

## America Faces Axis Challenge; Country on War Footing

### Mass Meeting to Start County's War Work

### To Leave for Alabama

### War Declaration Against Germany Italy and Japan

TICKLERS

By Arnold



"Before we were married you never paid any attention to newspapers. Now you can't even wait until you get home."

### Local Boy To Help "Keep 'Em Flying"

Fort Sill, Okla.—Private Elvin W. Melton, son of Mrs. Annas M. Melton, Route No. 1, Friona, is one of five selectees who received appointments this week as aviation cadets in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Private Melton will be enlisted on Friday (Dec. 5) in the Air Corps and assigned to Cal-Area Academy, Ontario, Calif., for his preliminary instruction.

A graduate in the class of 1941 at Southwestern Tech at Weatherford, Okla., Private Melton majored in mathematics at college. He was drafted at Fort Sill on September 23, 1941, and was a member of Battery E, 32nd Training Battalion, here until receiving his Air Corps appointment.

### Fair Weather Favors Farmers' Efforts

Farmers inform us that most of the row crops have been harvested. Some combining is still going on. A great deal of Sudan is yet to be threshed, and feed-stacking is going on apace. The clear, though cold, weather we are having is appreciated by the farmers who have threshing to do or cotton to pull. The cotton crop is very short this year.

There seems to be a superabundance of feed in the Panhandle. There will be more cattle in this area this winter than in many years. Lots of grain is being brought to the elevators.

### Santa Fe Dike Is Completed

Paul A. Swagerty, superintendent of the construction crew building the flood-control dike at Friona, made a farewell call at the Star office on Monday afternoon and stated that they had completed their job here and were loading their machinery to move back to Kansas.

The dike is over four miles long and extends from the highway bridge, west of town, to Clyde Semand's ranch, east of Friona. This means that our town will never again be bothered by high waters and that the Santa Fe tracks will remain open. Work will begin next week, says Mr. Swagerty, on the widening of the railroad bridge, to permit the water to pass through unhampered.

The Santa Fe Railroad company has put gravel all around the railroad station and around the Farmers' Elevators. They have also built a pavement from the dike to the old dray on the highway south from Friona.

The Santa Fe Railroad has spent lots of money here in the last few months and much of it has been spent in Friona. We appreciate both the dike and the business.

Presaged by Japan's lightning attack on Pacific outposts of the United States on Sunday, Congress Monday answered President Roosevelt's call for a declaration of war by quick and unified action and this week the entire nation is solidly behind the war to crush Axis aggression.

On the Parmer County home front, citizens are getting a chance to do their part in a contemplated new Red Cross drive to raise a county quota of \$1,000, and a county-wide mass meeting has been called for Friday night, Dec. 12 at the Friona grade school auditorium, where plans will be made to meet the need for new Red Cross funds.

The national Red Cross has set a goal of 50 million dollars for war work and each county is being asked to do its part. Fifteen per cent of the proposed county quota will remain in the local treasury.

All Parmer County citizens are urged to attend the mass meeting.

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE BOYS

- Here, Oklahoma L., Dec. 2.
- There, Oklahoma L., Dec. 6.
- Here, Bovina, Dec. 5.
- Here, Hereford, Dec. 9.
- There, Farwell, Dec. 12.
- Dimmitt Tournament, Dec. 13.
- Here Canyon, Dec. 19.
- There Hereford, Jan. 2.
- There, Sudan, Jan. 3.
- Here, Sudan, Jan. 6.
- There, Tulla, Jan. 9.
- Here Farwell, Jan. 13.
- There, Muleshoe, Jan. 16.
- Here, Tulla, Jan. 20.
- Sudan Tournament, Jan. 23.
- Here, Muleshoe, Jan. 27.
- There, Canyon, Jan. 27.
- Here, Dimmitt, Jan. 30.
- There Dimmitt, Feb. 6.

### GIRLS

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### Friona Represented At "Messiah" Program

Friona was represented in the performers in last Sunday afternoon's rendition of Handel's "Messiah" in Hereford. Harley Bulls, director of music in the Friona schools, sang a baritone solo and Nancy Ruth Shackelford, a senior in high school sang a soprano solo. Both numbers were given exceptionally well and the Friona people present were proud of the part taken by them. Dick Crump sang with the basses.

Among those who attended the presentation of the Messiah at Hereford were Misses Reba Jenkins, Herta Meyer, Lucille Stallings, Edith Moseley, Juanita Crow, Wynona Hill, Annie Lee White, Nila Jean Baker and Eula Mae White, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hill and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dollar, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon, Mrs. Winnie Wil-



REV. AND MRS. C. CARL DOLLAR

Popular Friona pastor and his wife who will leave next week to take up their duties at an Alabama pastorate. Rev. and Mrs. Dollar have not only been active in their church work here, but they have been noted for their many civic interests.

### Rev. and Mrs. Carl Dollar Leave For Alabama to Take New Pastorate

### Check Over Farming Equipment, And Make Repair Orders Now

Set aside one day or several days sometime soon and go over all farming equipment is the advice Walter S. Menefee, chairman of the USDA defense board gave Parmer County farmers this week.

By checking and determining extent of repairs, farmers will know the amount of work and number of parts necessary to get farm machinery in A-1 condition to handle next year's crop, he said.

"Getting into gear boxes, looking into turning and moving parts of combines, mowing and planting machines now is the best way to determine the extent of repairs needed, the chairman said. Plow points should be taken to blacksmiths for reconditioning now instead of waiting until time for working comes around.

Farmers repairing machinery during slack winter months have various methods of determining the extent of work required, the county agent said. He pointed out that some farmers locate the parts to repair and tag them. The tags, bearing short descriptions of the extent and kind of repairs to be made, can be removed as work progresses during the winter.

As the nation swings into a full war production basis, it is just as important to have plows, harrows and ensilage cutters in perfect working order as to have tanks and planes ready to run and fly, the chairman said.

ison and Mrs. Leota Jay. These people express themselves as well pleased with the presentation.

Their many friends in Friona have learned with regret of the planned move of Rev. and Mrs. C. Carl Dollar to Lannett, Ala., where he will be pastor of the Congregational-Christian Church.

In announcing the move, the Friona pastor stated that it was motivated entirely from a desire to benefit his health and that he would regret leaving his many good friends here. Mr. Dollar's service here has seen a steady increase in membership of the Congregational Church, and his work with the young people of territory has been an unqualified success.

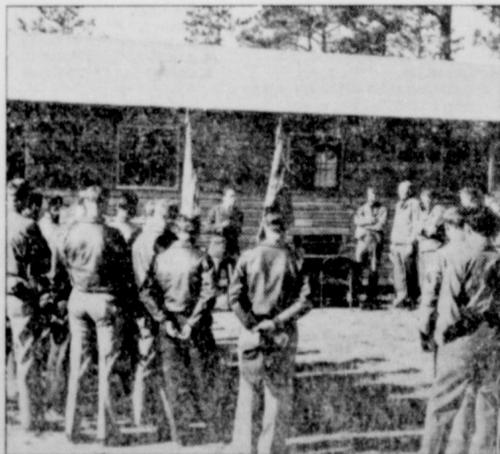
Mrs. Dollar has been teaching in the Friona schools for the past two terms and may return from Alabama after the Christmas holidays to continue her work for a few months.

Friona citizens are sorry to lose Rev. and Mrs. Dollar and feel that their place in community affairs will be hard to fill.

### Garrison Gives News Of Value To Local Farmers

Farmers who desire to obtain Commodity Credit Corporation loans on their grain sorghum should remember that January 31 is the closing date for which a loan can be made. All farm stored loans must be in the granary thirty days prior to the time the loan is made and since it takes four or five days to complete a farm stored loan all grain should be in the granary by Christmas in order to be sure of (Continued on Back Page)

### Open Air Services for Airmen



Officers and men of an Army air corps attend devotions conducted by their chaplains in the field during maneuvers in the Carolinas.

