



COEDS WIN POINT — These Louisiana State University coeds won a point last night when President Hatcher agreed to allow them to vote on future disciplinary actions after the diasing revolt which is fading. (NEA Telephoto.)

Americans Tell Of Hard Fighting In Belgium

American Forces Make Raid on Captured Town to Give Germans Bloody Struggle

INSIDE RECAPTURED TOWN OF BELGIUM, Dec. 23. —(U.P.)— Two companies of American doughboys waded into the teeth of German defenses today and in their bloodiest battle of the war took back this small town which had been overrun by the German winter offensive.

Only a small percentage of the approximately 225 GIs who hiked into the battle through the town's main street in the early morning darkness came out unscathed.

But they made the desperate defending force pay dearly, killing at least 120 and knocking out 11 mobile guns with bazookas, grenades and small arms before the survivors fled to the green "Christmas Tree" hills on the far side of the town.

Blood-spattered bodies of Germans were sprawled along the muddy roadway when correspondents arrived by jeep for the first time in a town which the nazis had taken in their current drive and then lost. "It was the toughest fight we ever had—even worse than Normandy," said Sgt. Michael Jalowey of Woonsocket, R. I. "The infantry waded right into the teeth of the tanks by throwing grenades inside the turrets."

Around us artillery roared like claps of thunder, from a hilltop we could see puffs of smoke rise when shells landed in defended American positions beyond the village.

Sgt. Sam Derezno of Ossing, N. Y., stroked his five-day old black beard and told us the dramatic story of the battle.

"Two of our companies were ordered to attack in the foggy darkness early this morning," he said.

"The Jerries mowed us down with flak guns as we moved in but we kept going, hitting them with everything we had. They had heavy stuff wagons, a half rack, a reconnaissance vehicle with a mortar, an artillery piece and a couple of other guns.

"The Germans set up guns in the middle of the street and kept pinning us down with ack-ack."

Cpl. John Buckman of Detroit said the flashes of barking guns made an eerie picture through the mist.

New Tires Far Away

Washington, Dec. 23.—(U.P.)—The lowly "A" card driver's hopes of attaining new tires next year were as thin today as the casings he has been riding on since Pearl Harbor.

The War Production Board yesterday slashed the scheduled output of passenger car tires for the first quarter of 1945 by 3,000,000 tires in a move to release facilities and manpower to make critically needed army tires.

WPB said that the "A" card holder as the result of the reduced output must ride on his present tires for "a good part of next year" and that recapping was his only hope of remaining on the road.

An office of price administration spokesman said that WPB action "dims the already faint hope" of the "A" motorists but that "B" and "C" card holders should be able to get replacements. WPB, however, said these drivers would not receive as many grade one tires as had been planned.

Boys Report Finding Jap Balloon Near Fort Lewis

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23. (U.P.)—Federal Bureau of Investigation officials today refused to comment on a report that two small boys had found a large balloon, believed to be similar to the one discovered Dec. 11 at Kalispell, Mont., in the woods near Fort Lewis.

The boys insisted that the balloon was similar to the Kalispell balloon which trailed an elastic cable and carried an incendiary device. An army spokesman said the balloon may have come from a weather station.

The Kalispell balloon, which was large enough to support a basket carrying four or five men, was made of a high-grade processed paper and carried markings indicating that it had been completed in Japan Oct. 31, 1944.

News of its discovery was announced Dec. 18, one week after two lumbermen, O. B. Hill and his son, Owen, found it in the woods.

BACK THE ATTACK WITH BONDS

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We've been waiting a whole year for this occasion—it's a time of the year when for a day or so we can make some attempt to return to normalcy. It gives us a splendid opportunity to renew acquaintances, to express our gratitude for all past favors and to pledge anew our ideals of service.

We wish you the best of everything and trust that from the spirit of Christmas you will receive the courage and strength to meet new problems of the coming year.

WIYSEL AUTO SERVICE

Tough Job Ahead



Tomasz Arciszewski, above, 68-year-old Socialist leader who has been placed at the helm of the new Polish cabinet in London, has pledged himself to seek a settlement of the controversial Polish-Russian problem.



A YULETIDE WISH TO ALL OF YOU

We are all Americans, with a wonderful heritage this Christmas. May you each enjoy it to the fullest extent in a truly American way.

R. V. BRYANT MOTOR CO.

Lovely Launcher



Ruth D. Overton, above, who serves at Washington as secretary to her father, Sen. John H. Overton of Louisiana, was selected as sponsor for the launching at Newport News, Va., of the Aircraft Carrier Boxer—17th vessel of the Essex class to be floated since Pearl Harbor.

