

GERMANS LOSE 3 DESTROYERS

Several Other Ships Crippled By British Off Coast Of France

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE
LONDON — (AP) — A brilliant new victory in the British Navy's campaign to destroy the last effective strength of the German fleet—the sinking by combined warship and air action of three German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay and crippling of others—was announced Wednesday.

A joint Admiralty and Air Ministry communique telling of these blows in southern waters off the coast of France followed by only a few hours publication of the full story of the sinking of the German battleship Scharnhorst in the cold Arctic.

Full details of the Biscay action are yet to be told but it plainly was a large scale enterprise and one which perhaps is still continuing.

"Other details are awaited," the communique said.

Admiral Ramsey Named Invasion Naval Chieftain

Sink Blockade Runner

In the same area an Axis blockade runner was sent to the bottom by coastal planes.

Nothing was said of any British loss.

This new spurt of British naval fire—fire which already has dealt a crippling if not a mortal wound to German capital ship power—brought to at least 42 the number of German destroyers and torpedo boats known sunk since the start of the war. This total is exclusive of ships known to have been hit and probably lost.

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Americans Make New Isle Gains

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NEW GUINEA — (AP) — Stiffening resistance and a heavy tropical rainstorm failed to halt the United States Marines advance from their invasion beachheads at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, towards the enemy's airbase.

The leathernecks with tank support and aided by planes which pounded enemy defenses with 150 tons of bombs, pushed their way two miles from the shore where they landed Sunday to within one mile and a half of the airbase.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique Wednesday also reported American air fighters and ground and torpedo boat units beat off persistent air attacks at Arawe, the Army's invasion base 60 miles southeast of Cape Gloucester, downing 37 enemy planes.

The Cape Gloucester Marines divide into supplies, ammunition and artillery captured from the Japanese who abandoned the stores in their hurry to escape the tons of explosives laid down by planes and warships when the invaders hit the beach on the northwestern tip of New Britain.

Four enemy counterattacks against the Marine line running inland from Borgen Bay, east of the cape, were repulsed, and four out of 36 Japanese planes which attacked vessels off the beachheads were downed by the ships' guns.

Marines in the invaded sector west of the cape have consolidated their positions and put patrols into enemy territory, the communique said.

Patrols Plunge Into Jungles

At Arawe the Sixth Army sent patrols back into the jungle-land above the base of the Arawe Peninsula, resuming operations in an area from which the Americans were driven Sunday by a Japanese counterattack which was halted at Umtungin village.

The destruction of 37 Japanese (Continued on Page 5)

Railroad Unions Leaders Call Off Proposed Strike

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of War Stimson announced Wednesday that heads of the three remaining operating unions had agreed to call off a strike which had been set for Thursday.

The three union chiefs issued a joint statement with Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell after a conference in the latter's office. They were David B. Robertson of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, H. W. Fraser of the Order of Railway Conductors, and T. C. Cashen of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The three unions represent approximately 230,000 railway employees whose decision to strike caused President Roosevelt to order the nation's railroads taken over by the Army Monday night.

Army Makes Announcement

The brief announcement read by Maj. Gen. Alexander S. Miles, head of the War Department Public Relations Bureau, follows:

"The Secretary of War announced that there will be no railroad strike. Representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen (Continued on Page 2)

Mosquito Bombers Attack Germany

LONDON — (AP) — RAF speedy Mosquito bombers attacked objectives in Western Germany Tuesday night without loss, the Air Ministry announced Wednesday, on the heels of Typhoon bomber assaults on targets in Northern France in daylight.

Announcing Tuesday's two operations in separate communique, Wednesday, the Air Ministry added that RAF, Dominion and Allied fighters were out over Northern France on offensive patrol, shooting down one enemy aircraft for the loss of one Allied fighter.

The Western German objectives of the light Mosquitos were not identified in the communique nor were the specific Northern France targets.

Reprisals Threatened



Bombardier Kenneth Williams, Charlotte, N. C., who was shot down by the Germans and captured, and now threatened with reprisals because he had "Murder, Inc." written on the back of his overalls. (NEA Telephoto.)

Russians Storm Outer Defenses Of Rail Centers

LONDON — (AP) — Six days after his troops regained the offensive, Gen. Nikolai Vatutin's forces Wednesday were storming the outer defenses of Zhitomir and Korosten, strategic junction points on the Leningrad-Odessa railway, 80 miles west of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev.

Front dispatches placed one spearhead of Vatutin's First Ukraine Army within 10 miles of Zhitomir after sweeping through Korosten and Smolovka. Heavy Soviet field guns, planted less than 20 miles away, were softening the city's defense works.

Other advance units smashed weakening enemy lines and captured Zlobichi, five miles southeast of Korosten, and Bekhil, an equal distance to the northeast.

Nazi Victories Offset

Thus, in the first week of his new winter offensive, Vatutin has recaptured approximately half the territory which Marshal Fritz Von Manstein took during his abortive five-week tank drive in the Kiev (Continued on Page 5)

Germans Boast About Speed Of New Plane

LONDON — (AP) — The German radio claimed Wednesday that the newest Messerschmitt fighter-bomber's speed and maneuverability equals the world's fastest fighters and that it would be followed by a new, equally improved dive bomber.

Drive Toward Pescara Begun By Canadians

By WES GALLAGHER
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS — (AP) — Canadian troops, who captured Ortona in the most violent house-to-house battle of the Mediterranean campaign, smashed north along the coast in snow and sleet Wednesday toward Rome's Adriatic port of Pescara.

The Allied communique announced that the eight-day, "bitter struggle for Ortona is over."

Medium bombers attacked "airfields near Rome," the communique declared, pounding hangars, buildings and dispersal areas at Ciampino, south of Rome, and "accurately" blasting Centocelle, east of the Italian capital.

(A German broadcast recorded in London said Rome was bombed at noon Tuesday, and the Nazi-controlled Paris radio asserted "Allied bombs" fell near St. Peter's Basilica. There was no Allied confirmation that the capital was attacked.)

In the Villa Grande area, southwest of Ortona, Indian troops made new gains.

French Seize Peaks

Further south, in the rugged mountain country of the central sector, French Moroccan troops succeeded after fierce fighting in seizing the peaks they had been assaulting for several days. On the Fifth Army front, British troops beat off a sharp German attack near the mouth of the Garigliano River.

Larger forces of heavy bombers hammered the railway yards at Rimini, North Adriatic port, and at Visenza, 40 miles west of Venice.

The communique said hangars, buildings and dispersal areas were blasted at Ciampino, south of Rome, and that Centocelle, east of (Continued on Page 5)

WAR AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press

ITALY—Canadians advance north toward Pescara.

EUROPEAN AERIAL— Allied bombers pepper airfields near Rome.

RUSSIA—Soviets storming the outer defenses of Zhitomir and Korosten.

MEDITERRANEAN — British warships and planes sink three German destroyers and blockade runner.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC — Marines advancing on Cape Gloucester airdrome.

Dawn Of Disaster For Japs



(U. S. Coast Guard Photo From NEA)
With ever-increasing frequency, scenes like this are being enacted in the southwest Pacific as Allied forces step up the pace of their drive against Jap-held islands. Taken through the porthole of a Coast Guard-manned combat transport during a dawn invasion of a Jap stronghold, it shows landing craft circling the transport, their coxswains awaiting orders to come alongside, pick up troops and speed them to the invasion shore.

Ortona Is Littered With Battle Dead As Canadians Enter

WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES IN ITALY — (AP) — The town of Ortona Tuesday night resembled a tomb and for many soldiers and civilians it has been just that.

The dead, lying in the streets and doorways, had not yet been removed by the burial parties.

Every street in the Adriatic port of 9,000, captured by Canadian troops after a week of some of the bloodiest fighting in the Mediterranean campaign, is piled high with debris most of which was extensively mined by the retreating Nazis.

The roar of battle has lifted from the ruins and for a few hours not even a shell has landed in the streets.

Civilians Are Stunned

There were no cheering civilians to greet the Canadians in this victory for those who had remained in the town were too stunned to realize fully that the enemy was gone. Even the Canadians can't believe the battle is over.

