

West Texas Sand And Gravel Grows Bigger And Better

At the time West Texas Sand and Gravel was organized on Nov. 11, 1939, by Otis W. Grafa, the plant produced 50 cubic feet of processed material a day with a personnel of only eight persons. Today the establishment has grown to a capacity of 500 cubic yards of processed material a day with 50 employees.

The original plant was located on the B. Reagan ranch near Midway. The business office and production plant is located on the southeast corner of town on the border of Washington Place at the present.

Grafa, founder and owner, as well as president of the company, spent several years with the Texas Highway Department as engineer studying concrete materials required for use in concrete pavements and knows the importance of properly graded concrete aggregate. He says it is just as necessary that the aggregate be of the proper size and quality as it is for the ingredients to be of the proper proportions to make a good cake.

The late J. P. McMahon and his son, Clyde, joined Grafa when the plant was originally begun. J. P. McMahon was sales supervisor be-

fore his death in November, 1944. Other officers in the plant are Otis Grafa, Jr., vice-president; Clyde McMahon, production superintendent and Jack Johnson, office manager.

Materials produced by West Texas Sand and Gravel are graded to proper sizes and thoroughly cleaned of foreign matter to meet all requirements of architectural engineers and federal and state highway engineers. Few laymen realize the importance of gradation and cleanliness of materials for making concrete, Grafa says.

West Texas Sand and Gravel has furnished approximately 200,000 cubic yards of materials in the building and maintaining of the building and also have shipped about 50,000 Big Spring Bombardier School cubic yards to the Midland Bombardier school.

The yearly requirements of the Texas Highway Department in this district averages about 10,000 cubic yards of material annually. Commercial contractors require about 40,000 cubic yards of West Texas Sand and Gravel Company material annually, statistics show.



BASIC MATERIAL—One of many quick operations expediting the production and distribution of sand and gravel, basic building materials, is shown in the view above. West Texas Sand and Gravel has a daily schedule of 500 cubic yards of the finest washed and screened building materials available. Moreover, road contractors in West Texas put a premium on West Texas Sand & Gravel crushed rock and pea gravel. Otis Grafa is founder and manager of the concern. (Jack M. Haynes Photo).

They Talk Turkey Produce House

They are talking turkey at need at the produce house, too. Wooten Produce, 402 E. Second, these days with Christmas marked in great big letters on the calendar as Turkey Day. They have plenty of these big gobblers without which no Christmas dinner is complete, in stock.

Better than that, they are listed at 10 cents below the ceiling price for dressed turkeys, H. P. Wooten, owner and manager, says.

"This year's supply is over 22 per cent more plentiful than in recent years, with enough for everyone in a price everyone can afford for the best of all diners. All the birds the company handles are Howard county bred, in an industry which is rapidly becoming a good business. The turkey itself is slightly smaller than previous years, too, averaging from 7 to 12 dressed pounds. Thus even a small family can avoid waste and eat their turkey too.

Breeders of this newly developed turkey, the bronze medium Texas turkey, can find all the feeds they

need at the produce house, too, Mr. Wooten reminds.

"All the scarce items of feed—we got them," Wooten says, pointing to sacks of corn, seed meal, cake meal, all kinds of grain and plenty of Red Chain feed.

Chickens are plentiful this year, good-sized, fat hens, dressed and ready for the pot. Eggs too are abundant for this season. All chickens and eggs are local products since Wooten's furnishes a market for the farmers in this community.

Included in this outlet is the market for cream, about 40 or 50 cans of which are usually moved in a week to creameries from the farmers. Due to the present slack, however, scarcely more than 15 to 20 cans are now being handled.

The produce house, in business here for years, finds it is good business to give customers complete and satisfactory service, not only supplying them with feed, but a turkey, the bronze medium Texas turkey, can find all the feeds they

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For the best in hair styling all discriminating women go to the Settles to consult Mrs. Ina McGowan, owner, or one of her trained stylists.

"The style conscious woman can rely on her hairdo to personalize her coiffure and lend glamor, color and excitement to her appearance," Mrs. McGowan declared, and continued that the Settles beauticians are duty bound to do their best.

"A woman should choose her beautician like she would any other professional service," the shop owner reminded.

One of the most appreciated gifts a woman can receive is on which will further the loveliness of her appearance, and a really good permanent wave might be just the thing to bring out her best points. The Settles expects to have permanent wave gift certificates which will entitle the receiver to the permanent wave she wants.

Other gift items at the Settles include makeup sets cased in leather either in Revlon or Chen Yu shades. The cosmetics include Contour and Dermatics beauty

HORSE HOLIDAY EVEN TO GIFTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (AP)—Christmas cheer is coming to old Dobbin.

On Christmas morning each of the city's 1,000 neediest nags will receive a present from the Anti-Cruelty Society—a "six-pound bag of oats, bran, apples, carrots, corn and shorts. The oldest and coldest will get blankets.

Even the "underprivileged" animals' owners will be remembered—with the society's 10 commandments on the care of horses.

LUCKY NUMBER IS "ALL WET"

CARLSBAD, N. M., Dec. 10 (AP)—For 18 years Charles White hauled water to his camp at the entrance to Carlsbad Caverns—up to 25,000 gallons daily at a cost of half a cent a gallon. Without success, he drilled 12 wells.

Now, White reports with relief, it's all over. On his 13th try he struck water.

