



Retreat At Top Speed

MacArthur's Airmen Blast Jap Troops As Pressure Increased

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA.—(AP)—General MacArthur's Air Forces have ceaselessly bombed the Japanese lodged in a new foothold near mouth of the Mambare River while his land troops exerted heavy pressure on the invaders' dwindling Buna area shore positions to the Southeast, advices from the front said Wednesday.

Allied airmen also pounded anew the Japanese bases flanking the Papuan sector, the headquarters communique reported.

They dropped a number of 500-pound bombs on the airfield at Lae, on the northeast New Guinea coast, in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, and roared across the water strip to pock the Gasmata, New Britain, airfield, with a dozen 500-pounders. A covey of 12 Japanese planes came up to meet them and they shot down three and damaged two others, the communique said.

There were few details of the ground action but a spokesman for General MacArthur said that there was undoubtedly still heavy fighting at Sanananda Point, northeast of Buna Village, and at Buna Mission airstrip, between Allied troops had driven a wedge.

To the northeast, the Japanese attempted to come off landing barges let down near the mouth of the Mambare from cruisers and destroyers before dawn Monday.

Advices from the front indicated that as many as 1,000 Japanese might have effected a shore hold.

An air force beat back the warships and dropped bombs Monday night among the landing force.

It returned to the attack after dawn Tuesday, pounding the soldiers.

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Government Increases Civilian Workers Pay
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Uncle Sam was ready to say "Merry Christmas" and here's a raise in pay to an estimated 1,500,000 of his 2,500,000 federal civilian workers.

President Roosevelt was expected to sign a bill passed unanimously by both the Senate and House, extending wartime overtime pay provisions and providing a flat 10 per cent increase for many thousands of workers.

You Can Think Of Henderson And Smile
BALTIMORE—(AP)—Thursday night you can think of Leon Henderson and smile.

The Federal Price Administrator has accepted an invitation to a coffeeless, sugarless, butterless, meatless dinner in Baltimore.

\$50,000 FIRE LOSS REPORTED AT BEAUMONT
BEAUMONT—(AP)—The Consolidated Frozen Food Lockers Building was virtually destroyed by fire Wednesday.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, the structure's estimated cost was \$50,000.

War Bulletins

LONDON.—(AP)—Reuters reported that a Vichy broadcast said Wednesday that 205,000 French workers now had been sent to Germany.

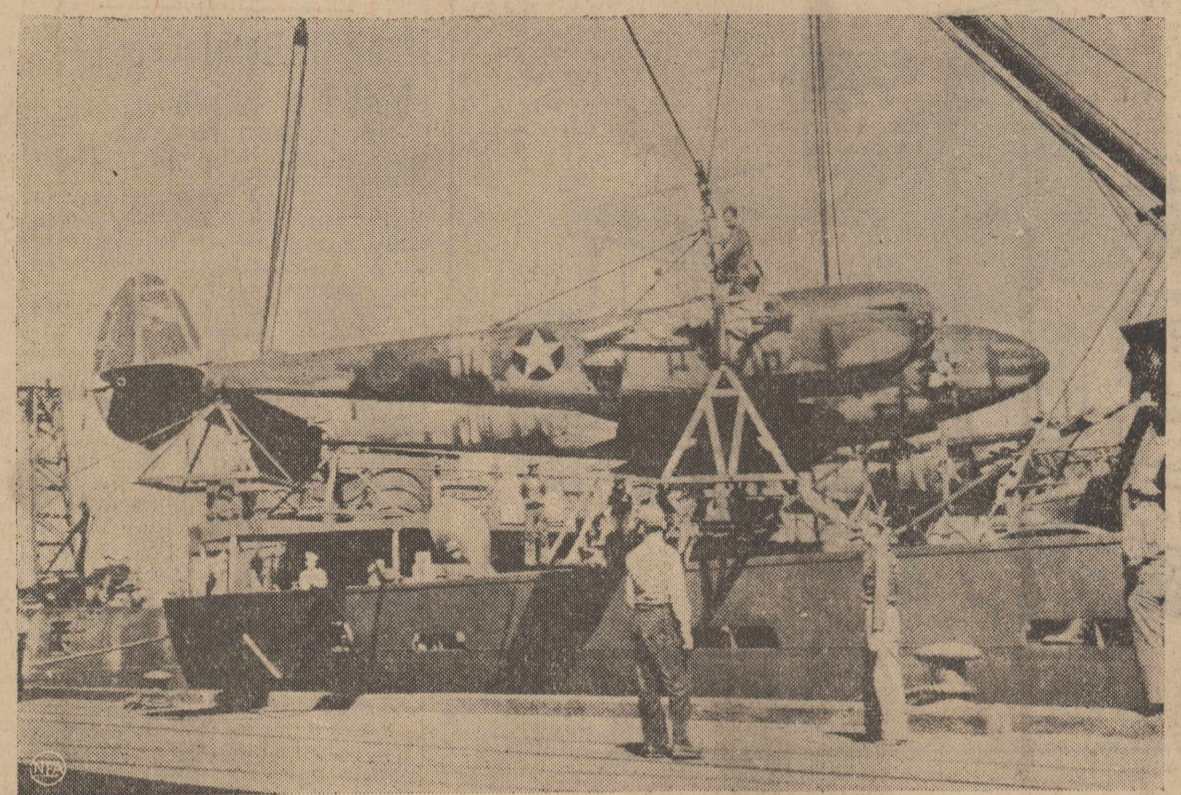
CAIRO.—(AP)—Advance forces of the British Eighth Army in pursuit of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's retreating army already are "well west" of El Agheila, the British announced Wednesday.

LONDON.—(AP)—Britain's Eighth Army, paced by Allied air fleets littering the road to Tripoli with the blasted wrecks of Marshal Rommel's transport, were reported Wednesday as probably approaching Zautia En Nofilia, 100 air miles west of El Agheila.

LONDON.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons Wednesday that essential discussions were proceeding with the Allied Dominion Governments with the view of setting up a commission for investigation of the war crimes of Axis nationals.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—American shipyards required an average of only 56 days from keel-laying to completion in delivering 68 Liberty ships in November, the Maritime Commission announced.

Vicious Scrappers



PUTTING PUNCH IN THE AUSTRALIAN AIR ARM. Vicious scrappers, swift P-38 fighters like this one being unloaded in Australia, are adding plenty of drive to the battle against the Japs. (Passed by censor.)

U. S. Bombers Meet No Enemy Opposition

Police Crack Down On Air Rifle Owners
Midland boys who own air rifles were ordered by police Wednesday to put them away.

Shooting of air rifles within the city limits is prohibited and property destruction has resulted in an order to enforce the ordinance.

Police Chief Lon Tyson said about 30 street lights a week have been shot out recently by BBs from air rifles and the city must put a stop to the needless expense and waste of critical materials.

Air rifle owners have been warned repeatedly by officers not to shoot within the city limits and also not to shoot at birds on the courthouse lawn, but some have ignored the warnings.

The War Today

CAIRO.—The Allied position in the Hittlerian theater in both Europe and Africa is good, taking it by and large, as the British Eighth Army pushes its thus far successful new offensive against Rommel's harassed army.

As regards this latest sensational drive, reports from the battle front encourage great optimism, but I think we shall do well to be content ourselves with noting successive steps and don't attempt to forecast.

Nazi Forces Buckle
However, it is legitimate to take cognizance of the undoubted fact that the Nazi fuhrer's depleted and waning resources are beginning to buckle at the knees under the growing pressure from the United Nations.

One of the most hopeful aspects is that on all fronts the Allies' brotherhood is maintaining the initiative—that priceless essential without which there can be no victory.

In an effort to counter this, Hitler is performing a major operation in the realignment of his fighting machine, but thus far all his moves have been defensive. He's playing for time.

Failed To Gain Resources
Rommel picked the all highest's pumpkins right at fall harvest time.

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7 Shopping Days Till Christmas.



Texas' Crude Nominations Show Increase

AUSTIN.—(AP)—Texas crude purchasers at a state-wide prorating hearing Wednesday submitted total nominations for January of 1,594,548 barrels daily.

Reflecting the depressed market situation in West Texas, nominations for District 8 decreased 6,608 barrels daily from December.

East Texas nominations dropped 8,792 barrels daily.

Increased nominations of 10,515 barrels daily were submitted from the Gulf Coast district, 4,473 from Southwest Texas district 49, 3,537 from East Central Texas and 2,730 from the Panhandle.

The net statewide increase was 4,553 barrels daily.

Elet Jester Chairman
Commissioner Beauford H. Jester was elected chairman for the next two years at the suggestion of Commissioner Olin Culberson.

Chairman Ernest O. Thompson seconded Culberson's nomination.

Thompson reported that the average bottomhole pressure in the East Texas field on December 1 was 1017.12 pounds per square inch compared with a November 1 figure of 1016.24.

The pressure increase for the period was 0.88 pound per square inch.

For the pressure period, the allowable was 10,722,720 barrels, the daily allowable was 357,424 barrels, and the pressure increase per million barrel withdrawal was 0.082 pounds per square inch.

After announcing nominations, the hearing was adjourned, pending the arrival of purchasers on a late train.

Humble Loses Vacancy Case In Supreme Court

AUSTIN.—(AP)—The Supreme Court Wednesday refused the Humble Oil and Refining Company's application for a writ of error in a vacancy case in which the state may recover approximately \$401,000 plus one-eighth future oil royalties.

On July 21, the state won a judgment in a Travis County District Court in a suit against Humble for recovery of a strip of land comprising 245 acres in the Northeast Portion of Rusk County.

The finding was upheld in the Court of Civil Appeals.

The \$401,000 represents the state's share in oil produced to date.

GULF OFFICIAL HERE
Glenn Carrett, head of the land department of Gulf Oil Corporation at Fort Worth, is here on business.

Three Miners Killed When Hoist Breaks

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—(AP)—A mine hoist crowded with 14 men broke from its hillside moorings in the Cabin Creek mining section Wednesday and rolled to the foot of the slope, killing three men and injuring at least five others.

BUS TAKES DIVE INTO YORK RIVER
GLOUCESTER POINT, Va.—(AP)—A bus loaded with workmen plunged into the York River Wednesday from the after end of a Gloucester-Yorktown ferry.

Twenty-five occupants of the bus were rescued, but it was not learned immediately whether there was any loss of life.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
RUSSIA.—Nazis drive armored wedge into one arm of Soviet winter offensive.

AFRICA.—Despite "booby traps" left by Germans, British Eighth Army breaks own record in pursuit of Rommel's forces.

NEW GUINEA.—MacArthur Communique reports sharp fighting at Sanananda point and Buna Airfield.

British Forces Are In Close Pursuit As Fliers Blast Enemy

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
British headquarters reported Wednesday that Allied fighter planes had strafed Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's retreating troops as far west as Zautia En Nofilia, 100 miles beyond the collapsed El Agheila front, and declared that British vanguards were now "well west" of El Agheila.

British military quarters in London said British advance forces had probably reached a point near Zautia En Nofilia in close pursuit of the Axis.

The presence of back-tracking Nazi troops at Zautia En Nofilia indicated that Rommel was retreating at top speed.

A British communique said the attack was made there Monday night, and Tuesday Allied light bombers and fighter-bombers resumed heavy blows on the Axis columns.

Schleicher County Wildcat Logs Top Of Strawn 5,920

By Frank Gardner
Oil Editor
Some have called top of the Strawn, lower Pennsylvanian, at 5,920 feet in the George P. Livermore, Inc. and Ed M. Wahlenmaier No. 1 Mrs. Frankie Thomson, wildcat 11 miles northeast of Eldorado in Schleicher County, section 75, block T-1, T. C. R. survey.

Elevation of the test is 2,207 feet. It last was reported drilling ahead below 6,122 feet in lime and shale.

The well logged a slight showing of oil in sand at 5,607 feet and a showing of oil from 5,660-70. Contract depth of the No. 1 Thomson is 7,000 feet.

Coltex Refining Company No. 1 W. N. Reed et al. completed 9,000-foot Ordovician test in Northwest Sterling, Ohio Oil Company No. 1 L. T. Clark, stopped drilling at 6,240 feet in black shale and is conditioning casing hole.

Gulf Runs Schlumberger Test
Schlumberger survey was run Tuesday night in Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-A M. Dawson, Southeastern Crane County wildcat, at total depth of 5,955 feet, where it is in Ellenburger, lower Ordovician dolomite.

It is understood Gulf will plug off water encountered in the Ellenburger and try to complete the well in the Simpson, middle Ordovician, at around the 5,300-foot level, where it showed for nominal production on drillstem tests.

Gulf No. 1 W. A. Estes, Western Crane Ordovician wildcat, is drilling in Permian lime at 5,085 feet.

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Nellie M. Tucker, second test in the Glenn pool of Southwestern Crane, is drilling at 6,900 feet in black shale and lime. It is headed for the Ellenburger, having shown nothing in the Simpson section found productive by Magnolia No. 1 D. K. Glenn, discovery well one location to the southwest.

Pure Oil Company is plugging to abandon No. 1 H. T. Odneal, south (Continued on page five)

Patterson Denies Army Seeks Control Of Civilian Economy

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, said Wednesday that the production of military weapons and supplies from control of the armed forces might result in losing the war, and described as "fantastic" reports that the army was seeking control of the nation's civilian economy.

In a statement to the Truman Committee investigating the National Defense program, Patterson said the supply of munitions was a continuous process "from drafting board to scrap pile," and with the armed forces being the only ones who knew what was needed and when, were the only ones competent to direct this production.

On the other hand, he said, Army and Navy supply services have never been closely concerned with development and production of raw materials, and control of the supply of such materials "is properly placed in a civilian agency, the War Production Board."

At almost the same time, CIO President Philip Murray called again for creation of an over-all civilian body to control war production and "cut through the quagmire of vested interests." He favored legislation to create an office of war mobilization.

