

Philippine 'Suicide Squads' Halt Japanese Advance In Northern Luzon

T. B. Wadley, Pioneer City Builder, Dies

T. B. Wadley, 91, pioneer West Texan and one of Midland's first citizens, died at 2:15 A. M. Monday in a hospital here following an illness of two weeks.

Wadley established Midland's first lumber yard and for many years was a contractor. He was the first treasurer of Midland County.

For years, he was active in the First Christian Church and he was an honorary elder of that church.

He was a charter member of the Masonic Lodge here and a past master.

T. B. Wadley was the father of Addison Wadley of Wadley's, one of West Texas' leading department stores.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. E. E. Logan of Dallas, and five other sons, J. L. Wadley of Norman, C. K. Mackey, W. B. Patterson, T. Paul Barron, De Lo Douglas, Don Davis, J. R. Martin and E. H. Barron.

Born Dec. 5, 1850 in Tennessee, Wadley moved to Midland with his family in June of 1884 and established a lumber yard in the pioneer community which became the City of Midland.

As a contractor, he built many of Midland's homes and saw the city grow from a small cattle town to the oil and cattle headquarters of the Permian Basin area.

Wadley was active in business and in civic affairs until about 15 years ago when he retired. He made thousands of friends in West Texas and was one of the best known businessmen of the west area.

Wadley was one of the organizers of the city government and aided in setting up the city here.

He was one of the pioneers who lived to see Midland developed into the city they had planned.

Eden and Stalin Reach Accord In Moscow Meeting

The Associated Press Foreign Minister Anthony Eden has reached an agreement in Moscow with Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin looking toward the "utter defeat of Hitlerite Germany," it was announced in London and Moscow.

The Moscow talks, it was disclosed, dipped into post-war reorganization. They went on simultaneously with those in Washington between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt. And the four men were said to have kept constantly in touch with each other.

It may have been more than coincidence that while the British were announcing the Moscow conference aim of "utter defeat of Hitlerite Germany" President Roosevelt messaged the United States, Britain, Netherlands East Indies and China "have been dedicated x x x to the utter and complete defeat of the Japanese warlords."

On the Russian war front the Red Army troops were reported to have shattered a division of German fledglings of 17 to 18 years of age on the Kalinin front; ripped Berlin for the first time in recent days, claimed to have scored telling counter-blows.

In Libya, the advancing British pressed the fleeing Axis forces still farther west, but their pace seemed to have slackened and Rome and Berlin, for the first time in recent days, claimed to have scored telling counter-blows.

Puncture-Proof Hats Would Help



These American sailors are inspecting a Jap bullet hole in the 'tin hat' one of them was wearing when Japanese airmen launched their attack on Pearl Harbor. It was a close call, but the sailor escaped injury. (NEA Telephoto).

U. S. Subs Sink Two Ships In Pacific War

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy reported Monday United States submarines had sunk two more enemy ships in the Far East and that a United States destroyer had suffered slight damage and minor casualties from Japanese planes.

The text of the communique, giving the naval situation on the basis of reports received up to 8 p. m. (GST) Monday follows:

"U. S. submarines have sunk two additional ships of the enemy. One was a transport, the other a supply vessel. "During enemy air operations one of our destroyers was attacked, slight damage and minor casualties resulted."

"Central Pacific: "Thirteen survivors of the S. S. Prusa, torpedoed by an enemy submarine on December 18, have been rescued. "There is nothing to report from other areas." (End communique.)

MacArthur Shortens Philippine Defenses

WASHINGTON (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur has shortened his Philippine defense lines north of Manila, the War Department reported in a communique Monday which said the Japanese invaders had been heavily reinforced.

MacArthur had consolidated the majority of his troops in Pangasinan Province, north of Manila, and consequently south of Leyte Gulf Coast line where the original major invasion thrust started.

Says Americans Must Learn To Obey Orders

AUSTIN (AP)—Asserting Americans, accustomed to Democratic freedom and not to taking orders from any governmental agency, must learn to obey such orders if the nation is to win the war, Governor Coke Stevenson Monday urged volunteers to apply to county judges and mayors if they desired to serve.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED NEAR GAS STOVE

TURKEY (AP)—Gwendolyn, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mohon, was burned fatally Sunday while playing near a gas stove. Her parents were away attending a funeral.

Wynne Prisoners Saw Out Of Cell And Make Escape

Twelve Men Include Several Serving Long Terms In Penitentiary

By The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Twelve convicts, several of them serving long terms, escaped Monday from the Wynne Prison Farm near Huntsville by sawing bars of a large cell and sliding down sheets.

One of them, Joseph R. Tucker, was captured by a Huntsville citizen whose name was not learned immediately.

Tucker told Capt. R. H. Baughan of Wynne farm he entered the man's automobile with a drawn knife but the man covered him with a pistol. The man took Tucker into his home and phoned the penitentiary. Tucker is serving life from Harris County for murder and burglary.

All available bloodhounds and guards from the farm and the main prison at Huntsville took up the trail. One group of dogs and guards was rushed to a point five miles east of town where several of the convicts were reported sighted.

The men who escaped were: William E. Carey, Bell County, assault to murder, 20 years. Lawrence Herrin, Jefferson County, burglary, 3 years.

Willard Scott, Walker County, murder, life. Robert Dewesse, Harris County, theft, two years.

William B. Cummings, Dallas, robbery, 10 years. Ernest A. Ashley, Bell, assault to murder and rob, 15 years.

Leon Dwight Craft, Cooke County, robbery with firearms, 5 years. Jack West, Dallas and Tarrant counties, robbery, 5 years.

William Fred Johnson, Tarrant County, burglary, 4 years. Woodie Dunham, Tarrant, robbery, 8 years.

Roy Burk, Cameron and Polk, burglary, 12 years.

Funeral Rites Held Here For Prominent Ward County Rancher

Services for G. B. Estes, about 45, prominent Ward County rancher, who died Saturday while visiting in Fort Worth, were held in Monahan Monday morning and other rites were scheduled here at 2 p. m.

The Rev. W. Carl Clement, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiated at services at Ellis Funeral Chapel with interment in Fairview Cemetery.

Estes was a son of Mrs. Taint (Ethel Jane) Estes, of Monahan. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Gray, Monahan; and a brother, Jim Estes, Monahan.

Midland relatives of Estes include Mrs. S. W. Estes, an aunt; and Aldridge Estes, Mrs. Porter Rankin, Mrs. Dunn Reiger, Mrs. Ed Whitaker, Bob Estes and Bud Estes, all cousins.

Estes had been engaged in the cattle business several years. His family formerly lived in Midland and his father is buried here.

Petroleum Experts See 35 Per Cent Reduction In Gasoline Consumption After Federal Regulations On Tires

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 35 per cent reduction in the nation's 1942 civilian gasoline consumption was considered likely Monday by government petroleum experts because of restrictions making it impossible for the ordinary motorist to obtain new tires or inner tubes for his car.

The effect of these regulations, these officials believed, would be to make motorists use their cars less to conserve their tires for necessary motoring and emergencies. Gasoline consumption accordingly would be sharply reduced.

The same quarters considered the rubber conservation program might delay the need of direct consumer rationing of motor fuel, in event the war effort ties up the extensive transportation facilities used to distribute some 7,200,000,000 gallons of gasoline annually throughout the country.

At the direction of Secretary of Interior Ickes, the petroleum coordinator, a consumer gasoline rationing system has been prepared for use if an emergency demands such action. Its details have not been revealed.

The petroleum coordination office has become particularly alert to the transportation of oil since the United States entered the war, in view of a possibility a substantial portion of the great fleet of oil tankers now supplying the coastal areas might be needed to fuel the forces fighting in the Pacific.

Petroleum supply in the United States, which possesses great resources of oil, is principally a matter of transportation.

British War Chiefs in Washington



Three war leaders from London study military maps on front steps of British embassy in Washington. Members of the group accompanying Prime Minister Churchill to the U. S., they are, left to right: British Field Marshal Sir John Dill, Fleet Admiral Sir Dudley Pound and Chief Air Marshal Sir Charles Portal.

WAR BULLETINS

TOKYO—(Official Broadcast Recorded By AP)—Premier General Hideki Tojo will fly Tuesday to the grand Shrines of Ise, 250 miles southwest of Tokyo, to report to the sun goddess, Amaterasu O Mi Kami, the outbreak of the "greater East Asia war" and to pray for ultimate victory, said an official announcement Monday.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Japan's special "peace envoy," Saburo Kurusu, who was at the State Department conducting negotiations for settlement of Japanese American problems when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, left the capital Monday with the Japanese embassy staff, which was taken to Hot Springs, Va. Ambassador Kichi Saburo Nomura and Kurusu headed the party.

CHUNGKING (AP)—The main spearhead of a broad Central China Japanese offensive was reported in Chinese Front dispatches Monday to have pierced to within forty miles north of Changsha, capital of Hunan Province and now for the third time the objective of a major Japanese drive.

Netherlands Fliers Hit Transport And Bag Twelve Planes

BATAVIA, N. E. I.—(AP)—American-built bombers of the N. E. I. Army Air Force have scored a direct hit on a large Japanese transport and shot down "probably" 12 Japanese fighter planes in an attack on Miri, Sarawak, a communique released by Aneta, N. E. I. news agency, reported Monday.

The fact the communique made no reference to landing of Japanese parachute troops near Medan, on the island of Sumatra, led observers here to believe the invaders had been unable to make such headway in their first attempt to win a foothold on Indies territory.

U. S. Army Orders Briton To Address Canadians Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army orders Monday: Capt. Russell McNellis, San Angelo to Lima, Peru.

British Fliers Bomb Great German Ports

LONDON (AP)—Germany's great ports of Wilhelmshaven and Emden and the important industrial districts of the Rhineland were the chief targets of overnight RAF air raids, delivered "in force" and with the help of good weather, the air ministry announced Monday.

Engineering School Dean At Mines Dies

EL PASO (AP)—John W. Kidd, 61, dean of the school of engineering of Texas College of Mines, died Monday at his home. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Strong Tremor Shakes City; Loss Is Unknown

PORTLAND, Ore.—(AP)—A strong tremor, believed to have been an earthquake, shook Portland at about 12:35 p. m. (CST) Monday. No immediate reports of damage were received.

Nipponese Land Reinforcements In South Sector

Officer Reports Enemy Falling Back At Tayug 100 Miles From Manila

By The Associated Press

MANILA — "Suicide squads" of young Filipino soldiers were credited Monday with halting the first rush of the Japanese advance in northern Luzon and helping to drive back the invaders in at least one sector. But U. S. Army headquarters at the same time warned of a fresh threat in the south, where they said the Japanese were landing reinforcements.

Army advices otherwise were meager, simply reporting "no material change" in the north or south. An officer returned from the northern front said the Japanese appeared to be falling back from Tayug, 100 miles north of Manila and 20 miles inland from Lingayen Gulf, and a Manila Bulletin reporter back from the same sector told of the work of "suicide squads."

(Bert Silen, NBC reporter in Manila, said eyewitnesses returning from the front reported the Japanese "in full retreat" in the province of Pangasinan, just south of Lingayen Gulf, with four towns recaptured out of the six they had occupied. In the south, Silen said, the defenders' lines are in excellent position—expected to hold the enemy in check.)

