



May Abandon Tripoli

Nazis Retreat Before Big Russian Winter Offensive

By James M. Long
Associated Press War Editor

The Red Army's winter offensive has gone into its second month with a drive into the snow-covered steppes of the Middle Don, half-way south from Voronezh to Rostov, and half-way west from Stalingrad to the big Nazi base at Kharkov.

Across the Mediterranean, the British Eighth Army reported that its pursuit of the Axis army of Libya had carried to the Sultan area, 140 miles west of El Agheila, within 15 miles of Sirte, and only 255 miles from Tripoli.

The new Russian push, which threatened to chop up or roll back the whole German position in the south, is in its sixth day, with 300 communities reported won back under the Red banner and with Russian troops astride the Moscow-Rostov rail line 160 miles north of Rostov.

And on this, the 63rd birthday of Premier Joseph Stalin, the Russian communique reported the onslaught still unchecked.

Nazis Are Retreating

"In the middle Don area," said the war bulletin, "our troops continued their successful offensive. The enemy is trying to hold back the advance of Soviet troops by counterattacks, but under the blows of our troops the enemy is rolling back to the Southwest suffering heavy losses."

The communique said nearly 1,700 more Nazi dead had been added to the toll of 28,000 already killed, and more chilled and weary German prisoners joined the 13,500 sent streaming back to the rear during the first five days.

The Red Army reported advances ranging from 47 to 75 miles, and (Continued on page 2)

American Tanks Aid Fighters In Battle Near Buna

By The Associated Press

American-made tanks have rumbled into the attack against the Japanese strongholds in the Buna area of Northeast New Guinea, while on the Burma front British troops and American bombers struck at Japan's westernmost bases.

From China Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's sky dragons dumped tons of heavy explosives Sunday on the old Burma supply road.

Not a bomber was lost—and not a Japanese fighter was encountered, reported J. Reilly O'Sullivan, Associated Press correspondent who accompanied the raiders.

Gen. Wavell Pushes On

From the mountainous Indian border, Gen. Archibald P. Wavell's forces had pushed through the Western Burma jungle for almost half of the 100 miles to the impor-

War Bulletins

MOSCOW.—(AP)—The Red Army's Middle Don offensive, its third of the winter, rolled on to the edge of the Ukraine and toward the vast coal, iron and hydroelectric regions of the Donets basin Monday.

BERLIN. (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS)—(AP)—"The Russians succeeded in breaking into the German defensive front on the Middle Don" but were "driven back out again in dashing counterattacks," the German high command said Monday.

NEW DELHI.—(AP)—RAF Bienhaim bombers, escorted by fighters, bombed the Japanese airbase at Magwe, Burma, and scored many direct hits on the runway, a British communique announced Monday.

BERN, SWITZERLAND.—(AP)—Diplomatic quarters said Monday they believed Adolf Hitler's conference at his headquarters with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and their advisors was to discuss how much help Germany could give Italy in the Mediterranean.

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The War Production Board Monday assigned its top priority—AA-1—to delivery of critical material necessary to manufacture farm machinery.

MOSCOW.—(AP)—The Soviet Information Bureau charged Monday that documented evidence obtained in the Stalingrad offensive showed the Germans were forcing Russian prisoners to build defenses and perform other military work, "contrary to all international laws; and under starvation conditions.

Adolf Hitler Confers With Axis Leaders

LONDON.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler called high German and Italian military leaders and Pierre Laval, Axis-following Vichy French leader, to his headquarters over the weekend for a discussion of "questions of common strategy" and observers here quickly speculated that the Allied armies in North Africa provided the toughest question of all.

The German announcement of the meeting "was a token of the firm determination of the Axis powers to employ all their energies for winning final victory" and that "with regard to all questions discussed, a full agreement of conception was established."

Mussolini Absent

But the significance of the meeting was indicated in the list of those present, which included Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, chief of the German air force and economic leader; Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the Nazi high command; Gen. Ugo Cavallero, chief of the Italian general staff; Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano; German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Rib-

Texas' Oil Output Is Up 1,110 Barrels

AUSTIN.—(AP)—Texas' 100,000 oil wells produced 1,477,976 barrels of crude last week, an increase of 1,110 barrels over the previous week, the Railroad Commission reported.

Total average daily production by districts was: 1—20,884; 2—96,968; 3—293,007; 4—112,633; 5—19,351; Outside East Texas—86,762; East Texas—862,159; 7-B—28,268; 7-C—19,468; B—200,870; 9—131,057; 10—104,150.

Total number of wells decreased 20 from the preceding week.

Regular drilling applications numbered 62, bringing the total for the year to 4,871. Oil well completions totaled five for a yearly total of 230 and 29 wells were plugged for a yearly figure of 1,386.

Twenty-nine dry holes were listed for a yearly total of 1,197, 18 rule 37 applications were granted, bringing the year's total to 677.

Goodfellow Campaign Reaches Halfway Mark

The halfway mark in the Goodfellow campaign for funds for the annual Christmas basket program for needy families was in sight at noon Monday following receipt of a \$25 contribution, Cecil Waldrep, chairman, said.

He predicted donations would come in rapidly during Christmas week and that the goal would be reached by the middle of the week. Many church and fraternal organizations were expected to make contributions.

Donations of any size may be left at the Chamber of Commerce. Orders for groceries to fill the Christmas baskets will be placed Tuesday and Wednesday, with members of the American Legion to make deliveries Thursday morning.

What A Job—For Weak Hearts



A job we wouldn't want is that of "teaser" in training of sentry patrol dogs at the Army Air Base, Mitchell Field, N. Y. Here the "teaser" soldier who usually takes the part of the intruder during training periods—gets a vicious reaction. (NEA Telephoto).

He Knows What He Wants!



Second Lt. Alvin R. Wong, of Cleveland, Ohio, an American of Chinese descent whose chief ambition is to obtain a bomb-sight-eye view of Tokyo in the very near future, is congratulated by Don Weaver, editor of the Fort Worth (Texas) Press, upon graduation from the Midland bombardier school. Weaver addressed the graduating class, the largest in the school's history. (NEA Photo).

Charge Defective Material Was Sent To Armed Forces

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle announced Monday a Federal grand jury at Fort Wayne, Ind., had indicted the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company, Marion, Ind., and five of its officers for conspiracy to defraud the United States, and to present "false claims in the production and sale of wire and cable used by the armed forces for combat communication purposes."

"This is one of the most reprehensible cases of defrauding the Government and endangering the lives of American soldiers and sailors ever to come to the attention of the Department of Justice," Biddle declared in a formal statement.