The capture of Ortona has ended what has become known as the battle of Moro Valley. It was the bitterest, bloodiest, most prolonged fight the Canadian soldiers have had since they entered Sicily more than five months ago.

Sohio Spots New 6,000-Ft. Test In NE. Lynn Area

By JAMES C. WATSON
Oil Editor

Sohio Producing Company No. 1 A. A. Rinne is to be a 6,000-foot wildcat in the northeast quarter of Lynn County.

Location is 660 feet from the south and 1,380 feet from the west lines of section 262, block Z, B5&F survey. It is approximately seven miles southeast of Wilson and nine miles north and the same distance east of Tahoka.

Drilling is scheduled to start Jan. 15, with rotary and cable tools being used.

On Honolulu Block

The new prospect is near the center of a block of acreage in that district held by Honolulu Oil Corporation for several years. Sohio has acquired 1,500 acres checkerboarded through the spread and assumed the obligation to drill the test. Honolulu retains a large part of the original block.

Sohio No. 1 Allsup, another 6,000-foot exploration, in Northwest Lynn, is drilling ahead under 5,150 feet in lime and has reported no oil shows.

Spraberry Plugged Back

Seaboard Company of Delaware No. 1 Spraberry wildcat prospect in Southeast Dawson County, plugged back with cement to 6,870 feet from the old bottom of 7,679 feet.

Plans are to drill out the plug by the end of the week to determine if salt water which has been showing along with some oil, has been cut off.

The oil swabbed out of the Spraberry tested 37.4 gravities.

The Texas Company No. 1 Parmer County fee, Southeast Gaines exploration, has drilled by stuck drill pipe to 2,710 feet and is preparing to run 5 1/2-inch casing to about that depth to take a Schlumberger survey.

The operator likely will abandon the project following the electrical logging effort. Total depth to which the hole was bored was 8,997 feet.

S. & W. Crockett Broward

Siemoneit & Wahlenmaier No. 1 Crockett, Ellenburger development in North Pecos County, is to be abandoned at total depth of 4,812 feet after encountering sulphur water around that level, after marking top of the Ellenburger at 4,700 feet.

Culbertson & Irwin, Inc., and Union Oil Company of California No. 1-A Heiner, Pecos semi-wildcat, is running 5 1/2-inch pipe to the bottom at 8,100 feet in the Ellenburger dolomite and will cement it there, and then test slans of production encountered above that depth.

No "Burger" Top Yet

Globe Oil & Refining Company and Forest Development Corporation No. 1 Colden, Pecos Ordovician testing project, was making hole past 6,182 feet in shale and lime. The operator does not think the Ellenburger has been entered.

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Invasion Path Raids On Channel Islands Reported By Germans

LONDON — (AP) — The Germans said Wednesday that two British commando assaults had been carried out within three days on Sark in the English Channel islands which lie athwart the possible path of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's forthcoming invasion of the continent from the west.

The German account, broadcast by the news agency DNE, followed a report by the German high command Sunday of a combined British commando raid Christmas Eve in an apparent pre-invasion probing of defenses on the Nazi-held French coast.

Claim Assaults Failed

None of the reports was confirmed by any Allied source.

The broadcast said that the Sark assaults "failed like all similar attempts of this kind." The Germans claimed Sunday to have wiped out the commando force raiding the channel coast.

"As the enemy approached the beaches several heavy detonations could be heard and the glow of fires observed, presumably due to the explosion of mines," DNE declared.

"It could be assumed from this that the mines had done their work. A later checkup confirmed this. One British soldier was found dead. On the German side there was no need for the defenses to go into action."

Annihilate Battalion

In Eastern Bosnia reinforced German columns attacked units of the Fifth Yugoslav Division near Srebernica. The Partisans annihilated a battalion of the 99th Regiment of the First German Alpine Division and captured large stocks of military equipment.

Fighting raged throughout Croatia to the north. Attacking Germans were defeated in a pitched battle between Glina and Dvor.

Bitter fighting was reported from the Dalmatian coastal sectors, where the Partisans, after four days of continuous battle were forced to evacuate the island of Korcula, off the port of Metkovic.

Police Army Assigned To Times Square Fete

NEW YORK — (AP) — Times Square — traditional scene of New Year's Eve merrymaking — will be patrolled by 2,147 policemen plus a number of air raid wardens, members of the city patrol corps and firemen this New Year's Eve. Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine announced.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS CONTINUE WEEK-OLD STRIKE

MONTREAL — (AP) — By a second vote within 24 hours, Montreal's 2,000 municipal white collar workers have decided to continue their week-old strike until their demands for higher wages are met.

WEATHER Continued cold.

New Carriers Now Attacking Marshalls



Heading for action on a southwest Pacific combat mission two of the Navy's most modern, hard-hitting aircraft carriers are pictured framed by the dual-purpose guns of another big U. S. warship. They are of the 25,000-ton Essex class, which have spearheaded task force attacks on Jap island outposts from Wake to Rabaul and are now engaged in the assaults on the Marshall Islands and Nauru. (U. S. Navy photo.)

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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.—Matthew 18:20.

Why Doesn't He Feel His Own Pulse?



Behind The Veil

The situation that is developing in Yugoslavia is of much greater significance even than the military importance that strategically located, potentially useful little Balkan nation.

Our handling of internal Italian discords is described by some as a supreme test of our real attitude toward democracy. But the Yugoslavian muddle provides at least as significant a challenge, which also can have enormous military ramifications.

Much that we should know has been kept from us by wartime secretiveness. Certain things we do know, and they are worth recapitulating.

The Yugoslavian government, under Paul, was capitulating to Hitler. President Roosevelt sent Colonel William J. Donovan down there. Certain representations were made. As a result, there was a revolt. Paul was ousted. King Peter was installed. Yugoslavia resisted Hitler. She took a terrible beating, which we could do nothing to soften. She was beaten. Peter and his government fled to British protection. General Mikhailovitch, minister of war, remained to conduct guerrilla warfare against the Axis.

We—the British and the Americans—asked General Mikhailovitch not to waste his men, his material and his energy in foredoomed skirmishes against the Nazis.

Meanwhile Russia, pressing for a second front on the continent, sponsored organization of the so-called Partisans under Marshal (Tito) Josip Broz, who did what Stalin demanded, which was the exact opposite of what London and Washington had asked from Mikhailovitch.

The Partisans began at once to fight the Axis for all they were worth. In a nation as independent, as warlike, as iconoclastic as Yugoslavia, the Partisans appealed to the popular fancy, and their bold activity drew to them recruits upon whom Mikhailovitch had depended.

Therefore, the Partisans became not only the interesting, spectacular faction, but also the powerful one.

Now the Allies, on the ground that they will help anybody who is fighting Hitler, and will help most those who are fighting hardest, are sending the bulk of their assistance to Tito—and there is very strong evidence that they are not discouraging Tito's claim that his is now the government of Yugoslavia, that Peter is out for good.

To laymen it seems questionable whether Anglo-American advice to Peter and Mikhailovitch was good. But we did inspire the revolt which led to Peter's troubles, and we did hold back Mikhailovitch when he would have done what, under better Russian advice, Tito actually did.

For the fix that Peter and Mikhailovitch are now in, we Americans and British are responsible. Therefore, it seems to some of us, we have no moral or ethical right now to turn on Peter and Mikhailovitch in favor of Tito.

This is not to say that we should try to force Peter onto his people. It is not to argue against giving the Partisans the utmost possible military assistance. It is merely to suggest that, having got Peter into a mess, we should stand by him and see that his position remains in status quo until a liberated Yugoslavia is in position to choose its own government, both in form and in personnel.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

This Will Tax Your Patience

So they were going to make this tax-paying business simple. So the pay-as-you-go tax plan was going to make everything easy. So they went ahead, and as matters stand now, calculating your federal taxes for 1944 couldn't be much worse than if they had set out to make taxes for 1944 couldn't be much worse than if they had set out to make it difficult in the first place.

The best advice that can be given under these circumstances is to start figuring your income taxes just as soon as you can after recovering from your New Year's hangover. Test yourself first on addition and subtraction, then throw in a few problems of multiplication and decimals to make sure you're ready for the task, because this year you have to figure percentages. And you can bet your last funny steel penny that the lines forming around the income tax collectors' desks next March 15 will be longer and madder and more muddled than they have ever been.

