

Blasts Tear Out Long Section Of Texas Pipeline

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 12 (AP)—A rumbling series of explosions blew out nearly 40 miles of the Shell Pipe Line company's 10-inch main connection near here shortly before 8 a. m. today.

RUSSIA IGNORES MEDIATION OFFER

FILM STAR DIES



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

Screen Star Fairbanks Is Death Victim

Heart Attack Fatal To Celluloid Idol Of Former Years HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12 (AP)—Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., who leaped to film fame with his spectacular acrobatics, died in bed today of a heart attack. He was 56.

C-C Campaign Workers Get Good Results

Informal reports at noon Tuesday indicated that the annual membership invitation of the chamber of commerce was meeting with good response over the city.

He did not complain of illness until Monday morning, but even when he suffered a slight heart attack in the afternoon physicians did not consider his condition serious.

Reds Push Two Campaigns In Effort To Conquer Finns

Invaders 40 Miles Within Border, Positions Won At Great Cost

HELSINKI, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Red invaders of Finland, operating from nearby footholds 40 miles within the border, pressed today two separate campaigns, either one of which—if completed—might bring Finland to her knees.

FIRST DONATION MADE HERE FOR FINN RELIEF

First donor in Big Spring to the Finnish relief fund being headed up by former President Herbert Hoover, and in which newspapers of the nation are cooperating, came to The Herald office Tuesday from Dr. T. M. Collins, who sent in \$1.

Rev. R. E. Day Suffers Stroke

Condition of Rev. R. E. Day, former pastor here and who was stricken with paralysis at his home in Port Arthur Monday, was thought Tuesday noon to be slightly improved.

San Francisco Ballet To Appear Here Jan. 24

Attraction Booked By Band Boosters Club Big Spring had in store today as one of the winter season's stage presentations the San Francisco Opera Ballet, considered one of the finest attractions ever to be brought to this area.

Arrangements for the Ballet performance—to be held at the municipal auditorium on the evening of January 24—were completed Monday by an advance representative and a committee representing the Band Boosters club, which organization will be sponsor.

Boy, 13, Hero Of Bus Wreck

LIVINGSTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Thirteen-year-old Ralph Warren today was acclaimed the hero of a school bus wreck which put 27 children in Livingston hospitals last night, seven of them with serious hurts.

The youngster scrambled out of a pile of children, tossed into a heap when the bus turned over, and cut a switch through which gasoline was spilling close to the victims.

SCHOOLS GET MORE STATE MONEY PRIOR TO HOLIDAYS

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—For the first time in history, Texas schools will receive a \$5 payment on the \$22 per capita student apportionment before Christmas.

HOUSTON HOLDUP MEN CAPTURED

HOUSTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Two men who tried to rob a Houston woman and her daughter by holding knives to their throats were captured last night by a hunter armed with a shotgun.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mrs. M. E. Barrett, pioneer Big Spring woman who suffered a broken hip while visiting in Lamesa, was able to be removed from the hospital here to the home of her son, Walter Barrett, Monday evening. She appeared to be resting better.

Weather

WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy, colder tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy, colder in south portion. EAST TEXAS—Cloudy to partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; colder in west and north portions tonight; colder Wednesday.

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Cotton Prices Hiked By War

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—A war-buying scramble today sent the price of cotton up almost \$2 a bale in one of the most active markets of the year.

Economist Ayres Cheerful About Business Prospects For 1940

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Col. Leonard P. Ayres is cheerful about 1940 business prospects. Industrial production will be indexed around 110, against about 105 this year, he said today, and national income will attain some 71 billions against 1939's 69 billions.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS YOUTH, TAKES OWN LIFE IN REMORSE

ELIZABETH, Pa., Dec. 12 (AP)—County Detective Frank Ritz reported that Scoutmaster Daniel Hackett, 29, accidentally killed Norval Harrison, 15-year-old boy scout, then shot himself to death in remorse over the tragedy.

TEMPERATURES HERE SKID 27 DEGREES

A blast of north wind putting a check on balmy weather swept in on the Big Spring country Tuesday, with temperatures at the airport dropping from a Monday high of 80 degrees to a morning low of 53.

FACES CHARGE

Dr. W. C. Welch, a chiropractor, was jailed at Port Arthur and charged with the abduction for ransom of a friend's son, 11-year-old Irwin Mingle. The youth escaped after being taken from his home and bound in a cabin loft.

Long Illness Is Fatal To J. L. Thomas

A lengthy illness resulted in the death, Tuesday morning, of John Louis Thomas, resident of Big Spring for 20 years and a long-time manager of the Western Union office here.

Anna Belle Edwards To Be Honor Girl At Stock Show

FORT WORTH, Dec. 12 (AP)—Seven beauties of the Texas-New Mexico ranges have accepted invitations to be ranch girl honor guests at the 1940 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, John D. Davis, secretary-manager, said today.

Rep. Mapes Of Michigan Dies

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Time Expires On League Bid For Solution

Resolution Being Drafted To Expel Moscow Govt. GENEVA, Dec. 12 (AP)—The 24-hour deadline for a reply to the League of Nation's offer to mediate the Russian-Finnish war passed today without a reply from the Soviet Union.

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Auxiliary Meets In Circles For Program

Inspirational Session To Be Held Monday

"Ministerial Relief" was the subject discussed by the First Presbyterian Auxiliary when it met in Circles Monday.

King's Daughters
Mrs. J. O. Tamsitt was program leader when the King's Daughters circle met in her home Monday. Mrs. R. V. Tucker is chairman of the group and conducted the business. Circle of prayer was held and Christmas baskets will be filled for needy families.

Ruth Circle
Mrs. E. J. Brooks was program leader and gave "The Church and the Open Door" when Ruth Circle met in the home of Mrs. E. L. Barwick.

Dorcas Circle
Mrs. H. C. Stupp was hostess to the Dorcas circle when it met in her home for a program on "Ministerial Relief."

Christians, the Seeking Religion.
Refreshments were served with Mrs. James Brooks assisting and others present were Mrs. John Watkins, Mrs. R. T. Davis, Mrs. Neil Hilliard and the hostess.

Christmas story and was in charge of the program. Anne Garnett gave a Christmas reading and Mary Alphege Page played an accordion solo. Sue Garnett and Virginia Terry sang carols and Mrs. Garnett read "American Christmas."

An inspirational meet will be held at 3:15 o'clock at the church Monday for a Ministerial Relief and Joy Gift program.

Eula May Todd spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brigrance of Center Point.



NO TOY FOR HER—Little Zamra is permitted to touch the valuable Stradivarius violin owned by her famous father, Yehudi Menuhin, but she's not apt to get it for a plaything. The violinist and his wife, the former Nola Ruby Nicholas of Australia, were visiting New York when this picture was taken. In his right hand Menuhin holds his rare Guarnerius

First Baptist Choir To Give Cantata And Candlelight Service

The First Baptist church choir will present a cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem," by William R. Spence, on Sunday evening at the church in commemoration of the birth of Christ.

The program is under direction of Mrs. Bruce Frazier and the Rev. C. E. Lancaster will give the scriptural service. Preceding the cantata, which is in two parts, a candlelight processional to the accompaniment of carols will be held. "Holy Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Carol of Praise" and "Joy To the World" will be sung by the choir in the candle lighted church and then a scripture and service will be given. The offertory will be "Night Song," by Schurman, and followed by the cantata.

Mrs. Merritt And Mrs. Frank Boyle Review Book

Mrs. S. G. Merritt and Mrs. Frank Boyle reviewed Mildred Dodson McCurry's book "Constraining Love" when the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met at the church Monday for an all-day meeting and covered dish luncheon.

The book tells of the purpose of the Little Moon Christmas offering taken each year by the church during the Week of Prayer observances and pointed out that the money was used for printed literature, hospitals, training schools and Bibles. Other chapters are devoted to the work of the missionaries and their trials such as the bombing of the Stout Memorial hospital in China.

Four Review Mission Study Book At East 4th Street Baptist

Four reviewed the book "Constraining Love" by Mildred Dodson McCurry when the East 4th Street Baptist Woman's Missionary Union met Monday at the church for an all-day meeting and covered dish luncheon.

Those reviewing the book were Mrs. S. L. Alexander of Midland, Mrs. Fred McPherson of Stanton and the Rev. R. E. Dunham. Mrs. J. E. Terry was in charge of the business and Mrs. C. O. Nalley had charge of the luncheon. Others present were Mrs. R. L. Callihan, Mrs. V. Phillips, Mrs. R. E. Dunham, Mrs. Marvin Sewell, Mrs. Flen Anderson, Mrs. Seth Wehnt, Mrs. Johnny Reeves, Mrs. A. W. Page, Mrs. W. D. Compton, Mrs. Lex James, Mrs. Pat Adams, Mrs. L. A. Coffee, Mrs. L. L. Telford, Mrs. Garland Sanders, Mrs. E. A. Humble, Mrs. S. N. Moreland, Mrs. R. G. Burnett, Mrs. Hattie Spire, Mrs. Loy Thompson, Mrs. H. C. Burnett, A. B. Lightfoot and the Rev. Lloyd Corder.

