

300 American Warplanes Bombard German Targets In Seething Balkans

Americans Launch Mighty Aerial Assault On New Britain Island

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS —(AP)— One of the mightiest aerial assaults of the war on New Britain Island, Japan's bulwark in the Southwest Pacific, was reported by Gen. Douglas MacArthur Wednesday.

In the Gasmata area, important enemy supply center on the South Shore, more than 100 Liberator heavy and Mitchell medium bombers in a three-hour midday attack Sunday dropped 248 tons of bombs.

The bombers struck from minimum altitude, also sweeping the ground with machinegun fire. Only 19 Japanese fighters rose to meet the attackers, which included Lightning fighters, and two of the enemy were shot down. All American planes returned.

Gasmata has received frequent attention from the Allies recently, and on the last previous big raid, Nov. 23, bombers left 142 tons of explosives. In all, 650 tons have pulverized installations in that area within the last few weeks.

It also was the target of Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid's destroyers in a night attack Nov. 29, the first assault from the sea.

Rabaul Also Attacked
While Gasmata was taking it, other attacks were made on Rabaul, the enemy's sea and air base on the northeastern tip of the island, where medium bombers set fires at Lakunai airfield; at Cape Hoskins, on the north coast, and at Cape Gloucester, airfield area on the western coast.

The Japanese attempted to stop the Australians moving north in Ramu Valley, eastern New Guinea, with three counterattacks which the Aussies repulsed with heavy loss to the attackers.

Australians Are Advancing
An Australian column advancing north from Finschhafen, New Guinea, is closing in on Lakona, Japanese supply base, the communiqué said.

Air squadrons in the Solomons, freed of restricting bad weather, staged 200 sorties over Japanese air fields and supply centers on Bougainville Island, dropping 150 tons of bombs.

Admiral William F. Halsey sent his night fliers to plant 37 tons on Kahili airfield on the south end of the island, and medium, torpedo and dive bombers attacked Bouis airfield in the Buka area, on the north coast, with 56 tons.

Other Allied planes ranged at night up to New Ireland, where a 4,400-ton enemy cargo vessel was sunk off Cape Marangi, and to Timor Island, northwest of Australia, to bomb the town of Koepang and its wharf area.

Rommel May Get Army's Command

LONDON—(AP)—High Nazi leaders were understood Wednesday to be considering vesting supreme command of the German Army in Field Marshal Erwin Rommel to tighten anti-invasion defenses as well as to forestall any anti-Hitler coup by the professional generals of the Junker caste.

Rommel recently has been reported touring Northwest Europe as a kind of anti-invasion chief and there are indications that Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt may soon be removed from command of western defenses, a post he has held for nearly two years.

Goebbels Acknowledges Germans Have Suffered

LONDON—(AP)—The Berlin radio said Wednesday Joseph Goebbels told his propaganda chiefs "it cannot be disputed that both the front and homeland were disposed to extremely harsh trials in the course of this year."

Acknowledging German sensitivity to the Allied nerve war, Goebbels issued new directives for 1944, and declared:

"While the heroically fighting German soldiers are making void all enemy attempts to destroy us, the homeland proves worthy of them by putting up an admirable attitude to the brutal violence of the increased air terror and the nerve offensive connected with it."

CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET WEDNESDAY
The City Council will meet at 4 p. m. Wednesday in the City Hall to transact routine business. No matters of importance are on the docket.

New Britain Is Vital Point In Pacific War Plan

By HAROLD STREETER
Associated Press War Writer

New Britain, the Southwest Pacific island whose invasion would constitute easily the most important ground move to date in westward operations against Japan, now has passed through the second straight month of the most sustained air offensive of the Pacific war.

Possibly presaging momentous developments, Allied air forces in the Solomons and on New Guinea have devastated that keystone of Japanese defenses with more than 3,000 tons of explosives between Oct. 12 and Dec. 12.

In communiqués of Gen. Douglas MacArthur covering those 62 days, only seven have failed to mention New Britain raids, with tropical storms largely responsible for the exceptions.

The period embraces the record 350-ton bombardment of Rabaul on Oct. 12 on through the latest pounding with 248 tons of explosives given Gasmata Dec. 12 and announced Wednesday by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

New Britain's role in the as yet preliminary stages of the Pacific war is great. Its capture would burst open the sea lanes to the Philippines, with Manila 2,500 miles away. Westward from the Japanese, it would put the Allies within 800 miles of Truk, the great enemy naval base to the north—closer to that vital spot than they stand at any other point by 200 miles.

The constant aerial bombardment appears to have adhered to a definite pattern—a strictly one-two punch. First the massed weight fell on the eastern end of the 300-mile-long island at the big air and naval fortress of Rabaul. Then it switched in late November to the western end where, with mounting fury, it still is devastating the very sector which MacArthur's New Guinea forces could invade at any time he gives the "go" sign.

WEATHER
Continued cold.

Roosevelt Decorates General Clark

President Roosevelt leans out of his jeep and smiles at Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, as he pins the D.S.C. on the general's field jacket. The scene is at the special ceremonies at Castelvetrano, Sicily, one of the President's stopping points for his historic conferences. (Signal Corps Photo From NEA Telephoto.)



2,018,000 Barrels Of Texas Petroleum Wanted In January

AUSTIN—(AP)—The Petroleum Administrator for War Wednesday called on Texas for 2,018,000 barrels of all petroleum liquids to be produced during January. The figure was unchanged from the December certification of demand. It was announced by Railroad Commission Chairman Beauford H. Jester.

The commission will hold its monthly production hearing here Friday, at which evidence will be taken upon which to base the January oil order.

Texaco To Drill To 5,900 Feet In Central Andrews

By JAMES C. WATSON,
Oil Editor

The Texas Company has filed application to drill No. 1 A. W. Pattillo, as a 5,900-foot wildcat test, four miles northwest of Andrews, in Central Andrews County, starting Dec. 20.

Location is 600 feet from the south and west lines of section 22, block A-36, psi survey, about two miles south of Shafer Lake. Signal's Fisher Spudded.

S. M. Fisher, proposed 5,900-foot test in section 25, block A-35, psi survey, has spudded to 40 feet and shutdown to drill more water wells.

Amos G. Carter, Fort Worth, staked location for another 6,000-foot exploration in the south side of the Wasson San Andres producing area in North Gaines County. It will be No. 11 Moore.

The new effort will be 600 feet from the north and east lines of the west half of section 45, block AX, psi survey and just inside the Gaines County line. Drilling with rotary is to start immediately.

Another Owyb Onset
Sinclair Prairie Oil Company has made location for another outpost to the Owyb field in East Yoakum County. The development is to be No. 3 Granger, 660 feet from the south and west lines of the southeast quarter of section 487, block D, John H. Gibson survey.

Union Oil Company of California No. 2 Biles, north flanker to the discovery well of the Union field in Northwest Andrews, flowed into the pits for 30 minutes Tuesday after a two-stage acid washing with 1,000 gallons, followed by 2,000 gallons.

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Christmas Prayer



He's only one of millions, but he typifies the spirit that all American fighting men will have as they kneel to offer a Christmas prayer. Be they on bloody Tarawa, in mud-bound Italy, the steaming jungles of New Guinea, in England, Iceland, China, India, somewhere afloat on foe-infested waters or in the training camps at home—in all their hearts will be the same prayer—for victory, a speedy peace and the return of good will among men.

"Little Big Inch" Line Is Completed

CINCINNATI—(AP)—Officials of War Emergency Pipelines, Inc., said the last section of "Little Big Inch," the 1,475-mile, 20-inch pipeline from the Houston and Beaumont, Texas, refining areas to East Coast terminals, had been welded.

They said they expected to have 15 pumping stations in operation by Dec. 30 to provide a 150,000-barrel daily capacity and enough completed by Jan. 30 to raise the capacity to 235,000.

Nazi Prisoner Claims Texans Are Too Rough

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS—(AP)—A tribute to the fighting abilities of Texans came Wednesday from a German prisoner who complained that they are too tough.

This prisoner said the Germans fighting in the Mt. Maggiore sector in Italy were faced by "tough wild men from Texas with a knowledge of field craft."

He winced as he spoke of the Texans, and said his feelings were shared by other Germans.

Among the divisions in the Fifth Army line is the 36th, composed largely of Texans, which was the first American division to land on the beaches of Salerno.

Twelve Army Airmen Feared Dead In Crash

ARDMORE, OKLA.—(AP)—Twelve men aboard a heavy bomber were feared dead in its crash Wednesday a mile northwest of the Ardmore Army Air Base, Army officials reported.

The plane was attached to the 395th combat crew training school here. An investigation was in progress. Names of casualties were withheld pending notification of kin.

POLICE END STRIKE
MONTREAL—(AP)—An agreement whereby the City of Montreal agreed to recognize the Canadian Congress of Labor as bargaining agent for members of its police, fire and public works departments was signed Wednesday, ending a 14-hour strike of employees of the three departments.

Professional Beggar Hits Jack-Pot Here Before Police Arrive

A "pushover" of the old school with a lame leg, cane and ragged clothing arrived in Midland Tuesday from Fort Worth and before police nabbed him and put him behind the bars, he collected \$31 from citizens.

When reports came to Police Headquarters that a beggar was operating on the streets, Police Chief Jack Ellington started the search. He located the man in a hotel lobby and escorted him to Police Headquarters where he became the city's guest until he is sent out of town.

In the visitor's pockets, Ellington found \$500 worth of War Bonds, \$57 in cash and currency and a bank book showing the uninvited guest had \$400 on deposit in an Oklahoma City bank.

Name Printed On Checks
He even had his name imprinted on his checks, Ellington exclaimed. And he had money wrappers to cure for his coins, the chief added.

It was big business with the fellow and Midland was a city of great opportunity.

In his pocket also was a letter from a sister, asking if he would spend \$70 to purchase a dress for his mother's Christmas gift. He apparently had selected the dress and asked the sister to ascertain the purchase price.

Got Reduced Rates
Among his possessions also were a number of letters from bus line operators, Ellington said, instructing that he be sold tickets on their lines at half price.

Ellington was disgusted with the invader and again cautioned Midland citizens to notify police promptly if beggars appear on the streets.

He suggested to the 60-year-old that the money be donated to a Midland church and asked him which one he preferred.

"Give it to the bootleggers or gamblers," the man replied, "they are the only ones who help me."

No Conscription Of Women Is Planned
WASHINGTON—(AP)—There will be no conscription of the nation's women to meet nursing needs of the armed forces, said Representative Frances Bolton (R-Ohio) Wednesday after conferences with War Department officials.

Sixteen Airmen Killed In Crash Of Army Bomber

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA.—(AP)—Sixteen men were killed Tuesday night when a bomber, on a routine combat training flight from its base at the Fort Worth Army Air Field, crashed into the rugged cliffs five miles north of here, the public relations officer of the Lincoln, Neb., Army Air Base said Wednesday.

The public relations officer said there were no survivors. Names of the dead are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

FORT WORTH—(P)—Five of the 16 men killed in a training flight crash near Council Bluffs, Iowa, were to have been graduated as B-24 bomber pilots at Fort Worth Army Air Field Wednesday.

The other two officers—those graduating were student officers—were instructors. Six others from the field here were enlisted men. The other three occupants were passengers.

Three Elderly Brothers Die In Pistol Battle

VICTORIA, Texas—(P)—A farm house pistol battle here took the lives of three elderly brothers and sent the son of one to a hospital with a bullet wound in the head.

Sheriff R. A. Rogan said he was not sure yet just what happened although he had as clues a story told him by the wounded man, Earl Walker, 47, two revolvers, two automatic pistols and blood-stained underwear and tin snips.

Justice of the Peace Joe Linebouth is holding an inquest but is withholding his verdict until the investigation is completed.

The shooting occurred late Tuesday at the home of J. H. Walker, 85, who was shot through the heart. His two bachelor brothers, O. P. M. Walker, 79, and Alonzo C. Walker, 81, were shot in the neck and badly beaten.

Bodies In Same Room
"The bodies all were lying in one little bloody room," Sheriff Rogan said.

Earl Walker, a veteran who was gassed in the first World War, had been helping his father, J. H. Walker, run the farm. They lived alone. The bachelor brothers, who had traveled widely since they retired from business years ago, came here from Sulphur, Okla., several weeks ago to spend the winter.

The sheriff said that after the shooting, Earl gathered up three pistols, locked up the house and went to a neighbor's, who took him to a hospital. Rogan was called and Earl gave him the house key, saying he believed his father and two uncles all were dead.

Smuts Is Optimistic About Defeat Of Japs
PRETORIA, UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA—(P)—Japan will be defeated "sooner than some people think," in the opinion of Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts, who told a press conference that the war picture was ever brightening for the Allies.

War Buletins

LONDON—(AP)—A Moscow broadcast to the Red Army Wednesday declared "this winter will see a Soviet offensive on a larger scale than ever before."

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Important Chinese gains in the Rice Bowl region of Central China were announced Wednesday by the Chinese high command, which said Chinese forces had reached the suburbs of three major Japanese-held towns—Lih-sien on the highway running from Changteh to the Yangtze port of Shasi and the Tungting lakeside towns, Ansiang and Nanshsien.

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Finnish radio "discussed peace proposals" in a broadcast beamed to the Soviet Union, according to a BBC broadcast recorded by CBS.

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Germans hurled tanks and troops into the Smela sector 14 miles southwest of captured Cherkassy Wednesday, seeking to hold off strong attacks by Soviet parachute forces threatening the vital railway junction from the northwest.

