

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... WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—An unprecedented plan for backing Britain to the limit...

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.

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...

Douro Discovery Pumps 45 Barrels In First 6 Hours

Production on pump of 45 barrels of oil the first six hours of potential gauge was registered today by Forest Development Corporation...

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...

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...

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.

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

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.

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...

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...

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.

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...

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... Indications of a general Italian retreat in the 10-day-old battle of north Africa arose today...

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 "lease-lend" program of American assistance.

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.

Reich Expects Laval Storm To Blow Over

BERLIN, Dec. 18 (AP)—The German government, according to authorized sources, is now in full confidence of possession of the motives which led to the recent political upheaval at Vichy...

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.

ODESSA DEFEATS CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

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.

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

YOUNG, 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. Offices of the state insurance department were closed and flags on state buildings were half-staffed.

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.

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.

IS FOR VOW THAT YOU MADE... DO YOU BLUSH?? TO GET SHOPPING DONE THERE 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 . . .
(Continued From Page One)
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."

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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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.

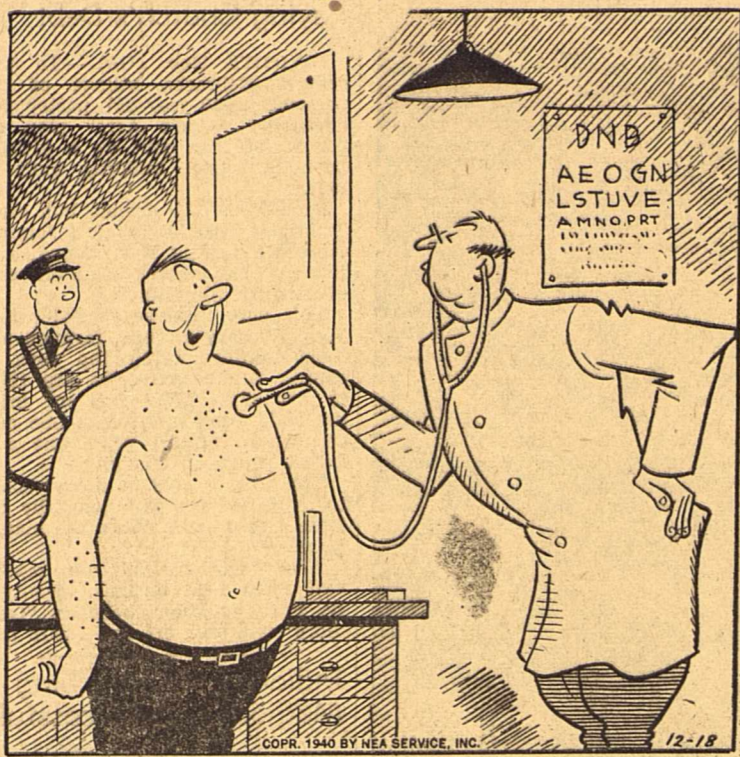
The colonel cashed three top trumps, then led the king of clubs. West won and led a third heart, which declarer ruffed. When declarer cashed the two clubs, and the last trump, West was squeezed in the red suits and declarer won the rest.

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
 - 12:00—Eleven Thirty, Inc., TSN
 - 12:15—Man on the Street
 - 12:30—News & Market Reports, TSN
 - 12:45—Singin' 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

Funny Business



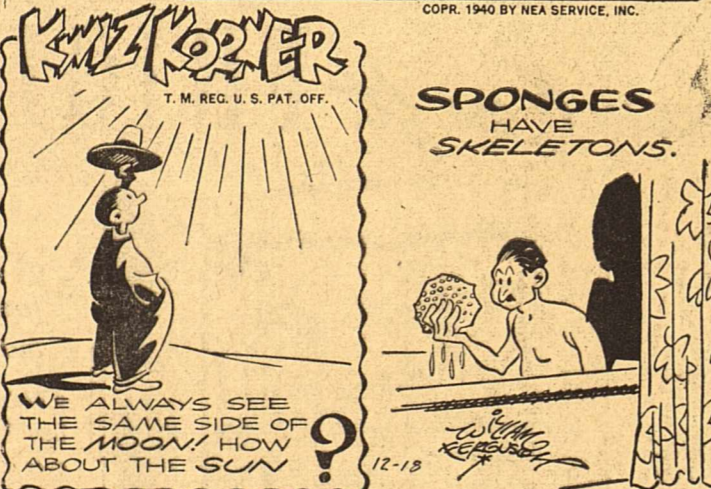
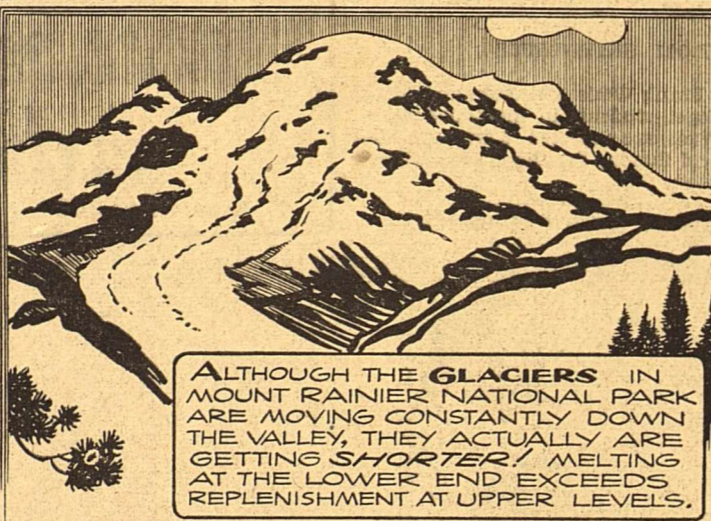
"I don't think I'd do for the submarine service—I can't hold my breath very long!"