Methodists Plan For Christmas Circle Parties

Groups To Meet Next Monday For Social Time

Planning to meet next Monday in circles for Christmas parties and having a World Outlook program, the First Methodist Woman's Missionary society held circle meetings Monday.

Circle One
Mrs. C. E. Thomas was in charge of the program when Circle One met in the home of Mrs. W. A. Ricker, Mrs. G. W. Chowna gave the devotional.

The group voted to have their party next Monday and to finish work for the year December 18 at a meeting in the W. A. Miller home.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Richer and Mrs. J. B. Whisenant. Others present were Mrs. Fox Stripling, Mrs. M. E. Ooley, Mrs. Jack Bishop, Mrs. C. E. Shive, Mrs. Dell Hatch, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. J. L. Hudson, Mrs. M. L. Musgrove, Mrs. W. J. Bradley.

Circle Two
Mrs. H. G. Keaton was the principal speaker on the topic, "Our Available Resources for Meeting the New Day," when Circle Two met in the home of Mrs. Arthur Woodall.

Mrs. J. B. Pickle gave the devotional and Mrs. R. E. Satterwhite the meditation.

Mrs. G. S. True will be hostess at the Christmas affair to be held next Monday. Refreshments were served and others present were Mrs. R. L. Warren, Mrs. W. R. Phillips, Mrs. J. D. O'Bar, Mrs. S. H. Newberg, Mrs. M. A. Cook, Mrs. V. H. Flewellen and Mrs. True.

Circle Three
Mrs. C. L. Rothen was hostess to Circle Three when members met in her home to discuss the World Outlook program and those taking part were Mrs. Hayes Stripling, Mrs. C. E. Tabbot, Mrs. H. M. Rowe and Mrs. Pascal Buckner.

Mrs. H. B. Matthews gave the devotional and the prayer. Mrs. H. N. Robinson is to entertain next week in her home.

Others present were Mrs. Ray Wilcox, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Charles Watson, Mrs. E. D. McDowell, Mrs. C. R. McClenny and Mrs. Joe Faucett.

Circle Four
Mrs. I. S. McIntosh, president of the W. M. S., was guest of Circle Four when it met in the home of Mrs. Merle Dempsey, Mrs. J. V. Birdwell gave the devotional and other reports were given.

Others present were Mrs. D. C. Sadler, Mrs. R. J. Barton, Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. McIntosh.

Young Woman's Circle
Mrs. B. E. Freeman gave the scripture and meditation for the Young Woman's circle when it met in the home of Mrs. Garner McAdams.

Mrs. Foster Gay spoke on "Bringing Korea to Christ" and Mrs. W. P. Sullivan talked on "Pioneers of Education in Brazil." Mrs. T. A. Pharr discussed "Serving in the Heart of Africa." Mrs. Freeman told the story of Scarratt college and Mrs. J. O. Haynes talked on "Gifts for World Wide Missions."

Mrs. Gay assisted the hostess in the serving. Mrs. W. P. Sullivan will have the Christmas party in her home. Others present were Mrs. Haley Haines, Mrs. R. O. McClinton, Mrs. R. L. Pritchett, Mrs. H. H. Stevens, Mrs. Glen Hancock and Mrs. Pat Harrison.

Christian Council To Hold Turkey Dinner At Church Friday

Planning a turkey dinner for next Friday at 11 o'clock at the church, the Christian Council met Monday at the church. The Council also decided to meet next Monday to pack a box for the Juliet Fowler home in Dallas.

Mrs. J. L. Milner was program leader on the subject of Judaism. Mrs. C. A. Murdock talked on "Conflict of the Apostles" and Mrs. J. H. Gray told of "The Popular Issue." Mrs. F. C. Robinson discussed "Martyrdom of Stephen."

Mrs. R. A. Jordan gave the prayer. Others present were Mrs. Roy Carter, Mrs. Cliff Wiley, Mrs. J. H. Stiff, Mrs. J. G. Coldiron, Mrs. Jack Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Schurman, Mrs. A. B. Wade, Mrs. W. M. Taylor and Mrs. Harry Lees.

Daily Calendar Of Week's Events

TUESDAY
BETA SIGMA PHI sorority will meet at 2 o'clock with Mary Burns, 309 Bell.

WEDNESDAY
CHILD'S STUDY CLUB will meet at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. E. Brigham, 1904 Runnels.

THURSDAY
WEST WARD P.T.A. will meet at 3 o'clock at the school.

FRIDAY
LONE STAR LODGE will meet at 2:30 o'clock at the W.O.W. Hall.

SATURDAY
SIX COUNTY MEDICAL AUXILIARY will meet at 12:30 o'clock at the Settles hotel for a luncheon and Big Spring unit will act as hostess chapter to the other counties.

SUNDAY
PHILADELPHIA CLASS of First Methodist church will meet at 7 o'clock at the Settles hotel for a Christmas banquet.

Looks At New Books

IN A CLOUD OF DUST
By Nellie Morris
Published by Mathis, Van Nort and Co. Price \$2.50.

Life on a range in West Texas before the turn of the century is the theme of the book "In A Cloud of Dust," just released by Mathis, Van Nort and Company. Written by a former Big Spring woman and a newspaper woman, the story should be interesting to most West Texans.

Beth Miller, the heroine, goes away to college and on her return marries her childhood sweetheart. Her life on the ranch with the frontier, dust storms and cattle drives is a sharp reversal of her life in college.

Finally, deserted by her husband and left with their child to raise

History Of Music Discussed By W. R. Dawes

The history of music in the Episcopal churches was discussed by W. R. Dawes Monday night at a meeting of the St. Anne's club of the St. Mary's Episcopal church held at the parish house.

Mrs. Jack Hodges, Jr., gave the devotional and means of raising funds was discussed. Hostesses were Mrs. Ruth Staha and Mrs. M. W. Paulsen.

Guests were Mrs. Oliver C. Cox and Mrs. Charles Koberg. Others present were Mrs. Pollard Runnels, Mrs. Jack Platt, Florence and Ione McAllister, Mrs. John Griffin.

Mrs. D. F. Painter Receives Lifetime W.M.S. Membership

Mrs. D. F. Painter, 600 Gregg was honored with a life membership pin and certificate to the Women's Missionary Society of Methodist churches at the Sunday morning services at the First Methodist church here.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Fox Stripling, who made a talk praising Mrs. Painter for her work in the church and the service done. Mrs. Painter, who until the last four years was an active worker in the W. M. S., was one of the early members of the church, although not a charter member. Dur

ing an injury received a few years ago, Mrs. Painter is unable to attend every meeting of the W.M.S. as she did some forty years ago when the church was just beginning. The honor was in recognition of this early service to the church.

WHO'S WHO IN THE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Jr. have returned from El Paso and were accompanied home by their son, Bill, who is recuperating from influenza.

Roselle Stephens, a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at S.M.U., spent the weekend in Austin as the guest of Kay Hembrick, T.U. student, and a former resident here. The girls attended the Sonja Heim review in Houston Saturday following a dance in Austin Friday night.

Note On Paper Bag Is Major Factor In Distribution Of Big Estate

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Distribution of a \$1,500,000 estate hangs on a pencil-marked brown paper shopping bag worth less than a penny.

The bag, crumpled and torn, had lain almost forgotten for three years in a tin box. But it may spell wealth for an elderly carpenter whose wife's cousin died in the dusty basement of her Brooklyn home Oct. 30, 1934.

The bag was offered yesterday as a true copy of the last will of Miss Louise Harle, 74-year-old reclusive who had amassed a fortune during her solitary life—for her real will was missing.

The carpenter, Edward Schindler, told the story of the "paper bag will" in surrogate's court. His wife died last February.

Wesley To Have New Mission Study Book For Coming Year

Discussing a Wesley mission study book for the new year and making plans to pack Christmas baskets for needy families, members of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Woman's Missionary society met Monday at the church.

Mrs. J. I. Low gave the devotional from the World Outlook program and Mrs. J. A. English led the prayer.

The new book is to be "Songs of Zion," and the study will begin the second Monday in January.

Others present were Mrs. J. K. Whitaker, Mrs. W. W. Coleman, Mrs. H. J. Whittington, Mrs. H. B. Drake, Mrs. W. D. Lovelace, Mrs. Cecil Nabors, Mrs. Jack King, Mrs. E. R. Cawthron, Mrs. Lather Coleman and Mrs. T. V. Bipes.