Yugoslavia Guerrillas Get Support From Air

By The Associated Press
The Allies have stepped up warfare on Hitler's seething Balkan front with a record aerial smash at Nazi targets in Greece, and mounting assaults from the air in support of guerrillas in Yugoslavia.

Allied headquarters disclosed Wednesday that more than 300 American planes carried out the heaviest raid yet against targets in the Balkans when fighter-escorted heavy bombers smashed at a series of Nazi airfields near Athens.

At the same time, Marshal Josip Broz (Tito), whose Partisans in Yugoslavia are getting major support from the Allies, announced that Allied warplanes contributed to a heavy defeat inflicted by his ground forces on the German invaders near Zara.

"Also thanks to the Allied Air Forces, German forces have had to evacuate the island of Lujan opposite Zara," on the Adriatic Coast, Marshal Broz declared.

Reds Continue Offensive
The big land actions flamed without letup, and with no quarter given, on the Russian front. Desperately attempting to hold the Russian offensive in check, the Germans threw in fresh troops and tanks in a bid to recapture the Ukrainian capital of Kiev.

But the Russians mounted a new and important offensive 200 miles to the southeast of Kiev and threatened to engulf the industrial centers of Kirovograd and Krivoi Rog. General Ivan S. Konev's armies, perhaps 300,000 strong, after capturing the middle Dnieper city of Cherkassy Tuesday began to close a pincer on an escape route for the Germans in the area west of Cherkassy. Driving from Cherkassy and Kremenchug in the upper Dnieper bulge, Russian armies were reported to have established contact along the Dnieper.

Montgomery's Troops Advance
On the central Italian front, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army made further advances "despite fierce enemy resistance," Allied headquarters said. Capture of Caldari on the Adriatic coast was announced.

On Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth (Continued on Page 2)

Mercury Hits 20 Degrees Here

Midland citizens pulled their overcoats closer and attempted to shelter their ears Wednesday morning as the thermometer dropped to the lowest reading of the season. At 9 a. m. the mercury registered 20 degrees, but had climbed to 24 degrees an hour later as the sun began to shine more brightly.

The previous minimum of the season was registered here Nov. 8 when the thermometer dropped to 23 degrees at 9 a. m.

Weather forecasts promise even colder weather for Wednesday night, with 15 to 20 degrees scheduled for this area. Slowly rising temperatures are promised Thursday.

Gasoline Rations May Be Cut Again Soon
WASHINGTON—(P)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles warns there may be another cut in civilian gasoline supplies as the tempo increases in the war against Japan.

Allied Airmen Blast Japanese In Burma
NEW DELHI—(P)—Continuous bombing and strafing attacks by United States and British airforces against the Japanese in Burma were announced Wednesday.

Poll Shows Committee Favors Relief Program
WASHINGTON—(P)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee undoubtedly will recommend that Congress endorse and underwrite this country's financial participation in the vast United Nations' program for relief and rehabilitation of war-devastated areas.

This conclusion is based upon an Associated Press poll of the committee's membership, which showed overwhelming belief, among Republicans and Democrats, that the United States must work with its war partners to aid victims of oppression.

PRO-GERMAN SPY RING IS SMASHED IN BRAZIL
RIO DE JANEIRO—(P)—Smashing of a pro-German spy ring was proclaimed by state police Wednesday with the arrest of eight men and four women on charges involving aerial photography of strategic sites.

Little time is left, To finish Christmas shopping; Hurry! Don't be left, When Santa comes a-knocking.



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Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God.
Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.—Romans 14:22.

Rubber Setback

Grubs of the Phyllophaga—the June beetle to you—have interfered with what from the emergency viewpoint was our most promising experiment in the production of natural rubber. Those grubs have forced Shada, a Haitian government agency co-operating with the Rubber Development Corporation, to abandon one whole division of its project.

Shada is working with cryptostegia, and has produced a strain of that weed which can be tapped at the age of six months to produce 300 pounds of rubber an acre. The contract calls for seeding of 80,000 acres by the end of this month.

The area infected by the June beetle had just been set out, but nevertheless would have been producing latex commercially before mid-1944. Shada is going to do its best to fulfill the contract terms by the end of the year, but in all probability can not.

There are lost not merely the time, and the work done in planting the St. Marc division, and the seedlings used, but also the use of land which had been cleared for the purpose and the time that will be required to prepare other land.

On the basis of reasonable expectations Shada had promised to turn over 3000 tons of natural rubber next year and close to 10,000 tons in 1945. This would have been valuable out of all proportion to its weight because for many vital war purposes, synthetic, of which there probably will be plenty next year, is highly unsatisfactory without a leavening of natural rubber.

Moreover, this cryptostegia rubber was expected to be much less costly than that from South America. Taking Rubber Development's "not more than 75 cents" estimate at face value for the Amazon product, it appears that Haitian rubber will cost not more than 62 cents a pound and may reasonably be expected to cost as little as 35 cents, a low price these days though not competitive under peacetime conditions.

The setback, therefore, is very unfortunate. Also it serves to emphasize how much trouble a nation can get into when it dozes complacently until the whole house is afire, and then tries to put out the blaze with a water pistol.

We are paying plenty, in other fields as well as in connection with rubber, for our long refusal to look international facts in the face. Let's hope we have learned a lesson.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

When Fascism Comes

A "high Navy official," by "gentleman's agreement," stands publicly accused of having "practically cashiered" out of the Navy "an officer who had opposed the will of Chairman James Lawrence Fly of the Federal Communications Commission.

Congress, representing the public, cannot inquire into the matter because Army and Navy officials have been forbidden by executive order to appear before the investigating committee.

The Army and the Navy are our servants in the war against Fascism. And what was it the late Huey Long, an expert on Fascism, is supposed to have told an associate? "When Fascism comes to America, it will come in the guise of anti-Fascism."

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Up In Air

Speaking of the Federal Communications Commission, which can get Navy officers "practically cashiered" for differing with the FCC chairman:

It took FCC agents a year to locate an illegal fly-by-night broadcasting station, in a little North Carolina mountain town, that was on the air an hour a day, though the operator held an FCC amateur's license and might reasonably have been suspect.

WPB Representative To Visit Midland

Norvell W. Harris, analyst for the El Paso district office of the War Production Board, will be in Midland Friday morning to consult with persons in regard to priorities and other WPB matters. He will be at the Chamber of Commerce from 9 a. m. until noon.

HARRY A. MARKO WILL ADDRESS BAPTISTS HERE

Dr. Harry A. Marko of Austin, Texas, former physician, will be the guest speaker at the mid-week prayer service in the First Baptist Church at 8 p. m. Wednesday, the Rev. Vernon Yearby announced.

DEAN OF TEXAS WOOL BUYERS DIES IN PEARSALL

SAN ANTONIO —(AP)—Funeral services for Charles Diskin Stokes, 78, formerly of Lampasas, known as the dean of Texas wool buyers, were held here Wednesday morning. He died in Pearsall Tuesday.

Samuel Ellis Burns To Death At Cisco

CISCO —(AP)—Samuel Ellis, 80, burned to death Tuesday night when his home was destroyed by fire.

CHINESE WANT FORMOSA FOR BIG NAVAL BASE

CHUNGKING —(AP)—The newspaper Ta Kung Pao declared Wednesday that the Island of Formosa off the China Coast, which has been a Japanese possession since 1895, must be converted into a powerful Chinese naval base after the present war to avert possible future Japanese aggression.

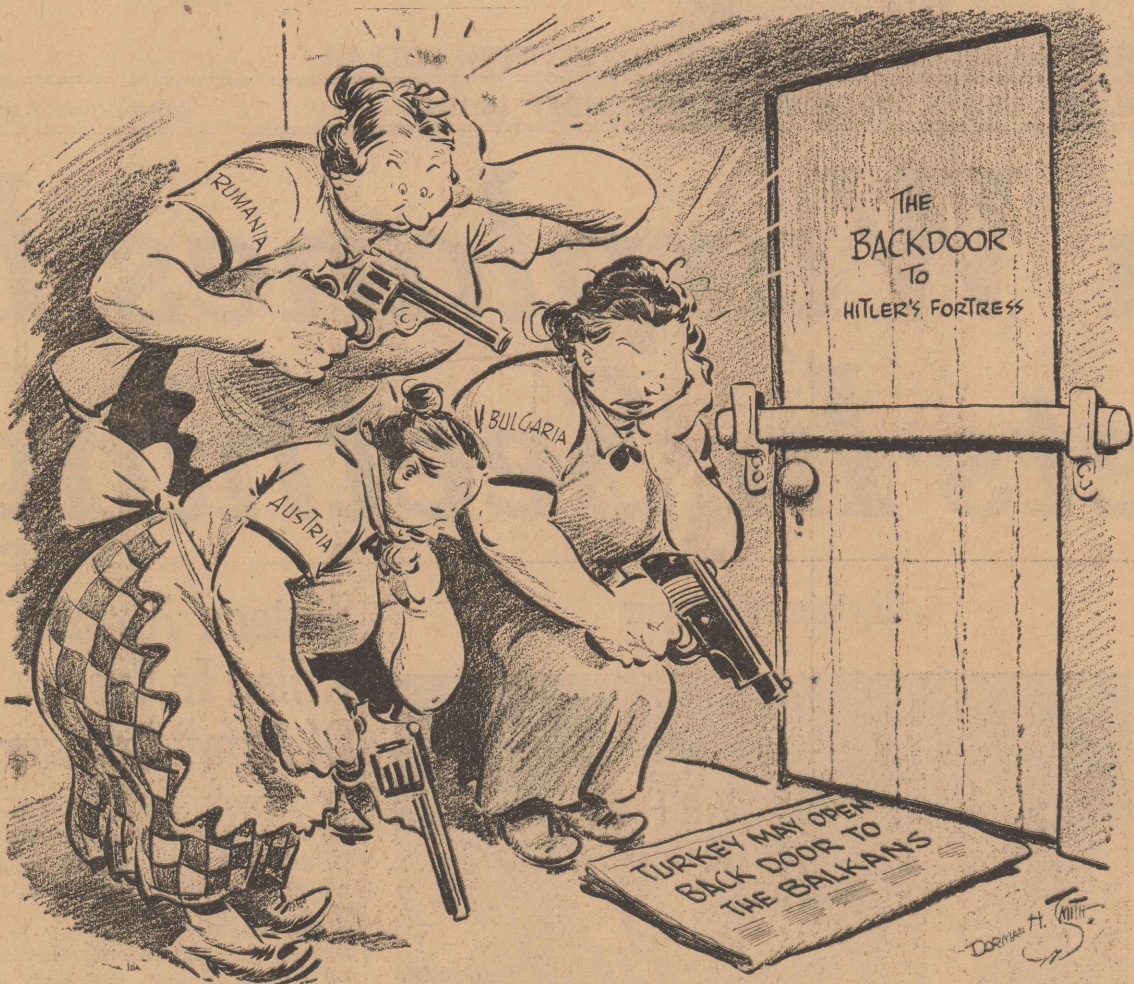
GREATEST DEMAND IN 1944 FOR FARM PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON —(AP)—The Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicted Wednesday that 1944 will witness the greatest demand ever known for American agricultural products.

HELP SHORTAGE

KEARNS, Utah —(AP)—Lt. Earl P. Beckman, former University of Illinois player, who was to manage the Kearns Flyers basketball team, is wearing a uniform and working out with the team. He hasn't enough players.

Pistol Packin' Mamas, Lay Those Pistols Down!



Texaco To Drill --

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The operator is arranging to treat various zones between 6,885-7,500 feet, at different times, with various sized doses of acid before making any tests, or attempting to complete the well.

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Scarborough, West Andrews Ordovician project, has reached 4,470 feet in lime.

Skelly Oil Company No. 1-P University, South Andrews venture, is making hole under 4,170 feet.

Southwest Oil Fullerton Humble No. 1 Cox, West Gaines County wildcat, had reached 10,354 feet in shale and lime.

King & Bay No. 2 Blair, deep Permian project in Northwest Gaines had progressed under 5,018 feet in lime.

Globe Oil & Refining Company No. 1 Williams, Hockley County wildcat, is grinding below 4,882 feet in lime.

Howard Test Got A Show Cosden and Corfield & Guthrie No. 2 Pauline Allen, Vincent area wildcat, in Northeast Howard County, encountered a show of oil at 5,430 feet, according to unconfirmed reports Wednesday.

Shell Oil Company, Inc., No. 3 Sealy-Smith, Monahans Ordovician project, is coring under 10,377 feet in dolomite. The present core was started at 10,361 feet.

Colden Goes Fishing Globe and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Colden, Pecos County wildcat, is at total depth of 5,795 feet, fishing for 25 joints of drill pipe and a drill collar. Expectations are that as soon as the tools are recovered the drill should show gas to "critical" condition.

Culbertson & Irwin, Inc., and Union No. 1-A Heiner had reached 5,579 feet and was drilling ahead.

Phillips Petroleum Company No. 1 Price, West Texas' deepest test, was drilling under 12,912 feet.

Phillips No. 1 University, Pecos wildcat, was making hole below 2,177 feet.

Globe No. 1 Henderson, Schleicher County exploration, is drilling around 5,880 feet.

Phillips No. 1 Callan had reached 3,891 feet.

Reagan Wildcat To Start Superior Oil Company and Wiggins & Hyde, No. 1-A University, 4,000-foot wildcat in South Reagan County, was due to spud Wednesday. Lee Drilling Company is to do the digging.

Woolley Petroleum Company No. 1 Farmer, Yoakum County wildcat looking for pay in the San Andres, two miles north of the Wasson field, had reached 5,258 feet and was drilling ahead.