To begin with, you'll have to fill out two (2) different forms covering your income for three (3) different years. It is not nice to ruin your holiday season with this bad news, but you might as well know what's ahead so you can prepare accordingly.

The whole tax bill, in its present unpassed form, is one glorious mess. Yielding only \$2,000,000,000 added taxes, reducing other tax rates now in effect, freezing social security taxes and refunding certain sums recovered by war contract renegotiation, this 1944 tax bill, if passed in its present form, would actually lose the government money. Thus does Congress labor toward simplification.

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Silver Lining

An English coroner attributes the one-third decrease in British suicides since 1939 to the fact that people are so curious to see how the war will turn out that they want to go on living, no matter how sad they may be.

If the breathless interest of some of our neighbors is any indication, the same thing can be done for America by radio's "soap operas" in the blessed days of peace ahead. Even when the fate of Hitler and his gang has been sealed, the tribulations of radio heroines will continue to lure the American housewives on, the announcer's plea to "tune in again tomorrow" will still be an urgent invitation to living.

Toll Of Japs' Ships Is 1,538

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Guns, bombs and torpedoes of American men-o-war, planes and submarines have sunk, probably sunk or damaged 1,538 Japanese ships in battering the enemy's supply lines and fleet.

This figure was reached with addition of 12 vessels, sent to the bottom by far-ranging submarines, to unofficial tabulations of Japanese shipping losses inflicted by all types of weapons. The Navy announced the latest submarine successes Tuesday.

So damaging has been the toll of the submarines and planes that in most parts of the South Pacific the Japanese have abandoned hopes of carrying supplies and men in larger ships. Instead, they have resorted to use of small barges, which in turn are being battered by torpedo boats darting in and out of the narrow straits and bays of the area.

Rail Unions --

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and Enginemen, and the Switchmen's Union of North America today assured General Somervell that they and the organizations they represent will take no action which might imperil the successful prosecution of the war, and that they will immediately cancel the strike order.

Both Stimson and Somervell said that as far as they were concerned there would be no arbitration of wages while the roads are under their control. It remained in their discretion whether capitulation of the three brotherhoods would be on a cooperative or forced basis.

Dispute On Arbitration
Even a complete capitulation by the firemen, conductors and switchmen would not dispose of the wage controversy. The 15 nonoperating unions of more than a million workers accepted the President's offer to arbitrate, but the President announced that he can not proceed to do that until the unions and the carriers agree on what is to be arbitrated.

Thus the controversy is back where it started, except that the 15 unions withdrew their strike authorization. They accepted the graduated increases of 4 to 10 cents and want the President to decide their right to overtime after 40 hours, but the carriers want both questions arbitrated as one.

5-Cent Increase
The two operating unions—trainmen and engineers—who promptly accepted the President as referee are receiving meanwhile the benefit of a 5-cent hourly increase which he awarded as an overtime benefit.

With all the fanfare and flourish accompanying government possession of the railroads, Secretary Stimson broadcast Tuesday night an assurance to the public that there will be no alteration in schedules, in service or in personnel because of the change.

"The same men will operate the trains, the yards, the shops, the stations, and all other installations in precisely the same way as before," he said.

Valley Ships Citrus Worth \$17,000,000

MALLEN—(AP)—Rio Grande Valley citrus growers have marketed 10,823 carlots of citrus worth more than \$17,000,000 in a little more than two months and in addition have shipped 2,317 cars of vegetables worth an estimated \$5,000,000 in the same period.

The figures were compiled on the basis of shipments beginning Oct. 15, when the citrus season opened, and extending to the start of the Christmas-New Year holiday season.

DR. COLTON DIES
PALISADES, N. Y.—(AP)—Arthur Willis Colton, 75, author, poet and literary critic, died Tuesday.

Nice Pickin'



Whaddya like? Well, the Chicago Federated Advertising Club fellows liked old-fashioned girl Marilyn Sable, right, nominated her "Miss Advertising Pin-Up Girl." Runner-up among 10 contestants was model Dee Tunnell, left.

Doolittle Given Air Command In Britain

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Maj. Gen. James A. Doolittle, whose strategic air force planned a gate across the enemy's supply routes and smashed his bases behind him to make Tunisia a trap for Nazi armies, is taking over direction of American Air Forces in Britain as the time for cross-channel invasion approaches.

The assignment was announced by President Roosevelt along with other major shifts in the high command, including assignment of Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, former American commander in the European theater, as commander of American forces in the Mediterranean area and deputy to Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, over-all commander there.

The President announced only that Doolittle had been shifted to head the Eighth Air Force there.

MURDERS DECREASE

CHICAGO—(AP)—The number of murders in Chicago in 1943, the police homicide bureau reports, decreased compared to 1942, and below an average of one every other day.

Money, Muncher



STARVE THE SQUANDER BUG BUY WAR BONDS

With a fondness for chewing up dollar bills which should go for war stamps, the "Squander Bug" will soon leer at you from posters and newspaper cartoons, to remind you that unnecessary buying keeps his tummy—and inflation—on the increase.

R. C. Vest Jr. Addresses Lions

R. C. Vest Jr., Midland County youth who recently won top honors in the National 4-H Club dairy production contest, addressed the Lions Club at its meeting in Hotel Scharbauer Wednesday noon. He was introduced by Bill Collins.

Vest told of his trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago early this month, and related interesting experiences there. He outlined the program and told of lectures, banquets and entertainments given for the club members.

He said more than 800 boys and girls from 46 states and four foreign countries attended the Chicago meeting. Texas club members won five of the seven national contests. Texas was represented by 24 boys and girls.

Vest, a club member for four years, discussed feeding practices and care of dairy cattle. He started with one registered Jersey bull as a 4-H project and he now has 14 head of dairy cattle.

Personals

Mrs. Bernard Hochdorf of San Diego will arrive this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Goodman left Wednesday for Lubbock where they will visit their mothers, Mrs. W. L. Goodman and Mrs. A. L. Williams. They also plan to visit Mrs. Goodman's sister, Mrs. Frank P. Bain of Plainview.

Dismissals at the Western Clinic Hospital Tuesday included Mrs. R. A. Simpson and baby.

O. M. Fowler of the Farm Security Administration, is in Seminole this week.

Mrs. H. N. Fortenberry, secretary to the Red Cross chapter in Blytheville, Ark., is here visiting her husband, Tech. Sgt. H. N. Fortenberry.

Mrs. M. E. Arick is confined to her home with the flu.

President Roosevelt Is Ill With Cold

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt has a head cold and his physician, eRar Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, suggested Wednesday that he remain in his White House quarters.

No appointments were scheduled for the chief executive.

Decrease Reported In Cotton Ginnings Here

Midland County cotton ginnings from the 1943 crop totaled 4,657 bales on Dec. 3, the Bureau of Census reported Wednesday. This compared with 5,652 bales ginned on the date a year ago.

Rats Cause Loss Of 200 Million In Year

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rats caused \$200,000,000 damage to city and farm property in 1943, the Fish and Wild Life Service disclosed.

Two Red Cross Ships Reach Port In Greece

LONDON—(AP)—Two Swedish ships under Red Cross charter have arrived at Piraeus, Greece, with 1,100 tons of foodstuffs and medicine, the Vichy radio said Wednesday in a broadcast heard by The Associated Press.

TRAIN HITS AUTOMOBILE AT CROSSING NEAR HERE

A T. & P. freight train Tuesday night struck an automobile on a grade crossing west of Midland. The car had been abandoned when it stalled on the tracks. It was wrecked and the locomotive was damaged.

Artillery fire may be heard at points distant from the origin, but not at an intermediate point.

Steel Production Again Increases

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—Steel production climbed back toward normal Wednesday after a work stoppage by more than 170,000 workers while the CIO's United Steel Workers Union continued negotiations for new contracts.

Over the nine states affected by work tie-ups which began with expiration of contracts on Christmas Eve, workers returned to their jobs with the start of regular shifts or in accordance with operating conditions.

President Philip Murray of the union maintained his silence on the controversy, estimated by the American Iron and Steel Institute to have cost the industry about 125,000 tons of steel production. He participated, however, in contract negotiations between a union committee and subsidiaries of the U. S. Steel Corporation.

