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Dr. Rikuggerio Names
Divisional Co-Chairmen

"On the job when it counts" are no idle words in the Belleville Chapter of the American Red Cross, according to Dr. Frank D. Rikuggerio, chairman for the 1957 campaign to be conducted in March as he announced today his organization is almost complete.

The desire of people to help their neighbors is exemplified through the willingness of the following people to volunteer to assist in the campaign, he said.

Chairman for Industrial Division is Robert Jackson, Executive Vice-President at Wallace & Tiernan; Chairman for Business District, Mrs. Lida Baker; Chairman for Residential, Mrs. Doris Hammond; Chairman for Coin Containers, Mrs. Roberta Dodge; Chairman for Organizations, George Mahler, Charles Tedesco, chairman for the Town Employees. Residential zone leaders who have agreed to serve under Mrs. Hammond are Mrs. Celeste Bagale, Mrs. Jeanne Ruzjan, Vito Celi, Arthur Denzier, Mrs. Viola Spray, Jesse Starkman, Mrs. Eileen Visco, and Mrs. Patti Walsh. Dr. Rikuggerio said the next meeting of the fund committee will be held January 9 at 8 p. m. at the Chapter House. By that time it is hoped all the zone leaders will have secured the captains for their districts.

The announced fund goal for Belleville is \$25,000.

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Rodino In Switzerland Today,
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Congressman Peter W. Rodino, Jr., on an official mission to Europe, arrived in Switzerland from Italy on Tuesday and goes on to Paris tomorrow. He will fly from Paris tomorrow, outside of Paris, for home on Sunday and is due to arrive at La Guardia airport on Christmas eve.

Letters

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very much and I wish you a Merry Christmas, and bring me a bike. I am good.

Love,
Franie Barrett

Dear Santa,

Has your beard grown any from last year? Is your nose still as red and does your belly still roll like jelly? I hope Rudolph the red Nosed reindeer is well and healthy because the weather experts predict a foggy Christmas Eve. Aside from all this silly stuff, I would like an eraser and a few games, a basketball, and what you can fit in your bag.

Same old,
Tommy Hollar

Dear Santa,

Please come to see me on Christmas Eve. I would like a football helmet, shoulder pads, and a toy cowboy on a horse. I also would like cowboy boots and a toy tractor.

Thank you Santa, I'll be waiting for you. I will be a good boy and sleep in my own bed.

Gary Sorgetino

Dear Santa,

My name is Dale McCaul and I am five and a half. I asked Mommie to write a letter for me, my sister Diane and brother Frederick. We are good children Santa so will you please bring what ever you would like us to have.

Bye Bye for this year
your friends
Dale, Diane and
Freddie McCaul

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll, jacket, ironing board, iron. I will leave some cookies for you.

Thank you,
Ruth Ann Lee

Addonizio

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united to assist in the Belleville campaign are urged to get in touch with Addonizio at PL 9-5390.

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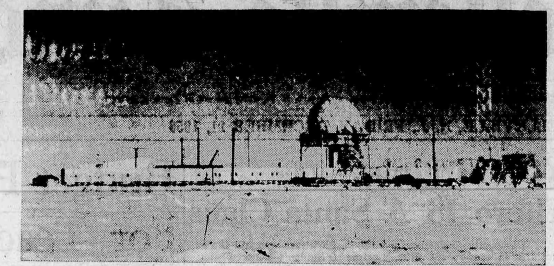
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Scouts

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Scouts from 60 countries will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the first Boy Scout Troop organized by Sir Robert Baden Powell in 1908.

Following the Jubilee Jamoree the Robert Treat Council group together with other Scouts from Region Two will tour Belgium, France, Germany and Switzerland.

Harry T. French, Director of Camp Mohican, Robert Treat Council's Summer Camp at Blairstown, advises Explorers 15 and 16 who are interested in serving on next summer's camp staff, that applications will be available after January 1 at Council Office.

Little Zion Union A.M.E. Church

Rev. Mary A. Farmer will preach at morning worship on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Belleville Assembly of God

Sunday: Sunday school classes will be held as usual at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship English service will be held at 11 a.m. At 7 p.m. pastor Angelo Carney will be in charge of a special Christmas program which will include the film "A Saviour is Born". Recitations will follow.

Fewsmith Presbyterian Church

Rev. James K. Morse will preach on "B.C. or A.D." at Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. The church choir will sing with soloists Ruth Lurie, soprano, Hazel Ellsworth, organist, and Toni Chanko Stern, guest harpist.

Candlelight

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ices will begin at 10. The Junior church choir will sing.

Sunday: Manger service will be held at 9:30. Sunday school will follow.

Silver Lake Baptist

Christmas Day: Services will begin at 10:30. The church choir will sing Handel's "Messiah" with soloists Mrs. Alma Brunetto, Louis D'Onofrio and Rose Pristich.

Sunday: A Christmas pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m. by the Sunday School classes. After worship service in the main church, an informal social hour will be held in the church hall. Gifts for children and carols are scheduled.

Grace Baptist Church

Saturday Evening: The annual Christmas party will be held at the church.

Sunday: Church school will be held as usual at 9:45. Worship service will be held at 11 a.m. Rev. Albert V. Lawson will preach on "Wise Men Seek the King". Music will be by the church choir. At 4 p.m. the annual Christmas Vesper service will be held. The choir will present Ira C. Wilson's Christmas cantata "The Birth of Christ". The general public is invited.

Wesley Methodist Church

Christmas Eve: Traditional candlelight ceremony will begin at 11 p.m. The choir will present

Aliens

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signed to the United Nations and Mexican national contract laborers are required to file the address report.

He added that any alien who willfully violates the address report requirement may be fined up to \$200, imprisoned for 30 days, and deported.

In addition, aliens who are not in the United States during January must report their address to States Post offices within 10 days after their return.

The Acting District Director said that address report cards will be available at the Immigration Service office 1004 Broad Street in Newark, and at local United States Post offices beginning January 1, 1957.

Face Is

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would have no objections to filling such a role as mine some day, she said.

Fourteen-year-old Edith Padula is the artistic member of the family judging from the Padula living room. A collection of Hummel figurines dominates the mantelshelf, and a collection of tiny dolls were both made by Edith, with the encouragement of her

Budget

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crements are set up in this category with a maximum of \$7,300.

