

CONTEST IS FILED ON COUNTY LIQUOR ELECTION

Santa Claus Will Be Carrying Heaviest Gift-Load In Recent Years

By WILLIAM T. RIVES
Associated Press Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if dear Old Saint Nicholas calls for help when he digs into the world's Christmas gifts tonight and shoulders his package for Texas.

The jolly gentleman's broad back will be strained by the heaviest bundle in recent state history.

Christmas trade sales, despite unpleasant weather through much of the shopping period, generally were far above last year's totals in the larger cities and in many cases approached records set in the golden pre-depression era of the late 20's.

In at least one city—Dallas—it

was indicated that an all-time record was set.

Records for individual day sales were broken in several cities.

Reasons cited for the jump included the generally improved business trend of the past year; bonus payments by large concerns; huge cotton and other crops; population increases; good livestock markets; increased employment; and the federal government's largesse.

Many points reported purchasers picked costlier gifts of durability and fine quality and passed the "token" gift counters which were rushed during depression years.

Although definite figures were lacking, informed sources indicated Dallas had the biggest Christmas shopping period in its history. Leading stores reported sales were 15 per cent above those of last year, which approached the peak year of 1928.

Postoffice receipts broke records. Delivery trucks operated far into the night and still were behind. Store crews worked throughout each night preparing for the next day's rush.

In Houston, the state's largest city, the clang of the cash register continued almost as merrily. Merchants reported one of their best years since 1929. Bonus payments by many firms contributed

heavily to the sales.

The Retail Merchant's association and representative businessmen of Fort Worth reported the best holiday business in years during the last four trading days. Saturday was the best business day in the city's history, they said.

Galveston's shopping was the best since 1929 and an increase of more than 10 per cent over last year's. Heavier shipping and building activity were credited by the merchants' association.

A record-breaking cash income of farmers in the Brownsville area pushed the gain over 1936 to 20 to 30 per cent.

A still more startling advance

was in Lubbock, where the general growth of the South Plains area reflected in a chamber of commerce announcement that business was 40 to 50 per cent above that of 1936.

A population increase was credited for Corpus Christi's rise of 10 to 15 per cent; Wichita Falls reported the best business in from three to eight years, with some establishments reporting records were broken; Beaumont, enjoying its most prosperous season since 1929, had individual store increases ranging from 10 to 35 per cent, and the San Antonio chamber of commerce estimated that city's ad-

vance at from 5 to 10 per cent.

Rainy days at Corsicana held down sales but despite that handicap last year's totals were equalled; San Angelo stores reported a hike of about 16 per cent over 1936 and postoffice records were broken there; Pampa reported a 30 per cent gain.

Other reports: Fort Arthur—best business since 1929. Facts—all businesses well ahead of last year; Austin—3 to 4 per cent higher; Texarkana—equal to last year, one of the city's best years; Waco—equal to 1936 despite ten days of rain, and Tyler, Vernon and Denison—marked increase

5 OBJECTIONS ARE CITED IN PETITION ON FILE HERE

Court Asked To Have Rescinded The Order Prohibiting Liquor Sales; Commissioners Court Is Named

Howard county's Dec. 10th liquor election stood contested Friday in a petition filed in 70th district court.

The petition filed by Frank George and others set out five principal objections to the election and asked that the Howard county commissioners court be cited to answer the allegations and be required to rescind their order prohibiting sale of liquors in the county.

Contest of the election hinged largely upon the ordering of an election by the court, cancellation of the order upon request of the dry forces, and subsequent reordering of the election for submission Dec. 10.

Other Allegations

It was also alleged that the election order was improperly drawn, that election judges duly appointed by the court Feb. 8, 1937, did not give an "off" notice, that the Columbia box was "null and void as required by law," that absentee ballots were not furnished according to law and many were deprived of voting, that dry supporters stationed themselves within the prohibited bounds to distribute pamphlets and to mark dry votes, and that "irregularities prevailed in such a manner that the real result of the election could not be determined."

The petition was filed by M. E. Lawrence, E. S. Galt, and W. M. Taylor, Big Spring, attorneys for the contestants. Signing the notice for contest were Frank George, Ben E. Stout, W. Scott Cook, Tom Rouse, Floyd Borden, and Harry H. Hall. The petition named County Judge Charles Sullivan and the four commissioners, H. H. Kutherford, A. W. Thompson, Ed Carpenter and J. E. Lewis as contestants.

Two Election Calls

Contestants represented that on or about the 12th day of November, W. S. Galt, presented a petition to the commissioners court asking that an election be called to determine whether or not sale of all liquors should be prohibited in the county. The court, it was alleged, called such an election in response to the order, and then on Nov. 29 yielded to a request from Rev. W. S. Galt and 11 others and declared the first order for August and then issued a second order of election for Dec. 10 when the issue should be on all alcoholic beverages.

It was argued by the contestants that the original order (Nov. 12) was the only valid one and that the election, which was held on Dec. 10, was held more than 20 days after the ordering of the election.

Parcel Post Window To Be Open Tonight

"As an added service to patrons the parcel post window at the post office will be kept open until 9 p. m. Friday, Postmaster Nat Shack said."

Packages may be called for or mailed at the window until closing time, he said.

Although the office will be closed all day Saturday, Christmas packages received here Christmas morning will be delivered to residences, according to the postmaster.

Over Billion In Gold Fund

Is Potent Credit Weapon After Year Of Operation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The treasury's inactive gold fund reached its first anniversary today, with \$1,232,000,000 on the books.

Starting with \$14,835,000 on Dec. 24, 1936, the fund has grown into one of the most potent credit weapons in the nation.

Almost instantly, if it chooses the treasury could turn this gold into cash. It could use the money to cut a big slice off of the federal deficit or to finance government expenditures.

Secretary Morgenthau has indicated neither of these projects is contemplated, but that the original idea of selling the gold back to the foreigners from whom it was bought will be followed.

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Japan Promises To Make Amends For Gunboat Attack

'Definite And Specific' Steps Taken Against Recurrence, Note Asserts

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Japanese government today delivered to the United States ambassador a note pledging amends for the sinking of the United States gunboat Panay and asserting that "definite and specific steps" to prevent a recurrence had been taken.

The note, while holding that the sinking of the Panay was "entirely due to a mistake," nevertheless said:

"The Japanese navy has issued without delay strict orders 'to exercise the greatest caution in every area where ships and other vessels of America or any other third power are present, in order to avoid a recurrence of a similar mistake, even at the sacrifice of strategic advantage in attacking Chinese troops.'"

"Furthermore, rigid orders have been issued to the military, naval and foreign office authorities 'to pay, in the light of the present unfavorable incident, greater attention than hitherto to observation of instructions that have been repeatedly given against infringement of unwarranted interference with rights or interests of the United States and other third powers.'"

Note To Ambassador

The note was handed to United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew by Foreign Minister Koki Hirota. It set forth that "the Japanese

government is studying carefully every possible means of achieving more effectively the above stated aims x x x 'Although the attack on the Panay and three Standard Oil vessels x x x was 'due to a mistake,' the commander of the flying force which did the bombing 'was immediately removed from his post and recalled on the grounds of

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Gaiety At The White House

President To Give Holiday Greetings By Radio Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—A four-generation reunion of the Roosevelt family filled the White House with Christmas gaiety today.

The presidents preparing to send holiday greetings throughout the nation by radio late this afternoon, was son, father and grandfather by turn as holiday house guests arrived.

There was some confusion about filling the president's Christmas stockings. Mrs. Roosevelt, who usually is Santa Claus in this, was helping make the holiday brighter for their daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, just out of a hospital in Seattle, Wash.

There were many Roosevelts on hand here, however. The group included the president's 84-year-old mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt; his half-sister-in-law, Mrs. J. R. Roosevelt of New York; two sons, John, just home from Harvard, and James, who is a White House secretary, with the latter's wife Betty; and two grandchildren, Sara, 5, and Kate, 22 months old, children of James and Betty.

Others were expected, possibly in time for the annual Christmas tree-lighting service on Lafayette Square (at 4 p. m., CST). The president's greetings were to be broadcast to the country over the NBC, Columbia and Mutual networks about 4:10 p. m., C. S. T.

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MAIL RUSH SWAMPS POSTOFFICE WORKERS



Confronted by an avalanche of Christmas packages, these clerks in Chicago's main postoffice work steadily on, doing their part in distributing millions of parcels during the holiday rush. As fast as the packages are handled—or perhaps a bit faster—bundles slide down this ramp from a chute above.

Ford To Fight Labor Ruling

Ordered To Reinstate Employees, Omit Union Warfare

DETROIT, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Ford Motor company, described by the national labor relations board as a violator of the Wagner act which displayed "unconcealed hostility" toward unionization, prepared today to fight the board's decision in the United States court of appeals.

The company said immediately after the board's findings were announced late yesterday that the decision was "wrong and unjust" and "based on prejudices."

Announcement of the appeal was in line with the general understanding in Detroit that the Ford company eventually would go to the supreme court of the United States, if necessary, to defend its views on management and labor.

Main points in the board's findings, based on a lengthy hearing held in Detroit last summer:

The company must reinstate 29 employees the NLRB said were fired for union activity.

It must cease discouraging membership in the United Automobile Workers of America or any other "bona fide" union.

It must stop fostering "dummy" labor organizations such as the Ford Brotherhood of America; and

It must desist in its efforts to interfere with "the rights of self-organization" of labor through threatening, assaulting, coercing, beating or otherwise intimidating by force, propaganda, criticism or disparagement, this part of the order to include a ban on the use of vigilante or other similar groups such as the Ford service department insofar as the latter is employed in restraining union activity.

FOUR DEATHS IN QUAKE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—Four deaths were attributed today to a series of earthquakes that left widespread minor damage to buildings and streets.

Dispatches from a dozen southern states told of panic minor damage and several cases of personal injury.

U.S. Tightens Down Against Espionage

Jap Fishing Boat, Orient-Bound Letters Seized

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (AP)—The navy tightened its guard over the Pacific coast from Washington to California today as seizure of Orient-bound letters and a Japanese fishing boat by United States customs agents hinted at a wide spread anti-espionage drive.

Destroyers continued patrol off San Diego and San Pedro, fleet bases, while Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco was lined with extra guards.

Reports of a raid yesterday on the Japanese liner Tatsu Maru by customs agents just before sailing time at San Francisco were published today and given official confirmation by United States Attorney Frank J. Hennessy.

The agents garnered a stack of letters supposedly suspected with espionage and activity at the Bremerton navy yard on Puget Sound.

Hennessy said he did not know the letters' contents. The San Francisco Chronicle asserted customs agents and postal inspectors had redoubled vigilance in recent weeks in an effort to intercept suspicious mail addressed to Far Eastern destinations.

Seizure at Los Angeles harbor of a 100-foot tuna clipper, Nancy Hanks, registered to an American-born Japanese, was followed by an announcement from federal officials that another, and possibly five more boats suspected of Japanese ownership, would be detained.

They alleged the Nancy Hanks, Japanese subject, although flying the American flag and engaging in port duty free for more than five years.

A libel-in-admiralty action, filed

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KARL CROWLEY AN 'IF' CANDIDATE

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—With two provisions, Karl Crowley of Fort Worth has announced his candidacy for governor of Texas next year.

He said here he would be a candidate if Gov. James V. Allred does not seek a third term or Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, former governor, does not run.

Crowley, solicitor for the postoffice department, is on a two weeks' vacation in the southwest.

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CHRISTMAS NOTES

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24 (AP)—The chimney that Santa Claus slides down tonight for Mrs. Harry Brickett will be surrounded by a \$12,000 house, a gift for the mother of four widowed by an automobile accident.

And it will be a gift from a woman she doesn't know, the mother of the youth who drove the car that killed Mrs. Brickett's husband and daughter.

M. Barney Cohen, counsel for Mrs. J. D. Bair of suburban Dormont, announced he was preparing to deed over the house at the request of his client.

Mrs. Bair's 20-year-old son, George, drove a friend's car along a suburban highway last January 17. A fire blew out, the machine swerved and struck Brickett and his 17-year-old daughter, Rita. They died instantly.

Last month a jury acquitted young Bair of a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24 (AP)—For want of a better, an infant found on a doorstep in a Christmas shopping bag was given the name today of Margaret Brown.

A milkman discovered the baby, only a few days old, snugly wrapped inside a paper shopping bag decorated with a Santa Claus picture and the legend: "Holiday greetings." Nurses who kept a 24-hour vigil to watch for signs of pneumonia selected the name.

Tonight's the night of the big Christmas party for the young and messenger boys of the city, the annual holiday event for the youngsters staged by Bob Taylor, popular oil man. The affair will be held at the Crawford hotel. There will be a Christmas tree, and in addition to fruit and nuts for all, each boy will receive a gift.

All boys are instructed to meet at The Herald office at 7:30. Newton Robinson of The Herald will be in charge, escorting them to the party. The event is for all newspaper carriers and salesboys in the city, and all telegraph messenger boys.

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—New England's "Santa Claus of the air" swung his big aerial sled northward today to drop Christmas packages to his winter-locked friends, lighthouse keepers from West Quoddy Head to New York City.

His plane stocked with well-wrapped packages, the "Flying Santa," Captain William H. Winecup, re-enacted for the ninth time a goodwill mission which he began while operating a seaplane base in Rockland, Me. His route has grown so large that he is devoting today and tomorrow to the pleasant task.

And Christmas Eve over the world as reported by The Associated Press:

VATICAN CITY—Pope Pius, in reply today to Cardinals' Christmas greetings, deplored religious persecution in Germany and defended the church against accusations of "playing politics."

The ceremonies in Consistorial Hall were attended by 29 Cardinals. Christmas greetings to the Pope were read by Cardinal Pignatelli Di Belmonte.

MOSCOW—Officials of the Soviet Union, where Christmas has been outlawed for 20 years, saw a reminder of Christmas eve on the Red Square itself.

A tall, electrically lighted Christmas tree in the courtyard of the American embassy was framed by an archway across from the Kremlin home of Russia's political great.

METZ, France—Four German spies held in France and four French spies in Germany were liberated in a Christmas exchange of prisoners.

LONDON—Butchers sped delivery of hams' heads for traditional Christmas dinners. Weather experts doused hopes of a white Christmas with predictions of fog and rain. Thermometers hovered in the fifties.

LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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Special Music To Be Given At Service Tonight

Program At St. Mary's Episcopal Church Begins At 11:30

A program of special music will be given under direction of C. A. Bulot at the Christmas service at St. Mary's Episcopal church beginning tonight at 11:30 o'clock. This is the annual midnight service of the church.

The rector, Rev. P. Walter Hencell, will be the celebrant at holy communion and will deliver the sermon.

CLIPPER SHIP TO CONTINUE FLIGHT

HONOLULU, Dec. 24 (AP)—A take off from Kingman Reef was planned today by the crew of the Samoan Clipper, en route to Pago Pago, Samoa, on the second leg of an airline linking America with the south seas and Australia.

The 19-ton flying boat, a veteran in pioneering transpacific routes of Pan-American Airways, had a flight of 1,546 miles ahead after a journey of 1,067 miles yesterday from Honolulu to Kingman, south of here.

Miss Frances Jobe Entertains For West Side Class

Miss Frances Jobe was hostess to members of the Senior B.T.U. class of the West Side Baptist church at her home Thursday evening, when a treasure hunt was featured.

Miss Imogene Tate and Clinton Hull won first prize for finding the treasure first and Miss Modena Murphy and Chester Smith took the booby prize.

A number of games were played and each guest received a gift from the tree.

Present were Misses Murphy, Tate, Lahoma Brown, Oleta Ross, Lillian Crews, Virginia Gatliff and Edna Straw, Messrs. Hull, Smith, Bledsoe, O'Brien, Louie, O'Brien, Donald Bell, J. C. Lloyd, Edwin Smith, and Burt Richardson.

Children At Welfare Nursery Receive Gifts From Tree

A crowd estimated at about 75 people were present for the Christmas program at the Welfare Nursery school Thursday evening, sponsored by the Church Federation and Modern Women's Forum.

Many parents were present with their children for the short program that included songs by the group, a song by a nursery worker and a Christmas story by Mrs. V. H. Flewelen. Dr. D. F. McConnell spoke briefly and afterwards Santa arrived to distribute the toys and bags of fruit and candy from the beautifully decorated tree.

Though Royalty Set The Styles, 1937 Was A Year Of Headaches For The Best Of Fashion Designers

By ADELAIDE BERR AP Fashion Editor NEW YORK (AP)—The fashion twelve months of 1937 has been a year of headaches.

Styles have been a knotty problem to those who designed them, tried to sell them or essayed to wear them.

In the first place the coronation influence launched a vogue for "regal splendor"—and turning out "regal splendor" at \$10.75 is no small trick. It kept designers working overtime.

Next came the vogue for the corsetlike waistline with its concave diaphragm inspired by the clothes and figure of the Duchesse of Windsor. These too were difficult to design and make practical for women whose diaphragms, to put it mildly, were not convave.

The fashion marts which live by selling styles were likewise faced with a first class "headache." Reports from the market are that business has not been good with fabric manufacturers, clothes manufacturers or retail shops.

There is one bit of balm in Gilead, however. Reports from the market note an increased trend among women to buy quality—ready-made tailored and sport clothes designed without fashion whimsies, which are always wearable and smart.

Lillian Russell Revival

The women who wore the fashions of 1937 suffered another "headache." A number of them, hearing of a "vogue of elegance," shimmering satins and gleaming janes, decided the mode was not for them and a limited income. They clung to last year's frocks.

Others, trying to cram their figures into those slim-waisted corsetlike dresses, struck a snag they could not get around in haste. This fall's fashions displayed a slim twentieth century version of the Lillian Russell figure with an accented bust of greater fullness, a slim waist and slender molded hips. Women who were over-plump could not fit into a concave diaphragm frock. Those who were over-thin lacked the required curves.

Only the slender women with a good figure could make the fashion grade. The rest threw up their hands in despair. Nor did their fashion worries end with their figures and frocks. They mounted even to their heads. Paris hairdressers announced the banishment of the page-boy bob with its long curls and launched a new coiffure swept up from the face and neck.

American women, generally, however, found it less flattering and less youthful than the longer curled coiffure. Furthermore, their com-



FASHION FIDELITY, 1937

This is the sleek but curved fashion profile of 1937. Notice the accented bust, long, incurving waistline and slender molded hips—all revealed by

the smart black silk crepe frock finished with a silver semi-necklace. The swept-up coiffure offers decided contrast to the summer's page boy bob.

plained, many hairdressers did not understand how to handle it or their old coiffures.

Those who persevered met a final problem in hats. Very few looked well on those swept-up hair-

READING AND WRITING

By JOHN SELBY

SOC—READING AND WRITING. "DEBUSSY: MAN AND ARTIST," by Oscar Thompson (Dodd, Mead, \$3.50).

It is our old Missouri conscience which drives us to return on this Christmas day to Oscar Thompson's "Debussy: Man and Artist," which was given a bare mention in this column some time ago.

The book is the best biography of Debussy and the best critical estimate of his position in music (from the "pro" side of the fence) this department has read in English. It is somewhat longer than Edward Lockspeiser's "Debussy," but on the other hand it lacks something Lockspeiser found room for, which is a fair number of illustrations from Debussy scores.

It is very difficult to read a critical analysis of a piece of music with no musical text at all for reference—unless, of course, one has the music and will take time to look up the works mentioned. Most won't.

But for all that (and for all of a lot of things beside) Mr. Thompson has not persuaded us that Debussy was a man worth such great effort. It is perfectly easy to make a story out of him, but it is very difficult to make it a worthwhile story. Most of the time Debussy was not very interesting. Much of the time he was quite dull. As a youth and as a man he could pour out faulty judgments as the fountain at Versailles pour water.

What has saved him is that so many of his judgments have been expressed in his music. This music quite obviously has great peaks—"La Mer," for example. These peaks are few; when the great Arturo Toscanini decided to make an all-Debussy program late in his last season with the New York Philharmonic he produced one of the dullest concerts of his American career. People actually walked out, something one does not do at Toscanini concerts. Yet all-Bethoven, all-Brahms, all-Wagner concerts by Toscanini were cheered.

Certainly all the essential fact of Debussy's life is in Mr. Thompson's book. In particular the visits of the Frenchman as a youth to the von Meek ménage are very well handled, although Debussy is made to seem rather an insubstantial fellow. The sad facts of Debussy's last illness are there also, and those of his "affairs." All the music, even the tripe, is discussed.

Dr. and Mrs. I. E. Hicks and son of Denver, Colo., are the guests of her brother, Burke Summers, and son.

Ross Chesney, Kelly field army officer, is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Dabney.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dabney, Jr. are the guests of his parents here for the holidays.

Mrs. Grover Dunham is leaving Saturday for Fort Worth to spend several days with relatives. She will be joined for the New Year's weekend by Mr. Dunham and their daughter, Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Underwood were to leave this afternoon for Abilene to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. McDaniel. They will spend Christmas day with his brother, W. C. Underwood and wife, in Doole.

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Koberg, of Fort Worth and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Koberg and child of San Angelo will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koberg, here. They will remain through New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAdams are in Collins to spend Christmas with her parents.

centerpiece in white or pastel pottery.

Kitchen angels are the newest—intiguing candlesticks and table decorations made from tin funnels, steel wire pot-cleaners and other kitchen gadgets.

For Christmas tree decorations, you have your choice of white-frosted cherubs playing drums and cymbals or riding on stars and comets. And you can create your own paper angels—with wings of pleated metallic papers or transparent straw.

Charming and obliging is the angel, slender and with solemn folds of her draperies to form a flower container—a year 'round

Hosts Of Angels Are Here For Decoration Of Mantel Christmas



CHERUBIC CHEER

Angel musicians on the mantel underneath the scroll-bear-

ers are a special Christmas touch, noticeable in shops this year.

By MARY DAVIS GILLIES Prepared by McCall's Magazine for The Herald.

This will be an angelic Christmas, judging from shops full of angels—in wood, pottery, glass and paper, and tall and slender, short and chubby, sacred and not so sacred. Many kinds of Christmas decorations have some special angel—some are so lovely that they will be kept around for many Yule. For instance, there are carved wooden angels, slender and with solemn

golden corkscrew curls and piquant round faces.

Many of the new angels are very helpful in doing useful work. Can-bearers include painted wooden cherubs who hold tiny candles and formal figures of porcelain or blown glass which would grace any buffet. Flying angels form wall-bracket candle holders and there is a baby angel head which may be lighted for a nursery night lamp.

Charming and obliging is the angel who kneels and clasps the thin faces and frail folded hands—and Hungarian pottery angels with

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Ray A. Albaugh left recently via American Airlines for New York and Washington to attend to business. He will spend Christmas day with his parents in Tionessa, Pa.

Mrs. Grover Dunham is leaving Saturday for Fort Worth to spend several days with relatives. She will be joined for the New Year's weekend by Mr. Dunham and their daughter, Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Underwood were to leave this afternoon for Abilene to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. McDaniel. They will spend Christmas day with his brother, W. C. Underwood and wife, in Doole.

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Koberg, of Fort Worth and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Koberg and child of San Angelo will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koberg, here. They will remain through New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAdams are in Collins to spend Christmas with her parents.

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THE SPORTS PARADE

By HANK HART

In wishing youse guys and youse gals a very, merry Christmas, let's see what we could do, if it were in our power, to make it a real 25th for everyone.

Take E. V. Spence for instance. He would want a couple more Dick Todds, two more years of eligibility for Joe Rount and Virgil Jones and a schedule without Arkansas and Baylor on it, all for Texas A&M. Nothing, not a thing for himself, and if you want to see him happy, then grant those desires.

There's J. Y. Robb, who differs slightly from the city manager. He'd probably want Bill De Corvoant, Harold Fleming and Dick Miller to live for the next four years in Highland Park. Dallas Robb should have made all South-west conference at some position since he managed to see a South-west conference game every week-end.

Pat Murphy's celebration would be complete if he could uncover a couple of linemen the size of James Wheat with the speed of Frank Wycoff and a back or two with the heart of Red Womack and the ability of Ied Cunningham.

That's all it is needed to put a smile on Patrick's face, excepting, of course, the new practice field.

Pepper Martin's eyes would pop if he could wake up Saturday morning and find a Yankee Stadium or a Polo Grounds in his front yard. He would settle for less, however.

Herman Fuhrer would probably dance a jig if only Danny McShain would hurry along this way again.

Obie Bristow is another whose stocking could contain the Big Spring Invitational Golf tournament to make him happy. He can win elsewhere but shoots like he had his foot "in the bucket" before the homefolks.

Carmen Brandon, Jim Recknagel and Horace Wallin only need a top-rated bird dog and a few "twelve-gauge" shotgun shells to set their hearts at ease and if you want to find them to give them anything, strike out in the direction of Garden City or the Concho or up in the Panhandle or anywhere where the feathered fowl abound.

Not overlooking the wants of the other "right guys" in this vicinity, the writer hopes the old whiskered rent is good to everyone, especially to Spence who is such a good loser

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LONGVIEW ODDS ON CHOICE TO LI K WICHITA FALLS

Coyote Record Can't Compare With Rival

Jeffries To Depend On Harold Fleming For Decision

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Wichita Falls Coyotes, who came from nowhere to championship's door in three weeks, face the Longview Lobos, one of the finest teams ever produced in East Texas, here tomorrow in the state interscholastic league football final.

A month ago Wichita Falls was just another football team trying to finish in the first division of its district. Longview had just concluded a triumphant march that practically conceded the Lobos the state title. Then things began to happen fast.

Suddenly Wichita Falls found itself in the district championship seat. Another team had been declared ineligible and the Coyotes, who won but five games, lost two and tied two during the campaign, went forth to meet the Golden Sandies of Amarillo in bi-district warfare.

How the Coyotes smashed Amarillo 21-6, won over a strong Austin (El Paso) team on penetrations in a 7-7 tie, then blasted North Side (Fort Worth) out of the race, is bright history in the annals of schoolboy football.

Still Underdog
While Wichita Falls was surprising everyone with its newfound power, nothing had occurred to change the opinion of the critics with regard to Longview. The Lobos last week crashed Colorado's miracle men out of the picture with one of the greatest offensive shows of the season. Today Longview is favored to defeat the Coyotes for the state championship but not with the conviction of a month ago.

Wichita Falls has staged one of the greatest comebacks in interscholastic league history and the power of the Coyotes, sparked by the brilliant Harold Fleming, 176-pound fullback, is given a good chance by close critics of the game to offset the whirlwind offensive of the Lobos.

