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Nazis Prepare For Expected Yank Attack

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BACK TO WAR SCHEDULES ON VITAL MATERIALS AS THE YEAR ENDS

NEW YORK (UP)—American industry returned to war production on a giant scale as the year ended after a series of appeals by high-ranking army and navy leaders, government agencies and industry's own representatives.

Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commanding General, Army Service Forces, said 300,000 men were needed immediately to bring the war production program up to schedule, and he added that it will cost us \$71,000,000,000 a year to fight Japan when Germany is out of the way.

He made these statements before the War and Reconversion Congress of American Industry—49th annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers whose members make more than 90 per cent of all the war supplies turned out in the country.

Frederick C. Crawford, chairman of the association, who had just returned from a tour of the war fronts in Europe, told the Congress that Germany was strong on its home front, and that our troops lacked supplies in many instances. He said Gen. George S. Patton would have been able to get on to Berlin if he had had sufficient gasoline.

Immediately the congress concentrated on war discussion and relegated the reconversion angle to a lesser position. Top army and navy officers met face to face with industrialists and mapped a program for the nine strategic items most needed.

These critical items and their current status are as follows:

Heavy Truck Tires—A further increase of perhaps 15 per cent was projected as a possibility through use of emergency equipment and a restudy of production potentialities and schedules. A 60-day top emergency rating over all other "must" programs has been instituted to cope with the tire crisis.

Artillery Ammunition—Between 2,000 and 3,000 soldiers have been given 90-day furloughs to go into artillery ammunition plants which needed an estimated 50,000 men some of whom may be diverted from other war industries. The 1945 program calls for production rate six times the figure of January, 1942.

Superfortresses—Production is not behind schedule, "but we need more and more" J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production Board said.

Small Arms Ammunition—Office of ordnance estimates output must be stepped up in 30-caliber cartridges to 50,000,000 more rounds over rate of last October. The 1945 program projects a monthly average of 375,000,000 of these cartridges. Here also principal "bug" is labor supply.

Dry-Cell Batteries—December production estimated at 175,000,000 cells, against requirements of 210,000,000 cells. By March production may be stepped up to 215,000,000 cells, but charts show an anticipated shortage of 30,000,000 cells by that time.

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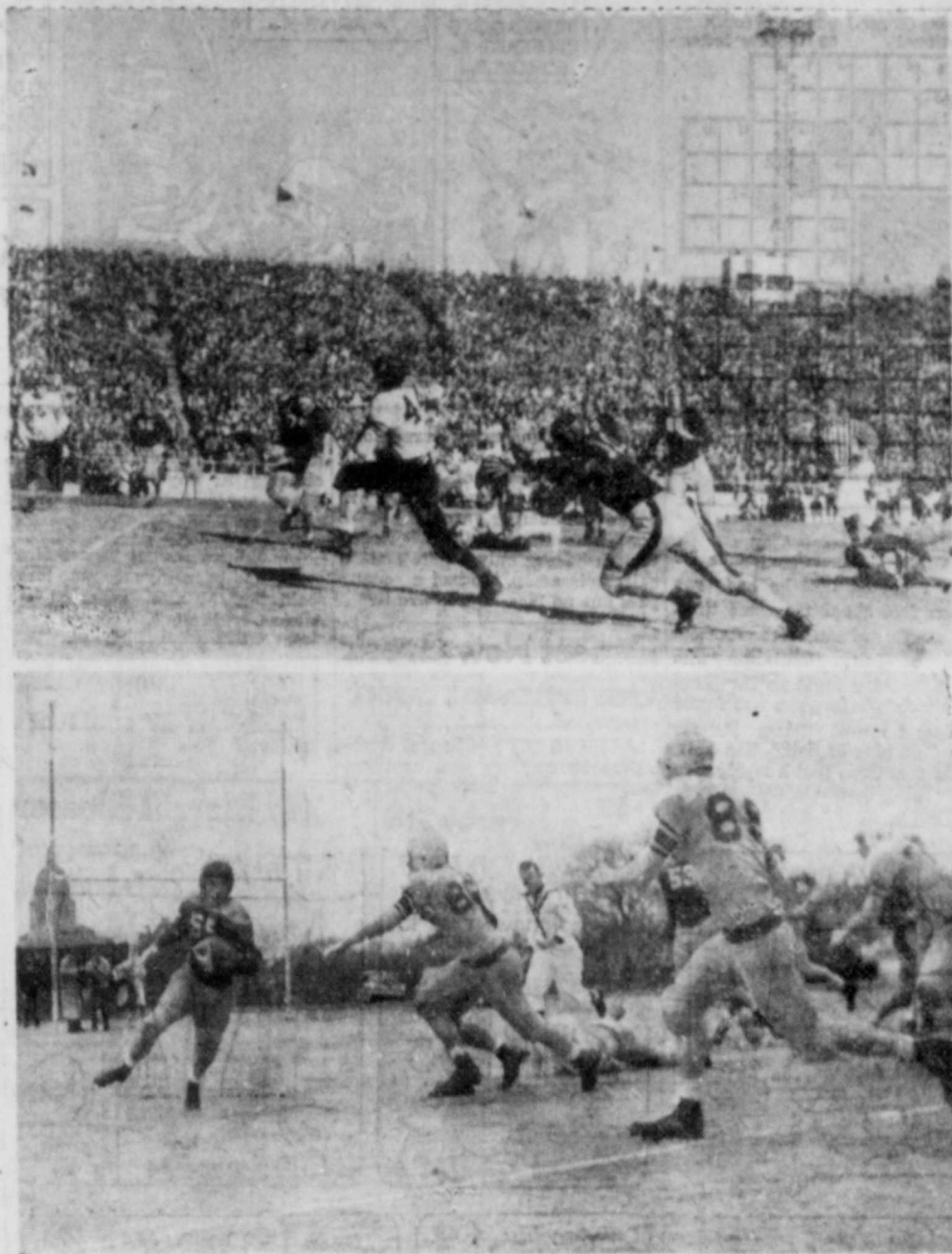
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Interscholastic League Champs-- Port Arthur



