

Split Rommel's Forces

Ickes Will Determine Oil Output

AUSTIN.—(AP)—Texas' oil allowables in 1934 will conform with certifications from Petroleum Administrator for War Harold L. Ickes, Chairman Ernest O. Thompson and Commissioner Beauford H. Jester of the Railroad Commission asserted Thursday.

"No other position on our part is possible under Ickes' new powers, which we consider acceptable during wartime," Thompson said in an interview. "Under the new law powers which Ickes assumes Thursday, he will speak for the President, and from now on his wishes will be our desires."

Meet Federal Request
The January allowable and all future allowables will follow exactly the requests of the Petroleum Administrator, Jester stated, adding "we'll be right on the dot, conforming with the federal request."

Under the directive from President Roosevelt, Ickes was granted enlarged powers as Petroleum Administrator for war to control the petroleum industry in the interest of the war effort. The Commission frequently refused to follow Ickes' recommendations for monthly allowables when he was petroleum coordinator.

Although purchasers submitted nominations for 1,594,548 barrels daily for January at the state-wide prorotation hearing Wednesday, Thompson and Jester predicted the federal certification would call for a sharp decrease in the state's allowable next month.

Three Soldiers Go To Officer Schools

Special orders Thursday at the Midland AAF Bombardier School announced the appointment of three enlisted men to Officer Candidate Schools and the assignment of a new bombsight maintenance officer.

Pfc. Steven D. Bogard, Jr., and Theodore M. Fast were promoted to the grade of corporal and assigned to Officer Candidate Schools under confidential orders. Sgt. Neeson H. Smith of the 3rd Weather Detachment has been transferred to the Quartermaster Candidate School at Camp Lee, Va.

Second Lieut. Donald J. Herbert, formerly stationed at Randolph Field, has been assigned to the department of training at the bombardier college as bombsight maintenance officer.

Geologists See Oil Fire Pictures

Sr. Ross Carr, deputy supervisor here for the Railroad Commission, showed the Midland Geological Society pictures of an oil well fire in Ector County at the group's luncheon meeting Thursday at Hotel Crawford.

The technicolor motion pictures were of the blazing Schermerhorn Oil Company No. 14-B Johnson in the Foster pool and were taken more than a year ago by Jim Murphy, commission engineer, who resigned to enter the Navy.

Thirty-eight persons attended the meeting.

War Bulletins

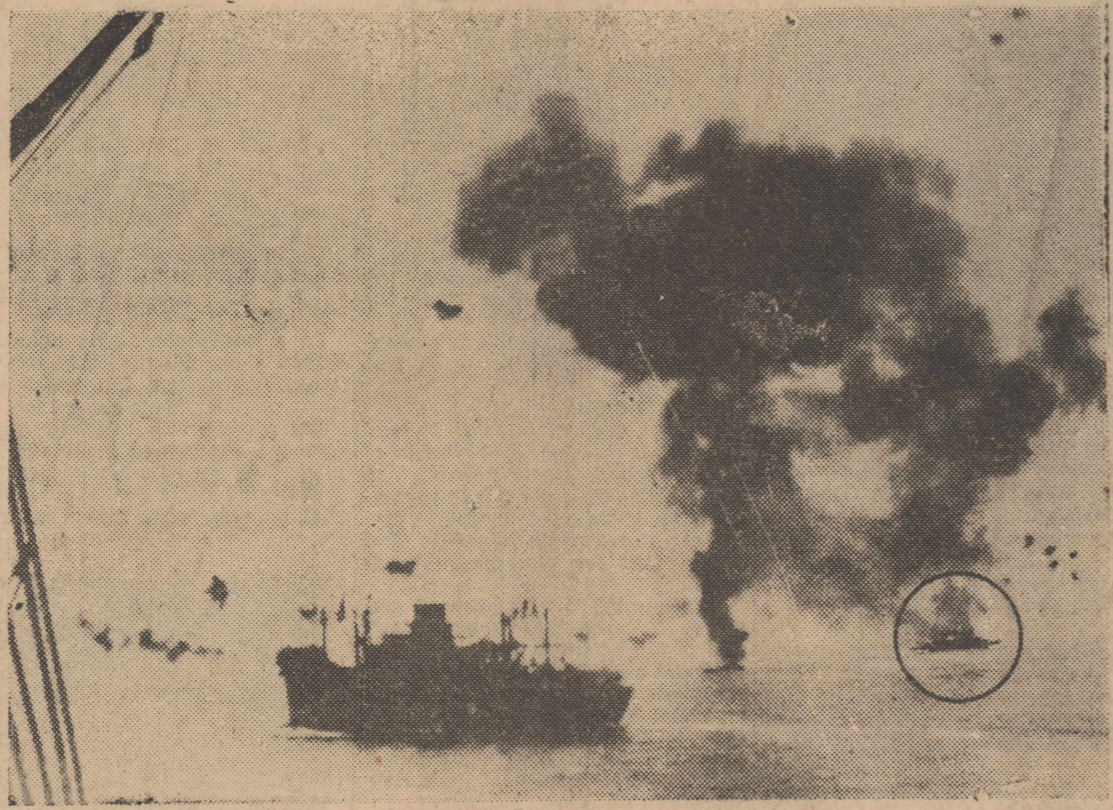
LONDON.—(AP)—An unofficial but usually reliable source said Thursday the Germans have assumed full control of all Italian railroads and ports without consulting the Italians.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The smaller war plants division of the War Production Board reported Thursday that it placed 1,236 contracts for \$22,500,000 in the November 28-December 12 period.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Flying fortresses shot down 12 Japanese Zero fighters in attacks on Japanese shipping and bases at Munda, on New Georgia Island in the Solomons, the Navy announced. The 12 Japanese planes constituted the entire interception force.

HOUSTON.—(AP)—Unofficially next Monday will be ship launching day in Houston with eight ships scheduled to slide down that many ways at two yards.

U.S.S. San Francisco In Action!



The Jap plane which sideswiped the U.S.S. San Francisco off Guadalcanal November 12, leaves a dense column of smoke, center, at the spot the plane crashed into the sea. The San Francisco, right, continues the fight. In left foreground is a U. S. cargo transport. Anti-aircraft bursts can be seen in sky. The Japs lost 32 of 33 attacking planes that day. (Official U. S. Navy Photo From NEA Telephoto.)

Admiral Darlan Says French Ships To Join Allies In Sea Fights Against Axis

Bombardier College Graduates Largest Class In History

"Bombardiering is one of the most vital factors in the victory to come," Don Weaver, editor of the Fort Worth Press, said Thursday in his address to the largest class of bombardiers ever to graduate at the Midland AAF Bombardier School.

Drawing an analogy between the old-time cattlemen who pioneered in their great cattle drives in Texas and their saying of competence in doing the job well as "He'll do to cross the river with," Weaver expressed confidence that the new bombardiers will exercise their skill and knowledge in such a manner as to bring complete defeat of the Axis.

"Behind each of your bombing missions will be the many little things which the people at home have contributed to make it a success—little boys picking up scrap iron, men and women buying War Bonds, the new factories, and the rapid establishment of such training schools as the world's largest bombardier college," Weaver said in concluding.

Gen. Davies Speaks
Brigadier General Isaiah Davies, commanding general, presented diplomas to the graduates with cautioning words that "handing you your diplomas is only the beginning of additional training and work which will enable each of you to carry out your missions."

Bombardier wings were presented to the new second lieutenants by Lieutenant Colonel John K. Brown, director of training. Selected musical numbers were played by the Army Air Forces band, under the direction of Master Sergeant Thomas Marcell. The bombardier school's glebe club under the direction of Captain Wilson E. White sang two numbers. Chaplain Theodore Schoech gave the invocation and benediction.

By Wes Gallagher
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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA.—(AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan flatly declared Thursday that formidable French fleet units at Dakar, Alexandria and North African ports would join the British and United States fleets on the high seas to fight the Axis.

The War Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

CAIRO.—Nazi Marshal Rommel's tactics in the face of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's powerful new attack fit perfectly with the idea advanced in this column before the drive started that Hitler has assigned him to do a holding operation without adequate resources while the fuhrer realigns his continental defenses to meet the widespread eruption of Allied initiative.

Unless Hitler's intuition envisages something which is not apparent to ordinary mortals he can have small expectation of being able to keep a foothold in Northern Africa in view of the Allied strength massing against him.

Rommel's Task
Thus, Rommel's task is to sacrifice his army and himself in an effort to buy time for his master.

Indications are that Rommel had intended to make a stand in his strong positions at El Aghella. His defenses there had been long prepared.

ACC Lists J. C. Hejl On Honor Roll Report

ABILENE.—J. C. Hejl, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hejl of Midland, is listed on the honor roll at Abilene Christian College.

TWO BANDITS TAKE SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS

FORT WORTH.—(AP)—Two unmasked, well dressed bandits working calmly, entered the Worth Food Stores general office Thursday while employees were counting Wednesday's receipts and escaped with several thousand dollars in cash.

Rep. Daniels Boosted for Speaker

AUSTIN.—(AP)—Supporters of Rep. Price Daniel of Liberty Thursday claimed 100 written pledges in behalf of his candidacy for speakership of the House of Representatives.

6 Shopping Days Till Christmas



MUSSOLINI HAS STOMACH CANCER

LONDON.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini of Italy has cancer of the stomach in advanced stage, an unofficial but usually reliable London source with good connections on the continent said Thursday.

The diagnosis was said to have been made by Adolf Hitler's own specialists, who went to Italy on orders of the fuhrer after persistent rumors that Mussolini was ill.

The informant, who insisted on anonymity, said Hitler's stomach ailment manifested itself about four years ago.

Reds Capture More German Strong Points

By Eddy Gilmore
MOSCOW.—(AP)—After a week of comparative indecision, the broad course of warfare on the frozen Eastern Front appeared to be swinging definitely back in favor of the Red Army Thursday as the Soviets announced the capture of five more German strong points in the Rbev sector on the Central Front and the bloody repulse of a heavy Nazi counter-drive southwest of Stalingrad.

The Axis armies, in waves of counter-attacks at Kotelnikowski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, attempted to roll back the flank of the Russian forces south of the Don River and thus to destroy the Russian trap about the Stalingrad besiegers, dispatches from the front said.

Slaughter Axis Troops
But the attacks, led by tanks, dive bombers and motorized infantry, were hurled back decisively, and the Soviets thereupon surged forward to occupy enemy fortified positions.

Axis troops were slaughtered in great numbers, Red Star, the Army newspaper, said.

"Every effort to obtain their ultimate objective was rejected," it added.