WEATHER

WAST TEXAS: Slightly warmer.

Navy Reports Sixth Attack On Munda Field

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—United States bombers, raiding the Japanese installations at Buin on Bougainville Island in the Solomons, met no enemy opposition, they reported Wednesday.

No explanation was available of the lack of opposition at Buin, considered one of the principal Jap air bases and located about 275 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

The Navy also reported a sixth attack on Munda Airfield, under construction by the Japanese on New Georgia Island, and the wiping out of two Japanese machine gun crews and Guadalcanal.

Houston Over Goal In Cruiser Campaign

HOUSTON.—(AP)—The sale of war bonds in the New Cruiser Houston campaign for Harris County reached a total of \$44,162,198.28 Wednesday.

This amount was more than \$8,000,000 over the goal of \$36,100,000 estimated as necessary to build the new warship to replace that which went down last March in the Second Straits.

American Bombers Are Ready To Help Open Burma Road

NEW DELHI.—(AP)—When the push starts to clear the Japanese out of Burma and thus reopen Burma's supply lines to China, American heavy bombers carrying half-ton and ten bombs will have a big part in the show.

They already are "softening" the Japanese with precision raids from extremely high altitudes. They have smashed warehouses in Rangoon, terminals in Mandalay, airplane concentrations, hangers and supply dumps all the way from Rangoon northward to Yunnan, China.

Occasionally they pick up a cargo of bombs and share in raids directed far into occupied China.

Even now they are looking forward to the time when they can bomb Tokyo. From the territory which is already in Chinese hands, these bombers could reach Tokyo and when the time is ripe they will do it.

Members of these bomber crews are fairly itching to drop bigger size bombs down on Tokyo's munition works, shipyards and supply factories. To them Rangoon is just practice.



WAR GOES ON IN THE SOLOMONS with planes, warships and troops of both sides fighting every day. Sometimes fleets clash in major naval engagements, but for the most part it is troop battles on Guadalcanal and raids on enemy bases by our big bombers that keep this vital front from Raba 1 to Henderson Field alive with action.

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Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong.—Joel 3:10.

The First Order



Food Shortage

The better the war goes for the United Nations during the coming year, the harder it will be for American housewives to feed their families as we have become accustomed to being fed.

Resignation of Herbert Lehman as governor of New York to set up machinery for administering foreign relief helps to bring home the imminence of a crisis in food supply.

Already we are rationed on certain imported items which we cannot spare shipping to transport, and we face restrictions on the use of meats and dairy products, of which until recently there were troublesome surpluses.

The moment we begin liberating areas now occupied by the Axis we shall provide their residents with food. That is one difference between the Nazis, who boast that every conquered person will starve to death before the first German does, and human beings, who share what there is so long as it lasts.

The subjugated peoples of Europe have been literally starving for a long time now. The majority still existing is so undernourished that in order to avert the depopulation of the continent we shall have to dig deep into our depleting larder.

Therefore we civilians must reconcile ourselves to the facts that there is no relief in sight from present shortages, that new ones will be added from time to time, and that the more victorious our armies, the heavier will be our food shortages.

To relieve this burden—indeed, to make it bearable at all—is necessary for American farmers, stockraisers and dairymen to produce the attainable maximum of all foodstuffs from now on.

Decimated by enlistment, the draft and the lure of high wage war industry, unable to obtain labor-saving machinery, the food producers must step up their programs beyond even the 1942 record-breaking peaks.

The new farm problem is not the farmer's headache. The farmer could ease along, doing quite well for himself with prices as they are.

He could, but he won't. He will work all out to provide the food needed by this country, its allies and the famished peoples of occupied nations.

In this gigantic task, he is entitled to all possible assistance from the government and from each individual.

—Buy War Bonds And Saving Stamps—

Army's Front Man

The No. 1 military man whom the civilian war agencies of the government have picked out to concentrate their attack on is Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding the Services of Supply. So successful have been whippers-up of the so-called feud between the Army and the War Production Board that they would have you believe there is no limit to this man's ambition and grasp of power. They tell you not only to "Watch Somervell!" but to "Watch out for Somervell!"

But somehow Somervell doesn't quite fill the bill of what it takes to be a military dictator, or else there is something powerfully disarming about his rather slight figure, his graying hair, his ready smile, his quick sense of humor, his blue eyes. He is tough, but he can take it as well as dish it out.

He laughs about all the things his opponents say of him—Somervell is out to wreck WPB, Somervell wants to take over manpower, Somervell has plans to take over rationing, Somervell wants to run civilian economy.

To many bureaucrats and some congressmen, Somervell is the Army. When they say they are afraid of the Army they mean they are afraid of Somervell. This might be flattering if it were not also embarrassing. Gen. George C. Marshall is chief of staff of the Army and Somervell's boss, but somehow no one ever picks on General Marshall.

The reason General Somervell is picked out for all the hate is that as commander of the Services of Supply he heads up that part of the Army which has most direct dealings with the civilian economy and the other agencies of the government. In the reorganization of the Army general staff, all of the routine procurement functions were taken away from General Marshall in order to leave him free for purely tactical duties—planning the fighting of the war. The job of procurement of everything the Army uses except airplanes was given to General Somervell, and that makes him the front man.

—Buy War Bonds and Savings Stamps—

Unappreciated Sex

Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt calls women the "unappreciated sex." He is speaking, needless to say, of industry's reluctance to hire women for plant work. The British, says McNutt, have demonstrated that women are capable of doing four out of five war jobs, some better than men.

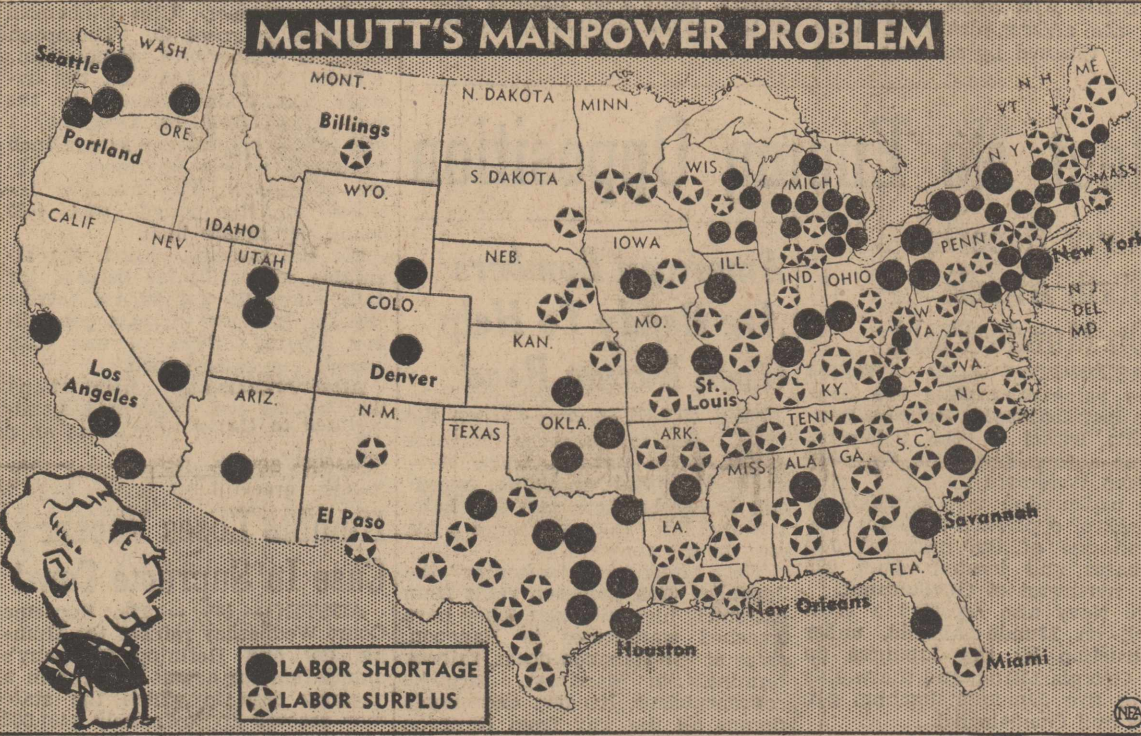
In two years American industry has octupled its use of womanpower, from less than half a million to about four million. McNutt predicts that before the end of next year the figure will reach six million.

Was the small number of women working in factories evidence that they were the "unappreciated sex?" Or did it suggest that American men appreciate their womenfolk so much, they like, when then can, to keep them at home?

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Leave it to old man Winter to freeze everything the government hasn't gotten around to yet.

Diet would be a mighty fine thing for people who always are full of themselves.



ONE OF MANY problems facing new Manpower Chief Paul McNutt is transferring labor from surplus areas into regions where there is a shortage. Map shows cities and areas where labor shortage now exists or is expected shortly and regions where there is a surplus of labor with no shortage anticipated.

West Texas Girls Will Be Guests At Service Club Opening

Soldiers of the Midland AAF Bombardier School will be hosts to girls of West Texas Saturday night at a grand ball marking the opening of the new Service Club at the world's largest bombardier college.

The ball, which will be the most elaborate entertainment ever staged in West Texas, will be attended by several thousand couples who will dance four hours in the huge converted Airways Hangar to the strains of two sparkling dance bands.

In addition, there will be free refreshments, a floor show made up of soldier talent from all over the country, and, as the climax of the evening, a beauty contest to select the young lady who, in the opinion of the most dangerous men in the world, is qualified to be the "most dangerous woman in the world."

Two Dance Bands
Master Sergeant Thomas Marcell's 11-piece "Hell from Heaven Swingsters" who have already built up an enthusiastic following with their performances over the Texas State Network and at dances in this section will compete in a friendly "Battle of Music" with a new 11-instrument orchestra, the "Jive Bombers." There will be no interruption of music for four hours.

Free transportation will be provided to and from the field for young women who wish to attend. They are asked to contact Mrs. Ragle at the Soldiers Center in Midland.

WLB Tries New Plan In Labor Troubles

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Labor Board, trying a unique solution of the union security issue, granted maintenance of membership to a union on a probationary basis, revoked if the union fails to halt work stoppages and discipline those who cause them.

The decision, made public Wednesday, involves the CIO United Auto Workers and the Yellow Truck and Coach Manufacturing Company plant in Pontiac, Mich., where a series of work stoppages has occurred.

It has been the board's policy in strike cases to deny any form of union security.

Legionnaires To Aid Goodfellows

Niles B. Winter, H. S. Glenn and H. A. Palmer were appointed members of an American Legion committee, Tuesday night at the meeting of the Woods W. Lynch Post, to arrange for distribution of Christmas baskets to Midland's needy in cooperation with the Goodfellow's Club.

The committee will enlist men for the basket distribution work. A called meeting of the post will be held at 8 p. m. December 23 to perfect arrangements for its Christmas activities.

OPA Tire Regulation Bulletins Available

Copies of three bulletins explaining OPA price regulations governing tires have been received and are now ready for distribution, Addison Wadley of the Midland County War Price and Rationing Board, announced.

Copies of these bulletins may be obtained at the board's office, in the county courthouse.

Price tables on retreaded and recapped tires, and the retreading and recapping of tires are explained in Retailers' Bulletin No. 6.

To aid tire dealers in understanding these regulations, the OPA has issued another bulletin entitled "Tire Dealers' Guide to Price Regulations," which presents a simplified set of instructions, highlighting the more important requirements tire dealers must meet.

OPA ceiling prices for certain classifications of used tires and tubes were changed, effective November 3, 1942, and at the same time, minimum quality for specifications for repairing tires and tubes and definitions of vulcanized repairs were issued. Certain provisions also were amended governing price posing and the filing of price ceiling statements. The main features of these regulations are explained in Retailers' Bulletin No. 9.

Use And Care Of Gas Masks Explained

Lieutenant John L. Deavenport of the Midland AAF Bombardier School Tuesday night discussed the proper use and care of gas masks at a meeting of air raid wardens of Midland County. Two motion picture films were shown at the meeting. Delbert Downing, chief warden, said no more meetings will be held this month.

School Teacher Bulldogs Deer

SEATTLE—(AP)—A 15-minute fight for her life with a man-hunting deer, was reported by Mrs. Mildred Knight, slightly-built teacher of a one-room school to Stuart Island in Puget Sound.

While she was walking through the brush on the island, a big buck knocked her down and attacked her with his horns. For 15 minutes, Mrs. Knight reported, she fought with the creature, never once regaining her feet.

Unable to get a leg over one of his horns, she summoned the last of her strength and twisted the deer's head, bulldog fashion, until "his eyes turned glassy and his tongue stuck out." Then she collapsed. But the deer had had enough, and when she let go he bounded away.

Later friends shot the buck and, Mrs. Knight said, "I enjoyed eating my share."

Star Of Bethlehem Will Not Shine

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—(AP)—The Star of Bethlehem will not shine this Christmas eve.

Nor will the kladidoscope of lights with which this Pennsylvania City, named for the birthplace of Jesus, annually has commemorated his coming.

The pale light that shines will be that of beeswax candles, traditional among the Moravian residents whose ancestors founded this Bethlehem, and of steel mill furnaces, shielded from sky-borne disturbers of the Christmas peace.

The streets will be dark, but as Mayor Robert Pfeifle says, "it wouldn't be right for them to be all lit up when our boys are out in the darkness fighting for us."

The 90-foot man-made Christmas Star that shone 20 miles from South Mountain and the eight to ten miles of colored lights that drew crowds of shoppers to Bethlehem in the days before gasoline rationing—they will be missing.

"They'd make too good an air raid target," says the mayor of a city in which the steel mills guard every ray of light.

Army Bomber Crashes Near St. Louis Port

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—An Army bomber, believed to have carried seven men to their deaths, crashed and burned Tuesday night a few minutes after taking off from Lambert-St. Louis Airport.

