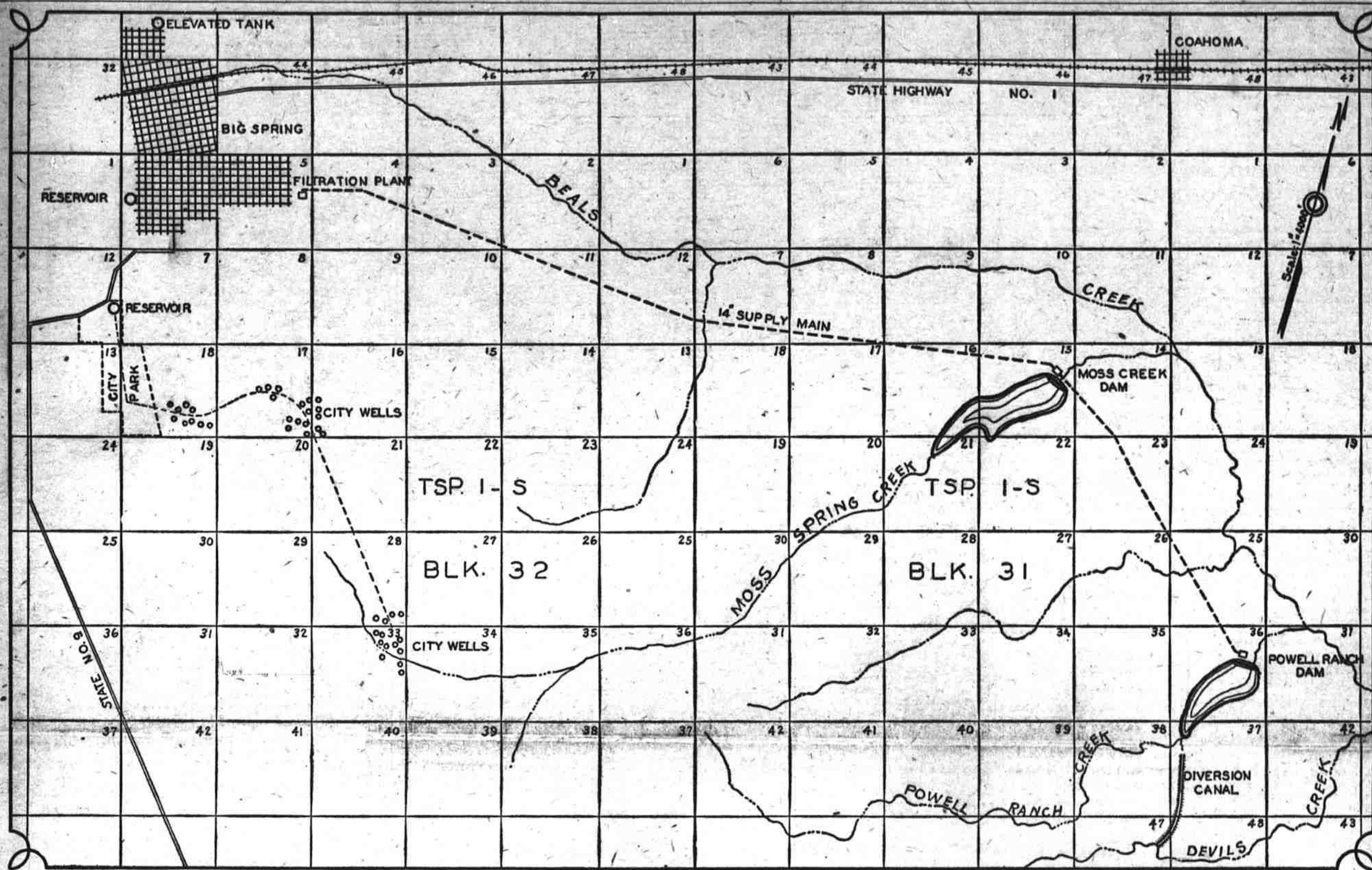


## \$406,000-WATER CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED

### MAP SHOWS LOCATION OF TWO LAKES WITH RESPECT TO BIG SPRING, PIPELINE AND FILTRATION PLANT



### Work Must Be Started By Year End

#### Deal Closed For Two Dams, Pipeline And Filtration Plant

Contracts totaling \$406,454.69 were let by the city commission Friday night on the condition that work on the final units of the half million dollar PWA water development program is started by the end of the year.

J. Floyd Malcolm and Cage Bros. of Bishop, Texas, were low bidders with \$170,877.35 for two dams and a 4,000-foot diversion channel. The contract for filtration plant, pipelines, pumphouses and storage tank went to E. L. Dalton, Dallas, on a bid of \$235,577.34.

Twelve contractors bid on the job, the largest project ever undertaken by the city, and bids were well within estimates.