The young Filipinos, he said, had fought off the Japanese for at least 48 hours beginning Christmas morning, thus enabling the Army command to reorganize the main body of the defense forces and redispense them in more favorable terrain.

One tank commander told the reporter "during our many sallies into enemy territory those Filipinos just rushed in first before our tanks to get at the Japs. Hell, what do they think our tanks are here for?"

Transport Driven Off After the American lines had been reestablished, the fighting settled down into long-range artillery exchanges with frequent intense tank action in which the Japanese infantry, following up its tanks, was said to have lost heavily.

A fleet of Japanese transports in Lingayen Gulf, off the coast of the province of La Union, was reported driven off by the American guns without even attempting any further landings.

Manila, meanwhile, after two days of successive bombing in spite of its designation as an open city, saw no raiders. There was a 56-minute air raid alarm starting at 12:37 p. m. (9:37 p. m. CST, Sunday) but no raiders appeared.

(Silen reported two alarms without bombs being dropped. He said there were unconfirmed reports that Dutch planes had sunk 12 Japanese transports seeking to land reinforcements at Davao, on the island of Mindanao.)

Raid Manila Again

Japanese planes raided the island fortress of Corregidor, at the entrance to Manila Bay, for two hours, but lost a number of planes in the operation.

Four planes staged an unsuccessful attack on two bridges near Calumpit in Balacan province, 26 miles northwest of Manila, where three civilians were injured.

Anti-aircraft guns at the front were reported to have brought down nine Japanese planes Saturday, and official advices said three more were shot down Sunday.

In Manila, however, Japanese air raiders who swarmed over the city Sunday for the second successive day found no such opposition.

Roaring in at low altitudes, at least five formations of nine planes each pounded the city savagely between 11:24 a. m. (8:24 p. m. CST Saturday) and 1:28 p. m., losing scores of bombs and setting at least four major fires.

At 4:22 p. m. Manila had another 46-minute alert when three more Japanese air raiders strafed suburban Camp Murphy—which previously had been evacuated—from a height of only 200 feet. The attackers did not fly over the city itself this time.

Treasury Building Struck

Though preliminary reports showed that Sunday morning's attack injured only three persons and caused no fatalities, material damage was reported.

Now physicians say he needs no operation. His nose is back in line.

Needs No Operation, Nose Is Back In Line

OAKLAND, Calif.—(AP)—Patrolman Earl Rumetsch had foresight in ignoring his physicians' advice. They counseled an operation but he resorted only to tape after his nose was punched awry by a man he sought to arrest 10 days ago.

Christmas Eve he was punched by seven men—one blow striking his nose—as he sought to arrest a drunk.

Now physicians say he needs no operation. His nose is back in line.

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YOU WILL LOSE MORE THAN THE MAN YOU ROB: Thou shalt not steal.—Ex 20:15.

'You're In The Army Now ...'

Down the road swings a column of men in khaki. At their head a small bugle corps blasts jauntily into the air a march simply put together of bugle notes. One after another the men take up the tune and begin to sing:

You're in the army now,
You're not behind the plow.
You'll never get rich
By digging a ditch,
You're in the army now!

Men marching, singing, doing things together. Men united in a common effort, with none standing to gain anything but honor, no profit to any, a common chance of losing all.

All America is marching to that tune today. We are all in the Army now. Soon every man up to 64 years of age will be registered, his every talent and strength thus placed at the disposal of the common government.

We are determined that none shall get rich, whether it be by digging a ditch or building airplanes.

The man at the lathe or in the shipyard is in the Army, too, not merely because he will be registered for service, but because his products are part of the fight. The woman taking a man's place, the Red Cross or air raid defense workers—they are all in the Army now, all serving, all marching.

That part of labor which is organized has agreed to settle disputes peaceably, without strikes. The government will act as umpire in its disputes, but will expect compliance with its decisions. If this is less than military discipline for labor, it is because labor still works for private employers, while the soldier serves his people directly. The greater discipline applied to employes, the greater discipline must be accepted also by employers. Insofar as organized labor accepts in good faith the decision of government agencies in matters of dispute, it also binds employers to comply similarly.

We are all in the Army now, and there can be no advantage for any except in the victory on which the future advantage of all depends. President Roosevelt spoke to every man and woman of this great Army when he said:

"I have full faith that no group in our national life will take undue advantage while we are faced by common enemies."

No group, and he might have added, no individual.
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The Young Men Are All Right

Some time ago we remember writing a piece by that title, at a time when Army morale was being heavily criticized and it was feared that the young men of the juke-box generation had become soft, mentally, morally and physically.

We're glad we wrote it, for it has been written much better since—written in blood on the sands of Hawaii and Luzon.

The only trouble there's ever been with the young men now in the Army camps is the same trouble that lay in the minds of the whole nation—we couldn't quite take this thing seriously; we couldn't quite believe it could really happen.

The Navy, caught off base as much by the national habit of complacency as by any specific neglect, showed at Pearl Harbor that its men of today are fit to have sailed with Jones or Lawrence. The air pilots have already shown that they can fly with or against the world's best. The Marines at Wake are fit comrades for their predecessors at Derna or Chateau Thierry, and the Army is proving daily its kinship with the men of Lexington, Gettysburg, and the Argonne.

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Hope Deferred

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick. So runs the old proverb, and if it be true, there must be a lot of people in Germany who aren't greeting the new year too cheerily.

A year ago, in a new year message, Hitler said: "Soldiers, the year 1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory of our history."

So the year 1941 came and went, and as it closed the great German army was in disastrous withdrawal on the Russian front, while his expeditionary force in North Africa was nearing complete annihilation. Having added Japan as an ally, he has added the United States as an enemy.

Complete victory, which seemed almost within Hitler's grasp in mid-1940, and again in mid-1941, has now receded farther than ever, and dances like an illusive will-o'-the-wisp before the tortured eyes of the German people.

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Pay Is Blacked Out, Too

Suppose you work in a factory. Along comes a blackout period, or an hour and a half the factory is shut down while managers, foremen and employes alike seek shelter or perform blackout duties.

Is that hour and a half "hours worked" under terms of the Wage-Hour Law? No, rules the wage-hour division of the Department of Labor. Insofar as the wage-hour law is concerned, blackouts and air-raid alarms are not "on the employer," but will just have to be charged up against those forces that have cost us much already—the aggressor nations.

The V Formation At Home



At Your Library

The following books, a gift of the International Mind Alcove division, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, are now on the shelves. Miss Amy Hemingway Jones, division assistant, says: "Here is the new installment for your International Mind Alcove. The selection of these books grows increasingly difficult as the tragedy of the world situation develops, but the original purpose of the Alcove has not changed. We have no wish to exploit the war or to rouse unreasoning emotions and we trust that these books will be found by the Alcove readers to be not only interesting and enjoyable, but constructive as well."

"WE ESCAPED," edited by William Allen Neilson: This book... may be considered a 'war book', although of an unusual type. It contains brief accounts—each a story in itself—written by men and women who have been forced by the impact of war to leave what was once a safe and normal life in their native lands to find refuge in a new and unfamiliar world across the sea. The seemingly insuperable obstacles they overcame in this trek to a foreign land, their courage and appreciation of the help that was given them on the way—and the restraint with which these stories are told cut this book off sharply from any possible charge of "propaganda", if by propaganda we mean a warped and unfair presentation of facts. That these undoubtedly authoritative accounts present certain countries in an unfair light, it would, however, be futile to deny.

"CROSS WINDS OF EMPIRE," by W. E. Remington: This is a refreshing and most attractive book. It deals with the southern regions of what we know as the "Far East"—Malaysia and the Philippines. Written with real power and beauty of expression it portrays the remoteness of the jungles, the heat and primitive conditions and tells of the long line of tradition reaching back to ancient Empires. The author, a U. S. Army officer on leave at intervals from official duty, studied with the greatest sympathy the forgotten man of the numerous tribes. His book is written in great measure from the point of view of the native. It contrasts native conditions with the standards of civilization imposed upon these primitive peoples and discusses the results, not always with approval. The book contains much valuable information concerning Americans in the Philippines and the British and Dutch in Malaysia. It is illustrated with unusual photographs.

The following books "Given by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to interest the children in their friends of other lands:"
Miss Jones says: "We are happy to send you five new books for your International Mind Alcove. In 'Johanna Arrives' you will find the story of a little Dutch girl who came to America and felt at home just as soon as it was wintertime and she was able to go ice-skating. The country where 'Lucky Pierre' lives is near Johanna's for he is a little boy of Brittany, a northern section of France. Can you guess how he is able to help his brothers and sisters buy a new lace cap for their mother?"
"Three Secrets" tells of the exciting adventures of a young American girl who goes to Portugal for a visit.

"Bermuda Vacation" is a small book, but filled with big pictures. How strange it must be to live on an island where they do not allow automobiles!

The little boy, Cusi, in the story of "The Silver Llama" lives way up in the Andes Mountains between the countries of Bolivia and Peru. Be sure to remember how his father keeps track of the number of llamas he owns for you might find it fun to try the same method to see how many Alcove books you read this winter."

In San Francisco---



Glenna Helton, hotel elevator operator, does her job by candlelight.

Hope Worst Is Over After Bad Luck Hits

AMARILLO—(UP)—The John W. Lee family hope the worst is over. In the past few weeks:

Lee suffered a lung injury and several bone fractures in an automobile accident.

His daughter was ill with an attack of mumps.

John Carroll Lee, his 3-year-old son, caught the whooping cough.

Mrs. Lee cut her thumb while slicing pumpkin and it took several stitches to close the wound.

Earle Says Europe Enveloped in Gloom

ISTANBUL—(AP)—George H. Earle III, who has been United States Minister to Bulgaria, arrived Monday from Sofia and described a deepening gloom settling upon Nazi-dominated Europe.

He said Rumanian and Hungarian hospitals were choked with German wounded from Eastern front hospital trains and asserted the German people and soldiers alike were sickened by Adolf Hitler's assumption of personal command of the German army.

"German fortunes definitely are declining," he said, but added that "the death throes may be unprecedently violent."

Stocks Increase 934,000 Barrels

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Bureau of Mines reported Monday stocks of domestic and foreign crude petroleum at the close of the week ended Dec. 20 totaled 248,617,000 barrels, a net increase of 934,000 barrels compared with the previous week. Stocks and domestic oil increased 1,169,000 barrels for the week and foreign crude decreased 235,000 barrels.

Daily average production for the week was 4,314,000 barrels of an increase of 204,000 barrels compared with the previous week's level. Runs to stills averaged 4,070,000 barrels daily, compared with 3,997,000 barrels for the preceding week.

Stocks of crude petroleum and change from previous week (in thousands of barrels):

Grade	Dec. 20	Dec. 13
Oklahoma	51,685	Increase 123
East Texas	20,496	Increase 51
West Texas	18,305	Increase 235
G. Coast Tex.	23,886	Increase 49
Other Texas	19,029	Increase 102

•Cranium Crackers

U. S.-JAP RELATIONS

Now that Japan has attacked the United States, all citizens will want to know more about the relations of the two countries which have always been at peace with each other until the unprovoked assault upon Hawaii. These questions should refresh your memory.

