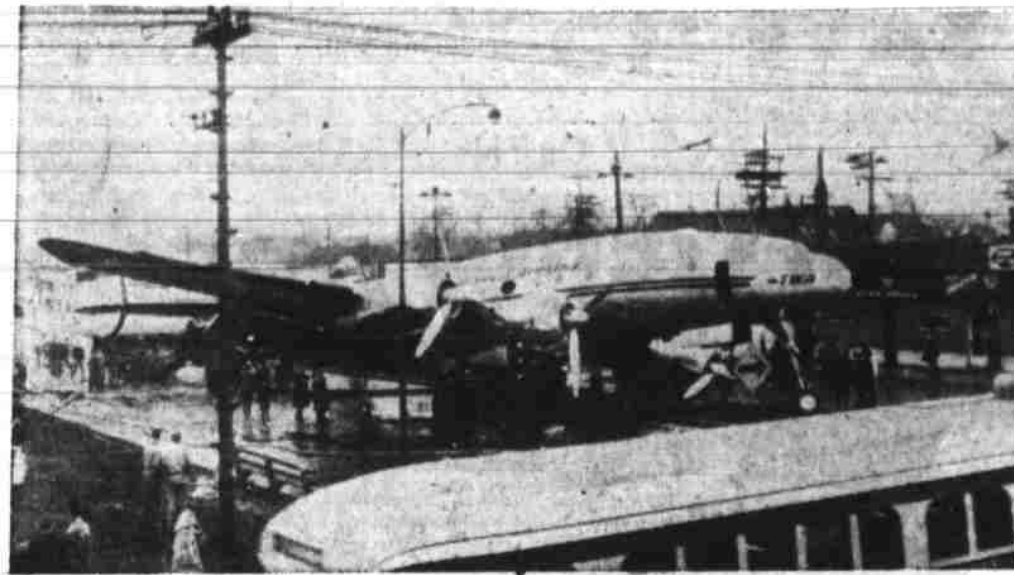


Big Automobile Sales Tax Fraud Smashed In Detroit

DETROIT, Dec. 20. (AP)—Five persons were held, four others were sought and up to 15 were believed implicated today in what state officials described as a \$2 million sales tax fraud on new cars.



AIRLINER RIPS THROUGH FENCE, RESTS IN STREET—A Trans World Airline's Constellation rests on the pavement of Cicero Avenue, near 63rd Street, Chicago, after it crashed through a fence at the southeast corner of Municipal airport.

\$74,600 Allotted To County For Soil Payments

Farmers, Ranchers Have 14 Means Of Qualifying

Howard county farm and ranch operators will have 14 approved means of qualifying for \$74,600 allotted to the county for agricultural conservation payments in 1950.

Cotton Acreage Act To Get Court Test

Truman Back In Washington In Fighting Trim

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 20. (AP)—President Truman flew back to Washington today from a three-week Florida vacation.



FOR HIGH PUBLIC SERVICE—Cited for high public service to aviation, Charles A. Lindbergh receives the Wright Brothers Memorial Trophy at a dinner of the Aero Club of Washington.

Arguments On Injunction Suit Begin Today

Brannan, Other Top Farm Officials Are Named Defendants

Mayor O'Dwyer Is Married To Sloan Simpson

STUART, Fla., Dec. 20. (AP)—Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York, tanned and happy, was married today to radiant Elizabeth Sloan Simpson in a simple ceremony at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Case Of Denfeld May Be Reopened

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—The controversy over Adm. Louis E. Denfeld's dismissal as chief of naval operations—and his refusal of one lesser job—appears likely to simmer on until after Congress returns to the capital next month.

Big Spring Guard Unit Wins Plaudits From High Brass

Weekly two-hour training periods have paid off for Big Spring's National Guard unit in the last few months, comments by Fourth Army and Texas National Guard officers indicated Monday night.

Tentative Accord Reached On Paved Road Right-Of-Way

County Commissioners this morning reached tentative agreements with three of four property owners for right-of-way required for a paved road extension north of Coahoma.

UN Tries To Break Atomic Deadlock

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Outlook Is Gloomy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—Attorneys for the agriculture department set forth four reasons why it contends the injunction should not be issued.

Marshal Stalin To Receive Million Gifts On 70th Birthday Wednesday

LONDON, Dec. 20. (AP)—The biggest giveaway jackpot program in history is on today, with Russia's Joseph Stalin on the receiving end.



JOSEPH STALIN

Stalin, overlord of world communism, hits the jackpot tomorrow when he reaches the age of 70.

All-Time Record For Letter Cancellations Set at Local P. O.

Letter cancellations at the local post office Monday set an all-time record for one day, Postmaster Nat Shick stated.

Myron Taylor to Quit Vatican Post

ROME, Dec. 20. (AP)—Unconfirmed reports circulated in Rome today that Myron C. Taylor, former board chairman of the U. S. Steel Corp., will resign soon from his post as special representative of President Truman to the Vatican.

Deathless Days 741 In Big Spring Traffic

A total of 54,433 cancellations were made, some 8,000 more than the previous all-time high. On Dec. 19, 1948, a Sunday, only 11,646 were reported.

Tie A String Around Your Finger

As a reminder that time is growing short for you to take advantage of The Herald's annual Reduced Rates, a whole year, delivered to your home, for only \$11.70.

\$1,743.65 Given To Iron Lung Fund

Contributions to the VFW Iron Lung Fund now stand at \$1,743.65. The VFW and Jaycees are co-operating in a campaign to provide a second mechanical respirator for the city and county area.



Shopping Days till Christmas

Largest Texas Almanac, Just Off The Press, Contains 672 Pages

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
AP STAFF

"One almanac for Texas and another almanac for the rest of the world."

"That's about the right proportion, I suppose," said Gillis Purcell, general manager of the Canadian Press, after surveying the sights of Texas recently.

The Texas Almanac, which not only captures but indexes the greatness of Texas, caught Purcell's eye.

The new issue—for 1949-1950—is just off the press. It contains 672 pages, the largest ever printed. It is a reference book on the resources, industries, commerce, history, government, population and other subjects relating to the civic, social and economic development of Texas.

Texas' remarkable growth during the past decade is reflected. Net annual value of manufactured products is now more than four times that immediately preceding the war. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in new industries. The number of industrial wage earners has doubled. On farms the number of tractors jumped from 98,223 in 1940 to 236,390 in 1949.

The first Texas almanac was published by the Galveston News in 1857 but later the task was taken over by the Dallas Morning News.

Credit for getting the almanac together bi-annually goes to Stuart McGregor, tireless, 57-year-old associate editor of the News. McGregor works daily, from 8:30 o'clock in the morning, to midnight, eight months every two years, to do the job.

His memory is amazing and he is credited with "carrying the almanac around in his head."

"If all copies and all your almanac files were destroyed, could you write another almanac?" we asked him.

"Just part of one," said he. "I could write descriptions of all Texas counties and fill in the main towns and the crops and the industries, but I would have to go to other sources to get up-to-date statistics. I try to forget facts I know are available because I have the theory a human brain will hold just so much and no more. But the main trick in getting out an almanac is knowing where to go to get your facts."

McGregor is already at work on the issue for 1951-52.

Work Applications Exceed Job Orders At TEC Office Here

New work applications at the Texas Employment Commission during the past week exceeded job orders by more than 50 per cent.

Leon M. Kinney, TEC director here, said Saturday.

Forty-eight work applications were received during the six day period. New job orders filed totalled 30.

TEC personnel made 496 reception contracts, referring 34 persons to jobs. Placements numbered 25.

A total of 43 unemployment compensation claims, both new and continued, were filed with the office in the fast week.

Most of the placements made were on sales and service jobs in local stores, Kinney said. Only a few clerical placements were reported.

Demand for stenographers still is greater than the supply on the Big Spring labor market, Kinney declared. He indicated that positions are still open for several stenographers and bookkeepers.

Influx of skilled labor was heavy during the week, according to the TEC director. Oil field and construction workers have been reporting in groups, but practically no placements are being made in those fields.

Tell Outtelled By Missourian

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. Dec. 20. (AP)—William Tell was pretty good with a long bow but a lot of folks here say C. G. (Buckshot) Wilson has outshone him.

