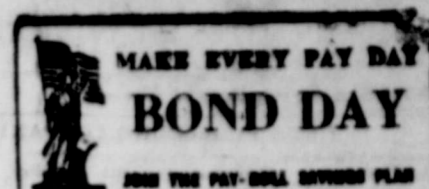




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RAILROAD COMMISSION TO GET ATTENTION OF NEXT SESSION TEXAS LEGISLATIVE BODY

SOME TALK OF CREATING A SEPARATE BUREAU FOR THE HANDLING OF OIL AND GAS

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Some effective method to prevent recurring dissensions in the Texas railroad commission which have marred its work since the early 1930's may be worked out by the next session of the Texas Legislature but it is doubtful.

Apparently the simplest solution would be to create a separate state bureau with one chief to handle oil and gas matters, and another with a single chief to handle utility matters. Transportation must be left to three commissioners so long as the State Constitution remains unchanged. The

Legislature cannot change the constitution but can refer a change to popular vote.

Three commissioners, each elected by the people, and each having equal authority, now can handle transportation, petroleum and utility matters. One of the members is elected chairman by vote of the commissioners but the chairman has no greater power in deciding problems than either of the other two members.

In practice the chairmanship is handed to the commissioner who next comes up for election.

How far Beaufoord Jester, who is to become chairman on Jan. 1, 1943, can bring about harmony in the body remains to be seen.

Differences were apparent when the commission membership included Allison Mayfield, L. J. Storey and former Gov. O. B. Colquhoun. Another division became so acute in 1932 that former Gov. Pat M. Neff, then a member of the commission, resigned and said he never again would serve on a three-member board.

Neff and his fellow-commissioner, C. V. Terrell and Lon A. Smith, engaged in a dispute that news reports of that time referred to as a "feud."

Neff in a 12-point criticism of the commission operation, ended with the expression: "As an organization it has neither head, body nor tail."

More recent have been the differences in which for a time Chairman Ernest O. Thompson was, "out on a limb" so far as having control of commission affairs goes, and still later Member Olin Culberson has been at odds with Thompson and Jester on major policies.

Culberson lately complained that he was not shown the order signed by the other commissioners charging the effective date for putting an oil-water ratio into effect in the East Texas oil field. Chairman Thompson said Culberson was present when the matter was decided orally but was not given the written order. Culberson had written a vigorous dissent to the whole ratio plan when the original plan was passed by vote of Thompson and Jester.

Commissioner Culberson, at present in the minority on some major policies, says he believes commission differences are "exaggerated."

"There are perhaps not a tenth of the commission actions that lack unanimous approval," he said. "When Colonel Thompson was in the Army, he signed all but two of the 70 orders that were passed by the commission. Most of the matters now are governed by legislative acts."

One disrupting feature of present railroad commission operation which the Legislature can remedy is the custom of dividing patronage among the three commissioners. This practice defeats one of the things which the creation of the boards with overlapping terms for members was intended to prevent—political changes.

The Legislature could require that all three commissioners participate in the naming of all employees and penalize any agreement among members to apportion jobs.

A recent Supreme Court ruling on permits apparently is applicable to other acts of the commission including the choice of employes.

Ranger Boy Now Serving On A U. S. Destroyer

W. L. (Bill) Payton, who is serving on a destroyer has written his mother that he will be in New York to receive his Christmas package.

Payton since entering the service has already visited a number of foreign ports and has just returned from a trip in line of duty.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET IN TWO SECTIONS

In order to meet the tire and gas rationing problem and the pressure for every moment of time upon farmers and stockmen, the Stephenville Production Credit Association annual stockholder meeting will be divided in two sections this year; it was decided Wednesday at the December meeting of the board of directors held in Stephenville.

The meeting for the Eastern part of the territory is scheduled to be held in Fort Worth on Saturday, January 25, and for the Western part of the territory the meeting will be held in Stephenville on Monday, January 25.

According to Garland Eubank, secretary-treasurer, the situation this year demands that two meetings be held to enable more members to be present and to take part in the discussions. In the sections of directors' secret ballots will be placed in a sealed container at each meeting and tallied at the final meeting. Eubank pointed out that war-time emergency matters affecting farmers and ranchmen and the part the Association can play in helping them in the 1943 production goals will be an important part of the program this year.