1. What American naval officer opened Japan for trade with other nations, and when?
2. With what country did Japan fight a successful war in 1904-05, during which time Japanese war bonds were floated in the United States?
3. When and against whom did the United States and Japan ally themselves in war?
4. What treaty did the United States and Japan sign agreeing to end the naval building race? When did Japan renounce the treaty?
5. What single act of Japan in 1937 greatly increased the tension between the two nations?

Answers on Classified Page

Boys Revolt Against Girls Wearing Pants

RACINE, Wis.—(UP)—Chill winds helped to end a revolt of boys who wore skirts because girls attired in trousers, attended classes at William Horlick high school here.

Boy students served notice on Werner Smith, assistant principal, that if he did not forbid the girls to wear men's trousers to school, they would don skirts.

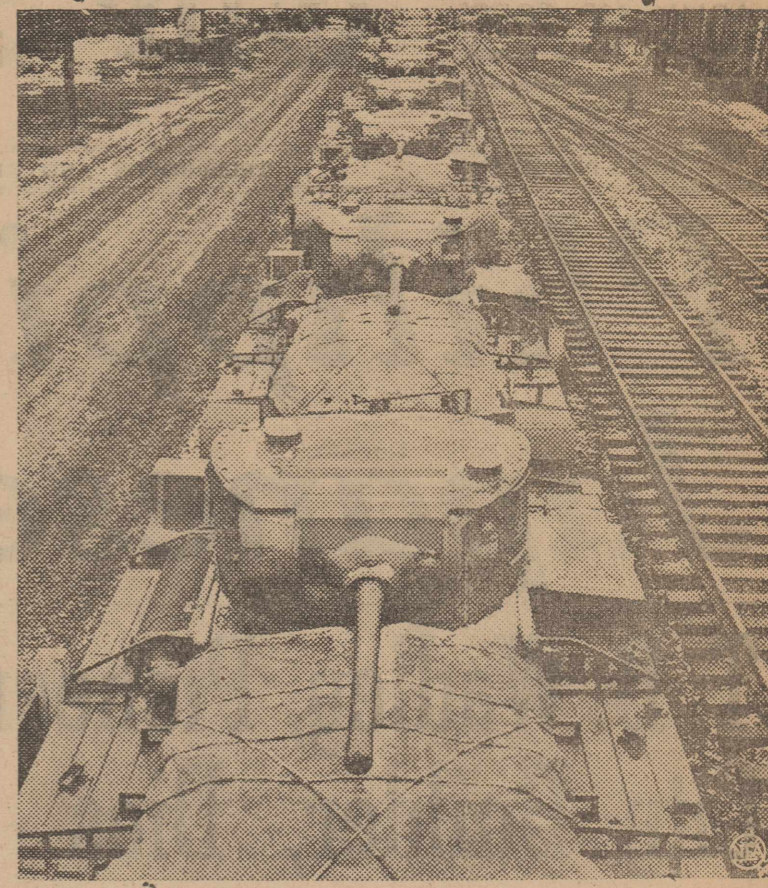
The number of trousered females trebled after word of this warning spread around school. Smith and Principal D. W. Miller let the deadline pass without prohibiting the girls from wearing masculine garb, in the belief that the boys were bluffing.

"Good morning, girls," said Miller to a group in skirts in the school corridor next day. "Good morning, Mr. Miller," came the response in husky, if tremulous, baritone.

BANDITS BURN LARGE RAIL BRIDGE IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—(AP)—One of the biggest bridges on the railway from the capital to El Paso, Texas, was burned Sunday night, apparently by bandits who hoped to stop and rob a train, the National Railway Administration reports Monday.

Canada Says to Adolf: Tanks



This long line of Canadian-built infantry tanks will help the Russians pin back the frost-bitten ears of Adolf Hitler. They're leaving Montreal for the Moscow and southern sectors.

Eastern Scientists Discover Secret Of Human Consciousness

By Howard W. Blakeslee

DALLAS—(AP)—Discovery of the secret of consciousness was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science Monday.

Consciousness it was found, is due merely to activity of the body's enzymes, the minute, potent chemicals that produce both chemical and physical reactions. Unconsciousness is the temporary falling apart of those enzymes.

The report was made by Professors Frank H. Johnson of Princeton University and Dugald E. S. Brown and Douglas A. Marsland of New York University.

Experiment With Firefly

Recently, in many laboratories, it was discovered enzymes are self-renewing. They enter a chemical reaction which momentarily seems to destroy them, and immediately come back, ready to use again. This they do by absorbing a little energy from the tissues around them.

But all this had been done only in test tubes. The New York and Princeton scientists for the first time did it in living bodies.

The experiment was done with bacteria which emit light, like the firefly and the glow worm. This

light is the flash of an enzyme known as luciferase.

They gave the microbes alcohol, ether, chloroform novocaine and other narcotic and anesthetics. Each time the glow extinguished like switching off a light.

The germs went into deep jags if given a lot. Too much put them out permanently.

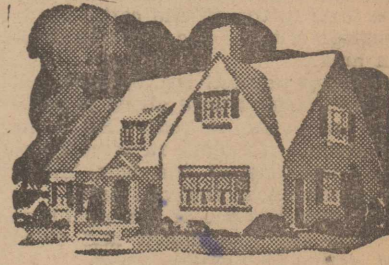
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Club Has Supper Dance

Approximately 150 Attend Affair At Hotel Scharbauer

Approximately 150 members and guests attended the supper dance of the Minuet Club at Hotel Scharbauer, Saturday night.

C. A. Rodgers and his orchestra played for dancing in the Crystal Ballroom which was decorated in red and white.

Supper was served at midnight, tables being decked with red candles and holly.

A huge "snowball" was broken to loose smaller balls and caps and horns added to the merriment.

Club guests were: Messrs. and Mmes. Don Oliver, Barron Kidd of Evansville, Indiana, J. C. Ratliff, C. M. Linahan, Paul Oles, W. H. Gilmore, Linsey Short of Houston, Mrs. Prince, L. J. Pundt, Miss Clara Langston of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Major Shankle, Miss Joy Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Holt McWorkman, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Peck, F. W. Foell, Miss Montgomery, Lieut. and Mrs. Knowles, Messrs. and Mmes. Nelson Crowland, De Lo Douglas, Dave Myers, W. L. Morrison, Geo. P. Livermore, Jimmie Kincaid, Ed Heasley, B. A. Stuart of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Miss Mary Louise Hagelstein, Don DeVito, Col. and Mrs. John Perkins of San Antonio, Major and Mrs. Shelton Prudhomme, Capt. and Mrs. Harrison, Capt. Russell Brown, and Lieut. Price.

Members present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Geo. Abell, J. H. Adkinson, W. F. Bailey, H. L. Beckmann, Ben Black, J. E. Bracks Jr., F. P. Brown, Frank Briggs, B. K. Buffington, Major and Mrs. H. R. Baxter.

Messrs. and Mmes. A. B. Cather, J. D. Chambers, John Cornwall, Bradford Cotey, R. I. Diekey, J. H. Elder, R. R. Ford, David S. Grogins, Wright Cowden, G. E. Hall, Col. and Mrs. I. Davies.

Messrs. and Mmes. W. B. Harkrider, S. P. Hazlip, J. Harvey Herd, John House, Dan Hudson, Curtis R. Inman, John Kenyon, P. H. Liberty, B. G. Martin, Bruce McKague, A. E. McKay, Roy Minear, Stanley Moore, Carl McAdams, Roy Parks, Lem Peters, Johnson Phillips, Willard Phillips, R. R. Rhodes, J. P. Ruckman, Eugene Russell, W. J. Russell, Tom Sealy, R. C. Tucker, Milton Unger, Jack Wilkinson, W. A. Yeager, and Major and Mrs. J. W. White.

Advertisement for Night Coughing, Vicks VapoRub. Includes a small image of a child coughing and text describing the product's benefits for coughs, colds, and chest issues.

In Memory of T. B. WADLEY former manager of Rockwell Bros. Co. We will be closed during Funeral Services Tuesday, 2 P. M. to 4 P. M.

"Never Wear Color As A Flag" Warns Soprano Rise Stevens



Black is a bore, says Rise Stevens, welcoming the season's fashionable color contrast. She wears it spectacularly, in a black and red dinner gown. Black front, red sleeves, back and embroidered belt. However, the glamorous young singer says it must point out, not subtract from, her stature.

Breakfast Bridge Honors Visitor

STANTON — (Special) — Saturday morning, December 27, Mrs. Edith M. Stant, who is a member of the Stanton Club, and Santa Claus candles making a very festive scene.

The guests arrived at 9 o'clock and were seated at the tables for four laid for breakfast, with place cards, jelly containers and Santa Claus candles making a very festive scene.

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoekendorf on the birth of a son Sunday at Western Clinic Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Harris, Odessa, on the birth of a son, Joel Calvin, at Ryan Hospital Sunday.

STUDENT ANTHROPOLOGISTS PRACTICE IN SAND PILES CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—(UP)—You might think college students were a little too old to dig in sand piles, but that's what members of one class at Harvard University have to do.

Students taking advanced anthropology — or "the ditch diggers class"—are required to dig into a pile of sand at Peabody Museum to find old bones buried by the instructor.

SPARROWS ALSO BURDENED WITH TRIANGLE PROBLEM BERKELEY, Cal.—(UP)—One of the greatest troubles in the life of sparrows is the eternal triangle problem. Dr. Barbara D. Blanchard, who has just completed an extensive study of the White-Crowned sparrows of the Pacific Coast, reports.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—(UP)—Mrs. Grace G. Dearborn, Boston, Mass., admitted that her "collecting spirit" had gotten the better of her.

Advertisement for FEMININE FANCIES By Kathleen Eiland, featuring doughnuts and cookies.

MIND Your MANNERS Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below.

- 1. Is it important that a house guest get to meals on time, and not keep the family waiting?
2. Is it all right for a house guest not to show up for a meal if he has not told his hostess in advance he will be gone?
3. If there is no servant, should a house guest take care of his own room and as much as possible wait on himself?

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RAILROAD BUILT DEFENSES MOSCOW — (UP)—Moscow's perimeter defense line against the Nazi advance was an intricate system of barricades under construction since 1932. The "secret" defenses encircled the capital in a series of concentric belts of fortresses. They were started by Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky, one of eight Russian Army leaders shot in June, 1937, for supplying military information to Germany.

Aggravating Gas When stomach gas seems to smother you, and you can hardly take a deep breath, try ADLERIKA. FIVE carminatives to warm and soothe the stomach and expel gas, and THREE laxatives for gentle, quick bowel action. At your Drug Store.

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Relief At Last For Your Cough Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

SOCIETY

Senior League Hears Minister Speak At Meeting

The Rev. W. Carl Clement discussed the new finance program for the Senior League at the meeting of the organization, Sunday night at the Methodist educational building.

Naomi Class And Men's Class Meet Together

The Naomi Class had as guests members of the Men's Class at its meeting in Hotel Scharbauer Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Sanders, teacher of the Naomi Class, presented the lesson.

Young People Have Program On Prayer

A program on prayer for world missions was presented at the meeting of the Presbyterian Young People, Sunday evening at the church.