"I can conceive of nothing more vicious, or treacherous, than deliberately supplying our armed forces with defective war material; and I am informed that only the alertness of government inspectors and the promptness with which the war frauds unit and the FBI investigated complaints in this case has prevented enormous quantities of defective wire and cable from (Continued on page 2)

At Plainview, light wires were down and sheeted trees were breaking to pull down other lines and block automobiles in garages. Firemen issued warnings of fallen live wires.

At Lamesa, Lubbock and Big Spring, (Continued on page two)

German Move Men From Hard-Pressed Red Front To Tunisia

By The Associated Press
LONDON.—(AP)—The Axis was reported Monday moving its forces from Tripoli and diverting men and material even from the hard-pressed Russian front in order to make an all-out fight for Tunisia in the wake of a two-day military and political conference at Adolf Hitler's headquarters.

Neutral and Allied sources reported that a huge convoy was being assembled in Southern French ports to rush reinforcements from Europe, and that Marshal Erwin Rommel's African Corps and Mussolini's tattered legions might up Tripolitania altogether in order to concentrate every available man and gun in the struggle for Tunisia.

RAF Planes Pound Big Nazi Port

LONDON.—(AP)—The RAF pounded Germany's great inland port of Duisberg at the junction of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers Sunday night in a swift follow-up to a daylight raid by American Flying Fortresses which dared swarms of German fighters to penetrate deep into occupied France.

"A strong force of our bombers attacked industrial objectives at Duisberg in clear weather and bright moonlight," the Air Ministry said. "The attack was heavy and concentrated and many large fires were left burning."

Railways Are Targets

Railway engines and other objectives were reported to have been the targets of fighter command aircraft on intruder operations over France and the low countries.

The size of the force which attacked Duisberg was not immediately disclosed, but an announcement that 11 planes were lost in the assault was taken by observers as an indication that a considerable number participated.

The attack on Duisberg was the fifty-second on that important complex (Continued on page 2)

Winter Weather Hits Midland Area

Midland got a real taste of winter weather Monday when the mercury skidded to a low of 32 degrees and rain and sleet pelted the area.

Rainfall since midnight Saturday totalled 2.2 inches and was welcomed by ranchers and farmers. Some sleet accompanied the rain, but temperatures did not go below the freezing level.

The 32 degree temperature was recorded from 9 p. m. Sunday until 4 a. m. Monday. By 10 a. m. Monday the mercury had climbed to 34 degrees and continued higher.

Planes were grounded at the Midland AAF Bombardier School.

North of Midland, trees were glazed with ice, but no serious damage was reported. Big Springs reported a minimum temperature of 31 degrees and 1.6 inches of precipitation.

Swift's Net Income Is \$16,972,721

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Swift and Co. meat packing concern, Monday reported net income for the fiscal year ending October 31 totaled \$16,972,721, equal to \$2.53 a share, compared with \$17,808,725, or \$3.01, the previous year.

This was realized on gross sales of \$1,409,405,770, an increase of 38 per cent over that of 1941. The company's total production to meet wartime demands was the largest on record. Provision for income and excess profits taxes amounted to \$26,452,984 compared with \$7,971,687 last year.

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

RUSSIA—New Red Middle Don offensive rolls on toward the Ukraine and Donets basin.

AFRICA—British forces pursuing Rommel reach Sultan area as observers see signs Axis may abandon Tripoli.

CHINA—American China-based bombers attacked Lashio, an old Burma road.

LONDON—RAF bombers raid Duisburg for 52nd time.

NEW GUINEA—Allied tanks roll against Japs in Buna Area.

Ickes Recommends Hike Of 76,400 Barrels Oil A Day For January

AUSTIN.—(AP)—A recommendation that Texas produce 1,426,800 barrels of all oils daily in January was received by the Railroad Commission Monday from Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes.

The certification included 1,326,000 barrels of crude and 100,800 barrels of naturals, distillates and condensates daily.

Announced by Chairman Ernest O. Thompson after conference with E. L. DeGolyer, assistant deputy petroleum administrator, the recommendation exceeded the December certification by 76,400 barrels daily.

Texas produced 1,477,676 barrels of crude daily last week.

Thompson reiterated that the allowable schedule for January will conform exactly with the federal certification, involving a reduction of about 50,000 barrels daily in the state's production.

The War Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

BARCE, LIBYA—As the signs read in Libya, this is another possession which bids fair to pass from the Roman Empire as the penalty of waging a war for conquest.

Here in the heart of Italy's colonial Garden of Eden we have laid out for us across the rolling fields of Mussolini's proud agricultural development the evolution of a dictator's downfall.

Nowhere is there told more graphically or clearly the story of the rise and collapse of Il Duce than in the scenes which stretch about us as far as the eye can reach. For across the face of this fertile district is registered by patient toil the history of a man who started well but finally sold his birthright for a mess of rotten sauerkraut.

Italians Finally Fled

The tides of battle have swept back and forth across ancient Libya during two and a half years. Until the present sensational British offensive, however, Italian (Continued On Page Six)

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The Man Who Came To Dinner



Sixth Producer—

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Clark, deep try in Southeastern Sterling, last was reported shut-down while mixing mud, bottomed at 6,377 feet in black shale.
Drillstem test of Ellenburger zone from 6,950-93 feet in Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1 Nellie M. Tucker, northeast offset to the Glenn discovery in Southwestern Crane County, returned 20 feet of drilling mud, with no shows of oil, gas or water, in 15 minutes.

Defective—

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being transported to our troops overseas.
Charge Fraud
The Justice Department charged the defendants "secretly installed," behind sliding panels under test tables, mechanisms that enabled the passing of inferior or defective materials.

Winter's Claws—

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Spring, as well as Plainview, some homes were without lights and telephone communication.
Iced coated vegetation at Amarillo, Pampa and Borger but little property damage was reported.

Remember The Phony War

Apparently the Nazi propaganda machine thinks that we have forgotten the strategy of self-depreciation by which democracy once was fooled into disastrous over-confidence.
No long memory is needed to recall those tales of decrepit, ramshackle, makeshift armament, breaking down on the march into Austria, that convinced England, France and the United States that Hitler's weapons were innocuous and that we had nothing to fear.

We fell for that line of propaganda once. We wished an impotent reich, whose bluff would fade once it was called, and the wished fathered the thought. We took things easy, while Hitler prepared. And look what happened.
Today, with variations, Gobbels is playing the same tune, hoping that we shall fall once more into the same trap. Why not? If he succeeds, we may lose the war. If he fails, nothing has been lost to Hitler.

From London Donn Sutton, editor of NEA Service, reports that Germany herself is circulating for United Nations consumption grapevine gossip that the reich is cracking, that the war will be over by spring. Stories purporting to verify these things are being planted by Goebbel's propaganda agencies in neutral capitals.