Tell, so the ancient story says, shot an apple from his son's head. Wilson rigged two cross bows to shoot an apple from his own head. Here's how: He set up a stuffed crow with an apple on its head. He stood with his back to the crow and lined up the first bow and arrow over his shoulders, using a polished gun stock as a mirror.

The arrow he loosed hit the apple on the crow's head and also clipped a trigger connected with the second cross bow. The second arrow pierced the apple on Wilson's head.

He picked a fine place to do it, too—the banquet of the Buchanan County Medical Society.

Fire Destroys Die Plant, Machinery

SAN MARCOS, Dec. 20. (AP)—Fire yesterday destroyed the plant and machinery of the John Clark Industries near here. Damage was estimated at \$185,000.

The fire was believed to have started when an oil line to one of the die-making machines in the plant broke and threw out a spray of oil. The splashing oil apparently ignited when it hit the pilot light on a furnace.

The plant made machine dies and household goods.

Life's Darkest Moment



YULE SPIRIT IS SOMETHING REAL IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20. (AP)—Don't tell Charley Willis there's no such thing as Christmas spirit.

Charley works in the Philadelphia Inquirer library. Months ago, he and his fellow workers decided to chip in a quarter each a week to create a Christmas Party fund. The name Sunshine Club was chosen.

Two months ago, Charley's three-year-old daughter was critically burned in a gas stove mishap.

Without taking a formal vote, the Sunshine Club gave Charley the \$100 in the club treasury to help defray medical expenses. And the scheduled party at a Philadelphia restaurant was cancelled.

Restaurateur Frank Palumbo heard the story and yesterday Charley—his daughter well on the road to recovery—joined his friends at the party they planned, with Palumbo picking up the check.

Red Head Facing Contempt Charge

HOUSTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—A federal judge has ordered the head of the Communist Party in Texas to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court.

Judge T. M. Kennerly yesterday ordered James J. Green to appear in court Thursday. He issued the order after receiving a contempt motion for Asst. U. S. Atty. Bruce Merrill.

L. D. Crossman, immigration officer here, recommended the action.

Kennerly last week ordered Green to produce party records and answer questions in an immigration office investigation of two aliens, Kurt and Steff Regina Wittenberg.

Crossman said James appeared as directed but refused to answer questions.

Ruth Koenig, former chairman of the Communist Party in Texas, has been served with a subpoena to appear in court tomorrow to show cause why she should not give testimony in the Wittenberg case.

Bonham Allotted Loan of \$36,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—Bonham has been allotted a preliminary planning loan of \$36,000 for 90 low-rent housing units, subject to approval by President Truman.

The Public Housing Administration said yesterday that the government will finance construction of the housing if private financing is not available.

Legion Children's Christmas Party
7:30 o'clock
THURSDAY NIGHT
December 22
At Legion Clubhouse

Annual Auxiliary Christmas Party for Children of Legion Members.
Entertainment... Candy, Fruit and Nuts
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NEW 'CONVERTIBLE' AMPHITHEATER IS PROOF AGAINST THE ELEMENTS

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 20. (AP)—utes on a giant arch-like steel frame.

Pittsburgh's music lovers can look forward to concerts in a "convertible" amphitheater—with the top lowered for clear weather and raised in a jiffy when rain clouds threaten.

Believed to be the first structure of its kind, the elements-proof amphitheater will be ready the year after next. It will house the performances of the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera Assn. and other non-profit activities.

Most novel feature of the \$1 million project is the removable roof. The amphitheater seating 9,500 persons will be covered in bad weather by a plastic fabric tent supported by a movable steel framework.

The flexible ceiling will be divided into pie-shaped segments that will fan upward from the rear of the arena when it is being covered by a flick of a switch.

The plastic "tent" will move from its lowered position up over the arena in two and a half minutes.

This Little Lad Now Is Believer

MEDFORD, Mass. Dec. 20. (AP)—The voice of Santa Claus boomed from a rooftop.

"What do you mean, I'm not real?"

A little tyke in the crowd gazing up at the spotlighted Santa winced.

He had been telling his little friends, "He ain't real—all he does is stand there."

The voice called out again: "Johnny Williams, why do you tell your little friends such things. Of course Santa is real and he'll come to visit good boys."

That was the clincher. Johnny Williams now is a firm believer.

The voice was that of Alderman George F. Callahan thrown from his living room through a loud-speaker rigged to Santa.

"My biggest problem now," says Santa, "is getting the kids to go home to bed."

The volt, measurement of electricity, was named after Alessandro Volta, inventor of the voltaic cell, or "wet" battery.

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Mexia Man Faces Trial for Murder

MEXIA, Dec. 20. (U. P.)—James Rudasill, Mexia, will probably go on trial at Groesbeck Jan. 23 on a charge of murdering Mrs. Annie McDonald Milam, 19.

County Atty. Norton Fox said he expected District Judge H. Fountain Kirby to set that date.

Rudasill, 26, is also charged with assault with intent to murder Meivin Dempsey and with theft of an automobile.

Mrs. Milam and Dempsey were shot Dec. 6 as they sat in a car in front of her home.

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Crow Is Silent Partner In Davis-Menken Show

MIDLAND, Dec. 20. (U. P.)—A former West Texas radio announcer with a pet crow is Joan Davis' new radio boy-friend.

He is Shep Menken, who was a staff announcer with station KCRS in Midland until January of 1948.

Miss Davis is the comedienne who bounces over the CBS network (KRLD) at Dallas and KTBC at Austin on Friday nights as a slightly irresponsible salesgirl in a Los Angeles department store.

The crow doesn't broadcast. He just keeps Menken company.

Midland, in the meantime, feels proud of its former announcer. J. M. McDonald, manager of KCRS, calls him "a regular guy."

On the air, Menken is Tom Hinkle, store detective, who is dumb and in love. The cause of his being in love is Joan Davis, and the cause of his appearing dumb is Menken's acting ability.

Joan is a fixture at the imaginary store where Detective Hinkle works. She is supposed to work there, but when she buys 16 gross of middy blouses and 2,000 pairs of bloomers without consulting her boss, her supervisors decide she doesn't deserve the title of employee.

So Tom Hinkle comes to comfort her with "Aw Joan, you can

Deportation For Couple Starts

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 20. (U. P.)—A deportation hearing for Mr. and Mrs. John Butt Crew of San Antonio opened today.

The hearing is to give the couple an opportunity to show why they should not be deported to Canada, the country whence they came in 1920.

They are accused of having been members of an organization that advocates overthrow of the government by force and violence.

Vanderbilt Heir

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (U. P.)—A son and heir was born early today to the Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilts—the first male addition to the Vanderbilt clan in a number of years.

PROFIT ALREADY \$2,000

Pays Saleman \$10 Just To Get Rid Of Him

BY WILLIAM BARNARD AP STAFF

Freddie Gilbreath of Titus County paid a salesman \$10 "to get rid of him."

That 10 bucks has brought Gilbreath, a senior young farmer, more than \$2,000—and there'll be a lot more.

For Gilbreath is a rare bird—a man who has collected on his polio insurance.

"I was living on my farm near Cookville—had 61 acres down there—when this salesman came riding up in an old Ford," Gilbreath told us. "It was in November, 1948. The weather was threatening and I was in a hurry to go over and help a neighbor pick cotton.

"This gent in the Ford says he's selling polio insurance. I told him I didn't want any and didn't see any need of any and he says: 'Gilbreath, you've got four children and \$10 and practically forgot about it. Last July 8, my boy, Freddie, Jr., came in the house from playing and went to bed with a headache. Next day I took him to a doctor. The doctor gave him some medicine and I took the boy back home. Next day he was worse. His head ached worse, his back ached and his legs were weak. I got suspicious of polio and took him back to the doctor. The doctor said nope it wasn't polio. There wasn't a speck of polio in the county.

"On July 8, Freddie got out of bed and fell down. Couldn't walk a lick. He wound up in a hospital with polio.

"He was in an iron lung for two weeks—paralyzed from the neck down. Barely squeaked by. We were scared we'd lose him.

