

Eisenhower Now Talked As Invasion Commander

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE
LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is now believed leading the field for the job of Allied commander-in-chief for the western invasion. This would leave the developing campaign for the Mediterranean theater generally in British hands.

The victor of North Africa and Sicily has come to the forefront despite earlier and unquestionably accurate reports that Gen. George C. Marshall had initially been picked for the great command.

The impression here is that both had been equally the preponderance of Allied forces—the Tehran conference, but that since then American considerations have raised Eisenhower to the No. 1 choice.

It now appears Prime Minister Churchill's illness may be delaying the final agreement on the selection.

In the beginning Eisenhower's prospects seemed to suffer from some fear that his ap-

pointment would create an impression—however false—that the Italian and Mediterranean war would be wholly subordinated.

Against this objection these considerations now are offered:

1. Some British general such as Sir Harold Alexander, veteran of years of action in that theater and always closely associated with Eisenhower and his methods, could take over with a minimum of disruption of plans.
2. In Italy and in the Mediterranean both on land and at sea—is British.
3. It has been widely said here that after the first shock of the Allied western landings the armies on the new front are going to be predominantly American.
4. The Mediterranean, in the long view, is a greater preoccupation of Britain than of America and by a variety of circumstances is likely to become more and more of a British show as times goes on.

Pacific Activity Spotlights By A Visit From General Marshall

ARMY HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL PACIFIC, Dec. 22 (AP)—The long Pacific battle line was tense with expectancy today after a dramatic visit from Gen. George C. Marshall, United States army chief of staff, and under indications of resurgent Japanese activity.

Marshall, participant in re-

cent Allied military councils held at Cairo and Teheran, flew the entire line from the Southwest Pacific to the Central Pacific, but only the generals and admirals, American and Australian, knew what he had said.

Marshall was present at Cairo when President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek pledged to hammer Japan into unconditional surrender and to strip it of all war-gotten gains.

With the chief of staff safely back in the United States after his 35,000-mile global trip, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that Marshall had been at advanced Allied headquarters in New Guinea Dec. 15 when the American Sixth army units invaded New Britain, at Arawa.

Japanese air strength, recently badly hit and reduced in the Rabaul area, showed signs of revival. South Pacific headquarters said that when American bombers and fighters assaulted Rabaul Sunday, doing heavy damage to shipping, 50 enemy fighters jumped the attackers. The Americans and Japanese each lost four fighters.

Germany Talks Of Reprisals For The Kharkov Trials

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Dark threats of reprisal against Allied war prisoners came flying out of Germany today as Nazi propagandists worked up indignation against the Kharkov trials and Paul Joseph Goebbels called British and American aviators "huns of the air."

DNB, the official German news agency, said in a broadcast statement on the Soviet trials that Nazi military courts would "soon deal with those British and American prisoners who are guilty of a serious breach of international law."

Goebbels told Berlin police and air raid protection officials that further attacks on the German capital must be expected but that "one day our evergrowing anti-aircraft defenses and future retaliation will make an end to the activities of the Huns of the air."

Ugly hints of measures to be taken against captured airmen were closely connected with a German press campaign against American fliers imprisoned after the Nov. 20 raid on Bremen and accused of having "murdered" incorporated" written on their uniforms.

A Berlin dispatch to the Swiss newspaper Neue Zurich Zeitung claimed that the planes of an entire squadron were so lettered and that another squadron called itself "Home Block Busters."

This referred to the practice of American airmen giving their big bombers names, often facetious, such as "Suzy Q," "Whodid" and "Wabbit Twacks."

The bombed and battered Nazis are screeching that the names of some of the planes prove that gangsters control the American air force.

In seizing on the Kharkov trials for further justification of German brutality, a Nazi foreign office spokesman claimed the trials were agreed upon in principle at the Tehran conference, so the "British and Americans share the responsibility," Swedish press reports said.

Car Crash Brings Co. Court Charges

Charges of driving while intoxicated were filed in county court Wednesday against Harold McKinney after he was involved in an accident on the west viaduct about 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

City policemen, who made the arrest, said that the McKinney car crashed into a car driven by C. C. Mason and that the impact pushed the vehicle back up on the sidewalk where the banister kept it from going over the viaduct.

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Men, Supplies Pouring Into The Solomons

ADVANCED SOLOMONS BASE, Dec. 21 (delayed) (AP)—Additional troops as well as thousands of tons of military supplies and equipment are arriving in forward areas of the Solomons in the American Campaign to capture Bougainville island.

This was disclosed today by Rear Admiral Theodore S. Wilkinson, Washington, D. C., commander of South Pacific Amphibious forces, to provide still another indication that the battle of the Solomons may be virtually over.

(The Japanese have shown signs in recent days of evacuating the southern half of Bougainville. Secretary of the Navy Knox said in Washington yesterday the migration was an obvious Japanese effort to concentrate their forces in the north of the island.)

There are estimated 25,000 Japanese troops on Bougainville, which together with little Buka Island just off its northern tip represents the northernmost enemy holding in the Solomons.

The Solomons air force has completed the job of neutralizing enemy airfields and already has turned its striking power against New Britain, 250 miles from the New American air strip on the Bougainville beachhead.

American naval units have erected a sea blockade to contribute to the successful campaign to sever the 25,000 troops on Bougainville and the 10,000 thought to be on Buka, from the Japanese lifeline to Truk and the Empire.

Finally, the amphibious forces have won the battle of supply—one of the least publicized yet most important phases of the entire northern Solomons operation.

Doris Duke Cromwell Granted A Divorce

RENO, Nev., Dec. 22 (AP)—Tall, red-haired Doris Duke Cromwell, 31-year-old "richest girl in the world," has been granted a default divorce decree from James H. R. Cromwell, former U. S. minister to Canada.

But in New Jersey, where Cromwell has filed a divorce complaint against U. S. tobacco fortune heir, his attorneys said measures would be taken promptly to have yesterday's decree "adjudged to be null and void."

Yanks At Outskirts Of San Vitorre; Reds Threaten To Encircle Vitebsk

Nazis' Entire Baltic Defense Line Menaced

Russian Army Storms Forward; Another Drives On Polotsk

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Russian Baltic army, surging forward unchecked, has advanced another five miles and now stands only 15 miles from the Nazi fortress city of Vitebsk, Reuters reported today from Moscow.

Encirclement of this enemy stronghold thus became hourly more imminent.

This thrust and counterdrive toward the important rail junction of Polotsk, 60 miles to the west, threatened the stability of the entire German line defending the Baltic states.

A Russian communique earlier had reported the forces of Gen. Ivan C. Bagration within 20 miles of Vitebsk from the north through capture of Gribali and less than 25 miles away to the east.

His troops, storming down from Nevel yesterday, blasted their way through a 50-mile gap in deep German defenses capturing more than 100 villages and leaving 1,600 German dead in their wake.

Other columns, swinging out to the west, were within 35 miles of Polotsk. Fall of which would seriously weaken communications between the German northern and central armies and possibly force retirement of the Nazis left flank along the shores of the Gulf of Finland from the Leningrad area.

At the extreme southern end of the 800-mile long battlefield, meanwhile, Russian armies liquidated the Nazi bridgehead on the south bank of the Dnieper opposite Kherson, near the river's mouth, and dispatches said a full-scale attack against the city itself was expected momentarily.

In the center of the line, the Germans were said to be counter-attacking in three key sectors. The Moscow war bulletin said the Nazis struck in the area between Zlobin and the Berezhina river in White Russia, south of Korosten in the Kiev bulge, and in the Kirovograd sector in the Dnieper river bend.

Homemade Cocktails Kill Five Negroes

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22 (AP)—Five negroes celebrating at a Christmas party last night died after drinking homemade cocktails.

Dr. John G. Hamilton, Charity Hospital's resident in surgery, said members of the victims' families told him the cocktails were made of a paint remover ingredient, sugar and two types of wine.

The drink was called a "derail."

Charges Filed After A Stabbing Affray

A stabbing and affray Saturday night in the north part of town resulted in several charges filed in justice and county courts Tuesday.

In county court, Lubie Flores was charged with aggravated assault after Oscar McCarty was stabbed in the affray. One charge of disturbing the peace was also filed in justice court along with nine others for affray. The constable's department made the arrests.

DSC To Be Presented Thursday To Relatives Of Sgt. Edmond Smith

The highest award yet earned by any Big Spring serviceman—the Distinguished Service Cross—will be presented formally to a member of the family of S/Sgt. Edmond H. Smith at the Big Spring Bomber School at 11 a. m. Thursday.

The presentation will be a part of a formal review with virtually all units of the field, including the band and the WAC detachment, participating. Col. R. W. Warren, commandant, will make the award. Weather permitting, Sgt. Smith's three-weeks old son will have the DSC pinned upon his tiny clothes. Mrs. Edmond Smith, the former Edith Harrington of Tucson, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, parents of the war hero who is now a prisoner of war in Rumania, will participate. Mrs. Jessie Lamb and Mrs. E. E. Ayres of Odessa, sisters of the sergeant, will be here and it is hoped that Hubert Smith, El Paso, and Naval A/C David Smith, Corpus Christi, will be here for the ceremonies.



Survivors Of Tanker—These members of a Navy armed guard crew on leave at New Orleans, tell of spending more than 50 hours in lifeboats on Gulf of Mexico after an enemy submarine sank their tanker with two torpedoes early this month. Ten men of the 80 aboard are missing. Left to right are: Seaman M. K. Gethers, Richmond, Ind.; Coxswain Floyd M. Glazebrook, Peoria, Ill.; Gunner's Mate Jack H. Dodewell, Columbus, Neb.; Signalman Ben W. Dyer, Memphis, Tenn.; Seaman Charles J. Gethin, Lorain, O., and Lt. (jg) A. Frank Bray (seated) of Martinez, Calif., commander of the crew. (AP Wirephoto).

US Bombers Strike Again, In Wake Of RAF Night Attack

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—American heavy bombers escorted by a fleet of fighters attacked targets somewhere in northwest Germany today, it was announced by the Eighth U. S. Airforce.

The new attack by the American heavies followed lighter blows by RAF Mosquito bombers against unspecified objectives in western Germany last night and continued the round-the-clock assault on Hitler's fortress for the third consecutive day.

Bids Asked On Disposal Plant

City commissioners, in called session Wednesday morning adopted a resolution calling for sealed proposals for constructing additional facilities at the city's disposal plant.

Bids will be opened at 10 a. m. on Jan. 10, 1944, it was announced. In accepting bids commissioners were expected to give weight to ability to start work promptly as well as to prices.

The project is set up approximately for \$110,000 of which the city is paying roughly half. The city already has sufficient funds on hand to care for its portion of the expansion which would give the city sewage plant facilities suitable for a city of 20,000 population.

Air Strip On Betio Honors El Paso Hero

WITH THE MARINES ON TARAWA, Nov. 27 (Delayed) (AP)—The newly won air strip on Betio Island in the Tarawa atoll today was officially named "Hawkins Field" in memory of Marine Lieut. William D. Hawkins, El Paso, Tex., who destroyed six Japanese machine-gun and rifle positions and was wounded three times before being killed in action.

The field was named by Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, commanding general of the second Marine division, with the approval of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, who came here on an inspection tour.

Cold Wave Due To Strike Tonight

The weather man had a pre-Christmas cold sweep on his calendar for tonight, with forecasts of a minimum temperature of 26 degrees. Possible snow flurries were predicted, too, with perhaps light rain.

Temperatures of from 18 to 24 were forecast for the Panhandle and of 24-28 in the South Plains area.

December Quota On Stoves Allotted

The local ration office issued its December quota of stoves in a panel meeting Tuesday and reserved only a few for emergencies for the remainder of the month.

