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The Weather
Forecast of U. S. Weather Bureau
Rain and warmer tonight, ending Sunday morning, clearing in afternoon; little change in temperature.

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Jap Landing Force Declared Wiped Out; First Week of War Is Seen Ending Well

Pack of British and Dutch Destroyers Sink Italian Cruiser

Another One Left Ablaze from Stern To Stern in Fight

Entire Flotilla Apparently Destroyed as Result of Battles in Mediterranean Yesterday and Today; Motor Torpedo Boat Also Hit.

London, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A pack of British and Dutch destroyers, pouncing with sudden and effective fire on two Italian cruisers in the Mediterranean, sank one and left the other burning from stern to stern today, the Admiralty announced. Thus, with the Italian cruiser believed to have been sunk by a British submarine in the Mediterranean yesterday, an entire flotilla of three Italian cruisers apparently had today been destroyed.

Ford Plants Put on Full Week Basis

General Motors Also Discloses Plans to Operate on Same Schedule; Asks Extra Pay Waived

Detroit, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Armed production at the Ford Motor Company, holder of millions of dollars worth of government contracts operated today on a seven-day week basis.

British Blast Brest Docks, Oil Refinery

Second Attack in As Many Nights on Naval Base; Large Fires Seen Blazing After Raid

London, Dec. 13.—(AP)—British bombers made an extensive foray over the German-occupied continent last night, blasting docks at Brest and Dunkerque and bombing an oil refinery at Donges, near St. Nazaire, the Air Ministry announced today.

Youth Held For Murder

Steel Salesman Shot to Death; Only Intent To Frighten Man

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Stewart Freeman, 42-year-old steel salesman, was shot to death in his hotel room and Alfred Ames, 16, was charged with murder today.