Three New Men To Serve The County Jan. 1

Three new faces will appear in the Eastland County political family group on January 1 when newly elected officers are sworn in. These will be Homer Smith, county school superintendent; John Hart, sheriff, and Virge Foster, county commissioner from precinct No. 3, Rising Star.

The experience of being a county official will be new only to Smith since both Hart and Foster have in the past served the County. Hart as Tax Assessor and as sheriff and Foster as deputy sheriff and sheriff. Both are well known to Eastland county people.

Homer Smith, who is having his first experience in politics, led the ticket in the first primary. In the campaign for County school superintendent he was opposed by T. C. Williams, present incumbent, and Claborn Eldridge, former County school superintendent, but received a majority of the votes in this race.

The new county school superintendent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith of Eastland county and was born at the old Bedford community where he attended rural school and from which he graduated high school at Eastland, graduating with the class of '27. Later he attended Junior college and then entered McMurray College at Abilene from which he took his B. S. degree in 1937. He has taught 12 years in the public schools of the state, his most recent experience being at Rising Star and in Eastland high school.

Smith married his wife being the former Beulah Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Williams of Clairo. The couple have two sons, Dix, four and one-half years, and Juan Jay, two and one-half years. They reside in Hillcrest in Eastland.

The new County school superintendent is 35 years old.



GETTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER FOR VICTORY Seven who were shorn line their pates up at the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Tyndall Field, Fla., with excellent results. These flying gunners evidently feel there's victory in the air.

POSTMASTER REPORTS JUMP IN RECEIPTS

Postmaster A. E. Crawley reported this morning that postal receipts for the December quarter to date are \$547.47 higher than receipts for the same period last year.

On December 23 1941 receipts totaled \$5711.37 and the total on the same date this year are \$6258.84. Crawley also reported that bond sales this month are higher than previous months with a total of \$3,600 and it is expected that the next few days will show a big sale.

The postmaster expresses his appreciation to the public for the way in which they have responded to the request of postal officials to do their Christmas mailing early, and said that the handling of Christmas mails had been much easier as a result. Monday was the rush day of the season.

Junior Engineer Training Offered University Co-Ed

AUSTIN, Tex.—An opportunity for Texas College-trained women to prepare themselves in 11 weeks for \$2,600-a-year civil service jobs as "junior engineers" is the latest offering of the University of Texas War Training Office.

The urgent need for various government agencies in all parts of the country has prompted the Civil Service Commission to ask the University to give this federally financed, tuition-free short course to start soon. Phil M. Ferguson, professor of civil engineering and supervisor for the course, pointed out.

Ferguson said the University could give the course for a dozen or fifteen trainees, but would like to have at least 25.

"The sooner a sufficient number of applicants get their applications accepted," he said, "the sooner we can get the course underway."

Army and navy ordinance, engineers, maritime, geological, aeronautical and geodetic officers are crying for women as junior engineers, he said.

Applicants must be college graduates, but need have no previous engineering training.

Class Presents Service Flag To Methodists

In a special service at the First Methodist church Sunday morning a service flag for men of the church who are now in the armed forces was presented to the church and dedicated.

The flag was a gift from the Martha Dorcas Sunday school class and Rev. A. B. English was in charge of the service. A program of a military nature was presented under the direction of Paul MacDonald and included appropriate music by the choir.

Members of the home guard attended in a body.



CAN'T SLAP DOWN THIS MOSQUITO—Cleverly designed new British Mosquito twin-engine reconnaissance bomber, demonstrates its ability to keep on flying even when one motor has been knocked out. One of the De Havilland three-bladed hydro-matic type propellers remains stationary as the ship skims the clouds. Offensive armament carries a powerful sting, with four 20-mm. cannon and four .303 machine guns to get under the enemy's skin.

PRODUCTION SHOWS STEADY UPWARD TREND

NEW YORK, (UP)—Four out of every five Americans today begin their tenth year of restored freedom to buy their liquor lawfully. It was on December 5, 1933, that the Twenty-first Amendment to the Constitution, repealing Prohibition, went into force. The anniversary finds Americans drinking liquor at the theoretical—per capita rate of 4.8 quarts a year, with domestic whiskey production stopped but reserve stocks plentiful.