Approved were applications for a coal and wood heating stove; a coal and wood cook stove; 22 gas heaters; two oil heating stoves; four gas cooking stoves; and six oil cooking stoves.

17 Million Already Paid Out To Veterans Of Current War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Veterans Administration said today it already has paid out nearly \$17,000,000 to World War II veterans or their dependents and has adjudicated more than 100,000 cases of disability claims.

Artillery Assists In Capturing Of Additional Heights

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Dec. 22 (AP)—American Fifth army forces, bolstered by heavy artillery and mortar fire, captured several new heights and reached the outskirts of San Vittore on the road to Rome today, while the British Eighth army battled the Germans with tanks and infantry in the streets of Ortona.

American and French troops along the northern mountainous sector of the Fifth army front were reported attacking the villages of Acquafondata, five miles west of Filignano, and Cardito, after occupying a high point in the Mt. Casole region in their push westward on Cassino.

Strike Date Set By Another Rail Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Leaders of five railroad operating brotherhoods today completed the draft of a counter-proposal for settling their wage dispute and averting a strike called for Dec. 30.

These brotherhoods, which originally asked a minimum increase of \$3 a day, reduced this to 64 cents (eight cents and hour) in the counter-proposal, but added demands for paid vacations, overtime after 40 hours per yardmen, and away-from-home expenses for roadmen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Strike orders from a new quarter today complicated White House efforts to avert a threatened stop of the nation's railway system, now set for Dec. 30.

As conferences went forward to keep 350,000 operating employees on the job, the leaders of an even larger segment of rail workers—the 1,100,000 who perform the office, shop and track work—set Dec. 30 as the deadline for meeting their wage demands.

Negotiations with the five operating brotherhoods (engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and switchmen) were expected to move today into counterproposals providing for paid vacations, a liberalized overtime formula, and expenses away from home.

The operating groups last night rejected a plan put forward by President Roosevelt which would have given them a 4-cent hourly increase in the form of overtime pay or expenses, in addition to the straight 4-cent rate increase recommended by an emergency board.

The operating brotherhoods would settle for the supplementary 4 cents (a total of 8 cents) as a straight rate increase, one official said, but to call it overtime, or anything else, he argued, would impair their future bargaining position too much. That is, if they are going to sell now their claims to vacations, expenses, and better overtime, they feel the compromise rate should be better than 4 cents an hour. One brotherhood chief remarked, "they want to trade us a jackrabbit for a thoroughbred mare."

Roosevelt Works On Christmas Eve Talk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—President Roosevelt left most of his time open today so he could work on the address he will deliver Christmas Eve to the nation and to the armed services abroad.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said a rough draft of the broadcast had been worked out, but that he had no details on what it contained.

Mr. Roosevelt already has said it would be directed primarily toward the armed forces and that he would incorporate in it some information on his recent war conferences in the Middle East, holding other matter on the conferences for his annual message to congress next month.

Four Named In Draft Evasion Conspiracy

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—Gert Hans Von Gontard, alias George Grant, 37, described by federal officials as a grandson of Adolphus Busch, late St. Louis brewer, and three others were named today in a federal complaint charging conspiracy to keep Von Gontard from military service.

Named with Von Gontard in the complaint, which was opened by U. S. Commissioner Garrett W. Cotter, were:

- Francis Xavier Grotano, former New York City detective and now a lieutenant in army intelligence at Governor's Island; Dr. Arnold Aaron Hulseckner, New York physician who was accused of faking medical history, which won draft deferment for Von Gontard; and Michael Mangano, operator of the G. M. Uniform Company, which makes army uniforms for the war department.

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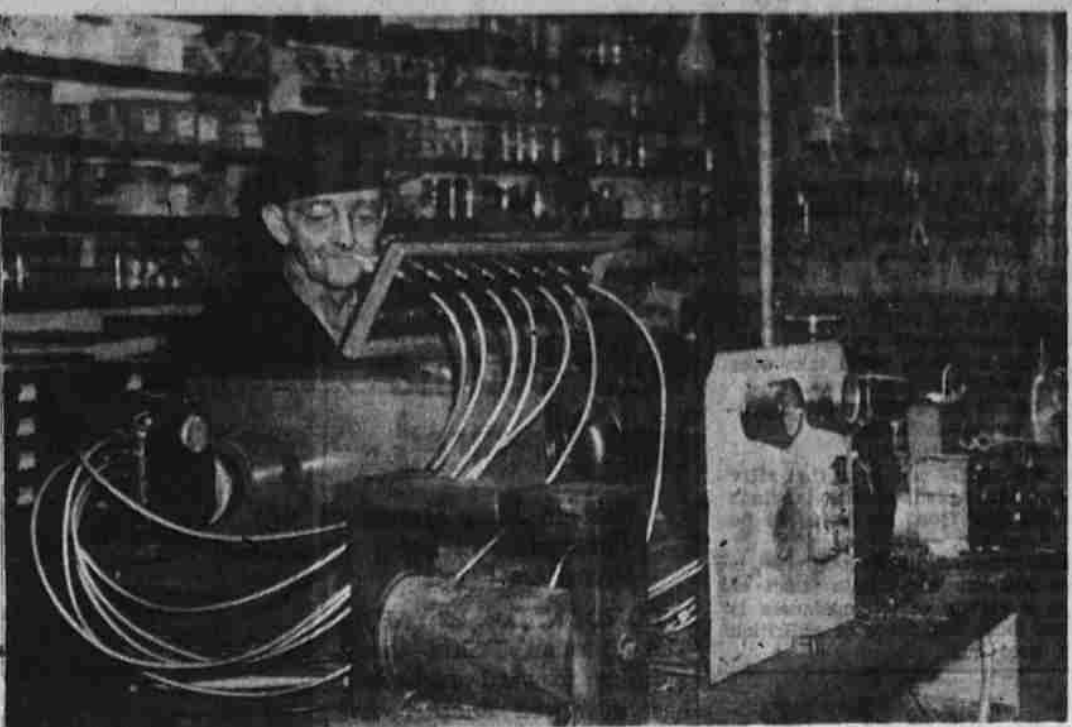
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On The Job— One of the busy technicians serving a wide West Texas territory is E. C. Masters, proprietor-operator of the electric company that bears his name, and who is pictured here in his shop, where he specializes in electrical jobs that are "hard to do." Mr. Masters stays on the job long hours, but is remembering the Christmas season to extend greetings to all his friends and customers. (Kelsey Photo).

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War Revives Art Of Home Baking

By MRS. ALEXANDER GEORGE
AP Food Editor

Homemakers, including a flock of newlyweds, are doing much of their own baking this winter.

Limited food budgets and the acute shortage of domestic help have sent many housewives back to the kitchen to test their baking talents. With the help of grandmother's precious old recipes they are turning out delectable homemade breads, coffee rings and other prize products of the oven.

A batch of yeast dough works magic in the form of rolls, spiced coffee ring or raisin-filled cinnamon buns. Your boy at camp would welcome a pan of sugary cinnamon buns—our son reported they made the biggest hit of any of the goodies sent to him.

CRANBERRY OR MINCEMEAT FILLED ROLL is something new and especially appetizing for winter serving. It is good served warm or cold. Soak a cake of compressed yeast for 10 minutes in 2 tablespoons lukewarm water. Scald a cup of milk and add 2 tablespoons shortening. Cool to lukewarm and pour into the yeast. Add 1-4 cup sugar, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon grated orange rind, an egg beaten, and 3 1-2 cups flour. Mix thoroughly. Shape into a ball in a greased bowl and grease top of soft dough to keep a crust from forming. Cover tightly and let rise until doubled



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Oatmeal Bread

- 2 cups quick oats
- 1 pint boiling water
- 1-2 cup brown sugar or molasses
- 1-2 cup cold milk
- 2 yeast cakes
- 5 1-2 to 6 cups enriched all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons vitaminized margarine melted.

Place oats in bowl and pour boiling water over them. Add 1-4 cup brown sugar or molasses and the milk. When mixture is only warm crumble in yeast cake. Sift and measure 2 cups flour, add and beat smooth. Let stand in warm place until light and bubbly. Stir in salt, melted margarine, and the other

1-4 cup brown sugar or molasses.

Sift, measure and add 3 1-2 to 4 cups flour. Knead until smooth, cover closely or grease top. Let stand until double in bulk. Punch down. When light again form into 2 loaves. Place in well greased pan. Brush tops with melted margarine and sprinkle quick oats over top of loaf.

Let stand until double in bulk. Bake at 375 degrees for 55-60 minutes. Makes 2 medium loaves.

in room of moderate temperature. Roll out half the dough on a floured board and spread with any preferred filling. Roll up and fit into greased loaf pan. Let rise until doubled in size (about 3

hours). Bake 35 minutes in moderate oven. Serve warm or cold. Place rest of dough in a greased bowl. Cover and store in the coldest part of refrigerator and use up within two or three days. This dough can be made into rolls or cinnamon sticks or buns.

For a CRANBERRY FILLING, lightly spread the dough with soft margarine or butter and cover with a half-inch layer of thick cranberry sauce or cranberry jelly—plain or with a few nuts or raisins added. Roll up quickly and bake as suggested. To make **MINCEMEAT FRUIT FILLING**, blend a cup each chopped apples and mince meat, 1-4 cup sugar (dark brown preferred), 1-4 cup raisins and 1-8 teaspoon cinnamon. Spread on the soft dough and roll up. If individual rolls are desired, cut off half inch slices, arrange on greased shallow pan and let rise until doubled in size (about an hour). Bake 15 minutes in moderate oven.

A BREAKFAST RING would make a delightful holiday greeting for a neighbor. It can be eaten cold or reheated for 5 minutes in a moderate oven when breakfast is ready. Pour 1 1-3 cups hot milk in a large bowl, add 1 1-3 teaspoons salt, 1-2 cup sugar and cool to lukewarm. Then add a crumbled cake of compressed yeast and 3 cups flour. Beat 2 minutes, or until very creamy, add 1-3 cup melted shortening, 2 beaten eggs and 2 1-2 cups flour. Knead until soft and elastic (about 3 minutes). Divide in halves to make two rings. Roll out soft dough and spread with soft margarine or butter. Sprinkle with 1-2 cup dark brown sugar, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1-2 cup raisins or dates and 2 tablespoons chopped candied fruits or citron—all mixed together. Roll up and fasten ends together in a ring. Pinch the ends so that they will stick. Carefully transfer to a shallow, greased pan. Let rise until doubled in size—about 3 hours. Brush top and sides lightly with an egg white and tablespoon cold water, mixed together with a fork. Sprinkle top and sides of roll with shredded nuts and a few raisins or currants. Bake 30 minutes in moderate oven.

Classifications Are Announced By Draft Board

New classifications of Howard county men were announced Tuesday by the Selective Service office after a board meeting last week.

Placed in 1-A were James L. Gray, Luther B. Edwards, Jr., Joe P. Zant, Bryant T. Payne, Joseph W. Patterson, Jewel P. Gentry, Andrew J. Thomas, Lino S. Trevino, Johnny W. Lindsey, Feliciano E. Morales, Garrett Irwin, Harry Shields, Jr., Dale C. Stroppe, William V. Low, Joe Coleman, Taylor M. Miller, Luis P. Gonzales.

Charles R. Everitt, Ellis L. Hensley, Simon V. Alvarado, Eldridge B. McAfee, John B. Anderson, Haskel L. Autrey, Leo G. Abbe, Roy G. Pickle, Lewis B. Rix, Don W. Seale, Robert S. Vallego, Aubrey O. Nichols, Howard H. Stephens, James O. Bryant, Raul G. Aleman.

Those in 2-A are Horace L. Ayers, Don A. Carter, James D. York, Mindon G. Hannaford, William H. Scott, Floyd W. Lewis, Arthur W. Goble, Jr., Ray Prather, Murray I. Craft, Arthur T. Bryant, Roy Shipman, and Clark V. Wash.