High school followers re convinced beyond a doubt that a real champion holds the Interscholastic League's football title for Texas in 1944. Port Arthur's powerful Yellow Jackets beat Highland Park's (Dallas) Scotlites 20 to 7—and the score did not even tell of the superiority of Tom Dennis' South Texas outfit. Above, Don Campbell (55) of Port Arthur was the star ball carrier in the game played at Austin, Texas and is shown running with the ball for a nice gain in the second quarter. (NEA Telephone photo.)

GOVERNMENT TO USE 26,000 IN FARM CENSUS

WASHINGTON (UP)—Early in January 26,000 government census takers will sharpen their pencils, tuck record books under their arms and set out to count agricultural noses.

It will be the two month task of these Census Bureau interviewers to make a comprehensive tabulation of U. S. farms, farmers, farm dollars, livestock, crops and other miscellaneous agricultural data.

The first farm census was taken more than 100 years ago, in 1840, and was repeated once every decade until 1920 and once every five years since then.

There still is some doubt that the 1945 census ever will be completed and made public. It is a \$12,500,000 job and so far Congress has appropriated only \$7,250,000 for the purpose—enough to carry out the interviewing and pay the 26,000 enumerators.

The 78th Congress in a last-revulsive gesture refused to authorize the additional \$5,000,000 needed to add up the figures and publish the findings. Anti-census legislators termed the survey a political pork-barrel and said it duplicated work of the Agriculture Department. However, the Census Bureau plans to proceed with the census the first week of January, with the hope that a new Congress will appropriate the rest of the funds.

First question census takers will determine is, "what constitutes a farm?"

The official answer will be, if three or more acres are devoted to the output of agricultural products, or if farm commodities valued at more than \$250 were produced in 1944, the acreage becomes a farm, for census purposes.

The same basic questions will be asked every farmer; His name, age, race, farm location, number of buildings on the farmstead and facilities. However, queries on field crops, fruits, and produce harvestables and other produce harvested will vary according to the section of the country.

Perhaps the most detailed questions will cover the livestock population. The enumerator will determine the number of chickens and turkeys raised, income from poultry lots, hatcheries, apiaries, etc. milked; how many gallons of milk produced and quantity of butter sold.

In addition, the number and age of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs and goats will be tabulated. The amount of wool shorn, mohair and meat produced with their market value will find their way onto the interviewer's ledger.

The nation's mobile farm labor force will be determined by recording the number of persons employed on a farm on a given date. Farmers will be questioned in detail about the kinds of crops planted, acreage, how much was consumed on the farm and the amount received from their sale. Farm properties and debt position will be determined. An inventory of farm machinery will be included.

Utilization of land will be disclosed by questions on idle fields, crop failures and pasture or grazing land.

Operators and tenants of ranches, truck farms, combined victory garden projects, nurseries, green houses, fruit orchards, poultry lots, hatcheries, apiaries and feed lots will be interrogated.

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THIRD, FIRST ARMIES MAKE GAINS ON GERMANS; TO THE SOUTHEAST BEAT OFF ATTACKS

American Bombers Over Enemy Targets For 12th Consecutive Day; Reds Strive To Exterminate Cornered Nazis

The Germans were reported massing strength inside their Ardennes salient today and sending strong tank and infantry reinforcements to its northern and southern flanks in evident preparation against an expected full scale attack by the American Third and First Armies.

The Germans yielded ground to the Third Army in some sectors of the southern flank but everywhere were digging in for a strong stand.