The Board also approved an increase in the maximum pay for full time elementary school principals from the present top of \$8,750 to \$9,000.

Under children's comments, James R. Golden questioned the

Virginia

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life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginia! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia! There would be no faith, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light which with childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but even if they did not catch him, what would it prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men after they are dead, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and love beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God—he lives and he lives forever—a thousand years from now, Virginia, you ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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Campus --- --- Corner

Kenneth D. Taggart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taggart, of 110 Belmont Street, a senior at Rutgers School of Business Administration, has been named to the 1957 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

A Belleville high school graduate, Taggart serves as business manager of The Observer, student newspaper, and is a member of the student council.

Home for the holidays will be Miss Patricia Ann Parsells, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Parsells, of 37 Washington Avenue. Miss Parsells attends Blackburn College at Carverville, Illinois. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsells, Jr., of West Orange.

Recently inducted to Delta Kappa chapter of Kappa Delta, national honor society in education, was Miss Virginia Lambrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lambrecht, of 189 New Street. A junior at Newark State Teachers College, Miss Lambrecht is a Belleville High School graduate majoring in kindergarten and primary education. She will do her practice teaching at School No. Three.

Arriving home from Milwaukee-Dowder College for the Christmas vacation is Robert J. Cavanaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Cavanaugh, of Tappan, N.Y.

Miss Cavanaugh is majoring in occupational therapy, one of the medical services which are in rehabilitation. It is prescribed for mental and physical disabilities, and operates through activities which must be of interest to the patient and directed toward helping the patient recover from the disease which has disabled him.

This --- --- Week

- Friday, December 21
- 7:00 p.m. — Bingo Party, St. Peter's
 - 7 to 9:30 p.m. — Recreation Senior Weightlifting, Recreation House
 - 7:30 p.m. — Bowling, St. Peter's
 - 8:00 p.m. — Code class, Recreation House
 - 8:00 p.m. — Choral Society, St. Peter's
- Saturday, December 22
- 8:30 a.m. — Recreation Junior Basketball League, high school
- Monday, December 24
- Christmas Eve
- Tuesday, December 25
- Christmas Day
- Wednesday, December 26
- 1:30 p.m. — Recreation Junior Barbell Contest, Stadium
 - 7 to 9:30 p.m. — Recreation Senior Weightlifting, Stadium
 - 7:30 p.m. — Belleville Lodge Masons, Masonic Temple
- Thursday, December 27
- 1:30 p.m. — Recreation Junior Barbell Contest — Stadium
 - 7 to 9:30 p.m. — Recreation Senior Weightlifting, Stadium
 - 7:30 p.m. — Belleville Conference Recreation House
 - 8 p.m. — Wesley Men's Club Bowling, Monticompney Presbyterian Bowling Alleys
 - 8 p.m. — Nitra Club, Recreation House

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Bert Revills Have Wedding Anniversary Christmas Day



Mr. and Mrs. Bert Revill

Celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Bert Revill, of 47 William Street. Resident in town since 1912, both Mr. and Mrs. Revill are natives of Sheffield, England. They were married at Trinity Church in Newark. Celebrating the big day with the couple will be four of their five children, sons, Bert Jr., and Clifford, and daughters Mrs. Lillian Goerke and Mrs. Margaret Jerg. Also seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren will attend.

Also attending the open house for the couple will be relatives from Pittsburgh, Pa. and relatives and friends in this area. Mrs. Revill's nine brothers and sisters in England will send messages via tape recorder.

Local Couple Are Affianced



Miss Edith M. Frable

The engagement of Miss Edith May Frable to Pvt. Donald Robert Benesch has been announced by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frable, of 233 William Street. Mr. Benesch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Benesch, of 58 Smith Street.

The prospective bride is a senior at Belleville High School and is employed by U. S. Army at Fort Dix.

Friendship Tree Made At Shawger School

Something new in Christmas services was held last week at the James G. Shawger School, where children made a friendship tree, decorating it with their own Christmas cards. The complete set of cards will be made into a book and sent to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Newark. Children at the school made also a collection for the Clara Maass Hospital fund.

Republican Women To Help At Local Hospital

Mrs. Ruth E. Fredericks, program chairman of the Essex County Woman's Republican Club, has announced that the group will present gifts of wool stockings, stationery, pens, stamps, cigarettes and candy to patients at the Essex County Isolation Hospital, at the annual Christmas party at the hospital today. Mrs. Fredericks has been assisted by Mrs. Beatrice Stiles of Bloomfield.

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POLICE, FIREMEN PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY

Belleville police and firemen will hold their annual Christmas party for local youngsters this year on Wednesday, December 26. The party, to be held at the Capital Theater on Washington Avenue, is jointly sponsored by the Police Benevolent Association and the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association.

Headed by the committee in charge of the party is Jerry Corbo and Gus DeFranza of the FMAA and Kenneth Place, Hugh O'Toole and Joseph Sullivan of the PBA.

More than 1,000 children are expected at this party, based on previous years' crowds. In addition to the cartoons and movies to be shown, prizes will be awarded, and treats will be distributed to all those attending. Doors for the party open at 1 p. m. with the show slated to begin at 1:30 p. m.

Gifts for the affair have been donated by both the PBA and the FMAA, several private residents, and the following silver lake businessmen: L&S Drugs, Ralph Risoli, G&S Grocery, James Ferraro, and John Pico.

Director of Public Safety Harry J. Sullivan will be present to hand out some of the gifts.

Tickets for the show are now available free of charge at any of the town's three fire houses or at police headquarters.

Local Man Is Wed Dec. 15 In Germany

The marriage of Miss Titi Ventimiglia, daughter of Mrs. Anna Ventimiglia of Turin, Italy, and the late Captain Salvatore Ventimiglia, was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farise, of 222 Brighton Avenue, was held on December 15, in Frankfurt, Germany. The marriage ceremony was performed at St. Sebastian's Church.

Best man for the bride was Vito Farise. The bride is a professional interpreter. Her husband is a graduate of Barninger High School. He attended Julliard School of Music in New York, and the Conservatory of Music in Austria. He is now with the U. S. Government counter intelligence department. The couple plan to take this country in February. They will live at the Brighton Street address.