"He's still in a hospital—Scot-

Ochoa Fails To Get Injunction

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20. (U. P.)—George Ochoa has tried—and failed—to get an injunction that would prevent his arrest for extradition to Laredo, Tex., to face a charge of murder.

But the 38-year-old customs broker is not in custody and the foreign office says it has no trace of him.

Ochoa, charged with the murder of one man and sought for questioning in the slaying of another, had his request for the injunction

another injunction from the same federal court which refused his plea yesterday. Meanwhile, he is liable to arrest and detention while the extradition matter is being settled.

The foreign office said it had asked the office of the federal attorney general to pick up Ochoa. But, it said, no trace of him has been found "so far."

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Shepard-Menken "hit Hollywood cold." He was 28 years old, and was a player who "was acting at the age of four and doing octogenarian at 14," but he nevertheless had trouble getting a radio spot.

Then last summer CBS asked him to fill a gangster's role on the Joan Davis show.

He was an acceptable gangster, so next week he did the part of a hermit. Then he was promoted to a plumber.

Finally he captured a 13-week renewable contract for the Tom Hinkle detective role.

Menken has his own methods of getting the feel of a new role. He does it in one of three ways:

First, by imitating a certain person he knows who is like the character he is slated to portray.

Second, by digging up the reason behind the character's peculiarities, then applying those reasons to himself.

Third, by thinking of what changes a certain kind of life would make on a person; then, when he is actually playing that sort of person, showing those changes.

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Chinese Acting President Better

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (U. P.)—China's acting president, Li Tsung Jen, was reported resting comfortably today, following an operation for stomach ulcers.

Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center announced after the operation yesterday that Li's condition was excellent.

In the winter, raccoons hibernate in family groups, often in well-chosen hollow trees.

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Big Spring

First Baptist WMU Circles Have Regular Programs Monday Afternoon

First Baptist WMU circles held regular programs Monday afternoon.

The Christine Coffee Circle met in the home of Mrs. J. T. Culpepper, 1508 Scurry Monday afternoon.

Mrs. R. C. Hatch offered the opening prayer. Mrs. M. E. Harlan gave the devotional 'When Jesus Came to Earth to Be Persecuted' from Luke 2:14.

Mrs. W. J. Alexander reviewed the Japanese Book, 'Ring in the New.' Mrs. Lee Jenkins led the closing prayer.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. R. C. Hatch, Mrs. M. E. Harlan, Mrs. W. J. Alexander, Mrs. Lee Jenkins, Mrs. J. T. Culpepper, Mrs. C. C. Ballard, who assisted the hostess.

Mrs. H. W. McCannless reviewed the book, 'Stewardship Parables of Jesus,' for a regular meeting of the East Central circle held in the church parlour.

Those present were: Mrs. Harry Billington, Mrs. H. W. McCannless, Mrs. J. P. Dodge, Mrs. C. Spears, and Mrs. D. J. Wright.

circle for a Christmas party held in her home. The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations and the program.

Mrs. J. E. Hardesty accompanied Mrs. A. S. Wood.

Mrs. A. S. Wood Entertains Class On Monday Night

Mrs. A. S. Wood entertained the members of the Homemakers' class of the East Fourth Baptist church with a Christmas party in her home Monday evening.

Mrs. R. J. Barton brought the devotional on "Love," and Mrs. J. S. Parks told the Christmas story from Luke II. Mrs. R. T. Lytle gave the part, "If I had Not Come," followed by a Christmas poem recited by Mrs. L. O. Johnston. Mrs. M. F. Ray offered the opening prayer.

Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served.

Those attending were Mrs. D. W. Thompson, Mrs. T. E. Chilton, Mrs. D. W. Wren, Mrs. L. G. Malone, Mrs. E. L. Patton, Mrs. Alma Pond, Mrs. Edna Perkins, Mrs. N. O. Decker, Mrs. O. R. Smith, Mrs. Joe Williams, Mrs. M. F. Ray, Mrs. Dick Lytle, Mrs. J. S. Parks, Mrs. L. O. Johnston, Mrs. J. J. Porter, Mr. W. W. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Denton, Mrs. Nannie Wilson and Sue Wilson, Mrs. T. F. Hill, Mrs. H. Reaves, Mr. R. J. Barton, Mrs. Walter Crice, Mrs. W. A. Leonard, Mrs. W. E. Bates and Mrs. A. S. Woods, hostess.

Sewing Club Has Christmas Party On Monday

Mrs. Tom Buckner and Mrs. E. H. Sanders presented each guest with a tea apron at the covered dish supper and Christmas party honoring the members of the Sew and Sew Fourth club in the home of Mrs. Sanders, 500 E. 17th, Monday evening.

Gifts were distributed from a lighted Christmas tree by Santa Claus. Secret pal names were exchanged.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the party rooms.

Mrs. Wanda Hunt will entertain the club in her home at the next meeting, January 6.

Those attending were Toka Williams, Anita Cate, Dorothy Sykes, Gladys Cowling, Marguerite Cooper, Mrs. Wanda Hunt, Mrs. I. F. Cowling, Mrs. Tom Buckner, Bobbie Hanson, two guests, Woodine Hill and Mrs. Mae Lee, and the hostess, Mrs. E. H. Sanders.

\$40,000 Collected For Building Fund Of Baptist Church

Building campaign of the east Fourth Baptist church is making progress, although the last-minute Christmas rush has slowed impetus.

Latest tabulations indicate a total of approximately \$40,000 subscribed toward the \$100,000 objective.

The Rev. James Parks, pastor, said that pre-Christmas conflicts were making contacts difficult, but that workers hoped to press for an every-member canvass during or immediately after the holidays. The church has a site for a new home between Nolan and Gollad on Eleventh Place and is pointing toward a \$200,000 plant.

Wesley Methodist WSCS Party Held

Members of the Wesley Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Raymond Hamby Monday evening.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. Christmas decorations were used throughout the reception rooms.

Those attending were Mrs. Cecil Nabors, Mrs. J. W. Horner, Mrs. W. B. Ayers, Mrs. T. R. Lovelace, Mrs. W. W. Coleman, Mrs. C. C. Hardaway, Mrs. G. H. Briden, Mrs. Ike Lowe, Mrs. Clyde Payne, Mrs. Ted Darby, Mrs. Joe Williamson, Mrs. W. D. Lovelace, Mrs. E. R. Cawthron, Mrs. John Whitaker, Mrs. T. L. Lovelace, Mrs. B. E. Reagan, Mrs. Roy Franklin, Mrs. Arthur Pickle, one guest, Mrs. J. W. Bryant, and the hostess, Mrs. Raymond Hamby.

Burr's Employees Have Annual Party

Employees of Burr's Store held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Davidson.

Gifts were exchanged from a large Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. John Kubecka, Dolly Hollandsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Tucker, Mrs. Doris Reed, Mrs. Reba Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker, C. F. Hurdle, Edward Boatman, Judy and Perry Davidson and the host and hostess.

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RIBBON RAMBLINGS

By Mildred Young

In spite of all the warnings from various sources, it seems that the Christmas shopping season is still in full swing. Post office officials have asked that we mail packages early, but it looks to us like there will be plenty mailed for the rest of the week. We tried to get some off yesterday, but couldn't get them wrapped for mailing in time.

Some stores have been remaining open a little later to accommodate Christmas shoppers. We think that such a plan could well be used during the rest of the year, too.

We know any number of people who have only about 30 minutes or less a day in which they can do any shopping. When they get to the store they are inclined to demand that they get just service they want at just that minute. To the extent that they usually have only that minute to do their shopping, they seem to be justified with being a little impatient. They look at someone else who is taking up a lot of the clerks' time and think that person isn't working on an hour basis, why spend so much time with them, have them wait a minute until some other who are shopping during a lunch hour can be served. Of course, they realize that the stores are overworked just as they are, but they do need quick service.

We think it would be a fine idea if stores stayed open an hour or so later, say one night a month. This would give some of us a little time to select items instead of grabbing for them. With a little staggering of hours, store clerks would have an opportunity to shop, too.

Though, we are aware that quick service is almost impossible at this season, it is still a bitter blow to go down town with a list of things you must get done and have someone say, "I'm sorry, but we can't do that today." Longer shopping hours would make a lot of people happier."