The Third and Seventh Army forces to the southeast were beating off heavy enemy counter attacks.

In air support of the troops, almost 3,000 American bombers and fighters were in action yesterday, in the Ardennes and Saar sectors. And today, American bombers struck at targets in Germany for the 12th straight day, following up heavy night attacks by British planes.

The Germans threw strong tank and infantry forces against the Soviet lines northwest of Budapest in an effort to divert pressure from the capital, where the Russians were fighting block by block to exterminate an estimated 80,000 Nazis making a suicidal stand to bar the way to Vienna.

The Third Paper Drive to Be February 25

Paper which is listed as one of the most vital of war materials will draw the attention of the people of Ranger on February 25 when the American Legion and Boy Scout troops in Ranger stage another paper drive.

The usual procedure of collection will be followed as in other paper drives and everyone is urged to have waste paper bundled and tied and out on the curbs by 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon February 25.

It was pointed out today by those who conducted the drives that the last drive did not receive the full cooperation of the people and as a result not all waste paper was turned in. It is urged that the people of Ranger give this matter attention and start now to save scrap paper for the drive.

As one man said, "Anything that is as vital to our Armed Forces as waste paper, should be of enough interest to the people that they would cooperate with this movement." It takes very little effort to save, bundle and place paper at the curbs for collection and the matter is one that is vital to the war effort.

As has been pointed out for former drives, newspapers and magazines should be bundled separately and all should be securely tied so that they will not break in the handling.

Germans Massed For Stand On Budapest Campus

LONDON — Soviet front dispatches reported today that German forces under siege in Budapest had massed their remaining artillery on the grounds of Budapest University, which was transformed into a last ditch citadel of the Hungarian Capital's defense.

"The University probably will become the last enemy redoubt," an Investia report from the Hungarian front said. It said the high ground on which the University is situated enabled the German guns to dominate stretches of the city in all directions.

79th Congress Begins Session

WASHINGTON (UP)—The infant 79th congress began in somber mood today a two year existence during which it will have to shoulder huge legislative burdens of war and peace.

Both houses witnessed the swearing in of new members and adopted resolutions notifying President Roosevelt that they were in session and prepared to hear from him.

Three To Meet in Late January

LONDON — Diplomatic sources said today that Prime Minister Churchill and Pres. Roosevelt plan to meet in late January, perhaps in Britain, and then proceed to a more convenient place to confer with Premier Stalin.

They said arrangements for the meeting were believed virtually complete.

PARIS — The Third Army drove a spearhead to the Michamp's area five miles northeast of Bastogne today and swept the Ardennes salient with heavy artillery fire as front dispatches listed as an imminent, full scale offensive against the German bulge.

Lively patrol and artillery action was reported on the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts in Italy.

American Superfortresses hammered the Japanese homeland today in the first full scale assault of the new year, plastering the production centers of Nagoya, Osaka and Hamamatsu, while Philippines based bombers extended their operations another 500 miles closer to Japan.

PARIS (UP)— Dispatches from the Patton's army front today said Patton's troops had liberated 136 Belgian and Luxembourg towns since they began their counter drive on the Ardennes flank on Dec. 22.

The War Department said merely the B-29s from Saipan base raided industrial targets on the capital island of Honshu.

Navy Liberator bombers from Philippines bases struck into the Formosa area Sunday to set afire five coastal vessels and shoot down four planes east of the big island.

Byrnes Asks For Draft Of Men In Agriculture

WASHINGTON — War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes today called for induction of able men between the ages of 18 and 26 who now have agricultural deferments.

About 364,000 men in that age group hold agricultural deferment. By way of contrast, a White House spokesman said that only between 35,000 and 40,000 men in the same age bracket are deferred in industry and medicine. An undetermined number of other deferments cover men in the Merchant Marine.

Byrnes acted, according to the White House, as a result of urgent requests by the Army and Navy for more men.

Jury Instructed In Barry Case

HOLLYWOOD — in detailed instructions to a jury of seven women and five men about to begin deliberations on Joan Barry's paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin, Superior Judge Harry M. Willis advised the jurors today to give blood test testimony introduced by Chaplin "only the weight to which you deem it entitled."

GETS COMBAT BADGE



Mrs. Ferman L. Rains has received word that her husband, Staff Sgt. Ferman L. Rains, who is serving with the Infantry in the South Pacific, has recently been awarded the Infantryman Combat Badge for action in the Pacific.

Sgt. Rains entered the service in May 1942 and received his training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He went to foreign service in April, 1944 and was first stationed in New Guinea. He is a native of Garbary and was educated in the Dennis, Texas schools. Before going into service he was engaged in the clothes manufacturing business.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rains resided at 316 Hunt Street and his wife, the former Miss Elmer Smythe, also resides in Ranger.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS — Fair in north-west, considerable cloudiness in east and south tonight and hursday — not much change in temp.