Clarence Todd Give A Party For Class

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Todd entertained members of the Willing Workers class Monday and various games were played.

Pop corn was popped and refreshments served. Present were Ellen Dempsey, Golda Nance, Le Roy Todd, Mary Jo Barton, Eldon Harroll, Freddie Tiner, Alene Hull, Raymond Anderson, Ethel McNew, J. W. Hull, Bonnie McNew, Wayne Nance.

Mary Petty, E. A. Nance, Jr., Wynelle Todd, Billie Ruth Todd, Billy McClendon, Pauline Petty, Truman Carns, Rubye Petty, Loyce Todd, Daisy Clines, Gertrude McNew, Mary Pearl Mittel, La Velle Hayward, Donald Bowden, R. H. Davidson, Virginia Davidson, the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Davis, Dean and Jean Davis, Mrs. Petty, Eula May and Ray Tredd and the hosts.

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Bluebonnet Class To Have Social Tonight

Bluebonnet class of First Christian church will meet at 7:30 o'clock at the church tonight for a social.

93 Attend Baptist Brotherhood Meet

The Men's Brotherhood of the East Fourth Street Baptist church held its second meeting of the new church year Monday at 7:30 p. m. with President Deorman Kinard in charge. There were 93 men and young men of the church present.

Music was provided by the "Melody Mads" of Station KBST and a male quartet from the Brotherhood membership. Speakers were Rev. Lloyd Corder, the new pastor of the First Mexican Baptist church, who spoke on Mission work among the Mexican people; H. C. Burnett, who told of the work the church is doing for the local poor; David Turpin, who told of the achievements of Sunday school enrollment whereby the whole "Bell Street Gang" came to be active and loyal members of the Young People's Department, most of them in his class; Rev. A. B. Lightfoot, assistant pastor of the church, who spoke on "The Need for Men in the Training Union"; and Gordon Rimmer, who talked on "My Personal Experience in Becoming a Tither."

Guests of the club were troop four of the Boy Scouts with ten members and two scout leaders. They gave a demonstration of the work they are doing under the sponsorship of this Brotherhood. The Scout oath and law were presented under the direction of Mr. Patton.

RAILROAD EXTENSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission authorized the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company today to construct a 10-mile extension of its Loving spur in Eddy county, New Mexico. The extension will serve potash deposits in the county.

May we make a suggestion? Instead of the old routine gifts—handkerchiefs, perfumes, soaps—individual this season, give Vanity Fair Lingerie, the brand every woman knows and recognizes. You may purchase Vanity Fair exclusively at the LaMode in Big Spring from 10c to \$1.50. Give Vanity Fair, and be sure your gift will be appreciated. (adv.)

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Arizona Doesn't Want Insane Man Returned There

EL PASO, Dec. 12 (AP)—El Paso officers had a fugitive from the Arizona State Hospital for the Insane on their hands today and wondered what to do with him.

SENATOR CARAWAY IS RESTING WELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Senator Caraway (D-Ark) spent a satisfactory night last night and hospital attaches said she was resting well today.

Proposal Studied For Banning Drink Places From Hwy's.

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—The question "Is the liquor control board empowered to remove beer, wine and liquor establishments from public highways?" was studied by Attorney General Gerald C. Mann's staff today.

NAME CHANGE

PARIS, Dec. 11 (AP)—If some councilmen have their way, "Moo-cow" street in Paris will become "Helsinki" street.

BURGLARY CHARGES

Charges of burglary have been lodged by the sheriff's department against Edward Perez in connection with a local house breaking case.



FLAG FOR 'DEVIL DOGS'—From Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, the Fourth regiment of marines at Shanghai gets a new regimental flag.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE WAR DEVELOPMENTS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Both the league of nations and Moscow would be relieved of great embarrassment if the Russo-Finnish war could be ended quickly by negotiation.

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BODY IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF A MISSING WITNESS. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 12 (AP)—A man whose brutally beaten body was dumped in a shallow quicklime grave was identified today as Irving Mandel, 44, described by Atlantic county prosecutor Joseph Altman as a missing witness in a federal inquiry into racket charges against Louis "Lepke" Buchalter.

PLANE TO VENEZUELA. WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The civil aeronautics authority said today it had approved a request of the Venezuelan government for permission to fly two airplanes from Burbank, Calif., to Venezuela via Brownsville, Texas, and the Canal zone.

FAVORS THIRD TERM. NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Joseph E. Davies, United States ambassador to Belgium who returned on the Itax today to report to the state department, said he was "unequivocally" in favor of a third term for President Roosevelt.

MILK FOR SAMMY. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12 (AP)—Sammy, a common alley cat, has a charge account for his milk. Each day the milkman leaves a bottle, even "pays" for Sammy, at a bakery garage where the cat keeps warm.

Wards Gifts of \$5 QUALITY ELECTRICALS. Your choice 2.98 each. They're beautifully matched, in mirror-polished chrome finish with walnut handles! Iron has automatic heat control! Waffle Iron has heat indicator dial! Automatic toaster, handles 2 slices at once! Grill, toasts sandwiches and grills meat, and (with grids, \$1 extra) bakes waffles, too! 9-cup urn-shape aluminum percolator! Cord sets!

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Cordill And Robnett Named To All-Southwest Team

Houston Team Heaviest In Hi Playoff

By The Associated Press

The freshest of the "freshmen" in the Texas schoolboy football race carried the hopes of Houston fans today that the Bayou City would share the glory for the first time in 20 years.

Unheralded and unused, forced to fight to the last ditch to win their own district title, the Stephen F. Austin Mustangs are in the quarter-finals of the state playoff boasting the heaviest team of the eight survivors.

Last week Austin defeated South Park (Beaumont) 37-0 in a show of power that brought attention for the first time to the Mustangs as title threats. Saturday they play Austin high, a team with a great defense and the outstanding running back of the state in Travis Raven.

Stephen F. Austin is a comparative newcomer to interscholastic league football. The school was started only three years ago.

In the three years Austin has won 20 games, lost 8 and tied 2. The Austin line averages over 192 pounds and the backfield 148 1-2. Lawrence Kocurek, 168-pound fullback, is a hard runner, fine passer and capable punter. Harold Stockbridge is rated one of the finest ends to perform in Texas schoolboy circles.

If Stephen F. Austin comes through this week, the Mustangs will play the Waco-Tyler winner in the semi-finals. Waco and Tyler clash at Tyler Saturday.

In the state's other two games, Lubbock entertains Sweetwater Friday and Woodrow Wilson, the Dallas power, plays Sulphur Springs at Dallas Saturday.



CONNIE SPARKS AND ERNIE LAIN IGNORED IN POLL

(By The Associated Press)

Player	Wt.	Ht.	Class	Home
END—Herbert Smith, A&M	175	6'10"	Sr.	San Angelo, Tex.
END—Don Looney, T.C.U.	195	6'3"	Sr.	Sulphur S. Tex.
TACKLE—Jack Sanders, SMU	210	6'	Sr.	Beville, Tex.
TACKLE—Joe Boyd, A&M	210	6'3"	Sr.	Dallas, Tex.
GUARD—Leonard Akin, Baylor	210	6'11"	Sr.	Dallas, Tex.
GUARD—Marshall Robnett, A&M	205	6'11"	Jr.	Klondike, Tex.
CENTER—Robert Nelson, Baylor	215	6'	Jr.	Bryan, Tex.
QUARTERBACK—Ray Eakin, Arkansas	174	5'11"	Sr.	Marianna, Ark.
HALFBACK—Ole Cordill, Rice	190	6'2"	Sr.	Big Spring, Tex.
HALFBACK—Jim Thomason, A&M	200	6'11"	Jr.	Brownwood, Tex.
FULLBACK—Jack Crain, Texas	164	5'7"	Sr.	Neocoma, Tex.
FULLBACK—John Kimbrough, A&M	210	6'2"	Jr.	Haskell, Tex.

SECOND TEAM:
Ends—Durwood Horner, Texas Christian, and Howard Hickey, Arkansas.
Tackles—Earnest Fannell, Texas A&M, and Park Myers, Texas.
Guards—Milton Stimpington, Arkansas, and Wilfred Thorpe, Arkansas.
Center—Wilbur Echols, Southern Methodist.
Backs—Preston Johnston, Southern Methodist; Will Mallenweg, Southern Methodist; William Constar, Texas A&M, and Jack Wilson, Baylor.
HONORABLE MENTION:
Ends—Bob Brandon, Rice; Sherman Barnes, Baylor; W. J. Wimpee, Baylor; Maurice Britt, Arkansas; Roland Goss, Southern Methodist.
Tackles—Bob Cook, Texas Christian; Don Hager, Rice; Saul Singer, Arkansas; Willie Curik, Southern Methodist; Bennett Edwards, Baylor; Frank Marx, Baylor.
Guards—Bob Sherrod, Texas Christian; Ted Dawson, Texas; Charles Bailey, Southern Methodist; Charles Henke, Texas A&M.
Centers—Tommy Vaughn, Texas A&M; Kenneth Whitlow, Rice.
Backs—Dorsey Moser, Texas A&M; John Clement, Southern Methodist; Kyle Gillespie, Texas Christian; Earl Clark, Texas Christian; Ralph Atwood, Arkansas; Logan Ware, Texas Christian; Ray Cole, Arkansas; James Witt, Baylor.