Rebekah Lodge Completes Plans To Aid Needy

Members of the John A. Kee Rebekah lodge completed plans for a Christmas basket to be given to a needy family at the meeting of the John A. Kee Rebekah lodge in the WOW hall Monday evening.

Announcement was made that a lady's bag will be given away at the Lone Star Chevrolet company Friday, December 23, at 3 o'clock.

All new officers and members of the installing staff are requested to attend a special drill practice Monday, January 2.

Those attending were Gertrude Newton, Delphia Gordon, J. F. George, Minnie Anderson, Viva Corras, Gertrude Wasson, Lucille Brown, Otha Pazel Nevins, Fern Polack, Hazel Lamar, Mabel Spears, Eula Lea, W. A. Prescott, Beatrice Vlergee, Grace Martin, Pearl Mann, Josephine Baker, Ben Miller and Alma George.

Miscellaneous Shower Is Held

Mrs. E. H. Sanders and Mrs. Cecil Mason were hostesses to a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shepard held in the Sanders home, 500 E. 17th, Mrs. Shepard is the former Lavina Mae Ingram, Cross Plains. The Shepards were married on December 10.

Gifts were presented from a decorated tree. Games were played. Prize winners were Cecil Nabors and E. H. Sanders. Pictures were made.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kirby and Lynn, Mr and Mrs. Zane Judkins, Mrs. Edna Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mason, Mrs. R. V. Foresyth, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weber, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Herby Smith, Mrs. Nina Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McMahon and son, Helen Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Eton Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Caldwell and Butch, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and family, Mrs. Jack Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sanders and family.

Carol Festival Today

Century Class of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Christmas carol festival at the church from 7:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. today. The public is invited to attend the carolling.

Claudette Harper Is Dance Hostess

Claudette Harper entertained with a Christmas dance at the YMCA headquarters Saturday evening.

Refreshments were served.

Those attending were Robert Ragan, Jennette Petty, Leonard Harley, Dub Day, Nona Darby, Gay Jones, Frank Long, Mary Cochran, Bill Lang, Judy Douglass, Nancy Clark, Lynette Blum, Janice Anderson, Speck Franklin, Jovietta Whittington, Raymond Gilstrap, Barbara Moreland.

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Rube McNews Have Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Rube McNew entertained with a pre-Christmas dinner and family reunion for Mrs. McNew's family, at their home, 1019 E. 20th.

Out-of-town relatives included: Mrs. Lowell Knopp and son, Dennis, Sonora, Calif. and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Boatler, Brenda and Byron of San Angelo. Mrs. Knopp is the former Billie Marie Boatler.

Big Spring relatives present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Boatler, Mr. and Mrs. Al Aton, Sherry and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Boatler, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kelley, Elton Kaye, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Boatler, Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Boatler, June and Jean, H. C. Boatler, Linda and Gary McNew.

Faye Coltharp had as her Sunday guest, her sister, Lucille Coltharp of Lubbock.

Mrs. Gafford Is WMS Circle Hostess

The Willing Workers Circle of the East Fourth Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. Monroe Gafford, 607 E. 18th Monday for a mission study.

Mrs. Denver Yates presented the last chapter of "Japan and Its Religion." Mrs. E. T. White offered a prayer for Japan and Mrs. J. C. Harmon read the scripture lesson from Luke 2:8-15.

An offering was taken for missions in Japan. Christmas gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree.

Mrs. O. B. Warren offered the closing prayer.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. E. T. White, Mrs. W. O. Leonard, Mrs. D. H. Yates, Mrs. D. P. Day, Mrs. O. B. Warren, Mrs. J. C. Harmon, Mrs. L. O. Johnston, Mrs. V. C. Barber and the hostess.

Mrs. W. H. Power Entertains Class

Mrs. W. H. Power, assisted by Jan Dunagan, entertained the Adult Women's Sunday School Class of the Church of Christ with a Christmas party in her home, 508 Nolan.

The Christmas motif was used in the decorations and gifts were exchanged.

Members present were Mrs. D. H. Carter, Mrs. Roy Brown, Mrs. Ray Chandler, Mrs. J. B. Collins, Mrs. Harry Dunagan, Mrs. Sarah Gibbs, Mrs. M. E. Gobbel, Mrs. A. M. Harris, Mrs. C. S. Kyle, Mrs. Mary Lock, Mrs. Sam Smith, Mrs. Lewis Thompson, Mrs. C. H. Vick. Guests were Mrs. Russell Rayburn, Mrs. J. W. Elrod, Sr., Mrs. Billy Black, Mrs. Annie Lee Sanders, Mrs. R. H. Miller.

Tree Set Wednesday

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen will have a Christmas tree Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the WOW hall. Those attending are asked to bring gifts for all members of their families. Price limit is 50 cents. Santa Claus will be present.

Lloyd Connel Teaches Bible Lesson For Class

Lloyd Connel, minister, taught the concluding lesson from the Book of Matthew at the meeting of the Ladies Bible class at the Church of Christ, 14th and Main, Monday afternoon.

Announcement was made that the next class meeting will be held Monday, January 9, at 3 o'clock. The group will begin the study of the Book of Mark at this meeting.

Approximately 24 persons attended the session.

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Philathea Class Has Annual Banquet

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After the invocation was given by Mrs. Grady Duling, Mary Jane Hamilton, accompanied by Jackie Marchant, presented a vocal solo. Roberta Gay and Mrs. Everett Ellis presented a piano duet.

Mrs. Rhea Anderson led the group in singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "There's A Song In The Air."

The group packed a box of gifts and food for a needy family. The Rev. Alsie H. Carleton dismissed the group with prayer.

Sixty-three persons were present.

Mrs. Allen Hull Is Party Hostess

Mrs. Allen Hull acted as hostess at the Christmas party entertaining members of the Center Point Home Demonstration club in her home Saturday evening.

The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. W. F. Pachall. Mrs. J. D. Benson gave the reading, "The Ruggies' Christmas."

Gifts were presented to the retiring club officers and other gifts were exchanged. Sherry Fuller and Iris Rice distributed the presents from a lighted Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Lloyd Shuren, Mrs. J. D. Benson, Mrs. Ernest Hull, Mrs. W. O. Leonard, Mrs. Eugene Long, Mrs. Eva Davis, Mrs. Holbert Fuller, Mrs. E. L. Bynum, Mrs. D. H. Griffith, Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Ira Rice, Sherry Fuller, Mrs. James T. Brooks, Mrs. Clarence Suggs, Mrs. Don Capanaky, Mrs. Jessie Griffith, Mrs. C. E. Prather, Mrs. A. McKinney, Mrs. L. B. Murphy, Mrs. A. S. Woods, Mrs. Albert Davis, Mrs. H. S. Hanson, Iris Rice, Mrs. W. F. Pachall and Mrs. Allen Hull hostess.

Powers Slightly Injured In Mishap

Ralph Powers, 1410 Martha, escaped with bruises when his car collided with a parked machine at 11 p. m. Monday one mile west of Coahoma.

Powers was enroute home when the abandoned and unlighted car loomed ahead. He braked his car but pavement was slick, causing the machine to slide. He sustained a bruise about the chest when pitched into the steering wheel. Given emergency treatment at Cooper hospital, he was discharged. A McDaniel-Bouillon ambulance brought him here for treatment.

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ed wheels, can be replaced or switched from front to rear to correct the abnormal wear. If wheels are not aligned properly or lack correct camber, Clark's Bear wheel alignment equipment quickly gets at the source of the trouble and guides mechanics in making necessary adjustments.

Floor Mats Can Do Much to Dress the Interior of Cars

Bright, new floor mats, built right to correctly fit the contours of your car's floor, will do more than anything else to "dress up" the interior of your auto. Scuffed and worn mats can be replaced from the stock of fiber covers at Clark Motor company, 215 E. 3rd street. Clark's mats are made to last because they fit. They can be installed in only a few minutes and insulate cars against cold, dust, and exhaust fumes.

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Mileage Records Are Behind Packard Cars

The makers of Packard automobiles, which are distributed in Big Spring by the Rowe Motor Co., 1011 Gregg, are pointing with pride to several individual records of 400,000 miles. The company also has compiled statistics which show that of all Packards made during the last 50 years, over 50 percent are still in service. The Rowe Motor Co. has several of the Packard Golden Anniversary models available now for demonstrations.