Future Secretaries At Party For Children

Attending the annual Christmas party of the Berkeley School of Secretarial Training, of East Orange yesterday, were the Misses Maureen Hahn, of 182 Union Avenue, Linda Finnella, of 421 Franklin Avenue, Margaret Gibbons, of 242 Washington Avenue, Geraldine Moxley, of 598 Joralemon Street, Elaine Telle, of 1 Cortlandt Street, Nancy Vanhook, of 62 Prospect Street, Angela Annichiarico, of 81 E. Beach Street, Marilyn A. Hills, of 227 Hoin Street, and Ingeborg Eva Janista, of 68 Brennon Street.

The party was given for some twenty youngsters, at the Hotel Suburban in East Orange.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It started out to be just another dreary, December day in Bethlehem and the surrounding country of Judea nearly two thousand years ago. They were but a small part of a sprawling empire where might appeared to overshadow light . . . where power was the weapon of the hour . . . and where fear was evident everywhere.

Little wonder then that shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night were so afraid as the surrounding sky brightened and they heard the angel say:

Fear not: For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

December dreariness was dispelled by joy. And what a change for all mankind! This angelic message came to a troubled world, not unlike our own today.

In areas near the City of David and far away from the field of the shepherds there must come a renewed interest in and a greater observation of the fact that the good tidings of great joy in the birth of Jesus are to all people . . . regardless of race, color, or national origin. The dignity of the individual must not be lost today in just another contest for power and world domination.

The message of Christmas is ever new . . . and its hope of greater joy gains in strength down through the years. Let each of us resolve to contribute in an individual way to greater peace on earth, good will toward men.

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Christmas, 1956

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Entertaining the children at St. Anthony's Orphanage in Kearny are members of the local Colony Club, left to right: Charles Rossi, Mother Superior of the orphanage, Thomas D'Avella and Nicholas V. Maunelle. Santa Claus in the person of Peter Rossi distributes gifts donated by the group. The party was held by the group last Sunday.

Miss Bjorkner Plans To Wed



Miss Arline E. Bjorkner

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bjorkner, of Long Branch, formerly of Center Street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Arline Evelyn, to Frederick A. Evans of Long Branch.

Miss Bjorkner is a graduate of Long Branch High School. She attended Belleville schools. She sent, she is a student nurse at the Long Branch Monmouth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Long Branch High School and served four years in the U. S. Navy. He is presently with the Long Branch Bank and Trust Company.

Frank M. Marinaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Marinaro, of 230 William Street, completed recruit training December 4 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

PRUDENTIAL MEN MARK LENGTHY SERVICE WITH CO.

Two Belleville residents, Francis G. Adams, of 40 Linden Street, and Andrew J. Conlon, of 11 Forest Street, are marking anniversaries of long service with the Prudential Insurance Company this month.

Adams, who will observe his twenty anniversary with the company next Friday, is associated with Prudential's commissary division. Conlon, who became a 25-year veteran last week, is manager of the company's field services division No. 2.

Both men have lived in Belleville with their families for ten years. Adams has two daughters,

Judith, 21, and Linda, 12. Conlon is the father of two boys, Michael, 14, and Kevin, 12, and a 13-year-old girl, Jane.

Adams is a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He has been assigned to Prudential's commissary division throughout his career. He is a member of Velah Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 229, in Irvington.

Conlon was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts. He started his Prudential career in Boston as a home office representative for New England. In 1947 he came into the company's Newark headquarters as manager of the inspection division. He holds an LL.B. degree from Suffolk Law School in Boston.

Conlon is a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Peter's Church in Belleville, is active in the Parent-Teachers Association, and is a member of the Suffolk Law School Alumni Association.



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SPOTLIGHT on SPORTS

by Bob Gordin

McDougald Slugs .443

Having corrected his "foot-in-the-bucket" stance, last season, Gil McDougald fared very well in the American League slugging roster, published last weekend. The Nutley athlete took 33rd place in slugging percentages, following closely upon such excellent hitters as Hank Bauer, Gus Zernial, Jimmy Lepcio, Gus Triandos, Larry Doby and Harvey Kuenn. Mickey Mantle, of course, headed the list as triple crown winner with a .705 percentage. Gil's 56 runs-batted-in and 59 strikeouts in 120 games gave him a percentage of .443.

Gil also went into the league record books for making five double plays in one game, on May 13.

St. Mary's and Holy Family Enter 6 Teams

The Essex County CYO basketball program now is in full swing with 120 teams competing in 16 leagues which have been set up in six divisions. More than 600 games will be played this year with the CYO using 12 gyms scattered throughout the territory. There's at least three CYO games played every weekday night and Sunday afternoon with Sunday showing the biggest schedule. More than 20 games are played every Sunday.

St. Mary's and Holy Family CYO's will be very active in the county-wide program with each parish being represented by three teams each in suburban leagues. St. Mary's will field a junior girls' team and intermediate and senior boys' squads. Holy Family will have teams entered in the grammar school girls' team, junior girls and intermediate boys. The Holy Family gym will also be used for competition.

Leagues have been set up in the senior, intermediate, junior and grammar school boys' divisions and in the junior and grammar school girls' divisions. Heaviest entries were recorded in the junior and grammar schools boys' sections, each of which drew 20 entries. The intermediate boys' and junior girls' divisions each drew 20 entries.

One of the largest organized recreational programs in the state, the CYO leagues will be in competition through March. Playoffs between league champions will follow the regular season in every division except the senior boys. Only one league has been set up in that class so the winner will be recognized as county champion without the necessity of a playoff. All eventual county champions will represent Essex in archdiocesan play against winners from Hudson, Bergen and Union counties.

Merry Christmas

It won't be long now before Junior beams with delight as he unwraps the new ice skates, sled, football, basketball or baseball glove as Christmas draws near. It will be a happy sight indeed. Let me close by saying thanks to all you readers of this column for the colorful Christmas cards I have been receiving all week.

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Belleville Splits -- Beat Orange 47-45 But Lose To Clifton

Local Cagers Drop Tough One To Clifton Tuesday By 72-57; Take On West Orange Tonight

by Dave Thaler

Belleville extended its winning streak to three games last Friday, when the Bellboys edged the Tornados of Orange, 47-45. The streak was terminated on Tuesday afternoon at Clifton, where the Bellboys suffered a 72-57 defeat.