C. U. Bay No. 1 Bitler & Lowe, Andrews County discovery is continuing to make new hole below 7,442 feet in lime.

Humble No. 2-B Sawyer, Irion County exploration, is drilling below 7,830 feet in lime and shale.

Skelly Completes Robertson Skelly No. 3 Robertson, on the north side of production in the Seminole field of Gaines County, has been completed for a 24-hour potential of 422.24 barrels with gas-oil ratio of 806-1. The bottom of the hole is at 5,265 feet.

Superior No. 1-C University, a southwest outpost to production in the Fullerton area of Northwest Andrews, is drilling through salt below 2,340 feet.

Sinclair Prairie No. 1 Grisham-Hunter, Southwest Andrews County prospector, had reached 7,680 feet.

Shell No. 1 G. M. Cox, North West Andrews wildcat had drilled under 6,850 feet in lime.

Shell No. 1 Johnson, Ector County wildcat, had reached 4,892 feet in lime.

Danciger Oil & Refining Company No. 1 E. W. Cowden, Southeast Ector prospector, was drilling in anhydrite past 3,790 feet.

Bunion Derby Winner Will Serve In Army

OKLAHOMA CITY —(AP)—Supreme Court Clerk Andrew Hartley Payne, ready to be sworn into military service, was asked whether he preferred the Army or Navy.

He glanced at his sturdy feet, and guessed he'd take the Army.

Payne's footwork brought him a \$25,000 championship in the C. C. Pyle Transcontinental Bunion Derby of 1928.

Senators Study Whisky Situation

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A whisky-taxing proposal that would upset a 50-year-old tradition confronted the Senate Finance Committee Wednesday as members hustled to get the 1943 revenue bill to the floor this week.

With most other big decisions already made, Chairman George (D-Ga.) expressed hope the measure, now carrying only about \$1,922,000,000 additional revenue, could be reported to the Senate by Friday.

George himself is one of the chief backers of the proposal to cut to four years the time that whisky can be held in bond without payment of the government excise tax.

Since the early '90s, liquor has been allowed to age in bonded warehouses up to eight years before the owner had to buy excise stamps.

With 117,000,000 gallons of whisky reported now in bond, proponents believe the plan would expedite collection of about \$1,000,000,000 (based on the new \$9 a gallon committee-approved rate) and at the same time force some liquor out into the market.

Majority Leader Barkley, a Kentucky who also is a member of the finance group, has expressed the stiffest opposition to the plan.

He says it would pose an impossible financing problem for the distillers, would cancel their carefully calculated programs for supplying ripe whiskeys, and result in a "green whisky" era after the war.

In addition to the liquor problem the committee also has yet to decide how best to integrate the victory tax with regular income tax collections.

Personsals

LT. and Mrs. V. P. Neissl of San Diego, arrived in Midland this week to spend Christmas. Neissl is stationed in San Diego at the naval base.

Miss Betty Dee of Lincoln, Neb., is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo McLaughlin. Mrs. McLaughlin and Miss Dee are sisters.

Mrs. W. W. Petty has returned from Des Moines, Iowa, where she visited her husband. Enroute home she was joined in Oklahoma City by her sister, Mrs. H. W. Blair, and sons, Don and Duane Lewis Blair, who will visit here through the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huff.

I. H. Foster has returned from Marshall and other East Texas points where he has spent ten days visiting friends. In Marshall he spent some time with his brother, K. S. Foster, who has been ill.

Dr. M. G. Everett, president of the Trinity University in San Antonio, is a visitor in Midland.

Livestock

FORT WORTH —(AP)—Cattle 2,700; calves 1,500; steady; slaughter steers and yearlings 7.00-13.00; beef cows 8.00-9.50; bulls 7.00-9.50; fat cows 7.50-12.50; stocker steers calves and feeder yearlings 8.00-11.50; heifers 11.00 down.

Hogs 1.650; unchanged; good and choice 200-270 butchers 13.55-65; good and choice 290-400 lb. weights 12.75-13.35; packing sows 11.00-12.00.

Sheep 4.000; steady; slaughter ewes 5.00-6.50; lambs 8.00-13.50; feeder lambs 9.50 down.

LT. JAMES T. SMITH VISITS PARENTS HERE

LT. James T. Smith, Midland attorney now serving in the Navy, arrived in Midland from New York Tuesday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith. He was joined in New York by his wife who made the trip here with him.

He has been in the Navy 20 months and for the last seven and a half months has been on extended sea duty, from his base in San Francisco.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg Dies In Michigan

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. —(AP)—Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, famed physician, health authority and head of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, died during the night at the age of 91.

Dr. Kellogg had been in failing health about six months. He died in his residence.

He was a leader of a health movement that bans meat from the diet, emphasizing the food value of grain, fruits and vegetables.

Wrote Several Books His brother, W. K. Kellogg, heads the W. K. Kellogg Company, cereal manufacturer.

A native of Tyrone, N. Y., Dr. Kellogg had made his home in Battle Creek since moving here with his parents when he was a child. He was educated in Battle Creek schools and attended Michigan State Normal and the University of Michigan.

He was a practicing surgeon while still in his seventies and was the author of several books on dietetics.

Influenza Is On Increase In Texas

AUSTIN —(AP)—Latest reports to the State Health Department show 2,921 new cases of influenza in Texas compared to 1,209 a week ago and a seven-year median of 732.

A department spokesman said the disease was of a mild type and current prevalence was not an epidemic. Cases are "piling up," however, he added.

Beautiful Young Lady Caused Auto Accident

LOS ANGELES —(AP)—"I had just let a beautiful young lady out of the car," explained Comedian Groucho Marx.

"I was looking at her in the rear-view mirror, or rolling up the windows, or something. Then my sedan hit the telephone pole."

Emergency hospital surgeons treated him for abrasions and a possible rib fracture.

Jap Bugler Silenced By Marine Bugler

BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, Solomons —(AP)—Marine Bugler Robert L. Greenwell, Henderson, Ky., spotted four Japanese advancing. He opened fire, killing the leading man. The others fled.

Searching the dead soldier's pack, Greenwell found a bugle.

It took a bugler to kill a bugler.

Honest Neighbors Guard Dry Goods Store

CHICAGO —(AP)—Mrs. Gertrude Frisch stopped by her dry goods store in the morning for a few minutes, left and forgot to lock the door.

Late that night when passing by she found the store open and occupied. Neighbors who had discovered the door was unlocked had kept a voluntary guard over the store all day.

O'DANIEL IS ILL

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Senator O'Daniel (D-Texas) was confined to his hotel suite Wednesday because of an attack of influenza.

Wild tribesmen of Ceylon shoot from a sitting position, and hold the bow with their toes and feet.

Yugoslavia --

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Army front, the fighting tapered off to patrol clashes.

In a powerful blow at bases in Greece—which the Germans would rely on to parry an Allied offensive they fear is being mounted in the Middle East towards Balkans—Flying Fortresses and Liberators pounded Piraeus harbor, strategic Grecian port, and three airfields just outside Athens.

The four-engine bombers and the escorting Lightning P-38s knocked down 12 out of the 35 Nazi fighter planes that rose in challenge. Allied losses in the Balkans and other air operations were five planes, with one pilot safe, against total enemy losses for the day of 15 planes.

Moslems Join Tito Marshal Broz' mounting resistance to the Nazis on the Yugoslav front was disclosed in his communique to have recruited the aid of fierce-fighting Moslems, presumably from tribes in Eastern Yugoslavia. A Moslem brigade was credited with capturing a town in Eastern Bosnia and forcing a Nazi retreat.

An Allied seaborne invasion against Pag Island, north of Ulljan Island which asserted that coastal batteries sank a fully-manned Allied landing boat and turned away other boats.

Germany's Balkan satellite Bulgaria, already worn by the Allies to get out of the war, was reported to have postponed a government shakeup.

A Cairo dispatch to the New York Times said Bulgaria officially had sent "peace feelers" through the Russian government to Britain and the United States, but they had been rejected. The dispatch said the only answer received at Sofia was continued bombing and a reiteration of unconditional surrender terms.

Premier Boghiov was described as willing to negotiate a peace on the basis of the Atlantic Charter if Bulgaria might keep territories stolen from Greece and Yugoslavia. In London, the British Foreign Office said it had no information on the reported peace feelers.

SALEM, ORE. —(AP)—Isaac H. Van Winkle, attorney general of Oregon since 1920 and dean emeritus of Willamette University, died at his home here Tuesday night.

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Society

Twentieth Century Study Club Honors Mrs. J. Howard Hodge

The Twentieth Century Study Club honored Mrs. J. Howard Hodge Tuesday afternoon with a Christmas tea when the club met in the home of Mrs. Arnold Schaubauer, 1714 Holloway.

The delightful Christmas story, "The Good Shepherd" by Gunnar Gunnarsson, was reviewed by Mrs. Hodge. Mrs. Gene McCollum presided at a short business session.

Plans were made to present gifts to the MAAF post hospital and the WAC day room.

Christmas Decorations

Mrs. R. L. Gray presided at the tea table which was laid with a lace cloth and silver service. Christmas decorations were carried out through the rooms.

Special guests were Mrs. Leif Olson, Mrs. R. L. Englehardt, Mrs. Carl Peay, Mrs. Jack Atkins, Mrs. Robert Roark, Mrs. J. E. Banks, Mrs. B. L. Bilcher, Mrs. Gordon Holcomb and the honoree, Mrs. Hodge.

Members attending were Mesdames Stanley Erskine, R. P. Simpson, R. L. Gray, W. E. Shipp, Jr., Robert L. Aikin, Frank Monroe, C. L. Chase, Joe Mims, Harlan Howell, R. Ross Carr, Jerry Phillips, G. B. Rosh, McCullom, J. B. Keating and the hostess.

Working-Women Make Plea For Cooperation

"Why must the majority of Midland housewives wait to do their grocery shopping until the close of the working-woman's day?"

This question was received from a housewife-working-woman of Midland.

Midland women who are not working, all or part time, unwittingly are causing a hardship for wives who work when they delay their shopping until evening.

After 5 p. m. is the only time many working women can shop.

Why not shop during the morning or early afternoon as a gesture of kindness toward patriotic working wives?

Thirty Members Attend Circle Christmas Party

The Rijnhardt Circle of the First Christian Church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. G. H. Butler with thirty members present. A "mystery sister" gift exchange was held and special gifts were presented to the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Pickering. Each member gave a forfeit performance before receiving a gift and Mrs. James Goodman's re-enactment of her most embarrassing moment was the highlight of the afternoon.

The rooms were decorated appropriately for the Christmas motif. Refreshments were served at the close of the social hour.

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Today's pretty apron has every feature the style-minded could want—a scalloped around yoke top (very flattering to the face) a neat, snug waistline, a pleasingly flared skirt. For a quick, last minute gift, make the tie-on apron this pattern offers, with ruffles at the hem.

Mrs. F. C. Cummings Entertains Civic Music Club Meeting

The Civic Music Club met in the home of Mrs. F. C. Cummings, 1002 West Missouri, Tuesday evening for the last time until after Christmas.

A program of recorded Finnish music was followed by a historical sketch by Mrs. Joe Mims. The symphonic poem, "Finlandia," by Jan Sibelius, was heard, and another Sibelius recording, Symphony in D Major No. 2 also was enjoyed.

Plans were made for a party at the Chicken Tavern Tuesday night to honor husbands of club members.

Van Cummings presented the musical program. Members present were Miss Edith Conyers, Mrs. Lee Cornelius, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. John Dunagan, Mrs. George Grant, Mrs. Edmond Hitchcock, Mrs. Holt Jowell and Mrs. Joe Mims.

The Curtain Call

Quips from the huddle corner: Vic Rogers, busy as a Japanese optometrist, puts finishing touches to the scenery during the first two acts. Like Groucho Marx chasing a blonde, Rogers plows back and forth across the stage unmindful of everything but the perfection of his art. A body falls out of the closet just in time to hang on the fourth rung of Vic's ladder that happened to be passing by.

Wade Mathers keeps forgetting a step out of character as the burly police inspector, Dorothy Harpst, Marjorie Meyers and Clare Rogers, invaluable assistants of Rogers, are continually being cross-examined by Mathers as they fit busily behind scenes. Nobody's safe! He says it's good practice.

S/Sgt. Art Cole, the bewildered blundering brush salesman, doubles in class when it comes to furniture arrangement. He has that rare touch. Mrs. Cole says he re-arranges the furniture while she's out and she's always backing out of her own front door apologizing for getting in the wrong house!

The GIs preening themselves in an unaccustomed civies, trying to figure out a way to make two suits do for four, which they need and don't have yet. Corp. Walter Logsdon begs swoons in a nifty blue coat as he stands behind scenes peering proudly into Louise Blackwell's compact mirror. Pfc. Warren Streeter swears he can't remember when he had civies on! Corp. Lee Schirrek, who plays "Bono" the air-flailing dialect role, won't button his coat during a single scene just because he can't get away with it.

An uninvited, self-appointed critic slips disastrously on a lemon rind for an inglorious exit and nobody cried.

Virginia Warren sneezes during a love scene with John Hill and has to do the whole thing over.

Director Elma Graves' enthusiasm steps up with the every-night routine as production date nears. It's so catching, Bill O'Gara and Steve Briggs try to out-glare each other in the "show down" scene and Hugh Roland wonders "Are you guys REALLY sore about something?"

It's a good show, and a smooth show. It's been fun for the cast and stage hands alike. It'll be fun for everybody that sees it, too.

Congratulations To

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Byerley, Route 1, on the birth of a daughter Wednesday morning.