The teams can be compared by their records but it is not a true basis because much has happened since the games to be used were played. Wichita Falls opened the season with a 5-0 victory over Masonic Home of Fort Worth. Longview nosed out the Masons 13-12 in the Lobos' second game of the season. Wichita Falls was held to a scoreless tie in the mud by Cleburne which lost to Temple by two touchdowns. Temple was nosed out by Longview 19-12 two

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LIMBER UP FOR GAME



Colorado University's Buffaloes worked out journey kinks on a sunshiny Texas Christian university gridiron at Fort Worth after their trip from Denver. The Buffaloes are in training at Fort Worth for the New Year's Cotton Bowl game with Rice Institute at Dallas.

DRILL SHOWS BUFFS SERIOUS ABOUT GAME

Regulators Back In Action, Owl Work Stopped

By FELIX R. MCKNIGHT
DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Twas the day before Christmas—but you'd never guess it there way Colorado's unbeaten footballers were bearing down for the Cotton Bowl classic on New Year's day.

Two-a-day drills were still the diet for Coach Bernard (Bunny) Oakes' charges, imbued with determination to show the Southwest that Rocky Mountain football had been grossly underrated.

Any Christmas celebration the Buffaloes have planned must be worked in between a morning workout at Texas Christian university stadium in Fort Worth and an afternoon visit to Dallas and the state schoolboy championship game. The Coloradans, led by Byron (Whizzer) White, the scholarly halfback, are dead serious about this post-season date with Rice Institute, Southwest conference champions.

Long and hard Colorado, undefeated and untied, is working on pass defense plays to stop the thrusts of Rice's Ernie Lain, massive bomber who literally pitched Rice to the conference flag. Coach Oakes saw Lain bomb Southern Methodist in the final game of the season. He doesn't have to be told that Lain had a hand in 12 of the 13 touchdowns Rice scored.

Power Plays
Reports from Houston, where Rice was taking a temporary three-

day holiday layoff, that Coach Jimmy Kitts was cooking up a mess of surprise running plays for the Dallas game, also caused the Colorado board of strategy to concoct several new defenses to meet any possible attack.

Coach Oakes, however, indicated the Buffs would concentrate on defenses to halt the Rice formations used throughout the season. He believes, and rightfully so, that formations that brought in a Southwest conference flag will not be ditched overnight.

White, the nation's leading scorer and recent winner of a Rhodes scholarship, put zest into the Colorado drills soon after his arrival from the Pacific coast. Modest, and very brief in his conversation, he had interviewers reeling. "How were the exams, Whizzer?" "I don't think such things as football and scholarships should be mentioned in the same story," was the reply. "Will you play professional football?" "I should say not," came the scornful reply.

Meanwhile, the only injuries reported in the Colorado camp, a knocked down shoulder for Rex Tomlinson, White's understudy, and a slight ankle sprain for Joe Davis, end, were disappearing and both were expected to be in trim for the game.

Tentative plans call for the moving of the Colorado squad to Dallas next Wednesday, while Rice plans to arrive here Friday for one workout in the Bowl before the Saturday game.

Oakes and Kitts have agreed on officials for the game, Kitts said. Alvin E. Bell, Vanderbilt man, of Little Rock, Ark., will referee. Charles Bresnahan, who studied at Colorado State, was named umpire. Ab Curtis, University of Texas, will be head linesman, and Don McDonnell, Colorado college, field judge.

Kitts said a fifth arbiter may be named to keep time, relieving the field judge of that duty. The coaches agreed to use the stadium clock if, after checking, it proved accurate. The arrangement would aid spectators in keeping track of the progress of the game, Kitts said.

Ladies Day Is Feature At AC

Cummings Grapples Sampson, Wilson Meets Venable

Ladies night will be featured at the Big Spring Athletic club Tuesday night when a double main event will share the spotlight of Herman Fuhrer's New Year's day attraction.

Bob Cummings will attempt to finish what he began in last week's hilarious spot by broussing around with Dick Sampson in "a bout billed at two hours or less."

The match, provided all the threats hurled at Baldy last Tuesday night aren't carried out, will go at the best two out of three falls.

Sampson can't carry on a whispering campaign as he did last week for the simple reason that he won't have Tex Watkins there to coach him but he can point his finger in the same manner at which time he bawled out the referee, his partner and every one in the house when they refused to think as he did. Maybe he'll try that again with the hope that his opponent withers under the glare.

A old face reappears in the other duel. Benny Wilson, Abilene's tramping pug, will climb through the ropes here for the first time in two years in a 45-minute bout.

His wrestling Billy Venable, the Mississippi fisherman. Bill has been rather active during the past several weeks and should rate as many gutfaws as does his illustrious sparring partner.

The fests will be admitted free when accompanied by a paid admission.

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Tommy Says: 'Watch Out For Tommy'

Welshman Disposes Of Broadribb And Is Ready To Go

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—The astonishing thing is that Tommy Farr, the Welsh wonder, hasn't killed entirely in that battle he had with Champion Joe Louis three months ago.

Tommy, here for a bout with former champion Jim Braddock on January 21, marvels, himself, that he escaped with nothing more fatal than some deep cuts on his face and a record 25-minute fainting spell. "I'll be at least a 50 per cent better fighter the next time you see me," said Farr, conservatively. "Nobody will ever know what I put up with the last time. That man Broadribb nearly ruined me."

He was referring, of course, to his former manager, Ted Broadribb, whom he contrived to jettison at considerable expense after they returned to England. It was no state secret either before or after the Louis engagement that Ted and Tom were sparring, but one could have suspected the black goings-on down at Long Branch.

"No wonder you fellows thought I had a bad temper," said Tommy. "I wasn't getting any sleep. That man Broadribb was running up and down stairs all night to keep me awake."

Tommy is managing himself now, exclusively. Hereafter he will have no one in the ring with him except his trainer, Tom Evans. He claims Broadribb kept dabbling alcohol on his face during the Louis scrap until he was half-blinded.

Anyway, there's marked improvement in the big guy's disposition. He was peevish as a wounded grizzly the last time he was here, and now he's positively chatty. The biggest surprise was Farr's voice. He brought along several recordings he made in England and gave an audition on his portable phonograph. "But, listen: don't any of you guys start calling me the singing-fighter or any fool thing like that or there'll be trouble."

He sounded more like the old Tommy Farr.

Says Medwick Is Tops

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 24 (AP)—Paul Wener, a past master himself at the art of getting base hits, expressed belief today that Joe Medwick will become the greatest right-hand batter in baseball's history.

The Pirate outfielder, who lost the National league batting crown to Medwick of the St. Louis Cardinals last season, said even the 1937's new "dead ball" won't stop Ducky.

The Year Is: IV

Turf's Story Told By Two Horses

By ORLO ROBERTSON
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Around the feats of two great horses is woven the 1937 chapter in American turf history.

Know the story of unbeaten War Admiral and the rise from rags to riches of Seabiscuit and you have the highlights of a year that saw bigger crowds, increased wagering, richer purses, the end of racing in Texas, a political argument that closed Narragansett park in the fall, and the passing of the famous Whitney Eton blue silks.

The fact that the Admiral and Seabiscuit, son and grandson, respectively, of Man O' War, never met, only served to make the plot more interesting and to furnish material for the 'Hot Stove League.' Seabiscuit, carrying the silks of Mrs. C. S. Howard of San Francisco, beat out the Admiral from Samuel Riddle's Philadelphia stable, for money-winning honors, but the latter was judged the horse of the year in a nationwide poll of sports writers.

The story of War Admiral is one of a parade through all the im-

portant 3-year-old events in which he competed. Starting with an allowance race at Havre De Grace in the spring, the Riddle ace accounted for the Chesapeake stakes, Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont stakes before an injury received in the latter forced him to the sidelines.

Returning to competition in the fall, he again started off with a triumph in an allowance race. He then came through in the Washington Handicap, a stake from which Seabiscuit was scratched because of track conditions, and the Pimlico special. The eight victories, all achieved with Louisville's "Flying Dutchman," Charlie Kurtsinger, in the saddle gave him earnings of \$106,500 for the year.

Seabiscuit's contribution to the story is a little more fantastic. He was so lightly regarded by James Fitzsimmons, trainer of such great champions as Gallant Fox, Omaha and Granville, that the Wheatley stable sold the son of Hard Tack to Mrs. Howard for \$7,000 late in the 1936 season.

Runs Dead Heat
Almost overnight the manners of Seabiscuit changed. From a rogue he became a mild-mannered horse. With the change came victories. He dropped a nose decision to William DuPont, Jr.'s Rosemont in the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap and then started a string of eight straight triumphs, broken when he finished third behind Calumet Dick and Cavaliero 2nd in the \$25,000 Narragansett special.

His only other defeat in 14 starts came when he bowed by a nose to William Ziegler's Espousa in the Bowie Handicap late in the season. Among his 11 triumphs was a dead heat with T. P. Morgan's Heedily in the Laurel stakes. The enviable record sent the Howard 4-year old into the winter season with earnings of \$168,642.50.

When Mrs. Ethel V. Mars' Sley Larking, winner of the Hopeful, broke his leg in the Champagne stakes at Belmont Park, Hal Price ready-made Menow, W. S. Kilmer's Nedary and Mrs. Mars' Tiger were left as best of the nation's 2-year-olds. Menow, victor in the rich Belmont futurity, was the leading money-winner with \$67,825, and winner of the nation-wide poll but Nedary came along at the end of the season to win the Pimlico

futurity and stamp himself as a leading threat for 1938 3-year-old honors.

Hirsch Jacobs, former Brooklyn pigeon fancier, again led the nation's trainers while Johnny Adams, apprentice from Jola, Kan., led the jockeys, although Charlie Kurtsinger scored heavily in stake events.

Betting Increases
Throughout the country there was an increased interest in the sport both from the standpoint of attendance and wagering. Pimlico, which increased the value of the Preakness to nearly \$75,000 by making it a futurity event, enjoyed one of the best fall meetings in its long history by scheduling a stake a day.

The outlawing of pari-mutuels in Texas resulted in the closing of the tracks in the Lone Star state after a brief but profitable run. Gov. Robert E. Quinn of Rhode Island and Walter O'Hara, owner of Narragansett Park, got entangled in an argument which resulted in the closing of the Pawtucket track and the cancellation of the rich New England futurity.



SEABISCUIT
His A Tale Of Rags To Riches



WAR ADMIRAL
He Kicked Dust At 3-Year-Olds

INJURIES HURT ALL SQUADS AS FINAL WEEK OF PRACTICE BEGINS IN NATION'S CAMPS

Hugh Wolfe Is Out For West, Heap Floored

By the Associated Press
Nine embattled coaches will hang up their stockings tonight, hoping the genital gent in the whiskers will drop just one football player who is sound of mind and limb into the hoistery.

Injuries are spreading like a pigskin plague on the bowl front. California, Santa Clara, West Virginia, Alabama, Louisiana State and the east and west teams all report injuries of varied degrees of importance as the teams start the last week of work before the big push, New Year's day.

Here's the late developments, with coaches holding skull practice in the handiest clinics:
Rose Bowl—First and second string ends Willard Dolman and Leroy Sparks of California are on the shelf with leg injuries. Yesterday Coach Stue Allison admitted that Sparks "probably would not play against Alabama and Dolman will not get back into action until the squad assembles at Pasadena Monday."

Will Be O. K.
Alabama, California's opponent, worked out at Tucson, Ariz., with Leroy Minsky, all-America guard, who was injured Wednesday, taking part along with Lew Bostick, who crashed into Minsky and opened a cut over the latter's eye. The team physician said the stitches over Minsky's eye would be removed next week.

Sugar Bowl—Santa Clara lost Bryce Brown, brilliant end, when he fractured his rib in an intensive scrimmage, ordered because Buck Shaw wasn't satisfied with the Brones' mental attitude.

Louisiana State lost Jabbo Stell, star halfback, but Larry King returned to the fold for a light dummy drill against Santa Clara plays.

Cotton Bowl—Here the situation was better. Colorado's eleven bore down yesterday with two drills, which stressed defense against Rice passes. White, Colorado's all-America halfback, shone in the scrimmage at Fort Worth, while at Houston Rice was released for the Christmas holidays after a smooth performance in a hour's scrimmage.

Auburn On Leave
Orange Bowl—Michigan State, which meets Auburn, went through two long scrimmages yesterday with Johnny Pingel, ace back, held out of action. Coach Charlie Bachman is taking no chances of an injury ruining the Spartans' mainstay. Auburn is still on vacation. The Spartans will start tapering off with a single 30th session today.

Sun Bowl—West Virginia, due today in El Paso, reported Sammy Plinton, pony halfback, has developed water on the knee as a result of a blocking practice injury suffered on the home field at Morgantown. Texas Tech, which meets the Mountaineers, will not start practice until next Thursday.

East-West—Each squad lost a man yesterday. Don Heap, hard hitting halfback from Northwestern, went on the East's bench because of pulled tendons and the same sort of injury put Hugh Wolfe, Texas back, out for the West. Both should be ready for the San Francisco game.

The site of Cincinnati was the center of an ancient mound builders' civilization.

The father of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow disapproved of his son becoming a man of letters.

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Parade

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and who gets plenty of practice.

Four correspondents, who are picking Longview to win the state championship Saturday, could crack a grin if Wichita Falls won the hunting. Coyotes could be interpreted "swelligant" in numerology and we could use a few numbers at this time.

Up until the Christmas holidays called a halt to their cage season, the Garner senior girl cagers had won 14 of 15 games played with surrounding opponents and had tallied a total of 340 points to their opponent's 119 in doing so. Their only loss came at the hands of Courtney.

Two of the girls, Evelyn Chapman and Bonnie Lyle Smith, made the all-tournament team in the Courtney meeting.

Olie Cordill, Sam Flowers and Ernie Lain, who will play their share of time in the Cotton Bowl clash at Dallas New Year's day, are due to arrive today. They were to remain over Saturday and return in time for the final week's drill with the Owls. Lain will stay with Flowers while here.

Steve Baker came in for plenty of praise in helping Schreiner tie the highly favored Kilgore Junior college gridders a couple of weeks ago.

In his first year at the Kerrville school, Steve broke in as a regular center and played there most of the time. The Schreiner school

paper had this to say about the Big Spring boy recently: "x x Lozano, right guard, and Baker at center, delayed the terrific onslaught of the Rangers during the first part of the game and made determined goal line stands during the game x x x"

Whizzer White paused at the Big Spring airport Wednesday afternoon on his way to join the Colorado Buffaloes in practice at Fort Worth.

Attendants said the Colorado All-American was almost too shy to speak.

John Wayne Brown, local youth attending Colorado A. and M. at Fort Collins, Colo., says that the Whizzer is the greatest football player he has ever seen and John Wayne has seen him in action five times.

The Rice Owls may find out about that New Year's day.

MAN'S BODY FOUND

HUNTSVILLE, Dec. 24 (AP)—The body of a man of about 40 was held here today for word from relatives while officers investigated the cause of death.

Sheriff C. L. Mitchell said the body bore four stab wounds in the left chest and two in each arm. The coat and vest were buttoned over the wounds.

A New York state driver's license found on the body gave the name of Martin Secund, 660 East 242nd street, New York City.

The body, beneath some briars, was discovered by a convict who was laying a practice trail for bloodhounds of the Texas prison.

Longview

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weeks ago. Port Arthur defeated Amarillo 33-0. Longview won over Port Arthur 12-6. Wichita Falls beat Amarillo by two touchdowns after Amarillo had recovered and was driving back toward the top. Won 13 Straight

The Amarillo game would indicate that Longview was much stronger than Wichita Falls except that Longview's victory over Port Arthur was early in the season and Amarillo's defeat at Port Arthur was some time before the Sandies faced Wichita Falls.

Longview has won 13 games, lost none, scored 360 points and held the opposition to 69. Wichita Falls has won seven, lost two and tied three, scoring 155 points to 46 for the opposition. Since getting outside the district Longview has allowed but 12 points and Wichita Falls 20.

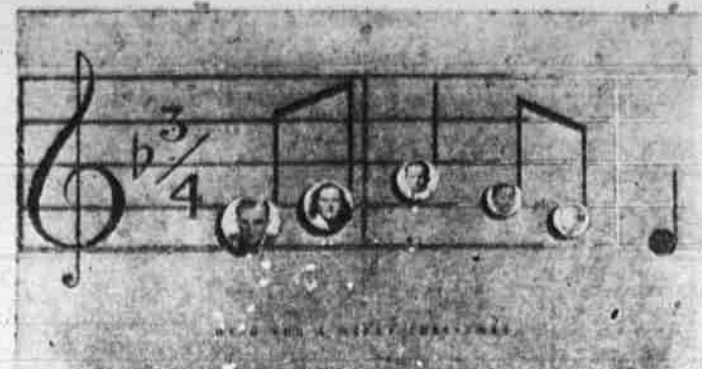
Wichita Falls depends largely on power but also has a potent passing attack built around the versatile Fleming. Longview has an all-around offensive and its running attack is one of the best ever seen in Texas schoolboy football.

Bot squads were to arrive in Dallas today, each going through a light drill.

A dry field at the Cotton Bowl, where the game is to be played, is assured unless it rains during the contest. A heavy tarpaulin has been on the gridiron since Tuesday.

Advance ticket sales indicate a good crowd of between 20,000 and 25,000 will witness the game if the weather is favorable. The tilt is scheduled to start at 2:30 p. m.

Christmas Cards Of The Movie Stars



Christmas card trend as measured by some Hollywood selections: Gladys Swarthout and Frank Chapman (in the photograph disc at left) and Bing Crosby (shown above with his family, the ME TOO note standing for an expected addition) take their key from their music. Sophie Tucker (lower left) goes sophisticated, and Marjua Raye and George Raft (below) garb their greetings in sentiment.



Probing Bulldog Attack On Man

Clay County Attorney Pierre Stine said today he was investigating the death of L. G. Brown, 71, who died of injuries inflicted by four bulldogs.

Brown, who said he was walking along the highway past a farm when the dogs attacked him, wounded two of them with a pocketknife. He died five hours later.

Sheriff R. P. Bomar of Clay county and other officers killed three of the animals. The sheriff quoted T. E. Luecke, owner, as having said he kept the dogs to guard his poultry. He usually kept them chained, he said, but had released them and gone in the house for a few minutes when the animals attacked Brown. Luecke went to Brown's rescue and brought him to a hospital.

Mrs. J. Wayne Campbell and daughter, Gwendolyn, of Odessa are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Graves.

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GULDAHL SHARES LEAD AT MIAMI

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 24 (AP)—The winter circuit par-busters had a pair of champions to catch today as they moved into the second round of the South's oldest golf fixture, the 14th annual \$2,500 Miami Open.

Ralph Guldahl, United States Open champion, posted a sparkling three-under-par 67 yesterday and then Stanley Horne of Ottawa—unheralded despite his Canadian P.G.A. title—did the same thing.

Close on their heels today were the ever-dangerous Sam Snead of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and young Frank Champ of Terre Haute, Ind., each with a 68. Bunched back of them were 41 others with scores of 72 or better, within five strokes of the leaders and still very much in the running.

SUICIDE VERDICT

MEXIA, Tex., Dec. 24 (AP)—A verdict of suicide had been entered today in the death yesterday of Dr. Z. T. Goolsby, 70, prominent physician here. Justice of the Peace Howard Wright said police reported finding an empty bottle and a note.

Five ear-rings used in ancient Greece are preserved in the British museum.

Progress Made In Game Amid Youngsters

New Coach Takes Over, Steers Look Forward To Next Year

(Note: This is the fourth and last of a series of reviews of athletes and men that made sports history in Big Spring during the 1937 season.)

Greatest progress in the football field in Big Spring was made in promoting the game among the younger boys in the ward schools.

The most extensive program in the local schools' history, reaching to every boy who was interested, was worked out by the cooperation of the local coaching system.

Ben Daniel, who heretofore had confined his activities toward graduating the seventh and eighth grade gridders to the senior high school squad, took the lead in the widened program and spent much of his time in developing the younger boys. He was ably assisted by Lois Cardin of North Ward and J. N. Routh of West Ward.

Daniel is to be commended for his sincere efforts in promoting the game in Big Spring.

Brown Resigns Football season officially opened here with the news that George Brown, who had served as assistant coach for one year, had resigned his position. He was succeeded by Pat Murphy, veteran West Texas coach, who left his assistant coaching job in Abilene to assume the position here.

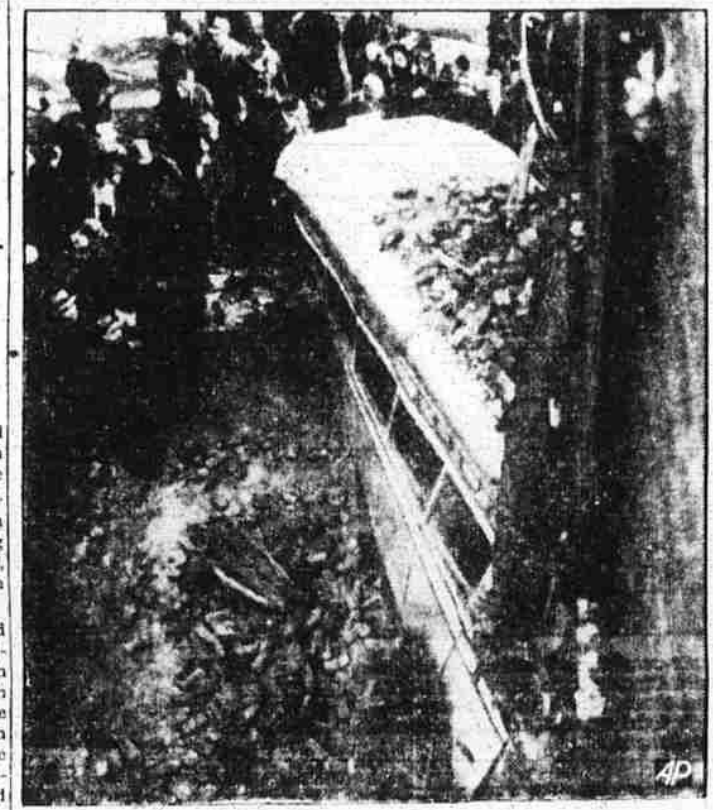
Carmon Brindson, who this year before had joined Brown after graduating from Rice Institute, was retained as assistant. Murphy whipped his boys into shape rapidly but an injured eleven of Wink high school set them off on the wrong foot by dropping them, 2-13.

It was the first of eight defeats suffered by the local team but they bote up under the brunt and managed to turn in their best game of the season in the last game Thanksgiving day.

Won Two Games The Longhorns won two games, defeating Cisco, 21-6, in Cisco, and Ranger, 21-0, in Ranger. Strangely they did not win a ball game on their own field, losing to Brownwood, Eastland, San Angelo, Abilene and Breckenridge in Street stadium. Other games were lost to Stephenville and Sweetwater.

Daniel's Devils enjoyed better success. They dropped two games,

LINER DAMAGED IN COLLISION



The Baltimore Mail liner, City of Baltimore, shown above, was damaged in a collision off the coast of the Netherlands. After first sending out reports it was sinking, the ship proceeded toward port under its own power.

'Young Edison' Will Give Life To Evangelism



WILBER HUSTON Was Edison's protegee.

By the AP Feature Service SAN FRANCISCO—The "boy genius" selected in 1929 by Thomas A. Edison has turned his back on science and invention in favor of religion.

Picked by Edison after a nationwide investigation, Wilber Huston of Seattle was sent to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to be groomed as a possible successor to the great electrical wizard. He did brilliantly and after graduation established himself as a consulting engineer.

But now he declares the world can get along without his contributions to science. He will devote his life to the Oxford group, a worldwide movement to bring religion home to the individual.

"Instead of building bigger and better bridges and machines," he explains, "the need is to build better individuals. Today there is a real hunger on the part of the people for spiritual values."

A lot of disastrous things—wars, depressions and so forth—have occurred since young Huston was catapulted to fame as the probable "second Edison." He admits these have influenced his decision.

Huston is only 25 years old today and looks forward to a long and useful career in personal evangelism. He believes Edison would have approved his change of ideas.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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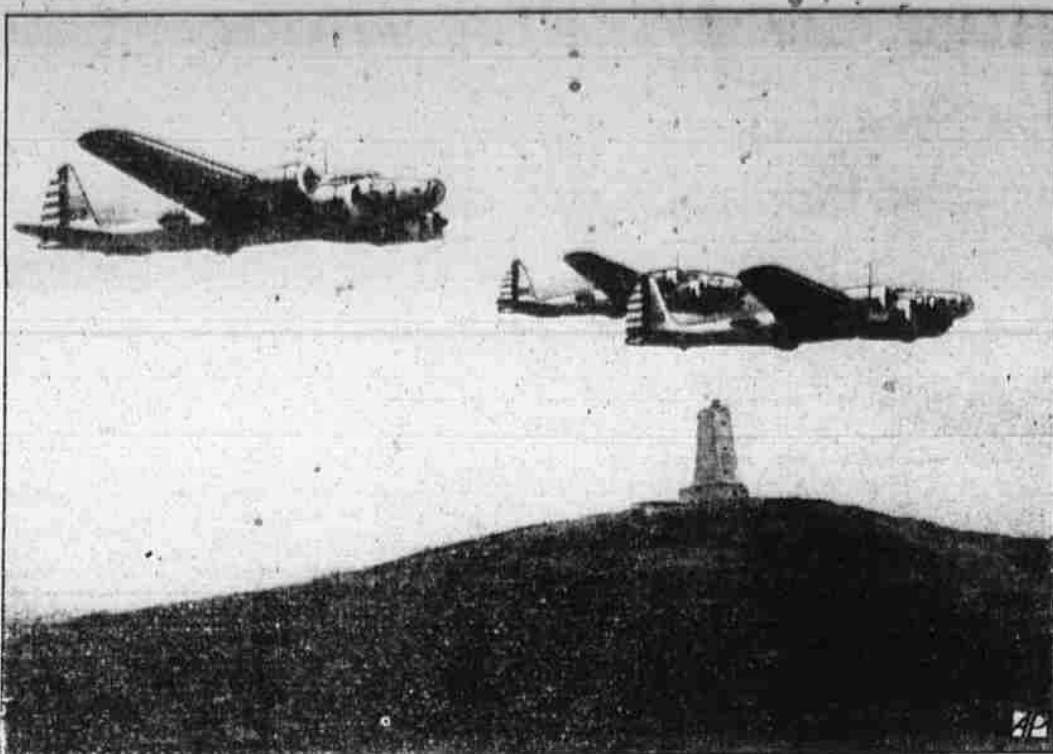
IN LOVE may be Belgium's King Leopold or his brother, Charles, and Lady Margaret Cavendish-Bratinek (above) or her sister, Anne, of England, so rumor says.



IN THEATER, boyish Orson Welles, 22, is regarded as a prodigy. He directs a modernized "Julius Caesar" now on Broadway, and also plays "Brutus" in the show.



IN DIPLOMACY is Hiroshi Saito (above), Japanese ambassador to U. S., who voiced to Secretary Hull regrets that Japanese bombers had sunk American runboat Panay.