The score of the Clifton game is deceiving. It was Belleville's game until the third quarter. The Bellboys had erased an early seven point deficit to force into the lead. Then it was a see-saw battle with the Blue and Gold winning up on top at the half, 35-32.

Frank D'Angelo and Dom Klein had been pouring the points in for Belleville while their efforts were being matched by Roger Fardin and Mike Novack. Klein had 13 points and D'Angelo had notched 12.

Nick Cetrulo, Belleville center, opened the second half with a driving shot which shot the Belleville forces into a five point lead. Then Clifton took over. They scored 15 straight points to rack up a ten point lead during the next five minutes. The closest the Bellboys could get was five points. But for all intents the game was gone.

The Blue and Gold cagers were lucky last Friday. It took them 10 minutes and 20 seconds to score their first basket. Then they slowly overtook the Tornados, doubling nine straight points to gain a 25-25 tie at the half. The Bellboys continued to play bad basketball in the second half. Nevertheless, it seemed as though they were going to win in four or five points. That wasn't the case, though. Four quick points put the Tornados in front by less than four minutes to play.

The lead then changed hands five times before the outcome was decided. Klein's correction of a stray shot gave the Bellboys their final lead, and Cetrulo added a foul shot for safety's sake, giving Belleville a 47-45 victory.

Tonight's game should be a good one. The teams are about even, with the Cowboys having an advantage in experience. If Belleville can play 48 minutes of basketball, not letting up for any length of time, they will notch their fourth win. If they follow the pattern of previous games, they will have less than two pined on them. Belleville is the slight favorite from this viewpoint.

Adult Handicraft Group

The Belleville Recreation Department Adult Handicraft Group which meets at the Recreation House on Wednesday nights from 7:30 until 10:30 will not meet during the Christmas Holidays. However, meetings will begin again on January 9, 1957. The program is scheduled to include wood and wrought iron items, copper enameling and other suggested crafts.

HASSAN GETS SIXTH BAR IN RIFLE CLUB COMPETITION HERE

Awards were given to qualified members of the Belleville Recreation Department Junior Rifle Club this week in the Rifle Range at the Municipal Stadium. The Junior Rifle Club is a member of the National Rifle Association and follows the rules and regulations of the Association.

William Hassan was presented the Sixth Bar, attached to the Sharpshooter Medal to take top honors in the semi-annual presentation.

Harold F. Brand, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation and Rifle Club Director, presented the following boys' certificates, Brassards and medals for the ratings they have earned.

Pro-Marksmen: Douglas Hansen, Walter Orth, Vincent Sorenson, Vic Iannelli and Andrew Prevence. Pro-Marksmen and Marksmen: Robert Patterson, Van Kowitz, Francis Hunkeler, Robert Russo, Edward Strach, Robert LaSala, Robert Babbs and William VanNess.

The Sharpshooter award was earned by Frank J. W. George. A first bar Michael Ross won the first and second bars. The bar awards are for advanced shooting above the Sharpshooter rating.

REC TEEN AGE BOWLING BEGINS

The Recreation Department announced this week that it will commence its Teen Age Coed Bowling season during the week of January 7 at Grace Baptist Church. Registrations for this activity may be made at the high school gym offices.

Bowling for high school age boys and girls appeared in the Recreation Program for the first time last year and met with tremendous success. It was made possible by the generosity of the Grace of the Baptist Church which offers its facilities to the young people.

In addition to the bowling,

Rec Football Little League Holds Award Ceremony

Last Saturday the Recreation Department held its Football Little League Award Ceremony at the Elks Club. A group of well over 300 was in attendance and many parents of the players were with the youngsters.

Acting as Master of Ceremonies was Robert E. Cook, Superintendent of Recreation. William Kintner, who was first director of the Recreation Football Little League was introduced as was Harold F. Brand, who is Assistant Superintendent of Recreation and co-director of the League. Next, Belleville High's athletic director, Herman Wischo, spoke. Wischo was most complimentary about the League, pointing out that the coaching, equipment and principles of it were all of the highest standard and that football coaches from all over the area have been visiting Belleville to observe the League's operation.

High School Varsity Football Coach Edward Berinsky then spoke, dramatically pointing out the need for good scholarship while engaging in athletics. Berinsky said the "C" averages that used to win athletic scholarships in universities have now become "B" and even "A" averages.

Commissioner Elmer S. Hyde spoke briefly praising his participants to the players and his deepest respects to the coaches. The Commissioner said that the entire community owed these men a debt of gratitude for their superb work.

Following the talks the Commissioner presented the sponsors trophies to representatives of an organization who had sponsored the winning teams. Federal Industries was represented by Paul Hocketohl, the Varsity Club by Fred McQuiken and the Kiwanis Club by Judge Edward Abramson.

Either game could have gone either way throughout and League Directors Robert E. Cook and Harold F. Brand agreed that all four teams appearing in the All-Star Games were a credit to themselves, their families and their coaches.

Coaches for the Kiwanis - Lions team for the All-Star game were Jack Byrnes, Ed Hollweg, Dawson Bloom and Jim Bloom. The varsity - Elks group was coached by Frank Donnelly, Vincent Sorenson and Teddy DelGrosso. The Federal Industries - Jolly Cleaners coaches were Walter Smith, Ron Bergamini and Peter Latore. And coaching the Bears - Tigers team were Ed Ken, Joe Kovacs and Joe Serrella.

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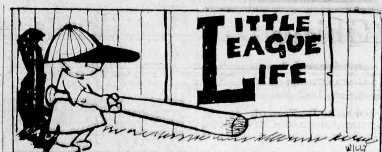
The heavyweights, represented by a Federal Industries - Jolly Cleaners team and a Bears - Tigers team, put on another exhibition of skillful football that would have warmed the heart of any varsity coach. Several touchdowns occurred but failed to materialize. Just as it was beginning to look like a 0-0 tie game, a beautiful 20 yard pass connected for the Federal - Jollys, and converted into a touchdown by virtue of some good downfield blocking and a tremendous flash of speed from the ball carrier. Riding high on the enthusiasm of having scored the TD the Federal - Jollys were successful in plunging for the extra point.