Back the attack by upping your payroll savings your very next payday. Measure your savings by your new higher income.

Christmas Greetings

Here's a brief little message to those of you whom we have served the past year and to those whom we hope to serve next year—may this be a pleasant Christmas for you and yours.



Searl S. Davis



May you and yours share to the fullest measure the brightness of the light of liberty and that good old American freedom...



TO ENJOY MANY MERRY CHRISTMASSES AND HAPPY NEW YEARS

SATTLER'S FUNERAL HOME

THIS Holiday SEASON

This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and spirit of confidence. The future looks brighter.

Justice, freedom and unity prevail and from this will come a happier world. We are indeed grateful.

We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.

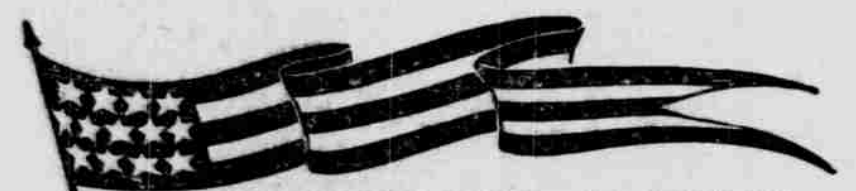
Best wishes to you and yours.

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YULETIDE Greetings

WHERE ELSE CAN WE ENJOY THE TYPE OF FREEDOM WE INHERITED MORE THAN IN AMERICA? WHERE ELSE IS THERE AS MUCH HAPPINESS AND JOY AS THAT WHICH IS OURS? THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD THINGS AND GOOD CHEER AND WOULD THAT WE MIGHT SHARE OUR GOOD FORTUNE WITH THOSE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN WE.

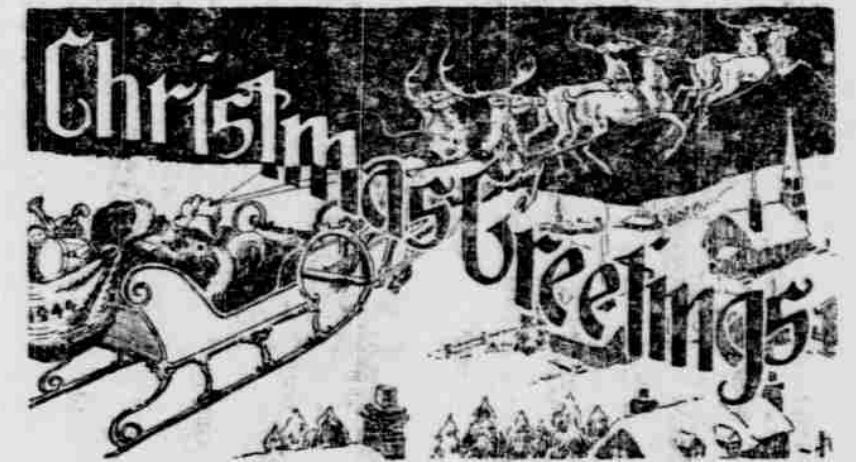
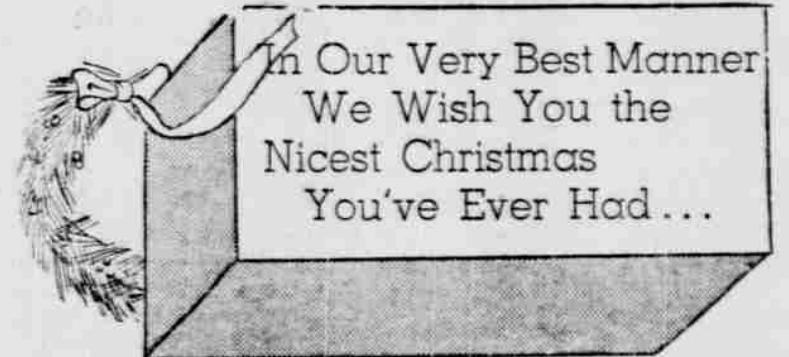
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GREETING YOU

AT THE GREATEST DAY OF THEM ALL

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LOADS OF HAPPINESS TO YOU!

Christmas of 1944 is going to be a BIG Christmas. See if we aren't right.

May YOUR Christmas be bounteous and full of good cheer, and may our greeting and best wishes add just a little to your pleasure this Yuletide.

COTNER BUS LINE



WHAT stancher tree than the oak, and what stancher friends than ours? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand.

In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

Manager and Personnel HINKY-DINKY