All of which means little to the fifth of every five American who lives in local prohibition areas. They include three entire States—Kansas and Oklahoma permitting the sale of beer only, and Mississippi, permitting beer and light wines only—and thousands of counties, cities, townships and even precincts whose combined population at the last count made up 17.9 per cent of that of the United States.

This situation is by no means static. The liquor problem has remained a live issue locally, as witnessed by the fact that during the new years since repeal more than 12,000 local option elections have been held of which the "dry" claim to have won at least 8,000, admitting, however, that perhaps half of these victories were in areas which were dry prior to prohibition. Due to the sweeping defeat of the Eighteenth (Prohibition), Amendment many years turned wet for a short time but soon reverted to "normal" conditions.

his year, local option elections continued at the practical rate of a week but their practical effect was chiefly to confirm the status quo: in 803 such elections, 453 dry areas remained dry, 295 wet areas remained wet. Only 30 turned to local prohibition while 15 abandoned it.

A United States Battleship cook bakes 260 pies every day.



IT'S A CIRCUS! And because the man on the flying trap exude went to war, Mary Elliott, movie starlet, became an aerial artist in a few "easy" lessons and is appearing in a film of the big top.

Glider School Has Dollar-Dime Man

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES GLIDER SCHOOL, DALHART, Tex. (UP)—The government has its dollar-a-year men and the advanced glider school here has its dollar-and-a-dime-a-month man.

Thirty-six-year-old Ben Hamilton Stokes of Borger, Texas, draws \$1.10 in army pay each month. That's all he gets after deductions are made for insurance, an allotment to his mother, Mrs. Bettie Stokes of Duncan, Oklahoma, and a war bond.

"And if I get promoted," Stokes says, "the extra money is going into war bonds too."

Before entering the Army, Private Stokes was an apartment owner and furniture store operator in Borger.

Wartime Felt By Man Who Carries Soldiers Mail

RANDOLPH FIELD, Tex. (UP)—Wartime is felt by the postman perhaps as much or more than by most any other of the regular civilian occupations.

Postmaster Fred A. Benedict of Randolph Field says the average soldier writes and receives three times as many letters as he did in civilian life. Multiply that by the millions of men in service and what do you get? A backache for the mail carrier.

Air mail, too, benefits by the free mail angle utilized by men in the services, the soldier, sailor, or marine uses the money saved on ordinary mail to streamline his correspondence with the girl he left behind.

GERMANS IN WILD RETREAT BEFORE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN BOMBED BY OWN PLANES

Russian forces battered their way deeper and deeper into the Ukraine today driving before them Germans who were retreating so fast that their own planes were bombing them in an attempt to stem the route.

Red Army forces thrust toward Rostov, the gateway to the Caucasus and toward Kharkov the big Axis base as their major drive launched from the central Don reaches gathered momentum.

Battle reports from all fronts were generally favorable to the Allies with the Air power playing an important role in the days activities.

Royal Air Force planes roared over the Thames Estuary apparently bound for another mission of destruction on the continent following intensive intruder patrols during the night.

Britain announced that major reinforcements had arrived at Malta "the most bombed spot in the world." The admiral said that the reinforcements were taken to the Mediterranean island without major interference from the enemy and that one Axis submarine was sunk during the operation.

The first United States women soldiers arrived in North Africa when five members of the WAAC's landed from England to relieve men for front line duty.

31 STATIONS TO BROADCAST GRID BATTLE

A special radio network of thirty-one stations has been arranged to broadcast the Final game for the Texas High School Football Championship between Austin High and Sunset High of Dallas.

The game will be played in Memorial Stadium at Austin on Saturday December 26th. Ves Box who is well known as one of the Southwest's ace football reporters will cover the play-by-play description of the game, with Chas Jordan handling the color. The broadcast will begin at 2:20 p. m. with the kickoff scheduled for 2:30 p. m.

Football fans who are unable to attend the game because of war-time transportation difficulties will be able to hear the play-by-play broadcast. Among those stations broadcasting the game will be KRLL, Dallas, 1080 kc.; KPJZ, Fort Worth, 1270 kc.; KGKO, Fort Worth and Dallas, 570 kc.