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Coming Events

THURSDAY

The Needlecraft Club will meet at 3 p. m. with Mrs. J. O. Vance, 302 South I Street.

The Red Cross surgical dressing rooms in the courthouse will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p. m.

The Colonial Club will meet with Mrs. B. G. Graf, 604 North Marientfield, at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Lee Cornelius will present a group of piano pupils at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the First Christian Church. The public is cordially invited.

The regular monthly meeting of the Midland chapter of the Red Cross will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church will have its regular monthly social in the home of Mrs. J. H. Barron, 410 North Lorraine at 3 p. m.

The Friendly Builders Class of the First Methodist Church will have a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. A. B. Stickney, 707 West Tennessee at 8 p. m. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Gladys Holstler, Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. Houston Hill and Mrs. H. L. Fowler.

The International Relations Study Group of the AAUW will meet at 8 p. m. with Mrs. B. A. Ray, 1911 West Brunson.

"Mr. and Mrs. North," winter production of the Civic Theater will be presented in the Civic Auditorium beginning at 8:15 p. m.

FRIDAY

The Red Cross surgical dressing room in the courthouse will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p. m.

The Belmont Bible Class will meet with Mrs. Maud Newham, 723 West Louisiana, at 3 p. m.

"Mr. and Mrs. North," winter production of the Civic Theater will be presented in the Civic Auditorium beginning at 8:15 p. m.

SATURDAY

Treble Clef Juvenile Music Club

will meet at the Watson Music Studio at 9 a. m.

A dance at the Officers' Club for officers and wives. Music by the "Hell from Heaven Swingsters."

Miss Cox's Wedding Date Is Announced

Miss Mary Louise Cox, whose marriage to Sgt. Chris T. Button will be an event of Dec. 26, was honored Friday evening with a surprise shower in the home of Mrs. Horace Newton, 110 East Dakota. Marian Newton, Eleanor Jo Barrow and Mrs. H. M. McReynolds were co-hostesses.

The gifts were presented from a lighted tree and in the contest game that followed Miss Mary Wilson won the prize.

Announcement of Miss Cox's wedding date was contained in the favor on the refreshment plate which was served at the conclusion of the evening.

Guests present were Mrs. Frank Brandt, Mrs. Elmos Linebarger, Mrs. Bill Smith, Mrs. Powell Roberts, Mrs. O. M. Fowler, Mrs. J. A. Andrews, and Dorothy Pinkerton, Lola Belle Johnson, Sarah Jane Merrill, Betty McCubbin, Mary Wilson, Ruth Orr, Nita Jones, Allen Roberts and Minnie Lee Hankins. Out of town guests included Mrs. Ruth Burnam, Mrs. O. T. Arnold, and Evelyn Arnold, all of Big Spring.

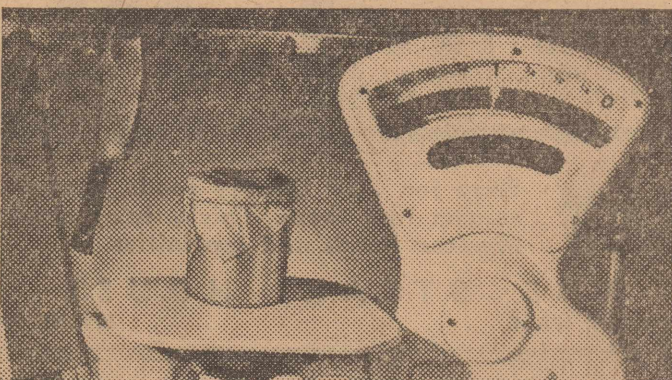
Those sending gifts were Mrs. Frank Cowan, Mrs. Roy Tuggle, Mrs. Kuykendall, Mrs. A. C. Nelson, and Mrs. John Barnett.

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

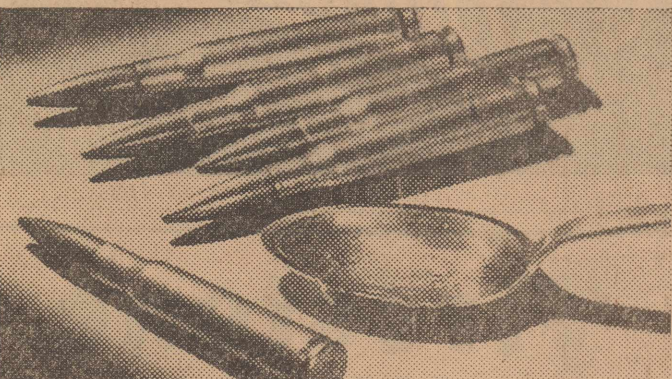
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Christmas Party Is Enjoyed By Young Business Women

The Young Business Women's Class of the First Baptist Church was entertained Monday night in the home of Florine and Lorine Jones, 506 North Marientfield, with a Christmas party.

Appropriate decorations formed the setting for the impressive mantle scene featuring reindeers and a Christmas motif. Money for toys for the needy was collected in lieu of a gift exchange. Miss Louise Blackwell, teacher of the class, was presented with a gift from the class.

Mozelle Dement told the Christmas story "Silent Night" and carol singing was enjoyed by the group. Members present were Faye Powers, Janice Watts, Elizabeth Murick, Miss Dement, and Irene Adams, and a visitor, Mrs. George Caple.

Coffee Custom

It was customary to carry a few ounces of coffee around in one's pocket when the commodity was first introduced into France during the 17th century.

Theater's play. The strong supporting cast includes Hugh Roland, S/Sgt. Art Cole, Louise Blackwell, Pfc. Warren Streeter, Sgt. Lee Schirrek, Bill O'Gara, Wade Mathers, Steve Briggs, Corp. Walter Logsdon and R. N. Skinner. Vic Rogers and Sgt. Carl Pierce supervised the stage settings.

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Mrs. Buchanan's Room Is Awarded High Prize

Mrs. T. B. Buchanan's room won the award for having most mothers present when the South Elementary P-T-A. met Tuesday afternoon at the school.

Membership cards were distributed and a short business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Elmer Sellers.

Mrs. W. M. Platters, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Carl Allen and Mrs. Charles Roripaugh who presented an interesting nutrition program. Those attending the session were Mrs. Andy Brooks, Mrs. C. C. Pierson, Mrs. C. E. Bishop, Eleanor Barrow, Mrs. Neal McDonald, Mrs. A. D. Smith, Miss Ruth Orr, Miss Mary Wilson, Mrs. Jim Moore, Mrs. E. D. Richman, Miss Lola Belle Johnson, Miss Sarah Merrill, Mrs. Toler Buchanan, Miss Betty McCubbins, Miss Mary Louise Cox, Mrs. B. F. Carson, Mrs. Platters, Mrs. Roripaugh, Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Carl W. Allen and Mrs. James Adamson.

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Sugar—Book Four stamp 29 good for five pounds through Jan. 15.
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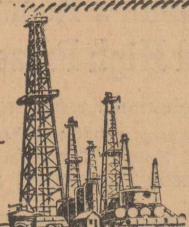
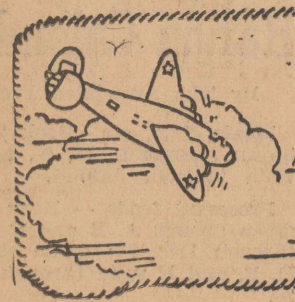
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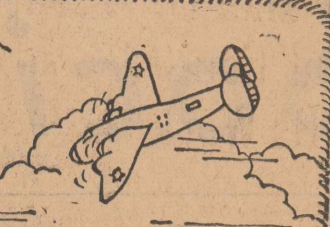
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PRESENTING EACH WEEK NEWS ABOUT LIVE, PROGRESSIVE FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS OF MIDLAND

Midland Feed Store Has Good Lines Of Feeds Especially Adapted For Use In This Section

Complete lines of feeds for live-stock and poultry raisers of this area are available at the Midland Feed Store, East Wall and Terrell Streets, which specializes in Sweet-water brand products.

J. B. McCoy, manager of the store for the Sweetwater Cotton Oil Company, is anxious to serve producers and will be glad to talk over feeding problems with them.

The Midland Feed Store has a good line of chicken feeds, including chicken starter, lay mash, scratch and growing mash. All these feeds are scientifically balanced in tested rations to accomplish the desired results with poultry.

The store is able to supply hog raisers with a mineral supplement feed which, like Midland Dairy Feed and Midland Special Mineral (for cattle and sheep) is manufac-

ured here to suit the individual needs of this area.

The store operates a mill in connection with the feed store, and the firm does all of its own grinding. Equipment includes two mixers, a feed mill, and a syrup mill. One mixer has a 2,000 pound capacity, the other 1,000 pounds.

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Automobile Owners Urged To 'Book' All Possible Repairs In Advance

Automobile owners are urged by C. L. Gladden, owner of the Midland Motor Company, to take the best possible care of their cars and not wait until they stop running to have them seen about. Don't put off having a repair made until it is too late to save the particular part, he urges, since both parts and time are valuable these days.

The time element, Gladden points out, is a vital one these days in the automobile repair business which is confronted with more work, fewer employees and more difficulty in obtaining replacement parts than ever before.

Good Stock Of Parts

Although the Midland Motor Company maintains as complete a start of parts for Ford products as it is possible to get, it sometimes is necessary to order replacements for some jobs and because of transportation and other difficulties it requires a few extra days to receive them.

"If we had any idea of what was coming, we could plan our work ahead, save time and thus turn out more jobs," he said. "But if the work just pours in unannounced, we are apt to have bottlenecks occur if needed parts are not immediately available. Mechanics have to leave one job hanging fire and get to another."

Gladden advised any person an-

icipating mechanical repair work, and especially major jobs such as an overhaul, to contact the company several days to a week in advance. This will enable the scheduling of the ordering of parts and the scheduling of work so that the job may be turned out as quickly as possible.

"Book" Repair Jobs

There is bound to be a certain percentage of emergency work to pour into the auto mechanic's shop these days, what with pre-war cars being made to serve for the duration. To insure better service for ordinary jobs in the face of this, car owners would do well to follow Gladden's advice and "book" their repair jobs.

The Midland Motor Company has all Ford authorized equipment for repair and rebuilding of Ford products, and employs mechanics who have had many years of experience in keeping automobiles operating properly.

THE FAMILY AND THE WAR EFFORT

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Home Lighting Improvements Still Can Be Made, Phillips Electric Company Points Out

At no time is the convenience of electricity more appreciated than during the winter when properly arranged lights add warmth and cheeriness to a room or provide illumination for a pleasant family gathering or for reading.

Although major electrical installations require priorities, it still is possible to brighten up the home with better lighting fixtures, the Phillips Electric Company, 222 North Main Street, points out. The addition of a new lamp will do wonders for an otherwise drab room and will add to the convenience of the home.

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The company also is agency for the new General Electric Food Dehydrator, a wartime development which helps alleviate the shortage of canned foods and which is destined to play an even more important role when the peace is won and plenty of foods again are available. The dehydrator, a compact unit, enables housewives to prepare seasonal foods for use at times when they no longer are obtainable. Simple and easy to operate, the dehydrator offers a new means of providing delicious and nutritious foods throughout the year.

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Fire Chief's Face Was Red As Blazes

SPARTA, TENN.—(AP)—Members of the Sparta fire department attended a banquet at the White county high school cafeteria Thursday night and heard Fire Chief John Whiting speak on the problems the department has encountered in spectators following the engines to fires and blocking passage to fire hydrants. When the banquet adjourned the men returned to their cars parked on the street outside and Chief Whiting observed a small yellow ticket on his door handle—for parking too close to a fire hydrant.

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Price Panel Of Midland County Starts Its Work

The work of the price panel of the Midland County War Price and Rationing Board is now getting under way and Addison Wadley, price panel chairman, said, "If you have not already had some contact with your local price panel you will be surprised to learn what is being done each day to protect the value of your earnings and your savings by fighting to keep prices down."

The Midland County Price Panel consists of the following volunteer members who serve without pay: Wadley, H. W. Hamilton, and Tom Sloan. Doris L. Stapleton is price panel clerk.

"What we need," Wadley said, "is more people who are willing to volunteer their time to help price control work effectively for the protection of their neighbors and themselves. We feel that since our panel is made up of people who know local conditions—local people who can settle most complaints about price control violations in a neighborly way without a lot of red tape and unpleasant legal action—please don't get the idea that the price panel is working just to protect consumers against overcharges. We think that is only half our job. We're just as much concerned about helping the retailer to stay in business and earn a decent living."