May Produce Master Plan
Any pact agreed upon by the union and U. S. Steel appeared likely to become a master plan for other contracts to be signed with some 500 steel companies. No indications were available as to when such a model contract would be ready to submit to the War Labor Board for approval.

The work stoppage which began at midnight Christmas Eve ended shortly after the union chief announced full compliance with a War Labor Board directive calling for resumption of full production and assuring workers any wage increases agreed upon would be retroactive to Dec. 24.

Washington, D. C.—(AP)—The nation's railroads, now under government control, asked Wednesday for immediate examination of public safety possibilities in proposed use of radio telephones on moving trains.

But the government had nothing to do with it.

The carriers placed their request before the radio technical planning board—private experts in advanced research and practical radio adaptation—in a long-pending petition for board membership. Officials here expect an early reply from the chairman, Dr. W. R. G. Baker, Bridgeport, Conn., vice president of the General Electric Company.

The telephone and telegraph section of the Association of American Railroads' "maintenance and operations" department signed for AAR.

Respond To Public Comment
Officials said they acted in part in response to accumulating public comment that perhaps installation of radio-telephone communication months ago might have prevented a recent series of wrecks which have cost more than 150 lives.

Veteran railway signal technicians said their experience, however, indicates the public is far over-persuaded to this view. They said the people are thinking in terms of highly successful ship-to-shore or airplane-to-airport radio communication, citing that both ship and plane are out of touch with land whereas a train is in physical contact with the earth's surface and if it were wrecked its radio probably would be wrecked with it.

Japs Admit Retreat From 'Rice Bowl'

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Japanese acknowledged Wednesday their forces in China had "returned to their original base of operations" after a plunge into the "Rice Bowl" area of Northern Hunan Province.

A Tokyo broadcast received by U. S. government monitors quoted an imperial headquarters communique as announcing further that 32,737 Chinese were killed and 14,325 captured for a Japanese loss of 1,656 "killed or wounded" in the campaign.

The communique asserted there had been a "successful termination of activities" west of Lake Tungting from which Chinese forces have now cleared virtually all resistance.

Gas Pipeline Foes Bidden To Testify

AUSTIN—(AP)—Chairman Houghton Browne of the Senate's general investigating committee said Wednesday that none of the individuals or organizations that have expressed opposition to the Corpus Christi-West Virginia natural gas pipeline have "offered to come to Austin to give the committee facts concerning the project."

"Through this statement the committee desires to serve notice to all interested in the matter that it will meet Jan. 3 to hear whatever evidence any person or organization desires to present," he said.

"If there is no witness, the committee will take it that those who heretofore have opposed the line have abandoned their position."

Marine Ace Rivals Rick And Joe Foss

SOUTH PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS—(AP)—Major Gregory Boyington, Okanogan, Wash., Marine flying ace, downed his 25th Japanese plane over Rabaul, New Britain, Monday. Boyington is now only one behind the 26-plane record of Major Joe Foss and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker.

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Thursday Meeting Of Midland Geological Society Cancelled

The meeting of the Midland Geological Society, scheduled for Thursday noon, will not be held, Tom W. Koch, president, announced.

The session was cancelled because the Cactus Cafe, regular meeting place, is closed temporarily for repairs, Koch said.

Berlin Claims Spain Recognizes Mussolini

By The Associated Press
Berlin asserted Tuesday night that Spain had recognized Benito Mussolini's Fascist republican government "as the only legitimate government of Italy," but there was no confirmation from Spanish or other sources.

The broadcast quoted a German Transocean propaganda agency dispatch from Rome. Mussolini's puppet government was set up after Italy capitulated to the Allies.

Churchill Believed On Recovery Road

LONDON—(AP)—A statement from No. 10 Downing Street Tuesday night that Prime Minister Churchill "continues to make very satisfactory progress" and that "it is not expected any further bulletins will be issued" was viewed as indicating he now is definitely out of danger from the attack of pneumonia suffered somewhere in the Middle East.

Milder Weather Enjoyed In Texas

By The Associated Press
The sun warmly peeped through clouds in East Texas and an expected freeze for the Laredo area failed to materialize. It was four degrees above zero at Dalhart, but the minimum in the Laredo district was only 33 after a light freeze had been forecast.

Temperatures reported by the Dallas Weather Bureau Wednesday morning: Dallas, 23; Pampa, 17; Gainesville 23; Abilene 23; Big Spring 24; Midland 23; Wink 22; Lubbock 19; Wichita Falls 24; Amarillo 11, and Clarendon 10.

Rail Load Lifts As Public Stays Home

DALLAS—(AP)—Public response to appeals against unnecessary travel during the Christmas holidays—principally to give service men opportunities to visit their homes—has resulted in railroads handling heavy traffic with efficiency, E. O. Walker, Dallas, assistant district rail director of the division of railway transport of the Office of Defense Transportation, said Wednesday.

Records have been broken in railroad transportation in 1943, the railroads having carried the largest freight and passenger loads in their history, Walker said.

Aunts Of Ily Pratt Die In Ferris, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Ily Pratt have returned from Ferris, Texas, where they attended funeral services for Mr. Pratt's aunt, Mrs. R. L. Green, 77, who died Sunday. She formerly resided in Midland.

While they were in Ferris, another aunt of Mr. Pratt, Mrs. C. E. Pratt, 89, died Tuesday. Funeral services for her will be held in Ferris Wednesday.

Six New Radios Link U. S., Isles, Britain

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Six long-wave radio communications stations, linking the United States with Newfoundland, Labrador, Iceland, Greenland and Great Britain have been installed by the Army and are "greatly expediting" the ferrying of aircraft across the North Atlantic, the War Department disclosed Wednesday.

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Federated Clubs Will Launch Mass Drive For U. S. Cadet Nurses Corps

First Recruit



Miss Maybelle Johnson of Big Spring.

Miss Maybelle Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson of Big Spring, is the first recruit to join the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps from West Texas. A large number of young women from the eighth district of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs have enlisted.

The recruitment program is one of the major projects outlined for Federated Clubs and each club is asked to appoint a chairman who, in turn, will report all activity to Mrs. J. E. Hogan of Big Spring, chairman for the district.

To stimulate interest in professional nursing, Congress has made it possible for the U. S. Public Health Service to provide all expenses scholarships and allowances for qualified candidates in accredited schools. The new program is designed to relieve the serious nursing shortage.

At least 65,000 new student nurses must be trained in the Cadet Nurse Corps at once. These students will form a reserve to replace thousands of nurses being called into the armed services and the critical shortage in civilian and government hospitals, health agencies, and war industries.

The need for nurses grows with the lengthening of the war. Girls eligible for the corps can get information from the Red Cross and from the Federated Club nursing chairman, Mrs. Hogan.

MIND Your MANNERS

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. Should a man call his wife "Mama" in public?
2. Should a woman speak of her husband to friends as "Dr. Morris"?
3. Should a saleswoman call her customers "honey"?
4. Should a woman call another woman of her own age "Dear"?
5. Should you refer to a person as "a party" as "A party telephoned while you were out to lunch"?

What would you do if—
You want a friend to know you are interested in whether or not she has heard from a husband or son overseas, but you do not like to ask each time you talk to her—
(a) Say "Let me know when you hear, because I'm interested!"
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Answers
1. No.
2. No.
3. No.
4. No.
5. No.

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Have you seen the new issue of "Fashion," our 52-page guide to new sewing styles for fall? Order a copy today. The price is 25 cents.

Machine Gun



This pistol packin' mamma's six-shooter is neither rocket gun nor AA pom pom. It's used to transform tubes of steel into precision parts for Navy Corsair fighter engines at Nash-Kelvinator plant in Kenosha, Wis.

WAC Enlistments Are Disappointing To MAAF Colonel

"The women of this area have so far failed to answer the call of the Army Air Forces for enlistments in the Womens Army Corps." That was the statement made Wednesday by Col. John P. Kenny, commanding officer of Midland Army Air Field, key bombardier school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

"The number of Air-Wac enlistments in this area has been particularly disappointing to me," he declared, "because I know from experience in my own command how urgently more are needed throughout the entire Army Air Forces."