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by Harold Brandman, Bob Katz and Bill Hensinger

Six years ago when Belleville Little League was organized there arose a question. Since the League could absorb only 120 boys, what was to happen to the rest? This problem was solved by the Recreation Department by the introduction of a Farm League. In the beginning there was little organization due to the lack of help and there was little chance for a boy to work his way up from the Farm League to the Little League. As a result that first year there was little enthusiasm and attendance at practice. However, under the capable leadership of Ralph Baker and the professional guidance of Bob Cook and his able staff, the Farm League has grown from the original six teams to its present number of sixteen. In addition, the Recreation Department has furnished the boys with T-shirts, hats, equipment and a place to play. The success of this program is attributable not only to the individuals mentioned above, but to the many volunteers who have given their time to help in the coaching activities that are necessarily associated with an activity of this type. To each of these men, our town, its Recreation Department and all of the little boys who have benefited by this association are deeply grateful.

This year an attempt will be made to organize the Farm Leagues under a system similar to the little league baseball. It is hoped that each Little League team can have its affiliate, two Farm League groups from which the Little League Executive Board, its members, the Managers, and Managerial players join the Farm League and its entire organization, with the Recreation Department, in extending their wishes for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of the citizens in the town of Belleville. We are most grateful for the support that they have given our activity in the past year.

Our column last week extended an invitation to anyone who might be interested in getting into this activity. We have had no response. It is surprising, for anyone who has ever been associated with young people knows full well the satisfaction that can be had in passing on your knowledge and making it possible for someone else to benefit by the experiences that you have had. This is a feeling of satisfaction that can be attained in no other way, so come along and join the Farm Leagues, the Little League and how these two organizations will become closely associated.

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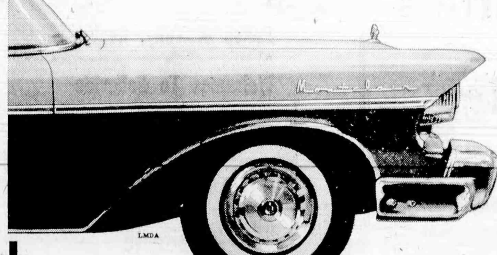
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Obituaries

BRUMBACH, Harry F. 100 Little Street, Died Dec. 18. Age 66.
DOLLARD, William J. 222 Fairway Avenue, Died Dec. 13. Age 64.
NATALE, Pasquale, Sr. 156 Joralemon Street, Died Dec. 18. Age 67.
SESSA, Anthony C. 54 Eugene Place, Died Dec. 12. Age 77.

HARRY BRUMBACH, ACTIVE IN TOWN, SUCCUMBS AT 66

Funeral services for Harry F. Brumbach, of 100 Little Street, were held yesterday at Wesley Methodist Church with Rev. Clifford Hewitt officiating. Services by Belleville Lodge of the Craftsmen's Club and Aerie 1587, of Masonic Temple followed. Burial was in East Ridgewood Cemetery, in Clifton.

Mr. Brumbach died of a brain hemorrhage on Tuesday while visiting the home of his son, Dr. William K. Brumbach, of Gaffney, S. C. He retired general plant superintendent for C. F. Mueller Company of Jersey City, was 66.

Mr. Brumbach retired in June 1955, from the Mueller firm after 35 years' service with the space-heating manufacturing firm. Born in Sunbury, Pa., he was graduated from high school there, where he was a star football player and captain of the team and also won the state high school pole vaulting championship. He later attended the former Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., now known as Lycoming College, where he also was captain of the football team and a track star. He lived in Newark for two years before coming to Belleville in 1920.

Held Masonic Posts
Mr. Brumbach was a member of Belleville Lodge No. 108, F.A.M., the Craftsmen's Club, and served three terms as patron of Aerie Chapter No. 73, O.E.S., and one term from 1954-55 as most worthy grand patron of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey of the Eastern Star.

He began his scouting activities in 1911, including serving as commissioner of Robert Terry Council of the Boy Scouts. He was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest scouting award given.

He was one of the initial members of Belleville Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Brumbach also had been active in work at Wesley Methodist Church, and only recently

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LOCAL STUDENT GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Robert J. Scott, of 166 Tappan Avenue, has been awarded a Foundation Educational Foundation scholarship at Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy.

Scott is a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He is a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He is a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

FEWSMITH MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost	Average
Butlers	28	11	837
Hilltoppers	25	14	828
Soilers	24 1/2	14 1/2	837
Oldtimers	20	19	831
Cubs	17	22	820
Aces	18 1/2	24 1/2	808
Farmers	14	25	820
Muffins	13	26	815
200 for week of December 10	Laguna	207	8 Taylor
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High Average			
Herman	170-32	R. Taylor	170-27

Special Rec Activities During Christmas Week

Special considerations have been made by the Recreation Department to provide activities during the Christmas vacations. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings there will be a series of bicycling races at the Municipal Stadium starting at 9:30 a.m., and in the afternoon there will be a series of weightlifting contests. Spectators will be welcome.

resigned as president of its tennis and basketball. He was a licensed lay preacher in the Methodist church.

Pioneer for PTA
Many years ago Mr. Brumbach served as one of the original group of Belleville residents who were instrumental in bringing the PTA movement to Belleville. Mr. Brumbach served as Belleville chairman for the Heart A.S.N. fund drive last February. Surviving also are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Keefe Brumbach, two other sons, Harvey of Whippany, and Dr. Harry F. Jr., of Detroit; three brothers, James of Jersey City, Bruce of White Haven, Pa., and William of Milton, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Cora Roughner of Sunbury, Pa., and 11 grandchildren.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PEOPLES BANK

Employees of the Peoples National Bank & Trust Company had their annual Christmas party at the Moresque Restaurant in West Orange last Friday. Some forty-five employees and officers were in attendance and a good time was had by all.

On this occasion, gift watches were presented to Luther E. Van Pelt, Cashier, and Frank J. Bolen, Assistant Cashier, in recognition of twenty years of loyal service to the bank. Presentations were made by Executive Vice President Albert P. Luscombe in the absence of President R. Thomas Aitken, who was unable to attend because of illness.

