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Italians Fall Back In General Retreat Gas Company Starts Work On \$250,000 Pipeline Project FDR Proposes Unprecedented Help

States Best U. S. Defense Success Of Great Britain

Proposal Would Provide All Supplies Necessary, Repayment After War

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—An unprecedented plan for backing Britain to the limit, without considering the dollar signs on the bill, went to the nation today with President Roosevelt's pronouncement that the best immediate defense of the United States was the success of Great Britain in defending herself.

Should a "short-of-war" program of this broad character be adopted, an authoritative source predicted, the United States would buy and send to England at least \$2,500,000,000 worth of tanks, airplanes and other munitions before the end of the war.

With victory, arrangements would be made for repayment of this help "in kind" under a gentlemen's agreement between the two countries.

President Roosevelt devoted most of a 50 minute press conference yesterday to describing the plan—a brand new idea, he termed it—and made it clear that it was one of several now being explored.

The Chief Executive, in response to questions, said the plan would not carry the country closer to war from a legalistic viewpoint. He pointed out that the United States was doing all it could at present and asserted that the new method merely would facilitate making aid available.

Would Provide Materials

In brief, the idea called for leasing or lending Britain all the material and supplies she would need in the future, and postponing the account's settlement until peace came.

Mr. Roosevelt said he intended to ask the new Congress, convening Jan. 3, for legislation and appropriations to put this tentative program or a similar one into effect.

Details would have to be worked out with London, he said. The understanding was that any such plan probably would apply only to such equipment and munitions as the British might need over and above the \$2,000,000,000 worth of "cash-and-carry" orders they have placed here.

Congressional comment on the revolutionary proposal was slow and for the most part, guarded. Some ardent aid-to-Britain advocates endorsed it at once, but many legislators preferred to withhold opinions until they had studied the idea.

The need for a tremendous speed-up in defense production—something key defense officials and congressmen have been urging with unusual emphasis recently—figured only incidentally in Mr. Roosevelt's long press conference yesterday.

There were indications, however, that the problem was receiving his serious consideration as the paramount factor in the whole great effort to arm America quickly and to provide simultaneous aid for Britain.

To Eliminate Sign

On the subject of aid for Britain, Mr. Roosevelt said, he was trying to eliminate the dollar sign. It was banal, he asserted, to argue about financial assistance or outright financial gifts, because no war in

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Defends Neutrality Act



Verne Marshall, Editor of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gazette, as he announced the formation of a "No Foreign War Committee" to defend the neutrality act.

Douro Discovery Pumps 45 Barrels In First 6 Hours

By Frank Gardner Oil Editor

Production on pump of 45 barrels of oil the first six hours of potential gusher was registered today by Forest Development Corporation No. 1 W. L. Bradley et al, lone producer and discoverer well in the new Douro pool, Central Ector County. No. 1 Bradley is bottomed at 4,362 feet, plugged back from total depth of 4,410 feet in lime, and has been acidized with 10,000 gallons. It is located 467 feet out of the southeast corner of section 18, block 43, township 3 south, T. & P. survey, about six miles equidistant from the Penn, Harper and South Cowden pools.

Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1-B W. F. Cowden Heirs, indicating opening of a new area in Northern Ector, this morning was drilling ahead unchanged at 4,313 feet. It is making about 14 barrels of oil and three of water per day from showing topped at 4,260 feet in an horizon similar to the Goldsmith pay zone. The well topped the San Andres lime at 4,240 feet, datum of minus 1,130, placing it 49 feet higher than Stanolind No. 1 Cowden, Clearfork producer a mile east. No. 1-B showed about 74 feet of thinning in the Grayburg lime over the No. 1 Cowden.

Heiner Test Attracts Interest. Culbertson & Irwin, Inc. of Midland No. 1 Mary Heiner, scheduled Ordovician test in section 589, G. C. (See OIL NEWS, page 8)

LATEST NEWS FLASHES

House Sustains Veto Of FDR.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—The House voted today to sustain President Roosevelt's veto of the Logan-Walter bill, killing the legislation for this session of Congress. This House vote made senate action unnecessary.

Siamese Air Force Retaliates On Towns.

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 18 (AP).—The Thai (Siamese) air force was reported by the high command tonight to have carried out large-scale "reprisal" raids on seven important towns in French Indo-China.

British Drive Enemy Unit Westward.

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP).—A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Cairo tonight said it was indicated that part of an Italian division stationed at Bardia, Libya, before the British attack, was retreating westward toward Tobruk.

Grants De Brinon Unusual Powers.

VICHY, France, Dec. 18 (AP).—Members of Chief of State Petain's entourage said tonight that Fernand de Brinon, whom Pierre Laval named "ambassador of France" in Paris to maintain contact with the Germans, had emerged with reinforced powers from the stirring events of the past few days.

North Cowden Gas Will Be Used In Midland's Homes

Fourteen-Mile 6-Inch Pipeline Will Bring Gas To West Texas Main

The West Texas Gas Company has started construction on a \$250,000 pipeline project to supplement Midland and Odessa natural gas supplies.

A fourteen mile six-inch pipeline from the North Cowden Field will connect with the Midland-Odessa main supply line and assure constant pressures for both cities. It will join the present line a mile east of Odessa.

Clint Lackey, district manager of the company said increasing growths of Midland and Odessa necessitated the line, which will also assure gas service in Midland in case of a sudden demand.

Get Gas From Cities Service
Gas will enter the new line at the Cities Service cracking plant, 14 miles north of Odessa. The gas company has contracted for the gas which formerly was burned off by flares at the plant.

Pipe, which was unloaded in Odessa Monday, was being strung yesterday. R. H. Fulton of Lubbock has the contract to build the line. Ditching has begun on the south end of the line.

I. L. Fletcher superintendent at the Cities Service plant said \$175,000 worth of new equipment would be added at the plant to service the new line. A 800 horsepower compressor will be installed within a few days, he said. A dehydrating plant will be built also to process the gas for the line. The entire setup will be known as a treating plant.

Will Complete Line Soon
The line is expected to be completed within 15 days.

This will be the first time this section has furnished natural sweet gas for commercial consumption, company officials said.

Heretofore, the West Texas Gas Company has taken its complete supply from the Red River area, north of Amarillo.

During the last year the company made all possible tests and officials announce that the Cowden Field gas matches perfectly with that produced elsewhere.

Rome Says Britishers In Libya Are Weakened

ROME, Dec. 18 (AP).—British troops in Libya, weakened by losses, have eased their pressure on Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's army under steady bombardment by Italian artillery and planes, the Italian high command said today.

It also said the British cruiser reported hit by two torpedoes from Italian planes was seen afterward to sink.

Yesterday's communique said the cruiser, a 6,000-ton vessel, was shelling the Libyan base of Bardia when attacked.

Sleepers Killed, Injured In Blast



Thirteen persons are dead, an equal number injured after an explosion ripped through a Cincinnati apartment building. Hubert Smith is shown as he was lifted from the debris of the combination store and apartment house. Cause of the early morning blast which killed and injured sleepers is unknown.

Heart Attack Fatal Here For Physician, Funeral Is Tomorrow

Dr. Uel Keith, 72, Fort Worth, died here last night of a heart attack at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. O. L. McNew, 1607 West Wall St.

The body will be taken overland to Stephenville tomorrow for funeral services at 2:30 p.m. Burial will be at Stephenville under the direction of Barrow Funeral Home of Midland.

Keith is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louella Keith, Fort Worth; three daughters, Mrs. Clint Kimbro, of Fort Worth and Mrs. McNew, and Mrs. C. E. Parker, Odessa; a son, Harwood Keith, Borger; and two brothers, Guy and Ira Keith, Dallas; and a sister, Miss Bonnie Keith, San Antonio.

Dr. Keith was a pioneer physician of Erath County, serving more than 25 years as county health officer.

Plans 'On Schedule' For Society's Party

"Arrangements for the Midland Geological Society's Christmas party for business men are on schedule," Taylor Cole, general chairman, said today, adding "a bang-up good time is in store for those attending."

The party will be given Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer. R. I. Dickey, chairman, Dalton McWilliams and Jack M. Guterman of the entertainment committee arranged for performers.

Will Midland Fail?

If any semblance of Christmas cheer is had in 225 homes in Midland during this holiday season it will have to be provided by some one other than those who live in these homes. Little children, anxious mothers, bed ridden invalids, aged widows and discouraged fathers will have no Christmas unless those of us who are more fortunate, make such provision for them.

The Goodfellows organization will see to it that these families receive a Christmas basket if you will help. Help by giving money by giving food, or by "adopting" one of these families. A list of these needy families is at the chamber of commerce. You can select the family you want to help or leave your contribution there and thus be a real Goodfellow.

The Goodfellows hope to get this community job done by purely voluntary contributions. We would like to complete the job by Saturday night.

Will Midland fail? Will you fail? W. I. Pratt, Goodfellow executive committee chairman.

United States Starts Selection And Surveying South And Central American Bases For 21 Republics

Submarines Attack Two Large Tankers

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—Two large tankers radioed today that they had been attacked by submarines about 850 miles off the north tip of Scotland, indicating that another British convoy was under fire.

The 10,746-ton Dutch Tanker Pendrecht first reported, in a message heard by Mackay Radio, that she had been torpedoed and later asked for immediate assistance.

Two hours later the 9,860-ton Norwegian Dalhorn radioed: "Attacked by Submarine, position 58.27 north, 18.11 west, suspicious tanker flying Dutch flag in the vicinity."

It was believed the Dalhorn might have sighted the Pendrecht, which sent her first distress call at 8:40 a. m. (GST).

Goodfellows Has \$240 Contributed

The Episcopal auxiliary guild and Midland chapter of the Red Cross were included in large donors to the Goodfellows yesterday. The total to-date is \$245.

Mrs. F. A. Early reported she would place 12 or 15 chickens on cold storage to be distributed in Christmas baskets.

The cash contributions were three unknown donations, including one from "A Friend."

Goodfellows today:

Previously reported	\$146.50
Unknown	2.50
Carl Smith	1.00
Len Peters	5.00
Episcopal Guild	15.00
Unknown	5.00
Civic Music Club	5.00
Mrs. W. F. Cowden	5.00
Unknown	15.00
A Friend	5.00
Hugh Corrigan	10.00
Red Cross	25.00
Cash Total	\$240.00

The Children's Service League reported it would give \$5 worth of groceries to a needy family, which is included in the \$245 total.

GERMANY DENIES TROOPS BOUND FOR LIBYA

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP).—Authorized sources flatly denied today reports that 50,000 German troops had reached an Italian port bound for Libya.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).

Actual work has started, authoritative sources revealed today, on the selection and surveying of a chain of air and naval bases in South and Central America.

The inter-American bases—which will be made available to the air and naval forces of all twenty-one American republics—were described as outposts in the establishment of an impregnable defense system to insure the western hemisphere against aggression from Europe or Asia.

The defense sites will be provided, it was said, by the South and Central American republics, and will remain their property, without lease or any change in sovereignty.

The United States, by loans to the various nations, will finance improvements, where required, including expansion of existing facilities for servicing and repairing ships and planes, and the fortification of the bases, these sources reported.

Locations Are Secret.

While most of the bases and sites already have been selected, their locations and other details were classed as "military secrets." In each instance, the decision on the bases was reached by the military and naval authorities of the country involved, working in collaboration with United States officials.

None of the proposed bases, it was explained, has any connection with the naval bases which the United States acquired from Great Britain last September in exchange for 50 World War destroyers.

The United States had advanced no funds for the proposed bases as yet, informed sources said, but money will be made available, probably through the export-import bank, immediately upon formal conclusion of negotiations now under way.

A Goodfellow Story

A Mexican father and his three daughters have tuberculosis and the father has been bed-ridden for two years. The mother died and a son is in a sanitarium. Two of the daughters recently returned from the sanitarium and are arrested cases. The family has no money and is dependent. Members get no milk and few fresh vegetables.

ODESSA DEFEATS CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

ODESSA, Dec. 18 (Special).—The city of Odessa voted down proposed home rule yesterday balloting 803 to 75 against the charter form of municipal government.

Royal Air Force Reports Movement Toward Derna West Of Bardia Area Amid Prospects Of All-Out Battle

British And Australian Troops March Along Road To Victory Built By Fascist Champion, Ethiopian Natives Promise Trouble In Revolt

By The Associated Press.

Indications of a general Italian retreat in the 10-day-old battle of north Africa arose today as the British RAF reported Fascist troops were falling back toward Derna, Libya, 150 miles west of the present fighting around Bardia.

Derna is about 80 miles west of Tobruk, which had been expected to be the next Italian defense point after the imminently threatened fall of Bardia, 15 miles inside Libya.

RAF warplanes reportedly bombed and machine-gunned Fascist troops on the march toward Derna, which other RAF planes bombed last night. Tribesmen of exiled Emperor Haile Selassie were reported in revolt in Ethiopia meanwhile, further threatening Premier Mussolini's dream of a great Fascist empire in Africa.

Battle-thirsty Australians and British infantry marched across the sands of Italian Libya for a direct assault on Bardia, key Fascist stronghold, swinging along the Roman "Via Vittoria"—the "road of triumph" built by the Italians for their invasion into Egypt.

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Britain's military needs, this official said, probably would constitute only one part of the broad question of assistance involved.

Big Rehabilitation Problem. Assuming a British victory in the end, he said it was his belief that from \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 in addition would be necessary to rehabilitate the besieged, bomb-wrecked country when peace came.