WHERE MAN'S FLIGHT WAS BORN, flights are made. Three four-engine army bombers skim past the Wright memorial at Kitty Hawk, N. C., where Wilbur and Orville Wright made their first airplane hop 34 years ago. The Army Air Corps celebrated the anniversary.



SLAVES TO FASHION, Vivian Teem and Blanche Mcmeon (right), fasten on "slave" anklets that match heavy bracelets of the same material. It's a Miami fad.

ASSOCIATED PRESS PICTURE NEWS



FOR TURNING THAT WORM, Dr. Carl Cameron (left) of Los Angeles has invented a "worm-lurer," which vibrates to attract the worm which wriggles to the surface. Dorothy Arden, singer, and Don Wilson, radio announcer, watch the test.



SHORTER BEARDS and air-conditioned suits were written into their platform by five Santa Clauses who put their heads together at a New York department store. The Santa Clauses feel that an association would unify their fight against padding and female Santa Clauses.



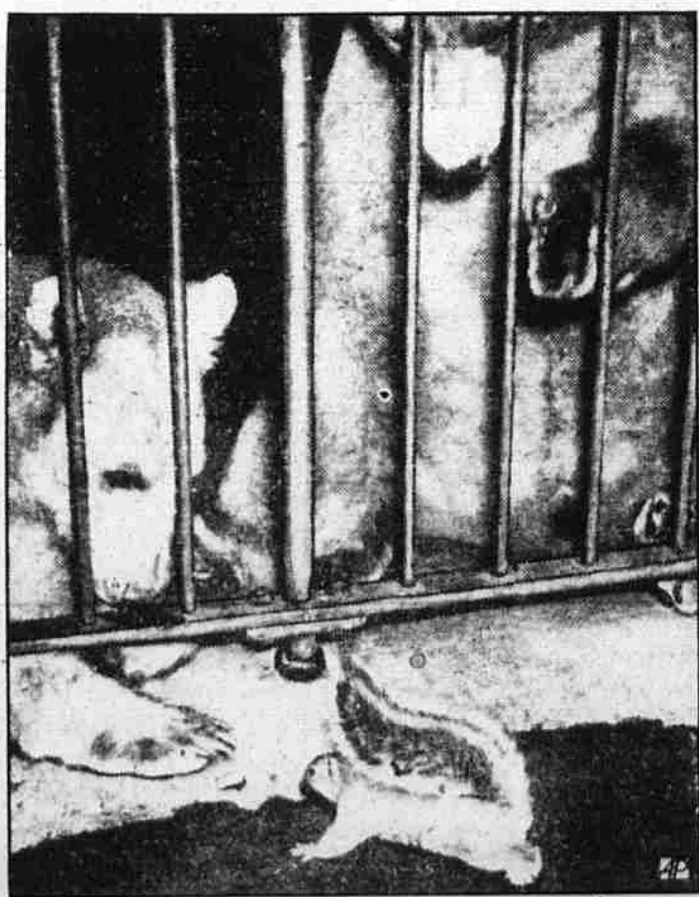
NO BLESSING TO THE BAREFOOT BOYS was the icy water of Hangchow bay in central China where storming parties of Japanese soldiers had to wade ashore for further advance into Chinese territory. Their short figures are almost buried under the equipment.



TO 'BROWNIE' PRINCESS Margaret Rose of England went a book about American Brownies, as a Christmas gift. It made trip with Capt. Roland Spencer of the Queen Mary.



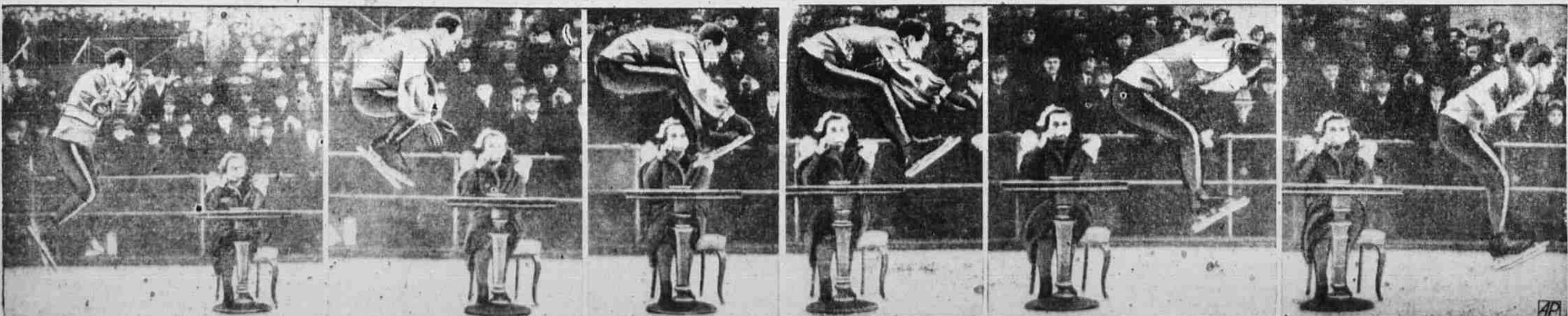
'SOME LIKES IT HOT'— which may explain the gloves Dave Kerr, New York Rangers goalie, wears as he takes a shot of strong tea before a tough hockey workout.



MORE THAN THEY COULD BEAR was the theft of a peanut from almost under their paws by "Wee Willie," a squirrel. The bears are Hybrids at Washington, D. C., zoo.



ON HUMBLE GROUND WALKED ROYAL FEET as King George (right) of England, followed by admiring crowds, strode through Kingston, Surrey, where he inspected the Hawker aircraft factory. There he saw planes being developed secretly for British defense.



LEG WORK BY LEGG IS TITLE of this "candid camera" photo series showing how an expert skate-jumper trains for an ice show in New York. While Ruth Maxon of Duluth, Minn., sips serenely, Harris Legg of Galt, Ont., hurdles her and the table. The workout was at the Rockefeller Center ice rink, in midtown Manhattan.

UP AND OVER WITHOUT SPILLING A DROP, Harris Legg of Galt, Ont., completes his table leap on a New York ice rink. The girl is Ruby Maxon of Duluth, Minn. This series shows the correct technique for hurdling obstacles while skating. But it might be wise first to become an expert skater.

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Used Cars To Sell 53 FOR SALE or trade: Good 1933 Plymouth coupe for cattle or vacant lot in Midland or Big Spring. See R. C. Harrell, 216 W. Second Street at O. K. Rooms.

EQUITY

1937 two-door Ford sedan; perfect condition. G. R. Halley, Lester Fisher Bldg., Telephone 448.

TWO KILLED, THIRD GRAVELY INJURED IN ROAD CRASH

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24 (AP) - Glenn Martin, 52, of Austin, and his son, Dale Nathan Martin, 22, of San Antonio, and William Earl Shelton, 19, of New Braunfels, were killed and another son of the elder Martin is believed to have received fatal injuries in a collision between a truck and sedan near New Braunfels last night.

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Stacker-Upper Is Stacking Up Again

CLEVELAND, (AP) - Don't jar the floor, please. The doctor's stacking them again.

A year ago Thomas H. Staggers, Cleveland mechano-therapist, started the craze here of balancing kitchen matches on the mouth of a beer bottle.

His towers soared. First 3,500 matches. Then 10,000. Finally the colossus of all - over 12,000 matches.

Dr. Staggers has the itch again and says he may start any time a



STAGGERS STACKS Dr. Thomas Staggers demonstrates the technique of stacking matches on a beer bottle.

drive to topple the world indoor and outdoor records for barehand stacking.

All you need in the game, he says, is: A level beer bottle for the matches. A smooth table for the bottle. A large stack of matches. Steady nerves. Patience.

That's how one of his towers looks when it's going up - without aid of abrasives, banana skins or clips.

Jones Will Be Guest At Demo Banquet

Over 1,000 Expected To Attend Jackson Day Affair

DALLAS, Dec. 24 - Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, will be the guest of honor at the state Jackson Day banquet to be held at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas on the night of January 8th.

Jones has wired Chairman Myron G. Blalock of the state democratic executive committee and Harold H. Young, chairman of the Texas Jackson Day campaign, his acceptance of the invitation given him by democrats of the state.

He promises a message of importance to business and political interests of Texas. More than a thousand democrats, representing every county in Texas, are expected to be present at this dinner which will be the greatest democratic rally to be held in Texas during the coming year.

The Jackson Day banquet closes a month's campaign for funds for the national democratic party in Texas. Each state in the union will stage a Jackson Day banquet under the auspices of the national democratic committee. Every democrat contributing or pledging the sum of \$25 or more to the national party's treasury is being given an invitation to the banquet. Hundreds of reservations have already been made.

"This is the only official Jackson Day banquet in Texas," Democratic Chairman Myron G. Blalock says. "The Dallas banquet is sponsored by Vice President John N. Garner, James A. Farley and the national committee. No state will have more than one official dinner under sanction of the national democratic organization. This is the only occasion that democratic funds will be raised in Texas during the coming year."

EXPORTS OF WHEAT GAIN SHARPLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP) - The bureau of agricultural economics estimated today that 90,000,000 bushels of this year's American wheat crop would move into foreign markets. Exports from the 1936 crop totaled only 10,049,000 bushels.

The estimate indicated a change from recent drought years, when the United States imported more of the grain than it exported.

MEXICO CLASH

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24 (AP) - The Confederation of Workers of Mexico reported today six members killed and six wounded in a clash with a rival union at Manzanillo, Colima state.

YULETIDE ODDITIES

By The Associated Press ... SIT-DOWN DUCK BERLIN, Md. - A duck sat down on Mrs. Annie Vickers' chimney and the house filled with smoke.

A neighbor came to the rescue with a rifle; shot the duck. But the bird fell into the chimney and firemen had to tear out the bricks to remove it.

The Vickers family will have duck for Christmas.

SEASON'S GREETINGS SIKESTON, Mo. - The state highway department insists it only watched motorists traveling on treacherous highway 61 to have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Its signs, placed 50 feet apart along particularly dangerous stretches, read: "It's hell to be a corpse" and "death rides this road."

A DOG'S LIFE

MUSKOGEE, Okla. - Whiskers, the L. D. Weeks family cat, is in

the dog-house. The family returned from the movies to find its Christmas tree overturned and burned completely.

Whiskers had been shadow boxing with the tree ornaments all week.

A ROARIN' CHRISTMAS KANSAS CITY - "Best wishes for a roarin' Christmas," said the card on a large box delivered to L. W. Heinely.

Heinely opened the box. It contained a nine-month-old lion.

The lion was the gift of Mayor Ralph Mitchell of nearby Independence, who said it was born in the independence zoo.

At a loss, Heinely offered the beast for sale. A woman who said she'd rather have a white elephant bought it for \$50 for her private zoo.

The South American llama, a useful beast of burden, can carry 100 pounds.

The titles of the regiments comprising the famous Light Brigade of Tennyson's poem are the 4th, 8th, 11th and 13th Hussars and 17th Lancers.

Many Firms Give Bonus

Local Workers Share In Gifts Totaling Several Thousand

Although definite figures could not be compiled, Santa Claus Friday already had filled the stockings of Big Spring employees to the extent of several thousand dollars in merchandise and cash gifts.

Christmas bonuses from their employers. It was indicated the majority of local firms distributed extra benefits for the holidays.

Accurate check could not be made because some of the establishments, following the anonymity of Santa Claus, preferred not to make public the amount of their bonus checks.

Others distributed merchandise gifts; still others, following a monthly bonus system, were able to give their employees more for December because of increased holiday trade.

Checks were distributed to all employees by both banks. One retail firm divided approximately \$1,100

among its workers, proportioning the gifts according to salary and executive status. Another firm distributed a total of \$250.

Oil companies generally distributed handsome cash gifts. Hotels joined retail establishments in granting extra Christmas benefits.

It seems that Kirby Anderson went to the wrong sales girl when he tried to exchange some feminine lingerie.

Mrs. Bertha McCall, the clerk told police she recognized the sales slip as one she had made out and the lingerie as that she had sold to her sister. The package had been stolen from the sister's automobile.

Anderson was charged with larceny.

WRONG SALESGIRL

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 24 (AP) - It seems that Kirby Anderson went to the wrong sales girl when he tried to exchange some feminine lingerie.

Mrs. Bertha McCall, the clerk

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IF MY FOLKS DIDN'T BUY THE BIGGEST TREE THE GROCER HAD - YES, I KNOW. ME TOO



IT WAS A GREAT OCCASION, THE FIRST TIME I WAS ALLOWED TO HELP TRIM IT



THE OLDER WE GET, THE AIN'T SMALLER THE TREE IT THE AWFUL TRUTH!



PA'S SON-IN-LAW THAT IS PA'S XMAS PRESENT TO ME I HEARD HIM TELL WIFE SIN' AND - IT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE A DIAMOND PENDANT?



JUST WHERE DO YOU TELL PA TO GO TO FIND WHAT I WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS?



TO MCGUITTAW'S JEWELRY CO. OR, RATHAW, I TOLD HIM HE'D SEE WHAT YOU WANTED, IN THE CENTAW OF THE SHOW-WINDOW AT 817 BROAD ST. THE DIAMOND PENDANT WAS IN THE CENTAW OF THE SHOW-WINDOW - HE COULDN'T MISS IT!



YOU DIDN'T SAY 'MCGUITTAW'S' THEN? YOU JUST SAID '817 BROAD ST.'? ER - A-AND OH? YOU IDIOT! MCGUITTAW'S JEWELRY CO. IS AT 718 BROAD ST. NOT 817!



I STILL CAN'T SEE HOW DOOLEY COULD BE SO DUMB AS TO LEAVE THE ENGAGEMENT RING RIGHT OUT ON A TABLE WHERE AUNT MINNIE COULD SEE IT!



WELL... I'M JUST CURIOUS ENOUGH TO WONDER WHERE AND HOW TH' TWEOPER GOT THAT HUGE DIAMOND IN TH' FIRST PLACE! AND I'M GONNA FIND OUT!



DO YA REALLY, SURE ENOUGH LIKE YER RING, MINNIE?



WHY... OF COURSE I DO DOOLEY BOY... I LIKE IT EVERY BIT AS MUCH AS IF IT WERE GENUINE.



HOURS SLIP BY, AND THE TANGLED DEBRIS OF SCORCHY'S BURNED PLANE HAS LONG SINCE COOLED - WITH DARKNESS, HOPE OF RESCUE FADES - I-I GUESS NOBODY SAW THE SMOKE FROM THE PLANE - I'M AFRAID NOT- WE'LL PULL OUT IN THE MORNING -



BUT MY LEG? - I CAN'T WALK! LINDA AND I CAN SUPPORT YOU BETWEEN US - IF I HAVE TO, I'LL PACK YOU ON MY BACK -



WITH NO COLUMN OF SMOKE TO GUIDE THEM, THE TWO TIBETANS FLOUNDER IN THEIR PATH - THE NORTH WIND STIFFENS AS A STORM DESCENDS -



NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS RUB A LITTLE OF THIS ON MY HEAD EVERY NIGHT? IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO RUB IT IN - JUST SPRAY IT ON WITH AN ORDINARY ATOMIZER!



GENTLEMEN - THIS DISCOVERY IS A MILESTONE IN CIVILIZATION'S PROGRESS IF IT WORKS LIKE THE FIRST APPLICATION YOU GAVE ME! IT'LL WORK ALL RIGHT!



WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TWIGG'S OVERNIGHT HAIR GROWER AND DANDRUFF DEFIER? NOW? I THINK Y'GOT SOMETHING THERE!



BUT YOU'RE PASSING UP A BET! I CAN SHOW YOU HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR PROFIT ON EACH BOTTLE OF THAT STUFF!

Archer Bags Deer

WINNIPEG (UP)—Even Indians raised their eyebrows when two American hunters appeared in the northern Ontario woods in search

of big game recently, equipped with bows and arrows. They returned with a deer brought down with an arrow at 25 yards.

JOY TO YOU

In a few simple, yet sincere words, we want to express our hearty appreciation for your valued patronage in the past.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Western Union

Relishable SUNDAY DINNER

- CHRISTMAS DINNER Selection of Entree determines price of your dinner. Choice of: Fresh Shrimp or Oyster Cocktail, Fruit Supreme, Caviar Canape, Glass of Port. Choice of: Consomme Royal or Cream of Chicken with Croutons, Salted Nuts, Celery En Branch, Mixed Olives. ENTREES: Baked Stuffed Young Turkey, Chestnut Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Half Milk Fed Chicken, Fried or Broiled, Pickled Peach, Baked Sugar Cured Ham, Sherry Wine, Tokay Grapes, Settles Special Sirloin Steak, Baked Tomato, Mushroom Sauce, Planked Fresh Galveston Red Snapper, Steak, Anchovy Butter, Breaded Veal Cutlet, Tomato Sauce, Fried Egg, Roast Prime Ribs of Corn Fed Beef, Pan Drippings, Yorkshire Pudding, Baby Beef T-Bone, Filet Mignon, or K.C. Sirloin Steak. Choice of Two Vegetables, Choice of Desserts, Coffee - Tea - Milk. ALSO VARIOUS DINNER SELECTIONS, Jimmie Ross and His Band Playing for Luncheon and Dinner.

Hotel SETTLES

Coffee Shop

WOOL SPINNING HELPS BALANCE FAMILY BUDGET

RUSHMORE, Minn. (UP)—Mrs. Martha Odens, who carded her first pound of wool when she was 11 years old, came forward today in favor of the old spinning wheel. She still follows the pattern of grandmother's day and enjoys a comfortable living for herself and children by carding and spinning wool, which she knits into a variety of articles. Her market, she says, reaches as far as Illinois. Her output last year, she said, included washing and carding the wool for 11 combers, 118 pairs of mittens, and 18 sweaters, all of which she knit herself. In her spare time she finds leisure to create lace and insertions for pillow cases, and fancy tops for sofa pillows. Mrs. Odens' first tutor was her grandmother, who acquired the art in her native Germany. The wheel she now operates was purchased for her by her late husband 21 years after she had "worn out" the one she had used for years previous to that time. She takes great care in selection of wool. Particularly, she is on the lookout for corkscurbs. Contrary to popular belief, she said, it is not the wool itself which scratches the skin, but the points of burrs left in it.

ARCTIC STATION IS PLANNED AT THE MAGNETIC POLE

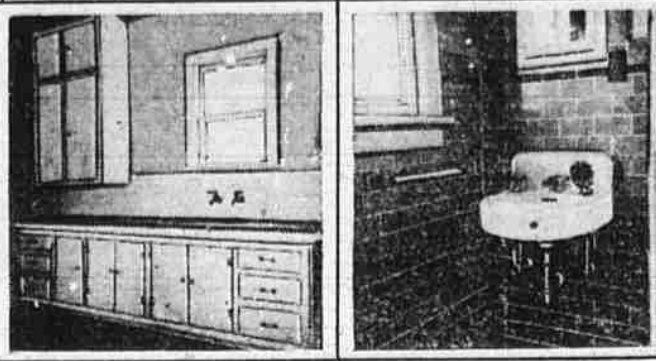
OTAWA (UP)—The Dominion government is considering a proposal to build and maintain a scientific station near the Arctic archipelago.

Aid of the government is sought by Canadian, British and United States scientists to delve into the secrets and resources of the north country.

The northern end of the Boothia Peninsula is the proposed site of the station as it would be adjacent to the north magnetic pole. Observations would be radioed to the outside world daily in winter and summer, according to plans. Magnetic compasses pointing to the north magnetic pole vary slightly

from year to year and a station in the vicinity would verify this deviation. Before a site could be established, flying conditions would have to be studied, because the short

Continental Oil Co. Launches Housing Plan



CONFIRMING President Roosevelt's position that there is an acute housing shortage, even in the most remote sections of the country, Continental Oil Company, according to an announcement by the Company, has started to meet the situation as it exists in several oil producing areas and at its refineries in the Southwest by erecting a number of single family houses for occupancy by its working force. Some sixty

houses of four and five rooms have already been completed, with forty-three now under construction.

Continental, already well known in the oil industry for its "good housekeeping" practices at its refineries and field pumping stations, is equipping each unit with a modern kitchen and tiled bath room and its landscaping the surrounding grounds. Most houses will also be provided with garages.

Sun Co. Test In Snyder Area Given Shot

Shell-TXL Among Completion During The Past Week

Sun Oil No. 1 Snyder, 1,650 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines of section 28-30-1s, T&P, test between the Ajax out-post and the Iron Mountain production in the Snyder pool, was given a 640 quart shot Thursday in a 200 foot stratum to below 2,800 feet.

Tamped with two yards of gravel the shot did not come out. Shows in the test have been somewhat lighter than in the Ajax well, in the northeast corner of the section, and which tested for 666 barrels last week, and the Iron Mountain No. 1 Snyder, in the southeast corner of the section.

Shell No. 1 TXL, 1,650 feet from the north and 330 feet from the east lines of section 33-30-1s, T&P, showed 394 barrels on test this week. Bottom is 2,900 feet. Its east offset, the Magnolia No. 3 O'Daniel, 1,650 feet from the north and 330 feet from the west lines of section 34-30-1s, T&P, is drilling at 1,358 feet.

Cosden No. 1 O'Daniel, eastern outpost in the northeast quarter of section 34-30-1s, T&P, had a fishing job on its hands Thursday with a joint of eight inch casing loose in the hole at 1,625 feet. Moore Bros. No. 3 TXL, 660 feet from the east and 330 feet from the north lines of section 33-30-1s, T&P, was at 1,450 feet.

Sun was tearing down rig on its No. 1 Snyder and preparing to set up for a second test on its 80 acre lease in the southeast quarter of section 28. A spider will be moved in to finish the No. 1 Snyder, Iron Mountain No. 3 Snyder was clearing wreckage from a collapsed derrick, 590 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines of the section, and Iron Mountain No. 4 Snyder, 320 feet from the south and 2,310 feet from the east lines of section 28 was at 350 feet.

Continental No. 4 Galbreth, section 402-2s, T&P, rated 568 barrels on a two hour test. It is bottomed at 2,532 feet and had shows from 2,482-89 and 2,527-31 feet in line.

Hotel ballroom. Dr. P. W. Malone, museum association president, said that he was hopeful that some possible solution would be suggested at the meeting for the housing puzzle now confronting the museum. The commissioners court has served notice that it wants possession as soon as possible after the first of the year because of a remodeling program in the old city hall building.

The museum will be kept open Monday afternoon and evening until just before the meeting time. Those who are planning to attend the meeting and any interested in the museum are urged to inspect the institution.

SMART CAT



MUSTARD READING, Pa. (UP)—Before you put cats down as dumb animals, you ought to know about Mustard. In the picture above Mustard, 7-month-old part Angora, shows how he lets himself into the restaurant operated by his mistress, Mrs. M. L. Ludwig, by leaping at the latch pressing it down with his forepaw and jerking open the door on the rebound.

"Kil-Frost" Paint Developed

LONDON (UP)—Striking results are claimed for a secret anti-icing compound, known as "kil-frost," painted on the wings, control surfaces and propellers of planes, which has been developed for Imperial Airways.



May this be your happiest Christmas of all, and the New Year be the most prosperous, is our Yuletide wish.

The FASHION WOMEN'S WEAR MAY & JACOBSON



CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE

FRIDAY NITE 9:30 'TILL? JIMMIE ROSS AND HIS BAND SETTLES HOTEL Confetti - Balloons - Favors - A Gala Nite

CHRISTMAS

May life's best gift make glad your day;

And joy light up the New Year way.

G. F. WACKER STORES

Save A Nickel On The Quarter

Museum Plans To Be Aired Monday

Mass Meeting Is Scheduled At The Crawford Hotel

Letters and calls are going out to representatives of social, civic and service clubs in the city and county to participate in the mass meeting on behalf of the museum here Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the Crawford

MAINTAINING A STANDARD

at Christmas and through the New Year



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Holiday Season, with its spirit of good cheer and friendliness, brings to mind the splendid associations that have been ours during the past year. It reminds us of the loyalty of our customers, whose patronage has made possible one of our best years in business in this community.

We gratefully acknowledge our appreciation of your consideration and favors. The trust and confidence you have shown are our incentives to even greater service during the years to come. They lead us to keep thoughtfully in mind your needs and desires so that we may more efficiently fulfill them.

As the old year draws to a close amid the good fellowship of Christmastime, we consider it singularly appropriate to extend the compliments of the season to our good friends of this area. May your Christmas be a happy one and may success attend your New Year.

Elmo Wasson

THE MEN'S STORE

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Our Friends

The approach of another year brings with it the opportunity we so much enjoy of extending our best wishes for a delightful and enjoyable Yuletide Season to all those whom we call our friends. It is these splendid associations that make this community such a pleasant place in which to live and which makes it possible for its institutions to enjoy such unusually good patronage.

In appreciation of this civic loyalty, as well as for the fine business that has been ours, we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the opportunity of sending you Christmas Greetings and a host of Good Wishes for the New Year.



Flash Service Stations

AND

Howard County Refining Co.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Holiday Time Is Reunion Time; B'Spring Folk Either Entertaining At Home Or Traveling Elsewhere To Be Entertained

Big Spring was preparing to entertain and be entertained as Christmas approaches and every incoming train brought relatives and friends for a holiday visit. Others arrived by the family in automobiles and the line going out seems to be as long as the one coming in. Families large and small are getting together this year to celebrate.

Many hosts and hostesses planned large house parties, guests for which will be from many out-of-state cities. With Christmas falling on Saturday and giving Sunday off visitors feel free to travel a greater distance and up until Saturday noon, meal time, everything has a great chance of being rather upst.

College students may be found on every corner or in groups at houses, discussing for the hundredth time what happened and how they did it at the respective colleges or universities. This may be specially true of '36 freshmen.

Christmas dances are expected to attract a large crowd of local people in addition to those from neighboring towns who find the bright lights of Big Spring more attractive.

Yes, it looks like a very merry Christmas is in store for Big Spring, for all that her citizens are departing, they seem to be swapping places with someone. The following list of "comers" and "goers" speaks for itself.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Barnett and son are in Dallas to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. T. Nicholas. The Barnetts will also visit in Tyler before returning here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland Ivey of Amarillo are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barron will have as their guests Christmas day her sister, Mrs. C. R. Terry, Mr. Terry and their two children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bates will have as guests Christmas day her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hannaford of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hannaford, Jr., and children of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hannaford of Lomax and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Faulkner of Pear Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Malone and children left Thursday evening for a holiday visit to their former home in Newcastle. They planned to spend some time in Rhome, Springtown and Fort Worth before returning here.

Frederick Koberg arrived Thursday evening from Galveston for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koberg. He is a student in medical school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lamb left Thursday for Ardmore, Okla., for a visit with his mother.

