

Truman Hopes Senate Will Restore Aid Cut



ASKS ARMS FOR CHINA — William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia, asks the Senate appropriations committee in Washington to approve U. S. shipment of arms to China to fight communism. He said, "While the government is arming our enemies, we refuse to arm our friends." (AP Wirephoto).

Lie Calls Meet Of Commission On Partition

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 18. (AP) — Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations, announced today that he had called a meeting of the newly created five-nation Palestine Commission for Jan. 7. The commission was established by the recent general assembly to supervise the partition of the Holy Land into separate Jewish and Arab countries.

Lie told a news conference that none of the five countries on the commission had yet named their representatives but that he had urged them to expedite their decisions. The countries are Denmark, Panama, Czechoslovakia, Bolivia and the Philippines.

Lie said he sent each of them a telegram Dec. 12 and was sending them another today informing them of the meeting date and detailed planning.

No date could be set for the commission's departure for Palestine, Lie said, until after the first meeting. He said the secretariat staff would be ready to leave for the Holy Land at any time the commission was ready.

Officials View Paving At Pecos

City Manager H. W. Whitney and E. L. Killingsworth, city engineer, went to Pecos this morning where they were to inspect new street paving now in the process of completion by the Brown and Root Construction Co.

Whitney and Killingsworth were accompanied by Dan Martin, Brown and Root contact representative, who has been working in Big Spring for the past few weeks preparing for the local contract paving project.

Brown and Root are due to move mechanical equipment here from Pecos as soon as the project there is completed.



SURGEON REACHES TRAPPED WOMAN — An unidentified woman (center, her face masked with plaster dust, lies trapped in the debris of a Washington apartment building. A fireman holds her arms as Fire Department Surgeon William Clardy (right) pushes in to give aid. She was freed a few minutes later. A section of the building's interior collapsed during the night. (AP Wirephoto)

Bridges Committee To Consider Action, Attitude Is Not Known

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP) — The Administration pinned on the Senate today its hopes of restoring House cuts in foreign aid funds.

There was no immediate indication, however, what that chamber would do about either: (A) the \$88,000,000 slice carved out of the \$597,000,000 (million) winter relief program for France, Italy and Austria or (B) the \$26,000,000 slash in the \$490,000,000 (million) asked by the Army to meet emergency occupation costs abroad.

Chairman Bridges (R-NH) of the Senate appropriations committee announced immediately after the House stamped its voice vote approval on the reductions late yesterday that his group would meet to consider the action this afternoon (hour unset).

His only comment to newsmen was that his personal belief is that some funds should be provided for aid to China on the theory that it is futile to halt communism in Europe and allow it to spread in Asia.

That was the theme of a parade of witnesses before Bridges' committee yesterday. But the Administration has yet to suggest a definite program for helping that country.

Hence although the House wrote help for China into the stop gap bill, it provided no funds.

The idea of the hearing before Bridges' committee was to try to learn what should be done right now, but state department experts on China said they were not prepared to outline a specific program at this time.

In summoning the lawmakers into special session last month, President Truman put the help for France, Italy and Austria on the urgent list, saying the Army also would need more money to meet food and other occupation expenses in Germany, Japan and Korea.

The House, however, took the view that aid for China also is imperative, and broadened the European relief bill to permit such assistance.

Schoolmen Plan Conference Here

Co-ordinators of vocational schools in 20 counties of this area will confer here Friday afternoon at the Howard County Junior College.

In charge of the parley will be Zane G. Brewer, Lubbock, a director for the state board of vocational education, under whose supervision the veteran's training program falls. It is possible that representatives also will be present from the regional Veterans Administration office in Lubbock.

E. C. Dodd, co-ordinator, and Lawrence G. Atkins, assistant co-ordinator of the Howard County Vocational school, will be hosts for the affair, which will be climaxed with a dinner at the Settles hotel.

Counties to be represented include Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Coke, Garza, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, Stonewall, Lynn, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Taylor and Tom Green.

Poll Tax Receipts Are Lagging Here

The bulk of the Howard county voting strength still has not insured its right to cast ballots in next year's elections.

Since Oct. 1, the day they went on sale, only 1,358 poll taxes had been sold by the county tax collector-assessor's office. Another 476 exemptions have been granted.

The county has a potential voting strength of more than 6,000. Receipts must be obtained on or before Jan. 31.



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New Tax Cut Bill Introduced By Knutson

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For the 47,000,000 other taxpayers the measure, referred to by its author as "veto proof," proposes tax reductions ranging from 58 per cent in the lowest bracket to 10 per cent on higher incomes.

Knutson, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, said he expects the bill to be the first major business when Congress reconvenes in January. The reductions would be retroactive to January 1.

They would slash tax revenues by \$1,600,000,000 more than the \$4,000,000,000 Knutson measure which President Truman twice killed with vetoes earlier this year.

All reductions would be effective next January 1, and taxpayers would be refunded any overpayments between then and the date of enactment.

Knutson said his bill would give 77 per cent of the total tax reduction to persons with taxable incomes under \$4,000 and 23 per cent to those with incomes above \$4,000.

A married couple with children now pays \$76 on a net income of \$2,400; under the Knutson bill there would be no tax at all. If the income were \$3,000, the tax would be trimmed from \$190 to \$80; at \$5,000 the tax would be cut from \$589 to \$386; \$7,000, a reduction from \$1,045 to \$708; \$10,000, a cut from \$1,862 to \$1,210.

"If this bill isn't veto proof," Knutson told reporters, "there can be no bill that is."

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Marshall Is On Way Home

LONDON, Dec. 18. (AP) — Secretary of State Marshall took off at 5:10 p. m. (12:10 p. m. Eastern Standard Time) today for a flight back to Washington from London, the scene of the latest Big Four foreign ministers conference.

The Secretary was accompanied by the U. S. Ambassador to London, Lewis W. Douglas, who had been a close adviser to the American delegation at the conference.

The departure of Douglas revived reports in London that he may be slated to assume some important post in the administration of the Marshall Plan to aid the economic recovery of western European states.

Marshall's plane, the "Sacred Cow" formerly used by President Truman, departed after darkness had fallen. The plane was expected to reach Washington at 9 a. m. EST tomorrow.

Samuel S. Bernstein, state unemployment compensation commissioner, decided the printers are not entitled to state benefits because "the stoppage of work was due to a labor dispute." The decision, based on circumstances in individual cases, may be appealed to the state director of labor and then to state courts. The union made no comment immediately.

Community Chest Nearing \$25,000

Community Chest totals pointed toward \$25,000 today with receipt of more special gift and employee group returns.

The total in cash, pledges and drafts was \$24,513.21, or little more than two-thirds of the \$36,000 sought. Of the amount, \$21,304.11 was in deposits, the balance in pledges and drafts.

Among late donors of \$50 or more were K. H. McGibbon, \$125; J. M. Radford Co., \$100; McCrory Stores, \$75; Wagon Wheel, Homer's Grocery and Market, and Burton Lingo, \$50 each.

Senators Group May See Plan For Japs — WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP) — The state department plans to give the Senate appropriations committee a confidential look at a policy plan for Japan which some Congress members contend would reduce the Asiatic nation to an agricultural state.

Senator Knowland (R-Calif.), who disclosed this, said he believes the Senate should find out "who drafted this directive, whether General Douglas MacArthur was consulted in advance about it and whether it remains a part of our policy in dealing with Japan."

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Arabs Capture And Kill 30 Year-Old Jew — JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (AP) — Arabs cordoning Jerusalem's Jaffa gate today captured and killed a 30-year-old Jew who tried to slip through the Arab quarter to reinforce Jews garrisoning the old city's Hebrew quarter.

Police said the Jew's bullet riddled body was found near St. Stephen's gate several hours after his capture. A short time later a 16-year-old Arab boy was shot to death in the same area by assailants, officially listed as "unknowns."

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In a formal report to the House of Commons, Bevin also charged that Soviet opposition to participation by her neighboring countries in the Marshall Plan is violating the free choice of free states and is an interference with their independence and sovereignty.

Just as he told Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov himself near the close of the talks Monday, Bevin reported to the House that "we were met with a number of long speeches and unjustified and false accusations."

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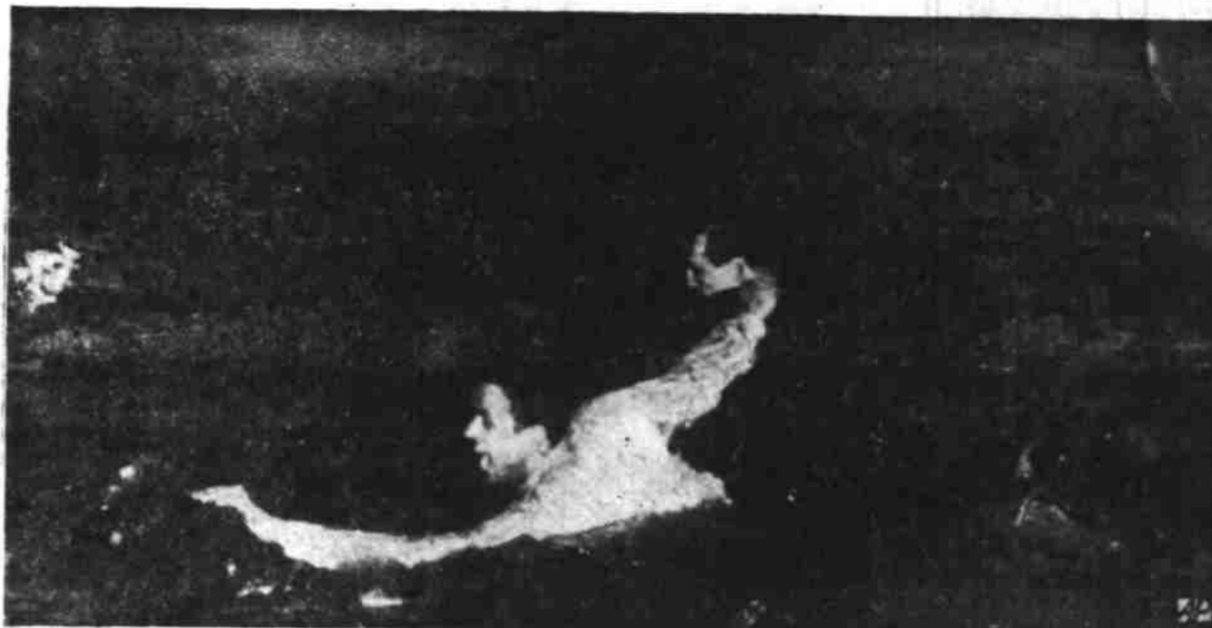
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RESCUE — John Miller, 28, swims ashore through the ice-choked waters of Slippery Rock Creek, near McConnells Mills, Penna., towing to safety Andy Petrick, 17, who slipped and fell into the ice while standing on a rock. This picture was made by an amateur photographer, Thomas Matsko, 26, who had accompanied the men to the famed scenic spot. (AP Wirephoto).

