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Nazi Claim 412 Red Tanks Destroyed

FIFTH PINCERS CLOSING IN ON VITAL CASSINO

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in Algiers, Dec. 20. (UP)—American troops of the Allied Fifth Army set up a pincers drive on vital Cassino Monday, opening a powerful attack on the fortified village of San Vittore to the south east and advancing two miles through the mountain pass to the east.

Both columns were within five miles of Cassino.

In full stride, now, along the main road to Rome—less than seventy-five miles away—the Americans were advancing so rapidly the Germans were falling back without burying their dead. Dispatches said that the enemy, although still fighting furous rear-guard battles, was showing definite signs of cracking under the Fifth Army's pressure.

Keeping pace on the Adriatic front, Gen. Sir Montgomery's armored spearheads captured the village of Consoli, north of the Ortona-Osogna Road, and scored other fresh gains in their two week old offensive which has cost the enemy forty-three tanks and 500 men of one division captured or killed.

London newspapers, quoting the Algiers radio, said that the Eighth Army had captured both Ortona and Osogna, twin strongholds of the present German line on the Adriatic front.

Continuing their advance at the lower end of the Liri Valley beyond battle-scarred San Pietro, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Americans reached positions just north and east of San Vittore and laid down a heavy barrage on the town as its infantry moved forward to storm its deep fortifications.

To the north, the second American spearhead drove two miles further in the sector west of Venafro and battled stubborn Nazi defenders for a second opening into the Liri Valley. Still further north French troops scored limited gains in a diversionary attack through another pass.

An Allied communique reported that troops of the Eighth Army were advancing against strong opposition in the Adriatic sector where tanks overran an enemy position, inflicting heavy casualties.

In the last twenty-four hours of fighting, Montgomery's troops knocked out five more German Mark IV tanks and captured fifty crack paratroopers who had been shifted from Central Italy.

W. J. Barnhill Is Buried In Ranger Monday at 2 p. m.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Pentecost Church for W. J. Barnhill, who died in Ranger, December 19.

Interment was in the Evergreen cemetery and Rev. Kinsfather was in charge of the services. Morris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Death followed a major surgical operation which was performed after the deceased had been stricken. He was born in Grimes County, March 17, 1884 and had lived in Ranger for the past four years. He was a member of the Pentecostal church.

Survivors include the widow, Mary A. Barnhill; two sons, W. J. Barnhill, Jr., of Houston and Bob Barnhill of Ranger and two grand children.

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Toymakers In Britain Set To Win Markets

LONDON (UP)—British toy manufacturers are all set to swing into action to collar the world's toy market formerly dominated by Germany.

Many of the plants being used to make munitions for the war can easily and simply be switched over to the manufacture of toys, and plans already have been completed to flood world markets with British goods that will appeal to kids.

In the British toy trade there is a feeling that good times are coming after this war, and the trade as a whole is looking forward to a boom.

Men intimately connected with the toy trade said that they are convinced Britain will sweep all fields in mechanical toys and that if they ever learn the secret of "moving dolls eyes" the entire world market will be theirs.

British toy manufacturers frankly admit that the Germans still lead the world in the matter of "moving doll's eyes and faces."

Not only do Germans lead in that field they are way ahead in mouth organs and reeds for saxophones and clarinets.

It seems it is all a question of water.

Long before the war, British manufacturers at big cost imported German dolls' faces with the natural colors which were the hallmark of German dolls.

These technicians failed to reproduce those colors in British dolls and furthermore they were unable to reproduce "moving eyes" which, so far as British kids are concerned, are selling factors.

British manufacturers even today are no nearer solving these two problems, which, according to the experts, are still German secrets, and it is simply a question of "water" so far as Britain is concerned.

It seems that water for certain classes of beer and stout is just as important as certain types of water for getting natural color into dolls' faces.

But Britain and America lead in the matter of mechanical toys such as trains and steamships.

That is a market the Germans will never be able to regain, say the experts.

British and American mechanical toys at the moment dominate the world's markets, and British traders are convinced the lead they have obtained in that field is of such a length that, no matter what happens to Germany after this war is ended, the German manufacturer will never be able to catch up. For one thing, many of the German factories have been blasted by the RAF.

Brother Of L. H. Flewellen Dies Sunday at Belton

Word has been received of the death in Belton, Sunday of Fred Flewellen, a brother of Representative L. H. Flewellen of Austin and formerly of Ranger.