Placed in 3-A-4 were Roger B. Hearne, and in 3-A-4-H were Paul Q. Whirley, Francisco M. Rodriguez, Arthur L. Leonard. Named as 1-A-H were Eluterio Oroscio and Wilba G. Fuller.

Classified as 2-B were Horace W. Cook, Lonnie H. Lee, Jr., Selmer C. Adams, Raymond E. Richardson, Leonard L. Miller, Elliott W. Burleson, listed as 1-C, enlisted into the service. Named as 3-C were Reno J. Nuckols, Elmer C. Tarbet, Leslie W. Barr, Manuel T. Miller, Allen H. Gamel, Marvin W. Manning, Charles J. King.

Those in 2-C are Arnold J. Lloyd, J. R. T. Williams, Melvin C. Coleman, J. A. Smith. Named in class 4-F were John H. Park, Claude T. Eppler, Eugene D. Henderson, Loyd H. Day, Clyde H. Garner, Jr., Ramon B. Dunivan, Jesse Harper, Jr., Benjamin E. McCrary, Lyle J. Jordan, Rupert W. Jennings, Oscar H. Warren, Leon Houston, Benny F. Anderson, Bennie R. Wood, Wilbur Ayers, Walter D. Scott, Robert H. Teeter, Thomas R. Agin, Miguel B. Pineda.

WASTE PAPER DRIVE
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Unused forms provided for the registration of slaves in Pennsylvania almost a century ago are headed for war-time waste paper salvage. Court attaches found the blanks while moving documents into a new court house.

Three-quarters of the world's area is ocean. The metal antimony expands as it solidifies. It is illegal to throw away paper in Britain.



There's a CHRISTMAS RUSH on telephone wires, too

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C & H Cocktail Sauce	10 oz. Bottle	13 Points	25c
Monarch Salad Dressing			pt. 27c
C & H Pepper Flavored Catsup	12 oz. Bottle	Points 18	19c
C & H Sugar	10 lb. Cloth Bag	69c	
Calumet Baking Powder	1 lb. Pkg.	20c	Lb. 19c
Gebhardt's Chili Powder	Large Bottle	35c	Pkg. 11c
Armour's Vegetable Shortening	2 lb. Ctn.		57c

TABLE

Del Monte Early Garden Peas	No. 303 Can	Points 16	18c
Stokely's Tiny Lima Beans	No. 2 Can	Points 20	27c
Monarch Tiny Green Beans	No. 2 Can	Points 5	20c
Del Monte Peaches	No. 2 1/2 Can	Points 27	29c
Fresh Prunes	No. 2 1/2 Can	Points 15	25c
Van Camp's Beans	In Tomato Sauce 27 oz. Can	Points 15	21c
All Sweet Oleomargarine		Points 6	23c

Poultry and Meats

FRESH DRESSED HENS
From 10 to 20 lbs. Points 5
HAMS lb. 36c

Roast Pork Shoulder . . lb. 33c

BOILED HAM lb. 72c

BACON lb. 38c

SAUSAGE lb. 39c

FRESH OYSTERS 1 qt. 69c

FRUIT CAKES

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

Fresh CORN	2 ears	15c
Fancy Pascal CELERY		lb. 10c
California Navel ORANGES		lb. 10c
30 Size AVACADOES	Each	15c
CAULIFLOWER		lb. 10c
Fancy NEW POTATOES		lb. 10c
ENGLISH PEAS		lb. 15c
WALNUTS - PECANS ALMONDS		

Public Health Notes

By J. A. OLEAN, M.D., Director Big Spring-Howard County Health Unit

Reported cases of communicable disease for the four weeks ending December 18th in Big Spring and Howard county:

- Influenza—102 cases.
- Pneumonia—5 cases.
- Dysentery—25 cases.
- Whooping Cough—12 cases.
- Influenza and Pneumonia

Influenza is becoming more prevalent throughout the city. The state is having an epidemic of a mild form of flu. Pneumonia can be a serious complication. A respiratory infection with fever, aches and cough means stay at home to safeguard yourself and to protect others whether it be in school or at business.

Dysentery
The bacillary type of dysentery comes from eating contaminated food or using improperly sterilized eating utensils. The sanitarian makes frequent inspections of eating establishments in an endeavor to maintain standards. Food must not be kept too long or handled too much. Refrigeration of food and its protection from flies, roaches and rodents is most essential. Service and utensils must be kept strictly clean. It is possible that many of our present cases of dysentery are an intestinal type of influenza.

Whooping Cough
This disease is gradually spreading. It can be a serious illness in infants and young children. Your family physician can immunize these small children and assure a good measure of protection. Most of the deaths from whooping cough and pneumonia are in children under five years of age.

Extra! Newspaper Refuses Virtually All Advertising

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP) — Because of the newsprint shortage, the Chicago Daily News will publish no advertising except death and legal notices, church bulletins and amusement announcements from Dec. 23 until Jan. 3.

In an "announcement to advertisers" published today, the paper said x x x "It became apparent at the outset of newsprint rationing that, to live within our quota, it would be impossible for us to accommodate all the advertising offered to us and, at the same time, give our readers the news and features to which they were entitled x x x"

During the period between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3, the announcement said, the paper "will appear as usual with all its editorial features and news sections unabridged."

Roadside Wedding

ASHEBORO, N. C. (AP)—A soldier and his prospective bride presented themselves to an Asheboro minister for the rites, but with a Guilford county license. Since the marriage must be performed in the county of issuance, the pastor hustled the couple and necessary witnesses into his car and drove just across the Randolph-Guilford county line. There he parked by the roadside and tied the nuptial knot.

Merry Christmas

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Christmas Turkeys
Fully Dressed — any size — place your order not later than Thursday.

Not Rationed
HENS lb. 47c
FRYERS lb. 57c

FRESH OYSTERS For Your Dressing lb. 69c
CALF BRAINS lb. 17c

Your Choice of Six Grade A Hams
Seven Cut Steak . . . lb. 28c
Grade A Sliced Bacon . . . lb. 41c
Fork Chops . . . lb. 29c
Chuck Roast . . . lb. 26c
Bologna . . . lb. 24c

Fresh Yard Eggs doz. 41c

Pork & Beans . . . 15% oz. 8c
Green Cut Beans No. 2 Can 11c
Cut Okra No. 2 Can 2 for 25c
Sweet Potatoes 21c
Green Giant Peas No. 2 Can 17c
Green Lima Beans No. 2 Can 14c
Bama Peanut Butter Quart 45c
Crispy, Sour and Dill Pickles 22 oz. 26c
Sour Pickles One Gal. \$1.02
Whole, In Water Prunes One Gal. 54c
Old Fashioned Cranberry Sauce 12 1/2 oz. 15c
Fruit Cocktail No. 3 Can 34c
Libby's Pineapple No. 2 Can 22c
Grapefruit Juice 48 oz. 29c

FRUITS and VEGETABLES
Arizona Oranges . . . lb. 11c
Texas Oranges . . . lb. 7c
Delicious and Winesap Apples . . . lb. 11c

Pascal and Bleached Celery lb. 12c
Texas Grapefruit . . lb. 5c
Cabbage lb. 5 1/2c

MOTHERS — VISIT OUR BABY FOOD COUNTERS
Plenty of WALNUTS, PECANS and ALMONDS for your Christmas Baking. Good supply of WHITE KARO SYRUP and PET MILK.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Plenty FREE PARKING Space for Everybody
Meet Your Friends at Piggly-Wiggly

Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District News

E. T. O'Daniel of Coahoma is plowing to all of his terraces in order to make them wider. This will make them easier to work with all types of farm equipment. Terrace lines were run on Ellis Eden's farm west of Vealmoor last week, and terrace construction will start as soon as listing is complete.

O. R. Crow, east of Luther, built several terraces with a one-way last year and is starting to work again this year to build more terraces.

Recent rains have given terrace construction quite a boost, according to Dudley Mann of Soil Conservation Service. Dirst is moving reasonably well now, and more farmers are working with plows and small graders in order to get their terraces completed.

Ed Love of Vealmoor is building hills in his terraces.

COOK UP A CHRISTMAS GIFT



PANTRY SHELF GIFTS: Marmalades, jams and jellies are sure-fire hits.

By MRS. ALEXANDER GEORGE AP Food Editor

A Christmas gift that comes out of the kitchen will be appreciated more than ever this year. A few jars of Victory garden tomatoes, beans or peas packed with three or four glasses of jelly, jam and relish in a stout market basket will make a wonderful "from our family to your family" present.

Despite shortages and high prices, there are dried and fresh fruits available for making up holiday treats in the spread of

lionsed meals. Let stand again over night. Measure and add equal amounts of sugar. Boil gently until a small portion of the mixture "sheets" (2 drops run together) off a spoon. Pour into small sterilized glasses and seal at once with melted paraffin.

Odd shaped jars or bottles make interesting containers for these Christmas treats. Often unique jam pots can be purchased at low cost. Small cold cream jars of uniform size containing different jams and assembled in a shallow basket or box make gay gifts, especially if you wrap the jars or

glasses in holiday trappings. Fresh pears are available in some markets so if you can buy some try this HOLIDAY PEAR MARMALADE: Wash, peel and core 4 pounds of pears. Chop or grind. Wash and grind 2 oranges and a lemon (discard seeds, of course). Mix fruits and 6 cups sugar. Let stand 30 minutes. Boil gently until thick and quite clear. Stir frequently with wooden spoon. Pour into sterilized glasses—half pint are suggested. Seal with paraffin and keep in cool, dark place until time to pack for holiday giving.

FRUIT SPREAD is something new and delicious. Mix together 2-3 cup each chopped figs, dates and raisins, 1 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons flour, 1-4 teaspoon salt and 1-3 cup corn syrup. Add 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 1-4 teaspoon each grated lemon and orange rinds. Simmer about 15 minutes or until thick and creamy. Stir frequently. Add 2 tablespoons margarine or butter and mix thoroughly. Pour into small sterilized jars, cool and seal with melted paraffin.

CRANBERRY RELISH is excellent with fowl or meats. Mix together 4 cups washed cranberries, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1-2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1-4 teaspoon each mace, cloves and salt. Add 4 cups sugar or 3 cups sugar and 1 cup light corn syrup. Let stand 10 minutes. Boil over moderate heat for 10 minutes. Stir frequently. Pour into small jars (sterilized). Seal at once.

For Christmas see our rebuilt pre-war bikes, Thixton's, E. 15th & Virginia. Phone 2052—adv.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Wednesday Evening	12:30 News
8:00 Minute of Prayer.	12:45 Christmas Carols.
8:01 Phillip Keyne-Gordon.	1:00 Cedric Foster.
7:15 News.	1:15 Listen Ladies.
8:30 The World's Frontpage.	1:30 Mutual Goes Calling.
8:45 Superman.	2:00 The Night Before Christmas.
6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.	2:15 Morton Downey.
6:15 The Johnson Family.	2:30 Yankee House Party.
6:30 Halls of Montezuma.	3:00 Walter Compton.
7:00 Calling S-A-N-T-A.	3:15 Dance Time.
7:30 Harry James' Orch.	3:30 Harry Hodge.
8:00 Gabriel Heatter.	4:00 Ray Dady.
8:15 Vaughn Monroe's Orch.	4:15 The Black Hood.
8:30 Soldier's With Wings.	4:30 KBST Bandwagon.
9:00 To Be Announced.	Thursday Evening
9:15 Songs by Sunny Skylar.	5:00 Minute of Prayer.
9:30 News.	5:01 Phillip Keyne-Gordon.
9:35 Sign Off.	5:15 News.
Thursday Morning	5:30 The World's Frontpage.
7:00 Musical Clock.	5:45 Superman.
7:15 News.	6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
7:20 Musical Clock.	6:15 The Johnson Family.
7:30 News.	6:30 Variety Time.
7:45 The Rovin' Cowboy.	6:45 Confidentially Yours.
8:00 News.	7:00 The Black Castle.
8:05 Musical Interlude.	7:15 Dinah Shore.
8:15 Morning Devotional.	7:30 Tommy Dorsey's Orch.
8:30 KBST Bandwagon.	7:45 News.
9:00 Ian Ross MacFarlane.	8:00 Gabriel Heatter.
9:15 Maxine Keith.	8:15 Tommy Dorsey's Orch.
9:30 Shady Valley Folks.	8:30 Treasure Hour of Song.
10:00 Arthur Gaeth.	9:00 Raymond Clapper.
10:15 Kentucky Carnival.	9:15 Dale Carnegie.
10:30 Happy Joe & Ralph.	9:30 News.
10:45 Musical Moments.	9:35 Sign Off.
11:00 News.	
11:05 Musical Interlude.	
11:10 KBST Previews.	
11:15 Hank Lawson's "Merric Mixers."	
11:30 U. S. Navy Band.	
Thursday Afternoon	
12:00 Al Goodman's Orch.	
12:15 What's The Name of That Band.	