West of Stalingrad the Soviets were said to be widening the already broad barrier they had created between the Nazis on the Don Steppes and those trapped before Stalingrad.

Two battalions of German infantry were declared wiped out and 24 enemy tanks destroyed as the Russian drive on the Central Front rolled over seven more villages.

A dispatch said that the entire 14th German motorized division, which once numbered 20,000 men, had been destroyed since the Russians began their offensive west of Moscow.

Power Of RFC May Be Trimmed

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A move in the next session to break up the spreading organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and make some of its subsidiaries separate agencies directly responsible to Congress was predicted Thursday by Senator Taft (R-Ohio).

The RFC, largest government financial agency outside the Treasury, expects to renew a request for \$5,000,000 additional borrowing authority which went unfiled by the 77th Congress because of a controversy over the method by which the Board of Economic Warfare obtains funds from the RFC.

Limit Scope

Taft told reporters that when this question came up again he had no doubt a move would be made to take such agencies as the BEW out of the RFC's sphere, clothe them with statutory instead of executive order, and require them to obtain appropriations directly from Congress.

Plane Crew Failed To Stay On Beam

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A United Air Lines plane crash at the Salt Lake City Airport last May 1 in which 17 persons were killed was blamed Thursday by a special congressional committee on "failure of the flight crew to stay on the (radio) beam" while approaching the airport.

The committee, headed by Representative Nichols (D-Okla.), said the accident was a "needless" one which might have been prevented had the Civil Aeronautics Administration established specific approach procedures controlling take-offs and landings and for night flights over dangerous terrain.

Texas Advances As Manufacturing State

AUSTIN.—(AP)—Completing a preliminary report on manufacturing concerns, Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, declared Texas is on its way as an industrial state.

From 1880 to 1940, the state climbed the ladder in its relative rank to other manufacturing states from 27th place to 14th in value of manufactured products, from 17th to 11th in value added by manufacture and from 29th to 16th in number of employees, Dr. Cox revealed.

WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Mild temperatures.

Navy's Dive Bombers Hit Big Jap Ship

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Navy dive bombers striking at Japanese ships and installations at Munda on New Georgia Island in the Solomons, hit and damaged one enemy destroyer or cruiser, the Navy reported Thursday, while Flying Fortresses engaged and destroyed 12 Japanese fighters nearby.

The Navy said the Flying Fortresses were attacked by the dozen Japanese fighters near New Georgia Island. The entire force of Zeros was shot down in a sharp engagement. One Fortress was lost, but its crew was rescued.

Bomber Is Lost
One of the dive bombers, a Douglas Dauntless, failed to return from the raid on Munda where the Japanese have been seeking to establish a new air base.

The raid was the seventh on the Munda base. It encountered the first enemy opposition in two days. The damaging of a destroyer or cruiser brought to 142 the number of Japanese ships announced as sunk or damaged in the Solomons. The enemy's plane losses were boosted to 649 by destruction of the 12 Zeros.

Washington Hears Senator Brown May Succeed Henderson

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Reports that Leon Henderson would be succeeded as price administrator soon by Senator Prentiss Brown of Michigan brought predictions Thursday that one of the immediate results would be a softening of rationing controls to release more supplies to civilians.

Reliable sources said that unless some hitch developed, Henderson would resign shortly after the first of the year for a four-months rest and treatment for a back ailment and Brown, defeated in the November elections, would be named as his successor.

The appointment of Brown was said to have been agreed upon at a White House conference.

Federal Charge Is Filed Against Big Soap Manufacturers

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Justice Department announced Thursday it had filed a criminal information charging the nation's three largest manufacturers of soap and soap products with fixing prices in violation of the anti-trust laws.

The information was filed in the Federal District Court at Newark, N. J., and the three companies and the president of each immediately pleaded nolo contendere and were fined \$10,000 each, the department said.

The Defendants

Proctor and Gamble Company, and Richard Duggre, president, Cincinnati; Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company; Jersey City, N. J., and E. H. Little, president, Orange, N. J.; and Lever Brothers Company, Cambridge, Mass., and Francis H. Conaway, president, Brookline, Mass.

The companies were accused of fixing the terms, discounts and conditions of sale, with exchanging of price information and classification of customers and with granting or refusing certain allowances to customers.

The department said the three companies produced and sold four-fifths of the approximately \$275,000,000 worth of soap and soap products sold each year in the United States.

Curtis Harkins Will Manage Southern Ice Plant In Little Rock

Curtis Harkins, popular manager of the Southern Ice Company, will move next week to Little Rock, Ark., to manage the company's plant there. His promotion was announced Thursday.

Harkins has been manager of the Midland plant more than three years. He assumes his new duties January 1. He has been with the company since 1932 and has operated plants in Arkansas, his native state, and Oklahoma as well as Texas.

L. W. Sandusky, manager of the Southern Ice Company's plant in Vernon, Texas, will succeed Harkins as manager here. Sandusky will arrive here Thursday evening.

New York Almost Gasless
NEW YORK.—(AP)—Some of the major gasoline companies in the New York City area said Thursday they had less than a day's supply of gasoline and were reported seeking an order allocating it to only the most vital activities.

Armored Formations Trapped By British; Casualties Are Heavy

By James M. Long
Associated Press War Editor
The British Eighth Army has cut Marshal Rommel's retreating Africa Corps columns in two along the road to Tripoli, trapping armored formations which "already have suffered heavy casualties and continue to be severely mauled," the British announced Thursday.

The columns of retreat were severed at Wadi Matratin, 65 miles west of El Aghella.

This blow was dealt to the Eastern flank of the shrinking Axis position in North Africa as reports from the Western flank indicated Allied forces were on the move again there, too.

The Morocco radio said Axis forces were retreating from Mediez-El Bab and that "the course of the battle already is changing under the weight of Allied air superiority."

Skelly Brings In Big Ellenburger Producer In Abell

By Frank Gardner
Oil Editor

Skelly Oil Company has brought in one of the largest Ellenburger producers in the Abell field of Northern Pecos County, which normally produces from the Simpson.

The firm's No. 1 Eugene Grove, section 4, block 3, H. & T. C. survey, tested only gas in the McKee and Waddell sand zones of the Simpson, middle Ordovician, and was deepened, topping Ellenburger lower Ordovician, at 5,913 feet, diameter of minus 3.429. It was bottomed at 5,905 feet in dolomite and 5 1-2-inch casing was cemented with 700 sacks at 5,903 feet. Cement plug was drilled out to 5,901 and casing was gun-perforated with 120 shots from 5,870 to 5,900 feet, following which 2-inch tubing was set at 5,898.

The well responded to a 2,000-gallon acid treatment by flowing 430 barrels of oil in 10 hours through open 2-inch. Of this, 303 barrels was new oil, and the rest oil load used in conjunction with the acid treatment. No. 1 Grove flowed 43 barrels of new oil the tenth hour of the test, then was shut in pending potential gauge.

Six miles southwest of Imperial in Northern Pecos, Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-29 H. J. Easton, an Ordovician wildcat, is drilling below 2,805 feet in lime and gyp.

Magnolia No. 1 Alan Robertson in Northwest Central Pecos is drilling in lime at 7,069 feet.

In extreme Western Pecos, Continental Oil Company No. 1 J. H. Claybrook was deepened to 5,253 feet in Delaware black lime, where it filled approximately 500 feet with salt water. Owner is preparing to run another cement squeeze job in an attempt to shut off water.

Gulf I-A Dawson Plugged Back

Gulf Oil Corporation reportedly has plugged back to an unrevealed point to shut off sulphur water encountered in the Ellenburger in its No. 1-A M. Dawson, Southeastern Crane County wildcat. Total depth attained was 5,505 feet in dolomite. The Ellenburger was topped at 5,470.

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Boston Shivers As Temperature Slumps

BOSTON.—(AP)—As the coldest weather here in nearly eight years is three degrees below zero—out into New England's waning stocks of fuel oil Thursday, Mayor Maurice J. Tobin proceeded with a plan to utilize school houses as shelters if fuel supplies in homes became exhausted.

Not since the mercury fell to five degrees below zero on January 27, 1935, has it been so cold in Boston.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
LONDON.—British cut Axis' Libyan forces in two; Rommel's new losses heavy; Axis falling back in Tunisia.

MOSCOW.—Russians capture five strong points Rbev sector; repulse heavy German attacks Southwest Stalingrad.

BERLIN.—Germans claim 15,000 Russians slain at Toropets, Northwestern Russian front.

WASHINGTON.—Navy dive bombers damage Jap destroyer in Solomons; flying fortresses down 12 Jap fighters.

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Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.
Micah 7:7.

McNutt's Big Job

The task which has been handed to Paul McNutt is big, as complicated and as saturated with chances for bitter failure as any job created by this super-war.

Manpower cannot be co-ordinated, shuffled and effectively utilized on the broad scale required by our crisis unless every personal or political consideration is shelved; unless a courageous, intelligent over-all plan is formulated; unless adequate machinery is provided; unless the administrator receives the unqualified support of the President.

Commissioner McNutt, and he alone, can supply the motive power which is essential, President Roosevelt, and he alone, can back McNutt when the going gets tough and the dead cats begin to fly.

With the framework handed to him, and the collaboration of those available, McNutt should be able to formulate a workable plan and set up the machinery.

One big job that faces him is complete rehabilitation of that well-meaning but inefficient agency, the United States Employment Service.

The whole scheme will fall of its own weight unless the USES is organized to get men and jobs together fast and right. Red tape and formalism must be held to a minimum. The organization must be imbued with a spirit of aggression, of initiative, of imagination, of sound judgment which will overcome the distrust which both workers and employers now feel toward it.

Originally a collection of state agencies, loosely affiliated with the federal free employment service, the USES now is wholly federalized. But up to now its units have lain undigested on the federal stomach, contributing little to the health of the body politic.

The unemployed have preferred to register with private agencies, and pay fees, because in that way they got better jobs faster. Even very recently and in communities where the USES was relatively active, employers have favored private agencies because, from them, they got a selection of applicants assorted in advance, whereas USES seldom appeared to have chosen men particularly for the jobs they were being sent to fill.

McNutt is going to have to change all this, if the USES is to be the sole placement agency for manpower. It may prove the hardest part of his onerous assignment.

Matty Brescia Tells Rotarians Of Pearl Harbor Day Campaign

Midland is the home of the "world champion War Bond buyers," Pvt. Matty Brescia of the Midland AAF Bombardier College told Rotarians at their meeting Thursday noon.

Brescia was in charge of announcing over KRLL in the Pearl Harbor Day War Bond drive when citizens of Midland and Odessa purchased more than \$1,024,815 worth of War Bonds. He described the event which was West Texas' biggest War Bond sale.