To complete the defeat of what he termed Hitlerism and to sustain democracy, the official asserted it would be necessary to help Britain back to her feet.

The official did not specify how long a period of war he thought the minimum of \$2,500,000,000 worth of supplies would cover.

Britain's present orders here call for some 2,000 tanks, more than 10,000 planes, and great quantities of small arms ammunition, explosives and other war supplies.

Permian Members To Tax Meeting

Members of the Permian Basin Association and tax payers of the area are in Big Spring today attending a meeting that is outlining a proposed 1941 tax program for the association. The session opened at 2:30 p.m.

The meeting is one of the most important of the year for the organization.

Hamilton McRae, president, will preside. Also attending from Midland will be Wilburn Page, executive secretary, D. H. Griffith, Don Davis, and Fred Fuhrman. A number of tax payers also are expected.

Tax Expert To Attend.

Berry Brown, tax analyst of Wichita Falls, yesterday conferred with officials regarding the program. He will attend the meeting.

Central tax and sub-committee of the Permian Basin organization, which drafted the program also will be present. Oil men of major and independent companies are expected.

Ways and means of executing the program may be formulated.

Prominent State Leaders To Woodward Services

COLEMAN, Tex., Dec. 18 (AP).—Prominent members of the state bar and political leaders from a wide area were here today to attend funeral services for Walter Woodward, 58, state life insurance commissioner.

Woodward, former state senator and a Texas political figure for more than 30 years, died yesterday from a heart ailment.

Funeral services were set for 2 p.m.

Lease-Lend Plan Involves Great Amount Supplies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP).—At least \$2,500,000,000 worth of war supplies would be necessary, an authoritative source predicted today to meet Great Britain's needs under any "lend-lease" program of American assistance.

This estimate, he said, was over and above the \$2,000,000,000 worth of munitions and material for which Britain already has placed orders in this country on a "cash-and-carry" basis.

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Approach Decision
"We can't hold them back," an officer said of the bronzed Australian reinforcements as they hastened toward what may be a decisive engagement in the 10-day-old battle of North Africa.

Mechanized spearheads of the British drive into Libya were reported racing for positions dominating escape roads west of Bardia toward Tobruk.

On the Balkan war front, Greek artillery fire was reported engulfing the Italian stronghold at Tepeleni, north of Argirocastro, and the Greek high command announced that the Italians were being driven back toward Kilsura, 10 miles east of Tepeleni.

Advices reaching London said the port of Palermo, Southwest of Tepeleni, might already be in Greek hands.

Premier Mussolini's high command said British air forces in Libya, weakened by losses, had eased their pressure, and Fascist planes and artillery were reported to have littered the battlefield with the wrecks of burning British tanks and armored cars.

Italian Units Impealed

An Associated Press correspondent with the British armies in Libya reported that several more Italian divisions (12,000 to 14,000 men each) were imperiled by a tightening noose around Bardia as thousands of fresh troops, drawn from Egyptian desert camps, rolled across the Libyan frontier.

The Italian-Greek conflict, disrupted from Athens said fires have broken out at Kilsura, leading to the belief that the Italians were burning supplies in readiness to abandon the town. Similar fires were observed before the Fascists retreated from Argirocastro and Porto Eddo.

The German air force gave Britain one of her quietest nights in weeks, but British bombers were reported to have bucked bad weather to pummel Nazi "invasion ports" and targets in Southwest Germany.

Reich Expects Laval Storm To Blow Over

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP).—The German government, according to authorized sources, is now in full confidential possession of the motives which led to the recent political upheaval at Vichy, but until German Ambassador Otto Abetz's full report reaches Berlin no official statement of the Nazi position can be expected.

From the general attitude of German officials, however, observers believed the storm was blowing over, and that French-German relations could be resumed where they had been left off.

Authorized sources declined to confirm or deny reports that Pierre Laval, dismissed as French vice-premier and foreign minister was getting back into grace.

German sources declined to discuss motives underlying the French cabinet upheaval, saying this was distinctly a matter for the French to handle.

IS FOR VOW THAT YOU MADE DO YOU BLUSH?? TO GET SHOPPING DONE TERE THE LAST MINUTE RUSH.... 5 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

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Revolutionary Reform In Mexico

Revolutions are not all made with bombs and barricades. Any sudden reform that gets down to changing the basic nature of a system may be called revolutionary. On that basis, Mexico has had a revolution since Avila Camacho assumed the presidency on Dec. 1. Not the predicted Almazanist revolution, but another scarcely less basic than that might have been. President Avila Camacho has announced that individual land titles are to be given as soon as possible to the 1,500,000 peasants living on the 15,000 communal farms of the Republic.

The deep significance of this is only seen against the background of Mexican revolutions and of The Revolution (of 1910). Landless peons have been the curse of Mexico since the conquistadores. Reformers, radicals, revolutionaries, all have marched to a battle-cry of "Land and Liberty!" The land-hunger of the landless has been the central fact of Mexican politics for decades. Zapata, Villa, Obregon—the whole procession of revolutionary leaders all promised land for the landless. Until the Cardenas regime little was done about it. Then expropriation of millions of acres became a reality.

But there were always two views within the revolution as to how to handle the land after it had been taken from the big landlords. One was that it should be owned and worked by communities (ejidos). That was the Cardenist view. That was what Cardenas brought about. But the other view was that individual peasants should have their "mule and 40 acres."

There is a wide difference of opinion as to the success of the ejidos under Cardenas. One is that the communities are as badly in hock to the government bank as they ever were to the landlords, while production fell because "what was everybody's business was nobody's business." The other is that the ejidos have been successful.

Whichever may be correct, the new President Avila Camacho has apparently decided to reverse this communal current and try the plan of "the other half of the revolution" by parceling land among individual peasants. The step is to be gradual, with communal operation continued for the present, but it is regarded as a forerunner to the end of the ejido system and a return to individual tillage.

It is hard to appreciate in the United States how really revolutionary this step is. It is certain to cause the most violent controversy. Radicals will regard it as a betrayal of the revolution. Their opponents will say it is a step toward real freedom, individualism, opportunity.

How it will work, no one can certainly say, but within 10 days of his own inauguration, President Avila Camacho has taken a step almost as revolutionary as the Revolution itself.

British Aid ...

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memory had ever been lost or won because of lack of money. Before giving an informal exposition of the tentative lease-and-lend plan, the Chief Executive declared that in the present world situation there was absolutely no doubt in the minds of a very overwhelming number of Americans that the best immediate defense of the United States was the success of Great Britain in defending herself. Mr. Roosevelt then said that if this country should lend munitions to Britain, it would get either the munitions back or replacements for them, in the event they were damaged.

This statement made it appear that Mr. Roosevelt was talking in terms of ultimate repayment by Britain in military equipment. Some official sources, however, held that interpretation too narrow, pointing out that "in kind" repayment might be made just as acceptable in rubber, tin or other raw materials from parts of the British Empire.

Comment in London political circles tended to support the latter view. Britain's large supplies of rubber and tin were mentioned there as important empire assets in any arrangement for "economic cooperation," as Londoners styled it. Although no mention was made of the tremendous British world war debt in the United States, long in default, the president was evidently mindful of it for he repeatedly declared his objective was elimination of the dollar sign. The original net principal of the British debt was \$4,074,818,000 an amount which increased with interest charges.

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Authoritative circles said today Britons felt that President Roosevelt's statement yesterday on the subject of aid to this country had "put the whole question on a realistic basis." These sources said they considered the President cleared the ground by removing the issue from the realm of dollars and cents, and that it was to the interest of the United States to find ways of putting into Britain's hands "means of hastening the end of the war."

Midland Draft Board Reports To Governor

A report to Governor W. Lee O'Daniel from the Midland County draft board shows these figures: Total number of registrants, 1832; negroes 183, others 1649; registrants classified today, 164; number of Class 1-A registrants, not yet inducted, 29 white, 12 negro; number accepted at induction stations, 4; number of men in the U. S. armed forces from Midland County, 7; number of Class 1-D registrants, one.

Midland County's quota for calls is ascertained from the report.

TO RETURN SATURDAY.

Glenn Brunson Jr. is expected to return Saturday from Kemper Military Academy in Booneville, Mo., to spend the holidays with his parents.

NEGRO BOY SCOUT TROOP ORGANIZED IN MIDLAND

The first negro Boy Scout troop in Midland completed its registration last night. Its sponsor is the PTA of the negro school, Principal E. L. Jordan is scoutmaster. Fourteen are enrolled in the troop, which seeks to enroll 30 boys. Addition of the unit brought the city's total Boy Scout troops to five, not including the Cub pack.

Indian File—on Britain's Coast



Far from home are these British troops—for they're members of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, now in England helping stall Hitler's promised invasion. With laden pack-mules, they pick their way over seaweed-covered rocks along craggy coast.

Great Britain Protests Spain's Tangier Policy

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Britain is protesting vigorously against Spain's policy in Tangier, R. A. Butler, Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today. Spanish troops occupied that internationalized port in Morocco last summer and last week Spain assumed full charge of the administration there.

The Spanish action of dismissing non-Spanish employees of the international administration of the Tangier neutral zone Dec. 13 drew an immediate formal protest from the British Consul General, Butler said. He then added that Spain's action, "with all the consequences which flow from it, has now been vigorously taken up by his majesty's ambassador (Sir Samuel Hoare) with the Spanish government."

Lions Christmas Party Will Start 7:30 p. m.

Lions and their ladies will be entertained tonight at 7:30 p. m. in an annual Christmas party. The meeting will be informal and 200 persons are expected. Roy DeWolfe is in charge of musical numbers, which will be followed by the appearance of Santa Claus at a Christmas tree program. Dancing will conclude the affair.

British Force Enters Somaliland, Takes Toll

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, Dec. 18 (AP)—A strong British force which included "armored fighting vehicles and artillery" has dashed 35 miles into Italian Somaliland and raided the Italian base at El Wak, killing 90 men and suffering only slight losses, the British command announced today. The communique said that at least 25 Italians, including several officers, and 50 native troops were captured, along with "three guns, some machine-guns and large quantities of stores and ammunition."

STANTON MAN IS IN WESTERN HOSPITAL

S. N. Woody of Stanton was admitted today to Western Clinic Hospital for medical attention.

Death Toll Of Nation's Sixth Mine Blast Seven

BECKLEY, W. Va., Dec. 18 (AP)—The death toll of the nation's sixth major coal mine blast, of 1940 stood today at seven. Five other miners were injured in the explosion yesterday two miles back in the No. 2 operation of the Raleigh Coal and Coke Corporation. Doctors said one of those may not recover.

Hitler Speaks To Cadets At Berlin Sports Palace

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP)—Adolf Hitler made an unannounced address at noon today in the Berlin Sports Palace to 5,000 cadets about to receive commissions. The meeting was closed and the Fuehrer's remarks were not published but DNB, official News Agency, said that he gave the young soldiers "an inspiring address to prepare them for the task as leaders of the National Socialist Army."

U. S. AMBASSADOR TO ITALY WILL RETURN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Secretary Hull announced today that United States Ambassador William Phillips would return soon to his post at Rome. The Ambassador, who has been ill in this country has recovered sufficiently, Hull said, to go back to Italy immediately after the Christmas holidays.

GOOSE HANGS HEAVY.

MAXWELL, Calif., Dec. 18 (AP)—A goose felled by L. L. Barrett's gun plummeted from the sky, struck the hunter on the head and knocked him unconscious. Two doctors in the hunting party revived Barrett.

PT3 FLYING DOG, HAS 25 HOURS TO TIME CREDIT

DALLAS, (AP)—PT3 is a flying dog. Of nondescript parentage, he was born in the cockpit of a dismantled training plane at the Dallas aviation school three months ago. Students take PT3 up daily. He has 25 hours flying time to his credit.

Aircraft Industry Sources Predict Warplane Production Will Increase To 18,000 Yearly In Seven Months

By Devon Francis Associated Press Aviation Editor.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—An output of 1,500 to 1,700 warplanes a month—a rate of 18,000 to 20,000 a year—will be achieved by American factories in the next seven months, reliable sources in the aircraft manufacturing industry estimated today.

Brownwood Citizens To Have Activities For Texas Soldiers

(Editor's Note: Following is another in the series by the Associated Press on life at Camp Bowie.)
By Dave Cheavens. CAMP BOWIE, Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 18 (AP)—The citizens of Brownwood have made up their minds they will show their fellow-Texans training as soldiers at Camp Bowie a good time. Many of them are fully aware of the unusual social conditions which will be created by the artificial transposition of thousands of young men into their midst, and months ago they began planning for adjustment.

The army itself has in great detail planned a program of recreation covering all phases of indoor and outdoor play, from checkers to track meets. Each regiment will have its recreation center, and a huge camp movie theatre has been completed. Yet army officers and the people of Brownwood know that the 15,000 men of the Thirty-Sixth will want to go to town on pay day and on other nights when they are free. Brownwood is traditionally a conservative town as to night life. The town is dry and there are no beer taverns. The adjacent highways are free of honkey-tonks. There are no dance halls in the city, but there are a large number of movie houses. There is no sanctioned gambling nor red light district, and the city officials are firm in saying there will be no let-up in regard to these matters.

Brownwood is a city of churches. Churches, Schools To Aid. For example, the town's population is 13,000, and there are eight Baptist Churches and a Baptist College, Howard Payne, that has about 700 students. There is a Presbyterian College, Daniel Baker. The doors of these colleges will be opened to the soldiers. Both will have as many extension classes at Camp Bowie as there is demand for.