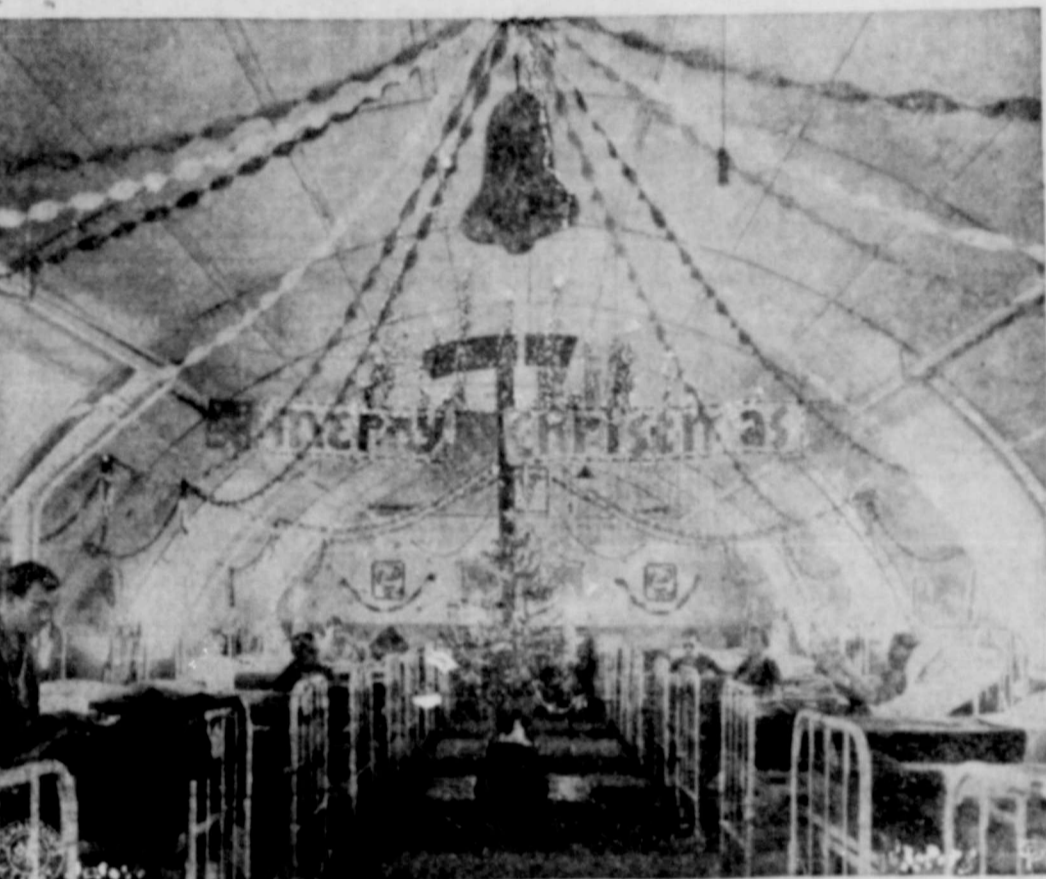
It was reported that death was caused by influenza. The deceased was the youngest of five sons of the late Dr. and Mrs. Flewellen, a pioneer family of Belton.

Funeral arrangements were not known though it was thought that they would pend the arrival of a son who is in the United States Air Force, stationed some where in Colorado. He is also survived by his wife and another son; two other brothers, Hugh of Palestine and Victor of Big Spring and a half sister who resides in San Antonio.

Young Turner was riding his bicycle on Eastland Hill when the accident occurred and he was thrown from the wheel.

At the West Texas Hospital where he was taken for treatment, it was stated that his right arm and shoulder were broken, but that he was resting very well.

SOLDIER-PATIENTS IN ICELAND GET HOLIDAY SPIRIT



FROM BLEAK, FORBIDDING ICELAND to the jungles of the South Pacific, American soldiers—remembering Christmas. With the help of their nurses, the patients not entirely confined to their beds in this U. S. Army hospital in Iceland put up these decorations. Army Signal Corps photo. (International)

Miss Coway Gets Science Degree At Iowa College

AMES, Iowa, Dec. 18—Among the 202 students at Iowa State College who this morning were presented the bachelor of science degree was Miss Marie Coway, daughter of Mrs. W. D. Conway, who received the science degree in chemistry.

The class graduating this morning is the largest mid-year graduating class in the history of the college and received their degrees at fall quarter exercises which had a distinctly war time flavor.

Many in the class would have normally graduated in June but because of the accelerated program to keep pace with the war have completed their work two quarters ahead of time.

Late Bulletins

LONDON (UP)—The London area had an air raid alarm early this evening and the city's anti-aircraft guns went into action.

MERCER, Pa. (UP)—Dist. Attorney Edwin C. Moon announced today that Everett Wilson, dairy farmer whose wife, mother, and hired hand were slain last Oct. 7, was arrested today in Kerrville, Texas, on a charge of contempt of court and absconding as a witness.