Letters From Mom Cheer These Boys At Front

NEW ORLEANS (UP)— Mrs. Arthur J. (Mom) Scott, widow of a former public high school principal, knows her postman fairly well—he never passes her house without stopping.

"Mom" Scott corresponds, via air mail exclusively, with 100 former students of her late husband who are now on the battlefronts. She writes once a week to each, and includes with her letters clippings, snapshots and reports of special interest to each. She keeps a file of their letters and a separate one for birthdays. A little package goes out for each birthday.

She also serves as a communications center, furnishing changes of address to her correspondents. "Mom" has only two taboos in her letters: she never writes of the war or of friends killed or wounded.

Wrote one of her correspondents: "News from home keeps the light burning for a happy return."

SUITS FILED
The following suits have been filed in Eastland county district courts at Eastland:

Elizabeth Lily Koder vs Eugene Koder, divorce.

E. N. Robinson vs Cora Robinson, divorce.

In Re: Change of name for Bertha Bell.

Martha A. Sones vs B. B. Sones, divorce.

BANK CALL ISSUED
WASHINGTON (UP)—Comptroller of the Currency Preston Delano today issued a call for the condition of all national banks as of Dec. 30, 1944.

Lt. Ready Here For Visit With Family, Friends

Lt. Michael P. Ready who has just completed a training course at the Williams Field in Phoenix, Arizona is here for a 10 day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ready, before going to Luke Field in Arsonia for further training.

Lt. Ready has been trained in an advanced course for single engine fighter type planes designed for single combat. He expects to take further instructions in this line of flying at Luke Field.

Methodists To Have All-Church Meeting Thursday

An all church fellowship and family night meeting will be held at First Methodist church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock and will be opened with the serving of a covered dish supper. All members of the church are expected to attend and friends are invited.

Following supper those organizations of the church which need to have meetings will retire to their respective rooms and those not in meetings will be entertained with game, and a fellowship hour. Rev. Wallace N. Dunson, minister of the church, stated today that a good time is planned for all and a good crowd is anticipated.

CASES TO BE SUBMITTED
The following cases are to be submitted in the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals, Friday, January 6:

P. H. Jackson, et al, vs Clint Overby, Fisher.

Annie May Brooks, et al, vs Hubert Erbar, Guardian. Cleman. J. E. Miller vs Bob Compton, Knox.

Held As Spies



Erich Gimpel, top, a German citizen and William Curtis Colopough, bottom, discharged U. S. Navy veteran, who are being held by the FBI as German spies. They are accused of landing in the country from a German submarine. (NEA Telephone photo.)

BOMBERS LAST GERMANY
LONDON — More than 1700 American Heavy Bombers and Fighters from the Eighth Air Force hammered Germany for the 12th straight day today, lashing at rail and road centers at a dozen different points behind the western front.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON NEA Staff Correspondent

In the closing days of any session of Congress, legislators frequently resort to a device which, for lack of a better name, must be called "last-minute legislation" to put over their pet projects and proposals. Some ducks sing long and mournful swan songs to vent their spleen on those elements of the electorate for which they blame their defeat. Efforts are made to crowd through such hastily prepared bills as the St. Lawrence power project. And disguised filibusters are launched in feeble efforts to stop such things as ratification of the President's six nominees for assistant secretaries in the State Department.

All such stuff is considered fair play and a part of the Congressional game. The trickery comes in more specific words and deeds. Here we have a typical example.

First, the so-called "land grant" railroads have been lobbying for years to secure repeal of the law which now requires them to haul government freight at about half the rates of ordinary shippers. The law goes back to the 1850's when pioneering railroads were given big acreage in the west to promote settlement. The railroads agreed to it. It wasn't until the 1930's that the government had little staff to be hauled, but in those days the railroads had the government under their thumb.

Second, another smart trick which almost got through was the attempt by Senator August H. Hand of California, to force an amendment on the road measure bill, the Senator apparently thought it would have a better chance of going through. Fortunately, a majority of the Democrats saw through the scheme and voted it down.

SPORTS

BY HARRY CRAYTON NEA Sports Editor

TENNESSEE'S all-star team, which started from scratch in September and came through undefeated to be chosen to appear in the Pasadena Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, will have six freshmen, one sophomore and four juniors starting.

Southwestern California will field a squad composed of experienced Navy and Marine trainees, eight of whom were starters in the rout of Washington last Jan. 1. It is the consensus that the Volunteers are being led to slaughter by the nation's No. 1 team.

The Volunteers are 19-4 or 18-point favorites in a word of warning from Bob Wilson can not be denied.

