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FOURTH WAR LOAN QUOTA FOR TEXAS ANNOUNCED

Announcing \$395,000,000 (millions) as the goal set for Texas' share in the \$14,000,000,000 (billions) Fourth War Loan Drive, Nathan Adams of Dallas, State Chairman for the volunteer bond sales-force throughout Texas, Saturday mailed each chairman in the 254 counties of Texas a letter giving the individuals county quota for a sales effort designed to place more bonds in the hands of plain citizens than have ever before been distributed in any previous bond drive.

Emphasizing that while the national goal for the forthcoming drive is one billion dollars less than the 15 billion goal set for the previous very successful drive which sold nearly 19 billions nationally, Mr. Adams pointed out that 15 1-2 billions of the 14 billions present goal must be attained in sales of bonds to individuals, whereas only 15 1-3 billions actual total sales were to individuals. This, he said, meant that for every two contacts made by salesmen in the Third drive upon prospective buyers of bonds intended for purchase by individuals, at least three such contacts must be made in Texas if its goal in E, F, G, and other bonds to individuals is to be reached.

Of the Fourth Loan's \$395,000,000 (millions) Texas quota, Mr. Adams stressed that \$210,000,000 (millions) in bonds is set as the goal for sales by individuals, partnerships and personal trust companies, the remaining \$185,000,000 (millions) being the goal for sales to corporations, associations and investors. He pointed out that no sales to banks

REPORTS NAZI LACK DIAMONDS FOR INDUSTRY

By Henry Tosti Russell
 United Press Staff Correspondent
 LONDON, (UP)—Diamonds may cost Hitler the war.

Essential parts of tanks, mobile guns, trucks, and other implements indispensable in modern warfare, have to be made with diamond cutting edges or drills, and the British Empire is the world's largest source of the precious stones and dust of which they are made.

The source of this information is one of the best known diamond experts in the world, who asked the United Press to refrain from publishing his name on the grounds that his parents still are in occupied territory.

"There were some 30,000 skilled diamond workers in the industry before the war," he said. "Some of them are here now and others in the United States. But there are still a large number of them in occupied Europe."

"We understand from private reports, that they are going through hard times. Beyond 're-polishing' and 're-cutting' old stones for the Nazis, they have little work."

"Almost every implement of war is dependent to some extent upon the use of the industrial diamond at some stage of its manufacture. Without diamond cutting edges and drills, hundreds of thousands of parts used in the manufacture of some parts of the most important weapons of modern warfare, could not be finished."

"In peacetime we were used to seeing diamonds mainly in the form of necklaces or rings on the necks or fingers of lovely women. Today thousands of women have virtually taken the stones from their fingers. Instead of wearing them as ornaments, they now clutch them set in hard steel tools which their left fingers guide up and down indispensable parts of war weapons."

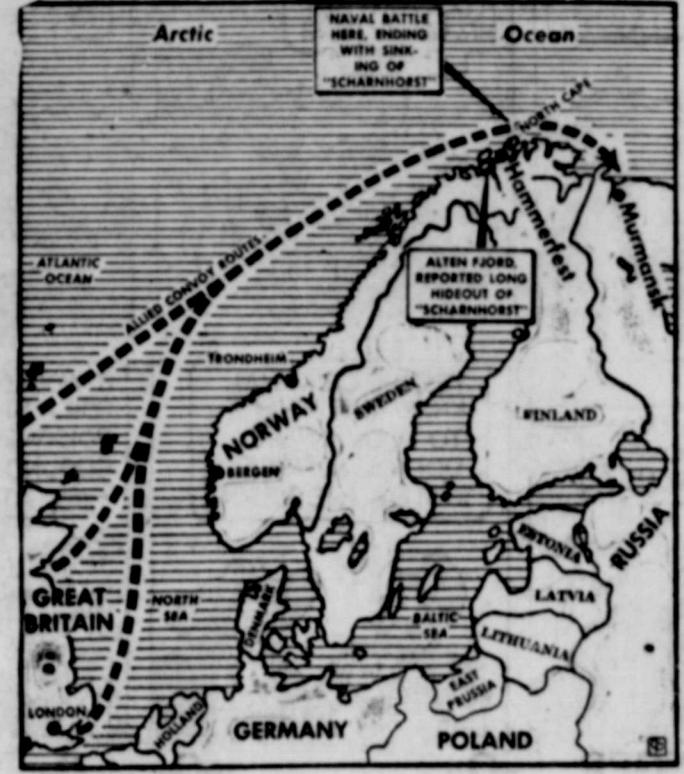
"The stones they were before the war were highly polished by skilled workers in Amsterdam. Those they use today are unpolished, known as 'industrial diamonds.'"