We, the Women

It's true that Mrs. Housewife is going to have to keep a watchful eye on her household allowance this winter, and also that she will have to do some fancy skimping and pinching to make it stretch.

CUT "MUSTS" OFF YOUR LIST

She can part with the notion that guests always have to be planned for in advance and entertained elaborately and start extending last minute "Do come home with me for dinner" invitations—which often turn out to be the most appreciated kind.

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Advertisement for EVENING GLITTER. Includes a photo of a woman in a dress and text describing formal evening dresses for gala occasions.

Personals

Miss Alpha Lynn returned Sunday night from a Christmas trip to Denton. Her mother returned with her to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Haag, and Mrs. J. B. Collins, Barbara and Betty, Mr. McWhorter of A. C. C. house guest in the J. B. Collins home, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Collins, Reed, Mary Jane and Don, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Collins, Dickie and Peggy, and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Collins and A. C. Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Girdley and Mrs. Newell Ellis and daughter, Kitty Gene Ellis, visited B. C. Girdley, Jr., and Newell Ellis, Jr., at Kelly Field, San Antonio Saturday and Sunday. The young men are in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

E. F. Edwards, Odessa, injured in an automobile accident near here Dec. 10, and taken to Western Clinic Hospital, was removed to his home Monday.

Mrs. James White went home Sunday from Ryan Hospital.

Miss Marge Emerson was admitted to Ryan Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Montgomery underwent a tonsillectomy Sunday at Ryan Hospital.

Advertisement for ADLERIKA Midland Drug Co., City Drug Store, and Palace Drug Store.

Urges Liberal Arts For College Study

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—(UP)—While the present trend for college students is to place emphasis on technical courses, Dr. Charles C. Wagner, assistant dean of the School of Liberal Arts here, urges those interested in the liberal arts field not to be influenced by today's emergency conditions.

"Before the present emergency, technological jobs were few, and this will be the situation when the present crisis is over," Dr. Wagner said.

Many positions are open both in the Army and civilian life, where the liberal artist is much in demand, he pointed out. Particular attention was called to the Quartermaster Corps, public relations and finances, and the publicity department of the Army. Numerous jobs are now available in the fields of economics, sociology and mathematics.

Advertisement for DECEMBER OR JULY As Always—It Is The Quality That Makes The Difference. SHERWIN WILLIAMS PRODUCTS, ROCKWELL BROS. & CO. Free Estimates Phone 48.

Large advertisement for Samuel Hopkins Adams' 'Tambay Gold' featuring a bearded man and text: "read 'tambay gold' by samuel hopkins adams (author of 'revelry' ... 'gorgeous hussy' ... 'it happened one night')". Includes a small image of a bearded man and a bottle of 'Tambay Gold'.

Coming Events

TUESDAY Midland County museum in the courthouse will be open Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock till 5. The public is invited.

WEDNESDAY Home Arts Club will meet with Mrs. Bula Mahoney, 614 W Tennessee, Wednesday afternoon.

Bluebonnet Club will meet with Mrs. W. A. Black, 111 North G Street, Wednesday afternoon at the usual hour.

THURSDAY Midland County library in the courthouse will be closed all day Thursday in celebration of New Year's Day.

The Senior League of the Methodist Church will have a New Year's party in the educational building, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY First Baptist W.M.U. will have an all-day executive meeting Friday at the educational building. The meeting will open at 10 o'clock in the morning. A covered-dish luncheon will be served. All committee chairmen and circle chairmen are urged to attend.

NINE CHILDREN IN BAND WITH FATHER AS LEADER

BRIDGEPORT, Neb. — (UP)—If someone should sponsor a contest to determine Nebraska's unique family, the honors probably would go to the Wiggins family of 11 living on an 1,840-acre ranch near Bridgeport.

George Wiggins, 65, and his 28-year-old wife already have six children of their own, but they adopted three more.

Today the family of 11, the children ranging from 2 to 13, are a little band of musicians who play concerts each Saturday night at Bridgeport. Wiggins, a robust rancher who has been music teacher for the family, leads his little flock.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority

For the past 14 years, the American Contract Bridge League has held the Fall session of the national championships in one of the major metropolitan cities. This year, however, the tournament was taken to Richmond, Va., and its

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K1095

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Dealer

A863
52
Q1082
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Mrs. Dickens
KQJ97
AQJ86
7
A4

Duplicate—None vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠	Pass

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success was evidenced by the fact that practically every attendance record was broken. I want you to meet the new champions who were crowned at Richmond.

The first event was the women's team-of-four, which was won by four Memphis women—Mrs. W. L. Terry, Mrs. Randolph Scott, Mrs. L. E. Buchanan and Mrs. W. L. Dickens. They had a comfortable lead of five matches over the famous quartet consisting of Mrs. R. C. Young of Philadelphia, Mrs. A. M. Sobel, Mrs. Doris Fuller and Mrs. Joseph M. Rothschild of New York.

In my opinion the accuracy of their bidding won the title for these women. In the hand shown today, Mrs. Dickens, with a very strong and aggressive type of hand, managed to stop at five-odd, which was all that could be made.

With the South cards, Mrs. Dickens was encouraged to find her partner strong enough to bid two diamonds over one spade. The bid of four clubs, instead of three spades, was also intended as a strength-showing bid, inviting a slam try. Mrs. Dickens then bid four no trump (Blackwood convention) and the response of five diamonds showed one ace. But when her partner bid only five spades over five hearts, Mrs. Dickens decided that the slam was too risky. She knew she must lose one ace, and the chance of avoiding the loss of a heart trick was too slender, in view of her partner's lack of enthusiasm for spades or hearts until

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One of the most popular of the basic shirtwaist types, here is a dress welcome in every wardrobe! You can wear it everywhere! Right from business or school to dinner parties and the theatre—it is as correct for afternoon bridge as it is for travel! The secret of its success is its simplicity of course—it is eternally youthful—makes every figure look trimmer and slimmer—always looks new! Grand gab for winter woollens; flannel, gabardine, crepe—or a novelty rayon print.

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For any event that comes up—you'll find a correct, proper style suggestion in our Fashion Book, a catalogue of our recent patterns. Send for your copy today.

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FORT WORTH POLICE ARREST TWO CONVICTS

FORT WORTH — (AP) — Fort Worth police Sunday night arrested two of five convicts who escaped from the Retrieve prison farm last Tuesday.

Arrested while they slept at an Arlington Heights residence were Harry Huggins, 33, and Cary Hudson, 35.

a choice was forced upon her. Many other pairs reached six spaces and made only four through trying to fulfill the slam contract. Mrs. Dickens played safe for five by ruffing out one low heart and giving up the ace and king of hearts.

Dreams Son Is Alive, Mother Is Informed Fighter Is Not Dead

FORT WORTH—(AP) — Three weeks ago the Navy notified Mrs. W. L. Stewart her foster son, Carl Frank Stewart, 19, had been killed in the Pacific war.

She went to bed grief-stricken. She dreamed of her son, and spoke to him.

She awoke so convinced he was alive that she refused to accept the proceeds of a life insurance policy.

Sunday she received another message from the Navy. Carl was wounded seriously, but will recover.

Funny Business



"That's so they can slip past the enemy sentry—he'll think he's having a nightmare!"

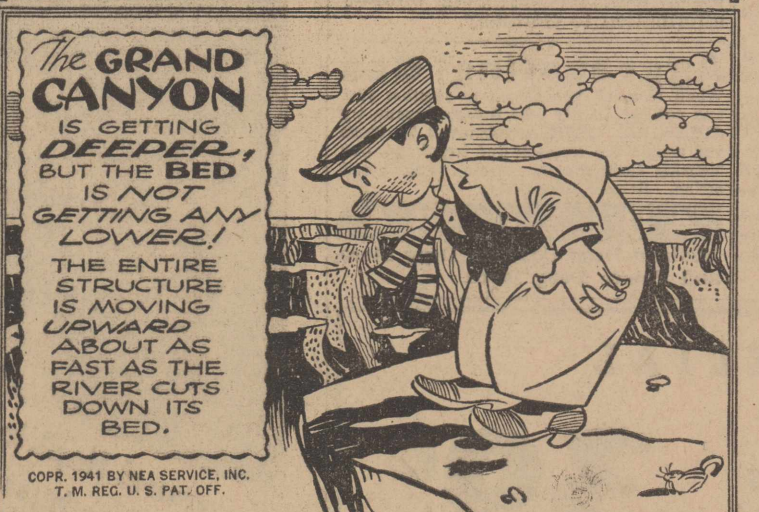
Side Glances



"I'm glad I bought a new dress for the Browns' party—maybe it will keep people from noticing that you need a haircut!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE GRAND CANYON IS GETTING DEEPER! BUT THE BED IS NO GETTING ANY LOWER!

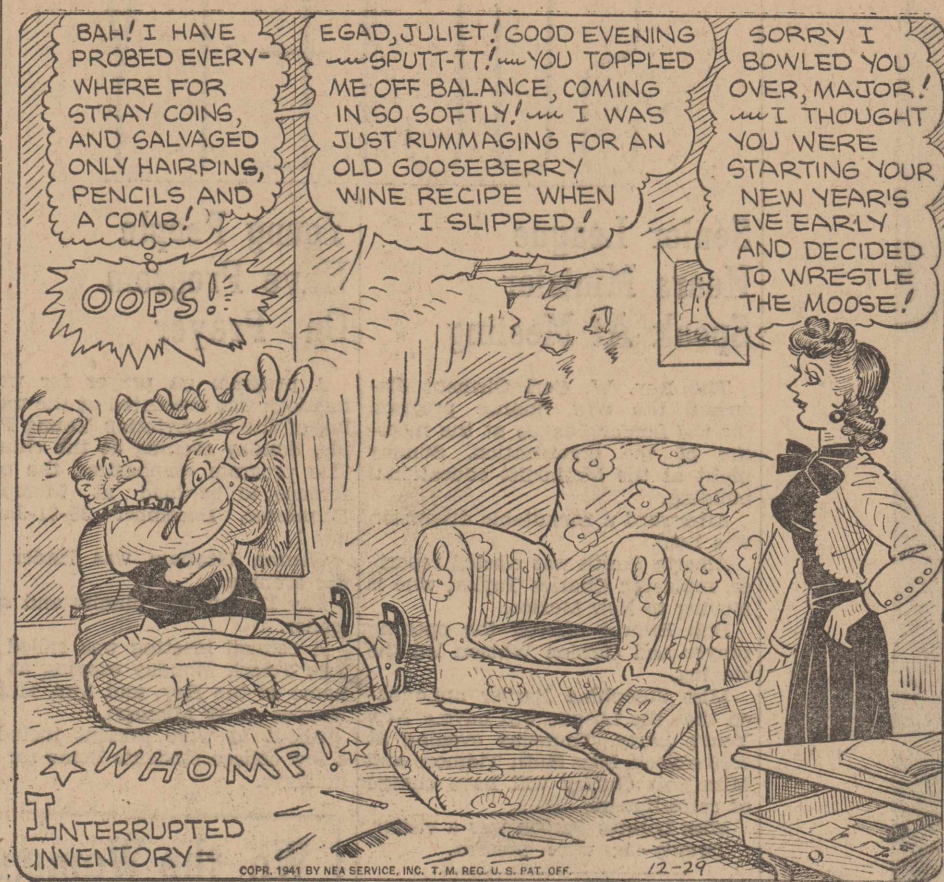
THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE IS MOVING UPWARD ABOUT AS FAST AS THE RIVER CUTS DOWN ITS BED.