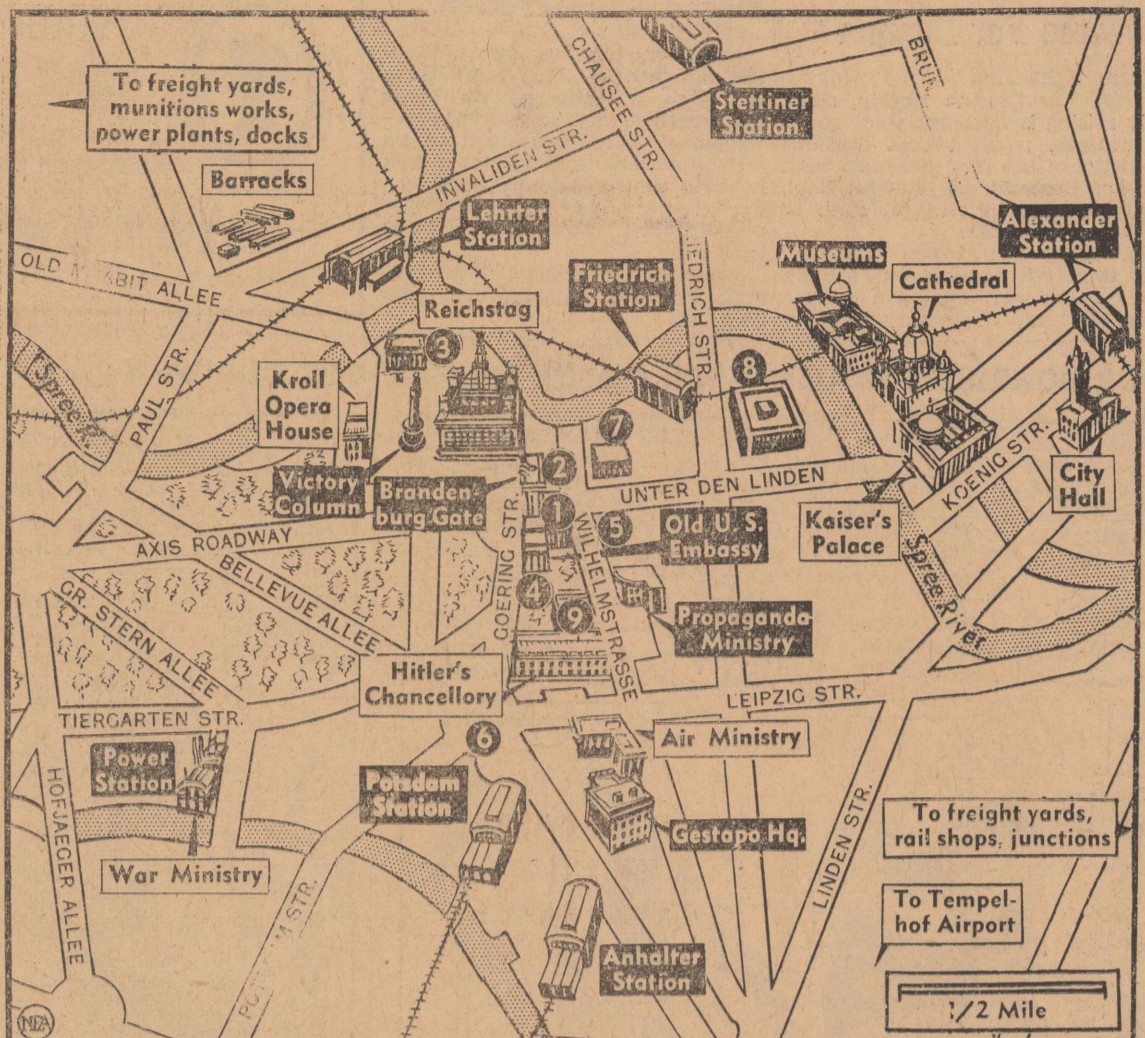
Explains Purpose
Wadley invited the people of Midland County to use the price panel. He suggested that any one who felt that prices were out of line on any article should first talk about it to the merchant. Then if a satisfactory answer on the prices could not be had, the purchaser should again check the price list in the store to make sure he is right. Then go home and write a note to the price panel, giving all the necessary facts.

Wadley asserted that men on the panel are not judges and "certainly not policemen. They'll ask a few questions and explain the regulations. In most cases, the whole situation will be straightened out in a friendly way." The board always is glad for the retailer to call on it, he said, for any information needed regarding prices and price regulations.

CIVILIANS SHARE OF BUTTER TO BE UNCHANGED IN 1944

CHICAGO —(AP)—The American civilian share of butter probably will continue to be about a pound a person each month in 1944, too.

Breaking The Heart Of Naziland



KEY TO BOMBED AREA

- 1 British Embassy
- 2 French Embassy
- 3 Swedish, Danish, Hungarian
- 4 Finnish, Portuguese Embassies
- 5 Goebbels' Villa
- 6 Swedish Newspaper Building
- 7 Potsdamer Platz
- 8 Armaments Ministry Building
- 9 University
- 10 German Foreign Office

Targets in white letters on black definitely hit, but entire area of Wilhelmstrasse, Tiergartenstrasse, Potsdamer Platz reported demolished. Industrial areas shown on small map also given heavy pounding.

G. Stitts, chief of the War Food Administration's dairy and poultry branch, told members of the American Butter Institute.

Governor To Wait Until Congress Acts

AUSTIN —(AP)—Whether state law will be altered to facilitate older voting in 1944 is a problem the state will consider after Congress acts finally on legislation on the subject.

Johnnie Graham Buys Mechanical Cotton Harvester For Farm

Johnnie Graham, who resides near Midland and who terms himself an "average or below" farmer, was troubled this year along with other cotton producers with the scarcity and high cost of cotton pickers. With an eye to the 1944 crop, he recently began an investigation into the practicality of "cotton side pullers" which he had heard were being used with fair success in the plains area near Lubbock.

Graham recently made several trips to that area to investigate the cotton harvesters, and came back enthused over the machines. Determined to prove their value to other farmers of this area who face the same problem in harvesting crops, he ordered one of the machines. It arrived this week and he expects to have it operating within a short time.

The machine, which is pulled by a Farmall tractor, will pick two rows in third or fourth gear, cleaning the rows and losing less cotton than field hands will drop in transferring it to their sacks, he said. The cotton on which he saw the machines operating had small stalks and all of it was open. Graham said the machine would handle any kind of cotton but it has to have dry bolls and must be open. It works best on a storm-proof cotton which is being planted in considerable quantities in the plains area.

Purchases Seed
Farmers to whom he talked said the storm-proof cotton would make from one-fourth to one-half bale per acre, and reported that about 1,500 pound bolls would give a 500 pound bale of 13/16 and 14/16 staple. Graham purchased some of the seed and plan to plant storm-proof cotton next year.

Graham believes the cotton pullers will cut the costs of harvesting cotton from the 1943 prices of \$25 to \$40 per bale to \$2 to \$10 per bale. Because many farmers, still remembering their experiences of attempting to raise and pick cotton this year, are undecided whether to plant it next year or to raise grain instead, Graham invites them to see the mechanical cotton picker. He expects to have his machine in operation in about a week at his home, a mile north of the north-east corner of the Atlantic Tank Farm.

Capt. Robert G. Swift Is Promoted To Major

XV AAF, NORTH AFRICA —(AP)—The promotion of Capt. Robert G. Swift of Midland, Texas, to the rank of major has been announced here by the group commander, Lt. Col. John K. Brown, Jr., former director of training at the Midland Army Air Field.

Major Swift, whose promotion was dated Oct. 20, has also been recently named group commander for the B-17 Flying Fortress group to which he is assigned.

Silver 'Outranks' Gold

Second lieutenants in the United States Army wear plain shoulder straps until World War I. When it was decided they should wear bars, silver was already in use by first lieutenants, so they were given gold, hence the curious situation of silver outranking gold.

Dr. Egluff Asks Oil Price Hike To Spur Discoveries

By ROBERT HERDIE
CHICAGO —(AP)—Despite all the talk about an oil shortage, Dr. Gustav Egluff, president of the American Institute of Chemists, believes the United States has a surplus of 80 billion barrels.

"Twenty billion barrels can be obtained from known fields," says Dr. Egluff, who is also research director for the Universal Oil Products Company. "And three times that much is available from secondary methods, pumping gas into the sands to increase pressure on the oil."

"If oil men are given the incentive to discover these new fields, there won't be any oil shortage. Right now we're finding new fields at a rate of 50 per cent less than we're consuming petroleum, but it's there."

New Oil Forming

"Recently discovered facts regarding earth processes convince us that oil constantly is being formed," he continues. "The theory is supported by the fact that oceans, lakes, and rivers today abound with fish and mollusks resembling those found in petroleum-bearing foundations.

"Exploration of new fields would be enhanced if the government would increase the price so it would be profitable to find the oil, and loosen up on equipment," Egluff adds. "I'm sure oil would be discovered just as it was after World War I."

He says the nation's rate of oil production during September, 1943, was 4,300,000 barrels a day—the highest peak ever reached. "Since 1859 the United States has produced 27 billion barrels of oil, and that wouldn't fill a cubic mile hole in the ground! It's an insignificant amount compared with the available potential."

A Big Gamble

"But at the present price of crude, wildcaters and operators can't afford to gamble. They can't play against a stacked deck," Egluff explains. "When the natural speculative risks are added to man-made handicaps, the odds are 20 to one against a strike.

"After the last war crude oil hit a \$3 to \$5 a barrel price," Egluff says, "and it was that price that made it worthwhile to search for new fields. Using oil faster than nature produces it? That's been the cry throughout the industry's history. After the discovery well at Titusville, Pa., in 1859, prognosticators said we'd be out of oil in two years!"

Police Are Checking On Youthful Drivers

Police Chief Jack Ellington said Wednesday he had instructed patrolmen to check youthful operators of motor cars here to be sure they have drivers licenses.

State laws provided that only persons over 16 years of age may have driver's licenses unless the county judge recommends a license for a person over 14 and under 16 years of age.

If a driver is under 18, his application for a license must be signed under oath by someone who is willing to assume responsibility for any negligence or misconduct on the part of the driver.

Ellington said all drivers must have licenses and that he had received numerous complaints of cars being driven by youths who have not obtained the regular Department of Public Safety driving permits.

Safety matches were first used in 1855.

Cry Baby



Bumpy, the blond baby model, turns on the tears in a demonstration of the talent that has earned him \$400 in model fees in New York in the brief nine months of his life.

Doolittle Abandons Stuffed Crocodile

AN AMERICAN AIR BASE IN ITALY —(AP)—Even the stout nerves of Maj. Gen. James Doolittle, the man who introduced Tokyo to the American Air Forces, quailed in an Egyptian "chamber of horrors" in an Italian villa in which he and his staff were quartered temporarily.

The villa formerly belonged to a high Fascist official with an oriental taste in arts. He used some of his rickoff money to decorate one of the main rooms entirely in an Egyptian motif.

It is a room that would haunt even Salvador Dali, the artist who paints bad dreams and melting watches. The walls and ceilings were a patchwork of violent red purple and green stripes. It with glaring white electric lights. Crazy-quilt tapestries hung like dime store rainbows.

The furniture carried an animal pattern. Carved wooden ibises with long tapering horns stood at the corners of the chairs and couches. Under one table a stuffed crocodile leered through glassy eyes.

"The villa wasn't suitable for other reasons," said Capt. Brian Brady, San Francisco, who is General Doolittle's aide. "But this room in particular gave everybody the creeps, including the general."

After two weeks another villa was found and the staff moved out, leaving the stuffed crocodile behind to worry the next tenant.

Senator Hatch Doesn't Want Financing Job

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Senator Hatch, D-Utah, said he had been approached by several senators and others concerning his possible selection as chairman of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, but that he had flatly turned aside all suggestions along that line.

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Income Tax Payments Should Be In Mails; Congress Studies New Tax Bill

WASHINGTON —(AP)—"The income tax and how it grew" is the tax-time story before Congress Wednesday.

Arrival of another taxpaying date as the Senate finance committee wrestles with a new revenue bill emphasizes again how taxes have risen—and how they'll rise again next year.

Even as Congress works on a measure to provide two billion more of revenues although leaving federal income rates relatively the same, Congressional eyes are drawn more and more to the fact that income taxes automatically will be higher next year—roughly 1 1/2 per cent—because of the payment coming due on half the uncanceled 25 per cent of 1942 (or 1943, where) tax liability.

This increase will bring taxpayers' obligations to the government to a new high.

May Aid White Collar Workers

In the upper brackets, so the House Ways and Means Committee says, existing tax rates and the hangover of the shift to pay-as-you-go will mean that nobody in the next two years will be able to keep more than about \$24,000 of his income, no matter how much he makes—assuming that his income remains constant and that his uncanceled tax is paid out of current income.

The tax framers, however, are showing more concern over the individual in the middle-income brackets, the so-called white collar worker, paying on his home, life insurance premiums and other similar commitments in a period of rising prices and—for this group—relatively fixed wages and salaries.

Here are some figures from the House Ways and Means Committee:

FDR "Occasionally" In Foreign Service

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. —(AP)—President Roosevelt, answering a questionnaire sent to 80,000 Harvard men, filled in his military duty as "Commander in Chief of the United States Army and Navy."

His answer to a question about foreign service was—"occasionally."