Temporarily omitted were two alternates for a storage reservoir and for increasing the capacity of the filtration plant from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 gallons daily. These alternates, amounting to \$17,683, will be reinstated before the project is complete, thus making the grand total of funds to be required to \$424,141. However, this still was around \$16,000 less than estimates for the project.

All members of the city commission were present to hear Simon Freese and Nichols recommend contracts be given to Malcolm, Cage Bros. and E. L. Dalton. E. R. Cravens moved and Grover C. Durham seconded that the recommendations be adopted, thus opening the way for a series of other actions which satisfied PWA requirements and officially closed contracts.

Otis N. Key, PWA engineer inspector, attended the session to check for the government agency which has offered a grant totaling \$225,000. Following the letting of contracts, Key set in response when he extended a final opportunity for the protesting of the letting.

Covered in the contracts with Cage Bros. and J. Floyd Malcolm are the construction of two dams, one on Moss Creek and the other on Powell Ranch, in southeastern Howard county. The Moss Creek dam will be 1,500 feet long and 40 feet high, will impound 510,000 gallons of water from a 26.16 mile watershed. The lake will cover 144 acres of land.

On Powell creek, the dam will be 1,000 feet long and 30 feet high, trapping waters from a watershed of 35.47 miles and concentrating 480,000 million gallons of water in a 14-acre area. The latter dam is so located that it combines drainage areas of Powell and Devils creek by means of a 4,000-foot drainage channel.

Contract to E. L. Dalton, who, incidentally, is 25 per cent toward completion on the water main extension project on the northside, includes the installation of 15 miles of 14-inch cast iron pipeline, another half mile.

See CONTRACTS, Page 5, Col. 5

### Many Factors Entered Into Engineer's Task Of Locating Lakes

Behind the building of two dams for the city of Big Spring is a story that had its beginning thousands of years ago—a story that engineers on the job had to reckon with in the drawing of plans for the project.

Then, this area was a rough stretch of country creased by deep canyons down which coursed creeks and small rivers, fed by an annual rainfall of 40 or more inches. In the ages of time that followed, the changes were wrought—changes that affected the engineering of the construction job which means the creation of two city surface water supplies in 1939.

### FAIR AND COOL FOR YULETIDE

By the Associated Press

The weatherman's Christmas package for Texas: Fair and pleasantly cool in the northern half of the state today and tomorrow; cooler in South Texas and Rio Grande valley and skies a bit on the rainy side. In the Plains section centering at Lubbock skies were reported clear Saturday and temperatures at a low of 23. Amarillo had 20. In the coastal section, however, rains fell today and the weather bureau said cloudy conditions probably would prevail most of Christmas day. A cool wave moved toward the coast and valley today while warmer temperatures were predicted for North Texas, followed by a drop in temperatures tomorrow.

### HOPKINS SWORN IN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Harry L. Hopkins was sworn in as secretary of commerce at a brief White House ceremony today and immediately asserted he wanted the business advisory committee created by his predecessor, Daniel C. Roper, to continue functioning. See MANY FACTORS, Pg. 5, Col. 2

### Ickes Affair Is 'Closed'

#### Nazi Spokesman Says There's No Further Word

BERLIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—A propaganda ministry spokesman today declared the "Ickes incident" was closed diplomatically after it culminated in the United States' rejection of a German protest against a speech by the secretary of the interior.

Though regretting that acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles' rejection "left a sting behind," the spokesman said the protest was couched in such terms that diplomatic action ended with the strong American retort.

Not even diplomatic quarrels must interfere with the Christmas spirit, so there will be no official "reaction," said the spokesman, adding that "we nazis are regarded we are better Christians than some other people."

### MAN SLAYS WIFE, THEN HIMSELF

POINT MARION, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP)—Thirty-five-year-old Ralph Moody handed his former mother-in-law \$10 for a Christmas gift, then shot and killed his divorced wife and himself yesterday.

Coroner Raymond C. Adamson issued certificates of murder and suicide. Adamson said 26-year-old Mrs. Virginia Burns Moody, whom Moody married when she was 13, had just completed wrapping Christmas gifts at her mother's home near here, when Moody entered.

### Notes On Christmas

DENVER, Dec. 24 (AP)—Louis K. Sigman sometimes went hungry when he was an orphan boy on the streets of Brooklyn, N. Y., and he didn't like it.

Sigman, now operator of a Denver packing plant, doesn't believe other people enjoy being hungry, so tomorrow he will provide 50,000 pounds of meat for a Denver newspaper (Post) to give away to needy families.

If he drove 2,880 sheep and 1,000 cattle down the streets of an American city, butchered the animals and handed out their 50,000 pounds of meat, Sigman says it might make a story. But he hasn't done it that way, so he doesn't believe it rates much. But this will be the tenth Christmas on which the packer has donated 25 tons of meat to help make the holiday season cheery for the destitute. There are 5,000 parcels of 10 pounds each. He figures larger families can make three to four meals off each package, while small families easily stretch the amount out over a week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—The final wave of Christmas buying boosted retail sales this week as American business went into the year-end holiday period.