President Roosevelt and Congress Thurs. answered the German and Italian declarations of war against the United States by declarations within four hours after the Axis announcements were received in this country.

The American declaration against the two axis powers followed within 70 hours the declaration of war against Japan following the Japanese attack Sunday on American bases at Hawaii, the Philippines, Guam and Midway Islands and made the official lineup for World War II as follows: The United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, China and the refugee governments of Europe against Germany, Italy, Japan, and the axis satellite powers.

The German and Italian declarations made no mention of Russia, and Joseph Stalin has not yet taken an official stand in the United States-Japan far eastern war. However fighting continues on the Russian Front and the Red Armies report pushing the Germans back on most fronts.

The war declarations in both house and senate today were passed without a dissenting vote; though in the house, one member, Miss Jeanette Rankin of Montana, who voted against the Japanese War was reported present but not voting. In the Senate the vote was 90 to 0 in favor of the separate declarations against Germany and Italy.

First reports of a major American success came today with a communique claiming the sinking of a Japanese battleship off the coast of Luzon. Also American forces are reported to have repulsed one Japanese landing attempt on Luzon.

General Lewis B. Hershey, head of selective service, announced today that no major shake-up was forecast immediately for the selective service organization. However, some Congressmen have proposed a registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 64 to take part in civilian defense and other necessary war work.

Little excitement greeted the declaration of war against Germany and Italy and certainly not the stunned silence of Monday when the United States answered the Japanese challenge. The country is settling into a grim determination to back up what the president terms the greatest challenge ever made to life, liberty and civilization.

### Grow Food For Family To Help In War Effort

Growing food for their families is a definite contribution farmers can make in the Food-For-Freedom campaign, according to County Agent Lee H. McElroy.

If more food is raised than can be used immediately, it may be preserved for home use or sold.

Self-sustaining farm families will relieve demands upon food processing plants, transportation facilities, handlers, and storage warehouses and thus release additional facilities for supplying food needed for our increasingly large army and for England (Continued on Back Page)

### Smiley's Cafe Makes Fixture Improvements

J. V. Fulks, better known as Smiley, has installed in his up-to-date cafe the latest type of booths and leather-upholstered booth chairs, replacing the tables and chairs. Smiley is always on the alert, making changes for the convenience and comfort of his customers. He has a very tidy eating place, one which a much larger city might be proud to have.

### PERSONALS

### Red Cross Roll Memberships Call Nets 64

Dewey Green of Bovina visited in Friona Saturday.

Dan Boyd and Mr. Roland of Amarillo attended to business in Friona Friday.

J. R. Nazworth visited in Hereford Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Venable and children and Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Lloyd and children were Clovis visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rury and sons, Don and Jimmie, visited in Bovina Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams and family visited in Amarillo Sunday.

Miss Williams was a Clovis visitor Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Foister Rector and children were in Clovis Monday.

Mrs. U. B. Wheeler, Grandmother Grayson, and Mrs. Green of Bovina visited here Friday.

Harley Bulls was an Amarillo visitor on Saturday.

Mrs. E. R. Day made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Raymond of Canadian arrived here Wednesday afternoon for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Maurer. The Raymonds formerly lived in Friona, where he was station agent, and Mrs. Raymond taught in the public schools.

Miss Bertie Ford of Woodward, Okla., who has been visiting her brother, Howard Ford, returned to Woodward Sunday accompanied by Mr. Goodno, who ate dinner with the Fords Sunday.

Roy Williams is adding a room to his home which is located north of the Baptist Church. Fred Dennis is doing the work.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Wilson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith were entertained at dinner Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Smokey Price. All of them attended church at Bovina Sunday night and heard Rev. Speegle preach.

### MR. AND MRS. NORWOOD OUT AGAIN

We are glad to see "Father" and "Mother" Norwood able to get about again, after being confined to the house for quite a while. They were able to attend services at the Baptist church yesterday.

The regular Red Cross Roll Call, was completed in Friona on Nov. 30 with 64 memberships turned in, and Mrs. R. J. McReynolds chairman of the roll call committee expresses her appreciation to Friona citizens for their co-operation.

Members of the committee which helped Mrs. McReynolds with the roll call work were Mrs. Wright Williams, Mrs. Wm. H. Clark, Mrs. Pearl Kinsley, Mrs. O. F. Lange, Mrs. Foister Rector, Mrs. Claude Osborn, Mrs. J. W. Wright, Miss J. V. Fulks, L. L. Hill, Joe Wilson and C. Carl Dollar. In addition to this group, the Boy Scouts, led by Bobby Blackwell, put up posters for the campaign; and June Maurer and Bobby Blackwell made talks in the interest of Red Cross membership.

### Griffith Sale Makes Real Bargain Offers

P. B. Griffith this week announced a sale of all of his farm and household goods on Thursday, Dec. 18, starting at one o'clock p. m. Mr. Griffith's farm is six miles southeast of Friona.

Excellent buys are to be offered on livestock, farm implements, household and kitchen goods, Griffith states, adding that with war-time scarcities already a fact in many lines, many of the items on sale are things which will be almost impossible to buy in a few months, and he expects the bidding to be lively.

Col. W. H. (Bill) Flippin is auctioneer and Frank A. Spring is clerk.

### AAA Committee Election Set For Dec. 19th

Friday, Dec. 19, has been set as the official date for the election of 1942 community committeemen and delegates to select the county committee in the AAA farm program. There will be three meetings held in Parmer County—at Lazbuddy, 10 a. m.; Bovina, 2 p. m.; and Friona, 7 p. m., according to Keltz Garrison, administrative officer of the Parmer County ACA.

The meeting at Lazbuddy will be for all farmers living in the Lakeview, Midway, and Lazbuddy communities. The meeting at Bovina will be for all farmers living in the Oklahoma Lane, Farwell and Bovina communi-

ties. It is of utmost importance that every farmer attend his respective meeting, states Mr. Garrison, who explains that in the last election only about 10 per cent of the farmers in Parmer County attended committee election meetings.

"I hope that this low level of interest will not be evidenced by the 1941 elections," Garrison says, adding that with the country going into full-time war economy, it is especially important that the proper men be chosen to administer the important farm program in this county.

"I personally have no objection to any committeeman now serving," the administrator de-

clares, "but I do firmly believe that more farmers should attend these important elections; certainly I feel that no farmer should assume the right to complain of any future action of the committee unless he attends the elections and participates in the election of the committee."

Farmers elected to serve on the committee in 1942 might make a great deal of difference in the amount of 1942 payments, Garrison points out, and farmers should need no further urging to take action on a matter so vital to their well-being. All meetings will be at the school auditoriums of the towns already mentioned.

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## Messenger News

MRS. J. N. MESSENGER

The Messenger school bus took a group from this community to Amarillo Saturday, to the Consumers Co-operative Association, to help celebrate their new building. Those going from out this way were Mrs. Ada Wyly and son, Margaret Love, Thelma Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith and daughter, Nola Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Messenger and their children, Rosalie, Stephen, Loyd and Floyd. They report a wonderful time, with barbecue, music and talks. Melvin Allen and wife and son also accompanied the group, he being the driver of the bus.

James Ray Coleman returns to Camp Victoria, today. He has been home on furlough to help his father combine his crop.

Many in this community have had colds and coughs. John B. Abbott made a short visit to his parents at Bovina. He also called on his grandmother Messenger before returning to his work. He was at Brownfield, holding meetings, at that time.

## Westway Items

BY MRS. MERLIN KAUL

The community party will be held Friday night at the schoolhouse on schedule. Bring your card tables and games. Each family is to bring coffee or cocoa, sandwiches, and a pie and fishes for the family. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Sowell, David and Margaret were hosts at a kin dinner at their home Sunday. Their guests included Mrs. Julia Sowell, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Sowell, Jerene Sowell, Winnagene and Norma Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett Sowell, Sharon Dee Moore and Jeanine Singletary all of Hereford.

