

## Reds Claim Collapse of Nazi East Front

### Bill Proposes To Abolish Courts Attorney Ships

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Abolition of 26 district courts and eight district attorneyships is provided in judicial reorganizing bills, filed in the House of Representatives by Rep. C. M. McFarland, Wichita Falls.

He headed a House interim committee to study reorganizing, and the subject was requested as necessary legislation by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson in his message to the legislature.

Courts which McFarland proposes for elimination are: 21st dist.—Bastrop, Burleson, Lee and Washington counties; 27th dist.—Bell, Lampasas, and Mills; 29th dist.—Hood, Palo Pinto and Erath; 50th dist.—Baylor, Knox, King, Cottle; 62nd dist.—Hunt, Delta, Lamar and Franklin; 65th dist.—El Paso, Culberson and Hudspeth; 66th dist.—Hill; 74th dist.—McLennan; 76th dist.—Camp, Franklin, Marion, Morris and Tittus; 77th dist.—Freestone and Limestone; 78th dist.—Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells and Starr; 82nd dist.—Falls; 86th dist.—Kaufman, Rockwall and Van Zandt; 89th dist.—Wichita; 89th dist.—Eastland; 99th dist.—Lubbock; 100th dist.—Hall, Donley, Collingsworth and Childress; 102nd dist.—Bowie and Red River; 104th dist.—Taylor, Fisher and Jones; 105th dist.—Potter; 111th dist.—Webb; 112th dist.—Crockett, Kimble, Pecos, Sutton, and Upton; 119th dist.—Coke, Concho, Runnels, and Tom Green; 123rd dist.—Shelby and Panola.

The criminal district court serving Nueces, Kleberg, Kenedy, Willacy and Cameron counties also is on the list to be abolished. McFarland asks elimination of district attorneyships from the following:

29th dist.—Hood, Palo Pinto and Erath; 50th dist.—Baylor, Knox, Cottle and King; 79th dist.—Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells and Starr; 81st dist.—Atascosa, La Salle, Karnes, Frio and Wilson; 100th dist.—Childress, Collingsworth, Donley and Hall; 104th dist.—Coleman, Concho, Runnels, and Tom Green; 123rd dist.—Shelby and Panola.

The district attorneyship for the Nueces, Kleberg, Kenedy, Willacy and Cameron counties criminal district court is also proposed for abolition.

### Elks To Help In Recruitment Of Army Navy Nurses

E. F. Arterburn, chairman of the Elks' war committee and Sam Kirkpatrick and H. R. Hicks, committee-men, have announced that the Ranger Elks Lodge is participating in the Grand Lodge's drive to assist in the recruitment of additional nurses in the Army and Navy nurses corps.

### Eight Thousand On Hand To See Dad Joiner's Wildcat Drilled

(The second in a series on the Romance of the East Texas oil field) by the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

### Missing Button Gave Hatcheck Girl Bright Idea

CHICAGO (UP)—Mrs. Josephine Kelley arrived at the Wrigley Building restaurant nine years ago merely a hat check girl—and wound up becoming an institution of the place.

It all started with Charlie Grimm, manager of the Chicago Cubs, and a missing button. When he checked his Burberry overcoat, Mrs. Kelley noticed that it was minus both a regular button in front and the extra button inside. Another guest's Burberry yielded an extra button and Mrs. Kelley transferred it to the ballplayer's coat. She was tipped handsomely for her good deed and an idea was born.

However, Mrs. Kelley decided that taking a button from one customer to please another was hardly conducive to good will all around. A customer rejected her proposed plan to save buttons, suggested buying new ones and started her off with a dozen each of several sizes in black brown and gray.

In the eight years since then, she has sewed on an average of 50 buttons a week and her department has been expanded to include mending and spot-cleaning services and just pleasing the customers generally. In the summer she does about two spots a day and all year round averages three mendings a day and sews on about 80 tapes and chains for hanging purposes each week. Her supplies cost her on an average of \$100 a year.