Bearcats Play Westbrook 5

GARDEN CITY, Dec. 11—Herschel Wheeler's Garden City high school cagers will face the strong Westbrook Wolves in an exhibition basketball game on the Garden City courts tonight.

Both the senior boys' and senior girls' teams will compete in the Coahoma tournament this weekend.

SWEETS SWAMP TEACHERS
AUSTIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Texas Longhorns, defending Southwest conference champions, swamped the San Marcos Teachers 52-28 in a basketball game here last night.

MUSTANGS BEATEN
DALLAS, Dec. 12 (AP)—East Texas State nosed out Southern Methodist university 41-40 in a basketball game here last night.

Texas Aggies Gain Top Ranking In The Final Football Poll Of Year

TENNESSEE IN 2ND PLACE, USC THIRD

By HUGH S. FULLEKTON, Jr.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Texas Aggies, Southwest conference kingspin, are the football team of the year in the opinion of 116 sports editors and football experts who participated in the final Associated Press ranking poll of the season.

Chosen for the No. 1 spot by 55 voters, the Aggies polled 1,091 points, on the basis of ten for first place, nine for second, etc.

Tennessee, second a week ago fell more than 100 points behind with 26 first-place votes and a 970-point total, while the Vols' Rose Bowl rival, Southern California, came in with a third-place total of 891, still beating out Cornell by two points.

While the Aggies were impressive all season, neither Tennessee nor Southern Cal set the world afire in last Saturday's concluding games, and that apparently accounted for the switch in sentiment. Tennessee only beat Auburn, 7-0, while the Trojans played a scoreless tie with U. C. L. A.

Standing of the teams (points figured on 10-9-8, etc., basis, first-place votes in parentheses):

1. Texas A. and M. (55) ... 1,091
2. Tennessee (26) ... 970
3. Southern California (9) ... 891
4. Cornell (16) ... 888
5. Tulane (6) ... 804
6. Missouri ... 318 1-2
7. U. C. L. A. ... 289 5-6
8. Duke (2) ... 322
9. Iowa ... 220 5-4
10. Duquesne ... 136

MAJOR-CITY LEAGUE QUINTETS PREP FOR THURSDAY DEBUTS

Vaughn's Rules As Favorites To Win Title

The six Major-City league basketball teams prepped this week for the grand opening of their schedule Thursday evening in the local high school gym.

The Vaughn's Sweet Shop team which has already played several games, ruled as slight favorites in the first half chase although the Garner Owls were reported to be coming up with a strong team.

The Piemen will play Garner in Thursday evening's opening game at 7 o'clock.

Coahoma, managed by Burl Cramer, has been drilling for the past two weeks and should be in top form for their 8 o'clock test with the Montgomery Ward Retailers.

The evening's third game will pit the circuit's two dark horses, Ackery's Eagles against the R-Bar Wranglers. The Wranglers, who finished fifth in the six club circuit last year, boast a much stronger quintet this season and must be contended with.

The Sports Parade

BY HANK HART

Reports circulating from Lamesa are to the effect that Jodie Tate, the Lobo skipper, is hunting for an entire new lineup for the next WT-NM league season.

Tate is said to have sold Emmett Fullenwider, the hard hitting center fielder who is best remembered for his ninth inning home run in the all-star game at Lubbock last summer, to have disposed of Ossie Bates, the catcher who had been with him since his days at Wink.

Some of the Lamesa fans backed Jodie in wanting a new back stop, not that Ossie wasn't the McCoy as a workhorse, simply that they wanted a harder hitting catcher.

The Lamesa club will feel the loss of Fullenwider, if the report of the sale is true, but if Tate realized his worth in dollars and cents then he can afford to go out and get some more players.

The Lobos, remember, started off well enough last year but faltered when Jodie made some unwise trades, then stood pat on his lineup.

His supporters are hoping for a hookup with a club of higher classification the coming season, one that will enable the Lobos to compete on an equal footing with the leaders.

Here's bad news for Tony Rego's corps:

According to present plans, Lefty Lucas, the old wrong-handed tosser, will be back with the Lamesans again. Lefty beat the Barons only too many times last summer.

Successes Of B. C. Surprise Eagle Coach

By STEVE O'LEARY

BOSTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The 1939 gridiron success of Boston College, culminating in a Cotton Bowl engagement with Clemson College, came as a "surprise" to no one but the eleven's coach, Frank Leahy.

The team, as hard-bitten a bunch of hellions as has stepped on a Boston gridiron, had supreme confidence in its destiny but Leahy, more and more amazed each week as the eleven proved him wrong, thought they were "at least a year away" from greatness.

Laid up with a severe cold and then taking the weekend to settle business affairs in New York, Frank came back to harness for the first time today and willingly took time out to discuss his "amazing" team.

"Honestly, they amaze me," he said. "I felt sincerely last spring, being a new coach and installing a new and intricate system, that they were at least a year away. Early this fall I had no reason to change that opinion and I would have settled right then for a 50-50 break."

"You couldn't tell those boys anything about breaking even. They wanted them all."

What did he think was the answer to the team's record. (Nine victories, one loss?)

"There's only one answer," he replied softly. "That's something that every coach prays for and very few of them get. I was lucky. I had a grand guy, who had that one intangible attribute of a great team—spirit."

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HOSTAK BELTS ERIC SEELIG

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Today is Henry Armstrong's 27th birthday and the world's welterweight boxing champion has something to celebrate.

Last night Henry returned to the form that won him his big following and the nickname "Hammerin' Hank" as he pounded Jimmy Garrison, of Kansas City, to the floor in the seventh round for a technical knockout.

Celebrated without a birthday is Al Hostak, the Seattle slugger, who retained his world's middleweight crown by flattening Eric Seelig of New York, in the first round.

The Armstrong and Hostak bouts topped the 14th annual Cleveland News Christmas show that attracted 10,988 fans, grossed \$28,579 and dumped approximately \$100,000 into a toyshop fund.

FACES SUSPENSION
NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Commissioner D. Walker Wear of the New York State Athletic Commission said today he would recommend suspension of Henry Armstrong, welterweight champion, for fighting Jimmy Garrison in Cleveland last night after failing to meet Lou Ambers here Dec. 1.

Armstrong contracted a cold and the bout with Ambers was canceled, too. Texas Christian has two sets of twins on its basketball squad this season.

Today's Guest Star
Halsey Hall, Minneapolis Star-Land Journal, is endorsing ties for a Columbus firm. He must be careful, however; a coach shouldn't endorse anything which can be pulled tightly around the neck.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE BRIETZ

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Attention, California! When one of our operatives inquired for Homer Norton at College Station, Texas, the other day, he was told: "Coach Norton is in Palo Alto, Calif."

Nowhere was Clemson's selection as Boston College's opponent in the Cotton Bowl acclaimed more warmly than in the Beantown papers.

F. B. Iron Men (Chap. IV.)
Leo Kagan of Iowa State Teachers college was king for a day, anyway. We had no sooner chronicled that he was football's No. 1 Iron man (with a record of 650 consecutive minutes) than two South Carolina rebels pop out to knock him off his perch. John Edwards, end, and Moffatt Long, center for Erskine college, have played through 19 consecutive battles, or 1,140 minutes each... Who's next?

British football fans now must take their gas masks to all games. Well, some of those over here smell, too... Texas Christian has two sets of twins on its basketball squad this season.

PASTOR WANTS ANOTHER SHOT AT CHAMPION

DALLAS, Dec. 12 (AP)—Bob Pastor, former New York university football player who turned prize fighter with success, says he's looking for another title shot with Joe Louis in June—so he must win his fight here with Buddy Scott Friday night.

Pastor, who fought Champion Louis twice, losing the decision the first time and being knocked out in the other engagement, arrived yesterday and went through a workout.

The 1938 winner, little freckle-faced Patly Berg, whose golf hopes for the year were shattered

Forsan Buffs To Sterling

FORSAN, Dec. 12—Forsan's Buffaloes invade the Sterling City high school gym this evening to do battle with Floyd Burnett's Eagles.

Both the first and second teams of the two schools will play.

The Buffs broke even in two games with Garden City last week, defeating the Bearcats at home but losing in Garden City.