Man To Waive Extradition

KERRVILLE, Dec. 22 (AP)—Everett Wilson, jailed here for Pennsylvania authorities, said he would waive extradition to Mercer, Pa., where he is charged with refusing to obey a grand jury subpoena in connection with a triple slaying on his dairy farm near Mercer.

The dairyman was arrested here yesterday, and in Mercer, District Attorney Edwin C. Moon said he had asked Wilson be held as "an absconded witness."

Wilson's 78-year-old mother, his wife, Helen, 46, and Robert McKay, 70-year-old farmhand, were slain about noon last Oct. 6. Moon, announcing last night he had reopened last night into the slayings, said it had been definitely established that the dairyman was fishing with some friends in Canada at the time.

A Mercer county jury Sunday convicted William A. Marell, 20-year-old illiterate orphan and worker on the farm of voluntary Wilson's wife, and acquitted him on two counts of murder in the deaths of Wilson's mother and of the other farmhand.

MERCER, Pa., Dec. 22 (AP)—District Attorney Edwin C. Moon said today a 20-year old blonde housemaid, will be charged with murder in the triple slaying at the Everett Wilson dairy farm, "if evidence from the reopened investigation of the case warrants."

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Carrot Marmalade
4 cups prepared carrot and citrus mixture
7 cups sugar
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To prepare carrot and citrus mixture, cook about 2 pounds carrots until tender; drain and grind or chop fine. Add grated rind of 2 medium oranges and 2 medium lemons. Peel oranges and dice, discarding hard centers and seeds. Squeeze lemons. Add orange pulp and lemon juice to carrots. If desired, add ginger or cinnamon for a spicy marmalade.

Measure sugar and prepared mixture, solidly packed, into large kettle. Mix well and bring to a full rolling boil over hot-test fire. Stir constantly before and while boiling. Boil hard 1 minute. Remove from fire and stir in bottled fruit pectin. Pour quickly. Paraffin hot marmalade at once. Makes about 10 glasses (8 fluid ounces each).

relish line. These will do much to improve the taste-appeal of

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"So that peace may prevail for all mankind"

Christmastide, hallowed season of joy and happiness, this year finds all of us in America striving constantly to hasten the day of Victory. Nevertheless it is fitting that we should pause both to recall our Christmas days of yesteryear and to look forward into the future with profound confidence and hope. We people of Safeway—including those who have taken leave of absence to join the fighting forces—unite in sincerely wishing every one of you a Merry Christmas! May your families be happy and well. May your dinners be hearty. And may the Christmas prayers of all of us be answered, "So that peace may prevail for all mankind..."

Waste Free Turkeys Dressed and Drawn **Lb. 55¢**

Waste Free Chicken Hens Dressed and Drawn **Lb. 45¢**

Fresh Airway COFFEE 1-Lb. Bag **21¢**

HAMS HALF or WHOLE **Lb. 34¢**

SHANK END **Lb. 33¢**

Center Slices **Lb. 49¢**

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Cranberries Fancy Red **Lb. 33¢**

Apples Delicious, Winesap and Rome Beauty **Lb. 11¢**

Celery Fancy California Well Munched **Lb. 15¢**

Cocoonuts Fresh **Lb. 19¢**

Oranges Florida Sweet **Lb. 8¢**

Avocados Fancy California 24 Size **Each 15¢**

Oranges California Novel **Lb. 10¢**

Bananas Central American 2 Lb. **23¢**

Green Brussels Sprouts **Lb. 21¢**

Yams No. 1 Cole, Bred **Lb. 10¢**

Potatoes 10 Lb. **39¢**

Grocery Values

Tomato Juice Sunny 12-Oz. Doves **11¢**

Cocktail Heaton's Dark No. 2 1/2 Oz. **32¢**

Tomatoes Standard Quality No. 2 **10¢**

Niblets Del Mele Whole Kernel No. 2 **13¢**

Beans Del Monte Green Lima No. 2 **19¢**

Raisins Seedless California 1-Lb. **14¢**

Catsup Red Hill Tomato 14-Oz. **15¢**

Margarine Balford Enriched **Lb. 22¢**

Pumpkin Pie Spice Durbes' 1 1/2-Oz. **9¢**

Ground Sage Scabbler's 1 1/2-Oz. **13¢**

Holiday Grocery Values

Mincemeat Home Like 29-Oz. Jar **38¢**

Chocolates Sunshine Assorted 1-Lb. Box **59¢**

Milk Chereb (1 Pint for 2 Sm. Cans) Small Can **5¢**

Knox Gelatin Reg. No. 1 1-Pg. **19¢**

Soup Heinz Tomato (4 Points Per Can) No. 1 **11¢**

Bread Julia Lee Wright's Enriched White 24-Oz. Loaf **11¢**

Pecans Paper Shell in Mesh Bag 2-Lb. Bag **2.15**

Shelled Pecans 12-Oz. **85¢**

Grocery Values

Dressing Sunshine 12-Oz. Jar **23¢**

Olives House Stuffed 10-Oz. Jar **47¢**

Flour White Craft 10-Lb. Bag **50¢**

Cake Flour Sunshine 5-Lb. Bag **28¢**

Corn Meal Mammy 5-Lb. Bag **27¢**

Crackers Sunshine Krispy 1-Lb. Pkg. **19¢**

Mixed Nuts 1-Lb. Pkg. **39¢**

Oxydol Gramolene Soap 24-Oz. Pkg. **23¢**

Dux Soap Washing Powder 21 1/2-Oz. **23¢**

Super Suds 24-Oz. Pkg. **23¢**

Soap Crystal White Laundry Soap Large Box **4¢**

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Armour's Star 3/4 or Whole, Cured Hams... 38¢	Idaho 10 lb. Mesh Bag Potatoes... 45¢
Pork Shoulder... 28¢	No. 1 Yams... 7 1/2¢
Fresh Sausage... 25¢	Fresh Green Cabbage... 4¢
Grade A Slic. Bacon... 39¢	Yellow Onions... 7 1/2¢
Fresh Pig Hams... 35¢	Texas Oranges... 8¢
Pecans, Almonds, Walnuts... 45¢	Pure Grape Jelly... 45¢
Banner Oleo... 22¢	Pure Fig Jam... 33¢
American Beauty 5 lb. bag Meal... 25¢	KRISPY CRACKERS
Winnette 25 lb. Bag Best Flour... 1.25	2 lb. box... 32¢
Pancake 3 1/2 lb. Box Flour... 25¢	Molasses 1 lb. Bulk Cookies... 25¢
Crystal White Soap... 23¢	Sliced Peaches... 23¢

CHRISTMAS CANDY... lb. 49¢

CHRISTMAS TREES — new shipment

Admiration Coffee

BRIGHT and EARLY COFFEE... pkg. **29¢**

35¢ 1 lb Jar

New OPA Rules Listed For Gas On Cars Sold

The OPA notified the local ration office Monday that a plan to go into operation on January 1st involving the surrendering of rations on transfers of vehicles will call for close cooperation between the county tax collector's office and the ration board.

Applications for new vehicle registrations are made through the tax collector's office and a close check will be made to see that outstanding gasoline coupons for vehicles to be sold are returned to the rationing office before the vehicle is transferred.

Before selling or transferring, the owner is required to send any coupons he has in his possession to his ration office and obtain a receipt in duplicate. The original copy of the receipt will be presented to the county tax collector with the new owner's application for registration of the vehicle.

The purchaser must use the duplicate of the receipt when he applies to the ration office for gasoline rations.

In the event that the sale or transfer of the vehicle is handled in any county other than the home county of the seller, the surrender of rations and issuance of duplicate receipts should be handled by the board in which the transfer is made.

Dealers and other persons holding new or used vehicles, including passenger cars, commercial vehicles or motorcycles for resale, will be required to file an inventory with the ration board of all such vehicles on hand as of the close of business December 31st and obtain a receipt for each vehicle.

Beginning January 1, no vehicle is to be sold or transferred unless this receipt in duplicate is given to the purchaser at the same time. Scrap dealers must have on hand a receipt for each vehicle they receive beginning January 1st. The receipts must be retained for at least one year if the vehicles are to be scrapped.

SAVE BLOWS FOR NAZIS
CAIRO, Dec. 22 (AP) — Warring Greek Guerrillas have been urged by Premier Tsouderos to stop fighting among themselves because German occupation forces are merely waiting to "strike a deadly blow at the small remnants of you—if any are left."

County Funds Total \$72,000
County commissioners in session Thursday approved County Auditor Claud Wolf's report of finances for the month of November.

The report shows actual status of fund accounts up to December 11 to be \$72,058.59.

A breakdown of these figures shows the jury fund with \$2,235.78 and the road and bridge fund with a balance of \$19,378.15 on hand. The general fund is \$29,296.12 and the salary fund, \$6,035.09.

Permanent improvement fund amounts to \$1,489.20 and the road refunding bond, \$1,685.96. The special road bond stands at \$4,735.75 and the courthouse and jail warrants at \$1,948.81. Viaduct warrants total \$843.93 and road and bridge fund total \$2,391.80.

Securities for the funds amounted to \$48,600 with \$5,000 for the jury fund; \$10,000 each for the road and bridge and general funds; \$8,000 for road refunding bond; \$1,800 for special road bond fund; and \$3,800 for the viaduct warrant fund.

Funds spent during November showed \$15,325.80 spent in the road and bridge fund which included \$7,492.65 for right of way; and \$1,850.80 for extra labor including mechanical labor.

Funds spent for the month in the general fund amounted to \$1,520.71. Distribution of the officers salary fund amounted to \$2,929.15, while the permanent improvement fund amounted to \$53.15 in which \$30.15 was for painting on the honor roll board.

Interest and sinking funds distribution amounted to \$4,766.63 for bonds and interest. Jury fund expenditures amounted to \$362.15 of which \$120 was for petit jurors in county court.

Total checks issued for November amounted to \$25,257.50.

FSA Engineer Here To Check On Farms

Frank G. Harrison, Amarillo, regional engineer for the Farm Security Administration, is here to make a final check on several farms in Howard and Martin counties on which FSA has options for the tenant purchase program.

New Pay Zone May Be Opened In Vincent

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 18—Indicated opening by W. S. Guthrie of Corsicana and Cosden Petroleum Corp. of Big Spring of a second pay zone in the one-well Vincent deep Permian lime pool in northeastern Howard county, from porous crystalline dolomite at 5,460-72 feet, believed to be the Wichita of the lower Permian, featured West Texas oil developments this week.