Factory operations in some key lines, including steel and autos, tapered off, as is customary around Yule time, but the Associated Press seasonally-adjusted index of industrial activity, held close to the year's high.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24 (AP)—A mouse apparently was stirring several nights before Christmas and contributed a bit of Fourth of July fireworks to holiday preparations of the Alonzo E. Curtis family. Tired from wrapping packages, members of the family had gone to bed late when they were startled wide-eyed and upright by a blast. Other blasts followed.

Cautiously, Mr. Curtis tip-toed to the kitchen, tentatively pushed

most of those who came because of curiosity went away horror struck. Even veteran newsmen and photographers turned away.

The plane took off Thursday on a navigation flight, it cleared Barkdale field, Texas, and passed Barkdale field, Shreveport, La., without landing only a short time before tragedy overtook it.

Frank Glass, Uniontown business man, said clothes were blown from parts of bodies recovered and expressed the opinion "the plane exploded before it hit the ground, although there is some uncertainty."

Blazes from the burning wreckage, attracted crowds from miles around. A rainstorm drenched the flames.

Major Maxwell advanced a theory vapor from a broken gas line may have gathered in the passenger compartment of the ship, that the pilot sensed his distress and sought a landing—but a spark set off the explosion before a clear space could be found in the dark.

### Holiday Rush At Climax

#### Trade Satisfactory To Most Local Merchants

Big Spring merchants Saturday counted results from the Yuletide shopping and found that while the volume was short of the peak years in 1937 and 1929, it was nevertheless as rushing as the record seasons.

Virtually all were agreeably surprised by the amount of trade since the so-called recession had dulled hopes for an excessively heavy Christmas trade.

An influx of students returning from school and others coming home to spend Christmas with parents or friends crowded trains, buses and planes. The heaviest volume of mail on record kept trains running late.

Knowing well that the number of cars on the highway would be

### SEVEN, POSSIBLY NINE, MEET DEATH AS BOMBER CRASHES

UNIONTOWN, Ala., Dec. 24 (AP)—Broken bits of bodies recovered over a 60-acre area indicated today seven, or possibly nine, men died last night in the explosion and crash of a twin-motored army bomber two miles southeast of here.

Major Warren A. Maxwell, operations officer at Maxwell field, Montgomery, Ala., said a tramp over the area today "convinced" him at least seven persons were killed.

Effects recovered indicated nine persons might have been killed, but reports from Hamilton field, Calif., said only seven soldiers left there Thursday aboard the plane en route to Mitchell field, N. Y.

An eighth member, army sources said, apparently boarded the plane at March field, Calif., but alighted at some point before the big D-15 type plane plummeted down through a rainstorm.

The terrific explosion shook many houses in the vicinity. Knee-deep mud hindered investigation and reclamation, and

### WPA Probe Is In Prospect

#### Airing Of Charges Due When Hopkins' Name Comes Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—A thorough senate airing of charges of politics in relief appeared in prospect today as a result of Harry L. Hopkins' selection to be secretary of commerce.

Although some anti-administration senators said they would not oppose confirmation of his nomination to the cabinet, a group of democrats and republicans began discussing strategy whereby they could secure a penetrating inquiry into how Hopkins has run WPA.

Members of this informal coalition said privately they would demand that the nomination be referred to the senate commerce committee for study.

This committee, it was said, See WPA PROBE, Page 4, Col. 1

### AMERICAN SOLIDARITY PLAN IS APPROVED

LIMA, Dec. 24 (AP)—Brazil's signature today gave the unanimous backing of the 21 American republics to a Pan-American conference declaration on continental solidarity and defense.

Afranio Mello Franco, head of the Brazilian delegation, signed the declaration at 12:25 p. m. bringing to an end two weeks of controversy over the action the conference should take.

The agreement, previously signed by the other republics, was announced Thursday night as proclaiming the decision of the nations of the western hemisphere to maintain and to defend their continental solidarity against all foreign intervention or activities.

### Youth Sentenced On Spy Charges

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (AP)—Twenty-four days for his arrest, Karl Allen Drummond, 21, former Wichita, Kan., youth convicted of espionage, was under sentence today to serve two years in federal prison.

Young Drummond, found guilty after a one-day trial of stealing blueprints and photographs of a revolutionary new navy bombing plane and attempting to sell them to representatives of Japan, becomes a "man without a country" as a result of his acts.





SOCIETY CLUB ACTIVITIES

THE WORLD OF WOMEN

FASHIONS ORGANIZATIONS

Christmas Bridge Is Given At Wilke Home

Mr. and Mrs. Friend and Mr. and Mrs. Wilke Entertain A Group Of Friends With a Gay Holiday Bridge Party

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilke was an appropriate setting for a Christmas entertainment in the form of a bridge Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Friend as assistant host and hostess.