"Industrial diamonds are small. It takes from three to 80 of them to make one carat weight. Ninety per cent of this type as used in the United States, come from the Gold Coast. For the rest, the largest supply comes from South Africa."

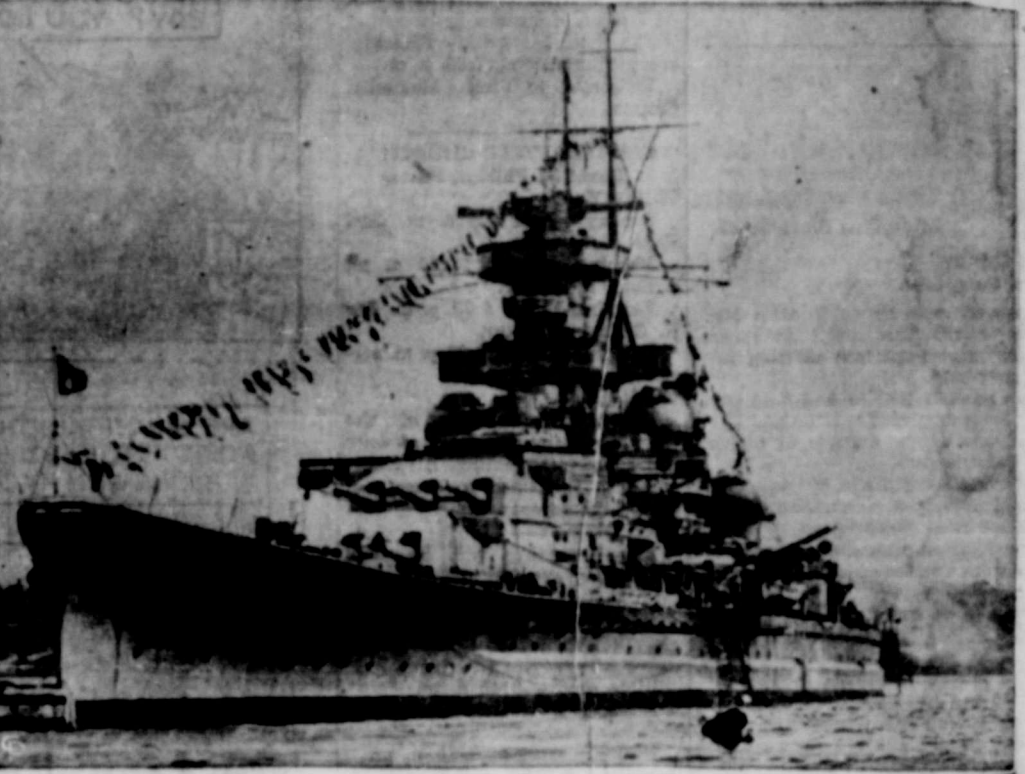
Diamond is so hard, that when suitably drilled (this has to be done with special tools lined with diamond dust) you can draw any thing from two to eight hundred tons of metal wire through it, without noticeably affecting the accuracy of the gauge of the wire or doing noticeable damage to the tool.

"Among the hardest diamonds in the world is the 'carbonado' (black diamond) of Brazil. This has been used extensively for years in rock drilling. It is highly valued in industry. Brazil, by the way, also produces some of the finest alluvial diamonds in the world. We never have any difficulty in disposing of Brazilian diamonds here, we can never get enough of them."