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The Nation Today—Loan To Britain Will Meet Bitter Opposition, But Expected To Pass

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Administration leaders expect the proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain to move through congress in about the same manner as the Bretton Woods agreements.

That is, bitter opposition, strong speeches, but finally a big vote of approval.

No official would make such a prediction publicly, but several leaders who helped draw up the loan agreement with Britain said privately they think they can get the matter through in due time.

If they do, it will be over the firm opposition of those who contend that the British didn't finish repaying their World War I debt—so why lend them any more?

In addition to the \$3,750,000,000 loan tentatively agreed upon last week by American and British officials, the two governments made a final settlement of lend-lease and surplus property that leaves the British owing \$650,000,000.

Thus, the total credit would be \$4,400,000,000. But the \$650,000,000 settlement does not require any American cash, hence will not be submitted to congress for approval.

Chairman Spence (D-Ky) of the house banking committee yesterday drew a parallel between the loan and the Bretton Woods institutions—saying they "both have one purpose, to do away with practices that made for economic warfare."

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TEMPLE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Lt. Ruby E. Botley of Columbia, Mo., chief dietitian at McCloskey General hospital, has been awarded the Marjorie Hulsizer-Copher memorial plaque and a cash award of \$150.

The award was for her heroic devotion in caring for the sick and wounded though she herself was a prisoner of the Japanese.

Lt. Botley served at Sternberg General hospital in the Philippines before the war and was later transferred to Bataan, then to Corregidor where she was taken prisoner on May 6, 1942.

When buying winter squash, select one that is heavy for its size and free from blemishes.

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No Magic In Disappearing Act Of Nazi Little Fuehrers

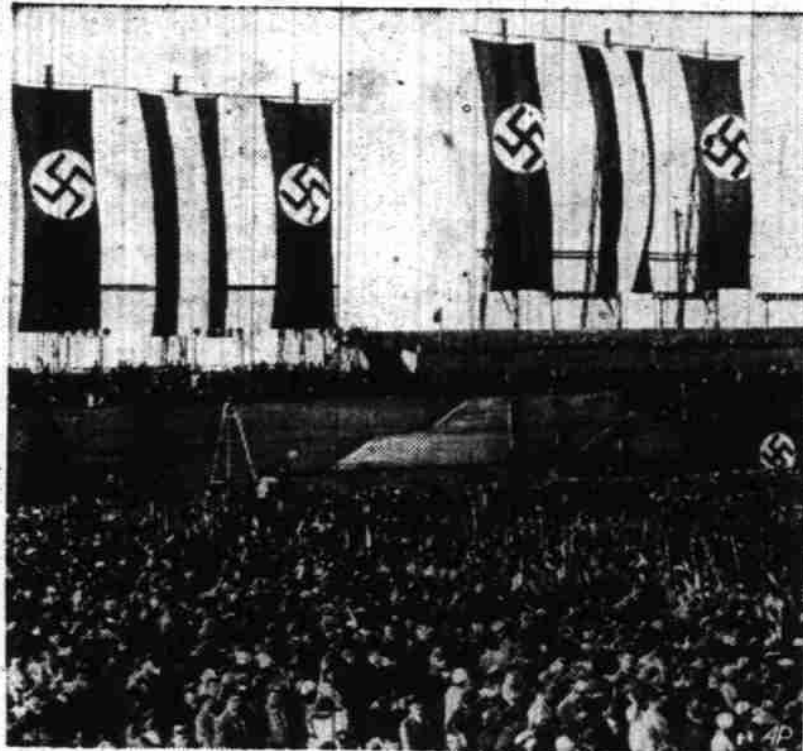
AP Newsfeatures BREMEN—The big boys are in the dock. But, for a reporter, it is difficult to find the hundreds of thousands of little fuehrers who strutted and heeled in every part of Germany.

The Germans have their own ideas where these "bonzen" are. They're all working for military government, some say ironically. Or they're masquerading as refugees from the Russian zone.

Others say the worst Nazis never will be found, because they never joined the party and just put up party members as a front.

And some, of course, have been arrested. Probably typical of this group is Dr. Rudolf Firle, who didn't throw his money about under the Hitler regime, but who made plenty.

You don't hear much of families like the Firlies in Germany any more. A submarine officer in World War I and an unobtrusive employee of North German Lloyd until Hitler appointed him managing director and virtual "King of Bremen," Firle lived with his family in solid comfort.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? It's hard to find the little fuehrers of Nazi Germany.

Americans for homeless people—one of them an Englishwoman married to a German.

On up the stairs went the old lady's cackle. "Here was the beautiful sitting room, here their lovely books." But the red framed pedigrees, the submarine pictures, and half the books were missing.

health, spirit, and illusions are shattered, she lives in the French zone, on the 200 marks monthly (\$20) allowed her by the Allies from her husband's confiscated fortune.

Delegates Elected To AAA Meetings

Final tabulation of votes in the balloting of Howard county land owners for delegates to the county convention and community committee was completed by M. Weaver, AAA administrator, Tuesday afternoon.

Forty-five persons were elected in the five communities. The results: "A" Community: Convention delegate, Sam G. Little; alternate, Lendry E. Little; chairman, J. C. Spaulding; vice chairman, Roy D. Anderson; committee member, Earn S. Conway; first alternate, George C. Chapman; second alternate, Walter W. Long.

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Lieutenant Gets It

Menagerie Due To Land Includes Hirohito's Horse

TOKYO, Dec. 13 (AP)—The most controversial horse in Japan—White Frost, described by the Army as Emperor Hirohito's own mount—is going to the United States as the property of an American lieutenant.

