

Reds To Issue New Money, End Rationing

MOSCOW, Dec. 15. (AP)—The Soviet government has announced in a decree signed by Prime Minister Stalin that it will attempt to check inflation with the issue of a new currency tomorrow and, at the same time, will abandon the rationing of all "food and industrial goods."

The Moscow radio broadcast to the Russian people the news of the decree, which was issued by the council of ministers (cabinet) and the communist party.

(The decree was the first admission by the U. S. S. R. that the controlled Russian economy had been affected by post-war inflation. The Soviet action came 10 days after a statement in Washington by Under-Secretary of State Robert Lovett that something "in the nature of panic buying" had gripped Russia following rumors of impending devaluation of the ruble.)

(American officials in Washington were keenly interested in the move in view of continued Russian insistence on how sound the Soviet was economically as compared to capitalistic countries.)

The currency decree stipulated that rubles brought to banks for conversion would be exchanged at the rate of 10 for one new ruble.

Bonds, money in banks, and savings accounts will be exchanged at a rate of from one to five new rubles for one old.

Those who present cash will receive one new ruble for 10 old ones regardless of the amount they exchange, thus making cash holders the chief losers under the reform.

The reform does not affect wages. All factories and offices have been ordered to pay their employees this week in new money their salaries for the first half of the month to enable them to get started under the new program.

Announcement of the decree was the first official mention of inflation and speculation in the U. S. S. R. although a hint that rationing would be abolished was disclosed Dec. 9.

On the basis of quarterly statements, 32 major companies, handling two-thirds of the industry's volume, will make 60 per cent more in net earnings after taxes than in 1946, Knight said.

Their profits will be 253 per cent higher than in 1939, which was an excellent year for the industry.

Knight said he had been informed the price of gasoline at the pump is to increase two cents a gallon with similar hikes for fuel oil.

LONDON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Earl Baldwin, 80, third prime minister of Britain, died in his sleep Saturday at his home in Stourport, Worcestershire—11 years after he had forced Edward VIII to renounce his throne as the price for choosing to marry an American divorcee.

It was Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and the late Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, who told Edward that he must renounce either the throne or twice-divorced Wallis Warfield Simpson. Edward chose abdication.

It was Baldwin, who on Dec. 10 stood before the House of Commons with tears in his eyes and delivered the message of abdication from Edward, a personal friend.

ATHENS, Dec. 15. (AP)—A press dispatch from Larisa said today 60 guerrillas, had been wiped out by government forces in a battle in a snowstorm Saturday on Mount Vermion, west of Salonika.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—The United States, \$3,656,000,000 in debt to the world just before World War I, is now a \$10,400,000,000 creditor with a net income of over \$480,000,000 a year from holdings overseas, a treasury report showed today.

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FIRST CRASH SURVIVOR ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON — Lt. J. M. Bickler, Abilene, is placed in a waiting ambulance on a stretcher at Bolling Field in Washington, first man to be taken from a plane which brought four survivors of a military transport plane crash in the Labrador wastelands. The soldiers were taken to Walter Reed hospital. (AP Wirephoto).

Not The Program For Us

(AN EDITORIAL)

It is hoped that a representative number of Big Spring citizens will remember to go to the polls Tuesday to cast thoughtful ballots on issues involving the establishment of a civil service system for firemen and policemen and fixing a minimum salary scale for these groups of municipal employees.

The referendum has been called by the city commission in obedience to a state statute.

The entire civil service proposal is one devised by members of the Texas legislature, and would cover police and fire departments for all Texas cities of 10,000 population and over.

The Herald has said in previous editorials, and repeats its conviction, that the best interests of our own city and of our own firemen and policemen would be served by rejection of the provisions on tomorrow's ballot. Our judgment is that the state scheme is filled with loopholes that would serve to defeat the best intentions of a civil service system; that a program which would fit a city of 400,000 to 500,000 people would not necessarily adapt itself to Big Spring's 18,000; that such involved rules of procedure are set up that both the municipality and members of the department affected could find themselves ensnared in red tape without ever establishing fair decisions if complaints were to arise; that too much authority would be vested in a civil service commission without requiring that commission to prove any particular qualifications for its job; that, above all, a great deal of our own municipal government's independence would be taken from it and a good part of our own home-rule charter strength would be lost.

A civil service system is to be desired, but we don't think the plan as imposed by the state is the one for this city. Every citizen votes as he chooses, of course, and The Herald urges that due study be made of the pros and cons of the civil service proposals so that every vote cast will be a vote made with judgment.

CONVOY MACHINEGUNNED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (AP)— Jewish leaders called upon the Palestine government today to order the immediate evacuation from Palestine of all Trans-Jordan Arab Legion troops, a detachment of which yesterday machinegunned a truck convoy near Tel Aviv, killing 14 Jews and wounding 15 others.

The Arab Legion forces, which are officered by Britons, are on loan to the Palestine government for police duty in the Holy Land.

Demands for withdrawal of the forces coincided with a grenade attack on a truckload of Arab Legion troops in Jerusalem. One soldier was injured.

A spokesman for Hagana declared that "failure of the British to evacuate these foreign troops will be considered a British provocation against the Jewish defense forces."

A Jewish agency official complained that highway security control was "completely ineffective" throughout Palestine and suggested that food convoys be led and followed by armored cars.

Overland transport throughout Palestine—already badly disrupted—was further demoralized by the convoy attack yesterday. Food supplies in Jerusalem and other cities ran low as the Holy Land began to feel the pinch of broken communication resulting from 16 days of bitter communal strife that has claimed 244 lives.

Hagana, Jewish defense force, termed the machine-gunning of the convoy on "unprovoked attack." A Palestine government spokesman, however, said that jittery Jewish settlement police guarding the convoy "apparently lost their heads" when they saw the Arab troops and opened fire, causing the Arabs to return the fire under the impression they were being attacked.

The incident was the worst blow thus far suffered by highway convoys, which have been subject to repeated attacks by roving Arab bands.

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Big Four Meeting Appears Near End

GOP Plans To Pound Economic Bill To Passage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)— House GOP leaders ordered an eleventh hour strategy huddle today on their plan to pound the Republican anti-inflation bill to passage without letting the opposition lay a hand on it.

Democrats seethed. Some said the majority party couldn't get away with it.

The idea was to plunk the four-point program before the House with word to take it or nothing. Based on voluntary efforts to hold down living costs, the bill then would be pushed to a vote under a procedure so rigid it would:

Forbid any changes, restrict debate to 20 minutes for and 20 against, and require a two-thirds majority for passage.

Only a final nod from the leadership was needed to set the plan in motion. And a meeting was arranged for mid morning (exact hour not set) among Speaker Martin (R-Mass), Majority Leader Halleck of Indiana, and Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) of the banking committee, who introduced the bill.

Rank and file Republicans were told to be on the House floor for a showdown shortly after 11 a. m. (CST).

Halleck issued a statement last night saying if this bill fails Democrats "will have to take responsibility" for killing all economic legislation at the special session scheduled to end this Friday.

House Democratic Leader Rayburn, of Texas, cried "outrageous" and "strongarm" tactics.

Snow Falls Over State

The first snow of the season threw thin white blankets over many Texas points last night but clearing weather over most of the state was predicted today.

Light snow mixed with rain was reported from Corsicana, Waco and Palestine early today. Alto, in Cherokee county, reported snow falling heavy.

Blue skies, however, smiled on Big Spring, Amarillo, Wichita Falls and Abilene.

The mercury dropped to 22 degrees at Laredo yesterday afternoon and a snowstorm, featured by two heavy rolls of thunder at its height, swept through the city between 3:15 and 5:15 p. m. Snow lightly mantled the ground and rooftops. The Laredo temperature stood at 35 degrees this morning but a minimum of 28 was forecast for tonight.

Snow blanketed the countryside around San Antonio last night with a thin coat unofficially measured at half an inch. Bandera reported snow off and on all day Sunday and late in the day.

Fredericksburg reported freezing weather last night with snow and a coating of ice. Kerrville had 25 inch snowfall and Boerne recorded half an inch.

Big Spring had 26 degree temperature this morning and Wichita Falls 37 degrees.

Moore To Command Goodfellow Field

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 15. (AP)— Brig. Gen. Aubry L. Moore will take command at Goodfellow field, San Antonio, Jan. 5, 1948, with the opening of that field as a training base of the flying division, Major Gen. James P. Hodges, commanding officer of the flying division, air training command, Randolph Field, announced today.

Gen. Moore has been commanding officer of the flying division advanced flying school at Williams Field, Ariz., since last July. He came to the training command from the European theater of operations where he was president of the liquidation and manpower board.

The first class of aviation cadets is scheduled to begin training March 1, it was stated.

Dodd And Fields Back From Trips

E. C. Dodd, president, and M. J. Fields, dean, were back at their desks at Howard County Junior College here Monday after attending two collegiate meetings during the week end.