"Citizens of Midland produced what will do more than their share and the nation is reading about Midland's outstanding record," he added.

Set National Record
"It was a hard job, but well worth it. A national record was set."

Rockwell Cloud was introduced as a new member of the club.

Luther Tidwell led the singing and Roy De Wolfe was at the piano. George A. Heath was program chairman.

Percy Bridgewater, club president, announced the annual children's Christmas party will be held at the Yucca Theater at 10:30 a. m. Dec. 24, and urged all Rotarians to be present. The Rotary and Lions Clubs, Junior Chamber of Commerce and American Legion sponsor the program in cooperation with the theater management. Rotary committeemen for the day are Ray Upham, Paul Barron and Clint Lackey.

The Rotary entertainment committee for January is headed by George Abell. Assisting are Guy Brenneman, E. H. Barron, Percy Mims and the Rev. W. R. Mann.

The club will not meet during the holidays. Its next session being scheduled for January 7.

Burglars Work To Obtain Pistol
NEW YORK—(P)—Burglars cut a hole in the ceiling of a bank building, climbed down into the bank by a rope, stole a pistol from a desk and climbed out again.

Then they climbed through the skylight of another building, entered a fisherman's supply house office and stole \$2 from a cash register.

SILVER DISAPPEARANCE IS MONETARY HEADACHE
MONROVIA, Liberia—(P)—The disappearance of silver coins from circulation has become one of Liberia's monetary headaches. Government officials believe many are being buried in the interior, never to be recovered, and others melted down to provide silver for trinkets sold at a good profit to souvenir-seeking white visitors.

Skelly—

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395, according to unconfirmed reports. It is understood Gulf will set pipe and perforate it opposite a lower Simpson zone, probably the "brown" sand topped at around 5,200 feet, in an effort to develop commercial production. The lower Simpson is said to have shown oil on drillstem test.

In the western part of Crane, Gulf No. 1 W. A. Estes, also an Ordovician test, is drilling at 5,180 feet in lime.

Magnolia No. 1 Nellie M. Tucker, scheduled Ellenburger test in the Glenn Ordovician pool of Southwestern Crane, is drilling at 6,955 feet in shale and lime.

Tops Ellenburger High
Top of Ellenburger tentatively has been picked at 7,725 feet in Phillips Petroleum Company No. 30 University-Andrews in the Embarras-Ellenburger pool of Southern Andrews County. It checks slightly higher than No. 4 University-Andrews, Ellenburger producer, on the market. At last reports No. 30 was coring at 7,850 feet in dolomite.

The firm's No. 33 University-Andrews is drilling in lime at 7,650 feet.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 W. D. Blue estate in Eastern Winkler County, is drilling lime at 8,106 feet.

In Northwestern Gaines County, Shell No. 1 D. N. Leaverton is coming out of hole after running a drillstem test from 7,698 to 7,738 feet, with tester open one hour.

May Be In Maravillas
Some thought the R. Olsen Oil Company and Atlantic Refining Company No. 1 Langlie, deep test in Southeastern Lea County, N. M., might be in the Maravillas, upper Ordovician, as it drilled in solid chert at 7,845 feet.

Wood
BOSTON—(P)—(USDA)—The Boston wool market was very spotty Thursday. The demand for domestic quarter-blood wools exceeded the supply. A few small sales were made at ceiling prices. Some South American fine and fine medium wool was sold in the greatest clear basis prices of \$1 to \$1.02, out of bond. Most grades of Montevideo wools to arrive were sold at in-bond grease prices of 34 to 35 cents.

BACKWARD OF FORWARD NAMES SPELL THE SAME
McALESTER, Okla.—(P)—The mother of W. C. Tippit, he relates, had three names that were spelled the same either backward or forward. They were Hannah Anna Tippit.

Basic Facts On Point Rationing Are Announced

Basic facts on point rationing, which will be inaugurated with issuance of War Ration Book No. 2 soon, have been outlined by the Office of Price Administration.

1. Point rationing will be introduced to Americans early in 1943 when War Ration Book No. 2 is distributed.

2. The purpose of point rationing is to guarantee everyone a fair share of scarce but essential goods while at the same time giving everyone a variety of items to choose from.

3. There are three chief differences between point rationing and the coupon rationing which is now in effect for sugar and coffee.

4. The first important difference is this—under straight coupon rationing, one single coupon entitles the consumer to buy a specific amount of a single commodity—such as, one sugar coupon entitles you to buy three pounds of sugar. But in point rationing, one set of coupons covers a whole group of commodities. For instance, your week's meat ration coupons would enable you to choose your ration freely between beef, pork, lamb or mutton.

5. The second important difference is this—the coupons in point rationing are of different denominations. Those to be spent in one week, for example, will include a one-point coupon, a two-point coupon, a five-point coupon and an eight-point coupon.

6. The third important difference is this—the various rationed items within a group will have different point values. For example, tenderloin steak, being relatively scarce, might have a high point value and require a larger number of coupons, while hamburger, being available in greater quantities, would have a lower value. Thus, in exchange for a ration coupon worth eight points, the housewife might be able to obtain one pound of tenderloin steak or four pounds of hamburger. (Point values have not been set yet—values used here are for illustration only.)

7. The government will set the point value of each item within the group of rationed products and issue an official list. Point values will be based on available supplies and will vary as supplies of particular items increase or decrease.

8. War Ration Book No. 2 will have four pages of blue stamps and four pages of red stamps. The blue stamps will be used for the first group of goods to be rationed by points. The red stamps will be used for the second group of point-rationed goods.

9. The number of each stamp tells how many points the stamp is worth. The letter on each stamp tells what period it is good in. The government will announce these periods in advance.

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Lovely June Lorraine, above, who will appear with the "Victory Sweethearts" All-Girl Revue at the Midland AAF Bombardier School December 22. New York critics consider Miss Lorraine one of the finest young impersonators in show business. "Victory Sweethearts" will feature a sparkling musical variety revue produced on Broadway with lots of songs, comedy, modern tunes, plus an all-girl band.

Third Victory Concert Will Be Presented By High School Thursday

Midland High School will stage its third Victory Concert at 7:30 p. m. Thursday in the school's auditorium. The concert will be directed by Mrs. De Lo Douglas, head of the music department, and Ralph Utley, band director.

Purchase of War Bonds or Stamps is the only requirement for admission.

The program:
A. Star Spangled Banner Key
B. Marching Along With Our Song of Victory Schaefer-Victor
Chorus, Audience, Band
Part 1

A. Overture "Eroica" Part 2 Beethoven-Skornicka
B. Flight of the Bumblebee Rimsky-Korsakov
Frank Troseth, soloist

C. La Rosalia Dupont
D. Shenandoah March Goldman
E. Nina Mia Buchtel
Charles Funk and Bob Stallworth, soloists

F. Overture Americana Buchtel
Midland High School Band
Report on Youth Conference Mrs. L. G. Byerley

"The Wondrous Story"—(A Christmas Cantata) Richard Kountz
1. The Shepherds 4. Choral—"Into the Town of Bethlehem"
2. The Angel Choirs 5. The Manger
3. The Three Wise Men 6. Christmas Dawn—The Wondrous Story
Mixed Choir
Alberta Smith, accompanist

"The Wise Men at the Well" Part 3 Esther Bates
Gasper Jim Hazelwood
Balihassas Buddy Davidson
Melchior Glenn Murray
Star of the East Wanda Jean Girdley
Angels Marjorie Barron, Barbara Barron, Norma Conley, Monta Jo Glass, Billie Walker, Dorothy Wolcott.

Mary Cecelia Long
Joseph Billy Brown

Livestock
FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle and calves active, prices fully steady to strong.

Most butcher hogs sold 15c below Wednesday's levels with top of \$14.35 paid by packers.

Feeder lambs and slaughter ewes ruled steady with other classes of sheep and lambs scarce.

Good to choice steers and yearlings \$12.00-13.50. Sales included odd head at top prices; one load yearling steers \$13.25; truck load of steers at \$13.00; load of heifers at \$12.75. Common to medium steers and yearlings \$8.50-11.50. Good beef cows \$9.25-10.25; butcher cows at \$7.75-9.00; canners and cutters \$4.00-7.50. Good heavy bulls \$9.75-10.25 with common light weight bulls down to \$7.50. Good and choice fat calves from \$11.25-12.50; common to medium butcher grades \$8.50-11.00; cull calves \$7.00-8.00. Stocker steer calves up to \$13.00 and stocker heifer calves up to \$12.00. Common to medium stocker calves \$8.50-11.50. Stocker and feeder steers and yearlings \$8.50-11.50, stocker cows \$10.00 down.

Most of good and choice 190-300 lb. butcher hogs \$14.35; good and choice 150-180 lb. averages from \$13.25-14.25. Packing sows steady at mostly \$13.50, few at \$13.75. Stocker pigs 50c lower at \$12.50 down.

Sheep, included choice club lambs \$14.50; good fat lambs 13.50 down including shorn lambs 12.50-13.00; slaughter ewes \$5.50-7.00; odd lots mixed grade feeder lambs \$10.00 down.

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Little Quiz For Federal Quizzers

By Kenneth L. Dixon
WASHINGTON—(P)—A 13-point questionnaire with some 20 extra sub-questions interjected a querulous quirk into capital inquiry.

For this little quiz, it seems, was sent out by the very Congressional Committee now engaged in putting the quizzers on questionnaires.

The joint committee on reduction of non-essential Federal expenditures is probing all Government questionnaires in an announced effort to cut wartime red tape. Its quixotic quest brought a round of applause from the people who have to answer the questions—and criticism from the bureaus that ask them.

Queer Reason
So one of the boys in the bureaus, who for some queer reason prefers not to be quoted by name, brought up the subject of the quiz-quizzers' quiz, a quaint and quizzical tale that's enough to drive one qu-racy.

Committee records disclosed it was sent out last Armistice Day—in the calm before the current questionnaire storm—and its expressed object was to find out why there are almost as many civilian government employes as there are men in the armed forces.

"The thumb swidders in our Government should be given other work to do," said Senator Byrd, the Virginia Democrat who heads the committee. There being no objections, the questionnaire was promptly forgotten—except by those who received it.

Lots of Details
It asked each of some 81 Federal Agencies to list the total number of employees and total payroll, to break both totals down into permanent, part-time, temporary employes, war service appointments and those laid for emergency relief funds.

It requested the number of employees in each CAF grade (don't ask us what that means), each professional and scientific grade, each sub-professional service grade, each custodial service grade, each clerical-mechanical service grade, each industrial and skilled trade grade, and the total payroll for each classification.