Meeting of Young P-T.A. Is Called

A call meeting of the Young School Parents-Teachers Association will be held at the school Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Dog Tags are Regulation For Carrier Pigeons

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UP)—"Dog tags" are regulation for army carrier pigeons as well as Uncle Sam's human soldiers, according to the officer in charge of the Army Service Forces pigeon loft at Fort Sam Houston.

In addition, the pigeons undergo a rigid period of pre-flight and flight training under the guidance of the A. S. F.

The birds' "dog tags" are in the form of a seamless band wrapped around each leg. On the left band are the letters "U," the bird's serial number, the left two figures of the year it was hatched and its home station.

NAVY'S CHIEF INSPECTS RECIFE BASE



U. S. NAVY BASE at Recife, Brazil, is inspected, above, by Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Fleet, who stopped en route home from the United Nations conference in the Near East. Walking along a Recife street with the admiral are Lieut. (jg) D. Frost, left, and Vice Admiral Jonas Ingram, commander of the U. S. Navy's South Atlantic force. Navy photo. (International)

QUIZ BOY IN GIRL'S FIRE DEATH



QUESTIONING BY STATE POLICE of David Filiga, 16, pictured in a Greenville, Mich., hospital, right above, has brought an answer to the apparent murder of Patricia Winters, 17, left. Patricia's body was found in the youth's flaming automobile and David was found in a dazed condition nearby. He suffered burns. Authorities said that a piece of wire was imbedded in the girl's neck and declared her death a "murder." (International Soundphotos)

If 200,000 average private consumers of electricity cut their consumption by 10 per cent, the saving in coal would amount to 15,000 tons annually.

CHAIRMAN URGES BUYING OF MORE BOND

Cyrus B. Frost of Eastland County chairman for the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, has issued an appeal the people of the county to express the spirit of the season by the purchase of more bonds and stamps.

Following is the message which is addressed to the people of the county through the newspapers of the county:

The Christmas season is here. With it comes the spirit to give. It has been said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Perhaps more than at any other period in our life do we have an opportunity this Christmas season to make the most worthwhile gift and in most cases the recipient of our gifts can be those who are near and dear to us.

Eastland County's quota for the month of December of War Bonds and Series E, F, and G Bonds is \$54,700.00. We could have no better gift. These bonds can be bought for our loved ones

who are now engaged in the various War services for our country, some are still in the homeland but many, many more on all the fighting fronts in this World War. Then, too, some have already made the supreme sacrifice and we might purchase bonds as a memorial to those who have already given up their lives in the great cause of world freedom. Under the tax laws you may give to any one person not to exceed \$3,000.00 and it will be free from gift taxes. Why not buy a bond today for your boy or girl or that brother or sister or of husband or wife, thus remembering such one with a valuable gift that will be so useful in the years immediately ahead.

I want to thank your valuable paper, the War committee in your town and the citizens generally for their noble response in putting over all heretofore War loans and monthly quotas, and I feel sure that you will not let the month of December be an exception.

The beginning of the end of this terrible conflict has started and we here at home do not want to leave undone one single duty that devolves on us to help our boys and girls bring to the quickest close possible this soul stirring conflict.

Very kindly yours,
Cyrus B. Frost
Eastland County Chairman

John L. McKelvain In Navy V-12 Unit

One hundred and sixty eight Texans are members of the Navy V-12 unit at North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, Lieutenant Commander Marvin L. Lewis, USN (Ret.) commanding officer, has announced.

Among the students is John L. McKelvain, 910 Cypress, Ranger. NTAC, located midway between Ft. Worth and Dallas, is one of the selected colleges where apprentice seamen in the V-12 program are studying curricula designed to train future Navy and Marine Corps officers.

There are three major objectives of the program. First comes education; second, a sound physical training program designed to fit the students for the rigorous demands of war; and third, military training. The latter is subordinate to the former.

Crash Victim Is Buried At Caddo

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Caddo for Edwin Freeman, who was killed, along with ten others in a plane crash in Oklahoma on December 15. Interment was in the Caddo cemetery.

Young Freeman had made his home in Caddo during the time that his late father was serving as minister of the Methodist church there.

Funeral Services Held Here Monday For Mrs. O'Keefe

Funeral services for Mrs. Sara Ann O'Keefe who died at her home here December 19, were conducted at the Morris Funeral Home Monday morning at 10 o'clock with interment at Lula, Texas, December 21. Services were conducted by Rev. David M. Phillips and Edgar Stiles.