Home Demonstration Club officers who attended the Council Meeting and Social Hour at Miss Oliver's house Monday afternoon, were Mesdames Paul Rudd, P. B. Sowell, W. L. Jones and Merlin Kaul.

Grady Wilson, Jr., visited his sister, Mrs. Bud Hopson, Mr. Hopson and Jerry Ray at Muleshoe Sunday.

E. C. Cox of Lockney visited Sunday in the home of his son, T. B. Cox.

Mrs. Merlin Kaul and Mrs. W. S. Rice attended the "Messiah" in Hereford Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. O. Wilder and Mildred drove to Plainview last Tuesday where they visited Mrs. Wilder's brother, Rev. L. N. Lipscomb and Mrs. Lipscomb. Rev. Lipscomb is District Superintendent of the Plainview Area.

Ray Henderson is working at Amarillo for Wilson and Company Produce House.

Gladys and Howard Gore entertained with a turkey dinner last Sunday for S. J. Cook who left on Monday for camp at Ft. Sill, Okla. Those present were Miss Mary Nicks of Hereford, Roy and Vesta Mae Landers, Ross and Joe Landers, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Little, Wayne, Nannette and E. H. J. B. Little, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Gore, Ava Gene Gore, Mrs. Stella Mae Flowers and Luther Roy, Gladys and Howard Gore, and the honor guest.

Miss Edna Mitchell of Hereford, W. B. Mitchell and Joe Anderson of Lockney were guests last Sunday evening of Gladys Gore.

Mrs. Guy Lawrence and Melba Gay of Hereford visited Thursday in the R. M. Gunn home.

Rev. Hardy Stephens and family of Canyon were guests Sunday in the D. H. Allmon home. Rev. Stephens filled his appointment here. Plans were made Sunday night for a revival meeting to be held here the week after Christmas.

The Home Demonstration Club Christmas party will be held Wednesday, December 17, at the

home of Mrs. P. B. Sowell. Waldron Melton of Clarendon spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Melton. Vesta Mae and Roy Landers visited Sunday in the John Taylor home at Oton. Vesta Mae assisted at a tea given Sunday afternoon for Miss Hazel Taylor who is to be married soon.

Vesta Mae Landers of Canyon stayed Saturday night with home folks.

Mrs. Grace Earp and children and Mrs. Roy Phillips and daughter, Aline, of White Deer, were guests last Sunday of Mrs. J. S. Earp and Jack.

A card received Saturday by R. M. Gunn from his brother Ross Gunn at Newaka, Okla., states that he is feeling much better and is able to sit up some now.

B. R. Jennings of Roswell, N. M., visited his farm here Tuesday.

Mrs. M. S. Roe and Monty of Hereford visited her mother Mrs. Grady Wilson Monday morning. Those from here who attended the shower for Mrs. M. S. Roe at Hereford Monday afternoon were Mesdames Stella Mae Flowers, Joe Landers, R. M. Gunn, Orville Houser, Merlin Kaul, Grady Wilson and E. H. Little.

V. Skypala got his hand injured quite badly last week when he got it in the sickle of the combine while threshing.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Skypala, Edwin and Elwood visited Mrs. Josephine Skypala at Umbarger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Skypala and Edwin attended church services at Hereford Monday morning then drove on to Amarillo for the day.

Mrs. T. E. Johnston of Konowa, Okla., was a guest in the Kelly Gray home several days last week. Mrs. Johnston, who is a sister of Frank Davis, has been looking after the crop here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Morris and son, Jerry, of Earth, visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Gollihar and John.

Mrs. Merlin Kaul taught Wednesday in the primary room for Mrs. Dickson, who was ill with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Tannahill spent Saturday with relatives at Lockney. Maurice went on to Floydada on business. Mrs. Tannahill's brother, Chester Carthel, left this week for El Paso for military training at Ft. Bliss.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and family Mrs. Louis Jay and Vinna Gene, were Amarillo visitors Saturday.

Jake and Ed Huseman were dinner guests Sunday in the Al Werner home.

Gordon Ridgway spent the week end with friends in Amarillo.

Parents are busy these days stacking feed and threshing.

## Summerfield

MRS. JIM CLARK

This community received its first bomb of the war Monday afternoon when word arrived from Mrs. Dyalitha Brady of Hereford, that N. Y. A. work had been cut off. This word came as the Cafeteria committee and the school board were formulating its final plans for opening a cafeteria in the school here. Work was to have been done by girls qualifying for N. Y. A.

The cafeteria committee met Friday with the mothers who have children in the school and began plans for the Hot Lunches. Mrs. Brady was present to help the committee.

However all hope for the hot lunches has not been given up by the committee and the board, although it was thought best to delay plans for a few days until they could have assurance of the surplus commodities to be furnished by the government.

Tumble weeds have become quite a nuisance! The road running north and south in front of the W. G. Harris place has been blocked with these nuisances since Thursday of last week. Mrs. E. R. Day, the mail carrier of Friona has been unable to continue the route from there on to Summerfield.

The county road machine is out of order and workers are not allowed to burn out the weeds until they throw up a fire guard. As soon as the machine is repaired they will, we hope, clear the road.

Mrs. Mary Staats of Buffalo, Okla., is visiting her son, Ted Staats and family.

Colds and coughs continue in this community. Little Betty Ann Rexrode, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marcus Rexrode has been ill for several days.

Among those attending the "Messiah" in Hereford Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Tandy Legg, Mrs. Loyd Lookingbill and Mary. They came home by Westway and inspected the school cafeteria there. Mrs. Legg and Mrs. Lookingbill are on the cafeteria committee.

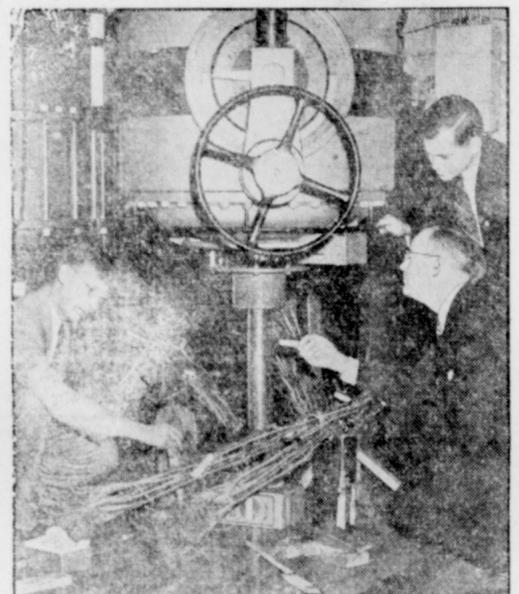
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ellis of Friona

## THE AMERICAN FAMILY . . . By George



"I gotta be in good form on my fiddle this afternoon at P. T. A. My old teacher will be there—the one I had two years ago in kindergarten."

## Bombard Young Apple Trees

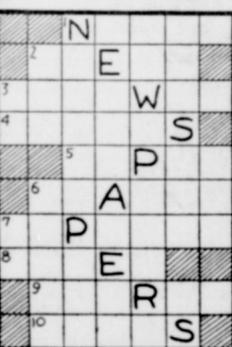


Future apples may show improvement in size, color, flavor, and resistance to disease if experiments with million volt X-rays succeed in altering their chromosomes. Seeds of tomatoes and string beans were also exposed to X-rays in this experiment.

## MINUTE CROSSWORDS

NO. 11

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### SOLUTION TO PREVIOUS MINUTE CROSSWORD

1. Manager.
2. Agency.
3. Tenant.
4. Arrange.
5. Grange.
6. Credit.
7. Amend.
8. Resell.
9. Remind.
10. Relate.

visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Noland Sunday.

Miss Mary Lookingbill attended a Tri-Hi-Y conference in Amarillo during the week end. D. C. and Charlie Walser were in Amarillo Monday.

Mesdames Tandy Legg, Laura Shaw, O. B. Spmner, Jim Clark, and C. R. Walser, were among those in this community to see "One Foot In Heaven," which showed at the Star Theatre, in Hereford.

