

Blast Kills Oil Worker

Three Others Burned, Two Seriously, When Sparks Ignite Fumes

One oil field worker was injured fatally, and three others were burned, two critically, in an explosion on a Stanolind Oil & Gas Company lease in the Abell field of Pecos County Monday evening.

The men were cleaning an oil storage tank when sparks from a motor apparently ignited gas which had accumulated around the tank battery.

Robert McCasland, an employe of Gibbins & Heasley, Inc. of Midland, was burned fatally. He died in a Monahan hospital about 3:30 a. m. Tuesday. McCasland resided in the Abell field area. He was an extra employe of the company. His widow survives.

Robert Jackson of Imperial, employe of the Midland well servicing firm; and J. B. Rowen, slanting employe, were burned critically. They also were taken to the Monahan hospital.

L. F. Freeman of Abell City, "pusher" for Gibbins & Heasley, also was burned in the blast. Freeman was blown over the fire wall. He quickly extinguished the flames on his clothing and went to the aid of his associates.

Funeral services for McCasland will be held in Bradshaw, Texas, officials of the company were informed.

Persons interested in the course should telephone the high school. If enough want to the training, the course can be started in three months.

Heavy frost in low places about Austin produced possible damage to winter gardens as the state capital experienced a minimum temperature of 30, coldest of the year.

West Texas, still snow encrusted in many areas, was promised cold weather again Tuesday night after slightly warmer temperatures Tuesday afternoon.

East Texas drew warmer weather from second to first lieutenants. The extreme east portion Tuesday night.

Officers at the Bombardier College aren't buying many smokes these days. Even if the supply which Santa Claus left at the Midland AAF Bombardier School is getting low, announcement of new promotions of officers keeps the air "blue" around the post.

Three officers were passing out cigars Tuesday and receiving congratulations on their promotion from second to first lieutenants.

They are R. H. Elsworth, assistant personnel officer; Allen E. Poole, tactical and supply officer of the cadet detachment; and Joseph M. Beseda, senior instructor of the Third Training Squadron.

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Russians Tightly Hem Main Base For German Armies At Stalingrad

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor
Adolf Hitler's cry for "living space" echoed with terrible urgency for 22 German Divisions on the Soviet front Tuesday as the Russians stormed within three miles of Kotelnikovski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, and thrust within 45 miles of a junction with Red Army troops driving across the Middle Don Steppes toward Rostov.

Dispatches said Kotelnikovski, which served as a main base for the Nazi siege armies before Stalingrad, was now hemmed tightly on three sides, and the Soviet command announced:

"The enemy is sending special detachments to cover up the retreat of his troops."

By closing the 45-mile gap between Kotelnikovski and the Middle Don, Col. Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's legions would force a second ring of steel around the beleaguered Nazis.

Front-line reports said the Germans had already lost more than 120,000 killed or captured in the flaming Middle Don battle cauldron alone, and more than 21,000 others were listed as slain since Dec. 12 in the drive toward Kotelnikovski.

In the last four days, the Russians said, Soviet columns approaching Kotelnikovski from three directions advanced from 37 to 53 miles, including gains of 13 to 15 miles in the climatic surge Monday against the city's immediate defenses.

Nazi Fight For Lives
While upwards of 300,000 Germans fought for their lives in the Soviet trap, United Nations Headquarters in North Africa reported "vigorous" patrol action on the Tunisian front, accompanied by intensified bombing of Axis bases, as torrential rains eased.

London quarters indicated that the hour for a renewal of the Allied offensive against the Bizerte-Tunis zone was approaching after weeks of comparatively minor clashes in the muddy hills.

French Advance
Allied patrols were credited officially with inflicting casualties and taking prisoners in attacking an Axis force on the Medjez-El-Bab-Tebourba road, while French troops continued their advance before.

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Allies Abandon Hill Position
WASHINGTON (AP)—The War Department reported Tuesday that Allied troops had withdrawn from a hill position six miles northeast of Medjez-El Bab in Tunisia after inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

RAF Warplanes Again Attack
SOLSKSTONE, ENG.—(AP)—RAF fighter squadrons swept across the channel for operations over the continent Tuesday despite snow and a biting cold northwest wind.

Austin Tribune To Cease Publication
AUSTIN (AP)—The Austin Tribune announced Tuesday that "this is the last publication of the Austin Daily Tribune. Conservation is over in the public interest."

The Tribune as such was founded here more than two years ago by the late J. M. West, Sr., who also entered the daily newspaper field in Dallas.

WEATHER
WEST TEXAS: Slightly higher temperatures.

War Bulletins

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS)
—(AP)—The Berlin radio said Tuesday that United States troops have entered Gafsa, in Central Tunisia, some 200 miles southeast of Tunis.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA
—(AP)—Twin-engined P-38 lightning fighters, driving a record distance into enemy territory, were disclosed Tuesday to have destroyed 21 German trucks in a motor convoy between Ez Zauia, 30 miles west of Tripoli, and Medenine.

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's Russian armies of the south thrust forward Tuesday along a 300-mile front spread fanwise from Novaya Kalitva, just south of Rossosh, at the edge of the Ukraine, to Kichkino, deep in the windswept Kalmuck steppes.

LONDON.—(AP)—Sharp clashes by Allied patrols probing Axis positions and continued air assaults on enemy bases indicated Tuesday the hour might be approaching for a military showdown in Tunisia.



TEN ACRES OF MEN TO FIGHT FOR VICTORY IN '43
Unhappy New Year, Mr. Hitler. Here on some 10 acres of Texas soil are assembled the greatest aggregation of aviation cadets in U. S. history. As pilots, navigators and bombardiers these tens of thousands of airmen from San Antonio school will go into action over enemy-held areas in 1943 to speed the defeat of the axis.

Terrible Touhy And Lieutenants Surrender To FBI Agents After Two Associates Killed

CHICAGO.—(AP)—All seven of the "terrible" Touhy long term gangsters who shot their way to freedom from Stateville Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., Oct. 9 have been accounted for with the slaying of two of them and the capture of the other five, FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover announced Tuesday.

Roger Touhy, the gang chief, and Basil (the Owl) Banghart, his lieutenant—who had been described as savagely desperate men—were captured Tuesday morning in an apartment at 5116 Kenmore Avenue, on the North Side. With them was Edward Darlak, 32, serving 190 years imprisonment for the murder of a policeman.

Hoover Led Raid
Shortly before this raid—which was led personally by Hoover—the agents fatally shot James O'Connor, 35, and St. Clair McInerney, 31, as they tried to resist arrest in an apartment at 1256 Leland Avenue.

Hoover announced that their companions in the Stateville break had been seized earlier. Mathew Nelson, 40, was picked up Dec. 16 in Minneapolis and William Stewart, 43, was seized Dec. 19 in Chicago.

Find \$13,533
In the apartment where Touhy, Banghart and Darlak were nabbed, agents found \$13,533.27 in cash, but Hoover said it had not been determined immediately whence this money came. Five revolvers, five sawed off shotguns and a 30-30 rifle, all loaded and plentifully supplied with ammunition, were confiscated.

Detailing the criminal records of the gang at a press conference, Hoover said that all the fugitives except Nelson had remained in Chicago since they fled from prison.

Three Surrender
Touhy and Banghart, serving 99 year prison terms each for the kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, surrendered without a shot being fired. They came out of the apartment, with hands up and (Continued on Page 2)

The War Today

NEW DELHI—When you catch a famous commander at work among his war maps at headquarters on a Sunday morning while military operations in his theatre are virtually at a standstill and most army men are glad to have a little well-earned rest, your natural impression is that you have encountered an energetic individual.

Well, that's the way I caught Britain's Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell.

I had dropped in at his headquarters on another errand and took the opportunity to suggest that an interview with India's commander in chief at some future date would be appreciated.

I was surprised when my suggestion was placed before him forthwith and was astonished when he replied: "Bring his right in."

Now that represents action. It possibly was one of the characteristics which Field Marshal Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command, had in mind when he wrote in a magazine just before Hitler precipitated the world conflict.

"English generals are all conservative in thought except one—Wavell—but he is so clever that he may make up for all the rest in any great war in which England may be engaged."

There's nothing "chesty" about General Wavell, though his own distinctions, plus the fact that his father and grandfather were generals, might excuse him if he did throw his weight about a bit. Wavell is optimistic.

It is not the purpose of this article to record an interview, but I can say that the general was optimistic. (Continued on Page 6)

Chief Wants Ration Board's Office Moved
SALT LAKE CITY.—(AP)—Fire Chief Jack Clay wants the rationing board office evicted from the fire station.

He has no personal ill will toward the board, the chief explained.

"The public seems to think the fire department is running the ration board and is responsible for their not getting gas and sugar."

Southwest Abell Pool Well Flows 150 Barrels Daily

By Frank Gardner
Oil Editor
Tal-Vez Oil Company No. 2 State-Silverman, section 10, block 3, E. & T. C. survey, in the southwestern sector of the Abell field in Northern Pecos County, has been completed for natural daily potential flow of 149.94 barrels of 43-gravity oil, plus one-half of one per cent water, through perforations in 7-inch casing. The well has a gas-oil ratio of 653-1. It topped pay in the McKee sand member of the Simpson, middle Ordovician, at 5,470 feet and is bottomed at 5,594 feet, plugged back from total depth of 5,963. The well topped the Tulip Creek horizon in the Simpson at 5,120 feet.

Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation No. 1-A M. I. Masterson, Ordovician wildcat three miles south of the Apo-Warner deep field in Northern Pecos, is drilling below 2,125 feet in lime.

Six miles southwest of Imperial in Northern Pecos, Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-29 H. J. Eaton, also an Ordovician test, is drilling at 3,735 feet in lime.