Fields took in both days of a public relations party at Abilene, Dodd having left after the first day to take part in the Texas Junior College Athletic association meeting in Dallas.



FRIENDLY TOAST — Secretary of State George C. Marshall (left), and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov drink a toast in London following luncheon at the residence of Lewis Douglas, U. S. ambassador to England. The luncheon was described as "purely social" and had been arranged before the foreign ministers' session at which Molotov blasted the western countries and Marshall made a severe reply. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London).

SIX PASSENGERS KIDNAPPED

Bold Buccaneers Rob Dutch Ship

HONG KONG, Dec. 15. (AP)— A bold, leisurely gang of pirates robbed 1,600 passengers of the Dutch Ship Van Heuts of cash and jewels worth a half-million U. S. dollars today and kidnaped six passengers, presumably for later ransom.

Capt. Klaas A. Vliet and chief officers of the 4,552-ton vessel were taken as hostages but were allowed to row back to their ship after the pirates made good their escape aboard commandeered junks near Bias Bay, notorious buccaneer hangout some 30 miles northeast of this British colony.

Identities of the captive passengers were not known, and the only description of the band of about 25 pirates was that they wore "American-style" clothes.

A. H. Elston, director of criminal investigation, announced that the vessel was looted and controlled by the pirates for about 15 hours after it was about four hours out of Hong Kong yesterday on a trip to Swatow, Chinese port about 180 miles northeast of here.

The vessel returned today to Hong Kong and Elston questioned crew members and passengers. They estimated the pirates numbered about 25.

Apparently some of the raiders boarded the ship here disguised as passengers and had a rendezvous with confederates at Bias Bay. They took over the ship at gunpoint and searched it from bow to stern, holding the captain and officers in the ship's motorboat. At Chi Leng Point, the pirates left the vessel in the junks and permitted the captain to row back to the ship.

Famous SA Leader Dies After Illness

SUMMIT, N. J. Dec. 15. (AP)— General Edward J. Higgins, 83-year-old third international leader of the Salvation Army, died yesterday at Fair Oaks sanitarium here. He had been ill a month.

Gen. Higgins, who was succeeded in 1934 by General Evangelina Booth, relinquished the post due to ill health over the protest of Salvation Army throughout the world. He was elected to head the Salvation Army in 1929, succeeding General Bramwell Booth.

New Jet Fighter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)— The Navy disclosed today it has a new jet fighter, the Grumman F9F Panther, which combines a top speed of more than 600 miles an hour with the quick takeoffs and slow landings needed for aircraft carrier operations.

CITIZENS PROVIDE PLUMBING FOR SICK VET'S HOME WHEN CITY FAILS

CLEVELAND, Dec. 15. (AP)— Thanks to 75 neighbors and former servicemen who laid 170-foot pipelines, water flowed from the faucets today in the home of William Smith, Jr., 27-year-old Army veteran suffering from a blood disease.

Smith, now undergoing treatment at Crile Veterans Administration hospital, moved his wife and baby son into their prefabricated home in nearby Chargin Falls last March.

Everything was right except the plumbing. Village officials decided contractors' bids went too high for extending water and sewer lines to his front yard.

A village ordinance also prohibited installation of a septic tank or outhouse.

So for months the former sergeant and his wife carried water in pails from neighbor's homes and hoped city council finally would come to their aid.

Then, after Smith's illness forced his removal to the hospital, neighbors and veterans in the community became aroused. City council still wouldn't budge and so they decided to act themselves.

Yesterday, the group that included one former lieutenant commander and a major, went to work with donated pipe and borrowed tools. Women living nearby served them a big meal at noon.

By night the job was done and water coursed through the pipes.

Molotov Holds Key To Further Negotiations

Reparations Again Cause A Deadlock

LONDON, Dec. 15. (AP)— Top American diplomatic officials said today that unless Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov unexpectedly softens his stand on German reparations a move may be expected almost immediately to end the London conference of the council of foreign ministers.

These informants said after a meeting of Secretary of State Marshall and ranking members of the American delegation that if the reparations issue remains as tightly deadlocked as it became last Friday night, then "all other discussion which might be held here is purely academic."

The decisions of the American delegation this morning were expected to be discussed with British and French officials prior to this afternoon's council session (9:30 a. m. CST).

Molotov said flatly Friday that Russia "is not begging but demanding \$10,000,000,000 in German reparations—mostly from current production."

Marshall has taken the position that the only reparations which should be supplied from Germany are those to be taken out of factory removals and other capital goods equipment—but with none from current production.

Marshall's final decision on the meeting this afternoon as to whether to insist at this time on an immediate adjournment presumably also will be determined on the basis of four categorical demands he has placed before the council affecting the Soviet zone of Germany.

These four demands are: 1. A full report from all four foreign ministers on the condition of reparations withdrawals from their respective zones (the western powers have no official reports on removals from the Soviet zone).

2. Complete cessation of withdrawals from Germany on Jan. 1.

3. Restoration of seized German assets to the German economy, including the breakup of the big Soviet trust in the Russian zone.

4. Unqualified acceptance of the provision that the first charge which would be made against the exports of a unified Germany should be for repayment of sums advanced by the United States and Great Britain for the maintenance of the German civilian population.

Mrs. Morris Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Mary Jane Morris, 78, died suddenly at her home, 1001 Main street, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning.

Death apparently resulted from a heart attack.

Mrs. Morris is survived by a grandson, Billy Joe Morris of Big Spring, a grand daughter, Mrs. Lory Jeffcoat of Knott, a great-granddaughter, Jeanie Jeffcoat, of Knott.

Four nieces and four nephews also survive.

Mrs. Morris had lived in Big Spring for approximately 21 years.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p. m. Tuesday at the Main Street Church of God, with Rev. John E. Kolar officiating. The Rev. Kolar will be assisted by Rev. G. B. Walters.

The body will remain at the Nalley Funeral home, where arrangements were completed this morning, until the funeral service.

Burial will be in the City cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Morris' husband, who died here 15 years ago.

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culture and to the whole fabric of our democratic institutions", the document contended.

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Schools Make Houses

HUMBOLDT, Ia. (UP)—Some people in Humboldt County are solving their housing problems by buying abandoned rural school houses. Five rural schools in Grove Township have been sold at auction, at prices ranging from \$375 to \$975.



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Grafa Expanding Local Plant

An expansion program now in the process of completion will soon

put the West Texas Sand & Gravel company in the position of supplying an almost unlimited amount of these basic construction materials for a vast region.

Already producing staggering amounts of material in its pits on an 80-acre tract immediately southeast of town, Otis Grafa, head of the concern, said that a second pit, which once furnished a large portion of the plant's output but which has been a secondary source in recent years, is being developed with modern equipment. Thus, with two pits running at

full blast, West Texas Sand & Gravel could process up to 1,000 yards a day, an imposing pile especially when considered that the materials are graded and checked for rigid specifications.

Another expansion by the company is its ready-mix concrete service. Grafa said he had some additional equipment on order, including a huge unit which will mix up to five cubic yards of concrete while enroute from the job to point of delivery. So big is this unit that it would weigh upwards of 14 tons fully loaded. Smaller units deliver lesser amounts to construction jobs, doing away with the bother and expense of mixers at the project. Although these figures are big, it does not mean that West Texas Sand & Gravel does not appreciate smaller orders for quality sands and gravel. Indeed, orders from one to several yards will be laid down to any point in this vicinity by simply calling 9000.

About 60 per cent of the people of Guatemala are pure blooded Indians.

Christmas Birds Ready For Local Holiday Tables

The Wooten Produce Co., 401 East Second street, is concerned now with arranging for the main dish of Christmas menus in scores of Big Spring homes.

Of primary concern, of course, are turkeys, traditional Christmas features in American homes, but Wooten's also plan to make sure that plenty of other types of fowl are available for local Yuletide feasts.

Chickens usually get consideration next after turkeys, and Harvey Wooten, manager of the Wooten Produce Co., has given his assurance that an abundance of choice, fat hens will be ready. In fact, Wooten is expecting many local housewives to choose hens over turkeys this Christmas, since the current turkey market is uncertain, and prices are expected to be higher. The turkey market probably will be quotations for Thanksgiving.

However, Wooten will have some turkeys for those who require them, and for others who may balk at the steep prices a selection of top quality hens will be handy.

The White and Wooten Grocery store, which formerly was operated in connection with the Produce company, has been sold, and henceforth the firm will concentrate on the produce and feed business.

The produce line, especially, will be kept in operation on a large scale.

Jobless But Happy
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (UP)—A radio manufacturing firm here gave Robert E. Kelly \$500 for a suggestion that eliminated the job of storekeeper in the plant. Kelly was the storekeeper.