Committee employes said the agencies had cooperated fully in filling out the questionnaire, although some bureaus had been forced to ask for more time than first was granted.

It seems that answering the quizzers' quiz required so much time that they got behind in sending out their own questionnaires.

Miss Kolleen Lee Is On ACC Honor Roll
ABILENE—Miss Kolleen Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Doss of Midland, is listed on the honor roll at Abilene Christian College.

Walter McQuatters returned Thursday to Los Angeles, Calif., after attending funeral services for his father.

Rivermen Wonder If They Can Meet WPB's Proposed Oil-Barge Program

CINCINNATI—(P)—Ohio river men looked Thursday for a Henry Kaiser to help them out in a huge, new towboat and barge construction program designed to provide movement of an additional 100,000 barrels of heavy fuel daily for the oil-hungry East Coast.

The program, approved by the War Production Board and disclosed in Washington, calls for 21 new steel hulled, 2,000-horsepower towboats by October, 200 steel barges of 6,000-barrel capacity within five months and 400 wooden barges to replace steel vessels being converted to tankers.

River men were gratified over the program and its prospective business boom but wondered how they could achieve their share of the goal.

Shipyards Are Busy
Capt. Slack Barrett, President of Barrett Lines, Inc., and the Ohio Valley Improvement Association, said Ohio river shipyards were so busy on Army-Navy light ship orders they couldn't handle any major portion of the construction, and added that they would have to find someone like the West Coast's fabulous builder, Henry Kaiser, to fill the bill.

Upper Mississippi yards, too, indicated they would have difficulty lending any substantial construction aid.

In Birmingham, Ala., however, Robert I. Ingalls, Jr., said the Ingalls Shipbuilding Co. could handle a considerable share of the job.

Captain Barrett reported voluntary barge conversion already was proceeding rapidly. Many lines are designing craft for a conversion pool, he said, while others are constructing new.

The new construction program, to be furnished by defense plant Corp., was developed by the Office of the Petroleum Administrator for agencies concerned with the East's oil shortage.

It provides for construction of 100 tugs of 600 horsepower each, apparently for Jacksonville and Panama City, Fla., coastal pipe line terminals. The overall cost was not estimated.

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Cranberries	lb. bag 25c
Heavy Syrup Pack Peaches	can 25c
Tomato Juice	46 oz. Can 25c
Everlite Flour	24 lb. 99c
Biscuit Mix	Old Tyme Each 11c
Corn Bread Mix	
Pie Crust Mix	
Fresh Country Eggs	doz. 42c
All Sweet Oleo	lb. 25c
Large Can Cranberry Sauce	19c
Crackers	2 lb. Box 19c
Oxydol	Large Size 24c
P&G Soap, 6 bars	25c

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Ray Howard Reviews 'The Lost Word' At Party

Mrs. Ray Howard reviewed Henry Van Dyck's "The Lost Word" at the Home Arts Club meeting Wednesday with Mrs. C. M. Dunagan, 1508 West Missouri, for a Christmas party.

The club voted to contribute to the Goodfellow Fund.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served to a visitor, Mrs. John Levereite, and the following members: Mmes. N. W. Biggins, Al Boring, G. W. Brennenman, M. D. Cox, John Dunagan, Marvin English, Paul Filson, Ivan Hood, Howard, Eula Mahoney, Ernest Neill, and B. W. Stevens.

Gingham Is Dressy



Wonders are worked with cotton gingham in the hat and glove combination worn by Evelyn Keys, lovely Columbia pictures player. Two blue and white checked pom-poms are tucked in with red and white ones for the large fluff that is tied to the head by a wide band of gingham. The gloves are red and white checked gingham.

Coming Events

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. Attaway, 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, 2011 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 Clef Juvenile Music Club will meet at 1 o'clock at the Watson School of Music.

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

T. E. L. Class Is Entertained With Tea And Social Here

Mrs. V. Z. Wren entertained members of the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church Tuesday with a tea and social at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Cox, 400 West Kansas.

Refreshments were served to Mmes. V. P. Voris, S. T. Cole, D. W. Brunson, J. H. Barron, J. G. Arnett, T. T. Lord, J. H. Williamson, and the hostess.

B. T. Westermann, Jr. Receives Commission

BIG SPRING—Bernard T. Westermann, Jr., of Midland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard T. Westermann, received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces and his wings as a bombardier at graduation exercises Thursday at the Big Spring AAF Bombardier School.

Lieutenant Westermann attended the University of Texas from 1938 to 1940. He formerly was an employee of the Shell Oil Company.

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Food Specialist Tips Homemakers On Cooking Fowl

COLLEGE STATION—With Christmas just around the corner, Hazel Phipps, food preparation specialist of Texas A and M College Extension Service, urges homemakers to brush up a little on their cookery methods. The modern way to cook turkey is with moderate heat most of the time, for this reduces shrinkage and leaves the meat juicy, the specialist said.

The traditional way for preparing the turkey is to roast it, and that is correct, if the bird is tender. Roast turkey looks good and tastes good. It is also a good idea to have dressing for that helps stretch the turkey flavor and it is a favorite of many people.

For roasting, select a well-fattened young bird with a plump breast, Miss Phipps advises. Allow from three-fourths to one pound, dressed weight, for each person to be served. Roast the bird on a rack in a shallow pan, and do not add water or cover the pan. Start roasting with the bird's back up and breast down, keeping the oven temperature moderate to slow.

Plenty Of Turkeys
If the bird is small or medium-sized, baste it every half hour, Miss Phipps suggests. Of if the bird is quite large, basting it every hour will be often enough. When the meat is tender in the thickest parts and the juice does not show a red tinge, the roasting is completed.

If a turkey provides more meat than a family can easily use, Miss Phipps suggests sharing the bird. "Split the turkey and then two families can have a half. When cut side down and make plenty of dressing," she advises.

There are 34 million turkeys on the market this year so each family should be able to obtain one for Christmas dinner.

Bluebonnet Club Will Aid Goodfellow Fund

Members of the Bluebonnet Club have voted to give \$5 to the Goodfellow fund. They met Wednesday with Mrs. Brooks Pemberton on the Country Club Drive.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. J. H. Barron, Frank Ingham, A. W. Hyatt, W. A. Black, D. W. Brunson, Laura Wright, Mary S. Ray, the hostess, and Mrs. Fred Middleton, a guest.

AAF Bombardier School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Preston.

Mrs. R. J. Kelly and Mrs. Price of Stanton were visitors in Midland Wednesday.

Mrs. Dan Morgan of New Castle, Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Zack Timmons, and family. Preceding her visit here she had visited her husband at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Pfc. Frank Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nixon, will return to duties with the Marine Corps at San Diego, Calif., Thursday night after visiting friends and relatives here.

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Personals

Roy Long, student at Southern Methodist University, has arrived in Midland to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Lou Nell Hudman and Pauline Wingo will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays in Midland with their parents. They are students at Marshall Junior College.

Mary Nell Wolfe, who is attending business college in San Angelo, will spend the holidays here.

Mrs. M. F. Fisher of Andrews visited in Midland Wednesday.

Miss Edith Wemple, who is attending Hockaday College in Dallas, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wemple.

Miss Dorothy Benson of Odessa visited Wednesday in Midland.

Mrs. Joe Clevenough of Wisconsin is here visiting her husband, who is a sergeant at the Midland AAF Bombardier School.

T/Sgt. Thomas W. Preston, who was stationed at the Abilene, is now stationed at the Midland

Soldiers Service Club

SATURDAY
Ballroom Dance at 9 p. m.

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

Christmas Party Is Held For Club Here

Members of the Stitch In Time Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Houston Sikes for a Christmas party.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to Mmes. Ellis Conner, N. G. Oates, Everett Klebold, Harvey Powledge, R. Shelton, and the hostess.

Toy Matinee Held At Yucca Theatre

With their faces displaying the enthusiasm of Christmas season, Midland youngsters brought toys and crowded the Yucca Theatre Wednesday when the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce and the theatre management sponsored a "Toy Matinee" from 2 until 5 p. m.

Upon presentation of a toy or toys the children were admitted free of charge to see "Blondie For Victory." Jaycees and firemen will repair the toys that need it and will distribute them with Christmas baskets to needy families.

High Score Goes To Mrs. P. T. Bolton At Christmas Party

Mrs. Paul T. Bolton won high score in bridge when the PasTime Club met Wednesday with Mrs. David Stamper for a Christmas party. Mrs. Clint Coughran won second and Mrs. Larry Logsdon binged.

The house was decorated throughout with poinsettias. Ivy corsages tied with red ribbon were presented to guests.

Refreshments were served to the two visitors, Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Coughran, and the following mem-

Mrs. Andrew Fasken Entertains Club With Christmas Tea Here

Mrs. Andrew Fasken entertained members of the Woman's Wednesday Club with a Christmas tea at her home, 1511 West Missouri, Wednesday.

Mrs. R. L. Miller, who was in charge of the program, read "The First Christmas." She was assisted by Mrs. M. R. Hill.

The group, accompanied by Mrs. Mmes. Paul Cole, Ted Dykes, W. I. Hoobs, J. Wayne Campbell, Logsdon and the hostess.

George Glass at the piano, sang Christmas carols.
Mrs. Gibbs of San Angelo, a charter member of the club, and Mrs. J. M. Caldwell, honorary member, were guests.
Refreshments were served to Mmes. R. C. Conking, Clyde Cowden, Fay Cowden, J. M. DeArmond, Fasken, Glass, J. H. Goodman, Hill, O. B. Holt, R. L. Miller, Erle Payne and W. G. Whitehouse.

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BROCCOLI 2 lbs. 25c

Carnation MILK	3 Large or 6 Small	29c
Red Label Karo	1 1/2 lb. Jar	19c
Grandma Bakery Fruit Cakes	2 Lb.	98c
Jolly Time Pop Corn	Tall Can	15c
Mother's Toy Oats	Large Box	27c

Armour's Star Peanut Butter	Qt. Jar	49c
Allsweet Oleo . . .	lb. 25c	
Waldorf Tissue	4 Rolls	17c
Borax Soap Chips	Large	24c

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PECANS, pieces lb. 79c
ALMONDS 1/2 lb. 41c
WALNUTS, halves lb. 75c
BLACK WALNUTS, pieces . . . 1/2 lb. 41c

Del Monte Fruit Cocktail	16 Oz.	17c
Hearts Delight Peaches	Heavy Syrup No. 2 1/2 Can	27c
Lady Peggy Salad Dressing	. . qt.	36c
Hunt's Supreme Corn	2 No. 2 Cans	31c
Del Monte Tomato Juice	13 Oz. Can	9c
Pimentos	28 Oz. Can	53c
Swank Tissue	3 Rolls	25c

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By William E. McKenney
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This is the fourth of a series of outstanding rubber bridge hands of 1942 given to me by one of the country's outstanding bridge players, Harry J. Fishbein of the Mayfair Bridge Club in New York.