### Voters Urged To Pay Poll Taxes By Wednesday

Voters of Ranger are reminded that Wednesday January 31 is the last day on which to pay poll taxes and are urged to do their patriotic duty so that they may have a vote in coming elections.

Locally there will be two elections this year. A mayor and commissioners will be elected and an election of school board members will be held. All these offices are of interest to the citizens of Ranger and voters are urged to pay poll taxes to insure their voting privileges.

### Fire Department Gets Reverse Call

ABILENE, Tex. (UP)—The Abilene Fire Department reports that instead of having to go out on a fire call, a fire came roaring in to them in the form of an automobile with the seat on fire.

### Officer To Ask Aid In Infantile Paralysis Drive

DALLAS, Jan. 26—General Richard Donnan, commanding officer of the Eighth Service Command, will call for united support of the Fight Infantile Paralysis Campaign in a state-wide radio program over the Texas Quality Network Sunday, Jan. 28th, from 9:30 to 10 p. m. Appearing with him on the program will be the Eighth Service Command band and George Waverly Briggs, vice-chairman of the Texas State Committee for the President's Birthday Celebration.

The armed forces are giving strong support to the current fund raising appeal because many of last summer's polio victims were children of servicemen, it was announced.

### Hardin College Team Defeats R.J.C. 50 to 22

Ranger Junior College's boys basketball team took the little end of the score in a game played at Wichita Falls Friday night when the Ranger team met the team from Hardin Junior College. Final score was 50 to 22 in favor of Hardin Junior College.

Coach Olen Holloway stated that his team started out with a bang and in the first quarter held the other team to an 8 and 8 tie. But the Hardin team took the lead in the second quarter and retained it to the last. Mike Gholson was high point man for the Ranger team with a score of 14 of the 22 points made by Ranger.

### Four From Area In Same German Prison Camp

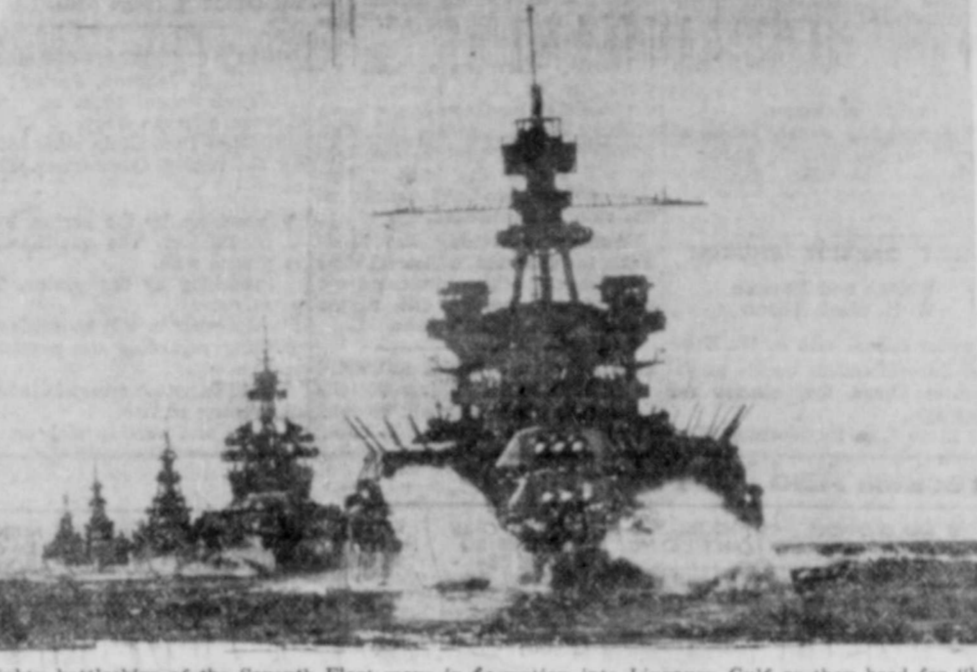
Texas boys will get together, even if it does have to be in a German prison camp and that's just what four boys from this section of the state have done.