Colonel Kenny pointed out that "I am certain there are many eligible women in this area who so far have not joined simply because they have not fully realized how vital their services could be at this time, and how many important types of work are open to them as Air Wacs."

Information is available "There is little doubt in my mind," the colonel said, "that if more women of West Texas could see the Wacs on duty at this and other fields of the Army Air Forces Training Command, and if they could just for a moment be in a commanding officer's place and know the full story of the hundreds of jobs being done with skill and efficiency by these women in uniform, there would be no further hesitation on their part about enlisting in the Womens Army Corps at once."

Any woman between the ages of 20 and 49, in good health and with no dependents or children under 14, is eligible for enlistment in the Womens Army Corps for service with the Army Air Forces, Colonel Kenny explained.

A post card addressed to "Captain, Air Wac Recruiting Team, Midland Army Air Field, Midland, Texas," and bearing the name and address of any interested woman, will bring her full information about the opportunities now open in the Womens Army Corps, Colonel Kenny added.

"I am counting on the women of West Texas," he said, "to play their part in winning this war. In a majority of cases, their services are needed most as Air-Wacs."

Rotarians Entertain Ladies At Banquet

Midland Rotarians entertained their wives at a banquet Tuesday evening in Hotel Scharbauer's Crystal Ballroom.

Roy McKee, club president, presided and presented a novelty program of entertainment. Among the speakers were Dr. L. B. Pemberton, Dr. J. O. Shannon, T. Paul Barron, Dick Prather and G. B. Rush.

Pic. Forrest Gantz Jr. of the Midland Army Air Field entertained with several piano selections.

Be Smart And Stretch Beauty Care To Last

By ALICIA HART
NEA Staff Writer

With appointments at the beauty shop at a premium and so little spare time to spend having hair and nails done, we are all finding it profitable to make our manicures and coiffures last as long as possible.

It's surprising, too, how a couple of simple precautions will stretch your manicure three or four days. For instance, if you make a habit of carrying a pair of manicure scissors or an emery board in your purse, you can snip off that insignificant or smooth small nick in your nail before it goes any farther. And keep a bottle of polish in your locker or desk drawer at work to repair damaged tips.

As for your hair, put up the straight ends in curls at night and tie neatly in place. A hat or a small nick in your hair before it goes any farther. And keep a bottle of polish in your locker or desk drawer at work to repair damaged tips.

Mascot Treks Afar To Reach Its Home

SANTA ANA, CALIF. — (AP) — P-38 went home on foot. And it's quite a trek from Santa Ana to Ellensburg, Wash.

Mongrel canine mascot of a college training detachment formerly stationed at the Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, P-38 came to the West Coast Army Air Forces training center here, smuggled out of Ellensburg in a barracks bag.

However, soon after arrival here, some of the detachment personnel were sent to other fields and P-38 was left behind. Growing more and more homesick daily he decided to do something about it. Not long ago, Ellensburg college authorities reported the arrival of P-38, footsore and weary, upon the campus.

There were 5,981 additions to the American medical profession in 1942.

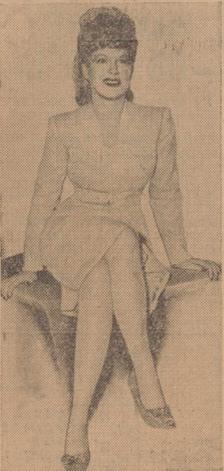
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"Let's Face It"



Betty Hutton struts her stuff in Paramount's musical comedy, "Let's Face It," at the Yucca Theater Wednesday, in which she is co-starred with Bob Hope.

Expert Says Children Forget How To Play

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — (AP) — Children have forgotten how to play, says Police Sergeant Charles Dibb, head of the San Diego police department's juvenile bureau, who believes that is one of the major reasons for mounting juvenile delinquency.

In a brochure which he published, the sergeant says it's up to the parents to revive childish interest in Duck on the Rock, Run Sheep Run, Tin Can Hocky and so on, and to teach them how to make their own playthings, such as kites.

State Of Texas Is 98 Years Old

AUSTIN — (AP) — As a state Texas is 98 years old Wednesday. Although the Republic of Texas did not officially relinquish its sovereignty until Feb. 19, 1846, the annexation papers making Texas the 28th state of the union were signed by the President of the United States on Dec. 29, 1845, and courts have since held that statehood began then—the effective date of federal taxes.

War conditions permitting, Texas will observe a centennial of statehood in 1945 and 1946. Plans for the celebration are under preparation by a commission authorized by the 47th Legislature.

Chairman of the commission is Karl Hobbitzelle of Dallas.

Pals Take Turns At Rescuing Each Other

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Lt. Francis E. Manion of New Orleans was forced down in the jungles of New Guinea and he and his crew of three lived on K-rations for two weeks.

Then an old flying friend from Covington, La., Larry Baldwin, found them and brought them out safely.

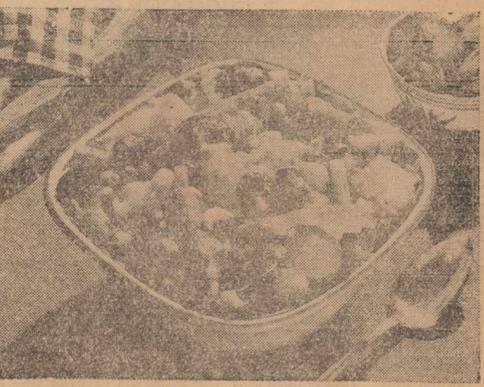
One day Baldwin himself turned up missing. Day after day, determined to repay a debt to his friend, Manion flew out to sea, dipping low over every uncharted isle and reef. One day he saw a fluttered signal.

Said a recent letter from Lieutenant Manion to his wife here: "We found Larry Baldwin and the boys. They're all safe."

Thieves So Heartless They Take His Teeth

NEWARK, N. J. — (AP) — An Army sergeant in a long overcoat entered a police station to report assault and robbery by two men. They took his trousers, which contained \$28. But that wasn't so bad. They also took his upper teeth.

Vegetable And Kidney Stew



Vegetable and kidney stew makes big news on the food front. For kidney stew, remove skin and fat from 1 pound of beef, lamb, veal or pork kidneys. Cover with cold water; bring slowly to boiling. Drain; cover with boiling water; simmer until tender. Drain; cut in small pieces to 4 cups stock from kidneys, add kidneys, 6 small whole carrots, 6 small whole onions, 1 cup cubed potatoes, 1 cup sliced mushrooms (if desired), 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, and 1 tablespoon salt. Cook 30 minutes or until tender. Add 2 tablespoons chopped parsley. Thicken, if desired. Serves 6.

Puts His Radio Into Other Fellow's Car

EAST RUTHERFORD, N. J. — (AP) — If the New Jersey motorist who found a radio mysteriously installed in his automobile should crave an explanation, he can consult M. L. Hufford.

Hufford called for his car radio at a repair shop and put it in what he thought was his own automobile. He went into an ice cream store and when he returned to the car that really was his own, the other vehicle—and the radio—had gone.

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There are two sunsets at certain times of the year in the town of Leek, England. The sun disappears behind one flank of "Cloud Hill," and reappears beyond the other.

Ration Calendar
By The Associated Press
Meats, fats, etc.—Book three brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q valid through Jan. 1. Stamp R valid through Jan. 29. Book four spare stamp No. 1 good for five points for pork through Jan. 1.
Processed foods—Book four green stamps D, E and F good through Jan. 29; stamps G, H and J become valid Jan. 1 and remain good through Feb. 20.
Sugar—Book four stamp 29 good for five pounds through Jan. 15.
Shops—Book one stamp 18 and book three stamp No. 1 on "air-plant" sheet good indefinitely.
Gasoline—In Southwest 9-A coupons good for three gallons through Jan. 21. B and C coupons good for two gallons; B-E and C-E coupons valid for five gallons each.