A number of churches plan to keep their recreational facilities open to soldiers. There are game rooms and reading and writing rooms. Plans are afoot to establish a downtown Y.M.C.A., where soldiers coming to town may make their headquarters or meet their friends. Pastors of all the churches and chaplains of each regiment in camp will hold a series of meetings soon after the main contingent of troops reaches camp late this month, to plan a co-ordinated scheme of amusement.

ON HOLIDAY VISIT

Mrs. W. B. Watson left Tuesday morning for Abilene and Lawton to visit her children through the Christmas holidays.

Butler Says Ethiopian Revolt Makes Progress

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Revolt in Ethiopia against the Italian forces of occupation "appears to be making progress," Richard Austen Butler, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, informed the House of Commons today. "Informed as to conditions in Abyssinia (Ethiopia) is naturally difficult to obtain," Butler said, "but the movement of revolt against the Italians appears to be making progress. "It is the policy of his majesty's government to extend to Emperor Haile Selassie, as well as to all elements within Abyssinia willing to bear arms against the enemy, all possible assistance in their fight for freedom."

Flood Waters Threaten Several Orange Homes

ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 18 (AP).—Several Orange homes were threatened by flood waters today as the Sabine River backed up into little Cypress Creek. A further rise would put water over the floors of some negro homes but the crest was believed passing. The river already has flooded several filling stations and cafes and several blocks of highway are covered with one to five inches of water. Elsewhere in this area the streams were falling rapidly.

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Buffet Dinner Is Christmas Courtesy For High School Faculty Given By Girls Of Third Year Foods Class

Girls of the third-year foods class honored members of the high school faculty with an attractively-appointed Christmas buffet dinner in the home economics department dining room at the high school, Tuesday evening.

Turquoise and yellow accented with silver formed an effective color scheme which emphasized modernistic Christmas motifs. In the buffet room, graceful silver peacocks stood guard on the table which was centered with an arrangement of white pompon chrysanthemums and greenery and lighted by three turquoise and three yellow tapers.

Two distinctive modernistic reindeer, powdered with glittering artificial snow and with festoons of little silver bells swinging from their long horns, stood in a simulated snowbank on the sideboard where turquoise and yellow tapers glowed in crystal holders.

A white Christmas tree, glittering with silver and white icicles and cobwebs and gleaming with colored lights, occupied one corner of the room.

Silver Icicle Trees
In the dining hall, guests were seated at three tables for the meal. At the head table, one of the modernistic reindeer was posed between two huge, columnar white tapers. At the other tables, a silver-icicle tree stood at either end and Christmas tree candles were spaced at intervals between.

Marking each place was a reindeer figure on a rocking horse base carrying out the turquoise and yellow theme. These bore the name of the guest, an original verse and were gift chosen to suit his personality. Fringed yellow napkins were accented with blue and silver.

A Christmas menu was served, with the ice course molded in the form of small reindeer.

In behalf of the faculty Supt. W. W. Lackey thanked the class for the courtesy but no program was presented.

Guest List
Faculty members and their wives attending were: Supt. W. W. Lackey, Mrs. Lily Koon, D. D. Shiflett, Miss Ruth Carden, J. C. Moore, Miss Merle Smith, Miss Jacobina Burch, Miss Helene Miley, Mr. and Mrs. Earle H. Clark, Mrs. Laura Niebuhr, Miss Gladys Penson, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson, Miss Norene Kirby, Miss Joe Hestland, Miss Ella Lunday, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Blaylock, Miss Theresa Klapproth, Mrs. Georgia Moreland, Miss Sudie Pearl Muirhead, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Armstrong, Miss Ruby Catching, Mrs. De Lou Douglas, Miss Jeanne Logan, Miss Pauline McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller.

Girls of the class who served as hostesses, under direction of Miss Iva Butler, foods teacher, are: Henry Beth Abbott, Mary Edna Casey, Johnnie Mae Collier, Charline Crawley, Billie Jean Edwards, Peggy Jean Gard, Estie Mae Kimrey, Margaret Shannon, Atrelle Smith, Melba Somerford, Frances Stephens, Martha Stewart, Louise Terry, Myrtle Lee Tillman.

Home-made Cheese Is Delicious In Macaroni Dish
"The homemade processed cheese is just delicious in a macaroni and cheese dish," reported Mrs. J. E. Wallace of Prairie Lee Home Demonstration Club to the home demonstration agent Saturday.

Mrs. Wallace continued, "My husband wouldn't eat my cheese for quite a while, though he does like cheese, but when I fixed a macaroni dish and he had eaten generously of it, I asked him if he liked the homemade cheese as well as the bought cheese fixed that way, and he said he couldn't tell the difference. I think it is better for it is not so dry and makes a softer dish when it is baked."

Mrs. Wallace said she uses a gallon of skimmed milk warmed to room temperature by leaving it out in a warm room long enough to clabber. She lets it stand as clabber until the curd is firm. Then she stirs to help expell the whey and heats rapidly to from 130 to 140 degrees, which is about the temperature for washing dishes. She then drains the whey using a strainer and pressing until no more whey can be pressed out. Then she adds 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon soda and mixes thoroughly, then lets stand two hours.

She adds to the gummy curd 1/4 lb butter, 1/2 cup real thick cream and about a teaspoon of shaved cheddar cheese with 2 or 3 drops of cheese coloring if yellow cheese is preferred, though the coloring is not necessary. She then heats this mixture in a double boiler until it is smooth, stirring often to hasten the melting. When it is smooth she pours it into a buttered dish to cool and mold. She likes to keep this cheese 5 to 8 days to let it ripen. "The cheddar cheese which is for flavor only, may be purchased at any grocery store," she said.

No one seems to know when or where the custom of playing tricks on the first of April originated.

Crane Study Club Honored At Party
CRANE, Dec. 18 (Special)—Mrs. Joe Boyd and Mrs. C. J. Shaffer were hostesses to the members of the Crane Study Club and their husbands, Monday evening, with a Christmas party at the Gulf recreation hall.

An oldtime box supper was served to members and guests in the hall which was decorated with lights and other Christmas motifs. A Christmas tree was a feature.

Mrs. W. W. Boyd led the group in singing Christmas carols with Mrs. J. L. Hubbard as accompanist.

Each guest brought a toy for the Christmas tree which will be given to the Community Chest. Gifts were exchanged.

HEALTH DIRECTOR WILL ADDRESS AUXILIARY
Dr. R. B. Burns, director of the Midland city-county health unit, will speak to members of the medical auxiliary Friday at a luncheon meeting at Hotel Scharbauer.

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Mrs. Tucker Hostess To Luncheon Group

Christmas flowers lent an appropriate festive atmosphere to party rooms when Mrs. R. C. Tucker was hostess to the Tuesday Luncheon Club at her home, 1411 W Illinois, yesterday at one o'clock.

Instead of exchanging gifts club members each made a donation to the Goodfellows fund.

Luncheon guests were Mrs. Paul Oles, Mrs. E. H. Ellison, and Mrs. Ellison Cox of San Francisco.

Adelante Club Meets With Mrs. Harkrider

As a variation to the regulation bridge, members of Adelante Club played bingo at their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. W. B. Harkrider, 1306 W Texas, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Poinsettias and other red blossoms introduced the holiday note in house decorations.

Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to Mrs. M. K. Buffington, R. P. Coats, W. N. Cones, Ralph Harp of Odessa, M. F. Turner, Douglas Wolsely, and the hostess.

Party Postponed
The party for the Eva Cowden Sunday School class which was scheduled for Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Walter Cowden has been postponed until Friday evening.

A survey has shown that out of every ten dresses bought in the United States, four are returned for exchange or refund.

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Society

Mrs. Williamson Hostess To Party For Dos Reales Club

Wreath-shaped individual salads carried out the holiday theme on the dessert plate served by Mrs. J. C. Williamson when she entertained the Dos Reales Club with a Christmas party, Tuesday afternoon at her home, 615 Cuthbert.

Names had been drawn previously and members exchanged gifts from a colorful Christmas tree.

Tallies with Christmas tree designs were used at the two tables of bridge played. High score award went to Mrs. P. L. McFarland, second high to Mrs. J. A. Jorgensen, and bingo to Mrs. E. S. Hitchcock.

Mrs. Fred Brasted was the only guest.

Red And White Theme Featured At Justamere Party

Mrs. A. B. Stickney and Mrs. Gladys Holster entertained the Justamere Club with a Christmas party at the Stickney home, 707 W Tennessee, Tuesday evening. Husbands of club members were guests.

Red and white were favored in the seasonal decorations. Red candles in white holders were on the mantel and miniature Christmas trees supplied a conventional note.

Red draped the mirror above the mantel. Novel features of the decorations were fat Santa Claus figures of red apples and marshmallows.

A large Christmas tree reflected the holiday spirit and gifts were distributed.

Four tables of 42 were in play with high score held by C. J. McNeal and low score by Mrs. Herbert King.

A party plate with green mints as favors was served to three guests, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin English and Miss Pauline Schatz, and the following members and their husbands: Mmes. and Messrs. C. J. McNeal, S. L. Alexander, C. E. Strawn, Herbert King, C. G. Murray, A. E. Stickney, and Mrs. Holster.

Mrs. W. E. Chapman Entertains Class With Dinner

Red candies and mistletoe sprays centered the large table at which covers were laid for 20 when Mrs. W. Earl Chapman was hostess to her Methodist Sunday school class of intermediate girls with a 6 o'clock dinner at her home, 510 N Marienfeld, Tuesday evening.

A manger scene on the mantel and a gay Christmas tree lent added festivity to the party.

Games were played after dinner. Present were: Alline Andrews, Matilda Abbott, Colleen Cafes, Billie Walker, Helen Horn, Mary Ruth Dozier, Norene Barber, Alberta Smith, Norma Jean Stice, Fredda Lou Truelove, Elaine Hedrick, Lois Terry, Joyce Vaughan, Joyce Rosenbaum, LaVonne Weaver, Joyce Damoren, Atrelle Smith, Joan and Earl Chapman, and the hostess.

Christmas Program Presented At Party For Methodist Class

Appropriate to the occasion, a Christmas program was presented at the party for the Methodist Wesley Bible Class for which Mrs. J. M. Reising and Mrs. L. C. Stephenson were cohostesses at the home of the former, 1609 W Wall, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. H. M. Reigle brought the devotional and sang a special number, "The Birthday of a King."

Mrs. Mary S. Ray gave a Christmas reading, "The Gift of the Magi" was read by Mrs. E. E. Reigle.

Mrs. Mollie McCormick offered the program prayer and Mrs. M. J. Allen a dismissal prayer.

Gifts were distributed from a gaily-decked Christmas tree.

A Christmas tea plate was served to three visitors, Mrs. O. L. McNew, Mrs. W. C. Gwyn, and Mrs. E. E. Reigle, and the following class members: Mmes. J. E. Feeler, W. A. Black, Velma Stewart, John Pickle, E. B. Patterson, F. H. Wilmoth, Frank Smith, Mollie McCormick, M. J. Allen, H. M. Reigle, M. J. Nolan, Mary S. Ray, J. M. Hughes, S. H. Merrell, M. L. Wyatt, L. C. Stephenson, and the hostess.

Naomi Class Members Exchange Gifts At Evening Party

Naomi Sunday School Class held its traditional Christmas party at the home of Mrs. W. P. Knight, 1201 W Missouri, Tuesday evening.

Gifts were exchanged by class members from a lighted and decorated tree and each member donated something for the basket the class is to give some needy family at Christmas.

Games were played during the party period and Christmas carols were sung by the group.

A party plate was served with Santa Claus figures as guest favors.

Present were: Mmes. Tom Nance, A. E. Horst, Knight, Ila Bacon, Ruth Ramsel, Pearl Currie, Misses Maude Prather, Mamie Belle McKee, Dorothy Horst, Drotha Johnson, Mmes. Annabel Hammond, R. DeChicchio, F. A. Greene, Sam Laughlin, M. J. Nolan, L. H. Tiffin, Lucile Westermann, W. P. Thurmon, W. E. Hankla, Miss Jean Farnham, Miss Frances Farnham, Belya Jo Knight.

TENANT UNEARTH'S SABRE USED DECADE AGO
GROESBECK, (AP).—On the Storther farm near here a tenant recently saw a shiny object protruding above the ground in a pasture that had never been plowed.

Carefully he unearthed it—a strong-steel sabre used by warriors from the time of Charlemagne to the Spanish conquest of the New World.

Quilting News



Quilting makes news in the mid-season collection of Sophie Gimbel, top-ranking American designer. She uses it here to fashion the large patch pockets on a full skirted day dress of blue and white silk print.

Christmas Luncheon And Bridge Fete Bridgette Club

Party rooms were decorated in appropriate Yuletide style, when members of the Bridgette Club gathered at the home of Miss Cordelia Taylor, 405 North A Street, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock for a Christmas luncheon and bridge.

Gifts were exchanged from a festive tree.

Santa Claus figures centered the small tables where guests were seated for the Christmas dinner.

After luncheon hours were devoted to bridge, with tallies and score pads carrying out the party motif.

High score was held by Mrs. W. B. Stowe and second high by Mrs. Chas. Duffy.

Mrs. W. P. Thurmon was a playing guest.

Members present were: Mmes. Kenneth S. Blackford, Fred Cassidy, S. O. Cooper, J. A. Defeyes, Duffy, A. E. Horst, Lamar Lunt, A. H. Riley, Stowe, L. A. Tullis, Bill Van Huss.