The purpose, of course, is to slow down our production; to divert critical materials to nonessential uses; to enjoy our cars and wear out our rubber; to delay steps to build up our manpower, in hope that they may prove unnecessary.
The legitimate news is good. No longer are we on the run, fighting a delaying action. We have seized the aggressive, and at least part of the time we can choose our spots.
But from now on until Germany and Japan are crushed our need for manpower, materials and armament will be even greater than before because offensive warfare demands more than defensive.

Lt. Rice Now Is Infantry Officer

First Lieutenant James Rice, formerly commanding officer of the 486th Bombardier Training Squadron at the Midland AAF Bombardier School, is now stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn., with an infantry division.
He appeared with the inspection party at a review of a battalion of Norwegian-speaking American troops stationed there. The battalion was inspected by a Norwegian army hero, Lt. Col. Arne D. Dahl, whose defense of northern Norway and Narvik collapsed only when Allied support was withdrawn to stem the Nazi tide in the low countries of Europe.

Guardsmen Will Shoot Starlings

Midland members of the Texas Defense Guard will resume their attack on starlings at the courthouse lawn at 7 p. m. Monday, Captain J. H. Goodman, said.
The starling, rapidly spreading throughout most of Texas from the east, is regarded by many authorities as an undesirable species to be controlled. It destroys nests of other birds and consumes much of the food of both song and game birds. Goodman said starlings are considered edible, and that twelve birds weigh about a pound and a half.

Dice Shooters Spend Hours In City Jail

More than a score of dice-shooters were rounded up by police late Saturday and early Sunday in raids on two places in the negro section. Both negroes and Mexicans were arrested in the raids. Officers charged many of the dice game frequenters were allergic to work. Some obtained release on bond, but the less fortunate had to take their turn in police court and some still were wondering Monday who would pay their fines.

Two Officers Here Receive Promotions

Officers were lighting up cigars Monday at the Midland AAF Bombardier School. Two first lieutenants were receiving congratulations on their promotions to the rank of captain.
They are Capt. Jack E. Moore, commanding officer of the 487th Bombardier Training Squadron, and Capt. Jay E. Hall, flight commander of the 4th Bombardment Training Squadron.

Personals

Archie Estes, who is with the Air Forces at Blythe, Calif., is spending the holidays with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Estes.
Warrant Officer B. C. Girdley Jr., who is with the 3rd Communication Command of San Antonio, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Girdley.
Lt. Jay Miles of the Army Air Forces is visiting over the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Miles.
Pvt. Butler Hurley of Camp Barkley spent the weekend in Midland visiting his wife.

World's Largest Bombardier Training Area Is Operating At Full Capacity

The world's largest bombardier training area was operating at 100 percent capacity Monday as record-breaking new classes of cadets reported to schools in Midland, Big Spring and San Angelo, giving each point of the Air Forces Bombardier Triangle a full complement of student Asia-busters.
The class, officially designated as 43-4, was the fourth to report to the Big Spring Bombardier School and the San Angelo Army Air Field and the sixteenth to check in at Midland. Each school now has four classes of cadets in training, one class graduating every three weeks.
Class 43-4 will receive bombardier wings and commissions as either second lieutenants or flight officers March 11. They received pre-flight training at Ellington Field, Houston, and arrived by special trains Saturday.

Midland Production Credit Association Plans Annual Meeting

Farming and ranching in wartime to produce more and more, with less and less in labor, equipment and supplies, means saving all lost motion, declared directors of the Midland Production Credit Association in planning the 1943 annual stockholders meeting to be held at the Scharbauer Hotel at 10 a. m., January 18.
"We feel that a membership conference on plans for the coming year will be profitable to every operator and not an unnecessary frill or luxury," said C. C. Thomas, secretary-treasurer.
"Despite tire and gasoline rationing and other shortages, time spent at this meeting to go thoroughly into what the association can do to contribute to the individual members' war efforts will be time well spent, the board believes. Directors plan a discussion program to fill that need."
The Midland Production Credit Association serves Andrews, Martin, Howard, Loving, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Ward, Crane, Upton and Reagan Counties. Directors of the association are Leonard Proctor of Midland, president; Jim Thornton of Pyote, vice-president; M. F. King of Midland, T. R. Sowell of Big Lake, and Stanton Brunson of Lubbock.

Victory Sweethearts Will Entertain Men At Bombardier School

Fellows, it's a date!
"Victory Sweethearts," 18 lovely girls in a fast-stepping Broadway musical show, will bomb the Midland AAF Bombardier School Tuesday night with an all-out gala entertainment show.
The show features a fourteen piece band, two funny comedians and an amazing mimic. All of the girls are top-notch entertainers and recognized throughout the theatre and stage world for their talents. USO-Camp shows are bringing it to the bombardier college and it is free. It will be given at the new Service Club for enlisted men at the world's largest bombardier college.

Canadian Pacific Airliner Missing

VANCOUVER, B. C.—(Canadian Press)—An aerial search was begun Monday for a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane missing on a flight from Prince George, B. C., to Vancouver with ten passengers and three crewmen aboard.
The plane was due here at 6:30 o'clock Sunday night.
No passenger list was immediately available.

Nazis Retreat—

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said that Sunday alone its gains were between 16 and 19 miles.
The drive was in two parts, one force thrusting southward from the Voronezh area and the other smashing westward from the upper section of the Don bend.
Menace Nazi Position
The Nazi position at Millerovo, on the Rostov-Moscow railway, was menaced sharply. It is 130 miles north of Rostov and 180 miles west of Stalingrad.
The Russians said they already held Kantemirovka, on the rail line 54 miles north of Millerovo; Manukovo-Kalitsvenskaya, 30 miles north on Millerovo, and Degtveva, 25 miles northwest of Millerovo.
The Russians kept up their pressure against the Nazi toehold at Stalingrad and the Nazi lines near Rzhev and Velikie Luki.
The Allies gained on both flanks of the Axis stand in North Africa.
Battler Rommel's Troops
Reporting the Eighth Army's continuing drive across Libya, a Cairo communique said "the enemy continues his withdrawal. Our forward patrols Sunday were in touch with elements of his forces in the neighborhood of Sultan."
Allied planes battered at Marshal Rommel's retreating columns scattered along the coastal road between Sirte, 15 miles west of Sultan, and Beurat El Hsun, 60 miles farther to the northwest.
On the Tunisian front French fighter planes, supported by American lighter planes, were said to have scattered Pibnon, 60 miles west of the Port of Sousse, and 62 miles south of the Medjez-El-Bab battle-field.
The French said that in this weekend operation they inflicted considerable losses on the Germans and took a number of prisoners.
Indicating an increase in Allied pressure from the west, the Italian communique said advanced Axis forces were being kept "very active in Tunisia repulsing enemy units."