Synthetic Rubber Machinery Proved To Be Adequate

AKRON, Ohio—Fear that need for special new machinery for mixing synthetic rubber might become a serious bottleneck in large-scale production of tires, was dispelled today by John W. Thomas, Chairman of the Firestone Company, who announced that Company engineers and chemists had developed a technique for processing Firestone's Butaprene synthetic rubber, so that present available mixing machinery is entirely adequate to take care of conversion from natural rubber to synthetic. In line with the company's all-out-for-victory policy the new technique is being passed along to the entire industry with the belief that it will be equally effective in solving the problem of mixing other types of synthetic rubber for tires.

Prior to this announcement the rubber mixing machinery problem had caused considerable anxiety throughout the rubber industry. It was expected that additional new, complicated machinery, which would require quantities of critical materials, would be extremely difficult to obtain without effecting the already overburdened heavy machinery manufacturers. Obviously the time required to manufacture and install the equipment would have delayed tire production schedules.

Drafting Of Our Manpower Seems To Be Certainty

WASHINGTON—It was learned from reliable sources today that congress will be asked for legislation for the drafting of man power when the time is considered ripe. Plans include compulsory registration of women.

It was evident that the president is studying plans for the draft and that he intends to place his request before the Congress when he deems it the proper time.

WEST TEGAS—Warmer this afternoon, warmer tonight except in extreme northwest portion, fresh winds this afternoon.

Greater Effort Fire Prevention Urged By Officer

AUSTIN, Tex.—Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, today asserted that recent fire disasters, resulting in heavy loss of life are, "grim reminders that fire in any crowded public building may easily lead to a panic."

In urging management of clubs, stores, theaters and other public places to exercise extreme care to prevent fires during the holiday season, Hall pointed out that public buildings will be crowded; many will be decorated, and exits are often inadequate to care for large numbers in a hurry.

"Flammable decorations," he declared, "have no place in a public building. Waste materials are very hazardous and should be removed promptly. Our careless smoking habits create a constant menace of fire whenever large crowds assemble. For that reason the management of public places need to be on the alert for fire dangers."

To safeguard public buildings against fire, Hall suggested that "sprinklers, hand hose and fire extinguishers should be kept ready. Even buckets of water, widely distributed may mean the difference between a trivial flareup and a holocaust."

22 Persons Lose Lives In Freak Accident

ALBUQUERQUE, Pa.—Crushed to death before they could move from their seats 22 persons died when a thousand tons of rock and dirt roared down from a hillside and buried a bus on a highway near here. Of the 26 persons in the vehicle owned by the Ohio River Motor Coach Co. only four survived the freak accident last night.

They were in the rear of the bus which escaped the rushing weight of the landslide. Three of the survivors were in hospitals.

Stores Will Be Opened Saturday

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Retail Merchants Association held Tuesday afternoon, members voted to open stores on Saturday. It was also decided to hold the weekly trades day event as usual, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

This action was taken after it had been suggested by some that the stores remain closed until Monday following Christmas.

Davis Says That Spain, Portugal Will Be Neutral

War Information director Elmer Davis said today "There is every reason to believe" Spain and Portugal will maintain their neutral status in the war.

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NYA TRAINS 20,000 WEEKLY FOR WAR WORK

WASHINGTON (UP)—About 20,000 NYA-trained students go into war production industry each week according to Aubrey Williams, NYA administrator.

The 18,000 NYA shops in about 900 locations are equipped to handle 150,000 people as trainees in a 24-hour period, he stated, thereby relieving war production plants

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Thank you,
Your Uncle Sam.

AN URGENT MESSAGE

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cent will be women, and that the percentage will rise to 80 per cent by March of 1943.

Although male students are not turned down if they request NYA training, women between the ages of 16-24 inclusive are being encouraged to take NYA shop training.

"We are not adverse to training young men—in fact, the army is deferring them until they complete NYA shop work because it wants as many trained men as it can get. But, after all, Congress gave us our largest appropriation in history to train youth for jobs in war industry," Williams said.

NYA is training students to do 20 types of work. There are 19 shop activities, including machine work, aircraft sheet metal and other sheet metal, gas and arc welding, foundry, forge, radio, electrical, automotive and aviation mechanics, aircraft engine mechanics, pattern making, aircraft and general woodwork in-

dustrial sewing, mechanical drafting. Some clerical instruction also is being given.

"The great need is for woodworkers and sheet metal workers," particularly in aircraft industries," according to Williams, "and women fit into that work with great facility."