Sweet potatoes were cultivated in ancient China.

Beta Sigma Phi Holds Christmas Dinner Party

Members of Beta Sigma Phi held their Christmas dinner party at the home of Mrs. S. E. McKinney Jr., 508 San Angelo, Tuesday evening.

Yellow and bronze chrysanthemums centered the dining table from which the dinner was served in buffet style.

Guests were seated for the meal at small tables lighted by red candles, with place cards in Christmas theme marking the individual covers.

Mrs. L. C. Link, Beta Sigma Phi educational director, presented each chapter member with a unique fruit cake baked in an orange shell.

Gifts were exchanged from a gaily-decked Christmas tree.

Present were: Mrs. Eddie Blacher, Mrs. Cecil Waldrop, Mrs. Frances Stallworth, Miss Marguerite Ewens, Mrs. Johnny Sherrod, Miss Alma Heard, Mrs. Ralph Guyer, Miss Norene Kirby, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. M. D. Johnson Jr., Miss Maedelee Roberts, Mrs. J. B. Bain, Mrs. Emil Stuter and daughter, Sue Ann, of Big Spring.

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DEVICE "B"	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
DEVICE "C"	NO	Optional	NO	NO	NO	NO
DEVICE "D"	NO	Optional	NO	NO	NO	NO
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WILSON'S

Bronchos Win Handily In Basketball Opener

The Midland Bulldogs' basketball team staged a determined last half scoring spree last night in its opening game of the season here, but the handicap was too big, and Odessa's Bronchos walked in, easy 52 to 31 victors.

It also was the season's bow for Coach Joe Coleman's quintet, not competing this season in District 3-A. With only a week's practice, the Bronchos, strengthened with the return this year of three dependable men, Henderson, forward, and Hayzlett and Hogan, guards, played under wraps in the second period and controlled the issue from the opening whistle.

Sports Roundup

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—Russell Murphy, one of Carl Snavely's lieutenants at Cornell, is being prominently mentioned for the head coaching job at Colorado U. . . . Physicians will report today on Billy Jurgas' chances of short stopping for the Giants next season. . . . Best clutch player in golf for our dough is Byron Nelson, the Miami open winner. . . . Fritz Crisler, with 19 wins, four defeats and one tie in three years at Michigan, now has a better record than he had in six seasons at Princeton where his teams won 35, lost nine and tied five. . . . There is talk on Broadway that Bill Terry would be glad to have Dick Bartell back on the Giants if he could get him out of the American League.

The Bronchos started well and tied up a 15 to 2 advantage in the first quarter as the Bulldogs failed to find a punch. The debacle proceeded similarly in the second frame, and the Odessans boasted a 20 to 9 lead at intermission.

Team Find Attack
Earle Clark's courtment were not without consolation, for they took heart in the last half of the game and maintained a scoring pace only one point behind the Bulldogs.

A man-to-man defense harassed the Bulldogs and frequently found them hurried to take passes and toss to a mate. Their composure suffered and not until the latter part of the contest did they find any accuracy under the basket. The Bronchos flipped through Midland's zone and numerous scoring opportunities, and they made the best of most of these.

Coach Clark will resume preparations for the district campaign this week with the first conference tilt scheduled here Jan. 7 with Sweetwater.

Starting last night were: Odessa, Halff and Henderson, forwards; Cowser, center; Hayzlett and Hogan, guards; Midland, Kelly and Jones, forwards; Bratton, center; Hall and Sheppard, guards.

James Wilson, Jr., Midland, was referee.

Duke Of Windsor Talks Golf Game

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 18 (AP)—Golf's greatest stars of the storied 20's may swing their clubs again in friendly competition next spring.

The Duke of Windsor, now governor of the Bahamas, discussed plans during a visit here for an exhibition match at Nassau with the Red Cross as the beneficiary.

An enthusiastic player himself, the former king talked of joining a foursome tentatively scheduled to include Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen, Gene Sarazen and Tommy Armour.

Bing Crosby, the radio and screen singer, and a season of no mean repute, will be invited to make it a sixsome.

Fred Corcoran, manager of the Professional Golfers Association tournament bureau, was requested by the Duke to fly to Nassau Friday to discuss final arrangements.

The proposed match still is in the tentative stage and all those mentioned as players have not accepted invitations.

Eastern All-Stars Meet For Practice

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—The 22 players on the Eastern squad which meets the Western All-Stars in San Francisco next year's day arrived today for their first get-together and a preliminary drill before entraining for the West Coast.

The entire party will leave tonight for San Francisco.

Milt Piepul, Notre Dame fullback, informed the coaches yesterday that the press of classroom work would prevent him from making the trip. His spot was taken by Jim Murphy, Iowa fullback.

The other 21 players are: Fullback—George Kracuts, Pittsburgh. Halfbacks—Tom Harmon, Michigan; Ollie Hahnstein, Northwestern; Frank Reagan, Pennsylvania; Dave Allerdee, Princeton; George Muba, Carnegie Tech.

Quarterbacks—Forest Evashevski, Michigan; Bob Paffrath, Minnesota. Ends—Ed Frutis, Michigan; James Schmitt, Cornell; William Johnson, Minnesota, and Lawrence Cerbelli, Colgate.

Tackles—Mike Enich, Iowa; Tony Ruffa, Duke; Fred Davis, Alabama; Nick Drahos, Cornell.

Guards—Joe Lokanc, Northwestern; Lew Conli, Cornell; Tommy O'Boyle, Tulane.

Centers—Wright Gahn, Indiana; Leon Gajacki, Penn State.

COURTNEY PLAY IS SLATED FOR THURSDAY
"The Girl From Out Yonder," a play with nautical setting, will be presented by the senior class of Courtney at the school gymnasium, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

M. W. Alcorn is directing the play for which a nominal admission fee will be charged. Proceeds will go toward the annual trip of the senior class next spring.

During 1939, the United States manufactured 419,088,225 pairs of shoes, an increase of 7 per cent over 1938 production.

Proving Ground.
Galileo Hight of San Francisco claims to have turned out three of the greatest athletes of all time—Joe Di Maggio, Lawson Little and Hank Luisetti, the basketball star.

People You Know.
Ace Parker, who got most of the votes, says George M'Affee, ex-Duke star, was the best back in Pro football last season. . . . Mike Jacobs has signed up Billy Conn for the next five years. . . . Anne Hemp, fifth ranking tennis player in Germany last year, who had to flee the country, now is a receptionist in a Long Island playhouse. . . . Lou Little, who knows his football onions, says Fordham could go against any club in football, even the Pros, with an even chance of winning. . . . Buck Newsom already is in training for next year. He warms up daily with a negro friend down at Hartsville, S. C. The negro is the only one in town who can hold Buck's high hard eye.

Observation Ward.
Joe Louis must have hurt Al McCoy more than most of us thought. Anyway, Al said after the fight he thought Billy Conn would like Louis next June.

Sports Cocktail.
Jimmy Wilson has had the base he stole during the world's series mounted and encased in glass. . . . Five members of the N. Y. football Giants have volunteered to aid in the drive to raise funds to buy ambulances for England. . . . Incidentally, Tom Harmon was hired for a personal appearance in a Detroit department store the other day and had business at a standstill.

Statistics Indicate Aggies Will Capture Cotton Bowl Contest
DALLAS, Dec. 18 (AP)—Offensively or defensively, running or passing—twirl the statistical chart in any direction and it still gives you Texas A&M as the Cotton Bowl football game favorite.

Odds haven't been posted for the Fordham date, but a season has been played and fearsome Aggies get the call on every pertinent statistic.

Paper edges hold good until just about kickoff time in any game, the Aggies learned rather forcefully a couple of weeks back. Texas University proved the underdog could have his share—and a huge one.

Figures Are Evidence
But in the absence of something more concrete, and to give the cracker barrel quarterbacks a little more fodder, here are the Aggies and the Fordhams laid side by side:

Games: Texas Aggies, nine; Fordham, eight.

Running: Texas Aggies, 1,411 yards; Fordham, 1,250 yards.

Passing: Texas Aggies, attempted 159, completed 76 for 1,020 yards; Fordham, attempted 87, completed 31 for 552 yards.

Net gain running and passing: Texas Aggies, 2,431 yards; Fordham, 1,802 yards.

Punting average: Texas Aggies, 38.5 yards; Fordham, 35 yards.

Defense against opposition rushing permitted; Fordham, 792 yards permitted.

Advance men for the Fordhams assure Texans that the Rams, waiting impatiently some five years for this post-season glory, are living the Cotton Bowl game. On the other hand, there have been reports that the Aggies are still crestfallen over their Rose Bowl failure.

Each morning for breakfast the Fordhams have their cereal, milk—and a square piece of paper. On this paper is a photostatic reprint from a newspaper story. It reads:

"The Texas Aggies are three touchdowns better than Fordham."

Such were the words of a man whose football team played both Fordham and the Aggies this season—Fred Tomson of Arkansas.

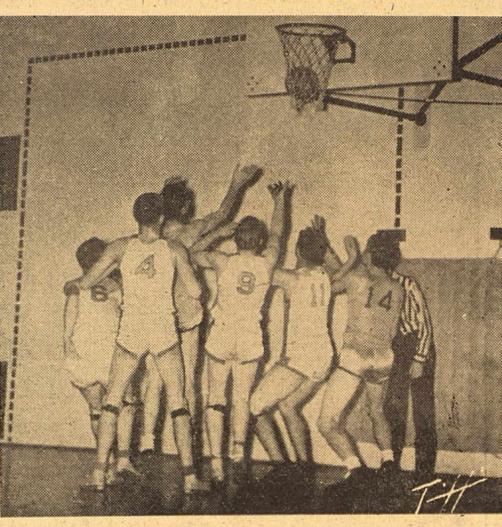
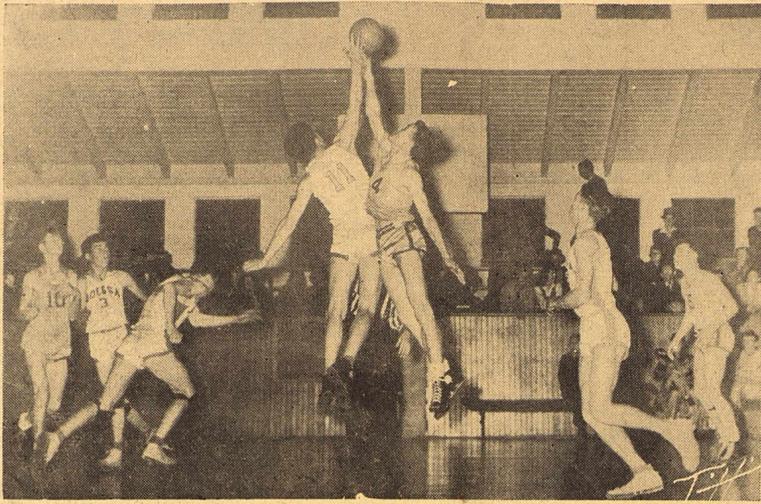
The little piece of paper is devalued each morning. That is Coach Jim Crowley's answer to the statistics.

FRENCH OIL TANKER SAILS, DESTINATION UNKNOWN
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18 (AP)—Her destination and mission a secret, the 7,000-ton French oil tanker Meropie sailed without cargo today after being laid up for repairs here since Nov. 19.

Freshly painted on the vessel's side as she slipped toward the open sea was the tricolor of France—the hurried work of her crew of 37.

Honey bees of the United States must produce about 500,000,000 pounds of honey annually for their own use.

Bronchos And Bulldogs Grapple



Midland and Odessa opened their 1940-41 basketball seasons here last night in a free-scoring 52-31 game, won by the Bronchos. The picture above shows a center jump as Cowser (No. 11), Odessa, and Bratton (No. 14), Midland, stretch for the tip. Henderson, Broncho forward, breaks for a receiving spot as other athletes scout the direction of the ball. Players of both teams are shown at the left under the Midland basket in the first half. A Bulldog flipped in the ball, as many Bronchos, who were constantly under the goal last night, fought to get possession.

Glacier On Mt. Ranier To Vanish In Few Years

WASHINGTON (UP)—One of the 28 glaciers covering Mt. Ranier's 14,408 foot eminence is melting fast and will disappear completely within a few years, the National Park Service reports.

Stevens Glacier, named for Gen. Hazard Stevens, first man to reach Ranier's summit in 1870, has become separated from the parent body of ice by a distance of 200 yards. Located on the south side of the mountain, the glacier has melted away until all that remains is a thin piece of ice a quarter mile long.

Light snowfall and high temperature during the past year contributed to the glacier's end, the service reports.

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

Louis Prang made the first Christmas cards in America in 1874.

Sandies Stories Recall Collapse Of Eagle Eleven

By Harold V. Radloff Associated Press Staff

Amarillo has come to be looked upon as an invincible team. "Other Texas high school teams shouldn't even be in the same league," "best team Texas ever had" and "the all-state team."

Those are some of the appellations given the burly Sandies. One sports writer said that if they stayed together in college they surely would land in the Rose Bowl the first year.

Not very comforting news for the Mighty Mites of Masonic Home as they journey toward the Panhandle and their Saturday date with Amarillo in the semi-finals of the state race.

Not comforting for Corpus Christi and Temple, one of which must meet Amarillo—or its possible up-setter—in the finals.

Corpus Christi and Temple play at Corpus Christi Saturday.