The Japanese Racing association today ceremoniously turned over the much publicized white Arabian to Lt. Dick Ryan, who discovered him five weeks ago in isolated but elaborate stables.

A change in Army regulations announced today will make it possible for the lieutenant to take White Frost to the States—where he plans to exhibit the horse at veterans' hospitals, civic and charitable events.

Some Japanese sources deny that White Frost is the horse on which Hirohito was seen astride in so many pre-war pictures. Others say he was too high strung to be ridden by the emperor in re-

SURPRISE

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 12 (AP)—Leaving the front door key "in the same old place" accounted for a surprise breakfast reunion yesterday at the Paul Edgar home.

Returning home from the service, Thomas Richard Edgar didn't want to awaken his parents at 2 a. m. and found the door key in its old familiar place. He tiptoed through the house, went to bed and appeared at breakfast.

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He said when he reached in his pocket for money to buy a glass of beer, he pulled out a check for \$15,000. "I was too surprised to order the drink," Pignaturo told Judge Schiller.

But the check, which Pignaturo attempted to cash, was cancelled in 1941. He was convicted of disorderly conduct and sent to the Bridwell jail for 20 days.

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Now, with a daughter whose

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PLANTS, PLANE HOPS, BANQUETS KEEP NEWS INSPECTORS BUSY

By JACK RUTLEDGE Associated Press Staff Dear Editor That tour of the Southwest the Associated Press sent me on for you is about half over now. We've visited Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Waco, San Antonio, Dallas and now the lower Rio Grande Valley — which is my own part of Texas. It's a busy trip. Up before dawn, a hurried breakfast, a swift once-over of a factory, to a special Braniff plane for another hop, then more investigation and a banquet. Another city. Another inspection. Another banquet. Speaking of banquets, did you know Ed Reichelt of Beaumont is an orator; representing the newspapermen in Amarillo, he delivered a speech that was so good John McCarty of the Amarillo Globe-News wrote in his paper that Ed was a "silver-tongued orator" and his address was to be copied by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and sent over the country as a mailing piece. McCarty, himself, was spokesman in Tulsa and did a smooth job. And in Oklahoma City it was Albert Nibbling of the Houston Chronicle who spoke up and amaz-

ed his fellow travelers by his efficiency with the spoken word. David Botter of the Dallas News has been covering the labor angle so thoroughly you catch him interviewing everybody on take-home pay, labor relations and technical matters. Jake Mahaffey of Texarkana is my roommate. How he works! I wonder where they're putting the other news in his paper these days? Roy Grimes of the Houston post started out in a lightweight trench coat. The temperature dropped to about 11 degrees in Amarillo and Roy has been spending a lot of time keeping warm. It's better now. Ross T. Fitzgerald, business editor of the Dallas Times-Herald, is about the tallest man in the nest of us. I'm so short I've missed a lot. Ross always has a pertinent question to ask. Well, that's all for now. Business calls. Honest. Jack Rutledge.

Texas Farms Fewer, More Acres Tilled, Census Bureau Says

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 13 (AP)—Although Texas gained in farm acreage since 1940, the state lost more than 19,000 farms in the same period, the bureau of census, department of commerce at Washington revealed. The figures, which were received here today, showed that the number of farms in the 254 Texas counties decreased from 418,002 in 1940 to 398,183 in 1945, equivalent to a loss of 4.7 per cent. At the same time farm acreage increased from 137,683,372 to 143,221,610 or 4 per cent, in the five-year period, the report showed. Further breakdown of the department's figures show that the greatest gain in farmland in any county was more than 700,000 acres in Hudspeth county in West Texas. The largest loss, or more than 382,000 acres, was in Webb county, which also lost 165 farms. The greatest gain in number of farms, 1,979, was in Hidalgo county in the lower Rio Grande valley. Harris county led in the number of farms lost with 1,866.

Texas Bond Sales Below Expectations

By The Associated Press "Sales are far below expectations," Nathan Adams, Texas chairman of the Victory Loan drive, reported at Dallas today. He said that 18 counties have topped their E-bond quotas, but that 238 have not. Adams reminded Texans that only 19 days are left to push the state over the top in this last drive. The Lone Star state has bought only 61.1 per cent of its \$90,000,000 quota. Sales amount to \$55,017,828. The 18 counties which have met their quotas, as listed by the state war finance committee, are: Hudspeth, Irion, Denton, Sutton, Sterling, Clay, Willacy, Winkler, Brooks, Menard, Hamilton, Schleicher, Concho, Howard, Matley and Starr.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM JAPAN—Texans with the occupational forces in Japan send a Christmas greeting to the folks back home from the American Red Cross club in Tokyo. Kneeling, left to right: Pfc. Joe C. Taylor, Rt. 1, Temple; Pvt. John T. Bass, 4242 Frank St., Dallas; front row, left to right: Pfc. Coy Reeves, 803 East 2nd St., Tyler; Sgt. Raymond A. Cheney, Ballettsville; Pvt. Tommy H. Griggs, 801 W. Linda, Fort Worth; Pvt. Cecil E. Jones, 2826 St. Louis, Fort Worth; Pfc. Dwight B. McCann, Coahoma. Back row, left to right: T-3 Elton J. Ford, 1210 LaRue, Houston; Pvt. Robert T. Garb, Crosby; Pfc. Robert P. Ramon, 2717 Cline St., Houston; Pvt. Adin M. Hardin, Grapevine; Pvt. William W. Clifford, Graham; Pvt. Charles G. Jones, 410 Runnels St., Big Spring. (AP Photo from Red Cross.)