American Tanks—

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tant port of Akayab, 340 airline miles across the Bay of Bengal from Calcutta.
There was no word of Japanese resistance.
Informed quarters at New Delhi said the drive was not Wavell's awaited major attempt to win back Burma, but could be regarded as the start of a step-by-step strategy toward that goal.
Enemy's Casualties Heavy
On the Buna front in New Guinea, an Allied communique described the enemy's casualties as heavy, and said the Japanese commander, Lieut. Gen. Tomatore Horii, "is reported to have been killed in action."
Tanks and infantry were said to be closing in with a general assault on the invaders' weakened foothold at Buna Mission.
This was the first reference to tanks on the Buna front, and field dispatches identified them as light American-made General Stuarts manned by Australians.
The prison system of Texas consists of a central plant at Huntsville and ten farms.

Advertisement for Philip Morris cigarettes. Text: 'THIS CHRISTMAS CALL FOR PHILIP MORRIS America's FINEST Cigarette In Holiday Wrappings'. Includes an image of a cigarette pack.

Large advertisement for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Text: 'Please don't call war-busy cities this Christmas... unless it's vital'. Includes a 'FIRE ALARM' graphic and the company logo.

RAF Planes—

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communications and industrial center since the start of the war.
The weather over the target was described as good and preliminary reports were said to indicate the attack was entirely successful.
Lose Six Bombers
Six of the big American bombers were lost, but 40 German fighters were shot down in the sweep by U. S. forces deep into France Sunday, a raid that produced sharp battles.
Sunday night, taking another trick out of its bag, the RAF used new whirlwinds as intruders. One of the twin-engine, single-seater fighters, which also can be used as bombers, topped over a railway engine and freight car in a hedge-hopping attack over Belgium.
The German news agency DNB reported Sunday night's attack by RAF bombers was aimed at Western Germany, and acknowledged some damage and casualties. Eight British planes were downed, DNB said.
Americans Hit Airbases
The main objective of the American bombing foray Sunday was the Nazi airbase at Ronilly-Sur-Seine, 80 miles from Paris.
The raiders ran into swarms of the latest type German fighters—Focke-Wulf 190's and Messerschmitt 109's—and six of the American bombers failed to return. It was the biggest single day's loss suffered by the American bombing squadrons, but returning pilots said that more than 40 enemy fighters were shot down.

Advertisement for Sparks & Barron Insurance. Text: 'Sparks & Barron INSURANCE 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg. Phone 79'. Includes a 'FIRE ALARM' graphic.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority
Generally at Christmas time we are all excited over the presents we receive, but this year I think most of us are receiving our happiness from the things we are able to give. I know that the bridge players of the nation are enjoying their Vic-

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3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass

Opening lead—♠K. 21

tory Certificates, which allow the money formerly spent for trophies to be used in war relief work.

The first Victory Certificate was awarded to one of the most popular men in bridge, Waldemar von Zedtwitz of New York, and today's hand helped him to win that first certificate.

Von Zedtwitz (South) won the first trick in dummy and led the small diamond. East played the ace and led a club, won by West. A third club was ruffed by South.

This same situation was reached at several tables, and declarer now usually went wrong by ruffing a low diamond and then trying to break the trumps. But von Zedtwitz cashed the king and queen of diamonds, won the small heart with the ace, ruffed back a club and then played a small diamond, which he ruffed with the queen of spades. He won the next three tricks with the ace, king and jack of spades to make his contract.

Eight More Cargo Ships Are Lost

By The Associated Press
Eight more cargo ships last week were announced sunk in enemy attacks in the Western Atlantic—three off the United States and five off South America.

Seventy-four seamen were reported killed and 24 missing.

Three of the ships were American, three were British and the others were Belgian and Norwegian registry.

The sinkings brought to 564 the Associated Press tabulation of announced United and Neutral Nations cargo ship losses in enemy action in those waters since Pearl Harbor.

Maternity Jumper



Go right on wearing young, attractive fashions even though you are waiting for a blessed event. Here's your old favorite, the jumper, all set with extra fullness gathered into the front, waiting to be let out, via the drawstring belt, as you need it. Elouise has a drawstring control over its fullness, too. Pattern No. 8275 is in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 12 jumper, 3 1/4 yards 39-inch material, short sleeve blouse 2 1/8 yards.

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 St., 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.

INITIALS IN ARMY MAY INDICATE ASSIGNMENTS

SAN ANTONIO.—(AP)—A Brooks Field soldier was doing KP so often he decided to have it out with his First Sergeant, the Public Relations Officer advises.

"What's your name?" the sergeant asked.

"Patton," the private answered.

The sergeant checked his duty roster, and grinned.

"Okay, I'll fix it," he promised, "but get those initials of yours changed."

"What's wrong with 'em?" inquired the private indignantly. The sergeant pointed out his list where the name and initials read: "Patton, K. P."

HOWARD CADLE DIES

INDIANAPOLIS.—(AP)—E. Howard Cadle, 58, colorful farm-born even-

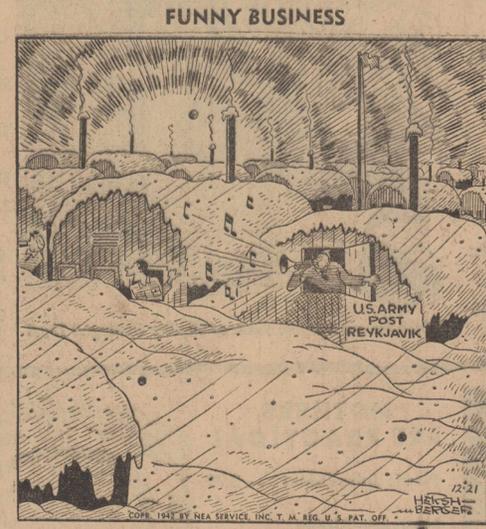
Victory Fund Drive Produces Ten Billions

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—More than \$10,000,000,000 in loans has been subscribed so far this month and the victory fund drive is expected to produce another \$1,000,000,000 by the end of December.

The campaign in December produced the greatest outpouring of money for loans of any comparable period in American history, the Treasury said.

Secretary Morgenthau fixed the December goal at \$9,000,000,000. This figure already has been exceeded by \$1,223,000,000 and Secretary Morgenthau now has raised the goal to \$11,000,000,000.

gelist and pastor of a Tabernacle here bearing his name, died Sunday after an illness of 10 weeks.



"The bugler was having a tough time of it till he hit on that cuckoo clock idea!"



"If you send that pretty girl plumber again, please understand I don't expect to pay for the time she spends talking to my soldier son and his father!"



THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THREE MILLION BATS LIVE IN THE CARLSBAD CAVERNS OF NEW MEXICO.