But as the air of invincibility grows about Amarillo it recalls another day and another team that got the same reputation but met its Waterloo when everybody was wondering if maybe they shouldn't create another division of the intercollegiate league and put that team off to itself.

1929 Eagles Fell
It was in 1929 that word drifted up from the Rio Grande Valley that Brownsville's Eagles made up about the greatest aggregation of high school football flesh in state history.

Close critics of the game, coaches, officials, all praised the Eagles. One veteran writer said they were "the greatest high school team I ever saw."

And, mind you, there had been such outfits as Oak Cliff (Dallas) of 1924 and Waco of 1921 and 1927 to be considered.

Brownsville skidded through its district without trouble and entered state play with "favorite" written all over it.

But the wires carried the news a week later that Brownsville had fallen—that Port Arthur, a team nobody thought should be on the same field with the Eagles, had won the game 13-12.

Oh, they all say nothing like that will happen this year, that Amarillo is too strong.

Yes, it probably won't. But, just the same, it makes pretty good reading for an underdog. And it isn't bad reading for an overwhelming favorite.

Colorful Moriarity Quits Battle Field

DETROIT, Dec. 18 (AP)—Shed a tear for baseball's old school of rough and tumble. One of its last survivors has departed from the field of action.

Big, belligerent George Moriarity, veteran umpire and former player, has been placed on the public relations personnel of the American League, and a million fans must be sad.

Wherever the impetuous Irishman worked as an arbiter, there were possibilities of an exciting side attraction to the game. Moriarity was Moriarity; he was boss; and he stood only for so much. Off the field, he was soft-spoken and gentle in manner, but nevertheless he figured in some of baseball's historic battles.

The American League has assigned Moriarity, who gained fame as the man who "wouldn't die on third" and who allegedly threatened to clean the entire Chicago Cubs bench in the 1935 world series, to the duty of distributing the league's annual movie in Michigan and adjoining territory. He succeeds Roger Peckinpah, New Cleveland manager, on this job.

Rotary Speaker Appears Before Monahans Groups
MONAHANS, Dec. 18 (Special).—Dr. Charles E. Barker, internationally known lecturer, is making three appearances here today under the auspices of the Rotary Club.

Dr. Barker spoke at the high school this morning at the Rotary luncheon at noon and will talk at the high school tonight.

He has spoken throughout the United States and Canada under the sponsorship of Rotary clubs.

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Shaughnessy Would Swap Couple Bowl Tickets For Seats Of Cornhuskers

PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 18 (AP)—Richard II (or was it the third), quoted by Shakespeare as willing to trade his kingdom for a horse, was in no tighter fix than Clark Shaughnessy, the Stanford football coach, is today.

Shaughnessy is so desperate for information on how Nebraska plays the game that he is willing to trade a pair of 50-yard line Rose Bowl tickets for a second class scouting report on the Cornhuskers.

Nebraskans will get a chuckle out of this but Shaughnessy sees no humor in it. Asked what he thinks of the Big Six champions as Rose Bowl opponents, the Stanford headman said: "Very tough outfit. Big, fast, specializing in tricky reserves and with a fair passing attack."

"Where did you get the information?" Shaughnessy was asked. "I read about them," he replied. Pressed for an explanation, he said he had gone through newspaper

Wide Antelope Roundup Starts In West Texas

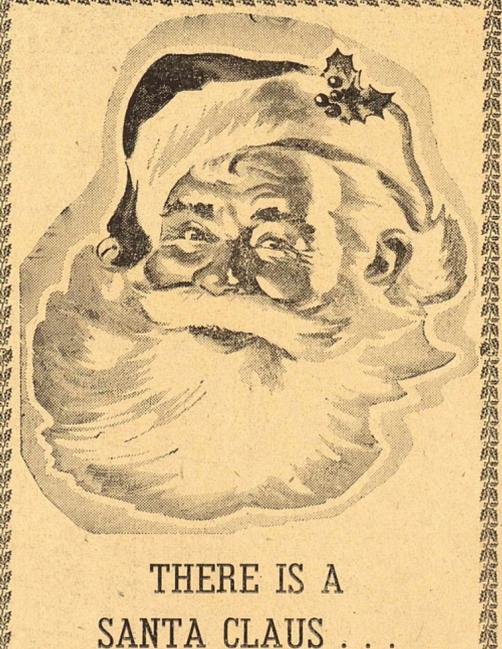
FORT DAVIS, Tex. (UP)—Texas game officials have the not-so-easy job on their hands of rounding up all antelope loose on the sprawling ranches of West Texas.

One antelope roundup, being held for the second time in history, is the result of requests by ranchers. Most cattlemen have applied to the state to have the animals removed from their land, although a few have asked that the antelope be placed on their ranches.

Game officials have decided to make plantings of not fewer than 25 animals to each herd, because inspectors have found that herds of this size settled down and become accustomed to new ranges better than smaller groups.

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files for as many play by play clip-pings of Nebraska this season as he could find.



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British Position In Conflict Not Over Emphasized

Secretary of State Hull's reported statement that Britain probably would face a serious crisis next spring, unless delivery schedules of American war supplies are considerably increased, could have been made stronger without straining the point.

Ready or not, the British will face a life-or-death crisis in the spring. If Britain, prepared, doesn't strike at Germany first, then Britain, unprepared, most certainly must expect to defend herself.

Herr Hitler hasn't concealed that he is getting set for a mighty assault on England in another attempt to administer the knockout blow. That likely will come at the latest with the good weather and it will represent his supreme effort.

Into it he will put all he has, figuring that this roll of the dice will determine the winner of the war, even if it doesn't and the conflict immediately. The attack contemplates the invasion which the Fuehrer tried with disastrous results to his forces and equipment last summer.

Time Isn't Long.

Only a few weeks remain for both sides to get ready.

Each nation is working under the handicap of heavy bombing which has its crippling effect on war industries. Details of material destruction are kept secret, but we get a measure of Britain's burden in the official statement that civilian casualties in the United Kingdom in November were 4,588 dead and 6,202 injured, making a total of 19,288 killed and 27,252 wounded in the heavy air siege up to Dec. 1.

Each nation is deprived of many supplies—the Germans because of the strangling British blockade, and the Britons through the grave Nazi counter-offensive with submarines which during the week ending December 8 (the latest figure) took a toll of twenty-three good ships.

Britain's task, however, is far the greater because Germany's war preparedness for land and air vastly exceeds that of her enemy. The Nazis also have the great industrial resources of France and other occupied countries.

Strength Divided.

Britain also suffers in that while Germany is putting her whole energy into getting ready for the big engagement, the Anglo-allied forces are trying to knock Italy out of the war. That is calling for a lot of naval vessels which should be employed in defeating the Nazi submarine campaign, and a big fleet of precious airplanes which should be raiding German industries.

If Mussolini should be forced out of the war, as is possible, that certainly will relieve the pressure on the British and their allies. However, it won't lessen the force of Hitler's terrific blow.

Britain, of course, also has been looking forward to an offensive against Germany on land "somewhere in Europe," during 1941. London officials admitted today that Britain could not win the war until the British army has "struck and struck deep in the Axis countries."

A huge army long has been under intensive training. Britain has the troops but not the equipment—that's her problem. There is no doubt that much of the equipment will come from America, especially as regards airplanes, without which the army would be finished before it started.

It's a race against time for Britain, and for Germany as well.

Accessories Will Tattle If You're Not Well-Groomed

By Alicia Hart
NEA Service Staff Writer.

You can tell at a glance how chic any woman is simply by looking at her shoes, hat, bag and gloves.

The smart woman's hat, however plain and simple, has a fresh look about it. The ribbon band is crisp, the felt absolutely free from dust. It's obvious that she always brushes it, inside and out, before she puts it on.

She's Always Neatly Shod.

Her leather shoes are shining. Her suede ones never look dull from dust. It's apparent that she has leather lifts replaced often and that she puts trees in her shoes the minute she takes them off.

Her bag never is an over-stuffed, shapeless affair. She takes everything out of it once a week and puts back only what is necessary. She frequently rubs a polishing cream on her calfskin bag and uses a rubber sponge or special brush on suede ones. Silver polish keeps metal clasps bright and shining.

She washes white or light beige gloves after each wearing. She always goes over her black suede gloves with a hard, dry rubber sponge before she leaves the house. Black stedeis which cannot be sent to the cleaner are sponged inside as well as out, of course.

Takes Care Of Jewelry.

She treats costume jewelry as she would genuine gems, keeping each piece in its own little cotton-lined box or else putting everything in a roomy jewel case. Hence, her bracelets, clips and pins never are scratched or the stones loosened.

Furthermore, her white blouses and white neckwear always are spic and span. She knows that immaculate grooming is the foundation of chic.

Highlights From the Week's Oil News

(From The Oil & Gas Journal.)

Completions showed a small increase over those of the preceding 3 weeks, being 529 as compared with an average of 507. Dry holes increased 31 to 144. Of the 31 increase, Illinois was responsible for 14. This increase is not considered significant, however, as many of the abandoned wildcats in Illinois had been shut down for some time and were only reported officially abandoned during the past week.

Although none of the week's developments were in themselves particularly important, they point the way to next year's activity to a greater extent than do the results of many recent weeks' activity. The most important news was in the widespread favorable showings to the west and southwest of the Barton arch production in Kansas, and the increasing importance of the Wilcox trend play from northern Louisiana to the Laredo district.

Kansas: The discovery of oil in a Permian lime in Thomas County, 42 miles west of the nearest wildcat discovery and 60 miles west of the More pool may greatly stimulate activity in that region. Shallow Water has been extended a mile to the northeast and a new Viola pool has been found 1 mile south of the Cunningham gas field in Kansas. A Gorham sand discovery in southeastern Russell County added to a week of highly significant development.

La-Ark: The deep tests in the Athens and Lisbon fields continue to test favorable showings in deep sands which now produce in Cotton Valley. The Wilcox sand play is extending throughout Caldwell, Catahoula and La Salle parishes.

East Texas: Following the successful completion of the Woodbine sand discovery near Hawkins, Wood County, 11 tests are planned in addition to the 3 reported last week. Woodbine tests are also announced for Rains County and for the Whitehouse community of Smith County.

North Texas: The third Palo Pinto lime discovery in Baylor County is indicated about 2 1/2 miles north of the Seymour field.

Tex: The Wilcox trend play received added impetus as a wildcat in Lavaca County logged favorable showings. If successful, this would be the third Wilcox discovery in the Upper Gulf Coast district for the year. The Red Fish Reef discovery in Galveston Bay assumes greater importance as Humble's test 1 mile south of the discovery logged good showings. A second oil sand was found in the LaBelle field.

West Central Texas: Flippen sand production was found in a new pool about 2 miles south of the Akard field and also in a 3/4-mile extension to Griffith.

Southwest Texas: Gas and distillate have been found on the east flank of the Agua Dulce field. Following the discovery of oil on the southeast flank of the structure, an active leasing campaign is developing. Marine activity includes a well being tested in Aransas Bay and a new operation in St. Charles Bay. Magnolia's La Gloria well, which was originally a distillate well, was shut down pending completion of a re-cycling plant. On reopening, it produced crude.

Louisiana Gulf: A new sand is opened in the Iowa field at 7,570 ft., or about 650 ft. above the deep pay. As other wells which have reached the deep pay have missed this sand, it is concluded that it is in a fault block. The second well in the shallow Ritchie field, Acadia Parish, flowed 150 bbl. The discovery was a small well which later went to water and the well was completed as a gasser.

West Texas: Recent discovery of oil in the Simpson sand in the Abell field of northern Pecos County together with expiration of some of the surrounding leases has started an active drilling campaign near the discovery. Gulf's Shilran well in Ward County gauged nearly 1,600-bbl. in 8 hours.

California: Richfield's interesting Eocene discovery near Wheeler Ridge proved a disappointment when it was completed flowing salt water. The water is thought to be coming from the base of the sand. In Rosecrans a well came in unexpectedly out of control from what is thought to be the equivalent of the eighth Callender zone at Dominguez, although a ninth zone may have been tapped. This well may lead to the deepening of a number of wells producing from higher zones to the west.

Illinois: More than the usual number of dry holes were reported in Illinois as wildcaters finally abandoned wells that had long been inactive in addition to the usual number. White County activity continues to lead the state, although by far the best well marked a 1-mile north extension to the West Liberty pool in Jasper County.

Michigan: One producer in the Walker pool, a near failure in Columbia and 13 dry holes mark one of Michigan's poorest weeks. Gulf's announcement that they will continue to drill their deep test is of great interest, particularly as traces of oil were found with gas in the Salina after the fire had been extinguished.

Ohio: The old Clinton gas area is becoming more active as good gasers are completed in Knox County, near Danville.

Oklahoma: Attempts to maintain production in the Ramsey pool by plugging back depleted Wilcox wells and recompleting in the Hunton received a setback as the first test began making water. The program is working successfully in the neighboring Coyle pool.

New Mexico: The Willis shallow gas field, discovered last year in eastern Eddy County, has been extended 5 miles to the west.

West Virginia: A 1,000,000-cu. ft. gas well in the Ravenswood district of Jackson County may mark a new Oriskany pool or 3-mile extension of the famous Kanawha gas field.

Rocky Mountain States: Drilling activity is now at a minimum owing to heavy snows and many operations are expected to remain shut down until spring.

Texas Panhandle: After 3 1/2 years of intermittent activity, including plugging back and testing several zones above the 6,274-ft. total depth, a test in Ochiltree County is abandoned.