The Texas Co. staked location for a wildcat in north central Andrews county.

Guthrie-Cosden No. 2 Mrs. Pauline Allen in Howard county topped porous crystalline dolomite at 5,460 feet, 3,101 feet below sea level, drilled to 5,463 and during a 24-hour shutdown filled 1,000 feet with 31.6 gravity oil. In the next 2 1/2 hours the oil rose an additional 300 feet and 150 feet higher as drilling progressed to 5,472 feet. There was no water.

No increase was obtained in drilling lime stringers with occasional soft spots to 5,494 feet. Drilling continued to more oil, or water, or 6,000 feet. No. 2 Allen is in the C NW SE 57-20-Lavaca Navigation Co., only 1,875 feet northwest of No. 1 Allen, the discovery well, which logged pay from 4,040-96 feet and was completed on the pump for 162 barrels daily. No. 2 Allen and several other tests that have been drilled in the vicinity found the 4,000-foot horizon barren.

The Texas Co.'s Andrews county wildcat is No. 1 A. W. Pattillo C SW SW 22-A36-psl, one mile south of Shafter Lake and four miles northwest of Andrews. Drilling 5,900 feet is expected to exploit the Holt pay section of the Clear Fork.

Union of California No. 2 J. D. Biles, second producer in the Union pool in northwestern Andrews county quarter mile north of No. 1 Biles, the discovery, was treating with acid under pressure after washing with 3,000 gallons. A total of 12,000 gallons likely was to be used between 6,885 and 7,500 feet, the total depth. Location is the C SW SE 18-A31-psl.

Tide Water No. 1 Woodley Petroleum, northwestern Gaines county wildcat southwest of the Wasson field, C SE 62-AX-psl, was credited in an unconfirmed report with recovering some oil on a drillstem test from 5,088 to 5,106 feet. It is being drilled "tight." The San Andres section of the Permian lime was topped at 4,810 feet, 1,002 feet below sea level.

Continental No. 1-A Dr. E. H. Jones, northwestern Gaines wildcat C SW SE NW 22-A7-psl west of the Russell pool, was running 7-inch casing to the bottom, 11,183 feet in lime and chert. It is scheduled to explore the Ordovician. Humble No. 1 R. A. Cox, west central Gaines wildcat C SW NE 14-A11-pls, had passed 10,388 feet in shale.

Shell No. 3 Sealy-Smith Foundation in the Monahans field in northeastern Ward county topped the Ellenburger, lower Ordovician, lime at 10,331 feet, 7,840 feet below sea level. This, according to one correlation, was 294 feet lower than in No. 1 Sealy Smith, the discovery, about one half mile east and slightly south. Six feet of fractured dolomite bearing a slight oil odor and trace of saturation in fractures in the bottom four feet was recovered from a core from 10,361 to 10,378 feet Coring continued. No. 1 Sealy-Smith is West Texas' deepest Ordovician discovery and has the thickest pay section, 460 feet.

No Security Payments On Illness, Disability

The old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act do not provide for payments in case of sickness or disability, according to J. Hasler Strickland, manager of the Big Spring office of the Social Security Board.

"Recently a number of persons have contacted this office, seeking information as to whether or not they could receive social security benefits during periods of illness or disability," Strickland said.

Monthly benefits are paid to eligible workers who have reached the age of 65 and retired; benefits are also provided for eligible survivors or "insured" workers who die. But under the present law there is no provision for payments on account of sickness or disability. Strickland said the confusion had probably come about as a result of the Social Security Board's recommendation in its seventh annual report that provision be made for disability insurance by amending the law.

18 Plead Guilty To Gambling Charges

Eighteen pleas of guilty were made in justice court Monday following a roundup of 20 persons, two of whom were minors, on charges of gaming. Fines of \$14 each were assessed in justice court. Arrests were made by the sheriff's department.

Also filed Tuesday were two disturbance charges and one for driving without an operator's license, all apprehended by the constables' department.

Sea Experiences Are Recounted By Stripling Boys

One of his two sons in service is a full-fledged "moss back" and the other stopped just short of the distinction, Fox Stripling learned in letters last week from Ensign Allen A. Stripling and Lieut. John L. Stripling.

Ensign Stripling wrote that he had completed a 7,300 mile trip from his base, somewhere in the Pacific, to New Caledonia and return as second navigator on a navy flying boat.

A "moss back," he explained, is one who has crossed the equator. Not only had he done that, but he qualified as a "shell back" by having also crossed the international date line. One of the places touched on the trip was one where the Japs had bombed recently. "At another place he attended a motion picture show in an old church, the roof of which had been bombed away."

Lieut. Stripling, with an army contingent, might have earned the "moss back" honor but his outfit stopped in Panama, he wrote. In his letter he described the ocean, which caused him some distress, "monotonous except in vigor." Aboard ship, chimes called three settings for each meal, and he observed that they "were bonging almost every hour of the waking day, reminding me of food I shunned and attempted to forget, or was going to eat totally without relish, or worst of all, a meal I had already eaten and was trying to hold down."

In Panama he was amazed to step from the boat to a train, which whisked them to their destination. The city near where they are stationed was described as resembling a "Mexican fiesta and a public square market."

Urchins hawked bananas, but Lieut. Stripling rebelled at paying five cents each for them in the tropics. Presently, one tyke with a bunch, offered the lot at "four-bits." He grabbed the bargain and counted his bananas. There were only nine!

Gifts For Wounded Far Exceed Quota

CALDWELL, Dec. 22 (AP) — More than 1000 gifts, 1,500 cookies, 25 pounds of candy and a truck load of green Christmas tree decorations were carried to the McCloskey General Hospital at Temple from Burleson county this week.

Miss Kathleen Cade, chairman of the hospital council, of the Red Cross here, said the number of gifts exceeded the quota by more than 600.

Airlines Group Here To Survey For Service

Three representatives of Continental Air Lines were here Saturday night on a survey trip looking toward initiation of service over newly authorized route from El Paso to San Antonio via Big Spring.

In the group were P. J. Carmichael, traffic and cargo manager, Kenneth Allen, director of publicity, and Richard James, pilot, all of Denver, Colo.

They were to confer with city officials and civic leaders at a 9 a. m. breakfast at the Settles before returning to San Angelo, whence they came Saturday evening. The group plans to return here Tuesday.

Carmichael disclosed Saturday night that they were working on three primary objectives: 1) To ascertain the army's reaction to the service for it is dependent upon army approval, 2) to seek advice on schedules, and 3) to make arrangements for terminal space in event the service is authorized soon.

He said that he was hopeful that two schedules daily could be provided, for it had been the experience of Continental, he said, that more than one schedule daily always provoked more interest from towns where there were stops.

In addition to affording rapid service between San Antonio and El Paso, Carmichael said the company was hopeful of making connections at Hobbs, N. M. with its regular run from El Paso to Denver, thus giving San Antonio and Denver an air connection.

The route, approved 10 days ago by the CAB, which designated Continental as the carrier, calls for stops at San Angelo, Midland-Odessa and Hobbs, as well as at Big Spring.

Activity Lowers War Bond Quota

War Bond buying showed a spurt of activity Friday and Saturday at local banks to push the amount sold so far this month to \$74,893 leaving \$35,207 of the goal still to go.

Apparently last minute Christmas shoppers, after waiting until the last week before the holiday, took advantage of the opportunity to buy the gifts that please everybody, young and old.

Many of the bonds were of the \$25 denomination while \$50 bonds and \$100 bonds followed in popularity for Christmas gifts to tuck under stockings or put under the tree.



In Virginia—Pri. Bascom above, husband of Mrs. Ashley of 400 Abram, has completed his basic training at Camp Lee, Va., in the quartermaster corps. He was formerly employed at Robinson's grocery here before entering the service on September 28th. Mrs. Ashley also has two sons in the service, Pfc. John Robert Massey, stationed at Buckley Field, Colo., and Cpl. Murel E. Massey, stationed at Los Angeles, Calif.

Five Texans Given The Silver Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — Award of the Silver Star to three officers and two enlisted men from Texas was announced today by the war department.

The award was made to Lt. Col. Ernest D. Brockert, corps of engineers, Fort Worth, for gallantry in action near Lae, New Guinea, from Sept. 4 to Sept. 18.

Maj. Harry H. Critz, field artillery, Houston, received the award for gallantry in action in North Africa.

Capt. Robert D. Shipp, infantry, of Burnet, was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in North Africa.

For qualities of leadership and bravery in leading and aiding his wounded crew members to safety under enemy fire in North Africa, Staff Sergeant Herman C. McSwain, armored command, of Odessa, received the Silver Star. At the time of the action Sergeant McSwain was wounded when his tank received direct hits from enemy fire. Reported wounded in action Dec. 2, 1942, he was released from hospital Jan. 29, 1943.

Gas Tax Proposal Is Referred To C-C Committee

In special session Monday, chamber of commerce directors referred to the oil and gas committee, with authority to act, the matter of a resolution favoring a severance tax on Texas natural gas for inter-state transmission.

The resolution was proposed originally by the Tyler chamber of commerce, which cited that it means the depletion of Texas gas resources to the endangering of secondary oil recovery by injection of natural gas into petroleum sands, and that the fuel would be transmitted to the eastern area where coal reserves are estimated sufficient for four centuries of industrial and domestic operation.

Dr. P. W. Malone, chairman of the aviation committee, reported on a meeting with Continental Air Lines officials here Sunday and said that if army approval of the service is granted, it is possible that service might be started within 60 days.

An appeal for local memberships in the US 87 Highway association, which proposes to seek traffic over the connecting link between the Alaskan highway at Sweetgrass, Montana, and the Pan-American highway at Laredo, was made by Joe Pickle, who predicted tremendous interest in Alaskan and Latin and South American areas after the war.

Directors voted to dispense with the regular meeting Dec. 27.

Coahoma Precinct Liquor Election Is Reset For Jan. 8

The local option in the justice precinct No. 2 (Coahoma) to determine whether legal sale of liquors shall be continued, has been reset by the county commissioners court for January 8.

The date originally was December 30, but the court rescinded this order since this date was one day short of the 20-day lapse required between call of the election and actual voting date.

The precinct includes the voting boxes of Coahoma, R-Bar and Vincent.

Residents Return For Holiday Visit

FORSAN, Dec. 19 — S/Sgt. Jim Earl West of Birmingham, Ala., is home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Floyd Griffith is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilmore. Her husband is now at gunnery school in Las Vegas, Nev.

John B. Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Barber, is now a lieutenant junior grade. Lieut. Barber joined the navy following his graduation from Texas Tech.

Harry Braeue of Stephenville was a recent guest of the Bill Congress.

AAFBS Notes—New Arrivals At Local Post

The following named enlisted men arrived at the Big Spring Bombardier School last week and have been attached to the 365th B Hq & AB Squadron: Privates First Class Dale E. Cooper, Carleton J. Doran, Charles O. Harvey, Clyde A. Hopper, Calvin F. James, Privates Ennio Duronio, William H. Eldridge, Vernon C. Fangman and Lloyd B. Hurd.

Pvt. Richard D. Larsen and William G. Paul have been assigned to the 315th AAF Band.

1st Lt. Walter H. Scott is at Randolph Field for four days attending a personnel officers' conference.

New second lieutenants, who arrived here last week and have been assigned for duty as pilots are: Robert F. Smith, William K. Flandrena, Ernest T. LaRue. Lt. Smith is from Cleveland, Ohio and was commissioned last April at Pampa Air Field. Lt. Flandrena, Hurley, Wis. was also commissioned last April at Pampa and has also been stationed at Fort Ord and Moffett Field in Calif. and South Plains Army Air Field. Lt. LaRue, Kingswood, W. Va. was recently commissioned at Frederick Army Air Field, Okla. after having been an enlisted man for six months and an air cadet for 10 months.