QUOTING ODD

SIGHT IS THE ONLY HUMAN SENSE WHICH CAN REACH OUT BEYOND THE EARTH TO BRING US KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER WORLDS OF THIS VAST UNIVERSE.

SANTA CLAUS IS CRAZY ABOUT CHILDREN, BUT HE IS NOT CRAZY SAYS MRS. HEIKO VISKER, Roseville, California.

T. M. REG. U. S. PAT. OFF. 12-21

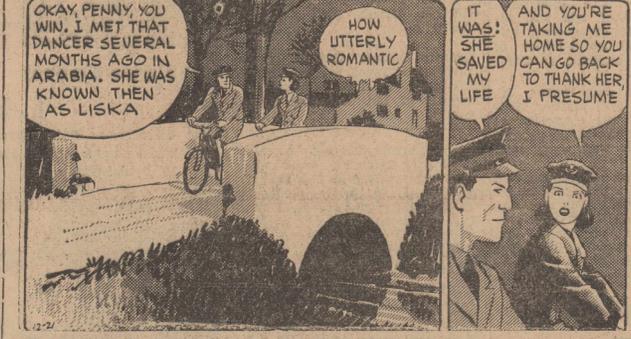
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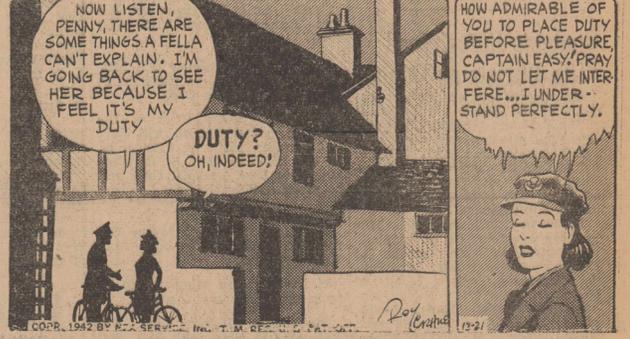
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WANT ride to Fort Worth December 24th; willing to pay all expenses. Phone 740-J. (245-3)

LEAVING for Fort Worth Wednesday night; take five passengers. Call Eckler, 9526. (245-3)

Lost and Found 7

LOST: Black Cocker Spaniel; tag No. 198, also rabies tag. Phone 1292. (244-3)

LOST: Boy's alligator purse containing money; reward; return to Reporter-Telegram Office. (245-3)

DOG LOST—red and white male Cocker spaniel. Reward. Phone 1334. (246-3)

LOST—2 keys in leather holder at Postoffice. Phone 1241. (246-1)

Help Wanted 9

HELP WANTED: Hand for general farm work; apply Pliska Shop, Ph. 524 or write Box 403. (243-0)

RENTALS

Room and Board 11

BEDROOMS with breakfast and night meal only; weekly rates; Taylor Lodge. Phone 276. (221-12)

Bedrooms 12

ROOM for three girls, with room-mates; private entrance, twin beds. Phone 1198-W. 506 N. Marlenfield. (245-6)

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)

FOUR-room (two bedrooms) unfurnished apt., modern and new, with garage; good neighborhood. \$45.00 mo. 1001 North D. Mims & Crane, 205 W. Wall. Phone 24. (236-1f)

Miscellaneous 23

FOR SALE: Fresh yard eggs. 707 S. Weatherford. (245-6)

FOR SALE: Large chicken battery. Call 1496-W-3. (245-3)

FOR SALE: Crude A dairy. See L. W. Hines or Call 1677. (245-3)

Wearing Apparel 32

FOR SALE: Ladies MAPS uniform, size 12; coat, 2 skirts, cap; bargain. Phone 227. (245-3)

Pets 35

PULL blooded Irish Setter pups for sale. 1910 W. College. Phone 1032-J. (245-3)

AUTOMOBILES

Used Cars 54

WE will pay cash for late model used cars.

ELDER CHEVROLET CO

1939 Plymouth two door for sale; tires perfect. Phone 895-J. (245-3)

Houses For Sale 61

1111 WEST INDAINA

Dandy 5 room home, garage and servants quarters. Corner lot. Servants quarters now renting \$25 monthly. \$850 cash, balance \$30.00 monthly.

906 NO. BIG SPRINGS

Just what you want in 5 room home. All large rooms. Nice enclosed yard. Walking distance to schools and town. Only \$750 cash, then \$32.50 monthly.

510 WEST LOUISIANA

Dandy 5 room brick, all large rooms, Venetian blinds. Real fire place. Paved street 2 sides. Double garage, servants quarters, 5 blocks north of High School.

804 WEST LOUISIANA

5 room brick, fireplace, enclosed yard. Barbecue pit, paved street. Price only \$4750 with \$950 cash then \$32.50 mo.

All of the above are well located and worth your consideration.

Exclusively With **BARNEY GRAFA**

203 Thomas Bldg. Ph. 106

Acres For Sale 66

SMALL TRACTS

I have only a few 5 to 10 acre tracts left in City View Acres—paved highway, edge of city limits. Buy now and build later. Small down payment, balance \$10 monthly.

BARNEY GRAFA

203 Thomas Bldg. Ph. 106 245-3

Barkley Pleads For Harmony

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senate Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky called on the New Congress Monday to bury factional differences in a harmonious support of the war effort which would leave the country united when the times comes to write the peace.

Republican minorities will climb to the highest point in years with the convening of the new session on Jan. 6, but Barkley expressed confidence that would make no difference toward prosecuting the war.

While he conceded it was difficult to say that any political organization or group would not be politically minded or have its eye on the Presidential year of 1944, he hoped and believed that it would be possible for the Democrats, Republicans and others to work more closely than ever in these critical times.

No one could forecast when peace would come, he added, but none could escape projecting his mind into the future in contemplation of that event.

Burns Prove Fatal To Jackie Bishop

Jackie Wayne Bishop, 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bishop, who was severely burned in a grass fire Thursday, died at 5:58 p. m. Sunday at his home 301 East Dakota.

He is survived by his parents and three brothers, Fred Bishop of the U. S. Army, Coy. and Dennis, Midland; four sisters, Mrs. Rudolph McQuatters, Jean, Jane and Rebecca, all of Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Monday at the Ellis Funeral Home with the Rev. A. W. Smith, assisted by the Rev. R. M. Hoeker, officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 5 1/2 years old, and have been good lately. I wish you would bring me a doctor's set, a doll and bottle set, a bunk bed for my dolls, and a train.

Please do not forget my little sister, Julia Ann. Bring her a class ball with gold fish and water in it. Mama wants a red dress and papa wants you to bring him one of those plans on how to pay his income tax next year.

Sheran Lee Herrell.

The cost is small... the results are usually immediate.

GOOD HOT BAR-B-Q COOKED DAILY

SOUTHSIDE GROCERY AND MARKET

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Genuine engraved cards on plain or paneled vellum. Choice of 67 styles of engraving.