Mrs. C. H. Hamilton is to spend Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Buck Johnson, in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pierce are to spend the holidays on a tour of Mexico. They were joined in Abilene recently by Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Justice. They plan to spend a week in Mexico City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clappitt will motor to Abilene Saturday morning and visit with her sister, Mrs. O. C. Williams. They plan to attend the play, "Tobacco Road," in Abilene Christmas night and will return here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelly and son have returned from a visit in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter will spend Christmas in Victoria with her sister, Mrs. M. D. Stoner, Mr. Stoner and daughter, Michael Ann. They will return here Sunday.

Stanley Cosden is in Fort Worth on business.

Miss Gloria-Conley will visit in Lubbock where she will be the house guest of Miss Sylvia Wheelock.

Olla Cordill, Rice Institute student, will visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cordill, until Sunday. He will play in the Colorado university-Rice Institute game New Year's day.

Sam Flowers is expected to arrive today from Houston to spend Christmas with his mother. He will have as his guest Ernie Laine, who is a Rice student along with Sam. They will remain here through Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Dawes will have as guests for Christmas her daughters, Miss Nancy Dawes of Ozona, Mrs. Tyree Hardy of Sonora, Mr. Hardy and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dawes and family of Loving, N. M.

Mrs. C. D. Herring will have as Christmas visitors her son, Charles, Herring of Wink and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner of Sweetwater. They are expected to arrive this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross Williamson and son of Seminole will return to their home Sunday after spending Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Debenport, and his mother, Mrs. C. L. Williamson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rows will spend Christmas in Denton.

Bob Miller will spend Christmas day and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller. He is making his home in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dazler of Kermit were to arrive here today to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Myers, and family, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Dalton.

Mrs. Clem Rathoff and son left Thursday for Ranger to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Burage.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crosthwait were to leave this afternoon for Fort Worth and Dallas. They will visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crosthwait and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McKinney and son, Pat, will leave tonight for Dallas and McKinney where they will spend the weekend.

Mrs. V. L. Patrick is in El Paso for the holidays.

Dr. J. R. Cunningham is spending the holidays in Cherryvale, Kas.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Acuff will leave Saturday morning for Slaton to spend the day with her father, W. Y. Davis. Sunday they will visit in Lubbock with her brother, J. C. Davis. They will return here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. G. Adams and son, Alford, will leave Sunday for El Dorado, Ark., to visit with her parents.

Buddy Agnell of Austin and Alvin Agnell of Corsicana were expected this evening to spend Christmas day with their mother, Mrs. Della K. Agnell.

Mrs. F. O. Allen was to leave this afternoon to spend Christmas day with her daughter, Mrs. R. O. Myers, and son, W. G. Allen, in O'Donnell. She will return Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen left late Thursday for Fort Worth where they will visit until after Monday.

Mrs. Ben C. Ammann and children, Betty Lou and Bennie, and her sister, Miss Margaret Harrison of Houston who has been visiting here, and Bob Harrison, left this morning for Houston to spend several days with their mother, Mrs. Bob Harrison. Miss Harrison will remain in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Miña Williamson of San Antonio are expected here this afternoon to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wooten and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jones and daughter, Mildred, left this morning for Emory to spend Christmas with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McKeown. On the return trip they will stop in Dallas for a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Jones. He plans to attend the New Year's day football game between Colorado university and Rice Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Matheny will leave in the morning for Vernon to spend the weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Eubanks left this morning for Oklahoma City for a short visit before continuing their trip to Tulsa for Christmas day. They also will visit in Fort Smith, Ark., and Fort Worth.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO YOU, ONE AND ALL!

Using Big Type and making plain statements of facts, we tell you what we'd like to be able to say to you personally. We're thinking of each of you when we say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" . . . We're thinking of your friendship, your thoughtfulness, your patronage, the help you have been to us in a personal way and in our business. We are trying to portray in

print the warmth that is in our hearts for you, the gratitude we feel for the things you have done for us. In the language we'd use if we were talking with you individually, we say, "Thanks a lot, folks, you've been mighty fine to us and we're not forgetting it. We want to continue serving you, if you will let us. So Merry Christmas and many more of them!"

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

NO FUERTO RICO
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP) — Senate committee to investigate the judiciary of Puerto Rico left for New York today to sail for San Juan. The committee, which includes

Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex) remain on the island until January 6. The European lobster rarely reaches 10 pounds in weight. In America there are records of lobsters weighing 34 pounds.

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Charles Frost will leave in the morning for Corpus Christi to join his wife for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hargrove and family are in Temple to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ogden and Miss Virginia Lois Ogden are in Alamo for Christmas day. Miss Ogden is to be wed to Dr. J. H. Parrott in that city Sunday.

Mrs. E. D. Daniels and children of Toyah will arrive here Sunday for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Theo Andrews. Mrs. J. A. Casey and son, Charles, of Monahan are guests in the Andrews home at present.

Miss Ruth Arnold will have as her guest Miss Ruby Stice of Gainesville who is expected to arrive here on Tuesday for a visit through New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Houser will arrive here this afternoon from Colorado to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Atkins and family will spend Christmas day with relatives in Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmont Cook and Miss Lily Jean Cook are Tulsa, Okla., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baker. They plan to visit here through Sunday.

Lonis Bankson, student in junior college in Tyler, accompanied by Dick Davis of Tyler, arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bankson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Summers of Dallas are holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parks.

Wendell Parks, student in Texas Tech, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger White and children, Roger, Jr., and Shirley Jean, of Amarillo, arrived Thursday afternoon to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwarzenbach of San Antonio are expected to arrive today to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett.

Mrs. Henry Carpenter and daughter, Joan, are here from Dallas to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Stripling and children will spend Christmas with her parents in Kirbyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Rockhold of Gouse Creek are here for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. LaBef.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hall will spend Christmas in Plainview with relatives of Mrs. Hall.

John Stripling, Charles Vines and Charles McQuinn, students in Uni-

versity of Texas, have arrived here to spend the holidays.

Frank Fisherman and Frank Ginsberg are home from A. and M. to visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Barnett are expected to arrive here this afternoon from Houston to visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnett. Earl Lee Comber from Dallas will also be a holiday guest in the Barnett home.

Mrs. Allene Taylor and Miss Marjery Ann Willis of Houston will be Christmas guests of their sister and aunts, Mrs. Jake Bishop and Mrs. C. E. Shive and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Crowley of Lovington, N. M., are to spend Christmas here with their daughters, Mrs. Jake Bishop and Mrs. C. E. Shive.

Jake Bishop, Jr., is here from Fort Worth where he is a student in Paschal high school, to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brigham and children will spend Christmas day in Gal with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Cantrell.

Joe E. Thompson of Ardmore, Okla., will be a Christmas house guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Bristow.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Bristow and Joe E. Thompson plan to spend New Year's day in Dallas and attend the Colorado university-Rice Institute football game.

Miss Emily Bradley left this morning for Dallas to visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Buckner and son will spend Christmas in Dallas with his mother and sister, Mrs. N. P. Buckner, Sr., and Dr. Cassius Buckner. They will return Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Eason of San Angelo, Lee Eason of Meikel and Mrs. Bertie Eason of Rotan are among the relatives expected to spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eason. About fifty are planning to visit with the Big Spring family.

J. C. Fickle left Thursday afternoon for Texas City where he is employed.

Fred Townsend will spend Christmas day with his mother in Gouse Creek.

Miss Mickey Gordon left Thursday afternoon for Gouse Creek to spend Christmas with her mother, Bill Gordon, and Mrs. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilo Hatch of Fort Worth are expected to arrive here tonight to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson, and his mother, Mrs. R. C. Hatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McNew of Marshall and son, Bobby, who is a student at Texas university, will arrive today to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McNew.

Mrs. Violet Cox is to leave tonight for Ardmore to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins and daughter, Betty Jo, left last night for Dallas to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Roach. A brother from Greenville and two from Belle will join the family here for the first Christmas together in eighteen years.

Mrs. Frances Youngblood and daughter, Marilyn, are in Dallas for a visit with her mother, Mrs. R. A. Gossett. They plan to stay until school reopens.

Tom Winn will leave Christmas day to join his wife and daughter in Eastland who have been there the past ten days visiting with her mother. They will return late Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Amos B. Wood will have as their guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pittman and son of Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. J. W. Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. McLaurin and son of Hamilton, all relatives of Mrs. Wood.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Winn Christmas will be two sisters of Mrs. Winn. They are Mrs. J. G.

USE OF LIQUOR TAX TO AID DRUNKS IS PROPOSED

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Diversification of part of the state liquor tax to provide treatment for habitual drunkards is the idea of Dr. J. C. Geiger, city health director.

City treatment is widely discussed here, as result of revelations that in the first 11 months of 1937 there were 7,549 men and 1,539 women admitted to emergency hospitals who were listed as drunk at the time.

Carrying his idea a bit farther, Dr. Geiger suggested that part of

Blood Donors Corps Formed

PHILADELPHIA (UP) — A "blood donors corps" has been formed by the 155 members of the Henry H. Houston, 2nd Post, American Legion, here. Purpose of the corps is to pledge itself to supply blood for transfusions for any member of the post or their families.

In night rescue work, the coast-guard uses powerful acetylene searchlights, practically wind and waterproof, which shed a diffused light over the field of operations.

the gasoline tax be used to treat indigent persons injured in auto accidents.

Methodist Children Are Entertained

Thirty members of the primary department of the First Methodist church were entertained by the department supervisors, Miss Nellie Puckett and Mrs. Frank Powell, Thursday afternoon.

The children gathered in their classroom in the church basement and heard an impromptu program of Christmas readings and songs. Each child was presented with a gift and served fruit and popcorn balls.

Charades were invented in France in the 18th century.

HEARTY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As we look back over the year just past we fully realize the factors that have combined to make possible such an enjoyable year. We can think of any number of instances where your friendship and your influence has been of tremendous benefit to this institution and it is with this thought in our hearts that we stop for a moment at this happy Yuletide to wish you all the joys of the season. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be granted, that this will be a most happy occasion for you and yours.

And Best Wishes For A Happy New Year

WAITS JEWELRY STORE
 115 East Third St.

A Merry Christmas



IT'S THE SAME GREETING THE WORLD OVER, BUT NOWHERE IS IT MEANT WITH MORE SINCERITY THAN HERE. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR WISHES FOR THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS YOU HAVE EVER SPENT.

State National Bank



Season's Greetings

As we come to the end of a prosperous 1937, my entire Chevrolet Organization joins me in expressing to you our grateful feeling for this prosperous year which you have contributed a part. It has been a pleasure to serve you. We want you to know that we have done and will continue to do our best to please you.

We trust that 1938 will bring to you and your loved ones happiness, health, and prosperity.

Gratefully yours,

Lone Star Chevrolet, Inc.

Signed: Cliff Wiley

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO OUR FRIENDS, YOUNG AND OLD

This is the time of the year when joy and happiness are most in evidence... when worries and troubles somehow seem distant... when petty differences are forgotten... when the whole world is kin. We pause to extend good wishes to each of you and to thank you for your patronage.

Presley & Freeman

MINUTE LUNCH
 307 Main St.
 Big Spring

We welcome this opportunity to wish each and every one of our friends a VERY MERRY XMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Eberly Funeral Home

POWER CONSUMPTION SHOWS INCREASE

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—The University of Texas bureau of business research said today electric power consumption in the state during

November maintained a wide gain over the corresponding month last year. Sixteen major power companies with total production during November of 208,806,000 kilowatt hours, showed an increase of 14.9 per cent.

Chief Of Library Of Congress Is Attacked By Texas Representative

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Representative McFarlane (D-Tex.) accused Dr. Herbert Putnam, head of the library of congress, of making "a farce of every principle of social security for which the new deal now stands."

McFarlane's statement "criticizing Putnam appeared in the congressional record, after he introduced in the house a resolution calling for the reinstatement of Dr. George J. Schulz as director of the legislative reference service of the library."

"Dr. Schulz was summarily dismissed by Dr. Putnam on Sept. 17 for stating a small part of the truth as to what has been going on for some time in the library of congress," said McFarlane. "There is no economic security for the 800 men and women who labor in the stacks and galleries of what we facetiously regard as our library but whose head has made it into a medieval chamber of horrors and now desires to make it his mausoleum."

The Texan declared Dr. Putnam "meanly, selfishly, and furiously seeks to destroy the economic future of others who have rendered service for which he has taken credit himself."

He decried a lack of congressional jurisdiction over the library chief.

"He has caused to be removed from the statutes all power and control of the congress over himself or the conduct of the library of congress," McFarlane said. "The White House declares itself powerless to control him, we cannot impeach him, we cannot involuntarily retire him, and definitely and derisively he refuses to resign."

"The time has come when congress must retrieve and recover some of the authority over its library which it has permitted to be taken away by amendment after amendment of the law. Congress can no longer ignore the economic destinies of 800 persons for whose salaries it appropriates the people's money."

WHEAT TRADING IS BIGGEST SINCE '30

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—The biggest business in wheat futures contracts in seven years was transacted on the Chicago board of trade this year.

The grain exchange's figures also disclosed today that the volume of trading in all grains was the largest since 1933.

Traders credited increased public participation in the market coincident and production of bigger crops.

Up to December 18 total volume of trade involved 14,418,685,000 bushels of wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, and soy beans. Wheat accounted for 10,720,683,000 bushels of this total.

Malachite, a bright green mineral is one of the commonest ores of copper.

BOY SINGER WILL APPEAR DESPITE A BLACK EYE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—George Skar, in a surplice and black eye, will sing the line "Peace on earth and mercy mild" when the Gramercy Boys club choir renders "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Christmas Eve.

It looked for a time as though the 10-year-old boy soprano, had too far damaged his seraphic standing to be able to appear in public after losing a rock-throwing contest. He acquired one of the most colorful shiners the club has ever seen.

But the harassed choirmaster decided that Christmas Eve without George's voice would be even more incongruous than the appearance of the black eye specialist.

No George positively will appear.

Jesse Jones Says Business Is Good

HOUSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, came home for the Christmas holidays today and told fellow townsmen the business recession is definitely declining.

"The recession was overestimated and was caused by unwarranted fear," he said. "Business is good in many parts of the nation."

The chairman of the RFC said some eastern railroads had made applications for government loans and added:

"The railroads need earnings, not loans."

He shunned politics, avoiding any comment on republican activity. "I pay little attention to politics," he said.

Mr. Jones said he planned a quiet Christmas at home here. Mrs. Jones accompanied him from Washington.

Favors 'Dividend' For Each Voter In The Nation

AMBLER, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP)—J. Harvey Gravell, stocky, gray-haired manufacturer, who gave much of a \$75,000 Christmas bonus to the wives of his employees, today advocated a plan for a \$250 annual "dividend" to each voter in the country.

Gravell's "dividend" program, as well as his Christmas bonuses, are a part of his theory on wealth and the general economic system, which he said he had outlined and presented to President Roosevelt.

To provide that \$250 "dividend" Gravell would:

1. Establish a national loan association.
2. Permit it to exercise the right of eminent domain and take over by purchase all stocks in banks.
3. Abolish laws which enable a private individual to collect interest through the courts and reserve for the association the exclusive rights to collect interest.
4. Distribute the interest collected by the association annually, pro rata, to the voters of the country.

WPA 'TEXAS GUIDE' WILL BE ISSUED

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Publication of "The Texas Guide," product of the WPA Writers' project, was practically assured today with announcement that the state highway commission would serve as sponsor of the book.

Announcement of the commission's decision was made here by Robert Lee Bobbitt, chairman. The Guide, similar to those already published in many New England and eastern states, will contain complete information on the points of interest to be found in all sections of Texas.

J. Frank Davis, state supervisor, said workers already had submitted 7,000,000 words of material which will have to be boiled down to about 450 pages of reading matter. Authority is being obtained and double-checked for each statement, he said. The material is almost complete, Davis announced.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me for Christmas a Beta-Wetay, a sewing machine. Be sure and bring Beta-Wetay plenty of clothes. I want a coat for her, lots of dresses. Please bring me some candy oranges and apples. Bring me an organ too. I want to make music. Bring me toys too. I am going to be at my grandmother's house in Dow City, Iowa. Leave my things there that night, don't bring them to Big Spring. I love you Santa Claus. LA RUE.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little boy all year. Will you please remember me. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a cannon, a gun and holster and a microscope. DELOSS GALT.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing to tell you that I would like to have some games, a black telephone and a set of dishes and a table and chairs. Also some nuts, fruits and plenty of candy and other good things to eat. Your little friend, P. C. I live in the back of the house at 408 Owen street. I have tried to be a good little girl.

Dear Santa Claus: We want a Greyhound bus terminal, main street bus bridge, tricky cycle, doughboy tank, motor biplane, reversing climbing tractor, sparkplug, climbing tank, searchlight airport, sky bird flyers, Popeye jigs, Popeye aviator, mystery and road roller, truck and trailer, Captain Sandy Andy, modern trucks and garage, five car garage, clown on net trapeze, skooter bug, telephone balloons, Popeye, midget racer, milk wagon, Pluto pulling.

Donald, cowboy Mickey, 61 peace barn, five piece farm machine, cowboy set, merry-go-round, defense gun, blackboard, chair, quiz game, print set, telephone, mechanical train flashlight, duck shooting game.

Twila wants a doll that wets in its panties, dressed in blue and a cleaning set, washday set, grocery store, machine carriage. DONALD and MICKEY. Knott, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll buggy and a blue dressed doll. Put some candy in my stocking. BETTIE.

Dear Santa: I want a little red wagon. Santa, I will have my stocking up and put some candy in it. BUD.

Dear Santa Claus: Just a line to tell you I would like to have a C. doll, a telephone, some dishes, set of Dionesse, some fruit, nuts and plenty of candy and good things to eat. I live at 406 Owens in the front room, don't forget it. Your friend, NOBLE IRENE WEBB.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy three years old and I've been good and mother says I'm sweet too. So please bring me a cowboy suit, a tractor that you don't have to pull, a leather jacket and boot pants. And if you have any left after giving to the other little boys and girls I'd like some Roman candles and firecrackers. Don't bring me the golf sticks I wanted because mother brought me some today. Your little friend, JIMMIE FRANK WILCOX.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a tent and an air gun for Christmas. I enjoy the cars you brought last night. I would like to have some school supplies. I will need some after Christmas. MR. AND MRS. L. E. JONES' LITTLE BOY.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old and I love you lots. I also love mother, auntie and uncle. I want you to bring me a wardrobe trunk, a drum, cowboy suit, truck train and a watch just like uncle's. Be sure to bring Billie Bob and every little boy and girl something. Yours truly, ROBERT ROWE, 1107 Main Street.

Proration Hearing Slated Jan. 17th

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Texas railroad commission announced today it would hold the next state-wide oil proration hearing Jan. 17. It will consider at that time how much the production should be reduced to keep gasoline stocks from piling up in late January and February.

The basic allowable for the remainder of this month and the first half of January is 1,357,573 barrels daily. It probably will be around 1,400,000 barrels by January 17 however, due to well completions.

ADMITS HOLDUPS

HOUSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—A 17-year old Miami, Fla., youth today admitted, Police Lieutenant Cecil Priest said, a series of petty hold-ups in Houston and towns between here and Miami.

The youth was arrested last night after two policemen had fought a gun battle with two auto thieves who escaped. The youth was arrested later when he went to claim a package at a bus station.

He said he left Miami last Friday with a companion and en route the two stole an automobile in Mobile and held up beer payees and small business establishments in New Orleans and several towns in Louisiana. He did not remember the names of the Louisiana towns.

FARM PURCHASE APPLICATIONS START JAN. 3

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Texas Oklahoman farmers in certain areas who desire to buy farms in Oklahoma will begin applying to the farm credit administration today, January 3.

C. M. Evans, regional director, said applications would be taken for 30 days, after which advisory committees will select those eligible for loans.

Texas counties in which they will be made are Baylor, Bexar, Bowie, Cherokee, Dallas, DeWitt, Fannin, Fayette, Haskell, Hilda, Houston, Hunt, Johnson, Jones, Lampasas, Navarro, Nueces, Rees, San Augustine, Tom Green, Van Zandt, Warton and Williamson. Oklahoma counties are Atoka, Caddo, Cleveland, LeFlore, Lincoln, McCurtain, Major, Mayes, Okfuskee, Oklahoma and Wadsworth.

TEACHERS GET THEIR CHECKS FOR XMAS

School teachers of Big Spring and Howard county have been paid their December salaries before dismissal for the holidays, school officials said Friday.

Total amount of the payroll was between \$18,000 and \$20,000. Teachers in the Big Spring schools were paid approximately \$10,000. W. C. Blankenship, superintendent, said. Rural school teachers came near receiving a total, according to County Superintendent Anne Martin.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

As we cannot see each of you individually to tell you of our Christmas wishes, we must find another means. We want you to feel that this message is for you, personally, and we want you to believe us when we say that we are proud of your friendship and that our amicable association is tremendously important in our policy of service. . . We pledge anew our willingness to serve you in any capacity that may be your pleasure.

OMAR PITMAN

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And Thanking You For Many Seasons of Pleasant Association

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Home Cafe

W. A. SHEETS, Prop.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Today, as on previous occasions, we greet you with all the sincerity that is in our hearts; and thank you with a deep feeling of grateful appreciation for your thoughtfulness in the year just closing.

Jack Frost Pharmacy

GREETINGS TO ALL

At this season of the year, the Schermerhorn Oil Corporation again expresses its gratification of being a part of the great community that is Big Spring.

We are glad to count its citizens as our friends, glad to share with them the efforts that go toward building a bigger and finer city.

It is our hope to be able to cooperate, during 1938, with all loyal Big Spring people, toward making that year a brighter, happier and more prosperous one than ever.

We count it a privilege to be able to wish for all our friends a cheery New Year, and a real, old-fashioned

Merry Christmas

SCHERMERHORN OIL CORPORATION

Robt. F. Schermerhorn, President

JOBS TO BE GIFTS FOR SOME YOUTHS

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24 (AP)—J. C. Kellam, state director for the National Youth administration, said today preliminary reports for December indicated a large number of Texas youths would receive a private job for their Christmas gift.

Through a joint program of the Texas State Unemployment service and the N.Y.A., 900 youths between the ages of 18 and 20 were given private employment during November, Kellam said. Indications were

Cooking Edict Faces Girls

HOBART, Australia (UP)—Tasmanian high school girls must choose between higher education or cooking. When they reach the age of 13 and do not intend to study for higher examinations, they are placed automatically in courses of domestic training.

"Maine is the only state in the union in which state elections are not held in November.

December would be no exception, as he explained this represented approximately the usual job replacement.

A Sermon Written For The Big Spring Herald

In these days much has been said about the "Christmas Spirit." That expression so often written in the papers, spoken from one to the other, and heard over the air, is not easily defined. I am not sure just what people mean by it. I am equally sure it does not mean the same to every one. The Christmas Spirit, however, embodies some great teachings that are helpful to every soul.

In the first place, the Christmas Spirit will take us back to Bethlehem, a little village but, greater than New York City with her Empire building and Radio Center, greater than London with her billions of trade; greater than Paris with Napoleon's tomb and the Louvre; greater than Rome and the Vatican; greater than Berlin and Moscow; greater than all of these combined because Bethlehem gave us Jesus, whose life has meant more to this world than all economic schemes, political triumphs, and accumulated wealth.

The Spirit of Christmas must take us back to Bethlehem that gave us the world's most dynamic man. The whole of Bethlehem was a thing of simplicity. God did not enter our human world in gorgeous pomp and trappings. No

'THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS'

By Rev. C. E. Lancaster, First Baptist Church

show of pomp and splendor can be attached to a stable-crib and swaddling clothes. The first visitors were Shepherds who lived the simplest of lives, had no social standing, and today, would be classed as the less privileged. They pointed the way where we may look for true values, in life, namely simplicity.

A Confession of Faith

The Spirit of Christmas in the next place will take us back to that babe born of a peasant woman 2000 years ago. Who is He, after these centuries, the most highly civilized nations on earth reckon their years by the date of his birth? Some are confused over the origin and nature of Christ. Yet more perplexing is the problem of the place and influence of Jesus in the life and thought of our world.

Christmas is in reality a confession of our faith. Underneath all the feverish activity of these days is the conviction that He was more than an ordinary child. So the Spirit of Christmas emphasizes the supernatural origin of our holy religion. If the story of His birth is fiction, then the first and second chapter of Luke's Gospel must be discarded, for all the subsequent

chapters are based on the miraculous conception of the babe born to Mary. There is then no meaning to the Benedictus and the Magnificat. The announcement of the Angels, visit of the Shepherds and Wise Men, are folklore or forgeries if the miraculous is taken out of the story.

The Christ of the Gospels in his miracles, in his love, wisdom, power to forgive sin, and bind up the broken hearted, die on a cross, rise from His grave, is logical with the announcement of His birth. So the Spirit of Christmas carries a confession of faith.

Generosity

It is also the Spirit of Generosity. The first Christmas was a day of divine giving, God's "Unspeakable Gift." The genius of Christianity is to give. The Father gave—the son gave. The season reminds us of the Father's unchanging generosity. Thousands who have lived eleven months without giving a smile or doing a kindly deed have become harbingers of good will and benefactors of humanity. Every day this week my phone has been ringing, asking for a family that might be sent things to brighten

the season for.

The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Hope. It bespeaks for us possibilities ahead. It tells us life is not a thing of despair. It shines anew, after the darkness of night comes the dawn. It brings to all promises and assurances the desert may, "blossom as the rose." This day reminds us Christ is working to redeem humanity from utter destruction.

May we remind ourselves that the Star of Bethlehem will continue to shine on the ocean of life, no matter how turbulent the waves may roll against us. That star will continue to shine on until "The Perfect Day."

May we have the Christmas Spirit and Christian Christmas, and remember His words, "and I will be lifted up from the earth, and I will draw all men unto me." Those who found Him and worshiped Him on that first Christmas day were satisfied. The hope of life is found in Him. The plain people were satisfied when they found Him and worshiped. So were the educated and wise satisfied. He will still satisfy. "Him that Cometh to Me I Will In No Wise Cast Out."

AIRPORT PROJECT STILL AWAITING LAST SIGNATURE

The Big Spring airport project is still in Washington in the comptroller's office awaiting his signature for the allocations of public works funds, Dan Reed, regional engineer for the airport section, department of commerce, advised City Manager E. V. Spence Friday.

Reed said he would notify city officials as soon as the comptroller's signature was affixed, and that the delivery of final approval on the project would be expedited in every way possible.

A LUSCIOUS FRUIT

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The tangelo—a cross between tangerine and grapefruit—is the fruit with a future, says E. J. Deakin, Miami citrus grower.

"Anyone having tasted a tree-ripened tangelo," he declares, "with all the tangerine-orange flavor plus the odd but rather faint bitter taste of grapefruit, and also its inner texture, will be forever weaned away from the usual run of fruit consumed previously."

Tangelos have been grown in small quantities but have not been widely marketed.