Flex-Form Helps To Keep Clothes

Women who find their fall and winter wardrobes are costing them more this year will find that they can preserve the appearance of their garments for more than one season by having them Flexform-ed to their exact measurements at Modern Cleaners, 303 East Third street.

The Flexform system is newly adopted by Modern and is fast becoming popular with all the establishment's customers. Flexforming preserves the natural texture and lustre of the fabric. Its size control insures a perfect fit every time.

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Christmas Concert Is Well Attended Sunday

Well over one thousand persons attended the Christmas musical program at the First Baptist Church Sunday night given by the high school girls chorus and a capella choir of high school.

The program of the concert closed on an impressive note of the melody of "Silent Night" as both choirs gave responses in the candlelight service.

The professional of the choir was to Adele Fiedels ("Come All Ye Faithful").

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Girl Scout Troop 11 Has Christmas Party

Girl Scout Troop 11 held a Christmas party and tree in the home of the leader, Mrs. Bill Earley, Friday night.

Members were in charge of arrangements and the program. Those serving on various committees were Jane Robinson, Marilyn Jackson and Betty Joe Earley on the decorations committee; Sylvia Brigham, Doris Ann Daniels, and Jeanne Osborn, entertainment committee; La June Haines, Kay Bonifield and Claudia Reed on the refreshment committee.

Others attending were Margaret Martin, Billie Kathleen Carr, Janice Rankin, Sandra Trappell, Shirlee Banks, Beverley Nichols, Sue Love, Billy Earley, Mrs. Ray Nichols, assistant leader, and Mrs. A. J. Haines and Mrs. Isom Carr, scout mothers.

Lynda Jo Sneed Fete With Birthday Party

Mrs. Morris Sneed honored her daughter, Lynda Jo, with a party Saturday afternoon celebrating Lynda Jo's sixth birthday.

The group sang Christmas carols and told Christmas stories as entertainment with Dolores and Darlene Sneed and Doretha Sandridge giving special entertainment.

A Yuletide theme was used in decorating the party rooms. Refreshments were served from a table laid with lace with birthday cake and Christmas candles in the center.

Attending were Larry and Doretha Sandridge, Frank D. Summers, Patsy Rogers, Pat Theford, Bonnie Rowland, Norma and Jeanette Yates, Syble, Tommie, Darlene, Delores and Lynda Sneed, Mrs. C. E. Sandridge, Mrs. J. D. Rowland, and the hostess.

Audrey Arnold Has Birthday Celebration

Audrey Arnold was entertained Saturday afternoon with a birthday party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Arnold.

Games were entertainment. Refreshments were served to Andy Bruce, Joan and Jan Derrington, Patsy Potter, Ronald White, Jane Osborn, Ronny Parrish, Kenny Bee, Betty Cooper, Mary Davis, Claudia and Mary Jo Arnold, Dorothy Arnold, Geraldine Arnold and the honoree.

The one-fourth of the U. S. population which lived on farms in 1932 received only one-nineteenth of the U. S. income.

COMING EVENTS

Monday
PHILATHEA CLASS OF THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH will have a Christmas banquet in the church basement at 7 p. m.

Tuesday
NORTHIDE BAPTIST WMS meets with Mrs. N. M. Jilpp, 1411 W. 4th at 3 p. m.

Wednesday
BUSINESS WOMEN'S CIRCLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will meet with Mrs. Mary Watson Jones at 10:30 for a Christmas party at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday
KILL KARE CLUB meets with Mrs. Ruth Miller, 508 Avford and from there will proceed to the El Patio for a Christmas dinner, later returning to the Miller home for a party.

Friday
PHILATHEA CLASS FIRST METHODIST CHURCH will have a Christmas banquet in the church basement at 7:30 p. m.

Saturday
MARTHA CIRCLE of First Christian Women's Council meets with Mrs. Cliff Wiley, 1010 11th Place at 3 p. m.

Sunday
MAYBELLE TAYLOR CIRCLE of the First Baptist church will meet with Mrs. B. E. Freeman at 10:30 a. m.

Monday
FIRST METHODIST WBS will meet in a group for a Christmas covered dish luncheon at 12:30 p. m.

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INTERCHATE CLASS of East Fourth Baptist church will have a Christmas banquet at the church at 7:30 p. m.

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Dorothy Jean Phillips Becomes Bride Of Arlis Yater Sunday

In a double ring ceremony solemnized Sunday morning by the Rev. P. D. O'Brien at his home, Dorothy Jean Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Phillips of the Fairview community, became the bride of Arlis Yater, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yater of Fairview.

For her wedding, the bride selected a dress of beige wool-crepe fashioned with a draped skirt. She carried brown accessories and wore a corsage of red roses.

Attending the couple were Mildred Wreyford of Midland, former college room mate of the bride, as maid of honor, and Fred Phillips, brother of the bride as best man.

A graduate of Big Spring High school in 1944, Mrs. Yater attended McMurry college, Abilene, from which she received a bachelor of science degree in 1947. At present she is employed as instructor in Knott schools.

Yater is a 1940 graduate of Big Spring High school, and has served three years with the Army, one and one-half years in Germany. Yater is engaged in agriculture near Fairview.

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Banker At Denison Is Found Dead

DALLAS, Dec. 15. (AP)—H. G. Webster, president of the Citizens National Bank at Denison, was found dead yesterday in his room at a hotel here.

Justice of the Peace W. L. Sterrett said Webster died of natural causes.

The body was discovered by a bellboy.

Webster has been a member of the state parks board for the last ten years.

Outcome Apparent In Venezuela Election

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 15. (AP)—Partial returns from yesterday's national elections indicated today that the government party would win the presidency and gain a comfortable majority in Congress.

Of the first 136,185 votes tabulated, an unofficial count gave 100,680 to Rombula Gallegos, 63-year-old ex-school teacher and novelist who is the candidate of the left-of-center Accion Democratica party.

Proposed Banks

AUSTIN, Dec. 15. (AP)—Banking commission action on two proposed Lubbock banks, each with capitalization of \$100,000, will likely come after the first of February, acting Commissioner J. M. Falkner said today.

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Pensions On The Basis Of Need Only

Texas should either pay its old-age assistance recipients on their actual need, or tax the citizens enough to pay every citizen over sixty-five years of age a flat amount, regardless of need. The latter, of course, will not be done, so there should be a change in the method now followed to give assistance according to the need, within a reasonable limit.

One Texas newspaper editor expresses belief that State spending on assistance cannot go much higher. He is making a guess that there is nothing for its support. Every session of the Legislature finds members striving to increase the assistance rolls pay scale, without making effort to direct the payments to persons in need, and entitled to assistance under the law authorized by vote of the people. The old age assistance is a powerful political weapon, and it is used and will be used, regardless of the cost.

Texas now has more people on its assistance rolls than any other state in the union, and this is because there is a lack of willingness by the legislators to set a definite basis for determining need in individual cases. Any attempt to pass a part of the support burden to children amply able to carry it is rejected, and the result is that aged people, who could receive assistance from sons or daughters, do not get it because the State is supposed to supply it all.

If the sympathy expressed by most of the legislators for the "needy old people" is sincere they will formulate an act that will assist those really in need, and that will give them enough to really help them, instead of wasting a large part of the fund by payments to undeserving. When the money goes to those who really need it Texas will not much care how great the sum is.

Checking Into Military Retirements

During the demobilization days, when GI's, sailors, and marines were blowing off the steam of their pent-up gripes, the differences between disability retirement for officers and for enlisted men came in for frequent and uncomplimentary mention. Now the General Meyers case knocks the lid off again. Are many of these "totally disabled," retired officers holding down strenuous as well as lucrative civilian jobs?

Defenders of the system as it has been had this to say: It was designed to fit the situations presented by career officers, who presumably have devoted their lives to a highly specialized calling which has no counterpart among civilian vocations. Such officers are expected to be—as one former Navy commander puts it—"interchangeable parts" of the armed forces personnel machines. If they are found physically unable to fit into any important billet they are, therefore, considered completely disabled as an officer.

Critics point to the fact that procedures, which may have been applied safely in the past to a small, highly professional corps are open to abuse when

confronted with the huge numbers of World War II. That freedom from periodic examination after retirement opens the door to "rackets." That war is now so specialized and technical that neither the "interchangeable parts" nor the unfit fitness for civilian career arguments are as valid as they used to be. And that, anyway, in practice, these tax-free disability retirements seemed disproportionately the prerogative of the professional officer corps.

Judged by its interim report, the Army-Navy Personnel Board thinks that the critics have something. It recommends periodic examinations of such retired officers, and substitution of a rating system for the "all-or-nothing" basis. A subcommittee of Congress is going to make an investigation of its own. And the President wants to look over the lists, too.

Here is another instance where the armed forces, for their own good and the good of the nation, should reform themselves if needed, and be cleared before the public of that of which they may not be guilty—a job only partly done in the General Lee case. This time the prospects look better.