Mrs. Ray Johnson and Mrs. J. B. Noland saw the picture when it was pre-viewed and Mrs. Noland will review the book at the next meeting of the Study Club.

Mrs. B. E. Roberson went to Bethel Friday for her sister, Miss Edith Neill, who is teacher in the school there, Miss Edith

spent the week end here with her sister and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nill.

Going to Amarillo Friday were Mrs. Charlie Noland and children Mrs. D. C. Walser, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lookingbill.

Mrs. Walser and baby were brought home from the Deaf Smith hospital in Hereford, Monday. Mrs. O. B. Sumner is staying in the Walser's until Mrs. Walser is able to do her work.

Rev. D. R. McMahon was brought home from the hospital Thursday.

Perry McMinn left Sunday night for Ruidosa. He plans to bring Mrs. McMinn back here.

## Bethel Items

By MRS. FATE SHANNON

Rev. E. F. Clark of the Glenwood Baptist Church at Amarillo preached at Bethel Sunday afternoon. Six young people from Amarillo were with him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davis and Roy Thruston were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Sinclair, Albert and Ivan Earl, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts Sunday.

There are several threshers running in the community. Everyone is about through gathering their crops.

Mr. Dixon and William of Friona attended the services at Bethel Sunday afternoon.

Miss Edith Neill spent the week end with her parents at Black.

Mrs. Fate Shannon, Mrs. Bryan Sinclair, Albert and Ivan Earl, Mrs. Billie E. Sinclair, Peggy Jean and Jessie Earl Cox were business visitors in Hereford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith were visitors in Hereford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lust and Loyd and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lust and family attended a birthday inner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford at Flagg Sunday.

Miss Latrell Bagwell was a guest of Mrs. Clayton Williams Sunday.

Mrs. O. M. James has been in bed with the flu for two weeks. Miss Eugenia James is going to work in Hereford the last part of the week.

## MRS. BLACKWELL TO CLINIC

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Blackwell left on Dec. 4 for Temple, where Mrs. Blackwell will get a physical examination and possibly treatment, at the Scott and White Clinic. Local doctors have recommended that she consult a specialist for the trouble she has been thinking was arthritis but which is evidently something more serious.

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Dollar were the supper guests of the L. F. Lillards last Friday night and of the Goodwines Wednesday night. Mrs. George Maurer accompanied them to the Lillard home.

## LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: John Wittorff, and Jennie Wittorff, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of John Wittorff and Jennie Wittorff, and Lizzie M. Bigelow, who is a non-resident of the State of Texas, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of Lizzie M. Bigelow.

GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 19th day of January, A. D., 1942, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable District Court of Parmer County, at the Court House in Farwell, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4 day of December, 1941.

The file number of said suit being No. 1238. The names of the parties in said suit are: John Lynn as Plaintiff, and John Wittorff, and Jennie Wittorff, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of John Wittorff and Jennie Wittorff, and Lizzie M. Bigelow and her unknown heirs and legal representatives.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff sues in trespass to try title, alleging that on date of Dec. 1, 1941, he was the owner in fee simple and in possession of the following described lands:

All of the Southwest one quarter (SW1-4) of Section Number Twelve (12), Township One North, Range Three East, League 462, in Parmer County, Texas. That on date of December 2, 1941, the defendants unlawfully entered upon said lands and withheld possession thereof from him to his damage in the sum of \$10.00, he prays for judgment for title, possession, damages and general relief.

Issued this the 4th day of December, 1941.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Farwell, Texas, this the 4th day of December A. D., 1941.

D. K. Roberts, Clerk District Court, Parmer County, Texas.

By Dealia White, Deputy.

22-4tc

# LUMBER

## For Christmas

### Yes! Why Not?

The lady will appreciate those necessary "built-in" Cupboards and Closets, and, perhaps A "Built-in Cave" for

## An Extra Bunk

All such require LUMBER, and the work may yet be done

## Before Christmas

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Arlie Dean visits relatives in Georgia and Alabama occasionally and when he finds something especially palatable he persuades the relative who cooked it to give him the recipe to bring home to Mrs. Dean. And that's the source of:

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### Girl Scouts Study Weaving

Work on the weaving badge furnished activity for the regular Girl Scout meeting held Monday, Dec. 8, at the Club House. Each girl is weaving some article, and the meeting also provided an opportunity to introduce several new members of Troop II.

### Congregationalists To Have Loyalty Supper

A Loyalty Supper is being planned by the local Congregational church to be held Sunday, Dec. 14. John Guyer, chairman of the supper committee reports that the meal will be prepared and served by the men and will consist of chili and oyster stew. The supper will begin at 7 o'clock and will be followed by talks and other features. This will be the last public appearance of the present pastor, Mr. Dollar, who is leaving to take a pastorate in Alabama, and he will give his farewell remarks on this occasion. The last act of the evening will be the making of pledges for the 1942 budget. Both the supper committee and the pastor hope to see all the

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members and friends of the church at the supper, Sunday night.

### Young People Discuss "Church and War"

The young people of the Congregational church, the Comrades group, had a program Sunday night on "The Church and War." Doris Ann Lange was leader.

All the young people are urged to be present next Sunday night for the meeting. The main feature of the program will be a talk by Rev. Mr. Dollar. This will be his final message to us before he leaves for his new field of work.

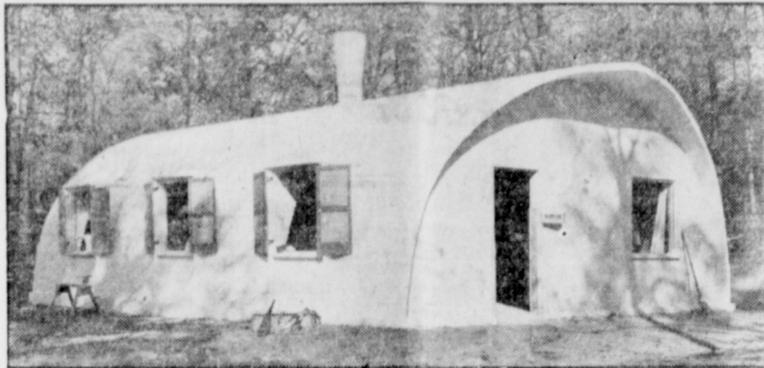
### Friona P. T. A. Will Meet December 18

The topic for the regular P. T. A. meeting scheduled for Dec. 18 will be "Creating Respect for All Races and Creeds," which will be discussed by Mrs. Carl Maurer.

Other items on the program will be numbers by the Grade School Chorus, a sound picture, "Cavalade of Texas," and a business meeting led by the president, Mrs. Sloan Osborn.

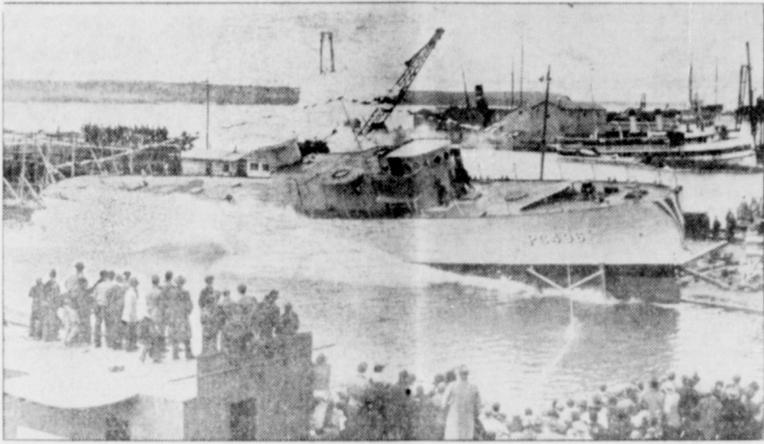
The social hour following the program is being arranged by Mrs. J. A. Blackwell, Mrs. Tiny Magness, Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bennett, and Rev. and Mrs. Carl Dollar. The meeting will be at 7:30 o'clock at the High School Gymnasium.