BRITISH HOME FLEET SENDS PRIDE OF GERMAN NAVY TO BOTTOM



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DRIVE PLACES REDS WITHIN FEW MILES OF POLISH BORDER

LONDON, Jan. 1 (UP)—The first Russian army of the Ukraine driving northwest from Korosten today captured the rail junction of Belokorovich, 27 miles from the pre-war Polish border, a Moscow telegraphic reported.

The capture of Belokorovich represented a gain of nine miles in a single day from Valtka, the fall of which was announced earlier. Belokorovich is 25 miles southwest of Korosten.

The Red Army communique reported the capture of more than 300 towns and villages on the Ukrainian front in sweeping gains by the forces of Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin.

Among the newly occupied towns were Sangerodok, 12 miles south of Kazatin, captured rail junction south of Zhitomir, and Volodarka, 20 miles southwest of Belaya Tserkov.

To the north Russian troops driving toward Latvia in the sector northwest of Naxel advanced through 25 more inhabited localities, the communique said.

North of the Kiev salient, Red Army troops tightened their grip on the Nazi strongholds of Vitebsk in White Russia and the last German outpost west from Bialystok, the Dnieper Bend, Gen. Malinovsky's 3rd Ukrainian Army extended its bridgehead on the west bank of the Dnieper to the face of the town.

On the frozen flatlands west of Kiev, huge German forces were in full retreat toward Poland's Bug River and the Dniester River line guarding the Rumanian border.

Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's 1st Ukrainian army surged forward 10 to 15 miles all along the front, capturing the key railroad junction of Zhitomir after a bloody street battle that littered the town with enemy dead and the wreckage of German tanks.

A second Soviet column broke through Nazi defenses northwest of Korosten and seized the town of Koltaki, 45 miles from the pre-war Polish border, while a third force fanned out at the southwestern end of the Kiev salient in a wide flanking move southeast of Bredichy.

The attack below Bredichy indicated that the Soviet left wing now only 90 miles from the Rumanian frontier, had renewed its attempt to envelop the entire German army inside the Dnieper bend.

Soviet armored spearheads were reported knifing through the German lines at a score of points and disrupting the enemy's rear lines, but there was no indication that the Nazi withdrawal had turned into a rout anywhere on the Kiev front.

Pioneer Resident Buried At Gorman

A number of people from Enslin and Ranger were in Gorman Thursday to attend funeral services for Mrs. J. T. Neill, a pioneer resident of that community. The deceased was an aunt of Mrs. Paul MacDonald.

Following the funeral services burial services were held at the Gorman cemetery.

Regular Services To Be Held Today

Regular services will be held today at the First Methodist church and sermon subject for the 11:00 o'clock service this morning will be on a New Year topic.

The evening service will be held at 6:15 and music for both services will be by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Homer Heatley.

SERVING IN ARMY



Sgt. Joe H. Blackwell, pictured above, is serving with the army and is stationed at Ft. Custer, Michigan.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blackwell, formerly of Ranger but now making their home in Portales, New Mexico. Sgt. Blackwell's residence is on Route 1, Ranger. He entered the service on January 28, 1942.

DRILLING ON WELL WILL BE RESUMED NOW

Drilling on the American Oil Consolidated E. H. Hodges, No. 1 well was expected to be resumed today after having been shut down for several days while casing was being set and cemented.

Drilling operations were halted Monday after a good show of oil was encountered in a sandy lime at 3395 feet and it is believed that the well will make a commercial producer. After the well was shut down oil rose 2,000 feet in the hole. Only two feet of the pay sand was drilled.

The 6 5/8 inch casing was set at 3370 feet and cemented and drilling of the plug will be done today. Two 210 barrel tanks have been moved to the location.

The well is located about three-quarters of a mile from the main part of Ranger, on the E. H. Hodges farm east of town, and is situated in an area that is virtually wildcat territory.

Social Security For Armed Forces Plan Promised

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (UP)—Sen. Walter F. George, D. Ga., promised today that his Senate Finance committee would have ready for Senate action by the end of February legislation extending social security benefits to every member of the armed forces.

George pictured the social security benefits as a long-term supplement to the immediate cash payment pending until the Senate already has authorized.