Magnolia No. 1 Alan Robertson, deep wildcat 13 miles north by northeast of Fort Stockton in Pecos, is drilling at 7,475 feet in black shale and lime.

In Southeastern Crane County, Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-A M. Dawson reran tubing following recovery of lost swab and on 12-hour test swabbed 139 barrels of sediment and 107.03 barrels of water. (Continued on page two)

Dr. J. B. Cranfill Dies In Dallas

DALLAS.—(AP)—Funeral services were to be held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Dr. James Eriton Cranfill, 84, founder of the Baptist Standard, physician and minister, who died here Monday afternoon.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church with Dr. George W. Truett officiating. Burial will be at Grove Hill Cemetery.

Death Followed Stroke
Militant prohibitionist, education worker, a foremost Sunday school teacher, Dr. Cranfill was a power in state Baptist circles for more than 50 years. His death followed a stroke last Thursday.

He served as assistant financial secretary of Baylor University and for more than half a century he conducted Sunday School classes at Waco and Dallas.

In 1892 he was nominated for Vice President of the United States by the prohibition national convention. For many years he was superintendent of the Texas Baptist mission work, trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and first vice-president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Nazis Claim Subs Sank Cargo Ships

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS)—(AP)—The German high command declared in a special communique Tuesday that in a two-day running attack Axis submarines had smashed a convoy bound south from Britain and sunk 15 cargo ships totaling 85,000 tons as well as a destroyer and a corvette among the escorting vessels.

(A German report recorded in London said the convoy was American and that it had been followed until it was near the French coast, perhaps French North African coast.)

(The high command communique, as recorded in New York, said simply that it was a convoy sailing south from England.)

Minimum Temperature Here Is 34 Degrees
Midland's temperature dipped to a low of 22 degrees Monday. A bright sun indicated the cold front soon would break up.

Phillips Company Settles Tax Suit
AUSTIN.—(AP)—The Attorney General's Department announced Tuesday settlement of a suit with the Phillips Petroleum Company, under which the Oklahoma concern has paid in \$182,291.50 in chain store taxes allegedly due from 1935-41.

The judgment was entered in 126th District Court Dec. 23. The settlement was based on a court finding that filling stations in question were subject to the tax.

French Somaliland Aligns With Allies
LONDON.—(AP)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle's headquarters announced Tuesday that French Somaliland in East Africa had aligned itself officially with the Fighting French.

The Croix De Lorraine flag of the Fighting French has been flying at Djibouti since Tuesday night, headquarters said.

The number of French troops there was not disclosed, but a spokesman said the majority previously had gone across the border to join the Allies.

Eighteen Texas Law Makers With Army
AUSTIN.—(AP)—Acceptance of a commission by another State Senator Tuesday accentuated the wartime drain on senators and representatives for the 48th Legislature convening Jan. 12.

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Texas' Admission To Union Is Celebrated
AUSTIN.—(AP)—Gov. Coke R. Stevenson and members of several patriotic societies Tuesday commemorated the 97th Anniversary of Texas' admission to the United States at a ceremony highlighted by the sewing of the 28th star representing the state into the constellation of Old Glory, a flag visiting the states in the order of their admission to the union.

Mrs. Ernest D. Harris of Austin, regent of the Andrew Caruthers Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, sewed on the star for Texas.

WAR AT A GLANCE
By The Associated Press
RUSSIA—Reds closing noose around Nazis trapped before Stalingrad as other Soviet forces prepare for assault on Kotelnikovski.

LONDON—General De Gaulle's headquarters announce French Somaliland joins with Fighting French.

TUNISIA—Patrol and air activities suggest hour near for resuming Allied thrust at Nazis.

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For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.—Peter 3:12.

Too Late—And Too Slow

Insiders concede that legislation is desirable if war industry's manpower problems are to be solved effectively. But they would rather not talk about that now. Their argument is that so long as there is a probability of legislation which would ration the sacrifices made necessary by war—which would force each person to assume his share of the burden rather than load it all on those patriotic enough to volunteer—that most persons will stand by and say, in effect: 'I'll do it when the government makes everybody do it, but I'm not going to stick my neck out until the sacrifice is made universal.'

It would seem as though, in two and a half years since the United States learned that we would have to fight—and particularly in the year since Pearl Harbor—there had been ample proof that the tomorrow complex leads usually to disaster. One thing out of this nation's entire war program was done promptly and thoroughly. President Roosevelt set a high production goal, raised it frequently and promptly as the trend of the war dictated, and gave orders for production of the essentials of total war. But for one reason and another, virtually every step toward effectuating the mammoth program, by conserving materials and converting plant and utilizing manpower, has been delayed.

Six million workers must be added to the national laboring force during 1943. About one million can be obtained from normal sources. The rest have to be recruited. This need not mean 6,000,000 new faces in factories. It could mean 6,000,000 men and women put at essential tasks, of whom perhaps half would have been freed from non-essential work, pried out of hoarded reserves, or made available by strict control over job-shifts, idleness caused by labor disputes, failures to report for work, etc. Such control probably cannot be made effective without legislation. So why put it off? Why is tomorrow, or next week, or six months hence better than today?

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Savings By Renegotiation

Savings aggregating \$829,000,000 have been made in seven months through renegotiation of War Department contracts. The total by year-end is expected to reach a billion dollars. A small portion of the amount has been reclaimed from contractors who tried to profiteer. But most has been made possible by the efficiency of American industry working at mass production. Prices which seemed fair and even low when they were set have proved unnecessarily high because industry did such a marvelous job of conversion. As the facts appeared, the contractors have co-operated freely in returning the excess profits.

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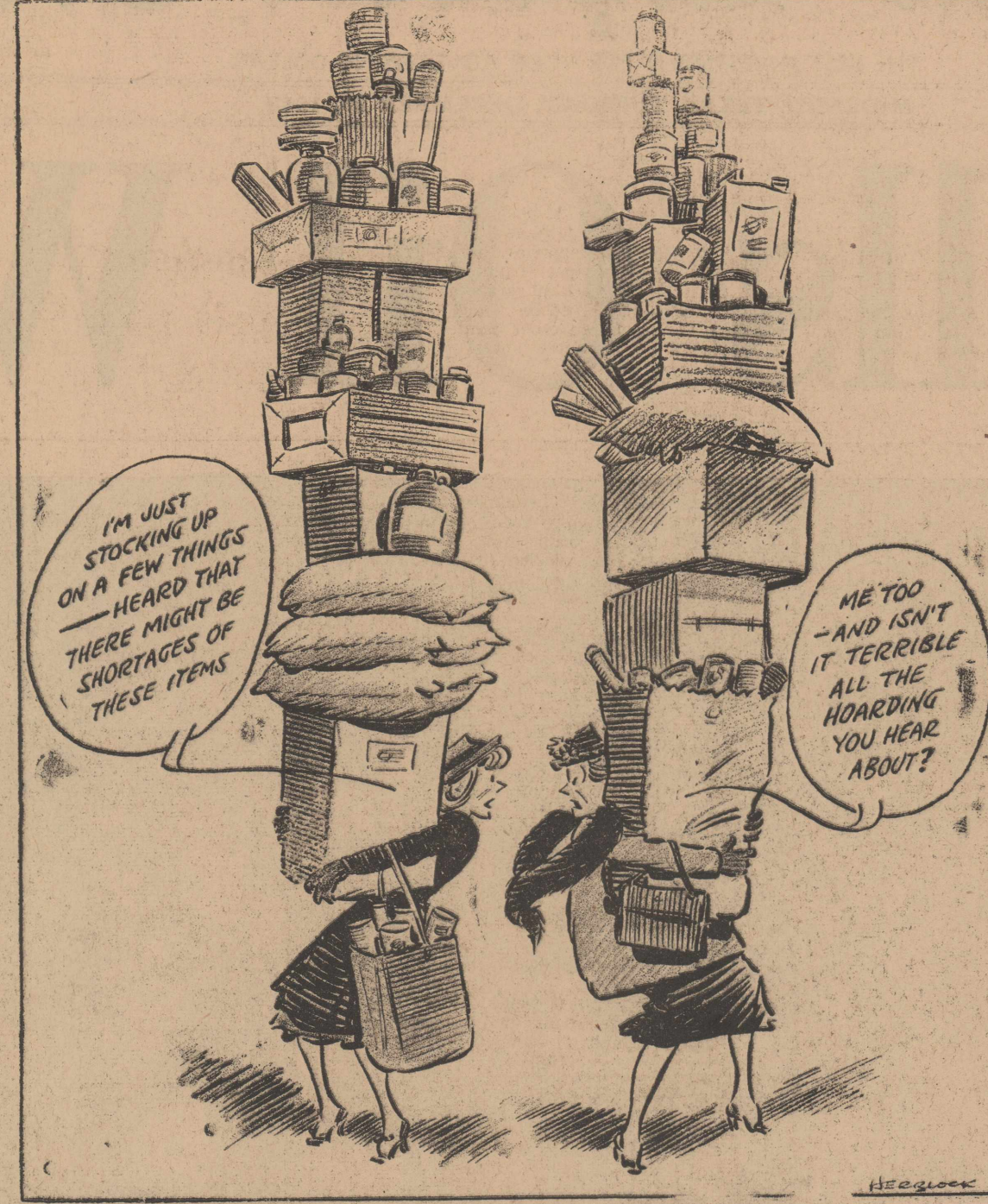
New York's Lesson

Mayor La Guardia long has carried on a one-sided feud with New York's newspapers so bitter that recently he has refused to talk with reporters and has used the radio for one-way contacts with the citizenry. There was a three-day delivery strike during which no newspapers of general circulation reached the stands. At its end Hizzoner conceded: 'We can't get along without the newspapers. We have learned that, I'm glad it's over. Now we can read the funnies.' La Guardia's secretary who keeps the clipping books will testify that they are not filled with funnies.