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Co-hostesses of the party were Mrs. Minnie Michael, Mrs. Gladys Dalmont and Mrs. Ethel Lees. The entertaining rooms were decorated with evergreens, red and white candles and a Christmas tree.

Mrs. Ann Eberley was elected president; Mrs. Rose Stringfellow, vice-president; Mrs. Jessie Graves, secretary; Mrs. Willie Mae Dabney, treasurer; and Mrs. Ortry Boatler, reporter.

Mrs. Lena Koberg, Mrs. Willie Mae Dabney and Mrs. Beulah Carnrike were appointed as the committee to distribute baskets to the needy.

Those attending were Mrs. Lara McClenny, Mrs. Susie Musgroves, Mrs. Nellie Davis, Mrs. Dora Johnson, Mrs. Leona Benson, Mrs. Ann Eberley, Mrs. Martine McDonald, Mrs. Dorothy Hall, Mrs. Verda Mae McComb, Mrs. Lena Koberg, Mrs. Ruby Reed, Mrs. Clara Mae Talbott, Mrs. Mae Nostine, Mrs. Veda Carter, Mrs. Mae Hayden, Mrs. Jessie Graves and Mrs. Ollie Smith.

Mrs. Vera Gross, Mrs. Florence Reed, Mrs. Sude Gibson, Mrs. La Dona Cook, Mrs. Ortry Boatler, Mrs. Eloise Baker, Mrs. Eula Hall, Fannie Stephens, Mrs. Nettie Mitchell, Mrs. Maude Brooks, Mrs. Nora Williams, Mrs. Gladys Dalmont, Mrs. Ethel Lees, Mrs. Beulah Carnrike, Mrs. Minnie Michael, Mrs. Louise Middleton, Mrs. Willie Mae Dabney, Mrs. Beatrice Carroll and Mrs. Emily Andrews.

Mrs. Brownie Dunning, Mrs. Blanche Hall, Mrs. Edith Murdoch, Mrs. Rose Stringfellow, Mrs. Willie Mae McCormick, Mrs. Angas W. Young, Mrs. Ruth Pittman and Mrs. Fannie Mae Eaker.

Birth Day Party Honors Tommy Newman Tuesday

Mrs. T. E. Newman of Lomax entertained her six-year-old son Tommy with a birthday party Tuesday afternoon.

A Christmas motif was used in the decorations and refreshments. Attending were Jerry Parum, Morris Ray Price, Tony Wayne Price, Junior Coats, Johnny Rawls, La Nell Short, Norma Danelson, Jimmy Fambro, Paul Kay Rawls, Bobbie Newman, Larry Don Rawls, Ronnie Christopher, Johnny Christopher and Larry Adkins.

Those attending from Big Spring were Charlotte Nobles, Connie Lou Cope, Vance McCright and Tommy Jo Cope.

Others present were Mrs. Lemuel Rawls, Mrs. Simon Prum, Mrs. Herman Price, Mrs. Pat Cope, Mrs. L. A. Newman and Mrs. Fred McGowan.

Study Club Has Christmas Party

Mrs. W. D. McDonald entertained members of the Park Methodist Study club with a Christmas party Wednesday night.

Mrs. W. A. Laswell gave the devotional, which was the story of the birth of Jesus. Mrs. Dora Moore led in prayer. Mrs. Joe Faucett conducted the singing of Christmas carols and the recording of the "Story of Way the Chimes Rang" was played by Mrs. McDonald.

Gifts from the lighted tree were distributed to the group. After the refreshments, the members filled 75 stockings to be given away at the program and tree at the Park Methodist church on Monday night.

Present were Mrs. Gouid Winn, Mrs. Abbey Anderson, Mrs. G. L. Bryan, Mrs. A. W. Avant, Mrs. Mae Zant, Mrs. J. M. Terry, Mrs. Joe Faucett, Mrs. Bob Zubank, Mrs. Dora Moore, Mrs. J. B. Myrick, Mrs. Joe Dorton, Mrs. Lewis L. Smith, Mrs. E. D. Hensley, Mrs. W. A. Laswell, Mrs. H. N. Robinson, Mrs. N. W. McCleskey, Valois Hensley, Mary Louise Hensley, Mrs. Jimmy Hensley, Mrs. Opal Little, Mrs. Jessie Little and the hostess.

County Health Units Have Buffet Supper

A buffet supper and Christmas tree highlighted the party given by the Ector and Howard County Health units Tuesday night at the Howard county unit.

Attending were Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pharris, Mr. and Mrs. Cotter Heit, Alva Hagler all of Midland, Helen Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Williams, Curtis Heaton and Nell Brubaker of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Horton, La Juan Horton, Juanita Wilkerson, C. W. Mason, and Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Womack of Big Spring and Clarence Sperry of Austin.

Mrs. Morehead Hosts Stitch A Bit Club

The G. G. Morehead home, decorated in the Christmas theme, was the scene for a social hour of the Stitch A Bit club Wednesday afternoon.

Gifts were exchanged. Attending were Mrs. Tip Anderson, Mrs. H. J. Agee, Mrs. Johnny Knox, Mrs. Clyde McMahon, Mrs. Ross Boykin and the hostess.

Christmas Stories And Carols Are Program At B&PW Meet

Christmas stories and carols gave the meeting of the Business and Professional Women a festive air on Tuesday evening at the annual yule dinner at Hotel Settles.

Mrs. Marie Stewart was in charge of the program which featured Christmas carols led by Mrs. Ollie Eubanks. Ruth Ramsel sang a solo accompanied by Helen Duley. Glynn Jordan told a Christmas story, "The Little Mixer."

The group then sang Christmas melodies accompanied by Lillian Hurt. Sprigs of cedar covered single candleabra holding red tapers at each table. A large arrangement of eader branches scattered with small red crystal balls centered the speakers' table. Programs were bound in green.

Members brought a gift of food or toys to be given to a needy family Saturday by the yule gift committee. Presents were exchanged at the conclusion of the dinner.

Mrs. Jack Terry Wins High Score

Mrs. Jack Terry won high score at the meeting of the Nite Out Bridge club Wednesday night in the home of Mrs. Durwood McCright.

Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Jr. won second high and Mrs. Prentiss Bass won bingo score.

Others present at the Christmas party were Mrs. Garrett Patton, Mrs. Arthur Caywood, Mrs. James James, Mrs. Bill Dehlinger, Jr. and the hostess.

Two Daughters Are Second Generation Students At TSCW

DENTON, Dec. 18.—Seven per cent of Texas State College for Women girls are second generation students, according to a recent survey. Of the 2200 enrolled, mothers of 153 attended TSCW.

Misses Mary Helen and Minnyome Lomax, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Everett W. Lomax, are two of the daughters of ex-students.

Miss Mary Helen Lomax is a junior majoring in physical education. She is a member of the hockey team and is president of the Folk Dance Club.

Miss Minnyome Lomax is a freshman majoring in a general course.

Mrs. Charlie Smith Has 100th Birthday

ACKERLY, Dec. 18. (Sp)—Gifts from many friends and greetings and best wishes from hosts of others poured in on Mrs. Charlie Smith this week, as she observed her 100th birthday.

This notable occasion occurred December 15, when members of her family honored her with a party. She was presented with a large cake bearing 100 candles and inscribed with the words, "Happy Birthday."

Sam Winhams Host Party

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winham entertained a group of friends on their 19th wedding anniversary Monday night with a buffet dinner.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with mistletoe, green and white candles, cedar and other greenery.

Mrs. Ruby Billings greeted guests. Other members of the house party were Mrs. J. Johnson, Mrs. Cecil Collings, Mrs. Bill Bonner, Mrs. H. M. Jarratt, Mrs. Thomas J. Coffey. All members of the house party wore formals.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hock, Barbara Ann Hock, Mr. and Mrs. John Coffee, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lamun, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marshall, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Jarratt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Coffee, Judge and Mrs. Cecil Collings, Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bonner and Mrs. Ruby Billings.

Eastern Star Has Yule Social

Members of the Eastern Star were entertained with a Christmas party and tree Tuesday night.

Election for a new officer as associate conductress was held to replace Margie Byrd who has moved out of town. Mrs. Veve Gross was elected to fill the vacancy.

Refreshments were served from a lace laid table. The centerpiece was in the shape of a music box church and other table appointments carried out the Christmas theme.

Mrs. Ches Anderson Hosts Sew And Chatter

Mrs. Ches Anderson was hostess to the Christmas party of the Sew and Chatter club Wednesday night.