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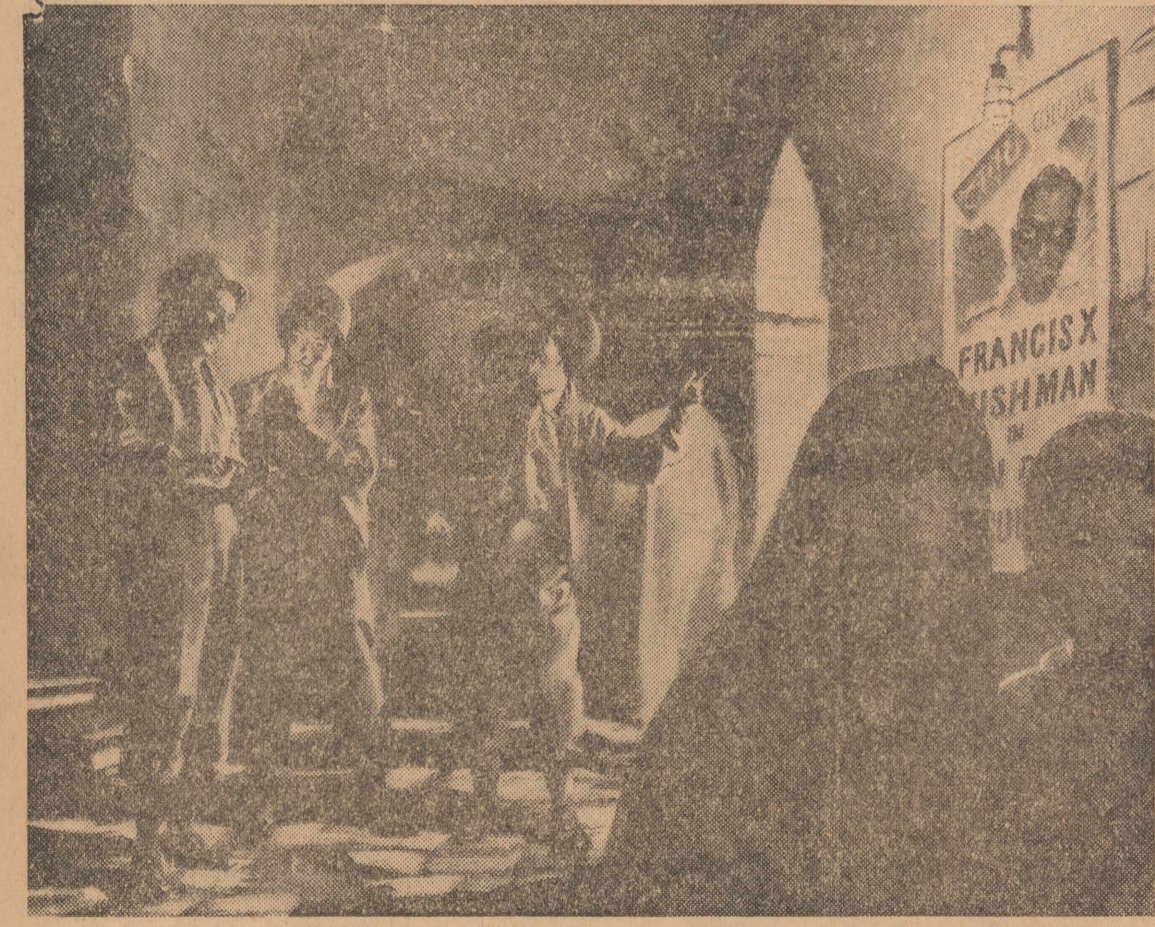
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A WHITE CHRISTMAS . . . sleigh bells in the snow . . . the laughter of little children, and then—clear and nostalgic on the frosty air—the miracle of tiny voices singing "Peace on earth, good will to men." There's the Christmas we all dream of—but especially those of our sweethearts, sons and brothers who are fighting in the muck and mud of a trench . . . Think how they must dream of it! And they do . . .

"It was like any other day—" so wrote a soldier (a boy you might know) of Christmas last year. "We landed about noon and tried to sleep . . . In the evening we went into a funny little African town and saw an old movie . . . then turned in. Not much like Christmas."

He's in the tropics now, that boy; it won't seem much like Christmas there, either. But this year—this Christmas—the folks back home are buying him the one present that can help to bring him back—back to a white Christmas—War Bonds! Decide now to give your boy an extra War Bond or two! And so there'll always be a Christmas, make every gift "The Present With a Future"—War Bonds!

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The Haunted Man

or, The Ghost's Bargain

By Charles Dickens

THE STORY: Redlaw, chemist and university professor, has concluded a bargain with a phantom whereby he forgets his own sorrows and misdeeds and makes other people forget theirs. He is surprised to find only kindness following in his wake. Afraid to face the good and kind Milly, he asks Longford, the sick student he has been visiting, to hide him when she approaches.

CHAPTER IX

"DEAR Mr. Edmund," said Milly, looking round, "they told me there was a gentleman here."

"There is no one here but I."

She put her little basket on the table, and went up to the back of the couch. She leaned over to look at his face, and gently touched him on the brow.

"Are you quite as well tonight? Your head is not so cool as in the afternoon."

"Tut!" said the student, petulantly, "very little ails me."

A little surprise, but no reproach, was expressed in her face, as she withdrew to the other side of the table, and took a small packet of needlework from her basket.

"I have been thinking, Mr. Edmund, that you have been often thinking of late, when I have been sitting by, how true the saying is, that adversity is a good teacher." The shaft of his ungrateful glance fell harmless, and did not wound her.

"Ah!" said Milly, with her pretty head inclining thoughtfully on one side, as she looked down, following her busy fingers with her eyes. "When I have seen you so touched by the kindness and attention of the poor people downstairs, I have felt that you thought even that experience some repayment for the loss of health, and I have read in your face, as plain

You owe me nothing; but it is right that you should deal as justly by me as if I was a lady—even the very lady that you love; and if you suspect me of meanly making much of the little I have tried to do to comfort your sick room, you do yourself more wrong than ever you can do me."

If she had been as passionate as she was quiet, as indignant as she was calm, as angry in her look as she was gentle, as loud of tone as she was low and clear, she might have left no sense of her departure in the room, compared with that which fell upon the lonely student when she went away.

HE was gazing drearily upon the place where she had been, when Redlaw came out of his concealment, and came to the door. "When sickness lays its hand on you again," he said, looking fiercely back at him, "may it be soon!—Die here! Rot here!"

"What have you done?" returned the other, catching at his cloak. "What change have you wrought in me? What curse have you brought upon me? Give me back myself!"

"Give me back myself!" exclaimed Redlaw like a madman. "I am infected! I am infected! I am charged with poison for my own mind, and the minds of all mankind. Where I felt interest, compassion, sympathy, I am turning into stone. Selfishness and ingratitude spring up in my bright footsteps. I am only so much less than the wretches whom I make so, that in the moment of their transformation I can hate them."

As he spoke—the young man still holding to his cloak—he cast him off, and struck him: then, wildly hurried out into the night air where the wind was blowing, the snow falling, the cloud-drift sweeping on, the moon dimly shining; and where, blowing in the wind, falling with the snow, drifting with the clouds, shining in the moonlight, and heavily looming in the darkness, were the Phantom's words, "The gift that I have given, you shall give again, go where you will!"

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By WILLIAM McKENNEY
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According to Mr. Morehead, many of the leading players are using ace-showing responses to opening two-bids. The two-bidder's partner bids any suit in which he has the ace; with two aces, he jumps to four no trump. Usually a man who makes a two-bid has at least two aces himself.

10952	AK874
A873	3
7	5
A653	332
AKQJ6	10974
92	W
J954	E
J82	S
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None	
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AKQ106	
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Rubber—E-W vul	
South West North East	
2 Pass 4NT Pass	
3 Double Pass Pass	
7 Pass Pass Pass	
Opening—AA	15

Brief Testimony Gets Divorce For Deanna

LOS ANGELES.—(P)—Singing Screen Star Deanna Durbin, scarcely raising her vibrant voice above a whisper, testified that constant criticism of her film and radio work by her husband, Lt. Vaughn Paul, had kept her in constant state of nervous distraction.

In proceedings which occupied less than ten minutes, the attractive actress was granted a divorce from the naval lieutenant whom she

No Serious Objections Voiced Against Patton

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Because the high command doesn't want to lose the services of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., congressional leaders indicated that unless some new development arises there will be no serious objections to retaining him as head of the Seventh Army.

married about two and a half years ago.

Vaughn was not in court. A property agreement was reached some time ago.

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—By J. R. WILLIAMS

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I'M GLAD YOU'RE WORKING SO CLOSE— YOU NEEDN'T DRESS UP TO COME HERE— I'VE PUT IN SOME ATMOSPHERE SO YOU'LL FEEL PERFECTLY AT HOME!

AT HOME IN THAT PUDDLE? TWO OLD BOYS WHO HAVE SWAM TH' RED RIVER, TH' CANADIAN AND CIMARRON IN FLOODS WITH THE BIG TRAIL HERDS OF CATTLE!

SUGAR DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ATMOSPHERE— HE SAID "NO WONDER THEY LOST ALL THEM CATTLE— A COW GAIN! CLIMB NO LADDER!"

THE WATER HOLE

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

—By EDGAR MARTIN

PUG, MONEY YOUR POP IS SO SWELL, WE'RE AS PROUD OF HIM AS YOU ARE, DO YOU REALIZE WHAT HE DID?

WE JUST PUT OUR BOND DRIVE OVER, THAT'S ALL.

YES, HERE'S THE CHECK HE LEFT. JUST THINK— A HUNDRED-DOLLAR BOND FOR EVERY POINT YOU IMPROVED YOUR GRADES!

AWEN— AND I WANT TO ADD SOMETHING TO THAT.

OF COURSE I CAN'T EQUAL HIS PURCHASE, BUT AS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR EFFORTS, PUG, I'M GOING TO BUY A FEW EXTRA BONDS MYSELF.

OH, GOOD! PERHAPS I CAN TALK OUT OF MY HOUSE MONEY.

SURE! AND I'LL DO THE SAME THING.

NOW HOLD ON, DOGGONIT! THERE'S NO USE IN OVER DOING THIS THING! REMEMBER... CHRISTMAS IS JUST A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AWAY.

Review Occupational Deferments Of Many Draft Registrants

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Selective Service officials issued instructions requiring review of the occupational deferment of every registrant whose principal place of employment and local board are in different appeal board areas.

Appeal boards which have jurisdiction over the registrant's principal place of employment will make the necessary review as contemplated by recently adopted amendments to the Selective Training and Service Law.

The national capital will be especially affected by the new order. Approximately 50,000 workers here have been deferred by local boards elsewhere. Reviews of their cases, under the new plan, will be made by the appeal board of the District of Columbia.

No review will be required, the agency stated, when the registrant's principal place of employment and local board are in the same appeal area.

Boss And Employees Both Will Get Dope

DALLAS.—(P)—Preliminary rulings on whether approval is required for contemplated wage or salary adjustments will now be given not only to the party which requested the ruling but also to the other party to the proposed wage or salary agreement, the Eighth regional War Labor Board announced.

Previously, an employer or a union might apply to the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor, which handles such requests for the War Labor Board, and might receive a ruling without knowledge of the other party to a collective bargaining agreement. Chairman Floyd McGown said.

Battling Marine Must Get Aid Of Court

LOS ANGELES.—Chris Drake, just turned 20, who as a member of the Marines fought in the Midway, Makin and Guadalcanal engagements, did well enough to pick up a Purple Heart medal, a Presidential citation and a leg full of shrapnel, but he still had to go to court for approval of a contract with a film studio because in the eyes of the law he isn't competent to handle his own affairs.

Nutmegs grow inside a peach-like fruit which is never picked, but splits open, allowing the nutmegs to fall to the ground.

HOLD EVERYTHING

12-15

Will you tell that glass blower brother of yours to leave my clarinet alone!

so that the four no trump response cannot be misread; but sometimes, as in today's hand, a bit of guessing is necessary—unless the opponents rescue you.

After North's four no trump response, South did not have the vaguest notion whether North held the ace of spades and one other ace—in which case a grand slam could not be made—or the aces of hearts and clubs, which would make the grand slam cold. Trying to find out, South bid five spades himself. If North bid six clubs, for example, South would bid six diamonds and leave the final decision to North; if North bid six hearts, South would pass.

But in came West with that double. And when North failed to redouble, South decided that North must not have the spade ace, but must have the other two aces. So South bid seven hearts, and of course he made it.

HEAD ICJ DURING 1944

WASHINGTON.—(P)—W. J. Patterson, Fargo, N. D., who went to work for the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1914 as a safety appliance inspector, will serve as its chairman during 1944.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

SEVEN PER CENT OF CANADA'S MEAT SUPPLY COMES FROM WILD FOWL AND GAME!

12-15

SIDE GLANCES

12-15

"Don't forget, I'll meet you at noon and we'll go shopping—this year you're not going to stop in the drug store Christmas Eve and send everybody the same kind of perfume!"

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

—By MERRILL BLOSSER

HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHERE WE COULD GET A ROOM HERE IN WASHINGTON?

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WHAT KIND OF A SIGN?

A SIGN WITH A MESSAGE SOME-THING LIKE THIS—"PLEASE HELP ME FIND A ROOM!"

GEE... THANKS FOR THE TIP!

DON'T MENTION IT!

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WASH TUBBS

—By LESLIE TURNER

I'M A CLUMSY IDIOT, CAPTAIN EASY! DROPPING MY KNIFE ON THAT ELECTRICALLY CHARGED WIRE!

LIE STILL! MAYBE THEY'LL MISS US!

12-15

I'M SURE I SAW A FLASH, SERGEANT! PERHAPS A WIRE RAINING TO THE WIRES, THERE IS NOTHING IN SIGHT NOW.

ME PLENTY SCARED—Mebbe THEM COUNTIN'FEITERS THAT CAUSE OF RED RIDER GOING TO JAIL!

12-15

RED RYDER

—By FRED HARMAN

LITTLE BEAVER RIDE BACK TO CANYON WHERE WE FIND FAKE MONEY!

GET HIM UP PAPOOSE!

WHY—WHOA... SMOKE! THAT STRANGE... NOBODY LIVE THERE FOR LONG TIME!

12-15

ME PLENTY SCARED—Mebbe THEM COUNTIN'FEITERS THAT CAUSE OF RED RIDER GOING TO JAIL!

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FIRST AID FOR SANTA—

—By HAL COCHRAN

MY GOODNESS, I'D DO ANYTHING FOR GOOD OLD SANTA CLAUS! MOVE OVER, YOUNGSTERS, AND AWAY WE'LL GO!

THANK GOODNESS, YOU'RE HERE! I NEED LOTS AND LOTS OF SNOW FOR MY BIG WATER TANK!

THAT'S EASY!