Crisco
Creamy Shortening
1-Lb. Jar 25¢
5 Brown Points

Lifebuoy Toilet SOAP
Reg. Bar 7¢

Maxine Toilet SOAP
Reg. Bar 5¢

Oxydol
Granulated Soap
24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢

P & G SOAP
Large Bar 5¢

No. 1 Colorado Rural Potatoes
10 Lbs. 39¢

WASHINGTON APPLES
Delicious Winesaps Rome Beauty Lb. 11¢

Oranges Florida Juicy Lb. 8¢
Avocados Fancy 24 Size Ea. 15¢
Texas Yams Kila Dried Lb. 10¢
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Milk	Borden (1 Point Per Can)	Tall Can	9¢
Juice	La Feria Grapefruit (Not Rationed)	2 No. 2 Cans	23¢
Macaroni	or Spaghetti Red Label	6-Oz. Pkg.	4¢
Pickles	Harvest Dill	32-Oz. Jar	31¢
Corn Meal	Mammy Lou	10-Lb. Bag	40¢
Flour	Suzanna Pancake	20-Oz. Pkg.	7¢
Cleanser	Old Dutch	Reg. Can	8¢
Tissue	Silk Toilet Tissue	3 Rolls	13¢
Dinner	Luxury Mac. & Cheese Reg. (1 Point for 3 Pkgs.)	Pkg.	9¢
Kraut Juice	Hamilton Can	12-Oz. Can	10¢
Flour	Kitchen Craft Enriched	10-Lb. Bag	50¢
Flour	Bewley's Best	10-Lb. Bag	52¢
Oats	Morning Glory Quick or Regular	20-Oz. Pkg.	9¢
Bread	Julia Lee Wright's Enriched White	24-Oz. Loaf	10¢
Shredded Wheat	NBC Pkg.	Pkg.	12¢
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Ginger Ale	Sparkling Water	White Soda	2 Quart Bottles 25¢ PLUS DEPOSIT

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Pork Loin ROAST	End Cuts	Lb. 29¢	4 Points
Pork Chops	Center Cuts	Lb. 35¢	Points Per Lb. 7
Veal Steak	Sirloin or Rib Chops	Lb. 35¢	Points Per Lb. 7
Veal Roast	Shoulder	Lb. 25¢	Points Per Lb. 5
Beef Roast	Chuck Cuts	Lb. 25¢	Points Per Lb. 7
Lunch Meat	Vacuum Cooked	Lb. 48¢	Points Per Lb. 7
Smoked Jowls	Fine For Seasoning	Lb. 19¢	Points Per Lb. 1
Slab Bacon	By the Piece	Lb. 30¢	Points Per Lb. 3
Sliced Bacon	Grade A	Lb. 41¢	Points Per Lb. 4
Young Hens	Waste Free Oven Ready	Lb. 45¢	5 Points
Cured HAMS			
Shank Ends		Lb. 33¢	3 Points
Center Slices		Lb. 49¢	5 Points

Rationed Groceries

Mackerel	California	No. 1 Tail	14¢	Brown Points 15
Salad Oil	Jewel	Pt. Bot.	26¢	Brown Points 5
Fig Jam	Tropic Treat	32-Oz. Jar	43¢	Green Points 12
Green Beans	Killians French St.	No. 2 Can	14¢	Green Points 5
Green Beans	Standard Cut	No. 2 Can	11¢	Green Points 5
Tomatoes	Standard Quality	No. 2 Can	10¢	Green Points 18

Your Favorite Coffee

Coffee	Folger's Mountain Grown	1-Lb. Pkg.	31¢
Coffee	Maxwell House	1-Lb. Pkg.	31¢
Coffee	Chase & Sanborn	1-Lb. Pkg.	31¢
Edwards Coffee	Fine Quality	1-Lb. Bag	25¢
AIRWAY	Fresh Roasted Coffee	Ground When Purchased	1-Lb. Bag 21¢

High Batting Average



Marines in South Pacific bag bats with slingshots between Japs with real thing. Left to right: Cpl. John Robuda of South Haven, Mich.; Pfc. Willie L. Adams of Columbus, Ga., and Sgt. John R. Varese of Chicago.

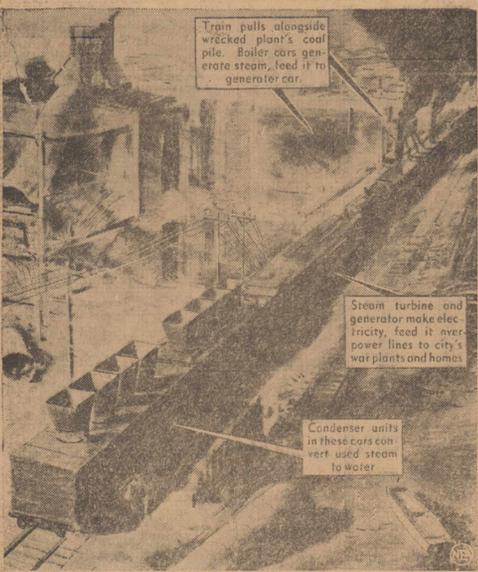
Democracy Marches On



(U. S. Signal Corps Photo From NEA)

The German soldier whose body lies on this Italian road died short of his goal, but, in the two members of the U. S. Third Infantry Division, the forces of democracy stride sternly on—to Rome and eventual vanquishment of Nazi tyranny.

Traveling Powerhouse



A spectacular product of science's role in the war effort is shown in the sketch above. It is a traveling electric power plant designed to pinch-hit in cities whose powerhouses have been bombed out by the enemy. The Westinghouse Company of Pittsburgh, whose engineers developed the train, is now producing a number of them destined for combat area service.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE. By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY America's Card Authority. Today's hand is an example of the importance of an extra trick at tournament bridge. A number of pairs made only four-odd on the hand simply because the declarer did not count to eleven.

Hand analysis table with suits and cards: ♠ A 10 8 7 5 4 3 2, ♥ A 10 8 7 5 4 3 2, ♦ A 10 8 7 5 4 3 2, ♣ A 10 8 7 5 4 3 2. Includes a 'Dealer' box and 'Duplicate' information.

winning, and West showing out. Declarer realized now that if he played clubs, he would lose two tricks in the suit. He led the spade king and West won with the ace, returning a spade. Assuming that West must have the jack to justify the spade overcall, North played the ten of spades and held the trick.

University Runs On Two Kinds Of Time

TUCSON, ARIZ.—(AP)—It's double time for the University of Arizona. Arizona's governor has decreed that the state will return to Mountain Standard Time Jan. 1, which applies to civilian portions of the university. But Army and Navy units in training at the school will stick to Mountain War Time.

Postman 'Retires' To Walking Job

HELENA, MONT.—(AP)—W. Rush Burroughs, 65, who will retire Friday after carrying the mail for 43 years, figures he has plodded a distance equal to four trips around the world. But he's taking on a new job: A door-to-door salesman.

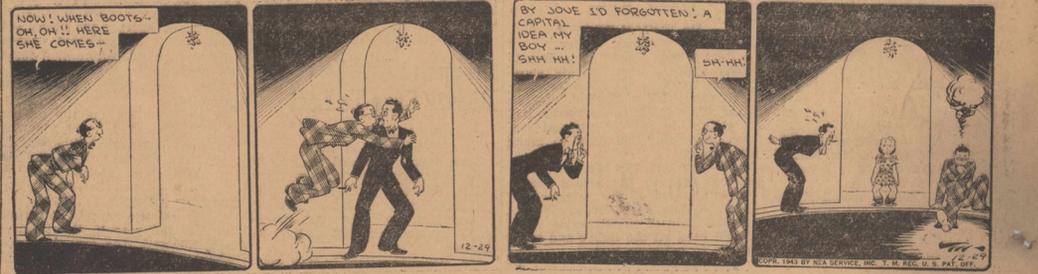
OUR BOARDING HOUSE —with MAJOR HOOPLE



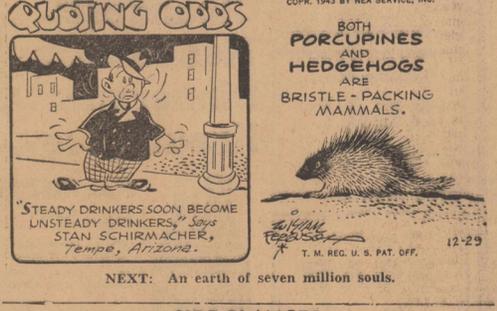
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Strikes Grow Despite Smith-Connally Act

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The anti-strike law went into effect last July 1 as a strike-stopper, but now strikes are averaging 10 a day throughout the country compared with about four a day this time last year.

