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hews story of the year will b
that of President Eisenhower
hen most roiks begin to cheeck up and see just what they have
accomplished in the last 12
months and to make plans and heart attack.
Looking back ove our files of
The News for 1975., about the The News for 1975. about the
most important story we can find
is the election okaying McLean's

Those with the figures say that Americans earned more, spent
more, and saved a smaller per-
centage of their earnings than centage of their earnings than
any time in history. States with
he fastest growing rate in 1955 The fastest growing, rate in 1955
were Nevada, Arizona,
Delorida,
Delare and Now Delaware a nd New Mexico.
Florida tops California in rate
of growth but California leads in of growth but California leads in
population and is expected to top
even New York in the next ten
years. Retail sales in Texas were
up 15 per cent over 1954 and all up 15 per cent over 1954 and all
business income increased except busiculture.
If the present trend of births
continues, in 20 years the pop-
ulation of the United States The baby boom is continuing
stays on the hight plateau o the past nine years, promises to
run on and on. Birth rate hovers around 25 new babies per year
for each 1,000 population, down bit from the peak of 26.6 in
1972, when men came home from wat. Still, the number this year
was a record high phas -4 million new babies.
Reasons for high biths: People doing well, can aftord babies
Not like the depressed decade Not like the depressed decade of
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good. Then the birt rate ran the 30 s, when the tirpes were not
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ardund 18 per 1,000 instead of

 City women lag, with 2 chil-
den average. Farm women aver dren average. Farm women aver
age 3. But the younger women,
both city and farm, now have gere or plan on more., This nev
generation of mothers has a
edge on the preceding

 as in recent years, but under th
1996 peak of 2.3 million. By
1960, however, a new marriage
 Matrimony Note: For every
Mof women, 109 men of marriage for all the women . som statistics. but the women ask Answer: Go to the gaorms... has
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single women
Diverces
$\qquad$ about one divorce for every to
marriages. And three out of tor
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## NEW BOSS

| has been named Randy Neil. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Smoky) Price of McLean and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hendry of Jasper. . . . <br> Mr, and Mrs. Mike Murff of <br> girl born December 26 . She <br> weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounees, and has been named Tanya Deane. Grandparents are Mr . and Mrs. Clifford Alison of McLean and Mr . and Mrs. C. V. Murff of Brice. $\qquad$ <br> Personals <br> Visitors in the home of Mr, and Mrs. C. E. Hunt during the holi- days were their children, Miss Ozella Hunt of Denver City, Mrs. Glen Thompson and family of Morton, Idalou, and Cagle Hunt and family of Roby. $\qquad$ |
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n award of $\$ 90$ in merchandise
 daughter of Mr, and Mrs. V. L
Immel of Stimett, won third place
and a prize of 1.50 in the Christ.
mas coloring contest sponsored by Bonger merchants and the Boregr
News-Herald. She is the grand daughter of Mrs. Sam Jones of
Mchean. . .
Teen-town will be held Friday
tickt at th. American Legion
thall beginning at 8 oclock

REVEILLE


Donaplain and children of Liberty Mille. II, and Mr. and Mrs. Scotty
Mctopnaid and children of Borker Melted this wek with Mro and
Mirs. R. L. MeDonald.


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& \text { Visitors in the C E. Cooke } \\
& \text { home over the weeke-end were Mr. } \\
& \text { and Mre, Bill Cooke and family } \\
& \text { of Lubsock. Mr. and Mrs. J. End } \\
& \text { Cooke and family of Plains, and }
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| Most Businesses Here | Lions Club Receives |
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| Close Monday for | P |
| New Year Hol |  |
| ill be a hotiday for most M an business firms whe w <br>  | extra hundred dollars this week to further its youth recreation program, due to the generosity of a Pampa business firm. |
| Year. <br> Cooper's and Puckett's food | In a Christmas greetings letter rom the Pampa Machine Company |
| have announced in the | mailed to Ruel Smith, O. B. |
| ertisements that they | Schifman of that company |
| clased. | hey had done |
| the Post |  |
| Most other businesses | Mr. Smith place the check |
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| Two McLean Tigers Among Top Players | ck |
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| wo of Coach Hap Rogers' | Mclean Lions are |
| McLean Tigers were recognized for outstanding season's play | grateful to Mr |
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|  | will put the money to work for |
| Sunday in the Amarillo NewsGlobe. | the young people here ne summer. |
| Charlie Vineyard. Tiger tackle, was chosen for the All-Regional |  |
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| Class A seeond team, and Bob Boyd, Tiger center, reeeived hon- | home during the hol |
| orable mention. | Rev, and Mrs. B. W. Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. |
| Sportswriters of the Amarillo newspapers annually choose the top grid players in Class A foot- | nd Keith Myatt |
|  | Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. R. |
|  | M |
| ball to form their all-regional teams. | and Mrs. J. R. Williamson and |
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## From the State Capitol <br> HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS







 | Visiting in the N. A. Greer Mr, and Miss, Junior Burrows | Mr and Mrs, Guy Hibler a |
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| home over the week-end were Mr. |  | home over the week-end were Mr. and children of Odessa visited daughter. Suzanne, spent

and Mrs. N. 1. Greer of Muteshoe. with Mr. and Mrs. Doiph Bur- week-end with relatives in Pain
Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Dusty King and -rows over the week-end. Rock.
son, Butch, and Sue Hill of Olton.