We will admit that North was a little optimistic in his bidding, but when a player has a couple

♠ KJ65	♥ A103	♦ Q106	♣ K875
♠ Q92	♥ N	♦ S	♣ J3
♠ 42	♥ E	♦ Dealer	♣ 7652
♠ KJ98	♥ A743	♦ 6	♣ K9875
	♥ A104	♦ Rubber—None vul	
		South West North East	
		1♦ Pass 2♠ Pass	
		3♣ Pass 4♥ Pass	
		5♠ Double 5♥ Pass	
		6♣ Pass Pass Pass	
		Opening—♥ Q	17

of aces and a king and his partner opens the bidding, he apt to become ambitious. We might call the two-spade bid a slight overbid, and certainly North's five-heart bid was optimistic.

The opening heart lead was won with the ace, a heart ruffed, two rounds of diamonds taken, and then the third heart ruffed. Now the point is, should the declarer take the spade finesse? No, because if it loses, East will return a club and defeat the contract. Declarer must hope that West holds three spades to the queen, or if East holds the queen of spades, that it is a doubleton. He cashed the ace and king of spades, then led the jack. This threw West in the lead, forcing him either to lead away from the king of clubs, or lead a heart on which the declarer will discard a club from dummy and ruff in his own hand.

Even Indiana Mice Like Gasoline Stamps

PETERSBURG, Ind.—(AP)—In granting eight duplicate gasoline rationing stamps to Barney Elkins, filling station proprietor, local rationing officials considered as evidence of necessity a dead mouse, a mousetrap and a partly destroyed gasoline stamp.

Cheese failed to lure the mouse, which had eaten seven stamps, Elkins explained, so he used the eighth stamp as bait.

MANY CLAIMANTS FOR LOST POUND OF JAVA

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Lost and Found department of the Hotel Belmont Plaza posted a notice that a ring, a pair of gloves and a pound of coffee were awaiting claimants. No one asked for the gloves, two persons inquired about the ring—but five claimed the coffee.

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Soldier Gets Dollar And Dime Each Month

DALHART—(AP)—The Government has its dollar-a-year men and the advanced glider school here has its dollar-and-a-dime-a-month man.

Ben Hamilton Stokes of Borger, Texas, draws \$1.10 in army pay each month. That's all of his \$50 private's pay he has left after deductions are made for insurance, an allotment to his mother, Mrs. Betty Stokes of Duncan, Okla., and a war bond.

"And if I get promoted," says Stokes, "the extra money is going into War Bonds, too."

Before entering the army, Stokes was an apartment owner and furniture store operator in Borger.

Thomas Jefferson is often called the godfather of the U. S. Marine Band.

45 Persons Complete Metal Work Course

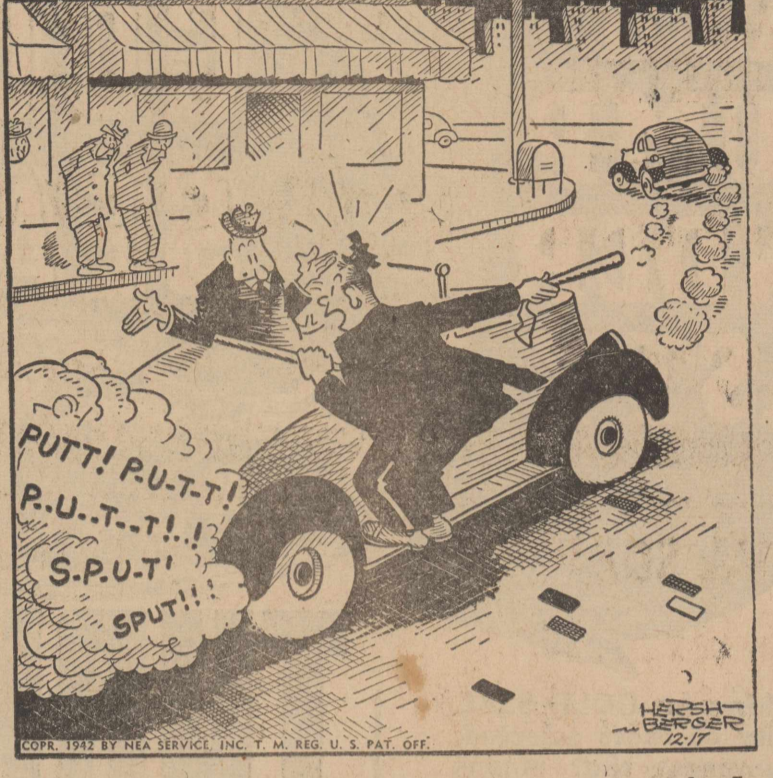
Forty-five certificates are being awarded Midland citizens who completed the metal work course at Midland High School, Harlan Howell, supervisor, announced Thursday.

The course was ended and the instructor, Leonard Miller, has gone into the Army Signal Corps. Sixty-three persons enrolled for the work.

Another course is planned after the first of the year if an instructor can be obtained.

The area of Texas is 263,644 square miles of land and 3,965 square miles of inland water surface, according to a revised figure of the U. S. Bureau of Census issued April 11, 1941.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"But, Officer, I can't follow that car until next week—I just used up my gas ration!"