IF THE UNITED STATES WERE AS THICKLY POPULATED AS PUERTO RICO, IT WOULD CONTAIN 1,300,000,000 INHABITANTS.

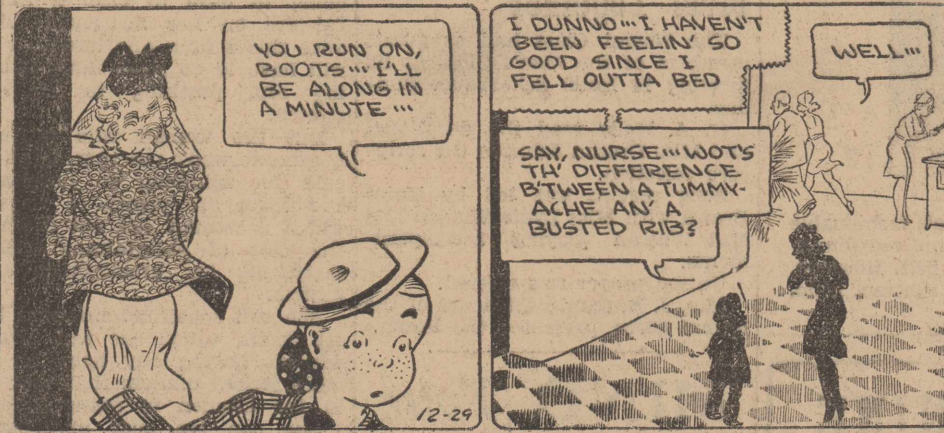
A RABBIT'S FRONT TRACKS ARE MADE BY HIS HIND FEET! Says GARNETTA UNDERWOOD, FORENFELT, MISSOURI.

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Our Boarding House with Major Hoople



Boots And Her Buddies

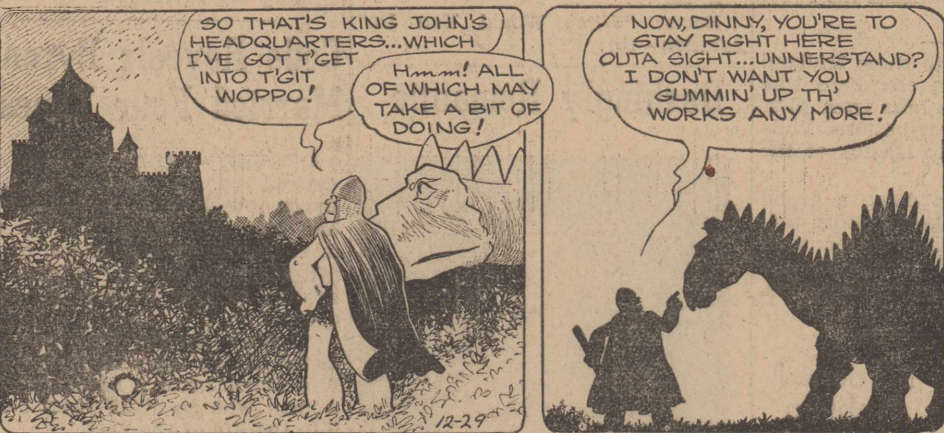


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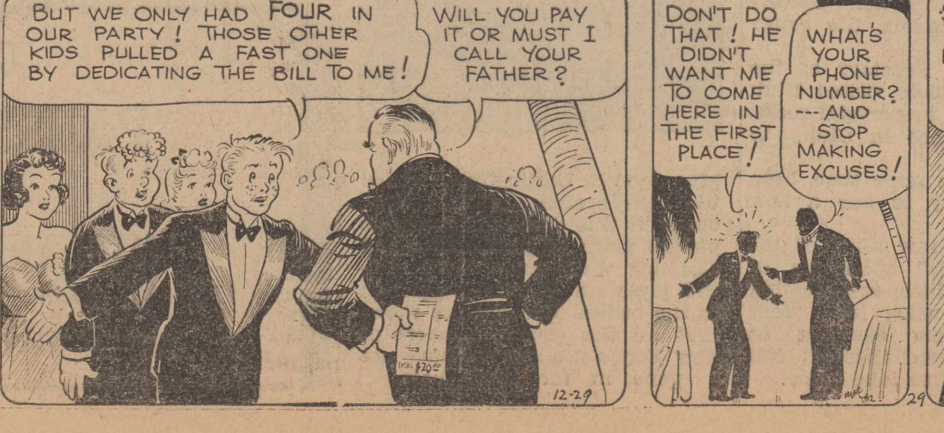
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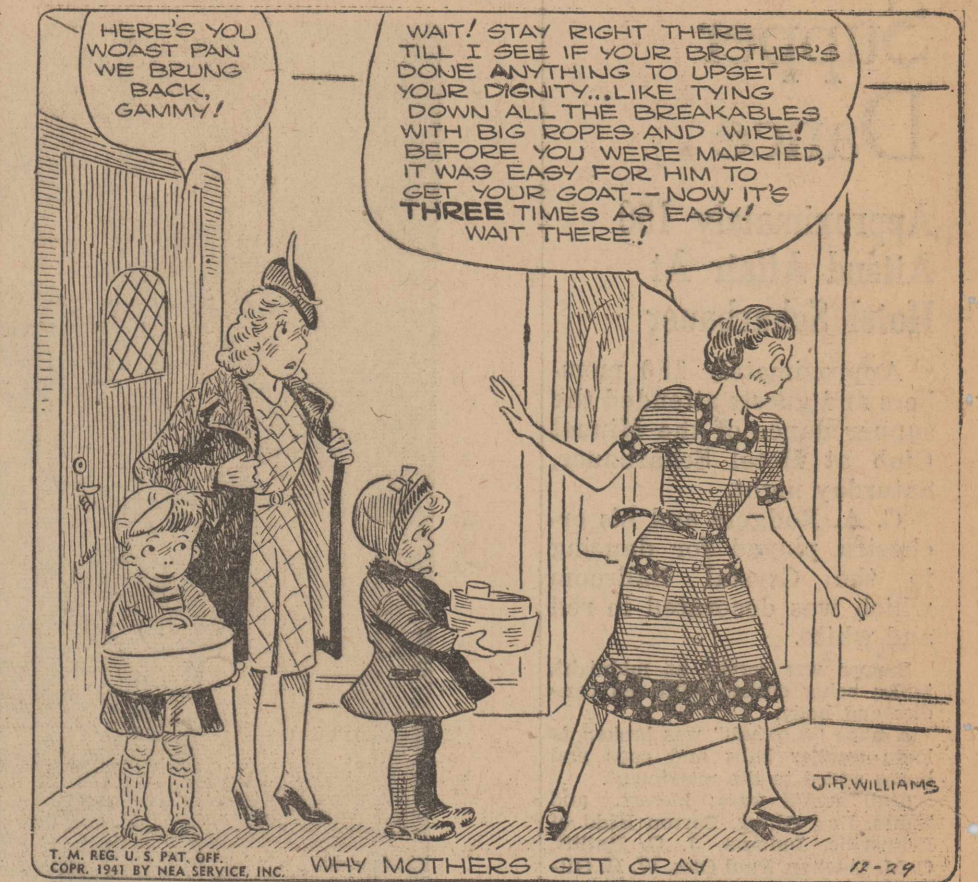


Freckles And His Friends



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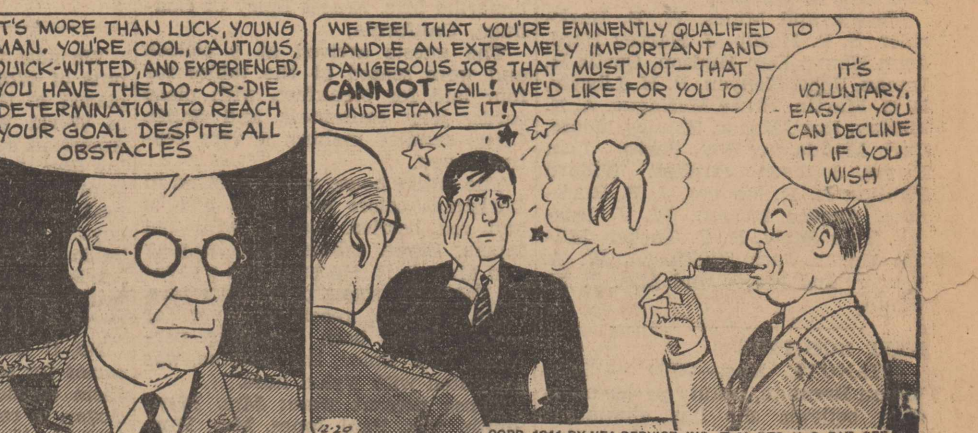
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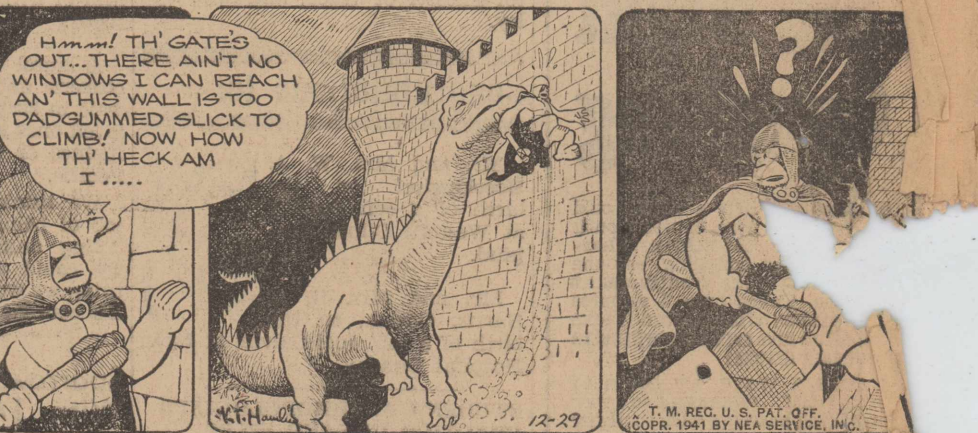


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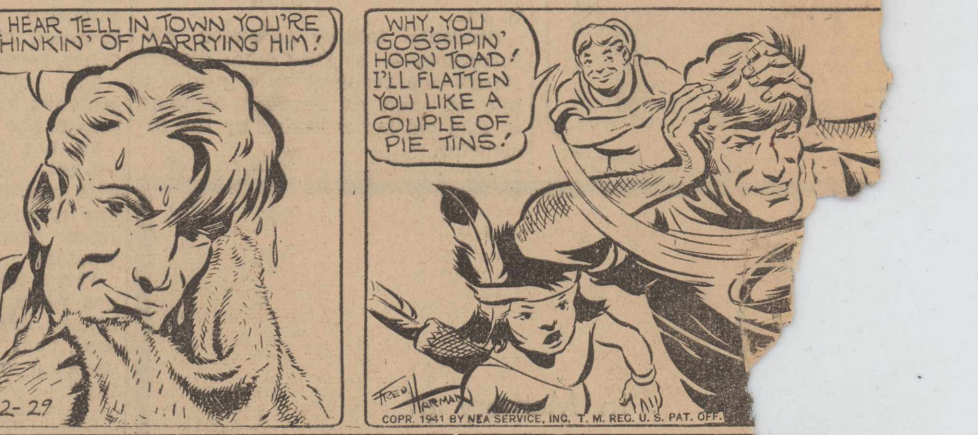