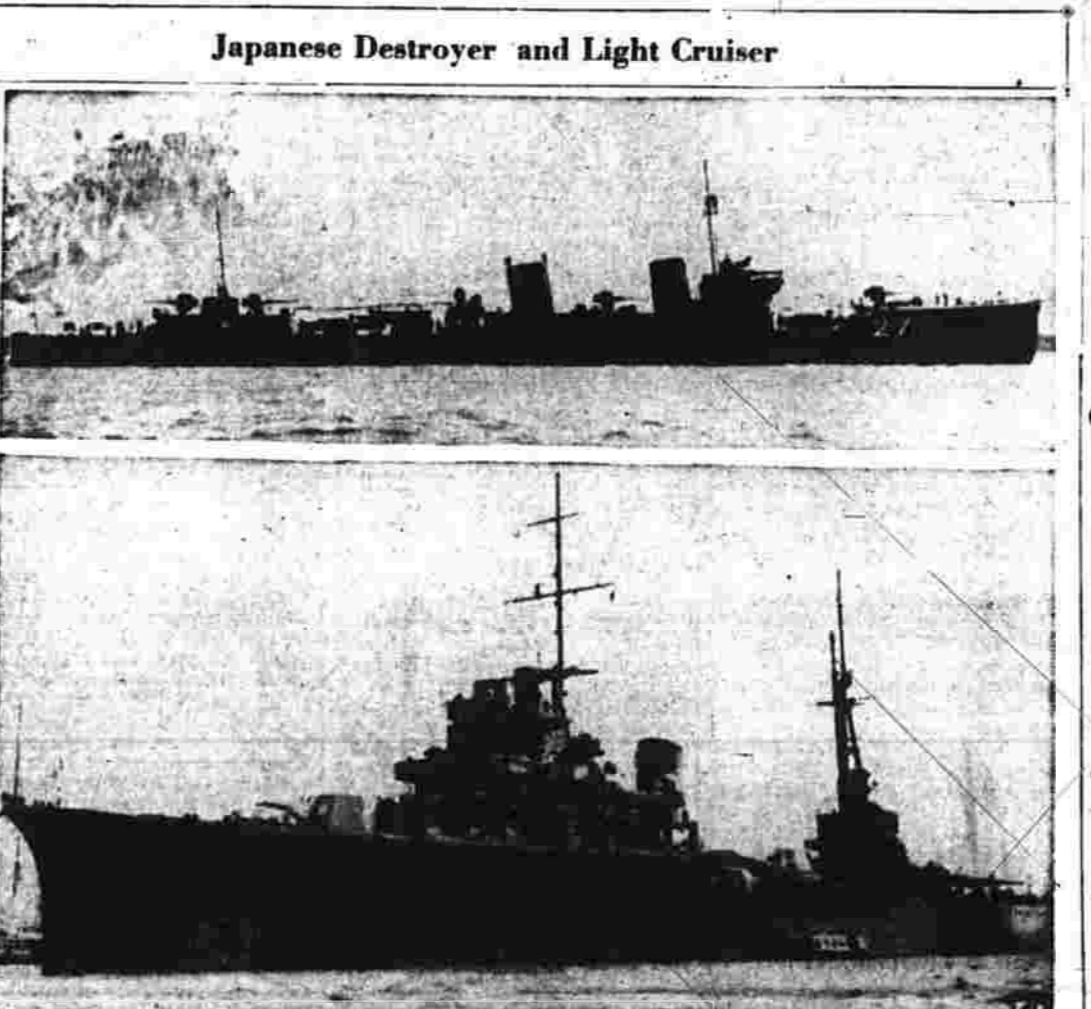
Sabotage Seen Great Menace

New England Defense Officials Would Build Up Force of Firemen

Boston, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Guarding against sabotage as well as air attack, New England defense officials turned attention today to building up an extensive fire-fighting force.

Treasury Balance

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The position of the Treasury Dec. 11 receipts, \$39,001,132.67; net balance, \$37,474,181.92; Customs receipts for month, \$12,999,992.72.



Japanese Destroyer and Light Cruiser (bottom); a light cruiser. The U. S. Navy Department at Washington announced that U. S. airmen had received a report that Navy patrol planes had scored bomb hits on a Japanese battleship of the Kongo class of the coast of Luzon in the Philippines where Army bombing planes reported they had sunk the Haruna, a battleship of the Kongo class also.

Florida Coast Posts Alert In Blackout

All Radio Stations Ordered Off Air After 'Unidentified Planes' Are Reported Today

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Army and Navy posts here were blacked out early today and all radio stations were ordered off the air from 8:30 a. m. to 7:15 a. m. (e.s.t.) after Naval Intelligence Commander R. M. Fortson reported "unidentified planes off the southeastern coast."

Nazis' Setbacks May Develop Catastrophe

Red Army Retakes 30 More Villages in Pursuit of Germans; Repulse Counter-Attacks

London, Dec. 13.—(AP)—German setbacks in Russia, typified by Soviet announcements of the utter defeat of a 750,000-man army before Moscow, may develop catastrophically for the invaders.

Marion Miley Slayer Guilty

Anderson Is Convicted After Jury Deliberates For Nearly 24 Hours

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Robert H. Anderson, 36-year-old former Louisville café operator and ex-convict, must pay \$100,000 bond for his flight today after a jury found him guilty of the slaying of Marion Miley in her Lexington Country club apartment on Sept. 28.

Chorus Girls Would Forego Career for Wedding Bells

Culver City, Calif., Dec. 13.—(AP)—It's the elderly men who chase chorines, not chorus girls who go running after sugar daddies.

Japs Fail to Advance At Any Bridgeheads; Resistance Is Stout

Counter Blows of America's Outpost Forces Hearten Capital; Experts Find Predictions Confirmed in Japan's Fierce Invasion Thrusts in Philippines; Fighter Planes in Action

Bulletin!
Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The War Department reported today Japanese aircraft bombed Cebu in the Philippines, south of the island of Luzon where the island's defenses are concentrated.