He contended that before the end of 1944 the Congress also will enact adjusted service compensation legislation.

JAP AIRFIELDS REPAIRED FOR ALLIED USE

Advanced Allied Headquarters, New Guinea, Jan. 1 (UP)—Veteran Marine Forces fanned out beyond the captured Cape Gloucester air fields in northwestern New Britain today while Navy Seabee Battalions moved swiftly to repair the bomb-battered airfields in preparation for new aerial blows against Japan's tottering strongholds in the southwest Pacific.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters revealed that the fighting Seabees moved into the Cape Gloucester area immediately after the air strips had fallen to the Marines at noon Thursday and began clearing away the wreckage caused by weeks of Allied bombing prior to the Marine landing last Sunday.

Reconstruction of the fields would place Allied air power within 275 miles of Rabaul, the main Japanese air and naval base in the Southwest Pacific theater.

Marine units maintained a protective cordon around the air fields, but there was no indication that the beaten Japanese, who lost more than 700 dead in vain defense of the area, were in position to interfere with the reconstruction work.

Meanwhile, Allied fliers continue their incessant attacks on Japanese defense installations on New Britain and the surrounding islands, bombing and strafing enemy positions along the island coast and in the Dampier Straits between New Britain and New Guinea.

IN FLIGHT TRAINING



Pictured above is Joe L. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson of Caddo, who is an aviation student stationed at Danville, Ky.

Young Jackson entered the service on July 26, 1943, and before entering service had attended Texas A and M College and Weatherford College. He is also a graduate of Caddo High school.

Jackson plans to become a pilot and in a recent letter from his parents he stated that his instructor at present is a woman.

Dr. Butler Says Isolation Would End Prosperity

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (UP)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University and the Carnegie Endowment for international peace, said today in a New Year's message that a post-war policy of national isolation would end prosperity and safety for this country.

"The path to progress is the organization under the leadership of the American people and their government, of the nations of the world to establish in practical manner, and to maintain international peace and to open the doors of all nations to world-wide trade," he said.

Transportation To Have Troubles In The New Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (UP)—Director Joseph E. Eastman, of the Office of Defense Transportation said today that although the nation faces the "most difficult period for transportation since the war began" there will be no break down of facilities. "If everyone concerned" does his part.

Looking forward to the problems of the new year, he said: "The new year will be fraught with problems. That is inevitable almost goes without saying. In war time, the fighting forces necessarily come first. Here at home, we have to do more with less, and this is true of transportation."

"Right now, transportation is faced with the added difficulties of intensifying military demands, cold weather and sickness. But am confident that there will be no transportation breakdown in this country during the difficult months ahead if everyone concerned with this problem does his part."

Admiral Halsey Sends Greetings

ADMIRAL HALSEY'S Headquarters, South Pacific, Jan. 1 (UP)—Admiral William F. Halsey extended his New Year's greeting to the Japanese today, wishing them a 1944 "packed full of devastating destruction."

Addressing his crews, Admiral Halsey said: "I am confident my South Pacific crew will continue to blast them and thus insure the happy and prosperous new year you all so justly deserve."

A. E. Howton Now Preflight Cadet

San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Tex.—In training at the preflight school of the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center are 245 from Texas, including Aaron E. Howton, of Route 3, Ranger.

The future pilots receive nine weeks of instruction at the Center, learning the fundamentals necessary for actual flight training in primary, basic and advanced schools. They are prepared physically and mentally to attain their common goal, the silver wings of Army Air Forces pilots.

Sadler Talks Of Weather But Not Texas Variety

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (UP)—"Hot?" asked Major Jerry Sadler of Austin, Texas, repeating the question.

"Well, the hottest day it was 177 degrees Fahrenheit in the sun. It was so hot you couldn't touch your belt buckle with your bare hands. You couldn't touch the steel ships. You couldn't touch most of the supplies."

He was telling what it was like at Kohoramshar, port in the Persian Gulf service command through which supplies are purging for Russia.

Sadler recently returned from there where he commanded port troops and described his experiences.