BIRTHDAY TODAY



Jimmy Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cole, is celebrating two very special occasions today—it is Christmas day and Jimmie is five years old today.

The entire house was decorated with holly, red and green tapers, silver bells, stars and boughs. The mantel featured a holly and mirror arrangement.

Dr. G. H. Wood and Mrs. E. E. Fahrenkamp scored bridge high and were presented with gifts and Joe Pond binged. Novelty horns were presented for grand and little slams.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fahrenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Schermerhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Dr. and Mrs. Preston H. Sanders, Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Pond, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Ricker, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reeder, Dr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Poe Woodard of Stanton, Emma Bell Yarbrough of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Frank Crume of Waco.

Dinner Party Held Preceding Dance At Country Club

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Oldham entertained a group of friends with a quail dinner Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ashley preceding a dance at the country club.

Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Inkman, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Spence, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Robb, Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blomfield, Mrs. Bob Parks, Mrs. Mabel Carter, Dr. P. Allen Fikill, Mrs. Harvy Williamson, Mrs. Gordon Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Whipkey, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. Oldham.

Pupils Of Moore School Entertained With Gay Party

Grade school pupils of the Moore school were given a lovely Christmas party in the primary room from 2:30 o'clock to 4 o'clock recently.

The children and a number of parents assembled in the gaily decorated room where a tree, loaded with gifts, occupied the center of the stage. Following the opening exercises, Santa arrived. He chatted with the children and sang carols with them and then distributed gifts.

Parents there for the party were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rowland, Mrs. G. F. King, Mrs. Otto Robbins, Mrs. O. A. Goodman, Mrs. L. F. Hill, Mrs. Jim Mott, Mrs. F. M. Stevenson, Mrs. C. E. Turney, Mrs. C. L. Hopper, Mrs. Jeff Grant, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Broughton, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newton, Mrs. Fred Thomas, Mrs. Bill Barber, Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Mrs. E. D. Snider, Mrs. D. C. Turney, Mrs. J. D. Rowland, Mrs. Edgar Phillips, Mrs. J. Matthews, Mrs. W. H. Ward, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell and Haskell Grant.

Mrs. G. Hickman Is Hostess To Needle Crafters Club

The Needle-Crafters club met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Hickman for an entertainment Friday.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Leon Curtis, Mrs. J. R. Vandevanter, Mrs. Clyde Newberry, Mrs. Denver Stovall and the hostess.

The members honored the hostess with a kitchen shower. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Tom Stewart, 102 N. 2nd.

Ray Chambliss is spending the weekend in Amarillo with his brother, Tom Chambliss.

Little Town Of Bethlehem



The singing of the carols: These little choisters sing under the direction of Father Francis C. Young of Chicago, the "poet priest."

Employes Feted With Party At Holdsclaw Home

Annual Christmas entertainment for employes and guests of the Big Spring Laundry was held in the home of the proprietor, L. C. Holdscaw, 2001, recently.

Following a brief visit with Mrs. Holdscaw, who is recovering from a long illness, refreshments were served.

Carl South and Jewell Ensore distributed gifts to the guests from a Christmas tree.

The employes presented the host with a bath robe and slippers. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl South, Mr. and Mrs. Max Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Woods and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Ensore, Mr. and Mrs. Dade Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Thorbin Robinson and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Monk Prichard, and Mr. and Mrs. Selman Polzin.

Mrs. Nan Bearden, Mrs. Pearl Nuckley, Mrs. Lottie Fretwell, Mrs. Gladys Campbell, Mrs. Fannie Drake, Mrs. Madeline Deel, Mrs. Gertrude Tyree, Mrs. Nettie Heath, Mrs. Era Eggelston, Mrs. Marguerette Montelongo, Aliverta Redman, Vera Stewart, Myrtle Wright, Pat Wright, Velma Ray Abbe, Anna Haney, Mary Rosales, Sid Woods, Dale Smith, Roy Taylor and Monroe Rosales.

Mary Joyce Mims Is Honored With A Birthday Party

Mary Joyce Mims was honored with a party on her 11th birthday Friday evening, her mother, Mrs. W. P. Mims, being hostess for the affair.

The house was decorated with a Christmas tree, and various games and contests were played. Jeannette Bowden and Billy Bob Smith won prizes for best numbers on an "amateur program."

Chocolate Santa Claus were given as favors. Guests included Jeannette Bowden, LaWanda Rice, Clarice Petty, Bonnie Joyce Dempsey, Geraldine Bagley, Billy Ragdale, Peggy June Rogers, Mittie Boyett, Vance Kimble, Billy Bob Smith, Billy Cook, Billy Crunk, Jack Luther, Claude Carr, Johnnie Allison, Jimmie Talbot, Oscar Watts, Kenneth Smith, Cameron Warren, Dick Clifton and Billy Gene Mims. Sending gifts were Betty Lee and Jessie Allison.