—Buy War Bonds and Saving Stamps Today

Personals
The Rev. J. E. Pickering left Tuesday to return his son, Jimmy, to his studies at Texas Christian University.
Miss Paula Wilson returned Tuesday to San Angelo after visiting friends here.
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard returned from Monday, Texas, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Guinn.
Charlie Vance Smith of Stanton underwent a tonsillectomy in a Midland hospital Tuesday.
Margie Ann Brooks was admitted to a hospital here Tuesday for medical treatment.
LT. D. K. RATLIFF IS IN NORTH AFRICA
Lt. D. K. Ratliff who formerly resided in Midland has arrived in North Africa with the U. S. Army. He is in the ordnance corps.

It's Always "Somebody Else"



Terrible Touhy—

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backs to the agents, Banghart first, Touhy second, Darlak last. The mistake made by O'Connor and McInerney was their attempt to flee when FBI agents called on them to surrender in the Leland Avenue flat. So well had the agents been planted that all escape for the pair was covered. One of the most elaborate traps ever laid was credited by Hoover with bringing about the mobsters' undoing. He praised the cooperation of Chicago police and said three assistant directors of the FBI helped in the coup. They were C. A. Nolan, E. J. Connelley, and Richard Glavin. One inspector, Myron Gurnea, and three special agents in charge also were in on the kill. The latter were Spencer Drayton, of Chicago; S. K. McKee, of the Washington division, and W. G. Bannister of the Oklahoma division.

Six Children Get First Food Since Christmas Night

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ATLANTIC CITY—(AP)—Six children ranging in age from two to seven years were under city care Tuesday after receiving what Detective Thomas Allmond said they told him was their first food since Christmas night. Their mother, 26-year-old Mrs. Eleanor Nichols, was arrested on a charge of abandonment after Patrolman Orrin Smith, a neighbor, said he entered the unheated Nichols home to investigate the children's crying and found them without food. Allmond said the children told him they had eaten all the food in the house within a few hours after their mother left the house Friday night and did not return.

Russians—

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low Point Du Fahs, 30 miles South of Tunis. Fighting French columns driving north from Lake Chad in the heart of equatorial Africa also were pressing their advance in the Fezzan region, 550 miles below Tripoli, in Southwestern Libya, the Brazzaville radio announced. Simultaneously, a broadcast from the Nazi-controlled Vichy radio said French and British troops had entered French Somaliland in East Africa and Gen. Charles De Gaulle's headquarters in London said the colony had officially aligned itself with the Fighting French. On the eastern flank of the giant Allied "squeeze" movement, British Headquarters announced that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 8th Army maintained contact with Marshal Erwin Rommel's retreating Africa Corps in the Wadi Bei El Ochebi, 180 miles from the big Axis base at Tripoli, but there was still no sign of a major clash. A British communication said RAF planes bombed Tunis, the capital of Tunisia, and its nearby harbor of La Galleite, starting fires near a railway yard.

Southwest Abell—

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No oil had shown up. Swabbing continued. The well is testing through perforations in 7-inch casing from 5,177-91 1/2 feet, opposite Simpson shows. Hole is bottomed at 5,237 feet, plugged back from 5,505. Magnolia is preparing to run drillstem test in No. 1 Nellie M. Tucker, northeast offset to the discovery producer in the McKee (Glenn) Simpson pool of Southwestern Crane. No. 1 Tucker failed to produce in the Simpson and was deepened, topping the Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, at 6,950 feet. Last core, from 7,108-21 feet returned eight feet of dry dolomite. The well was drilled from 7,121 to present depth. Gulf No. 1 W. A. Estes, Western Crane deep test, is drilling an un-revealed formation at 5,935 feet. Leaverton Breaks Down
Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 1 D. N. Leaverton, Northwestern Gaines County deep Permian prospect, is shut down for repairs to swabbing unit which broke down. The well is bottomed at 7,772 feet in dolomite and 2-inch tubing is set at 7,757 feet. Last reports, Barnsdall Oil Company No. 1 H. D. Heath, scheduled 7,500-foot deep Permian well-cut six miles northeast of Plains in Northeast Central Youakum County, had drilled to 3,750 feet in anyhyle. Shell No. 1 W. D. Blue estate, deep wildcat in Eastern Winkler County less than one-half mile from the Ector County line, is reported drilling in shale at 8,390 feet. Crockett Wells Going
John I. Moore and P. D. Moore, both of Midland, No. 1 Amerada-J. S. Todd estate et al, scheduled 7,500-foot Ordovician test in Western Crockett County, is drilling below 295 feet in cretaceous lime. The same operators' No. 1-21, Amerada-Shannon, shallow test in the general vicinity, is drilling at 53 feet in lime, while their No. 1-12 Shannon has rigged up and shut down. Ohio Oil Company No. 1 L. T. Clark, deeper of two Sterling County wildcats seeking Ordovician pay, is drilling at 6,743 feet in black shale. Diagonally across the county, in the northwest part, Col-Tex Refining Company No. 1 W. N. Reed estate is drilling at 5,124 feet in lime.

Wavell's—

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Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that Allied troops had deepened their wedge into Japanese lines in the Buna zone, with American and Australian jungle fighters beating off a desperate new enemy attempt to smash out of its trap. After crushing the Japanese counterattack, Allied troops lunged farther into the enemy's intricate system of fortifications along the dwindling beach corridor. Allied airmen flying heavy B-24 Liberator bombers were credited with scoring three direct 500-pound bomb hits on a big Japanese cruiser off Rabaul, New Britain, leaving the warship in flames and probably destroyed. Other Allied fliers bombed the Gasmata airdrome in New Guinea and carried out widespread attacks from Timor to Dutch New Guinea.

Livestock

PORT WORTH—(AP)—All classes of cattle and calves were active and strong on the livestock market Tuesday with most sales fully 25 cents higher for two days. Butcher hogs were 15 to mostly 25 cents lower than Monday topping at 14.85. Packers stopped buying at 14.75. Fat lambs and ewes were steady to 25 cents higher. Other classes were scarce. Good and choice fed steers and yearlings 12.25-14.25. Good beef cows 10.00-11.00. Canners and cutters earned from 5.00-8.00. Good heavy bulls 10.00-11.00. Good and choice fat calves 11.50-13.00. Stocker steer calves turned from 13.00 down. Stocker and feeder steers and yearlings 8.00-12.50. Good and choice 190-300 lb. weights brought the top in the butcher hog market. Good and choice 100-180 lb. averages sold from 14.00-70. Packing sows and stocker pigs were steady with the sows 13.50-75. Choice fat lambs up to 14.50. Good fat ewes 7.50.

1942 Was Banner Crop Year In Texas

AUSTIN—(AP)—From standpoints of yield and prices received, 1942 was a banner crop year in Texas, the United States Department of Agriculture reported Tuesday in its annual summary of prices and production. The farm value of Texas crops was about 27 per cent greater than in 1941, and the combined yield per acre index of all harvested crops was 23 per cent above the 1939 average and six per cent above the 1941, the office of the agricultural statistician here reported. Total acreage of crops harvested was 26,513,000, less than one per cent above the 26,389,000 acres in 1941. Lt. Nora P. Capps Goes To Arkansas
First Lieut. Nora P. Capps, chief nurse at the Post Hospital of the Midland AAF Bombarrier School, has been transferred to the Army-Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Miss Capps was the first nurse to report to the Bombarrier College's new hospital, arriving February 7, 1942. She took over the entire nursing duties for the first three weeks and was instrumental in setting up the staff which now totals 11 nurses. First Lieut. Berdie D. Strange has been named chief nurse, succeeding Miss Capps. Country Club Members Will Have Party, Dance
Members of the Midland Country Club will be entertained with a cocktail party and dance at the club at 8 p. m. Thursday.

Sergeant Cook Goes To Officers School

Sergeant Robert G. Cook, member of the 498th Bombarrier Training Squadron of the Midland AAF Bombarrier School, has been transferred to the Quartermaster Officer Candidate School at Camp Lee, Va. Sgt. Cook has been on detached service from the Bombarrier College and attending the Technical Specialists Training School at Randolph Field. Congratulations to:
Mr. and Mrs. Otis J. Welch on the birth of a daughter in a hospital here Tuesday.

UNCLE SAM DOES THE FIGURING ON THIS PAINLESS INCOME TAX RETURN

Here is the form a majority of taxpayers making \$3000 or less will use for filing their federal income tax returns between now and March 15. It is the optional form that eliminates a lot of arithmetic work and the task of listing deductions and exemptions. The large number of persons paying income taxes for the first time because of lowered exemptions has swelled America's army of taxpayers this year.

FORM 1040 A
OPTIONAL UNITED STATES CALENDAR YEAR 1942
INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN
THIS RETURN MAY BE FILED INSTEAD OF FORM 1040 BY CITIZENS (OR RESIDENT ALIENS) REPORTING ON THE CASH BASIS IF GROSS INCOME IS NOT MORE THAN \$3,000 AND IS ONLY FROM SALARY, WAGES, DIVIDENDS, INTEREST, AND ANNUITIES

Table with 3 columns: NAME OF DEPENDENT, RELATIONSHIP, IF 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, GIVE REASON FOR LISTING

Table with 2 columns: GROSS INCOME LESS ALLOWANCE FOR DEPENDENTS, TAX

I/we declare, under the penalties of perjury, that this return has been examined by me/us, and, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, is a true, correct, and complete return, made in good faith, for the taxable year stated, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code and regulations issued under authority thereof; and that I/we had no income from sources other than stated herein.

