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WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS
If you scratch beneath the surface of this one of the liveliest little towns in America, you will find proof of two tragic things which are happening under the Roosevelt Administration. One is something for which you can't blame the Government—namely, that the price of oil is going up when present wartime rationing of gasoline may be a normal peacetime necessity. In other words, oil reserves are running disastrously low.

no announcement of his coming. However, he pulled one unfortunate honor at Dallas. The Dallas Times-Herald, after news reports had arranged to send a photographer with Wilson on his trip through West Texas, but had night, speaking before a tremendous crowd, would make a dash of his way to any what a fine, understanding, influential and important speaker was the Dallas News, morning competitor of The Times-Herald.



LOOKS LIKE WE WASTED OUR TIME COMING TO THE LIBRARY—JUST A FLOCK OF INTELLECTUALS!

Silence

openly acknowledged. That is not a justifiable act of war. We presume that these gentlemen would have gladly seen England suffer under German bombing, without retaliation; that they would have insisted the Christian was in submission, and non-resistance. This is incomprehensible to us. Surely these men of the Church deplore war, but surely they would not willingly be the enemy, refuse to fight, or the process of the major oil companies.

Another fact that most people don't realize is that out of the 400,000 oil wells in this country, 300,000 are stripper wells, in other words, they are old wells which pump off one to three barrels daily. These are the wells now being closed down. And once closed, they are lost permanently to the nation. Never can they be re-activated without prohibitive cost. Nevertheless, Washington still unwittingly plays into the hands of big business. Judge Vinson would be glad to give the stripper oil wells subsidies, but to date they have fought battles just as vigorously as they have fought for a price increase.

New Farm Aids

Out here in Texas everyone was delighted to hear that Grover Hill, Amarillo cow man, had become Under-Secretary of Agriculture, because every Texan is always glad to see any Texan, even Sam Jones, get ahead in Washington. However, they wonder a little just how smart Grover is going to be in his new job.

Everyday Counselor

By Rev. Herbert Spaugh
The discipline is good, and in general the morale is high. The chaplains are doing a fine job, and religious services are always well attended. The people of this country are particularly hospitable to American soldiers who are very glad to meet and entertain them.

Turnabout

The President Announces Us By The Constitution
These days the President's press conferences become easier and funnier, with a great deal of fancy footwork. The chase for elusive hints on Term Four, for example, is as a game of tag. No move, to date, has trapped Franklin Roosevelt. With each skirmish he becomes more wary. And he emerges from each to the sound of new chuckles by admirers, new mutterings from his enemies.

Willkie's Popularity

No matter what you may think of Wendell Willkie, those with their eyes to the ground in the South-west will tell you that he is the most popular Presidential candidate now in the country. In fact, the only Republican who would have the solid chance of carrying Texas against the President. For in matter what Jim Farley found when he was down here last fall, Texas may grow grayer against the President, but will vote for him in the end.

Badoglio In Saddle

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK
The Italian military authorities have relinquished administrative control over southern Italy. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Allied commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean, said last night that two reasons he gives for the lack of discipline in Italy are the lack of proper recreation and entertainment. The chaplains are guarding their spiritual welfare.

War Song

The Best We Have Is Much Too Good
This war, for one thing, has not yet produced its great song. If there is some sentiment at the corner drug store for the mysterious 'Dirty Gerle From Berlin', there is also an abysmal public ignorance of that abjectly gay and gaudy little song. And the strained efforts of America's Tin Pan Alley have given us poor and pale little tunes, at best. There is but one approach through melody to the stirring means of the conflict, and that is so often misunderstood, and that is so often misunderstood, and that is so often misunderstood, and that is so often misunderstood.

Big Ones For Low Price

Every week or so in Wichita Falls, center of a one-thriving Texas oil field, an independent sells out to the majors and retires from the game. The man is true in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and every other oil field except such rich bonanzas as East Texas, where oil still gushes instead of being pumped.

Russia Has A Plan

By Samuel Grafton
NEW YORK
The thing that frightens us most about Russia is that we sense that she is not only planning, but is actually carrying out a plan. To the plainest, the other fellow's plans are terrifying. We know that the other fellow is not only planning, but is actually carrying out a plan. To the plainest, the other fellow's plans are terrifying.

Premonition Of A Sailor

By Raymond Clapper
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I had been doing quiet patrol work in the Fairbanks, and he asked for more active duty aboard a carrier. He was transferred to Norfolk for carrier training. There he met a girl and they were married, and some months later he came out here. Their baby is to be born this month, or it may have come into the world by now.



CLOAK OF NEUTRALITY

Dissenters

British Bishops Would End Allied Air Raids
We find Lord Lang, ex-Bishop of Canterbury, and his colleague, the Bishop of Chichester, high on our list of conscientious Allied citizens. We do not believe these high-placed British clergymen see this war in perspective at all, and are satisfied that they are doing our cause a disservice in their criticism of our air policy. We hope Americans will not have missed the report that these men are openly criticizing the Allied policy of bombing German cities.

Quote, Unquote

Finally overcome evil with good. —President Everett Case of Colgate University.
Newspapers are publishing photographs of a dead American aviator falling in flames, of a swimmer and a diver through swamp and jungle in the South Pacific Islands. This is important. This kind of reporting will bring the war into our emotional compass.

Disasters

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German Infantryman Said the American tanks in moral were because they would probably outlast his own.
The thunder of artillery shells was so loud outside our farm post in a farmhouse along the Rapahannock River bottom that Major Burton, who was in the command post, had to shout over the field phone. These hills will still be passing the echoes around for a year after the war.

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