Married By The Rev. B. G. Richbourg

Mary Louise Rogers and Ollie Robertson of Garden City were married at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of the Rev. B. G. Richbourg in Big Spring with the Rev. Richbourg officiating.

The couple are at home in Garden City.

Women At Work Long Record In Banking

The fact that Edith Hatchett has been assistant cashier of the State National bank for 13 years and employed in the bank for nearly 16 years is a record that attests her a top rating among Big Spring business women.

Miss Hatchett, who lives with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Hatchett, began working in the bank as a stenographer shortly after completing a business course offered here by a local teacher.

"Of course, I never dreamed of making banking my permanent work, but I guess people rarely ever do what they set out to accomplish when they are younger," Miss Hatchett explained when asked how she first began her present work.

Making loans, collecting notes and taking deposits are her main duties but she does hundreds of other little things before the day is over. Most people are under the impression that when the bank closes in the middle of the afternoon, everybody gets to go home but during the busy season Miss Hatchett works until rather late in the afternoon. If she gets home by 5 o'clock, she finds it is an occasion for celebration.

"Like other jobs, there is considerable routine work involved in the assistant cashier's duties but she finds it all very interesting because of continual new contacts with people.

The young woman said she discovered long ago that there is a "dish washing" job in any profession. There are some things you don't like to do that has to be done and on the other hand, there are a lot of things included in your work that are fascinating and perhaps even a little amusing.



Edith Hatchett, assistant cashier of the State National bank, is shown here.

Employes Of Drug Stores Feted With Midnight Supper And Tree

Employees of the three Cunningham and Phillips drug stores were complimented Friday evening at the Settles hotel with a midnight supper and Christmas tree.

Gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree and the employes presented Shilne Phillips with a comfort and barometer and C. W. Cunningham received a comfort and bedroll for hunting.

Attending were Altha Coleman, C. W. Cunningham, Shilne Phillips, Mrs. Dorothy Adams, Mack Pruitt, Bill Dyer, Mrs. Bill Burt, Bill Burt, Arthur Paschal, Robert Hill, Cliff Hurt, Ed Evans, Cecil Bell, Lloyd Stamper, Jr., Martha Cochran, Mrs. Ora Buckner, Joe Butts, Eloise Haley, Mrs. Hayden Griffith, Horace Beens, Riggs Willis, Roger Franklin, Hugh Willis Dunagan, Mrs. Sammy Bain and Donald Cole.

W. H. Dawson of Pine Bluff, Ark., is a holiday guest of his daughter, Mrs. Ed R. Allen.

Mrs. Hattie King and W. L. Baker Wed In Las Cruces

Announcement is made this weekend of the marriage of Mrs. Hattie King of Eastland to W. L. Baker of Big Spring Dec. 19 at Las Cruces, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fabens of El Paso attended the wedding and the couple took a short trip to various points in New Mexico.

The bride wore a teal blue suit and carried wine accessories. Baker is employed by the Texas and Pacific railway company. They are at home at 310 Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Crain of San Angelo are spending Christmas with Mrs. Todd's mother, Mrs. J. B. Nail.

Advertisement for Bolinger's Grocery featuring a large barrel and the text 'FRESH ALWAYS GOOD!'.

Sub-Debs Entertained With Holiday Party

Gifts Exchanged From Decorated Tree And Miss Shick Presents Each Of The Girls With Novelty Negro Dolls

Sub-Deb members concluded Christmas festivities with their annual holiday party Friday evening in the home of the sponsor, Lillian Shick.

Gifts were exchanged from a tree and Miss Shick presented each of the girls with a negro doll wearing an apron with "Sub-Deb" written across the hem.

The dining table was covered with a lace cloth and centered with a small silver tree flanked by red tapers tied with green bows. Punch, sandwiches and cakes were served. Mary Nell Edwards, Billie Beas Shive, Joan James, Betty Lee Eddy, Sara Lamun, Charpe Phillips, Marie Dunham, Joyce Croft, Mary Freeman, Mary Jo Russell, Jacqueline Faw, Janice Slaughter, DeAlva McAllister, Miss Shick and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Shick.

FIRST BIRTHDAY



Sue Ann Zollinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Zollinger, 202 Johnson, who celebrated her first birthday anniversary recently when she was surprised with a birthday shower by her little friends.

Woodmen Circle Is Hostess To Party For 21 Juniors

Twenty-one juniors of the Forest were entertained Friday afternoon at the W. O. W. hall by members of the Woodmen Circle.

The annual Christmas tree was held followed by a service in which Katherine Morrison graduated from the junior to the Woodmen Circle.