In above form you list dependents, compute tax in six easy lines. Single persons with gross income of \$500 or more and married persons making \$1200 or more must file return. This form allows \$385 for each dependent, while Form 1040, the regular income tax return, allows \$350. Return must be filed with collector of internal revenue for your district on or before March 15.

INDICATE YOUR STATUS ON JULY 1, 1942, BY PLACING CHECK MARK (✓) IN THE APPLICABLE BLOCK (□) BELOW

1. Single (and not head of family) on July 1, 1942.
2. Married and not living with husband or wife (and not head of family) on July 1, 1942.
3. Married and living with husband or wife on July 1, 1942, but each filing separate returns on this form.
4. Married and living with husband or wife on July 1, 1942, and spouse had no gross income for the entire year.
5. Married and living with husband or wife on July 1, 1942, and this return includes gross income of both husband and wife for the entire year.
6. Head of family (a single person or married person not living with husband or wife who exercises family control and supports closely connected dependent relative(s) in one household) on July 1, 1942.

Table with columns: Income subject to tax (Over/Not over), COLUMNS A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

Above check the proper block and find your tax. Taxes in the table make allowances for personal exemption, earned income credit and deductions aggregating 6 per cent of gross income. Husband and wife may use this form as a joint return if living together on July 1, 1942 and if combined income is not more than \$3000. Both must sign the return in this case.

Bombardier College Will Stage Golden Gloves Tournament

A slug fest of mammoth proportions is in store for West Texas fight fans. The Seventh Annual Texas Golden Gloves tournament will get underway in District 15 January 27, 28, and 29 at the AAF Bombarrier College with the largest number of fighters, both civilian and military personnel, ever to appear here. Boxers who wish to enter may do so through Capt. Russell E. Brown, special services officer. Entries are expected from the AAF fields at Pryor, Pecos, Marfa Del Rio, and Big Springs and from Fort Russell and Fort Crockett. Boxers with an amateur standing are the only ones eligible to enter. There will be champions crowned in the flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight, and heavyweight classes.

Rita Hayworth Says She Will Wed Mature

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Screen Actress Rita Hayworth announced she and Actor Victor Mature plan to marry when they become free from their respective spouses—and the war is over. Miss Hayworth's divorce from Edward Judson, wealthy oil man, becomes final next May. Mature, now stationed in the east with the Coast Guard, is married to Martha Kemp, former wife of the late orchestra leader, Hal Kemp. She has announced, however, that she expects to establish a Nevada residence shortly in order to obtain a divorce. RUSSELL L. KINGSTON IS LABOR DIRECTOR
DALLAS—(AP)—Russell Lyle Kingston, Director of Field operations for wage-house and public contracts divisions of the U. S. Department of Labor, is new Southwestern Regional Director for those divisions.

Theater Party Honors Evangeline Theis On Twelfth Birthday

Honoring her daughter, Evangeline Theis on her twelfth birthday, Mrs. Anton Theis entertained a group with a theater party Monday afternoon. Ice cream and cake were served at the Theis home after the theater party to the honoree and Dorothy Turner, Doris Jean Walston, Jessica Turpin, Dona Kelly, Virginia Ann Stewart, Grace Baker, Diane Buffington, Marian Giddings, and Marilyn Miller. C. C. Tull, Tom Kimbrough, Jimmy Allison, Richard Clark, Bob MacDonald, Dale Stice, Kent Miller, and Maurice Cox. Soldiers Service Club Will Be Closed
The Soldiers Service Club will close at 8:30 p. m. Thursday evening and will remain closed until Saturday.

SOCIETY

Mrs. L. G. Byerley Is Hostess At Program For Midland Church Women

Mrs. L. G. Byerley, chairman of the Spiritual Life Circle of the Presbyterian Auxiliary, entertained church women of Midland Monday at her home, 1802 West Wall street.

The program theme, "Thankfulness For the Many Blessings of God and For a Free America," was presented by Mrs. W. P. Knight, president of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Foy Proctor sang two selections, "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Take Time to be Holy." A hymn of praise and prayer was led by the Rev. Hubert Hopper, after which an inspirational message, "Our Spiritual Blessings," was presented by Mrs. R. L. Miller.

Artists sang.

The Midland High School's girl quartet, composed of Margaret Sims, Belya Jo Knight, Helen Borne and Peggy Anderson, sang rec numbers. The Rev. J. E. Pickering spoke on "Prayer of Thanksgiving."

A recording of New Year's greetings from the Army and Navy was presented by Ralph Swanson of Corpus Christi and Pvt. Bill E. Gray Sheppard Field, Texas. A recording of the program and greetings from each person present was made by Leon Byerley.

Greeting guests at the door were Mrs. W. P. Knight, Mrs. W. C. Whitehouse, Mrs. John W. Elliott, Mrs. Byerley, Otella Flynn and Marjorie Barron presided at the registration. Belya Jo Knight led Leon Byerley served punch.

ward Defense Stamps

Mrs. K. S. Ferguson and Mrs. M. Osborn were awarded defense stamps for supplying the correct answers in a Bible picture drill.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Foy Proctor, Whitehouse, J. Howard Hodge, Paul Barron, Ferguson, A. E. Lynch, W. W. LaForce, H. Gilmore, A. Knickerbocker, G. Reed of Fort Worth, M. T. Artwell, Knight, John Elliott, Miller, R. M. Jones, J. Hollie Roberts, author Stout, J. M. De Armand, Andrew Pasken, Pearl Blair, D. R. Carter, R. R. Pickett, and E. S. Lewey.

Mmes. J. M. Caldwell, J. L. Greene, M. C. Osborn, W. M. Osborn, C. W. Dodson, A. F. Martin, Jr., the Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Hopper and Mmes. George R. Grant, C. Crabbe, Sol Bunnell, John A. McKinnon, H. E. Pickering, and Mmes. W. E. Hankla, B. Simpson, Richard Peters, P. Pattison, Clarence E. Bissell, D. I. Seacor, C. S. Longcope, L. B. Ark, George Abell, E. Burke, C. Hampton, J. M. Hawkins, Naomi Lancaster, Tom Sloan, and the hostess.

Misses Peggy Anderson, Helen Forne, Otella Flynn, Marjorie Barron, Belya Jo Knight, Margaret Sims, Lydie G. Watson and Laura Hitchcock.

Tom Sloan, Jr., T. N. Sloan, Leon Byerley, Jr., and Leon York.

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY

Pastime Club will meet at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. J. Wayne Campbell, 610 North San Angelo.

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

Bluebonnet Club will meet at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Laura Wright at the home of Mrs. Henry Butler, 101 Butler Street.

Mrs. J. A. Maschio will be hostess at the Soldiers Service Club.

THURSDAY

Mrs. C. E. Davidson, 706 West Cuthbert, will entertain the Colonial Card Club with a dessert bridge at 1:30 p. m.

Methodist Young People will have a New Year's party at 8 p. m. at the educational building of the First Methodist Church.

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

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

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.

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Mrs. Helen Kent and Miss Fannie Bess Taylor will be hostesses at the Soldiers Service Club.

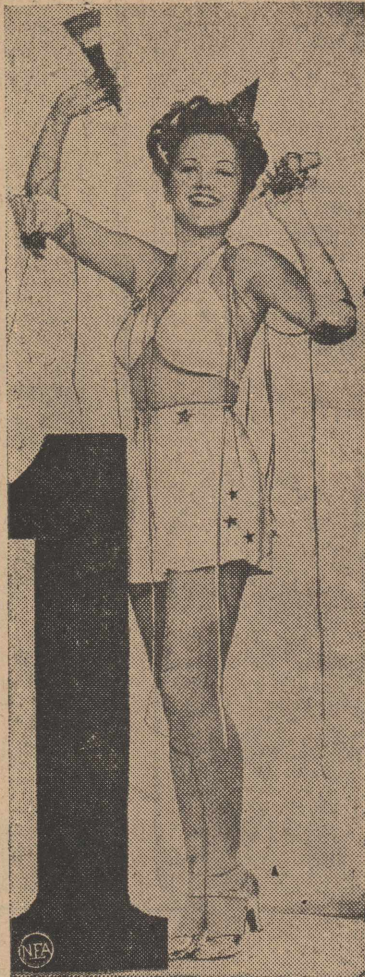
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Miss January



Lois January of New York appropriately and prettily poses beside the date that is No. 1 on our 1943 calendars.

San Angelo Visitor Honored At Party

Honoring Miss Paula Wilson San Angelo, who has been visiting Misses Dorothy Rose Otho, Sue Davis and Charlene Wood, the latter entertained with a party at her home, 312 West Florida, Monday evening.

Refreshments were served to the honoree and to Red Roy, Marshall Whitmore, Ed Stevens, Louise Shepard, Ilic Chandler, Nell Wolfe, Doris Lynch, Dorothy Lynch, Loy Wren, Tommie Jean Newcomb, L. C. Hobbs, The Fitzgerald, Roy Collins, Howard Girdley, Robert Wheeler, Mal Kidwell, Oleta Millholan, Hoppy Hudson, Robert Hoekendorf, Henry Scott, Jimmie Watson, Betty Smith, Junior Bird, Dorothy Otho, Sue Davis, Kelly Levelien, Thelma Jo Brown, Juanda Ruth Lord, Roxie Friday, Griffin Driver, Rosie Johnson, Dorothy McCarthy and J. S. Patton.

Evangelist Continues Prophecies In Revival

"The Second Coming of Christ—Will there be a Secret Rapture?" will be the topic of discussion in the third of a series of Bible prophecies by Evangelist R. E. Delafield at 7:45 p. m. Tuesday at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 110 West Pennsylvania.