Maj. Ralph W. Page, commanding officer of the Army Air Force Service Command, said nine men were aboard the plane but their names would be withheld until members of families had been notified.

Two men, said by eyewitnesses to have escaped from the burning wreckage, were taken to a hospital. One witness said the plane grazed the roof of a barn before it nosed

Pioneers Of Alaska



Troops and civilian workers engaged in the construction of the great United States-to-Alaska highway had a single goal—Tokyo. The Army's tough little jeeps played an important role in the transport of workers along the route.

Citizens Urged To Join Goodfellows

Twenty-seven of 32 families on the Goodfellows list had not been adopted Wednesday and unless the more fortunate citizens of Midland come to the rescue there will be no Santa Claus and no Christmas for these unemployable families.

Contributions to the Goodfellows Fund may be left at the Chamber of Commerce. Every citizen of Midland who can possibly do so is requested to join the Goodfellows Club by making a donation to the fund as soon as possible. It is hoped the necessary funds will be subscribed by the end of this week so delivery can be started by the middle of next week.

Cecil Waldrep, Goodfellows chairman, said Christmas baskets this year will go only to persons who are not physically able to work and who have no regular source of income. A total of 103 persons com-

prise the 32 families listed. Fourteen white families, 13 negro families and five Mexican families are included.

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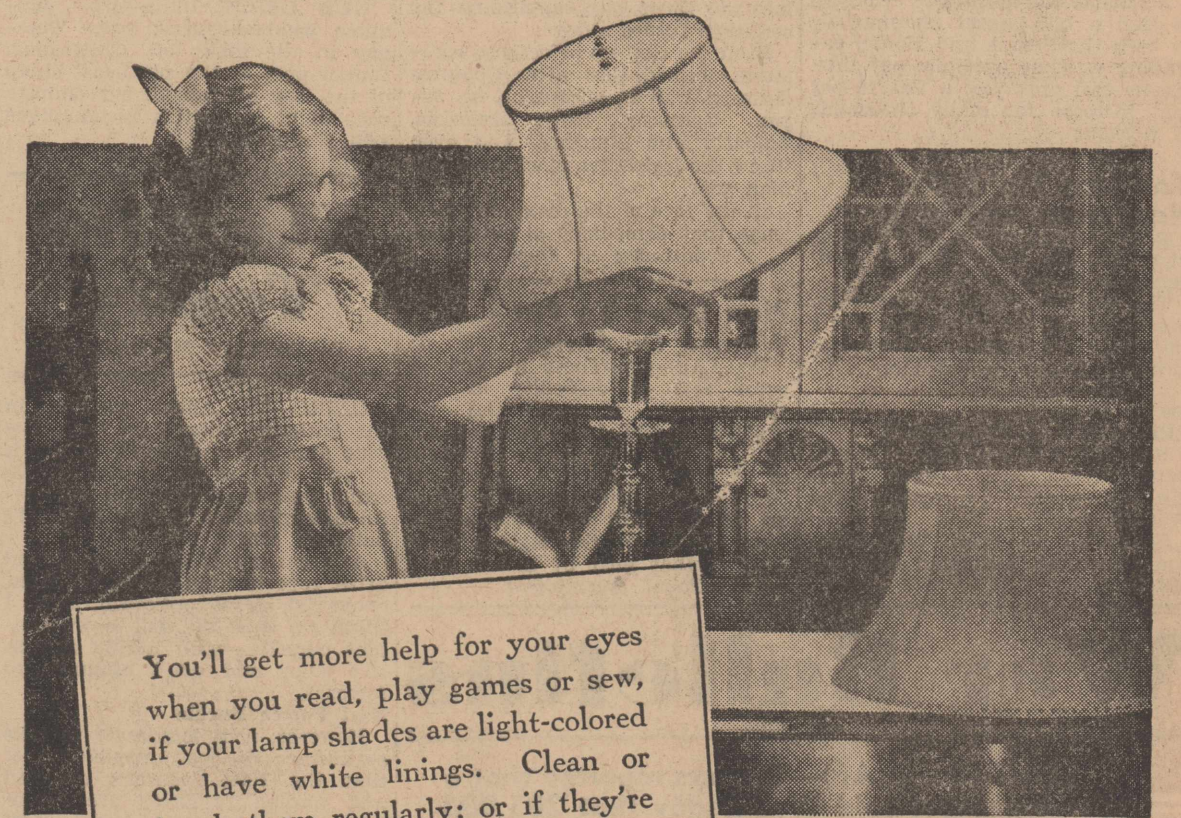
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Miss Boos Weds Pvt. Lamouree

Miss Dorothy Boos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Boos of Nutley, N. J., and Pvt. Daniel Lamouree, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lamouree of Nutley, were married Sunday at the Midland AAF Bombardier School. Chaplain Theodore Schoech performed the nuptial ceremony.

The bride wore a white satin gown with lace insertion at neckline which was trimmed with sea pearls and rose buds. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

Pvt. Charles Chamberlain and Pvt. Charles Perrin, both from the Bombardier School, attended the couple.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Nutley High School. They will be at home at 307 South Florida.

Edelweiss Club Has Christmas Party At A. P. Shirey Home

Mrs. A. P. Shirey entertained Edelweiss Club members Tuesday at her home, 211 South L, with a Christmas tree party. Gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Clyde Cowden won high score in bridge and Mrs. Jack Wilkinson, a guest, was second.

On the mantle were a Santa Claus and sleigh and miniature Christmas trees which carried out the holiday theme. The dining room table was laid with a madra cloth and centered with Santa Claus, his sleigh and two Christmas tree candles.

Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. W. P. Knight were guests.

Refreshments were served to the guests, and the following members: Mmes. James N. Allison, Clyde Cowden, Ellis Cowden, John Dublin, J. R. Martin, Hayden Miles, Tom Nance, Roy Parks, Hal C. Peck, A. P. Shirey, and J. M. Speed, Jr.

Midland's Surgical Dressing Quota—14,400

Let's go to the Surgical Dressing Room on the third floor of the courthouse and make sure Midland's quota of "14,400 dressings before Jan. 10" is reached.

While 200 women have come to the Surgical Dressing Room to receive training only 75 have returned to aid in making the dressings. If instructors take their time to train workers, those who possibly can should spend a part of their time helping make dressings.

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High School Faculty Members Are Guests At Turkey Dinner

Members of the third-year Foods class of Midland High School, under the direction of Miss Iva Butler, teacher, served approximately 35 faculty members, their wives and husbands a turkey dinner Tuesday night in the Homemaking Department of the high school.

The menu included hot diced tomato cocktail, roast turkey, dressing and gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, pineapple and cranberry salad, hot rolls and butter, ice cream, cookies and coffee.

George Heath, superintendent, gave the invocation.

The kitchen carried out the Christmas theme with white crepe paper trees and angels, made by girls of the class, centering the serving table.

The dinner table was decorated with ivy and peppermint stick walking canes. Plate favors were Christmas balls on red, green, and yellow squares with a small candle.

Miss Lois May Lynch Will Sing In Chorus

Miss Lois May Lynch of Midland will sing in a musical comedy, "Time Stagers On" to be presented at the University of Texas by students. The musical is sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalism fraternity for women.

The script, written by students, tells a story of campus life, presenting in the course of the three acts various students from foreign countries. The musical comedy aspect is carried out with the ten songs, also student-written, and by a chorus of 75 co-eds who will present the "United Nations" finale.

Legion Auxiliary Adopts Family

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary at their meeting Tuesday night, voted to adopt a needy Mexican family during the Christmas holidays. The auxiliary sent "ready to be mailed" Christmas cards to veteran legionnaires at Legion, Texas.

Baby Is Christened At AAF School Here

Julie Thieme, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Clarence Thieme, was christened Tuesday at the Midland AAF Bombardier School by Chaplain Theodore Schoech. The baby was born Nov. 15 in a Midland hospital.

Lieut. W. P. Stewart Graduates At Miami

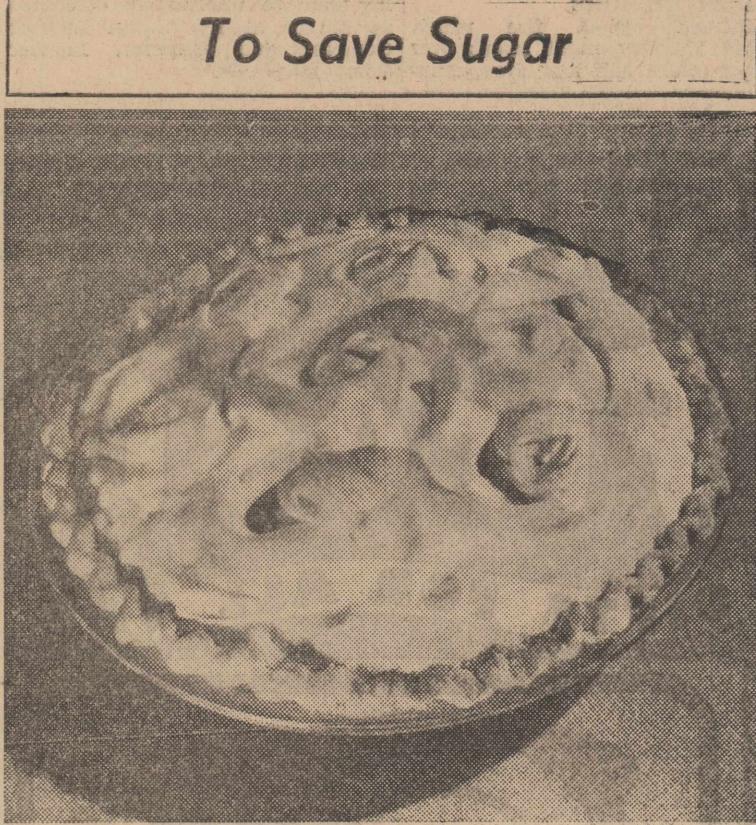
MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — First Lieutenant Walter P. Stewart of Midland, Texas, has completed a six weeks course of military instruction and physical conditioning at the Air Forces Officers Training School here.

The British YMCA services are staffed by 100,000 volunteer workers.

Beware Coughs That Hang On

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THE sugar-raising program may prove to be a blessing in disguise. For while refined sugar is packed with energy, it lacks all other food factors. Then too, many of us have been eating far too much sugar—oftentimes at the expense of an adequate daily diet which should include milk, cereals, vegetables, fruits, eggs, meat, cheese, fish, etc.

You will find it easier to stay within your sugar quota, if you remember the following points:

1. Serve fewer desserts requiring sugar. Instead, serve fresh fruits, sweetened sparingly or not at all, and canned fruits, as well as fresh and canned fruit juices frequently—they're all rich in natural sugar, and delicious as desserts.
2. When you do make desserts, try using less sugar. Puddings, custards, ice creams, sauces, etc. often call for more sugar than they really need, and so the family will probably never miss the sugar you cut out of them.
3. Urge your family to use less sugar in coffee and tea, and to stir it well. Sugar left unstirred in the bottom of the cup is a waste. Try corn syrup, honey or canned sweetened condensed milk as the sweetener.
4. Serve waffles, griddle cakes, or French toast, with maple syrup, waffle syrup, honey, molasses, jam or jelly for dessert.
5. Serve cheese, crackers and jelly, jam or fruit for dessert.
6. Buy and serve packaged prepared puddings, gelatin des-

serts, gingerbread mixes, rennet custard desserts, pie fillings, commercial ice creams, quick frozen strawberries and peaches, canned fruits and fruit juices, packaged cookies, and other ready-to-serve dessert items. By so doing you conserve your sugar supply.

7. Encourage the family to sweeten cereals with molasses, honey, corn syrup, maple syrup, waffle syrup, etc.

Sugarless Pie Meringue (Page 798)

Beat 3 egg whites until frothy. Gradually beat in 3 tbs. white corn syrup, and beat stiff. Heap on pie; bake in a slow oven of 300° F. for 30 min.

Sugarless Two Egg Cake (Page 725)

2½ c. sifted cake flour 1 c. white corn syrup
2½ tsp. baking powder 2 eggs, unbeaten
¼ tsp. salt 1½ tsp. vanilla
½ c. shortening 1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 tsp. grated orange rind

Sift dry ingredients together 3 times. Work shortening and rind together with back of spoon until fluffy and creamy. Add syrup gradually, while beating thoroughly with a spoon. Add ¼ of flour mixture, and beat until blended with a spoon. Add unbeaten eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add remaining flour in thirds, alternately with milk in halves, beating thoroughly with a spoon after each addition. Add vanilla. Turn into 2 greased floured 8" layer cake pans. Bake in a moderately hot oven of 375° F. 30 min., or until done.

Christmas Dinner Is Highlight For Beta Sigma Phi Holidays

Beta Sigma Phi sorority members met Tuesday night at the home of Miss Maedee Roberts, 1209 West Indiana, for a formal Christmas dinner.

Guests were seated at quartet tables centered with candles and other Christmas decorations. Favors were miniature Christmas bells.

Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged at the Christmas tree.

Mrs. W. I. Pratt and Mrs. J. Hollis Roberts were guests.

Members attending included Misses Dorothy Newberry, Dorothy Hamilton, Wilma Ruth Holman, Roselle Girard, Lee Johnson, Faye Powers, Nita Gothard, Eleanor Wood, Ruth Smith and Roberts.

Mmes. G. B. Hallman, John Porter, Ralph Guyer, S. R. McKinney, Jr., M. D. Johnson, Jr., Tom Potter, J. H. Fine, T. H. Stringer, Cecil Waldrep, J. F. Bain and Frances Stallworth.

Mrs. Lauderdale And Pfc. J. H. Martin Are Wed In Chapel

Mrs. Geneva Lauderdale of Dallas and Pfc. James H. Martin of the 49th B. T. S. at the Midland AAF Bombardier School, were married Monday in the post chapel by Chaplain Theodore C. Schoech.