Would Again Study Value Of Warship

Reappraisal of Controversy Against Bomber Demanded in Congress

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The sinking of four dreadnaughts—Japanese, British and American—in the battle of Pacific and the persuasive reports of the effectiveness of aerial bombers aroused congressional demands today for a reappraisal of the warship-versus-bomber controversy.

Japan Claims Another U.S. Warship Sunk

Add Arizona to Previous Claims; Assert Fall of Hong Kong To Be Imminent Now

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—(Official Radio Received by AP)—The Japanese raised to three their claims of United States battleships sunk in the initial aerial onslaught on Hawaii last Sunday, adding today the U. S. S. Arizona to the previously claimed battleships Oklahoma and West Virginia.

14 Are Guilty In Spies Case

Speedy Verdict Given By Jury on Both Counts of Indictment

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The conviction of 14 light-lippled defendants accused of supplying military information to Germany today capped the government's drive against one of the most fanatically-operated spy rings in recent history.

6 Die, 40 Hurt In Iowa Blast

Seven Listed as Missing in Tragedy at New Ordnance Plant

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A terrific TNT explosion, which destroyed a melting unit at the Iowa Ordnance plant and killed at least six men, left officials today with even greater confidence in the construction soundness of the \$60,000,000 defense plant than before the tragedy.

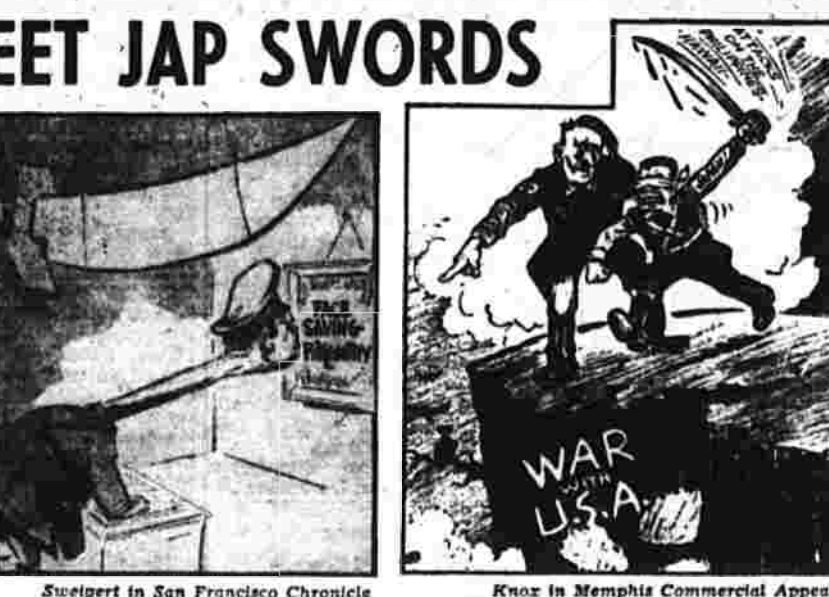
Flash!

Swedish Ship Sunk

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The State Department announced today that the United States had taken over the Swedish motor ship Kongoholm, luxury liner which formerly plied the Atlantic and more recently has cruised on Caribbean pleasure trips.

Book Higher Rates
Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The nation's railroads petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission today for increased freight passenger rates which would pay for increased operating costs in addition to...

CARTOONISTS' PENS MEET JAP SWORDS



The WORLD This WEEK

Labor Gets Into Step
WAR caught the Smith strike curb bill between the House and the Senate...

War Comes At Last To A Peaceful People

UNTIL the last minute, Americans had hoped they could keep out of war...

One Nation, Indivisible

LIKE a good-natured giant, the United States of America...

Quotes

Jack Stinson, Washington columnist: "The utter confusion of commentators who for days had been predicting that nothing would happen in the Pacific...

Treachery In The West

HONOLULU woke early Sunday morning to the hum of battle planes...

And The War Began

"Eager for realization of their inordinate ambition to dominate the Orient, both America and Britain are getting support to the Chinese regime and have aggravated the disturbance in east Asia..."