"Assigned as instructors are 2nd Lt. Edmund C. Puddicombe, Joliet, Ill. and Lawson T. Schubert. They were previously stationed at Childress. Lt. Edward F. Endicott, Redmond, Ore., a former school teacher and athletic director just arrived and is awaiting assignment.

2nd Lt. William H. Burner, Long Beach, Calif. has been assigned for duty as a bombardier approach pilot. He was stationed in England and Canada with the RCAF. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in London last July and is now a member of the V.F.W.

Draft Calls Will Include Fathers By Next Month

By The Associated Press

The draft will be getting around to Texas fathers in earnest, come January.

This is the tenor of sample reports from cities over the state! There is a lull generally in inductions now, so that men won't be taken into the services during the Christmas holidays.

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War Profits Hit By Sen. Walsh

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Senator Walsh (D-Mass.), declared today the American people will be "shocked" when the profits on war contracts are disclosed.

He made this statement in an announcement he would oppose several of the proposed changes in the war contracts renegotiation law when the tax bill which carries them is debated in the senate.

Walsh's pointed criticism of parts of the \$2,275,600,000 revenue bill followed a sharp exchange on the same subject between Treasury Secretary Morgenthau and Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee, which cleared the bill yesterday.

Indicating he might join other committee members in a minority report, Walsh said:

"In my opinion there will never be another period more favorable for obtaining from the taxpayers a larger contribution to the costs of the war.

"Outside of the white collar and fixed income groups, there is more earning, more spending, and less suffering as a result of the war effort, than at any other period."

action has been scheduled for January on a measure to provide mustering out pay for servicemen. The senate already has approved the bill providing for a sliding scale discharge pay ranging from \$300

Health Officer Makes Appeal For Yule Seals

Dr. J. E. Olean, director of the Midland-Ector-Howard County Health unit, Tuesday added his voice to others appealing for purchases of Christmas seals.

These purchases, he pointed out, constitute the only source of revenue for the Howard County Tuberculosis association, which has mapped out an ambitious program of mass testing of school children in cooperation with the Big Spring-Howard County division.

Already cards which will serve for consent and index purposes have been sent out, and Dr. Olean expressed the hope that parents of children in the grade levels to be tested would see that the cards are signed and returned as quickly as possible.

No tuberculin patch tests will be administered until after the holidays however. Dr. Olean estimated that at least 1,500 would be given. On the basis of findings elsewhere, around 150 X-ray pictures may be required to follow up where patches show positive returns.

Speaking about the tuberculin tests, he said that the purpose "is to find those people, especially children, who are or have been in contact with tuberculosis." "The test is harmless. If it is found to be positive, it simply means that an individual has gotten germs in his body from being in contact with somebody sick with tuberculosis."

"The positive test does not mean that the child himself has tuberculosis, and should not cause abnormal fear, but it does mean that one should go further and get an X-ray of the chest and an examination to find out whether or not the infection has done any damage or how much damage has been done. It is particularly important to test children during the early years before they enter school, because if they are positive at that young age when they have relatively few contacts, it should make us suspicious that either some member of the family, neighbor, frequent visitor, play-mate, or servant has tuberculosis and is spreading the germs to the child. Another important period for examination is high school age, when sickness and death from tuberculosis are highest."

"About 20 people die of tuberculosis daily in the United States and 11 daily in Texas. No body is safe as long as we have so much tuberculosis among us," hence the need for tests and preventative measures.

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Congressmen Going Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Members of the 78th congress went home today to celebrate the Christmas holidays and to recharge their political batteries for the opening of a presidential campaign year.

They will return Jan. 10 to come to grips with a batch of questions directly affecting the country's wartime economy, of challenges to President Roosevelt's method for holding the inflation line, of issues centering around taxes, wage increases, subsidies and appropriations.

As the final gavel fell late yesterday to end a session which saw the administration give ground in turbulent battles over home front policies, there appeared little hope of peace between the executive branch and a coalition of republicans and southern and farm state democrats.

In the final days, President Roosevelt's Capitol Hill stalwarts won a temporary truce in some of the pending fights, hopeful that a "cooling off" period would shift sentiment, that the constituents back home would rally to their support.

Two of those questions—subsidies and taxes—await senate attention; a third, that of wage stabilization, rests in the house.

Marked for quick attention when the holiday is over are two issues affecting servicemen. House

Heavy Cut Ordered On Newsprint Use

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — The War Production Board today ordered deep cuts in the 1944 use of paper by newspapers, magazines, book publishers and commercial printers.

The restrictions are designed to save 1,250,000 tons of paper in 1944. Consumption of paper has been running far ahead of pulp production, it—AP said.

The newspaper publishing industry's total allotment of paper in the first quarter of 1944 will be reduced 23.6 per cent, to effect a savings of 205,709 tons from the 889,296 tons used by the industry in the first quarter of 1941, the base period for estimating allocations.

Groehl Again To Head County's Bond Drive

Howard county is getting its sleeves rolled up for another war job—that of meeting its assignment in the Fourth War Loan drive which has been set by the treasury department for next month.

County Bond Chairman Ira Thurman announced Saturday that Ted O. Groehl, who so successfully headed up the Second and Third War Loans, had been "drafted" to serve in the same capacity next month.

"Mr. Groehl has made real sacrifices in serving as chairman of our other drives," Thurman said, "and naturally wanted someone else to take the job this time. But we know what he can do, and we know he can put us over the top again, and we are happy to announce that Ted has accepted his assignment again. We know that the people of Howard county will accept their individual assignments, too."

The Fourth War Loan, which starts January 14, likely will bring a smaller quota than that in September, when the county had more than \$1,700,000 to raise. The national allotment is four billion dollars less than that of the Third War Loan.

Care Urged To Stop Loss And Forging Of Govt. Checks

Police Chief J. B. Bruton said Friday that the US Secret Service at Dallas had renewed its warning to persons in this area who receive cash checks to be watchful for mail thieves and forgers.

Many allowance and allotment checks are going astray and are being cashed on forged endorsements, he was advised. According to Bruton, Secret Service asked that these suggestions be followed:

Have a good, deep mail box with name on it, and keep it locked; when possible, have carriers deliver checks in person rather than to the box; never endorse a check until you are in the presence of the person who will cash it; cash your check at the same place each month; cash it yourself and don't send children to do this for it is placing unnecessary temptation before juveniles; if you change your address, notify the postoffice immediately; do not fold, pin or mutilate allotment or allowance checks.

For those who cash checks, he urged that they "know your endorser; get positive identification by asking yourself 'could I find the person who gave it to me if it is returned?'; never cash a check already endorsed, requiring that it be endorsed again in your presence; require employes endorsing checks to initial them.

The Secret Service "Know Your Endorser" campaign is similar to its "Know Your Money" campaign in 1938, which resulted in a 97 per cent decline in counterfeiting.

Care Urged On Listing Of Auto Mileage

The tire panel issued a warning Tuesday to motorists applying for tires to be careful in listing their mileage correctly. Grades of tires are issued according to the car mileage ratings.

Cars with an approved mileage of 810 miles or over are allowed Grade I tires, and under that mileage are allowed Grade III tires. However, since this mileage is checked on the records before tires are approved, the tire panel has found many mistakes.

In cases where motorists apply for Grade I tires and do not have the necessary mileage, their applications are canceled and the motorist must apply again for a Grade III tire.

Cancellation of applications takes time and involves delay for the applicants and checking on the part of the board, and the tire panel asked that motorists list their correct mileage in the future. There is also a penalty for willfully listing incorrect mileage, the panel pointed out, and asked for cooperation of all applying for tires.

SURVEYOR DIES
DALLAS, Dec. 22 (AP) — O. F. Yarbrough, 89, pioneer land surveyor and resident of Dallas for the last 60 years, died last night at a hospital after an illness of two weeks.

Facilities For Airline Checked

Continental Air Line representatives and the City of Big Spring Sunday checked over requirements of the air transport company for terminal facilities here if and when the army approves operation of the El Paso-San Antonio route authorized by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Here for Continental were R. J. Carmichael, traffic and cargo manager, Ken Allen, public relations, and Dick James, pilot, all of Denver, Colo. The three had been guests at a breakfast meeting Sunday when Big Spring city and chamber of commerce officials and civic and business leaders talked with the airline men.

Carmichael said that the company was anxious to start the line as soon as army approval was forthcoming and that if equipment and personnel could be made available, it was hoped to inaugurate two schedules daily.

Terminal needs, he told city officials, would be limited for the time being. Space requirements at the airport administration building could be limited to that needed for radio equipment, ticket office and baggage compartment, according to the traffic manager. If two schedules daily are installed, then four persons would be required at the Big Spring terminal.

Continental's representatives sought reaction of Big Spring men to schedules, and Postmaster Nat Shick checked with the group on the same subject with view of improving mail service.</

Editorial - - -

Some Tax Issues To Be Settled

The issue between the Treasury and Congress in regard to the new tax program is by no means clear cut. Both sides are right and both sides are wrong. We never will get anywhere taking one side or the other indiscriminately.

The Treasury is right in contending that as much as 10 billions in new taxes should be raised for the double purpose of helping to finance the war with a minimum of borrowing and of helping to control inflation.

These two distributions are as nearly complete opposites as it is possible for them to be. Third is the social philosophy which underlies taxation for the purpose of financing governmental operations—taxation for revenue.

Two Are Shot In Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, Dec. 22 (AP) — A sister and brother, Mrs. Katie Taylor Silva, 33 and L. A. Williams, 38, were shot and wounded critically this morning as they got in Williams' car in the garage at their residence.

School Girl Wins Acquittal Of Charge She Killed Brother

BURLINGTON, Ky., Dec. 22 (AP) — Amid cheers in a crowded rural courtroom, Joan Kiger, Auburn-haired school girl, was acquitted by a jury last night of murder charges in connection with the slaying of her 6-year-old brother, Jerry.

Santa Flying His Soldier Gifts To Remote Posts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Santa Claus, dressed in olive drab and flying an army air force plane, is bringing Christmas to United States troops in icy, barren northern areas, the battle fronts of Europe and the sun-baked isles or dripping dim jungles of the Pacific.

Sonny Tufts Has A Great Fear Of All The China

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — It was fine and dandy while Sonny Tufts and the Mrs. lived in auto courts when they couldn't find a house. But now Sonny, all six feet four inches of him, is quaking in his boots with fear he will portray the disastrous role of a bull in a china shop.

Flu Cases About Double In State

AUSTIN, Dec. 22 (AP) — Influenza cases reported to the state health department for the week ending Dec. 18 totaled 5,309 compared to 2,921 the week before and the seven-year median of 873.

Fancy Seeing You There, Old Thing

GUYMON, Okla. (AP) — C. E. Mates, soldier from Garden City, Kas., climbed out from under his overturned car and began a frantic search of the vicinity.

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution for yesterday's puzzle.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

Solution for yesterday's crossword puzzle, listing words like 'BIBLICAL KING', 'MOCOSIN', 'COMPASS POINT', etc.

Rep. Dirksen Makes An Appearance As Candidate

WASHINGTON — A new actor has made his appearance on the Republican presidential candidate scene. He is Rep. Everett McKinley Dirksen, of Pekin, Ill.

Dirksen protests publicly and privately that he isn't interested in a second place on the G. O. P. ticket and by refusing to enter the Illinois primaries, he convinced many that he wasn't angling for a "favorite son" spot which would give him bargaining powers when the convention is held next summer.

Texas Today Cities' Spread Perfectly Legal

By DAVE CRAVENS Associated Press Staff Texas' rapidly expanding larger cities have one thing in common with those well-known unicellular organisms which feed themselves by completing surrounding and absorbing adjacent microscopic food particles, and it's perfectly legal.