The Nation Today—James Marlow

Explanation Of Speculating

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Here's an ABC on speculating in commodities. That's what Edwin W. Pauley did.

There are various kinds of commodities—such as wheat, corn, oats, cotton, eggs, butter, coffee—and various ways of speculating in them.

Pauley, special assistant to the secretary of the Army, did his speculating in what is called "futures."

There are various ways of dealing in futures, and several reasons why people and firms do it, but Pauley's was to make money.

How? By buying something now at a certain price, hoping the price will go up so you can sell at a profit.

Here's an example of how it can work: Say there's a great demand for cotton today. The price of cotton today is 25 cents.

By October the demand for cotton may be greater and the price higher. Say, further, that a lot of people think the same thing.

So they start buying cotton—cotton to be delivered to them next October.

That kind of cotton is called October futures.

With so many people buying October futures, the price rises from what today's cotton is worth, 25 cents, to 30 cents for October cotton.

They don't pay in full when they buy October futures. They put up a margin, or down payment. They'll pay in full in October.

Along comes Jones with money to invest.

So today he tells his broker to buy for him 100 bales of that October cotton at 30 cents a pound.

The price is \$15,000 because there are 500 pounds to a bale and he's buying 100 bales at 30 cents a pound.

(Jones doesn't want the cotton for his own use. He just buys it to re-sell at a profit if the price goes up, and he thinks it will.)

He doesn't have to give his broker the \$15,000 today, but, say, just a margin of \$3,000, which is 20 percent of \$15,000.

If he doesn't sell that cotton before it's ready to be delivered to him next October, Jones will have to pay his broker the remaining \$12,000.

Then Jones' broker finds another broker with a customer who has 100 bales of October futures cotton and wants to sell it at 30 cents a pound.

(The brokers do their dealings on the cotton exchange. There's a cotton exchange in New Orleans and another in New York.)

But why does this other broker's customer want to sell his October cotton at 30 cents a pound?

The man bought it when it was only 27 cents a pound. If he sells now at 30 cents, he makes a profit of 3 cents a pound and doesn't have to worry about the price going below the 27 cents he paid.

If, between now and October, the price goes above 30 cents a pound, Jones can sell at a profit. If it drops under 30 cents, he'll lose, of course.

Countless people have been doing just this sort of thing for countless years. There's no law against it. Pauley calls it the "good old American way" of trying to make money.

He said he did it to protect himself against inflation and has been doing it since 1940, dealing in wheat and other commodities.

Affairs Of The World—DeWitt MacKenzie

Battle To Finish For Italy

Poor old Rome! Twenty years of Fascist Mussolini, and now a battle royal with totalitarian communism which is described by Richard M. Scammon, official of the American military government in Germany as "fascism with a coat of red paint."

However, the flag of the new Italian republic still flies high in defiance to revolutionary tactics, and with the collapse of the general strike in the capital the government is doing better than hold its own. A thoroughly organized and powerful communist party, drawing its inspiration and orders from Moscow, has been riding the economically stricken nation like the old man of the sea, but while it's too soon to make categorical predictions, things look brighter and there are good grounds for hope that Italy will pull through.

Of one thing we may be dead sure: Red Russia never will abandon its effort to secure domination of the Italian peninsula so long as it has a foothold.

The Musscovites mean business with this world revolution of theirs, as witness the explosion in the Big Four foreign ministers' conference in London Friday.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov is said to have resumed his bitter lambasting of western democracy policies. The storm got so fierce that Secretary of State Marshall reportedly declared "it is very difficult to have any respect for the dignity of the Soviet government," and said Molotov's statement was made for "quite another purpose" than the problems of Germany and for "quite another audience" than the foreign ministers. And British Foreign Secretary Bevin is quoted as characterizing Molotov's tirade as a whole series of insults and complete untruth, and adding that the Russian might at least thank the other ministers for sitting through such statements.

Well, that represents the harsh bolshevist spirit behind the attack on Italian sovereignty. Moscow is particularly anxious to secure control of Italy for several reasons, among which are these:

1. It's essential for furtherance of the Soviet scheme to defeat the Marshall plan for the rehabilitation of western Europe.
2. It's vital to the success of the Red campaign to sovietize western Europe.
3. Italy, lying as it does on the Adriatic just across from Yugoslavia, would form a powerful defense for this southern flank of Russia's present zone of influence in eastern Europe.
4. Last—but far from least—the peninsula would provide a magnificent naval and military base through which Russia might achieve a burning ambition running back for generations into the time of the Czars, and that is to become a Mediterranean power. Indeed, control of Italy might make Russia the dominant power in the whole Mediterranean and Middle Eastern area.

Italy is a prize for which Russia is bound to fight to a finish.

In Hollywood—Bob Thomas

Film Capital Likes And Dislikes

HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—To most people, Hollywood is like wench rabbit—you either like it or you don't.

A large number of visitors, many of them New Yorkers, take a sudden aversion to the town and can't leave too soon. Another group, many of them New Yorkers, fall in love with the place and wouldn't think of departing. To most natives, Hollywood is neither black nor white, but a place that has its pleasant and unpleasant aspects, like any other town. For instance—

That's what I like about Hollywood... watching Fred Astaire or Gene Kelly do a dance number... stars like Glenn Ford who admit they have the world's softest job... the way the industry remembers its unfortunates with the motion picture relief fund...

Hearing Bette Davis enthuse about picture making... the cheer that greets an oldtime film star from loyal fans at premieres... touring the radio studios, watching the world's greatest performers for nothing...

The thrill of a first night at the Biltmore, L. A.'s only approximation of a Broadway legit house... listening to Alan Hale relate tales of Valentino Fari-banks and other greats... the way that Hope, Skelton, Durante, et al, volunteer their talents to any worthy cause...

That's what I don't like about Hollywood... dotting mothers who try to push their tots into film stardom... watching a scene filmed 20 times, actors who complain: "I simply must have a rest; I've been working too hard"...

"D-DAY?"



Hal Boyle's Notebook

Fifty Years After

NEW YORK, (AP)—Just fifty years ago a small girl, panged with doubt, sat down and wrote a letter to a newspaper that asked an immortal question—and received an immortal answer.

The girl was 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon. Her troubled question: "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Today little Virginia is a 58-year-old school principal who never since has questioned the reality of Santa Claus.

The newspaperman who answered her back in 1897 with an unsigned editorial published in the New York Sun was Francis P. Church, and his reply has become a part of American Christmas folklore.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

Church went on to point out that there is nothing else real and abiding but the beauty of the unseen world whose passwords are faith, fancy, poetry and romance, and concluded: "No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Church died a number of years ago, and the little Virginia whose faith in Santa Claus he kept is now Mrs. Edward Douglas, a widow and principal of a public school in Manhattan's lower east side.

Curiously, the girl who asked the famous question and the man who gave the famous answer never met or saw each other.

"A friend of my family, however, was a neighbor to Mr. Church and complained that he kept dogs that barked too much," she laughed. "That was all I knew of him."

A trim, pleasant-faced woman with gray hair and blue eyes, Mrs. Douglas recalled that at first she was mildly displeased by the original publication of her letter because schoolmates teased her.

"But the editorial that Mr. Church wrote means even more to me now than then. As each year passes I see more in it."

Its philosophy has influenced her own life, and she still believes with a whole heart in the things for which Santa Claus is one symbol.

Annually people from all parts of America write her the joy they have found in reading the famous editorial. She enjoys them all except a few from cranks who accuse her of personally inventing Santa Claus to confuse the downtrodden masses.

Mrs. Douglas has a daughter and six grandchildren, and her lifetime teaching career has kept her close to the world of childhood. Her school is in a poor neighborhood which is predominantly Jewish. Until the board of education banned trees as fire hazards one Jewish parent who worked in a market arranged each year to provide a Christmas tree for every room in the school.

"I doubt if he observed Christmas in his own home," said Mrs. Douglas. "But he always said that the school had plenty of trees."

Crossword Puzzle

ACROPS	1. Rocky peak	2. Total	3. Male beverage	4. Mother of Fear Gynt	5. Ignited	6. Landed estate	7. Light repeat	8. Valor	9. Major dissimilarity	10. Run into	11. Part of each other	12. Needy	13. Meaning compound	14. Pertaining to a law	15. Three-spot	16. Of the voice	17. Negative	18. Measure of length	19. Beat burden	20. Handle roughly	21. White	22. Compact	23. Cleanse	24. Italian river	25. Dredged	26. Mark of confusion	27. Nautical compound	28. Before	29. Food dish	30. Free	31. Sign	32. Put forth	33. Clear profit	34. Soft mineral	35. Medley	36. Gave back	37. Mexican dish	38. Custom	39. Cover the inside	40. Artificial language	41. Affecting an individual	42. Employer	43. Denote	44. Throng	45. Uneven	46. Funny	47. Empty	48. Cringe	49. Swallow	50. Think	51. Ancient Roman	52. Except	53. Cultivate	54. City in Texas	55. Special ability	56. Shipworm	57. Mexican	58. Indian	59. Fuel	60. Surfeitly cooked	61. Prepare for the press	62. Wild animal
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Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

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WORD-A-DAY

By BACH

SARDONIC

(sar-don'ik) *adj.*
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NOTHING LIKE THAT OLD CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, EH?