States Against OPA Move To Reinstate Citrus Fruit Ceiling

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—A proposal by OPA to reinstate price ceilings on citrus fruits immediately is expected to receive rough-and-tough criticism today from three states. Congressmen and industry representatives from Florida, Texas and California plan a strenuous protest before a joint hearing by OPA, the department of agriculture and the Office of Economic Stabilization. Repeal of citrus ceilings Nov. 19 already has occasioned sharp debate in the house. Rep. Blemler (D-Wis) contended recently that prices had advanced 50 to 100 per cent since lifting of controls. Rep. Phillips (D-Calif) insisted this was incorrect and it would be unfair to reinstate price regulations. Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, has announced he wants ceilings restored on oranges, grapefruit and lemons "because of price rises." Phillips asserted reinstatement prior to Jan. 13, original deadline set by OPA to view market fluctuations, would be "a breach of faith," and that OPA figures "usually can be checked and found inaccurate." Rep. West (D-Tex) said some "extra fancy" citrus fruits were above ceiling prices, but that "average" grade fruit "definitely is under the ceiling." West estimated 95 per cent of the nation's 170,380,000-orate crop of grapefruit and oranges was selling at or below previous ceiling levels. Austin Anson, manager of the Texas Vegetable Shippers and Growers, and A. L. Cramer, Elms, and Graham Killough, Weslaco, were here to join Rep. West and others from their state in opposing the OPA proposal.

MRS. SANTA

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP)—Mrs. Wilhelmina Miller has 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren on her Christmas gift list, but you won't find her in the shoving, swirling swarm of shoppers. She has an ample assortment of dolls and stuffed animals. She's 81 now, and she's been making Yuletide presents of that sort for 50 years.

Nazis Pay Off

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill. (AP)—German war prisoners here did work worth \$6,820,500 during the first 10 months of 1945, the Army says. Private contractors paid the government \$4,338,500 for POW labor, and the remainder of the work was performed on military installations.

School Holidays

FORSAN, Dec. 13 — Forsan's schools will turn out Dec. 21 for Christmas holidays and re-convene Jan. 2, it has been decided.

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Chain Store Probe Expected In House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The chain store issue, often a pivot for bitter political controversy, resurfaced today on Capitol Hill. Chairman Patman (D-Tex) said in a statement his house small business committee will conduct an investigation of the "alleged injurious effects" of chain store competition upon "small, independent merchants." The Texan said he hopes the committee will recommend legislation designed to "encourage the maximum number of independent business opportunities for the maximum number of people." Patman disclosed his plans for the investigation after the house voted the committee an additional \$75,000 to continue its work. In doing so, the chamber overrode, 181 to 30, a recommendation of its accounts committee that the small business group be allowed only \$20,000 more at this time. "Recent disclosures," Patman told newspapermen, "are that one of the largest chains operates one-third of its stores at a loss, which means that no independent could possibly operate against those particular loss stores successfully."

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Freighter Sinks

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13 (AP)—A small freighter carrying 200 Chinese struck a mine at the mouth of the Yangtze river and sank within five minutes with a loss of more than 100 lives early today. Call JACK at 109 for PRINTING (Adv)

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PASSENGERS SHAKEN UP

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 13 (AP)—The Santa Fe railroad public relations office said today that a flagman was injured and several passengers were "shaken up" shortly before midnight last night, when the eastbound Grand-Canyon limited No. 24, crashed into the rear of a military train about 40 miles west of Gallup, N. M.

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Admiration Coffee Luxurious Flavor in Every Cup Illustration of a coffee jar and a box of Admiration Coffee.



TRUMAN MIGHT BE ILL DEC. 26

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—President Truman today announced he will fly to Independence, Mo., on Christmas Day to have dinner with the home-folks.

He told a news conference he would follow his usual course of

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Charged With Murder

AUSTIN, Dec. 13 (AP)—Woodrow Grady, 19-year-old negro, was charged in Justice Mace Thurman's court yesterday with assault with intent to murder.

The negro youth surrendered to Sheriff Rip Collins in connection with the stabbing of E. R. Petri, Austin Transit company bus driver. Petri was reported to have been stabbed four times Tuesday when he went to the aid of another driver who was in argument with a negro concerning fare.

Yule Season Running True To Form: John Q. Citizen Slow To Mail His Packages

The Christmas season is running true to form again this year, according to Postmaster Nat Shick. "It appears that most people are going to hold back until the last moment to get their packages in the mail," Shick said. "If they do not let us have them until two or three days before Dec. 25, we cannot guarantee delivery at the proper time," he warned.

Shick said there are a few simple rules that should be followed by those sending packages to insure delivery:

- (1) Address all matter plainly in ink. Include return addresses on all items.
- (2) Wrap packages carefully and securely in durable containers. Do not seal them except when they are bearing printed matter.
- (3) If sending perishable goods, they should be properly endorsed.
- (4) Parcels should not be over 100 inches in length and girth combined, and,
- (5) All matter should be insured.

Washington—Table Tips From Embassy Wives

By JANE EADS (Last of Three Articles)

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Wilhelm Muntze de Morgenstjerne, wife of the Norwegian ambassador here, has a recipe for a Christmas bread called Julekake which is delicious and easy to make.