12-15

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAVE THIS MAGIC WAND!

WHY—IT'S STARTING TO RAIN ALREADY!

FINE! NOW I'LL SEE HOW WHIZ IS COMING ALONG WITH THE JOB I GAVE HIM TO DO!

12-15

ALLEY OOP

—By V. T. HAMLIN

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We take this method to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to our friends and neighbors who have been so kind to us and for their many fine courtesies shown us, and for the many lovely cards sent my husband during his weeks of confining illness.

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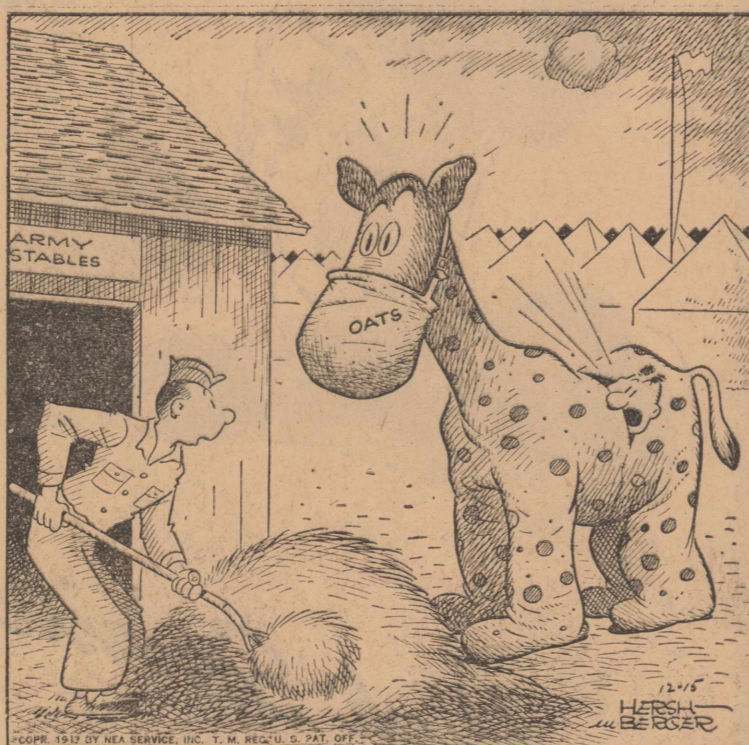
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Tales Of Germans Branded Propaganda Of Fantastic Type

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The story being told by German soldiers, captured in Italy, that the fatherland is husbanding its forces for a great spring offensive was regarded in military quarters here Wednesday as propaganda of the more fantastic variety.

Washington authorities were quick to emphasize, however, that Germany still is fully capable of lashing out with savage and even locally successful counterattacks against the tightening ring of Allied pressure.

Secretary of War Stimson has warned the public on several occasions not to underestimate the power of the Germans to launch powerful local offensives as their communication lines are shortened and their strength correspondingly concentrated.

His warnings have reflected the best military judgment that such attacks may be made by a desperate enemy command, that they may well cost the Allies heavily in casualties, and may even achieve some success.

Committee Demands More Equipment For Nation's Carriers

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Warning that "a break down, or even a diminution in transportation service" would have "incalculable repercussions on our war effort" the Senate Truman Committee demanded Wednesday increased production of railroad, truck, barge and airline equipment.

With the railroad industry's transportation burden growing constantly, its equipment deteriorating and its manpower problem acute, the committee declared, "it is folly to assume that there is no limit to the strain it can withstand."

Dr. J. A. Olean To Address Geologists

Dr. J. A. Olean, director of the City-County Health Unit, will speak on "The White Plague Over Midland," Thursday noon at the meeting of the Midland Geological Society in the Cactus Cafe.

Howard Family Is Columnist's Subject

A story appearing in The Extension, Texas A. and M. College Extension Service magazine, about the J. J. Howard family of Valley View community in Midland County, was the subject of a page one column in the San Antonio Express last Friday. The story was reprinted in The Reporter-Telegram Sunday.

Nurseries, Flowers, Seeds

EVERGREEN flowering shrubs, roses, fruit trees, strawberry plants, plenty of Christmas trees at Baker Bros. Nursery on East Highway 80. Phone 1494-W-1. (232-15)

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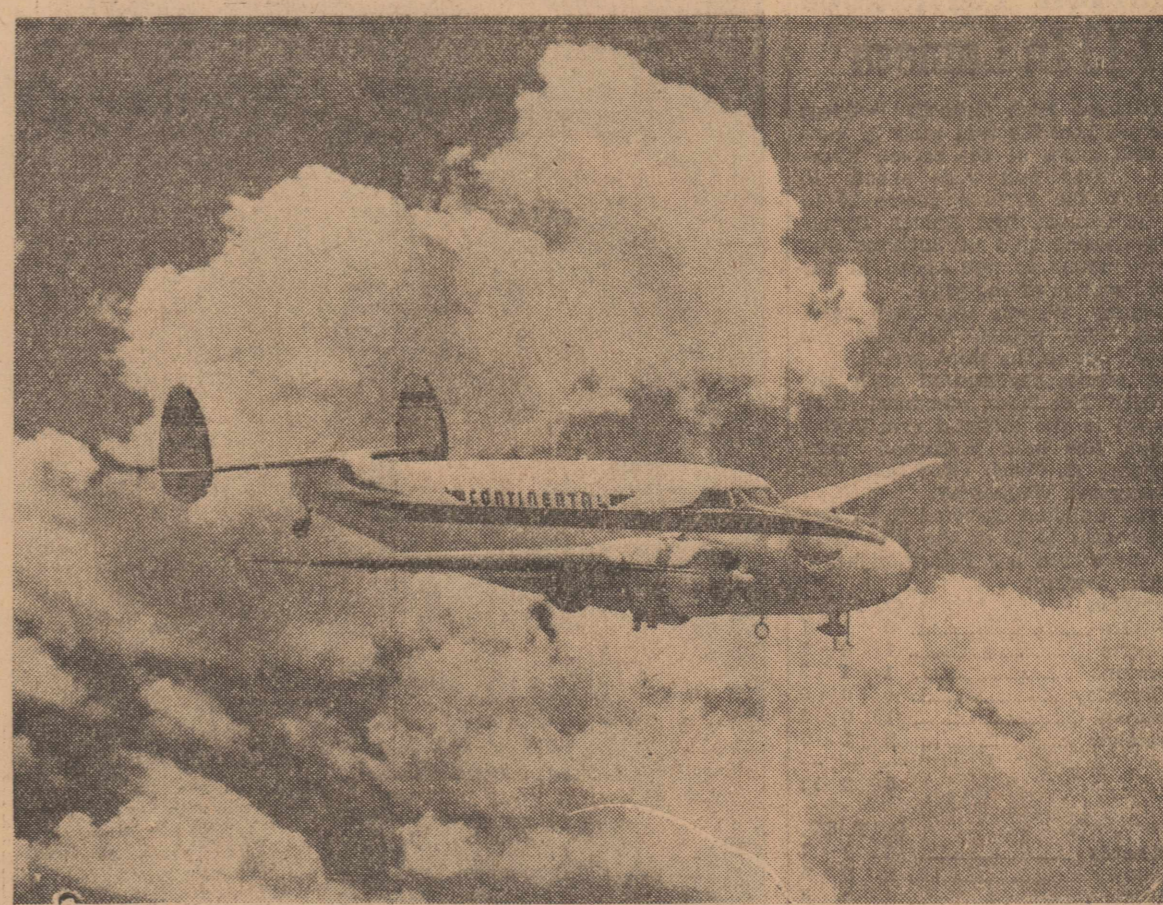
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Shown enflight is one of Continental Air Lines' 14-passenger airliners, one of the finest and latest of commercial airplanes. The airplane carries a crew of three and is equipped with two Pratt and Whitney twin-row engines, each with 1200 horsepower. The Lodestar has a top speed of 285 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 205 miles an hour. Continental has been granted authority to serve Midland.

Midland Bombardier Returns For Visit After Raids Over Germany

Lt. Frank B. Westermann, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Westermann, 71 West Kansas, is plenty happy to get back to the United States from England, but he hasn't yet become accustomed to street lights and neon signs.

As a member of the crew of the B-17 "Raunchy Wolf" he took part in 25 missions over enemy territory in the short space of four months, and was sent back to the United States for reassignment.

When the "Raunchy Wolf" recently completed the 25 flights against the enemy, they became the first Flying Fortress crew in the European theater to achieve that milestone as a unit.

Lieutenant Westermann flew back to the United States from England, arriving Dec. 7. He came to Midland Sunday to visit his wife and parents before going back to Florida.

He went overseas last June, and during his short stay there he participated in 17 attacks on Germany proper, raiding Bremen, Schweinfurt and many other Nazi industrial centers. No member of the crew was injured during the 25 missions, although the "Raunchy Wolf" was battered by flak and enemy planes on many occasions.

His most vivid memory of the many missions was one the "Raunchy Wolf" made over the Ruhr Valley, known to the American bomber crewmen as "happy valley."

Deadlock Develops In Senate Efforts To End Subsidy Row

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A deadlock developed Wednesday in Senate efforts to effect a truce in the farm administration row over abolishing food subsidies after Jan. 1. The issue was tossed back into the lap of the banking committee.

Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) called the committee together Wednesday after these developments.

An hour-long conference between War Food Administrator Chester Bowles and a three-man Senate subcommittee bogged down with Barkley announcing he saw little hope of agreeing on a compromise.

William H. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board, told Congress a ban on subsidies—such as that already approved by the House—would be "the first act of national tragedy" in that it would start a race between rising prices and wages.

Congressional plans for a Christmas recess to start the middle of next week threatened to force a delay in the Senate's final subsidy vote, although the farm bloc was driving for a quick show-down.

Fats Waller Dies On Train In Kansas City

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—Fats Waller, 39, negro dance band leader, died Wednesday on a train in the Kansas City Union Station.

A representative of the coroner's office said Waller has suffered a heart attack.

Waller composed such hits as "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Fet's Too Big," the music for "Connie's Hot Chocolates," "Keep Shufflin'" and the current Broadway success "Early to Bed."

He weighed 278 pounds.

The Crimean peninsula is as large as Vermont.

Lone Contribution Tuesday Is Received By Goodfellows Club

Only one contribution to the Goodfellows Fund was received Tuesday, indicating to sponsors that Midland citizens as yet are not imbued with the Christmas spirit.

Officers of the Goodfellows Club had hoped to complete the project this week, allowing ample time to distribute food certificates next week.

Midland citizens always have taken care of needy families of the community at Christmas time and it is felt that this year will be no exception despite the fact that contributions are lagging. It is estimated that between \$150 and \$200 will be required to provide needed groceries to unemployable families.

Many of the families will have a bleak Christmas without even the necessities of life unless Goodfellows come to their rescue. The cooperation of every Midland citizen is invited by officers of the club.

Contributions may be left at the Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Holidays Will Start Friday

"I don't have to go back to school till next year" will be the battle cry Friday afternoon when the dismissal bells ring in Midland schools. A two week holiday will begin at the close of classes Friday and extend to Monday morning, Jan. 3. Frank Monroe, school superintendent, said.

Battleship Steel Need

A 45,000-ton battleship requires about 20,000 tons of ordinary steel to build, excluding the steel in the ship's guns and defensive armor.

TANK TRUCK OPERATORS SHOULD FILE INFORMATION

Ted O. Groehl of Big Spring, member of the Texas Petroleum Transport Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Transportation, Wednesday requested all tank truck operators to complete promptly questionnaires recently forwarded to them. He said it is necessary the forms be returned to the ODT as soon as possible.

The questionnaires seek complete information on gallonage hauled by the truck operators for the armed forces, war industries and civilian requirements.

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Bulldogs Defeat Golden Tornadoes 27-13 In Lamesa

Midland High School's Bulldogs jumped into the lead early in their second game of the season Tuesday night and went ahead to trounce the Lamesa cagers 27 to 13 at Lamesa. The Golden Tornadoes trailed 12-5 at halftime and were unable to pull ahead in the final section of the game.

Jimmy Watson was high man, with eight points, although he fouled out in the third period.

A return engagement with the Golden Tornadoes, scheduled to be played in the Midland gym Friday night, has been postponed until January 11. Coach Gene McColium announced Wednesday.

The Bulldogs defeated the Stanton cagers 55-10 in the first game of the season last Friday night.

The scoring:

LAMESA	G.	F.	TP
Rhodes	0	1	1
Roberts	1	0	2
Hawkins	1	1	3
Billingsley	0	0	0
Necman	1	0	2
Bratcher	2	1	5
	5	3	13

MIDLAND	G.	F.	TP
Richards	3	1	7
Stickney	2	0	4
Watson	4	0	8
Neatherlin	2	0	4
H. Drake	1	0	2
Cowden	1	0	2
Hale	0	0	0
	13	1	27

Midland B Team Beaten
The Lamesa B team defeated the Bulldog Bs, 28-25, in a second game on the basketball card Tuesday night, with Roberts of Lamesa taking high point honors with 15. Cowden and W. Drake of the Bulldogs were tied for second honors with nine each.

Sammy Byrd Is Golf Favorite At Miami

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Sammy Byrd, who gave up swinging at pitches across the plate for making them to the green, is not disturbed about being installed as the favorite in the \$5,000 Miami Open Golf Tournament which gets under way Thursday.

"I'm just a twenty-five dollar player in this company," the former Yankee outfielder cracked, but added seriously, "however, if I can just get those pitch shots working maybe I'll be in there."

Domestication of cattle is said to have begun 10,000 years ago.