The four are Lt. Frank Hatten, husband of the former Miss Fannie Dell Swaney, Lt. Bob Palmer, son of Mrs. W. C. Palmer, Wilton Rucker, son of Rev. and Mrs. Rucker of Strawn and Lt. Odum of Cisco, son of the late Rev. E. Clark of Cisco. The four are in Luft 111 and all are former members of the Air Force.

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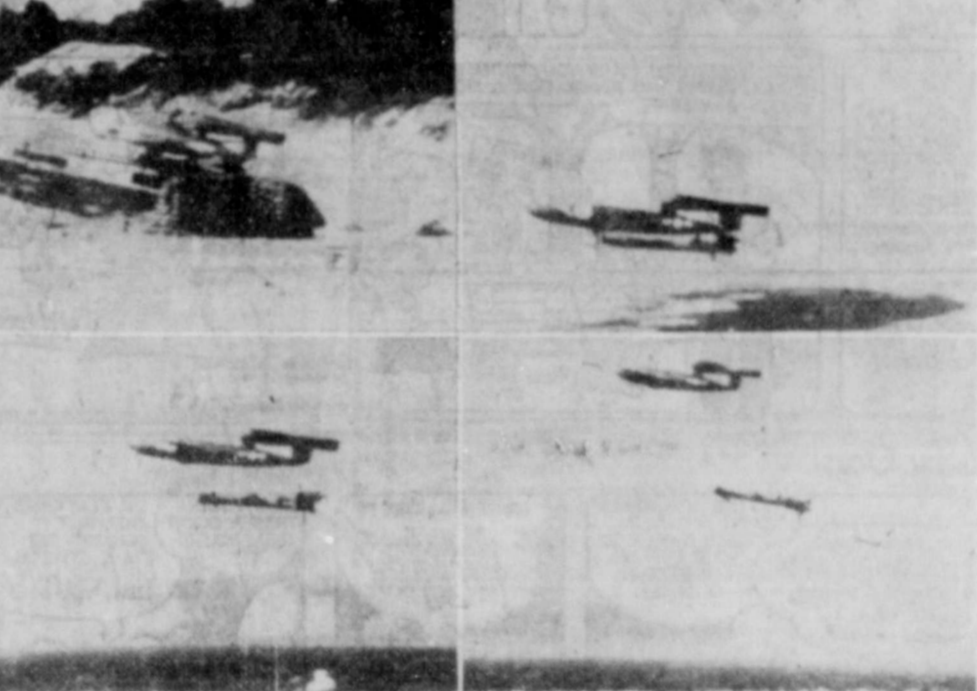
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### Head For "Battle Stations"



Mighty battleships of the Seventh Fleet move in formation into Lingayen Gulf as they head for "battle stations" in obliterating fusillade which preceded the landing of U. S. forces on Luzon. (Navy photo from NEA Telephoto.)

### U. S. Buzz Bomb In Action



New U. S. buzz-bomb, adaptation of the German V-1 seen (top left) at foot of launching ramp, smoke pours from carriage upon which bomb rests, as it starts its run; (top right) smoke still pours from carriage as bomb leaves platform. Bottom right picture: the carriage, still smoking, dropping from tumb which now travels under own power. At bottom right the carriage drops to the water in two sections while buzz-bomb roars toward destination. (USAAF Paramount Newsgroup Photo from NEA telephoto.)

### Maj. C. G. Brock Awarded Bronze Star Medal

Choyce G. Brock, Major, Air Corps, headquarters and headquarters squadron, 29th Air Depot group, and son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Howard Brock of Eastland, was awarded the Bronze Star medal on December 9, 1944, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from September 1, 1944, to October 15, 1944.

### Cpl. Booth Given Infantryman's Combat Badge

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Booth have received word that their son, Cpl. Gerald C. Booth, who is serving with the 31st Infantry in the 78th division somewhere in the European theatre of War has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

### People Urged To Contribute To March Of Dimes

M. L. King, Ranger chairman for the 1945 March of Dimes, announced Saturday that provisions are being made for Ranger people to make their contributions to the annual drive for infantile paralysis.