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Jane Corino To Wed Next Fall

Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Corino, of 32 King Street, announced the engagement of their daughter, Jane to Pfc. Leonard Giannelli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giannetti, of 201 Garden Avenue, at a family gathering at the prospective bride's home on December 16.

Both Miss Corino and Mr. Giannelli are graduates of Belleville High School. The bride-elect is employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Her fiancé is with the U. S. Army, stationed in San Francisco, California.

The couple plan a fall wedding.

Turer Tells Progress Of Scout Troop 389

Jack Turer, scout master of Troop 389 which meets at Congregation Ahavath Achim at 337 Washington Avenue, has announced advancements for the past three months:

Tenderfoot, Steven Ziman, John Suckey, Aaron Dulberger and Dennis Sorlagren. Second Class, Howard Ellis, Larry Friedman, Stuart Gross and Mark Rubin. First Class, Alan Lemberger, Star, Teddy Mamunes, 10, and Richard Turer, 12.

Turer also announced that the group is looking for an assistant scout master, as well as new recruits. Any interested persons can contact him at 221 Branch Brook Drive.

Barbara Russ, Richard Zipf Announce Troth



Miss Barbara A. Russ, of 41 Little Street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Ann to Airman Richard J. Zipf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zipf, of 204 Fairway Avenue. Both are graduates of Belleville High School. Miss Russ is employed by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company. Her fiancé is serving with the U. S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier U. S. S. Tarawa.

No date has been set for the wedding.

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FLORENCE R. MOREY
Town Clerk

Rodino Sees Spain As Vital NATO Defense Base

Writing To Times From Madrid
Congressman Approves Scope
Of Navy, Air Work

By Rep. Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
(Special To The Times-News)

MADRID, Spain, Sunday—Spain and Portugal are living proof that hardships and difficulties of life which are almost primitive in contrast with our own comfort and plenty do not breed Communism.

Both Iberian countries are physically impoverished, lacking in water and the natural wealth of the soil which is vital to the well-being of a people. Yet they are among the most staunch of all the anti-Communist countries of Europe.

General Francisco Franco was the first of our present-day leaders to see the value of Spain against Communism, having had to face and defeating the International Brigades which Communist Russia sent into action alongside the Spanish Republican forces in the Civil War of 1936-1938.

On my official voyage of inquiry for the Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on trusts, of which I am a member in Congress, I found no trace in either Portugal or Spain of a lack of oil or of any other impact of the Suez Canal problem, even though they lie only the length of the Mediterranean apart.

Spain, particularly, has reason to remember the Moors and the Arabs and you can see it on every side in the Moorish architecture of many of the centuries old palaces and churches. It was the Arabs who routed the Moors and Berbers and freed Europe of Arab domination and penetration. The Mohammedan conquest dates back to the 8th Century when Spain became a Byzantine possession, conquered by the Moors and occupied by a motley collection of Berbers, Syrians and Arabs, the latter, according to Spanish history, being incurably anarchistic.

That invasion was followed by four centuries of Arab domination although a piecemeal Christian reconquest began in the 11th Century. It was a happy coincidence that the last of the Arabs and Moors under the last Emir of Granada were driven back to Africa in 1492 at the same time that Columbus was discovering a whole new world to open a glorious era of exploration and colonization for the Kings of Castile and Aragon who followed.

As any Spanish schoolboy can tell you, Spain knows the Arabs from sorry experience. The Mohammedan conquest dates back to the 8th Century when Spain became a Byzantine possession, conquered by the Moors and occupied by a motley collection of Berbers, Syrians and Arabs, the latter, according to Spanish history, being incurably anarchistic.

We negotiated a treaty with General Franco which gives us the right to develop, for our own

use as a NATO ally, Spain's ports and airfields. We, also, are permitted to lay pipelines for fuel and to lay our own rails wherever we require railroads.

Our U. S. Air Force and Navy have already done a tremendous job, under this treaty. I inspected the new installations, ports, airfields and pipelines and I was really very much impressed.

There is no doubt that all this construction has added much to Spain's economy, but there is such a long way to go to bring up the standard of living here to what we Americans would consider the bare essentials.

The Franco government does have quite an interest in the living conditions of the people and there are government-sponsored low-cost housing projects. Though not up to American standards, they are of good quality and picturesque.

The same is true, I found, in Portugal and in Lisbon I visited a whole new section of Lisbon where I found new housing, new business areas throughout. It was truly quite impressive.

Generally, however, Spain is not well off at all. Conditions

outside of Madrid and the other big cities are terrible, sometimes almost unbearable. There are, however, signs of real progress and one can see new construction on all sides.

American and European industry is moving in slowly but the terrible lack of water, not only for humans but, for industry, will make industrial development hazardous. Spain has dire need of a vast national plan of water development and immigration.

The Spaniards, like the Portuguese, are ardently Catholic, deeply religious, in the majority. They have learned the hard way, to live on next to nothing. They are courteous and gracious, but keep to themselves. They are a hard-working lot.

In both countries, I found that there is an almost total lack of middle-classes. There are some very rich, a few, and there are the very poor, many.

There is no class in between, to speak of. Among those with whom I spoke, I learned that all of the Spanish people dream of a day when they can go to the United States—a land of opportunity

Finds Spaniards Ardently Anti-Communist But Country Sorely Needs Help

to them. Our immigration quotas, alas, for these two countries, are negligible. I told them frankly that I am afraid only a very few will ever realize that dream.

We leave here today for Rome, flying across the Mediterranean, to continue the committee's inquiry.

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ROY HUNT JOINS ESSO RESEARCH

Roy E. Hunt, of Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Hunt, of 402 Greylock Parkway, has joined the staff of the Esso Research and Engineering Company's construction engineering division in Linden.

A graduate of Upsala College and Columbia University, he is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the National Fraternity of Earth Scientists.

Hunt served with the U.S. Army in this country and Japan. Prior to joining Esso Research, he was associated with Greer Engineering Associates of Montclair.

DONALD J. DACEY IN NEW POSITION

Donald J. Dacey, of 180 Union Avenue, has been assigned as an assistant controller in the Civil Aeronautics Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

He was one of a class of 224 trainees that completed an eight-week course in air traffic control at the CAA Aeronautical Center at Oklahoma City, where graduation exercises were held November 30.