2 yeast cakes
1 1/2 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
7 cups sifted flour
3/4 cup melted butter
3 eggs, well beaten
1/2 teaspoon cardamom
1 cup sliced citron
Crumble yeast in one-half cup of milk. Scald remaining milk. Add salt and two tablespoons of the sugar. When lukewarm add yeast and three cups of flour. Beat thoroughly, cover and let stand until sponge is light. Add butter, eggs, spice and remaining sugar, and flour. Mix thoroughly, knead and put into a large bowl. Cover and let rise until double in bulk.

Cut down, add raisins and citron, knead until elastic and smooth. Shape into loaves. Place in greased tins. Cover and let rise again. Bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 360 degrees for 40 minutes longer.

Madame Charles Bruggmann, wife of the minister from Switzerland and sister of Secretary of

What It Means Surplus In The Air WHY PLANES BECOME OBSOLETE

WASHINGTON — A postwar problem with a reverse twist is the mass unbuilding of America's vast air fleet.

Assembly-line technique may be the answer to this newer, different problem of producing by tearing apart.

Most surplus military planes are good for little more than the junk pile. In the first place it is too expensive to convert them to civilian needs and too costly to operate them after they are converted. Just because a bomber may resemble a commercial transport does not mean that it is economical to put it to work on a peacetime job.

Secondly, military men consider that it is as unwise to store away present-day planes for future military use as it would be to put aside a 1948 automobile for possible competition in the 1970 Indianapolis races.

Says W. Stuart Symington, Surplus Property Administrator, in a report describing the aircraft disposal program:

"The United States taxpayers cannot expect to recover any substantial portion of the 43 billion dollars invested in war aircraft."

Five Categories

The Surplus Property Administration places aviation surplus in five categories:

- Tactical aircraft — fighters, bombers and heavy trainers.
- Transports — those suitable for airlines and other civilian transport needs.
- Personal aircraft — primary trainers, light planes and others considered suitable for private flying.
- Components and parts — engines, propellers, instruments, accessories and spare parts.
- Unabsorbed surplus — planes, components and parts which can be sold only as scrap, or which have educational or non-aviation uses.

Since June, 1940, the United States has produced more than 285,000 airplanes. How many eventually will become surplus is not known now. For one thing, the postwar size of the American

Hard-Hearted Jailer? Substitute Santa Brings Clothes, Toys To The Jail

PRINCESS ANNE, Md., Dec. 13 (AP)—If a roly-poly Santa Claus can skin down the smallest of chimneys, why can't he squeeze through the bars of a cell?

And he has done just that for two little children who must stay with their mother in Princess Anne's old jail. In a cell Mrs. Harry Kelly, 24, awaits a preliminary hearing today on a charge of killing her husband.

Patsy Mumford, 6, her child by a previous marriage to a soldier killed in action, and Irvin Kelly, 4, the son of the slain man, also by a previous marriage, are staying with her.

Of course, it was fairly simple for Santa to get behind bars, since in real life, he is Police Chief Emory Revelle. Upon his plea, local townspeople chipped in with \$35, and he bought enough clothes

to outfit the children from head to toe.

"Sure, you're just like Santa Claus, but I like you and I know you're just a cop," Patsy told Revelle.

As always, Santa had helpers. The wife of a Somerset county deputy sheriff, Mrs. Woodland Jackson, prepares breakfast for the children.

Mrs. Jackson's grand-daughter presented Patsy and Irvin with a doll last Saturday, the day they arrived in the cell, and yesterday someone left a six-pound box of candy for the children.

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Commerce Henry Wallace, picked the following recipe for Christmas cookies which the Swiss call "Cinnamon Stars":

3 egg whites
1/2 pound sugar
1/2 pound ground hazelnuts
1 tablespoon cinnamon

Stir egg whites and sugar thoroughly for one-quarter of an hour, then mix with the other ingredients. Roll out about one-fourth of an inch thick on a board sprinkled with sugar. Cut out stars with tin cutters and bake in moderately hot oven.

Mrs. Thor Thors, wife of the Icelandic minister, stuffs her Christmas guckling or goose with dried prunes and halved fresh apples. She serves the fowl with browned potatoes, red cabbage and apples.

She boils the potatoes, then peels them and cuts them into small pieces. Then she makes a caramel sauce with butter and sugar and adds the potatoes. She slices the red cabbage very fine and boils in water, vinegar, sugar and a little salt. She uses as little water as possible.

She peels the apples, halves them and removes the cores. She then makes a syrup of white sugar and water and boils the apples for a few minutes in the syrup. She boils all of the apples in the same syrup—a few at a time to avoid disintegrating. When the apples are cool she adds a teaspoon of jelly in the cores.

CAL To Inaugurate New Airline Service

February 15 has been set as the date for inauguration of service by Continental Air Lines over a new air route between Tulsa, Okla. and El Paso, Marshall Poth, station manager for CAL, has announced.

The route includes stops at Oklahoma City, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Hobbs and Cashion.

At present, the schedule linking Big Spring with cities on the route have not been announced, said Poth. Presumably they will be through Hobbs, N. M. junction.

The Labrador duck was first known to science in 1788, and the last reported member of its tribe was killed by a hunter in 1875.

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Brer Rabbit Syrup

The Nation Today—Building Price Ceiling Merely Suggested, Not Yet Made A Law

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The No. 1 point to remember about President Truman's proposal to put a ceiling on the price at which a new or old home can be sold is this:

He simply is proposing it. He's not going to do it himself. He thinks neither he nor anyone else in the government has authority under any law to impose such ceilings.