Mrs. O'Keefe who had made her home in Ranger for the past 10 years was born in Arkansas, November 27, 1852. She had been a member of the Missionary Baptist church for the past seventy years.

Survivors include three sons, David O'Keefe of Denver City, John O'Keefe of Big Spring and Joseph O'Keefe of Clyde; three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Kendrick of Ranger, Mrs. Dicie Gilstrap of Josua and Ross Carey. Surviving sisters and brothers are, Mary Elia of Clyde, Verni Tunnell of Clyde, Lucy Edwards of Sylvestre, Ellen Mangum of Eastland and Henry McKenzie of Oklahoma City.

Among the 27 grandchildren surviving are Mrs. Aaron Stiles and Mrs. A. N. Bradford of Ranger.

Boxing Matches Are Held Here Saturday Night

The first of a series of boxing matches being sponsored by Company B of the Texas State Guard was held Saturday night at the Corral Community Center.

Winner in the first bout was Eugene Wright who took two rounds from Lonnie Usery. The second match between Willingham and Cox was won by Willingham in a whirlwind fight. Croom won from Boon on default and the match will be fought over at the next session.

Freddie Larson took a match from Beverly Evans in the final round.

Officials who served were Chief George Murphy, referee; Z. B. Morgan, Olden, time keeper; and judges were Clifford Nelson of Olden; Jack Urban, and Pete Morten of Ranger.

The next match will be on December 31 at which time the main bout will be between two contestants the combined weight of whom is 615 pounds. Four other bouts will be fought at the same date.

Chinese Troops Take Four Towns From Japanese

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (UP)—Chinese troops have recaptured four more towns along the north-west shore of Tung Ting Lake and are continuing their pursuit of a Japanese column fleeing northward toward the Yangtze River, a communique said today.

The communique said Chinese units which drove the Japanese from Changteh more than a week ago have advanced almost 40 miles northeast of that town and had retaken Lihsein, Tsingshih, Anhsiang and Nanhsien.

Some enemy resistance, presumably from rear guards covering the retreat, has been encountered north of Lihsein, the communique said.

Late Bulletin

WASHINGTON, (UP)—The State Department revealed today that two members of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Falangist Party invaded the United States consulate at Valencia, Spain, on Saturday, tore down photographs and harangued visitors there.

SANTIAGO, Chile (UP)—Gen. Enrique Penaranda, Bolivian president who was overthrown yesterday by a revolution, arrived at Arica in northern Chile, today.

WASHINGTON (UP)—Leaders of 1,100,000 non-operating railway employees expect to issue before nightfall an order for a strike Dec. 30. It was learned today.

BERLIN RADIO ALSO CLAIMS HALTING OF RED ATTACKS

LONDON, (UP)—A German broadcast by Radio Berlin claimed today that Nazi forces on the Russian front had destroyed 412 Red tanks during the past two days while halting Soviet attacks in a "fierce fluctuating struggle".

The Nazi communique admitted increased Russian pressure in the Vitebsk sector, key sector on the Moscow-Riga railway but failed to confirm Soviet reports that the Germans were abandoning large quantities of arms in retreat.

The communique said a Soviet break-through attempt at the Nikopol bridgehead and another south west of Dnepropetrovsk, both in the big bend of the river, had failed after hard fighting.

Other Russian attacks southeast of Kirovograd were stopped, the Nazi said, while German counterattacks further north near Chernukani gained some ground.

These reports came close on the admission of the Nazi that they had evacuated Kherson near the Dnieper River's Black sea delta.

Moscow was silent on the developments at Kherson, and also at Nikopol to the north, where the Germans said the Russians also were attacking an east bank bridgehead. A successful Soviet smash across the Dnieper at either point would open the way for a Russian drive toward Nikolaev and Odessa, but there was no indication that such an effort had been made.

However, one German radio analyst in attempt to explain the loss of the Axis positions on the east bank opposite Kherson said Gen. Fedor Toluhhin had shifted some of his forces from the Perekop isthmus leading into the isolated Crimean and hurried them against the bridgehead.

The Soviet communique announced that German tanks and infantry counter attacks had been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy southeast of Kirovograd in the Dnieper bend, and also in the Korosten area west of Kiev.

A German military spokesman was quoted in one Berlin broadcast, however, as saying that the big Nazi counter attack which had raged for five weeks between Kiev and the Korosten-Zhitomir line now had ended.

German attack forces have been shifted to the Kirovograd sector, he said, in an effort to hold Germany's Dnieper elbow positions.

Church Of God To Have Program

The annual Christmas program of the Church of God will be held at the church Friday evening, December 24, at 7:45 o'clock.