"It would be about 120 degrees in the tent when you went to bed" he continued. "It would cool off around about two a. m. Then it was around 98 degrees. If you didn't put a towel over your middle before you went to sleep you would get a pain in your stomach—chill!"

All this of course concerned the summer. It the winter it was cold and rainy.

Two Aluminum Plants Ordered To Close Down

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (UP)—The War Production Board, having ordered a partial shutdown of two aluminum manufacturing plants, prepared today to order further curtailment of aluminum production "probably in the next week."

The action was taken because production is running far ahead of military requirements. Rep. John M. Coffee, D., Wash., who has protested to WPR against any plan to shut down aluminum plants using hydroelectric power, said he understood that there is an annual aluminum surplus over current requirements of 700,000-900 pounds.

Director A. E. Bushong WPA's aluminum division ordered the shutdown of two plants affected are in City and...

U. S. ATTACKS MARSHALLS

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Army planes carried out three attacks on Japanese bases in the Marshall Islands on Thursday without encountering enemy aerial interception, the navy announced today.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Cloudy with rain today, tonight and Sunday warmer today and tonight, except little temperature change extreme lower coast.

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WASHINGTON

Reporters Find Returned White House Ladies 5 President Calmly Jovial In on First Press Conf.

By HELEN ESSARY
Central Press Columnist

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt was as calm as a Ma. morning in peace-time at his first news conference, a few hours after his return to Washington from the most important meeting any president of the United States has ever held.

You'd never have known from his manner that he had been anywhere at all. Certainly you'd never have suspected that he had been arranging the future of the world and of its millions of human beings with three great United Nations leaders.

Seeing and talking to Premier Marshal Josef Stalin of the power full, mysterious Soviet Union and to President-Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China and to his old friend and English speaking brother-in-law, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, seemed to have been matters all in the day's work for the chief executive of the United States.

"We had an awfully good time," he said, smiling behind the cigarette in the long holder. "We had many excellent talks."

"No, I didn't mind having to use an interpreter. Of course, if I had been able to speak Russian and Chinese or if Mr. Stalin and the generalissimo had spoken English it might have been easier. But we got on all right."

Stalin lived up to his highest expectations, Mr. Roosevelt said. "What did you call him, Mr. President?" a reporter asked.

"I said, 'What a beautiful morning,'" replied the president, smiling.

"No, I mean how did you address him?"

"Oh, I said 'Marshal'."

Obviously the leader of the Soviet Union and the president of the United States did not progress in the manner of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. Yet you got the idea that, without interpreter, they spoke the same language—the language of defeating the Axis.

Not that Mr. Roosevelt was exuberant. He wasn't. But he looked well. Not too tired, nor too anxious. His face was a little bronzed from the eastern sunshine of Cairo, Teheran and Dakar. I think he had on a new suit—his traveling suit. Anyhow, it was dark gray and very becoming.

When he made a particularly good return in customary press conference repartee, he glanced out of the tail of his eye at the family row at his left occupying the bench where the anonymous secretaries usually sit.

In the family row was Mrs. Roosevelt in a chair beyond the bench. She said she had come to hear about the trip. But believe me if all she actually heard was what the president divulged to the news conference, Mr. Roosevelt is no better reporter than any other husband back from a jaunt away from wife and home. And if Mrs. Roosevelt has since heard no more of her husband's experiences than she has tended to hear by this time she must have joined that association of wives known by all women as the "But-You-Never-Tell-Me-Anything club."

Mrs. Anna Boettger, only daughter of the Franklin Roosevelts who journeyed to the White House to spend Christmas with her father and mother, took notes industriously as any good reporter would, on a proper note book. I suppose she was getting material for a dispatch to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer which she and her husband, Major Boettger, now in the eastern war theater, edit together. Anna looked blonde and pretty in lavender wool with a wide white neck frill.

Young Franklin Roosevelt had brought his wife, Ethel, who used to be a DuPont, to the conference. Young Mrs. Franklin D. was as lovely as a pig-doll. She wore gray wool dress and one of those beguiling little baby caps that showed her dark hair. Mrs. Roosevelt had her personal secretary, Malvina Thompson, present.