Pvt. Harry L. Coffin and Lt. Allen Zier, also of the Bombardier School, were the attendants.

Seventy men who work with the bridegroom were guests at the wedding.

Personals

Miss Vaneta Spurgeon has returned from Odessa where she visited Misses Mary and Lena Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. "Speck" Locklar have returned from a visit to Odessa.

Miss Kathryn Francis, a student at Southern Methodist University is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. R. E. Hunt visited her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Webb, in Odessa.

Miss Jo Ann Proctor has returned from Southern Methodist University, where she is a freshman, to visit her parents during the holidays.

Horace Brown of March Field, Calif., is visiting his parents here. He will return January 1.

Porter Johnson of Rankin was in Midland Tuesday on business.

Bill Potter of Carlsbad, N. M., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Potter.

Sgt. Thurston Ruple of Camp Young, Calif., is here visiting his brother, Theran Ruple.

Mrs. W. S. Crook of Big Spring is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Potter.

J. H. Potter is ill at his home, 501 North Baird.

A. J. McQuatters will return Wednesday night to San Antonio, where

he is employed in a defense factory, after visiting relatives and attending funeral services for his father.

Judge Charles W. Roberts of Andrews County was a business visitor in Midland Tuesday. He also is editor and publisher of the Andrews Times.

Billy Layton, a sophomore at Southern Methodist University, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Layton, during the holidays.

Mrs. James H. Chapple and daughter, Toya, have returned by plane from Panama where they

had been visiting Mrs. Chapple's mother.

U. S. NURSES IN PALESTINE
JERUSALEM—(AP)—The disclosure that United States nurses are serving in Palestine was made Wednesday in the Palestine Post. It published pictures of "Uncle Sam's young ladies on duty and off."



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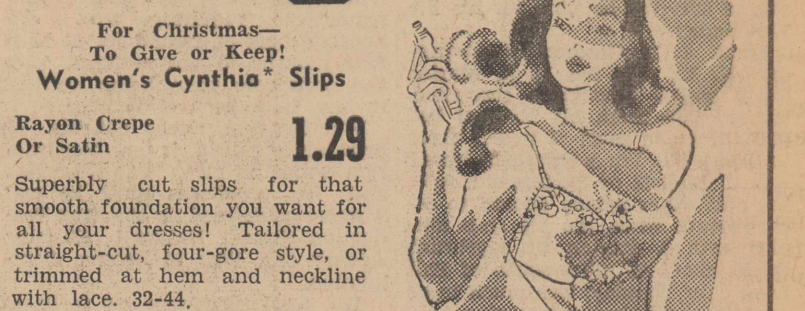
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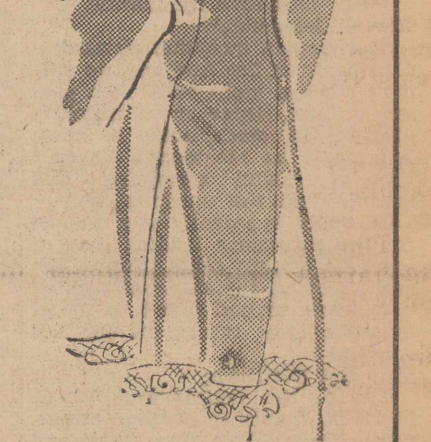
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Coming Events

THURSDAY

The Colonial Card Club will meet at 1:30 p. m. for a luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Kelly, 1001 West Kansas.

Red Cross workroom in the Old Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Red Cross Surgical Dressings room on the third floor of the courthouse will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock and from 1 until 4 o'clock.

Midland County Museum will be open from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Edwards and Mrs. Bob Tesch will be hostesses at the Soldiers Service Club.

Lucky Thirteen Club will have a Christmas banquet at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conner, 1023 West College.

FRIDAY

Red Cross Surgical Dressings room on the third floor of the courthouse will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock and from 1 until 4 o'clock.

The regular ladies luncheon will

be held at the Country Club at 1 o'clock for members.

Red Cross workroom in the Heidelberg Inn will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock.

Miss Jean Bain's Canteen Class will meet from 10:15 to 11:15 a. m. in the assembly room of the courthouse.

Glenn Walker Royal Ambassadors of the First Baptist Church will meet at 4 p. m. at the church.

Mrs. Percy Mims and Mrs. J. O. Nobles will be hostesses at the Soldiers Service Club.

Belmont Bible Class will have a Christmas party at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. G. Ataway, 404 West Ohio. All members will bring a package for the Christmas basket.

Children's Service League will meet at 2 p. m. with Mrs. R. L. Blunden, 211 West Brunson.

SATURDAY

The Robyn Music Club will meet at 10 o'clock at the Watson School of Music.

The annual Christmas tree program for students of the Watson School of Music will be held at 3 p. m. The younger students of the school will present a program for their mothers.

Midland County Museum will be open from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

Treble Cleff Juvenile Music Club will meet at 1 o'clock at the Watson School of Music.

Mrs. William Fritz and Mrs. E. R. Forman will be hostesses at the Soldiers Service Club.

Soldiers Service Club

THURSDAY

Square dance for all enlisted men at 9 p. m. at the club.

SATURDAY

Ballroom Dance at 9 p. m.

SUNDAY

Vesper service at 5 p. m. followed with a twilight sing-song.

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa:

I won't ask for much this year, but I would like one of those cute Frigidaires and a cookstove.

There is a new baby across the street at 1406 West College. Be sure and bring something for him.

Love

MARY LAVERNE TERRY

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Aldredge Estes Jr. has completed training at Glendale, Calif., in electrical instrument mechanics and has been transferred to Fort Wayne, Ind. He is the son of Aldredge Estes, a graduate from Midland High School and attended Texas Tech.

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Huge Structural "Doughnut" Soon To Be Complete

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The world's biggest structural doughnut—a mile around, 368 feet thick, four stories high and with a six-acre hole—soon will be humming with nearly 40,000 war workers.

War Department officials said the new pentagon building across the Potomac River probably will be filled by the end of the month.

Already, they said, more than 20,000 workers have been moved into the recently finished five-sided chunk of concrete in nearby Virginia. Between 15,000 and 20,000 more must go to empty the big Washington war buildings for other uses.

Use Other Buildings Also

Even then, 30 other War Department buildings will remain in the capital, but most of Uncle Sam's army strategy will be mapped behind the five walls of the fairy-tale structure on the western river bank.

There, 3,000 people worked day and night for a year to build the mammoth flat-faced doughnut—at a cost estimated at more than \$70,000,000 including the approaches. Its concentric sections contain some 40,000,000 square feet, honey-combed with numerous offices, storage rooms, passage-ways, cafeterias, barber shops, drug stores, newsstands and the conveniences of a few thousand homes—all encircling a six-acre inner court.

Seventeen Persons Die In Crash Of Airliner In Utah

FAIRFIELD, UTAH—(AP)—A doleful 23-year-old leatherneck tightened his safety belt and rode out a Western Airlines transport crash which killed 17 and left a second survivor battling for his life Wednesday.

Lieut. A. F. Gardner of Alexander, N. Y., and the U. S. Marine Corps smiles through a scratched, bruised face from his hospital bed at Lehi as he said: "I nearly froze to death, but I'm lucky to be here."

A. J. Mallett of Springfield, Ark., the only other person aboard to escape death when the big ship tumbled into a stretch of sagebrush desert about 55 miles south of Salt Lake City Tuesday, was much more seriously hurt than the marine.

"Awful Screaming" Four women including stewardess Cleo Booth of Los Angeles, two military officers, eight other men passengers and three crew members died in the crash, some of them lingering as Lieutenant Gardner told of "awful screaming and groaning" in the smashed cabin.

The pilot apparently was groping for the emergency landing field at Fairfield, four miles from the crash spot, as the ship was pointed northward. It had failed to report by radio after taking off for Los Angeles.

Ship Did Not Burn Two of the victims were W. O. Hart, 57, publisher of the Orange, Calif., Daily News since 1908, and Donald E. Cummings, 42, of Denver, head of the Industrial Hygiene Department of the University of Colorado.

Gardner suffered a fractured right leg and shoulder injuries but feared that gasoline-fed flames might break out any moment, he dragged himself clear of the ship. However, it did not burn.

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The Desert Song Is Tea for Two



Like the colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady, general and Tommy both like their tea, so Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army, accepts a cup from a gun crew member.

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Nelson accompanied the statement with a pledge that WPB would try to provide materials for approved housing programs, designed to get the maximum dwelling space from the limited materials available, "as expeditiously as is consistent with all other elements of the war effort."

Photographers To Get Some Film

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Amateur photographers will get half the film they obtained a year ago and professional cameramen, 24 per cent less. The War Production Board announced the cut, citing in-

Educators Praise Midland High School

Midland High School remains a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Superintendent George A. Heath was informed Wednesday.

The letter received by Heath said in part: "The action of the central reviewing committee of the association in extending the membership of your high school in that body for another year is significant in that your high school passed the review committee without a single adverse criticism."

"Your excellent showing is outstanding and emphasizes the constructive, educational program and the leadership in charge of your public schools."

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ing damage unofficially estimated at \$75,000 at the Smith Lumber Company and Cameron Lumber Company plants.

An American tire plant which is being moved to Russia will produce 1,000,000 tires a year from synthetic rubber.

More than 1,250 service centers for soldiers of all the Allied nations are conducted by the British YMCA.

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You'd get tired and thirsty, too. You'd want that extra something in refreshment—ice-cold Coca-Cola. Well, you'd find it in many homes everywhere. You could help yourself at the icebox and be welcome.

You'd find thirst gone and refreshment arriving. You'd thrill to the taste so delicious and distinctive that it stands alone. You'd know you were enjoying all the quality that skill and choicest ingredients could put there. You'd find refreshment going quickly into energy. You'd be ready again to shout, "Ho, Prancer! Ho, Vixen..."

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Sam Spears Is Lions Speaker

The diversified occupations course offered by Midland high school was explained by Sam Spears, coordinator, at the meeting of the Midland Lions Club at Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday noon.

Spears traced the origin and development of the program which is intended to benefit high school students who do not plan to attend college. The federal government pays 50 per cent of the cost of the course, the state 25 per cent and the school district 25 per cent.

Spears explained "It is a cooperative part-time training program in which business men cooperate with the schools in training students for various types of business and trades," Spears said.

He discussed the type of training given in the schools and in the business firms.

It is a two-year course open to all high school students over 16 years of age. Seventeen students now are enrolled in the program.

Roy DeWolfe played several piano selections.

Sgt. Harry Gossett, of Camp Bowie, was a guest.

Congress—

(Continued from page 1)

Congress provided for a two-ocean navy, an army designed to reach a strength of 7,500,000 men, and an air force intended to achieve mastery of the sky.

Faced Great Problems The drain of the military upon the nation's normal supplies began to be felt on the home front. With it came the potential menace of inflation, so Congress passed one price control bill early in the war, later found it necessary to clamp down an even tighter lid.

Unprecedented powers were granted President Roosevelt to free his hands from normal peacetime restrictions. The ban against use of United States troops on foreign soil was lifted. Salaries and wages were stabilized at home.

Laws were passed to protect the soldier's civilian interests, to give him the right to vote away from home, to boost his base pay from \$21 to \$50. The draft age was lowered to 18.

Women Step In Women were accorded a place in the ranks.

The new Congress will find the Democratic majority sharply reduced in the House, and facing the possibility of a coalition of some of its southern members with the Republican minority.

With that possibility, here are some of the issues which the next Congress may be called upon to resolve.

1. Retrenchment in non-military expenditures.

2. Restrictions on the powers of government agencies.

3. Revision of labor legislation.

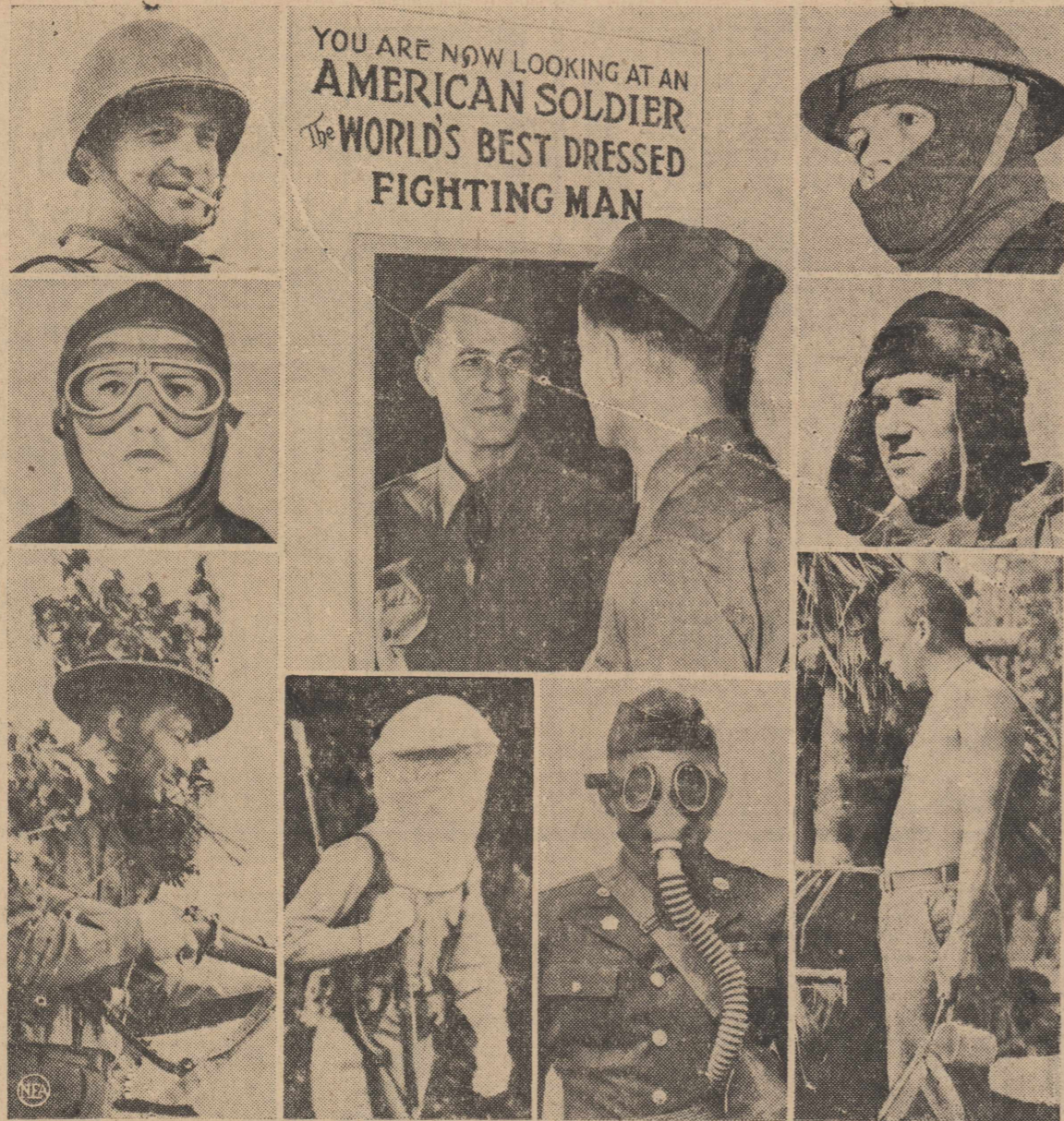
Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dorsey of Goldsmith on the birth of a daughter in a Midland hospital Wednesday.