The Vols aren't bad with all right reports the veteran sports editor of the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

Diez critics call the 195-pound freshman Buster Stephens one of the finest backs in Tennessee history. Some rate him superior to George Giffen, Johnny Butler, Bob Fox and other Orange and White stars of the 1930's past.

When Stephens graduated from Knoxville High in 1942 he had his mind made up to attend Tennessee. So when Knoxville was abandoned by Shields Watson Stumm, young Stephens took a job as a railroad fireman. This hard work toughened him up.

A reserve in 1942, Billy Davis was awarded the Practitioner College Most Valuable Blocking Trophy. He is also a student carrier coming in at 180 pounds.

Wingback Casey Stephenson, who runs reverses well, played two years with Western Kentucky State Teachers before joining the Marines, following which he performed with the Iowa Navy Flight Seahawks under Maj. Bernie Bierman in 1942.

The Vols have two exceptionally capable freshman fullbacks in 165-pound Mark Major, an Army medical discharge, and 163-pound Little Giant Johnny Manning. Major has speed and power. Manning is quick and elusive.

Ends are Roy Cross of the 1942 combination and freshman Buddy Pike, one of the more adept pass receivers. Cross' arm, broken in the savagely fought Alabama game in mid-season, has healed.

Tackles are 16-year-old, stocky, 195-pound Russ Dobelesstein of Bridgeport, Conn., and 205-pound Bob Stewart. They are freshmen with the poise of old-timers.

Guard is 200-pound Bob Dobelesstein, brother of Russ, who was a member of the 1942 squad and E. J. Ashury, a freshman two years ago.

Center Russ Morrow is a 6-foot 7 1/2-inch beanpole weighing 195. A freshman from St. Louis, he was a top-notch baseball pitcher and boxer in high school. Altitude and reach make him a star defender against passes.

Crossword Puzzle

U. S. MILITARIST

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small illustration of a man's face in the center of the grid.

CARTOONIST LOOKS AT '44's RECORD

Cartoon strip with multiple panels. Panels include: 'ELECTION ALMOST OVERSHADOWS WAR...', 'CIGARETTE SHORTAGE...', 'WE HAVE NO CIGARETTES', 'NAZIS UNLEASH NEW TERROR... BOMBS', 'VOTE', 'CIVIL WAR IN LIBERATED COUNTRIES...', 'BOMBING OF TOKYO GOES ON ROUTINE SCHEDULE...', 'D DAY FINALLY ARRIVES...', 'SINATRA STILL GOING STRONG (HITLER)', 'PARIS FASHIONS COME BACK...'.

Woman Proves Superior To Man In Woods Lore

UNITY PLANTATION, Me. (UP)—It's fast becoming a woman's world over in the Great North woods, according to the Maine department of Island Fisheries and Game.

Warden Supervisor Louis M. Chute reported that he had two hunters lost about the same time. One was a woman, Mrs. Ransom Palmer of Unity Plantation who had to spend a night in the heart of the woods before she was found.

When rescued, Mrs. Palmer showed no hint of panic, had built herself a shelter, had a ruddy fire

going and was snug in warm clothing. In another part of the state, a man also lost over night, was found wandering around in a daze, shivering and frightened though he was only a mile and a half from camp. He had a compass but no idea how to use it.

Expect New Greek Government Soon

ATHENS (UP)—Regent Archbishop Damaskinos was expected to announce the formation of a new Greek government today, clearing the way for reopening of peace negotiations in the Greek civil war.

Though no formal "cease fire" order has been given, no large scale fighting was reported in Athens or Piraeus.

Buy War Bonds

By Merrill Blosser

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WHY ARE YOU BOTH MOVING OUT AT THE SAME TIME?

WELL, WE CAN'T WIN US NO BAC JUST SITTING HERE BURNING OUR GRUBS—C'MON, YOU HONKY LADS—LET'S GO!

Freckles And His Friends

WELL, FRECKLES GOT MORE OF 'EM SINCE HE GOT HIS HOUSEWORK. THE PARTY IS OVER AND FRECKLES HAS NO CHANCE TO OFF HENNEIP AS OTHERS SEE HIM.

THIS IS A FINE HOW HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE POP SEEN IT!

NO! HE'S UPSTAIRS SEARCHING FOR HIS FEET IN HOT WATER!

I NEVER REALIZED HOW GOOPY I TALKED OR HOW CRAZY I LOOKED IN THOSE CLOTHES! YOU AND MOM TAUGHT ME A LESSON I'LL NEVER FORGET, POP!

SO LONG, POP—I GOTTA GO OUT AND SPREAD SOME DATE-BAIT.

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Alley Oop

BUT HIGNESS, WHY STRANGERS KISS YOUR WOULD LEAVE ONE OF HIS FRONTIER POSTS DESERTED?