Mrs. C. Y. Clinkscales won the prize for the best story of the evening, in the story telling contest. Gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree.

Attending were Mrs. N. R. Holcombe, Mrs. Jack Lightfoot, Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. M. A. Cook, Mrs. Herbert Johnson, Mrs. Garner McAdams, Mrs. R. F. Bluhm, Mrs. G. L. James, Mrs. Lizita Campbell, Mrs. Lewis Murdoch, Mrs. C. M. Weaver, Mrs. C. Y. Clinkscales, Mrs. H. V. Crocker and three guests, Mrs. Fred McGowan, Mrs. Doc McQuain and Mrs. Roy Likins.

Rebekah Lodge Plans For Christmas Party

Sonora Murphy presided at the regular meeting of the Big Spring Rebekah lodge 284 Tuesday night. Members packed boxes for the Old Folk's home and elected five new members.

Plans were completed for the Christmas tree and 42 party, to be held Dec. 19. Initiation will be held at the next meeting. Attending were Mary Cole, Geneva Pickle, Beulah Hayworth, Julia Kehrer, Lois Coffee, Imogene Neill, Billie Barton, Margie Richards, Doole Crenshaw, W. O. Wasson, Jennie Crenshaw, Thelma Braune, Frances Shank, Minnie Murphy, Louella Edison, Jacqueline Wilson, Hazel Nichols, Julia Wilkerson, Eula Pond, Ruth Wilson.

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Three Are Initiated At Fireman Ladies

Three members were initiated at the meeting of the Fireman Ladies Wednesday afternoon with Ada Arnold presiding.

Corynne Cunningham, Louise Cunningham and Gladys Davis were initiated.

Those present were Lois Hall, Alice Mims, Susie Wison, Ada Arnold, Gladys Slusser, Florence Rose, Dorothy Williams, Irene Parks, Bessie Power, Marvina Louise Williams, Della Johnson, Minnie Barbee, Ethel Van Pelt, Greta Shultz, Irene Smalley, Archie Heard and the three new members.

Scout Troop Five Has Party At Church

Members of Girl Scout Troop Five held a Christmas party in the basement of the First Christian church Tuesday afternoon.

Games were entertainment. Attending were Anna Bell Lane, Patricia Tidwell, Mary Lee James, Neta Joe Hedleston, Geneva Taylor, Nancy Thompson, Charlene Eudy, Lila Jean Turner, Beva Wren, Ann White, Nita Kay Williams, Neida Echols, Delores Sneed, Gienna Coffey, Nannette Fuglar and Janice Nalley.

John A. Kee Rebekahs Cancell Regular Meet

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Beatrice Viergege presided at the meeting and Fay Stratton was elected to receive the degree at the next meeting.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank George, Dec. 18. All members and their families are invited to attend.

Events OF THE COMING WEEK

Thursday

WOMEN'S CLUB meets with Mrs. Frank Timmons, 1202 Main for a Christmas dinner at 7 p. m.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT OF EAST 4th BAPTIST CHURCH will have a Christmas social at 7:30 p. m.

LOTTERY MOON TWA will meet with Nida Williams, 902 11th Place at 8:30 p. m.

EXEMPIA CHAPTER OF WETA SIGMA PHI meets for a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. T. A. Harris, 508 Nolan at 8 p. m.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER for the congregation of the First Christian church will be held at 7:30 p. m.

CREDIT WOMEN'S CLUB meets at the First Methodist church at 8 p. m.

HAPPY STITCHERS SEW CLUB will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Paul Love, 1708 W. 3rd at 8 p. m.

AMERICAN LIONESS AUXILIARY will sponsor a kiddie party at the Legion hall at 7 p. m.

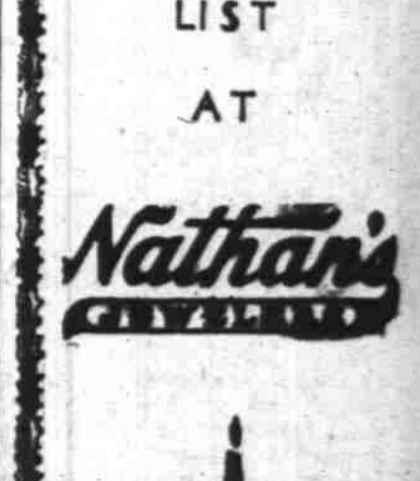
FAIRVIEW HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB will meet with Mrs. R. C. Nichols, 1018 Nolan at 2 p. m.

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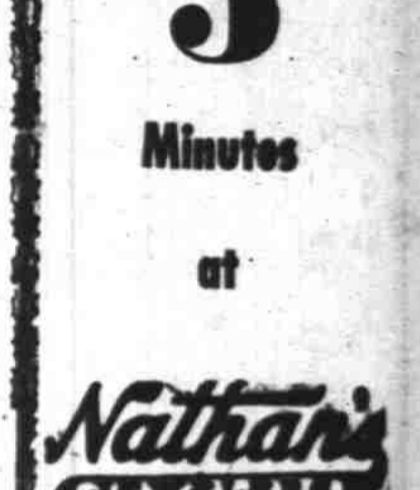


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Virgil Patton, Miss Witt Wed



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Ladies Home League Distribute Gifts

The Ladies Home League of the Salvation Army exchanged gifts and distributed gifts to three unfortunate families at the meeting at the Dora Roberts Citidee Wednesday afternoon.

Those present were Mrs. Cora Holmes, Mrs. W. C. Killough and children, Willie Jo, James Earl, Bobbie Jean and Shirley, Mrs. Jeff Chapman and Janice, Mrs. Miller Russell, Mrs. T. E. Sanders, Mrs. Jake Trantham and Milton, Mrs. Arline Murphy, Mrs. Os Sisco and Kenneth, Mrs. W. N. Wood, Mrs. A. A. Chapman and Sonny, Mrs. Olyv Sheppard, Mrs. R. A. Trantham, Mrs. Rosa Barrington and Grace Tynes.

Caroline Smith Hosts Training Union Group

After an evening of carolling, the training union of the First Baptist church went to the home of Caroline Smith for a Christmas party.

Games were entertainment and gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hendricks, Elizabeth McCormick, Leila Mae Hobbs, Caroline Smith, Marilyn Martin, Delores Rhoton, Jo Nell Neal and Norma Lou Rose.

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The single ring ceremony was by candlelight.

The bride wore a blue suit and white accessories. Her bouquet was of white roses and Roman hyacinths on top of a white Bible. She was attended by her sister, Willie Mae Witt who wore a dusty rose suit and a corsage of brown mums.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Giles Patton.

Mrs. F. Whitaker sang "Because" and "O Perfect Love," accompanied by Mrs. John E. Kolar.

Mrs. E. H. Phillips and Mrs. Hershel Watton were hostesses at the reception in the parsonage. Each wore a pink carnation corsage.

After a short honeymoon trip, the couple will live in Big Spring.

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Pre-School Children To Give Program Sunday

The twelfth annual pre-Christmas program presented by the Farrar pre-school children will be Sunday at 4 p. m.

Approximately 40 children will participate in a program which features a rhythm band and tap, ballet and acrobatic dance numbers.

Presbyterians To Have Tree, Program Dec. 19

First Presbyterian church will have a Christmas tree and party Dec. 19 at 7:30. All Sunday School children are cordially invited.

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New Plans Start To Rewrite Texas' Aging Constitution

AUSTIN, Dec. 18. (AP)—In its 100-plus years of sovereignty and statehood, Texas has had five different constitutions and now a new serious effort to write another has been started. The Texas association of commerce took the first step, with the blessing of Gov. Beauford H. Jester, at a recent meeting here. It hopes to enlist the aid of influential organizations of all sorts in the effort on a statewide basis. The Association of Commerce is a young but thriving and powerful organization. It is a sort of clearing house of activities for the state's three big regional chambers of commerce. Plans made by the association at its winter meeting indicate it will not attempt a whirlwind campaign, but move solidly and carefully in the direction of legislation to call a constitutional convention to re-vamp the fundamental document of 1876 completely. It might be it will be ready to press for action at the 51st session of the legislature, one year from January. There have been few legislatures since 1883 at which no effort was made to call a constitutional convention. These efforts have died a

variety of deaths, ranging from dry rot to outright murder in committee or on the floor of one house or another. The most recent was during the 49th session. The constitution which is now the state's fundamental law was written in 1875 and signed by such dominant figures of early statehood as John H. Reagan, Edward Burleson, John H. Brown, Thomas Nugent, William Crawford, L. S. Ross. It was ratified in 1876. The ink of its fine-written script was hardly dry before Texas started amending it. This process has continued. More than 90 amendments have been adopted, and others are pending for action at the polls now. Five amendments were tacked on between 1876 and 1885. None of these amendments, incidentally, has ever been actually added to the original document. It may be found in a vault in the secretary of state's office. It is a legal-size black book with brittle paper and somewhat tattered. No legislature has deemed it worthwhile to make any special provision for preserving it. The 90-plus amendments are recorded, of course, in the original

resolutions of submission filed with the secretary of state, as well as in various legal books. The first constitution was written in 1836 by a band of dauntless pioneers who conceived the republic of Texas. It was a trailblazing document recognizing woman as a legal entity, abolishing imprisonment for debt, and giving mankind the homestead law. When Texas joined the union, Thomas J. Rusk presided over the convention that wrote another constitution. This was ratified at the polls and Texas became the 28th state. Another constitution was written in 1866, still another in 1869. The chief criticisms of the present constitution are that it is, out-moded and that it has been amended so often that it forms a legal patchwork difficult to understand. Critics of the fundamental law of 1876 note that it was a model document for its time, but that times have changed. Texas was then predominantly a rural community. It is rural now, they say, but that phase is just a part of the whole.