Sgt. and Mrs. David B. Watts on the birth of a son Wednesday in a hospital here.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. G. E. Walton on the birth of a boy in a hospital here Tuesday.

MIDLAND HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO. welcomes these new arrivals and requests their parents to call by our store, and receive a welcome gift for them. (Adv.)



WHAT WARRIORS WEAR. From torrid zone to Arctic waste, the U. S. Army dresses to fit the climate and the occasion. Army men maintain that stripped to the waist or bundled to the brows, the American soldier is the best-dressed fighting man in the world. See why?

Fort Worth Editor Will Be Graduation Speaker At MAAFBS

Don Weaver, editor of the Fort Worth Press, will be the speaker for the graduation ceremonies of class 42-17 at the Midland AAF Bombardier School Thursday morning. Weaver will speak on "The World Today."

Brigadier General Isaiah Davies, commanding general of the bombardier college, will award graduation diplomas to members of the largest class of student bombardiers to ever graduate at the bombardier school in ceremonies beginning at 9 a. m. in the post theatre.

Weaver is being flown here from Fort Worth in a military airplane in order that he may deliver his address to the new "Hell from Heaven Men."

Personals

J. M. White, Jr., a sophomore law student at Baylor University, is home for the holidays.

Bob King will arrive Sunday night from the Florida Naval Academy, St. Augustine, Fla., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. King.

Evelyn Hanson was dismissed from a hospital here Tuesday.

Billy Wright of Crane has been admitted to a Midland hospital for medical treatment.

Mrs. Lige Midkiff and baby son have returned home from a hospital here.

Mrs. Dennis Murphy and baby boy went home from a Midland hospital Tuesday.

Schleicher County

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offset to the discovery well of the Roberts Delaware pool in Western Pecos County. No. 1 Odean on last test baled only three gallons of oil per hour. It drilled to 5,293 feet in Delaware sand and was shot with 560 and 375 quarts of nitro, then acidized with 1,500 and 5,000 gallons.

In Northwest Central Pecos, Macchia No. 1 Allan Robertson is drilling below 7,028 feet in shale. The same firm's No. 1-29 H. J. Eaton, Ordovician wildcat six miles southwest of Imperial in northern Pecos, is trying to restore circulation, bottomed at 2,814 feet in lime.

Twenty-nine miles southwest of Fort Stockton in Pecos, Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Ada C. Price is drilling in shale at 8,126 feet.

Barnsdall Oil Company No. 1 H. D. Heath, Northeast Central Yoakum County 7,500-foot test six miles northeast of Plains last Tuesday was drilling at 320 feet in red rock, with operators planning to set surface pipe Tuesday night.

Fullerton Oil Company No. 2 McKean & Eilers, three-eighths mile northeast outpost to the Fullerton deep Permian pool in North-western Andrews, is drilling past 3,060 feet in anhydrite. It is three-eighths of a mile northeast of No. 1 McKean & Eilers, recently completed at 7,260 feet for 24-hour flow of 1,676 barrels through 1-inch choke on tubing to establish a record for the pool.

Shell Oil Company, Inc. No. 1 D. N. Leaverton in Northwestern Gaines County, is pulling core cut from 7,718-38 ft. It recovered 11 ft. of lime with fair porosity and oil staining by coring from 7,698 to 7,718.

Jerry C. Hawkins No. 57-A Mallet Land & Cattle Company, 6,500-foot test a mile north of the Hock-

Matty Brescia To Address Rotarians

Pvt. Matty Brescia of the 83rd Air Base and Base Headquarters Squadron of the Midland AAF Bombardier School, will address the Midland Rotary Club at its luncheon Thursday noon.

Pvt. Brescia, who handled a large part of the announcing work on the "Pearl Harbor Day" programs over station KRLE, will tell of the part played by soldiers in the great War Bond sales marathon.

Eden Sees No Need To Make Protest

LONDON—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden rejected several strongly-worded suggestions in the House of Commons Wednesday that Great Britain protest against Generalissimo Francisco Franco's speech praising Mussolini and his message of Hitler expressing hope for an Axis victory over Russia.

The foreign secretary said he saw "no value" in such a protest.

Can't Afford To Buy All Sugar

MARION, N. C.—(AP)—A mountain farmer, reports the county rationing board, has about found a limit to his patriotism.

"I'm trying to do my bit, patriotic-like," said the farmer, who had sworn that he and his family would abide by sugar rationing regulations, "but I'm married, have eight children and I'm durned if I can keep on a-buyin' all that sugar."

County sector of the Slaughter field, is drilling below 4,200 feet in anhydrite and lime. More than a mile farther north, the same owner's No. 14-B Mallet is drilling anhydrite below 3,371 feet.

Wesley Bible Class Has Christmas Party At Johnson Home

Mrs. M. D. Johnson was hostess to a Christmas party Tuesday for members of the Wesley Bible Class at her home. Mrs. Jack Wilmoth was co-hostess.

Mrs. S. H. Gwyn brought the devotional and Mrs. M. J. Allen gave a Christmas story. Little Joanna Sewell sang "Silent Night" and "Baby In The Manger."

Mrs. Wilmoth presided at the Christmas tree, and Joanna Sewell assisted in presenting the gifts.

Mrs. Stacy Allen and Mrs. J. A. Sewell were visitors.

Members attending included Misses H. M. Reigel, teacher, and Johnson, Wilmoth, Huchen, Mary Lou Snodgrass, J. M. Reising, W. A. Black, Lela Hedges, T. A. Fannin, Stacy Allen, Fannie Barrett, Mary S. Ray, Stevenson, Gwyn and Mollie McCormick.

British—

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Tunis, the capital, and the formidable Bizerte naval base, while Axis planes attacked the forward base of Lieut. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson's British 1st Army at Bone, in Northeast Algeria.

Dispatches from an Associated Press correspondent "with U. S. forces in Tunisia" said both Allies and Axis were rushing up troops and supplies for a climactic battle, but with the beginning of the winter rainy season the problem of transport was exceedingly difficult.

Other Developments Other developments in the global war:

RUSSIA—The Red Army's offensive on the Central Front plodded ahead through snow-covered forests Wednesday and the Soviet command announced that in the far advanced salient at Velikie Luki "our troops fought to wipe out surrounded German garrisons."

Velikie Luki is only 90 miles from the frontier of Baltic Latvia, where Hitler's invasion hordes began their northern sweep into Russia proper more than a year ago.

On the front southwest of long-besieged Stalingrad, Soviet dispatches acknowledge that a series of big-scale Nazi attacks had driven a wedge into the Russian lines.

While conceding this new threat, the Russians declared there was still no sign that the hard-pressed Nazi siege armies had succeeded in breaking out of the Soviet ring of encirclement in the Volga-Don Corridor.

Blast Japs NEW GUINEA—Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters reported Allied warplanes were ceaselessly blasting New Japanese sea-borne reinforcements, perhaps 1,000 strong, who landed on the coast 20 to 40 miles north of the main Buna-Gona sector.

"The entire area is strewn with derelict barges, wreckage and enemy dead," a United Nations communiqué said.

Meanwhile, American and Australian troops exerted heavy pressure on the enemy's dwindling foothold around Buna and sharp fighting was reported at Sanananda Point, northeast of Buna Village, and at Buna Village airstrip.

Allied jungle fighters had already driven a wedge between these two points.

NO HOLDS BARRED PUTTERS, N. J.—(AP)—Grapplers had a field day here recently. It was the annual mat clinic of the New Jersey wrestling clinic and no holds were barred.

GIFTS Indian and Mexican MIDLAND INDIAN STORE 206 W. Texas

PTA's Will Meet At High School Thursday

A joint meeting of all Parent-Teacher Associations in Midland will be at the High School Auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday. A program will be combined with the Victory Concert.

MacArthur's—

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ders who had managed to reach shore, aiming for landing barges and water-tight drums of supplies still floating in the sea.

At the end of the bombing operation, pilots reported that there was a decrease in the number of barges and supply rafts still afloat.

Japanese soldiers were seen swimming among them, attempting to salvage fuel, ammunition and food supplies the drums supposedly contained.

"The entire area is strewn with derelict barges, wreckage and enemy dead," the communiqué said.

Price Ceilings Are Not New In Town LANCASTER, PA.—(AP)—Price ceilings are old stuff in Lancaster—in fact, 200 years old.

The Pennsylvania Historical Commission says the King's Colonial Agent set top prices on everything that an early Indian trader here had in stock.

The purpose, the Commission says, was to assure the Indians a square deal.

Wool

BOSTON—(AP)—(USDA)—The Boston wool market continued very quiet Wednesday. Then few sales reported were on South American wools to arrive at woolen mills. Some inferior 12-month Texas wools were offered from the country at clean prices, delivered Boston, of \$1.14 to \$1.16, but no interest was shown by buyers.

Livestock

FORT WORTH.—(AP)—The livestock market was slow but prices held about steady on all classes of cattle Wednesday.

Butcher hogs were 15-25c lower, mostly 15c lower than Tuesday's packer market with the top of 14.50 paid by packers.

Estimated receipts: cattle 2,400; calves 1,100; hogs 2,000; sheep 2,700.

Good to choice fed steers and yearlings 12.00-13.00 with some yearlings held higher, common to medium steers and yearlings 3.50-11.50; good beef cows 9.50-10.25; 8.00-9.25; good heavy bulls 9.50-10.25; good to choice fat calves 11.25-12.50; stocker steer calves up to 13.00 and stocker heifer calves up to 12.25.

Most good and choice 190-300 lb. butcher hogs 14.50 to packers while good and choice 150-175 lb. averages brought 13.35-14.40.

Sales in the sheep yards included aged wethers at 7.00-50; good ewes at 7.00-25; mixed grade feeder lambs at 9.00 down. Sales late Tuesday reported Wednesday, included good yearlings up to 13.25 and carlot ewes up to 7.50.

Railroad Aids Stove Firm Heat Its Plant

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—(AP)—When the Kalamazoo Stove Co.'s boiler blew out officials borrowed a Michigan Central locomotive, parked it on a siding and pumped steam from its boilers into the heating system of the plant until the building was warm enough for employes to resume their war work.

Found Boss Was In Next Hospital Room PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—Ernest Parnell, hit by an automobile, didn't have to call his office to explain why he didn't report for work. He found his boss, Henry Smedley, in a hospital room adjoining his. Smedley had just stumbled and injured his hip.

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White for Sports



The youthful sports frock worn by Priscilla Lane, 20th Century-Fox film star, is made of white cotton broadcloth. Interesting notes are the pockets and shoulder yoke trim, which are done in blue, green, yellow and red embroidery.

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By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority

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The opening lead was won in dummy with the king of diamonds. Now if you want to lose the contract, all you have to do at this

♠ A J	♠ 8 5
♥ A Q 7 2	♥ K 10 8 6
♦ A Q 7 6 5	♦ 10 3 2
♣ 3	♣ J 6 2

W N E S
Dealer

♠ K 7 4 3
♥ 5 4
♦ K J 8
♣ A K 10 4

Rubber—None vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
3 ♠ T.	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass

Opening—♦ 2.

point is to lead a small heart and take the finesse. East will win and immediately return a heart, which West will ruff. The declarer did lead a small heart from dummy, but he did not take the finesse—he went right up with the ace. He led a small club, won in dummy with the ace and played the other heart. Now you can see that the defense is helpless. If West trumps, that is the only trick they can win. If he refuses to trump, declarer can trump a heart in dummy and discard one of them on the good king of clubs. Play around with this hand—you will find it very interesting.

Women Street Car Men Not New Venture

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Women street car men? Five Kansas City women chuckle heartily.

They've been on the job ever since the last world war—the survivors of a 1918 crew of 130 split-skirted conductresses at passengers used to gape in surprise. "The women kept getting married, or dying, and now we have just five left," explains D. L. Fennell, transportation boss of the Kansas City Public Service Company. They make change nowadays, at busy transfer points. "But we plan to employ others, to operators."

That, thinks Mrs. Jeanette Miller, one of the five originals, will be just fine.

"I don't think women get confused as much as men do," she said. "And it seems to me the men operators get crabby and grouchy quicker than women. Women can answer more silly questions and not get mad about it."