HEY! THEM NEW JEWELS MUSTA GONE TO THEM LEMMIANS ALWAYS WERE A BUNCH OF SCREWBALLS!

HEY! LOOK! COP'S OL' DIABOLISM!

WHAT'S A STUNNER HE'S DON'T MEAN NOTHING! DON'T OVER TO CRITTERS—MEBBE HERE IN LEFT!

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CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Grocery store fixtures. 1019 Blackwell Road.

FOR SALE — To highest bidder Jan. 10. Good 4 room house with 2 porches and car shed. Oakley School, 8 miles northwest of Ranger, Contact G. W. Miller.

FOR SALE — 4 registered Herford Bulls. Paul Hodge.

MASONIC LODGE Stated meeting Ranger Masonic Lodge No. 738 A. F. & A. M. Thursday night 7:30 p. m. Examinations in all degrees. Visitors welcome, all members urged to be present. John Usery, W. M. J. F. Donley, Secretary.

PRACTICALLY new 7-tube Zenith radio for sale. Combination electric and battery set. Phone 406-J.

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Anderson-Pruet Chevrolet Co.

LINE UP with BEAR

BUY WAR BONDS

Out Our Way

HE CAN'T—BUT HE'S HAD 'EM ON LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THAT HE DOESN'T NEED 'EM FOR THIS PARTICULAR JOB!

THOUGHT YOU SOLVED YOUR PROBLEMS WITHOUT YOUR GLASSES ON!

PROOF OF A PUDDING

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By Fred Harmon

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Suggest Ways Of Keeping Up Dairy Production

By Floyd Lynch

The following things will help keep up production during the winter:

1. GET THE WATER DOWN THE COW.

We all know that milk is 85 percent water and that the cow must get the water to make the milk. We know that the water the cow gets in her feed is more efficient in producing milk than the water she drinks, so the more succulent feed she gets in the form of winter pasture, silage, etc. the better winter production we will get. If we don't have succulent feed, then the matter of drinking water for the cow is of paramount importance in maintaining production.

For the cow to drink all the water she needs, it must be warm. She will not drink much ice water in winter. We can provide warm water by running fresh water from the well, by installing commercial heaters in the water troughs or by improvisation of a homemade heater—such as putting half an oil drum in the water trough, building a fire in it and weighting it down in the water. Warm water will pay even bigger dividends in extremely cold weather than cold water will in summer.

2. FEED ALL THE ROUGHAGE YOUR COWS WILL EAT.

This is a maxim of efficient dairying any season of the year. It is especially important in winter time when grazing is more likely not to be available. If you cannot provide enough roughage to feed all your cows need and will eat, probably the best thing you can do is to sell off enough of your poorest producing cows so that your roughage will be adequate to feed the cows you have left all they will eat. If you try to stretch your roughage supply by shorting the cow on the amount fed, she will more than get even by shorting you at the pail.

3. BALANCE THE GRAIN MIXTURE WITH THE ROUGHAGE

Remember that if we do not have small grain or other winter grazing to replace our summer pasture or if we are not feeding a high protein legume hay that we must increase the protein content of our winter grain mixture to compensate for the lower protein in our roughage. If we continue to feed the same low-protein grain mixture with low hay or hay and silage, we will get a drastic drop in production.

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Chapter 12—Release in P. M.'s of Saturday, Dec. 23

XII

THE heavenly host vanished but a radiant glow lingered upon the plain. Here Ruth had gleaned and Boaz met and loved her. Here, also, David had tended his father's flocks. Here, now, if he could believe his ears, an heir had been born to David and would lead his countrymen to peace and joy, yes, might lead even the Romans, the Romans and all men, Joel reflected.

Eager now to return to the sleeping flocks, the shepherds hastened. The Roman inn of Bethlehem, they saw, was yet alight as Romans and Hellenists passed the night in unwonted revelry.

Familiar with the courtyard, Joel became leader now, and his foot was first to pause at the inn's stable. From within the cavernous dark a light glowed, there was the low murmur of voices, and while the shepherds hesitated the stir of wings sounded, and hovering low above the stable, they beheld the angelic throng whose message had fetched them thither.

It was as though the angels stood silent guard, there was no sound of singing now, and Joel turned to ask his fellows, would they follow into the cave?

Cradled in a manger, the King of Glory lay sleeping. A mere helpless babe such as love has given repeatedly throughout the ages, infinitely dear, with a value beyond price, and a beauty greater than the beauty of the universe.

Joel felt the ache in his heart advance to his throat, so that speech was impossible, and he knew now why Jonathan had taken his babe to Michal, who else should he have trusted with



"The Nativity" by Gustave Dore

While they knelt the whole stall became bright as day.

fold if Joel's voice should reach them.

lowed by the star's great light Truly Adonai witnessed the birth

thing so holy?