Pravda Says Plans Of U. S. Fail At London

MOSCOW, Dec. 18. (AP)—The Russian people were told by Pravda today that the four power council of foreign ministers in London did not fail, but rather it was the plans of the U. S. that failed. A Tass dispatch from London published in the communist organ said "there is no doubt but what the state department contemplated using the London session to cloak the American policy of establishing an imperialistic peace with the authority of the council of foreign ministers and the colonial policy of the occupational authorities." The dispatch asserted that the "bourgeois" press distorted the real state of affairs. "The entire course of the conference, especially its last phases, clearly show that the council of foreign ministers session did not fail, but the schemes of the U. S. delegation relying on the obedience of Britain and France failed with a crash," Pravda declared. "It was not the CMP that failed but those who tried to dictate the sessions to the council that suffered defeat."

During World War II, the United States virtually ceased importing green tea.



CYCLIST—Steve Reeves of Oakland, Calif., "Mr. America" of 1917, gets some exercise on his bicycle. Steve is 6 feet 1, weighs 215, has a 51-inch chest, 29-inch waist.

U. S. Farmers Earn About 30 Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP)—The nation's farmers earned about \$30,300,000,000 in cash this year, the agriculture department reported today. Receipts from farm products were estimated at \$30,000,000,000, or 19 percent more than last year. Government payments—largely for carrying out soil conservation practices—totaled about \$340,000,000, a reduction of about 60 percent from last year when subsidies were paid to encourage production. Farmer's gross income was estimated at \$34,600,000,217. Production expenses were estimated at about \$16,600,000,000. Deducting expenses from gross income, farmers realized a net income of about \$18,000,000,000, or about 20 per cent more than last year. The volume of farm marketings in 1947 was estimated to be about 3 per cent above 1946. Higher prices, rather than increased marketings, contributed the greater portion of this year's increase. Prices of all farm products gained an average of 19 per cent during the year. Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products were estimated at \$16,900,000,000, or 23 per cent more than last year.

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WTCC Now Has Service Department

ABILENÉ, Dec. 18.—Creation of the service department of the West Texas chamber of commerce was announced today by D. A. Bantzen, general manager. This department was authorized following the membership meeting of the organization in November, according to President C. P. Dodson who met recently with the officer's committee and planned its functions. L. A. Wilke, newspaper and commercial organization man, has been named director of the new department and has already assumed his duties. Under the service department Wilke will handle all publicity, establish town contacts and be campaign manager for activities of the West Texas chamber of commerce. He also will assist in the creation of a speaker's bureau of wide scope to provide information on the area economy, according to Bantzen. "Our main purpose in this is rendering a service to our local Chambers and other agencies of West Texas, working for the development of West Texas along economic and cultural lines," Bantzen said. Wilke comes to the WTCC from Sweetwater, where he was formerly manager of the Board of City Development, a tax supported chamber of commerce. He also served two years as manager of the Gainesville chamber of commerce. Before that he was executive secretary of El Paso County Board of Development, a tax supported affiliate of the El Paso

chamber of commerce, handling national advertising and publicity. He also served as manager of the contract service division of the War Production Board during the early part of the war.

Executive Changes Are Announced By Express Company

Appointment of Walter Reese as vice president in charge of the Western departments of the Railway Express Agency has been announced by the company, the local agent, J. D. Benson has been advised. Reese will assume the post January 1, succeeding Albert W. Hayes who will retire on that date after 47 years of continuous service with the company. The Western departments comprise all states from Texas to the Pacific coast. Reese is being transferred from the Mississippi Valley department, and will be replaced there by W. M. Smith.

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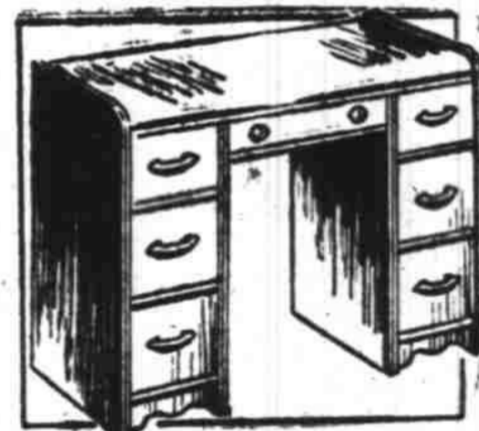
SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 18. (AP) Fred Newling, Middle-aged father of three, got second place last night in the final round of a "lovely legs" contest in the New South Wales country town of Goulburn.



Beginning Friday We Will Remain Open Until 8 P. M. Through The 23rd



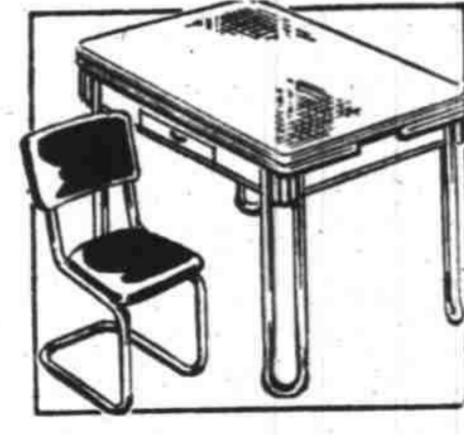
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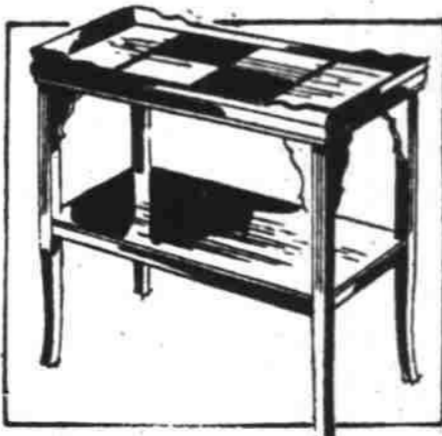
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Monday slipped by without many people knowing that it was the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights, for those who may have let it slip their minds, is the name given to the first 10 amendments to the constitution, and not as a part to the original document. So far as most people are concerned, the first of these amendments is the Bill of Rights, for it establishes freedom of religion, of the press, of assembly, and of the right to petition the government for redress of grievances.

But there are nine other such amendments which also guarantee precious rights.

The right of the people to keep and bear arms, or the right of a state militia is fixed in the second amendment. The third amendment gives assurance that soldiers may not be quartered in any home without consent of the owner, or without due process of law. The next amendment gives the citizen protection from search and seizure unless by legal processes.

The fifth amendment requires that persons accused of crimes must be confronted by an indictment or presentment of the charge; that no person be deprived of life, liberty or property except by due process of law; that property cannot be confiscated for public use without just compensation.

Amendment No. 6 sets up the right of trial by jury in the state and district where an offense is alleged to have occurred; fixes the right to counsel and to compel witnesses for the defense to come into court; to the right to be confronted by the accusers.

The right to trial by jury in civil suits involving more than \$20 is set up in the seventh amendment, and the rules of common law secured. Because of the eighth amendment, it is illegal in America to fix excessive bail or fines, or to inflict cruel or unusual punishment. In a measure of caution, the ninth amendment puts it down in black and white that the enumeration of rights does not deny or disparage others retained by the people, and the tenth amendment clarifies that rights not granted to the United States by the constitution are retained by the states or the people.

After 150 years of democracy as we know it in this country, it ought to be pretty clear that the Bill of Rights is the thing which gives our system its distinguishing mark—the premise that the individual may stand on and demand his rights at any time, that the government is not so mighty but that it must respect the dignity and rights of individuals.



Hal Boyle's Notebook

Money Is Worth What It Will Buy

Money is worth what it will buy. It's value does not consist in its abundance, but in what it will procure.

Thus it is that Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wasson have taken steps that will place the highest type of value upon wealth which they have been blessed. The recent announcement of their gift of approximately \$1,300,000 to Texas Baptists for missionary and educational causes, plus a previous contribution of some \$400,000 is impressive, not alone in the amount, but in the purpose.

Because a considerable portion of the money will be invested or left to earn, the good that will come from it is destined

to be multiplied, for the increment from the corpus of the gift will produce blessings long after the donors are gone.

There is another way in which the good will be multiplied—an intangible way. It is through the lives which will be touched in Christian education and mission work. Nor will this stop in the first degree, for one of the fine things about promoting the Christian spirit is that the recipient is stimulated to reciprocate through extending the same spirit in the lives of others.

Certainly this investment in that which is good is to be commended. It is an example of real stewardship.

The Nation Today—James Marlow—

Diversified Education Needed

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—Do you ever talk, or even think, very much about the kind of education your boy or girl is getting?

Do you ever hear your neighbors talking about it? Probably not much.

This writer is continually astonished by the lack of such talk among grown people.

And yet there is nothing in this country which affects all of us more, in one way or another, than education for ourselves and our children.

A boy or girl who finishes college has, at the end, gone through 16 years of schooling; eight in grammar school, four in high school, four in college.

That's a lot of time out of anyone's life.

The problem of education is of prime importance to any adult, since some of his money through taxes is being used to support schools.

This is what comes from the

special commission on higher education which President Truman appointed to study educational problems in this country:

"Present college programs are not contributing adequately to the quality of students' adult lives either as workers or as citizens."

"This is true in large part because the unity of liberal education has been splintered by overspecialization."

In short, too many schools let too many students spend too much time in one field of study without making them take, along with their specialty, a course of studies which will round out their thinking.

The commission, which this week made the first of several reports on education, said:

"Specialization is a hallmark of our society, and its advantages to mankind have been remarkable. But in the educational program it has become a

course both of strength and of weakness.

"Filtering downward from the levels, it has taken over the graduate and professional school levels, it has taken over the undergraduate years, too, and in the more extreme instances it has made of the liberal arts colleges little more than another vocational school, in which the aim of teaching is almost exclusively preparatory for advanced study in one or another specialty. . . ."