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Washington Merry-Go-Round—Drew Pearson

Nagasaki A-Bombing Accidental

WASHINGTON. — When Emperor Hirohito went to Hiroshima on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, he probably did not know that, but for the accident of a few Japanese clouds, another city would have felt the fury of the atom bomb instead of Nagasaki.

The inside story of the other hitherto unknown atom-bomb target—Kokura—has been one of the Army's closely guarded secrets ever since that fateful day—August 9, 1945. On that day, Maj. Charles Sweeney took off from the island of Tinian with instructions to bomb Kokura, which had been reported by a U. S. observation plane as clear for bombing.

As he was taxiing down the runway, Sweeney detected trouble with a fuel pump. This meant he could not use 800 spare gallons of gasoline which would cut him short and leave him little time to dally over Japan. But he took off anyhow, and headed straight for Kokura.

His orders were not to drop the bomb unless he could get a clear view of the target. By the time he reached Kokura, it was blanketed under a heavy fog. Several times he circled zoomed over the city searching for an opening, but it remained obscured. With gas running low, he nosed back across Kyushu island toward Nagasaki—which, according to his orders, was a secondary target.

Like Kokura, Nagasaki was blotted out by clouds. Sweeney made a couple of runs and finally located a hole in the haze. It was not wide enough to permit clear vision, but Sweeney was too low on gas to carry the bomb bay. Besides, he had read intelligence reports that the second bomb would be dropped if the Japanese were to be panicked into surrender. The bombing of Hiroshima had given the population a severe jolt, but he was told it would take the second bomb to flush out the frantic peace offer.

So, contrary to his instructions not to drop the bomb unless he had a clear view of the target, Sweeney ordered the bomb dropped by radar with only a small opening in the clouds for visual observation.

The rest is largely a matter of history. Nagasaki's business district was wiped out—18,000 buildings leveled to the ground and another 32,000 severely damaged. The explosion killed 28,000 people and wounded 40,000. Ten to 20 more died daily afterward of radioactivity.

Meanwhile Pilot Sweeney, without gas enough to return to his base, made a beeline for Okinawa. He could not contact the field by radio, nor even attract attention by dropping flares. So he shot out a final broadside of flares, lowered his flaps and came in for an emergency landing. Only half the runway was clear, and crash cars began scooting to meet him from all sides. But with the aid of reversible propellers, he brought the plane to a stop in the available space.

There was less than two minutes of gas left in the tank. Note—Kokura, the town that escaped the terrible devastation of Nagasaki, is situated on the northern fringe of Kyushu island, exactly midway between Hiroshima and Nagasaki. By air it is only 100 miles northeast of Nagasaki. Kokura has a peace-time population of 52,000, is nestled near important coal fields. During the war, it was converted into an important industrial center.

UNDER THE DOME

Attorney General Tom Clark, who leans over backward to protect civil liberties, told the list of subversive organizations to home with him at night to study it personally. He studied it for several weeks before making it public. Ex-Senators Jim Mead of New York and Bob La Follette of Wisconsin are among those being considered by the A. F. of L. to head up labor's educational and political league.

... Mrs. Chase Going Wode-

house, ex-congresswoman from Connecticut, is fed up with the women's division of the Democratic national committee. She has done a good job, but Mrs. India Edwards, chairman of the division, is too much for her.

MONEY FOR GERMANY

The most hush-hush job of printing paper money in recent years was done by the bureau of printing and engraving when it prepared new money for the U. S. Army in Germany and Korea. Obviously the Army didn't want the Russians to get wind of what was happening.

That was why a high fence was built around the Tudor press of Boston, which used an old three-story building on Orleans street in east Boston. All gates but two were locked, with these two heavily guarded and floodlights glaring down on employees as they checked in for work.

The government even had the Tudor press paint the lower panes of the windows to prevent passers-by from seeing in.

Several special guards from Washington, and 12 plainclothes men from the bureau of printing and engraving also kept a constant watch over the printing job.

From Boston, the money was trucked to Washington in large flat sheets. There the bureau of printing and engraving cut the money up and numbered it.

News of the paper-money printing job almost leaked out when one truck driver, "Seb" Magial, had clutch trouble and was long overdue in Washington. State police in Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and New York spent several hours searching for him, and a Philadelphia newspaper got wind of the story but never was quite able to track it down.

When the currency was finally finished, it was shipped to Brooklyn in three Pennsylvania railroad express cars, under a guard of railroad police, plus special agents of the Army criminal investigation division. They never let it out of their sight.

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Broadway—Jack O'Brien

Sinatra Given A Sore Throat

NEW YORK — The nasty Broadway element gleefully but erratically reported the real reason for Sinatra's inability to appear for his Capitol Theater date after the first two days was because he got a look at the two days' receipts. They did fall far short of expectations, but Frankie really had a sore throat before he started his engagement.

I met Frankie the night before he began the grueling five-day grind (six a day, weekend ends) and he complained of a throat tickle, "like the one I had the night before my Waldorf engagement when Danny Kaye had to fill in for me opening night."

Real reason for the bum throat is that Sinatra waxed almost 80 times in less than a month, to get them in well ahead of the Jan. 1 Petrolino ban on all recordings.

Billy Rose has written his first new lyrics in seven years, to "Crying for Joy," a tune left by the late Jimmy Monaco, one of the most successful composers of tin pan alley tunes of his recent day.

Frankie Carle, the hottest recording band of all, pressed 40 "sides," or 20 records in ten days. Garbo turned down a Broadway play, apparently to keep on trudging about the Second and Third Avenue antique shops which seems to be her main diversion these afternoons.

Ruth Mayo, an elderly gal who used to be a big timer in vaudeville and now operates an antique shop on Second Avenue, says she's in a couple of times a week, talks to no one, buys carefully and with pretty good knowledge of price and value and disappears into a cab whenever a crowd appears. "But it isn't often any more," says Ruth. "When she first started

coming around a few years ago she'd stop business for blocks. We're used to her now."

Eddie Egan, former fight champ now boss of the New York State boxing commission, is another collector of antiques, says Ruth. Mrs. Mayo gets up her old vaudeville control by playing gin rummy with Belle Baker and Milton Berle's fabulously septuagenarian Mom.

Congressman Fred Hartley holds a solid sterling silver honorary life membership in the American Guild of Variety Artists, one of the unions after his scalp these days since passage of the Taft-Hartley bill. The membership was given to Hartley at a time when the unions were trying to spread a little good will in the attempt to forestall legislation.

Herald Radio Log

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Where To Tune In: KBST, ABC-TSN, 1490 KC; WBAP-WAAA, NBS, 820 KC; KRLD, CBS, 1080 KC.

MONDAY EVENING			
6:00	KBST-Headline Edition	7:45	KBST-Music of Manhattan
6:15	KBST-Music of the Week	8:00	KBST-Double Decker Show
6:30	KBST-Top Gun	8:15	KBST-Double Decker Show
6:45	KBST-Top Gun	8:30	KBST-Double Decker Show
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7:15	KBST-Top Gun	9:00	KBST-Double Decker Show
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Spirited Scots Could Give Bronchos Trouble Saturday

Poly Wins HSU Cage Goufalon

ABILENE, Dec. 15. — Polytechnic high school of Fort Worth won the Hardin-Simmons invitational basketball tournament by defeating Plainview in the finals here Saturday night, 42-25.

Poly defeated Midland, 39-18, and Throckmorton, 49-26, on the way to the finals.

Abilene, eliminated in first round play by San Angelo, triumphed in the consolation, turning back Lamesa, 32-14.

Sterling Players Win Meet Awards

STERLING CITY, Dec. 15. — One boy and two girls representing Sterling City high school were named to all-tournament basketball teams at Rankin Saturday night.

Bobby King was the Sterling boy picked, McEntire and M. Huff the girls.

Sterling won the consolation crown by turning back Eden, 26-18. The Sterling girls lost in the championship finals to Rankin, 32-14.

RESUME PRACTICE

FORT WORTH, Dec. 15. — The Texas Christian university football team resumes practice today for the Delta Bowl game at Memphis New Year's Day against Mississippi.



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Delegates of Class D baseball circuits at the Miami Minor league convention earlier this month voted to raise the player limit from 15 to 17 men. However, the Longhorn family will probably compromise on 16, which will allow all the clubs to carry an extra pitcher.

In Big Spring's case, that should be so much velvet. The Bronchos led the league last season with four pitchers doing the work. Had they had five starters, little Humberto Baez might have been effective enough to win 20 games. Bert had to have his four days' rest. If he worked every fourth day, his curve ball didn't crackle like it should have.