Alice Marble Named Leading Fem Athlete

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Encountering no more opposition than she met on the tennis courts this year, blende Alice Marble was named today the outstanding woman athlete of 1939 by a landslide of votes on the nation's sports experts.

Rolling up the widest margin ever compiled by a winner in the nine-year history of the Associated Press annual poll, the queen of the courts was named No. 1 on the ballots of 54 of 63 experts.

The year's Wimbledon and National champion polled a total of 167 points. Far back, in second place, was the U. S. women's golf ruler, Betty Jameson of San Antonio, Texas, with two first-place selections and 53 points.

The 1938 winner, little freckle-faced Patly Berg, whose golf hopes for the year were shattered

LEE SUCCEEDS HAP MORSE AS DALLAS PILOT

DALLAS, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Dallas Rebels of the Texas league were all set with a new manager and a flock of playing talent today.

H. B. Lee, an outfielder of last season's runnerup team, will pilot the Rebels in 1940, directors decided yesterday.

President George Schepps had just returned from the Eastern baseball mart where he plugged up some gaps in the roster.

Lee, 32, came to Dallas last season from the Southern Association. He replaces Hap Morse.

Dogs Seek 2nd Win Over Wolf Quintet Wed.

COAHOMA, Dec. 12—The Coahoma Bulldogs will seek their second straight victory over Westbrook in a game at Westbrook Wednesday night.

The Dogs decided the Wolves in a game at Coahoma last weekend, 23-16.

ABC QUINTET SCORES WIN

The ABC quintet defeated South Side in Midport basketball league competition at the ABC courts Monday afternoon, 24-3.

The Mexican Plaza team is scheduled to play at East Side in today's game.

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- 8:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 8:15 Chamber of Commerce.
- 8:30 Drifters.
- 8:45 Dance Orchestra.
- 9:00 Ned Jordan's Orch.
- 9:20 Morton Gould.
- 9:45 Santa Claus Entertains.
- 10:00 Dance Hour.
- 10:15 Raymond Gram Swing.
- 10:30 Mozart Concerto Series.
- 10:45 Les Concerto Symphonics.
- 11:00 News.
- 11:15 Phil Levant's Orch.
- 11:30 Midworld Series.
- 11:45 Goodnight.
- 12:00 Wednesday Morning
- 12:05 Just About Time
- 12:10 News.
- 12:15 Home Folks Frolic.
- 12:45 Crossroads Counselor.
- 1:00 Morning Devotional.
- 1:15 Wiley and Gene.
- 1:30 Grandma Travels.
- 1:45 Billy Davis.
- 2:00 Gail North.
- 2:15 Conservation of Vision.
- 2:30 Melody Stines.
- 2:45 John Metcalf.
- 3:00 Piano Impressions.
- 3:15 Dr. Barton Clay.
- 3:20 Morning Melodies.
- 3:30 Keep Fit to Music.
- 3:45 Adventures of Gary and Jill.
- 4:00 News.
- 4:15 State Board of Health.
- 4:30 Neighbors.
- 4:45 Sally Ann Music Makers.
- 5:00 Men of the Range.
- 5:15 Wednesday Afternoon
- 5:20 Singing Stars.
- 5:25 Curbside Reporter.
- 5:30 Hymns You Know and Love.
- 5:45 Voice of Experience.
- 6:00 Perfect Inst.
- 6:15 Larry Keane's Orch.
- 6:30 Tuberculosis Program.
- 6:45 Lawrence Young's Orch.
- 7:00 Marriage License Romances.
- 2:15 Crime and Death Take No Holiday.
- 2:30 Dick Harding.
- 2:45 Gayle Gaylord.
- 3:15 Sketches in Ivory.
- 3:30 Baylor University Program.
- 4:00 It's Dance Time.
- 4:15 Johnson Family.
- 4:30 Buddie Woody.
- 4:45 Gene Sullivan.
- 5:00 Wednesday Evening
- 5:00 Harold Turner.
- 5:15 Chamber of Commerce.
- 5:45 Sports Spotlights.
- 5:55 News.
- 6:00 American Family Robinson.
- 6:15 Chamber of Commerce.
- 6:30 Drifters.
- 6:45 Melodie Moments.
- 7:00 Larry Clinton's Orch.
- 7:30 Sonny Burke's Orch.
- 7:45 Santa Claus Entertains.
- 8:00 Dance Hour.
- 8:15 Raymond Gram Swing.
- 8:30 Music by Faith.
- 9:00 The Five Wise Guys.
- 9:30 Lone Ranger.
- 10:00 News.
- 10:15 George Hamilton's Orch.
- 10:30 Clyde Lucas' Orch.
- 11:00 Goodnight.

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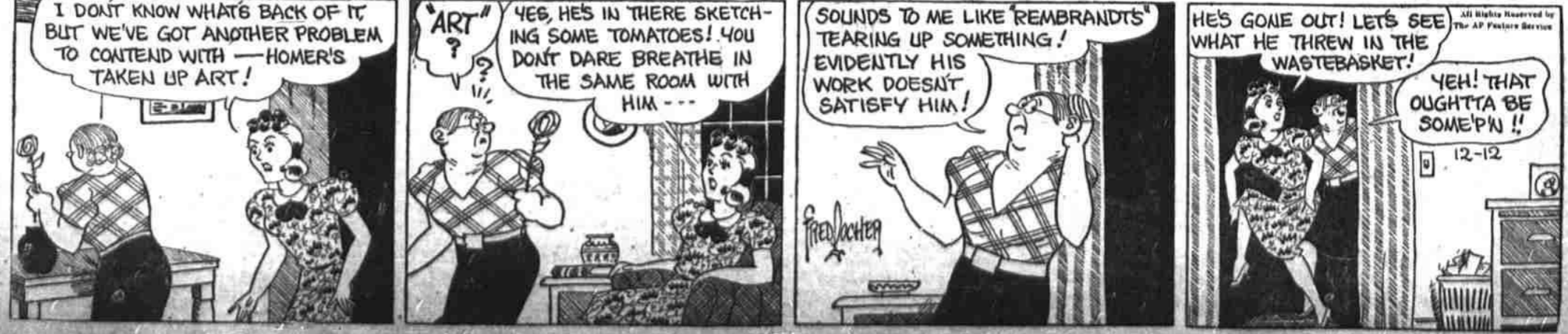


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Oil Bill Means Dictatorship, Group Told

MINERAL WELLS, Dec. 12 (AP)—Frank Buttram, of Oklahoma City, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, predicts that passage of the Cole bill would mean dictatorship over the oil production industry.

"Speaking here last night at the annual meeting of the West-Central Texas Oil and Gas Association, Buttram listed this as one of the subjects calling for the united action of the oil industry and the public which desires to see the industry free to continue its important place in American life."

Rising taxes, the Venezuelan trade agreement and the charge of wanton waste were the other subjects.

He declared there had been waste in the industry but that it was a relatively new industry and looking to develop efficient practices.

The Venezuelan trade agreement, he said halves the excise tax on crude oil and fuel oil.

Joe Clark of Albany was elected president of the association.

Girl Witness Threatened

DALLAS, Dec. 12 (AP)—Miss Mary Jo Miller, object of an attempt at intimidation to prevent her testifying in a bombing case, arrived from Chicago by plane early today. She was whisked away by a police guard to a hotel to remain until the trial started.

District Attorney Andrew Patton disclosed an effort had been made to dissuade her from appearing at the hearing in which E. R. Wyatt, alleged bomb attacker, is the defendant.

Miss Miller, who narrowly escaped death when the home of her brother, J. H. Miller, was damaged by a blast July 25, 1938, notified Patton of the attempt.

Wyatt, former school principal, faces three indictments, two charging burglary and one for burglary with explosives with intent to kill Miss Miller.

Miss Miller returned from a dance early in the morning of July 25, 1938, and was about to retire when a suitcase was shoved through the window into her room. She fled to the rear of the building to awaken her brother.

The bomb exploded, wrecking the front of the structure. Miss Miller, her brother and his wife escaped injury.

Paper Profits On Loan Wheat

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (AP)—A paper profit of approximately \$25,000,000, less interest and storage charges, has accrued to the account of American farmers who are holding wheat off the market under government loans, grain men estimated today.

A sharp upturn in the price of wheat the past two weeks has lifted market quotations 10 to 20 cents above rates at which the government has lent \$12,000,000 on 161,000,000 bushels stored on farms and in warehouses. If producers wish, they can redeem this wheat by paying off the loans, interest and storage charges. Then they can sell at market.

Grain men pointed out, however, that if this were done on a large scale market prices probably would be affected. Nevertheless, some growers with long Christmas shopping lists have taken advantage of the opportunity.