## Home Was Never Like This Before



A new type of "balloon" house is undergoing government tests. An inflated, rubberized bag in the shape of the house's design is attached to a concrete foundation, wire netting is placed over the bag, and frames are put into position for windows and doors. Concrete is sprayed on in two layers, separated by an inch layer of insulating material. This shaped dwelling, completed in two days, may be used for dwelling, cantonment, or garage.

## Sturgeon Bay Aids Two-Ocean Navy



First of six sub-chasers being built at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., the PC 496 slides down the ways. The 165-foot steel twin-screw carrier cost \$600,000 and has a 24-foot beam.

New Braunfels Herald, and the hunter paid off again—this time \$111.

**It'll Work If You'll Help**

Note on what can be accomplished by conservation efforts, and especially when the people of a county bear down and help by protecting game until enough is there to justify some shooting.

Colorado County citizens report the best deer hunting in 30 years.

This county has some excellent deer ranges. A few years ago the deer herds, however, had started to go down. The game department guarded their newly-found bucks and does. Result: Today, good hunting. He's Not Neglected

While the red-capped hunter is holding the spotlight right now, don't think the fishermen are idle. Fishing is always better during the colder months.

And fall fishing tales are just

as tall as the spring and summer crops.

C. J. Mitchell, Jr., of Temple, for instance, wrote the game department:

"Yesterday Mr. Howe Thompson caught a 3 1-2 pound channel catfish which he cleaned here in the rear of my store. The fish seemed well fed, so we opened the stomach, and to our amazement found there in two young squirrels and a large mouse! No foolin'!"

**Groom News**  
And the Groom News bursts into poetry in feet and meters, whatever they are, as follows:

There once was a fisher named Fisher  
Who fished from the edge of a fissure  
But a fish with a grin  
Pulled the fisherman in,  
Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.

Read The Ads In The Star

## Pneumonia Danger Is Threat of Flu And Measles Complication

Austin.—With a high incidence of influenza and measles over the state, the public should be awake to the danger of pneumonia as a complication of these diseases, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. "Pneumonia is recognized as a dangerous and often fatal disease," Dr. Cox pointed out, "and competent medical care with skilled nursing in measles and influenza will materially lessen the danger of pneumonia," he stated.

The public has been slow to recognize pneumonia as being definitely a contagious disease, he asserted, and this in part has accounted for the high toll of lives claimed by this disease.

in your every day

of being get party of shop rest exercise and fresh air include different fluids in the diet and above all, stay away from direct contact with persons of infection," Dr. Cox urged.

## LOCALS

### WILL INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT

L. R. Dilger, of Dilger's Modern Cleaners, informs us he is about to install some new equipment in his plant, which will enable him to give his customers better service.

Harold Lillard returned Friday from Waco, where he and some Bovina men attended the State Masonic convention. He states that 2,600 Masons were in attendance.

### MRS. KINSLEY ILL

Mrs. Pearl Kinsley was taken to the McReynolds Clinic, Friona, Sunday afternoon to receive treatment for a deep and stubborn chest cold. She will perhaps remain in the clinic for a few days. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Joe A. Wilson and daughter, Billy Jean, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Wilson has been inconvenienced for some weeks by some ailment which has not responded very well to treatment. We join her friends in hoping that she will soon be all right again.

John Key and Ray White made a business trip to Silverton Saturday night.

A farm house occupied by Elmer Northcutt and family, on Mrs. C. M. Brown's place, west of Bootleg Store, burned Monday. All the household goods were destroyed except one rocking chair.

Mrs. A. A. Crow and daughter, Juanita, shopped in Clovis Saturday.

Floyd Schlenker, of the Rhea community, was in Friona Wednesday night for a meeting of the trustees of the Congregational church.

### CHURCHES PLAN

The different churches of the town have program committees busy rehearsing for Christmas programs, to be given either on Sunday night, December 21, or on Christmas Eve. The Friona church reports that come to us this year will be no exception.

### GEORGE McLEAN IMPROVING

George McLean, who two weeks ago was recuperating from pleurisy, was put abed again with a swollen and blackened leg which has been pretty serious. The trouble is milkleg. George is again able to walk to the table and says he hopes to be out again before long. We miss his visits to the Star office and hope he soon recovers and reappears.

Mr. Charlie Holmgren, whose home is in Minnesota, made a pleasant call at the Star office on Tuesday morning. He informs us he will spend the winter in Friona and subscribed for the Star. Call again, Mr. Holmgren.

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## TEXAS OUT-O'-DOORS

Austin.—The "other side" of hunting in Texas, as compiled from reports of game wardens to the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, and from newspaper articles:

A Houston man killed 118 doves on a trip during the open season down in Karnes County. The bag limit is twelve. The game warden nabbed him. Result: the Houston man paid a \$410.90 fine for his over-indulgence. If the game warden had filed a charge for each dove killed illegally, the total fine would have been \$19,000!

**Tips To Easterners:**  
Please find out the difference between a buck and a doe before you come to Texas on your annual deer hunt. You'll have a better time at less expense, and the game warden won't have to arrest you.

Take the case of the Easterner who, according to the San Antonio Evening News, left the Kerrville vicinity for San Antonio the other day with two does strapped to the fenders of his car. The game warden in the section arrested him, and the total fine was \$147.

When a person is arrested on a game violation charge, he not only has to pay off, but he loses the right to hunt with a gun in Texas for a period of a year.

About a year ago a New Braunfels man went hunting, violated a game law, paid off, and had his hunting rights revoked according to law.

The other day, and before the allotted year was up, he decided to go hunting again. The game warden arrested him, reports the



### Peter Public



### Luncheon Musicale



### Wrong Number



### By F. O. Alexander



### By Boughner



### The McCoy's



### Wrong Number



### Wrong Number



### Wrong Number



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# LOCALS

Rev. Robert (Bob) Jones preached at the Baptist church on Sunday night.

Walter Crump spent Sunday with his folks in Clovis.

Dick Crump, now a student in Portales College, was in Friona Sunday, on his way to Hereford to sing in "The Messiah".

Mr. and Mrs. John Guyer visited their daughter Mrs. Chas. Lovelace in Roswell on Saturday of last week. The Lovelaces brought the Guyers back to Friona and spent the night with them.

Mrs. James Bragg and Mrs. Fred White took their children to Amarillo Saturday to see the

Christmas parade.

Carl Maurer left for Kansas City on Saturday of last week and returned to Friona on Wednesday.

Miss Herta Meyer entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dollar at dinner Sunday, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilkison.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Johnson, Elvin Johnson of Borger, and Floyd Johnson of Amarillo, visited their parents last week.

Miss Edith Moseley was dinner guest Sunday in the A. A. Crow home. She, with Miss Juanita Crow, attended "The Messiah" program in Hereford on

Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flippin and Mr. and Mrs. James Bragg and children went to the breaks Sunday afternoon and got some Christmas trees.

Among the Friona people shopping in Amarillo Saturday were Misses Lucille Stallings and Herta Meyer.

## McDonald Sale Features Sale of Advance Domino Mischief

McDonald Herefords, a synonym for top quality in the cattle raising business, will go on sale Monday morning, Dec. 15, at the Bull Barn, Hereford, D. L. McDonald announced this week stating that the sale would start promptly at 10 o'clock and would be in charge of two of the best auctioneers in the United

## Blind Balance



Despite loss of his vision six years ago, Ed Motter, 22, of Santa Monica, Calif., performs amazing athletic feats. The sightless athlete is a letter man of the UCKA gym team and participates in intercollegiate events. His brother Justin, 24, who taught Ed his athletic achievements, supports him in a difficult hand-balance.

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## Norris to Retire



Nebraska's veteran Senator George W. Norris, 80, has announced that he will retire next year after 40 years of continuous service in Congress. "I would be ashamed to take my salary," he said. "I'm not going to run for re-election. I'm wearing out. I couldn't do my work properly."