The public is invited.

SCRAP ALUMINUM RECORD

Scrap aluminum collections in 1942 were estimated at 369,000,000 pounds, more than the total production of primary aluminum in 1939.

ways to the limitations of WPB's famous L-85, clothes in spring, 1943, should be just as interesting in cut and detail as they have always been.

To help safeguard quality of the new clothes, OPA's order also makes it necessary for a manufacturer to put into his garments at least the same costs of labor and materials as were put in last year.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown in Odessa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Broadus have returned from Colorado City after spending the holidays there.

Miss Holly Sanson has returned from Monahans after spending Christmas holidays with her parents.

Frank Wade Arrington will return to Texas University Tuesday.

S/Sgt. E. B. Rountree has returned to Camp Howze, Texas, after visiting his mother, Mrs. Kyle Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Prager have had as their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. M. Prager of Big Spring and Pvt. Phillip Prager of Camp Edwards.

Miss Faye Hocker has gone to El Paso to visit her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Midkiff and daughter, Mary Ellen, and Billy Joe Stickey spent the weekend in Brady visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boyd of Crane spent Monday here.

M. S. Doss, Gaines County rancher, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Roberson have had as their houseguests Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Faulkner of Monahans and T. B. Roberson of Pyote.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan White of San Antonio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Butler Monday night.

China, in the present war with Japan, has suffered total casualties equal to the population of Texas.

Processed Foods To Be Rationed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Processed foods to be rationed in February, and commodities not included in the rationing order, as listed by the Office of Price Administration: Canned and bottled fruits and fruit juices (including spiced fruits).

Apples, including crabapples, applesauce, apricots, baby foods, berries, all varieties, cherries, red sour platted, cherries, other cranberries and sauce, fruits for salad and fruit cocktail, grapefruit, grapefruit juice, peaches, pears, pineapple, juice, all other canned and bottled fruits, fruit juices, and combinations.

Canned and bottled vegetables and vegetable juices.

Asparagus, baby foods, beans, fresh lima beans, green and wax beans, all canned and bottled dry varieties, including baked beans, soaked dry beans, pork-and-beans, kidney beans and lentils; beets, including pickled; carrots, corn, pea, sauerkraut, spinach, tomatoes, tomato catsup and chile sauce, tomato juice, all other tomato juice products, all other canned and bottled vegetables, vegetable juices, and combinations.

Other processed foods.

Canned soups, all types and varieties.

Dried, dehydrated fruits: prunes, raisins, all others.

Frozen fruits: cherries, peaches, strawberries, other berries, all other frozen fruits.

Frozen vegetables: asparagus, beans, lima, beans, green & wax, Broccoli, corn, peas, spinach, all other frozen vegetables.

The following items are not included: Canned fruits, chili con carne, frozen fruits in containers over 10 pounds, frozen vegetables in containers over 10 pounds, fruit cakes, fruit juices in containers over one gallon, fruit puddings, jams, jellies, meat stews containing some vegetables, olives, paste products, (such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles) whether or not they are packed with added vegetable sauces, pickles, potato salad, preserves, relishes, vegetable juices in containers over one gallon.

Halt Manufacture Pencil Sharpeners

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Manufacture of desk pencil sharpeners has been halted by WPB which also forbade the making of copper engravings for calling cards, greeting cards, and business stationery.

Manufacture of metallic file fasteners and production of metal repair parts for office supplies, with the exception of parts for staplers and punchers, were likewise prohibited.

Teen-Agers Will Supply Half Of Fighting Forces

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Half of the more than 3,500,000 men joining the nation's fighting forces in 1943 will come from the 18 and 19-year-old groups.

Draft officials estimate that in all, some 250,000 to 300,000 men will be inducted monthly. Of these, 1,750,000 will be of the teen-age class. The rest will come mainly from childless married men 20 to 37 years

old.

Selective Service authorities pointed out that the pool of single men within the 20-37 age group, who are available for military service, has virtually been exhausted.

By the end of 1943, the armed services' planned strength of 9,700,000 men in the ranks must come from 21,000,000 in the 18-37 age bracket. Already, most of the 6,100,000 men now in uniform have come from that age classification.

Rate Of Call

Teen-agers, 18 and 19 year olds, will be called up at the rate of 600,000 to 900,000 starting next month. These will come from an accumulated pool of prospective inductees. From February on, about 100,000 more youngsters will pass mining.

Glasses are being held thousands of feet underground, as part of a Pennsylvania extension program in 1943.

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Fighting, all of them—for us. That's Democracy in action. Because all Americans were "created free and equal" every American has an equal duty to perform.

And that's where WE come in. We've got to back up those boys. We've got to see that they get the stuff to fight with. Planes . . . tanks . . . guns . . . bullets . . . bombs . . . more of them than the world has ever seen before.

Every payday we've got to save—put 10 percent of our pay in War Bonds. Millions of other Americans are doing it. "Sacrifice," you say? As great a sacrifice as the boys made at Bataan or Corregidor! As great a sacrifice as a fier made who deliberately gave his life to bomb a Jap plane carrier!

Nothing we can do can ever equal what these men have already done!

Mind you, we're not even asked to give this money. Every time we save \$18.75 we get a War Bond worth \$25 in 10 years.

That's why we're not looking for excuses, we Americans. We're not looking for excuses from lending money, when other Americans are giving their lives!

DO YOU KNOW?

When you buy WAR BONDS, you're saving, not giving! Series E WAR BONDS are worth 33 1/2 percent more in 10 years! You get \$4 for every \$3 you invest!

These BONDS, when held to maturity (10 years), yield 2.9 percent per year on your investment, compounded semiannually!

Joining a Pay-Roll Savings Plan makes saving easy!

Joining your bank's Victory Club (it works like any Thrift or Christmas Club) is a convenient way to save for War Bonds for those who aren't members of a Pay-Roll Savings Plan.

You can have enough money to do a lot of things you'd like to do, and to buy the many things you'll need after the war is over, if you save enough in War Bonds every payday NOW!

You can start buying WAR BONDS by buying War Stamps for as little as 10 cents.

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This Advertisement Sponsored in Honor of Midland's Fighting Men By THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM

Mrs. Butler Honored At Surprise Party

Members of the Stokes Bible Class of the First Christian Church met at the home of Mrs. G. H. Butler, 933 North Baird, to honor her with a surprise party.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. W. S. Elkin, D. B. Snider, J. Cordell, J. V. Stokes, M. Scholtie, Roy Jones, Frank Ingham, George Ratliff, S. W. Estes, Ida Volcott, Ella Ragsdale, and Shackford, and the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Pickering.

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MAGNESIUM PRODUCTION UP

United States production of magnesium, a light metal used in aircraft and in explosives, is scheduled to reach a rate of 725,000,000 pounds a year, 100 times 1939 output and eight or nine times that of other countries.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By William E. McKenney
America's Card Authority
 In the rubber bridge game that I spoke of yesterday, Francis R. Stark, chief counsel for Western Union, had an interesting problem on one hand, and I thought he handled the situation very well. Mr. Stark seldom plays duplicate bridge, but he loves rubber bridge, and realizes that the vital thing is to make the contract—and worry about overtricks afterwards.

When the dummy went down, Mr. Stark (North) saw that if the

Stark	▲AKJ98	▲75
▲102	▲A83	▲K1072
▲QJ5	▲J3	▲A62
▲9874	▲1075	▲J943
▲K862	Dealer	
	▲Q643	
	▲864	
	▲KQ105	
	▲AQ	

Rubber—None vul.
 South West North East
 1♦ Pass 1♣ Pass
 2♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
 Opening—♠3. 29

queen of clubs should hold the first trick, he could make a little slam. But if it lost, and if a heart was then returned, he could lose the contract. He lost no time in putting up the club ace, taking out trumps and knocking out the diamond ace. That line assured him of five-odd.

Less Quizzes In 1943 For Mr. Business Man

WASHINGTON (AP)—Happy New Year, Mr. Business Man, and here's news that may warm your heart a couple of days ahead of time.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), who doesn't usually go in for forecasts, predicted Tuesday business men and others would be assailed with 50 per cent fewer questionnaires and government orders in 1943 because of a Congressional campaign against such "nuisances," as he described them.

"The quiz boys has got the quakes," the Michigan Senator told reporters. "The reform started by the Byrd committee has just been born, but the questionnaire compilers are under notice now that they have to justify their questions hereafter and they couldn't do that in one case out of 15 heretofore."

Vandenberg, who started the drive against unnecessary government questionnaires said he thought that a great deal had been accomplished through an order issued by Budget Director Harold Smith requiring Budget Bureau clearance of all such inquiries before they are fired broadside at the public.

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Many other practical sewing suggestions are plentiful in the Winter Fashion Book, available at 15c per copy. Order it with a 15c pattern for 25c plus 1c for postage.

How To Join Women's Auxiliary Army Corps

If you wish to try for service with the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACS) apply at your nearest Army recruiting station.

If you have technical training required by Women's Reserves of the Navy (WAVES) submit written request for application blank to Director of Naval Officer Procurement of your Naval District.

If you are a trained nurse wishing active duty with armed forces, write for application forms to the National Headquarters, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., or to the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army 1818 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

If you are a retired nurse, badly needed for work on the home front, consult your local hospitals.