	Oil	Gas	Dry	Total	1940 tot.	1939 tot.
N. Y., Pa., and W. Va.	69	22	6	97	5,655	3,480
Ohio	6	16	6	28	1,183	851
Indiana	5	3	8	16	476	337
Kentucky	4	4	6	14	496	694
Illinois	46	0	30	76	3,661	3,525
Michigan	2	0	13	15	1,111	1,407
Kansas	27	0	4	31	1,715	1,323
Oklahoma	12	1	8	21	1,710	1,679
Texas:						
North Central Texas	18	0	13	31	1,724	1,373
West Texas	28	0	4	32	1,733	1,776
Texas Panhandle	8	2	2	12	550	433
Eastern Texas	14	0	3	17	610	672
Texas Gulf Coast	18	0	4	22	1,176	1,302
Southwest Texas	21	1	18	40	2,000	3,328
Total Texas	107	3	44	154	8,805	8,875
North Louisiana	12	3	8	23	648	516
Louisiana Gulf Coast	9	0	5	14	972	719
Total Louisiana	21	3	13	37	1,620	1,235
Arkansas	2	0	1	3	178	241
Montana	3	0	0	3	227	168
Wyoming	3	0	1	4	160	136
Colorado	0	1	1	2	0	20
New Mexico	7	1	1	9	511	566
California	16	0	1	17	971	889
Miscellaneous	2	0	1	3	229	64
Total United States	332	53	144	529	28,714	25,492
Total previous week	355	49	103	507		
Week ended Dec. 16, 1939	419	45	133	597		

We, the Women

By Ruth Millett.

The spirit of Christmas CANT mean much to these people:

The girl who talks of "exchanging" gifts with another person.

The man who has his secretary do all his Christmas shopping.

The woman who bawls out the harassed sales clerk at a Christmas gift counter.

The woman who sends three persons subscriptions to some magazine, without being sure they will all enjoy it, because she can get three subscriptions at a bargain rate.

The woman who mails her gifts carelessly, not in accordance to the mail carrier, but to give the recipients plenty of time to shop for return presents for her.

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The person, not flat broke, who says, "I'm not giving Christmas presents this year." Almost anyone can give something.

The person who sends Christmas cards purely as a business proposition.

The person who gives a check rather than a gift because it's less bother.

The person who can dig up a dollar and yet doesn't have some kind of a Christmas tree.

Don't Forget the Needy.

The person who says, "I had a wonderful Christmas; so-and-so gave me this and so-and-so gave me that."

The person who isn't warmed by the singing of Christmas carols.

That person who doesn't contribute something to a Christmas charity or to an individual family in need.

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There are a number of families in our city that are in need of clothing, shoes, etc. We know the citizens of Midland desire to assist in providing these necessities and alleviate suffering among our people. We agree to pick up and distribute to proper parties any used or discarded clothing and shoes, so, if you have any such articles, call Phones 45 or 6 up to December 24.

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Greeks Threaten Italians in This Port



Valona, above, large Adriatic port in Albania used by Italians as debarkation base for troops from Italy, is now threatened by the unceasing northward sweep of the victorious Greek armies. It is 50 miles up the coast from Porto Edda, from which Greeks recently chased Italians.

Sinclair Predicts Increased Demand For Oil Products

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 13 (AP).—The oil industry's oft-regarded vexing problem of balancing stocks against consumer demand was given a fillip today by Harry F. Sinclair, chairman of the executive committee of Consolidated Oil Corp.

"I believe we are going to have a greatly-increased demand for petroleum products and we, therefore, need more oil in storage," he asserted. "Crude oil stocks are too small rather than too large. I also think that those who are pinching down production according to some outward formula are going to find out that they have missed their mark and under-estimated our needs."

The bureau of mines reported stocks of domestic and foreign crude in the United States totaled 261,152,000 barrels Dec. 7, compared with 234,161,000 barrels a year ago.

Sinclair declared that crude oil stocks east of the Rocky Mountains total only about 75 days supply, and counting working stocks and those in transit "probably less than half that."

"No Excessive Stocks."

"I know of no excessive stocks in any area," he said. "It seems to me that less than two months supply of gasoline is very little for an industry as vital as ours to all industries and well-being of the whole country."

"I look for considerable increase in consumption in 1941. There are more cars and there will be more of them... the defense program, when it is in full motion, will lead to much larger demand."

In the crude market, strengthening of prices and a better demand for Pennsylvania oils boosted prices of that grade earlier in the week. Movement of light fuel oils was reported brisk in the mid-continent area.

In the field, the Oil and Gas Journal reported 529 completions for the week, compared with 507 the previous week, and 697 a year ago. In Kansas, oil was discovered in the Permian lime in Thomas County. Gas and distillate were found on the east flank of the Agua Dulce field, Southwest Texas. The Iowa field of the Louisiana Gulf found a new sand. A million cubic foot gas well was found in the Ravenswood district of Jackson County, West Virginia.

Royal Guest for White House



H. R. H. Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, now living in Canada, will be a guest of President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House before Christmas. Photo above, taken in Ottawa recently, is the latest portrait of the royal refugee and her two daughters, Princess Beatrix, left, and Princess Irene.

EXPLORER AUGHINBAUGH DIES OF HEMORRHAGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP).—Dr. William Edmund Aughinbaugh, 69, author, explorer and economist, died early today of an internal hemorrhage.

FROM UNIVERSITY

Frank Wade Arrington and Alfred Vogel, students in the University of Texas, are expected to arrive in Midland Sunday for the Christmas holidays.

SELL WITH CLASSIFIEDS

Mother Prefers a

Intercepts Package And Foils Dallas Jail Break

DALLAS, Dec. 13 (AP)—Sheriff Smeot Schmid disclosed today that a carefully-planned Dallas County jailbreak plot had been foiled by interception of a Christmas package with three hacksaw blades in its false bottom.

The alleged sender of the gift, a 19-year-old girl, was arrested. The package was addressed to Gilbert F. O'Brien, whose 30-year sentence on a robbery charge was affirmed today by the Court of Criminal Appeals at Austin. Sheriff Schmid quoted the girl as saying, however, that she did not know O'Brien but sent the blades in an effort to help her sweetheart, Shirley Stockman, 21, another inmate of the jail.

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Nebraska Village Uses "God's Acre" Plan For Paying Church's Debt

DWIGHT, Neb. (UP).—In this central Nebraska village of 304 persons, a 49-year-old pastor has devised a "God's Acre" plan for paying off the debt on a \$120,000 Catholic school building built in 1921.

Each year 175 devout but comparatively poor Bohemian families cooperate in the Rev. Benedict B. Bauer's plan, setting aside one acre of corn for the church.

This acre receives special attention. At harvest time, farmers and their families bring the corn to church where two cribs are filled to capacity. Most farmers bring the yield from more than one acre because in drought years one acre hasn't produced enough.

The corn is sold at open auction to cattle feeders who generally pay from 4 to 6 cents above the market price.

Last year the church realized \$875 from 1,651 bushels. Eventually, Father Bauer believes, "God's Acre" will pay off the entire debt.

Indians Find Ranching Methods Are Successful

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (UP).—The Indian has tried the white man's methods of scientific cattle ranching and cooperative action and has given both of them his approval.

It took a great deal of persuasion and talking by government workers to get the Indians to try new methods of sheep and cattle raising, but Indians have no regrets at all, now that they've tried it.

The experiment was made on the huge Navajo Indian reservation, which extends from Northern Arizona into New Mexico, Colorado and Utah.

Women Start Campaign For Toads' Protection

DEMING, N. M. (UP).—Many New Mexico citizens have been shipping horned toads out of state and members of Deming's women decided to do something about it.

Several women who belong to a local garden club registered a formal protest against the removal of the little horned creatures, maintaining that they are valuable in destroying ants and insects in their lawns and gardens. They become regular pets and receive all of the care given domestic animals.

Gilbreth Speaks At North Ward School

A. L. Gilbreth, principal of Junior High School, discussed "My Idea of the Parent Teacher Association" at a PTA meeting Tuesday afternoon at North Ward School.

Carols were sung by the group, preceding Gilbreth's talk Mrs. J. J. Black presided at the meeting, at which about 75 were present.

MRS. HERBERT DAVENPORT ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Herbert Davenport is a medical patient in Western Clinic.

Hear Winant May Succeed Kennedy



Bruce Catton, NEA Service Washington correspondent for this newspaper, reports John G. Winant, above, former governor of New Hampshire and now director of the International Labor Office, is in the lead to succeed Joe Kennedy as ambassador to Britain.

TO GIVE DUTCH INDIES CHANCE FOR AGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13 (AP).—Japan will give the Netherlands East Indies a "last chance" to conclude an economic agreement in forthcoming trade negotiations, responsible Japanese sources here indicated today.

A delegation headed by former Japanese Foreign Minister Kenkichi Yoshizawa now is enroute to Batavia and is scheduled to open the negotiations early in January. This will be Japan's second attempt to obtain a favorable economic position in the East Indies and, authoritative Japanese quarters asserted, "it will be the last."

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By Wm. E. McKenney
America's Card Authority.

On my way back to New York from Washington, I stopped at Baltimore to see Col. Robert J. Gill, who will serve the American Contract Bridge League as president during 1941. I told him I was writing a series of articles just before Christmas about gifts we bridge players receive at the table. The colonel smiled.

"I don't know if they elected me president of the league because they thought I was a good bridge player," he said, "but you know I've just been lucky." And here is a hand the colonel showed me.

After taking a look at dummy, West shifted to the king of diamonds, North played low and East played the deuce. West continued with the queen of hearts and Gill (South) ruffed.

The colonel cashed three top trumps, then led the king of clubs. West won and led a third heart, which declarer ruffed. When declarer cashed the two clubs, and the last trump, West was squeezed in the red suits and declarer won the rest.

Colonel Gill commented: "It was kind of West to place the diamonds honors for me by his shift, although of course the play looks right from his point of view. But it was certainly not very bright to lead the third heart, taking out his partner's precious ten - spot, and leaving himself alone to top dummy's nine-spot. This was a suicide squeeze if I ever saw one."

KRLH PROGRAMS

- TODAY**
- 6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS
 - 6:15—Rep. Eugene Cox of Ga., MBS
 - 6:30—Sport Spotlight, TSN
 - 6:45—News, TSN
 - 7:00—Roger Busfield, TSN
 - 7:15—Ray Noble's Orch., MBS
 - 7:30—Hawkins, TSN
 - 7:45—Jimmy Dorsey's Orch., MBS
 - 8:00—Songs of Billy Davis, TSN
 - 8:15—Griff Williams' Orch., MBS
 - 8:30—Raymond Gram Swing, MBS
 - 9:15—Selective Service, MBS
 - 9:30—The War in the Air, MBS
 - 9:45—The Lone Ranger, MBS
 - 10:00—News, TSN
 - 10:15—Adventures in Rhythm, MBS
 - 10:45—The Don Orch., TSN

- TOMORROW**
- 6:45—Morning Tunes
 - 7:30—News, TSN
 - 7:45—Desert Drifters, TSN
 - 8:00—News, TSN
 - 8:05—Piano Moods, TSN
 - 8:15—Rhythm Wranglers, TSN
 - 8:30—Keep Fit to Music, MBS
 - 8:45—What's Doing Around Midland
 - 9:00—Organ Melodies, TSN
 - 9:15—Morning Melodies, TSN
 - 9:30—Backstage Wife, TSN
 - 9:45—Easy Access, TSN
 - 10:00—Neighbors, TSN
 - 10:15—Our Gal Sunday, TSN
 - 10:30—Songs of Carol Leighton, TSN
 - 11:15—Sweetest Songs Ever Sung, TSN
 - 11:00—News, TSN
 - 11:30—Conservation of vision, KBST
 - 11:45—It's Dance Time, MBS
 - 11:50—Eleven Thirty, Inc., TSN
 - 12:15—Man on the Street
 - 12:30—News & Market Reports, TSN
 - 12:45—Singer Sam
 - 12:50—Eddie Dean, Songs
 - 12:55—Jack Frost's Orch., TSN
 - 1:00—Cedric Foster, MBS
 - 1:15—Mark Love and Piano, MBS
 - 1:30—Afternoon Concerts
 - 1:45—Sterling Dorn's Orch., TSN
 - 2:00—Johnny Duffy, Organist, MBS
 - 2:15—Song Treasury, MBS
 - 2:30—Women World Wide, MBS
 - 2:45—Here's Looking at You, MBS
 - 3:00—News & Market Reports, TSN
 - 3:15—Zeke Manners & His Gang, MBS
 - 3:30—Radio Gossip Club, MBS
 - 3:45—The Johnson Family, MBS
 - 4:00—Tiny Hill's Orch., MBS
 - 4:15—Crime & Death, TSN
 - 4:30—Book Review, TSN
 - 4:45—Virginia Nelson, Pianist, TSN
 - 5:00—AP News Bulletins, MBS
 - 5:05—Paul Pendarvis' Orch., MBS
 - 5:15—Jack Dempsey Interview
 - 5:30—Sunset Reporter, TSN
 - 5:45—American Family Robinson

TAKE A TIP FROM THE OLD MAESTRO

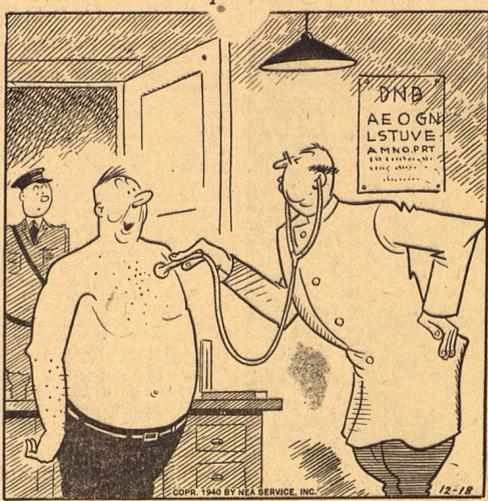


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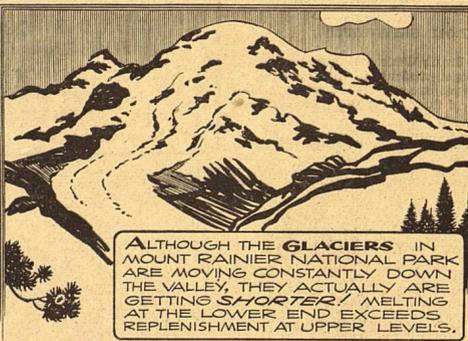
"I don't think I'd do for the submarine service—I can't hold my breath very long!"