So he suggests that congress pass a law specifically giving him or some government agency such authority.

It will be some time before congress does anything of the kind, if ever.

Until it does—or unless Mr. Truman changes his mind and decides he has authority to impose such ceilings—you can sell your house at any price you wish.

Prices on houses already have gone up, and probably will continue to climb, because housing is scarce. House owners are taking advantage of this scarcity to charge inflated prices.

Pending in congress now is the Patman bill — offered by Rep. Wright Patman, Texas democrat — which would give the government authority to place ceiling sales prices on new or old homes.

The house banking committee has held hearings on it. Some of the committee members seem bitterly against it. If the committee does approve it, the bill has to go up before the full house for debate and action.

This is what the Patman bill would do, if it became law:

1. In the case of a house built before the bill became law—the

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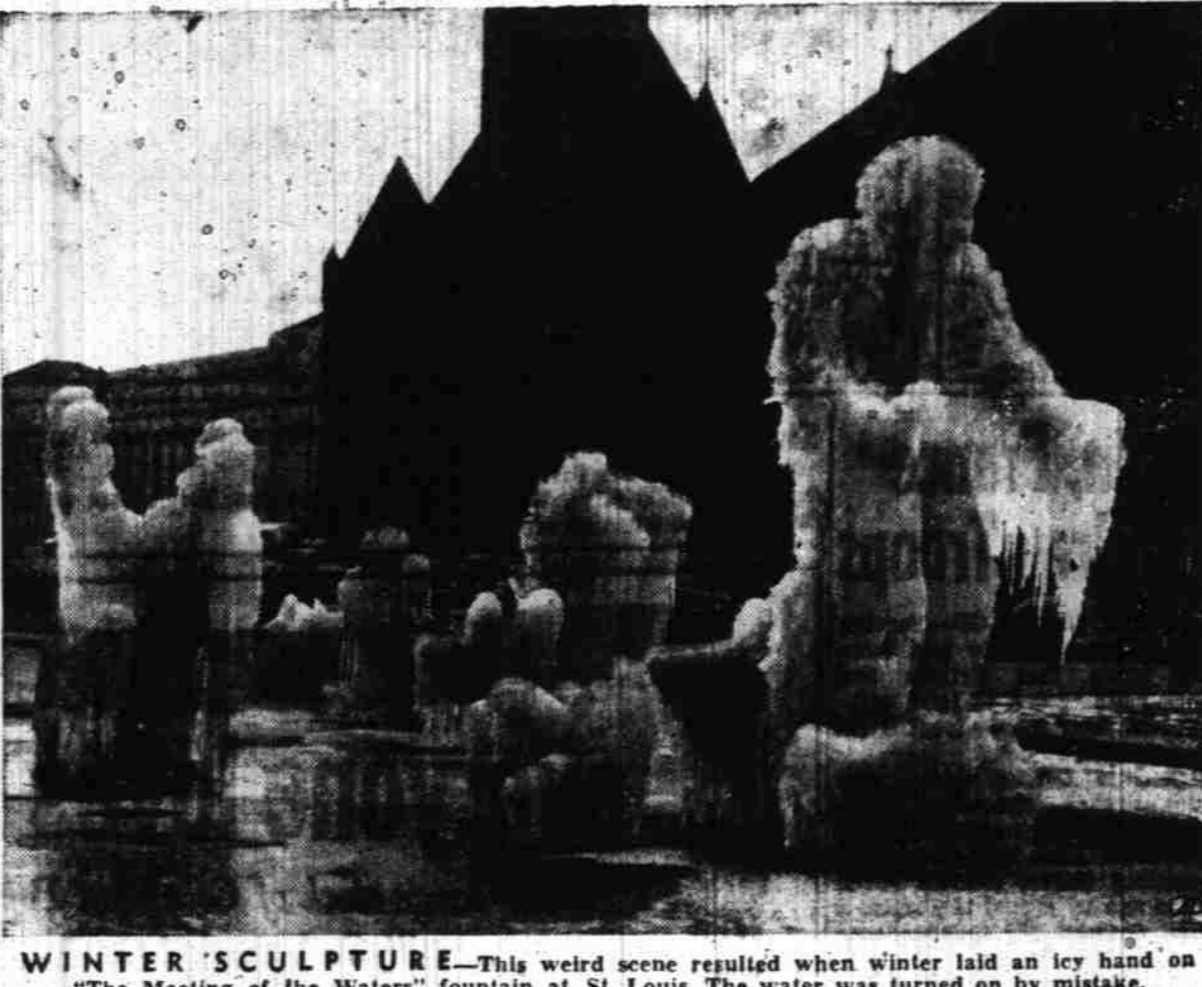
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New Dischargees Saw Fighting In Big Battles

Howard county men who went ashore with Allied troops at Normandy saw service in such furious campaigns as the Rome-Arno battles and took part in the aerial bombardments that brought Germany to its knees...



WINTER SCULPTURE—This weird scene resulted when winter laid an icy hand on 'The Meeting of the Waters' fountain at St. Louis. The water was turned on by mistake.

Farm And Ranch Talk—

HEREFORD SALES TOP NEWS IN AGRICULTURE FOR WEEK

By WACIL McNAIR

Hereford sales topped the news on the livestock front during the week. Here are a few notes gleaned from the various reports...