The program for the evening will be under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Shires and every one is welcome to attend.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday. Cooler north portions Wednesday and northwest and extreme north portion tonight. Lowest temperatures these areas 24-28 degrees.

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Newest of Jap Battleships Remain Hidden and Unseen | More Than Half of Autos On Road Seven Years Old

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Despite the fact that America's Pacific fleet has attained numerical superiority over the Imperial Japanese navy, the United States high command is not overlooking the possibility that Nippon still may be able to muster a powerful armada for a heavy counter blow.

It must be remembered that Japan has not risked any of her newest battleships in engagements to date, and no one knows how many cruisers and destroyers she has been able to turn out since the Pearl Harbor attack.

The dreadnaughts sunk or damaged to date have all been old ones—like the Kongo class sunk at Guadalcanal.

TOURIST NOTES: President Roosevelt's recent series of conferences with Allied leaders in the Middle East represents the longest departure of a chief executive from the United States since President Woodrow Wilson journeyed to Versailles, France, to help write the World War I peace.

Censorship hides the exact time-table, but it is obvious that weeks have elapsed since Roosevelt left home. During the Casablanca talks last January, the president was gone more than 20 days and the current parleys—with Chinese Generalissimo-President Chiang Kai-shek, Russian Premier Josef Stalin, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Turkish President Ismet Inönü—are more time consuming, both from the standpoint of distances and time spent in discussions.

It is interesting to note that while the president is beyond the borders of the United States, he continues to execute his duties as chief executive.

Through the aid of one of the most complicated radio-telephone communications systems in the world, F. D. R. is in constant touch with the White House executive offices.

Fast-flying courier planes deliver documents for his approval and signature. And, when fast action is necessary, the White House is ready to promulgate presidential decisions minutes after they are signed—whether the signing is done at the scene of an international conference or in some huge airplane flying over the African wastes.

REP. GERALD W. LANDIS (R) OF INDIANA has charged that poor government administration has caused the spoilage of some foods. Approximately 17 million cases of condensed milk, owned by the government, spoiled because it wasn't turned over every 30 days, the congressman said, and other foods, including butter, dried beans and dried milk, also have been wasted.

WAR AGENCIES IN BRIEF: OPA Boss Bowles has set out to "woo" American housewives through consumer advisory committee, radio talks and magazine pieces. . . . The ex-advertising man has a theory that no amount of policing will enforce OPA policies, if the public doesn't want to cooperate. . . . ODT is seeking more repair materials and garage mechanics to care for aging autos. . . . Only half as many cars are scrapped now as in peacetime, hence about 15 million of today's vehicles, or 54 per cent, will have seen seven years' service by the end of '43. . . . Treat 'em kindly.

Informed officials contend that OPA's 9-cent boost of corn prices will not move any substantial amount into the eastern feed shortage area. . . . Farmers, they argue, can still realize \$1.35 a bushel by feeding corn to hogs. . . . WPA experts say about 5,000 freight cars are wasted in cross-hauling food. . . . shipping Maine potatoes to the west, and "lighthouse" east. . . . In November, 1,000,000 more hogs were marketed than in the same month of '42.

Dr. Hugh S. Bennett, veteran chief of the United States Soil Conservation service, estimates that it will cost 2 billion dollars to "treat America's land right" after the war. . . . He says such a program would provide jobs for war veterans as well as protect the nation's agricultural heritage. . . . Rep. Stephen Pace (D) of Georgia, views soil conservation as the most important problem for the south today. . . . Pace favors legislation appropriating more money for that purpose. . . . Farm prices "don't mean a thing" unless the farmer has productive land on which to grow crops, he explains.

workmen and turned over to American forces. The only items in the entire depot paid for by the United States forces are five mouse traps purchased at a local store. The cold storage chambers and storeroom contain personal equipment and luxuries denied the British people since the war began—chocolate bars, soap, matches among them. Stocks of shoes, built in British work rooms, are also on hand.

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BUT WHERE ARE THE LABORERS? WHERE IS THE LONE RANGER?

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I WANT TO MAKE A LAST APPEAL, MEN! THAT IS SOMBER CAVERN! IT'S KNOWN THE SKELETON IS IN THERE—

SURE, HE IS! WE CAN SEE HIS TRACKS!

HE WANTED YOU TO THINK HE KNOWN WHERE THERE WAS GOLD! HE WANTED YOU TO FOLLOW— INTO SOMBER CAVERN! AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY!

WE'LL FIND OUT FOR OURSELVES!

HE WANTS TO BLOCK WORK ON THE RAILROAD! HE WANTS TO KILL ALL YOU MEN WHO CAN BUILD THE RAILROAD!