Jeep Station Wagon Winning Big Following

Probably no motor vehicle ever introduced has received a greater acceptance than the 4-WD (four wheel drive) station wagon being distributed by Willys-Overland dealers.

In a nutshell, the manufacturer of the famous Jeep, has a vehicle that is as rugged and powerful as the well-known Jeep but with an even more flexible usage.

Plenty of information about the 4-WD station wagon may be obtained in Big Spring at the Rowe Motor Co., 1011 Gregg street where the new wonder vehicles are on sale. The Rowe Motor Co. is Big Spring's distributor for Willys-Overland and Packard motor vehicles.

Whether going in to feed and salt cattle or to haul a sick calf to a veterinarian, it takes a trail blazing vehicle to slog through mud, pound over rocks, or slash through mesquite, which ever the case may be, and the 4-WD station wagon is equally effective in each case. With tailgate down and rear seats removed, the vehicle comfortably sleeps two, making it easy to convert into a mobile field kitchen or bunk house. In addition, oil well gaugers find the 4-WD wagon the answer to their transportation problems when they are required to check wells located in rough terrain that is inaccessible to other vehicles.

The Rowe Motor Co. in Big Spring is inviting the public to inquire about the powerful 4-WD station wagon.

The local concern also has new Packard passenger cars on display, and a choice selection of dependable used cars may be inspected on the firm's lot adjoining the building.

Other services at Rowe's include operation of a complete automotive repair shop, a modern parts department, and a service station that features Humble products and accessories.

Supply of Shellzone Is Still Available

Supplies of Shellzone anti-freeze, a top quality permanent type, are available at Westex Service station at 407 W. 3rd street. However, they are not without limit. Once the first real northern whistles in, there is no assurance that the reserve will not be exhausted. Prices are reasonable despite the freeze. Automobiles brought in now before the rush season can be serviced promptly at the station.



NIGHT AND DAY—Donald's Drive Inn is a mighty popular place, night and day, for folks who like tasty foods. In addition to tasty sandwiches and conventional dishes, Donald's make a specialty of Mexican foods. It's flavor has earned new friends constantly for this handy eatery at the south end of Gregg street. (Mathis Photo).

Freshen Clothes Experience Back For The Holidays Of Firm Record

Persons planning on visiting or entertaining visitors during the holidays just ahead can be assured their clothes will have the proper refreshing appearance by taking them to the Gregg Street Dry Cleaners, located at 1700 Gregg street in Big Spring.

Gregg Street Cleaners, owned and operated by Frank Rutherford and maintained by pickup-and-delivery service to at any point within the city. The concern is equipped to give prompt and correct attention to any order.

Mothers concerned with the job of keeping children in proper school wear can be assured such garments will last longer if cleaned and pressed properly at Gregg Street Dry Cleaners.

Rutherford and his co-workers specialize not only in cleaning and pressing men's and women's clothes but also accept orders on such household items as draperies, curtains and blankets.

Hats that have grown old and soiled from constant use can be made to look like new in the Gregg Street Dry Cleaners hat blocking department.

Experienced workmen tackle all orders accepted by the Gregg Street Dry Cleaners, headed by Rutherford himself. The owner has been connected with the dry cleaning and tailoring business more than 20 years.

Business hours of the concern are from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. Mondays through Saturday. The Columbia River, forming the boundary between Washington and Oregon, is believed to carry more water than all the other American Pacific Coast streams combined.

Experience plus equipment have contributed to making the Marvin Hull Motor Co. a favorite place for motorists to do business whether it has to do with new or used cars, or with repair and refinishing.

This year, as at all times, the concern has experienced a steady demand for its used cars. Contributing factors are the fact that Marvin Hull Motor consistently has a better quality of cars available. Buyers, fortified with years of experience, have been discerning in their stocks. With a sound machine on which to work, an equally experienced back shop has put the cars in top running order with thousands of good economical miles left in them. Extensive parts and necessary equipment to do the job have further added to the quality factor in Marvin Hull used cars.

The shop is engaged steadily, too, for its reputation for good workmanship and top line parts is one earned over the years. The policy has been that a satisfied customer is the best friend a business can have.

Another service of Marvin Hull Motor is its body and paint shop. While the main plant and show room, for the new Chrysler and Plymouth cars, is located at 600 E. 3rd, the paint and body shop is in an entirely separate building at 207 Goliad. This confines specialized activity in an area equipped and adapted for the meticulous job of taking wrinkles out of dented fenders and bodies and rounding out the job with a factory-smooth finish.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—had requested it. It would authorize State department officials said today they do not believe that permission granted an American priest to conduct services in Moscow indicates softening of the Soviet front in the cold war.

A passport visa came through yesterday from the Soviet Embassy for Father Louis Robert Brassard—10 months after the priest

had requested it. It would authorize him to serve the 118 members of the American colony in Moscow.

Since Father Brassard first applied for the visa, the State Department has sent several reminders to the Russian Government that Russia agreed in 1933 to permit one American Catholic pastor to work in Moscow.

Father Brassard was designated to succeed the Rev. J. Antonio LaBerge. LaBerge left Moscow last January with a re-entry permit but this subsequently was cancelled.

Since then Soviet authorities have taken over control of the only Catholic church in the Russian capital, the Church of St. Louis of the French.

Father Brassard, 35-year-old teacher at the Assumptionist College, Worcester, Mass., said he would leave for Moscow by plane early in January. He has been waiting for the visa since last Feb. 5. He speaks fluent French and has been brushing up on Russian.

However, State Department officials said the Soviet Government has made it plain that in Moscow he will be restricted in his religious contacts entirely to the Americans and other non-Russians.



EAST AND WEST MEET— Esther Williams, motion picture star, admires a hair ornament worn by Kinuro Tanaka, first lady of the Japanese screen, during a luncheon to the Oriental actress in Hollywood on a tour of United States.

MAN LEARNS COPPER HE THOUGHT HE KILLED STILL IS VERY MUCH ALIVE

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20. (AP)—An itinerant horseshoer learned yesterday that a policeman he thought he killed 26 years ago is still alive.

"It's sure a load off my conscience to know that policeman didn't die," said 54-year-old Paul F. Lovey.

Snowstorm To Be Santa's Gift To California Boy

CALEXICO, Calif., Dec. 20. (AP)—Some small boy here is going to have an "impossible" Christmas wish come true.

On Christmas Eve it will snow on this California-Mexican border town for the first time since 1932. And all because of a letter to Santa Claus.

The post office received the note in which the boy, who didn't sign his name, told Santa how good he had been all year and how sad he was that he couldn't play in the snow at Christmas time, like northern boys.

All he wanted this Christmas was a snowstorm.

The post office passed the letter on to the chamber of commerce and the board of directors decided they would fulfill this wish.

So, starting at 3 o'clock Saturday, planes of the border flying service will take off and, using crop-dusting ejectors, drop snow over the city. Snow will be freighted in from California mountain areas. Santa Claus himself—plus a few helpers—will load it into the planes.

Southeast Gets Another Heavy Blanket Of Fog

ATLANTA, Dec. 20. (AP)—A heavy fog enveloped much of the Southeast early today from the Carolinas to Mississippi, but the weatherman described the blanket as thin and expected it to be whisked away by mid-morning.

Under the gray pall, airplane and ground traffic was reduced or brought to a standstill altogether.

At New Orleans, two soldiers drowned late last night when their motor car plunged into Lake Ponchartraine when the heavy mist cut visibility. Their names were withheld by military authorities pending notification of next of kin.

Birmingham, Ala., suffered most with traffic snarled yesterday. Thirty-two persons were injured when three street cars piled up as a result of the reduced visibility.

Motorists were asked by State Police Head Bankhead Bates to keep off the highways except in emergencies.

At New Orleans, fog rolling in from the Gulf closed the airport and halted ship movements on the Mississippi up to Memphis. In the harbor visibility was reduced to 30 feet.

Three Indicted For Violation Of O'Daniel Act

HOUSTON, Dec. 20. (AP)—The Harris County Grand Jury has indicted three men on charges of violating the O'Daniel Strike Violence Act.