This babe before them, warm in the hay-scented manger, the birth of this babe would redeem all the unwanted births of generations and the radiance that surrounded Him where He lay wrapped in His swaddling clothes, that radiance would spread its light into every darkened place and its warmth and power bring healing where it entered.

He noticed the mother and her husband, then, and an impulse to kneel would not be denied. So that he knelt before the maiden, while the other shepherds, kneeling also, told of the manger and the herald whose word had brought them here.

While they knelt the whole stall became bright as day.

LITTLE DAN became restless and Michal awakened as the new morning light fell within the sheepfold. The sun had not yet risen and Michal raised herself on one elbow, striving to see the figure of her husband in the doorway of the fold. The sheep were asleep and the quietness that held only the soft sounds of their breathings was suddenly broken by excited shepherd voices. The sleeping babe in her arms, Michal rose and hung a robe hastily about her shoulders, and stepping carefully she made her way to the doorway, anxious lest the rising sound of voices should rouse the sheep and take them from the

Joel was there, and he came to her, his face alight, his step eager and young, once more as she had known it in the days before she and Jonathan were wed and Joel had ridden away to war.

He drew her close to him, and explained excitedly, "Thou hast slept while angels sang! The Messiah is born! This night we shepherds have seen glory beyond that of kings. We have seen Him who is born to be King and Saviour of all the world!"

"Angels sang of His birth, and a star led the way, and an herald told us we should find Him in a manger with cattle lying near. We went even unto Bethlehem, to the stable of the inn, and found Him of whom the angel told. The heir of David, who shall save His people. The babe through whose birth peace and good will are promised to all men."

"In a stable, Joel?" Michal questioned, and her thoughts flew to Flavia and her brother. Was this the wife refused her room that Dreas might sleep in the inn? Had the Lord of all the World been born in a stable because she, Michal, had flirted with a Roman and feared his coming to her this night? Yet how should the shepherds have known Him from a hundred babes if His birthplace had not been strange?

Joel answered, "In a manger sweet with hay, warm with the breath of clean cattle, and hal-

of this babe, and to David's royal line has come the King of Kings."

"The babe's mother, is it well with her?" Michal asked.

"She is young and lovely," Joel replied. "And worthy to bear our Prince. She seemed well, indeed, for she welcomed us graciously and let us look upon the babe. And about her and the child was a luster as though the sun shone on them, while yet there was no sun."

"I carried a fine white lamb of my flock, warm in my bosom where I had thrust it that its heatings should not disturb thee, and when I offered it to the young mother there, there was light about them as radiant as the star! She smiled upon me, and held the lamb in her arms with her little son, and the Holy Child shall be warmed tonight by my lamb's sweet wool."

A herdsboy regretted, "I am without a thing to offer to the babe and His mother. So poor! so poor!"

"Lad, thou art rich!" Joel cried. "Would that I had the riches of thy future years!"

Another spoke of the star, its brilliance visible still from where it stood above the stable. "It is so wondrously bright, surely its radiance will shine upon the world throughout all generations."

Michal spoke softly, "And the glory of this night shall be remembered by all nations."

THE END

Chapter 12—Second Half—Release in P. M.'s of Saturday, Dec. 23

FEED

Corn, Ground Wheat, Bran, Shorts, Ground Barley, Ground Oats, Ground Milo Heads

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Society, Clubs

FRUIT VENDOR GETS POPULAR VOTE

HONOLULU, T. H. (UP)—When 157 persons will sign a petition to enable a vendor to provide them with papayas for breakfast and island lettuce for a dinner salad—well, that's wartime Honolulu for you.

The city-county planning commission didn't get a chance to turn down the vendor's request for a temporary order permitting him to use a garage in a residential zone for selling his vegetables and fruits.

The residents of the Class A zone urged the action in their own interests because available stores in the area do not handle fruits and vegetables to meet the demand—and with 157 hungry people involved, the board couldn't

Y. W. A. MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The regular meeting of the Y. W. A. will be held at the home of Miss Mildred Baker Thursday evening at 7 o'clock and all members are urged to attend.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse White and son, Jerry Don of Texas City. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Quinn and daughter, Nancy Beth, of Eastland and Brenda Sue White of Brownwood, have all returned to their homes after spending the holidays with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. White.



Map above shows how all-out German counter-offensive follows the Wehrmacht's favorite invasion path. In 1914, and again in 1940, they poured through the Aachen-Malmedy sector toward Liege and the Meuse River.

Mrs. Hortense Matthews and her daughter, Mrs. Dean Tracy left today to make their home in West Hollywood, California. Mrs. Matthews, for the past 16 years on the nursing staff of the West Texas Hospital, has resigned her position there to make her home with her daughter while her husband, Lt. Tracy, is in foreign service.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis have received word that their son, D. H. Davis, with the Merchant Marine is now stationed in New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bundren

and daughter, Georgian, of Brady and Cpl. and Mrs. Cecil Schill of San Antonio, have returned to their homes after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Carlisle.