NYA shops find that women make first-rate machinists, Williams said. They excel in jobs in which they are not given strenuous work. As inspectors they are superior to men because their sensitivity of touch is more highly developed than men's.

They have difficulty in applying mathematics in the measurement of tools. Nevertheless, at the Portsmouth navy yard the all-girl NYA shop made fewer defective tools and had a lower percentage of wastage than the men's shop in Massachusetts supplying the navy, Williams said. This shop made 1,000 parts for the navy in a three-month period.

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. Dr. 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."

Although NYA turns out thousands of trained women workers each week from its shops, some employers are reluctant to hire them, Williams said. After they are unable to get a job in industry they go into other types of work, he said, and the training is not utilized.

work and wait. But in this war, women can work—and they must work."

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.

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.

Try Our Want Ads.

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:

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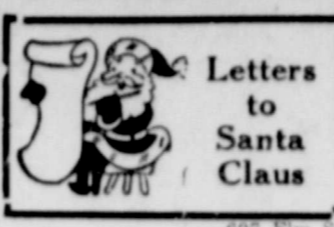
Tech To Step Up Football Program

LUBBOCK, Tex. — Instead of curtailment there will be an increase of football games for the Texas Tech Red Raiders in 1943.

The Techs will play eleven games next season compared to the ten they played in 1942. Athletic Director Morley Jennings has completed the 1943 schedule with the exception of one game which will be arranged at a later date.

On his return from the annual Southwest Conference meeting at Dallas, Jennings said that high army officials who attended the meeting urged that all major colleges continue their regular football and basketball programs for 1943.

army and urged not only the but all other colleges to continue with their athletic programs. All expressed a belief that the tangled transportation problem would be ironed out and running smoothly by the next football season.



Letters to Santa Claus

607 Elm St.

Dear Santa: I have a bowl of fruit for you and I would like you to bring me a flash light a bugle an archery set and a pair of boxing gloves. Thanks a lot. Tommy Wilson

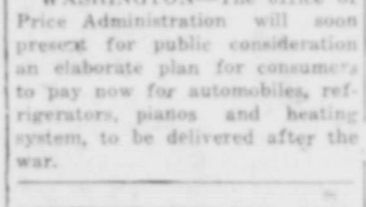
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Dear Santa: We are two little girls age 2 and 3 years. We each want a doll, a tricycle, set of dishes, candy, nuts and fruit. Remember all the little girls and boys.

Please bring G. W. a tricycle, too. We have tried to be good. Dorothy and Sonja Stagner.

Post War Buying Plans Made Now

WASHINGTON—The office of Price Administration will soon present for public consideration an elaborate plan for consumers to pay now for automobiles, refrigerators, pianos and heating system, to be delivered after the war.



I SHOULD THINK MAYBE HIS LAUGH GIVING A PRINCE HE GAVE IT TO THE BLOOD MOULD (RED CROSS BLOOD BANK MAKE ONE AND LAUGH AN EGG) WEAK AND SILE. HE MAY BE HELD BUT LOOK WHAT TO SAVE A SOLDIER'S LIFE I NUTTY!



He has fought the War Production Board and its various predecessors since the beginning of the defense effort. He fought the priorities system which simply gave rival manufacturers a hunting license to go out privateering for materials, and he saw that system junked.



TUNIS—Target in Africa.

Now that CMP is in effect, Somervell is fighting to keep the scheduling of materials for Army procurement contracts in Army hands. Though there are only 184,000 manufacturers in the United States today, the Army has 1,075,000 separate contracts. They are in Army hands now, and Somervell is fighting to keep them there.

Your way to VICTORY

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There is a difference in hair cuts. A good one is a cut that suits the shape of your head and helps the hair lie neatly in place. Get you next one here and note the difference.

GHOLSON BARBER SHOP



They Must Last -

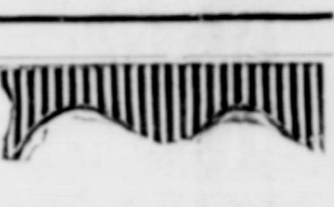
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SERIAL STORY PLAY BY PLAY

BY PAUL DAVID PRESTON

MOVIE MOGULA CHAPTER XXIII

THE two distinguished arrivals came straight to Pop's office. And Summers, the newspaperman—trust him to miss nothing!—promptly assumed the privilege of introducing them.