The class was the largest in history to graduate from Center. It is planned that 1400 will receive air traffic control training at the Center by next June 30. These will constitute a part of the total required new personnel to man the nation's expanding

air traffic control system. As assistant controllers at CAA traffic control facilities, the newly trained personnel will be given further on-the-job training to eventually qualify them as full fledged controllers at salaries of \$6,390 per year and make them eligible for higher salaries up to \$8,990 as watch supervisors and facility chiefs. The expanded CAA training program is in line with the CAA program to blanket the nation with long range radar



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WE honor the Nativity this Christmas, let us all give more thought to the spiritual meaning of this great day—remembering that through Christ, God revealed to us the lasting truths of Christian faith. **A**gain let us dedicate our lives to the service of our Heavenly Father. As we pray, let us give thanks to Him for our priceless heritage to worship and live as free people. **L**et us remember to pray for those who bear the burden of tyranny, and for those who are ill and depressed, that they may soon be blessed with lighter hearts. **L**et us pray for His guidance of our chosen leaders, that they may work wisely and unceasingly for amity among nations. **L**et us, with thankful hearts, spread the age-old message of the Christmas angel, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace to Men of Good Will." **A A A A**

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Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem

Oh, little town of Bethlehem!
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gather'd all above,
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondrous love,
Oh morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

Bishop Phillips Brooks (1868)

Keep Christmas Safe And Sane

The New Jersey State Safety Council estimates that 14 lives will be lost in traffic accidents on New Jersey's streets and high-

ways during the forthcoming Christmas holiday week. More than 800 persons are expected to suffer various degrees of injuries during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The estimates are based on the records of past years and are not intended to show the number of persons who will be killed, but rather the number who may be killed if drivers and pedestrians behave as they have in the past.

The Council cites driving after drinking, speed and fatigue during periods of darkness as the major causes that are expected to account for the toll of deaths and injuries. The council reminds walkers that they also have responsibilities in traffic. It is up to them, the Council points out, to be doubly cautious when making street crossings and to see that no heedless act of theirs precipitates an accident in which others are injured or killed.

Within your own home, that the day may not be saddened, take every precaution around your tree and all the tinsel decorations. Never leave your tree lights on when you leave the room. When your tree sheds its needles, shed yourself of the tree. It is a potential firebrand. R.E.H.

LETTERS
To The Editor

"The Public And I . . ."

To The Editor, The Times-News:
Unless newspapers serve, impartially, the general welfare and public interest they should not exist, especially when one of their flaws could be deliberate betrayal of basic newspaper ideals.

A free press is to the United States an everlasting monument. We, Belleville, could benefit from more such "architecture" than appears to presently prevail.

How about it Mr. Heinzen, what is your explanation for "freezing-out" a good news source that you previously worked to good advantage? The comment could be interesting. The public and I would like to know that is the whole, unadorned truth. Are you being fair to the people of Belleville? Is there any suppression of news? Do you permit your publication to serve partisan political interests, if so, why?

You, editorially, tacitly endorsed my candidacy in the last local municipal election. Now my very name's appearance in your paper is anathema. I haven't changed, nor my established governmental policy of righteousness. How do you justify the present questionable policy of The Belleville Times-News regarding its

unfair treatment?
James R. Golden.
P.S. If you haven't the "tonic" to answer these questions publicly, maybe you'll have the courtesy of explain (sic) them to me personally.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Golden, last Summer, threatened to sue The Belleville Times-News over an article published. Once burned, twice careful.
The Times-News considers threats to be a cheap form of coercion and a flagrant example of attempted censorship by intimidation. There is nothing fair in such methods.
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One Man's Opinion

The Onus Is Upon Us To Talk Nasser Into Clearing Suez Canal of Sunken Ships, But Anglo-French Invasion Was Confused Error

By Ralph Eric Heinzen

If President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt gets off his high horse anytime soon and agrees to end the existing deadlock over clearing the Suez canal of its sixty or more sunken ships, to allow traffic through the canal and end the oil drought of Western Europe, you can credit what the Eisenhower-Dulles team, in Washington, chooses to call "moral force," a long-overlooked slogan but the newest element in United States' foreign policy.

France and Britain cannot and the United Nations has tried and has failed to get Nasser to consent to allow anyone to clear the waterway of the sunken ships which block it. Taking advantage of its first favorable prestige in Egypt in many years, the United States may succeed where the others have failed. Plenty of salvage material is already at hand and extensive surveys have been made of every obstruction.

Only Colonel Nasser's consent is needed for work to start, but it is apparent that he is decided to make the West suffer for their attack on Egypt by depriving them of oil as long as we and the UN will allow him to do so.

In a way, the onus is upon us. Rightly or wrongly, France and Britain tried to solve the Suez problem by force. The United States was instrumental in getting the UN to veto the Anglo-French military action and in compelling them to pull out their troops even before the canal salvage issue had been settled.

In this "One Man's Opinion," that makes it imperative that the United States put pressure on Cairo and keep it on until Nasser consents to allow someone to clear the canal or does it himself. Our only alternative is a palliative — we must continue to ship oil to Europe and lend France and England all the dollars they need to pay for it. Out of whose pocket, does that dollar aid for "oil for Britain" come, do you suppose?

Mistakes At Suez
An assessment of the six-day war over the Suez canal shows, however, that France and England made all of the mistakes in the book. In many ways it reminds me of the errors both made in May, 1940, when Hitler smashed the thin lines in the West. When I was the United Press war correspondent with French armies and had a front row seat from which to watch the mistakes develop.

There were errors of military strategy and of diplomatic and political preparation, of air attack strategy and of military landings in the Suez affair. In fact, there was hardly a phase of the whole six-day operation that can be called correct or a success. It must go down in history as one of the worst battles ever fought, a "war" that was doomed to defeat before the first parachute unfolded.

Comparable 1940 Errors
For a comparison of costly errors, I can only go back to the morning of May 10, 1940, when Hitler smashed at the French lines on the Meuse near Sedan. Von Reichenau's armored divisions.

Error No. 1: France sent out North African horse-mounted cavalry to engage the Nazi tanks in combat, in a delaying action, on the German side of the Meuse river.