## Farmers Can Be Patriotic By Collecting Iron

The national scrap iron collection campaign got under way in this county today, when the Farmer County USDA Defense Board asked farmers in this area to market all the iron and scrap steel for which there is no further use on the farm. There is an urgent demand for iron and steel scraps to speed war industries. Scrap steel is needed to combine with pig iron in steel furnaces.

## Grow Food For

and Russia. Mr. McElroy listed breeding another sow this fall, planting winter gardens, and raising a few more chickens as the principal means of increasing food supplies at home. Various phases of the AAA program are available to help small farmers increase home food production, the County Agent said. Various pasture and soil-building practices for which payments are made boost the farmers' efforts to increase milk supply. Mr. McElroy also pointed out that many of the soilbuilding crops grown in Farmer county can be used as feed for livestock, as well as protecting and improving soils.

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# ATTACK ON AMERICA

### CHAPTER XV—Continued

The boat bobbed across the harbor; Benning decided that Bravot must be headed back for some secret rendezvous in New York, a part of some crafty maneuver to cover his littered trail. In that event Benning decided to strike in the darkness the instant the launch reached shore.

A few minutes later the launch swerved sharply out of its course and slowed down. Benning saw the massive shadow of a ship looming over his head. A voice called down from above. Bravot got to his feet, edged his way to the bow. A boatman made the launch fast to the ship's ladder. One by one the passengers swung onto the ladder and were swallowed up by the night.

"Go ahead, Bromlitz!" a voice commanded when Benning hesitated.

Fincke caught Benning's arm, gently forced him forward. Benning made a swift estimate as he stood in indecision. Quickly he saw that but one course lay ahead. In the bobbing little boat he knew he would stand no chance if he put up a fight for possession of the craft. As for swimming ashore, even the strongest swimmer could not expect success in that feat tonight.

Benning swung to the ladder and mounted to the deck. Close behind him came Fincke. On the deck there was a glow of light from an incandescent.

Inside the Austrian tossed off his coat and stretched himself. His face now was exuberant.

"Himmel, but what a comfort, Bromlitz!" he exclaimed with a vast sigh of relief. "Now a fellow can take a free breath."

Fincke paused to give Benning a knowing wink.

"What does it matter if we're sitting over a cargo of high explosives, eh, Bromlitz? If I don't blow up until we give the command—and that'll play the biggest card in the whole Van Hasek deck! Cheer up, Bromlitz, in ten days from now you'll be back with your girl in Mexico City!"

Now it was all to clear to Benning. Fincke at last had vitalized the meaning of this cruise, the reason for his own restless misapprehensions. This ship, with its cargo of explosives, clearing New York with papers for San Francisco, was part of an intricately laid plot to destroy the Panama Canal and strip the Atlantic seaboard of the protection of the United States fleet.

### CHAPTER XVI

General Hague nervously paced the floor of his office despite the long days of driving toil and anxiety that had drained his energies to the point of exhaustion. The last troop trains had moved south with the force of fifty thousand men that was to stop Van Hasek on the Fort Worth-Dallas line. But reports from the south shook him with new misgivings and he had sent for Colonel Flagwill.

Young Benning got away this morning for Mexico City, didn't he?" Flagwill's face dropped. "Sorry, General. Benning has vanished in thin air. Not a word from him all day."

"Benning missing?" General Hague scowled incredulously. "That doesn't sound like Benning."

"I authorized him to follow a Van Hasek agent aboard a Norwegian tramp freighter, thinking we'd get a haul of spies. A destroyer overhauled the boat last night after it sailed, only to find Benning was not aboard as planned. The ship's captain claimed not to have seen anyone resembling Benning."

"Nothing should have prevented Benning's flight to Mexico City, Flagwill," Hague complained. "All right, let's hope he turns up soon." Flagwill drove at once to Bolling Field where a fast new O-47 observation plane put him in the air shortly before dusk. Seven hours later, as the plane approached Dallas, a radio warning told the pilot to avoid the Dallas airport and put down at an emergency landing-field south of the city.

The savage wimas of detonation bombs caught Flagwill's eye as his plane drove past the city. No sound

er had his plane roared to a stop in the emergency field than his ears rang with the bedlam of air bombardment over Dallas. A staff officer from Army headquarters was waiting for him.

"Dallas and Fort Worth are taking an awful beating tonight," the staff officer reported. "We're forced to detain troops and impedimenta north of the city. An hour ago a bomber registered on one of our troop trains—three hundred men killed. Things are in a pretty bad jam here, sir."

"I'll be frank with you, Flagwill!" General Lannes said in a peppery, overwrought voice. "If Van Hasek sizes up this mess and hits us promptly, he'll roll up my Third Army in spite—"

Lannes' voice was drowned by the mighty crash of a heavy bomb that set the earth shaking under them.

"In spite of hell and high water!" he concluded as the room cleared of vibrations. "I'll take me days to straighten out this tangle and I'll only take Van Hasek a few hours to run up here with his motorized and mechanized outfits!"

"General Hague probably has told you, sir," Flagwill said, "that we've got to hold on this line. The country is in an uproar and everyone in Washington, sir, feels we've got to have a victory."

"Sure we've got to hold!" Lannes raged. "But don't forget that fifty thousand men are fifty thousand soldiers only when they're shaken down, organized, supplied, and ready to fight."

The Army commander stalked to a wall map and pointed to his dispositions and immediate plan of action.

"Mole is taking an artillery lacing at this minute, which means attack on him at daylight. With the reinforcements I've sent up, he must hold on the Colorado as long as possible. Then he's got to fight delaying actions and make another desperate stand behind the Brazos. Somehow Mole must delay Van Hasek at least three days, maybe for a week, until I can get in shape to take the enemy on here in front of Dallas. It's going to cost us a lot



of men, Flagwill, a lot of men! But I want you to go out and see the situation for yourself—and tell Hague why I'm forced into these desperate delaying actions out in front!"

An hour of patient driving put Flagwill down the Army's projected front. Whole regiments stood about in the dawn, still waiting for orders and supplies. The men were tired and hungry. Shortage of ammunition was general, even in the infantry. Ammunition was reported available at the railhead, but the railhead was swamped with demands and there were insufficient truck trains at present for all purposes.

As the sun shot over the horizon, Flagwill turned back to the Lannes command post. Squadrons of American combat planes had combed the

air of Van Hasek's night hawks and the day had quieted down to a rumble of artillery columns and hum of friendly planes.

Given a day or two, Flagwill concluded, the hastily assembled Third Army would shake itself down. American ingenuity somehow would overcome the shortages of supplies, motor vehicles, the obsolescent organization tables, the uncoordinated staffs, outmoded weapons, the lack of training in team-play of higher units. At least the officers had sound academic training in the science of war.

General Lannes, his face flushed and hurried, his eyes distended, sat feverishly at the end of a field telephone as Flagwill re-entered the command post. After a staccato, fretted exchange he hung up the receiver and got to his feet.

"Van Hasek is driving at Mole with everything he's got this morning!" Lannes roared. "Only the regiments I sent up to him last night kept Mole from being cracked up early this morning. Says he'll be lucky to hold on till nine. My God, Flagwill, this mess is going to cost us five thousand men, maybe ten!"

By eight o'clock, Mole saw he could hold no longer. Ghostly losses were multiplying, his flanks were threatened. Now the American air service held the supremacy of the air immediately over the heads of Mole's troops, which made possible the dangerous operation of daylight withdrawal.

"I'm pulling out of here now, Lannes!" he shouted fiercely over the field telephone. "I can't hold another minute! I hope you have strong reinforcements for me at the Brazos."

"All right, Mole, use your own judgment," Lannes retorted. "But no matter what it costs, we've got to delay Van Hasek until I can get my Third Army ready to stop him!"

### CHAPTER XVII

Benning woke from a brief fretful sleep and went to a porthole. There was a bright sun rising across a smooth sea. He calculated from the speed of the freighter that the craft must be well down the coast of Virginia, perhaps off North Carolina and not far from Cape Hatteras. For a time last night he had flirted with the desperation of jumping overboard on the chance of making shore. Now he had given up hopes of being rescued by the Navy.