The loan program, designed to enable producers to delay marketing until prices are advantageous, already has given farmers control of their wheat six months after harvest in some cases. Loans will not mature until April 30, 1940.

Says Big Farms Getting Labor Subsidized

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Dr. W. W. Alexander, farm security administrator, declared today that under the present agricultural system the taxpayers' money was being used to subsidize labor for many big commercial farms.

In his annual report on rural relief activities, he said that "the large mechanized farm usually supports its workers only during the few weeks of their employment, and they must depend largely on relief between times."

Responsibility for the situation was laid by Alexander on mechanization of agriculture.

He said that thousands of the families displaced from the land since 1930 had been aided by his agency and by local relief organizations.

Alexander said the rural relief problem called for two solutions—"new and more stable employment for the surplus workers, perhaps in subsistence farming; and decent shelter, steadier employment and a chance to educate their children, for those who must continue to be seasonal workers."

WEEK'S OIL OUTPUT SHOWS AN INCREASE

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 12 (AP)—The daily average crude oil production in the United States increased 532,079 barrels to 3,829,690 for the week ended December 9, the Oil and Gas Journal said today.

East Texas production was up 195,992 to 494,997 with Texas as a whole up 508,332 to 1,868,771. Oklahoma production increased 8,325 to 431,625; Louisiana, 1,704 to 272,987; California, 28,000 to 63,250; Illinois, 4,781 to 337,026; and eastern fields, 1,220 to 103,420.

Kansas production declined 15,700 to 161,500; Michigan, 188 to 64,961; and the Rocky Mountain area, 960 to 88,030.

LINT EXPORT RATE IS TRIMMED AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Secretary Wallace announced today the third cut in the export payment rate on cotton.

The new rate, effective at 11 a. m. today, is 20 cents a pound net weight basis and applies to lint cotton, card strips and comber waste.

The first reduction was from 1.50 cents to .75 cents and the second to .60 cents a pound.

Finland Purchases Will Help Reduce U.S. Surpluses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—With 10 million borrowed dollars to spend in the United States, Finland soon may be helping American families on relief eat up the agricultural surpluses, while adding also to American farmers' income.

Official Finnish statistics showed today that Finland last year bought large quantities of eight of the 15 products currently listed by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation for relief distribution through the new food stamp plan.

An indication that Finland would continue to buy these products as long as possible was given by Warren Lee Pierson, president of the Export-Import bank, who said that the \$10,000,000 loan to be

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NICELY furnished 2-room house with garage and Frigidaire. 307 East 13th.

SIX-room house; unfurnished; 304 Northwest Third Street, west of Bellinger's Store; \$29 month. Phone A. H. Bugg, 500 or 1696.

MODERN 6-room house; all modern conveniences; 1006 East 11th Place. Phone 718 or see Robert Stripling, 401 Petroleum Bldg.

FOUR-room furnished house at 210 East Park. Call 59 or 1186 after 6 p. m.

TWO-room house and bath; \$4.50 per week; bills furnished; private yard. Call on Sunday or after 6 p. m. Phone 895. 2008 Johnson.

TWO-room house with bath; nicely furnished; next door to 1302 East 19th.

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SIX-room furnished duplex; very favorable location; near high school; \$29 each side; 1001 Main. Phone 1066-J or 754. 611 Bell.

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Santa and the TALKING DOLL

Chapter Eight
To The King
Santa was acting very annoyed when Eric and Leezan came back to the Toyshop. He had been up all night looking for them. His hands and feet were cold from tramping through the snow. He was worried because he hadn't kept his promise to take Leezan to the King of Westphalia that night.

But his eyes nearly popped out when he saw the returning party.

"What, what?" he spluttered in the doorway.

Eric swept off his blue cap, smiled mischievously and said, "Sire, we are back for breakfast."

"So I see," said Santa half tempted to laugh. "But you have upset me very much."

"We did not mean to, Sire."

"But—but, who is this girl?" asked Santa.

"Some one to help Mrs. Santa bake Christmas cookies," said Eric. So Elsa told Santa the story of what had happened. But Eric ran back to the first hill and picked up the sleeping Leezan very gently and carried her into the Toyshop and stood her up at the foot of the Christmas tree.

"You Are Right!"

Santa watched him with an amused smile. "Eric, Eric," he said. "You are strong willed but it seems you are right, too. If I had found this girl I would have brought her here, too."

Eric bowed very low and said, "Thank you, Sire."

Santa smiled and said, "But tonight you must behave just as well. Tonight I shall take Leezan to the King of Westphalia. She was made for him by the fairies, and I cannot fail. Even though you think so much of her you must not interfere."

Eric tossed his hair and laughed. Santa, looking at him, couldn't help but pat him on the shoulder. So they sat down to breakfast and Elsa sat with them drinking great cups of hot chocolate.



Santa seated Leezan in a chair near the King and tip-toed off.

But all that day Eric looked unhappy when he thought no one was watching. He tried to help the gnomes make trains again. But really he kept glancing up to see if Leezan was still there.

Seven Shining Drops
That night Santa really did take Leezan away. This is how it happened. Eric had dinner with Santa that night, but once when he looked away from the table a little fairy dropped seven shining drops from a tiny flask into his cup. When Eric had drunk it he fell into such a deep sleep it was a day and a night later when he woke.

That midnight Santa lifted Leezan gently into his sleigh and flew over the clouds and down the sky to the castle of the King of Westphalia. The King sat asleep by the fire. Candles burned in tall silver sticks. Quietly, as the clock struck twelve, Santa seated Leezan in a chair near the King, and tip-toed out.

The King stirred as the clock struck, and Leezan's blue eyes fluttered open. She saw the fair-haired King, half asleep, wipe a tear from his eye. She smiled and said quietly, "Your Majesty, if your dreams are sad you can leave them by opening your eyes."

The King's blue eyes flew open with surprise. Then he closed them again. He said, "Please be comfortable. I am thinking." But he wasn't really. He was just shy. Too shy to talk to Leezan.

TOMORROW: Leezan runs away.

No Volunteers Accepted From United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Thousands of Americans who want to enlist in Europe's warring armies are getting a polite "no thank you" from the belligerents.

A canvass of embassies showed today that many Americans have offered to fight for Great Britain, France, Germany, Finland and Poland. Russian embassy officials were noncommittal.

Most of the diplomats called attention to a 1917 statute forbidding Americans from serving in a foreign army and said they were doing nothing which might bring about violations. There have been no prosecutions of Americans who fought in the Spanish civil war, however.

Penalties under the act are imprisonment and loss of citizenship, but any American determined to get in the war would renounce his citizenship and swear allegiance to a belligerent government.

British embassy spokesmen said that thousands of persons had sought to enlist for Great Britain, but that even British subjects residing in this country had been turned down.

"There is no immediate need for men but we do not know what may develop later," an official explained.

Challdon Top Nag Of Year

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12 (AP)—As easily as he is romped to victory in the Preakness or the Pimlico Special, Challdon today scampered off with top honors in the Turf and Sports Digest's fourth annual poll for the "horse of the year" designation.

But if Challdon, W. L. Brann's great three year old is the king of the turf, Col. E. R. Bradley's Bimelech must be called the crown prince.

Running along side of those two favorites are Kayak II, C. S. Howard's importation, which won the vote for the best four year old, and Now What, named the best two year old filly.

Of the 208 turf writers and experts participating in the poll, 156 picked Challdon's II's big son for top honors after he took charge of the three year old parade, following Johnston's crackup, and climaxed his triumph with that great victory in the Pimlico Special.



HEARTS AND FLOWERS—Like a derby winner, 40-year-old Harry wears a floral wreath and gets a last tug from Barbara Riger, 2, at his farewell party in Newton, Mass. Children mourned his departure for an animal rescue farm.

FINNS WILL SEND CHRISTMAS MONEY TO THE HOMELAND

FITCHBURG, Mass., Dec. 12 (AP)—Many of Fitchburg's Finnish colony of 5,000 persons planned today to omit observance of Christmas this year to send the money to their distressed homeland.

A committee in charge of raising funds announced a total of \$8,000 already had been collected.

The Effects Of Liquor Cannot Be Repealed

For fourteen years America had national prohibition. There are those who say it failed. It did not accomplish all we had hoped, but it was far from failure. If the Eighteenth Amendment had done no more good than to eliminate wine, beer and whiskey from the highway and street billboards, the newspapers and magazines, the neon signs and the plate glass windows, the radios and the eating places of this country, it did enough good to justify its retention forever.

Advocates of repeal promised that legalization of alcoholic beverages would eliminate the saloon, but our cities like a rash are covered with bars, highway hot spots, beer parlors, highway camp cabins and dance halls which are ten times more ruinous to the welfare of the youth of this country than were the old-fashioned saloons.