Charley Parlier, who spent the last part of last season on the local staff as a relief tosser, won't be back. Instead, he'll play ball near his home in North Carolina.

Another member of the 1946 club who is due to play elsewhere is Ray Mendoza, the California handy man. Mendoza became Washington chateau at the end of the season and is due to serve elsewhere in the chain in 1948.

JOE DOTLICH MAY NOT RETURN TO SWEETWATER

Sweetwater officials are trying to keep it quiet but it seems doubtful now that Joe Dotlich will return as manager there next season. Joe turned in a good job as skipper of the Sports after taking over in May but he may have decided to seek employment elsewhere.

Sport officials are supposed to be dickering with some man in the Shreveport chain, a fellow highly recommended by the Texas league club's skipper, Salty Parker.

NO SHORTAGE OF BALLS IN LEAGUE NEXT SEASON

Longhorn league chieftains adopted the new (and slightly dead) official ball because the manufacturers could insure prompt delivery on the commodity. An extra supply will always be kept in storage at the local express office.

The pellet didn't get unqualified recommendation by all the circuits which used it last year. However, Sooner State league players said they found nothing wrong with it.

MEADEN MEETS UP WITH BOYHOOD HERO, DICKEY

Claude McAden, the Bronchos' general manager, was occasioned to gain audience with one of his boyhood heroes, Billy Dickey, at the minor league confab.

It's not being publicized at the moment but the former Yankee backstop will probably wind up scouting for his old boss, Joe McCarthy, who is now with the Boston Red Sox. Bill was pilot at Little Rock the past season.

EIGHT MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS SOLD IN FOUR YEARS

Eight of the 16 major league clubs have exchanged hands within the past four years.

Teams which have been sold are the New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, Cleveland Indians, Brooklyn Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, Boston Braves and St. Louis Browns.

Of the eight, the Cardinals brought the biggest price. The Red Birds are supposed to have marketed for something like \$4,000,000.

FLY UNTRUBLED WITH SOLICITERS THIS YEAR

Murray Fly, the Odessa high school principal, must be a happy man these days.

One would think the old school master would have been satisfied with life last year, what with having the state championship football team come out of his school. Such was not the case. The Hossees played most of their games at home and the request for tickets was terrific. Most all the football bugs contracted Fly for ducats at one time or another.

This year the Cayuses are playing most of their games on the road. We see the fine old hand of the superintendent in the design to keep the Odessans on the road.

Odessa To Host All-Star Game

The Longhorn baseball league is still a seven team circuit but indications are Altus, Oklahoma, will join the organization ere long.

Directors of the circuit met in Abilene Sunday to discuss the eighth club and Altus backers appear farther along in their bid for a franchise. Other cities which are still in the picture are Coleman and Childress.

The loop functioned with six clubs last season but San Angelo was admitted for 1948 play at the first winter meeting.

The 1948 all-star game will be played in the spacious Odessa park in 1948, it was decided. Ballinger was host to the contest last season. Pat Stacey and Claude McAden represented Big Spring at the session.

Half Time Talk Returned Win

Odessa plays Highland Park at Dallas and Longview battles Breckenridge at San Antonio Saturday in semi-finals of the Texas schoolboy football race as one of the most amazing comebacks in gridiron history stirs the state's fandom.

Highland Park literally got up off the floor to fight its way into the penultimate round—and behind that drive is a dramatic story.

At Fort Worth last week, Arlington Heights was leading Highland Park 14-0 at half-time and the crowd figured the Fort Worth team was "in." But during intermission the Highlanders got together and talked things over.

First, there was the matter of adapting the defense to the fine Arlington Heights passing attack. Then, he boys discussed a game played four years ago out at San Angelo. Highland Park had rolled up 20 points and seemed headed for victory. But San Angelo stormed back and nipped the Scots 21-20.

Rusty Russell, great Highlander back, was talking to big Jim McConkey, stellar tackle. "If we could do it we can too," said Russell. McConkey agreed and so did all the other Highland Park players.

So, in the second half, the inspired Scots stormed to three touchdowns and won 15-14. Some football sagacity was mixed in with the inspiration. In the second quarter Highland Park shifted from the T formation to the double wing-back. Arlington Heights' defense was against the T, which Highland Park had been using all season.

The Fort Worth team didn't have a chance to defend the double wing-back there in the middle of the game.

This isn't the whole story about Highland Park's come-back, however. This was the team that was swamped 48-0 by Wichita Falls, edged 7-6 by Paschal (Fort Worth) and beaten by Forest (Dallas) 13-0.

Forest was the team that lost to Arlington Heights 23-6. No one except possibly the Highland Park team figured the Scots had much chance with Arlington Heights. To say that the victory was an upset would be putting it mildly.

But now what's the future? Saturday Highland Park plays an Odessa team that beat Wichita Falls 27-0 Saturday to enter the state semi-finals the second season in a row. Comparative scores would make Odessa 75 points better than Highland Park. But the Scots really weren't 48 points worse than Wichita Falls. They also have been jinxed by injuries. They're not now; they're ready. It might be a pretty good ball game when Highland Park and Odessa get together.

While defending champion Odessa was licking Wichita Falls in convincing fashion and Highland Park was starting the state with its victory over Arlington Heights, Longview and Breckenridge were easing into the semi-finals via the penetration route.

Longview, the defensive wonder of the year and of any other year, won its game over Breckenridge in typical fashion. The Lobos need only one chance and they'll take it. They got a penetration and then without every wild Breckenridge surge to emerge from a scoreless tie still unbeaten for the season.

Breckenridge made two penetrations and Goose Creek one as the San Antonio eleven skidded into the semi-finals. Goose Creek finished the season without a defeat but counting the scoreless tie with Breckenridge had two draws on its record.

Here are the records of the four teams left in the title race: Odessa—won 12, lost 0, 437 points to 49.

Highland Park—won 8, lost 3, tied 1, 165 points to 102.

Longview—won 11, lost 0, tied 1, 128 points to 12.

Breckenridge—won 10, lost 1, tied 1, 226 points to 67.

Dozier Leads Maple Aces

E. B. Dozier of Big Spring won the lion's share of the honors in the Ragtime Doubles matches at San Angelo Sunday, forming a part of both the first and second place teams.

Dozier and Bea Brown of Lubbock teamed up to take first place with a total of 1,264 pins. E. B. also paired with O. D. Busby, Angelo, to walk away with second place after compiling a 1,252.

Jake Douglas, Big Spring, helped take down third place with Sam Carter of Lubbock. The Douglas-Carter combine banged out a 1,211.

J. D. Robertson and G. G. Runyan also represented Big Spring at the semi-monthly session. Some 60 keggers took part in the show.

Texans Defeated

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15. — Jesuits Blue Jays defeated St. James of Port Arthur, Texas, 19-7 in a schoolboy post-season football game sponsored by the Catholic organization yesterday.

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Jimmy Demaree Miami Winner

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 15. — Dapper Jimmy Demaree headed for a Houston vacation today after winning the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament yesterday with a record-equalling 267 — 13 strokes under par — for 72 holes of play.

Already the year's leading money winner, he boosted his total earnings by \$2,000 in the Miami Open for a 12-month total of \$26,556.

Fred Haas, Jr., of New Orleans won second money of \$1,400 with a 269, and Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., took third place and \$1,000 at 271.

The rest of the prize money was split up among 28 professionals who finished at 278 — two strokes under par figures — or better.

Frank Stranahan of Toledo, O., headed the amateurs with 275 and a tie for 12th position.

Demaree, who plays out of Ojai, Calif., said he would enter as many tournaments as possible next year. He won five and placed second in six tournaments this year. His best victory was the Masters which he also won in 1940.

Plenty Of Grid Fare Up Front

Three Texas Bowl games have been played and there are four to go, the next coming up on Christmas Day when Southern University of Baton Rouge and Fort Valley College of Georgia get together in Dallas for a Negro grid classic.

In the games played thus far Texas teams have batted .333—Hardin's 39-20 victory over Arkansas State Teachers in the Kickapoo Bowl being the only triumph.

Last week Missouri Valley College trimmed McMurry 20-13 in the Boys' Ranch Bowl and Compton of California edged Tyler Junior college 20-19 in the Texas Rose Bowl.

The next bowl game in which a Texas team will have a part is the Silver Bowl at Mexico City where undefeated Randolph Field meets the Mexico All-Stars.

All other bowl action except the Yam at Dallas Christmas Day will be confined to Jan. 1.

Here are Texas bowls for New Year's Day: Cotton Bowl at Dallas—Southern Methodist vs Penn State.

Sun Bowl at El Paso — Texas Tech vs Miami, O. Cattle Bowl at Fort Worth — Philander Smith of Little Rock vs Samuel Huston of Austin, Tex.