They also give advice to the lovelorn, confides Mrs. Adna England, one of the first women hired.

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Pattern No. 8320 is in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20; 40, 42. Size 14, short sleeves, 3 3/8 yards 35-inch material, 1 3/4 yards 40-inch.

For this attractive pattern, send 15 cents, plus 1 cent for postage, in coins, with your name, address, pattern number and size to The Reporter-Telegram Today's Pattern Service, 530 South Wells Street, Chicago.

Sewing for Christmas? Then you'll appreciate the extra help you can find and all the new patterns shown in the Winter Fashion Book, available at 15c per copy. Send for this book, with a 15c pattern, both will come to you for 25c plus 1c for postage.

Victory Fund Campaign

This is the second in a series of articles answering questions about Victory Fund bond issues.

By buying four "A" Tax Notes now with a value of \$25.12 each, a total cost of \$100.48, you can pay an income tax of \$101.68—which means a saving to you of \$1.20 as was pointed out in detail in yesterday's article.

So if you have the money to do this, since you are going to have to pay the tax anyway, why not go ahead and buy these tax notes? Maybe though you are wondering: Can I lose on this transaction? The answer is No—because the notes are redeemable for cash without advance notice. You will not

get any interest if you want your money back for any reason but you will receive exactly the same amount that you paid for the tax note.

Since the notes are not transferable from one person to another, be sure to have them issued in the same name and under the same address used by you in filing your income tax.

You can buy them at any time. They can be bought through a bank, trust company, securities dealer, savings and loan association. Mention has been made of notes valued at \$25.12—the value was \$25 in September when they went on sale but interest has accrued since. The notes also are available in denominations of \$50 and \$100, now selling for \$50.20 and \$100.48, respectively.

The total value of Texas public school property is estimated as nearly \$3,000,000,000.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"He's afraid he'd miss chow call, sir!"

SIDE GLANCES



"Just think—all that's between us and furnishing a new home is your winning the war!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

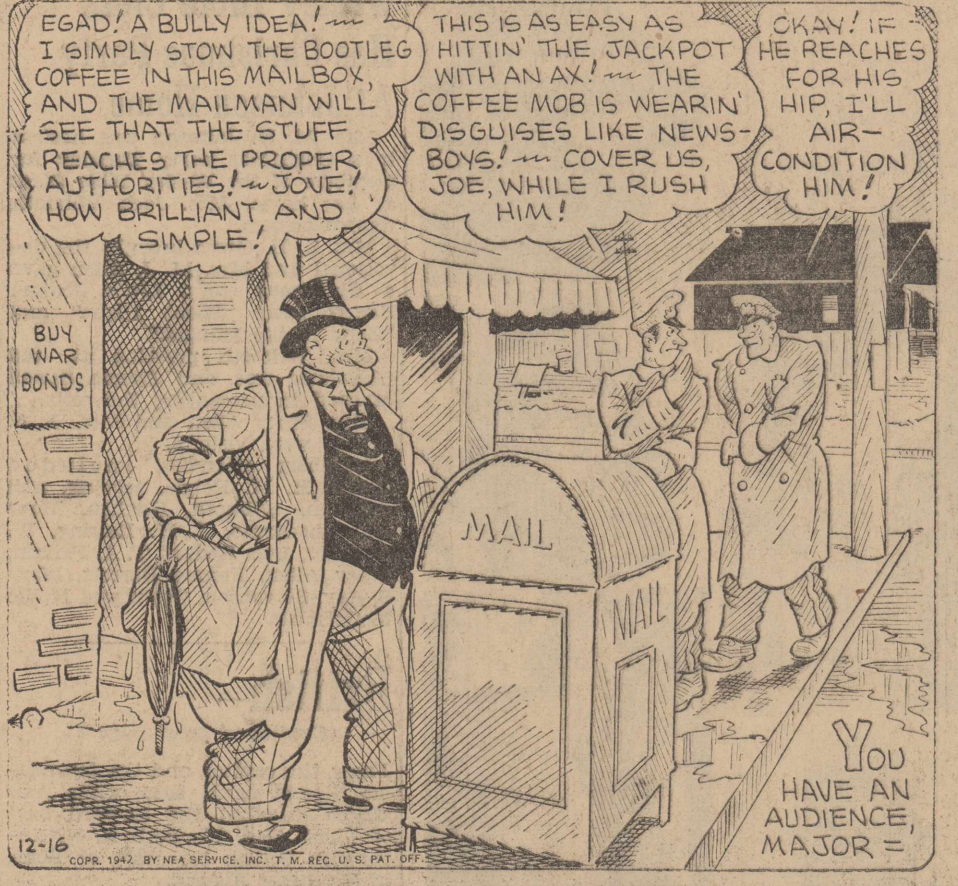
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WHEN YOU PUT YOUR TRUST IN WAR BONDS, YOU PUT YOUR WAR BONDS IN TRUST. Says MRS. CORA INNES, Quincy, Illinois.

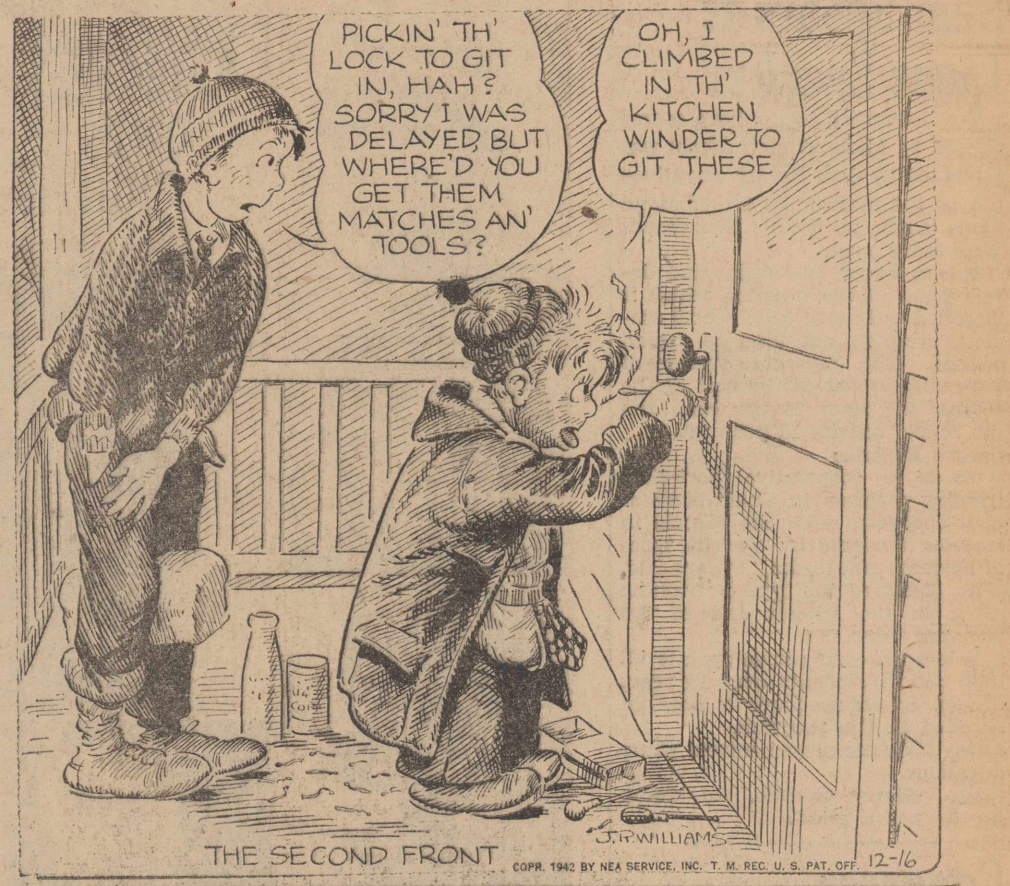
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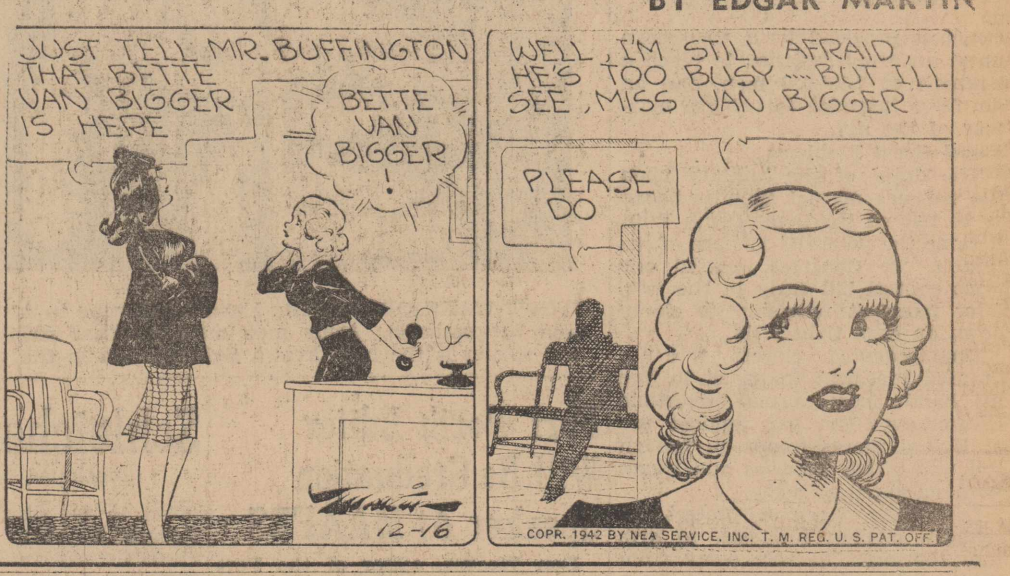
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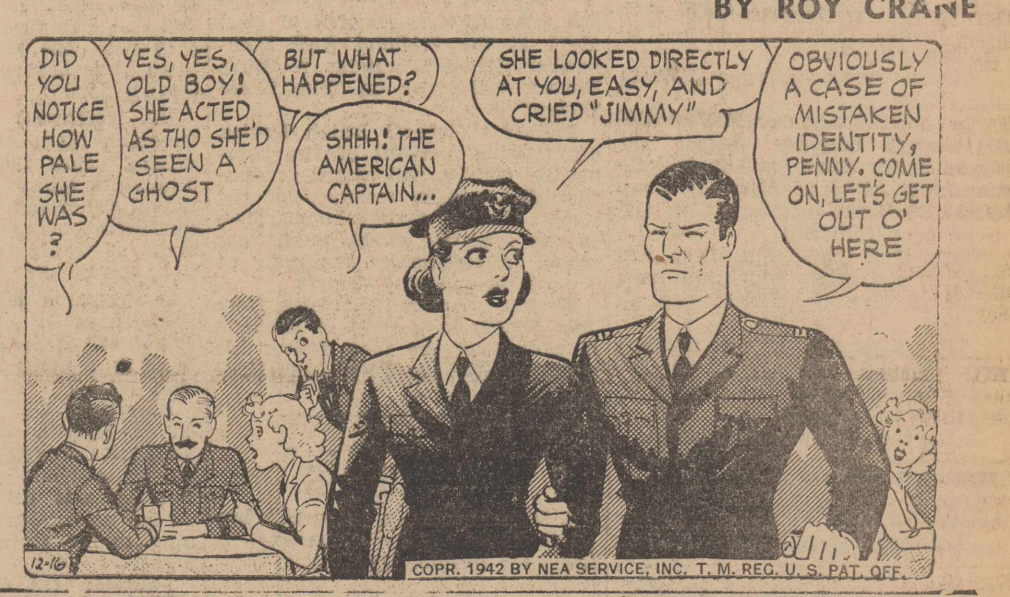