Error No. 2: Although Von Reichenau hit at the hinge between the fortresses of the Maginot Line and the trenches of the water-logged lowlands, the French command knew that was the point to defend. The French General Staff ordered its Plan Z enacted. That sent General Henry Giraud's Army of the North striking like a gate across Belgium into Holland. It was, of course, cut off and taken prisoner. Giraud, himself, was caught by the Nazis hiding out in a tank.

Error No. 3: The British had only two divisions on the West front alongside France's 47, but without consulting General Maurice Gamelin, the Allied Generalissimo, or informing the French General Staff, or even telling the commanders of the French divisions on either side of them, the B.E.F. troops, by general orders, abandoned their trenches, gave up their sector, leaving it wide open to the Germans and headed for Dunkirk and home. The Nazis poured through the hole and turned the French flanks.

In the six days of the Suez canal operation, there were many similar military errors. It is possible now, in the light of full despatch reports and the hostilities to see that most of the roles in the book again were broken. The vital military principle of the objective became obscured. At least two intelligence appraisals proved erroneous.

Ignored World Opinion
And at the very time when, despite these mistakes, the operation was the verge of limited success it was halted in mid-course by factors that had been insufficiently weighed: political pressure and world public opinion.

Planning for the Egyptian operation started soon after the Universal Suez Canal Company was nationalized by Nasser. The physical objective should

Force was overestimated.

The magic word MIG seems to have influenced British — French thinking. The Egyptians had Soviet-built MIG-15 swept-wing jet fighters and IL-28 jet bombers.

No airborne operations or amphibious landings were possible without prohibitive casualties if the enemy had jet aircraft, it was thought. So relatively long preparatory bombing was thought necessary.

In the meantime, the objective had become "fuzzed up." The objective of overthrowing Nasser, if possible by selective bombing and psychological warfare, with minimal casualties, clashed with the purely military objective of seizing the Suez Canal with as little damage as possible.

Then Eden added still a third objective: to separate the Israeli and Egyptian forces and push them back ten miles on either side of the canal. Both had accepted a cease-fire.

The multiple political, psychological and military objectives became inextricably confused and the result was no clear-cut purpose or at least, no objective

that military force could achieve, given the limitations imposed on it.

Could Have Seized Canal

The plan actually carried out could have led to seizure of the canal. But a long four-and-a-half day preparatory bombing before the first landing gave the Egyptians plenty of time to sink ships and block the Suez Canal, which is Britain's economic lifeline.

On the other hand, preparatory bombing did not lead to Nasser's overthrow; on the contrary, it seemed to consolidate his position at least temporarily. He was made a hero and martyr in the eyes of the Arabs and much of the world.

One of the amazing facts about the Egyptian operation is that London and Paris seemed to weigh the economic factors so lightly.

They apparently forgot that the Arabs could hurt Britain and France economically more than Britain and France could hurt the Arabs. The Arab economy can revert to dates and camels; Western Europe cannot. It needs oil and is helpless without it.

Actually, the real objectives of the British and French to secure the Suez Canal intact and to overthrow Nasser were subordinated to the ostensible objective of obtaining a cease-fire between the Israelis and Egyptians.

The British and French were hurt by their own petard, when the cease-fire was accepted. They had to stop far short of their real objectives.

If a surprise attack had been launched without any preliminary bombardment against Port Said and Suez, with parachute troops dropped at Ismailia, the entire canal probably would have been in British-French hands without serious blockage.

The careful and indispensable weighing of the political, economic, psychological and military factors was lacking in the Egyptian operation. The British and French lost sight of the basic military principle of the objective.

As a result the British and French, and the West in general, are suffering the consequences. It is up to the United States to correct the mistakes.

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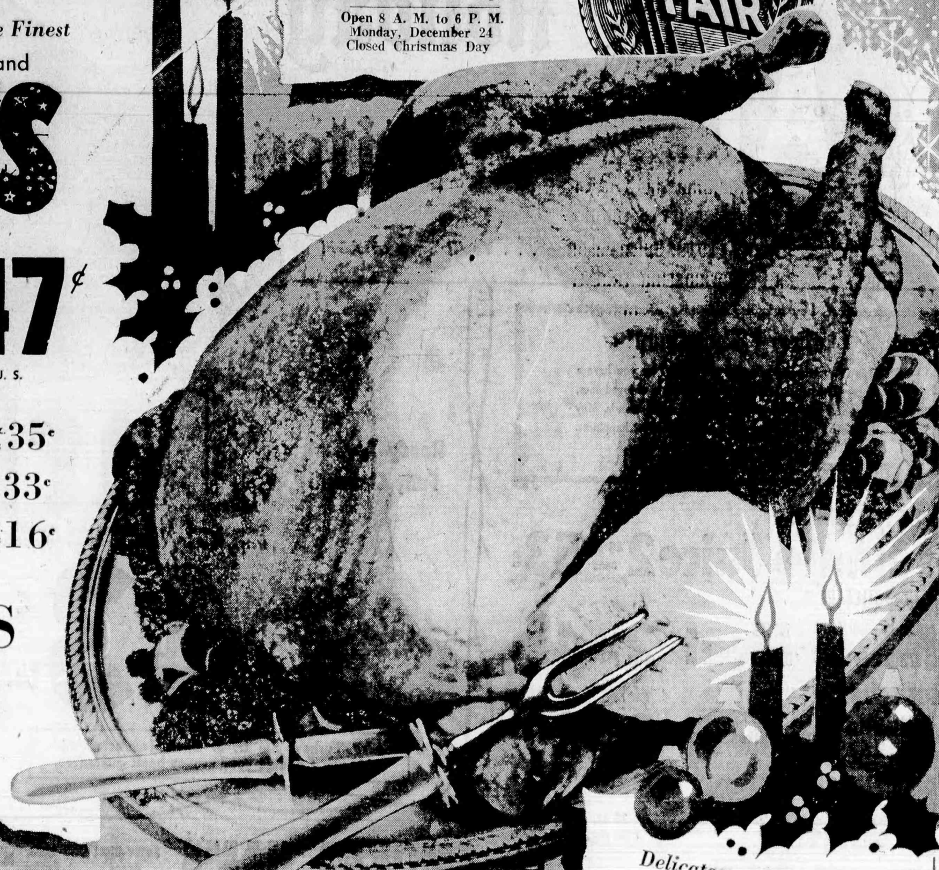
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