The Home Front

Home For Christmas
Many of the boys in the army... Many of the boys in the army...

Women Doctors Want To Help

The Navy bans women doctors... The Army bans women doctors...

Justice In Bohemia

A mob stormed the Dodge county, New Jersey, office of a young doctor named Dr. Spivey...

Stories About People

Public Servants
While George and British airman battle in the skies, astronomer of the two countries are still working together on the scientific problems of the heavens...

Advertisement for Dewey-Richman Co. Jewelers, Stationers, Opticians. Features 'Connie' Rothammer and 'Bob' Dougan. Includes prices for picture frames and Christmas gifts.

Advertisement for 'Conquest of Darkness!' featuring a flashlight. Text: 'FROM A FOREST FIRE, FATHERED BY LIGHTNING, ONE OF THE BRAVER... PRIMITIVE, VENTURED TO CARRY SOME GLOWING MEMBERS TO HIS CAVE...'

Advertisement for 'Rainbow Dry Cleaning'. Text: 'Rainbow DRY CLEANING puts new color and "pop" into your winter clothes, is safe and thorough...'

Advertisement for 'The Manchester Electric Division'. Text: 'We're conveniently located on Harrison Street, just six blocks from the shopping center...'

Advertisement for 'Hansen's Egg Nog Ice Cream'. Text: 'Hansen's CHRISTIAN BLENDED Egg Nog Ice Cream... Large assortment of Christmas trees...'

Advertisement for 'GOLDS' and 'Hansen's Egg Nog Ice Cream'. Includes 'SELECTED BALSAM CHRISTMAS TREES' and 'FREE DELIVERY IN TOWN!'.

Advertisement for 'The WORLD This WEEK' with various headlines and illustrations.

Advertisement for 'The Home Front' with various news snippets.

Advertisement for 'Women Doctors Want To Help' with news snippets.

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Hospitality Needed To Lend a Hand Folks!

Take a Soldier for Dinner Tomorrow! It's a Dull, Cold Life Under Canvas These Days.

Manchester families today were asked to rise to present necessity to extend home hospitality to a large number of regular army anti-aircraft gunners now stationed near the Forest Village development just over the line in Eastford in the Hilltown section.

Makes Appeal To All Women

Various Groups Invited To Contribute Coffee, Sandwiches for Guards

An appeal is being circulated to women groups to contribute coffee, sugar, fruit and sandwiches for the guardsmen now at the Forest Village development.

Ready for Santa Claus

Part of the decorations on Depot Square where the Manchester Improvement Association will receive 300 presents to kids Tuesday evening, December 23

Party Fund Growns Fast

In Three Days North End Group Raises \$188 for Xmas Affair.

Within three days the fund for the first annual Community Christmas party has grown to \$188.00.

Red Cross Campaign Starts Here Monday

Ben Cheney Is Chairman Of Drive to Raise \$18,000 for American Armed Forces Help.

The American Red Cross has called upon the Manchester chapter to raise \$18,000 for the war fund campaign opening next Monday.

Daily Radio Programs To Be Broadcast Sunday

Pro-Football Championship

New York, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Last night's radio broadcast of the pro-football championship game between the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers at Chicago.

Adopt Central Traffic Plan

Take Measure to Put Authority in One Place for Defense.

Hartford, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The State Traffic Commission meeting today adopted plans to center authority for the control of motor vehicle traffic on state highways.

U. S. Heroes in Air Fights

Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., 26, (left) was cited as the U. S. hero who shot down a Japanese bomber near Manila, Philippines.

H. S. Thriller Scores Again

Different Cast Does an Excellent Job in Presenting Mystery Play.

Through Detective Sergeant Joseph A. Prentice the Manchester Mystery Play has scored again.

H. S. Students Given Drill

Rockville First Do Well in Pupils' Test

Rockville, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The students at the Rockville High School were given a test in their civics lessons.