| daughter and Mr. Joe Page - and Mrs. M. | Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gray of |
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| Cooper and boys of Pampa visited | Groom and Mr. and Mrs. Vergal | (l) Mr. Mr . and Mre So Hill of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. Johhnnie Mertel
and girls visited
Mr
 Okla, over the wek-end with
Mrs. Mertels parents. Mr. and V. Webbic, and Mr, and Mrs: C. Alv, and Mrs. Bill Willite of
Dailas, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Baker Visiting with Mrs. Hattle Heasof Pampa, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. ley Friday were Mr and Mrs Lingharn and family of Childress
visited Sunday in the T. A. Lang- Heasley and family of Tucum
cari, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs
Wendell Walloe or anels parents.
 Visiting with Mrs. Odessa Gunn Monday with Mrs. H. B. MartinMr. and Mrs Clyde Andrew
and family spent the week end this week were Rodney Gunn of dale in Wellington.
EI Paso, Mr and Mrs. Bill Car-
and family spent the week-end
Trucumari. N. M.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cash and Mrs, Kate Everett spent the
son, Don. visited in Dumas this week-end in Brownfield with

We Will Re Closed Monday, January 2



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 Popcorn 1 ou om 2 - 33C Gebhardt's CHILI Pand Plain-no beans FLOUR

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headache remedy due
John D. Morris of the New York Times reports: "Congress appears likely to prescribe remedies for some of the taxpayer's most annoying headaches next year by overhauling the long-neglected excise-tax system.
Mr . Morris describes a few of the absurdities that are now part of the excise-tax set-up. One example is a bowling ball bag-which is taxable as luggage at 10 per cent if space is provided for carrying bowling ample, after-shave lotions are taxable as toilet articles while before-shaving lotions and oils are tax-free uniess recommended for after-shave use. To take a buys it ready-made but it's tax-free if he cuts the glass in his own shop.
As revenue producers, the excise taxes don't amount to much. But they can be a significant item to the con-
sumer who needs the many items in daily use which are subject to the tax. They undoubtedly discourage consumption-at the expense of production and employ. expensive burden on the nation's retailers, who must try to cope with endless red-tape, and conflicting rulings timately be paid for by the buying public.
Finally, most of these taxes were emergency war measures, just as were transportation discouraging taxes. It
was generally believed that they would disappear when the war ended. The overhauling which Mr. Morris forecasts is certainly due.

## KEY MEN

Comparatively few people, it is safe to say, know what the "specialists" do who trade on the floor of the They Yumber only 350 . But they perform a service of They number only 350 . But they perform a service of great importance to the financial structure of American in our corporations.
The job of the specialists-without going into techmarkets. They insure an investor always finding some one who wants to do exactly the opposite from what he wants to do-and at a price very close to the last one quoted. That means that they must try to keep the prices of stocks from either falling or rising too fast, by finding buyers to match the sellers and sellers to match the buyers, as the case may be. If that is impossible, they buy on their own account, with their own money, and take the risks.
A dramatic example of their worth occurred with the stock market break of September 26, following the President's heart attack. The market was swamped with sell orders. An absence of buying support endangered its vital services. The specialists moved. Their purchases on that day came to $\$ 73,400,000$ and they had no possible knowledge of what the market might do hereafter.
Time Magazine says of the specialists: "They rank among the last great chance-takers of free enterprise, are probably in the only business where a man can lose
a fortune in a few hours." We need people with that a fortune in a few hours." We need people with that

## 29 YEARS OF SEARCHING

Governor Brunsdale of North Dakota has something import
For almost 30 years, the governor observes, he had heard about oil in North Dakota- "the only trouble was that nobody had been able to find it." Many leases were arranged and wells drilled. But each attempt failed, with nothing to show except a series of costly and useless dry holes in the ground.
Then, the oilmen's persistence finally paid off in the spring of 1951. A successful well was brought in, and North Dakota became the 27 th oil-producing state.
It might be assumed that since then the oilmen have enioyed a golden stream of profits. But hear what the governor has to say in this connection: "Strangely enough, oil men have benefitted least from North Dakota's oil. That's because, out of the 295 wildcat' wells drilled in unproven areas, only 22 were oil producers-the other


273 were 'dry holes. To date, oil companies have in
vested over $\$ 200,000,000$ in our state. I know that it will be a very long time before they realize a profit on Why do the oil people accept the tough odds inherent
in their business? Governor Brunsdale also answered that question: "Because they know that, under America's competitive system, profits can be made if a reasonable THE ABILITY TO PAY
The railroad non-operataing unions have demanded a wage increase, along with various expanded fringe Presidential Emergency Board, had something to say one else, would do well to consider.
The increase would cost about $\$ 500,000,000$ a year. He said that "any appreciable part of these costs is more
than the carriers have the ability to pay without serious injury to the railroads, to the service and to the nation." The railroads have not, he added, participated in the
prosperity which has been enjoyed by industry generally during the past 20 years.

- Then he made this point: "All industries cannot rank first in granting the most and best of everything to their
employees. The range of industry accomplishment with respect to wage and fringe benefits is a wide one. "The railroads propose to keep abreast of the average, but it cannot and should not be expected to do
Everyone wants higher pay-but the highest pay scales imaginable would do no group any good if the jobs
weren't there. The first thing rail workers should conwerent there. The first thing rail workers should con-
cern themselves with is the perpetuation of their jobs by doing all they can to help the railroads. keep and expand their business and improve their financial sitwill get their full share.



At the midnight chime of the bells, a New Year it the promise of a page, unread
a new day's dawning . . . the inspiration of a
fresh beginning. May the promise be fulfilled, the hope realized, and the inspiration rewarded with achievement for you and yours in 1956.
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    Worthwhile
    Reading...
    

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-Letterheads and Envelopes
-Printed Statements
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