"Today's college graduate may have gained technical or professional training in one field of work or another, but is only incidentally, if at all, made ready for performing his duties as a man, a parent and a citizen."

Which means: It's all right to specialize in some field but a youth should know enough about other fields of thought so he won't have a narrow, one-track mind.

was quoted by the newspaper Paris-Press as declaring that his country couldn't act any longer as a referee between Russia and the U. S. A. He said "it becomes obvious that the U. S. S. R.'s efforts no longer are aimed at peace."

Bidault's statement might be extended. It is equally true that it no longer is possible for any country, or individual, to take a middle of the road course between communism and democracy. It's either one or the other.

Meantime, in accordance with treaty obligations, the last of Uncle Sam's troops in Italy are aboard a suluette transport, bound for home, and the British also have folded their tents and departed that economically shat-

tered and politically turbulent country whose government is fighting a life and death struggle against Moscow-directed communism.

At first glance this withdrawal might seem like yanking crutches from under a crippl—but not so. These military contingents had been reduced to a handful of men, mere token forces. And as the Americans sail away they are replaced by President Truman's blunt warning that, if Italy's sovereignty should be threatened, the United States would be obliged to consider what measures would be appropriate for the maintenance of peace and security.

That, I take it, is a promise-couched in the language of diplomacy—to safeguard Italy from aggression.

Affairs Of The World—DeWitt MacKenzie

London Meet Unites Allies

The collapse of the Big Four efforts in London to frame German and Austrian peace treaties has sent America, Britain and France into a huddle to devise ways and means for the economic consolidation of western Germany, leaving eastern Germany in the hands of the Russians who will use it as a base for their further offensive to defeat the Marshall Plan and extend Soviet domination across western Europe.

This may easily be the decisive European battle in the struggle between communism and the democracies. On the brighter side is the fact that it finds the three major democracies finally united in this crisis.

As the Big Four conference was rushing to an angry close, French Foreign Minister Bidault

In Hollywood—Bob Thomas

Salaries Of Actors Hit Decline

HOLLYWOOD, (U.P.)—Notes and comments on today's news in the film capital.

Movie production is heading steadily downward and with it go actors' salaries. It is a bad season for agents since the glutted talent market is pulling acting prices to unsuspected lows. Nearly every free-lance star has had a sharp comedown in wage per picture and the \$200,000 and \$150,000 stars are becoming a thing of the past. For that reason, many free-lancers are heading for the haven of major studio contracts.

Now that the producers' association has banned all future gangster movies, it's interesting to note a sidelight on proposed Al Capone biography. One of the main reasons it was turned down was not because of its subject matter, but because of its plot.

The production code, self-imposed by the movie makers, says a screen character has to be punished for his specific crime. Thus, a film murderer cannot be accidentally run over

by a train; he has to suffer for the murder. The Capone yarn failed to meet code qualifications because the mobster was punished not for his crooked life but for income tax evasion.

The time was when producers loved to get their pictures banned somewhere or blasted by someone. It was said that the publicity did wonders for the criticized films. That viewpoint may now be altered. The legion of decency condemnation of "Forever Amber" didn't help the film and its makers were happy to see the ban lifted.

This column is going to offer an award to the comedy air show that presents one broadcast without any references to the script. Nearly every radio comic has from one to 10 lines in his show about "the writers," the punch about the script, the loss of a page, the reading of certain lines, etc. What are those boys going to do when television comes and their scripts are taken away from them?

"T-Man" (Eagle-Lion) moves fast and excitingly to describe

Stealers From Radio

NEW YORK, (U.P.)—Wyllis Cooper is helping a lot of kids through college—and he doesn't like it.

His doctor tells him he should not get excited, but everytime Cooper thinks about how the students are milking him, his blood pressure goes up like an Arizona thermometer in August.

Here is how enterprising young scholars across the land capitalize on Cooper, author of "Quiet Please," a weekly half-hour dramatic show on the mutual network:

"They write in fan letters to the network saying they enjoyed the program and asking for copy of the script. When they get it, they stick in a few 'he said's' and 'she said's,' and turn it into their English classes as original themes."

What angers Cooper even more than this collegiate petty larceny is "the plagiarism extent in radio itself today—by people on small isolated waffle-iron stations who ask for scripts of your shows then change them only slightly and broadcast them as their own."

Normally genial except when people are trying to get a free hitchhike from his creative labors, Cooper is a short, chubby, friendly man of 48 who specializes in radio drama.

It is lonely, exacting work, this framing phrases turned to give a picture to the ear rather than the eye.

"My definition of a writer is a man who hates to write," Cooper said.

He speaks with bitter knowledge. For a quarter of a century he has been putting clean

white sheets into his typewriter and pulling them out again all broke out with high-priced prose.

He wrote "Son of Frankenstein" and several "Mr. Moto" scripts for the movies, but he prefers radio writing. He originated the NBC "Lights Out" mystery series and also wrote scores of NBC "Army Hour" scripts in wartime.

Cooper recalled how a friend once tried to help Bob Benchley out of the periodic creative paralysis all writers get at times.

"He told Benchley to sit down and write the word 'the' on a sheet of paper and the rest would be easy," Cooper smiled. "Benchley tried it. He typed out 'the' and sat staring at it for two hours. Then he typed 'hell with it'—and got up and left."

HE SHOULDN'T KICK GOSHEN, Ind. (U.P.)—The sheriff here reported little progress in solving the "Guernsey mystery." A dairy farmer called the sheriff to report that his eight-month-old Guernsey heifer had been stolen. The farmer called again the next day. A two-year-old Guernsey cow had been placed in his barnyard during the night.

TOO MUCH FOR HER LAPORTE, Ind. (U.P.)—Plagued by rats raiding her chicken pen, Mrs. Harry Freese set out a trap. The next morning she called two policemen.

The sheriff, a game warden and officers of the humane society got rid of the animal she caught. It was a skunk.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Studied
2. Legal profession
3. Epoch
4. Seed
5. Answer
6. Ocean
7. Lillo
8. Ladies
9. Choo-choo
10. Beverage
11. Belonging
12. Fathers
13. City in
14. Faraway
15. Land measure
16. Weed
17. Form of
18. Diversion
19. Difficulty
20. Dull
21. Child

DOWN
22. Negative
23. Pigeon
24. Tenders of sheep
25. Male child
26. Weird
27. Cleopatra's handmaid
28. Symbol for plutonium
29. About
30. Troubled
31. About
32. City in Holland
33. Witness
34. Slave
35. Hue
36. Second largest existing bird
37. Strill bark
38. Away
39. Cluster of wool fibers
40. Speak
41. Cook

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Washington Merry-Go-Round—Drew Pearson

South Needs Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—The need for a Marshall Plan for our own southern states has just been recommended in a shockingly frank report prepared for the House agriculture committee. Written by a group of southern economists, in cooperation with experts from the agriculture, commerce, labor and interior departments, it recommends that \$2.4 billions be advanced to get the South on its economic feet.

In rather blunt terms the report sets forth the evils that make the South what it calls the nation's pariahhouse. To cure them, it urges a revolutionary eight-point program. Underlying cause of southern poverty, the report states, is the rutted agrarian system. An overbalance of manpower is struggling without adequate tools to wrest a living from mediocre soils, which are highly eroded and badly damaged by past cultivation. Added to this is the prolific population on southern farms. The reproduction rate is 80 per cent higher than needed to replace itself.

"Until non-farm alternatives can be found for a part of the present farm working force and for all the net increase in farm population," declares the House agriculture committee report, "there can be no lasting improvement in the productivity and in earned incomes of southern farm people."

ENTER COTTON PICKER These old agrarian problems, however, are overshadowed by a spectacular new force—farm mechanization. Revolutionary new tools, such as the mechanical cotton picker, flame weeder and improved tractors, are ex-

pected to displace 2,150,000 southern farm workers by 1965.

"Today," cites the economic report, ominously, "the mechanical cotton picker, as big as a General Sherman tank, is marching through Georgia—and the other cotton states."

The cotton picker and flame weeder alone are expected to reduce the amount of labor per bale of cotton by 75 per cent. Another serious impediment blocking economic development is the traditional difficulty of southern small businesses to raise cash.

"The plain fact of the matter," says the report to Congress, "is that interest rates are appreciably higher in the South than in the North. Shortly before the war, the state banks outside the Federal reserve system, but insured by the Federal deposit insurance corporation, charged average interest rates in the south ranging from 6.5 per cent in Virginia to 10.4 per cent in Texas and 11.5 per cent in Oklahoma. In the New England and Middle Atlantic states, on the other hand, the rates were 5.7 per cent."

It was learned that the interest rate paid by small borrowers in Atlanta is one-third higher than that charged in New York and one-fourth higher than is charged in Chicago. SOUTHERN MONOPOLY The report adds a blunt warning about monopoly. "The southern industrialists of the future," it declares, "will die aborning if it becomes the victim of monopolistic practices. The essence of monopoly is restriction; the compulsion of southern industrialism is expan-

sion; the two cannot mix. . . . In some cases, the monopolistic practices have been forced upon the South by northern interests, seeking to protect their entrenched positions. But in many cases, the practices have been of the home-grown variety—of, by and for southerners."

The economists also found: the South has one-third of the nation's school children, only one-sixth of the nation's school revenues. The South has one physician for every 1,280 persons, compared with one for every 878 persons in the U. S. as a whole. Income per capita is much lower in the South than other regions, making it impossible to save the millions of dollars internally that are needed for industrial expansion, soil conservation and other improvements. Limited market demand in the South has led to caution in business expansion and has retarded industrial development. The South's infant industries also must compete with well-established enterprises in the largest free-trade area in the world. Also, the South is short of skilled labor. The potential ability of southern labor is good, but training is required.

