class was under the direction of Mrs. D. Warren Craik.

After dinner the members of the party were shown two films on the school's new visual education machine "Americans All" and "Railroads."

Mrs. R. E. Garner entertained Thursday evening with a Mexican supper, honoring Mrs. W. H. Mayes, who is leaving soon to make her home in Hartlingen.

After the supper the following guests enjoyed playing bridge, Mesdames W. L. Downtain, M. L. King, Pleas Moore, Ira Wolford, Fred G. Yonker, W. J. Van Bibber Leon Beard, W. C. Gorman, John Kindle, Carl Garner of Eastland, and guest of honor Mrs. W. H. Mayes.

Mrs. Kindle won high prize and Mrs. King second high.

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The Child Welfare Club met Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. L. Downtain.

Following a lovely luncheon and business meeting the ladies enjoyed a social visit.

Members present were mesdames: J. R. McLaughlin, P. M. Kuykendall, O. L. Phillips, John Thurman Saunders Gregg, L. H. Flessell, Stanley McAnally, David Fickrell and Blanche Murray. Mrs. M. L. King, who has recently moved here from Strawn was a guest.

Masquers Club Has Party
Tuesday evening the Masquers Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hunter and enjoyed a Christmas Party.

Table games were played after which refreshments were served and gifts distributed by Santa Claus, Betty Jo Jones.

Members present, Betty Jo Jones, Mari Dean Murrell, Genevieve Boswell, Mrs. Toliver, Marie Vinson, Helen Zo Harris, Catherine Adams Dora Lovelle, Mary Bourdeau, Meat Ann Scott, Marie Gallagher, Doris Barton, Albert Bradford, Dewey Cox Billie Stevenson Charita Osborn, Houser Gay and Le Roy Pierce.

A. A. U. W. Club Has Pan-American Program
The A. A. U. W. Club met Tuesday evening at 7:45 in the Blue Room of the Gholson Hotel to observe its Pan-American program. A colorful Central and South American setting greeted members and guests.

Miss Gladys Maddocks was leader and introduced Mrs. James Morris who gave a very informative talk on the Pan American question.

Miss Iphigene Minton was presented at the piano in a medley of Christmas Carols.

Under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Lightfoot the pupils of Hodges Oak Park School dramatized a Pan-American party, which not only included much geography information but also featured Spanish songs and dialogue.

Miss La Rue Usery directed pupils from Young School who sang Christmas Carols in Spanish and gave interesting information concerning South American Christmas.

A pinata, in which all the children took part was a gay and appropriate climax to the program.

Mrs. B. E. Garner Honors Mrs. Mayes

Mrs. J. H. Wallace Entertains Woman's Council
The Woman's Council of the First Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. J. H. Wallace Thursday, Dec. 17, at 1 p. m.

Mrs. G. H. Clifton, president, presided.

The meeting opened with the hymn, "Silent Night" followed by a prayer, lead by Mrs. L. R. Herring. A business meeting was held during which the following officers were elected for the coming year, Mrs. V. V. Cooper, Jr., president, Mrs. J. C. Carothers, vice-president Mrs. Harry Warner secretary, and treasurer, Mrs. B. S. Dudley, devotional chairman.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Raymond West.

Gifts were brought for the Juliette Fowler Orphan's Home.

The following ladies were present, Mrs. B. S. Dudley, Mrs. O. A. Hisman, Mrs. Lowe Wallace, Mrs. D. C. Singleton, Mrs. Raymond West, Mrs. Dick Jones, Mrs. Wallace Walker, Mrs. L. N. Bryan, Mrs. Harry Warner, Mrs. B. H. Clifton, Mrs. E. T. Matthews, Mrs. V. V. Cooper, Jr., Mrs. Glenn Simon, Mrs. N. Perry, Mrs. L. R. Herring, Mrs. J. H. Wallace, Mrs. J. C. Carothers and Flora Glenn Simcox.

Personal
Mrs. J. H. Herring of Stephenville is the guest of Mrs. R. L. Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Revent and daughter of Gordon were visitors in Ranger today.

Friends of Miss Jane Lauderdale report she has accepted a position with the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation at Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Lauderdale and son of Orange, are due to arrive in Ranger today. They will be at the home of his mother, Mrs. T. L. Lauderdale, who is expected home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Saunders Gregg, Mrs. W. C. Palmer, Mrs. E. E. Crawford, Mrs. John Thurman and Miss Elaine Braada visited Mrs. Braada and son Billy, Tuesday in Fort Worth at the Methodist Hospital, where Billy is a patient. They report his condition is much improved.

Mrs. M. E. Ice and C. C. Cross visited in Fort Worth today.

Miss Marie Conway, student of The College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts of Ames, Iowa,

has arrived home for a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. D. Conway and brother Dan, during the Christmas vacation.

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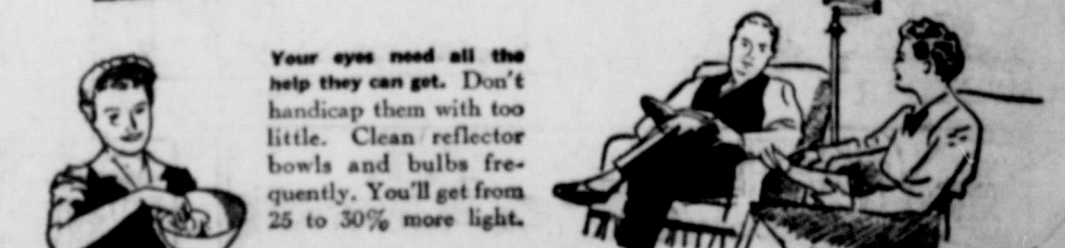
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