YOU'VE STALLED US LONG ENOUGH!

THEY WON'T LISTEN TO HIM, TONTO!

YOU WENT INTO THE TUNNEL AND CAME OUT ANOTHER OPENING! NOTHIN' HAPPENED TO YOU!

BECAUSE THE SKELETON WANTS TO GET YOU MEN, AND ALL AT ONCE!

WE'LL TAKE THAT CHANCE!

ETTA KETT

HI GANG! WANTA HEAR ME SPILL THE CLUB CREED!

SHOOT! YOU'RE ON THE AIR!

THE NEXT VOICE YOU HEAR WILL BE THAT OF 'HIGH-POCKETED' HIGBEY!

LADIES AND GENTLE MEN (IF ANY)—AND FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS—

I PLEDGE MYSELF—to MAKE OUR CLUB A PLACE THE COMMUNITY WILL BE PROUD OF

RESPECT THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS

YOU'RE NICE GOIN' IN!

AND DO ALL I CAN FOR MY FAMILY—TOWN—AND COUNTRY IN THIS EMERGENCY

ETTA KETT

THERE'S AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER ABOUT THE 'TEEN-AGE CLUB YOU'RE STARTING'

IT'S COMING ALONG SIMPLY SUPER! WE'LL HAVE A GRAND OPENING SOON!

SOME BODY AT THE DOOR—IT'S A MAN! WOOF! WOOF!

H-M-M.

???

SO YOU'RE ETTA KETT? WELL, NOT BAD!

HOW NICE! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT DISAPPOINTED!

WHOEVER YOU ARE!

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OH, MR. CARTER DON'T FORGET POOR LITTLE ME!

DON'T YOU WORRY.

WELL-TRAINED DOGS LIKE YOURS MUST BE VERY VALUABLE—EVER HAVE ANY TROUBLE WITH DOG THIEVES?

NOPE, MY DOGS ARE LIKE A FOOTBALL TEAM. AS A TEAM, THEY ARE VALUABLE, BUT AS INDIVIDUALS THEY ARE JUST DOGS.

NOW TAKE A DOG LIKE 'ZERO. HE'S A CANINE GOLD MINE— IF I OWNED ZERO, I'D GUARD HIM LIKE THEY GUARD THE PRESIDENT—

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SYNOPSIS

Roommates and cousins, BETH KINNAN, serious-minded and business-like, and ANDREA BARNES, rather self-centered and selfish, find that the tensions accompanying America's impending entrance into the war is beginning to affect their lives. For three years Beth has been going with JIM RONALD, who still has not been too successful in getting ahead in the world, while Andrea has been attracted by DENNIS ARCHER, 15 years her senior, big wealthy and interesting—and also married.

YESTERDAY: Judge Field, Beth's employer, dies, leaving her without a job.

CHAPTER TEN

HER BACK and her arms ached, but Beth felt her spirits lighter than they had been since November, and she sang as she slid the freshly laundered curtains over a rod and climbed up on the telephone table to hang them. Then she got down again, rubbing her back, and stood off to observe the effect of the curtains.

They hung in points here and there, but at least they were clean and fresh, like the skirts of the dressing table which she'd washed the day before.

She dropped on the bed and cast a housewife's eye over as much of the apartment as she could see. Everything was spotless. The floors had a fluffed, clean look, as well they might. For one whole week, Beth Kinnan, late a secretary, had turned herself into a slavey. Her reasons had been two: by keeping herself occupied and tiring herself out with manual labor, she was able to keep her excitement under control, and the other reason was that Peg Woodruff was coming to dinner.

Peg loomed large in Beth's plans. Plans, incidentally, which she was keeping entirely to herself.

She got herself collected from the bed, bathed and dressed and went into the kitchen to begin getting dinner.

Andrea came in as Beth was bustling a roasted chicken and took an ecstatic sniff. "Wow, Beth! I've never had anything like this when you were working. How much longer does the vacation last?"

Beth practically hid her face in the oven. "I expect to be going to work soon."

Andrea picked up a carrot to nibble on. "You haven't even started looking for a job. . . . See you've done the bedroom curtains. Are we having mashed potatoes?"

"And broccoli," Beth said, as the door bell rang. "That'll be Peg."

"Oh, boy," Peg said, stretching out on the sofa after her meal. "What a change this is from my boarding house! You haven't got room for one more here, have you?"

Beth swallowed guiltily, cast a wary look in Andrea's direction, and said, "Suppose I couldn't get a job here. . . . I mean if I got a job somewhere else. . . . I mean, maybe you and Andy would live together?"

Peg closed her eyes happily. "I'd do three-quarters of the work for the privilege," she announced. "Just say the word."