Under a recent supreme court opinion, such fast-growing municipalities may, under certain conditions, annex nearby unincorporated territory in such a manner as to wholly encircle a neighboring town. Thus the big city might continue its growth outward north, south, east and west, leaving the gobbled-up suburb still functioning as a sort of municipal island, swallowed but not digested.

firm in its advice that the remedy lies with the legislature and not in the courts. Just such a situation between the city of Houston and the city of West University Place was the occasion for the far-reaching opinion written by Judge W. M. Taylor, member of the commission of appeals and unanimously concurred in by the court as a whole.

The Unseen Audience

Comic strip 'The Unseen Audience' showing a man talking to an invisible audience. He mentions 'Katie Kleigligh', 'Otto Klambake', and 'Dishmop Night Club'.

Lieut. Blissard Here Visiting His Father

Lieut. Grover C. Blissard, Jr., who won fame as a hero of the North African battles as pilot of a Flying Fortress, is here visiting with his father, G. C. Blissard.

Referring to the case of Houston versus Magnolia Park, Judge Taylor said this ruling had no bearing on encirclement, but was that one municipality could not absorb another municipality of equal dignity and thereby destroy its right of self government. He added:

While it is true that the result of the passage of the annexation ordinance would be to absorb within the bounds of Houston all the unappropriated territory mutually adjacent to that city and West University Place, none of the governmental power of West University Place would be thereby taken away.

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Comic strip 'Blondie' showing Blondie and Dag. Blondie is checking the time on various clocks around the house.

Comic strip 'Barney & Snuffy' showing Barney and Snuffy. Barney is talking about 'Arid-Naek' and 'Muffins'.

Comic strip 'Patsy' showing Patsy and a man. Patsy is talking about 'Andrew' and 'smell smoke'.

Comic strip 'Flaming Arrows' showing a man and a woman. The man is talking about 'Thunder shower' and 'flaming arrows'.

Comic strip 'Annie Rooney' showing Annie Rooney and a man. Annie is talking about 'arranged everything' and 'Annie'.

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Apartment
FURNISHED rooms and apartments: \$3.50 and up. No drunks or toughs wanted. No children. PLAZA APARTMENTS, 1107 W. Third, Phone 46-W.
Bedrooms
NICE, clean, newly remodeled rooms close in; by day or week. Tex Hotel, 501 E. 3rd. Phone 991.
Wanted To Rent
Houses
\$50 REWARD — Desire before Christmas, two-bedroom house, nicely furnished, close to school. Call 1003 or call at Cabin No. 10, Mayo Court.
OFFICER desires furnished house or apartment. Call 921-R.
Real Estate
Houses For Sale
FOR SALE—House and lot, well and windmill. Priced reasonably; located at Lenora, Texas. See Mr. Charlie Fergus, 1200 W. Third St.
Lots & Acreages
FOR SALE: Well improved 160 acres farm 8 miles southwest Big Spring. 100 acres in cultivation, plenty of good water. Four-room house with bath, Butane System, Magic Chest cook stove, Servel Electrolux. Also four-room house for farm help. Mrs. O. O. Craig, 431 E. Park St. Phone 1274.
FOR SALE—Improved section in Martin County. Address Box 191, Stanton, Texas.
WHALE IN HARBOR — LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (AP) — The harbor yesterday had a visitor strange indeed to these parts — a whale. The 15-foot creature butted its head against a pile of rocks until finally gaffed by fishermen and lassoed by an ex-cowboy.

Real Estate
Farms & Ranches
640 ACRES, 530 in cultivation, modern 8-room house, nearly new, Butane gas and lights, one 4-room house and bath, one 3-room house, one new tractor, Farmall M, and 4-row equipment, one Farmall 20, and 2-row equipment, new binder, and other farm equipment; feed, cottonseed, hogs, chickens and cows. Will sell farm with or without equipment. Can give immediate possession. Call 59 or call at 207 Goliad.
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Ration Stamp 1 Good For Pork
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — OPA has made spare ration stamp No. 1 good for five points worth of spare ribs—or an equal value of other pork products.
Pork is glutting the market. The OPA explained that the temporary validation of a special stamp in book four provided the "simplest and most effective manner for getting the unexpectedly large civilian supply of pork into the hands of the housewife."
The extra ration is good only until 12:01 a. m. Jan. 2. Agency surveys show that the average person spends between 11 and 12 of his weekly ration points for meats. With the loins and other choice cuts of pork at four points, a family of five, using the new spare stamp, temporarily will be able to buy at a rate of about 20 pounds a week. Of the cheaper cuts, such as shoulders, the family could buy about 40 pounds a week.
Britain's Women's Land Army numbers about 60,000.

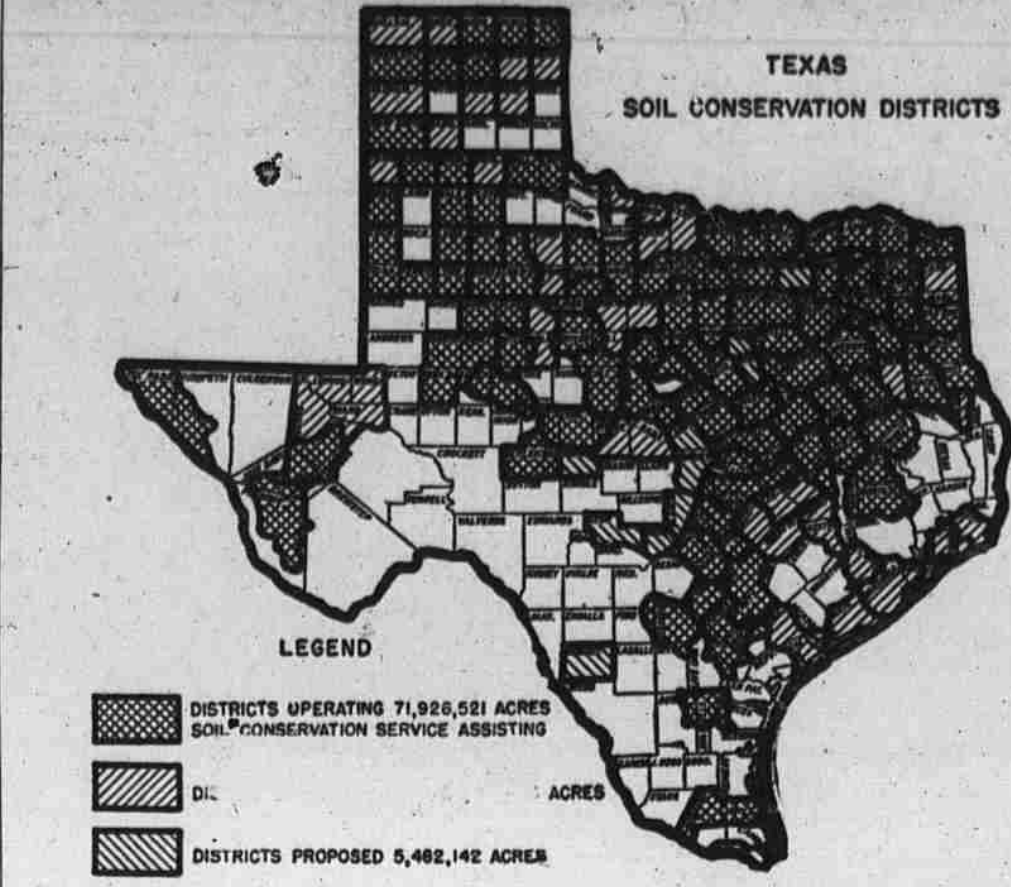
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Progress In Soil Conservation Reported By Supervisors In Convention At Cisco



This map above shows how much Texas is covered by these districts, which were created under authority of the State Soil Conservation Act. This act is administered by the State Soil Conservation Board composed of W. W. Cardwell, chairman, Luling; W. M. Deck, Perryton; H. K. Fawcett, Del Rio; J. P. Martin, Martinsville, and C. M. Caraway, DeLeon. V. C. Marshall of Temple is administrator for the board, and H. H. Gross is field representative.
E. T. O'Daniel, chairman of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation district board of supervisors, has returned from Cisco, where, at the annual meeting of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors Association, he and other supervisors reported "remarkable progress" in soil conservation work during the last 12 months and discussed plans for a post-war program to save and improve Texas lands.
"J. C. Wells, former county agent of Howard county, made one of the most outstanding talks," said O'Daniel.
Soil conservation districts organized by landowners now cover 75 per cent of the farms and ranches of the state. Organized districts number 196 and embrace more than 96,500,000 acres.
"The local district has assisted 387 farmers and ranchers, develop conservation plans on approximately 431,511 acres," continued O'Daniel, "and there is a steady flow of applications for assistance."
Farmers from every section of Texas told of increased yields of war crops due to soil and water conservation work, said O'Daniel. He added that "people in East Texas are more aware of needs for

conservation because of advance stages of soil loss and erosion damage whigs-as our land is new, and the damage is not yet apparent. Now is the time to prevent it."
Crop yields have been doubled and even quadrupled in some cases by conservation measures and an average of 25 per cent increase has been reported due to these practices. With labor plentiful after the war, land may be improved as well as conserved. This is vital, he quoted speakers as saying, if the US is to remain the great power it is today. "Soil," he said, "is the only common denominator of all the peoples of the world because all must eat, must be protected by clothing and shelter. The world already has a shortage of really good land with only two acres to a person, whereas two and a half acres a person is required for an adequate diet."

STORY
(Continued from Page 4)
"She did? Who is Miss War-buck?"
"She was a roomer Miss Gussie took to. Dead now."
"Dead? Then you're the only one who could swear to it?"
He nodded.
"How long ago was this Giggs?"
"Say 'bout three years."
Three years! Then her grandmother had left a will and Mr. Baxton had simply failed to find it. Ann's heart lifted. Now that she knew it existed she wouldn't stop until it was found. Then, adopted or not, she would inherit the house.
"If you witnessed it, Gibbs, it's bound to turn up."
"Maybe so, maybe not." His voice was dismal.
"What do you mean?"
He didn't look at her. He shook his head and contemplated the floor. "They's things go on since Miss Gussie died. Things I don't hold with. Folks ain't all friendly no ma'm!"
To be continued
Friction matches were invented in 1827.

OAKY DOAKES
AT LAST OAKY HAS FOUND SIR SLICK'S OFFICE IN VAST PENTAGON CASTLE...
HMM...
TH' DOOR'S OPEN!
SIR SLICK DE BONAIR Promoter I'VE GOT BIG IDEAS
... SO'S THE VAULT!
SURE STUPID OF SIR SLICK TO LEAVE THING'S OPEN THIS WAY!
HEH, HEH!

DICKY DARE
IF ONLY I KIN GET HIM BEFORE HE GETS ALL STUCK UP IN THAT BUNK
PETE'S SAKE, HERE HE IS! HEY, HAP, I'VE GOT TA TALK TA YA! LISTEN I ---
BUTTON IT, CALF! THERE'S A GENERAL ALARM --- SUB SIGHTED!
A SUB SIGHTED? HAPS ON A GUN CREW --- HE'S GOTTA FIGHT ALL STUCK UP WITH THAT STUFF! SHOOT ME, 'CONSCIENCE,' QUICK!

MEAD'S fine BREAD

SUPERMAN
GOLLY! LOOK AT THAT UPSIDE-DOWN RESERVOIR!
THE CITY'LL BE FLOODED—UNLESS WE CAN STOP THE WATER FROM REACHING IT!
HMM... THOSE HILLS OVER THERE WOULD COME IN HANDY, SUSIE — IF THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
SO--
WHEEEEE! WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO NOW, UNCLE SUPERMAN?
OH, JUST MOVE A COUPLE OF THESE L.I.L. OL' HILLS DOWN INTO THE VALLEY IN THE PATH OF THE FLOOD!