\$1.95 PLATE INCLUDED!

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YOUR CHOICE SOONER or LATER

19 Brother (abbr.).

21 Swift rodent.

23 Lair.

27 Spread for drying.

29 Conflict.

30 Exist.

31 Male offspring.

32 Removed.

34 Egyptian goddess.

35 Arid.

38 Slight bow.

40 Eternity.

43 Weaving device.

46 Narrow inlet.

48 Amusement.

50 Group of three.

51 Lease.

52 Always.

54 Touch.

55 Interpret.

56 Symbol for iridium.

57 Parasitic insect.

59 Nuisance.

60 Throw.

62 Biblical high priest.

64 Before.

68 Whether.

70 On account (abbr.).

Hold Everything



"I'll be glad when Christmas comes so I can take care of that brat!"

Penny-A-Plane Starts New Year

FORT ATKINSON, WIS.—(AP)—For every stream of steel that pours into the vital of an Axis aircraft, a corresponding stream of copper pours into Uncle Sam's jackpot from the pocket books of this community.

A penny for each enemy plane destroyed is the idea. "It's a good one, too," J. E. (Pasquale) Jackowitz, founder of the original penny-a-plane club, said Monday. "It's going to take good cents to win this war."

The club was organized a year ago. Now, nearly 2,000 pennies later, Jackowitz asserted that he has seen Abraham Lincoln's face often more than he has seen his own, but he still is game.

First organization of its kind in the United States, the club—incorporated—was modeled after one formed by British subjects in Buenos Aires, with one difference: The pennies here go for the purchase of War Bonds.

Richard Giles' Entertain Friends With Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Giles entertained with an open house Sunday afternoon at their home 502 Holmesley. About 100 couples called.

Miss Mary Frances Carter presided at the guest book. Other members of the houseparty included Mrs. Hal Peck, Mrs. Charles Klapproth, Mrs. Robert Turpin, T. R. Parker, Mrs. John Butler, Mrs. James Chapple, Mrs. J. E. Warren, and Mrs. D. R. Carter.

Soldiers Service Club

WEDNESDAY Leathercraft Class meets at the club at 7:30 p. m.

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.

Pvt. Robert W. Hines of Washington, D. C. is visiting his parents and friends here.

Santa's Victory Christmas



OH, SANTA, WE MET JACK FROST AND THE SNOW QUEEN AND THEY WERE WONDERFUL!

AND WE GOT THE PLASTIC FORMULA!

THAT'S FINE!

HERE'S WHERE WE'LL MAKE TOYS OF PLASTIC... AND HERE ARE MY LITTLE HELPERS, THE PLASTIC PIXIES!

MY, BUT THEY'RE CUTE!

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Hundreds Of Soldiers Entertained Sunday In Midland Homes

ALTHOUGH adverse weather reduced soldier attendance at churches Sunday, several hundred soldiers from the Midland AAF Bombardier School were dinner guests in Midland homes, sponsors of the hospitality program said Monday.

They estimated between 400 and 500 soldiers accepted dinner invitations extended by members of Midland churches. The soldiers accompanied their hosts home for dinner. Many returned to churches for evening services.

Practically all churches had more invitations than soldiers and many citizens unable to get soldiers at the churches picked them up in the hotel lobbies, on the streets and at the Soldier Center. Transportation facilities were overcrowded Sunday morning and many boys were unable to get to town in time for church services.

Captain R. B. Brown, special service officer at the Bombardier College, joined with sponsors of the program in expressing appreciation to all citizens who participated in the hospitality campaign. Soldiers were appreciative and all enjoyed the hospitality.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(AP)—The livestock market was active and strong on all classes of cattle and calves except medium and low grade stockers were drabby.

Most butcher hogs sold 15-25c above last Friday's average levels with packing sows and pigs steady. The top was 14.60 with packers paying up to 14.50.

Sheep and lambs were slow with a few sales of killing classes steady.

Medium to good steers and yearlings 10.40-12.50 with a few higher. Common and medium steers and yearlings sold downward to 9.00.

Good beef cows 9.50-10.25; Butcher cows at 7.85-9.25; and canners and cutters 5.00-7.65.

Good heavy bulls 9.75-10.50 with common to medium kinds at 7.50-9.50.

Good to choice fat calves 11.25-12.50 with a few higher.

Common to medium calves 8.50-11.00. Cull calves mostly 7.00-8.00. Stocker steer calves sold up to 13.00 with stocker heifer calves up to 12.00. Common to medium stocker calves 8.00-10.50. Stocker and feed steers and yearlings sold at 8.00-11.50.

Most good and choice 190-300 lb. butcher hogs 14.50-60; good and choice 150-300 lb. averages 13.40-14.50. Packing sows 13.55-13.50 and stocker pigs 13.00 down.

Sales in the sheep yards included good and choice tall shorn lambs at 14.00; good yearlings at 13.00; slaughter ewes at 5.50-7.10. Good feeder lambs were scarce.

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Chapter 25—Meet the Plastic Pixies!



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STUDIO MEETING

CHAPTER IV

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He was also expecting Benny Brien, who had telephoned that he would be around some time to take him to meet Beano McCluskey who, he said, had been booked for a very important act in one of the most important stores in town. Beano, he added, was one of the bigtime child entertainers in the States. He little knew when he telephoned how sensational Beano's act had become or how at that very moment police squad cars were scouring the byways of the city looking for a large man in a demented state dressed as Santa Claus.

The said Santa Claus, huddled in the seat of Ross Benson's car, was nearing sanctuary. The car drew up opposite the studio.

Ferdy was wiping his brushes as they entered the studio. He was seldom put out by anything, but even he hesitated when he saw the massive Santa Claus behind him.

"Beano McCluskey," introduced Ross. "One of your guests, I believe. Beano, this is your host."

"Vurry glad to meet you," replied Beano, peeling off his red robe. He had found the store much too hot for comfort and had found that he could withstand the

strain much better if he wore the red robe over his long underwear. Ferdy and Ross stared as they saw him, revealed in skintight long woollens, a magnificent figure of a man stretching and flexing his muscles in relief.

Ross crossed to the picture on the easel. "Hallo, Ferdy, is this the masterpiece for the old man?"

"It is, completed and finished," Beano was suddenly distracted from his exercises by the work of art. "Say, did you do that?" There was awe and respect in his voice.

Ferdy acknowledged the admiration with a nod. "Gee," exclaimed Beano. "Ain't that the sweetest piece you ever saw. Look at that latissimus dorsi!"

"That what," asked Ross in surprise. "Beano was at the picture stroking the ripple of soft muscle below the shoulder blades of Leona's likeness. 'Boy is dat good. Dat's beautiful, dat is. And look at her fascia infraspinata. If that ain't somethin'."