Depot Square Bedecked For the Holiday Season

On Tuesday evening, December 23, the first annual Community Christmas party will be held on Depot Square.

Japan Claims Warship Sunk

Continued from Page One

The Japanese navy has claimed that it has sunk the American warship USS O'Brien (DD-392) in the Philippine Sea.

Church Group Selects Aides

Committee Chaired by St. Bridget's Men's Club

The officers of the newly elected Men's club of St. Bridget's church met last evening in the parish hall.

Army Thanks Local Citizens

General De Lacour Lists Various Officers Who Are Promoted.

Several changes in the commissioned personnel are noted in an order received today from the office of Assistant General De Lacour.

Hidden Skills Are Uncovered

Hundreds Found Who Are Not Now Practicing Their Craft.

Recognition is due to the orchestra directed by William Van Dyke in his search for hidden talents.

Christmas Trees

All Sizes—3 Feet and Up 35c up

LOT 47 WEST CENTER ST. After 5 P. M. At 50 Pine Street

Wake Island Objectives Damaged Severely

Agreeing that the Light That Will Not Go Out at the end of the world is a Japanese military objective.

Old Age Pension Bills Nearly Ready

Assurance that the old age pension bills will be ready for introduction on February 1.

Kiwanis Food Sale Realizes Over \$50

The Manchester Kiwanis food sale for the benefit of the club's fund-raising efforts.

Manch. Date Book

Monday, Dec. 15

Tonight Mother and Daughter banquet at Highland Park Community club.

Desirable Cottage

At Bolton Lake May Be Rented for Private Parties

CHEF OSANO Tel. 4451

Christmas Trees For Sale

At 328 East Middle Turnpike Forsterly Manchester Green

35c to \$25

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Friday, Dec. 19

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Saturday, Dec. 20

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Thursday, Dec. 25

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Friday, Dec. 26

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Saturday, Dec. 27

Christmas party at the American Legion.

Manch. Date Book

Sunday, Dec. 28

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Public Records

Under terms of a quitclaim deed property owned by Barber of Danvers street has been conveyed to...

News of Vets and Their Auxiliaries

Do not get panicky. Do not run out in a case of alarm. Lights on in case of alarm. Turn off in case of alarm. Do not look for anyone in case of bombing. They may be here. Keep calm. Keep hands and feet warm.

Bomb Attack. Listening to the radio announcer telling of the people going out to see the bomb. They were not in case of alarm. They were not in case of alarm.

Mons-Ypres Post B. W. V.

The regular monthly meeting of the Mons-Ypres Post was held in the British American Club on Wednesday evening. Commander Lindsay presided and the attendance was good.

Britishers Aid Defense Fund

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Bigo Benefits

During this past year the Mons-Ypres Post of British War Veterans has held several Bigo benefits. The first was held in the Orange hall.

Members 11

Comrades and David Maxwell are still confined at the hospital but they are getting better. As well as can be expected and will be discharged soon.

Epeds Chapter

The December state meeting will be held tomorrow at the YD Chapter in the Epeds Chapter. The meeting will be held in the Epeds Chapter.

Anderson-Shea Post V. F. W.

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Vets Are Needed In Defense Units

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Chicago Opera Has Best Season for Box Office

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The Chicago Opera House has had its best season for box office since the outbreak of the war.

Members Asked To Give Services

Some twenty-four years ago you were called upon to defend your country and at that time it was your duty to give services.

Year's Deficit Small

The year's deficit, a general headache to trustees, fell to \$25,000, a mere pittance by the standards of the Chicago Opera House.

Local music reviews

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Manchester Polish Club Plays P. A. Team Here Sunday

The Manchester Polish Club will play a P. A. team here Sunday night. The game will be held at the Manchester Club.

Back Court Stays Pace Local Team

The Manchester Polish Club's back court team stayed in pace with the local team. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Klensmidt Stars for Manchester in Third Period

Klensmidt starred for Manchester in the third period of the game. The Manchester team was victorious.

Boxing Program Due in Hartford After Five Weeks Layoff Tuesday.