### Capt. Plumley To Speak At Hall Bible Class Sun.

It was announced Saturday that Capt. Roy Plumley, who recently returned from the European battle fields will speak at the meeting of the Hall Bible Class of the First Methodist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

### Sought Change In Army, No Luck

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—After 15 years as sanitary engineer of the City of Houston, Capt. C. R. Harvill thought he might get a change of job when he went into the army.

### Mirage In The Desert

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Police Investigator C. E. Buckner decided that another glacial age must be coming when he arrived at a city intersection in the warm Gulf Coast city to find chunks of ice scattered all over the crossing.

### Judge Rules FDR Wrong In Ward's Case

CHICAGO (UP)—Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan ruled today that Pres. Roosevelt lacked the power to take over and operate stores and other plants of Montgomery Ward and Co.

The decision vitally affected the wartime structure for handling labor disputes, and at Washington Chairman William H. Davis of the War Labor Board said the W.L.B. will collapse unless the decision is reversed by a higher court, or unless Congress takes prompt action to enforce the board's orders unilaterally.

### GI's Invitation To Supper Dance Puts It Plainly

A representative of the 964th Ordnance Company called at the Times office Friday and asked that an invitation be extended to the young ladies of Ranger to attend a supper dance at the Laguna Hotel Tuesday evening.

Since the invitation which the GI gave the Times is so typically GI it is printed here as he wrote it: "The 964th Ordnance Company of Camp Bowie cordially invites the young ladies of Ranger and thereabouts to a supper dance Tuesday evening, January 30 at the Laguna Hotel Roof Garden in El Paso.

### Bride Breaks With GI To Pilot A Trolley Car

OMAHA, Neb. (UP)—"Clang, clang, clang, went the trolley—thump, thump, went his heart"—just like the song, Pvt. James Ulrich Smith, 21 of Halls, Tenn., climaxed his romance on a streetcar.

### Pendergast Death Grieves Truman

WASHINGTON (UP)—Vice Pres. Harry S. Truman said today that he was "extremely sorry" to hear of the death of Thomas J. Pendergast, Kansas City political boss who started Truman on his public career.

### Subs Score 21 More Jap Ships

WASHINGTON (UP)—American submarines have sunk 21 more Japanese ships, including a light cruiser, in the increasing attack against Japanese contraband supply lines, the Navy announced today.

### FOUR CITIES STORMED; OBRA RIVER REACHED BY ONE COLUMN

Soviet troops stormed Konigsberg, Danzig, Poznan and Breslau and radio Moscow declared today that the Nazi front had caved in from the Baltic to the Carpathians.

The broadcast called on the German people to revolt against Hitler. A German broadcast said the Russians had reached the Obra river 94 miles east of Berlin but had been checked there. Although German reports placed the Russians about 90 miles from Berlin, the Soviets midnight communique said the column was the closest to the German capital was at Mosta, 136 miles east of Berlin.

On the western front, the Germans fell back on a long stretch from Holland to the Saar basin. Supreme headquarters and front reports said the enemy was making a large scale withdrawal before the combined blows of the American First, Third and Ninth Armies and the British Second, which were getting into position for a resumed offensive.

The initiative was reported in Allied hands everywhere, including northern Alsace, where a threatening German offensive against the American Seventh Army had been broken north of Strasbourg.

### OPA Returns To Policy Of Stamp Cancellation

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Office of Price Administration today announced a return to its former policy of cancelling food ration stamps after a definite period. They will be cancelled four months after they are validated.

### Argentine Status Explained By Sec. Stettinius

WASHINGTON (UP)—The U. S. does not apply economic sanctions against Argentina because "urgent requirements of the war effort" must take precedence over all other considerations, it was revealed officially today.

### GOVERNOR TO SIGN BILL

AUSTIN (UP)—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson will be out of Austin most of the coming week but will be in his office long enough to sign the emergency bill to increase pay of rural school teachers when it reaches his desk, he said today.

THE WEATHER  
WEST TEXAS—Rainy and colder tonight. Sunday cloudy and colder.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was considering ratification of President Roosevelt's six nominations for Assistant Secretaryships in the Department of State, Senator Claude Pepper of Florida brought up the issue of American policy with regard to the Spanish revolution and the Spanish dictator, Francisco Franco.