On the whole, this conference was much as any other conference. It began the same way—"Well, there isn't much that's important," said Mr. Roosevelt. There was, of course, that story of the German plot to pop off Messrs. Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, "a pretty good haul," during the Teheran stay. But the president mentioned this incident unemotionally.

Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Alvin Bryson English, Pastor
(Across the street south of High School.)
Church school at 9:45 a. m.
Mrs. Leslie Hagaman general superintendent.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Vocal choir led by Mrs. Homer Heatley. Sermon by pastor.
Evening worship at 6:15 p. m.
Special music by the choir will feature this service. Sermon by the pastor.
Women's Society of Christian Service every Monday at 4 p. m.
Mrs. C. E. May, president.
Board of Christian Education meets every Second Tuesday, 7:00 p. m.
Board of Stewards meets every Second Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., Al Larson, chairman.
The choir has weekly rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
Welcome to First Methodist Church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
David M. Phillips, Pastor
SUNDAY—
Sunday school 9:15 a. m. Carl Page, Act. Supt.
Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Sermon by pastor.
Training Union 6:30 p. m. Joe N. Graham, director.
Evening worship 7:30 p. m. sermon by pastor.
MONDAY—
W. M. U. will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 4:00 for a business meeting. All chairmen are requested to come and give their reports.
WEDNESDAY—
Prayer meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 8:00.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Wesley Micky, Preacher
SUNDAY—
Bible study—9:45 a. m.
Morning service—10:30 a. m. Sermon subject "Victory."
Evening service—7:30 p. m. Sermon subject "Whither Have You Made a Road?"
MONDAY—
Ladies Bible class—3 p. m.
WEDNESDAY—
Mid-week Bible study—7:45 p. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. H. B. Johnston, Pastor
Bible school 10:00 a. m.
L. N. Bryan, Supt.
Preaching by the pastor at 11:00 a. m.
Sermon subject: "Watchman, What Of The Night?"
Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

FACTOGRAPHS

A flock of 60 birds' introduced into Central Park, New York City, in 1890, are the ancestors of all the giant starting flocks in the United States.

North Africans, as a rule, eat much less fruit than food nutritionists would recommend, with the exception of dates.

It is estimated that the death rate from typhoid fever in 1941 was the lowest in United States history.

Between A. D. 1100 and 1500, not less than 80 universities sprang up in cities all over Europe.

To transport 1,000,000 soldiers overseas requires 400 troopships and 1 more than 700 cargo vessels.

Wonder if Mussolini has made any plans for 1944? And, if he has, what difference does it make?

People, says a mad scientist, who keep their mouths shut live longer. See you listening, Doc Guebels?

There are no snakes in New Zealand, according to Factographs. And there probably never will be any—now that the threat of a Japanese invasion there has long since been dispelled.

A leopard does not change its spots. And—silly adds Grandpappy Jenkins—neither does a Christmas tie.

Diogenes, thinks the man of the next desk, would really have had a life-time job if he had hunted for a man who kept all his New Year's resolutions.

It might be a smart move for the Germans to send Rommel to the eastern front. His experience retreating through North African sands should make him feel right at home among the Russian snowdrifts.

Bradon Walsh Little Annie Rooney

BRADON WALSH
I HAVEN'T TOUCHED ANYTHING. THAT'S MY POISON CABINET. I ALWAYS KEEP IT LOCKED—
IS ANYTHING MISSING?
ENOUGH POISON TO KILL A HERD OF ELEPHANTS!
WHOEVER STOLE THAT POISON MUST BE CRAZY—
NOT CRAZY, JUST CUNNING. THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME—
I HAVE A HUNCH THE THIEF DOESN'T WANT TO POISON ANY ELEPHANTS, BUT TOOK ONLY ENOUGH POISON TO KILL ONE SMALL DOG—

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY
HE'S POISONED! SOMEBODY CALL A DOCTOR! GET MR. CARRY HERE FAST!
HERE'S ANOTHER PIECE OF POISONED MEAT! THE STUFF IS SCATTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE—
HURRY! HURRY! EVERYBODY SCATTER AND FIND ANNIE ROONEY AND ZERO! THEY WERE HERE FIVE MINUTES AGO.