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."

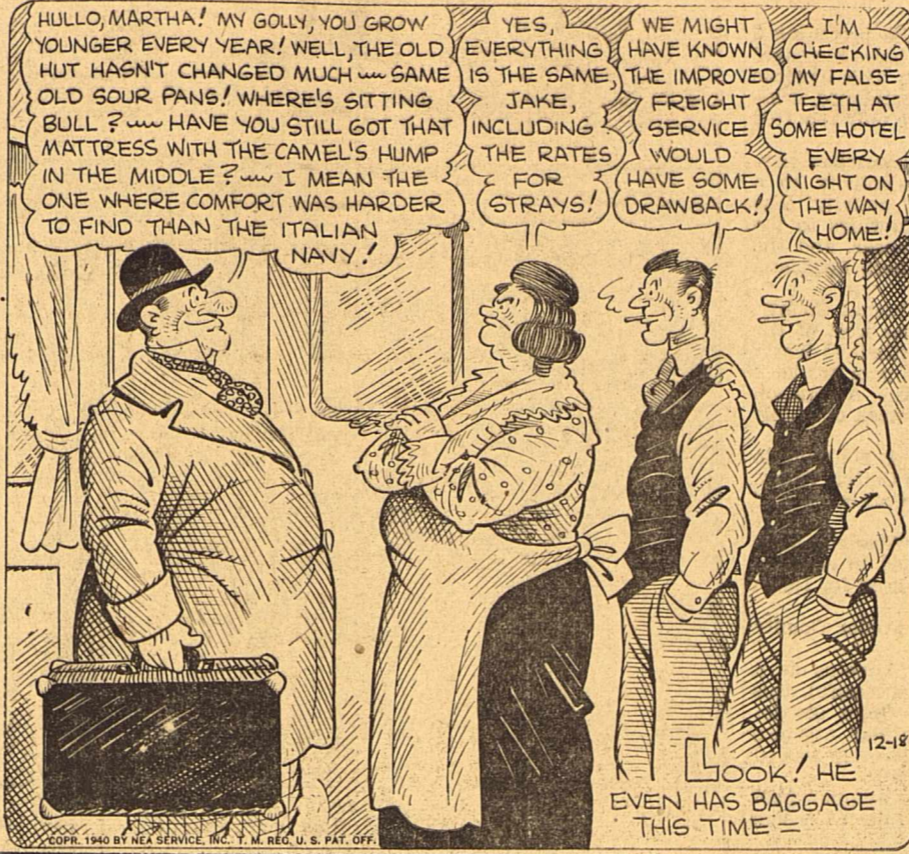
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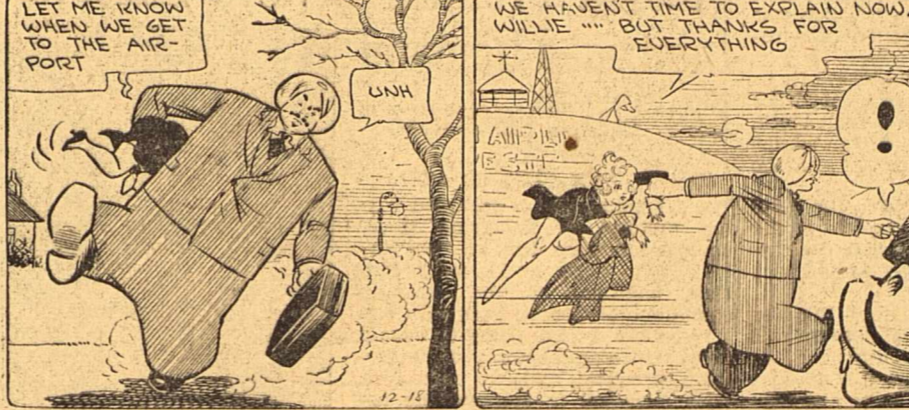
ANSWER: No. The sun revolves once in each 25-day period. Therefore we see all sides of it.