"Gentlemen!" he orated proudly. "This is Abe Loumann and T. J. Natwick from Hollywood. Come shake hands!"

But Loumann and Natwick themselves made the rounds, blessing and talking. Their brusque cordiality here stamped them for what they were—men of power. Natwick, the talent scout, and Loumann, the director, who had helped make World Features, Inc., a great name in Hollywood and throughout the amusement world. If these two men looked twice at any person, it was said, that person became a movie star before next dawn.

Blythe Miller had unconsciously backed behind a steel filing cabinet near the door. There, she was quite blocked out of the masculine ring; a panicky child, crouching unseen. She was about to flee on a desperate mission of her own, but Loumann's voice arrested her.

"Looking for a girl named Nancy Hale," he was saying now, to Pop. "World Features wants her, quick! The picture magazine people showed us her stills. T. J. and I saw her on the screen last night in St. Louis, too. She's perfect!"

Blythe went wide-eyed. They wanted Nancy!

Natwick spoke up briskly. "We saw her in the newsreels of the A. and M. game. Coach, I already told Abe here about her and her baby. I was down for that game myself, but I wanted Abe to see her, too."

"Don't need any test shots. Newsreel's enough," Loumann resumed. "Where is she? Understood she worked here. Get her quick, T. J. She work for you, Miller? We'll buy your contract. What you pay her? Don't matter, we'll buy it, send you a better office girl."

"I'll run out to your house now and get Scooter," Nancy had murmured to her in leaving. "Your mother is a darling—wanted him all afternoon. She's knitting him a snow cap. But I want him for supper with the big boys, they're the only kind of daddies he can have. I know they like Scooter, too. Norman brought him a toy motorboat for the bathtub, and Duane is teaching him Indian sign talk—imagine! But I got to hurry! Stick around a while and help Pop, Bly." Then pretty Nancy had breezed away.

"Make it Miss Telephone Baker in New York. Tell him to put publicity department out to it, quick! The Aviators Sweetheart. Perfect! Phone Baker quick and—"

"Listen, Abe, the girl's a widow with a youngster, but you want her to be a Miss! Now listen, you have to—"

"Your worry," Loumann barked. "Yours and Baker's. Make her famous, quick. Make her beautiful. Make her the Spirit of Aviation. Make her the cadets' dream. Order half a million color stills. Send one to every aviator in the Air Corps, free. Take 20 poses and have 'em in my hotel room tonight. Take her—"

"What about the baby?" Natwick put in.

"Put the baby under contract, too, quick. Start him at \$200. Start Nancy at \$500."

"Pop Miller got in a word. 'Hey!' 'Where is she?' Loumann demanded. 'Where is she now?'"

"Fi—five hundred dollars?" Pop croaked.

Blythe, overhearing all of it, was wide-eyed with interest anew. "Oh... Oh!" She breathed that irrationally.

"Make it \$700, then," Loumann tossed at Pop. "And \$300 for the baby, plus a thousand flat bonus for your contract, Miller, T. J., write it an even \$1200 a week in her contract. She'll be the baby's guardian anyway, and after we feature her in the first flying picture, we can make it—"

"Hey!" Pop was still incoherent, and by now Elmer Summers was dancing a Little Jig. None of the other men listening were quite normal, either.

"Where is she at!" T. J. Natwick demanded. Pop got his tongue. "She—she ain't here now, gentlemen! Just stepped out a minute ago. But she—"

That's all Blythe heard. She knew where Nancy was. Nancy had slipped out a side door 10 minutes ago when she, Blythe, was stalling and waiting frantically for a call from Duane.

(To Be Continued)

BY PETER EDISON

A Service Washington Correspondent

THE NO. 1 military man whom the civilian war agencies of the government have picked out to concentrate their attack on is Lieutenant General Somervell, commanding the Services of Supply. So successful have been whippers-up of the so-called feud between the Army and the War Production Board that they would have you believe there is no limit to this man's ambition and grasp for power. They tell you not only to "Watch Somervell" but to "Watch out for Somervell!"

But somehow Somervell doesn't quite fill the bill of what it takes to be a military dictator, or else there is something powerfully disarming about his rather slight figure, his graying hair, his ready smile, his quick sense of humor, his blue eyes. He is tough, but he can take it as well as dish it out. He laughs about all the things his opponents say of him—Somervell is out to wreck WPB, Somervell wants to take over manpower, Somervell has plans to take over rationing, Somervell wants to run civilian economy.