A new Christmas bringing you new joy... is our wish for the Yuletide season.

KINNEY FUNERAL HOME

A Christmas Wish

May all the joys of a happy Yuletide Season be yours, and may the New Year see the realization of your every dream. May we continue to enjoy the true appreciation that makes acquaintances friends.

Lester Fisher

Now, at the time of the year when gladness and thanksgiving are first in the minds of all, we welcome the opportunity to express our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, and to say to each of you, "Thanks for your favors and patronage."

CUNNINGHAM AND PHILIPS

It Does Snow Once In Awhile On Christmas Day; Some Recall A Real Fall About 30 Years Ago

The odds are all against it, but Big Spring has a white Christmas once in a blue moon. Because there are about 90 days in the year when a snow could be considered within the normal pattern of weather, it is a good 30-1 bet that the flakes will not be on the ground when St. Nicholas comes.

About the best snow the city ever had on Christmas day occurred around 30 years ago. It started snowing two days in advance and snowed well into the morning of December 24. Cold weather kept the snow on the ground most of the holiday season.

W. P. Edwards remembers that snow. He had started with his wife and two sons, Marion and Will Knox, from their ranch home 17 miles south to Big Spring. They drove in a hack typical of that day, and by the time they arrived flurries were swirling intermittently.

Long Journey

Late on the afternoon of December 23 a blinding snow storm started in. It slackened somewhat, but it was so bad that Edwards decided he and his family would go to a hotel for the night. When they awoke in the morning, it was still snowing but only lightly.

He bundled the children well and they started the trek back to the ranch house. The journey which normally should have taken a few hours required most of the day. The snow was quite deep and had

drifted badly in spots. At times the only way the road could be discerned was by an open place in the brush mesquite tops.

Fox Stripling, who also remembers the snow, says it was 33 years ago. Flakes were at least half a foot deep in all places, and drifts mounted to several feet, he recalls.

At the time he was teaching school at Sandy Hollow (now Midway) and had a time keeping his house warm. Hayes, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Stripling, was ill at the time and Dr. W. C. Barnett, veteran Big Spring physician, had to make his way through the drifts to the house six miles east of here.

The snow was about deep enough for a little sleigh riding, but few thought it advisable to substitute funners for wheels on the old hack. However, the children seized upon the opportunity with improvised sleds and celebrated Christmas in "real style."

Better Diets Would Create Markets For Foodstuffs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Government economists said today a study of the American diet disclosed a vast potential market for many agricultural products.

Only about 25 per cent of the white non-relief families have diets rated "very good," the bureau said, while 20 per cent were reported living on diets considered "very poor."

If all city families could have first class diets, the bureau added, a 33 per cent increase would follow in the dairy industry, 20 per cent increase in fruit and vegetable production, and 15 per cent increase in egg production.

GETS WATERMELONS, THANKS TO PLEA OVER THE RADIO

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 21 (AP)—The fresh watermelon N. Bobb, Neptune City, N.J., wanted in an effort to save the life of Donald Worth are en route.

Ralph Palmer, radio amateur, heard a plea from the New Jersey station for melons to be used in treatment of Worth, described as seriously ill. Palmer rebroadcast the appeal and obtained a consignment of melons which had been "saved for Christmas." He had them forwarded.

Indian Serfs Freed

SATNA, Panna State, India (UP)—Several thousand poor laborers of the central Indian state of Panna have been released from semi-slavery by the action of the Maharaja of Panna in abolishing the "harwahi" system.

TO NEW POST



The appointment of Paul P. Hastings (above) as vice president in charge of traffic for the Santa Fe Railway System Lines, effective March 1, 1938, has been announced by S. T. Bledsoe, president.

Hastings succeeds Fred B. Houghton, who has requested retirement after fifty-three years of continuous service, in which time he rose from telegraph operator at Peoria, Illinois, in 1884, to vice president in charge of traffic.

Editor's Historical Writing Attracts Attention

PARIS, Dec. 24—The History of Lamar County, written by A. W. Neville, editor of the Paris News, is attracting statewide attention. Recently Mr. Neville was awarded the honor of "the most distinguished citizen of Paris" by the local post of the American Legion. For more than 50 years he has been in the newspaper business here.

The history has been printed in book form, one a limited edition with limp-leather binding and all copies autographed by the author; the other in plain binding.

Many book stores from over the state have placed orders for the histories and local people have bought a large number of the books.

The book is copyrighted by the North Texas Publishing Co., publisher of the Paris News. The history covers a period of 121 years of Northeast Texas and Southeast Oklahoma development, the early pioneers, Indian fights, the days when steamboats carried freight on the Red river, three of the "immortal seven" who voted against Texas secession, the life of John Chisum, cattle king of Texas, and other interesting facts are well written in the 248 pages of the first complete history of its kind ever written on this region.

Scout Campers To Assemble

Program For Affair Next Tuesday Is Announced

Program for the Boy Scout annual Campers Reunion here Tuesday evening has been announced by Al Stiles, Sweetwater, area executive.

Registration will start at the Odd Fellows hall at 5:30 p. m. Camp dressings, including the "cavetto" "little brown jug" which is awarded for best inspection records, will be on display.

At 6 p. m. colors ceremony, inspection and orders of the day will be published. A feature of the color ceremony will be the sounding of the camp cannon, "If it goes off."

Fifteen minutes later "soupy" will be sounded by the bugler and the boys will attack a 55-cent plate consisting of turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable salad, hot rolls, hot chocolate or coffee and pie.

The campfire program is to start at 7:15 p. m. with stunts from each troop, camp songs, yells, spot box, jamboree highlights, memories of a day in camp, and positively no speeches.

Tax will sound over the meeting at 9 p. m.

More than 150 boys from the area extending from Sweetwater to Pecos and Bismarck are expected here for the affair.

CHRISTMAS

gives us the opportunity long awaited to express our thanks for the splendid patronage that has been ours. We wish you a Joyous Season and Happy New Year.

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Significant

of the HOLIDAY SEASON

The Yuletide Season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendship, tried and proven, and cherished through the months just past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow man are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material.

It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And a courteous Thank You for your patronage. May your every Yuletide wish be realized.

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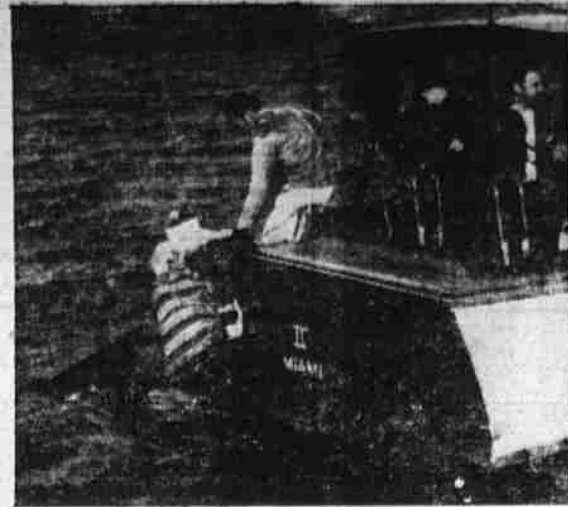
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Here Comes Santa Claus! -- Or, The Inside Story Of A Great Idea



1 Here's how a publicity man brings Santa to town. First he fastens Santa's paunch—towels and paper.

2 This isn't a romantic view of Santa—it just shows him getting his feet wet. What's he doing in the water? The movie men wondered about that too. Wait a minute.

3 Why, Santa's aquaplaning to town. That seems to be just the right thing for him to be doing, for the scene is Florida. What can the old man be up to next?

4 The publicity man (he really works pretty hard) is coaching the girls. Girls? Oh, publicity men can always find some work for girls.

5 And finally—five hours after that paunch was fixed up—Santa is welcomed to town. What town? That's the publicity man's big point: Miami Beach.

Dallas Police "Too Kind"
DALLAS (UP)—Police Chief Bob Jones told Dallas policemen to "bear down" when he discovered that they handed out an average of less than one ticket each per

day. Dallas has 145 policemen and averages 140 traffic tickets each 24 hours.
The Isle of Man, like Ireland, is free of snakes and toads.

George Aiken, Out To Scalp GOP's Old Guard, Is Just About As Mild A Hatchet Man As You'd Expect To Find

George D. Aiken, governor of one of the two states carried by the republicans in the last presidential election, has leaped into national prominence with a statement lambasting Old Guard republican leadership. What sort of a man is he? This story by Morgan M. Beatty gives you an intimate picture.

By MORGAN M. BEATTY
AP Feature Service Writer

This man Aiken from Vermont waited 25 years to take a good healthy crack at the Republican Old Guard.

"Why, I've had a desire for a purge of the republican party since 1912," he says, off-hand, as if you should have known all about he would uncork a haymaker when he got good and ready.

And right away, he's telling you why.

"I was too young to vote in 1912," he says, "but I never did not vote the way the southern oligarchs swing the nomination from Teddy Roosevelt to Taft!"

He speaks with the slow, quiet twang of the native Vermonter. His face is calm, browned by wind, and topped by a heavy shock of steel-gray hair. He's almost shy, blushing when he laughs, and wears sober blue suits.

His Scorch

It is hard to believe the fellow would swing on a fly. But there he stands—Governor George D. Aiken, in person—and admits all. Yes, he's the author of a scorching ultimatum to the national heads of his party—an ultimatum that ends with this stinger:

"The republican leadership of Vermont demands a purge of reactionary and unfair elements... If that demand is not met we must look elsewhere... for an organization!"

That from a simon-pure, old-line Vermont republican!

He is 45... married... the father of three girls and a boy... stopped his education when he graduated from high school... went to weeding onions in his father's truck gardens.

A Shrewd Farmer
"When I was 19 I borrowed \$100 at the bank," he explains, "and bought a 40-acre pasture with another fellow. We started raising raspberries, but we overdid 'em and got too much rain. The other fellow pulled out, leaving me with the plants, so I started selling plants."

From then on it was just a question of time until this canny farmer had acquired the biggest nursery business in New England, and a 500-acre estate to go with it.

"What about your love of wild flowers, governor?"

"Oh, that!" he laughs. "Well, somebody told me I could not do medicine wild trailing arbutus and fringed gentian, and I guess I showed 'em I could do it. Then I got so many letters asking how it was done that I wrote a book on wild flowers. Now the books sell plants, and plants sell the book."

Governor Aiken likes the way that little business coup worked.

Tried Again
The governor's first excursion into politics occurred 16 years ago and fizzled. A democrat beat him for the legislature.

"The fellow went around asking



GOV. GEORGE D. AIKEN
He waited 25 years for a chance at the Old Guard.

people to vote for him, and damned if I would."

He kept his peace for 10 years, ran for the legislature again, and made the grade. He was speaker of the house in 1935, ran for governor in '36, and got the usual republican majority.

To top it all off, this neophyte in politics tells you he's surprised that his letter to the burrows caught the attention of a national audience.

He says he didn't expect the highlight of a mass interview, the burst of flashbulbs, and the pow-wow with a Republican Chairman John Hamilton in Washington.

Has Answers Ready
"My first experience of this kind," he agrees, and adds, smiling, "Perhaps my last."

Anyway, the rapid-fire questioning doesn't cross up the cautious governor of Vermont for a minute. When he hasn't an answer, he says he doesn't know. When he thinks he knows, he cuts loose with plain Vermont language.

"Do you think the republican party is in a bad way?"

"Yes, and the public knows the republican party is in a bad way. Millions and college presidents can't win any elections. You've got to have some voters."

"But what about a labor program?"

"Up in Vermont we don't have much of a labor problem. Naturally I favor organization by labor. Beyond that I don't know what to tell you."

"What can you say for the Roosevelt labor program?"

"I don't intend to be abusive of any person, but it looks as though the Roosevelt administration has done everything for the workers but give 'em a job."

"Do you favor the general objectives of the Roosevelt administration?"

"Vermont is co-operating with every federal agency set up under the social security act. But we must see that the burden imposed on one class doesn't exceed the benefits to another."

CHICKENS' PHARMACY
PETALUMA, Calif. (UP)—The only pharmacy exclusively for chickens is operated here in "the nation's egg basket" by Dr. D. E. Davis, a veterinarian.

Dr. Davis has treated chicken ailments for 14 years and has had to manufacture many of his remedies. Since chickens often get chicken pox, Dr. Davis has done considerable experimenting with anti-pox vaccines.

Worst danger to chickens, he finds, is infectious bronchitis.

Connally To Push For Action On His War Profits Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Senator Connally (D-Tex.) said today he would urge action on his war profits bill by the next session of congress.

The measure would set up a high personal and corporation income tax rate to be put into effect upon

declaration of war and is designed to take profiteering out of all commodities, including food supplies and apparel, as well as munitions.

Member of a congressional committee sailing today from New York to investigate courts in Puerto Rico, Connally said he might return sooner than the other members of the group if the house sent to the senate its excess profits bill, or if the anti-lynch bill debate required his presence.

Cotton Supplies At Record High

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research and cotton economist, said today American cotton supplies currently were at an all-time high.

"The increase in supplies of cotton in the United States on December 1 from last December was 5,568,000 bales," Dr. Cox said, "the greatest increase for any like period in history."

The indicated supplies in this country, by the bureau's statistics, were 18,625,000 bales as of December 1 compared with 13,057,000 bales last year and 13,468,000 two years ago. The all-time high for any December 1 was that of 1931—18,671,000.

FALL PIG CROP IS SLIGHTLY LOWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The agriculture department reported today that a recent farm census indicated the fall pig crop was about one per cent less than last year's.

The department estimated 23,573,000 head or 237,000 fewer than at the same time last year and about 17 per cent short of the 1929-32 average.

The fall pig crop by states this year and last included: Texas, 855,000 and 1,017,000; Oklahoma, 525,000 and 492,000; and Arkansas 614,000 and 598,000.

The Malay archipelago is the largest group of islands in the world.

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Driving Caution Urged During The Holidays

GREENVILLE, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Federated Womens Clubs of Texas appealed today for the "utmost caution" on the highways during the Christmas holiday weekend.

"Let's make the statisticians wrong for once," said Mrs. E. D. Barlow, chairman of the traffic safety committee of the Federated clubs.

"The statisticians say there will be 100 persons killed during the entire holiday season. The utmost caution, the observance of every rule of safety and common sense and courtesy on the highways will eliminate many needless deaths and injuries."

There are six saints bearing the name St. Catherine.

Wishing You A Joyous Yuletide... and Good Luck in the Coming Year...

Brittie S. Cox
Chiropractor

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TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Walter Lippmann

(Mr. Lippmann's column is published as an informational and news feature. His views are personal and are not to be construed as necessarily reflecting the editorial opinion of The Herald—Editor's Note.)

MR. LUDLOW PREPARES FOR WAR

The required 218 representatives having signed the petition, the house will, within the next few weeks, vote on the Ludlow resolution amending the Constitution. If two-thirds of the house and of senate were to adopt the resolution, it would then be submitted to the states. If thirty-six states ratify it, congress will no longer have power to declare war "except in the event of an invasion of the United States or its territorial possessions and attack upon its citizens residing therein"—unless the declaration of war is confirmed by majority vote in a national referendum.

There is probably not one chance in ten thousand that the Ludlow resolution will in fact become part of the constitution. But the mere fact that a majority of the house have at this moment signed a petition which brings it to a vote is in itself of considerable importance. The president is engaged in the delicate task of convincing the Japanese government that the American protests are serious. There is grave danger that the signing of this petition might be misunderstood by the Japanese military as signifying that the president may be disregarded because he does not have behind him the support of the people. It is to be hoped that Ambassador Saito and the Japanese newspapermen in this country will do everything in their power to dispel such a dangerous illusion. They cannot make it too plain to their government and to their people that the action of the house on the Ludlow resolution has no practical significance whatever in determining what the president can or will do, what congress and American opinion can or will support.

Now that the Ludlow resolution is to be brought to a vote, the best thing to do with it is to subject it to democratic debate and, if its soundness can be demonstrated, to defeat it decisively by a vote. We need not shrink from such a test. It is not difficult to demonstrate the fallacy of the scheme and to show that though the sponsors of the resolution have the best intentions, the resolution would, if adopted, enormously increase the chances of America's being drawn into a great war.

The effect of the Ludlow resolution would be in essence to forbid the president to use diplomacy to prevent war. If the constitutional amendment were adopted, he could do nothing about an attack on American citizens or American property or American national interests in any part of the world or on the high seas. He could perhaps plead with the aggressors to desist; he could appeal to their better natures, but he would be always to admit that he could do no more than that. Thus he would merely be airing his personal views. When he made his protest, he would not be speaking officially as the chief magistrate of the American nation but as a private individual. No one could speak to a foreign power in the name of the American people. For the president could never know, and the foreign power could never know, how eventually the referendum would decide.

Under the Ludlow resolution diplomacy in time of peace would be unconstitutional. Mr. Ludlow might presumably retort that he does not think diplomacy prevents wars, that it is too dangerous to let the president write diplomatic notes backed by the threat that the nation would fight to make them effective. No doubt there is some danger that a headstrong president might abuse this power. But unfortunately for Mr. Ludlow his resolution does nothing whatever to clip the power of such a war-like president.

Suppose, for example, that instead of wanting to prevent a war, Mr. Roosevelt wanted a war with Japan; what could he do under the Ludlow resolution? He could do what Japan has done in China, what Italy did in Ethiopia and in Spain? He could go to war without asking congress to declare war. There is nothing in the Ludlow resolution to stop him. He could still break off diplomatic relations. He could still mobilize the American navy across the Japanese trade routes. He could land more marines at Shanghai. He could send warships up the Yangtze river. He could fire on Japanese airplanes. How would Mr. Ludlow prevent that? Did not President Wilson bombard and seize Vera Cruz, did he not send an army under General Pershing deep into Mexico, all without a declaration of war by congress, much less a popular referendum?

If an American president wants to go to war, he can go to war no matter what the Ludlow resolution says. No doubt Mr. Ludlow does not mean to produce such fantastic consequences. He sincerely does not want war. But to attain his end he

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How To Torture Your Wife



become hopelessly ineffective. For with the Ludlow amendment in effect such a president would naturally be too scrupulous to go to war without a declaration of war. And since he could not know what the referendum would show, a peaceable president could take no step whatever to restrain attacks on Americans before they had reached a point where the public was so excited that it would surely vote for war. He could not now say to Japan, for example, that the Panay affair really must not be repeated. All he could say would be that the Japanese military must decide for themselves how many Americans they may kill, how many American ships they may sink, before a referendum would declare war.

Thus instead of permitting the president to use diplomacy to prevent the repetition of such outrages, the Ludlow resolution would invite all foreign powers to see how many feathers they can pluck from the tail of the eagle before he gets angry. Can any one imagine a device more calculated to induce reckless adventures to take long chances, such long chances that in the end they would have done such intolerable things that a complete bitter-end Ludlow war would be absolutely inescapable?

Instead of permitting a preventive diplomacy, the Ludlow scheme would require the American people to stand by helplessly until they were so infuriated that there was no holding them. Nothing could be done to stop a war until the outrages had reached a point where it was impossible to stop a war. So what Mr. Ludlow wants is to keep the American temper peaceable, he should be told that his scheme is a device for sitting on the safety-valve until the boiler explodes.

Not only does his plan invite the foreign powers to proceed unchecked from outrage to outrage, thus insuring eventually an explosion of American resentment, but it provides that when at last the country does go to war anyway, it shall find itself in the worst possible position. Under the Ludlow resolution, the cardinal principle of our foreign policy would be that only the actual invasion of American territory was a justifiable cause of war.

Thus Mr. Ludlow, whether he realizes it or not, would abolish the Monroe Doctrine. For in the spirit of his resolution, the president could not object seriously if an Asiatic or a European power occupied Canada, or Mexico, or Brazil, or if it established, by lease or by treaty, naval and air bases within striking distance of this country. Our foreign policy under the Ludlow plan would be to permit all that until we were actually invaded, bombarded from the sea or bombed from the air. Then, according to Mr. Ludlow, we would fight. But Mr. Ludlow would have arranged the war so that when we had to fight, we would start at the greatest possible disadvantage. Whereas today all foreign powers know absolutely that they cannot establish their military power in this hemisphere, under the Ludlow plan they would be invited to take a chance.

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+ Daily Crossword Puzzle +

ACROSS

- In Cape Cod, a lobster under rigid idea
- Foundation
- Bushy clump
- Blow
- Asiatic pain
- Utilize
- Deface
- Scatter
- Powerful
- Fit of despondency; colloq.
- Record of daily events
- Sprawl for drying
- Recitable
- Pass
- Small pole or spar
- Short sleep
- Mae's name
- Make into leather
- Person who is behind the scenes
- Powerful
- Acquaint
- Animal
- Jeager
- Cause as
- Crony
- Metal fastener
- Small fish

DOWN

- Spoken
- Faint brown
- Small bounds
- Knack
- East Indian weight
- Conspired
- Small part
- Unprintable; forming the side of an opening
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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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EXECUTIVE HERE
 Ed McCurtain, field scout executive, is due to return here Friday from Colorado where he has been this week. McCurtain will supervise arrangements for the second annual Campers Reunion of the Buffalo Trail council, an event expected to attract more than 150 boys here Tuesday evening.

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DARE TO DREAM

Chapter 18
APRIL SHOWERS

Nelda saw Bill Langdon only at a distance, now. It was obvious that he'd made his last gesture, so far as she was concerned. One picture of him never left her mind—his tall, straight figure drawn up proudly, his face pale and angry above the hothouse roses.

She missed him in a way. Missed clashing with him. Missed his advice about her farming problems. Reck tried to help her, but somehow it was different from Bill's help.

Reck called several times a week. Sometimes he would take Nelda to either Santa Cruz or Monterey for swimming and dinner. But his attentions went no further than companionable and affectionate company.

She decided he was afraid to ask her to marry him because of his mother. Naturally she felt a hot resentment. But when he came smiling and bantering, she forgot it.

By this time she'd discovered he was many persons in one. There was the Reck who swept her off her feet with his dashing charm. There was the Reck who had a tendency to drive fast and drink fine liquor. Then there was the Reck who seemed completely under the domination of his mother.

In late February spring verdure began to appear on the hills and in the valley. Hardly a day passed that Nelda didn't go to look at the lettuce. The rungs of an impending strike among the packers meant little to her, for she knew nothing of the intricacies of trimming, icing and packing the lettuce necessary for shipping it to far points. She only knew that a great quantity of the green vegetable was consumed daily throughout the nation. Her only concern was to sell her crop somewhere.

Jack came home for Easter. A glum unhappy Jack. Nelda sensed a different quality to his accent from that of a few months ago. Then it had been worry over money enough to keep him in college. Now he was utterly tired of the medical course.

"How can I stand four more years of it?" he demanded passionately. "But it will be so worthwhile when you've finished," she pointed out soothingly.

"Stop it, Sis. I'm not like you." "Meaning what?" "You're the kind that clings to hope until it crumbles in your hands."

"Better be like that than to lie down on the job." "Think of the years I've got to give before I get anywhere," he complained. "And where could I build up a practice?"

"There's always a place for a doctor." "Of all the ghastly mistakes this family ever made, sending me to medical school takes the leather medal," he retorted morosely.

"Think of the good you can do for humanity, Buddy." Her gaze rested upon his hands. They were the sensitive hands of a born surgeon.

Stan made the situation worse by a visit that afternoon. "Give me to hire someone to spray my orchard," he told Nelda in Jack's presence.

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TRAIN, PLANE
BUS SCHEDULES

T&P Trains—Eastbound

No.	Arrive	Depart
No. 12	7:40 a. m.	8:00 a. m.
No. 4		12:30 p. m.
No. 6	11:10 p. m.	11:30 p. m.

T&P Trains—Westbound

No.	Arrive	Depart
No. 11	9:00 a. m.	9:15 p. m.
No. 7		7:40 a. m.
No. 3		4:10 p. m.

Buses—Eastbound

Arrive	Depart
5:55 a. m.	6:15 a. m.
8:50 a. m.	9:10 a. m.
10:57 a. m.	11:05 a. m.
2:07 p. m.	2:15 p. m.
4:41 p. m.	7:35 p. m.
11:34 p. m.	11:40 p. m.

Buses—Westbound

Arrive	Depart
12:17 a. m.	12:17 a. m.
2:05 a. m.	
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11:54 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
4:20 p. m.	4:25 p. m.
7:09 p. m.	8:00 p. m.

Buses—Northbound

Arrive	Depart
10:00 p. m.	7:15 a. m.
11:20 p. m.	12:00 p. m.
5:15 a. m.	7:10 p. m.

Buses—Southbound

Arrive	Depart
11:00 a. m.	7:15 a. m.
7:00 p. m.	11:05 a. m.
10:15 p. m.	8:00 p. m.

Planes—Eastbound

Arrive	Depart
4:33 p. m.	4:33 p. m.

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BIG SPRING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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 And You'll Continue
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Douglass Hotel Coffee Shop

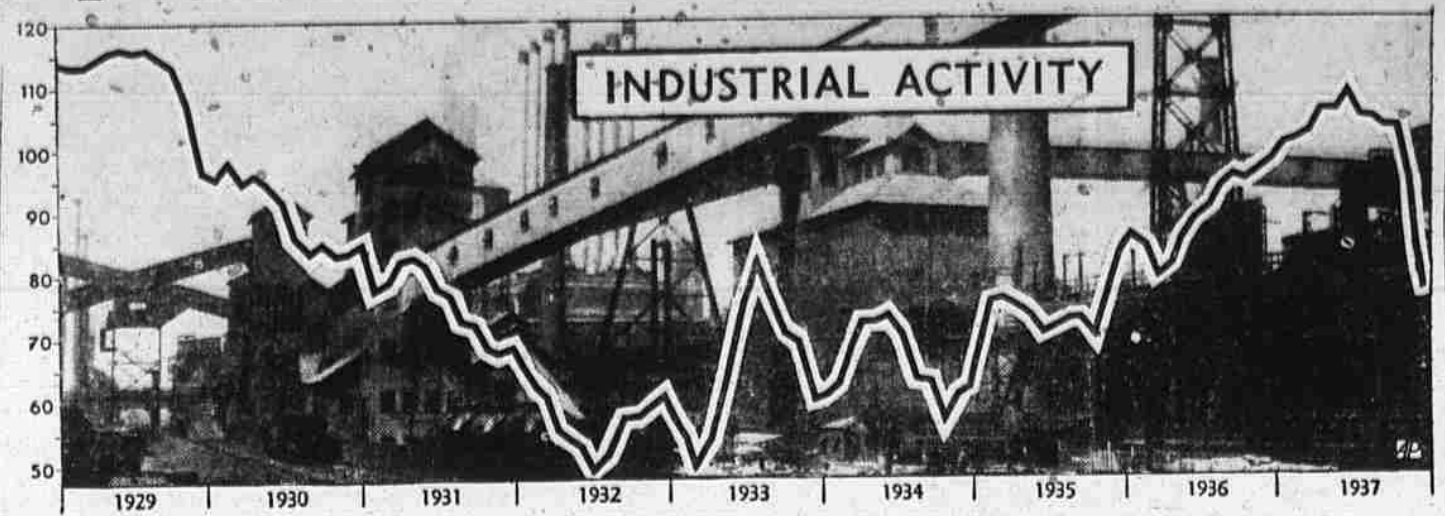
CHAS. TUNE, Manager



Your Regard has made this a Merry Christmas for us. . . May we extend the wish that yours will be gladdened a little by our appreciation and good wishes.