Andrea said, "What are you getting at, Beth? You and I not live together? Why, we . . . we're pork and beans, April and showers, Christmas and New Year. We've always been together!"

"I know," Beth said, evading a direct glance at her, "but you'll be getting married soon maybe and I . . . I have to get a job and support myself and . . ."

And then the bell rang and it was a friend of Andrea's who had come in to play bridge. So Beth didn't have to answer any more questions, for which she was greatly relieved.

She had it all planned. Just the way she would do it. First there would be the news—probably by telegram the commission told her in the post office—and then she'd show it to Andrea and tell her how she wanted to do something useful and Andrea would be sure to see it that way, and then she'd remind Andrea that Peg wanted to come and live with her, and say that they could always see each other.

And that way she would get away and Andrea would never know that it was just because she didn't want to see Jim. Maybe later when they were married—and she sometimes thought of what the judge had said to her on his deathbed about other men in other places—she wouldn't ache over Jim any more.

So the first week went by, and then the second, and Beth began to jump toward the telephone when it rang, and to be awake an hour before the postman made his first call, but there was no news, and she knew she'd have to start looking for another job.

Sometimes she wondered what would happen if she took her money and went to Boston or New York and tried to live on it until she got a job. But she wouldn't think of that until she heard from Washington.

In June the poster in the post office mocked her when she went in to the Civil Service commission to see why there had been no news.

"First you get your rating, Miss Kinnan," the clerk told her. "And then when there's a job they send for you."

"But I thought they needed girls. I can't wait forever."

"Have to wait your turn. Things are moving fast some ways and slow in others down there. Know a congressman?"

Beth said she didn't and was told to sit tight, eventually she'd be sent for.

"Eventually" wouldn't be time enough, Beth began her rounds of employment offices, of department stores, everywhere except to the Archer Mills, and what kept her from that, she couldn't have told you.

The rent had to be paid the third week of her idleness and so she had to take \$30 from her precious fund, and she had to take out money for car fare and lunches, and for all that Andrea protested, she insisted on paying her half of the food bill.

Then the fourth week, when Washington was so busy getting its alphabetical bureaus organized without benefit of her stenographic help, she heard there was a job as a typist at the First National bank and went there prepared to take anything she could get.

At the bank she was told to wait to see a Mr. Simmons, so she sat herself on a chair outside the rail which divided the lobby from the public privacy that is peculiar to bank officials. Mr. Simmons was talking to a tall gentleman in a white linen suit, and when he rose to leave, Beth thought the banker beckoned for her to come in.

She was a little flustered and so managed to bump squarely into the man in the white suit.

"Sorry," Beth murmured to the other.

Then he said, "Why, it's Miss Kinnan!"

Mr. Simmons said, "Please wait outside, miss. . . . I'll call you when I'm ready."

Beth felt herself flush, like a charity case being told to wait its turn, and when Dennis said, "So we share the same bank?" she said, "Not yet. You probably own it. I'm just here hoping to get a job."

"You're a secretary, aren't you?" Dennis asked, leading her away from the rail.

She nodded. "I was. My employer, Judge Mayfield, died last month. I . . . I've been hoping to get something in Washington. I was told they're badly in need of secretarial help there, but I . . . I guess I have to wait for them to get around to me."

"Washington?" Dennis snapped his fingers. "You mean you want to pull up stakes and go there?"

She nodded. "I thought I'd like to get out and see something of the world besides Pennington, but I guess that was an idle . . ."

She cast an anxious look over her shoulder at Mr. Simmons, who was now dictating to a stenographer.

Then to her utter amazement, Dennis was taking her hand and leading her out of the bank.

Once outside he let her hand go and took her elbow. "If you still want to go to Washington, young lady, I believe I can do something about it, if I can catch Henry Slade at the Quinpiac club."

Beth, experiencing a few of the thrills of being on a merry-go-round, asked, "Who is Henry Slade?"

"Friend of mine from Washington. His secretary's got married and he's high and dry for help. Interested?"

"Oh, please!" she said. "Let's hurry. You don't know what it would mean to me!"

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PUPILS ATTEND EDUCATIONAL SHOW

The sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Hodges Oak Park visited high school Monday morning at 11:00 to see a show on salmon fishing in Alaska. The show dealt with ice bergs and glaciers in Alaska, temperature, the great gold mines in Alaska, and last but not least the great industry of salmon fishing and canning. The show took them to an Alaskan cannery, showing various processes that took place in canning of salmon.

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Society, Clubs

**Association Has
 Christmas Party**

One of the most attractively appointed parties of the holiday season was given Friday when members of the Child Study Association, Pre-School, were entertained with the annual Christmas luncheon at the home of Mrs. Roy McCleskey.