SCORCHY SMITH
IT WAS... IT WAS SURE NICE OF YOU GIRLS TO... TO GIVE YOUR TIME THIS WAY... AND EVERYTHING!
YES, SCORCHY!
I... I DIDN'T WANT TO COME ALONG AT FIRST, KATHY! BUT SOMETHING'S HAPPENED...
ME TOO, SCORCHY!
YOU MEAN?
YES, SCORCHY!

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with **Charles WINNINGER**
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Black Bombers Vs. Black Leopards In 'Blackberry Bowl' Game Here Jan. 1

The Black Bombers of the Big Spring Bombardier school will rise and attempt to shine against the Black Leopards of the San Angelo Army Air Field in an all-negro football tilt scheduled to be played in the "Blackberry Bowl" on the high school playing field New Year's Day at 2 p. m.

The game is being played for the welfare and recreational benefit fund of AAFBS, and is to be sponsored by the American Legion, which meets tonight at the Chamber of Commerce office to complete final plans for the game. Post Commander C. L. Rowe urged all legionnaires to be at tonight's meeting, called for 8 o'clock.

Complete uniforms with blue jerseys arrived at the local field today, and it has been announced that the Black Bombers will be wearing brown and white headgear.

Acc tackler for the Bombers is Elmer L. Henderson, a corporal from Memphis, Tenn., who played high school and college football, was named on an all-American team for two years, and received special recognition for being the best player on his school team.

Pvt. Fred Smith from Murfreesboro, Tenn., who is also scheduled to play, lettered in football at the Holloway high school in Memphis, Tenn. Pvt. Leroy Weakley played four years in high school, one year in junior high, and has had six years experience in sandlot games.

Five foot five Jesse Anderson, who tips the scales at 181 pounds, has had two years experience in high school football, playing on the Merry high school team in Jackson, Tenn.

Stated to be one of the best bets in entertainment on New Year's Day, the event will be highlighted with music by an all negro band from the San Angelo field. Units from the Big Spring Bombardier school will also participate in the benefit entertainment.

Tire Ration Panel Will Be Honored

Tire dealers, truckers and others are planning a banquet session Thursday evening in honor of the tire ration panel, it was announced Wednesday.

The affair will be held in the Settles hotel and members of the panel, together with ration clerks and staff members, will be honor guests.

Mother Of Big Spring Woman Succumbs

Mrs. Claude Wright's mother, Mrs. C. A. Dublin of Jal, N. M., succumbed at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday after a week's illness of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held in Midland Thursday afternoon, friends here advised.

Mrs. Dublin, who was taken ill a week ago, died in a Hobbs, N. M., hospital where she had been taken for treatment.

SEVEN MILLION ESTATE

HOUSTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Total gross value of the community property of the late W. S. Farish, Sr., Houston and New York Oil man, and of his widow, Mrs. Libbie Rice Farish, is \$7,072,880 according to an inventory filed in probate court today.

TWO ARRESTED

C. B. Lee and Jim Wright of Sweetwater were apprehended in San Angelo Tuesday by Liquor Control Board inspectors and charges of transporting liquor in a dry area were filed against each man in the Tom Green county court.

Despite the Restrictions of Wartime **QUALITY** Still stands out as the distinctive mark of all **KELSEY PHOTOS** 800 Runnels Ph. 1234

Yule Shopping Tapering Off

Christmas shopping, always a rush affair despite best efforts at early buying, is moving to a sort of anti-climax here this year.

Although the volume would be big by previous standards, purchases have not swollen proportionately toward the end of the current buying season as in former years. Too, the temp of shopping has been faster, enabling merchants to handle sizable volumes of trade without too great congestion.

Mailing dropped off abruptly Tuesday as was expected. Insured parcels totaled only 324 against 718 for the same day a year ago. Letter cancellations stood at 21,858 as compared with more than 39,000 on the same day of 1942.

Airmail poundage Tuesday stood firm at 169. Postal receipts, however, continued around \$800 above last December and Postmaster Nat Shick forecast that receipts would aggregate more than \$117,000 this year. This would be a gain of more than \$20,000, or roughly 25 per cent for 1943.

Texas Farmers Tell Lyndon Johnson All About Their Troubles

BASTROP, Dec. 22 (AP) — Rep. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) for a while was speaker at a gathering of Central Texas farmers here last night, but it was just for a while.

When Johnson, who has been a strong national administration supporter, outlined his ideas on the food problem, he asked the audience to have its say. Several farmers spoke up. Here is the essence of what some said:

S. L. Brannon, Bastrop stockman: farm labor is the main problem. The WPA made shovel-leaning popular and farmers are not getting their money's worth from available labor. Prisoners of war are unsatisfactory. "They get 10 minutes each hour off to rest. As a matter of fact, they rest a lot more than that."

W. E. Dickens, Bastrop farmer: if acreage control does not accompany post-war plans of prevent a collapse of the cotton market, "we are going to have a lot of cotton."

C. W. Webb, Elgin: in spite of the war, we are getting along all right. A meeting where the people can have their say helps.

MacArthur's Trip Home Is Doubtful

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 22 (AP) — The commonwealth government does not take seriously any reports General MacArthur is planning a trip to the United States next spring.

(The Indianapolis Star has quoted "persistent reports of reliable persons returning from Australia," as saying MacArthur is making tentative plans to return to Washington next March for a series of conferences.)

It was officially stated today Prime Minister John Curtin knows nothing about the reports and it was emphasized Australia would be consulted first because it is a party to MacArthur's military directive and the general is partly responsible to the commonwealth government.

Weather Forecast

DEPT. OF COMMERCE WEATHER BUREAU

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy to cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday; colder tonight and Thursday with minimum temperature near 26 degrees. Occasional light rain tonight and Thursday. Possible light snow flurries.

WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy to cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday, colder tonight and Thursday; lowest temperature tonight 18 to 24 in Panhandle and 24 to 28 in South Plains and north portions, Pecos valley and east of Pecos river; occasional rain in Del Rio-Eagle Pass area and east of Pecos river and occasional rain mixed with snow in Panhandle and South Plains.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy to cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday cooler in north and central portions this afternoon, colder tonight and Thursday; freezing in north with lowest temperatures 20 to 25 in extreme north portion and near to slightly below freezing in interior of central portion tonight; occasional rains in south portion.

TEMPERATURES

City	Max.	Min.
Abilene	58	32
Amarillo	41	30
BIG SPRING	60	32
Chicago	36	14
Denver	47	29
El Paso	65	36
Fort Worth	60	37
Galveston	70	58
New York	49	32
St. Louis	42	23

Local sunset today at 6:46 p. m. Sunrise Thursday at 6:44 a. m.

Several Tires, One Auto OK'd By Board
A large number of Grade I and Grade II tires were approved by the tire panel Tuesday along with an automobile issued to the Guitar Trust Estate.
Sixty-two Grade I tires were okayed; 55 Grade III tires; 19 truck tires; 34 passenger tubes; 14 truck tubes; six implement tires; and six implement tubes.

Collings Will Address Grads

Judge Cecil Collings, magistrate of the 70th judicial district, will be the speaker Friday when class 43-18 graduates from the Big Spring Bombardier School.

The judge was a soldier in World War I when he interrupted his studies to enlist.

Music will be furnished by a post orchestra and the "G. I. Trio" will sing. Administration of oath will be by Lieut. Pierre Curie and Col. R. W. Warren, commandant, will present the wings. Response will be by 2nd C. S. McGinty, class wing commander. Invocation will be by Chaplain James L. Patterson and Emeric Lawrence. During the program, to be held in the post theatre, awards will be presented to the "best bombardier, best scholar and best athlete" of the class.

Howard County Men Inducted At Dallas

The Selective Service Board received word Wednesday of the induction of two Howard county men who had been transferred to the Fort Worth board on the November call.

Bonnie Cleo Klennert and Edney Warren Lowimore were both inducted at Dallas.

Charlie Sullivan, OPA rent control director, is in Oklahoma City, Okla., where he took his son to a specialist for asthma treatments.

The American Business club will meet Thursday at noon at the Settles hotel instead of regular meeting day on Friday, Jake Morgan, president, announced Wednesday. The date was changed due to the Christmas holidays.

The Rev. J. E. McCoy, pastor of the First Christian church, has announced that the program scheduled for tonight, "Come to the Manger", has been canceled, due to the illness of several members.

Maj. L. W. Canning, in charge of the Salvation Army work here, reminded people again Wednesday that if certain rationed items go into Christmas baskets this year, it will be because residents contribute them. Ration officials pointed out that the only way such items could be legally acquired was for individuals to surrender stamps for them and then make a gift of the goods. Such contributions may be left at the Salvation Army Citadel—or a telephone call to Maj. Canning will bring aid in collection.

Lillian Shick is in Abilene this week visiting with Sgt. Granville Dawson, who is on a furlough for the holidays. He has been on the West Coast with an ordnance unit.

Persons who did not get their bundles of old paper, books, magazines, etc out Wednesday were urged to get them out by Thursday morning, which is the last day for the Boy Scout paper collection campaign. These bundles may be left on doorsteps and sidewalks where Boy Scouts and Cubs may pick them up.

Stolen Automobile Quickly Recovered

The police radio which sent out word of the theft of Mrs. H. J. Morrison's car Tuesday resulted in a quick recovery at Westbrook when Burl Haynie of the Highway Patrol located the car.

Charges of theft were filed Wednesday in justice court against William W. McMahan of Abilene, who was driving the car. The sheriff's department also made recovery of another stolen car in Stanton Tuesday. No charges were filed in this case.

Too Late To Classify

TRUCK Drivers and Helpers needed. See A. McCasland, Agent, T&P Ry. Co.

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OPA Tire Officials Making Inspection

Tom Hendricks and William J. Pringle, both of the Lubbock OPA tire division, were making an inspection visit at the Howard county ration office Wednesday, Sonora Murphey, chief clerk, said.

Mrs. Murphey also advised that the ration office would close at noon Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Thursday night the board and clubs will be entertained with a dinner at 7 p. m. at the Settles hotel and afterwards will go to the ration office where gifts from the office Christmas tree will be distributed.

Miss Frazier Sings For Lips Club

Vocals by Cornelia Frazier, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Bruce Frazier, highlighted the regular weekly meeting of the Lips club, Wednesday noon.

Dr. C. W. Deats, chairman, urged Lions to participate in the club's annual Christmas party for Latin-American children at the Kate Morrison school at 7:30 p. m. today.

In response to a request from Lions International Club McGibbons, president, named Carl Smith and Taylor Anderson on a special foods committee. C. L. Rowe announced plans for the "Blackberry Bowl" all-negro football game here New Year's day and asked club support.

Free Movie For Local Children Set Friday

The Ritz theatre's traditional Christmas gift to Big Spring youngsters—a free matinee—is scheduled again for the 1943 holiday season, and will be held Friday morning, Dec. 24, at 10 a. m.

The feature picture will be "Junior Army," a youth drama starring Freddie Bartholomew and Billy Hallop.

The Ritz management invites all children to be its guests at the show.

Underwriter Groups Will Convene Here

Legislative committees from four other associations are due to meet here Dec. 29 with the Big Spring Life Underwriters association, Dalton Mitchell, president of the local unit, announced Wednesday.

Mitchell characterized the meeting as a "very important one" and said that around 25 underwriters were expected, including the representatives from the San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock and Amarillo associations.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 22 (AP) — Cattle 1,500; calves 900; steady to strong; good fed steers and yearlings, 13.00 - 15.00; common to medium 9.00 - 12.50; beef cows, 8.00 - 9.00; bulls, 6.50 - 9.50; good and choice fat calves, 11.00-12.00; heifers 11.25 down; stocker and feeder steers and yearlings 8.00-

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