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Up-And-Down Year Halts Gain In Jobs



Industrial activity figures last spring were the best since 1929. But they soon headed downward. By autumn, government and business were talking of a recession and how to overcome its effects through cooperation. Chart shows what's happened since boom days.

By FEDERICK GARDNER

NEW YORK (UP)—The back-to-work march in private industry through most of 1937 cut deeply into unemployment before the business downturn interrupted multiplication of jobs in the autumn. Rapid curtailment of production in steel, textile and other major industries in the final months of the year threw uncounted thousands out of work again. Steel payrolls, particularly, were slashed as output late in the year fell to about one-third the peak spring rate. How severely jobs and payrolls suffered in the last four months could not be judged accurately in the absence of comprehensive figures. But prospects of serious un-

employment the rest of the winter hit hopes for continued shrinkage in government relief rolls. **Millions Still Jobless** Even at the employment recovery peak last September, the National Industrial Conference board, privately-financed research organization, estimated more than 3,000,000 were out of work. In other quarters estimates ran higher. At low employment ebb in March, 1933, the board figured nearly 15,000,000 were idle. In the first half of the year, there was plenty of evidence of a quickened march of men and women back to private payrolls. Some industries, notably steel, reported previous records for employment

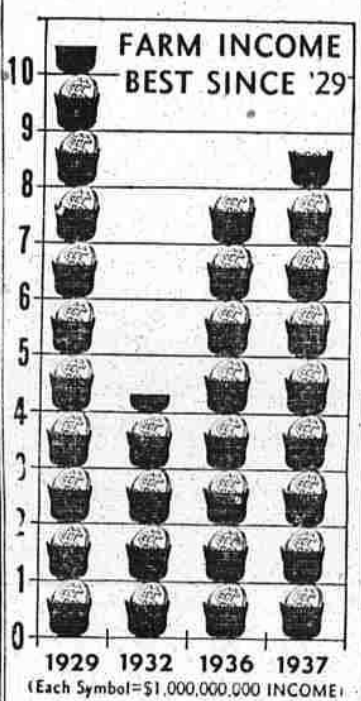
were broken in the spring, although widespread strikes dented payrolls of individual companies. Projecting its estimates from monthly data on a cross-section of industry, the conference board calculated approximately 1,700,000 persons were taken into the nation's labor force in the 12 months ended in October. Allowing for a growing working population, the reduction in unemployed was put at 1,109,000. **Wages Go Up** Steel, mining, machinery, farm implement and similar durable goods industries drew thousands back to work. The shortened work week was given some credit for the increase in jobs. Another major source of jobs until the busi-

ness reversal came was revival in building and allied industries, rated the biggest remaining field of unemployment. But this promised land of jobs and payrolls failed to pan out to the satisfaction of the more hopeful. With rising commodity prices and living costs went additional wage boosts, mostly in the early months of the year. The conference board figured the average hourly factory wage rate rose above 71 cents in the summer from about 64 at the outset of the year. The 1929 average was 59 cents. Hourly wages generally were well maintained in face of the industrial decline. However, payrolls and weekly earnings were reduced by renewed layoffs.

Farm Prices Drop But Income Rises

By A. A. PATTON

Associated Press Statistician
NEW YORK (UP)—Farmers the past year reaped the best dollar harvest since 1929. Preliminary government estimates of farm income from 1937 indicated a total around \$8,700,000,000, compared with \$7,365,000,000 a year ago. This would approximately double 1932 receipts. Government payments to farmers were sharply higher. Full-year estimates were about \$375,000,000 against actual outlays a year ago of \$287,000,000. The 11 per cent gain in farm income over 1936 resulted largely



From huge crops of various agricultural staples—cotton, wheat, corn and the like—that lifted total intake despite a drastic decline in average prices. **Prices Fall As Crops Rise** The year was ushered in with quotations of the principal farm commodities high, and heading higher. The 1936 drought had sharply curtailed supplies of grain, livestock and other items. Domestic and world consumers were eager to bolster depleted stocks, and bids moved up steadily. The upsurge was augmented somewhat by scattered indications of dryness during the spring. Rains came, however, and crop prospects began looking up. As commodity men stepped up estimates month after month, prices of most agricultural staples hit the toboggan. Cotton crashed from above 15 cents a pound in the New York spot market to less than seven

cents as experts placed the year's harvest at 18,700,000 bales—the largest ever grown. Never before in history had any crop yielded more than 18,000,000 bales. The 1936 total was 12,400,000. With the wheat crop jumping from 626,000,000 bushels in 1936 to 887,000,000 bushels—roughly the level of the '20s—the Chicago price slid from \$1.50 a bushel in the spring to less than \$1. **Total Sales Higher** Corn, the most important item on the livestock menu, dropped from \$1.36 in April to under \$1 a bushel at the recent low point. The farmer, in other words, received a smaller income per unit produced, but sold a great deal more merchandise at these lower prices. Livestock prices alone breasted the receding tide during the summer months. The Associated Press weighted index of animal quota-

tions pushed steadily upward until mid-September. The big corn crop, however, changed the picture. In about three months hogs slumped from \$13 a hundred-weight to around \$8.50, and cattle fell back from \$19.50 to under \$17. **Florida P.O. Does Business In Open** ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UP)—Uncle Sam does business right on the street here. St. Petersburg's main postoffice claims the distinction of being the only completely open air establishment of its kind in the country. Others are somewhat similar but the postoffice department says there is not another just like this one. Here the boxes, mail chutes, stamp, general delivery, parcel

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post, postal savings, information and money order windows all face an open air portico around the building. Local officials had a struggle to get this kind of postoffice but finally convinced the postoffice department the mild climate would make it a success. It has. As originally planned the building was to have been erected on a mound but the citizens again won out and succeeded in having it placed on a level with the ground. The postoffice does a booming business, the city's total receipts approximating a half million dollars in good years. A lot of extra windows have to be opened to take care of the big crowd of winter visitors.

25 Threads Through Needle
BULUWAYO, Rhodesia (UP)—To thread 25 strands of cotton through the eye of an ordinary needle, while having one arm in a sling, is the feat performed by Richard Johnstone, 14.

The Season's Best Wishes

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Each of You

In this most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails, may we bring our Best Wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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CHRISTMAS TRADE HERE GAINS 15-25 PCT. OVER LAST YEAR

FOR SOME LINES AN ALL-TIME RECORD IS IN PROSPECT

Few Firms Report Little Gain, Others Estimate As High As 100 Percent

The crazy-quilt of Christmas business was near completion here Friday, and all in all the pattern appeared to be the brightest since 1929.

There were some spots showing with all time records for volume, both in price and merchandise. Others, still under the boom era peaks, were far ahead of the volume of last year's holiday rush, and some were frankly about on a par with December of 1936.

Business in general figured to chalk up a 15-25 per cent gain for December, a survey of a large number of firms in virtually every line of trade showed Friday. Percentage gains ranged from nothing to 15 per cent (actual), 50 per cent (estimate), 60 per cent (estimate), 71.02 per cent (actual), and even so high as 100 per cent (estimate).

Inventories Down
Many stores, most all types included, anticipated a sellout of their purely Christmas stocks, by Friday night. Several merchandising concerns were certain that their Christmas merchandise inventories would show less than in many years and counted deep inroads on regular staple items. A number, admitting that heavy stocks had been piled in, felt that they would have ample stock on hand to care for every demand.

Furniture, Jewelry
Furniture lines, showing the best autumn business in years, fitted into the patch quilt design with varying degrees of brightness. It looked like the best December of the best year on record for some with good price and quantity volume, while some others felt that it had not developed quite up to expectations but was equally as good if not some better than a year ago.

Ready-to-wear Dealers
Ready-to-wear dealers, both for men and women, said they were "well satisfied" that it looked as if a gain would be recorded, and that shopping was continuing on

A Yuletide Of Good Cheer



Quints To Give Christmas Party, Playing Hostesses To Family

CALLANDER, Dec. 24 (UP)—The Dionne quintuplets are preparing for the biggest Christmas of their young lives this year. They are going to play the host for their parents, brothers and sisters, even including Olivia, Jr., the baby of the family.

The famous sisters are going to entertain. For several weeks they have been rehearsing some simple dances and they even have learned one or two Christmas songs to play for the occasion.

Dr. Allan Roy Dufour, physician to the quintuplets, will play his usual role of Santa Claus on Christmas eve, but he will not join the party on Christmas day. "It will be purely a family affair," Dr. Dufour said.

Yvonne, Annette, Cecile, Emilie and Marie are almost veteran trappers by now, at least they

shouldn't have a severe fight when they set for the family. The light made their stage debut almost before they could walk. It was early in 1936 that they made their first film, "The Country Band."

At that time it was remarked that their theatrical technique was a bit immature, but that was before their second birthday. They

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'Goose City' Does Bit For Christmas

Watertown, Wis., Provides Markets With Tidbits

WATERTOWN, Wis., Dec. 24 (UP)—This "Goose City" has done its bit to make Christmas merrier.

Shipments of fat geese, arriving here from neighboring farms, have been sent to markets throughout the country. Prepared by a special forced feeding method, brought to this city by early German immigrants, the birds sometimes weigh as much as 38 or 40 pounds.

Orders were received from the only other markets, O. C. Wertheim, one of the leading commission men here, said. In addition, many of the fowl will find their way to the festive boards of Hollywood movie stars, for West coast orders have increased over previous years.

The fancy fowl cost the consumer about \$1 a pound. The meat itself is not eaten, for the forced feeding makes it overly fat. The liver is the principal product of the process. It becomes exceptionally large and is used in making pate de foie gras which will grace the menus of leading hotels at Christmas time.

The skin of the birds is edible, it being the main item in a dish that includes toasting. This is eaten in the fat or hard, which is called as a special delicacy.

The birds which are selected for the fattening process are separated from the rest of the flock soon after hatching. They are placed in separate stalls which restrict their movements. They are fed every few hours. During the last few weeks before the killing, the birds are forced to "eat" a special meal. This is forced into their crop every few hours day and night.

Production of the fatted fowl runs high among the farmers in this vicinity, some raising as many as 20 to 100 birds a year.

William Schmitt, Johnson Creek farmer, was crowned the "goose king" last year following the death

Oil Men Find Stockings Already Pretty Well Filled, In Looking Back On 1937 As A Banner Year

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 24 (UP)—Don't shout it too loudly, but 1937 is going down as a banner year for the petroleum industry.

There were those last quarter jitters, it is true, brought on by the business recession, but, by and large, Christmas week finds most oil men agreed their stockings are pretty generously filled.

Some call it the best year since 1929, surpassing even the tremendous strides made in 1936. Others hold up a warning finger against too much optimism at this point.

Off to a good start at the year's beginning, the business boomed along through the unprecedented summer consumption season and achieved sufficient momentum to carry it handily over the slump of the last three months.

Bonuses may not be quite so numerous nor dividends quite so big as last year but most authoritative opinion is that petroleum in 1937 finished strong.

New Records
Axtell J. Byles, president of the American Petroleum Institute, called it a year of new records and outstanding also in the orderliness that accompanied unprecedented activity.

The API had noted an estimated domestic all-time peak production of crude oil of 1,290,000,000 barrels against 1,098,514,000 last year; 20,000,000 motorists consumed 22,000,000,000 gallons of motor fuel, enough to drive their cars an aggregate of 230,000,000,000 miles, or about 80,000,000 miles farther than the estimated travel in 1931, the pre-depression peak year for highway travel.

The U. S. Bureau of mines estimated consumption of petroleum products in the United States at 11 per cent higher than last year, the previous peak.

Price Increase
As the year opened major companies failed to follow Continent

of Fred Albrecht, who had held the title for many years. Albrecht's stocks numbered more than 100 birds a year for many years past.

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oil's lead of a 17-cent-a-barrel horizontal price increase for crude but after some optimism a basic increase of about 12 cents resulted. Local over-supply in the east brought crude cuts late in the year. The Mid-Continent held firm.

Gasoline prices weakened after the biggest summer motoring season in history, and the current tank car, or wholesale, price of gasoline was estimated about a cent below that of six months previous.

Faced with more than usual diminished demand in the fall and early winter, producers and refiners got together with state regulatory bodies and cut back operations to bring the business through the year in what the experts called a sound statistical position.

While use of residual fuels in big industries declined as business increased the call for burning oils for domestic furnaces was bigger than ever.

Costs High
Throughout the year the big complaint of the oil man, be he producer, refiner, marketer, lease broker, royalty dealer, was that prices for petroleum products basically had not kept pace with costs of operation.

Like businessmen in other lines, oil men fretted about their tax burden, hoped congress would do something about it.

The API declared reductions in gasoline prices, totaling 50 per cent since 1929, had saved U. S. motorists \$3,000,000,000 in 1937 alone.

Estimates of well completed ranged in the neighborhood of 32,500, about 7,000 more than the year before.

Wells productive of oil or gas were about 26,277, most of the production was in the extension of previously proven areas. Major "plays" occurred in Southern Illinois, Kansas, the Gulf Coast and late in the year the K.M.A. district of North Texas.

W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is buried in a grave blasted from solid rock on Lookout mountain, near Denver.



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May the New Year be one of Health, Happiness and Prosperity



Ginger Rogers, Katharine Hepburn Star In 'Stage Door,' Booked At The Ritz

Story Of Theatre Life Offered Sunday And Monday

Summing up in its strikingly realistic story the lives and careers of all stage-struck girls everywhere is the photoplay "Stage Door." This film, considered one of the outstanding works of the season, is the holiday weekend attraction at the Ritz, playing Saturday mid-night, Sunday and Monday.

Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers and Adolphe Menjou, each of whom has carried the lead in feature films, are co-starred at the head of an able cast.

The picture is based on the famous stage play which ran for nearly half a year in New York, and is said to offer the stars their finest screen opportunities to date. Most of its vividly absorbing action takes place in a theatrical boarding house where scores of eager and ambitious girls live and hope and sometimes perish while they strive for fame behind the footlights.

From every walk of life they come; rich and poor, sympathetic and selfish, but all motivated by one common dream of stage success. Their heart-thrills and heart-breaks are woven into the shimmering thematic pattern of the story. Two of the girls in particular stand out from the others—Katharine Hepburn, a wealthy debutante who seeks a stage career against her family's wishes, and Ginger Rogers, a happy-go-lucky, wise-cracking youngster with no background and no money, but confident that she can succeed on her own.

Around these two, and the

IN A COLORFUL, MUSICAL FILM



Joan Bennett and Warner Baxter share stellar honors in a musical picture which also emphasizes color and style—"Vogues of 1938." The feature,

dozens of others at the "Club" built the drama of the story. Miss Hepburn's assurance in the power of money to gain her ends, the scheme of her family to terminate her theatrical ambitions, Miss Rogers' carefree opportunism, Adolphe Menjou's suave performance as New York's most important producer, and his pursuit of Miss Rogers; Gall Patrick's secret love affair; Andrew Leeds' tragic despair when Miss Hepburn gets the role she yearned for; Lucille Ball's attempts at gold-digging, and the dreams and disillusionments of them all, are woven together in a gripping and memorable film that climbs to tense dramatic heights.

Constance Collier, Ralph Forbes, Franklin Pangborn, Samuel B. Hinds, Ann Miller, Frances Gifford, Pierre Watkin and many other notables of the screen are in the supporting cast of this unusual offering. Gregory La Cava, who has directed many exceptional pictures, handled this offering, which was produced by Pandro S. Berman, Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman wrote the original play on which the picture is based.

'Vogues Of '38' Has Music And Fashions

Sunday-Monday Technicolor Production At Lyric On

A novel idea that seems to have made a hit with the customers elsewhere is that around which was built the screen production "Vogues of 1938," which headlines the Lyric theatres Sunday-Monday program. Made in Technicolor, the film offers not only fun, girls, music and dances, but also a notable style review which supposedly gives a preview of the next year's vogues.

The gay musical stars Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett at the head of an imposing cast including Helen Vinson, Mischa Auer, Alani Mowbray, Jerome Cowan, Marjorie Gateson, Dorothy McNulty, Alma Kruger, Polly Rowles, and the Walter Wanger Models—"the most photographed girls in the world,"—whose beauty and shapeliness the producer has framed in style creations from three famous designers, and furs and jewels valued at \$1,000,000. Omar Khan, Helen Taylor and Irene are responsible for the closely-guarded style creations.

The story, a merry, mad original by Samuel and Bella Spewack, authors of "Boy Meets Girl," revolves around a he-man couturier (Baxter), hereditary head of the fashionable "House of Curson," and a beautiful New York socialite (Joan Bennett) who hits a multi-millionaire on her wedding day to become a mannequin. Contributing to the plot are Baxter's stage-struck wife (Helen Vinson), her angel-hunting manager (Jerome Cowan), the jilted millionaire (Alan Mowbray) who tries to put Baxter out of business, an impetuous Russian prince (Mischa Auer) backed by Baxter's enemies in a rival fashion house and many other fascinating characters in Manhattan's passing parade.

Woven into the story are such swank locales as the El Morocco and Cotton Clubs, the Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center, cocktail bars and ballrooms of several swank hotels, Madison Square Garden during the Horse Show, "Fashion Row" on Fifth Avenue and New York and Boston theatres.

Several new song hits were written especially for the production, including "That Old Feeling" by Lew Brown and Sammy Fain, "Lovely One," by Frank Loesser and Manning Sherwin, and "Red Hot Heat" and "Fall Fashion Forecast" by Louis Alter and Paul F. Webster.

Budapest Opens New Bridge
BUDAPEST (UP)—An elaborate new bridge has been opened with hitting ceremony across the Blue Danube. It is the seventh structure to connect Buda and Pest, and is named for Admiral Horthy, regent of Hungary.

TUNE IN KBST 1500 KILOCYCLES

- Saturday Morning
- 7:00 Musical Clock.
 - 7:25 World Book Man.
 - 7:30 Musical Clock.
 - 8:00 Devotional.
 - 8:15 WPA Program.
 - 8:30 Musical News.
 - 8:45 Monitor News.
 - 9:00 Just About Time.
 - 9:15 Oklahoma Outlaws.
 - 9:45 Lobby Interviews.
 - 9:55 5 Minute Mystery.
 - 10:00 Friendly Muse.
 - 10:05 Musical Grab Bag.
 - 10:15 Piano Impressions.
 - 10:30 Al Clauser.
 - 10:45 Melody Specials.
 - 11:00 For Mother and Dad.
 - 11:45 Melody Time.
- Saturday Afternoon
- 12:00 Rhythm Makers.
 - 12:45 Curstome Reporter.
 - 12:50 Songs All For You.
 - 12:55 Henry King's Orch.
 - 1:00 Drifters String Band.
 - 1:15 Taming Of The Shrew.
 - 1:30 State Championship Football Game.
- Saturday Evening
- 5:00 Dance Ditties.
 - 5:30 The Spirit of Christmas.
 - 6:00 Uptowners Quartet.
 - 6:15 Front Page Drama.
 - 6:30 George Hall's Orch.
 - 6:45 Eventide Echoes.
 - 7:00 NBC Variety Hour.
 - 7:30 Easy To Remember.
 - 7:45 Joe Green's Orch.
 - 8:00 Christmas Carols.
 - 8:45 Among My Souvenirs.
 - 9:00 GOODNIGHT.
- Sunday Morning-Afternoon
- 11:00 Morning Services.
 - 12:00 Jack Jay.
 - 12:15 Jack Hall's Orch.
 - 12:30 Songs All For You.
 - 12:45 Religious Quarter Hour.
 - 1:00 Studio Program.
 - 1:30 Voices Of The Bible.
 - 2:00 Studio Services.
 - 2:30 Christian Science Program.
 - 2:45 Sign Off.
- Sunday Evening
- 5:00 Concert Hall Of The Air.
 - 5:30 Sunday Song Service.
 - 6:00 Studio Program.
 - 6:30 Easy To Remember.
 - 6:45 Music By Cugat.
 - 7:00 Ernest Bethel.
 - 7:45 Eventide Echoes.
 - 8:00 Melody Time.
 - 7:45 In The Gloaming.
 - 8:00 GOODNIGHT.
- Monday Morning
- 7:00 Musical Clock.
 - 7:25 World Book Man.
 - 7:30 Musical Clock.
 - 8:00 Devotional.
 - 8:15 WPA Program.
 - 8:30 Musical News.
 - 8:45 Monitor News.
 - 9:00 Just About Time.
 - 9:15 Bill Boyd.
 - 9:30 On The Mall.
 - 9:45 Lobby Interviews.
 - 9:55 Newscast.
 - 10:00 Friendly Muse.
 - 10:05 Hollywood Eivities.
 - 10:15 Piano Impressions.
 - 10:30 Al Clauser.
 - 10:45 Song Styles.
 - 10:55 News.
 - 11:00 Family & Ranch Hour.
 - 11:15 Negro Spirituals.
 - 11:30 This Rhythmic Age.
 - 11:45 Melody Time.
- Monday Afternoon
- 12:00 Rhythm Makers.
 - 12:15 Curstome Reporter.
 - 12:30 Songs All For You.
 - 12:45 Singing Sam.
 - 1:00 Drifters String Band.
 - 1:15 Music Graphs.
 - 1:30 Joe Green's Orch.
 - 1:45 Baucaners.
 - 2:00 Newscast.
 - 2:05 Serenade Espagnol.
 - 2:30 Harry Reiser's Orch.
 - 2:45 There Was A Time When.
 - 3:00 Newscast.
 - 3:05 Matinee Melodies.
 - 3:30 Sketches In Ivory.
 - 3:45 Gene Austin.
 - 4:00 Dance Hour.
 - 4:45 The Dreamers.
 - 4:50 Music By Cugat.
 - 4:45 Home Folks.
- Monday Evening
- 5:00 Adventures of Ace Williams.
 - 5:15 Dance Ditties.
 - 5:30 Harmony Hall.
 - 5:45 Rhythm Queens Orch.
 - 6:15 Newscast.
 - 6:30 Jimmie Greer's Orch.
 - 6:45 Eventide Echoes.
 - 7:00 Smile Time.
 - 7:15 Bill Boyd.
 - 7:30 NBC Variety Hour.
 - 8:00 Phenomenon.
 - 8:15 Super Singing Session.
 - 8:30 Frances Stampfer.
 - 8:45 Among My Souvenirs.
 - 9:00 Goodnight.

JIMMIE SINGS, DANCES, LOVES



James Cagney, one-time gangster of the films, turns orchestra leader in a new musical comedy, "Something To Sing About," and he sings, dances and makes love to Evelyn Daw, shown here with him. The picture is the holiday offering at the Ritz, playing Friday and Saturday.

ON THE 'INSIDE' OF POLITICS



The political scene is dramatized from the woman's angle in "First Lady," which headlines the Sunday-Monday program at the Queen. Preston Foster and Kay Francis, pictured here, have the leading roles. The feature will be given a preview at a Saturday midnight matinee.

Jimmie Cagney Becomes Song And Dance Man In Musical Comedy; Holiday Attraction At The Ritz

The Ritz theatre goes musical in its Christmas Day program, offering on Friday and Saturday, the production "Something To Sing About," which has for one claim of distinction the fact that it presents James Cagney, player of tough-guy roles, as a song-and-dance man. And "Something To Sing About," more than the usual musical, places emphasis on a story and plot. It claims to be more than just a potpourri of specialties.

The song-and-dance role is not new to Cagney, for it was in such parts that he started his theatrical career. The story was cooked up to display the singing and dancing talents of the star.

In "Something To Sing About," Cagney plays the part of Terry Rooney, popular leader of a night club orchestra, who receives an offer to go to Hollywood to star in a picture. He is made to believe that his efforts before the camera are a miserable failure, when in fact they are a sensational success, and he goes off to the South Seas on a honeymoon trip to forget it, leaving no trace.

The newspapers make a lurid mystery story of his disappearance and he returns to find himself a famous star, only to become again the victim of high pressure Hollywood publicity methods, and to return to his beloved orchestra, richer and more famous than ever, but disgusted and disillusioned with the manner and method of life in the motion picture capital.

"Something to Sing About" is a brilliant satire on some phases of the Hollywood scene, humorous and dramatic, even poignant, by turns in some of its implications, while its musical song and dance numbers make it distinctly unique. Playing opposite the star is the

U. S. Declares War on Wolves
SEWARD, Alaska (UP)—For a long time, marauding wolves have had things pretty much their own way from St. Michael to Point Barrow. But now the U. S. Game Commission is supplying natives with wolf traps.

Geophysical tests have revealed 13 salt domes in Galveston Bay, Texas.

Wisconsin Evelyn Daw, a 20-year-old miss with a glorious lyric soprano voice, who makes her screen debut in this picture. Others in the exceptional cast include William Frawley, Mona Barrie, Gene Lockhart, James Newill, Harry Barris, Cully Richards, Candy Candido, William Davidson, Richard Tucker, Marek Winheim, Johnny Arthur, Dwight Frye and Philip Ahn.

'First Lady' Offered At The Queen

Kay Francis Starred In Story Of Washington Activity

Quite appropriate just now, with Washington, D. C., as a seething news center, is a comedy picture dealing with a phase of the capital's life that hasn't been presented on the screen before—namely, a story of the "parlor politics" played by the wives of governmental office holders.

Just such a thing is "First Lady," which plays Sunday and Monday at the Queen, with Christmas night matinee preview, with Kay Francis in the leading role. She portrays an ambitious wife, who wants her husband Preston Foster to be president so she can enjoy all the social privileges of being Mistress of the White House.

But manipulating a man into the nomination for the presidency is no easy matter, as Kay finds when she runs athwart Verree Tensdale, who has the same ambitions and tries to push her husband forward for the job—Walter Connolly.

The sly maneuverings of Kay and Verree—plus a young romance between Victor Jory and Anita Louise—make up the story, which was based, of course, on the successful Broadway stage play of the same name.

"First Lady" was directed excellently by Stanley Logan, from a screenplay devised by Rowland Leigh. Besides those named, the cast includes such notables as Marjorie Rameau, Louis Fazenda, Henry O'Neil, and Grant Mitchell.