Specifically, Pepper cited four pages in Sumner Welles' recent book, "The Time for Decision," in which the former Undersecretary summed up the situation by saying that "Of all our blind isolationist policies, the most disastrous was our attitude on the Spanish Civil War."

Referring to the pressure of peace-at-any-price organizations at the end of 1936, to amend existing neutrality legislation to prevent shipment of arms to the Spanish Republican forces, Pepper read the Welles passage which says that when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee asked for State Department advice on this situation, it received from the official spokesman for the Department this statement:

"You are trying to protect the neutrality of this country, to prevent this country from becoming involved in war, and at the same time not sacrificing unduly the interest of our own people by the enactment of this domestic legislation. It is a tremendous step forward. . . .

THIS advised, wrote Welles, Congress revised the neutrality legislation on Jan. 6, 1937, and stopped further arms shipment to Spain. It was naturally a tremendous advantage to Franco. The inference which Welles draws is that this worked to the advantage of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy and helped bring on the European war.

Welles says that President Roosevelt recognized this danger and that when the Spanish arms embargo act came to him for signature, "he expressed in writing the deep disquiet it caused him and the regret with which he signed it."

The statement came from the late R. Walton Moore, who was then Assistant Secretary of State and from 1937 until his death in 1941 was Counselor to Secretary Hull.

THE responsibility which Welles puts on Moore's shoulders is not, however, as great as might appear from the Welles book, for in tracking down the crucial policy statement to its correct source, it has also been disclosed that Moore did not make the statement in December, 1936, as Welles says he did, but in January, 1936. This was six months before the revolution broke out in Spain. Furthermore, Moore made this statement with reference not to the Spanish arms embargo act, but to another measure which was never passed.

There is another point of confusion in the Welles statement that the President was out of the country while the Spanish arms embargo policy was being adopted by Congress. The President, Hull and Welles had gone to the Inter-American Peace conference in Buenos Aires toward the end of 1936. But the Spanish policy had been determined and announced previously by the President and R. Walton Moore on Aug. 22, and the President returned to Washington on Dec. 16. So the President was in on the whole play.

It was Welles who was out of the country. He stepped off in Rio, and in the intervening years his memory played him a dirty trick. The President's message of regret was over the earlier neutrality act—not the Spanish embargo.

Van Johnson, star of MGM's "36 Seconds Over Tokyo," soon to be seen at the Arcadia theatre, is shown above contributing to the March of Dimes drive at the MGM studios in Hollywood. Esther Williams, in the campaign during the week of January 25th through the 31st, MGM star, is the chairman of the drive. Local theatre will participate in said B. E. Garner, local theatre chairman for the motion picture industry.

Churches

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

(Across the street south of High School). Wallace N. Luntan, Minister. A. J. Ratliff, chairman of the Board of Stewards. Mrs. Leslie Hagaman general superintendent.

Church school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 10:50 a. m. Choir led by Mrs. Homer Heatley.

Women's Society of Christian Service every Monday at 4 p. m. Mrs. A. J. Ratliff, president.

Board of Christian Education meets every Second Tuesday at 7:00 p. m.

Board of Stewards meets every Second Monday at 7:15 p. m. A. J. Ratliff, chairman.

The choir has weekly rehearsal every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Welcome to First Methodist Church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Walnut and Marston W. H. Clark, Pastor

Sunday School with A. W. Warford Superintendent begins at 9:45 a. m. There are classes for every age.

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Ked Heroine



Made a hero of the Soviet Union for her exploits during the Red Army's forcing of the Dnieper River, Senior Sergeant of the Guards, Vera Koshcheyeva, above, displays her collection of medals won in combat.

Buy War Bonds

By Merrill Blosser

AND IF IT SPRAINED YOUR WRIST, JUNIOR?

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! I'M ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PAIN YOU'RE SUFFERING!

AND WITH YOUR WRIST BANDAGED LIKE THAT, CAN YOU STILL WRITE?