Named in the indictments yesterday were Ruby Brett, 37, C. D. Montgomery, 33, and L. D. Springfield.

The action grew out of the two-month old strike of drivers for Airways Limousine, Inc.

The company, which operates limousine service between downtown Houston and the municipal airport, began operating several weeks ago with non-union drivers.

Brett is charged with trying to keep a company employe from working. Montgomery and Springfield are charged with interfering with another employe, William E. Lasseter.

Lasseter suffered a brain concussion in a fight at the airport Dec. 5.

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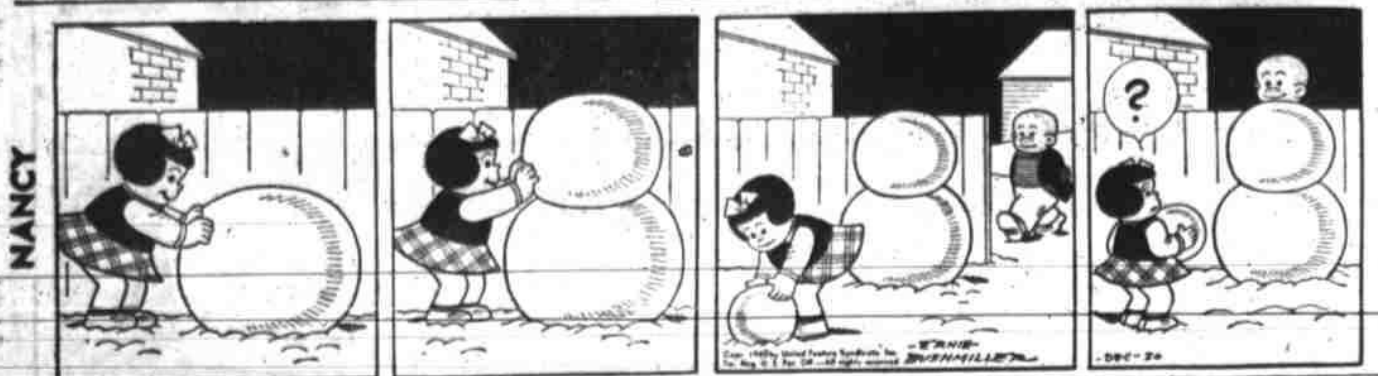
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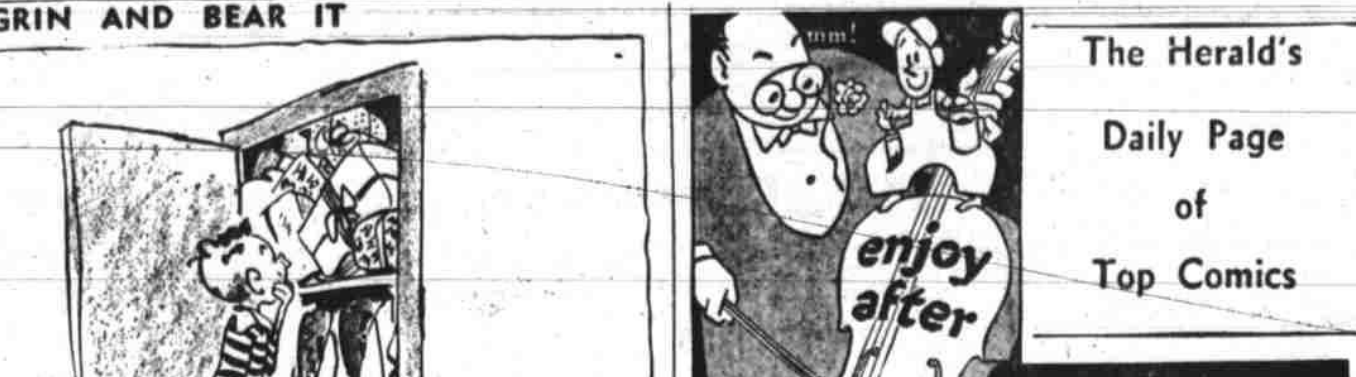
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

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- Asiatic native
- Everybody
- Poker stake
- Preparatory
- Turmeric
- Burgin
- Annoyed
- Go up
- Dry
- Regular
- Philippine
- Domesticated
- Declares
- High
- Small island
- Indian mulberry
- Commands

DOWN

- Hour: French
- To a place inside
- In a place
- Mountain where Moses died
- Diminishes
- Persons addicted to controversy
- By way of
- Grafted
- Wild animal
- Feminine name
- Culture
- Affectionate
- King of the West
- Greek letter
- Tail
- Lukewarm
- Poems
- Malady
- Business coin
- Overdue debt
- Sideline
- Put cargo aboard a vessel
- Friendly Italian family
- Oppose
- Dagger wound
- Story
- Living on land or in water
- Landed
- Property
- Danish island
- Mountain lake
- Wieliczka
- Packing
- Son of Seth
- Pronged
- Genus of geese
- Roman river
- The Emerald
- Recorded proceedings
- Afternoon affair
- Hiver: Spanish
- Descendant
- Terminate

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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Malaise Coach Of Visitors

Larry McCulloch's Big Spring high school Steers wind up their pre-Christmas skirmishing in the local fieldhouse tonight, when they tangle in an exhibition with the Odessa Bronchos. Starting time is 8 p. m. but there'll be a B game for the early callers, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

The Longhorns have been waiting for this one since the beginning of the 1949-50 campaign. They will be going up against the charges of their former coach, Johnny Malaise, who is now in the midst of a rebuilding program at Odessa.

Malaise was here for four seasons. When he arrived after a tour of duty in the Navy, basketball was at a low ebb here. When he left, he had built up a tremendous program. The Steers were finding they could slug toe to toe with any team in this area.

Malaise's teams never won any championships but they led the standings in regular play on one occasion and finished in a deadlock for first in another try, and John always had them in the playoffs.

Too, he started a grade school training program that was in the process of paying off when he left. He was succeeded here by McCulloch, who came in with a great record. McCulloch was at Memphis a year ago, where he led that school's team to the state Class A championship.

McCulloch will start an all-lettermen outfit against the Hoses. That means Wayne Brown, Harold Jones, Harold Rosson, Howard Washburn, and Floyd Martin will probably be on the courts at the opening whistle. Amos Jones will be available for first line duty.

Jim Geron is Odessa's only monogram winner. Joe Howell and Frank Gee are a couple of threats the Steers will have to watch.

The Bovines have broken even in six games to date. They've lost to Lamesa, Lubbock and Kermit, while winning from McCamey and Midland twice.

The Longhorns return to action next week, when they pop up in Brownwood for the Howard Payne tournament.

Record Crowds To Attend Grid Games Jan. 2

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. — The football bowls expect to stuff some 70,000 more customers into their games Jan. 2 than a year ago, giving them something of an all-time record bulge.

All four of the major post-season attractions — Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange Bowls — have found or built new sitting space and are counting on crowd increases ranging from 2,000 to 10,000.

The Rose Bowl is arranging for a turnout of 103,000 to see the game between unbeaten California and Ohio State's Big Ten champions.

This is some 10,000 more than usually cram the big California arena.

The Cotton Bowl at Dallas, featuring Rice's southwest titlist against North Carolina's Southern Conference kingpins, has issued tickets for 75,500 — a slump of 8,500.

Around 65,000, an increase of 5,000, are expected to attend the Orange Bowl offering, an inter-sectional clash between Santa Clara and Kentucky.

The Sugar Bowl hopes to squeeze at least 2,000 more people into the giant ball park at New Orleans so 83,900 can see undefeated, untied Oklahoma tangle with Louisiana State, conqueror of three conference champions.

In all, 661,500 fans are expected to shell out for the 18 remaining post-season extravaganzas, beginning with the North-South Shrine game at Miami Dec. 26 and ending with the main bowl outburst Jan. 2.

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QUEST OF HONOR—Bill Mellamy, (left) sports director of the San Antonio Express and Evening News presents Kyle Rote a twenty-one jewel wrist watch as his award for being named "San Antonian of the Year in Sports" by the Express and News Athletic Association. The award was made at the annual grid banquet. (AP Wirephoto).