"But," the report adds in more cheerful vein, "the South is probably the nation's greatest potential area for development. If world peace can be preserved and if domestic conditions can be made favorable to expansion, there is good reason to believe that the economy of the South can be diversified and the level of living brought ever closer to those prevailing in other parts of the country."

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Texas Today—Jack Rutledge

Must Have That Long Skirt

New look: A. J. Owens, 79, and Mrs. Rosa Hughes, 70, were married in Waco and the main thing that bothered the bride was fear her dress was too short.

"She nearly ran my legs off shopping for that dress," said Owens, "and now she thinks it might be too short—says we may have to take it back and get another."

They met 18 years ago at Church, and courted for about a month. Owens said the courtship period wasn't too short—"You never get to know a wom-

an, anyway."

New water: Since Wichita Falls has been getting water from Lake Kickapoo, there has been an amazing amount of water used, says the water department.

During the two months in which the improved water has been available, there has been an increase in consumption of over 39,000,000 gallons. Receipts gained, too, by \$16,700. Active water accounts jumped 807.

New idea: A ball-pulling party was staged by seniors of the Sam Norwood high school at Shamrock. They went to a nearby farm, grabbed cotton sacks and got busy. There

was a prize for the best boy and girl "puller," a delicious dinner was served at noon, and the money earned was placed in the class fund to be used for an annual senior trip.

Three British seamen who had seen too many wild west movies went western for a while—until the law picked them up and started deportation proceedings.

It all started in a Galveston bar when a man told the trio they looked like cowboys from Sweetwater. That was enough for them.

They were picked up in Houston, and from here it looks like they may have to wear their ten-gallon hats back across the Atlantic.

He'd Like To Know

KENOSHA, Wis. (U.P.)—Michael Gallo is looking for the person who stole his car—to ask him how he did it. Unable to start the car, Gallo left it at a filling station with the keys in the ignition. The next day the car was gone. Gallo wants to know how the thief managed to do it.

Leaves Too Soon

NEW YORK, (U.P.)—A policeman escorted Louis Fineman, while he carried a \$1,561 payroll from a bank to his plant in Brooklyn. Unfortunately, the policeman left him at the door. When he entered his office, two men appeared with pistols, took the payroll and escaped—in Fineman's car.

Let There Be Light

PERRY, Okla. (U.P.)—This city is encouraging residents to put up Christmas lighting displays by advertising that no extra electricity charge will be assessed on persons who do. It was announced that the bill for homes with Christmas lighting will be the same as for the previous month.

Now Unwelcome

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (U.P.)—John Dry, 79, is going to be careful the next time he puts a welcome mat outside his trailer door. Dry told police he permitted a man and a woman to spend the night in his trailer. Soon after they left he missed his billfold with \$750.

WORD-A-DAY

By BACH

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KBST-News	KBST-The Clock	KBST-News
KBST-English	KBST-Mr. Keene	KBST-News
WBAP-Supper Club	WBAP-Burns and Allen	WBAP-News
6:15	8:00	10:15
KBST-Allen Roth	KBST-Music of Manhattan	KBST-Memory Lane
KBST-Jack Smith Show	KBST-Dick Haynes Show	KBST-In My Opinion
WBAP-Evening Melodies	WBAP-Music Hall	WBAP-Tex. Fun & Games
8:30	9:15	10:30
KBST-Elmer Queen	KBST-Music of Manhattan	KBST-Gems for Thought
KBST-Chub 15	KBST-Dick Haynes Show	KBST-Hillbilly Hit Parade
WBAP-Barry Wood Show	WBAP-Music Hall	WBAP-10-10-10
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KBST-Elmer Queen	KBST-Darts for Dough	KBST-10-10-10
KBST-Elmer Queen	KBST-Crime Photographer	KBST-Hillbilly Hit Parade
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KBST-Elmer Queen	KBST-Henry Morgan	KBST-News
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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 and 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.

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 Flexformed 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.

Persons preparing lighter-weight clothes for storage should first have them cleaned the Flexform way at Modern Cleaners. Women whose favorite dresses have become ill-fitting from frequent and family cleaning find that the Flexform method will restore the material to its former measurements. The individuals who order their clothes done the Flexform way one time will insist on Flexforming every time.

The new method costs no more than ordinary finishing, the customer will find.

Modern Cleaners, who accepts orders for all types of dry-cleaning and pressing, proffers pickup and delivery service for those who cannot call at the shop.

No garment is too heavy or too delicate for the establishment to handle. All work is guaranteed.

Business telephone of the concern is 860.

Larger Feed Supply Laid In By Wooten

Although current prices for livestock and poultry feeds have advanced to exceptionally high figures, supplies have increased at almost a corresponding rate. Currently, the Wooten Produce Co., 401 East Second street, is in a position to offer its customers the best selection since pre-war days. Virtually any type of feed a farmer or rancher may require are included in the present stock at Wooten's.

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Contract Let For Clubhouse

Contract for an extensive expansion and remodeling of the Big Spring country club house was awarded by the club's board of directors Wednesday afternoon.

The board accepted a bid of the L&L Housing and Lumber company, and work is to be started on the project immediately after the first of the year.

Cost of the clubhouse improvements is expected to run around \$30,000, in line with plans given approval several months ago by the club stockholders.

Additional wings are to be built on the northwest and the south ends of the present building, and a new rotunda entrance will be erected on the west side. The south wing is to house ladies' club room, youth room, and kitchen and dining room. The north section will provide new space for locker rooms, a grill room and the golf shop. Plans and specifications for the project were prepared by the local architectural firm of Puckett & French.

Highway Will Be Rerouted

AUSTIN, Dec. 18. (AP)—The state highway commission has approved the rerouting of State Highway 75-A through Denison, in accordance with requests of Grayson county and Denison officials.

The new route will follow the present route of U. S. 75 from Iron Ore creek along Armstrong Ave. to Main street, thence along Main street to Washington street and along Washington street to connection with the highway extending across the Denison dam and on to intersect U. S. Highway 75 in Oklahoma.

The previously agreed routing of U. S. Highway 75 along Austin avenue will not be affected.

Denison, under the agreement is to make available to the highway department \$50,000 for acquisition of additional right-of-way or construction along the new route of state highway 75-A. The new routing becomes effective when all right-of-way for the proposed four-lane pavement of U. S. Highway 75 has been secured.

Attempt Set To Ward Off Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (AP)—The government will make another try tomorrow to win a settlement which would ward off a strike of 50,000 AFL Western Union employees set for 5 a. m. (Central Standard Time) next Tuesday.

The move came as the CIO American Communications association, which represents workers in New York City only, offered to "strike together" with the AFL members of the walkout materializes.

That would make the tieup nationwide.

The three AFL affiliates—the commercial telegraphers, telegraph workers union and telegraph employees union—are demanding a 15-cent hourly increase in their present average 96.7 cents an hour wage.

Two Big Springers Enlist In Army

James R. Crosby, N. T. Mitchell and Birgil L. Tallant are among the Big Spring men who have volunteered for the U. S. Army and been dispatched to reception centers within the past few days.

Crosby and Mitchell enlisted for three years in the Air Force while Tallant goes into the Field Artillery.

Since Dec. 1, a total of 31 men have been processed for military duty at the local recruiting station.

Texas Crude Demand Heavy

AUSTIN, Dec. 18. (AP)—Purchasers advance nominations for Texas crude oil for January totaled 2,271,835 barrels daily, 300,000 more than current production, as the railroad commission held the monthly statewide oil prororation hearing in Austin today.

Plumbers Must Have License Before Jan. 5.

Texas plumbers who do not secure a state license before Jan. 5, 1949 may not continue except in violation of the law and will have to stand an examination for a license, C. E. Belk, Austin, administrator for the Texas Plumbing board, has warned.

The new Texas plumbers' license law, passed by the last legislature, provides for no extension beyond Jan. 5, nor does it provide for any extension of time. Belk said that applications postmarked on or before Jan. 5 will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after that date all new licenses would require an examination.

State licenses now being issued are valid until Feb. 1, 1949 and may be renewed without examination, Belk explained.

A majority of Texas cities already have amended their plumbing ordinances to conform to the state law, he continued, and it is expected that all corporate cities affected (over 5,000 population) will complete conformance procedures not later than Jan. 5.

"It is not our desire to require any plumber to take the examination if he is already qualified," Belk said, "but the deadline is set by the law. However, the board has been conducting examinations since Nov. 25. Any person wishing to take the examination should make application immediately. Blanks have been furnished to mayors of all Texas cities."

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LIVESTOCK: ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18. (AP)—CATTLE: Good fed steers and yearlings 24.00-28.00; common to medium 18.00-23.00; good fat cows 17.00-18.00; good fat calves 21.00-25.00; common to medium 15.00-21.00; stocker calves and yearlings 17.00-23.00; stocker cows 12.00-15.00.

HOGS: 1,300; mostly steady on all weights, top 27.00 paid for good and choice 180-195 lb. 25.50-26.75; sows 24.50-25.50; stocker hogs mostly 15.00-20.00.

SHEEP: 1,400; steady; medium and good fat lambs 21.50-22.50; good lambs with No. 1 pelts 22.00; medium and good yearlings 18.00-20.00; medium to good slaughter ewes 8.50-10.00; medium and good feeder lambs 14.00-20.00.