Members there were Mrs. Maude Lowe, Mrs. Anne Petefish, Mrs. Pearl Myers, Mrs. Ernestine Renels, Mrs. Mattie Wren, Mrs. Vera Reeves, Mrs. Gracie Lee Greenwood, Mrs. Minnie McCullough, Mrs. Eula Robinson, Mrs. Altha Porter, Mrs. Kate Franklin, Mrs. Hope Brock, Geraldine McClendon, Maybeth Wren, Mrs. Viola Bowles, Mrs. Gracie Lee Greenwood and Mildred Lowe.

B-Shell Club Is Entertained With Christmas Party

Mrs. E. J. Brooks entertained the B-Shell club with a Christmas party at her home, 507 Gregg, Friday afternoon.

Gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree and tiny Santa Clauses were presented as favors.

Mrs. G. E. Hoppeter won high score, Mrs. J. E. Reagan received the traveling prize and Mrs. J. A. Rice was awarded high cut prize.

Others playing were Mrs. E. I. Shields, Mrs. A. E. Bailey, Mrs. L. M. Alton, Mrs. Charles Harshaw and Mrs. H. T. Wilson, who was a guest.

Mrs. Frank Owens Hostess To Club At Her Home Recently

Mrs. Frank Owens was hostess to the Good Will club recently at her home.

Forty-two was played during the afternoon and refreshments were served to Mrs. R. A. Million, Mrs. R. C. Hargrove, Mrs. M. E. Byerly, Mrs. J. R. Schultz, Mrs. C. L. Williamson, Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Mrs. Ethel Peters, Mrs. D. Burrell and the hostess.

Mrs. Anna Stagg, former member, sent a chocolate cake to the members.

Jack Free's Band To Play For German At The Settles

Jack Free and his orchestra, well known West Texas dance band, featuring Bennie Ruth Garrett, will provide the music for a German dance in the Settles ballroom Sunday night starting at 12:00 midnight.

Heard twice daily over KBST, at 1 p. m. and again at 6:45 o'clock, the music of Jack Free and his orchestra has become a byword with KBST listeners. Free has a distinctive "sweet and swing" style all his own, and dance fans throughout West Texas have acclaimed him as one of the leading bands in this section of the country.

Bennie Ruth Garrett, Free's featured vocalist, has been with the band for approximately seven months, joining the group after having been a featured vocalist on both WFAA, Dallas, and KRBC, Abilene.

OUR SINCERE GOOD WISHES

to you at this Season!

To the people of Big Spring and Howard County we feel that we owe a debt of gratitude for the splendid patronage and many favors you have conferred upon us during the year... and we wish for you the happiest Christmas ever!

The VOGUE Mrs. Dora Glenn 121 East 3rd

Advertisement for Bolinger's Grocery featuring a bell icon and the text 'The Bells Ring Out'.

Advertisement for W. W. Barker featuring an illustration of a door and the text 'The Door That Says "Good Cheer"'.

Advertisement for L. F. McKay featuring the text 'May This Christmas Bring You Gladness and the New Year Greet You With Health and Happiness' and 'AUTO ELECTRIC & BATTERY SERVICE'.



Fate Fells Fowl  
YARMOUTH, S. (UP)—Robert Boutlier, 10, has been forced to give up his favorite pastime of hunting for birds' nests. The boy

saw a nest in a high tree and climbed up to see what was in it. He discovered, too late, that it was a hornet's nest. Stung, he fell 30 feet, breaking both arms.

### Relief Due To Be Hot Issue In Congress

Social Security Controversies Also Foreseen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—The double issue of relief and social security will be highly explosive in the next congress, just as it was in the November election.

Aspirants for office used their own thoughts, inspiration or ideas of what the voters in their own areas wanted when they went on the stump to talk about these two subjects. What they said about them may or may not have jibed with their party platforms. On these issues, it was pretty well a case of every man for himself.

Relief and the WPA method of administering it came in for a lambasting by many democratic candidates as well as by republicans. Particularly was this true in the primaries and in the hard fought campaigns in the south where the democratic primaries are all powerful.

But WPA also was supported by men of both parties. In the wind up, no word came through to Washington of any candidate who said he favored doing away with relief regardless of who might starve in the process of abolition.

Cost and Politics  
The most bitter points of attack were complaints at the cost of WPA and charges that WPA funds were being used to foster the political hopes of favored candidates. These charges were made not only in campaign speeches, but were poured into the records of the senate campaign funds committee. The report of that committee to congress will have a great deal to say on the subject.

The first study of relief may be made by the house appropriations committee when administrators go before it to ask for money to carry WPA through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Even before that, a move may be started in congress for a broader study of WPA operations that would be provided by a routine appearance before an appropriations committee.

Is It Worth It?  
A more fundamental source of conflict than the campaign charges, and one which promises to draw more elements into the fight, is the dispute over whether work relief is worth what it costs. Some students of the problem say the relief job could be done more cheaply by simply supplying necessities to those unable to get them for themselves. The opponents of a balanced budget already are having a few words to say in behalf of that idea.