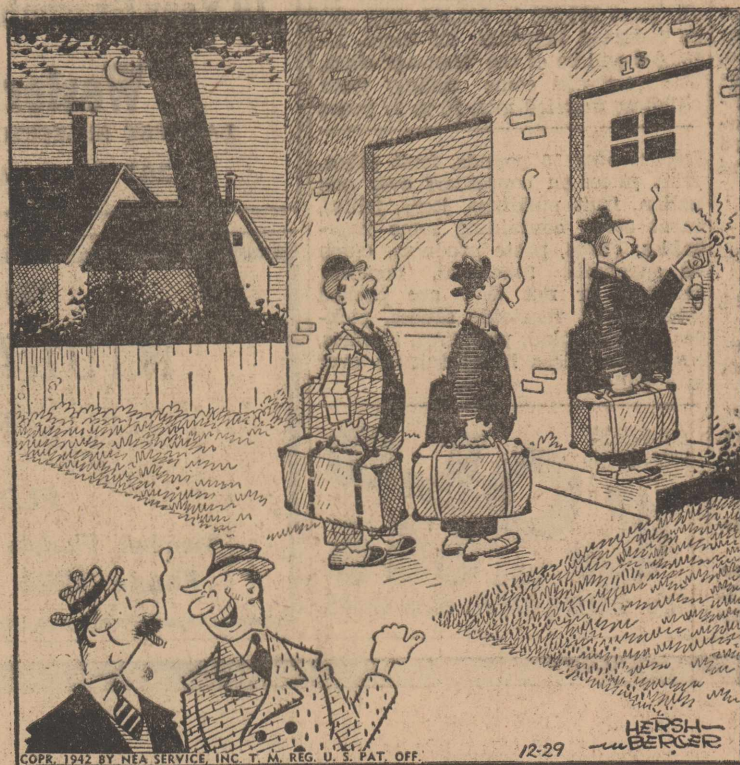
United States Leads Thoroughbred Market

By NEA Service
 NEW YORK—War has practically given the United States a corner on the thoroughbred breeding market. Fred Klees, registrar of the Jockey Club, estimates that there are 10,000 young colts and fillies and 25,000 horses in training in this country, as well as 1,000 stallions and 12,000 brood mares. American breeders paid rich prices for famous stallions. Following the war, it is expected that even England will have to patronize the American market.

A GOOD PROVIDER

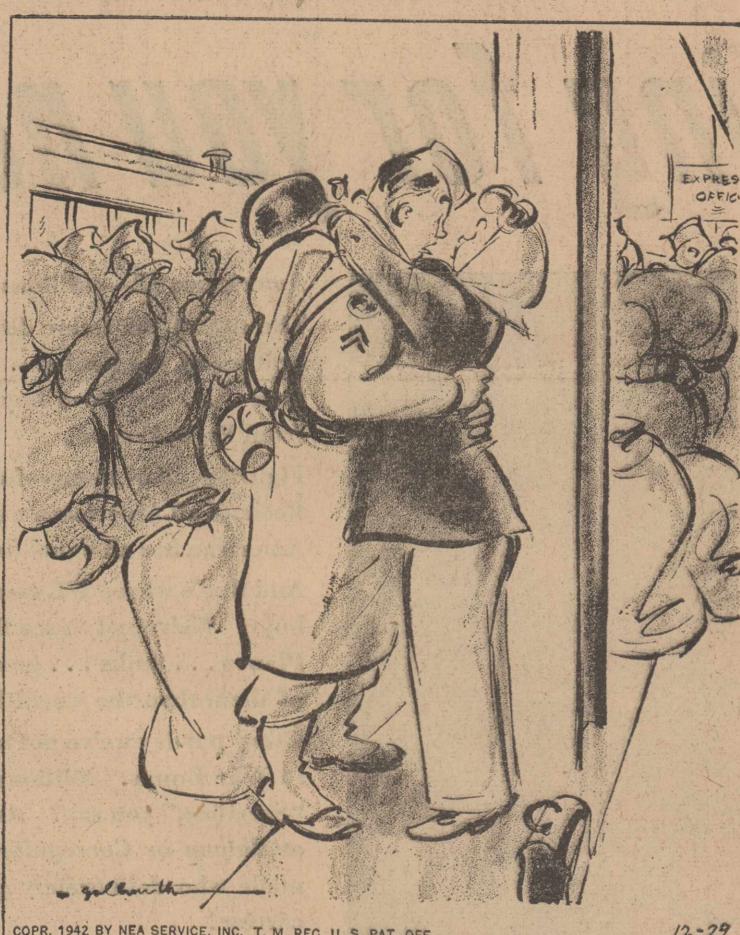
NEW YORK—Long Island University basketball players won't be short of meat for a few days. Paul Taylor, business manager, bagged a 200-pound buck near Clean, N. Y.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"It's the weekly poker party at Jones' house—the gang's all carrying extra pants and shirts!"

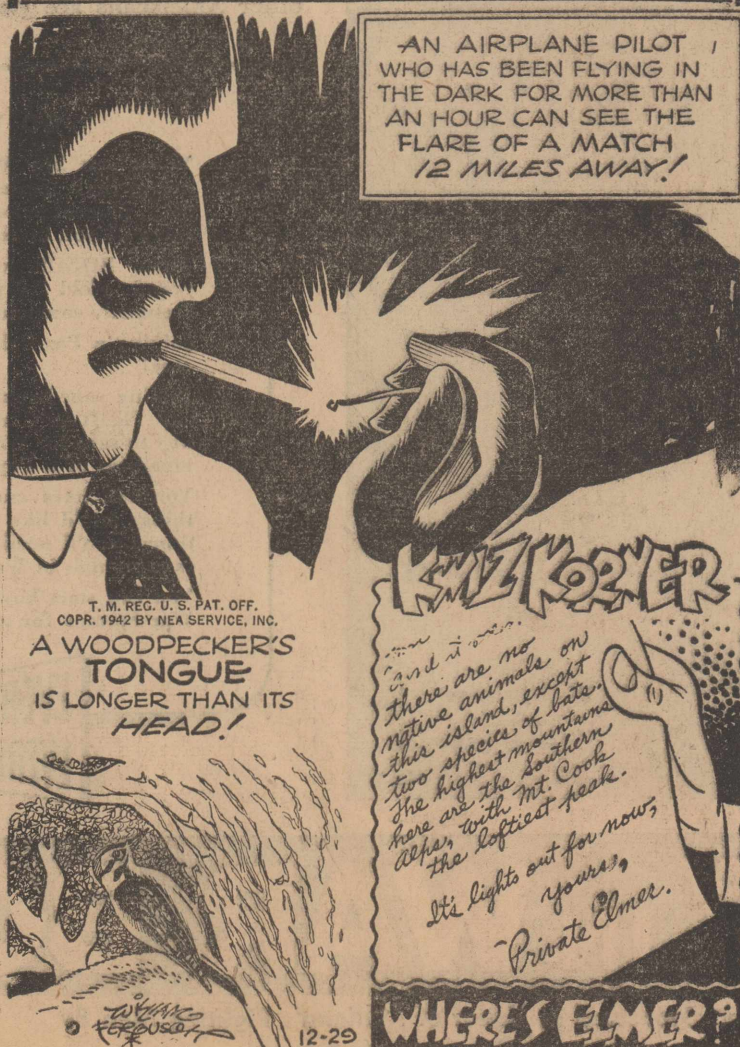
SIDE GLANCES



"Take care of yourself, Sally—I'll be worrying about you in that war plant while I'm in a nice safe tank!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



AN AIRPLANE PILOT WHO HAS BEEN FLYING IN THE DARK FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR CAN SEE THE FLARE OF A MATCH 12 MILES AWAY!

A WOODPECKER'S TONGUE IS LONGER THAN ITS HEAD!

There are no more animals on this island, except two species of bats. The biggest mammal here is the Mt. Cook sheep, with the Cook sheep, the largest sheep. It's lights out for now, yours, Private Elmer.

ANSWER: New Zealand.

NEXT: From Gibraltar to Suez.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE WITH MAJOR HOOPLE



SPUTT-TT! LISTEN TO THIS NOTE: "KNOWING YOU'RE NUTS ABOUT HORSES, I SELECTED THIS ARTISTIC MASTERPIECE FOR YOUR MANTEL, WITH BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES—WHOOPEE!—JAKE!" I'D LIKE TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT SCOUNDREL!

JAKE HAS ALL THE LUCK!—PROBABLY JUST HAPPENED ALONG DURING A SALOON FIRE!

YOU OUGHT TO BE THANKFUL!—HE COULD HAVE SENT YOU ONE OF THE CITY HALL DRINKING FOUNTAINS C.O.D.

LET'S NOT EVEN MENTION IT TO MARTHA!

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



OLLIE I HATE TO HAVE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT MR. BUFFINGTON SAYS MISS VAN BIGGER MUST BE DISCHARGED



SAY THAT AGAIN, BOOTS! I AIN'T HEARD NOTHIN' SO SWEET IN YEARS

OUT OUR WAY BY J. R. WILLIAMS



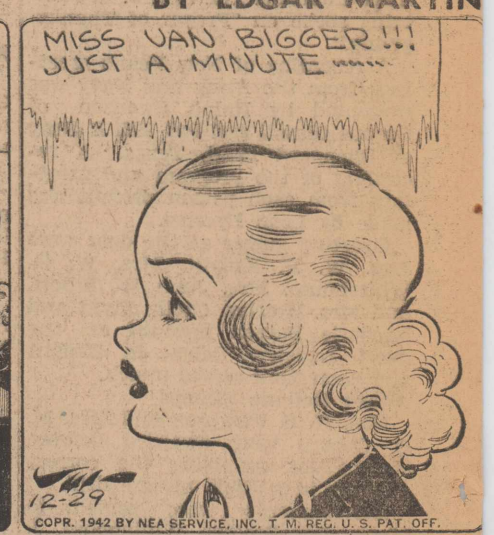
TWO POUNDS OF PRUNES... OH, HERE THEY ARE—RIGHT HERE, TH' PRUNES!