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John Q. Public Should Be Concerned Over Oil Wastage

By Paul Bolton
 Herald Austin Bureau
 AUSTIN, Dec. 18. — John Q. Public needs to know that for every barrel of oil taken out of the ground, two or three barrels are left there — never to be recovered. John Q. Public needs to get concerned about it, and demand that a better job be done. And John Q. Public will do just that if he will realize which side his bread's buttered on.

unrecovered oil, because he attributes the progress made in preventing the flaring of gas in Texas to the fact that the public got interested. Why should the public get interested? Well, mainly because about 52 per cent of the revenues used by the state government — for education, for old age pensions, for law enforcement, for eleemosynary institutions, for highways and all the rest — comes directly or indirectly through taxes on oil and its products. Moreover, the oil and gas industries are the

bases for the bulk of the state's industrial development and therefore furnishes the payrolls; and because when the oil and gas are gone, so far as Texas is concerned, that's all there is — there isn't any more. Except what's left in the ground. Just now the experts talk about 22 billion barrels of recoverable oil left in this country. And when they use that figure, they're speaking in terms of current methods of producing — because Murray says, when that 22 billions has been produced there will be around 70 billions left in the ground.

To get it out, he proposes this sort of program: Research into more efficient methods of producing; utilizing the methods of this research; and telling the public about the program and its need. Curiously enough, he thinks the last should come first.

His reasoning goes back to the days when Texas first began to realize that the owners of gas reserves were blowing uncounted billions of feet of gas into the air. Murray is an engineer; and, he says, "the engineers knew about the waste for a long time. But not until the public generally got indignant about it, and some newspaper editorials on the subject appeared, were we able to get something done about it." Today, there's a lot less gas waste than prevailed a few short years ago, and the promise for the future is that less and less gas will be wasted.

The gas waste problem is far from licked. It ties right in to the problem of unrecovered oil. For, Murray points out, if casinghead gas — the gas produced with oil — is kept in the reservoir for maximum efficient use in the recovery of oil, more oil will be recovered.

Murray thinks the time may be ripe to re-awaken public interest in conservation because of these factors:

1. The tremendous demand for oil and motor fuel — we thought we had reached the top of demand during the war, but it's greater today and shows no signs of slackening.

2. Always before, Texas has been able to produce more than the lowland. Today, Texas is producing at capacity.

3. In connection with that fact is that we entered World War Two with a million-barrel reserve — we were able to increase daily production by that amount to meet war needs, by rationing civilians. The experts say that in another war, greater amounts of oil will be required. Where will it come from?

4. The startling increase in the demand for oil has been paralleled by an increased demand for gas. This once unwanted product has in less than a decade been transformed into (1) a principal export from Texas; (2) a raw material for multi-million dollar plastic plants and the chemical industry; and (3) the only fuel which Texas can offer to industry.

5. Add to these the factor already listed — that most of the state's private and governmental economy is built upon the foundation of oil and gas production — and the reasoning which Murray finds compelling for conservation begins to emerge.

These will be discussed further in a subsequent article.

Fighters Given Purses For Bout

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (AP) — Jake Lamotta and Billy Fox had their purses today for their Nov. 14 fight at Madison Square Garden that provoked two investigations, but Lamotta's suspension was not lifted.

Col. Eddie Egan, chairman of the New York State Athletic commission, who ordered the purses released when the commission found no evidence of fraud, stated that Lamotta remains under indefinite suspension for having entered the fight without disclosing a spleen injury.

Also Sol Strauss, acting head of the 20th Century Sporting club, said, "It'll be a long, long time before Lamotta fights in the Garden again."

"He has to prove to me he's a top-notch Lamotta, not the second rate one who fought Fox."

The pay envelope of the two fighters, \$23,910.22 each, were held on after Fox gave Lamotta a bad beating and forced the referee to stop the battle in the fourth round.

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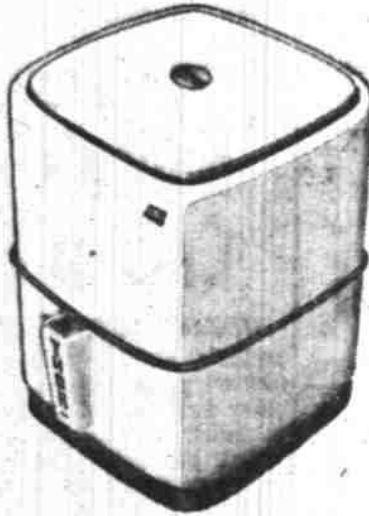
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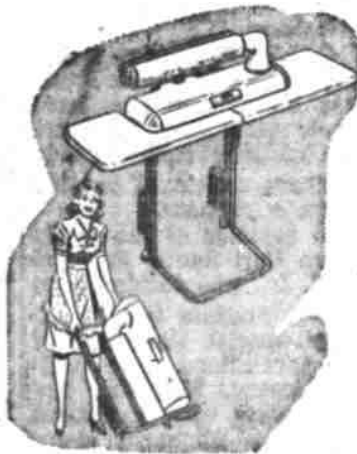
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More Than One Million Dollars Given Baptists By Wassons

A gift of more than \$1,000,000 in oil properties for Baptist education and mission work by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wasson of Big Spring, pioneer West Texas couple, was disclosed today in Dallas by the Baptist General Convention.

Value of the gift approximates \$1,147,000 on the basis of conservative values. The convention's executive board, in session at Dallas, approved a trust agreement conveying the gift, which was presented by Dr. J. W. Bruner, secretary of the convention's endowment department.

This was not the first gift by Mr. and Mrs. Wasson to Baptist religious causes, for some five years ago they announced a \$400,000 gift to the Baptist Foundation, an institution which manages properties and investments for the denomination in Texas. It was estimated that total benefits bestowed by the Big Spring couple would approximate a million and three-quarters dollars.

Assets of the trust announced today are composed mainly of royalties, gas and oil leases on land in Gaines, Scurry and Mitchell counties and surface rights on 13,244 acres in Bailey county.

Mr. Wasson told the Herald Tuesday that "we could see pretty well that we wanted our money to go for religious causes, and that under this type of arrangement it could be better directed and that we would have assurance that provision was made for seeing out the arrangements."

While details of the trust were not immediately complete, Mr. Wasson said that he would be able to direct the distribution of the income from the properties during his lifetime, as was the case in the original gift to the foundation.

Covered in the agreement are the Wassons' ranch in Gaines county, where oil was first discovered early in 1938, and which now has something like 180 producing wells on it. Also embraced are oil properties Mr. Wasson developed in the Sharon Ridge pool of Scurry and Mitchell counties, and which now have 28 producing wells with an additional one now drilling into production. The Bailey county acreage is in a ranch which he acquired two and a half years ago in trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Wasson came to this section not many years after their marriage in Steiner Valley Hill county, on Feb. 1, 1891. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wasson, Sr. and she was, before her marriage, Martha Palmeyer daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Palmeyer. Together they spent much of their youth in Bosque and Hill counties and when Mr. Wasson returned from Baylor University at the age of 21 they were married a year and a half later.

Mr. Wasson long had a premonition that there was oil under his Gaines county ranch, and although he faced difficulties with droughts and other obstacles so common to ranchers, he steadfastly clung to the property. Mr. Wasson strengthened his belief that there was oil under the property and their faith was supported when the Wasson pool, which today is tapped by a pipeline to Cosden refinery in Big Spring, was brought in in 1937.

Dr. P. D. O'Brien, the Wassons' pastor and member of the convention's executive board, was in Dallas Tuesday for an announcement of the trust.

Total evaluation of the property is approximately \$1,400,000 with an indebtedness of about \$300,000. The trust agreement calls for the following distribution:

Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary at Fort Worth, 20 per cent; Baylor University at Waco 12 per cent; Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, 15 per cent; Wayland College at Plainview, seven per cent; Howard Payne college at Brownwood, seven per cent; Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, seven per cent; First Baptist Church at Big Spring, five per cent; Foreign Mission board of Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, Va., for foreign mission work, eight per cent; Baptist General Convention of Texas, for its mission program, eight per cent; Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist convention for relief work with old preachers five per cent; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, Calif., five per cent.

The distributions will become effective when the indebtedness is paid, which will be in about three years.

Dr. Bruner said. Mr. and Mrs. Wasson reserve the right to designate 5 per cent of the income from the Gaines county property to religious and benevolent causes sponsored by the convention and to make any other changes in the designation during their lifetime.

"The trust is the culmination of an extensive missionary program which Mr. and Mrs. Wasson have been financing for a number of years," Dr. Bruner said. "They are now supporting several foreign missionaries and are publishing and distributing Christian literature in other lands."

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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 also 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."

Four nieces and four nephews also survive.

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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.

DeMille loses legal fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16. (AP)—Cecil B. DeMille today lost his legal fight in the California supreme court to join the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFRA) from suspending him as a member because he refused to pay a \$1 assessment to campaign against the 1944 "right of employment" act.

It was an unanimous decision written by Justice John W. Shenk. The decision upheld the ruling of the Los Angeles superior court and the state district court of appeal.

Multi-millionaire producer Dr. DeMille went off the air with his Lux theater program in 1944 when he refused to pay the assessment. His services in connection with the radio program netted him \$98,000 a year, the opinion stated.

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Jap Reparations

TOKYO, Dec. 13. (AP)—The first shipment of reparations equipment from Japan—upward of 600 machine tools and metal working machinery—will be sent to the Philippines this month, supreme headquarters said today.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY STUDIED

Need For More Money Seen For Correctional Schools

AUSTIN, Dec. 13. (AP)—Four basic problems bearing on juvenile delinquency and its correction emerged from a mass of testimony offered today as the state training school code commission came to grips with the job assigned it by the legislature.

They were, in essence: 1. The need for more money in operating the correctional institutions for juveniles, to employ trained workers on the difficult task of rehabilitation.

2. More complete individual psychological studies of juveniles sent to the institutions, leading toward more intelligent classification, segregation, and training.

3. An open-minded attitude by the public in giving jobs and otherwise accepting juveniles who come out of the schools, to afford them a chance to make a sound place for themselves in society.