THE LONE RANGER
ARE YOU CERTAIN THE DOG-POISONER IS SOMEONE WORKING WITH MY CIRCUS?
YES, THE CRIMINAL KNEW JUST WHERE TO LOOK IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE TO STEAL THE POISON!
IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR A STRANGER TO PLANT THE POISONED MEAT ALL OVER THE GROUNDS WITHOUT ATTRACTING ATTENTION AND—
YES, ANNIE, GRAYBOY IS OKAY NOW. I THOUGHT HE WAS POISONED, BUT I GUESS IT WAS JUST A BAD TUMMY ACHE—

THE LONE RANGER BY FRAN STRIKER

THE LONE RANGER
HEY, BOYS—LOOK! THE TUNNEL BACK OF US IS CLOSING UP!
CLOSED! THE LABORERS ARE SEALED IN THERE!
LET US OUT OF HERE!
WE'RE SEALED IN!
SEALED IN IS RIGHT! NOW FOR THE REST OF MY TRICKS!
OPEN THIS THING!
THEY'RE TRAPPED LIKE RATS!
THE TUNNEL'S BEIN' FLOODED WITH WATER!
IT'S RISEN! THE TIME!
BOYS! LOOK OVER THERE!
THERE'S WHERE THE WATER COMES FROM!
YOU HEAR? YES! IF WE DON'T FIND A WAY TO OPEN THE WALL, THOSE MEN WILL DROWN!
WE'RE TRAPPED LIKE RATS!
TUNNEL'S FLOODED!HEY, BOYS! THE WATER COM IN HERE!T WAS ALL A TRICK!THE MASKED MAN WAS RIGHT... HE TRIED TO KEEP US OUT OF HERE!WE'RE SEALED IN!HE GOT A TELEGRAM—BAD NEWS?
YES—FOO THE JAPS!GOOD BYE MIKE—GOOD LUCK!NATURALLY THEY'RE AMATEUR—WITH OUR OWN BOYS AND GIRLS ACTING IN THEM.

ETTA KETT BY PAUL ROBINSON

ETTA KETT
LEAVE IS CANCELLED! WELL—LOOKS LIKE I'M OFF TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC!
HE AN' MOM WILL FIND IT OUT SOON ENOUGH—IN THE MEAN TIME WHAT THEY DON'T KNOW WON'T WORRY 'EM!
I'LL FEEL BETTER TOO KNOWING HE HAS THIS CLUB OF YOURS TO HAVE FUN IN—KEEP AN EYE ON HIM!
HE GOT A TELEGRAM—BAD NEWS?
YES—FOO THE JAPS!
GOOD BYE MIKE—GOOD LUCK!DID YOU WANTA SEE US, PAPA FESSOG?
YES—SIT DOWN!
BESIDES TEACHING DRAMATICS HERE—IT'S ALSO MY JOB TO STAGE THE SCHOOL PLAYS.
SO I'VE DECIDED TO HAVE SOMEONE OUT OF MY OWN DRAMA CLASS WRITE THE FIRST PLAY! THAT'S WHERE YOU TWO COME IN!
ARE YOU KIDDING?

LAFF-A-DAY

"It seems wonderful that anybody could know as much as you do about money without having any!"

ITALIAN FOLK IN ANCIENT RITE



COMPANIES OF CHARITY of Sante Maria de Perdigotte here are shown collecting bodies for burial and carrying them to the cemetery in a centuries-old religious custom. The hoods worn by the people originated in medieval times and were worn, it is believed, as a protection against the plague which could be caught by those who handled the bodies of those who died of the disease. (International)

MICHIGAN GIRL QUEEN OF ROSES



MICHIGAN-BORN GIRL, Naomi Riordan, above, 17-year-old co-ed of Pasadena Junior college, has been chosen 1944 queen of the annual Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Cal. She will reign over the festivities held on New Year's Day in connection with the Rose Bowl football game. Naomi and her family moved to California from Michigan two years ago. (International)

RATION REMINDER

(December 29, 1943)
Gasoline—In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.
Butter—Stamp No. 29 in book four is good for five pounds through January 15.
Shoes—Stamp No. 18 in book one is good for 1 pair. Stamp No. 1 on the "Airplane" sheet in book three is good for 1 pair.
Meats, Fats—Brown stamp L, M, N, P, and Q are good through January 1. Brown stamp R is good through January 29. Brown stamp S becomes good January 2 and remains good through January 29. Spare stamp 1 on the first page of war ration book four is good for 5 points for the purchase of pork through January 1.
Processed Foods—Green stamps D, E, and F, in book four are good through January 29.