SIDE GLANCES



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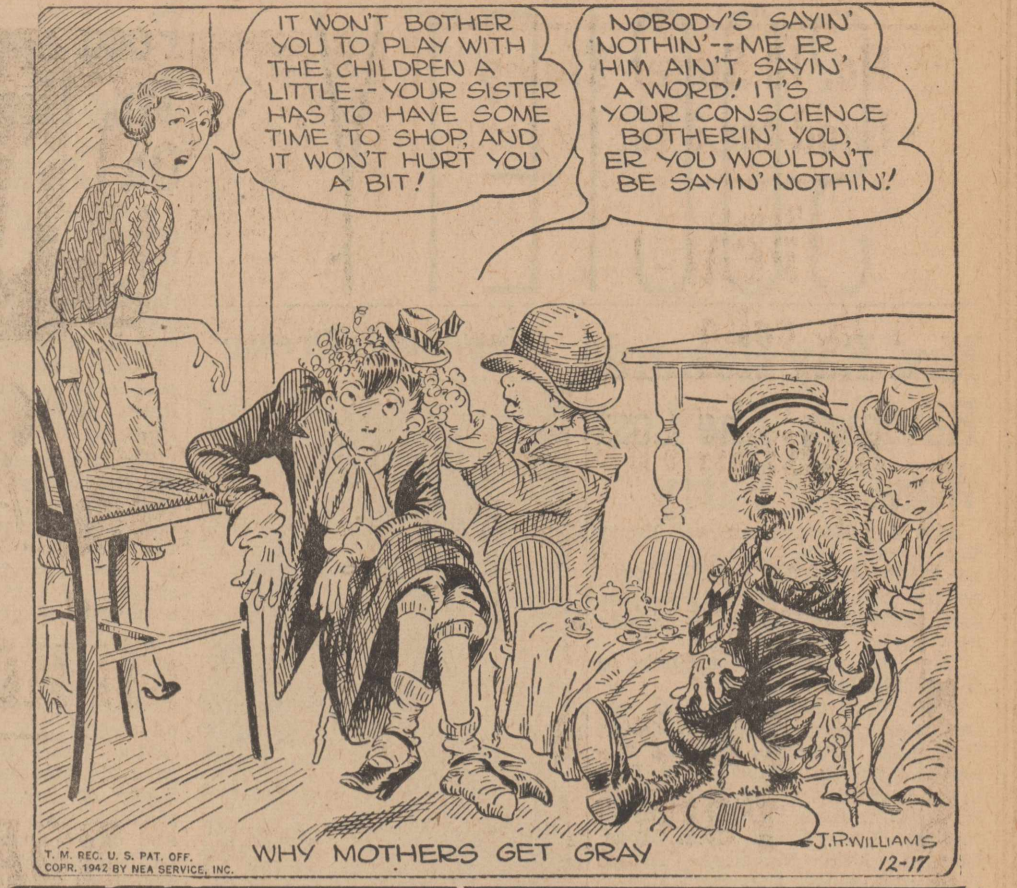
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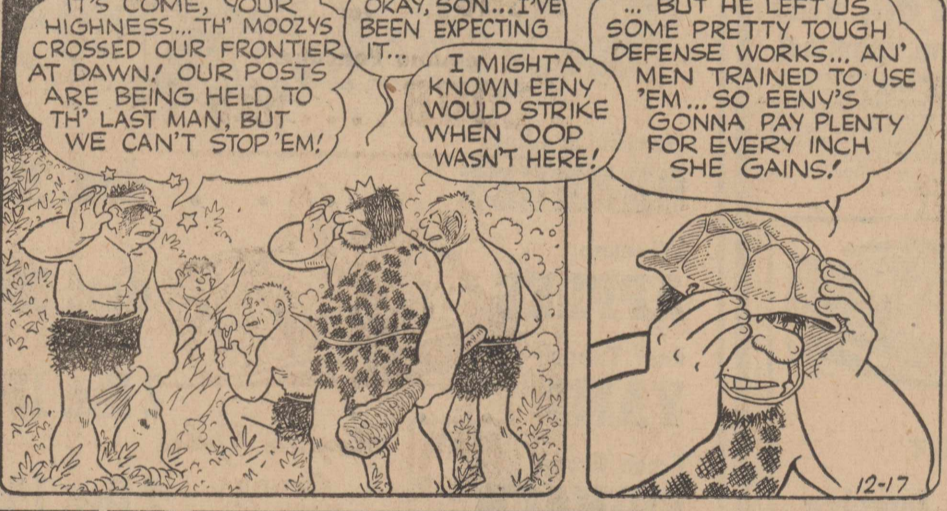
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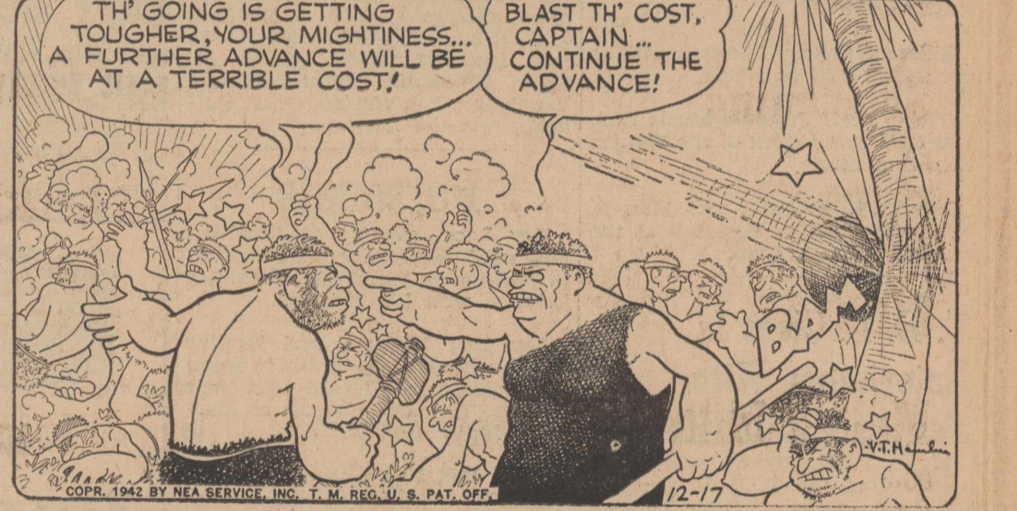
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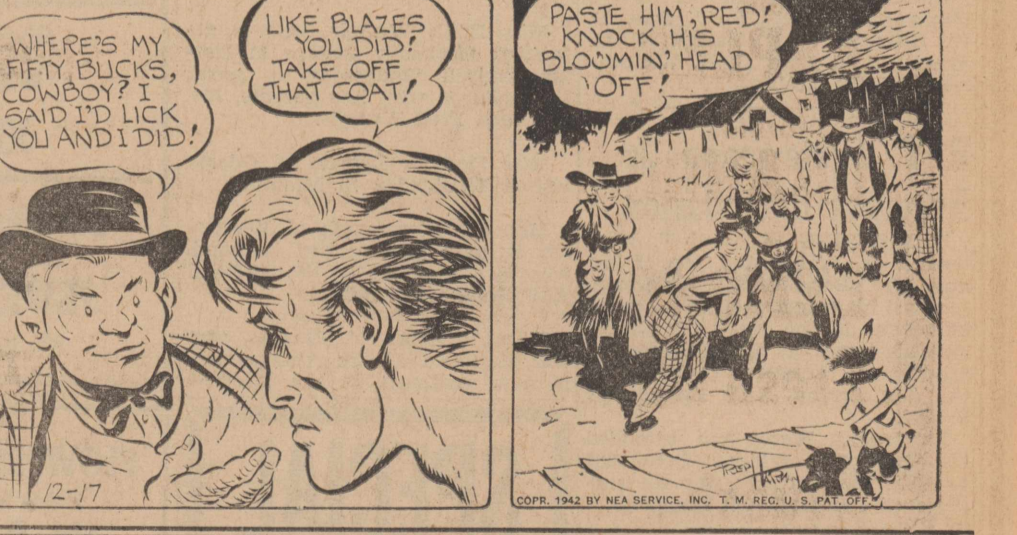
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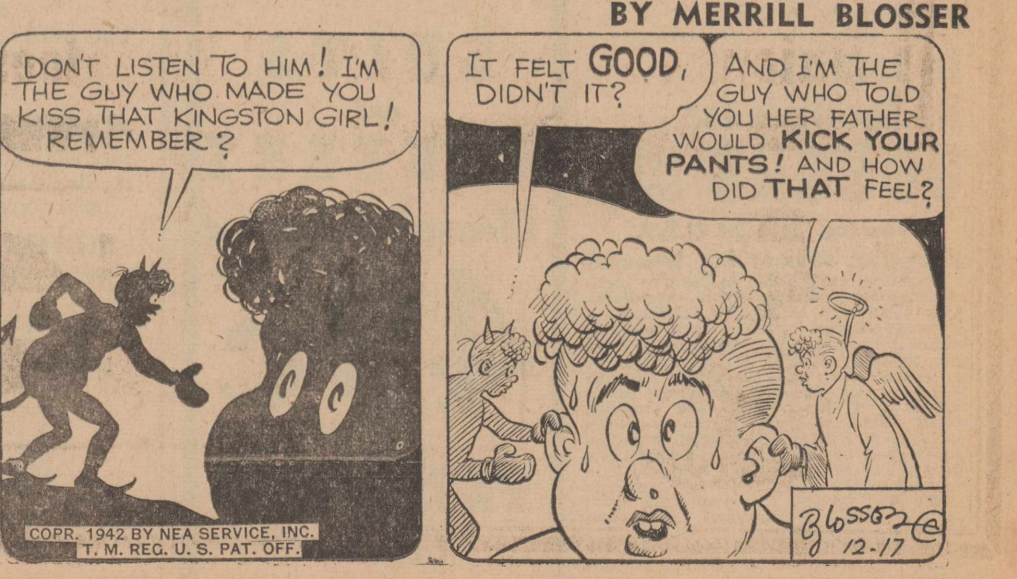
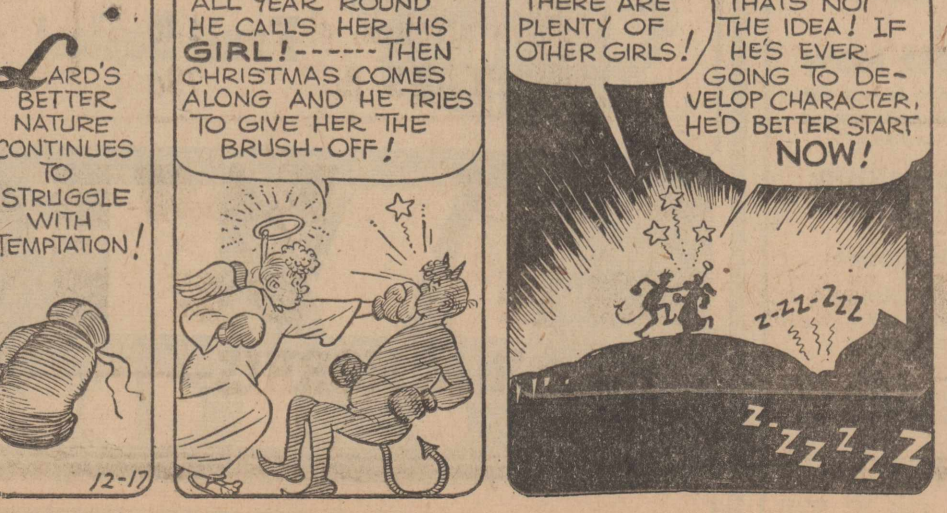
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Broadcast Dec. 17

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup soft butter or other shortening

1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 egg
1/4 cup Pet Milk
3 cups corn flakes
1/4 cup broken nuts

Turn on oven and set at moderately slow (350° F.). Sift flour before measuring. Beat with butter in mixing bowl. Add sugar and orange rind gradually, mixing together until light and fluffy. Beat in egg vigorously. Add flour mixture alternately with milk. Fold in gradually a mixture of corn flakes and nuts. Drop from a teaspoon onto greased baking sheet 2 inches apart. Bake 15 minutes, or until browned. Remove cookies from pan at once. Makes about 4 dozen.

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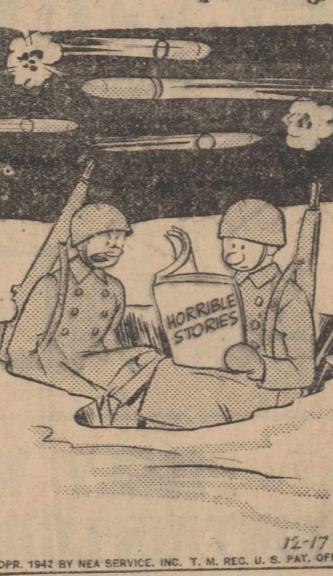
American Technicians Make Toys For Needy Children In Ireland

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND—(AP)—Santa Claus will visit thousands of children in Northern Ireland thanks to the organization of "Xmas Kids, Inc." by American aircraft technicians there who are busy making 110,000 worth of toys.

Employing American mass production methods, the technicians are turning out toys from scrap material during their spare time. Many poor children otherwise would be without Christmas playthings, for most British toy factories have turned to war production and few children's gifts are available in the stores.

In Alaska as early as 1861 gold discoveries were made on the Siskiyou river.

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Woman Works With Grandsons In Plant

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—(AP)—I wouldn't let young whippersnappers like my grandsons do what I couldn't do, so I went to school and now I'm building bombers.

Mrs. Hattie H. Jenkins, formerly of Benton, Ark., has been working at an electrical assembly bench along with grandsons Nolan, William and Thomas Richardson—since completing a vocational course.

In World War I she served as a nurse "but at the time decided to work in a plane plant."

Santa's Victory Christmas



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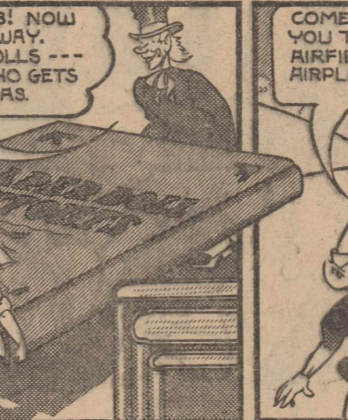
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MYRA MACK stood at the office window looking down into St. James Street, Montreal. Snow was falling in big flakes that filled the air thickly, making the afternoon dark as evening.

A sigh of relief by her side broke her reverie. "Boy, oh boy! A white Christmas after all!" Myra looked at the young face of the girl who had spoken.

"H'm," she grunted. "Looks like a black one for me." She was thinking that for the first time in years there would be no one at home except herself and her parents. Sisters married or away, brother overseas with the Canadian Corps and the youngest boy of the family at the Air Force Manning Pool in Toronto.

The other girl looked at her and saw as everyone saw at first sight a secretary, chosen for competence and decidedly not for appearance. Myra was neat but there was nothing to make any man look twice.

The other girl was under 20. Her copper-colored hair was attractive but her nose was a trifle too long and her mouth too wide for conventional beauty.

"What are you doing for Christmas vacation?" asked Myra. The girls annually vacationed in the dull business week before the New Year.

Fay Rathbone shrugged her shoulders. "Ski on the mountain, I suppose. No money to pay fares home."

"You live in the Maritimes?" Fay nodded and then turned. One of the other girls was calling, "Telephone for you Myra."

Myra Mack took the receiver that lay expectant upon her desk. Then her face broke into a smile. "Ferdie! Where have you been all this time?"