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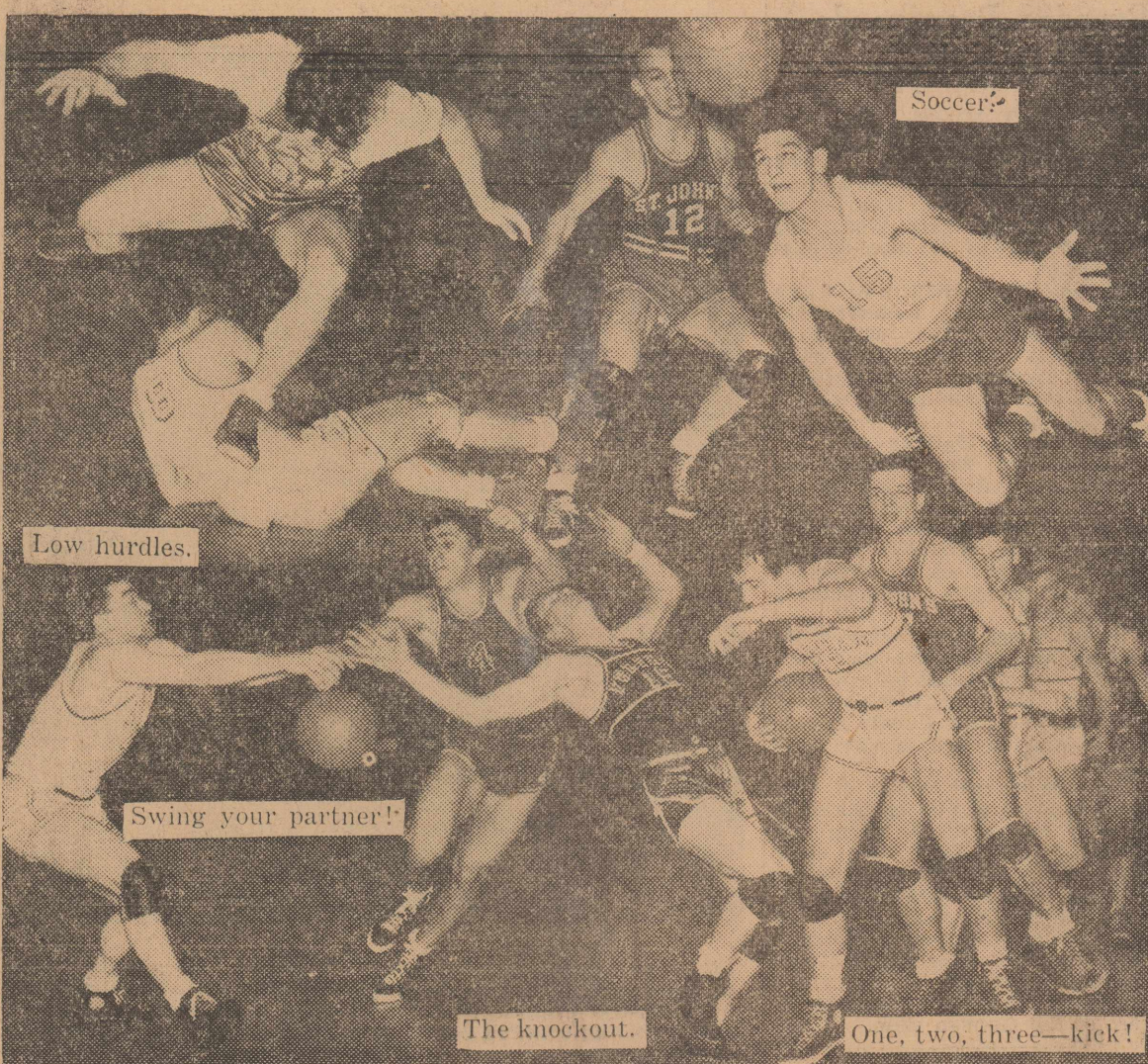
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10:55 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
11:25 A.M.	12:00 P.M.
11:55 A.M.	12:30 P.M.

Buses Saturday every 30 minutes from 12:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Last bus 2 a.m. Sunday. Phone 500.

It's All Basketball



Cotton Bowl To Feature Aerial Might Vs Rushing

By HAROLD RATLIFF

DALLAS — (AP) — It'll be one of the nation's best ground games against the country's mightiest passer in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 1.

Touchdowns should be as plentiful as hot dog salesmen before rationing. Texas, which has averaged more than 250 yards per game rushing and passing—mostly rushing—will play Randolph Field, which really isn't made up of Texans. There are a few but all parts of the country are represented.

Incidentally, the Cotton Bowl will be the only major classic in the country using teams from one state. Randolp's Field is at San Antonio, a few hundred miles from here. However, the Randolph team isn't made up of Texans. There are a few but all parts of the country are represented. Texas will be playing its fourth game in 12 months in Dallas. In fact, the Longhorns should knock this city as well as Austin since they played only five games at home in that period.

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The Reporter-Telegram SPORTS

Rusty Russell Again Has Grid Team In Texas Schoolboy Semi-Finals But It Isn't Masonic Home's Mighty Mites

By Harold V. Ratliff Associated Press Sports Editor

There's something strikingly familiar about the Texas schoolboy football race although it's the first time in the semi-finals for three of the teams.

There's no Masonic Home eleven stealing the headlines and causing columns of copy about the Mighty Mites—that is, there are no Mighty Mites as representative of the Fort Worth school.

But there's a team of Mighty Mites just the same—led by the man who built a record with the skinny-legged youngsters affectionately dubbed "the little rascals." Russell Seeks Title

H. N. (Rusty) Russell has a team battling for the title. This time it's Highland Park of Dallas but if you saw the Scotties play last year, you'd recognize the team. The two other teams in the semi-finals are absolute newcomers. Lufkin, which plays Goose Creek at Houston Saturday, has been in the quarter-finals. Goose Creek is past the bi-district test for the first time.

ing Georgia Tech in the Cotton Bowl, 14-7. Next it came here to beat Oklahoma, 13-7, last October. Also that month the Longhorns downed Southern Methodist, 20-0, here.

NEW YORK — (AP) — Amos Alonzo Stagg has been chosen as the No. 1 football coach of the year by almost everyone who does such picking. . . . So how about recognizing Steve Owen as the No. 2 man? . . . Spherical Steve started out with what one scout described as "the worst pro football team I ever saw." . . . In mid season his Giants took a 56-7 drubbing from the Bears, which would have finished almost anybody. . . . Next Sunday those same Giants are going to try to make it three in a row over the Washington Redskins in the playoff for the National Football League's eastern title.

Observation Post
New Orleans' victory gardeners complain that a couple of stray horses have been invading their vegetable patches lately. . . . Must be the ones that disappeared from the Fair Grounds with our two bucks riding on them.

Service Dept.
Johnny Pesky, the former Boston Red Soxer, has been shifted to the Bainbridge, Md., Naval Training Station where he's due to get a change in rating from aviation cadet within the next couple of weeks. . . . Marine Lt. Paul Mullen, former Notre Dame basketball forward, recently shot down his fifth Jap Zep over New Georgia Island. The Japs apparently could use one of those seven-foot "goal tenders."

GINGER ROGERS HAS TRAFFIC AGENT
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — (AP) — Being represented by an agent is an old movieland custom. An automobile club representative entered a plea of guilty in court for Actress Ginger Rogers, cited for allegedly driving through a red traffic light, and paid a \$4 fine.

was obvious Highland Park had won. Russell used just three subs. But the Scotties were fresher at the finish than Sunset with its vast manpower. Avoids Substitutions
When you speak of football "elvens" you are talking straight at Russell. It's doubtful if he would substitute even if he had eleven boys as good as the first team. As long as his starters are doing all right he leaves them in there. Saturday Russell sends his Scotties against San Angelo at San Angelo. Rusty has complained about the long trip—they're making it by automobile — and the weight advantage held by San Angelo.

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Bill Paschal Of Giants Wins Ball Carrying Honors

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

CHICAGO — (AP) — They had to use a ruler to determine who won the 1943 National Football League ball-carrying championship — and the winner was Bill Paschal, New York Giants' rookie fullback, who edged out Phil-Pitt's Jack Hinkle by a scant yard.

His punting contributed greatly to Washington's two successive defeats by New York which have shown the two teams into a playoff Sunday for the Eastern Division crown and the right to meet the Chicago Bears for the national championship Dec. 26 in Chicago.

Hinkle closed his campaign a week ago, posting 571 yards in 116 carries for a fine 4.9 average. Paschal's job of rousing him out to become the sixth rookie to win the ball-toting title ended the most closely-contested race for this honor in league history.

Honor To Sammy Baugh
What started out as a great aerial duel between the Bears' Sid Luckman and Washington's Sammy Baugh wound up with Slingin' Sam having a clear-cut margin for the passing championship. Baugh, officially credited with completing 16 out of 28 passes against New York Sunday, led the league in both number of completions and percentage of completions, which were the measuring sticks for deciding the crown. He hit on 133 of his 239 tosses for a net gain of 1,764 yards and 23 touchdowns. Luckman connected on 110 of his 202 attempts and set two all-time records by gaining 2,194 yards and pitching for 28 touchdowns.

Baugh retained the punting championship with a 45.9 average on 50 tries, and also set a new record on number of intercepted passes, stealing 11 of them. Don Hutson, Green Bay's star end, who signed last week as assistant coach of the Packers, won three individual titles—pass receiving, with 47 catches; scoring, with 117 points; and field goal kicking, with three out of five attempts.

Other 1943 champions are Ken Heineman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, in kickoff returns, and Andy Fankas of Washington, in punt returns.

Three Men Fired But Only One Goose Fell
ST. ANTHONY, Idaho — (AP) — M. E. Briggs, his son, Bill, and Reed Lyons tramped many miles through snow in "near-zero" weather. The last they sighted a flock of geese. All three men fired simultaneously. Only one goose dropped—the one at which all three had aimed.

THE WAR TODAY

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst
British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons Tuesday that complete post-war cooperation of Britain, Russia and the United States is assured, adding that "the recurrent threat of war can only be met if there is an international order firmer in strength and unity than any enemy could seek to challenge."

"We three can work together," said Eden. He didn't attempt to be more specific about a method of maintaining peace. There probably are few people of the United Nations who don't hope earnestly that war's end will produce some sort of organization that will assure peace and generally promote the welfare of mankind. That echoes a desire which runs back through the centuries to the

dim days before the Christian era. It's a desire which still remains to be fulfilled, despite numerous attempts to implement it. Because so many millions of folk are eager to see this ideal achieved, it's reasonable to believe that success will be attained in due course. It's likely that partial success will be a comparatively early reward of our efforts.

Three Nations Share Burden
There's a very sizeable school which feels that, looking at the matter from a coldly practical standpoint, the maintenance of peace will have to be left, at least for a considerable time, in the hands of the big three—the United States, Britain and Russia. These are the dominant nations of the world. Standing together they represent a power which is indivisible in the face of any combination of countries which could be devised. This trio could maintain peace—so long as it remained intact. And that arrangement would not preclude the creation of an organization which would handle other matters of mutual concern to the members.

We can't gauge the situation now as we did after the last war. We mustn't forget that three first class powers are being smashed—Germany, Italy and Japan—and that the recovery of France may be protracted. Even more important, the new-born empire of mighty Russia is emerging as the dominant power of the Eastern Hemisphere. There must be a wholesale readjustment of values among the world's nations.

Whatever way you look at it, circumstances are placing the responsibility for world peace on the big three. They couldn't shift the trust if they wanted to.

Cotton Ginnings Total 4,553 Bales
Census reports show 4,553 bales of cotton were ginned in Midland County from the 1943 crop prior to Dec. 1. Walter Y. Houston of Stanton, special agent of the Census Bureau, announced. This figure compares with 5,299 bales during the same period in 1942.

Eight Air Force To Get New Type Helmets
LONDON — (AP) — Filers of the U. S. Eighth Air Force are going to get football type steel helmets as protection against enemy shrapnel. Bombers fliers have been wearing regulation Army helmets, which saved man lives, but they are too heavy and bulky.

The new helmets, made of five bands of overlapping manganese steel covered with leather and lined with channels, weighs only two pounds in the style for tail, top and ball turret gunners and three pounds in the type for other crewmen.

Cub Scout Dens To Be Organized At Meetings Here

All boys between the ages of 9 and 12 who are interested in becoming Cub Scouts are urged to attend meetings at the Midland High School auditorium at 7:15 p. m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday when Cub Scoutings will be organized and dens and packs organized. Each of the boys attending must be accompanied by at least one of his parents.

The North Elementary School Parent-Teachers Association has agreed to sponsor a Cub pack and provide sufficient den mothers. Dens and packs will be organized at the meetings and the new Cub Scouts will be assigned to the organizations.

Parents Must Attend
S. P. Gaslin, chief executive of the Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts, will be in charge of the meetings. Each of the boys attending must be accompanied by at least one of his parents.

Expect 15,000 War Babies To Be Born In Texas During 1944
AUSTIN — (AP) — At least 15,000 war babies will be born in Texas next year, the State Health Department figures.

This estimate was cited when Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, announced the state's plan for maternal care and infant care of servicemen's wives and children had been approved at Washington.

The state department will administer federal funds of approximately \$600,000 monthly provided by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor for the program.

Program Is Explained
Under the program, care will be provided for wives and infants of servicemen, corporals, first class privates and privates in the Army, and equivalent rank in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Maternity care will consist of medical attention during the prenatal period, childbirth and six weeks thereafter, including any complications resulting from pregnancy. Sick infants will be given medical, hospital and nursing care during the first year of life.