NEXT: A mother that outweighs her young 3000 times.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



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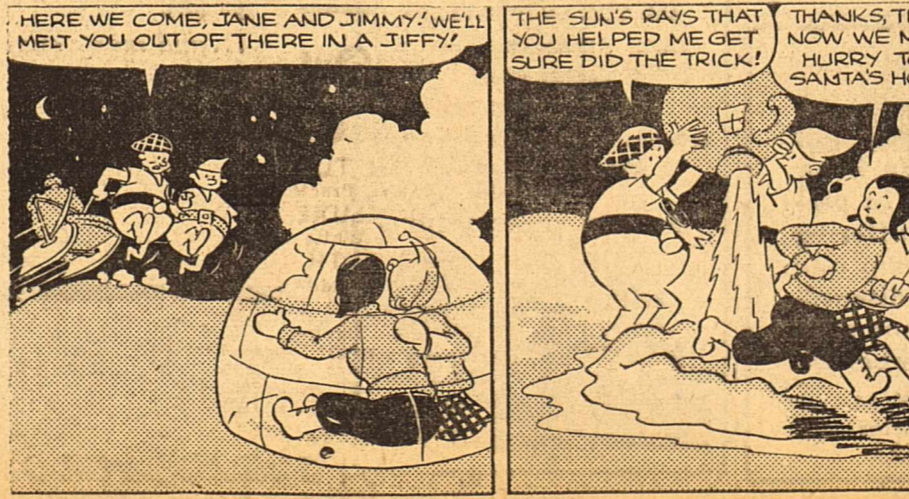
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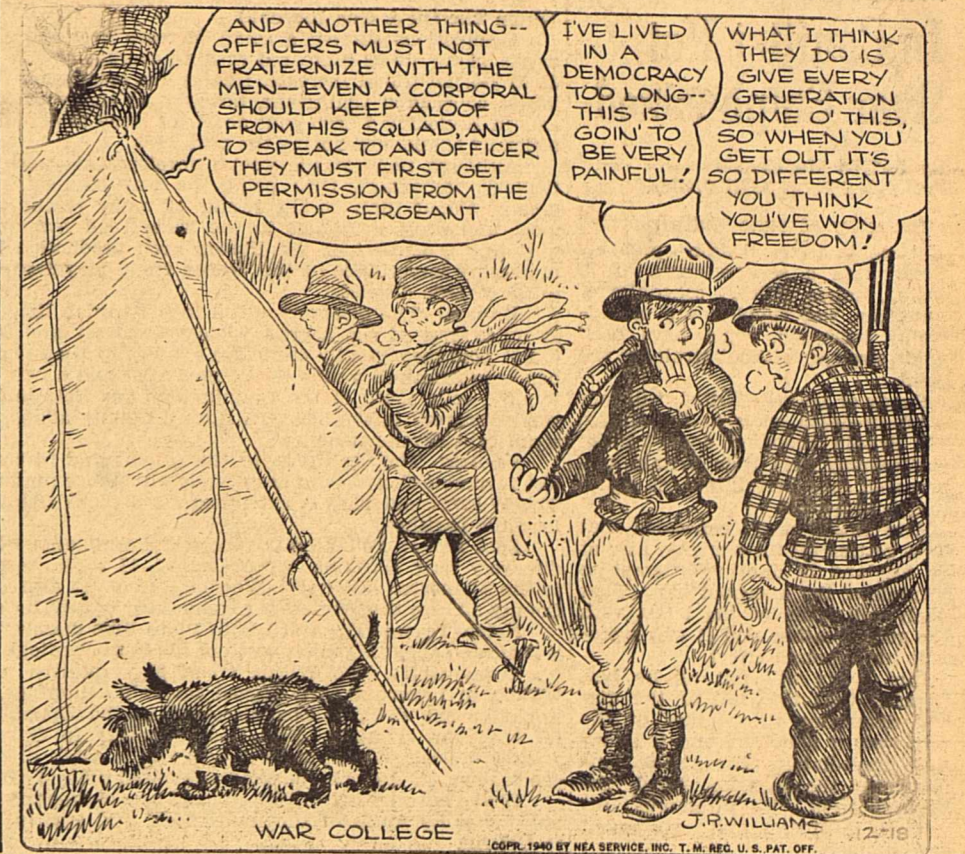
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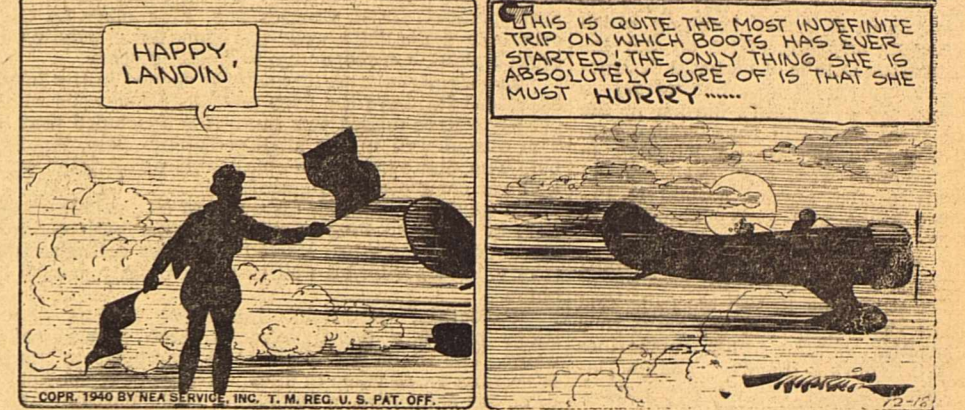