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Fill in Today and Mail to The
RANGER TIMES, RANGER, TEXAS

Full Name of Service Man.....
Date of Birth..... Place of Birth.....
Parents' Name and Address.....
If Service Man is Married, Give Name of Wife and Children and Address:.....
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List Brothers and Sisters, Giving Address.....
EDUCATION OF SERVICE MAN:
Grade School (Where)..... High School.....
Graduated H.S. When?..... College.....
Occupation Before Induction or Enlistment.....
When Entered Service..... Where.....
Branch of Service (Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard).....
Stationed Where at Present.....
List Promotions to Date.....
List Service Record Prior to Induction, if any.....
Give Any Other Information Desirable.....
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Dated.....
Information Furnished By.....

Happy New Year TO THE ENTIRE CITIZENSHIP OF RANGER

Your City Commission wishes for you everything good for the coming New Year. We appreciate the fine cooperation received from the citizens in the past year. It has been pleasant from every standpoint. We pledge you our best services in the future and solicit your wise counsel at all times.

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LOST—Small black change purse in front of post office. Contained \$25 in bills. Reward for return to O. K. Grocery.

LOST—Brown cloth handbag. Reward for return. Return to R. J. Matthews at O. K. Grocery.

LADIES—To crochet in spare time at home. Call 211-W-454 Pine.

FOR SALE—Household furniture 1027 Vitalious.

FOR RENT—2 of 3 room furnished apartment. 455 Pine street or Tel. No. 279-J.

WANTED—Unincumbered woman for general housekeeping. Mrs. N. A. Brown, Glen.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment 1109 Foch Street.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow, peanut hay. See Hill Logan, Route 1, Ranger, Texas.

FOR RENT—Small furnished house. Mrs. L. E. Gray, Phone 209.

LOST—Brown leather billfold in Arcadia Monday. Reward for return to Buddie Hamrick.

FOR SALE—Five room modern house in Oiden. Located on high way, extra land and outhouses. C. E. May, Insurance, Ranger, Texas.

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CLOTHES ARE A MINOR ITEM in the little New Year annually, but for little 1944 they threaten to be lacking entirely. At least, Peggy N-vina, "Miss 1944," is distinctly envious of "Mr. 1943," who checked in a year ago with a pair of pants. She is boasting a campaign to relieve the shortage of diapers for U. S. infants. (International)

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hodges of Ft. Worth are in Ranger for a few days while Mr. Hodges is transacting business here.

Pfc. John L. Bow of the A. S. T. stationed at Texas Technological College at Lubbock is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bowden have returned to their home in Midland

after a visit with relatives and friends.

Sgt. Nicol Crawford who has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crawford, has returned to his station at the Aviation Cadet Center at San Antonio.



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tion Cadet Center at San Antonio.

Mrs. Lucy Waggoner of Mineral Wells is the guest of Mrs. Saunders Gregg.

Mrs. Oscar Chastain has returned to Austin after a visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. M. H. Hagaman.

Mrs. Wesley Hancock will leave Monday to resume her studies at TSCW at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Davenport have returned to their home in San Antonio after a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Kathryn Healy left Saturday for Port Arthur to resume her work as a teacher in the schools, after a visit with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Healy and other relatives and friends.

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City-Council Will Meet Wednesday

V. CENHETAOIN SHRDLUW The City Council of Parent-Teachers will meet Wednesday, Jan. 5 at the High school.

Mrs. Saule Perlestein will be the leader for the afternoon. Every member is urged to be present as this will be a very important meeting.

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