She heard him laugh. "Come up and see me in the studio." Myra was suspicious. Ferdie was the most harmless looking person in the world but one could never be quite sure what was hatching behind his humorous eyes.

His voice went on. "I want you to come up to my place for Christmas vacation in the snow-clad Laurentians, among the Christmas trees, Yale logs and all that sort of thing."

"There's no catch in it?" asked Myra, doubtfully. "None whatsoever." "Many other people?" "Just a few."

"Social?" This question was prompted by her knowledge that Ferdie knew and was known by everybody of any social consequence in the city.

"Heavens no," he replied. "Just the usual." Myra frowned. The situation was dangerous. Ferdinand Alexander Lorton had gathered very little fame but quite a lot of whims in his 30 odd years. He had a sprawling cottage on a hilltop in the Laurentians, surrounded by nature in the raw and his favorite house parties were made up by choosing the oddest mixture of people, throwing them together and enjoying the results.

"Oh, by the way," the voice went on. "I'm a little short on girls. If you have any ideas, you might bring someone along. She'd better have a sense of humor." Then the receiver clicked at the other end.

Fay Rathbone passed her desk. "Bad news?" said Fay, mistaking the expression on Myra's face.

"Not too bad. Meet me at 5 and I'll initiate you," said Myra. Then she was bitten with doubt. Was it fair to a young girl like Fay Rathbone to fling her into the undistinguished company of one of Ferdie's house parties? But half an hour later the two girls climbed the stairs of an unpretentious house on Union Avenue to Ferdie's studio.

Myra rapped the door and a voice hailed the two girls to come in. At the same time it told them to shut the door quickly. Myra had long learned never to be surprised by anything she saw in the studio but Fay emerged from behind the screen to see what was to her a remarkable and unusual scene. There were two people in the studio, one painting and one posing. Ferdie was painting on a large canvas. On the throne, draped with a wisp of chiffon was the striest beauty that she had ever seen off the movie screen.

"Well," said Myra. "Well," replied Ferdie, wiping off a brush and setting it in a jar. "We'll knock off for a rest." The sultry beauty slipped on a dressing gown and stepped down from the throne. There were introductions all round.

"This is Leona Poliouski, Polly for short, the best model in North America. When finished she will emerge from the foamiest bath soap on the continent advertising the bliss of bathing in Benson's Benign Bath Soap. By the way, I'm asking the younger Benson to join us at Christmas."

FAY RATHBONE'S eyes could not keep away from Leona, whose long shapely legs emerged with a studied grace from the dressing gown. There was no doubt that it was a superb limb. Myra's eyes were caught by the ivory pale face lying against the cushions of the settee framed in a mass of blue-black hair.

"You know how to pick them," said Myra to Ferdie as he passed a cocktail to her. "A beauty, isn't she?" said

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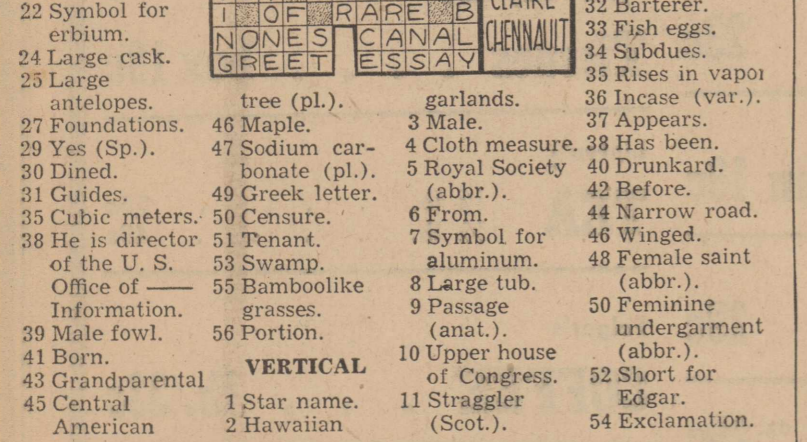
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'SWEETHEARTS' TO ADOPT MEN IN ARMED FORCES NEW YORK—(AP)—Ann Corio, one of the leading exponents of the strip-tease art, is organizing a group which she calls "Sweethearts of the A.A.F." She is rounding up a group of Broadway and Hollywood actresses as charter members of the organization, purpose of which is to "adopt" boys in the armed forces overseas, write letters to them and send at

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National League Batting Averages Shrink In 1942

By Judson Bailey
NEW YORK—(AP)—Batting averages in the National League are shrinking toward the vanishing point, the official figures showed Wednesday.

The 1942 records just released by League President Ford Frick disclosed that the combined hitting of all the 265 players who took part in the senior circuit's games last season was .249, a decline of nine points from 1941 and a drop of 23 points in the last three years.

Ernie Lombardi of the Boston Braves, who bagged the batting title for the second time in his career, finished with a .330 mark, 13 points less than the championship pace of Brooklyn's Pete Reiser in 1941.

Similarly, the St. Louis Cardinals, who had the best club average in the league, had to be content with .268, four points less than the Dodgers of the year before.

In 1939 the Cardinals clouted at a .294 clip and the league averaged .272. But the following year the league dropped to .264 and the Pittsburgh Pirates, leading batters as a club, averaged .276.

The continued decline has become such a problem that Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, asked that the major leagues at the recent meetings in Chicago provide for the manufacture of a Fowler ball. He didn't get an endorsement of his proposal, but he did get named to a committee along with Commissioner Landis and William Harridge, president of the American League, to determine the specifications for next season's official ball.

Combined Average Down
American League batting records have not yet been released, but Giles said the combined averages in the junior circuit was down 22 points in the last three years.

This year only eight of the 78 batters who got into 75 or more games succeeded in batting .300 or better. Besides Lombardi they were

The "Maltese Falcon" Team



Humphrey Bogart turns loose a new technique on Mary Astor that no woman can resist—or wants to! The two are starred in Warner Bros.' Jap-slapping story-sensation, "The Two the Pacific," which starts its engagement Friday at the Yucca.

Soldiers Will Be Guests In Homes Sunday Noon

All soldiers attending church services in Midland Sunday morning will be dinner guests in the homes of Midland citizens at noon that day, sponsors of the soldier hospitality program said Thursday.

Representatives of the churches assured those in charge of the program that all men in uniform who come to church Sunday morning will receive invitations to dinner. They pointed out many persons wishing to entertain soldiers had not received invitation cards or had neglected to return them.

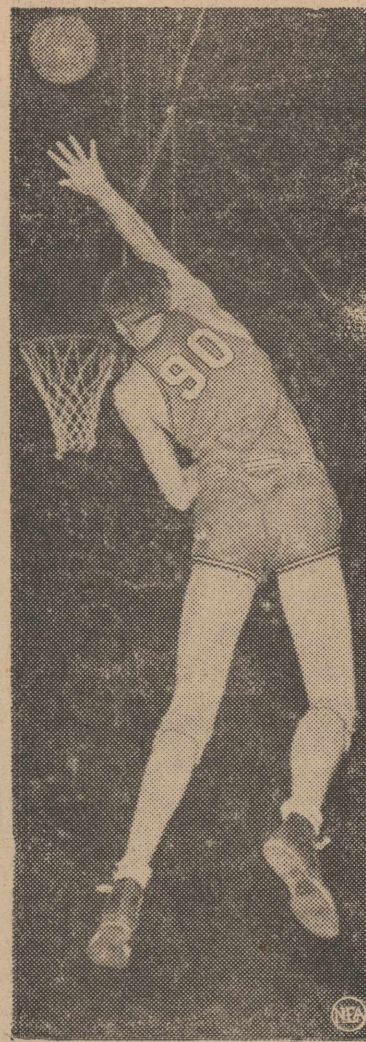
It is expected that between 1000 and 1500 soldiers will be entertained in Midland homes Sunday noon.

Churches cooperating in the program include the First Baptist, First Methodist, First Christian, First Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Calvary Baptist, Church of the Nazarene, Assembly of God, Catholic, and Episcopal.

Ministers of the churches extended invitations to all men in uniform to attend church Sunday morning and to be the guests of church members at dinner. Christmas sermons will be preached at practically all churches.

Expect 1,000 Guests
The hospitality program Sunday preceding Christmas affords Midland citizens an opportunity to express appreciation to men in the Armed Forces during the Yuletide season.

Long Shot



Bob Kurland, seven-foot Oklahoma A. & M. center, is even higher as he jumps up to score basket against City College of New York at Madison Square Garden. It was stringbean's only successful shot in 15-minute tenure. Aggies won, 38-32.

Texas And Arkansas Win Basketball Tilts

By the Associated Press
Southwest Conference basketball teams continued victorious in warm-up games Wednesday night. The University of Texas Longhorns defeated the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center team 41 to 27 and the Arkansas Razorbacks walloped Camp Crowder of Missouri, 40 to 29.

In Thursday's feature game Rice plays Louisiana State in Houston. Texas Christian meets Ecolly Field and Texas plays Randolph Field in San Antonio. Arkansas opposes Drury College at Springfield, Mo.

Enos (Country) Slaughter of the Cardinals .318; his rookie teammate, Stan Musial .315; Reiser .310; John Mize, New York .305; and Stan Hack, Chicago, Joe Medwick, Brooklyn, and Lou Novikoff, Chicago, each .300. In addition Harry Walker of the Cardinals, who appeared in 74 games and was bracketed by the league with secondary players, hit .314.

Girl Scout Leader Will Visit Midland

Miss Lucile R. Skewes, member of the Girl Scout national staff, will visit Midland Friday and Saturday to confer with Midland Girl Scout leaders and to conduct a training course for leaders.

New field adviser in the Cactus Region, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona, Miss Skewes has been associated with the Girl Scouts in many capacities—first as a volunteer and later as a professional.

Put Ceiling On Pool, Billiards And Bowling

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson Thursday ordered a general cut in the cost of bowling to the 16 million Americans who make it their regular or occasional recreation.

He also fixed a ceiling on charges for billiards and pool at March, 1942 levels. Soldiers, sailors and war workers by the thousands play the games, Henderson said, and the price order "will insure they are not overcharged for this recreation."

The bowling ceilings are based on September, 1941, charges plus an allowance for increases in the cost of balls and pins and in the pay of pin boys.

The legal maximum represents an average reduction over the country of one cent for every three games of league bowling, OPA said, and one half cent a game for "open," or regular bowling.

Tennessee Favors Two Team System

KNOXVILLE—(AP)—Tennessee football players this season didn't rate the headlines primarily because of the Volunteers' two-team system which keeps the starting eleven on the bench half the time.