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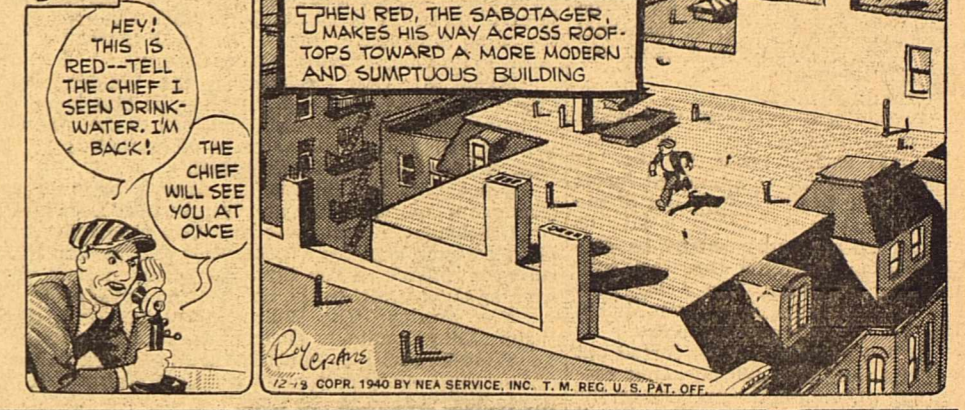
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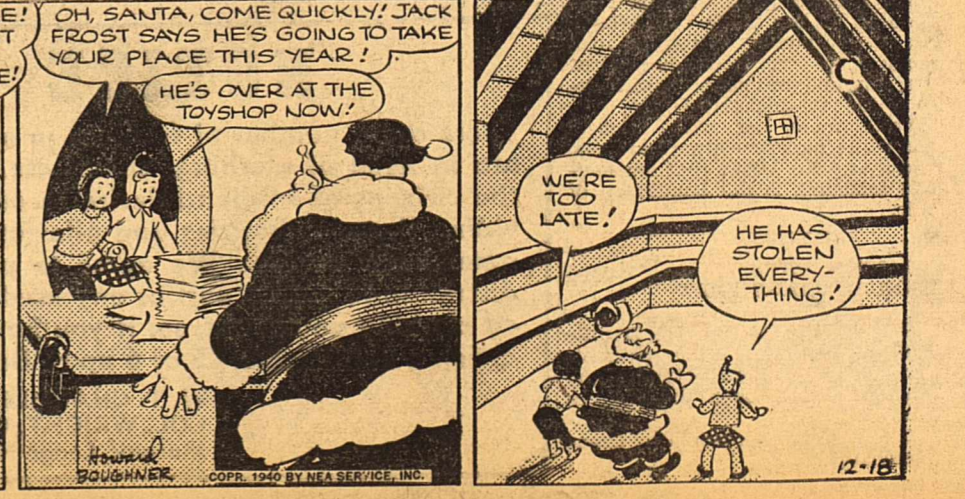
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All About Jane and Jimmy's Magic Merry Christmas



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