He was mulling at the porthole when a figure passed along the boat deck close to his eyes. The fellow wore a black mustache, dark hornrimmed glasses, his clothes were seedy and his shoulders sagged. But the profile was not to be mistaken.

"You knew Bravot was aboard?" Benning said to Fincke.

The Austrian hotly admonished. "Don't talk so much, Bromlitz! How many times have I got to tell you not to mention names?"

"I thought we were clear of all that trouble," Benning retorted.

"Not with a brand-new crew on the boat. We still got to watch our tongues."

"You think these sailors aren't Bravot's men?"

"Just use your bean, Bromlitz. Sailors wouldn't hardly sign up to get blown to hell, if they knew the score."

"I presume," Benning sneered, "the captain and crew don't even know what their cargo is?"

"The skipper knows, and a few of his good men. For two years Schmolz has been laying his plans for just this cruise."

The door of their cabin banged suddenly open. A chunky man with a squarish, rough-hewn, leering face swaggered in. The fellow wore a dirty cotton suit and an officer's cap, and strutted with authority and short temper.

"Who are you two?" he demanded, searching first Fincke's face, then Benning's.

The Van Hasek spy leaped to his feet and gave the identification formula. Benning was more leisurely in rising to identify himself. He guessed that the intruder was Schmolz, skipper of the ship.

"I don't like your looks!" the fellow blurted, fixing Benning

### States.

One hundred fourteen females and 21 young bulls out of a herd which is strong in the blood of Anxiety 4th—the blood responsible for the high quality of American Herefords—will be offered at auction, McDonald states, adding that the feature of the sale will be the auctioning of the famous herd sire, Advance Domino Mischief.

Cattle prices are high—and with war conditions will go higher, McDonald declares, adding that increasing food production has now become a patriotic duty in addition to a business proposition. The owner adds, however, that such speculation and unwarranted price rises as came during World War I are to be

glinting green.

"Don't worry about him, tain," Fincke promptly intervened. "He's a major—the two of us been working together in the United States."

Schmolz rubbed a cauliflowered ear ruminatively and gave Benning a parting glare in which there was mingled distrust and dislike.

"Major or no major, there's something about your looks I don't like," he grumbled.

Their noon meal was brought in by an American deckhand, Grimes. After luncheon, Fincke went out on deck for exercise. With the complication of Bravot's presence on the ship, Benning knew he must keep to cover during daylight. Also that he must strike against the Van Hasek spy-master without delay if he expected to survive this cruise for many days.

Benning sweltered in the torrid little cabin through an insufferable day. With full darkness he examined the mechanism of his automatic pistol and went out on deck. As he suspected, Bravot was living in the captain's quarters. Looking in the port-hole he saw Bravot sitting alone on his berth, his face cold and imperturbable as he listened to the news from the Texas front.

Blare of the radio blotted out other sounds on the deck and Benning was not conscious of the figure driving down on him along the dimly lighted deck until stout fingers closed on the lapel of his coat.

He turned to see Schmolz glaring at him out of eyes that seethed with rage.

"See here, Schmolz!" Benning shot back hotly. "I'm not one of your deckhands. Take your hands off my coat! If you object to my listening to the war news over your radio, why don't you post an order to that effect?"

"Listen all you want to," Schmolz mumbled, cooling perceptibly at the rebuff and releasing Benning's collar. "But keep away from in front of my stateroom after this. I don't allow nobody to do that."

As Schmolz swaggered into his room with a muttered imprecation, Benning returned to his cabin.

For some time Benning waited in tense readiness for eventualities. He knew that if Schmolz communicated his suspicions to Bravot, prompt and disastrous investigation was sure to follow.

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# LOCALS

Rev. Robert (Bob) Jones preached at the Baptist church on Sunday night.

Walter Crump spent Sunday with his folks in Clovis.

Dick Crump, now a student in Portales College, was in Friona Sunday, on his way to Hereford to sing in "The Messiah".

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Mrs. James Bragg and Mrs. Fred White took their children to Amarillo Saturday to see the

## Christmas parade.

Carl Maurer left for Kansas City on Saturday of last week and returned to Friona on Wednesday.

Miss Herta Meyer entertained Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dollar at dinner Sunday, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilkison.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irv. Johnson, Elvin Johnson of Borger, and Floyd Johnson of Amarillo, visited their parents last week.

Miss Edith Moseley was dinner guest Sunday in the A. A. Crow home. She, with Miss Juanita Crow, attended "the Messiah" program in Hereford on

## Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flippin and Mr. and Mrs. James Bragg and children went to the breaks Sunday afternoon and got some Christmas trees.

Among the Friona people shopping in Amarillo Saturday were Misses Lucille Stallings and Herta Meyer.

## McDonald Sale Features Sale of Advance Domino Mischief

McDonald Herefords, a synonym for top quality in the cattle raising business, will go on sale Monday morning, Dec. 15, at the Bull Barn, Hereford, D. L. McDonald announced this week stating that the sale would start promptly at 10 o'clock and would be in charge of two of the best auctioneers in the United

## Blind Balance



Despite loss of his vision six years ago, Ed Motter, 22, of Santa Monica, Calif., performs amazing athletic feats. The sightless athlete is a letter man of the U.C.A. gym team and participates in intercollegiate events. His brother Justin, 24, who taught Ed his athletic achievements, supports him in a difficult hand-balance.

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# ATTACK ON AMERICA

CHAPTER XV—Continued  
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A few minutes later the launch swerved sharply out of its course and slowed down. Benning saw the massive shadow of a ship looming over his head. A voice called down from above. Bravot got to his feet, edged his way to the bow. A boatman made the launch fast to the ship's ladder. One by one the passengers swung onto the ladder and were swallowed up by the night.

"Go ahead, Bromlitz!" a voice commanded when Benning hesitated.

Fincke caught Benning's arm, gently forced him forward. Benning made a swift estimate as he stood in indecision. Quickly he saw that but one course lay ahead. In the bobbing little boat he knew he would stand no chance if he put up a fight for possession of the craft. As for swimming ashore, even the strongest swimmer could not expect success in that feat tonight.

Benning swung to the ladder and mounted to the deck. Close behind him came Fincke. On the deck there was a glow of light from an incandescent.

Inside the Austrian tossed off his coat and stretched himself. His face now was exuberant.

"Himmel, but what a comfort, Bromlitz!" he exclaimed with a vast sigh of relief. "Now a fellow can take a free breath."

Fincke paused to give Benning a knowing wink.

"What does it matter if we're sitting over a cargo of high explosives, eh, Bromlitz? It'll not blow up until we give the command—and that'll play the biggest card in the whole Van Hassek deck! Cheer up, Bromlitz, in ten days from now you'll be back with your girl in Mexico City!"

Now it was all to clear to Benning. Fincke at last had vitalized the meaning of this cruise, the reason for his own restless misapprehensions. This ship, with its cargo of explosives, clearing New York with papers for San Francisco, was part of an intricately laid plot to destroy the Panama Canal and strip the Atlantic seaboard of the protection of the United States fleet.

## CHAPTER XVI

General Hague nervously paced the floor of his office despite the long days of driving toil and anxiety that had drained his energies to the point of exhaustion. The last troop trains had moved south with the force of fifty thousand men that was to stop Van Hassek on the Fort Worth-Dallas line. But reports from the south shook him with new misgivings and he had sent for Colonel Flagwill.

Young Benning got away this morning for Mexico City, didn't he?" Flagwill's face dropped. "Sorry, General. Benning has vanished in thin air. Not a word from him all day."

"Benning missing?" General Hague scowled incredulously. "That doesn't sound like Benning."

"I authorized him to follow a Van Hassek agent aboard a Norwegian tramp freighter, thinking we'd get a haul of spies. A destroyer overhauled the boat last night after it sailed, only to find Benning was not aboard as planned. The ship's captain claimed not to have seen anyone resembling Benning."