A boxing program is due in Hartford after a five-week layoff. The program will be held at the Hartford Club.

Remember the 'Good Old Days'

Remember the 'Good Old Days' when the game was played in the Manchester Club. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Pontillo Plasters Pins For 3 String Total With Nifty 379.

Pontillo plasters pins for a 3 string total with a nifty 379. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Osborne Five Downs Silbros

Osborne's five-down team defeated Silbros. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Manchester Boys Unable To Stop 33 Aces

Manchester boys were unable to stop 33 Aces. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Snead Bothered By Poor Putting

Snead was bothered by poor putting. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Young Kid McCoy Battles to Draw

Young Kid McCoy battles to draw. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Pittsburgh Sells Vaughn to Dodgers

Pittsburgh sold Vaughn to the Dodgers. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Mickey Carty Mad Enough to Fight

Mickey Carty was mad enough to fight. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Manchester High Upsets Middletown Last Night, 35-26

Manchester High upset Middletown last night with a score of 35-26. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Wildcats Claw Bueholski's Play

Wildcats clawed Bueholski's play. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Julie Faulkner Leads Fair Sex in Nursery Bowling League.

Julie Faulkner leads the fair sex in the nursery bowling league. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Towering Forward Finds Place This Year: Ed Kose Also Enjoying Banner Season; Fine Backcourt Support by Mates Helps.

Towering forward finds place this year. Ed Kose is also enjoying a banner season. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Packers Face Bears Sunday

Packers face the Bears Sunday. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Winners Will Meet N. Y. Dec. 21; Each Need a Victory Tomorrow.

Winners will meet N. Y. Dec. 21. Each team needs a victory tomorrow. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

Eagles Tackle Hershey Bears

Eagles tackle the Hershey Bears. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

First Place Assured to Winner of Game to Be Played at New Haven.

First place is assured to the winner of the game to be played at New Haven. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

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Menus

A Week's Supply For Good Health. Breakfast: Omelette with mushrooms, toast.

Condition of State Roads

Construction in force in the state. The condition of state roads is being improved.

Mary Bushnell Cheney Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans Hall

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Christmas Party

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The 1941 AP All-America

Table listing the 1941 AP All-America team members, including names like David Nathan Schreiner, Junior, and others.

Tedford Hits High Single

Tedford hits a high single. The game was held at the Manchester Club.

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Pre-Christmas Store Schedules

Pre-Christmas store schedules. Stores will remain open all day Wednesday during the month of December.

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Mini-Shops

Mini-shops. The problem of walk-in shops for Christmas is solved. The shops will be open from 9:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Glenn's

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Manchester Evening Herald

About Town

The Children of Mary Sodality will hold its regular meeting tomorrow, Miss Ruthmary Whittall and her committee will have charge of the Christmas social.

Company No. 1 of the South Manchester Fire Department was called at 7:15 last night to Elm terrace and high street for what was reported to be a burning automobile. On their arrival they found an automobile steaming because of the coil.

Our Best Special Monday and Tuesday Only (Dec. 15 and 16) LADIES' DRESSES 2 for \$1.00 Regularly 75c Each!

- 1. This Special does not include white, velvet, or dresses with over eight pleats. 2. Each dress inspected carefully before delivery. 3. Save the difference for your Christmas budget. 4. Don't miss this super special!

Manchester Dry Cleaners PLANT: 93 WELLS STREET BRANCH STORE: 195 CENTER STREET The Same Phone, 7254

LEGION B-I-N-G-O SATURDAY NIGHT LEGION HOME - LEONARD STREET Admission 50c Regular Games Start 8:15 - Penny Bingo At 7:20. INDIVIDUAL SEATS FOR EVERYONE!

2 Xmas Door Prizes 2 In addition to regular door prizes to be drawn Dec 20 Plus Sweepstake 5 Admission Prizes 1 Door Prize Plenty of Parking Space in the Rear! WELL LIGHTED AND PATROLLED!