Miss Billie Jean Joseph, a student at T. S. C. W. in Denton, Freddie Joseph who attends Stanton Military Academy at Stanton, Virginia and Azatte Joseph a cadet at Admiral Billard Academy in New London, Connecticut have returned to their studies after spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Joseph.

Miss Bettie White has returned to her studies at T. S. C. W. at Denton after spending the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Ven White.

A. M. M. L. Henry Dreinhofer and Mrs. Dreinhofer have gone to California where Maschinen Dreinhofer will report to a base for reassignment with the Navy.

CHEANEY NEWS

By Mrs. Bill Tucker
Mr. and Mrs. William Melton had as their guest early last week their son, Troy Melton and his family of Gateville. They returned home on Thursday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rodgers and Miss Salata Tucker, for a brief visit.

BARBS

BY the middle of January practically all of the Christmas candy will have been worn off of chairs.

Fewer people drive to work these days—and the war effort calls for fewer who have to be driven.

One good turn deserves another—one bad one is what causes auto accidents.

Why is it that wearing apparel given for Christmas always is too long, too short, too tight or too something?

An Illinois woman's husband and her money left home together. Doubtless she wants her money

Double Feature



It's a trick and it's NOT done with mirrors. The shapely "reflections" of screen newcomers Lela Barnes of Flint, Mich., is really her twin sister, Lucille. They'll do a "double take" in a forthcoming movie.

'tis true—Marriage rites were solemnized Friday, Dec. 29th between a very splendid couple from our community — Mrs. Underwood and Dorothy Jo Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Love have received word that their son, Aubrey, had been wounded in the European campaign, Dec. 12th but that the injury was slight and he is recovering at an American hospital base.

Anson Lemley, a veteran of the South Pacific, is home for an extended visit with his brother, Sanford Lemley and Mrs. Lemley, near Alameda.

M. L. Dave Love of the U. S. Navy has received an honorable discharge and came home Saturday from San Diego, where he has been stationed since returning to the States from New Caledonia last October. He plans to go to work at Odessa soon.

Mrs. La Rue Broussard, a former teacher at Alameda, who is teaching temporarily in the Hodge Oak Park School in Bangor, and whose husband is stationed at Sheppard Field Wichita Falls, was the overnight guest of Mrs. Jno. Love Tuesday night.

Kenneth Lewis of Deadwood spent Christmas and the past week with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Norman Box of the U. S. Navy left Saturday for San Diego, after a short leave here with his wife and daughters and his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Box of Odessa.

Service man Rose—came Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. May Duvall and Mr. Duvall this week.

It Sounded Like Visit From Santa

KILGORE, Tex. (UP)—Mrs. S. T. Curry thought surely she heard, Dancer, Prancer, Blitzen and all the other reindeer on her doorstep. But it was merely a turkey—a big fat, feisty one.

She doesn't know how it got there, and now she doesn't know where it went, for she couldn't climb up to get the so-near-yet-so-far Christmas prize and the turkey got away.

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BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Sports Editor

DAN FERRIS is breathing easier now that Gunder Hagg is out of the clink.

Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, narrowly escaped heart failure when he read blaring headlines that Hagg faced a court-martial in Ostersund for being a day late in reporting for military service. It was the first time in his life that Gunder the Wonder was charged with being tardy.

Ferris, you see, is in charge of Hagg's impending distance performances on boards. His coming means outstanding success for the indoor season.

Hagg and Hakon Lidman, the hurdler accompanying him, are under contract to report all their doings in this country for Stockholm newspapers. The Malmo hurdler might as well go ultra up-to-date and report his races via short-wave radio as he runs them. A walkie-talkie mike around his neck might prove the required handicap.

THERE has been much speculation as to how Hagg will react to indoor racing on wood. Every body rambles in the exhilarating air of the Scandinavian peninsula.

As Ernie Hjertberg, renowned guide of the 1912 and '20 Swedish Olympic teams, points out, however, Hagg, who will be 26 the last day of the year, now knows himself better than any coach could. Hagg, no fool, must be certain of his ability to pick 'em up and lay 'em down on boards or he wouldn't attempt it.

GREG RICE and some more stepped up indoors. Hagg easily could be another. Gunder the Wonder's free, floating style should take well to the boards. He is in no sense a pounder, doesn't stomp. His feet appear to spurn the surface. His stride, while long, is not too long.

Traffic jams will cause Hagg little concern. The greatest distance runner who ever lived in the Man o' War of the tracks. His idea of a well-run race is to break in front and stay there, set his own pace.

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