'Three Mesquiteers' Featured In Queen's Western Drama

With westerns such a prolific brand of film entertainment, Hollywood must be hard put to dig up something new in the way of a plot. Republic claims to have contributed originality in "Trigger Trio," which is the holiday attraction at the Queen. The Friday-Saturday offering features the well-known Three Mesquiteers.

The Mesquiteers ride again in this new range opus. Their ranks have undergone a slight change, with Ralph Byrd of "Dick Tracy" fame substituted for Bob Livingston, who is out with a fractured skull sustained during the filming of his preceding western. The trio loses none of its lusty, red-blooded appeal, however, and Byrd steps easily into the spurs vacated by Livingston.

"Tucson"—Ray Corrigan in real life—is appointed a deputy assistant to John Evans, inspector for the State Agricultural Service. His pals, Stony and Lullabye—Livingston and Max Terhune respectively—disapprove of his fanatic vigilance in ordering the destroying of entire herds of cattle where one beast is found to be infected; but they are soon persuaded that forces even more sinister than the dread hoof-and-mouth disease are threatening the well-being of the community. Cattle rustlers, criminals who would deliberately contaminate entire herds, and even murderers, are abroad. The Mesquiteers clean them all up, and in the final reel law and order is restored to the cow country.

QUEEN Today & Tomorrow

THE THREE MESQUITEERS SHOW IT OUT WITH CATTLE CRITTERS.

THE TRIGGER TRIO

RAY CORRIGAN MAX TERHUNE RALPH BYRD SANDRA CORDAY

Plus: Wild West Days, No. 7

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R.K.O. RADIO PICTURE

Plus: Metro News "Indian Serenade"

QUEEN Saturday Midnite Sunday - Monday

FEMININE INTRIGUE!

with KAY FRANCIS PRESTON FOSTER

Warner-Int. National Picture

Plus: "Close Shave"

LYRIC SUNDAY MONDAY

DOWN TO EARTH Romance

Warner BAXTER Joan BENNETT

with HELEN VINSON MISCHA AUER ALAN MOWBRAY

Released thru UNITED ARTISTS

Plus: "Railroad System"

RITZ TODAY TOMORROW

HE'S A RHYTHMIC ROMANTIC RASCAL!

James CAGNEY

In Grand National's "SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT!"

with EVELYN DAW WILLIAM FRAWLEY MONA BARRIE

Added Attractions

Paramount News, "Fishy Tales"

"Football Touchdowners"

WISHING ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Quints

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second movie, "Reunion," filmed almost a year later, was the quintuplets' next theatrical adventure. In addition, they have appeared in various movie "shorts."

The quintuplets will have a heavily laden Christmas tree this year, with gifts piled high from their worldwide admirers. Special toys have been photographed with the

and dolls were bought by papa Oliva Dionne on his recent trip to New York. Dr. Dafoe did not forget his "little girls" either when he visited the metropolis. But the doctor's gifts have been sealed with a "do not open until Christmas" and he hasn't dropped the slightest hint as to what his little charges may expect.

Probably the oddest gift yet received by the babies is a huge, live turkey that was donated by a Toronto department store. The quintuplets will have a heavily laden Christmas tree this year, with gifts piled high from their worldwide admirers. Special toys have been photographed with the

large bird and they thought it great fun. The turkey, however, didn't ease so much for the idea. One of their nurses, who was called upon to hold the bird, wasn't too happy, either. It rebelled and tried to attack her.

This turkey will be on the table for the Dionne family's Christmas dinner, and Dr. Dafoe has said the babies may have a small portion of the white meat.

The quintuplets' schedule for the big day will include their usual frolic in the snow if the weather is not too stormy. They probably will be permitted to go outside once in the morning and again in the afternoon.

Brothers Daniel and Ernest and Sisters Pauline and Rose plan to have a romp with the babies. Only Oliva, Jr., will miss this bit of boisterous play. The older children will take their younger sisters on the specially constructed toboggan slide and then will go sleigh riding with them.

Below zero weather does not interfere with the quintuplets' outings. They only are kept inside when the weather becomes too stormy. Ten degrees below zero is nothing in their lives. They are bundled up in their Hudson Bay coats and hoods and their faces are oiled to protect them from the biting winds.

This year, in many ways, has been an eventful one for the famous babies. One of the outstanding events, which didn't interest the quintuplets as it did the world, was a survey on the sisters by psychologists. In a lengthy report of their findings, scientists declared that the babies had overcome the handicap of premature birth and were physically normal, of average weight and slightly under normal height for their age.

Yvonne was ranked the highest in achievement. Cecile and Annette alternated for second place. Emilie deviated from fourth place to last, while Marie was rated the lowest. The psychologists found the sisters were an "identical set," but each had developed definite personality differences. However, they were found to be well adjusted to each other with few exceptions.

Dr. E. W. Blatz, one of the psychologists, said in the report: "One thing is certain, and that is that these children do not fit into a similar mold of personality development and that the variation manifested at this age is showing signs of wider divergence."

The report was made public last October 30.



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Trade

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some of the cheaper lines, even down to second-hand numbers. The month was on a par with a year ago, perhaps much better for some.

Stores dealing in sundry ready-to-wear articles were having about the biggest show of all. One merchant estimated a 90 per cent gain and another had actual figures for a 71.62 gain. And the rush to these stores, which already had laid in record turn-overs, showed no signs of abating Friday morning.

Postal Receipts Up

Postal receipts, considered by many merchants to be a fair index to general business trends, were up 33 per cent through Wednesday evening. Letter volume was still heavy through Wednesday with around 20,000 pieces of correspondence being cancelled. Tuesday's run, thought to be the heaviest, was estimated around 40,000 letters. Service at the post office, despite record volume, had been best in years.

One point on which all merchants were in accord was that shopping had started earlier here this season than ever before. It offset terrific last minute scrambles for some, but gave steady business all the month on all things from Christmas cards to bedroom suites.

Air Transport Has A Record Mileage Year

Fatal Accidents Believed Fewest For Distance Flown

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—Late statistics of the bureau of air commerce indicate that during 1937 airlines in the United States will set up a new all-time record for miles flown and at the same time establish a new record of safety.

Most recent figures point toward a total mileage of more than 75,000,000 compared with 73,303,336 last year, and the number of miles flown per person killed may exceed 1,600,000 compared with 1,332,433 last year.

Figures compiled early this month showed that 47 persons, including pilots, have been killed in five accidents on scheduled airways this year. Ten fatal accidents took 55 lives last year. The bureau's statistics for this year do not include the Pan-American, Grace crash near Cristobal, Panama, Aug. 2, in which 14 died, or the destruction of the dirigible Hindenburg.

Radio Facilities Improved

In keeping with the expanded activities of the airline companies, the bureau has launched a three-year construction program contemplating the expenditure of \$7,000,000 for improving radio and airport facilities.

Approximately \$3,000,000 of the funds made available by congress will be used in modernizing existing radio equipment and installing new radio broadcasting stations for transmitting weather and flight information.

Another allotment will go toward improving lighting conditions on the nation's 21,782 miles of charted airways, and other funds will go toward adding 1,500 miles of teletype communications circuits to the 13,886 miles which now transmit weather bulletins to ground stations throughout the country.

The program is being administered under the direction of Fred D. Fagg, Jr., who succeeded Eugene L. Vidal as head of the bureau after Vidal resigned last April. Dennis Mulligan is assistant director, succeeding R. W. Schroeder, who resigned July 1.

Transport Planes First

On Nov. 1 the bureau promulgated the first comprehensive "traffic regulations" for the country's airways. Designed to provide maximum safety from collision for scheduled airlines, the regulations virtually turn over the air lanes to regular transports during the most dangerous weather conditions. Only those private planes which are equipped for instrument flying are permitted to operate.

In addition scheduled air routes are rated according to their importance and given a color—green for first, amber for second and red for third. Similar to automobile traffic custom, planes on the green

COLLECTING GIRLS' HATS HIS HOBBY

BORGER (UP)—When a Borger high school football player was called to the principal's office for taking a girls hat, he said that it was his hobby.

The youth invited the principal to see his collection of feminine millinery, each piece a different color and shape.

"I always ask for them first. But sometimes I don't get them for asking. I have to use other means," he explained.

NEVER IN A FIRE, BUT FIREMEN WELCOMED

CLEVELAND (UP)—Mrs. Grace Gallagher, 47, has called firemen four times for virtually everything but putting out a fire.

Each time, however, the firefighters saved her life.

On the first two occasions, they administered oxygen through an inhaler to revive her after heart attacks. The third visit stopped a hemorrhaging attack. On their last call they broke a string of 27,000 sneezes.

Beavers in Missouri

KEYTESVILLE, Mo. (UP)—A colony of what is believed to be the only native beaver in Missouri has been found in Chariton county near Sumner. Last summer a temporary colony was located in Atchison county.

Britain Has 150-Ton Signpost

LONDON (UP)—More than 150 tons of concrete have been used to make Great Britain's largest signpost—the aerial signpost just completed in the meadows of the Ovaline dairy farm at King's Langley, Herts. The signpost is a circle, 299 feet in diameter, with the words "To Croydon, 27 Miles."

routes have preference at airline terminals over both amber and red. Amber has precedence over red.

Airport Parley Called

On Dec. 6, the bureau opened a conference of local, state and federal officials and representatives of airplane manufacturers and operators in an effort to work out a solution to a national airport problem which Fagg describes as "chaotic."

A new type air transport plane to be put in service next spring or summer will be so large that runways on many of the nation's principal air terminals may be inadequate to permit the new planes to land and take off. Thus the cities, many of them already financially pressed because of increased relief loads and burdened with debt following the depression, are faced with the possibility of having their air service severely curtailed unless they expend large sums for airport enlargement.

Negotiations were still in progress after the conference.



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Chinese compose three-fourths of the population of the Japanese owned island of Formosa.

Chile's nitrate fields give employment in normal times to about 40,000 men.

BIG STAR REFLECTS CHRISTMAS FOR BETHLEHEM, PA.

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (UP) — This industrial community has striven to live up to its name as the Christmas city.

A women's committee headed by Mrs. Eugene C. Grace, wife of the industrialist, has cooperated with the Bethlehem chamber of commerce to make this holiday the greatest in years.

A star simulating the one that the Bible describes as shining on the ancient City of Bethlehem has been placed atop South Mountain. It is studded with electric lights and measures 30 feet from point to point. The star is visible for five miles.

The street lighting display stretches 22 city blocks and includes the famed Hill-to-Hill bridge, which spans the Lehigh river.

This city was founded by devout Moravian pioneers, and an ancient Moravian "Putz" in which the Nativity scene is depicted, is a feature of the holiday observance.

Candles burn nightly in the 200 windows of the central building of the Moravian College for Women.

ISOLATED ISLE HAS NEWS COMMENTATOR

BATTLE HARBOR, Labrador (UP) — Even the barren rock-bound and thinly populated territory of Labrador has its new commentator.

S. W. Brazel has returned to his lonely station on Battle Harbor Island after a vacation in Newfoundland and is celebrating his 18th year as wireless operator of the important Strait of Belle Isle station and his sixth as news commentator for the district.

Vital Points On Job Insurance, To Go Into Effect Next Month

(Editor's Note: The first large-scale payments of unemployment compensation will begin in January. The following articles give the answers of Washington authorities to questions about who will be eligible for benefits.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) — How many states will begin paying unemployment compensation in January?

Twenty-one and the District of Columbia. They are Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

What about the others? Wisconsin had been making payments under a state program since 1936 and has participated in the federal-state program since last August. Eight (Indiana, Mississippi, Iowa, Michigan, South Carolina, Idaho, New Mexico and Oklahoma) will begin payments later in 1938. The others will begin in 1939.

How many workers are covered by unemployment insurance in the states which begin payments in January?

About 11,500,000. This is about half the number in insured occupations in all states.

What types of workers are covered by unemployment insurance?

Generally speaking, those with jobs in factories, offices, mills, mines, shops, and stores. Agricultural, domestic and maritime workers are not covered.

Are all workers in the businesses enumerated covered?

State laws vary. In most states the laws apply only where there are eight or more employees on a payroll sometime during any 20 weeks in the year. The number of employees is 3, 4, or 5 or more in some states and in 10 states the law applies if there is only one employee. In a few states workers earning more than \$50 a week, or some other fixed amount, are not covered.

Are there any other restrictions on those eligible for compensation?

In the states that will begin payments in January the worker must have had a certain amount of employment in 1937 on a job covered by the unemployment compensation law, and he must be out of work through no fault of his own.

Will benefits be payable to workers now unemployed?

Yes, if their unemployment continues into next year and provided they have had work enough or wages enough in 1937 to make them eligible under state law. (An exception is Louisiana, where workers

must have had at least one week of employment after January 1 before they can claim benefits.)

How much will benefit payments be?

Usually about half the unemployed worker's regular full-time pay, but not more than \$15 a week.

Where will this money come from?

From the state unemployment fund established by law. This fund is made up of contributions from employers who are required to pay a certain percentage of their payroll. In some states, employees also are required to contribute a certain percentage of their pay.

700,000 IN TEXAS

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP) — Around 700,000 of Texas' 2,325,000 workers are covered by the jobless insurance act. Patrick D. Moreland, member of the unemployment compensation commission, estimated today. Benefits under the act start next month.

Moreland emphasized that every jobless person in Texas, regardless of whether he formerly worked in a business covered by the law, could call on the large state employment service to help him locate a job. The service has been finding 35,000 jobs per month, he stated.

Moreland's breakdown of workers not entitled to compensation was as follows: Agriculture, 882,914; domestic servants in private homes, 139,007; insurance agents on commission, 15,000; service for state, federal government, charitable, scientific institutions and the like, 58,086; workers in covered industries but not eligible because employer has fewer than eight employees, 578,053.

POLES DYNAMITED INTO THEIR PLACE

HATTERAS, N. C. (UP) — Ingenuity is bringing modernity to the lonely Outer Banks of North Carolina where a coastal national park is planned. Builders of a cooperative power line from Hatteras to Avon were puzzled as to how to set poles set up. A hole cannot be dug in the loose sand.

So the engineers drive a hollow pipe into the soft sand and send down a small charge of dynamite. After the fuse is fixed and the pipe removed, the pole is set upright on the ground over the dynamite and held there by grasping hooks. The charge is set off, splintering the sand, and the pole drops into place before the sand can fall back into the hole.

The main difficulty is making the pole drop down straight. In case it doesn't, the pole is pulled up and another hole is dynamited.

Nevada is the only state in the union that does not contain a street car line.

FIRE FIGHTERS USE SHORT-WAVE RADIO

WASHINGTON (UP) — Forest fire-fighters of the U. S. forest service have been equipped with 2,300 short wave portable radio sending and receiving sets.

Use of these sets began only a few years ago and have been increased by 2,000 in the past five years, the service said. They are in use in every national forest.

Some of the sets developed by the service weigh as little as eight pounds, yet have ranges of 10 to 50 miles. They are used for emergency communications to supplement telephone lines.

The British royal state coach used at the coronation and other ceremonies was completed in 1761.

STRIKE CALLED IN 1922; WORKERS NEVER RETURN

SUNBURY, Pa. (UP) — An all-time record for lengthy strikes is claimed by a group of Sunbury electricians who left their jobs in 1922 and haven't returned.

The men struck when the Pennsylvania railroad shop here refused to recognize their craft union. A final settlement was reached in 30 days but work was so plentiful 17 years ago that most of the strikers had found other jobs in the meantime and refused to return.

Cockroaches are originally tropical insects and are believed to have been disseminated in temperate zones by goods shipped in commerce.

Weirton Case Is Creating Big Record

Labor Board Hearing Half Finished; 40 Books of Testimony

STUEBENVILLE, O., Dec. 24 (UP) — The National Labor Relations Board's hearing on anti-union charges against the Weirton Steel Co. already has produced 3,000,000 words—equivalent to 40 novels—and the case is not half finished.

Starting Aug. 16, the hearing has been in session almost continuously either here or at New Cumberland, W. Va. The board still is presenting its case, and when that is concluded Weirton Steel will present its evidence. This is expected to consume as much time as taken by the board's presentation.

Of the 279 former Weirton employees who charge they lost their jobs because of their activities with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, only 120 thus far have testified. Board attorneys have expressed the opinion that all claimants who charge they lost their jobs through union activities will have to testify before they are eligible for reinstatement in event of a ruling in favor of the SWOC, which brought the anti-union charges against Weirton.

Thus far, 225 witnesses have testified, 37 of them non-employees of Weirton Steel. Recently the board summoned as witnesses a number of officers of the Weirton Employees Representation Plan and the Weirton Employees Security League, which the SWOC charges are company-dominated, independent unions of Weirton employees.

The hearings, the longest in the history of the NLRB, have produced a record already 12,751 pages in length, which has cost the Weirton Steel Company an average of \$415 a day. The record costs the steel company \$215 a page, the NLRB 12 cents a page. This was due to the reporting firm's low bid to obtain the contract with the board, thus increasing the page rates to the company. Two reporters, two dictaphone operators and a clerk are employed in compiling the record transcript.

The cost of the record is estimated at \$30,000. But in addition, Trial Examiner E. G. Smith's paid a \$35 daily fee, the labor board employs four attorneys, the steel company four, and the two independent unions acting as intervenors are employing two lawyers.

Weirton Steel employs about 12,000 men at its Steubenville and Weirton, W. Va., plants.

COMPLIMENTS

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Forest Yuletide Program Arranged Beneath Everybody's Yule Tree

GENERAL GRANT NATIONAL PARK, Cal., Dec. 24 (UP)—High on the slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountains, surrounded by giant redwood forests, many visitors will gather around the General Grant tree at noon on Christmas day to celebrate the 13th annual nation's Christmas tree ceremony.

No symbol of nature could be more fitting for a Christmas celebration than the 267-foot giant tree which started from a tiny seed more than 5,000 years ago—centuries before the Christ child was born in Bethlehem.

Sacred services have been held at the foot of General Grant tree since 1925, despite snowstorms on several Christmas days. While the ceremonies are in progress, the entire program is re-enacted over Radio KMJ, 65 miles away in Fresno, Cal., and released on a Western network.

Cadman Composed Song

One of the features of the musical program will be the solo, "Star of the East," written for the nation's Christmas tree celebration by Charles Wakefield Cadman, composer, and Grace Osburn Wharton, author. Mrs. John Schellenberg of Reedley will be the soloist.

The General Grant tree is the second largest in the world, being exceeded only by the General Sherman tree, which is 272 feet tall. The "nation's Christmas tree" is 33 feet in diameter at the base, 16 feet at a height of 60 feet and 12 feet at a height of 200 feet.

Tree Most Popular

The designation of the General Grant tree as the nation's Christmas tree has added significance in the fact that a survey by the American Forestry association revealed that the sequoias were overwhelmingly the most popular tree in the United States and the sequoia gigantea thereafter was honored as the official tree of the nation.

The musical program for the Yuletide event will be provided by the Fresno American Legion glee club and band corps. A Fresno chorus has been selected and it will sing such well-known Christmas hymns as "First Noel," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Silent Night," "Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him," "Joy to the World," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

College Quartet to Aid

The music for the re-enacted program in Fresno will be presented by a double quartet from Fresno State college.

Guy Hopping, superintendent of General Grant National Park, and W. A. Collins, of Fresno, president of the Nation's Christmas Tree association, will preside at the tree program.

The General Grant tree attracts thousands of visitors each year. It has been scarred from many fires but restoration work has given it

Old, New Toys From Santa

The Favorites And The Modern Are Combined

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP)—An early peek into Santa's pack reveals that old favorites still hold their own in this streamlined age.

Marbles, blocks, circus toys and steam engines haven't been crowded out by trailers, airplanes, modernistic houses and miniature furniture. The old and the new may not share equal favor, but a survey by the Toy Association here shows that children aren't so ultra modern in regard to their favorite playthings.

But the A B C blocks are tip-proof now. Grooved surfaces guarantee stable towers. There also are new style grooved blocks which the very young can make into miniature furniture, houses, autos and bridges.

There's a new gun that shoots pictures on the wall and a dial telephone, television model—it's a trick done with a mirror.

A reed organ has been reproduced in playroom style with authentic musical tone in three and four octaves. The pianos, in Tom Thumb sizes, are tuned.

Sleds boast airplane struts and tear-drop decks. One model has curved runners at the back.

Youngsters this year will be able to make glass bead mosaics and their own charm jewelry for the first time after Santa's visit. An electric airplane stunts, spins and dives by remote control. A turn of the joy stick reproduces a realistic power dive or a loop-the-loop.

Scientific toys include a miniature polariscope that permits light and refraction tests; a micro-projector set with dissecting needles and slides; mineralogy, chemistry and electro-physics sets, and a science-scope that magnifies molecular explosions in full color, using the principle of the projecting microscope.

Electric trains this year are speedier. Train makers have introduced some new tricks in automatic signals and illuminated crossing gates.

Inmates of Tehachapi women's prison, Calif., edit and print their own newspaper.

a restored percentage of 90 per cent. It rises majestically from a small clearing, with its huge lower trunk topped by a gnarled mass of limbs. The mountainside and surrounding trees will be blanketed with snow, silhouetting the forest giant.

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Season's Greetings

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L. E. COLEMAN, Mgr.

'GRASS ROOT' OPINION AT ODDS ON FARM BILL FUNDAMENTALS; UNITY BELIEVED ESSENTIAL

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24 (UP)—Before dawn each Monday stockmen from all parts of the Great Plains meet at the Kansas City stockyards to sell their herds and exchange ideas about their problems.

Uppermost in their minds now is the farm bill pending in congress. The following symposium of "grass root" opinion on this controversial measure was obtained in two minute intervals by a United Press correspondent while the farmers and ranchmen awaited the sale of their livestock or enjoyed a steaming breakfast at some stockyard cafe:

Earl Margrave, Alliance, Neb.—Crop control by the government will be like enticing a horse with sugar in one hand and a halter in the other. I'm an old fashioned operator and I like to run my own business. A few farmers have a little initiative and backbone yet, and we don't want to be saddled down with experimental laws.

Frank H. Inderwieson, Pawnee Rock, Kas.—The farmer has had to take what people will give him for his products, then has had to pay what the manufacturer asks

for things he has to have. The situation has been unbalanced and if we get legislation to help our cause in the same manner that government has helped industry we should be better off.

Willing to Take a Chance

Lloyd Mitchell, Lake City, Kas.—If industry takes care of working people, they'll have money to buy meat, and we'll get a good price for our beef cattle. I would rather take a chance on the way things have been handled in the past and would feel safer letting the law of supply and demand govern prices.

Charles L. Wise, Medicine Lodge, Kas.—All that it is humanly possible for the government to do never will be perfect, but we have gotten to the point where we are going to have help similar to industry. Industry has its lobby in congress and is able to put over the measures that will aid it and we need the same support.

Fred Lenkner, Coats, Kas.—Our forefathers settled on farms that cost \$2 or \$3 an acre. When we take over land it costs considerably more and we have to equip it with high priced machinery in order to compete with other farmers. Taxes overburden us and the whole situation is one which causes us to need outside help.

'Farming the Government'

Lawrence Fair, Aiden, Kas.—The government started at the wrong end to control production. When they gave allotment checks they gave the farmer something on which to operate resulting in overproduction. Most farmers now are farming the government instead of their land. I believe that farming like any other business should be a survival of the fittest. When we started out, there was no one to help us over the hill, and the idea of self preservation created a set of persons who were able to take care of themselves. For years we had to be gentlemen farmers who raised nothing but our hats, but when good crops came, we were able to get back on a profitable basis.

Gus Schultz, Alma, Kas.—The cattle business has been hurt by too much interference from imports of cheap beef from Argentina, and I can't see how crop control is going to help us much.

Joe Ezley, Amarillo, Tex. — My grandfather settled in Indiana and established profitable farming operations. When my father struck out for himself he found a good place in Iowa. When it was my turn I landed on a ranch in Texas in the Panhandle and made a good living, but now I'm beginning to wonder about my son. There is no place for him to go. All the homestead land is gone, and if he

Wheat Crop Cited As War Factor

PALO ALTO, Calif., Dec. 24 (AP)—The size of a nation's wheat crop may be a deciding factor in drawing a country into war, the Food Research Institute of Stanford university said today.

The institute reported that an analysis of recent policies of war-making countries showed that nations which went to war had just harvested a good wheat crop and the nation warred upon had a bad one.

"Without drawing exaggerated inferences," said Dr. Joseph S. Davis, institute director, "it seems fair to say that in various ways the wheat situation may figure among the numerous factors that nowadays determine the outbreak of de facto wars; and that strength or weakness in wheat supplies, on the part of the aggressor or victim, is among the elements that need to be taken into reckoning."

He said nations expecting war restricted the use of wheat and curtailed its export in an effort to make the country capable of feeding itself.

Fear of war, he said, is having a depressing effect upon wheat prices.

WPA EXPENDITURES WELL OVER MILLION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Works Progress Administration reported today it spent \$1,397,380,284 between January 1 and November 30, 1937.

The amount by states included: New Mexico, \$5,713,507; Oklahoma, \$22,743,783; Texas, \$30,553,156.

has to buy a farm or ranch at today's high prices, he'll have to have government help.

Export Slump Blamed

O. R. Wells, Liberty, Mo. — I blame lack of export business for the ruination of farm markets. Other countries refused to accept an unfavorable balance of trade and established connections with South American nations. Now we have no outlet and I don't think crop control is going to do us any good.

E. O. Hall, Eureka, Kas.—Something could be done for the farmers, if the farmers would be able to get together and give the government some idea of what they wanted. Our main trouble is that we lack organization and the farm bill may help us to get organized.

H. S. Ayres, Weldon, Kas. — I don't want crop control because I have always tried to attend to my own affairs, but it looks like it's going to be necessary for us, in order to get us out of the rut.

W. A. Stapleton, Woodward, Okla. — We need the government as a central agency to hold us together and crop control is the solution.

MRS. FD MAY TRY THE BIG APPLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—There's a possibility Eleanor Roosevelt, square-dancing first lady, will try the "big apple" at a White House young people's dance during the Christmas holidays.

She expressed interest at her press conference today in the new dance, but said she'd have to "see it first" before deciding to join in.

Mrs. Roosevelt said she square dances because it's the only dance she knows how to do.

D. A. R. Honors Russian COLCHESTER, Conn. (UP)—The Daughters of the American Revolution have honored Konstantin Truchwaki, 39, Russian-born, as "an example to other adopted citizens," in recognition of his determination to master the language and customs of his new country.

Well Spouts Indian Tooth

MENDOTA, Minn. (UP)—Workers on an artesian well were surprised when, as the 165-foot well "blew in," showering heavy rocks and dirt, one of their number found a human tooth had been blown from the hole in the ground. Examination indicated it was the tooth of some Indian buried long ago.



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At no other time of the year than at this glorious Yuletide is the spirit of happiness so much in evidence. The usual Christmas Greetings are significant at this time when good wishes for all fill the air.