CIO lawyers, through the organ of the CIO political agency, have spread word to members to combat any effort to change the policy of providing a job, instead of a dole, to the needy who are able to work. They argue that every American who can work has the right to a job.

Social security will open up the whole problem of pensions. Many men of both parties are pledged for this or that plan of high pensions for the aged. But the high pension advocates have not yet combined for the support of any one plan. The division of high pension advocates leads administration forces to believe that more moderate revision of the social security act will not encounter insuperable opposition.

### 21-Story Tree It Took 184 Man-Hours To Light This One



Illumination of 183 windows in Chicago's Palmolive building was just a small part of lighting this Christmas tree—698 others had to be blacked out. Twenty-five men worked a grand total of 184 hours to plan it and put it in lights.

### Texas Figures Prominently In Capital

Its Congressmen And Its Projects Made News In 1938

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—Texas figured prominently at the nation's capital during 1938.

Its statesmen played leading roles, the names of Garner, Rayburn, Sheppard, Jones and Dies, among others, appeared frequently in the nation's headlines.

The varied industries—farming, oil, livestock, fishing and shipping, were reckoned with in the drafting of most national legislation and in the issuance of numerous federal departmental orders.

The wealth contributed a good share of the national income. In return it received a generous share of the federal dollars that poured out during the year to the states.

On Special Committees  
When congress adjourned last June 18 most members were free to return to their homes, devote their time to election campaigns or otherwise occupy themselves as they desired. Not so with four Texans, who served on those important special congressional committees which made so much news during the recess.

Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas headed the campaign expenditure committee and Rep. Martin Dies of Orange the un-American activities committee.

Representative Hutton W. Summers of Dallas was vice chairman of the monopoly investigation group, and Rep. Ewing Thomson of El Paso served on the committee that investigated the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The measure of most importance to Texas passed during 1938 was the farm act. It became law largely through the untiring work of Rep. Marvin Jones of Amarillo, chairman of the house agriculture committee.

The rapidly expanding shipping industry of Texas received a lion's share of the \$37,104,000 in rivers and harbors improvements authorized by congress. Texas' projects accounted for \$15,241,500 of the total.

Representative J. J. Mansfield of Columbus, Tex., chairman of the house rivers and harbors committee, and Senator Sheppard, who served on the senate commerce committee, vigorously backed all Texas projects.

Funds to carry on the improvements are expected to be appropriated by the congress next year in the war department bill. The principal Texas projects authorized were: Buffalo Bayou (including improvements to the Houston ship channel), \$12,000,000; Sabine-Neches waterway, \$4,320,000; Fort Aransas-Coyne, \$3,210,000; actual construction was accomplished in the past five years, but 25 years was consumed in negotiating treaties with Mexico to make the project possible.

Heaviest federal spenders in Texas and the sums they put out or authorized to be expended in Texas during 1938 were:  
Agricultural Adjustment Administration (payments to farmers for compliance with the 1937 AAA program), \$33,000,000; Public Works Administration, \$27,084,531; Works Progress Administration, \$23,407,000, as of November 1; war department, \$5,500,000, for improvements at Texas military posts; Farm Security Administration, \$6,317,939, as of November 1; Civilian Conservation Corps, \$7,466,000, as of November 1.

### Open House Honoring Guests Is Given At The Ted Groehl Home

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Groehl of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Groehl held open house from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock Thursday evening at the latter's home, 207 Washington, honoring their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brooks of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butt and children, Sheldon and Joanne, of San Francisco, Mrs. E. A. Fletcher of Redwood City, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are parents of Ted and Albert Groehl, Mrs. Butt is their sister and Mrs. Fletcher is an aunt.

The music room featured a beautiful Christmas tree and a snow scene of Santa and his reindeer

was arranged on the mantel. The chandeliers were in blue and silver and punch was served from a table centered with green and red holly flanked by red tapers. Poinsettias and red candles decorated the buffet.

Calling during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ricker, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilcox, Dr. and Mrs. Preston R. Sanders, Mrs. Frank Crume of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Schermerhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Marchbanks, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fahrenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Marchbanks, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mrs. Mabel Carter, Joe Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Eastbourne and Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Malone.

### A HAPPY YULETIDE

May every happiness be with you this Christmas and each day of the coming year. Serving you in the past year has been a pleasure we hope to continue.

**STONE MOTOR CO.**  
400 East 3rd .... Phone 290

Right in the Tip of Your Stocking...



Don't think that we've forgotten anybody. Look right down in the very tip of your stocking and beneath all the gifts you'll find a big bundle of solid-gold good wishes for the grandest Christmas season that's ever come your way.

John Deere Tractors and Implements  
**Howard County Implement Co.**  
Clyde Denton, Manager  
201 N. W. 2nd St. Phone 1111

EAT AT THE CLUB CAFE  
"We Never Close"  
G. C. DUNHAM, Prop.