"Excuse me for interrupting," said Ferdy regarding Beano's partially clad limbs. "The lady herself is in the studio."

With one leap Beano grabbed his red robe and draped it about him again. "Excuse me, I left me suit in the store."

"You left your suit in the store," said Ross gently. He felt an affection for his odd acquaintance who had added the right touch of fantasy to his Christmas shopping.

"To be sponged and pressed?" asked Ferdy kindly. He too liked his people odd.

"No," Beano wiped the grease paint from his face with the hem of his robe. "I was in the store and it came over me all of a sudden that what I wanted was fresh air. So I just came out."

"And asked me to take him to the hospital," said Ross grinning. "I hope you realize how lucky you are. I am not in Montreal every day."

"Boy was I lucky. You don't know the half," Beano felt in the pocket of the red robe for the little leather bag.

At that moment Leona emerged from behind the screen, fully clad but her glory not hidden. She was smitten with curiosity both to see the particular male who had admired her fascia infraspinata so much and also to see where her latissimus dorsi actually was.

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By Hal Cochran



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Ted Williams Is Batting Champ Of American League

CHICAGO—(AP)—Cornering most of the American League 1942 hitting honors, Ted Williams, the 24-year-old Boston Red Sox outfielder who now is taking a course in naval aviation and is considered out of baseball for the duration of the war, became the eighth player in the league's history to win the batting championship more than once.

Williams officially was tabbed Monday as champion with a .356—a 50 point drop from his winning 40 in 1941. His mark topped the 330 Ernie Lombard of the Boston Braves posted to win the 1942 National League batting title.

Williams also led in these departments: 36 home runs, 137 runs batted in, 338 total bases and 141 runs. Chet Laabs of the St. Louis Browns was second best in homers with 27.

Official figures showed a considerable let-down in batting this year. In 1942 three men exceeded Williams' new .356 mark, and 16 finished with .300 or better, whereas only seven regulars made this group in 1942.

Cardinals Victory Was No. 1 Surprise

NEW YORK—(AP)—The sports world furnished its share of surprises this year, but the biggest one of all came in the World Series, when the St. Louis Cardinals bounced back from defeat in the opener and whipped the highly favored New York Yankees in four straight games.

That achievement, coming after the Cardinals had nosed out the Brooklyn Dodgers for the National League pennant, was listed as the year's No. 1 surprise Monday by 39 of the 87 sports editors who voted in the annual poll of The Associated Press.

Closely behind the Cardinals in the voting came the Holy Cross football team's 55-12 upset over a Boston College team that had romped through the rest of its schedule with a perfect record.

Houston Raises

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gested to newsmen that along with the cruiser several destroyers could be built with the money.

The day's program: Launching of the SS James Madison, Liberty ship, at the Houston shipyards being down; inspection of the Brown Shipbuilding Corp. yards by Secretaries Knox and Jones, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and Gov. Stevenson; award of the Army-Navy "E" to the Brown shipbuilding workers, and launching of seven naval vessels they have built; and Monday night presentation of the big check.

Secretary Knox came in by Navy plane Sunday evening, a few hours after Secretary Jones arrived in his home city.

Two of the Navy ships to go down the ways are small destroyers or, technically, destroyer escorts, and they will be named in honor of two Texas boys who died for their country, Ellis Judson Keith and Fred K. Moore. The sponsors of these ships will be Mrs. E. J. Keith and Mrs. F. K. Moore, their mothers.

A private herb garden is maintained at the University of Texas, so that pharmacy students and professors may grow plants for experimental use.

YUCCA TODAY-TUES.

The big stage hit now a gay picture!

ROSALIND RUSSELL
BRIAN AHERNE
JANET BLAIR

MY SISTER EILEEN
with GEORGE TOBIAS
ALLYN JOSLYN

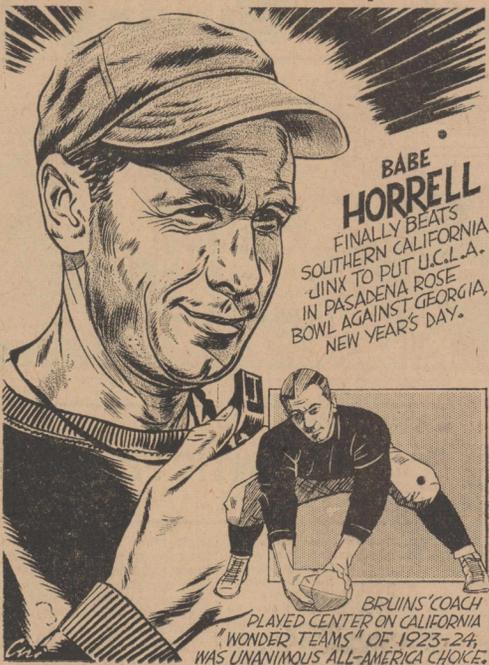
Also Latest News
U. S. Invades N. Africa
Merrie Melody Cartoon

RITZ TODAY TUES.

Lulu Beale and Scotty in 'HI NEIGHBOR' with JEAN PARKER DON WILSON MARILYN HARE

REX LAST DAY
WALLACE BERRY
MARJORIE MAIN
in "Jackass Mail"

U.C.L.A. New Years Day



Schoolboy Champ To Be Decided In Austin Saturday

By Harold V. Ratliff
Associated Press Sports Editor

Schoolboy football's glory road leads to Memorial Stadium in Austin Saturday where two great stretch-runners battle for the twenty-third annual state championship.

They've never been in the finals before but you can rest assured there'll be no stage fright when Sunset's Bisons of Dallas meet Austin's Maroons.

You didn't expect either to be around for the finish. Neither did Amarillo nor Breckenridge.

But they're there and there's no one to dispute that they're the best teams in Texas.

Informal Program To Highlight Jaycee Victory Party Here

An informal program of song, dance and novelty numbers will feature the Victory Christmas Party for wives and parents of men in the Armed Forces at the new Municipal Auditorium at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

Wives and parents of all men serving in any branch of the service are urged to attend the affair which is sponsored by the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Those needing transportation to and from the party should call the Chamber of Commerce before noon Tuesday.

Delbert Downing, general chairman, said talent from the Midland A.A.P. Bombardier School has been asked to appear on the program. Downing said it will be strictly a program of entertainment.

Guests will be welcomed by Jaycee members and their wives.

Hardin-Simmons Faces Hard Battle

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Folks in E. Paso are going to see one of the best teams in the entire West New Year's Day.

They'll be watching the Second Air Force Bombers of Spokane, Wash., against Hardin-Simmons' Cowboys. The Bombers Sunday won the West Coast Army grid title by trouncing Capt. Paul Schissler's March Field Fliers, 26 to 13. They won 10 games this season and are unbeaten.