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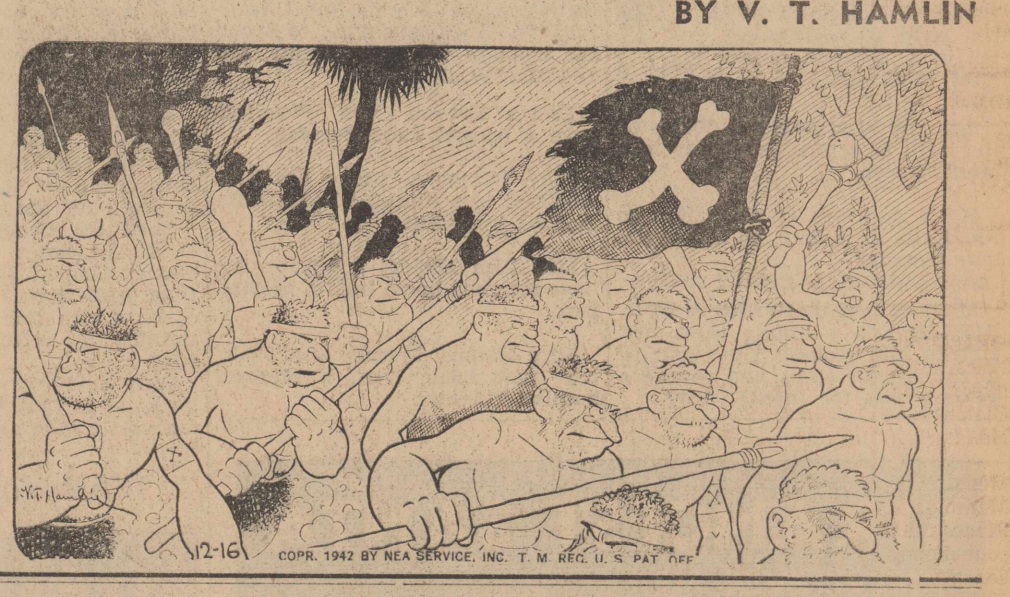
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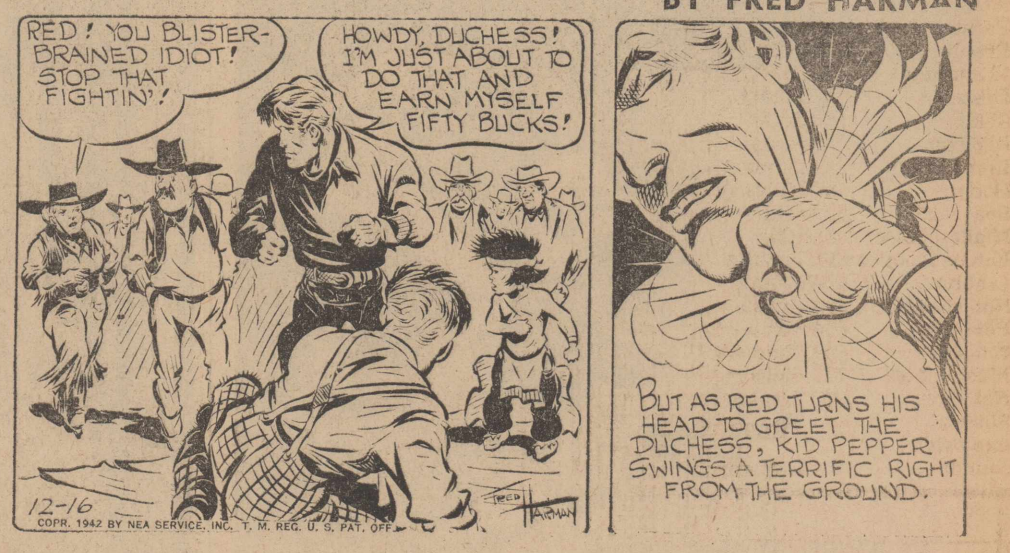
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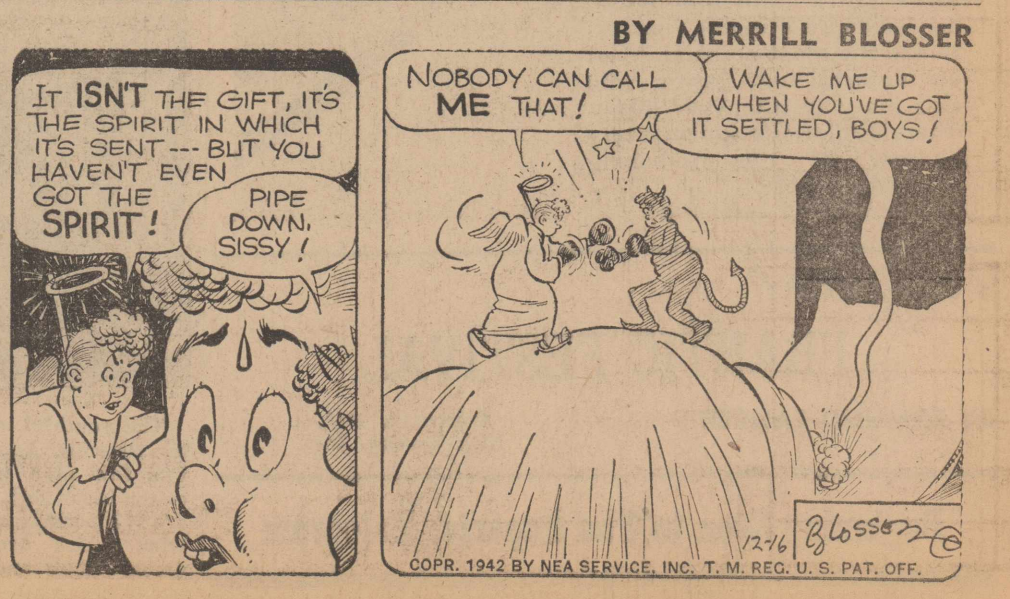
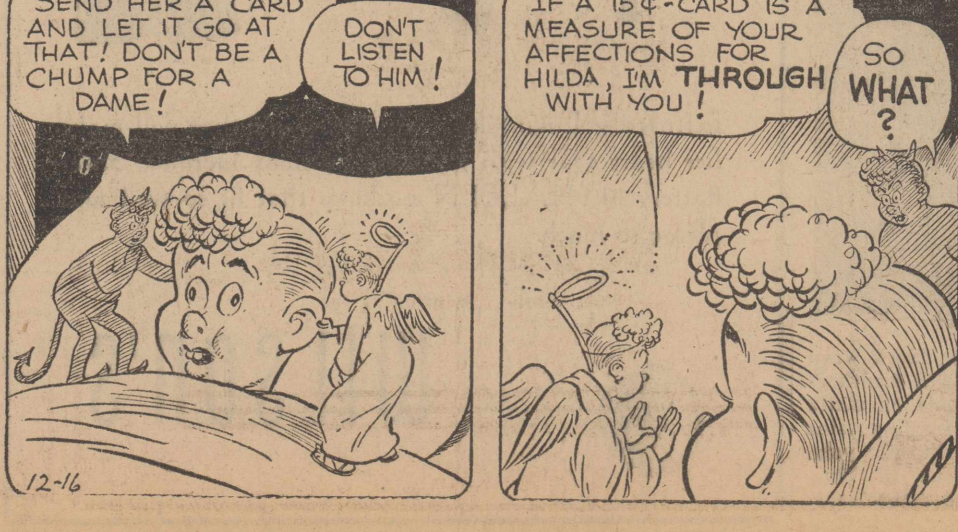
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TEACHER wants ride to Austin; leaving sometime over weekend. Phone 171 or 207. (240-4)

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Lost and Found 7
LOST: Pocket book containing money and papers; reward. Return to Reporter-Telegram. (241-3)

Help Wanted
BOY for kennel work. Apply Midland Small Animal Hospital. (240-3)

RENTALS
Room and Board 11
BEDROOMS with breakfast and night meal only; weekly rates; Taylor Lodge, Phone 278. (221-12)

Bedrooms 12
NICE large comfortable bedroom; close in; gentlemen preferred. 110 S. Pecos. Phone 1310. (240-3)

Unfurnished Apartments 15
FOUR room (two bedrooms) modern and new upstairs, with garage; good neighborhood; \$40.00 mo. 1001 1/2 North D. Mims & Crane, 205 W. Wall. Phone 24. (236-1f)

Houses 16
3-ROOM unfurnished house. 319 N. Weatherford. Phone 314-J. (241-2)

Miscellaneous 23
FOR SALE: Genuine leather bound "Wonder World" Book of Knowledge, eleven volumes, reasonable. Phone 1093. (241-3)

Wanted To Buy 26
AN electric washing machine; also baby carriage, in good condition. Phone 460-W. (242-3)

Pets 35
FULL blooded Irish Setter pups for sale. 1910 W. College. Phone 1032-J. (239-6)

Used Cars 54
WE will pay cash for late model used cars. ELDER CHEVROLET CO (196-1f)
FOR SALE: 1939 Chevrolet pickup. See or write C. W. Calhoun, Midland. (242-3)

HOUSES FOR SALE 61
510 WEST LA.
Pretty 5 room brick home, Venetian blinds, fire place, double garage, servants quarters. Corner lot, paved street, 5 blocks North of High School. Immediate possession. Appointments on Wednesdays. BARNEY GRAFA 203 Thomas Bldg. (242-3)

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Practically new 5 room home, garage and servants quarters. Corner lot. Servants quarters rents for \$25 per month. \$850 cash payment, balance \$30 monthly. Possession January 1st. Exclusively. BARNEY GRAFA 203 Thomas Bldg. (242-3)

906 NO BIG SPRINGS
Dandy 5 room home. Just what you want. Close enough to walk to work or schools. Nice yard enclosed. Exclusively. \$750 cash, balance \$32.50 per mo. BARNEY GRAFA 203 Thomas Bldg. (242-3)

Farms For Sale 63
320 ACRE FARM
Well improved. Two sets of improvements. 200 acres in cultivation, 120 acres pasture. Lots of water. Possession January 1. Priced at only \$25.00 per acre. See—BARNEY GRAFA 203 Thomas Bldg. (242-3)

Estimate 2,479,000
18 and 19 Year Old Youths In Nation

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The census bureau estimated Wednesday there are 2,479,000 18 and 19 year old youths in the country subject to military service under recent draft legislation. Of this number about 2,210,000 are white and 269,000 non-white.

IMPRISONED FOR NAME
LONDON—(AP)—Belgian government sources here reported Wednesday that a father in Brussels had been sentenced to nine months for what the Germans apparently regard as a new crime.

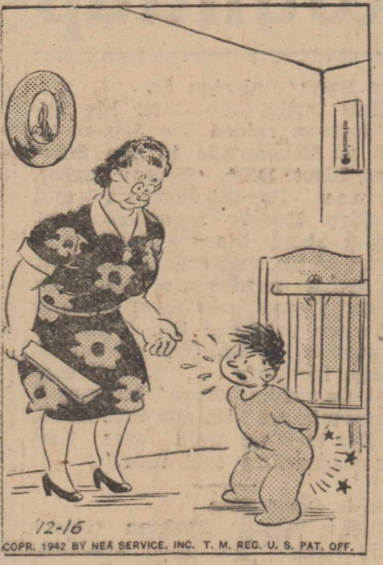
Miss Iva Butler, Midland High School Home Economics teacher, was unable to attend school Wednesday on account of a cold.

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Helen O'Keefe Case Reversed By Court

AUSTIN—(AP)—The Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday reversed and remanded conviction of Helen O'Keefe, Houston stenographer, who was assessed 25 years imprisonment in the slaying of J. C. Franklin, Houston investment broker whom the state charged was burned to death in an automobile on the banks of the San Jacinto River Nov. 12, 1941.

Grade Crossing Crash Kills Three

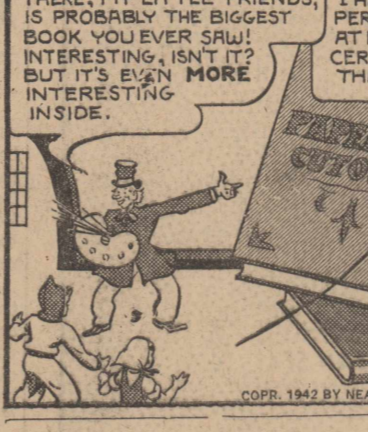
MACON, Ga.—(AP)—A collision between a southbound Central of Georgia passenger train and an automobile at a road crossing here killed three persons and derailed the locomotive and four coaches early Wednesday.

U. S. Forces



JUNGLE JOURNEY. By plane, boat, jeep, and afoot, United Nations forces are moving against the Japs in New Guinea. Here doughboys ford a jungle stream. Native porters bring up the rear. (Passed by censor.)

Santa's Victory Christmas



Americans May Still Volunteer For Duty

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The selective draft cannot be put into effect until about Feb. 1, and men 17 through 38 years may volunteer through their local draft boards meanwhile.

Daughter Born To Lieut. Roosevelt

SAN DIEGO—(AP)—Their second child, a daughter, was born Tuesday night to Lieut. and Mrs. John Roosevelt.

FLIGHT OFFICER ARRIVES

Flight Officer James Guraedy has taken up his duties at the Midland AAF Bombardier School. He formerly was stationed at the Army Air Forces base at Lubbock.

TRANSFER

Capt. W. O. Clark, assistant special services officer at the Bombardier College, has been transferred to similar duties at Tarrant Field, Fort Worth.

Chapter 21—Fun With Colors



THE EDGE OF DARKNESS

BY WILLIAM WOODS

FLAMING FINISH CHAPTER XXVIII
MIDDAY grew into the short afternoon, and by half past two into dusk. Stensgard went with Gerd back to the hotel.

Plenty Of Liquor For Three Years

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Although liquor production is at a standstill because of the war, government experts see no dearth of Christmas cheer this year for those who have the money to buy.

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FDR Considers Question Amazing

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt considers as amazing any suggestion in Congress that the nation is building an army too large for the civilian economy to support.

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Sinkwich Named No. 1 Athlete

By Austin Bealmeier
 NEW YORK—(AP)—All-America Frankie Sinkwich, who ran and passed Georgia's football team to the Southeastern Conference championship and into the Rose Bowl, is the people's choice as the brightest star among all the male athletes of 1942.

Fireball Frankie collected 94 points in the Annual Associated Press poll of 69 sports editors, finishing far ahead of his closest rival, the slugging star of Boston's American League baseball club, Ted Williams.

Last year's winner, Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees, was forgotten in the balloting this time.

Frosh May Compete On Pacific Coast

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Under the stress of wartime conditions, the Pacific Coast Conference has come at last to a decision often and always rejected heretofore—freshmen will be permitted to play on varsity teams in every sport.

The conference's faculty representatives, consistently inflexible advocates of a three-year eligibility rule, agreed Tuesday night with the graduate managers that the time had arrived to set aside a policy of 27 years' standing, as old as the league itself.

This temporary lowering of eligibility barriers—it was authorized explicitly "for the duration"—seemed to mean that the league recognized the heavy demand which war is making on the services of the nation's young men.

Bulldogs Continue Basketball Training

Midland's Bulldogs are back at work perfecting their basketball game and will continue workouts all week. Coach Gene McCollum said Wednesday.

Next week will be a holiday for the eagles, but they will resume training December 28, and plan two workouts a day that week.

No additional games have been scheduled yet, and plans for the district's basketball program probably will be completed soon, officials indicated.

Conference Teams Win Cage Games

By The Associated Press
 Two Southwest Conference basketball teams won from out-of-the-league opponents Tuesday night, but Southern Methodist University's Mustangs had plenty of competition from North Texas State, SMU winning 36 to 35, while the University of Texas Longhorns took the Kelly Field Flyers of San Antonio, 45 to 35.