WELL, MY MA SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING THATS BY THE STOVE—SHE SAID SHE LIKES TO DO HER OWN COOKIN'!

BY EDGAR MARTIN



WELL, I JUST GOT THE GO SIGN, DEARIE—BUT IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED! I JUST DROPPED IN TO SAY I WON'T BE SEEING YOU



MISS VAN BIGGER!!! JUST A MINUTE

WASH TUBBS



CAPTAIN EASY'S APOLOGIES, COLONEL. HE'S DOWNSTAIRS TO SEE YOU. HE'S CAPTURED AN ENEMY SPY, SIR



I DUNNO, SIR, BUT HE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT HE SHOULD DO WITH HER

BY ROY CRANE

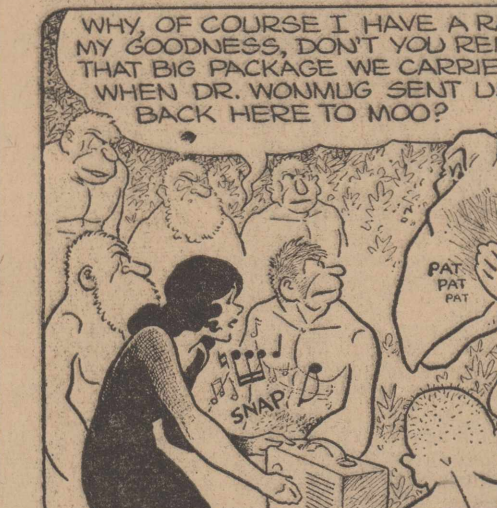


YES, SIR. SHE'S A KNOCKOUT, TOO

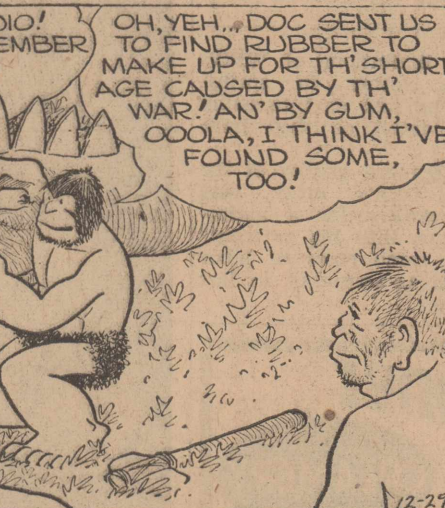


WELL, CAPTAIN! I NOTICE THERE'S LIPSTIC ON YOUR FACE. DOES THAT IMPLY THAT YOU CAPTURE LADY SPIES MERELY BY KISSING THEM? IF SO, YOU HAVE GREATER TALENTS THAN WE REALIZE

ALLEY OPP

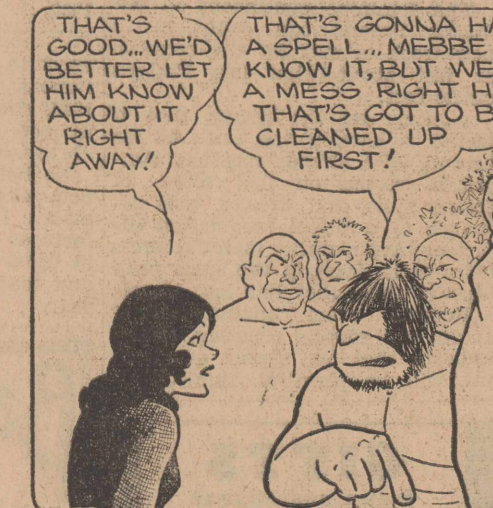


WHY, OF COURSE I HAVE A RADIO! MY GOODNESS, DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT BIG PACKAGE WE CARRIED WHEN DR. WONMUG SENT US BACK HERE TO MOO?



OH, YEH... DOC SENT US TO FIND RUBBER TO MAKE UP FOR TH' SHORTAGE CAUSED BY TH' WAR! AN' BY GUM, OOOLA, I THINK I'VE FOUND SOME, TOO!

BY V. T. HAMLIN



THAT'S GOOD... WE'D BETTER LET HIM KNOW ABOUT IT RIGHT AWAY!



THAT'S GONNA HAFTA WAIT A SPELL... MEBBE YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT WE'VE GOT A MESS RIGHT HERE THAT'S GOT TO BE CLEANED UP FIRST!

RED RYDER



RED, THERE'S A DANCE AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE! I'LL FLIP A COIN TO SEE WHO TAKES GINGER!



FAIR ENOUGH! I'LL TAKE TAILS!

BY FRED HARMAN



I LOST—BLAST IT! WHY COULDN'T THAT COIN TURN UP TAILS?



'CAUSE BOTH SIDES IS HEADS TO FOOL SUCKERS! HA...HA...HA!

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



DON'T LEAVE US NOW, MABEL! YOU'RE OUR LAST SERVANT, AND WE'VE GOT GUESTS COMING!



PLEASE STAY, MABEL—THERE'LL BE A MOUNTAIN OF DISHES TO WASH!

BY MERRILL BLOSSER



LET'S CALL THE BARKERS, FATHER, AND SEE IF WE CAN BORROW MAGNOLIA, THEIR COOK!



SORRY, MR. LASHLEY, BUT MAGNOLIA IS NOW A WELDER! AND GUESS WHAT I AM!

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LOST: Billfold containing "A" and "C" ration book, drivers license, War Dept. identification, car tag stamp; reward. Return to Capt. J. E. Bishop, care Reporter-Telegram, or phone 1111-J.

Help Wanted 9
WANTED: Man to take charge of business, house furnished; salary. Phone 1883.

HOUSEKEEPER wanted, white woman or girl. Apply Popular Store, Phone 796.

COLORED maid wanted at once at Mayo Hotel. Phone 9541.

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WANTED: Girls capable of waiting on table. Petroleum Pharmacy.

Situations Wanted 10
WANTED: Children to care for. 206 S. Fort Worth. (252-3)

CARPENTER and repair work wanted. M. G. Baker, Phone 166-W. (252-3)

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

Bedrooms 12
ROOM for girls; private entrance; twin beds. Phone 1198-W. 506 N. Marlenfield. (251-6)

FRONT bedroom for two boys; convenient to bath. 600 S. Ft. Worth. (252-3)

NICE bedroom, one man preferred. Phone 1880-W. (252-1)

Furnished Apartments 14
2-ROOM furnished apt., utilities paid. 201 S. Dallas. (252-1)

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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. (248-1)

Houses 16
AVAILABLE January 1st, 5 rooms and bath, unfurnished house, at 310 North D. Phone 2011. (249-3)

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NINE-piece practically new walnut dining room suite. 507 N. Loraine. Phone 216. (250-3)

LEAVING TOWN, must sell at once—Maytag washing machine, dinette suite, rug, stoves, Philco radio. 303 North Carrizo. (252-3)

Miscellaneous 23
FOR SALE: Fresh yard eggs. 707 S. Weatherford. (250-6)

SEWING machine repairs for all makes; work guaranteed. Western Furniture Co., 201 S. Main, Phone 451. (252-6)

Livestock and Poultry 34
FOR SALE: Poultry fence and young pullets. 302 N. Carrizo. (252-1)

FOR SALE: three eight-week-old pigs. \$6.00 each. B. F. Munn, 1 1/2 mi. NW Country Club. (252-3)

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FOR SALE: Boston Scrawall pups. Phone 1487-M. (250-3)

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Feed 36
NOW IS THE TIME to put your hens on that "BEST YET" laying mash and that "BEST YET" milk producer feed for cows—all at reasonable prices; and don't forget we carry other feeds, such as ground maize heads, ground ear corn, milo maize meal, etc., etc. Our feeds are manufactured here in Midland at the Woods Feed Store, and you will find them fresh. If you will call on us before trying our feeds, we will be glad to give you the names and addresses of our many satisfied customers. We deliver from 1 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. WOODS FEED STORE, East Highway 80, Phone 2011.

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WE will pay cash for late model used cars.

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Dandy 5 room home, corner lot, Good location. Servants quarters alone rents for \$25.00 monthly. Only \$750 down, balance \$30 monthly. See—

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Nice 4 room stucco home. Lot 75x140. Only 6 and 8 blocks to school. Only \$300 cash balance monthly. See—

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ONE of the best improved farms in the county (240 acres) for sale on liberal terms. Price \$25.00 per acre; located 4 miles south of airport. C. B. Haley. (252-5)

166 ACRE farm, 17 mi. S/E Midland; 12 mi. S/W of Stanton. McClintic Bros., Midland. (252-3)

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5 TO 20 ACRES
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Hold Everything

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Wallace Proposes World Council To Direct Economy

WASHINGTON—(P)—Vice President Wallace's proposal for a World Council after the war to direct a planned global economy was viewed in some Congressional quarters Tuesday as possibly a "trial balloon" for President Roosevelt's address to Congress on Jan. 7.

Wallace, who was known to have consulted with the President while preparing his speech, said in a broadcast commemorating the birthday of Woodrow Wilson Monday night that the new freedom for which Wilson fought was "the forerunner of the Roosevelt New Deal of 1933 and of the worldwide new democracy which is the goal of the United Nations in this present struggle."

Must Organize Affairs
"The task of our generation—the generation which President Roosevelt once said 'has a rendezvous with destiny'—he said, 'is to organize human affairs that no Adolf Hitler, no power-hungry war mongers, whatever their nationality, can ever again plunge the whole world into war and bloodshed.'"