Liquor was to be divorced from politics but the Federal Government took \$2,500,000 which had been appropriated to the WPA, bought up some old defunct distilleries in the Virgin Islands, set the natives to work making booze, and is shipping it back into this country and selling it under the high-sounding title of "Government House" liquors.

Repeal has failed to eliminate any problem of Prohibition days and it has produced three major problems little known: the drinking driver, the drinking woman, the problem of distinguishing between a worthy motive and an unworthy method. There were drinking drivers under prohibition but, according to the National Safety Council, they were not a major factor in highway safety. Now the chairman of a committee of twenty-three nationally known authorities appointed by the National Safety Council to determine accurately the part alcohol is playing in traffic deaths declares:

"I have seen enough statistics gathered from all over the nation by the National Safety Council's Committee on the tests for driver intoxication to convince me that at least 90 per cent of all traffic fatalities and injuries are traceable to the use of alcohol at the wrong time and place." (Submitted by and published at the request of the local Y. C. T. U.)

Snead Is Back In The Groove

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 12 (AP)—If you see a pro tournament golfer over in the corner moaning "who is he," the chances are that he just heard the news—Samuel Jackson Snead has lost the misery in his back.

For three consecutive months the professional brigade marched merrily along the circuit without being annoyed by Snead the slugger.

Now he's fit again, minus three bad teeth that poisoned his system, and ready for a comeback Thursday in the \$10,000 Miami Open, the tournament in which two years ago he scored a record 267, just 13 below par.

"Soon as I click off a few birdies and get my confidence back," Sam moaned, "I'm gonna be tough to beat. What I need is the feeling that I can't miss. It may be in the next one. But whenever I get that certain feeling it's clear the tracks!"

Coming from Snead, that wasn't braggadochio. He was just an unassuming Virginia country boy when he skyrocketed to the top in 1937, and he still is. It was a mere statement of the way he feels.

Amateur Program Slated Friday In Knott Gym

Annual Amateur program sponsored by the Knott Parent-Teacher association has been scheduled for Friday night of this week, Dec. 15, at the Knott gymnasium, at 7 p. m.

A representative of the community in the city Tuesday, said special invitations were extended to any performers in Big Spring, soloists or group acts who want to participate. Cash awards of \$5, \$3 and \$1 will be presented to the winning acts. The Melody Makers of Big Spring won last year's program.

The affair last year proved a great success, and sponsors are anticipating a better program this year. It is open to all amateurs.

Faith Abounds As Church Members Do Own Work Toward New Bldg.

Faith, the thing on which members of the West Side Baptist church are depending in their efforts to raise a new building, accounted for a pretty good start on the basement Monday.

"When we started this morning," said Rev. E. E. Mason

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Arkansas Jitterbug

Oil Pressure Decline Less

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—The decline in bottomhole pressures in the giant East Texas oil field apparently has been substantially less the past month than during October and early November.

John Taylor, head of the oil and gas division of the state railroad commission, said that tests of 60 wells indicated the average drop was only 5.11 pounds, whereas it was 20 pounds for the month ended Nov. 8. He said reports from 23 key wells, yet to be received, probably would not materially alter the 5.11 figure.

The halt in the abrupt pressure decline was expected to result in less agitation for a lower East Texas production allowance or general reinjection of salt water into the oil sand. Special East Texas field problems as well as the prospective statewide production order for January will be considered at a commission hearing here Friday.

Commission officials see little hope of Texas' oil production allowance keeping pace with the steady gain in the number of producing wells. Taylor pointed out that the number of active Texas wells passed the 90,000 mark Saturday. That represented a net gain of around 5,000 in the past year.

The number of producing wells in the East Texas pool, however, seems to have about reached its peak. Last Saturday the field had 25,904, or one less than Oct. 7.

Doug Fairbanks Did His Stunts Without Double

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12 (AP)—There were no doubles around when Doug Fairbanks jumped to safety by a scant hair or matched swords with a skilled adversary.

Fairbanks' feats of physical prowess—some of them the most difficult ever filmed—were his own. And until his heart finally quit beating today, he had kept himself in the same excellent trim which enabled him, in one picture, to leap a moat 22 feet wide and seize a hold on a jagged wall.

Not unusually large—he was 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighed 165 pounds when he was in pictures—Fairbanks had iron strength and almost inexhaustible stamina.

Oddly enough, he showed no bent for athletics in his college days at Colorado School of Mines. But his talent for leaping, first employed in a play for George M. Cohan entitled "Hawthorne, U. S. A.," he vaulted a wall and sprang from a balcony to seize the villain by the throat—made him an immediate hit in pictures. He gave the early films speed. Before they had been slow to the point of dullness.

While a reckless abandon characterized his roles, he practiced tediously to perfect them and reduce danger to a minimum. Diligently he studied fencing for weeks before he made "The Three Musketeers." He became expert at flicking out lighted matches with an Australian snake whip in "Don Q. Son of Zorro," and hurling South American bolas in "The Gaucho."

Fairbanks

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"The Gentleman From Mississippi" and "Officer 666" followed.

Fairbanks' career in films started in 1914, when he joined the old Triangle company after achieving success on the stage in the east. His early successes were chiefly notable for his athletic accomplishments and a flair for romantic comedy.

"Among them were "The Lamb," "Fighting With Fate" and "Mantelitan Madness."

He was divorced in New York in 1918 by Beth Sully Fairbanks, whom he had married in 1907. Douglas, Jr., is their son.

A little over a year later, Fairbanks and Mary Pickford were married in a secret ceremony. After their divorce Miss Pickford wed Charles (Buddy) Rogers, actor and orchestra leader.

Fairbanks rose to his greatest fame after his marriage to Miss Pickford. He began producing as a member of Famous Players-Lasky and later United Artists, in which he was associated with D. W. Griffith, Miss Pickford and Charles Chaplin.

His greatest personal successes of the period were "Robin Hood," "The Mark of Zorro," "The Thief of Bagdad," "Don Q. Son of Zorro" and "The Three Musketeers." All were characterized by his leaps from ever-present danger.

Among his efforts after talking pictures arrived were "Taming of the Shrew," in which he was starred with Miss Pickford, "Teaching for the Moon" and "Mr. Robinson Crusoe." In 1933, he joined Alexander Korda in London to make "The Private Life of Don Juan." Since then he has been off the screen.

He disposed of his interest in United Artists in 1937 but had recently indicated he was considering a return to producing.

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Humble Named In Chain Tax Suit

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—The state filed suit in district court here today against the Humble Oil and Refining company for chain store taxes totaling \$730,130.

The petition alleged the amount was due on 280 filling stations operated over the state by the corporation which has headquarters in Houston.

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann said the suit was filed because the corporation did not comply with a request to pay the taxes. The demand was made by the comptroller's office after Mann's investigators examined books and records of the corporation.

The petition claimed the company opened, established, operated and maintained under the same general management or ownership stores and mercantile establishments known as filling stations in which goods, wares and merchandise were sold at retail during the past four years since the chain store tax law was enacted.

It further alleged the stations involved were not exempt from the tax law which makes exceptions for "any place of business engaged exclusively in storing, selling or distributing of petroleum products and servicing motor vehicles." The stations come within the classification of "stores and mercantile establishments" subject to the tax, Mann contended.

CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS POSTPONED

Regular meeting of the city commission, scheduled for Tuesday evening, will be postponed until Wednesday due to the death of Mrs. Mattie C. Hatchett, mother-in-law of Mayor R. V. Jones. Mrs. Hatchett was interred at Tahoka Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting will be formally recessed by Grover Dunham, mayor pro tem, so that it may be held Wednesday.

GRANTED DIVORCE
LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Madeline Carroll, British star of American films, today was granted a divorce from Captain Phillip Astley on grounds of misconduct with a woman named Dorothy Everard.

SAME NUMBER
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—If K. P. Scott ever forgets his phone number he's sunk.

His phone is Sunset 7342; his auto license is 7342; he lives at 7342 S. E. 32d Ave.

LYRIC
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Ballet

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eral director of the maintaining San Francisco Opera association. Numbers to be staged here have not yet been selected.

Every effort will be made by the Band Booster's club to attract a wide attendance from not only Big Spring but towns in this section of West Texas, since the Ballet's engagement here represents the first of its kind, and one of the major artistic undertakings ever booked for the city. Prices will be kept at a minimum for such an attraction, scaling downward from \$2.

Announcement concerning seat reservations will be made immediately after the holidays, local sponsors said.



NICE FLYING, SOLDIERS!—From Gen. George Marshall (left), chief of staff, Flight Commander Gen. Delos Emmons (right) and Lieut. Col. Robert Olds receive congratulations for successful round-trip flight of seven bombers to Brazil.

Cotton

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worked up 2 cents a pound, or \$10 a bale.