Side Glances



"Our daughter's letter is just a bit obvious—she says the baby wears a size 3 suit now and a 6½ shoe."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



ALTHOUGH THE GLACIERS IN MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK ARE MOVING CONSTANTLY DOWN THE VALLEY, THEY ACTUALLY ARE GETTING SHORTER! MELTING AT THE LOWER END EXCEEDS REPLENISHMENT AT UPPER LEVELS.

SPONGES HAVE SKELETONS.

ANSWER: No. The sun revolves once in each 25-day period. Therefore we see all sides of it.

NEXT: A mother that outweighs her young 3000 times.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



WASH TUBBS



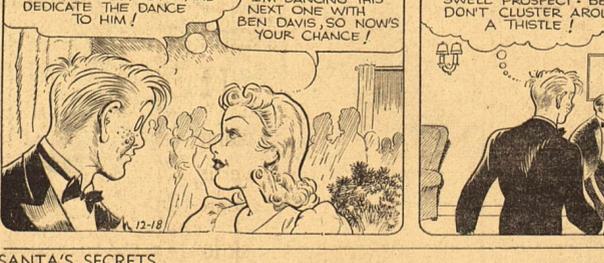
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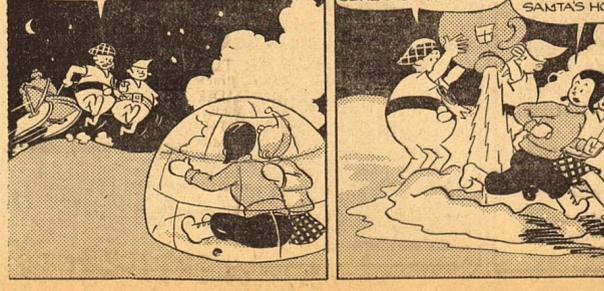
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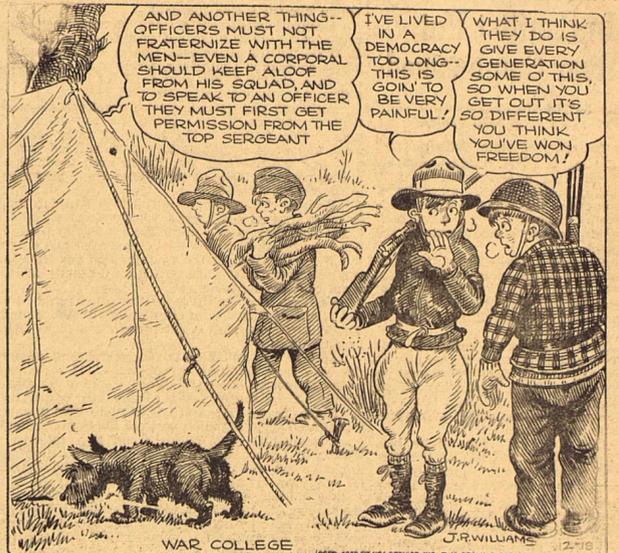
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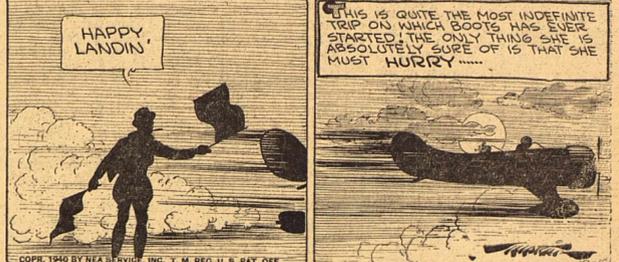
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OUT OUR WAY



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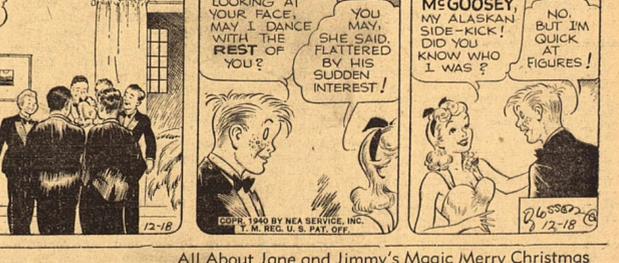
THESE BOYS STOLE AN ARMY AIRPLANE



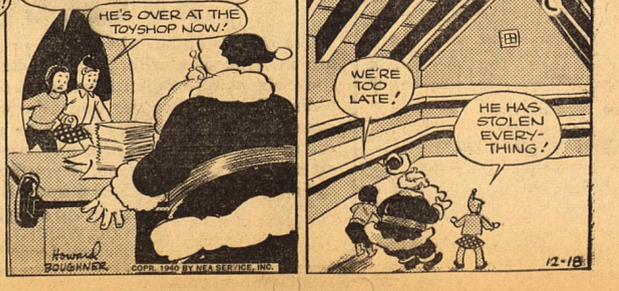
WAIT FOR ME HERE?



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0—Wanted

WANTED to buy or rent: 5 room unfurnished house. Room 438, Crawford Hotel. (242-3)

1—Lost & Found

LOST: Ladies brown pocketbook; containing \$5.00 bill, loose change, Christmas shopping list. Reward. Call Mrs. H. M. Webb at 1076. (243-1)

2—For Sale

CHARLES STYRON, painting and paper hanging. Phone 43, 404 East Pennsylvania. (242-6)

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Montgomery Ward offers an UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE on every fur in our special "Fur Catalog." If you aren't delighted with a fur coat you purchase from us, we'll refund your money at once! See our complete selection—from \$45 to \$389 in the Fur Catalog, at your Ward Order Office, 111 S. Main. Convenient terms may be arranged through this Office. (243-1)

3—Furnished Apartments

NEWLY papered duplex apartment; private bath; garage; nice location. 1200 W. Wall. (242-6)

4—Unfurnished Apts.

SOUTH apartment; 3 rooms, bath, screened porch; good condition. Call 169, 230 or 27. (238-6)

FOUR rooms in duplex; modern with garage; close in. 206 W. Ohio. Mims & Crane. Phone 24. (243-6)

5—Furnished Houses

FIVE rooms; bath; new water heater; arranged for two apartments; \$25.00 month. Inquire 409-A West Texas Ave. (242-3)

7—Houses for Sale

New FHA Houses

1 five room frame, located West College. \$32.25 per month.
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 These are new F. H. A. houses, requiring only a reasonable down payment.
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 Phone 149 (240-6)

10—Bedrooms

LARGE bedroom; private entrance; four blocks town. 521 West Wall, phone 291. (241-3)

10-a—Room and Board

ROOM and board at Taylor Lodge (formerly Roundtree's); hotel service with home environment; excellent meals. 107 South Peecos. Phone 278. (1-1-41)

12—Situations Wanted

GOING to Los Angeles, California, about December 20; can take three passengers. Phone 390-J, Mrs. L. A. Tullos. (242-3)

WANTED carpenter work repair and painting. E. D. Hamlin, 607 S. Weatherford, Box 306. (243-1)

STARTS LECTURE SERIES BEFORE MONAHANS FIREMEN

MONAHANS, Dec. 18 (Special)—Bob Reese of the Gulf Oil Corp., first aid team of Wickett started a series of lectures before Monahans volunteer fire department Monday night. The lectures will be given each Monday night.

15—Loans

LOANS FOR NEW BUILDINGS OR REPAIRS

ASK US FOR DETAILS

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 Phone 58—119 E. Texas Ave.

16—Miscellaneous

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 1-1939 Chevrolet 2-door \$475
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Mackey Motor Co.
 200 S. Loraine—Phone 245



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Middleton's Cleaners
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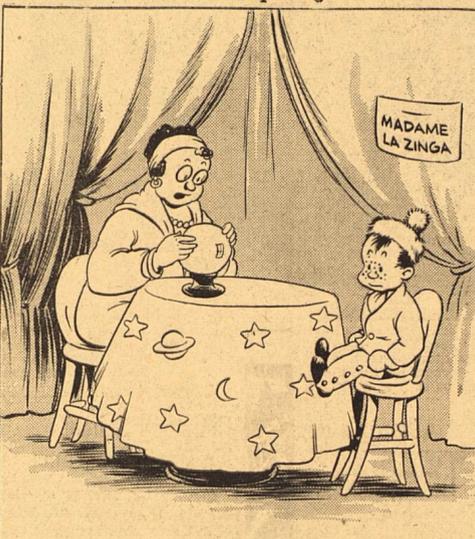
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Hold Everything!



"I see a train of cars, a sled and a new suit—but definitely not a bicycle."

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Former Stamping Ground Of Billy The Kid Turns Into Haven For Germans

FORT STANTON, N. M., Dec. 18 (AP)—This little southern New Mexico mountain community in the one-time stamping ground of Billy the Kid, No. 1 Southwestern gunman, prepared today to receive some 300 Nazi sailors from the scuttled German liner "Columbus."

An announcement in Washington confirmed reports current here for some time that the Germans were to be quartered at an abandoned CCC Soil Conservation camp on grounds of the Marine Veterans Hospital near here.

After scuttling their ship to avoid capture by a British man-of-war off the Atlantic seaboard, the sailors were rescued by an American destroyer and held temporarily at Ellis Island.

The men were left at Angel Island near San Francisco until citizens there complained they had been actively spreading Nazi propaganda.

Ten Families Homeless In Unexplained Blast

MONTREAL, Dec. 18 (AP)—A woman was killed and five persons were injured today in a fire which, starting with an unexplained explosion, made ten families homeless in near-zero weather.

The body of Mrs. T. G. Roy, 63, was found in the ruins. Three buildings which housed the ten families were burned.

The blast—which police said apparently originated in the center of three buildings—blew debris for two blocks. Flames were shooting 100 feet into the air when firemen arrived. The fire was brought under control after a 4-hour fight.

MONAHANS FIREMEN TO ADD NEW MEMBERS

MONAHANS, Dec. 18 (Special)—Volunteer firemen voted to increase the roster of the department, and called for applications. Seven new members will be added, bringing the total to 30.

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• SERIAL STORY DUDE COLLEGE
 BY OREN ARNOLD

YESTERDAY: Andre and Lona almost quarrel when the girl refuses to tell him where she has hidden the stolen bomb sight. Next day, Andre goes to the Bailey ranch, finds rebuilding already underway. He offers to help with furnishings, takes Ronnie to a trading post. He is particularly interested in a large drum, buys it for a friend in Mexico.

RONNIE IS IN DANGER
 Chapter XXVIII.

That Lona Montoya should deliberately kiss him, both shocking and confusing to Wesley York. In all honesty he had to admit to himself that the kiss was not unpleasant, but that had been squelched in a little flash of shame. He had turned nervously formal again and escorted her back to town. He had felt a strong urge to see Ronnie Bailey again.

But not until next morning, Saturday, could he go back to the Rocking R Ranch. He had no classes this day, so at 9 o'clock he bought three thick T-bone steaks and drove straight from the butcher shop to the ranch home-site. Workmen were busy clearing out burned debris of the house, and Mr. Bailey, supervising them, came forward to greet Wes.

"Good morning, son! Glad to see you. Want you to look over plans for the new house right away."

"Glad to, Mr. Bailey. And say—I brought out some meat. Happens Mr. Bailey, if you could get Fabian to let me have charge of the noon meal, why I would put some expert touches on these steaks for you and me and Ronica, sir. We would do it in the outdoors here—wonderful weather right now, isn't it?"

"Perfect! Perfect all around. Only Ronnie isn't home. But don't let that interfere, son. I can eat twice as much as you think anyway. You never know I came west with indigestion."

Wes felt let down. He had expected—hoped—to find Ronnie here. But he knew from experience that she seldom "stayed out." She was on the go somewhere, ever and always. "I'll get Fabian to keep the steaks on ice until noon," Wes said, trudging off.

For an hour after that he and Mr. Bailey sat at an outdoor table and checked measurements and details on plans for the new ranch house. No architect had been hired because Mr. Bailey said he could do his own designing with friends' help, but he had contracted with a local builder who was already on the job.

Wes pointed out myriad details—he had forgotten a place for gun racks, he could use ranch branding iron for an attractive dining room chandelier. He could make a floor of cement and flagstones that would be both fireproof and patterned better than any rug he might buy, he could make a hat rack of deer and elk horns.

"You're full of ideas, son," Mr. Bailey, declared, exultantly. "I hereby hire you as consultant architect. Now you may start."