LOOKING 'EM OVER

With Tommy Hart

Nothing came of that proposal to extend the eligibility of a limited-service baseball player, so long as he has had no experience in a league of higher classification than the one he is in.

The move was voted down at the recent minor league meeting at Baltimore. Only 11 of the 68 leagues voted on record for it.

Organized baseball still hasn't found jobs for the 300 or so operatives who can't find jobs because of their past experience in the game. Reluctance of the game to create a place for them is forcing many into semi-pro ranks.

One solution would be to increase the number of limited service players with each team. It might also improve the brand of baseball.

D. C. MILLER IS SOLD TO HICKORY, N. C.

The Lamesa Lobos of the WT-NM league have announced that D. C. Miller, who clouted 51 home runs for them last season, won't be back with them in '50.

Miller flatly told the management he had no desire to return to Lamesa. The big slugger subsequently was sold to the Hickory, N. C. club of the North Carolina State league.

The Lobos will use another Cuban lad next year, by the way. He is Isreal Pagan, a 25-year-old hurler, drafted from the Radford, Va., club. Jack Gutierrez, ace hurler with the Lobos a season ago, was a Cuban.

An ex-Golden Gloves boxer, a heavyweight, has been charged with rape in Odessa. If that isn't serious enough, the young man also is wanted in Ward county on a forgery count.

O'NEAL WEAVER STARRING AT TYLER JC

O'Neal Weaver, the hottest player in the state high school basketball meet last season, is one of the big reasons Tyler Junior college is experiencing so much success on its current national tour.

Weaver scored 106 points in the Apaches' first six games. He attended high school at Martin's Mills and was the most sought-after cager in the Austin show.

Harold Davis, the HCJC basketball mentor, says Odessa JC has improved tremendously since the opening of the season and will be tough for any team to handle when Western Zone play gets underway.

Davis saw the Wranglers in action in the Ranger tournament last weekend.

The Jayhawks tangle with Odessa here Jan. 10 and meet again in Odessa on Feb. 3.

Oklahoma's football Sooners profited to the extent of \$46,000 from last year's Sugar Bowl game but their take figures to be smaller this time out.

Reason: They gave only \$10,000 to their conference last season. This year, they'll have to ante up \$25,000 to the league.

Sweetwater high school's basketball team continues to show improvement. The Ponies recently chilled Lamesa, 33-28, in a game played at Lamesa.

Coach Glenn Whittenberg of Forsan, who should know, says Agah Phillips, mentor of the local high school girls' volleyball club, should come up with her strongest team in history this season.

Page May Seek \$25,000 Wage, N'York Hears

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. — Memo to George M. Weiss, general manager of the New York Yankees: When you come to Joe Page's name on your 1950 salary list, make it big.

Fireman Joe has the goods on you in black and white. He couldn't have done better by writing the script for the 1949 World Series pictures previewed yesterday.

When the lights go down and the series movies start, Page glitters brighter than Hopalong Cassidy. Both get in trouble but Fireman Joe wiggles home first without shooting iron or lasso.

They say around town that Page, who appeared in 69 regular season and two World Series games for the champion Yanks, will want at least \$25,000 next summer.

Like most clubs, the Yanks never announced salaries. However, it's "reliably reported" that Fireman Joe got "about \$20,000" last summer. He'll certainly want more in '50.

Contracts won't be mailed out for several weeks. Every day the '49 series pictures are shown, Page is going to look more convincing.

As the prints won't be available for public showings until Jan. 5, maybe Weiss had better get in touch soon.

The series films, directed by Lew Fonsaca for the American and National Baseball Leagues, have many a closeup of Handsome Joe. When Page isn't in view, the Yankee cause is ably supported by Bobby Brown, Alie Reynolds, Tommy Henrich or Phil Rizzuto.

When you win a series, 4-1, there can't be much controversial material to air during the winter. It hardly matters that the movies showed Gene Hermanski might have been safe sliding home in the second game. That was the only game Brooklyn won, anyhow.

The excellent films represented many weeks of work by Fonsaca and his staff who cut 20,000 feet down to 3,700 feet for a 45-minute showing. Somehow or other, they forgot to show whether Tommy Henrich touches first base or not after hitting the game-winning homer in the ninth inning of the Yanks' 1-0 opening victory.

The camera caught Tommy as he kicked second base with vehemence.

Ford Frick, National League president who has been somewhat in seclusion since early October, came down from his 17th story office to say a few words:

At a distance they sounded something like "wait until next year." Mr. Frick is a very patient man.

Six Schools Form New Conference

KILGORE, Dec. 20. — Six of the Southwest's top junior colleges have banded into the Big Six Junior College Conference.

They'll start competition next football season.

Members of the new circuit that was organized here last night are Kilgore, Paris, Tyler, John McNeice of Lake Charles, La., North-Center of Monroe, La., and Cameron Agricultural of Lawton, Okla.

The conference officially comes into being June 1.

The three Texas members of the Southwestern Junior College Conference, which disbanded recently, President of the Big Six Conference is Dr. J. C. McLamore of Paris. Vernon Howell of Cameron was elected vice president and Dr. H. E. Jenkins of Tyler secretary-treasurer.

The 1950 football schedule will be drawn later.

Gil Stops Gray

AUSTIN, Dec. 20. — Pete Gil 150-4 stopped Hubert Gray, 148. Wichita Falls, in six rounds last night when the Austin fighter opened a cut over Gray's eye. The bout had been scheduled for 10 rounds.

AHEAD ALL WAY

HCJC Jayhawks Decision San Angelo Rams, 47-37

In perhaps their most impressive performance of the season, the Howard County Junior college Jayhawks turned back the San Angelo Junior college Rams, 47-37, in a basketball game here Monday night.

Harold Davis' Big Springers, despite the fact that they were shy two players, jumped to the fore and stayed there in a dingdong battle.

Resorting to a tight zone defense, the Hawks slowed—but did not stop—the sensational Glenn Lewallen. Lewallen made 20 points but eight of them were the result of gratis pitches.

The locals ran into a "cold spell" early in the third period and the Rams, with Lewallen in the driver's seat, pulled to within four points of them. However, HCJC started clicking again when it had to and pulled away to safety.

Melvin Norris, playing his finest game of the year, and Del Turger were tops for HCJC with 13 points each. Big Bill Fletcher wasn't far behind with nine.

All the others who got into action — Scooter Stallings, Culin Grigsby, B. B. Lees and Leon Blair—performed brilliantly.

HCJC led by a 37-21 count six minutes deep in the second half. It was at that stage the guests started their spurt. The Hawks had things under control again in the final five minutes and had a 46-33 advantage with three minutes to play.

The Hawks entered the game without the services of Frank Dunn who has been starting the last several games, and Paul Deatherage, first line reserve. Dunn had to work while Deatherage was favoring an injured ankle.

Two other members of the club Turner and Blair, weren't in top condition; Turner was burdened with a heavy cold and favored a sore foot, Blair's ankle wasn't too sound.

Davis dismissed his team following the game until after the holidays. They'll return to practice on Jan. 2.

Santa Claus to Visit Big Spring Municipal Airport Thursday

Santa Claus is due to make a brief appearance at the Big Spring Municipal Airport Thursday morning, Pioneer Air Lines has announced.

J. L. Fargason, local Pioneer manager, said he had been advised that St. Nicholas would be board Pioneer's westbound flight No. 41, which is due here at 9:43 a. m. He will bring gifts and toys for Pioneer employes and their families, and candy will be distributed to any children who happen to be at the airport at that time.

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Coaches Of Teams In Playoffs Insist Their Squads Ready For Title Bouts

By WILBUR MARTIN Associated Press Staff

"We'll be ready."

That's the sum of comments by the four coaches who have teams in the finals of Texas' Class AA and A high school football races.

The four coaches yesterday took stock of the physical conditions of their squads and found no serious injuries.

Austin mentor Johnny Kitchens planned to give his Maroons some new offensive plays to use against Wichita Falls Friday at Fort Worth in the finals of the Class AA race.

Wichita Falls' undefeated, untied Coyotes will go into the game in tip top shape.