The one o'clock luncheon was served at tables centered with arrangements of holly and lighted by candles. After the luncheon guests gathered around the Christmas tree and were presented with packages.

Completing the Christmas theme, Christmas songs were sung by the College Sextet composed of Misses Mildred Balch, Imogene Dixon, Betty Jo Simpson, Marie Green, Rosemary Bruce and Carolyn Clark, accompanied by Miss Betty Clem. Miss Ella Jay Bear-den was presented in a reading.

Following the program games of "42" were enjoyed with high score award going to Mrs. Artie Carver and cut prize going to Mrs. J. D. Johnson.

**Bible Study Held
 At W. M. U. Meeting**

The weekly meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church was held at the church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the president, Mrs. L. L. Bruce opening the session with a prayer.

A short business meeting was held and it was reported that a total of over \$400 was collected at the Sunday evening service for the Eukner's Orphans Home and the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer funds.

In the absence of Mrs. David M. Phillips, Bible Study chairman, the Bible study was conducted by Mrs. Roark after which the meeting was closed with a prayer offered by Mrs. R. E. Barker.

Guests for the affair were: Mmes. Carver, Earnest Latham, Onis Littlefield, Coke Martin, T. J. Powell, Leslie Kincaid, George Rogers, Carl Heinlein, Roy McCleskey, Saule Perstein, Edwin George, Jr., W. W. Simpson, V. V. Cooper, Jr., and Eugene Baker.

**Julia Alexander
 Grove Entertained**

Members of Julia Alexander Grove No. 1954 of the Woodmen Circle met at the home of Mrs. Lillie Wilson, Thursday, for a covered dish luncheon and Christmas social.

The dining table was laid with a lace cloth and a miniature Christmas tree was used as a centerpiece. Luncheon was served at 12:30 from quartet tables laid with linen cloths. The living room was decorated with a large Christmas tree from which gaily-wrapped gifts were presented to those present.

The members of the Grove presented Mrs. Eula Blackwell with a lovely linen table cloth in appreciation of her faithful services as guardian for the past year. A set of matched towels and wash cloths was presented District manager Fred Fowler of Mineral Wells, by the Grove. A large box of cookies which had been donated by the members was packed and sent to the Woodmen Circle home at Sherman, for the aged members and children, as a Christmas gift from this Grove.

Those present were Mmes: Ruth Booth, Lena Patterson, Edna Earle Williamson, Thelma Bolt, Eula Blackwell, Louie Calder, Ruby Greer, Bessie Harris, Anna Mae Robinson, Ellen Jones, Mollie Patterson, Laura Melton, Birtie Shipman, Freda Fowler of Mineral

**Ladies Bible Class
 Has Meeting Mon.**

A large group was present Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the weekly Bible study for members of the Ladies Bible Class of the Church of Christ.


Wesley Mickey, preacher of the church, conducted the lesson with members participating in a discussion following the lesson. The lesson was based on the fourth chapter of Ephesians.

It was announced at the meeting that members of the church will gather at the church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock to pack Christmas fruit baskets for

al Wells, Miss Fanny Robinson and hostess Lillie Wilson.

The next meeting will be a business session at the IOOF Hall on Wednesday, January 5, at 2:30, at which time several candidates will be balloted upon, and officers will be installed for the new year, also new committees will be appointed. All members are urged to attend.

the aged and shut-ins and all contributions for the baskets should be at the church at that time. Following the meeting members paid their weekly visits to the sick and shut-ins.



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Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders who have been making their home temporarily in Midland were the week end guests of Mrs. Sander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gorman. Mrs. Gorman will remain until after Christmas and will be joined here Christmas by Mr. Sanders.

Mrs. Norman Davenport of Oklahoma City arrived Monday to spend the holidays with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lottie Davenport. Lt. Davenport is in service somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Mills will arrive from Waco Friday to spend the holidays with Lt. Mill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mills.

Mrs. D. A. Young and daughter, Mary Lou of Big Spring who have been the guests of Mrs. Mary Young, left Monday for Barry where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Young's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Agnew and their son, Maurice Agnew, of Lubbock, formerly of Ranger, visited with friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Browning and daughters, Mrs. Roger Greenwood and Miss Wanda Browning, spent Sunday in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald of Houston, Texas, are the week end guests of Miss Deanne Sanders and Mrs. Leslie Jones Sanders 201 Erwin street.

Mrs. McDonald, who is Mrs. Sanders' sister has visited here before and will be remembered at Miss Naomi Strane of Houston, Texas.

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