IF YOU'LL PLAY GOALIE TONIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU A KISS FOR EVERY KINGSTON GOAL YOU STOP!

O-KAY!!! NEVER LET IT BE SAID OF LARD SMITH THAT HE WAS STUBBORN!!

SHUCKS! WHAT'S A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT TO A KING? ABBARADABBA! POUF!

YOU ARE NOW A LEMMAN SUBJECT I DO SO PRONOUNCE!

WELL, FOZZY, IT'S OKAY IF YOU WANT TO GIVE UP TH' PEACE AN' SECURITY YOU'VE ENJOYED AS A MOONJAN CITIZEN, BUT—

DON'T COME HARVIN' TIME ABOUT YOUR HARUM-SCARUM EXISTENCE IN AN UNSTABLE NATION MISRULED BY THIS NITWIT BONEHEAD!

DROP PISTOL, WHITE MAN!

YOU IN PLENTY BIG TROUBLE NOW, RED TYDIER!

CHEE-NEE! LOOK LONG SHE FOR LITTLE DEAVY! WE WANT HIM STAY FOR YEI-BI-CHI!

IF I LEAVE TILL AFTER TH' YEI-BI-CHI, WILL YOU PROMISE NO HARM WILL COME TO LITTLE DEAVY?

CHEE-NEE! PROMISE ON ONE CONDITION!

YOU'RE ONLY INTERESTED IN ME BECAUSE I DO MOST OF YOUR HOMEWORK FOR YOU!

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# WAR WAS NOT ALL HELL FOR THIS TEXAS BOY

He found some sweets among the bitter; is convinced that freedom is appreciated most by those who lose and regain it.

(Editor's Note—The following letter was written by Marshall Coleman, formerly of Eastland and a graduate of Eastland High school and who is with the 16th Air Service Squadron in France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Coleman, now reside in Waco.)

16th Air Service Sqdn., APO 650, Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1944.

Dear Family: Christmas morning and I am still camp. The bad weather but my trip to rest camp. The untains are solid with snow and I didn't feel like making a ride on those steep, crooked roads, and since we are living in buildings I didn't mind not going. I must confess that I jumped the gun just a little and opened my Christmas packages last night, and such Christmas packages as they were. Mother, I know that you sent the best, wisest and most practical packages of all. We had some feast in our room last night. I opened a can of that delicious fried chicken. We set it on top of the stove until it was hot through and through. Honestly it was just taking a piece of chicken out of the frying pan in your kitchen. One of my room mates had received some bread and butter pickles and craft cheese from his wife, so we had fried chicken, pickles, cheese, crackers. My other roommate had received a cake so we topped it off with that.

Well, I have that first year of overseas duty under my belt now. They tell me that makes me a veteran now. When I think back, it seems that this was one of the shortest years I have ever spent. Then when I think of all that I have done and all that has happened in that year I begin to wonder how all of it was squeezed into one short year. It is funny how a man remembers the pleasant, the funny, the amusing things and forgets the unpleasant. As I try to think of all that has happened in this year, only the pleasant and the fine things keep popping up in my mind. If I were to pick out one thing and say that it was the most outstanding experience of the year, I would have to pick the reception given us by the French at one town. I was lucky enough to be among the first dozen Americans (or Allies) to enter the town. That was the most touching thing that has ever happened to me. As we drove down the street the people were cheering, laughing, smiling, crying. Old men would come up, kneel down at our feet and kiss our hands. Big husky men were smiling with tears running down their cheeks. Anything we wanted was our for the asking. They weren't happy because we were there, they were happy because they were free again. People who have lost their freedom cer-

tainly get a new conception of freedom. That reception made me feel like a heel since I had done nothing to deserve it. Those boys in the infantry and the pilots should have received the welcome. They are the ones who deserve it.

The most spectacular thing I saw was Mount Vesuvius when it erupted. The most relaxing and refreshing thing was the trip over on the Liberty ship—just day dreaming and sun bathing by the hours. About the most interesting thing was the sights of Rome—yes a lot has been jammed into this one short year.