To many bureaucrats and some congressmen, Somervell is the Army. When they say they are afraid of the Army they mean they are afraid of Somervell. This might be flattering if it were not also embarrassing. Gen. George C. Marshall is chief of staff of the Army and Somervell's boss, but somehow no one ever picks on General Marshall.

The reason General Somervell is picked out for all the hate is that as commander of the Services of Supply he heads up that part of the Army which has most direct dealings with the civilian economy and the other agencies of the government—procurement of everything the Army uses except airplanes.

GENERAL SOMERVELL will probably be investigated when the war is over, if not before. It would be impossible for anyone to be head of a supply organization spending the billions of dollars for which he is responsible without being investigated.

He comes from Arkansas, he is 39 years old, a West Pointer, an engineer, a lieutenant colonel in the last war with two and a half years' service overseas, holder of DSC and DSM, and he still loves a fight.

The reason he fights now is that the responsibility is his to see that this biggest U. S. Army ever raised has all the guns, food, clothing and equipment it needs for the toughest war it ever fought.

He fights other government agencies, true. When the Department of Agriculture experts who buy food for Lend-Lease express a desire to buy the foods for the Army, he fights it.



Edison

RED RYDER



BY FRED HARMON



ALLEY OOP



BY V. T. HAMLIN



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



BY MERRILL BLOSSER



SOCIETY CLUBS

Mrs. Leon Beard Entertains Ladies Golf Club
 Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the members of the Ladies Golf Club met in the home of Mrs. Leon Beard for a luncheon. Mrs. Beard was assisted by Mrs. Baker. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house. The dining table was centered with a Christmas scene, encircled by red berries and cedar. Candelabra held red and white candles. Corsages of pine burs and holly, gifts from Mrs. Baker, were favors.

After the delicious luncheon, consisting of Christmas delicacies, the time was spent playing bridge and forty-two. High prize being presented to Mrs. Ross Staton, Cut prize to Mrs. Earnest Latham.

Present were Mesdames: Jack Rawls, Owen Bray, Earnest, Latham, Lester Crossley, G. C. McGowan, Ross Staton, Carl Heinlin, Walter Davis, Orlif Cole, T. J. Powell and the hostess.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson Have Surprise Party
 The Ministerial Alliance, under

the direction of Rev. Phillips, members of the First Christian church and friends of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson, gave them a party at the church Tuesday evening.

Under another pretext the honored guests were brought to the church, where many gifts were arranged on a table and presented them.

A social hour was enjoyed by those attending.

Miss O'Donnell and Guests Fly To Mississippi
 Miss Patsy O'Donnell, daughter of Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell, and a student flyer at the Army Air School at Cisco, left Tuesday by plane for Meridian, Miss., where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss O'Donnell was accompanied by Miss Pat Raymonds and Miss Alice Robbins of Wilmington, Delaware who had been her guests. The young ladies from Delaware flew from their home to Ft. Worth where they investigated the Women's Ferry Command. From there they flew their plane

to Cisco and after the visit here all left for Mississippi.

Misses Raymonds and Robbins are members of the Civil Air Patrol at Wilmington and Miss Raymonds has the rating of a captain.

Paramount Hotel Employees Have Christmas Party
 The employees of the Paramount Hotel and Coffee Shop had their annual Christmas party, Monday evening in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Bell, in the hotel.

An enjoyable time was spent in playing games and singing Christmas carols. After which gifts were distributed from a beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate, open face sandwiches, nuts and candies were enjoyed by the following Misses: Claudia Faye Perdue, Mashia Williams, Norene Cooper, Lillian Arnett, Lola Spindale, Pete Johnson, La Rue Ussery, Mrs. Nannie Walker, Mr. Hall Walker, Clem Hughes, George Law, Clyde Stovall, Jackie Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill and porter, Norman Randall.

Three Merry Cheers for Yanks



(Left) Bob Abbott and Loy Casadio, weekly comedians, will entertain service men and their families on two-hour radio show Dec. 25.

(Right) Lovely Betty Davis stars dramatic spot of Christmas Canteen, big radio program bringing holiday cheer to armed forces and home folk Christmas afternoon.