4. Some method to pinch off delinquency at its source—which all witnesses agreed was mostly a failure of the home—and perhaps to make parents legally responsible.

The commission named by Gov. Beauford H. Jester was empowered by the 50th Legislature to make a study of the entire problem of delinquency, and particularly of what is needed to improve the state's correctional institutions.

Today's session, under the chairmanship of Dean Leslie Jackson of the Baylor University law school, was the commission's first insofar as developing information was concerned.

Appearing before it were chairman Hall Logan of the Board of Control; Board Member Tom DeBerry; Ed Blair, superintendent of the training school for boys at Gatesville; Mrs. Pearl Chadwell, superintendent of the school for girls at Gainesville; Mrs. I. W. Rowan, representative of the newly-established school for Negro girls at Brady.

Jester told the commission that

TELEPHONIC SANTA CLAUS HAS TWO WORRIES: SLEEP, AFTERMATH

DETROIT, Dec. 16. (AP)—Charles N. Williams, Detroit's telephonic Santa Claus, has two big worries—how to get some sleep and will the phone ring even more after Dec. 25 than before.

He assumed the unofficial role voluntarily and accidentally. A national magazine published a story about a New York merchant who takes all calls directed to St. Nick. A Detroit child saw the story and dialed a similar number here—that of Williams.

Thinking it a prank, Williams said sure, he is Santa Claus. Then the word got around and the avalanche of calls started. He listens patiently to each little request and naturally makes lots of promises.

He thinks he can solve the sleep problem by having the telephone company shut off all calls after 8 p. m. But he's wondering about the post-Christmas protests of unfulfilled promises.

NORTON RESIGNS AGGIE POST

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 16. (AP)—Homer Norton, head football coach of Texas A. and M. College, announced today he was resigning as of Sept. 1, 1948.

Norton declared in announcing that he intended to resign that an arrangement "entirely satisfactory to me" had been made on his contract which has more than two years to run.

Norton, under fire from the students because of several lean seasons, last year told the college he would have to be paid for the remainder of his contract if he left the coaching position. Recently alumni of A. and M. have been raising \$20,000 with which to pay him.

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. Lora Jeffcoat of Knott, a great-granddaughter, Jeanie Jeffcoat, of Knott.

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Weather Slows Cotton Movement

Movement of cotton from the fields to gins in Howard county was reduced to a mere trickle during the past week, as weather conditions slowed the harvest of the small remaining portion of the crop.

Accurate figures were not available on ginning activity for the week, but estimates placed the volume at no more than 500 bales for the county, and possibly less. The week's volume left the total ginning estimates to date at approximately 30,000 bales.

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Group Praises Local Airport

The Big Spring Municipal airport has been commended by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association for offering exceptional service to transient aircraft and pilots.

Jack Cook, airport manager, commending the airport for its services for the three-month period ending Sept. 30, was the second consecutive such award received by the port, said Cook.

In announcing the award, J. B. Hartman, Jr., general manager for the association, said "the certificate is sent to you in acknowledgment of your appreciation for the type of service and courtesy extended to itinerant pilots who have visited your airport in recent months."

The certificate is based on service to pilots and craft on non-commercial private craft.

Holidays Set For Schools

All schools in Howard county will dismiss for Christmas holidays at the close of classes on Friday, but the date of reconvening is not uniform.

Big Spring schools will get a longer holiday than usual, not reporting for classes again until the morning of Jan. 5.

Most of the rural schools, who have students coming into Big Spring, are due to follow the local schedule, according to County Superintendent Walker Bailey. Others, however, likely will reconvene on the morning of Dec. 29.

Howard County Junior College will dismiss Friday, said E. C. Dodd, president, and will hold first classes after the holidays on Jan. 2. This is two days longer than originally scheduled.

Well Known Mason Dies At Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Dec. 16. (AP)—One of Texas' best known Masons, Tom Fletcher, 699, died here Sunday.

Fletcher was superintendent of Masonic home and school here for 25 years until he resigned Jan. 1 this year because of ill health.

He became a Mason at Temple in 1905 and held many honorary positions, including the presidency of the Masonic Temple association of Fort Worth.

Special Meet Scheduled For Scout Leaders

All committee members, institutional representatives and other adult Boy Scout leaders and their wives have been requested to attend a special meeting Monday night in the Settles hotel, Walter S. Morrison, district Scout committee chairman announced Saturday.

The session will begin at 7:30 p. m. Morrison said a meal will be served at the meeting, and all Scouters who plan to attend should make reservations by Monday noon. There will be no charge for the meal, since the group will be guests of the Scout Council.

Morrison and H. D. Norris, local Scout Field executive, are handling reservations.

The district committee chairman said he was especially anxious for a large attendance at the session. The new Council campsite on the Davis mountains will be discussed.

Fire Destroys Planter's Gin

ACKERLY, Dec. 16.—Fire early today destroyed the Planter's Gin here.

Loss was not determined immediately, but unofficial estimates were that it might be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

The blaze originated in the overhead cleaning ducts at 5 a. m. while the plant was ginning, and spread rapidly. From Big Spring Fire Chief H. V. Crocker brought a truck and crew, but the gin was too far gone by the time equipment could arrive.

Unhurt were the office and the new seed house, which replaced one destroyed by fire last year. J. M. Bradley, manager, indicated six or eight bales of cotton were lost.

The fire leaves Ackerly with only three gins and at a time when four had been hard pressed to meet the demands of a bumper cotton harvest.

Firemen from Big Spring stayed until about 10 a. m. to prevent the spread of flames.

Candy Canes Give Jobs To Veterans

NEW ORLEANS — Two veterans, who decided that one overhead was better than two, have pooled their resources and now are making Christmas stick candy canes, pralines, fruit cake and other southern confections.

The two captains of the candy kitchen are Carl Smith, Jr., and Bryan Bell, Jr., who decided to go into business together to take advantage of special allotments of sugar the government made available to veterans. Now they are using in 18 days what comprised a whole year's allotment under rationing.

They opened their business in Nov., 1946, and called it "Tasso Plantation." Today they employ 24 persons, mostly ex-G.I.'s who have learned to be experts at baking the fruit cakes and shaping caramel pecan pralines.

The ex-G.I.'s are employed with the help of the government's on-the-job training program.

The partners estimate they turn out a ton of candy a day and at least 1,200 pounds of fruit cake.

CHRISTMAS RUSH

Big Spring Merchants May Set New Business Records

It became apparent by Saturday that Big Spring merchants are in a position to establish a new record in volume of Christmas business, provided current trends continue.

Actually, the real Christmas rush developed only three or four days ago on a general scale, although firms marketing certain types of merchandise noted the upsurge in daily receipts immediately after Thanksgiving.

In the latter category are clothing stores, (for both men and women), dealers in various types of home appliances and general gift items of the more expensive types.

Based on a brief survey Saturday, demands for virtually all types of clothing have been substantially greater than a year ago and general Christmas shopping for articles of clothing started early.

Owners and managers of both men's and women's clothing shops are confident that the volume has been enhanced by larger and more varied stocks of merchandise. Ordinarily, customers have not been hard to sell up to the present, apparently having their minds made up before coming into the stores.

Reports indicate that electrical appliances are selling at a rapid clip, especially the better known brands.

Other gift items outside the clothing field are ranging from heavy articles to Christmas cards, are in considerable demand.

Big Spring shoppers also are beginning to lay in their supplies of Christmas candy.

Establishments offering specialized gifts also report more activity than a year ago. Wider selection

STATISTICS SHOW AVERAGE COST OF LIVING UP \$450 IN 22 MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—The bureau of labor statistics told Congress today it costs an average family of four in 34 major cities about \$450 more a year to maintain a "modest" standard of living now than it did 22 months ago. Almost a third of this goes for food.

The annual budget for such a family ranged from \$3,004 in New Orleans to \$3,458 in Washington as of last June, the bureau said, and since then consumer prices have jumped another 4.3 percent.

Evan Clague, commissioner of labor statistics, said the average family for the purposes of his report is an employed father, a housewife and two schoolchildren under the age of 15.

He described the budget on which his figures were based as neither at the "subsistence" (bare living) nor "luxury" level, but "an attempt to describe and measure a modest but adequate American standard of living."

Drug stores, which usually depend upon perfume and cosmetics for a large share of their Christmas business, are expecting their greatest rush to come during the last three or four days before titles stocked for gift purposes already are moving steadily.

The general season's peak is expected to be reached within the next week.

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Cosden Hikes Its Tank Wagon Prices

Effective today, Cosden Petroleum Corp. announced an increase of one and a half cents per gallon in tank wagon prices for gasoline.

The new schedule is at all points in Texas where the company maintains tank wagon price structures.

At noon, other companies distributing in Big Spring had no official word of an increase, but most would be adopted by nightfall.

New prices announced by Cosden are: 12 cents for third grade, 13 cents for Cosden higher octane (regular grade), and 15 cents for Cosden ethyl (premium grade), all exclusive of state and federal taxes which amount to five and a half cents per gallon.

What effect this would have to the consumer was not immediately known, but it was regarded generally that the advance would not exceed the tank wagon increase since prices at the pump have a half-cent spread taken on the basis of gasoline increases in October.

The gasoline price hike has been expected for a week, ever since the industry in general followed a 50-cent per barrel increase for crude after Sun Oil led off with the sharp and surprising advance.

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Taylor, slightly built, would be 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.

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Taylor, slightly built, would be 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.

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—The Marine Corps Reserve officers association announced today appointment of the Rev. Paul J. Redmond San Francisco, as its national chaplain.

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 for the Army-contracted illness at Crile Veterans Administration hospital, moved his wife and baby son into their prefabricated home in nearby Chagrin Falls last March.

Everything was right except the plumbing. Village officials decided contractors' bids were 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 includes former