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Lost and Found 7

WIRE haired Fox Terrier. Answers to Butch. Reward. 1307 W. Mo. Call 819. (250-tf)

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WILL do practical nursing, keep children, care for invalid. Phone 1364-W. (252-6)

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BEDROOM 12

GARAGE bedroom, private entrance and private bath. 1306 W. Texas. (243-tf)

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Garage room, nicely furnished. Garage reasonable. For two men. Phone 471. (243-tf)

LARGE bedroom, private entrance, adjoining bath and telephone, reasonable. Call 810-J. 310 West Florida. (248-tf)

Two garage bedrooms with bath between for two men. Phone 271. 217 W. Tenn. (251-3)

NICE small apt. for couple. Bills paid. 101 East Ohio. (251-1)

BEDROOM, with private entrance. Joins bath, 600 N. Pecos. Phone 1056-W. (251-1)

BEDROOM for working couple or two girls. 1301 W. Washington. (251-3)

EXTRA nice bedroom, private entrance, adjoining bath, convenient to telephone. Phone 191-W. (251-1)

TWO bedrooms for 4 men. \$10 each. 106 West Louisiana. (251-3)

COMFORTABLE garage bedroom, with bath for 2 men. Twin beds, innerspring mattresses. Phone 1386. 1310 W. Illinois. (251-1)

BEDROOM, 3 blocks from Pet. Building. 216 South Big Spring. (251-3)

Furnished Apartments 14

FURNISHED apartment. Close in. 407 W. Mo. (250-3)

TWO room modern apartment for couple. All bills paid. \$6.00 per week. 609 S. Marienfeld. (243-tf)

2-room furnished apt. Private entrance, bills paid. 601 North San Angelo. (251-tf)

2-room furnished apt. Bills paid. Adults only. No pets. 614 W. Mo. (252-tf)

Furnished Houses 17

TWO room furnished house. 605 E. Illinois. Inquire 304 North Terrell. (251-3)

FOR SALE

Household Goods 22

GAS heaters, single bed, and springs. Chicken Tavern, 2107 W. Wall. (246-6)

Miscellaneous 23

HOGS for sale, Brood sows, pigs, 1 red boar. Robert W. Hines, 5 miles north of town, Rt. 1. (250-2)

NEW refrigerators at bargain, only a few left. New table model radios, only a few left.

MOTOR FINANCE CO.
 112 N. Main. (247-6)

Wanted To Buy 26

WANTED to buy good wire garment hangers. Harry Tolbert, 117 E. Wall. (251-3)

BUSINESS SERVICE

Mattress Renovating 47

CITY MATTRESS FACTORY
 ONE day service on all mattress cotton or innerspring. Also pillows. 906 S. Baird. Phone 451 or 2082-W. Lee Thomas. (251-6)

REAL ESTATE

Farms for Sale 63

TWO 160 acre farms, close in; good land. Buy 160 acres, rent 160 acres joining. Phone 20. Roy Stockard. (247-6)

Houses for Sale 61

SMALL house for sale cheap. 700 S. Dallas. Call 850. Marvin Douglas. (251-3)

1400 WEST COLLEGE
 DANDY five-room home; all plastered walls; oak floors; Venetian blinds; corner lot. I consider this one of the best buys in Midland, Texas. Priced at only \$4,000. Terms easy. Exclusively with BARNEY GRAFA
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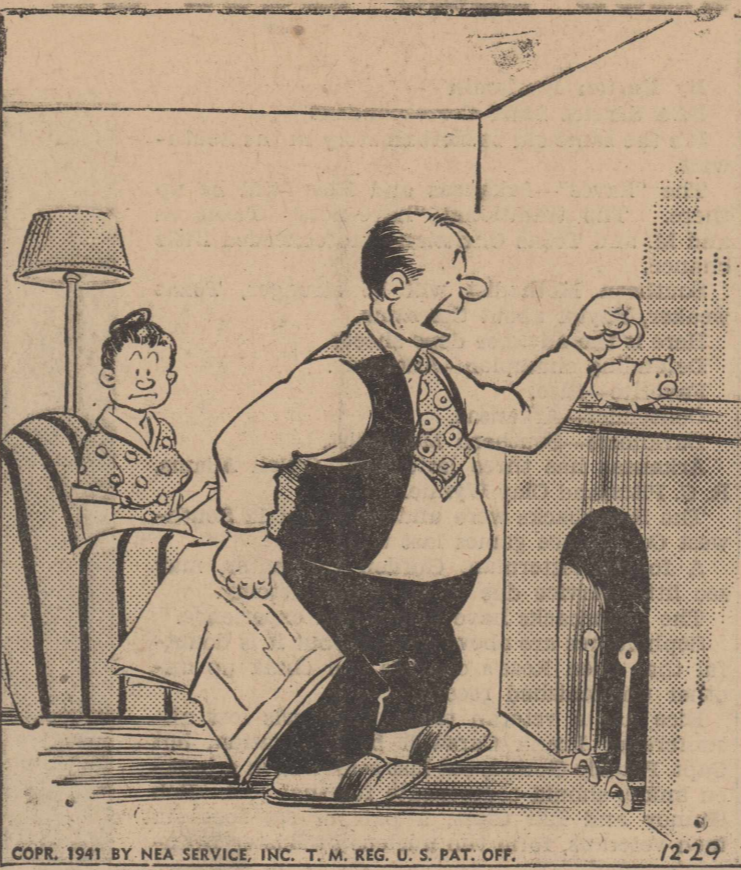
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Hold Everything!



"Well, Christmas is over—now we can start saving for income taxes!"

SERIAL STORY

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY ADELAIDE HAZELTINE

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THE STORY: The terms of Andrew Dearborn's will specifying that his secretary, Carol, and five other employees, shall judge whether or not his playboy son Andy is running the business according to his father's policy of "service to the people," put Carol, who has loved Andy since girlhood, in a difficult spot. Although the will has not been found, Carol knows its terms, and her heart sinks when Andy, currently involved with sleek Linda Julian, forms management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herriek, whose only idea is to make money. Herriek turns down Bill Reed, an employee in love with Carol, on repairs for the toyland elevator. As Herriek's policies begin to take their toll, Carol makes cash adjustments to several customers to uphold the store's reputation, knowing it will get her in trouble with Herriek but will stand Andy in good stead when the will is found. Back-passing Herriek fires Bill when toyland elevator falls, injuring Nicky, but the newsboy finds out Bill was not to blame. Herriek also takes credit for adjustments Carol has made. At the store party she dances with Andy who kisses her as the lights dim. When they hear Mr. Linda Julian is standing in the doorway.

Carol, standing near, heard her say, "That awful suit, Andy! And these common people! I don't know how you stand them!"

"They're the store, Linda," he said quietly. "My father's store. I thought I'd made that clear to you."

Her eyes were veiled with distaste. "When will you be ready to go?"

"The party isn't over. It'll be late." He hesitated, then said quite distinctly. "You'd better not wait for me."

Her face darkened. "Don't worry. I won't! You and your slumming! You're welcome to all of it!" She whirled around and stalked away.

THE party tried in vain to recapture the gaiety of the evening but Linda had taken it with her. Only when Andy announced he had a surprise for everyone did it regain some of its lost enthusiasm.

The lights dimmed and a spotlight fell on a wide door. In a moment, they heard the soft roll of wheels.

Nicky, a smile engulfing every feature except his eyes and mouth, sat in a wheel chair before them.

"They surged forward, greeting him, laughing over him. Andy gave him a lapful of souvenirs and the party ended happily.

Linda's cool, scoffing voice was a challenge. "Are you ready—finally?" she said to Andy.

He gave her a most engaging smile. "No, Linda," he said easily. "I still have to play my part."

Jalousy flashed in her eyes. "I supposed you were doing that just now."

Carol's face went pink.

"No," Andy said levelly. "I wear a costume when I'm playing a part. You'll know by that."

He touched Carol's arm and guided her back to Bill.

A few minutes later Andy appeared in the half-n-half suit which his father had originated. Behind him he pulled the ridiculous wagon piled high with souvenirs for everyone.

Someone clapped. Others joined until the room roared with approval.

Linda, unmoving, watched from the doorway. When Andy came to her he made an elaborate bow and presented her with a gift horn.

She threw it to the floor angrily.

Carol looked down. A large legal size envelope lay at the foot of the stool.

Gingerly, she stepped down, put the ledger on a table before she stooped to pick up the envelope, then turned it over, stared at its inscription. Her breath came in a startled gasp.

She would recognize Mr. Dearborn's careful handwriting anywhere! He had written on the front of the envelope, "The Last Will and Testament of Andrew Dearborn."

"The will! She had found the will hidden in the 1940 inventory ledger!"

It hadn't been misplaced. It hadn't been lost. Ever. Mr. Dearborn purposely had placed it here where they would find it at inventory time, but no sooner. He had been wise and just. She should have known he would leave Andy to reach his own decision—uninfluenced by the provisions of the will.

Even in death he had out-thought them all!

Dazedly, she examined the envelope. It was open at one end. She cupped it in her hands and peered inside.

Aghast, she shook it futilely. The will was gone!

(To Be Continued)

"AFTER THE BALL"

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Correspondents Give Views On Texas Part In Big War And News

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The part Texas is playing in the war effort and the problems of censorship and news gathering under war conditions were described by three correspondents here for Texas newspapers, participating in a radio forum Sunday.

The trio appeared on the program, directed by Representative Ewing Thompson of El Paso, were John E. King of the Dallas News, Max Jacobs of the Houston Post, and L. T. Easley, correspondent for near 100 Associated Press newspapers in Texas.

Production of bombers and training planes at Texas aircraft factories, the all important part Texas-produced petroleum products will play in the war and other defense activities were discussed by King, a veteran in newspaper work.

Restrictions imposed on newspapers and wire services in the handling of news since the outbreak of war, and the necessity for censorship, were reviewed by Jacobs, who came here a year ago to represent the Houston Post after serving several years on the staff in Houston.

Coverage by the Associated Press of news developments in the nation's capital, particularly with respect to the reporting of news of special interest to Texans, was described by Easley.

Davidson Rites At Marble Falls

Funeral services for D. J. Davidson, 65, who died here Saturday night, were held Sunday afternoon at Marble Falls with interment in Toby Cemetery near there.

Two daughters of Midland are among survivors.

Kentucky Street Fire Causes Damage Of \$50

Damage of approximately \$50 resulted from a fire at a residence, 1106 West Kentucky St., Monday noon.

Firemen said the blaze caught from a heater in a bathroom.

SOLDIER ON LEAVE PEEPS UP DEPARTING TRAINEE GROUP

PUEBLO, Colo.—(UP)—When parents, sweethearts and friends began weeping on the shoulders of 23 newly recruited draftees in the Pueblo Union station, Pvt. Merwin C. Woodward decided to cheer the boys up.