A glorious Christmas is our wish, of course, yet we want this sentiment to carry on through the coming years. We want each of you to enjoy Health, Happiness and Prosperity. It is our hope that your every wish will be realized, that each ambition may materialize, so that the new year may be the happiest of them all.

You have been most considerate of us in the past with your fine friendship and splendid patronage; for both we are grateful. May we continue this pleasant association in the future.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this cordial season of the year we like to feel that each of you is one of our loyal friends and that our success, whatever it may be, is just a reflection of yours. You, the people of this community, have been very liberal with your patronage, and we are grateful. We trust that these associations have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us.

So we wish you all the joys of the season and sincerely hope that the coming months will bring you a large share of prosperity and happiness.

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Supreme Court Fight Named 'Big Story' Of The Year By Associated Press Editor

By C. E. HONCE

Associated Press News Editor
NEW YORK—The extraordinary news year of 1937 ends with probably one of the big stories of the 2-months in the making, although still not clearly defined—the business recession and current administrative steps to scotch it.

Such a story—first brought to sharp general attention by another severe stock market drop—really is difficult to fit into any cut-and-dried list of the "10 biggest stories of the year."
It hardly can be placed first because presently the recession may

pepper out and in future years become little more than a footnote in history; likewise it cannot be placed last because of its potentialities.
Therefore it seems best to list it in a special tentative category as something still in the lap of the gods.

When the story finally is told there will be told with it one equally as interesting—the extent to which the New Deal, foe of "economic royalism," will have cooperated with big business in recovery moves.

Supreme Court Fight
Leaving the sphinx to answer this riddle, there is little difficulty in picking the outstanding story of the year on which the curtain already has gone down after some of the most dramatic, colorful and sensational scenes the American public ever has witnessed.

The supreme court struggle and its incredible aftermath are history that will occupy many pages in the future story of America. When President Roosevelt in February presented his program for court revision—"court packing"—his opponents immediately termed it—skies were clear and fair sail-

"Doggone if it aint Christmas time again!"



So we'll stop long enough to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The 1937 News Year

Roosevelt loses supreme court battle; Senator Robinson dies; Senator Black appointed to bench amid Ku Klux Klan controversy.
Labor splits and then moves to make up; CIO invades mass production industries; sit-down strike appears.
War invades two continents as nations engage in new business of forming "axes"; Roosevelt inquires about "quarantine."
Zeppelin Hindenburg destroyed in sensational tragedy of the air.
Business recedes and administration moves to check decline.
Duke of Windsor, ex-king, takes American for bride.
Nearly 300 children die in New London, Texas, school explosion.
Amelia Earhart disappears in Pacific on round-the-world flight.
England crowns a king; a royal spectacle of interest to democratic America.
Ohio and Mississippi rivers rampage; misery in the lowlands.

Other significant happenings: death of John D. Rockefeller; La Guardia-Dewey victory over Tammany in New York and emergence of American Labor party with balance of power; Russian polar flights; deaths of 19 in western air crash; illness and recovery of Pope Pius XI; Gudeon triple murder in New York; Soviet Russian liquidations; forming of totalitarian state in Brazil; death of Andrew Mellon; Roosevelt-du Pont wedding; campaign against venereal diseases; Mattison kidnapping; War Admiral surpasses sire, Man O' War, in triple track victory.

ing, appeared ahead.
But as week succeeded week the skies clouded, progressing not a squall but a veritable hurricane. Democratic ranks were split while republicans contentedly remained in the background twiddling thumbs. Staunch liberals such as Sen. Burton K. Wheeler abandoned the ship. The pilot, Sen. Joseph T. Robinson, was struck down. Finally, came disaster.

But there was still more to come. During the months the battle was on, the supreme court, which Mr. Dooley said "follows the election returns," was handing down decisions about which not even a New Dealer could complain—the upholding of the Wagner labor relations act was one.

Labor at War
It appeared Roosevelt had won without tumult, reorganization. In addition, Justice Van Devanter had retired, and Senator Robinson, New Deal leader, was slated for the supreme bench. When Robinson died, the plum went to Sen. Hugo L. Black, and a new climax was provided as Senator Black returned from abroad to tell the world in a radio address of his one-time connection with the Ku Klux Klan.

Running concurrently with the supreme court drama was another sensational play of many scenes, this time in the economic field, and affecting millions of Americans, whether participants or merely lookers on.

This was the tremendous labor battle, both external and interneine. Backed by the Wagner act, labor took to the field with banners, but it was a divided labor.

Two Wars Connected
The Committee for Industrial Organization, led by battling John L. Lewis, broke with the American Federation of Labor, went out to untolize horizon; the mass pro-

duction industries; called, sometimes won and sometimes lost strikes in the steel, automobile and other huge businesses; perfected the sit-down strike as a labor weapon; signed a contract with Big Steel, and ended the year fencing with AFL in "peace maneuvers." Strikes of all kinds earlier in the year produced bitterness and bloodshed, particularly in the Chicago steel district, but comparative calm ruled as the year ended.

Nations at War
America is far from war and the alarms of war, but in a world growing constantly smaller is realizes that it has some possible future stake in the lining up of nations around the globe.
The Spanish civil war is a great story in itself, but now it has become a move on the larger international chess board.
The Japanese invasion of China likewise is a big story, but it also may only be the first act of a greater drama.
These two undeclared wars are being fought on almost opposite sides of the world, and yet events seem to be drawing them closer together.

Already they are connected triangularly by three of the lines which the rowers now call "axes." One runs from Berlin to Tokyo, another from Berlin to Rome. And Rome has just completed the triangle to Tokyo through recognition of Manchoukuo.

On the other side "axes" are being formed too. One runs from London to Paris and another from Paris to Moscow.

The United States is separated from the wars by two oceans, but President Roosevelt already has asked what can be done about a "quarantine."

Tragedies Of The War
In assessing great stories there

are at least three sets of glasses through which they can be considered. There are stories which will have an effect on history; there are others which make great readings, such as the wedding of the Duke of Windsor to the American woman, Wallis Warfield, and there are still others of horrifying proportions, but only one-day wonders in the stream of history.

The latter was exemplified by the destruction of the Zeppelin Hindenburg at Lakehurst, N. J.

That same terror engendering interest attached to another great American tragedy of the year—the explosion in the New London, Texas, school that stunned a community as 297 of its children died horribly.

In the same category were the Mississippi and Ohio river floods. America is ever one to applaud high individual endeavor, is grieved at the loss of the daring woman flier, Amelia Earhart, in the Pacific.

Love And Politics
It is a democratic country but with a nostalgia for pomp and display, therefore the coronation of George VI of England received admiring attention.
It is one also to love a lover; and when that lover is an eeking, it is a story for the year if not for the ages.

Two persons could be expected to agree on the ten biggest stories of a year. Many will say that the Latinian-Dewey victory against Tammany and the emergence of the American Labor party as a balance of power in New York city was one of the most significant stories of the period.

Others will see in the passing of John D. Rockefeller the end of an era. Then there are the strange liquidations in Soviet Russia to be considered. And the rise of a totalitarian state in Brazil. Does the latter represent the spread of fascism to the Americas, or is it simply the same old type of South American dictatorship with a new name?

And a sports follower likely would say that the feat of War Admiral in winning the Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont stakes and thus surpassing the records of his famous sire, Man O' War, was worth a place on any man's list. So there it is.

Drinking In Films Scored
PUEBLO, Colo. (UP)—A resolution was adopted here by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist churches of this district opposing the frequency with which drinking scenes appear in motion pictures today. It condemned the inclusion of such scenes in pictures.

Top Grades To Women
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (UP)—A survey of grades during the last semester of 1936-37 at the University of New Mexico reveals that women held the edge over men. Women averaged 14912 to the men's 12886. Seniors made better grades than the freshmen.



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A Christmas Message to Franklin D. Roosevelt



SOME two thousand years ago The Man of Nazareth set out as His simple principles for living — FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY.

"These three," said His Apostle, "but the greatest of these is CHARITY."

On this Christmas day we feel that we should give thanks to the Almighty that your life has always exemplified these Christian principles of FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY.

To the thousands who without your example would have had wrecked lives, you have shown that FAITH can surmount seemingly impossible obstacles.

To countless more with crippled, twisted bodies, you have given the HOPE to win their own fight back to health.

Please make checks or money orders payable to Keith Morgan, Chairman, 50 East 42nd Street, New York. Every Penny . . . 100% of what you give will go directly to the new national Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

To every citizen of the United States you have shown the example of CHARITY, by giving lavishly of your time, your thought, your purse in the endless fight against Infantile Paralysis.

You have brought cheer and happiness and sunshine to the bed-ridden throughout the land.

To our fellow citizens on this happy Christmas Holiday we say — Honor this day in true American fashion by joining Franklin D. Roosevelt as a Founder in the new national Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Please "do your bit." Send \$1, or more if you can afford to do it. We believe in after years you may say with a million others that it was the best investment you ever made — to insure protection to happy childhood — and to help those now afflicted with that dread disease — Infantile Paralysis!

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

by EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Sure didn't take Henry Mehre long to get that "old feeling". He quit Georgia and announced he was through with coaching. A week later he pops up as one of the candidates for Ed Walker's old job at Mississippi. Alabama had 20,000 requests for its 5,000 Rose Bowl ticket allotment. Yes, we have no tickets today or tomorrow.

If Louisiana State is so much stronger than Alabama (as the Sugar Bowl horn blowers are tooting) why was Alabama the first choice? Don Bennett, who coached South High of Worcester, Mass., to six district football championships in six years, rates a great big hand and you can count this as a starter. The

boys still insist at least one top flight Pacific coast football coach will move eastward soon... to Michigan?

When bigger and better football captains are turned out, we suppose Turtle Creek, Pa., will do the turning. Last three Randolph-Macon captains hail from there. Jimmy Blair and Russ Boone, 1937 co-captains, are Turtle Creekers and so is Alexander Waleski, just elected for next year. What we want to know is how all those guys who got away from Pitt. Ain't they big enough. Colorado is training for the Cotton Bowl at Fort Worth. Thirty Texas cities invited Whizzer White and Co.

BACK IN PORT

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Baltimore Mail Line announced today word had been received from Hamburg, Germany, of the return there of the liner City of Hamburg, damaged in a collision in the North Sea yesterday.

The Hindenburg Meets Disaster And The British Crown A King

By VOLTA TORREY
News Review Editor, the AP
Feature Service

Trailing a May shower into New Jersey, a great, gray, man-made cloud of hydrogen burst. Its navigating officer, standing on a burning deck, heroically refrained from letting ballast water out. He thereby kept the Hindenburg falling faster than if the water had been freed in the fire. And although three dozen persons died, the dirigible descended so swiftly 83 more tumbled out alive.

Even before official quizzing began, the hydrogen was found guilty. Helium, a safer gas, had not been used because only America had it and German zeppelin builders had considered it too costly.

Within a few hours, photos showed all America how trans-Atlantic airship service ended.

Within a few days, however, Russian scientists made possible another sky link between the old and new world: Pitching camp only 13 miles from the North Pole, the Reds began talking about the weather for Arctic aviation's sake.

Stage And Literature
Amelia Earhart kissed her husband goodby. And Auguste Piccard's Belgian stratospheric exploration hopes went up in smoke that same month, along with his balloon full of hot air.

"Gone With the Wind" won a Pulitzer prize. "Idiot's Delight" played in Omaha while the mayor decried and a bishop defended a little "damna" in the drama. "An American art," the strip-tease was run off Broadway.

Hollywood studio workers struck. "A Star Is Born" boomed color photography. Jean Harlow, making "Saratoga," was ill.

A duke met his bride-to-be in France and folks were saying Mrs. Simpson 41, was "gone with the Wind-sor." The duke, 43, read "Happiness in the Forties."

Italian newspaper critics boycotted May's big show. Rain spoiled the coronation circus parade, but London quaffed \$10,000,000 worth of drinks, and early risers over here listened to radio announcers' whispers from Westminster.

Rockefeller Dies
Through London town's clogged crooked streets a car sped "Mrs. Charles" to a hospital, and two weeks later America heard about another little Lindbergh boy.

John D. Rockefeller died at 98, leaving, besides billions, a poem that went: "I was early taught to work as well as play. And God was good to me every day."

General Charles G. Dawes predicted that, barring wars or inflation, "a high degree of prosperity"

would last until 1939—then stocks would crash.

A Cardinal Speaks
The supreme court upheld the social security system which workers recall every pay day. Justice Van Devanter announced his retirement, and the senate practically nominated Joe Robinson for the job.

Tom Glidier was thrust on Page One, but hoped never to meet John L. Lewis. By the month's end, 70,000 CIO followers in six states, steel plants were striking. And Memorial Day was made more memorable by bloody battling in Chicago.

Cardinal Mundelein, meanwhile, had said the Reich's rampage against religion made wartime atrocity tales sound "like bed-time stories." And the Pope backed him up.

Herr Hitler was opening a Munich fair, that last weekend of May. Then the vest-pocket-cruiser



Chicago Cops
It was a bloody battle.

Deutschland was bombed. Speeding back to Berlin, he ordered a cruel crescendo.

Five German warships puffed up, opened fire on non-combatants, hit nearly every house in the little Spanish town of Almeria, and stole away behind a curtain of smoke.

A line of English rajahs has ruled the Independent nation of Sarawak, on the coast of Borneo.



England's Royal George And Family
He got the crown his brother wouldn't wear.

MAY, 1937

Conventioners And School Grads Make Merry; Mr. Farley Visits



Fire Over Lakehurst
Camera catches end of Hindenburg's last ride.

May brought conventions and organization in the campaign for the school closings in Big Spring. Top convention locale was that of District 2-T of Lions International, which attracted hundreds of club members from a wide West Texas territory. And Big Spring was well represented at the annual West Texas chamber of commerce convention at Brownwood. Miss Marie Dunham was the city's sponsor.

And, speaking of sponsors, Big Spring sent Bobbie Taylor to Fort Worth as the city's entrant in the Texas Sweetheart No. 1 contest.

Seniors had a gala month. Along toward the end of the period, 126 were graduated from Big Spring high school; 190 seventh graders moved up into high school; county schools closed their doors—and another term was ended.

May was spring, and the municipal swimming pool opened for the season, with 113 splashing the first day. The golf links summoned scores of others.

Scouts of the area convened, too, with their annual Round-Up. Big Spring played host to a record gathering of 850. Mexicans of the city celebrated their Cinco de Mayo holiday; National Music week was observed locally with special programs. And May brought Mother's day.

Business News
There was news of business, of varying sort. It was announced WPA projects in this district would represent a total outlay of nearly a million dollars—and then the district office here was one of 12 in the state to be abolished. County commissaires took five off the county payrolls as an economy move, but the city, starting a new fiscal year, set up a budget calling for an outlay of about \$55,000 more than the preceding year. The Texas & Pacific railway reported a net operating income up 63 per cent from the year before; Conhoma saw its postoffice advanced to third class ranking; and Texas Electric Service company announced extension of electric service to Ackerly.

The West Texas hospital project, destined to be in the local news so often, made headlines as both houses of the legislature approved an \$817,000 appropriation, and Governor Alford signed the bill. The chamber of commerce, leading of

Couple Wed 70 Years
MANSFIELD, O. (UP)—John D. Lewis, 91, and his wife, Harriet, 87, who have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, are in excellent health and have not been attended by a doctor for more than 10 years. The couple reared nine children of their own and two foster children.

TWO BREAKS
FAIRFIELD, Mont., Dec. 18 (AP)—Mrs. Albert Steinbach fell at her home here today and fractured a bone in her right arm.

A few seconds later she fell a second time and broke the arm in another place.

ANNOUNCES MARRIAGE
BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 17 (AP)—Bobby Manziel, who borrowed \$400 from Jack Dempsey to start an oil fortune, said he tonight he and Miss Dorothy Nolan, junior at Louisiana State university here, were married Thursday night.

A recent check of southbound motor traffic entering West Palm Beach, Fla., showed 20 per cent of the automobiles carried baggage and out-of-state license tags.

Aggregate income in the United States in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1937, was about 70 per cent above that of 1932-33 but one-fifth below that of 1936-37.

a car mishap, and a youth, Wesley Robinson, was a drowning victim. And oldtimer of Big Spring, Mrs. John W. Ward, died in California, and death ended the long career of A. G. Hall.

Visitor-of-the-month was Postmaster General Jas. A. Farley, who made a train stop. And how could you guess? He uttered words of praise for his chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Best Wishes

For a Happy Holiday Season to the friends and customers of this firm... and a hearty thank you for your patronage during the past.

Settles Hotel Barber Shop

Welch & Blackwell, Props.

HOLLYWOOD SHOPPE

EXTENDS

SEASON'S GREETINGS



At this Holiday Season we feel prompted to tell you how deeply grateful we are for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past year and to wish each of you a Christmastide of happiness and a year of health and prosperity.

A MESSAGE TO YOU

...at

Christmastime

In true appreciation of the patronage that you have extended to us in the past year, let us express our sincere wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a successful New Year.



TEXAS
Coca Cola
BOTTLING
COMPANY

JACK RODEN, Mgr.

Wishing each of you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you a Christmas of Good Cheer, and a New Year filled with Happiness.

And thanking you sincerely for your loyal relationship with this firm and its personnel.

PENNEY'S
J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Inc.

The
Season's
Greetings
and
All
Good
Wishes

Cowden
Insurance
Agency
Lester Fisher Bldg.

BEST WISHES

of the Season

May all the happiness and prosperity that have been your share in the old year be magnified many times in the New Year

GIBSON-FAW HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

We can think of no better wish than

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

West Texas Motor Co.

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Disney Cartoon Feature Cheered By Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24 (AP)—A crowd of blasé Hollywoodites accustomed to the realism of conventional motion pictures, applauded and cheered a fairy tale fantasy that presented, for the first time, an animated cartoon in feature length.

They saw the world premiere of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," the eight-reel cartoon on which Walt Disney spent three years and \$1,500,000.

The simple story is adapted from the Grimm classic about the stepmother who is fairer than her stepmother, the queen. The princess escapes the wrath of the

Gracious Customs Men Sought

MONTBELIARD, France (UP)—Courteous and well-trained customs inspectors will be the aim of a new school at Montbeliard, France, where the French ministry of Finance will open the first school for customs inspectors in Europe next year.

CANDIDATE

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—Rep. Lindley G. Beckworth of Gilmer announced today he would oppose Congressman Morgan G. Sanders of Canton for re-election from the third district composed of Smith, Gregg, Rusk, Panola, Wood, Van Zandt, Camp and Upshur counties.

envious queen, and is befriended by seven dwarfs, as strange a collection of characters as ever were created.

POLICE GAS BURNS OFFICER



Police were caught in their own tear gas by a wind shift when they attempted to halt hurrying of bricks and bottles at workers approaching the Ford assembly plant in Kan-

sas today. Policeman A. L. Leppard, left, eyes bandaged, is shown being assisted by fellow officers before he was sent to the hospital.

and "Hannah." Creation, with Master Bennie, is no half-tearing struggle.

"Aw," he says, "I can be playing football outside when all of a sudden an idea hits. But I've gotta run right in and write it down, or I forget. Or I can be humming and singing, just riding along in the car, and all of a sudden it just hits me. But fifteen minutes later, if I don't put it down, it's gone...."

READING AND WRITING

By JOHN SELBY

"PEPITA," by V. Sackville-West (Doubleday, Doran; \$3).

It is too much to suppose that the book chosen by V. Sackville-West's publisher for mention on the jacket of the Sackville-West "Pepita" was taken at random. It is Sarah Parker White's "A Moral History of Woman" and the juxtaposition is too pat to be happenstance.

For "Pepita" is the story of an unattractive (rather than immoral) woman. This woman was Pepita, who was not only a rather indifferent Spanish dancer but also Miss Sackville-West's grandmother. It is the story as well of Pepita's daughter, the author's mother, who was little if any less startling than the grandmother. Lastly, the author writes about herself and that confounded ancestral estate which (for the good of all concerned) we hope never again to hear men-

tioned. Everybody knows how charming it is, and that should suffice.

We liked Pepita, and her puzzling mother, better than anybody else. Pepita is such a perfect example of something we all know—the stage performer who, not quite able to reach the top in her profession at home, where everybody knows the technique, then betakes herself abroad and uses personal charm, and public ignorance to build a success.

In Pepita's case, as the author shows with admirable candor, the bait was increased by the use of Pepita's quite desirable body. This it was which attracted Lionel Sackville-West, and this it was which kept him in Pepita's train long after he knew she was incapable of playing square with him.

Lionel went to Washington as a diplomat, and with him went his daughter by Pepita. There was a scandal, and Lionel left Washington. Presently the daughter, whose name was Victoria, married her first cousin, who was Baron Sackville, and the ensuing menage was one of the most curious in all the world.

"Pepita" is the product of a beautiful style, joined temporarily to these additional ingredients: a flair for biography, a lack of reticence which approaches exhibitionism, and an apparently sincere desire to get on paper the whole story of a well-known English family for the purpose and use of history. It is a beautifully written, beautifully made book, and if you can stop reading once you start, you have a strong will.

Northern Chile is the driest area on earth of which there are authentic records.

The most of the coconut contains 30 to 40 per cent oil and 50 per cent water.

A Timely Message

TO OUR FRIENDS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

And all the good wishes we can think of for you at this glad Christmas time... May the New Year be filled with Joy and Prosperity for all.

La Mode
THE SPOTLIGHT OF FASHION

Announcing LOW LONG DISTANCE RATES



ALL DAY CHRISTMAS ALL DAY NEW YEAR'S

Lower night and Sunday rates will be kept in effect ALL DAY Christmas and ALL DAY New Year's Day this year. Instead of having to call Christmas Eve to get lowest rates, you can call all Christmas Day, and all the next day, Sunday. The same lower rates will apply for a similar period at New Year's.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

(U.S. & Canadian Points Only)

Austria Gives War Wounded Xmas Bonus

Christmas Gifts Range From \$4 To \$15, Plus Small Pensions

VIENNA, Dec. 24 (UP)—A grateful fatherland will give Christmas presents, varying between \$4 and \$15, to 60,000 Austrian world war invalids.

Those who fought, suffered and were permanently disabled in the war ordinarily receive modest material compensation in Austria.

A total of 21,951 men, whose earning capacity was decreased by less than 35 per cent, are furnished medical treatment free.

In addition to this treatment 14,916 veterans of 25 to 45 per cent disability, get a monthly pension of \$1.40 plus a Christmas bonus of \$4. The claims of only 8.5 per cent of applicants for this category were recognized by authorities.

The next category, comprising 9,516 veterans with a disability rating between 45 and 55 per cent, gets \$2.90 a month and \$6 for Christmas. Six per cent of claims presented in this category were recognized as valid.

There are 9,286 veterans, or 3.5 per cent of applicants for the category of disabled between 55 and 65 per cent, who receive a monthly pension of \$6 and \$8 at Christmas. In the next class, comprising

disabled between 65 and 75 per cent, 7,577 were accepted. Taxes men receive \$14.40 a month and \$10 at Christmas.

Those considered as disabled between 75 and 100 per cent total 3,229. They receive \$25.20 monthly, plus \$12 as a Christmas present.

The 815 invalids considered as utterly helpless, receive \$26.40 monthly, and 338 blind, who are in need of a guide, receive \$39.60 a month.

Support for Children

For each child, supported by a disabled father, the pension increases by 10 per cent, and the Christmas bonus by 80 cents. The number of such cases has, of course, become negligible by now. The total expenses for children's supplements during the last year were only slightly more than \$13,000.

The 9,529 widows, 14,146 orphans and 22,282 parents of soldiers, who fell in the war, or died subsequently of injuries, sustained in the war receive \$3 monthly and \$4 at Christmas. A total of 1,139 orphaned and 7,762 parents are paid \$5 monthly and are given \$6 at Christmas. There are 20,624 widows who receive \$3.50 monthly and \$5 as a Christmas bonus. Only 681 widows reach the maximum of \$12.20 a month and \$8 as Christmas remuneration.

According to the federal office of statistics, the minimum cost of living per capita is \$18.50 monthly.

That the invalids and their families should be granted this level is the aim of war veterans' and war invalids' organizations in this country.

Hollywood

Sights and Sounds By Robin Coons

HOLLYWOOD—Some time ago 10-year-old Bennie Bartlett, or his musical daddy or both, got an idea. There had been a profusion of child orchestras—they reasoned—but there'd never been a child orchestra that played in tune. If there had, the Bartletts pere et fils had never heard of it, which amounted to the same thing.



They held auditions, suffered through hundreds of tortured solos on fiddle and horn while ear-cocked mamas beamed. At length they found 14 youngsters, who could really play.

"And I mean play," says Papa Bartlett, who can really play too. "Not just saw a violin or toot a horn with gasping noises."

Followed more months of rehearsals, under the exacting baton of Maestro Bennie, whose idol is Benny Goodman and whose creed is Singing. Papa Bartlett (whose name is Arthur) did all the arrangements, plus a bit of quiet beaming too.

Professional perfection realized at last, Bartlett and gang were ready for engagements—such engagements as would not interfere, of course, with schooling. Meaning the movies.

So what happens? Studio people hear a few numbers, see the gang at work, applaud and applaud, and say: "They're too good—if we put 'em on the screen nobody'd believe we weren't dubbing in the sound."

There are times in Hollywood, such as this, when perfection is folly. But the Bartletts, undaunted, are still perfectionists. The condition, they assure me, is but temporary.

Bennie, meanwhile, is continuing his individual film career. It was partly his inability to obtain musical roles in films that inspired the orchestra's creation. When Agent Flo Browne, who didn't like child clients, was persuaded to take Bennie she got him first on the air, singing, and then into pictures. But that ended his musical career on the screen.

This abrupt termination of in-born musical outbursts was, of course, unthinkable where the Bartletts were concerned. Why, at four years of age, Bennie had "composed" his first song, and the same year he had conducted a band on the stage at Belleville, Kas. He was master of the trumpet, drums and piano, and he could sing and write songs. They just had to do something about it.

The two published songs of Bennie Bartlett, 10, which are in the repertoire of the orchestra, ages 6 to 14, are "Old-fashioned Mill"

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is here again with its good fellowship and good will. Its warm spirit reminds us that in our friends, not in our ledgers, do we find our real assets. So we want to express our appreciation of your evidences of friendship for us and to wish you

MERRY CHRISTMAS
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

CRAWFORD HOTEL

CALVIN BOYKIN, Mgr.

GREETINGS

...of the
Yuletide
Season

As another Christmas Season is welcomed, and the spirit of giving predominates in the minds of all, the employees and management of this institution join in extending Season's Greetings to our host of friends and customers.

The past year has been a good one for us and we are indeed grateful for the splendid patronage that has been ours.

May your every Christmas Wish be fulfilled and may the New Year be one of Happiness, Health and Prosperity.

Montgomery Ward