A number of Texas teams play in bowl games outside of Texas. One already has participated, Hillsboro Junior college losing to Northeast Junior college of Louisiana 33-13 in the Junior Sugar Bowl.

Texas plays Alabama in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, Hardin-Simmons clashes with San Diego State in the Harbor Bowl at San Diego. Texas Christian engages Mississippi in the Delta Bowl at Memphis and North Texas State battles Nevada in the Salad Bowl at Phoenix, Ariz. all these games are Jan. 1.

Texas Hoopsters Pit Undefeated Record Against Eastern Teams

Texas' hoop-happy Longhorns pit their undefeated record against a couple of eastern foes this week as Southwest conference teams tangle for league play against inter-sectional opponents.

The Longhorns, defending champions who lost only two games last year, take on City College of New York and St. Joseph's at Philadelphia.

Texas Christian University dropped both its games last week — one by a 17-75 score to Kansas State.

Texas wrapped up four victories, two against North Texas State, while Baylor came through with three wins and one defeat. The Bears' lone defeat was to St. Louis university of Missouri.

Arkansas, ambitious to regain lost glory, dropped two eastern inter-sectional tilts and won one.

Rice turned up with three victories and Texas A. & M. lost its' Six of the seven conference one start — to East Texas.

Teams continue against out-of-state competition this week. Baylor takes on Arizona at Tucson, then continues to California for a tilt with UCLA.

Rice hits the midwest with a game with Drake at Des Moines, Ia., then plays Creighton in Omaha, and St. Louis at St. Louis, Mo.

Texas A. & M. also tours the midwest, along with Texas Christian.

Texas A. & M. takes on Ohio State at Columbus, O., while Arkansas plays North Texas State at Little Rock, Ark., and Southern Methodist contents itself with a game against Texas Wesleyan at Dallas.

Jack Gray's Longhorns top scoring, with 323 points in six games against 248 points for the opposition. Arkansas has rolled up 263 points in four games to 232, and Southern Methodist has tallied 264 to 282 in five games.

Jack Kiser Oswega Pride

A stranger to these parts, Jack Kiser of Oswega, Oregon, gets the dubious distinction of riding at the head of the parade in the Big Spring Athletic club's grapple carnival tonight.

Kiser falls to with Al Getz, the self-styled one-man gang from Pittsburgh, Pa., who last week made a new bid for local supremacy by topping Bobby Burns after straying into the hinterlands for several weeks.

In Kiser, Getz gets a speedy youngster who should give him trouble. He's supposed to be as lightning-fast as Burns and that is something, since the Florida Hurricane is just about the slickest runner ever to appear in a local arena.

The gigantic Dutchman from the Quaker state has a habit of scrambling the fair-haired boys, however, and will no doubt crowd Kiser all the way. He revels in the chance to bait the onlookers and that by steam-rolling the opposition in the most gosh-awful way possible.

George Strickland, a very good Cleveland, Ohio, youth, squares away with the veteran George Lopez of Tampico, Mexico, in the opening duel.

Strickland is no world beater but he's coming along and in four or five years will be capable of beating the best of them. If he

Battle Is Named To Second Team

ALPINE, Dec. 15. — Hal Battle, Sul Ross freshman guard from Big Spring, has been named to the second New Mexico Conference all-star football team.

Three members of the champion Sul Ross eleven won first team laurels. They are Otto Parks, end; J. C. Waldrum, tackle; and B. E. Brandon, quarterback.

Football Scores

SUNDAY
Professional.
America Play-off.
Cleveland Browns 14, New York Yankees 3.
National League.
Philadelphia Series 28, Green Bay Packers 14.
Washington Redskins 40, Boston Yanks 13.
Chicago Cardinals 40, Chicago Bears 21.
College.
Wilberforce (Ohio) 7, Prairie View (Texas) 0.

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Penn State Has Best Overall Defense In U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. — Southern Methodist's football brain trust already knows its Cotton Bowl opponent—Penn State—set an all-time defense record against rushing this year and turned in the best total defense mark since 1937.

But if the Mustangs figure their best bet against the Nittany Lions is through the air, let them cogitate that on a percentage basis Penn State's aerial umbrella the past season was the most effective in the nation. Only 27.2 per cent of enemy tosses found their mark.

On the customary basis of yards yielded per game, North Carolina state noted on Colorado College for the pass defense crown, while Penn state hogged total and rushing defense honors.

The National Collegiate Athletic bureau, in releasing final defense statistics today, did a little research and came up with the information that Penn State now holds both ground and air defense records.

Back in 1938 the Staters set three pass defense records that still stand. Foes that year completed only 19 passes in eight games, for average gains of 13.1 yards per game and 1.78 yards per pass attempt.

This year the Lions held their nine foes to an average of only 17 ground yards per game. Against both rushes and passes Penn State yielded 76.8 yards per game, lowest since Santa Clara's record of 69.9 in 1937.

Thus Penn State not only reversed the trend by setting a terrific defensive pace in a season dedicated to offense, but the Lions also won over all statistical honors. They finished fourth in total offense with 363.9 yards averaged per game, and second in rushing offense behind leading Detroit, with 301.4.

So the Staters hold a 287.1 yards per game advantage over their opponents' gains, followed by Notre Dame, 240.4, and Michigan 221.3. Michigan won the total offense crown with the Irish second.

Following Penn State on a percentage basis of enemy passes completed were Colorado College 28.2 per cent; Detroit 28.4; Temple, 29.9; Maryland, 30.3; San Francisco 30.4; St. Mary's 30.7 and Davidson 30.8.

Michigan's Wolverines were most effective in interceptions, grabbing 18.6 per cent of all passes hurled against them (27 of 145). Pennsylvania collared 18.1 per cent, or 26 of 144.

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How clumsy! Who's complainin'?

Migosh! How com' that's what I call a real forced landing!

MEAD'S fine BREAD

BUZ SAWYER

Ees the crazy American who writes books? Ha, ha! These books are good.

Yes, make good your boast, mighty hammer-head.

Before Buz's eyes get accustomed to the gloom, it happens:

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Haw, haw! An' wid only one hand, too! Unvincible, Pat's me.

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I'll make 'em stop your majesty!

Attahoy, Oaky!

Hah! I guess we took the fight out of 'em, eh, Oaky?

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SCORCHY SMITH

In their search for Dr. Jaxon, the nuclear scientist, Scorchy and Madison Hutter reach the escarpment of El Rubbadub. But are lured into landing in the desert some distance away by what appears to be Dr. Jaxon standing beside his grounded plane.

Betcha Doc Jaxon will be mighty glad to see us!

...but he'll shake hands with me first! I'm carryin' the water canteen!

MEAD'S fine CAKES

SNUFFY SMITH

Wah! I'm affered them yaller rawleys are aimin' to shoot yore cousin Blunderbuss.

It wouldn't surprise me none if one o' th' sneaky varmints wuz under th' bedstid this very second.

Teacher is Snuffy's cousin.

Let Nathan's Be Your Santa This Christmas

BLONDIE

Dagwood! Wake up! Remember you promised to get up a half-hour earlier this morning so you wouldn't have to rush so.

I like getting up early -- it gives me a chance to have a second cup of coffee, read the paper and even have a smoke.

Dagwood -- you're the first employee in the office this morning -- congratulations.

Z-Z

Lay-Away Christmas Gifts At Nathan's Jewelers

ANNIE ROONEY

It was lucky I heard that nice Mr. Hartly talk on the telephone yesterday -- 'cause I heard him say he wanted to talk to Mrs. Meany.

I told him Mrs. Meany was my legal guardian -- an' 'cause I'm little, he thought it was his duty to tell Mrs. Meany where I was.

So I had to run away before Mrs. Meany could come an' ketch me -- 'cause if she ketches me I know I'll just die.

This is a terrible big city full of millions an' millions of people -- an' I'm so little, maybe Mrs. Meany won't be able to see me at all.

HORATIUS! Emperor Augustus bid me find you! He wishes to see you at once!

Very good! Tell him I'll be there within the hour.

I'm taking Miriam to my mother's house. I'd like you to come, too, by the way, what are your names?

I'm Jack ... she's my sister Judy.

Isn't it wonderful the way this has turned out?

Boy, it's great! Wonder what the Emperor wants with Horatius? That messenger was in a hurry!

Suppose you stay here with mother and Miriam, Judy-Jack, how would you like to go to the palace?

That's just what I was hopin' for, Murray!

PATSY

Teddy has been up to some amateur sleuthing ... and comes charging into the studio with a startling report.

Patsy! Mr. Hogan! ... I got news about Rita Poteeto! ... and boy it's bad!

Yeah? ... what is it?

Mith Poteeto it's a prithner of thith sink, Gumbda ... I've got the whole thistory!