Home on furlough from Camp Ord, Cal., Woodward jumped upon a platform in the station and delivered a "pep talk." He told the new soldiers the army was great, the food was fine and that the parents and sweethearts should be proud to have their boy in the army.

NEW FIRE TRUCK THROWS FOG TO CHOKE FLAMES

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—(UP)—Profiting from experience of London firefighters in coping with spread-out blazes from incendiary bombs, the Battle Creek fire department has acquired a truck with attachments for throwing a fog round a fire and suffocating it.

The truck is equipped with a fog nozzle which sends out a curtain of atomized water that can blanket fire blazes, shut off oxygen and thus smother fire.

Field Artillery Men Say Kelly Died When Big Bomber Exploded

BY Clark Lee

WITH THE USAFFE IN CENTRAL LUZON—(AP)—Field Artillery officers of the U. S. Army told the story Monday of how Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., met his death after bombing and sinking the Japanese battleship Haruma.

Kelly was within two minutes of his home field, his big bomber "sailing along peacefully and getting ready to land," then two Japanese fighter planes dove through a bank of low-lying clouds, their cannon and machineguns spitting fire.

Kelly's plane staggered, righted itself and had gone another half-mile when flames suddenly broke out in the motors.

Five members of the crew bailed out and, as they neared the ground, the Japanese dove repeatedly to machinegun them, but without success.

"With the plane shrouded in smoke and flame, Kelly pulled back the stick and 'got the nose straight in the air when the ship exploded in a blinding blast."

The explosion blew Lt. Robbins from the plane. He snapped his parachute open and landed "burned but in a fighting mood." Kelly died in the explosion.

Red Cross Chapter Reaches \$1000 Goal

STANTON—(Special)—The Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross went "over the top" in its drive to reach its \$1,000 quota.

The Roughneck Sunday school class will receive old newspapers, pasteboard boxes, old metal junk, and magazines for defense purposes.

Dallas Street Resident Shows Strange Coconut

Do coconuts have tumors?

Mrs. T. S. Dunn, 1000 S. Dallas, Monday brought a coconut with a malignant growth in its "innards" to The Reporter-Telegram.

The growth, nearly as large as a man's fist and practically fills the interior of the equatorial egg.

Wool

BOSTON—(AP)—(USDA)—There was very little demand for domestic wools in the Boston wool market Monday only occasional inquiries were being received and sales were limited to small quantities needed for immediate use. Prices were unchanged from firm.

Warfare--

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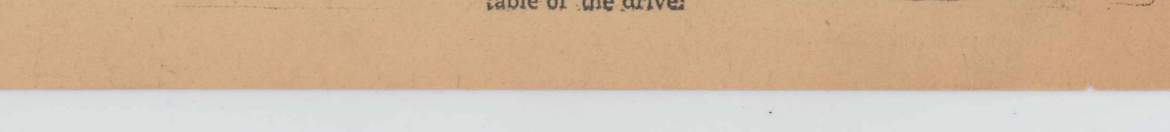
age was heavy.

The Philippine treasury building, badly damaged in Saturday's three-hour-and-17-minute assault, was hit again. Also struck were old Fort Santiago, headquarters of the U. S. Army Engineers on an island in the Pasig River, the buildings of Deletan College adjoining Santo Domingo Church, which was destroyed Sunday, and the plant of the Manila Herald.

One bomb struck the Dunlop Tire Company building and others hit the Santa Rosa and Santa Catalina schools, starting a fire which swept through an entire block.

British Sweep Across Libya in Double-Quick Time

Slashing across the Libyan desert to bottle up axis forces around Benghazi, British troops have won victories in about half the time it took them in the campaign of last December to Mareh. Map gives timetable of the drive.



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- King (Latin).
- Craft.
- Egg dish.
- Elastic band.
- On top.
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- Deliver into an enemy's hands by treachery.
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- Poem.
- Devour.
- Before.
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- Prohibits.
- Great anger.
- Threes in cards.
- Pillar.
- Jutting rock.
- Sailor.
- Rodent.
- Scottish river.
- Electrified particle.
- Sister (abbr.).
- Proceed.
- Young owl.
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Lamesans Beat Floyd Poloists By 4 To 3 Score

Lamesa's polo team won a 4-3 victory from Jay Floyd's Midland four here Sunday after a tussle as the home boys rode hard to the finish. The two teams will meet again Sunday at Big Spring as part of a doubleheader. In the other contest, Big Spring will play Lamesa. Midland showed the effects of not having played since the New Mexico Military Institute match several weeks ago at Roswell. Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., Jay Floyd, Eric Barron, and John Dublin, Jr., played for Midland. Scharbauer, Floyd, and Barron scored goals. Lamesa's four included Elmo Smith, Sol Cleveland, Spence Barron, and Bryan Fulkerson. All figured in the victory. Lamesa jumped into a quick 2-0 lead and held on until the next-to-the-last chukker when Midland tallied two. In the waning minutes of the game Midland scored again.

Influenza Epidemic Cripples Hurricane For Sun Bowl Game

TULSA, Okla.—(AP)—A discouraging University of Tulsa football squad, weakened by an influenza epidemic that disrupted practice through the holidays, completed preparations Monday for its New Year's Day game with Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl. Many squad members, including several regulars, have been ill and Coach Henry Frnka was forced to schedule scrimmages at dawn to accommodate others who have been working on vacation jobs. Since Christmas, the team has worked in extremely cold weather. "We are not going to be ready for this game," declared Frnka. "I think it is safe to say that we worked under worse conditions than any other bowl team." Hardest hit by influenza was Joe Gibson, No. 1 blocking back, who spent two weeks in a hospital. Les Moore, first string fullback, and Captain Charlie Greene, tackle, also have been seriously ill but now are back in uniform.

Absolves Martin 'In War Service Mix-Up

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Tony Martin, singer, actor and former husband of Alice Faye, was absolved of blame in a draft board mix-up Monday and his willingness to serve his country was conceded. U. S. Attorney William Fleet Palmer said he would ask dismissal of a complaint charging Martin with failing to report to his draft board for a physical examination. The complaint, issued Saturday, charged that the singer failed to appear before the draft board Dec. 26.

Bulldogs Start To Work With Double Practice In Gym

Coach Dewey Johnson called the Midland high basketball team back to work Monday and twice-daily workouts started with a morning session at 9:30 a. m. in the gym. The afternoon practice was held at 3:30 p. m. Offensive and defensive drill was scheduled after kinks of the holidays had been worked out. Midland will enter the San Angelo Invitation District 3-AA tournament Jan. 2-3 providing the entry list includes most of the conference schools. Otherwise, Johnson said, a game will be arranged here. The coach Monday was making contacts for a tilt here before school opens, Jan. 5. Johnson promised the workouts would be tough, full of fundamentals and with plenty of scrimmages and goal shooting.

Cronin Trains Just In Case Stars Don't Qualify At Key Post

BOSTON—(AP)—At 36, when a weary ball player's legs usually seek a soft spot in a corner of the dug-out, Joe Cronin is groaning through a daily exercise routine—"just in case." The stoutish manager of the Boston Red Sox declared at the recent minor leagues' meeting at Jacksonville that he definitely would be a bench manager next season. But he's done a powerful job of budding since. That's why Monday and Tuesday and every day—you'll find a handsome, chisel-chinned fellow, bundled in a heavy sweat suit and rubber blouse, enduring a heart-breaking and body-punishing training grind at Boston's University Club. "Just in case," he panted as he pedaled furiously on a stationary bicycle that went nowhere fast. "Just in case Johnny Pesky (from Louisville) and Eddie Pelligrini (from San Diego) don't live up to expectations at shortstop. "I'd wager one or the other of my kid shortstops will make the grade, but I can't be sure of it."

Orange Bowl Elevens Plan Stiff Workouts

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—The Orange Bowl's air-minded football opponents planned stiff workouts Monday within a few blocks of each other. Texas Christian's 38-man squad, which had a first practice at Miami late Sunday, was called to an early afternoon drill at the Miami high school field. Georgia's 41 players were ordered to the Orange Bowl to get accustomed to the field and the surroundings.

Colgate Safety Earns Nation's Runback Honors

SEATTLE—(AP)—Of the little guys out there on their own—the shooters with the job of dodging back downfield on the punt returns—Safetyman Bill Geyer of Colgate topped the collegiate pack for the 1941 football season. Final figures released by the American Football Statistical Bureau gave the Colgate safety a total of 596 yards on 32 punt returns against hard-charging ends and tackles. His average of 18.31 yards on each return was second high for the nation, but the bureau ranks on the basis of total yardage. The No. 1 honors for average distance on each runback, among safeties running back 15 or more, went to Slater of Tennessee. He averaged 20.35 yards on 17 returns. The third best average belonged to famed Bill Dudley of Virginia, 17.18 yards. Price Among Leaders Geyer, who ranked eighth a year ago, was followed in order for total yardage by these ball carriers: Margarita of Brown, 549 yards on 40 returns for a 13.73 average; Hillenbrand, Indiana, 524 yards for 12.78 average; Dudley, Virginia, 481 yards; Davis, Georgia, 464; Hovious, Mississippi, 457; Roblin, Oregon, 428; Tomasic, Temple, 420; Austin, Texas Tech, 397; Masur, Army, 387. Geyer also took runner-up honors for yardage in running back kickoffs. He was second to Earl Ray, Wyoming, who chalked up 496 yards on 23 return trips. Geyer ran back 14 kickoffs for 322 yards. Other leaders: Price, Texas Mines, 282; Gafford, Auburn, 271; Lohry, Iowa State, 270.

Five School Stars Prefer To Compete As Texas Longhorns

By Harold V. Ratliff Associated Press Sports Editor The Bible plan scores again. A majority of the Associated Press all-state football players who have announced their preference will go to the University of Texas under present plans. Of course, much can happen between now and September and often high school boys change their minds during the summer "scouting period," but these five have indicated they are leaning toward Texas: Kenneth Baker, 167-pound end from Temple. John Hamberger, 188-pound tackle from Sunset (Dallas). Ed Heap, 183-pound tackle from Temple. Bill Blackburn, 164-pound back from Sunset. Wayland Hill, 167-pound back from Temple.

Runners Repeat At Sugar Bowl

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Last year's track headlines will do again this season—"MacMitchell and Rice Win Handily." Both Leslie MacMitchell and Greg Rice were unbeatable here Sunday to win their distances in the eighth annual Sugar Bowl meet. Rice broke his own American citizens' record in the three-mile, finishing in 14 minutes, 13 seconds. MacMitchell took the mile feature in the good time of 4 minutes, 13.1 seconds. Rice Institute's hero Fred Wolcott kept on his winning way in the high hurdles, winning about his fifteenth consecutive race—he doesn't remember the exact number. However, he just nosed out another Rice boy, Bill Cummins. Charles Hlad of Michigan Normal was third. The race was run into the teeth of a wind and the time was slow at 14.7 seconds.

Faculty Postpones Game With Clowns

A basketball game between Midland high school's faculty and traveling clowns, Jan. 5, probably will be about Jan. 15 or 16, if it is played. Fred Rich, manager of the clowns, notified Dewey Johnson his team was booked with San Angelo Junior College Jan. 5.