Annual Christmas Seal Drive Moves Slowly Toward Goal

The annual Christmas seal drive being conducted by the Howard County Tuberculosis Association is moving slowly...

4-H Boys, Guests Plan Holiday Party

Howard county 4-H boys, their parents and friends will be guests at a Christmas party to be held in the City Auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Friday...

Marine Recruiter Here Every Monday

Sgt. Gordon Garner, Marine recruiter stationed in Abilene, will henceforth stop in Big Spring on Mondays for the purpose of interviewing persons interested in enlisting in his branch of the service...

No One Volunteers To Help Ration Board

No single response to the ration board's appeal for volunteer workers was received, Juanita Miller, OPA employee, said Monday morning...

YMCA Campaign For Operational Funds Underway

Reports were expected to start coming into headquarters Monday on the YMCA campaign for operational funds for the initial year's work in Big Spring...

Fifteen Cub Scouts Graduate From Pack

Candlelight graduation ceremonies were held for fifteen Cub Scouts on Friday night in the basement of the First Methodist church with D. M. McKinney, gub master, in charge...

Aeronautical Unit Elects Officer Slate

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Big Spring chapter of the National Aeronautical Association in a meeting held Monday night in the Settles hotel...

Greene To Attend River Basin Meet

J. H. Greene, manager of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, will leave Tuesday morning for San Angelo, where he will attend a meeting of the Colorado River Basin Association...

Five Thomas Sons Are Back In States

The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas, Sr., are back in the states with their discharged status with their discharges...

Section 17 Water Pumps To Be Reworked

All twelve water pumps of Section 17 are being reworked in order to comply with the State Health Department regulation...

'Ruptured Ducks' Filing Discharges At Local Board

Army and Navy personnel from this community are returning daily with "ruptured duck" pens in lapels of "civilian" suits to file discharges with the Selective Service board...

Forsan Boy Included In Norwich Plaque For Heroic Deaths

Malcolm O. Webb, Sgt., 2528th AAFBU, entered May 19, 1943; American theater service medal...

County Prospect On Pumping Test

Earlier in the week it had swabbed following treatment with 5,000 gallons of acid...

Stanton Plans Co-Op Hospital

STANTON, Dec. 8.—With over \$7,500 in membership fees already subscribed, plans were virtually complete today for the organization and construction of a co-operative hospital for Stanton and Martin county...

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Payment of a 2 1/2 cent per share, on account of accumulated dividends in arrears, on the five per cent convertible preferred stock of Cosden Petroleum Corp. will be made as of Saturday...

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Board Discusses Plan For Using SCS Equipment

A revised plan for operation and maintenance of district owned equipment was discussed during the regular meeting of the board of supervisors of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation district held last week in Stanton...

Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District News

A coordinated soil and water conservation plan is being developed for the W. V. Boyles farm, a new cooperator in the Lutter and contour farming for all the fields; crop rotation; soden and small grains for cover crops...

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NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Government agencies today pressed a four-way drive to smash black market sales of clothing and textiles.

US Attorney General Tom C. Clark said the drive, designed to restore a free flow of clothing and textiles to the normal market, is being conducted by the department of justice, treasury department, office of price administration and the office of US district attorney John F. X. McGohery of New York City.

Officials Expected At District Meet

Many officials of the state American Legion are expected here to attend the two-day 19th district American Legion convention scheduled Saturday and Sunday at the Settles hotel.

Registration for the convention will begin at 2 p. m., a formal dance will be held Saturday night at the USO, and other activities will include a smoker and tea. Program plans are to be announced Friday.

O. A. Willman, state service officer, will conduct a rehabilitation program at 7:30 p. m. Saturday in the Settles. The session will be an explanation of the rehabilitation program for veterans. Other officials expected are Henry Love of Fort Worth, past state department commander; Henry Teubel, 5th division commander; Ward Moody, field representative of National American Legion; and Bert Geiske, president of Architectural Association of Texas, connected with the American Legion.

Postal Business Not Up To Last Year Boom

Though the volume does not measure up to last year's figures, local postal business is booming.

Wednesday letter cancellations amounted to 16,720 while insured packages totaled 96 for the day. On the corresponding day in 1944, a total of 23,076 letter cancellations were made.

Nicholsons Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Nicholson are the parents of a son, T. A. Jr., born on Dec. 12 at Lakeland, Fla. Mrs. Nicholson is the former Ellen Dempsey.

WINS ATTRACTIVE FUR-LINED BATHTUB

He won a fur coat, too... and a fur hat! The fur was really flying on "Detect and Collect," radio's new quiz-panic, the show that has the nation in coast-to-coast stitches every Thursday night.

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NEW ENGINES ADVERTISEMENT featuring Chrysler, Plymouth, and Mopar parts, with contact information for Marvin Pull Motor Co.

"I'LL DO MY BEST - WILL YOU?" FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AVOID HOLIDAYNGER. NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL. DANIEL BISHOP

Generalissimo In Peiping; Troops Roll On Toward Manchurian City

TIENTSIN, China, Dec. 13. (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek appeared in Peiping today for the first time in many years, while his troops, last reported 40 miles beyond Mukden, were reported rolling swiftly toward Harbin, a leading Manchurian industrial center.

Other national government forces were moving to Changchun, Manchuria's capital, by air. Observers here viewed these rapid-fire developments as a strong indication that all Manchuria, rich in industry, will be in the hands of Chiang's government forces within a few weeks—and probably with a minimum of bloodshed.