This double-truck idea became a permanent fixture at Tennessee more than two years ago. The first and second teams alternate each quarter with what head coach John Barnhill describes as these advantages:

- 1—"The system gives us fresh players at the start of each quarter.
- 2—"The players can see from the bench what's going on and can be given instructions on what to do when they re-enter the game.
- 3—"It gives the other boys a chance to show their wares and they usually show aplenty."

Mrs. G. E. Walton and baby boy were dismissed from a hospital here.

Bill Jones was dismissed from a Midland hospital Wednesday.

MAYO TO CHERRY VALLEY
GARDEN CITY, N. Y.—Charles H. Mayo, Sr., signed as manager and golf professional at the Cherry Valley Club, with George Duncan, he held the world two-man team championship 30 years ago.

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.
2:30 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.
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6:00 P.M.	6:40 P.M.
6:30 P.M.	7:10 P.M.
7:00 P.M.	7:40 P.M.
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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 12:50 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Last bus 2 a.m. Sunday.

Buddy Davidson Is Awarded Bomb In Big Essay Contest

Buddy Davidson, high school senior and member of the Bulldog football team, Wednesday was awarded a 100-pound practice bomb, used by bombardier cadets at the Midland AAF Bombardier School, as the first place winner in the Pearl Harbor Day essay contest conducted in Midland high school.

The presentation was made by Lt. Reavis O'Neal, public relations officer at the Bombardier College, who lauded high school students on their participation in the Pearl Harbor Day Bond campaign. The officer was introduced by Bill Collyns, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Davidson's essay, "Remember Pearl Harbor," was picked as the best written by a number of high school students. Students whose essays received honorable mention included Peggy Bissell, Betty Smith, Finice Chelf, and Jeanette Barnett.

The bomb presentation program was held at the Wednesday afternoon assembly at the high school. The essay:

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR
By: Buddy Davidson
Long may those words ring! They will ring until the hated Rising Sun has set at last. For on this day, December 7, exactly one year ago, Old Glory was unmercifully stabbed in the back at Pearl Harbor. Never, in the annals of civilization, has a more treacherous blow been delivered to one nation by another.

One of the bitterest and most ironic items of the whole affair is that while the inhuman attack was being carried out at Pearl Harbor, Japanese peace envoys were in Washington discussing how everlasting peace might be brought about between Japan and the United States.

For years Japan has been planning to deliver this supposedly death-blow to our country. While continually assuring us that there was nothing Japan wanted more than peace, she was steadily building up one of the greatest, most ruthless, war machines the world has ever seen.

But, on the other hand, we should also blame ourselves in some small part because our own boys are being killed by our own metal. For years we have been shipping Japan every piece of scrap iron, every old car, every obsolete tire, and millions of other supposedly valueless objects in return for money. We have fattened the Jap war machine in our lust for money. Yes! The American lust for the almighty dollar is, in no small part, responsible for the choked condition the world is in today. We are to blame! We are paying!

The length of payment of American blood and flesh depends wholly on the time the American public decides to pitch in and sacrifice. A majority of the country is, at this very moment, protesting the rationing of gasoline, but these poor soldiers on Bataan didn't even have the necessary food to stay healthy enough to fight.

We have erred and we, on the strength of these errors, are now engaged in a terrible war. However, we shall win, but, how long it will take us no one knows. We do know one thing, however, we can't win without some supreme sacrifices, so let's get together. Let's sacrifice! Let's fight! Let's win! Above all, let's remember Pearl Harbor!

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Three Bombardier Schools Graduate Second Lieutenants

The world's greatest bombardier training area Thursday began giving the Axis the old "one-two-three" as three large bombardier training schools simultaneously graduated classes of "lords of the American bombblast."

For the recently activated AAF Bombardier School at Big Spring and the new San Angelo Air Field, it was the first crop of "Hell from Heaven Men." At the Midland AAF Bombardier School, it was the twelfth and largest class yet to receive bombardier wings and commissions of second lieutenants.

Among those completing training in the West Texas Bombardier Triangle were 32 men from Texas.

The combined total of the three classes is the largest number of bombardiers ever to be graduated at one time in military history and is several times the entire Air Forces bombardier roster of only a few months ago.

At Midland, Brigadier General Isalah Davies presided at simple wartime ceremonies, while at Big Spring Col. Sam L. Ellis awarded commissions. Col. George M. Palmer officiated at the San Angelo exercises.

Schoolboy Games Will Be Broadcast

The two semi-final games in the race for the 1942 Texas High School Football Championship, will be played Saturday. The game between Amarillo and Sunset High of Dallas will be played in Dallas, while the contest between Breckenridge and Austin will be played in Breckenridge. Both games are scheduled to start at 2:30 p. m.

Two special radio networks, totaling 31 stations, have been assembled to broadcast the play-by-play reports. Broadcast time for both games is set at 2:20 p. m.

The game at Dallas between Amarillo and Sunset will be carried over a network of 16 stations, including KRLH, Midland.

The Breckenridge-Austin game is scheduled over a 15-station network including KGGK, Ft. Worth and KTSA, San Antonio.

New York Newspaper Workers End Strike

NEW YORK—(AP)—Newspaper readers in the New York metropolitan area caught up on current events Thursday as delivermen returned to work after a three-day strike.

The presses of 10 morning and afternoon dailies, on a sharply curtailed output since the walkout which began Sunday, roared full blast to supply newstands and delivery routes.

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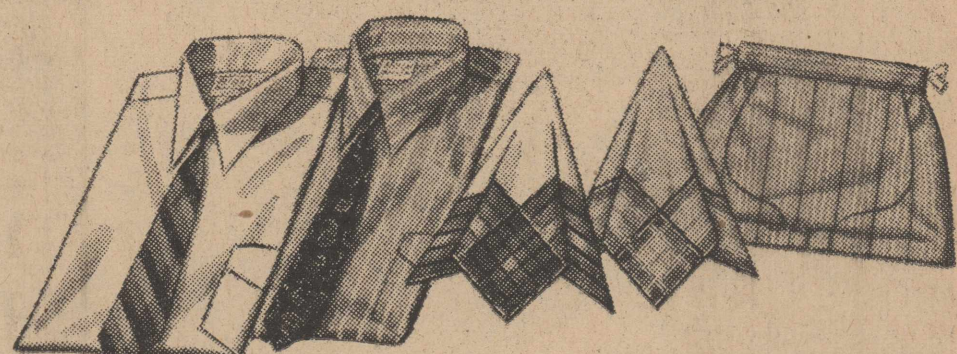
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Lt. and Mrs. W. T. Catchpole on the birth of a son in a hospital here Thursday.



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Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton Jr.
NEW YORK—(AP)—In keeping with that recently-revived idea of splitting the major baseball leagues into eastern and western groups, this corner offers a simple (and no cracks, now) solution to the manpower shortage in sports. . . . It's merely to use fewer players on a side. . . . Before you start giggling, remember that football started out with 25 men on a side, eventually was reduced to 11 and they say this six-man football played by schools that can't muster full teams isn't bad at all. Hockey used to be a seven-man game and old-timers say it was improved by elimination of the "rover" . . . Basketball tried seven, eight and nine-man teams before settling on five and a few years ago lacrosse teams were whittled from 12 to 10 men. . . . Of course, there might be a question as to how many fans would shell out \$3.30 to see six-man football or a buck to see baseball without shortstops, but, heck, ain't this wartime?

Deception Vs. Power Is Football Program

By Richard West
Associated Press Staff
Deception vs. Power
That might be called the issue when Amarillo plays Sunset of Dallas and Austin meets Breckenridge Saturday in the state schoolboy football semi-finals.

Amarillo and Breckenridge are the power boys—big lines with fast-moving, hard-charging backs who often get their yardage the hard way, right through the middle.

Sunset and Austin like deception—quick-openers, flat passes when you least expect them, laterals and fake spinners.

The games will be played in Breckenridge and Dallas.

Amarillo cleared what many believed to be its worst hurdle for a fifth state championship when it beat Wichita Falls 6-0 in the bi-district playoff.

Breckenridge, employing a powerful running game operating from the T-formation, hurls its giant back, Capt. John Ray, into the opposing line and the line usually gives.

Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press
Arkansas 40, Camp Crowder 29.
Oklahoma 42, Olathe Naval Air Base 39.
Texas 41, San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center 27.

gar Bowl will be invested to buy War Bonds to buy new uniforms after the war.

Service Dept.
Sir Harold Alexander, British commander in the Middle East, was a good enough miler to win the Irish championship just before World War I. . . . Seaman Tom Drake, former Brooklyn and Cleveland pitcher, won't have to dream about his white Christmas this year. He recently was transferred from the Norfolk Naval training station to Kodiak, Alaska. . . . There'll be a lot of basketball scores to settle when the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station plays Texas U. Saturday.

Lieut. Jack Gray, the Filers coach, piloted the Longhorns for six years and will oppose his old tutor, Clyde Littlefield. The Navy team includes Bob Kinney of Rice, Billy Dewell of Southern Methodist and John Dick, who helped Oregon beat Texas in 1939.

Miss Gloria Callen Named Outstanding Woman Athlete Of '42

NEW YORK—(AP)—The experts taking part in The Associated Press poll may not know their women athletes very well, but nobody can accuse them of not having an eye for pulchritude.

Asked to name their first, second and third choices of the outstanding women athletes of the fading year, the experts by an overwhelming vote selected beautiful Gloria Callen, the Nyack, N. Y., school girl swimmer, as No. 1, but from there on they were confused, to say the least.

Some were stumped after the lone first-place vote, and 15 who cast ballots on other outstanding athletes and teams of the year passed up the vote on the women completely. Eleven failed to make a second choice and 23 in all failed to cast a third-place vote.

Pauline Betz is second.

Miss Callen, who holds 31 national swimming records, polled 135 points from the 67 sports writers who voted. She was named for first place in 38 of the ballots, with eight second-place votes and five votes for third.

In second place with a total of 67 points, and six first-place votes, was Pauline Betz, National Women's Tennis Champion. Betty Jamenson, golf star, placed third with 52 points.

Louise Brough, runnerup to Miss Betz in the national championships, was the only other athlete even to approach the leaders in point total.

Sindorf Enrolls For Navy Flight Training

ATHENS, Ga.—Harry Rea Sindorf, Jr., son of H. R. Sindorf, Sr., of Midland, Texas, now is enrolled in the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School here. Sindorf, who attended the University of Texas, completed CAA Primary Training at Alpine, Texas.

WARMERDAM TIED UP
NEW ORLEANS—Because Cornelius Warmerdam was unable to get leave from his school teaching at Piedmont, Calif., the pole vault was erased from the list of events in the Sugar Bowl meet in New Orleans, Dec. 31.

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