"Nothing should have prevented Benning's flight to Mexico City, Flagwill," Hague complained. "All right, let's hope he turns up soon." Flagwill drove at once to Bolling Field where a fast new O-47 observation plane put him in the air shortly before dusk. Seven hours later, as the plane approached Dallas, a radio warning told the pilot to avoid the Dallas airport and put down at an emergency landing-field south of the city.

The savage wiles of detonation bombs caught Flagwill's eye as his plane drove past the city. No soon-

er had his plane roared to a stop in the emergency field than his ears rang with the bedlam of air bombardment over Dallas. A staff officer from Army headquarters was waiting for him.

"Dallas and Fort Worth are taking an awful beating tonight," the staff officer reported. "We're forced to detain troops and impede north of the city. An hour ago a bomber registered on one of our troop trains—three hundred men killed. Things are in a pretty bad jam here, sir."

"I'll be frank with you, Flagwill!" General Lannes said in a peppery, overwrought voice. "If Van Hassek sizes up this mess and hits us promptly, he'll roll up my Third Army in spite—"

Lannes' voice was drowned by the mighty crash of a heavy bomb that set the earth shaking under them.

"In spite of hell and high water!" he concluded as the room cleared of vibrations. "It'll take me days to straighten out this tangle and it'll only take Van Hassek a few hours to run up here with his motorized and mechanized outfits!"

"General Hague probably has told you, sir," Flagwill said, "that we've got to hold on this line. The country is in an uproar and everyone in Washington, sir, feels we've got to have a victory."

"Sure we've got to hold!" Lannes raged. "But don't forget that fifty thousand men are fifty thousand soldiers only when they're shaken down, organized, supplied, and ready to fight."

The Army commander stalked to a wall map and pointed to his dispositions and immediate plan of action.

"Mole is taking an artillery lacing at this minute, which means attack on him at daylight. With the reinforcements I've sent up, he must hold on the Colorado as long as possible. Then he's got to fight delaying actions and make another desperate stand behind the Brazos. Somehow Mole must delay Van Hassek at least three days, maybe for a week, until I can get in shape to take the enemy on here in front of Dallas. It's going to cost us a lot



"Take your hands off my coat." of men, Flagwill, a lot of men! But I want you to go out and see the situation for yourself—and tell Hague why I'm forced into these desperate delaying actions out in front!"

An hour of patient driving put Flagwill down the Army's projected front. Whole regiments stood about in the dawn, still waiting for orders and supplies. The men were tired and hungry. Shortage of ammunition was general, even in the infantry. Ammunition was reported available at the railhead, but the railhead was swamped with demands and there were insufficient truck trains at present for all purposes.

As the sun shot over the horizon, Flagwill turned back to the Lannes command post. Squadrons of American combat planes had combed the

air of Van Hassek's night hawks and the day had quieted down to a rumble of artillery columns and hum of friendly planes.

Given a day or two, Flagwill concluded, the hastily assembled Third Army would shake itself down. American ingenuity somehow would overcome the shortages of supplies, motor vehicles, the obsolescent organization tables, the unco-ordinated staffs, outmoded weapons, the lack of training in team-play of higher units. At least the officers had sound academic training in the science of war.

General Lannes, his face flushed and harried, his eyes distended, sat feverishly at the end of a field telephone as Flagwill re-entered the command post. After a staccato, fretted exchange he hung up the receiver and got to his feet.

"Van Hassek is driving at Mole with everything he's got this morning!" Lannes roared. "Only the regiments I sent up to him last night kept Mole from being cracked up early this morning. Says he'll be lucky to hold on till nine. My God, Flagwill, this mess is going to cost us five thousand men, maybe ten!"

By eight o'clock, Mole saw he could hold no longer. Ghastly losses were multiplying, his flanks were threatened. Now the American air service held the supremacy of the air immediately over the heads of Mole's troops, which made possible the dangerous operation of daylight withdrawal.

"I'm pulling out of here now, Lannes!" he shouted fiercely over the field telephone. "I can't hold another minute! I hope you have strong reinforcements for me at the Brazos."

"All right, Mole, use your own judgment," Lannes retorted. "But no matter what it costs, we've got to delay Van Hassek until I can get my Third Army ready to stop him!"

## CHAPTER XVII

Benning woke from a brief fretful sleep and went to a porthole. There was a bright sun rising across a smooth sea. He calculated from the speed of the freighter that the craft must be well down the coast of Virginia, perhaps off North Carolina and not far from Cape Hatteras. For a time last night he had flirted with the desperation of jumping overboard on the chances of making shore. Now he had given up hopes of being rescued by the Navy.

He was mulling at the porthole when a figure passed along the boat deck close to his eyes. The fellow wore a black mustache, dark horn-rimmed glasses, his clothes were seedy and his shoulders sagged. But the profile was not to be mistaken.

"You knew Bravot was aboard?" Benning said to Fincke.

The Austrian hotly admonished, "Don't talk so much, Bromlitz! How many times have I got to tell you not to mention names?"

"I thought we were clear of all that trouble," Benning retorted.

"Not with a brand-new crew on the boat. We still got to watch our tongues."

"You think these sailors aren't Bravot's men?"

"Just use your bean, Bromlitz. Sailors wouldn't hardly sign up to get blown to hell, if they knew the score."

"I presume," Benning sneered, "the captain and crew don't even know what their cargo is?"

"The skipper knows, and a few of his good men. For two years Schmolz has been laying his plans for just this cruise."

The door of their cabin banged suddenly open. A chunky man with a squarish, rough-hewn, tearing face-swaggered in. The fellow wore a dirty cotton suit and an officer's cap, and bristled with authority and short temper.

"Who are you two?" he demanded, searching first Fincke's face, then Benning's.

The Van Hassek spy leaped to his feet and gave the identification formula. Benning was more leisurely in rising to identify himself. He guessed that the intruder was Schmolz, skipper of the ship.

"I don't like your looks!" the fellow blurted, fixing Benning

## States.

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Cattle prices are high—and with war conditions will go higher, McDonald declares, adding that increasing food production has now become a patriotic duty in addition to a business proposition. The owner adds, however, that such speculation and unwarranted price rises as came during World War I are to be

glinting green.

"Don't worry about him, tain," Fincke promptly intervened.

"He's a major—the two of us been working together in the United States."

Schmolz rubbed a cauliflowered ear ruminatively and gave Benning a parting glare in which there was mingled distrust and dislike.

"Major or no major, there's some thing about your looks I don't like," he grumbled.

Their noon meal was brought in by an American deckhand, Grimes. After luncheon, Fincke went out on deck for exercise. With the complication of Bravot's presence on the ship, Benning knew he must keep to cover during daylight. Also that he must strike against the Van Hassek spymaster without delay if he expected to survive this cruise for many days.

Benning sweltered in the torrid little cabin through an insufferable day. With full darkness he examined the mechanism of his automatic pistol and went out on deck. As he suspected, Bravot was living in the captain's quarters. Looking in the porthole he saw Bravot sitting alone on his berth, his face cold and imperturbable as he listened to the news from the Texas front.

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The main thing that all persons voting should remember is that if Marketing Quotas are in effect there will be a penalty for the marketing of excess cotton and there will be a loan on cotton produced in 1942. If Quotas are not in effect there will not be any penalty on the marketing of excess cotton and there will not be any loan on cotton for the 1942 crop. In order for Quotas to be in effect, at least two-thirds of the farmers voting in the Referendum must vote for Quotas. With the present cotton situation as it is all producers should give this serious consideration before casting their ballot.

## Grow Food For

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and Russia. Mr. McElroy listed breeding another sow this fall, planting winter gardens, and raising a few more chickens as the principal means of increasing food supplies at home.

Various phases of the AAA program are available to help small farmers increase home food production, the County Agent said. Various pasture and soil-building practices for which payments are made boost the farmers' efforts to increase milk supply. Mr. McElroy also pointed out that many of the soilbuilding crops grown in Parmer county can be used as feed for livestock, as well as protecting and improving soils.

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