Stars on the big Christmas Canteen radio program Dec. 25 are cheering Yanks—and planning to bring them and their families two hours of Christmas cheer. Betty Davis, Abbott and Costello, Bob Hope, Don Ameche as master of ceremonies, the Merry Maes, the Don Cosack Chorus and many other headliners of stage, screen and radio.

Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips will arrive Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Ranger. Mr. Phillips is an instructor at the Coleman School of Aviation.

Jimie Shaw, a student at the University of Texas, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Helen Shaw.

Too many people let constructive criticism tear down.

If you're kicking about the cost of living just stop and think what it is really worth.

It's always very easy to find trouble—except in the ignition system of your car.

Refund On Social Security Wage Taxes Explained

ABILENE, Texas, Dec. 22 — In case a worker receives wages for services rendered within any calendar year after December 31, 1939, from more than one employer and the total of such wages for services during such calendar year amount to more than \$3,000, the employee is entitled to a refund of the social security taxes which were paid on that part of the wages over \$3,000, said Mr. W. O. King, manager of the Abilene Social Security Board office.

A number of inquiries have been received from workers who have received wages in excess of \$3,000 for services rendered within any calendar year as received from each employer and that a refund can be obtained by the worker on the excess at the end of the year.

"The facts are," Mr. King said "a worker who has received wages in excess of \$3,000 for services which were rendered within any calendar year from more than one employer may recover the excess taxes paid on all wages above the \$3,000 maximum by applying to the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue for Forms 543 and 55-9, completing and mailing the claim to the Collector of Internal Revenue of his district.

Furthermore, he explained, regardless of the deductions made by the first employer up to \$3,000, if the individual works for other employers during the same calendar year, each employer is required to pay the regular 1 per cent tax and make deductions in an equal amount from the worker's wages. The fact that one employer pays taxes on wages up to \$3,000 does not mean that the next employer for whom the person works is exempted, since the law makes the tax compulsory as well as the tax deductions from the worker's wages and the employer is responsible for both.

It was emphasized that no wage earner is entitled to file a claim

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

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An RKO Radio Picture

Says Synthetic Rubber Goal Will Be Reached Easily

ST. LOUIS (UP)—It took the natural rubber industry half a century to reach an annual production of 600,000 tons, but the chemical industry will duplicate that achievement in 1-125th the time, according to Dr. Charles Allen Thomas, director of the Central Research Laboratories of the Monsanto Chemical Co.

Dr. Thomas said the feat would be accomplished under wartime emergency, in providing 1,000,000 tons of synthetic rubber by January 1944, "and the job will be done."

for refund on taxes paid until after the expiration of the year in which the wages were earned and no interest is allowed on such refunds.

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Personals

Mrs. Scott Neal and Mrs. Fred Smith, arrived, Tuesday, from Riverside, Calif., to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Mary Helen Childs, Spanish instructor in the Dallas Public School System until recently, spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. C. L. Childs. She returned to Dallas from where she went to Smith College in North Hampton, Mass., at which place she will receive training in the WAVES.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Weems, are the proud parents of a daughter, Lola Fay, born this morning at the City-County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ernst Mrs. W. D. Conway and daughter, Marie, visited in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mrs. Grady Davenport and Miss Gillian Buchanan of Rowell, New Mexico, arrived today for a short visit in Ranger with Mrs. R. L. Ross and friends.

Miss Mattie Beverly Montgomery will arrive next Monday, to spend a week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Montgomery.

Charley Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown, leaves Sunday to return to school at A & M College at College Station.

Out Our Way



I'M GON' OUT TO PLAY-- OPEN TH' DOOR FER ME, WILL YOU?

WAIT-- I'LL GO WITH YOU! IF YOU CAN JUGGLE THEM AN' EAT 'EM, I WANT TO SEE IT!

HEROES ARE MADE--NOT BORN



YE GODS! LOOK AT TH' TOOL TRUNK! HIS GRAMPAP MUST'VE LEFT HIM THAT--AN' THEY PUT HIM ON A MACHINE WHERE ALL HE'LL NEED IS AN OIL CAN!

NO, IT'S A SELF OILER! THAT'S A CASE OF HOARD-IN' METAL! HE'D HAVE TO KNOW MORE TO KNOW WHAT'S IN TH' BOX THAN TO RUN TH' MACHINE! ASK HIM WHICH IS TH' MACHINE!

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