"Can't hire out," Wesley grinned in thanks. "The University would fire me, sir. But I intend to build a western home of my own some day so I've give it some thought. And I'm glad to help you. A fire is a tragedy."

Mr. Bailey was suddenly serious, intent. He jabbed a pencil at Wes. "Son," he said, in low tone now, "that fire was no accident, either!" Wesley looked closely at him.

"No, Wesley, I don't know who did it—but whoever did had it well planned and well timed. They used that as a cover to steal the new bomb sight from one of the army planes!"

"No!"

"Yes, Wesley! The fire drew every army man over here, naturally. Some thief went right in, cut the sight off and took it away. The only hour those ships haven't been guarded since the new sight was put on them. The sight was welded and braded down, too, of course, but that didn't stop the thief."

"And you think—?"

"No, not a clew. Of course—strictly on the quiet, now—the federal agencies are onto it. But we haven't learned a single thing!" Wesley was astounded.

He stared off in space, frowning, hardly hearing his host give the other details. He was deep in his own thoughts.

Here, shockingly, was yet another mysterious occurrence to add to the long list of unexplained incidents which crowded Wesley's mind of late, this the most important of all. Ronica knew some of those things with him, but he alone knew them all. He wished earnestly for Ronica now so that he might talk with her, possibly together they could evolve something. He looked at his watch. Almost noon.

"Mr. Bailey, if I'm not being too inquisitive, could you tell me when I might see Ronnie? Where is she likely to be this afternoon?"

"Why, son, she's headed for Mexico, I believe. Flying her plane down. Said they've have lunch at the dude ranch where Andre is staying and take off from there about 1 p.m."

"Andre? . . . Andre?" Wes exclaimed the name twice.

"Why, yes. You know him, Wesley. Andre Girardeau. Fine young man. He has business connections down in Guaymas on the west coast of Sonora, and Guaymas is also a

Friends Believe Laval On Mission For France

VICHY, France, Dec. 18 (AP)—The position of former Vice Premier Pierre Laval, who went to Paris last night after a visit here by Otto Abetz, Adolf Hitler's Ambassador to Paris, remained unclear today, but his friends declared he was on a mission for the French government.

These sources intimated that Laval would resume the negotiations for French-German collaboration which his removal from Chief of State Philippe Petain's cabinet last week interrupted temporarily.

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GOD OF BEAUTY

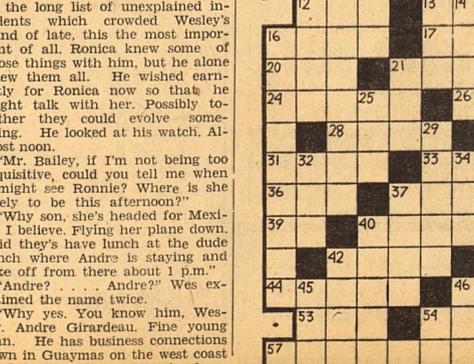
HORIZONTAL

1 Greek god of beauty.
 6 He was one of the most important — gods.
 12 Long inlet.
 13 Dress.
 15 To total.
 16 Courageous.
 17 Swine.
 18 Volcano scoria.
 20 Being.
 21 Passers-by.
 23 Self.
 24 Forgetfulness.
 26 Signal for help.
 27 Became wearied.
 28 Inharmonious relation.
 30 Father.
 31 Sea eagle.
 33 Tea tester.
 36 Correlative of buck.
 37 He carries a god of — or and lyre.
 38 To perform.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MARIE DRESSLER
 CADE REEVE ACES
 OLID GAPER TRAM
 MATADOR RAPTURE
 E TOTS ELL
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 IRE MAH DOE
 ERASE O SOAR
 N IRAN TIT
 MADE FOSSA RUDE
 EMUS IRONS ARES
 ART RELIC IDE
 THEATER PICTURE

10 Unoccupied person.
 11 Maxim.
 14 Kitty.
 16 One of his famous statues, "Apollo."
 19 Deity.
 21 To fondle.
 22 Frightens.
 23 Color.
 29 Rock.
 30 Nut.
 32 To decay.
 34 Barley spikelet.
 35 Account.
 37 Wheelless.
 40 Sea skeleton.
 41 Lily.
 42 Queen of heaven.
 43 Youth.
 45 Tiny.
 46 To scold.
 47 Vigor.
 49 Simpleton.
 50 Beer.
 51 Fabulous bird shaped figures.
 52 Twelve months.
 52 Coterie.
 54 Half an em. movement.
 55 Note in scale.



To Rule French American Isles



Foresees Greater Labor Migrations

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, pictured as he testified before the House committee investigating the plight of migratory workers. He foresees agricultural conditions resulting in more, rather than fewer, migrations from farms.

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Today's Markets

LIVESTOCK
FORT WORTH, Dec. 18 (AP)—U. S. Dept. Agr.—Cattle, salable 1,800, total 1,900; calves, salable and total 1,200; all classes about steady; most common and medium slaughtering steers and yearlings 6.00-8.50; low grade yearlings down to 5.00; good fed offerings 9.00-10.00, load 976 lb steers 10.25 and 12 head 1003 lb weights 11.00; beef cows, 4.50-6.50; canners and cutters 3.25-4.50; bulls 4.50-6.00; good and choice fat calves 7.75-9.00; common and medium 5.50-7.50; culls 4.50-5.50; good stock steer calves around 9.00-50. Hogs, salable 1,700, total 3,000; steady to 10c lower than Tuesday's average, or steady with the close; top 6.40; good and choice 190-300 lb 6.30-40; good and choice 150-185 lb 5.40-6.25; stocker pigs 4.00-5.00; packing sows steady, 5.25-50. Sheep, salable and total 2,500; all classes steady; woolled fat lambs 8.00-50; few good woolled yearlings; 7.50, medium grade fall shorn wethers 3.50, feeder lambs 6.50-7.50.

Wool
BOSTON, Dec. 18 (AP, U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Merino types of foreign wools were receiving some demand today in the Boston market. Sales included moderate quantities of Australian South African and South American wools. Domestic wools were mostly quiet, with nominal quotations steady. A little business was transacted on combing three eighths blood territory wool at 85-88 cents, scoured basis.

Stocks
NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—Closing price of the 15 most active stocks today:
US Steel 87 1/2
Radio Keith O 3 1/2
Int Tel & Tel 2 1/4
Para Pict 10 5/8
Seaboard Air L 1 1/8
Unit Gas Imp 9 5/8
Unit Corp 1 1/4
NY Central 13 1/4
Nat Bisc 16 1/2
Gen Elec 32 7/8
Std Oil NJ 33 1/4
Loft 17 3/4
Socony Vac 8 1/4
Beth Steel 85
Cons Edis 21 7/8
Colum G & L 4 1/2

Cotton
NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—Cotton futures closed today 1 to 4 points lower.

Stock Market Drifts Lower After Upturn

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP).—The stock market resumed its drift toward lower levels today after an early uptick quickly played out. Steels and motors, leaders in the initial attempt to rally the list, gave ground with other groups to show moderate losses on the day. Selling increased in late dealings, making the day's turnover approximately 700,000 shares.

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OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND—JEFFREY LYNN

Oil News . . .

(Continued From Page One)
& S. F. survey of Northern Pecos County, this morning was drilling unchanged at 4,730 feet in lime. An odor of gas was present in samples from 4,715-25 feet. The well is said to be nearing the base of the Permian and is holding the interest of West Texas operators.
Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Markey, one-half mile north by northwest of the discovery producer in the Abell Ordovician pool of Northern Pecos, is drilling past 2,803 feet in lime. Magnolia No. 1 State-Sharp, Ordovician test three-quarters of a mile farther northwest, is drilling in anhydrite at 595 feet. Terry Duster.
In Southwestern Terry County, Sloan & Zook Company No. 1 W. E. Bailey et al is plugging to abandon at total depth of 5,807 feet, steel line measurement. Last core was from 5,757-75 feet and returned 17 feet of porous lime carrying sulphur water.
Gulf Oil Corporation No. 4 Mallett Land & Cattle Company, Northwestern Terry deep wildcat, this morning was drilling lime at 5,860 feet.
Fuhrman Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Lockhart & Brown, Andrews County wildcat west of the Fuhrman pool, is drilling past 315 feet in red rock.

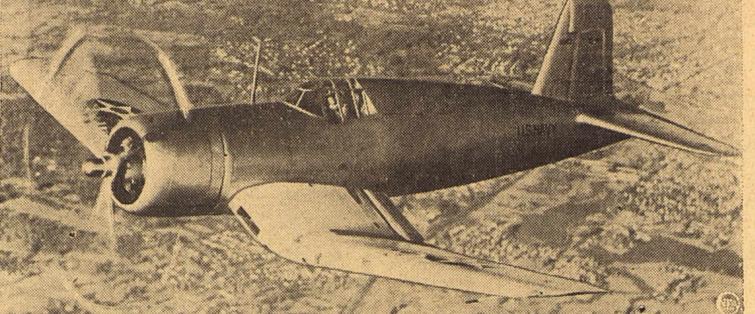
President Vetoes Logan-Walter Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—President Roosevelt vetoed the Logan-Walter bill today in a message asserting he was convinced that it would "produce the utmost chaos and paralysis in the administration of the government at this critical time."
"I am convinced," the Chief Executive wrote the House, "that it is an invitation to endless and innumerable controversies at a moment when we can least afford to spend either governmental or private effort in the luxury of litigation."
The bill, center of a congressional controversy for months, was designed by its sponsors to establish uniform procedure and facilitate court reviews of administrative rulings of certain quasi-judicial federal agencies.
House leaders made plans to call up the veto during the afternoon, with a two-thirds vote necessary to override the veto in both House and Senate. Democratic chiefs were hoping to muster enough strength to sustain the president.

MONAHANS MECHANICS SCHOOL ENROLLS MORE

MONAHANS, Dec. 18 (Special)—Additional enrollees were announced in a national defense mechanics school, conducted six nights weekly, at the high school here.
A. A. Williamson was added to the staff of instructors, headed by J. J. Russell.
The school conducts "refresher" courses for men engaged in oil field, garage and other mechanical work.

America's "Fastest Airplane" Is Navy Fighter



"Fastest airplane in the United States today" is what Rear Admiral John Towers, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, called the new Vought F-4-U, pictured above in flight. The new plane, a long-range fighter intended to escort the Navy's medium bombers, attained a level-flight speed of more than 400 miles per hour during recent tests at Anacostia, Md.

British "Miners" in Tug of War



Mines washed ashore on England's beaches remain a menace—until the R. M. S. squads take them in hand. "R. M. S." means "Rendering Mines Safe" and is a special adjunct of the Royal Navy. Above, an R. M. S. squad is seen at its dangerous task of hauling a mine to a safe place. Note that worker, third from the mine, is a woman. R. M. S. workers remove the explosive powder from the huge globes, and burn it on the beach, as seen at right. Mines are then dismantled.

British, Greeks Smash At Albania's Ports

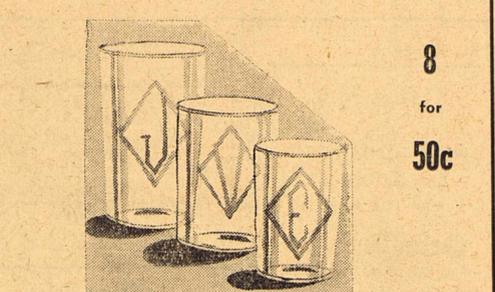
Map of Albania and surrounding regions (YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE, SCUTARI, SAN GIOVANNI DI MEDUA, TIRANA, DIBRA, DURAZZO, ELBASANI, BITOLJ, BERATI, KORITZA, KASTORIA, POGRADETZ, VALONA, KLISURA, KASTORIA, TEPELENI, ARGIROCASTRO, CHIMARA, PORTO EDDA, PHILIPATES, IOANNINA).
A violent RAF attack on Durazzo (1), Italy's biggest supply base in Albania, was reported as twin Greek drives (arrows) were said to be converging on the last mountain defense line guarding the port of Valona (2) on the Adriatic Sea. The Greeks said a series of seven violent Italian counter-attacks had failed to halt their advance beyond Pogradetz (curved arrow). Loss of Valona and Durazzo would leave only one port, San Giovanni di Medua, available to the Italians. Porto Edda, the fourth Albanian port, is already in Greek hands.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—A warning that more explosions in American power plants may be expected and a hint to keep a watchful eye on the Panama Canal were voiced last night by Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes.
In an address at Columbia University, he asserted the Axis dictators "propose to cripple the United States if they can."
"One way of doing this would be to damage the Panama Canal," he said. "The Axis powers eye the canal with hungry eyes."
The secretary denounced a group of Americans whom he described as "appears in the making" and named, among others, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh as "a peripatetic appeaser who would abjectly surrender his sword even before it is demanded."

British Admit Invasion Necessary To Win War

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Great Britain officially admitted today she could not win the war until the British army had "struck and struck deep into the Axis countries."
The blockade, a ministry of information statement said, will weaken Germany and Italy and fleet and air actions will shake their confidence, but the weapon "which ultimately will enforce submission of the enemy" is the army.
The statement said Britain had about 2,000,000 men in the army and another 1,000,000 in the home guard.

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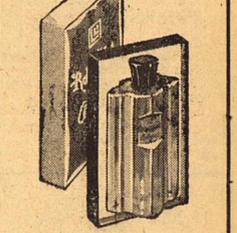
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