So many funny things happened. Maybe at the time we didn't think so much of it, but now they are remembered above all else. For example—one night during our worst air raid a big, fat Sgt. grabbed his helmet and headed for the fox hole. Earlier in the evening he had washed in the helmet and didn't empty the water, so that when he turned it upon his head a gallon of ice cold water poured down over his face and body. Now some one can just mention that and we laugh until we cry. Then we were going into France and had no news of how the landing and invasion were going so we did not know what to expect. As always we were prepared for the worst. Every one had on his helmet, his gun handy and had American patches on his arm. There were a whole boat load of "fighting men," every one a potential hero, ready for some real action. (Probably one good German could have run the whole bunch back to Corsica) but any way there we were—primed and read. The LST ran up on the beach and while we were waiting for the ramp to be lowered we heard a feminine voice. Everyone rushed to the edge of the boat to see what was happening and there on the beach, waiting for us, was the Red Cross girl who had served us doughnuts and coffee many times in Corsica. You could see the feathers on those fighting men drooping. Of all things—being welcomed on the invasion coast by a woman. Oh did she kid us about that for she could see the eggs falling too.

Then we had been in France only a few days when a group of us were talking to a French woman. She was asking each boy where he was from. When he told her the state she would ask where the state was located. Well, when she got round to me and I answered "Texas," her eyes brightened and she asked what part of Texas. Gee, I could have kissed her, and did I have fun razzing the rest of the fellows.

Then we had been on the go for days and it was getting too cold to bathe in the river and irrigation ditches and it had been a couple of weeks since we had had a bath when on going through a town we saw a sign "Bain," the French word for bath. We shut her down right quick and went in to see how the place looked. It was swell and there were worlds of hot water. A shower was 10 francs and you were allowed 20 minutes. We knew that would not be long enough and the "bain" operator looked so funny when each of us gave him 20 francs. He soon understood, for at the end of the hour we were still under the shower with that hot water warning us to the bones. He had to chase us out even then.

## Long Climb Back



With no lift or tow, skiers experience transportation difficulties. Skis on shoulders. Bear Mountain jump contestants start one climb back to top of hill. Merrill Barber, formerly of Norwich University, won with nearly lawless turns of 133 and 139 feet.

Then, at another time, a girl invited me to her house for dinner. She said she lived in a two room house, with her mother, in a near by village. I went but the two room house turned out to be a mansion. I walked into the front door and couldn't see the other end of the hall. It was such a beautiful home. We had a wonderful roast chicken dinner after which they insisted that I spend the night. I have yet to refuse a chance to sleep in a real bed so I stayed. My room was huge and had a big square bed on which I could lie in any direction and not reach the edges. The comforters were of silk down and so light that if they had not been keeping me warm I would not have known there was any cover on me. The next morning I crawled out of bed and set my feet on a soft warm rug in which it felt like my feet sank to the ankles. It felt so good that I crawled back into bed and got out several times just to let my feet feel the soft rug. They gave me fried eggs for breakfast. When I was ready to leave the mother said "Now this is your room and you are to use it any time you like. Feel free to come and go as you like."

The biggest thrill I have received this year was the day I walked out to the runway to watch a flight of bomb laden Thunderbolts take off on a mission. Six of the eight were planes that had repaired or built from the good parts of crashed airplanes. Yes, those are the kind of things that a fellow remembers—those are the kind of things that have made this such a short, enjoyable year—those are the things I will remember 20 years from now. Love to all, Marshall.

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## Society, Clubs

### Miss Rogers Becomes Bride Of Mr. Reus

Mrs. Sallie Rogers has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mildred Rogers, to Mr. John A. Reus, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reus of La Costa, Texas. The ceremony was solemnized Wednesday evening January 17, in the chapel of the Calvary Baptist church in San Antonio.

Rev. C. R. McGinnis, pastor of the church, read the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with white gladioli, ferns and lighted with white candles. Preceding the ceremony Mrs.

W. W. Maxwell sang, "I Love You Truly and Because," accompanied at the organ by Miss Eunice Schilling both of San Antonio.