J. Fikes and Ty Bain voiced apprehension for their club in the Class A title game at Abilene Dec. 28.

Bain said his Mexia Blackcats would have to play "better than we did against Uvalde" to beat the powerful Littlefield Wildcats.

Fikes thinks his once-beaten South Plains eleven will have to play its "best game of the year" to win.

Mexia is undefeated and untied. Right now, Wichita Falls and Littlefield stack up as favorites to cop titles.

All four clubs are exponents of straight power football. Each team has a capable passer, but the pass has not been one of the biggest factors in putting the teams in the finals.

This is the first time for Austin to reach the finals since it won the state championship in 1942. It is the second time in the school's history.

Three More Entries Filed in Christmas Decorations Contest

Three additional entries were filed Monday for the Garden club's residential Christmas decorations contest, Mrs. J. T. Brooks, director, announced.

A total of 11 home decorative schemes have now been entered in the contest which will be judged Friday night, according to Mrs. Brooks.

The St. Paul Lutheran church and Nat Shick entered the yard and roof decorations division Monday.

Mrs. Ross Boykin entered her display in the door and window division of the contest.

Garden club representatives have urged widespread participation in the event, stressing the fact that to North Texas at College Station principal basis for judging will be originality.

Forsan Invades Sterling City

Three games are on tap for district 23-B cage teams tonight in the fourth frame of round-robin play for a chance at the district title.

Tonight's contests find Forsan at Sterling City, Coshoma at Knott and Garden City at Courtney. The Stanton Buffs will be idle.

It will be the last district play until after Christmas with the next round set for Jan. 5. Round-robin play will continue through Feb. 7. Winner of a district tournament Feb. 10 will meet the round-robin champion for a three-game series which will decide the district championship.

Sooners Unset CCNY, 67-63

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. — Oklahoma Coach Bruce Drake is a man who never uses the same basketball tactics from one year to the next.

Last night his team sprang a new revolving offense against City College in Madison Square Garden that broke a man loose for easy drive-in shots more than a dozen times. The Sooners won, 67-63.

In intricacy, the pattern rivals that of the sliding T of Oklahoma's Sugar Bowl football champions.

On other courts, most of the country's major teams came through with victories.

Bradley rebounded from its Purdue defeat by trouncing Georgia Tech, 84-60.

Down South, North Carolina State blew a 10-point lead in losing to Michigan, 54-46.

On the coast, Indiana broke a tie in the final minute to whip Oregon State, 65-60, for its fifth straight victory.

St. John's made it nine straight in drubbing a green Washington State five, 67-44.

All-winning Villanova did it again, 49-45, over Loyola of Baltimore. Vanderbilt upset Temple, 49-45.

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Woodruff Lauds Baylor Passer

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20. — North and South squads continued hard workouts today in preparation for the Shrine All-Star Football Game in the Orange Bowl Dec. 26.

South Coaches Andy Gustafson of Miami and Bob Woodruff of Baylor promised spectators plenty of aerial fireworks with Baylor's Adrian Burk doing the passing.

"Burk is another Sammy yBaus said Woodruff. "He's the greatest passer I have ever seen."

"Burk is another Sammy Baug season and Woodruff said he was whipped the great SMU team which all, most knocked the props from under Notre Dame.

"Burk made one of the touchdown passes against SMU and set up two other touchdowns," Woodruff added.

Henderson Kayoed

LURBOCK, Dec. 20. — Eddie Bertolino, 134½, Galveston, kayoed Bud Henderson, 133, Leveland, in 2 minutes, 27 seconds of the 13th round last night to win the Texas lightweight boxing championship.

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NEW BOMBER IN FLIGHT—Sleek lines and swept-back wings lend a feeling of speed in this in-flight picture of the U. S. Air Force's new Martin XB-51 tactical bomber. A crew of two—pilot and radio-operator—operate the speedy craft. It is powered by three J-47 jet engines set on pylons beneath the fuselage and in the rear of the craft. The wings of approximately 55-feet span, are swept back at a 35-degree angle. (AP Wirephoto).

SHOW ISN'T THAT GOOD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20. (U)—An all-woman prisoner revue, the first in Los Angeles County jail history, is scheduled for Friday night.

The Jailhouse Jollities will feature Christmas carols, a pantomime written by an inmate, and assorted song and dance acts.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz had a preview yesterday and pronounced it a fine show.

"Good," said one of the girls, "how about our taking it on the road?"

Man Crushed to Death By Steel Apparatus

SNYDER, Dec. 20. (U)—Edward Eugene Elzner, about 25, was crushed to death yesterday while working on the R. W. Webb lease near here.

Elzner, a welder, was repairing a blowout preventer which was hanging on chains with a 50-ton weight. Apparently the chain broke and the heavy steel apparatus fell on him.

Payne Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20. (U)—Gloria de Haven, wife of Actor John Payne, says their trial reconciliation has not worked out. She has reinstated her divorce suit.

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FIVE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Michigan Citizens Extend Aid To Family Bereaved By Fire

EMMETT, Mich., Dec. 20. (U)—The gentle folk of this little village (pop. 229) lent a strong hand today to the bereaved Bethways.

Stunned yesterday by the tragic deaths of five children in a fire, citizens now came forth with help. They knew there was nothing they could do to make a Merry Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bethway, the six surviving children and Grandma Louise Bethway, 80.

But the goal was to keep the remaining members of the family together and provide them a new home by Christmas Day.

Patrick McCabe, the village banker, is heading a fund-raising drive. One citizen, who asked anonymity, started it off with a gift of \$100.

The plan is first to provide immediate shelter by renting a house and later to restore the farm home two miles west of here in southeastern Michigan.

The flash fire struck the Bethway home before dawn yesterday. Christmas gifts stored in the closets were destroyed.

So were all the other possessions, including the family's clothing and a new electric stove and refrigerator.

Bethway, 37, farmer and odd-jobs man, had provided comfortably for his family even though it was a big group.

Sleeping downstairs, the mother, Irene, 33, awakened from the heat of the blaze.

The parents carried two small children to safety. The grandmother rescued another child but was critically burned.

Seared by flames, eight-year-old Joe and Mary Lou, 13, leaped from an upstairs window. They suffered critical burns.

The five children who burned to death in their upstairs bedroom were Freddie, 3; Beverly Ann, 4; David, 5; William, 7, and Thomas, 11.

Another daughter was away from home.

An overheated stove was the cause of the fire, the sheriff's office said.

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POLIO INVALID IS FOUND UNHARMED FOLLOWING ACCIDENTAL KIDNAPPING

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (U)—Frightened but unharmed, a 42-year-old polio invalid was found last night seven hours after she was kidnapped accidentally.

Throughout an intensive, afternoon-long police hunt, she had sat alone and virtually helpless in the back seat of an abandoned stolen car.

She had been whisked away in the car about noon yesterday by a thief who evidently had not seen her, half-hidden by a pile of Christmas merchandise in the rear. She is only four feet, 10 inches tall.

Police said the thief apparently abandoned the car after discovering his human cargo and becoming fearful of a kidnapping charge.

The woman, Esther Silverman, partially paralyzed and her speech impaired by an attack of polio in her childhood, was too upset to give details of her ordeal. She stammered repeatedly: "Where's my sister?"

The sister, Jean Silverman, a door-to-door saleswoman, said she had left her crippled sister in the back seat of her sedan while she was making a call in Brooklyn. She had left the ignition key in the switch.

Maine Farmers To Dance At Birthday Ball Of Dead Man

WEST MINOT, Me., Dec. 20. (U)—Countryfolk will make merry to-night at the birthday ball of a man dead for 23 years.

The scene: West Minot's tiny Grange Hall. The program: Modern dances and the old-fashioned square dances beloved by the "ghost host"—Jairus "Jerry" Hill born.

Jerry would have been 98 today. Long a friend, counsellor and benefactor of the village youth, he left a modest sum for a dance each year until he would have been 100.

He attacked but one condition—at the height of the festivities there must be a moment of silence in tribute to Jerry. And should this silence be broken, the dances would end.

The money Jerry left doesn't meet all the expenses. But his white haired widow, Bertha, now 76, takes care of the balance. And should she die in the meantime, she has arranged for the dances to continue through 1951, as Jerry wished.



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