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) promptly commented that the people of this country must put a stop to "bureaucracy and regimentation" or face the prospect of losing their democracy.

Wallace said that "obviously the United Nations must first have machinery which can disarm and keep disarmed those parts of the world which would break the peace."

Must Punish Guilty Leaders
He added that "we must make absolutely sure that the guilty leaders are punished, that the defeated nation realizes its defeat and is not permitted to remain."

Also necessary, he said, was "machinery for preventing economic warfare."

"Probably there will have to be an international court to make decisions in cases of dispute," Wallace said. "And an international court presupposes some kind of world council, so that whatever world system evolves will have enough flexibility to meet changing circumstances as they arise."

Without well-planned and vigorous economic reconstruction, he said, a series of economic storms would follow the war—"inflation and temporary sacrifices, followed by surpluses, crashing prices, unemployment, bankruptcy and in some cases violent revolution."

The War Department's new Pentagon office building, the largest in the world, can accommodate 35,000 workers.

Clara Barton, at the age of 77, was in charge of a Red Cross ship during the Spanish-American war.

Nelson Declares No Fight Over War Production

WASHINGTON—(P)—There has been no fight between the War Production Board and the armed services over control of munitions production or control of the civilian economy in the expressed opinion of WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson.

Nelson Tuesday authorized reporters to make public some off-the-record statements made by him at a press conference last Thursday, adding the stipulation that he not be quoted directly.

He declared he was certain there now was no opposition in the services to the production scheduling work newly undertaken by his production vice chairman, Charles E. Wilson, former president of General Electric Company.

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To illustrate his point about strong men clashing, Nelson took programs not connected with the Army or Navy: high octane gasoline and rubber. (Rubber Director William M. Jeffers in a report to Nelson recently demanded top priority for the synthetic rubber plant construction program, declaring that other important programs, including high octane gasoline, were in such direct competition for materials that he was not hopeful of completion "before the danger deadline.")

War Essentials
The heads of two such programs are bound to be in opposition to each other, Nelson said, because to each man his own job is the most important one. The man in charge of rubber, for example, says we must have rubber regardless of anything else; Nelson said he agreed—that you can't win the war without rubber, but he added you can certainly lose the war if you don't have hundred-octane gasoline.

The programs conflict right down the line. Both types of plant use the same values, same heat exchangers, same instruments and many of the same components.

Nelson said his job was to reconcile these points of conflict so that all important programs move forward together and we get hundred-octane gasoline to keep the planes flying at the same time we get rubber to keep the mechanized army rolling.

British Subs Sink Axis Supply Ships
LONDON—(P)—British submarines have sunk at least two more Axis supply ships in the Mediterranean and have probably destroyed two others, the Admiralty announced Tuesday.

Three of the enemy ships were hit in the Gulf of Hammamet, on the east coast of Tunisia. A communique said a small supply ship loaded with gasoline and another cargo ship were sunk and a tanker was torpedoed and beached.

Daily Production Of Oil Declines
TULSA—(P)—Daily crude oil production in the United States decreased 12,985 barrels to 3,896,765 for the week ended December 26, The Oil and Gas Journal said Tuesday.

California production was down 5,000 to 775,250; Eastern fields, 1-200 to 91,000; Kansas, 9,800 to 295,900; Oklahoma, 2,300 to 354,850; Texas, 1,725 to 1,388,425, and East Texas, 600 to 358,000.

Illinois production increased 5,500 to 246,300; Louisiana, 3,600 to 316,800; Michigan, 900 to 59,800, and the Rocky Mountain States, 3,460 to 123,540.

FRANTIC FESTIVAL

BY EDMUND FANCOTT

"HOT" GIFT CHAPTER X

"NOT going?"

"No."

"You're staying?"

"Yeah."

"You're crazy."

"I ain't crazy."

"Then why are you staying?"

"We're having a Christmas party."

"And you're Santa Claus."

Beano was stubborn. "When I was a kid I never had fun at Christmas time. Now I can help these kids to have a good time and I'm not going to spoil their party. Besides, there's a turkey in there as big as an ostrich, and I don't want to miss that turkey dinner."

"Not if it costs you 20 years in the pen?"

"I'll beat it after dinner, not before."

"You'll beat it with a pair of cuff links on your wrists that won't come off till they unlock them?"

Beano's jaw set like a rock and Benny shrugged his shoulders. He had seen Beano like that before and knew he was beyond the influence of sweet reason.

He shrugged his shoulders again, took another mince pie and went to join the others. He was not any too happy about the situation.

Benny returned to the wide living room of the lounge where a cheerful fire was blazing in the stone fireplace.

The Christmas tree was gay with color and sparkling with tinsel. Everybody had been so busy that no one had noticed his absence. He joined Ross Benson, who was taking a moment off while Fay went disentangling some problem with Myra.

"Nice girl you got." His eyes watched Fay.

"She's not my girl," said Ross.

"That's right," said Benny.

"Keep away from them."

"Not me," said Ross. "I love 'em."

"Wait till you get older," said Benny. There was a warning note in his voice.

"Nothing doing," said Ross.

"You're only young twice and the second time it's too late."

"Well, if you must, pick 'em like that." He nodded towards Fay.

"Now that's a nice kid. Too skinny for my taste but look at that smile, all over her face, but it's the genuine thing. Get her and you keep her."

"I'm not playing for keeps."

Benny drifted over to Fay and Myra. Myra noted the slight uneasiness that dampened his usual assurance.

"Feeling good, Benny?"

"Sure, I am, but them kids won't if they're going to eat all that stuff in the kitchen."

Meanwhile Beano was thinking hard. You couldn't trust anyone in these days, least of all a pair of dicks whose job was to recover the diamonds to save their company paying out a heavy sum for insurance. Guys that would choose a time like Christmas to chase other guys who hadn't really done anything wrong couldn't be trusted to understand how innocent a guy really was. But if they couldn't find the ice they couldn't pin anything on him unless Benny was playing ball with them for the reward for recovery.

BEANO felt alone and deserted. At least Leona was faithful. Absentmindedly he hitched a leg up and half sat on the table.

Then a sudden inspiration hit him. The Christmas tree! If he went up to Leona's room and got the rest of the ice he could put it all together in the leather pouch and wrap it up in some red paper.

He could label it, "To Leona, with all my love, from you know who," and hang it on the tree.

They wouldn't be giving the presents until after the turkey dinner. He could tell Leona so she wouldn't open it. He'd have to be Santa Claus again to make sure nothing went wrong. Then if the dicks did come before he got away they could search the house from top to bottom and they wouldn't find a thing. Who would think of searching a Christmas tree for hot ice?

The more he thought of it the better he liked the idea.

(To Be Continued)

A little later he was bending somewhere around the back of the tree. Myra strolled round to him.

"Don't tell anyone I told you," she said, "but it looks to me as if you've been hiding something."

Beano's hand went around to his seat and came away quickly. "Mince-meat," he said. "Must have sat on some pies in the kitchen."

"Seems like it," said Myra. "They're so soft you'd hardly notice it."

"Yeah," said Beano. "I thought it was warm."

"Just out of the oven. It's hard to carry them that way. Here's some paper to wrap them up in."

She handed him a sheet of paper with bells and holly on it.

"Hold this a moment," said Beano. "I'll go and fix myself."

He handed her a small packet. It was labeled "To Leona with all my love from you know who." She held it waiting for him to return, wondering to what depths Beano had been smitten by the sultry beauty of Leona. She turned the little parcel over in her hands and something of the shape of the diamonds inside came through to her touch. She pressed a little harder, letting her fingers follow the hardness and feeling the stones move under her touch.

Then Beano was back, talking the little parcel from her. He tied it carefully well up in the back of the tree and smiled with a satisfaction that confirmed Myra's suspicions. Then she noticed that he was with Leona, nodding at the tree and going into an involved explanation. Leona chewed candy as he talked and gave no hint that her peace of mind was in any way disturbed.

That night, Leona sat up in bed late to make up her beauty sleep and to plan her future. It seemed mainly to consist in convincing her father that Beano was a gentleman with means of his own that could be split with the family if her father was insistent. She would also have to convince her father that Beano's intentions were honest and that it would pay better than her new job as an artist's model.

After deciding her course of action with her difficult parent she began to dream of her trousseau. As far as she was concerned, careers for girls were very much overrated. Her ideal of a life was to be left alone most of the day in an apartment of her own with all the movie magazines and a box of chocolates, and a husband to come home at night and take her to a show.

(To Be Continued)

TURKISH STATESMAN

HORIZONTAL
1 Pictured Turkish statesman.

12 Ellis English (abbr.).

13 Headstrong.

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15 Symbol for erbium.

16 Swiss river.

17 Iron (symbol).

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23 Repulse.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
JAMES BYRNES

22 Type of moth.

24 Gaelic.

26 Fragrant oleoresin.

28 Work unit.

29 Drone bee.

30 Chinese city.

32 Note in Guido's scale.

33 Louse egg.

35 Preposition.

39 Sour.

40 Cash.

42 West African mortar.

43 Scottish burial mound.

44 Chief priest of a shrines (Babylon).

VERTICAL

1 Scorch.

2 Symbol for krypton.

3 Float.

4 Employ.

5 Be quiet!

6 Soap hemp.

7 Exist.

8 Messengers.

9 Bone.

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Secretary Knox Confirms Report Of Ship Damage

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Will Not Release Men
The Secretary also said, in response to other questions, that the Navy did not plan to release its enlisted men over 38 as the Army intends to do where possible in the cases of men who were drafted. He explained that such a policy would not apply to the Navy because the Navy has not heretofore taken men through Selective Service and therefore would not be affected by the recently announced Selective Service policy against drafting men over that age.

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