War demand, shipping difficulties and soaring foreign markets all combined to breathe new life into the market for the staple after several years of depressed inaction under the burden of excessive supplies.

A big factor in the change, of course, has been the loss of some large cotton cargoes by mines and submarines. Foreign buyers indicated there was urgent need to replace these losses and to cover requirements for a long war.

Speculative and foreign trade sources continued to bid eagerly for contracts in the wake of steep new rises in the Liverpool, Bombay and Alexandria markets.

At Liverpool buyers paid the highest price for offerings in 10 years, local cotton circles reported. Cables said the British government had put restrictions on speculative trading in an effort to stop the violent fluctuations. Following the course it had moved over repeatedly in the last week or so, the Liverpool market shot up the permissible limit for a daily swing, 25 "Liverpool points," the equivalent of more than \$2 U. S. a bale. In this leading foreign market the staple is now quoted around 14 cents a pound.

Since the start of the war brokers pointed out, shippers have again become a dominant force in the New York cotton ring and in southern spot markets in contrast with their inactivity over the last few years.

Bremen On Way To Port In Germany

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—German naval authorities said they expected the big luxury liner Bremen to dock at some German port, presumably Bremerhaven, this afternoon or evening.

They asserted German scouting planes were hovering over the Bremen as she neared a home port after an absence of more than three months and that these planes compelled a British submarine which was encountered to submerge.

Germans insisted the scouting planes did not constitute a convoy and that reasonable times for mines had been a violation of international law had the submarine torpedoed the Bremen without warning.

4-H CLUBBERS TO HAVE YULE PARTY

The first annual combined Christmas party for 4-H club boys and girls will be held at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday in the W. O. W. hall.

The event is being sponsored by Lora Farnsworth, county home demonstration agent, and O. P. Griffin, county agent. Miss Farnsworth has conducted Yule parties for the club girls in previous years.

In addition to the appearance of Santa Claus and presentation of gift sacks containing fruit and candies, a recreational program will be conducted under the direction of Madison Smith.

ACTIVE DANCER
SHARON, Pa., Dec. 12 (AP)—A lively polka put 42-year-old Carp Sewiecke in the hospital.

He told the doctor he danced so hard he fell and broke his left ankle.

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MARKETS
Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—Soaring commodities today took the speculative play almost entirely away from securities markets.

With cotton futures bounding up nearly \$2 a bale at the highest, to the best levels in two years, and other staples exhibiting strength, stocks and bonds made a relatively poor showing.

While war demand was credited for the sprint in industrial commodity quotations, both here and abroad, shares which might also be benefited later by European purchasing of goods in America barely lifted their heads during the day's slow-going session.

The stock list got off to a hesitant start, worked up a slight rallying temperature at intervals, and closed with trends decidedly indefinite. The turnover was around that of yesterday, or approximately 600,000 shares.

Old Toys Needed For Repairing As Christmas Gifts

Got a tricycle around the place—one the kids have outgrown and leave on the walk in front of the porch?

Got any other cast-off playthings like roller skates, scooters, wagons, dolls, pop-guns, blocks, telephones, horns, drums, tin beds, dishes, trains, etc.?

City firemen are anxious for you to gather them up and bring them by the fire station in the city hall so that they may include them in their reconditioning program being undertaken in advance of Christmas.

With about a truck load of toys on hand, firemen began repairing the playthings Tuesday morning. The heap of toys represented an accumulation of about two week's time, abetted by a liberal amount turned in by the Ritz theatre following a toy matinee Saturday.

Since they cannot reasonably refinish a toy the day before Christmas and expect it to be dry and ready for use, firemen asked the public to cooperate in bringing toys not later than Dec. 26. In this way the playthings will be in good shape and ready for distribution to needy children on Christmas Day.

Rites Said For Mrs. Hatchett

Friends of many years joined Tuesday at 11 a. m. in a tribute to Mrs. Mattie C. Hatchett, 78, long time Big Spring resident, as Rev. C. E. Lancaster, First Baptist pastor, conducted rites for her at the Eberley chapel.

Mrs. Hatchett succumbed here Monday afternoon after a lengthy illness. She had been a life-long member of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Hatchett was the mother of Mrs. R. V. Jones, wife of Mayor Jones, and of Edith Hatchett, cashier at the State National bank. Both the banks and the city offices were closed from 11 a. m. to noon during services.

Music for the rites was furnished by Ruby Bell, Mrs. R. E. Blount and Clarinda Sanders. The body was taken to Tahoka where it will be interred following brief funeral services at 2:30 p. m.

Funeral services were Lee Porter, Joe B. Harrison, Chester O'Brien, Chester Cathey, Silvan Dalmont and John Brown.

BRISTOW SPEAKER BEFORE ROTARIANS

A discussion of Oklahoma's formative days—when it was Indian territory—and a more adventurous account of dealing with Mexican bandits who kidnaped his father in 1939 were included in a talk given before the Rotary club at its Tuesday luncheon at the Settles hotel by Obie Bristow.

His father, the late Dr. J. E. Bristow, was abducted while on a mining expedition in Mexico. Obie finally obtained his father's release after harrowing experiences, on payment of 3,000 pesos ransom.

An account of the Indian territory's historical development also was related.

Guests at the luncheon included S. P. Gaskin of Sweetwater, Cliff Wiley, B. M. Clements, J. H. Greene, R. R. McEwen and C. L. Rowe.

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Hospital Notes

Big Spring Hospital
Mrs. A. B. Crews, 800 Galveston street, was admitted to the hospital Monday for medical treatment.

Mrs. J. E. Bennett of Vincent underwent minor surgery at the hospital Monday evening.

Jim P. Cauble, route 1 Big Spring, was admitted to the hospital Monday night for medical treatment.

DAUGHTER BORN
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Puckett, Knott route, a daughter, at the Malone & Hogan Clinic Hospital. Mother and child are doing well.

Livestock

FORT WORTH
FORT WORTH, Dec. 12 (AP)—(USD)—Cattle salable 2,900; total 2,100; calves salable and total 1,300; market; all classes cattle and calves fully steady; few medium and good beef steers 6.75-8.00; common 6.50 down; medium and good yearlings 7.25-8.75; odd head choice to 10.00 and above; beef cows 4.25-5.75; canners and cutters 2.75-4.25; bulls 4.25-6.00; slaughter calves 5.00-8.00; odd head above 8.00; culls 4.25-5.00; stock steer calves up to 2.25; stock heifer calves 8.25 down.

Hogs salable 1,300; total 1,500; opened 15 cents lower, closed steady with Monday's average; early packer top 5.10, later 5.25; extreme top 5.35 to city butchers; good and choice 1.70-3.00 lb. weights 5.10-5.35; 140-170 lbs. 4.25-5.10; packing sows 4.00-4.50.

Sheep salable and total 2,500; strong; top woolled lambs 6.00; shorn lambs 6.85; shorn aged wethers 3.50 and ewes 2.75; some fall shorn yearlings 6.25, and lambs 7.25; woolled feeder lambs 7.00 down.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GIVEN AS BAPTIST MEN CONVENE

The "first Christmas," what makes a Christmas merry and the real Christmas spirit were discussed in brief addresses Monday at the regular monthly meeting of the First Baptist Brotherhood.

Musical selections were presented by the West Texans trio Clarinda Mary Sanders, Ruby Bell and Mrs. Alma Blount, and by a quartet consisting of Wayne Matthews, Mr. Jackson, Joe Ratliff and Alton Underwood. Both were accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Erazier.

Loy House commented on and read scriptures of the birth of Christ. Nat Shick told of happy experiences of a by-gone Christmas, and Rev. E. E. Mason, pastor of the West Side Baptist church, highlighted some things he felt were essential to real Christmas enjoyment.

Walter Wilson presided over the meeting and named Vernon Logan and Tracy Smith to preside and arrange program details for the January meeting. Sixty-six participated in the Monday session.

Monetary Accord Reached By Allies

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AP)—Conclusion of a British-French monetary accord linking the franc and the pound until six months after signature of a peace treaty ending the war with Germany was announced today by Finance Minister Paul Reynaud.

He disclosed the pact was signed December 4 when Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, visited Paris.

He said it was designed to avoid any modification of the present existing parity between the currencies of Britain and France for the duration of hostilities.

MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

Rural aid, amounting to \$42, was received here Tuesday for distribution to seven school districts. It brought the amount paid on the current allowance to 78 per cent. Schools sharing in the measure amount were Gay Hill \$6, Center Point \$5, Moore \$105, Morgan \$4, Richland \$3 and Soash \$7.

PHYSICIAN DIES
MULLEN, Mills Co., Tex., Dec. 12 (AP)—Dr. J. L. Harrington, physician, died here today. The funeral will be held tomorrow. His widow and eight children survive.

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