'Street Artist' Draws Money With Pencils

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Police Officer W. W. Wheelock arrested a pencil vendor for operating without a city license, found he was juggling around \$2,534.

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Houses for Sale 61

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Unified Foreign Policy Urged For Candidates

WASHINGTON—(P)—Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee proposed Wednesday that "all potential presidential candidates get together and agree on a single foreign policy plank for 1944."

Congratulations To

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hall on the birth of a daughter, Tuesday.

Livestock

FORT WORTH—(P)—Cattle 1,300; calves 700; active; common to medium steers and yearlings 10,000-12,500.

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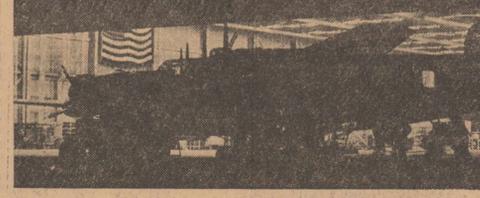
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Roosevelt Says Questioning Him About Fourth Term Is 'Picayune'; Sees New Deal's 'Cure' Finished

By D. HAROLD OLIVER WASHINGTON—(P)—President Roosevelt, having brushed aside as "picayune" a direct question whether he would run for a fourth term, was on record Wednesday as favoring an expanded economy and as against economic and military isolationism after the war.

Russians Storm --

(Continued from page 1) bulge. Important towns retaken include Radomysl and Brusilov.

Americans --

(Continued from page 1) planes Sunday night and Monday, by Arava air fighters and ground and ships' guns, brought to 84 the number of enemy aircraft downed there since the Dec. 15 invasion.

Drive Toward --

(Continued from page 1) the city, and Guidonia "were accurately bombed."

Third Gasoline Plant Explosion Victim Dies

PORT ARTHUR—(P)—The death toll in an explosion which wrecked a high octane unit of the vast Texas Company plant here rose to three with the death Tuesday night of Duplase Bourgeois, 44, of Port Arthur.

Will T. Lewis Dies At Home Of Nephew

Will T. Lewis, 80, died Tuesday night in the home of his nephew, C. G. Adams.

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West Tex Geologists Will Elect Officers At Annual Meeting

Officers will be elected at the annual meeting of the West Texas Geological Society at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, in the county courtroom of Midland's courthouse.

Urge Texas Oil For Midwest Refineries

CHICAGO—(P)—Use of Texas crude oil to increase oil refining in the Midwest will be proposed to Petroleum Administrator Harold Ickes.

Texas Oil Output Shows Big Spurt

AUSTIN—(P)—The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research Wednesday reported the Texas oil industry keeping pace with other producers for war, increasing daily output in November 550,000 barrels over the same period last year.

Sohio Spots --

(Continued from page 1) Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1-B Edwards, Northeast Ward County wildcat, is drilling ahead under 7,276 feet after completing a fishing job.

Midland - Odessa BUS LINE SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Leave Midland - Odessa, Leave Airport, and times for various routes.

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NEUTRAL NATION

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for words like 'European country', 'Word used figuratively', 'Indicate', etc.

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Sugar Bowl Game To Sour Coaches' Long Friendship

NEW ORLEANS —(P)— Mutual admiration bonds between Coaches Bill Alexander of Georgia Tech and Henry Frnka of Tulsa will be discarded here on New Year's Day when the Ramblin' Wreckers and Golden Hurricanes meet in the tenth annual Sugar Bowl classic.

Friendship between the two mentors dates back to 1936 when Frnka, starting his varsity coaching career as assistant to Ray Morrison at Vanderbilt, was assigned to scout Georgia Tech and Kentucky in Atlanta.

"Frnka is one of the finest coaches in the country and I rate his staff with the best of them," Alexander said Wednesday. "I am looking for the works from the Tulsa team New Year's Day. They're not some good boys and I am afraid they figure they have 'got to win' this one."

Bowl Game Veterans

The guys really like each other, but both admit that friendship will cease for a couple of hours on the first day of 1944.

Alexander's Tech teams won six conference championships and two out of three bowl games. The Wreck defeated California in the Rose Bowl in 1928, whipped Missouri in the 1940 Orange Bowl, and lost to Texas in the last Cotton Bowl tilt.

Frnka has given the Hurricanes three bowl games in as many seasons. His 1942 team defeated Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl and lost to Tennessee by one touchdown in the Sugar Bowl last Jan. 1. Now he has them in the Sugar Bowl for another try.

Bowl Bowl



Sports ★ Roundup

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK —(P)— Hank Wolfe, who starts those arguments about scoring records, now wants to know who can top the scoring feats.

Glenn Knox, former William and Mary basketball star now performing for a Richmond, Va., independent team. In for games Knox has hooped 130 points for an average of 32.5 a game. Well, Brooms Abramovic, who scored 2,161 points in four seasons with Salem, W. Va., College and averaged 29.88 in 30 games one year, is playing semi-pro ball around his home town of Etna, Pa., and may have something to say about it.

Service Dept.

The Mitchell Field (L. L.) Aviators, unbeaten in 11 basketball games, have challenged any college or service team to a game, preferably at Madison Square Garden, for the Army Air Forces Aid Society.

They may get a reply from the Sampson Naval Station, which would like a Garden game, or the winner of the Jan. 8 Bainbridge-Norfolk tussle. Cadet Charles Bachman, who soon will get his wings at the twin-engine advanced flying school at Pampa, Texas, Army Air Field, still can't catch up with his old man. As a flight manager his dad, Frank, handled a three-motor job — Maxie's Rosenbloom, Bob Olin and Lew Jenkins.

Observation Car

A Vallejo, Calif., duck hunter recently was fined for hunting without a license, taking ducks without a duck stamp, shooting from a motor vehicle, shooting from a main highway and shooting migratory birds with a rifle. . . . And Wilbur Adams of the Sacramento Bee wonders why he wasn't also pinched for parking on the highway to make it an end of a perfect day.

Odds Against Trojans On Mathemetic Basis

PASADENA, CALIF. —(P)— Never beaten in six Rose Bowl starts, Southern California nevertheless is over the line for the shortest-odds bet of its New Year's football game against the University of Washington.

The Spring Street seers, who set the price, have installed Coach Steve Welch's Huskies a 3 to 1 or even a 2 to 1 odds. Apparently this has been decided with comparative scores in mind inasmuch as Washington swamped March Field's Flinders and the Skybirds did the same to the Trojans.

Just the same, 3 to 1 odds on this Rose Bowl game are difficult to reconcile. Both teams are somewhat unknown quantities. Washington played only four games, three of them against weak and under-manned teams. Southern California blew sky high in late October, developed tumbling habits that Coach Jeff Cravath couldn't overcome.

Boxer Faces Fight With Death On Mind

NEW YORK —(P)— Jake Lamotta remains the favorite over George Kochan in Wednesday night's mid-dleweight bout at Madison Square Garden although the Bronx Buster will be fighting under the strain of knowing the car he was driving killed an 11-year old boy 48 hours earlier.

Lamotta's machine was involved in the death of Albert Borg, who died two hours after being run over. The boxer took the child to the hospital and was visibly shaken when the youngster was pronounced dead.

Torrid Zone Cafe Too Hot, Firemen Called

NEW YORK —(P)— Fire engines changed through the night club district to put out a blaze at the Torrid Zone Cafe.

Money Flies When It's Flung In Air

PARKSTON, S. D. —(P)— Mrs. Minnie Grey Ritchie, cafe proprietor, literally threw her money around. When she stumbled and fell, the wind scattered a bundle of \$400 in checks and cash. Most of the checks — \$80 worth — have been returned, Mrs. Ritchie said, but "only some of the money."

DICK RENFRO WILL CALL SIGNALS FOR WESTERN TEAM

SAN FRANCISCO —(P)— Dick Renfro, Washington State College back, has been designated quarterback for the Western All-Star eleven in its New Year's Day game with the East.

,That's Close



Art Passarella, first major league umpire inducted, sews on corporation's chevrons as technician at Camp Grant, Ill.

Fresh Ham Costs One More Point; Dried Beef Requires Less Stamps

WASHINGTON —(P)— The new January meat chart lists only one small point value boost — on fresh hams, but Price Administrator Chester Bowles sees the ration cost of meat beginning to climb more noticeably in February.