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THEATRE COUPON Gift Books

Country Club Board Tables Building Move

Bids for reconversion of an army surplus building as part of the Country Club plant were tabled by directors at the regular session Sunday.

At the same time, the board set Wednesday at 5 p. m. as the time for giving further consideration to the matter.

Two bids were received for moving, remodeling and adding a portion of the officers mess building, purchased by the Country Club for improvement purposes, to the present clubhouse.

Wilberforce Bows Over Prairie View

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15. (AP)—Wilberforce university of Xenia, Ohio, yesterday picked a 26-0 triumph out of the first "Fruit Bowl" which held nothing but Lemons for the overwhelmed football team of Prairie View university of Texas.

Prairie View never moved beyond Wilberforce's 25-yard marker—and got that far only by intercepting a third period pass.

A crowd estimated at 9,000 saw the first All Negro college football game ever played here.

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Clash Of Broncs, Scotties May Be In Cotton Bowl

DALLAS, Dec. 15. (AP)—Highland Park officials today were negotiating with the Texas State Fair association for use of the big 45,000 capacity Cotton Bowl for the semi-final interscholastic football game between Highland Park and Odessa next Saturday.

Demand for tickets was so great that Highland Park officials decided to seek use of the Cotton Bowl instead of playing the game at Onway stadium which seats about 22,000.

Odessa has ordered 10,000 tickets for its backers.

If the game is played at the Cotton Bowl, all seats will be reserved. They will sell for \$2.00 and will go on sale either Wednesday or Thursday.

Denies Charge Of Hijacking

Rhea Nell Reese, 18-year-old 200-pound Vernon girl picked up in Abilene Sunday on a local hijacking charge, protested to local authorities she was unjustly accused of taking \$43 in cash from Andrew Taylor near a west-end tavern last Wednesday night.

Miss Reese claimed she found the money on the floor of a hotel room Taylor was occupying at the time.

Taylor, slightly built, said he met the girl on a downtown street and eventually wound up at the night spot with her and a male friend. At length, the girl invited him outside where, together with the other man, she pummelled him and relieved him of his money.

His male assailant is still at large.

Pfc. C. D. Vierge Completes Course

Pfc. Charles D. Vierge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Vierge, 1111 N. Gregg, has graduated from one of the Air Training Command's airplane mechanics training courses at Keesler Field, Miss., officials of the Training command have announced.

The technical course, which extended over 16 weeks, qualified Pfc. Vierge for specialized training in the maintenance of heavy bombers, cargo planes, jet and rotor aircraft.

More than 61 percent of U. S. farms now have electricity.

The U. S. Government Printing Office used 4,196 carloads of paper in 1946.

Ten Perish In Violence Over Texas

At least ten persons died violent deaths in Texas over the weekend. One was killed in parachuting from an airplane, one was shot to death and seven persons died in traffic accidents.

William R. Cheatham, 25, a radio operator for Braniff International Airways in Dallas, died when his parachute failed to fully open.

He was flying in a private plane piloted by J. W. Marshall, Jr., 25, Dallas.

The plane developed engine trouble and the two men jumped. Marshall suffered slight injuries.

James David Mulligan, 19, was fatally shot while riding in the back seat of a car which had been circling a tall community Christmas tree at Grand Saline, Tex.

Night Watchman Richard Murdoch, 45, employed by the city, was charged with murder. He told the Van Zandt county jailer that he fired at the tires of the car and didn't know anybody was hit until a couple of hours later.

Albert Hamilton, 57, was killed at Ranger when the car in which he was riding and a passenger train were in collision at a crossing at Ranger.

Mrs. L. V. Hall, 64, was killed when struck by a car while crossing a street at San Angelo.

Clarence Hugh Cox, 29, San Angelo, was killed Saturday and five others persons injured in a head-on collision between two automobiles near San Angelo.

C. Allen McClure, 30, of Dallas, was killed Saturday when the car he was driving and a truck collided.

James Basil Douglas, 37, Beaumont, was killed Saturday in a fight at Houston and charges of murder were filed against James Griffin, 29.

Jimmy Romero, Houston, died in an automobile collision Saturday night near Webster.

H. L. Berry, Corpus Christi, was killed Saturday night when his car overturned near Dilley.

Chamber Directors Discuss Projects

Reports on activities, plus discussion of developments on other possible matters featured the meeting of chamber of commerce directors Monday.

J. H. Greene, manager, said that he felt indications were good for a consolidation of many efforts on a central plant for fair, rodeo, agricultural organization and other agencies.

He said that the Sheriff's posse had offered land on a tract recently purchased south of the airport for others to participate in development of a central and adequate plant. The fair association, a subsidiary of the chamber's agricultural committee, is agreeable, he believed, to co-operating in that direction.

On the possibility that there might be some changes in the routing of the Snyder road in Scurry county, the directors, reiterating a position of seeking the most direct route, authorized the highway committee to keep in contact and work with the commissioners court and others in event of developments.

Frank Campbell, assistant manager, reported that so far as is known at this time, all bills for the Christmas parade have been met and without incurring any deficit. Members of the staff were voted a Christmas bonus.

Wishing Well Gains Substantial Support

The "wishing well" project of the Salvation Army was off to a good start Monday, after two days of operation.

Monday the American Legion operated the "well," placed near the corner of Second and Main, securing \$71.88 in contributions and pushing the total past \$100 for the first two days. Tuesday the Legion Auxiliary will superintend appeals during the noon hour.

Proceeds from the "wishing well" are for Christmas distribution, according to Capt. Olvy Sheppard.

Drivers License Men Announce Schedule

Inactive and off duty for several weeks, the drivers license division of the Texas Highway patrol is now back on regular schedule.

C. B. Strain, who has been in charge of the office here for several seasons, announced that there would be a patrolman on duty at the office on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday henceforth. Strain has been ill and off duty.

Persons wishing to make application for operator licenses or renewals may contact the patrolmen at the old city hall building, Third and Scurry, on these days.

Weather Forecast

Table with columns: City, Max, Min. Includes entries for Big Spring, Abilene, Amarillo, etc.

Advertisement for Candy Cane featuring illustrations of women in dresses and a large candy cane. Text includes 'Sweet as a Candy Cane' and 'Holiday Pretty, by Doris Dodson...'

NIMITZ IS GIVEN NEW JOB UPON RETIREMENT, TO HEAD TEXAS NAVY

AUSTIN, Dec. 15. (AP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz today stepped out of a Federal job into a state job.

Gov. Beauford H. Jester designated the native Texan and chief of U. S. naval operations as "Chief of Naval operations of the Texas Navy." The Governor did not think the duties would be burdensome.

In a telegram to Nimitz, Jester said: "The State of Texas and its people salute you as you retire from service in the United States Navy and relinquish the command which you have honored with your superb record."

"Texans join with all the other people of America in acclaiming you as a great American and as a naval leader greatly instrumental in achieving the victory in World War II."

"Texas is justly proud of one of its most distinguished sons and sends through me as Governor, this message of congratulation and this assurance of the love and affection of its people."

AAA Delegates Will Convene

Delegates to the county (AAA) convention will convene at their Third and Scurry streets headquarters at 2 p. m. Thursday to designate committee men for 1948.

County committeemen will meet earlier in the day for the purpose of selecting practices applicable to the local program for next year.

Community committeemen and delegates elected at last week's election here included: Community A—A. A. McKinney, delegate to the county convention; L. J. Davidson, alternate delegate; W. B. Fuchett, chairman of community committee; Sam F. Buchanan, vice chairman; B. O. Brown, regular member; continuity committee, J. W. Brigrance, first alternate member, and E. T. O'Daniel, second alternate member.

Community B—Frank Rodnett, delegate to county convention; Ross Hill, alternate delegate; H. D. Anderson, chairman of community committee; H. O. Phillips, vice-chairman; P. E. Little, regular member of community committee; B. M. Newton, first alternate member; Clarence Fryar, second alternate member.

Plead Guilty To Drunkenness Charge

Three of six persons picked up here by members of the sheriff's office over the weekend entered pleas of guilty to charges of drunkenness and were fined in justice court proceedings this morning.

One of the trio paid a \$10 penalty. The other two were fined \$1 and costs each.

Denfield Is Sworn In As Naval Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz today stepped out as chief of naval operations and Adm. Louis Denfield was sworn in as his successor.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and many other top military leaders and government officials gathered at the Navy department to witness the transfer of command.

Immediately afterwards, Nimitz left by auto for San Francisco where he will be stationed as a special advisor to the secretary of Navy.

Corridors of the Navy building and the sidewalks outside were lined with Navy employees as the 62 year old wartime chief of the Pacific fleet was "piped over the side" in traditional fashion.

The honor guard stood to attention, the Navy band played the "Admiral's March" and Forrestal stepped up to say farewell.

At the swearing in ceremony, Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan likened Nimitz to naval heroes of the past and Denfield paid tribute to him as "one of the greatest naval officers of all times."

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