The bride who was given in marriage by her brother, Sgt. J. D. Rogers, wore a lovely gown of white satin and lace with floor length veil which was attached to the hair by orange blossoms. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and split carnations. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, a gift from the bridegroom.

Mrs. J. J. Terrie of Long Beach, California, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She was attired in a gold gown and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. A pink carnation was her hair ornament.

Games of "42" were enjoyed and at the close of the games high score award for women went to Mrs. E. R. Anderson and for the men the award went to Mr. Arlie Carver.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mrs. Wright, Emfinger, Glenn Simons, J. B. Houghton, Joe Fleckenstein, I. D. Carlisle, Jess Weaver, Harry Warner, Coke Martin, Arlie Carver, E. R. Anderson, Alex Roberson, George Rogers and Mr. R. J. Rains, Mrs. Ellen Rains and Mrs. Lottie Davenport.

### AT TUNE II HONORED AT PARTY FRIDAY

At Tune, 11, was entertained with a birthday party at his home Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock with his aunt, Miss Mary Kohler assisted by Mrs. L. E. Wolfe and Mrs. Homer Gay, directing the afternoons entertainment.

Various games and contests were enjoyed by a group of boy friends of the honored guest and at the close of the afternoon delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Barney Lee Rusing, James Varner, Donald Varner, Charles David Martin, Billy Pace, Charles Lee Nichols, Billy Brazda, Willis Rainwater, Lee Otis Wyatt, Jr., Johnnie Gay, Lynn Nicholson, John E. Ginn of Eastland and At Tune, II.

### "42" CLUB MEETING IS HELD THURSDAY

Mrs. George Rogers and Mrs. Alex Robertson were hostesses to members of the "42" Club when that group met Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at Swoveland's Cafe.

Members of the Martha Dorcas Class of the First Methodist church held their monthly luncheon and business meeting Thursday at 12:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. H. C. Croom who was assisted by Mrs. Fred Wilson and Mrs. Clem Ratliff.

Following the luncheon a short business meeting was held after which a social hour was held.

Those attending the affair were Meses. L. E. Wolfe, R. E. Johnson, W. R. Patterson, F. C. Williamson, R. S. Balch, V. V. Cooper, Sr., Cicero Harris, Sr., J. R. Rayfield, H. G. Ramsey, F. S. Fearsall, J. K. Porterfield, S. B. Baker, J. T. Killingsworth, J. A. Bates, Charles P. Ashcraft, George T. Williams, James L. Turner, R. R. Stafford, Mills Davenport, G. O. Strong, Mary Mills and the three hostesses.

### MEMBERS OF MARTHA DORCAS CLASS MEET

Members of the Fidelis Matrons Class of the First Baptist church met Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. R. H. McKelvin.

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### 1920 CLUB TO HEAR HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Members of the 1920 Club will attend a program by the Ranger schools chorus Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the high school and a business meeting will be held at the school immediately after the program. This arrangement will replace the program scheduled in the year book.

The invitation to the club was issued by Mrs. Homer Healy, director of the chorus.

### PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Johnson have returned from a weeks visit in Goldthwaite.

Mrs. N. J. Novakovich has returned from a month's visit with her son, Ivo Novakovich and family, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Addie Williams and family who have been making their home in Portland, Oregon have returned to Ranger to make their home. Mr. Williams stated that he will reopen the Fixit Shop just as soon as he can get materials and stock.

Word was received Friday that Mrs. J. B. Heister who is visiting relatives in Little Rock, Arkansas is seriously ill and has been taken to the Baptist hospital there. Her condition is considered critical.

Mrs. La Verne Martin of Los Angeles is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Lowe.

### Jap Scourger



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### Morton Valley H.D. Club Meets

The Morton Valley Home Demonstration Club met at the Morton Valley school lunchroom Tuesday afternoon. Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on canning hot tamales and uts.

The following members were present: Meses, D. D. Franklin, J. W. Harrison, T. L. Wheat, Reed Westfall, Charles Brockman, Andrew Beck, Reed and L. H. Taylor.

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