The GPA chief said he "wouldn't be a bit surprised" to find higher values on some meat products the month after next, and added "it seems most likely that points may be higher in March and April" and during the summer.

The change in fresh ham values, effective Sunday, hikes the ration cost one point a pound, eliminating the differential between fresh and smoked types in effect the last

Zoomers Topple Aggies, 25 To 19

OKLAHOMA CITY —(P)— The Norman, Okla., Naval Air Station Zoomers knifed the unbeaten Aggies 25-19 in the eighth annual All-College Basketball Tournament Tuesday night.

The Zoomers severed A. and M.'s victory spree at seven straight, and in doing so muscled their way into the tournament finals. Wednesday night against the University of Oklahoma Sooners, who Tuesday night thrashed Southwestern of Georgetown, Texas, 45-31.

Texas Christian University and Phillips University of Enid, Okla., were to tangle at 2 p. m. Wednesday for the third place consolation prize, while the Aggies were to take on Southwestern at 3:15 p. m. for third place honors in the tourney.

Rice Institute of Texas will contest Texas Tech of Lubbock for the consolation championship at 7:45 p. m., preceding the Oklahoma-Zoomers tournament trophy battle at 9 p. m.

Rice thumped Phillips U. 52-36 Tuesday, while Texas Tech nosed out TCU 38-37.

Mace is obtained from a fragile membrane growing between the two hard shells of the nutmeg kernel.

Beef Points Reduced

The beef changes are a two-point reduction in dried beef values, to 12 points a pound, a one-point cut to three points for tongue, and for sliced, ready-to-eat tongue a two-point downward revision, to six points a pound.

Bowles directed sharp criticism at "profiteers, chislers, lobbyists and pressure groups," declaring they have been "altogether too loud and too insistent for the good of a nation at war."

The administrator termed the truck tire situation "in many respects the most serious" of the country's faces; passenger car restrictions, he added, may be relaxed about the middle of next year as more synthetic tires become available.

The gasoline shortage, Bowles said, is likely to become more acute in 1944 with military needs mounting.

He predicted a serious situation in automotive transportation as passenger cars wear out, emphasizing that of half a million new cars in the ration pool two years ago, only 60,000 remain.

Without indicating whether points would be lowered or raised, Bowles told of "some changes" to be made later this week in processed food point values.

U. S. Manpower Pool Believed Being Refilled

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Principal factors in the solution are: (1) discharges from the military services; (2) curtailment of production in those wartime industries which already are over-produced or are no longer important to the type of warfare we now are involving in.

Starting with No. 2, it's no longer any secret that we have more munitions than we know what to do with. Powder and shell-loading plants are being cut back. So are several other wartime industries, but these are unmentionable. They might give the enemy some clue as to what direction we are taking.

Out of these folding plants, labor is being released at the rate of thousands a week to fill in where employment is short. Statistical information on this is unobtainable; but there is no great mystery about what is happening in cut-backs from the armed forces.

Many Army Discharges

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Shift To New Jobs

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Mrs. C. C. Sealeman Dies In Dallas

DALLAS —(P)— Mrs. C. C. Sealeman, 69, wife of Methodist Bishop Sealeman of Oklahoma City, died Tuesday night several hours after suffering a stroke. She had been in failing health for several months.

Bishop and Mrs. Sealeman had maintained an apartment here for the last month so she could be near relatives while her husband took care of his church office duties. Bishop Sealeman is a former president of Southern Methodist University.

Funeral services will be held at the Highland Park Methodist here at 4 p. m. Thursday. Burial will be in Dallas.

Racing Balloonist Now Tends Blimps

SAN FRANCISCO —(P)— Famed as a stratosphere and racing balloonist of a decade ago, Capt. T. G. W. Settle, USN, has taken over command of all Navy blimp activities on the west coast, Moffett Field Navy headquarters announces.

Representing the Navy in balloon races, Captain Settle has several endurance and long distance records to his credit.

U. S. munitions output for 1943 was 85 per cent above the 1942 figure.

Atmosphere Frigid, Track Heavy

Handful of Germans and Quislings compete at Oslo Stadium as absent thousands jeer. The Nazis, bursting with plans to prove how much they love the Norwegians, just can't understand why the natives wouldn't enjoy such a holiday.

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Americans Capture Drunk Jerry Sentry

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY —(P)— Doughboys were so amazed when they saw a single German come weaving toward their foxholes during a lull in the battle for San Pietro that no one fired a shot. Two of the boys finally went out after the Jerry and found him rolling drunk.

"That Kraut was stinking drunk," said Sgt. George Blanton of Denton, Texas. "The damndest thing I ever saw! He didn't think he was a prisoner and we couldn't convince him."

Was On Sentry Duty

"He said he was on sentry duty with a couple of bottles of vino for company. It was pretty lonely out there so he killed both bottles by himself and pretty soon he decided to look around to see what was going on."

"He thought our boys were Germans, too. Each time we tell him he's a prisoner he roars with laughter and says it is a good joke. But after a while he began to think he'd been arrested for drunkenness."

"The next morning, when he sobered up, he realized what had happened and he really was a sad sack."

Four Men Work In 20-Cent Robbery

CARLINVILLE, ILL. —(P)— Four men surrounded Mrs. Lucille Knutznann and robbed her of 20 cents and her cough drops.

B. B. HILL DIES

DALLAS —(P)— B. B. Hill, 76, operator of a Dallas printing company, and publisher of the Brownwood News from 1904 to 1924, died Tuesday night at Brownwood while visiting relatives.

Touchdown?



Myles Driscoll, 13, of Brooklyn St. Francis lands in perfect football touchdown-getter's pose. Tackler is teammate Joe Deegan. Sid Tannenbaum of New York University lifts arms in traditional touchdown signal. But this is basketball, folks, and N.Y.U. wins, 52-30, at Madison Square Garden.

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Longhorns 2 To 1 Bowl Favorites

DALLAS —(P)— The University of Texas was installed as a two-to-one favorite Wednesday to win the eighth annual Cotton Bowl football game from Randolph Field.

Along betting row—and reports indicated considerable activity among the boys who put cash on the line—you had to give seven points to take Texas if you didn't go in for the two-to-one odds. If you liked Randolph Field you could get six points.

The odds may change before game time but doubt was expressed that points would go higher. A team geared to whirlwind passing such as Randolph, with the great Glenn Dobbs on the pitching mound, was expected to do some scoring although defeated.

As wagers talk picked up so did the sale of tickets. Director James H. Stewart, who said he hoped for at least 35,000 to be in the stands for the kick-off, revealed that tickets had been sold down to the 15-yard lines.

A 5 per cent increase in the number of criminal cases filed in federal court in the past year was attributed largely to prosecutions of draft violators.

Canady, 17, One-Man Texas Second String Backfield Formation

AUSTIN —(P)— Not much has been said of Texas' second string backfield but it will go a long when the Longhorns leave for the Cotton Bowl game with the Randolph Field Ramblers in Dallas New Year's Day.

The second string backfield consists of 17-year-old James Maurice Canady of Austin.

Last year Canady was a sub on the Austin High School championship eleven. When Texas started training in the fall he was just another back on the "B" squad.

A Natural Ball Hawk

Now he alternates with Joe Magliolo at blocking back and calls signals when he's in there.

J. R. Calahan at fullback, Ralph Park at right halfback, Coach D. X. Bibbe has not tried Canady as a replacement for Ralph Ellsworth at left half because he already has two good men for that post in Billy Main and Bob Radon.

"I'll bet he'd do a good job there, at that."

The Texas coaches describe Canady as a natural ball hawk. Since he's signed with the Naval Air Corps he probably won't be back but if he does return next year he'll be considered the prize of the lot.

'Dusty' Boggess Gets National League Job

DALLAS —(P)— Lynton "Dusty" Boggess will be a National League umpire, with an assist from a sinus attack.

Last season Boggess, a former umpire in the former Texas League, went to the International loop, but had to drop out because of a sinus infection and high blood pressure.

He returned to Dallas, went on a strict training program and diet, and as his weight went down his health went up. He is in better shape now than he's been in years.

He disclosed that he had signed a contract sent him by the National League's president, Ford Frick.

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