Volunteer Firemen Needed in N. End

Chief Oriswood of the Manchester Fire Department announced last night that he has had six applications as volunteer firemen and many more are expected today. It has been decided to accept as many men fit for the work as apply. The chief will be at the firehouse on Main and Hilliard streets on Sunday starting at 10 o'clock to interview applicants as volunteer firemen.

KOPPERS COKE THE W. G. GLENNEY CO. Coal, Lumber, Stainers' Supplies, Paint 358 No. Main St. Tel. 4148

TAXI! CALL 6588 Prompt! Sure! Service! MANCHESTER TAXI M. Oriswood, Mgr. Office At The Tea Room

FILMS DEVELOPED AND PRINTED 24-HOUR SERVICE Film Deposit Box At Store Entrance KEMP'S

Read Herald Advs.

Heard Along Main Street

And on Some of Manchester's Side Streets, Too

The increased bus service to Hartford—the new 15 minute schedule—has done much to improve connections at the Center. Under the half-hourly schedule there was a lot of complaint because bus drivers didn't wait for passengers trying to make connections from other buses.

Frequently passengers were left standing for a half hour just because some bus driver carelessly drove away without making certain that there were no transfer passengers. Now the passengers that are left behind only have to wait 15 minutes for the next one. Jerry Scott, the Connecticut Company's boss in Hartford, has told us he and his assistants try their best to avoid such interruptions in service. He must have specific instances however, so that he can check up on the blame. We have passed several along to him. The other day a Crosstown bus pulled away from Main and Woodbridge streets at 9:45 in the morning leaving seven passengers who were just leaving the Rockville bus to transfer for the south end. Two of them got rides from passing outcasts and the other five were in the cold for 15 minutes.

Superintendent Scott doesn't want such things to happen, so if any readers know of such instances they might pass the information along to this column and we'll see that the Connecticut Company authorities know about it. The late Billy Cheney used to remark when he saw town highway workers patching the surface of Main street, "Well, I see Main street is getting its dental fillings again." Right now Main street is badly in need of, not only dental fillings, but several extractions, several new plates and plenty of bridge work. The condition is deplorable.

From the Center south, the highway is in terrible condition. North of the Center the surface is in good shape. The holes just below the Center make driving dangerous and there are several bad spots where passengers are discharged from the Hartford bus. Nearly opposite Birch street there is one hole in the pavement that is nearly big enough to be called an excavation. One of the local State Guards was remarking the other day about the good food that is served to the army men now as compared with what was served in World War No. 1. He said that it could hardly be called "good" when he was in the service. It could have been worse, he asserted. Then he went on to tell us about one mess sergeant who made the cooks serve hash every week-day morning. "That wasn't so bad," the old soldier stated, "but when the cook insisted on putting the hash between pie crust on Sunday and calling it mince pie—then we did kick." We understand that recipe isn't copyrighted by the army because we strongly suspect some restaurants of doing that now and then.

With the air filled with stories of raids by planes, dropping bombs, local people are thinking about shelters. Outside of our own cellar, there are few places in town, if it is a big but. Before he could go on the job he would have had to get about five different kinds of licenses. He would have had to join two or three unions, and he would have had to get several different kinds of permits from the city. He figured it would have cost him \$20 before he even began to work. So he came back to Manchester where you don't have to pay a \$5 fee every time you turn around.

We have been told by a party in position to know what he is talking about that High school youths disregard public property to such an extent that it is almost impossible to keep fire hose in the school corridors without it being damaged. The hose is kept in a case, but that doesn't stop the boys from opening the case and sitting the hose with their pocket knives. This is a quite frequent occurrence, our informant states. Another trick the youths have is to turn the water on in the fire hose. The water swells up the hose and bursts the case open. What's happened to boys these days? We can recall several years back when the hose was neatly folded on a rack in the corridors and it was never molested by the students. Damaging fire hose in a building such as the High school is dangerous business. A. Nom.

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