Harbin may be reached by Christmas or before, informed sources here believe. A joint Chinese-Soviet board in Changchun has been operating for weeks the important rail line from Changchun to Harbin and Dairen. The fact this operation has been virtually unhampered by Chinese Communists supports the belief Harbin will be yielded to the National army when it is ready to take control.

The almost total absence of any Chinese Communist opposition to the Chinese government drive into Manchuria, plus Russia's friendly attitude and cooperation with Chiang's forces, indicates that the Chinese Reds—if they fight at all—will do so in the rugged western mountains where they are strongest.

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Weather Forecast

DEPT. OF COMMERCE WEATHER BUREAU. BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy and colder this afternoon and tonight. Friday got much change in temperature, partly cloudy. High today 55, low 28-32.

Patton's Condition Reported Improved

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 13. (AP)—The commanding officer of the US Army hospital where Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. is under treatment for paralysis said tonight there was "a good chance" that the American commander might be on his feet again.

The fracture of the vertebra in Patton's neck was reduced, he said, but it is still impossible to determine how much damage was done to the spinal cord. Doctors in attendance said the general had spent a good night and that his general condition remained satisfactory, with no complications.

Richardson Relieved From Active Duty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Admiral James O. Richardson, 67, a native of Paris, Tex., a former fleet commander called out of retirement during the war, yesterday was relieved from active duty with the Navy.

Richardson recently has been special assistant to the secretary of the navy on the joint chiefs of staffs. He was a recent witness at a congressional hearing on Pearl Harbor.

He testified in the investigation that he understood he was removed from command of the US fleet in February, 1941, because he had hurt President Roosevelt's feelings by disagreeing with him on disposition of the Pacific fleet.

SCS Representatives Hold Monthly Meet

Work unit conservationists met at the SCS office this morning for their regular monthly session. Present were: Albert Jordan, Midland; Glenn Jamison, Stanton; Trunior Revell, Sterling City; C. R. Donaldson, Big Spring; and J. H. Taylor, district SCS representative.

Flu Epidemic May Close Sterling School

STERLING CITY, Dec. 13.—School officials will decide Friday whether or not to dismiss classes because of the current influenza epidemic. Thursday no less than 50 of the 150 students registered were confined to their homes because of illness.

School Deputy Checks Howard County Setup

E. H. Boulter, Lubbock, deputy state school superintendent for the Lubbock and Amarillo districts is paying his annual visit to Big Spring checking state applications for Howard county schools. He conferred with Walker Bailey, county superintendent, this morning.

Stubby cartoon panel: "I'VE GOTTA GET RID OF THIS QUICK - THE DICKS ARE ON MY TRAIL!"

Stubby cartoon panel: "HERE, BUD - IT'S YOURS FOR THE TAKING!"

Stubby cartoon panel: "HA! CAUGHT YA WITH THE GOODS! UP WITH 'EM!"

Stubby cartoon panel: "WHY WAS I BORN A HUMAN BEIN'?"

Britain, France Withdraw Troops

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin told commons today that Britain and France have agreed to joint withdrawal of their troops from Syria and Lebanon.

Signed in London today, the British-French agreement provides for close alignment of policy in the Near East with the object of settling unrest marked seven months ago by armed clashes in a Syrian demand for independence from France.

"The two governments," said an official announcement, "have recognized that it was in their joint interest to encourage, within the framework of international collaboration, the economic well being and security of the peoples of the Middle East."

New Mercury Shown At Motor Company

The 1946 Mercury will be displayed Friday for the first time in the Big Spring Motor Company showrooms, J. E. Fort, manager, announced today.

The new Mercury arrived this morning and is said to have a heavier, lower and wider appearance, resulting from a wider hood and a re-designed front grille. The new grille consists of die-cast vertical louvers extending across the front.

According to J. R. Davis, director of sales and advertising for the Ford Motor Company, Mercurys are rolling off the assembly lines of the Ford Motor Company's Rouge plant at the rate of 175 a day. Mercury cars are in production also at Edgewater, N. J., Chicago, Ill., and Richmond, Cal.

The new automobile is available in eight exterior colors, with harmonizing instrument panels, upholstery and trim. Engineering knowledge gained during research and production of wartime goods is reflected in the mechanical changes incorporated in the 1946 Mercury engine. These include such outstanding features as tri-ally bearings, crankcase ventilation, improved oil pump, four-ring aluminum pistons, and interchangeable cylinder heads.

Building Permits: C. E. Dorne, to move a frame house from 611 Benton to 1007 Sycamore, cost \$900.

J. M. Barnera, to build a frame and stucco addition at 808 N. Aylford, cost \$75.

VICKS VapoRub advertisement: FIGHT MISERY where you feel it—rub through, chest and back with time-tested.

THE RECORD SHOP logo.

NEWS RECORDS

- 18721—"The Bells of St. Mary's" "I'll Take You Home Again" Kathleen. Bing Crosby.
55037—"Ol' Man River" "Stormy Weather" Frank Sinatra.

THE RECORD SHOP 211 Main St.

Smoked Groceries

Smoke filled the Safeway Grocery about 10:30 p. m. Wednesday, firemen said, when an electric mo-

tor in the vegetable vault burned out. Smoke was the extent of the damage.

To make one inch of rain over the state of Illinois would take four billion tons of water. Call JACK at 109 for PRINTING (Adv)

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CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM THE RECORD SHOP. Includes details about the certificate and contact information for The Record Shop.