Johnston And Sanders Star For Burkburnett

BURKBURNETT—(AP)—Two Southwest Conference football stars who have finished their careers led the Burkburnett all-stars to a 35-12 victory Sunday over the Sheppard Field Cadets in the Boom Town bowl. They were Preston Johnston, Southern Methodist, and Orban Sanders, University of Texas.

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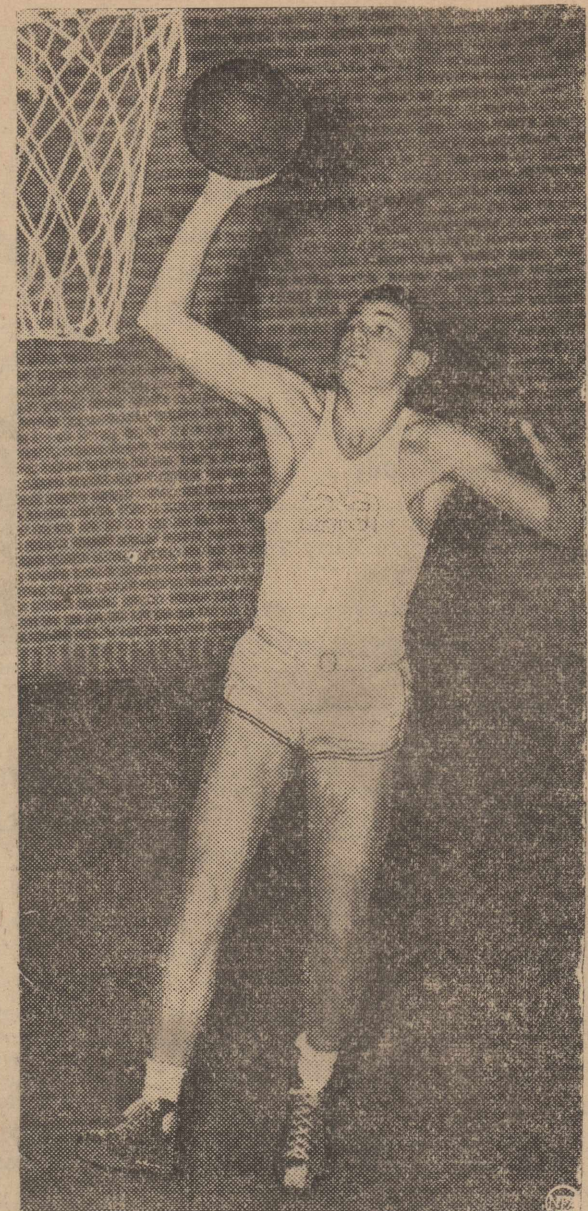
ANTARCTIC WEATHER SPLITS BALLOONS

DALLAS—(AP)—Weather stories reported Monday to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In Antarctica, last winter, it was so cold in the upper air that weather balloons broke into two halves, each retaining its hemispherical shape for many minutes. There was less oxygen in the Antarctic air, winter or summer, than anywhere else in the world, tropics and Arctic alike.

Rice Has Eyes On Cage Crown

By Burton Benjamin
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

It's the same old basketball story in the Southwest. The "haves"—Arkansas and Rice—will be up there. The traditional "have-nots"—Texas A. and M. and Texas Christian—are conceded little chance. Southern Methodist will be stronger, Texas weaker, Baylor about the same. Here is the advance dope sheet: Defending champion—Arkansas. Favorite—Rice. Contender—Arkansas. Darkhorse—Southern Methodist. Arkansas has three lettermen—O'Neil Adams, R. C. Pitts and Clay Wynne. The Razorbacks were undefeated in 12 Southwest Conference games last trip. A fourth letterman, Gordon Carpenter, may see little service due to an appendectomy. The Razorbacks have height and experience. Sophomores are above average, but it is doubtful that Glen Rose's charges can chalk up another unblemished record. Rice has a veteran team. The Owls lost all-conference Frank Carswell by graduation, but Capt. Placido Gomez, out last season with a broken ankle, should compensate for that loss. Bob Kinney and Bill Closs, a pair of six foot six inch veterans, form the nucleus of Buster Brannon's squad. Kinney was all-conference center last season, averaged 12 points per game. Closs was right behind with 10.33 per encounter.



Bob Kinney

Southern Methodist will be handicapped if Roy Bacuss, younger brother of Coach Whitey Bacuss, fails to recuperate sufficiently from a football injury. Dwight Parks, all-conference guard last season, is back for another year at Baylor. He should be outstanding. The Bears have a new coach in Bill Henderson, who succeeds Ralph Wolfe, now athletic director. Texas was heavily hit by graduation. Coach Jack Gray is rebuilding from scratch. Granville and Hull are lost from last season's squad, which finished third in the conference. The Longhorns will put a green quintet on the floor. Texas Christian did not win a conference game last season. The Horned Frogs can't be any worse this year. They have a new coach in Hub McQuillen, formerly of Texas A. and M., who has brought in some junior college material to inject life. Texas Christian has finished in the cellar seven consecutive seasons, winning no more than two games in the best year. McQuillen figures three victories ought to

make him the coach of the year. Four of the six transfers are Kansas boys, one is from Idaho and one from Minnesota. Texas Christian will be improved, if not home-grown. Texas Aggies have a new coach in Marty Karow and some fair material, but are hardly a factor.

Gliding Guide



Youngster glides forward with Megan Taylor, famous ice skater.

Youthful Gloria And Di Cicco Honeymoon

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—(AP)—A Vanderbilt married the son of an Italian immigrant in the 165-year-old Santa Barbara mission Sunday, and movie stars and socialites were among the wedding guests. Monday the 17-year-old former Gloria Laura Morgan Vanderbilt—granddaughter of the Cornelius Vanderbilt who founded one of the premier family fortunes in America—was honeymooning with 32-year-old Pasquale (Pat) de Cicco.

Pointdexter Buys Ranch Near Plain

STANTON—(Special)—Joe Pointdexter, supervisor of the Marlin-Howard-Glasscock counties soil conservation program, has purchased a nine-section ranch at Plain and his son, T. J. Pointdexter, and Mrs. Pointdexter will leave Jan. 1 to manage it. He said the ranch would be stocked with Hereford cattle. YOUNG WOMAN RESCUES SON FROM FLAMES BOSTON—(AP)—A young woman performer attracted by her dog's scratching at a dressing room door, rescued her year-old son from the smoky quarters before flames early Monday destroyed a Back Bay night club. Mrs. Mary Hoffman, in the cast of a melodrama being staged when the blaze broke out in the Casa Manana, was the mother.

TOADS HAVE GREAT VALUE IN OKLAHOMA

DALLAS—(AP)—Great is the economic value of toads in Oklahoma. They eat countless thousands of crop pest insects, from chinch bugs in springs to grasshoppers in late summer. The report was made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Charles C. Smith and Arthur N. Bragg, University of Oklahoma.

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Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr. Wide World Sports Columnist
NEW YORK—(AP)—There's been a lot of talk about whether a nation geared for war will have any time for sports. ... Maybe this year will help settle the argument. A couple of weeks ago Amby Gilligan, Whitehall, N. Y., high school coach, heard how two of his former pupils, Francis (Hackett) Conlon and Earl (Barney) Ross, who are in the Navy at Hawaii, had helped win their division baseball championship. ... WUGH FULLERTON, JR. Big news was that Ross had busted up the deciding game with a triple. ... After the Pearl Harbor bombing another letter came through from Ross. It said: "Well, the first battle is over and Hackett and I came out o. k. I was only scared for a second and then it was like some high school sport. ... You can draw your own conclusions about what those kids learned on the playing fields at Whitehall."



Harbert Defeats Veterans To Win \$5000 Golf Meet

BEAUMONT—(AP)—Chick Harbert, an unknown who failed even to place among goldfom's twelve top money winners of 1941, ran away from the veterans and won the \$5,000 Beaumont Open with a 276, eight below par for the 72 holes. The youthful Battle Creek, Mich., pro never was over par. He coasted in Sunday with an even par 71 to win by seven strokes over Ben Hogan and Paul Runyan, who tied for second place at 283. Harbert was pocketing a check for \$1,000. Hogan was salting away \$650 to finish out the year with total earnings in tournament play of \$18,358. Sam Snead hit \$19,600 in 1938. Snead closed out the campaign with \$12,848 while Byron Nelson in third place with \$12,925 and National Open Champion Craig Wood fourth with \$9,364. Harbert stepped out with a 70 on the first 18 Sunday.

Monday Matinee

To settle any question about G-man Atherton's salary for next year, Oregon State will take care of the Pacific Coast Conference's usual Sugar Bowl cut, which provides for the commissioner's salary and office expenses. ... Harold Lambert, Rice basketball guard, played in Madison Square Garden last year, but it was all new to him when he stepped on the floor against Fordham Saturday. He developed a form of sleeping sickness last summer and, although fully recovered, he can't recall any of his experiences here. ... Babe Ruth has reduced 20 pounds so he'll look like his old self for the movie about Lou Gehrig's life, which goes into production soon. ... Publicity for the Baer-Louis fight carries the slogan "Remember Pearl Harbor". The fighters' idea probably will be "Remember Griffith Stadium."

Today's Guest Star

John Mooney, Salt Lake Telegram: "Japan's Premier Tojo, being something of a baseball follower as well as a military genius, will no doubt reach the opinion held by seven major league managers about the first of July, to wit, there ain't nuthin' you can do to stop them Yanks."

Hoop-La

The guys who are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the invention of basketball will be embarrassed to learn from the Carnegie Institute that archeologists excavating the Mayan city of Copan, Honduras, have uncovered a court "where a game similar to basketball was played a thousand years ago."

Rickenbacker Announces 500-Mile Race Suspended

New York—(AP)—Suspension of the Indianapolis 500-mile automobile race for the duration of the war was announced Monday by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, head of the \$100,000 speed classic. The only other interruption in the Indianapolis race, run each May 30, occurred in 1917 and 1918 during the first World War.

Mrs. Jones Accepts Position On Faculty

STANTON—(Special)—Mrs. Velma Jones, Marfa, has been elected for a vacancy in the Stanton elementary school created by the resignation of Mrs. A. L. Houston. Mrs. Jones taught here the last two years. She was re-elected last spring but declined.

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Cash Registers Jingle From Big Yuletide Trade

By Richard West Associated Press Staff Writer It was a Merry Christmas for Texas merchants. Their cash registers jingled merrily in a yuletide trade that was the heaviest since boom years. As a consequence, their books will show a bonanza business for 1941—the best, for many of them, since 1929. These are the conclusions of an Associated Press survey in every section of Texas showing Christmas gains in business over last year from 5 to 20 per cent and a general increase for 1941 of 15 per cent. Dallas—Leading retail and wholesale centers—reported a Christmas business 8 per cent greater than last season and to date the city's department store sales are 16 per cent over a year ago. The Federal Reserve Bank said in the week ended Dec. 20 Fort Worth's department store sales were 8 per cent over the same 1940 period. San Antonio's 9 and Houston's 3. Attributing the boom to higher farm prices, defense plants and good wages, the East Texas Chamber of Commerce estimated Christmas business in its 70-county region was 18 per cent over 1940.

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