March Field had lost only one game and had won seven straight. Among its victims were two professional teams.

Against the Northwest Bombers March Field was outclassed. There were too many good backs and ends pouring in and out of the Bomber lineup—Hal Van Evey and Vic Spadaolini of Minnesota; Johnny Holmes and Billy Sewell of Washington State, for instance.

It doesn't look like a very happy day for Hardin-Simmons. The Bombers are one of the best teams to play here all season. They have a stout line and their end play, with Bill Hornick and Al Bodney of Tulane, is a revelation.

Ninety-eight engineering, science, and management war training courses are now in progress or in process of organization in 17 Texas cities under sponsorship of the University of Texas.

Sports Roundup

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.
NEW YORK—(AP)—It might be a humorous (in some quarters) development if some of the baseball club owners who are busy finding new training quarters because of transportation difficulties, etc., should find that those long, expensive jaunts weren't necessary at all.

There have been complaints at times that training under a hot Florida or California sun and then coming back to major league territory in mid-April didn't always produce the best results. . . . And it isn't violating the censorship to point out that Northern April weather often is unfit for man or beast, must less baseball. . . . So it might be that the players would have fewer sore muscles if they didn't have to undergo such a complete change. . . . Before we hear a rebuttal from the warm spots, however, we'll admit that we don't expect any permanent changes, as long as spring training retains its publicity value.

Time To Duck
Ray (World Telly) Trullinger tells this one about a Connecticut duck hunter who invited three friends to spend a day on Long Island Sound. They hardly had set out their decoys when a patrol boat approached. "Better get out your coast guard identification cards," suggested the host. "Never heard of 'em," chorused the guests, one of whom added he didn't even have a hunting license. . . . Just then a coast guardman let go a pistol shot—not at the hunters but at the decoys. . . . It was his turn to apologize when the hunters suddenly appeared. "Thought they were the real thing," he admitted. "Lucky he didn't have a machine gun," the host suggested as the patrol boat turned away without checking identifications.

Monday Matinee
Tulsa U. officials may ask to have their early Missouri Valley basketball games re-scheduled because most of their cagers will be playing football in the Sugar Bowl. . . . Jack Meagher, the Auburn coach who soon will be a major in the Marines, picks Alabama to beat Boston College in the Orange Bowl. . . . Lee (Deep) Hancley, former Pirates infielder, is toying with the idea of leaving his job with a tractor company to return to baseball next season. He has had offers from the Giants, Athletics and Toronto.

Cotton Ginnings Show Big Increase
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported Monday that cotton of this year's growth ginned to Dec. 13 totaled 11,742,798 running bales, counting round as half bales and excluding bakers, compared with 9,014,541 bales a year ago, and 11,430,454 bales two years ago.

Ginnings to Dec. 13 by states, with comparative figures for a year ago, include:
Oklahoma 635,481 and 615,644.
Texas 2,738,528 and 2,316,504.

Freight Delirium Delays T.&P. Trains
Derailment of a freight train Sunday west of Sierra Blanca delayed traffic on the T. & P. Railway and eastbound trains were more than 12 hours late.

No one was injured in the wreck, railroadmen said.

Congratulations to:
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin English on the birth of a daughter in a hospital here Sunday.

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

May Be Sweet Sorrow, But Heartbreaking



THE WAY OF A GOB AND A GIRL. Parting may be sweet sorrow, but your sailor today wants no girl in every port and there is real heartbreak in his farewell to his sweetheart.

Barney Ross Wins Eddie Neil Trophy

NEW YORK—(AP)—Barney Ross, who won three world championships in the ring but now does his fighting in far-off Guadalcanal as a corporal in the United States Marines, is the winner of the Edward J. Neil memorial trophy as boxing's "man of the year."

Although he hasn't pulled on the padded gloves in many months, the little Chicagoan was the unanimous choice of members of the New York Boxing Writers Association to receive the award given each year in memory of the former Associated Press sports writer who was killed in 1938 while serving as a war correspondent in Spain.

The writers considered no other candidate than Corporal Barney who only last month stood off a detachment of Japs and protected three wounded comrades all night until help arrived the next day.

The Neil plaque, awarded to the man who did the most for boxing during the year, will be presented at the associations' annual dinner early in 1943.

Survey Shows 9 1/2% Decline In Students
CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(AP)—A survey of the nation's universities and colleges Monday showed a 9 1-2 per cent decline from a year ago in the number of full-time students.

A report, covering 867 approved institutions having 746,522 full-time students, was made by President Raymond Walters of the University of Cincinnati and was published in "School and Society," a national educational journal.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kelly, Jr., of A. & M. College are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kelly at 1001 W. Kansas.

Razorbacks Set Basketball Pace

By The Associated Press

Arkansas' tall Razorbacks are setting a merry pace along the Southwest Conference basketball trail as the practice schedule nears its close.

The Porkers are undefeated in seven games and are averaging 46 points per game.

The Razorbacks wound up play before the Christmas holidays by beating Ouchita 44-29 Saturday night.

The big news along the basketball front is not confined to Arkansas, however. The Texas Longhorns, who had been moving in perfect rhythm, ran into a tartar Saturday night in losing to Corpus Christi Naval Air Station 55-50. But that defeat doesn't reflect much on Texas' chances in the conference race which starts in January.

Flops In 31 Points

The Corpus Christi Naval Air Station numbers among its galaxy of stars one Bat 'em Bob Kinney, who was an all-America at Rice, Kinney flipped in 31 points in the win over Texas.

Texas Christian has been doing well also. The Horned Frogs lost their opener to North Texas State but came back to beat North Texas three times and to add four more victories along the way.

Rice showed it was a top contender for the conference title by beating Louisiana State by 39 points last week although LSU ev-

Adolf Hitler—

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benetrop and other military and political leaders, Premier Benito Mussolini did not attend.

Laval's participation in the conference received only one sentence in the communiqué.

It was believed here, however, that Laval might have been asked quite pointedly what role France would play in the coming defense of German-held Europe.

In addition to the threat to Europe posed by Allied successes in North Africa, observers here noted that the Axis military leaders also were faced with these pressing problems: the triple Russian offensive in the East, the rising flow of Allied war materials and manpower needs of Germany.

ened things up the next night by nosing the Cwls out 62-60.

Southern Methodist has played only two games but won them both while Texas A&M has been victorious in three out of four. Baylor hasn't played any games as yet.

There are no tills scheduled this week at any of the schools because of the Christmas vacation period.

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Home-Made Pies
Home-Made Chili
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114 So. Main
Closed Sunday

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With 'NO-FREEZE'
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Complete Cold Weather Protection
SEWELL'S Super Service
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