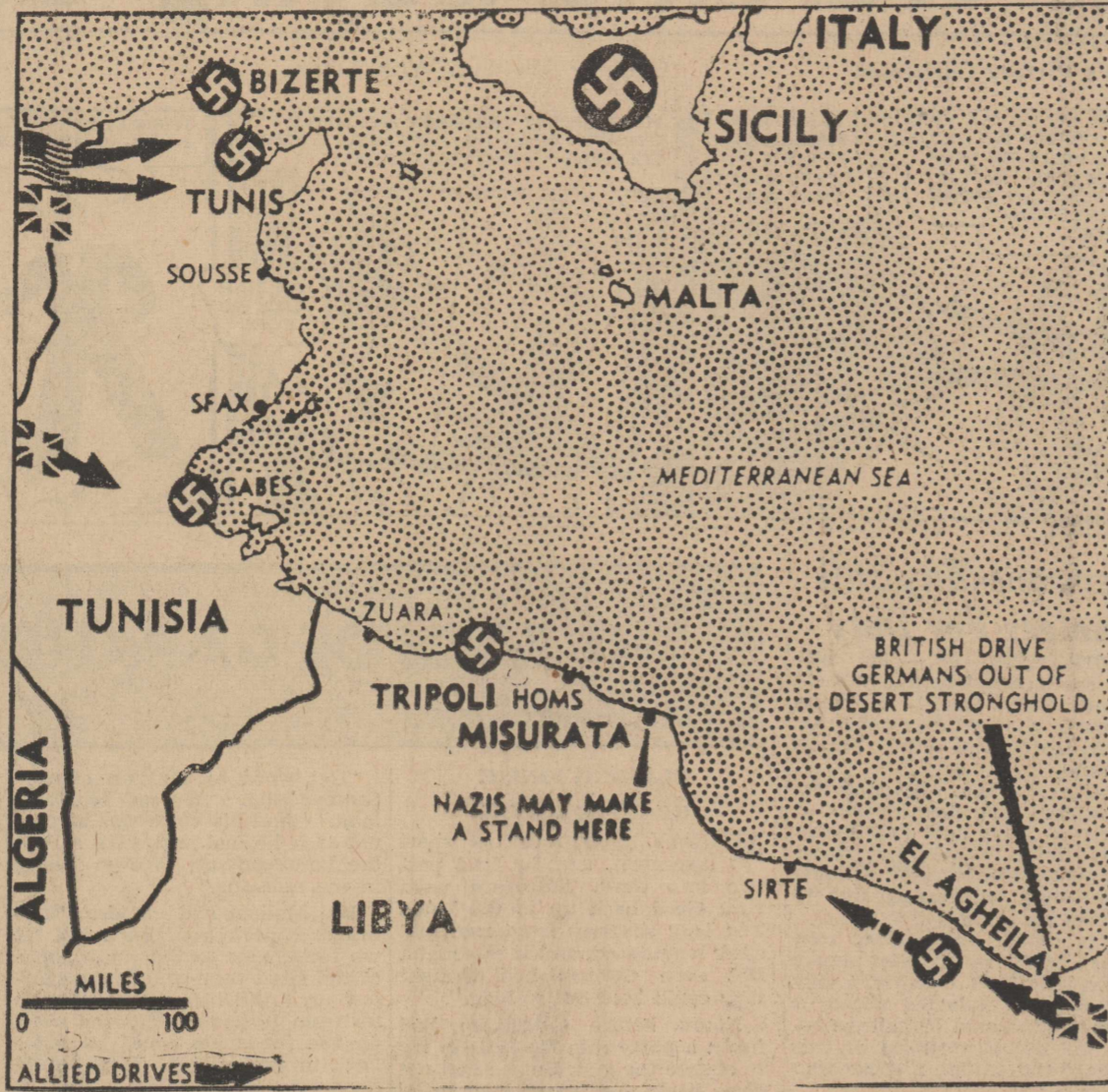
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Today's War Map



Today's war map pictures the North African situation as British pursue Rommel across the desert. Allied planes ruled the skies above the advancing Eighth Army. (NEA Telemag.)

Officers Will Have Stag Party Wednesday

Officers of the Midland AAF Bombardier School will have their monthly stag party Wednesday night at the Officers Club.

A program highlighted by talented personnel of the Bombardier College has been planned. Those to be featured are Lucille Welch, honorary "Hell from Heaven Girl;" Pvt. Adrian Leonida, romantic baritone singer from the 486th; Pvt. William Weber, song and dance comedian from the 499th; Pfc. Dominic Bisciglia, accordion specialist; Pvt. Cyrus Christanson, pianist from the 499th; and Master Sgt. Thomas Marcell and his "Hell from Heaven" sextette.

Pvt. Matty Brescia, former radio sportscaster, will act as master of ceremonies.

Dutch Lorbeer Owns Beaumont Ball Club

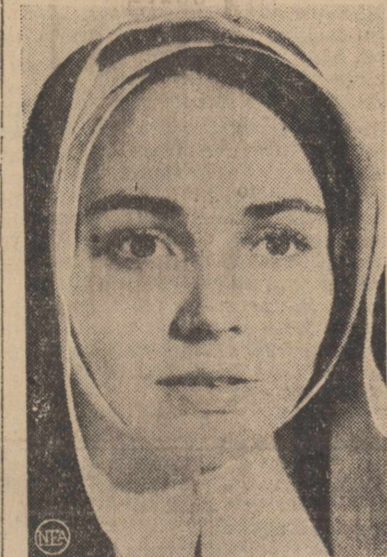
BEAUMONT—(AP)—Ernest "Dutch" Lorbeer, former salaried president of the Beaumont Exporters, is now the owner of the club, which will remain in the Texas League next season if the league operates, according to an agreement reached Tuesday by Lorbeer and Jack Zeller, General Manager of the Detroit Tigers.

After the meeting of the two men, it was announced that Lorbeer would take over the club and operate it, helped by a working agreement with the Tigers.

Thirty tea cars of the British YMCA ply the African desert with refreshments for Allied troops.

Renew Proposal To Merge Austin College With Trinity University

Jennifer Jones



MOVIE MIRACLE. You've never heard of Jennifer Jones, but she has been selected to play the much sought after leading role in "The Song of Bernadette," based on the famous miracle of Lourdes. The Tulsa, Okla., girl, whose real name is Phyllis Isley, is pictured in the nun's costume she will wear in the film.

Texas Fires Kill 28 During November

AUSTIN—(AP)—Fires in Texas claimed the lives of 28 persons during November, Marvin Hall, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, reported Wednesday.

For the first 11 months of 1942, records show a known fire death of 280, Hall said, listing November fire fatalities as the greatest since last April.

Emphasizing the dangers of gasoline, Hall said 15 per cent of all fire deaths reported this year resulted from gasoline fires.

Chinese chemists are developing local drug sources to replace medicines formerly imported.

West Africa was inhabited in prehistoric times.

Midland - Odessa BUS LINE SCHEDULE

Leave Midland - Odessa	Leave Airport
5:25 A.M.	6:00 A.M.
5:55 A.M.	6:30 A.M.
6:25 A.M.	7:00 A.M.
6:55 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
7:25 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
7:55 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:30 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:40 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	4:10 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	5:10 P.M.
4:45 P.M.	5:20 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:40 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	6:10 P.M.
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6:30 P.M.	7:10 P.M.
7:00 P.M.	7:40 P.M.
7:30 P.M.	8:10 P.M.
8:00 P.M.	8:40 P.M.
9:30 P.M.	10:00 P.M.
10:30 P.M.	11:00 P.M.
11:30 P.M.	12:10 Midnight

Buses Saturday every 30 minutes from 12:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Last bus 2 a.m. Sunday.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton Jr.
 NEW YORK—(AP)—After his flying fortress raided the Jap naval base at Bougainville in the Solomons, Lieut. D. A. (Rodeo) Parker, former Hardin-Simmons and Brooklyn Dodger footballer, kept talking about the 45-minute maneuver of his ship over a transport.

Other members of the crew lasted it was only three minutes and even produced the flight log to prove it. . . . But Parker wouldn't change his story. . . . "I don't care what that thing shows," he argued, "Three minutes isn't any time at all, hardly, and we were over that transport a long, long time."

Today's Guest Star

Wilbur Kinley, Jackson (Miss.) Daily News: "The usual wholesale firing of coaches at this time of year is conspicuous by its absence. The war has made manpower so short that instead of the coaches having to sit up and say 'uncle' to keep their jobs after a shabby season, it is now the alumni who must sit up and say 'uncle' to keep their coaches, regardless of record."

Shorts And Shells

Branch Rickey really was interested in buying the Phils until he saw the Brooklyn contract, which, we hear, calls for \$2,000 plus 15 per cent of the profits. . . . During Larry MacPhail's free-handed regime those profits averaged 100 G's a year. . . . The Orange Bowl game may be the last for Denny Myers as Boston College coach. He's supposed to be heading for a Navy commission. . . . Stan Lomax, the Sportscenter, has been cited by the Treasury Dept. for selling a million bucks worth of War Bonds in his spare time. . . . The National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress has listed a national tournament in Australia next year and has appointed a commissioner to supervise it. Now how about getting the winner back to play here?

Service Dept.

Soon after Lieut. Cmdr. Thomas Klarking, the Sub Commander who watched horse races in Japan through a periscope, got back from that eventful cruise he went out to Bay Meadows to watch horse races. . . . When Ed Rutledge, former Green Bay Packer end, made his first flight a few years ago, he became airmail and said "never again." Now he's an instructor at a Naval Air Base near Detroit.

The War Today—

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when he had expected to hold a Thanksgiving feast. His chief troubles lay in the Caucasus at that moment. Not only had Hitler failed to smash a gateway to fresh resources despite his terrible sacrifices in human life, but the Reds kept counterattacking so fiercely that neither could pause to bind his previous hurts nor spare much fighting strength for operations elsewhere.

Resourceful Rommel during the summer had flung the British Eighth Army back clear to El Alamein and was awaiting reinforcements to continue his victorious march across Egypt. He needed warplanes especially.

However, Hitler couldn't give Rommel the necessary help. Montgomery appears.

Then, General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army, and Allied forces including strong American air units lashed out unexpectedly at Rommel. The Nazi Marshal was caught napping and outgeneraled. His defenses cracked and there began one of the greatest routs of the whole war.

The Allied surprise attack on Tunisia which followed placed Axis forces in the jaws of a potential trap.

Thus we find the Fuehrer engaged on all fronts and each Allied operation supplements the others.

He is in the unhappy position at the moment of being unable to meet any one of them adequately. He dare not shift much of his weight because that would give his enemy on a weakened front a chance to profit.

The Nazi chief's greatest immediate concern must lie in North Africa, since he probably figures he can hold the Russian line for the time. Should he be thrown out of Africa, however, it would immeasurably speed the end which already is dogging the heels of another world beater's ambitions.



BARBARIAN—behind bars. British Tommy, in North African desert town, is justified in pausing to gloat over fate of Hitler's picture. (Passed by censor.)

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High Air Force Officers Visit Bombardier School

A party of high ranking Army Air Force officers from the War Department in Washington paid the Midland AAF Bombardier School a visit Tuesday.

The party, which made a complete inspection of the bombardier college, was led by Major General Davenport Johnson, director of military requirements for the War Department.

Others in the party included Colonels O. Weyland, G. McCoy, B. R. Stinson, G. O. Barcus; Lieutenants Colonel D. C. Patrick, H. C. Sigourney, and B. Funk; and Capt. M. B. Woolworth.

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Eastman Likes Proposed Split Baseball Circuits

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The once hot, then cold proposal to divide major league baseball into Eastern and Western divisions to save rail travel came to a lukewarm stage Wednesday with nobody apparently willing to forecast which way the temperature would go next.

Commenting on the suggestion advanced by some Eastern newspapers a few weeks ago, Joseph B. Eastman, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, stirred up the fires a bit when he declared that "if the leagues want to adopt the plan it would fit in very nicely with what we are trying to do."

Most available league officials immediately doused the idea with cold water with the most frigid splash coming from Eddie Collins, General Manager of the Boston Red Sox.

"The idea doesn't appeal to us at all," observed Collins at Boston. "If it must come to that stage, baseball should call it a day."

Four German Planes Attack British Coast

LONDON—(AP)—Four Nazi Focke-Wulf 190's attacked the English South Coast Wednesday afternoon and one raider, which approached the outskirts of London, set off a brief alarm, the first in the capital's environs since Oct. 26.

Only one suburban area was affected by the alert which ended, apparently, without incident. Machinegun bullets, however, wounded two persons and caused minor damage to buildings in the coast town.

Breckenridge And Amarillo Favored

By The Associated Press
 Breckenridge and Amarillo, with heavier lines and boasting more power on the ground, have been established as favorites in the Texas Schoolboy Semifinals Saturday.

Breckenridge meets the Austin Maroons at Breckenridge and Amarillo goes to Dallas to tackle Sunset. Both games will start at 2:30 p. m.

\$2,807,777 Is Horse Racing Contribution

NEW YORK—(AP)—Horse racing, which promised war relief at least \$2,000,000 in 1942, has raised \$2,807,777.31 for various war funds, Herbert Bayard Swope, Chairman of the turf committee of America, announced.

N. Y. STRIKE CONTINUES
 NEW YORK—(AP)—The Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union and the Publishers Association of New York ended separate all-night meetings early Wednesday, failing to effect a settlement of the strike which has kept most of the city's newspapers out of general circulation since Sunday.

No-Sale Signs Greet Non-Residents In Juarez

EL PASO—(AP)—Gasoline rationing came to the Texas border country Wednesday—two weeks late.

Juarez filling stations which have enjoyed a booming business from four-gallon-a-week Texans since December 1, hung up the no-sale-to-non-residents sign in compliance with the request of their mayor, Antonio Bermudez.

Ross Carr To Address Geological Society

Ross Carr will speak at the regular luncheon for the Midland Geological Society at the Crawford Hotel Thursday noon. Colored pictures will be shown on the fire of the Schermerhorn No. 14B Johnson Well in Ector County.

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