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Wishing You a

### JOYOUS YULETIDE

We feel deeply grateful for the consideration you have so kindly extended to us in the past and take this opportunity, at the close of the year, to thank you for all the fine things that have been ours to enjoy. In the new year, we pledge continued effort on our part to merit your good will. In appreciation of this valued good will, and the splendid patronage resulting from it, we extend to you and yours a cordial greeting at this, the happiest of all occasions. May the New Year be filled with all the good things you so much desire.

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**MILLER-OLDHAM CO.**

104 East First St.

Phone 1471

IN THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED WAY...

We wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a glorious New Year!  
**CRAWFORD BARBER SHOP**

Buy From Your Grocer or Phone 1161  
**Snowflake Creameries, Inc.**  
404 E. Third

### The Season's Best Wishes To Each of You...

In this most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails throughout the land, may we bring our best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We sincerely thank the people of Big Spring and surrounding territory for making possible our best business year due, we believe, to our large and complete stock of Peters all-leather shoes... Again we thank you, and hope we are privileged to continue serving you in the years to come.

**E. B. KIMBERLIN SHOE STORE**  
208 Main Street Big Spring, Texas

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

... to you all... We sincerely appreciate the patronage you have given us the past year and hope we are privileged to continue serving you in the future.

Packing House Market  
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CASH REGISTER  
TYPEWRITER  
ADDING MACHINE  
Repair & Supplies  
All Work Guaranteed  
**DEE CONSTANT**  
207 Runnels Phone 552

### Civil Suits Filed On Cigarette Taxes

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (UP)—The state filed 44 civil suits in district court here today for taxes and penalties aggregating approximately \$14,000 against persons alleged to have purchased unstamped cigarettes from out-of-state mail order dealers.

The suits ask the tax and an equal amount for failure to affix stamps and minimum penalties for failure to keep records and file reports as required by the cigarette tax law.

Injunctions to restrain defendants from buying, selling or consuming cigarettes without paying the tax, keeping records and filing reports also are asked.

Civil penalties provided in the statute range from \$25 to \$500 fine. In addition, under some conditions, a felony penalty with a maximum of two years penitentiary imprisonment may be asked and assessed.

Sam Kimberlin, head of the cigarette tax division of the comptroller's department, said most of the suits were against persons who bought cigarettes for their own use and that of their employees and friends.

They all represented purchases of more than 10,000 cigarettes.

Dr. Clyde Thomas of Galveston, surgeon at John Sealy, is a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Thomas.

### A Merry Christmas To All!

May the Christmas bells ring out good cheer, health, wealth and happiness that will resound throughout the New Year.

We appreciate your patronage during 1938... and hope you will be listed with us in years to come.

**PHILLIPS TIRE CO.**  
Ted Phillips

### JOY TO YOU

Friends, Neighbors, Customers

We gladly join with others whose privilege it has been to serve you in sending you our heartiest greetings.

This Christmas Season  
**Flewellen's Service**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAILERS OF QUALITY AUTO AND TRACTOR SUPPLIES

### COMPLIMENTS

of the Season

and sincere good wishes for a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. We hope that your every Christmas wish will be realized and the New Year be full of health and happiness.

**Big Spring Insurance Agency**  
Fred Stephens







WPA Probe

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would use the report of the senate campaign investigating committee in a vigorous effort to ascertain whether there has been any political use of relief funds.

Many Factors

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lake, which by the process of overflowing and erosion, caused it to flow directly into Beals creek, a stream that likely was then the Colorado river.

By dropping below where the natural dam was located, engineers found that they could reverse the process by means of a mile long canal and divert the flow of Devil's creek 21 feet higher at this point, into Powell's creek.

There were other reasons for deciding on the two dams in the eastern part of Howard county, one being that pipeline connections to the lake leave only about 12 miles to go to the Concho river in event the city ever has to seek an unlimited water supply.

Also, along the route, half way between Big Spring and the Moss Creek dam, and midway between this point and the Powell dam are sites for smaller lakes.

Another important factor in the favor of the two lakes is that both drain "clean" watersheds. That is to say, there is scarcely any cultivated land and human habitation.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is that Beals creek, which drains the area around the city is below the prospective dam sites, which are separate and apart from Beals. Thus, no sewage from the town can possibly enter the area from which the two lakes will draw their water.

Enduring Pipeline Of major importance is the pipeline from town to lakes. This will be of cast iron material, more costly than other pipe but vastly more enduring.

The filtration plant, to be located in the eastern part of town, is such that it can be enlarged as the need arises. This unit will purify waters from the lakes before they are served for domestic consumption.

HIGHWAY WORKERS HAVE YULE PARTY

Employees of the state highway department here and their families were guests Thursday evening at a district Christmas party in the district shops at Abilene.

S. A. McCombs, section foreman, headed a group of more than 20 persons attending from Big Spring. There were more than 1,000 taking part in the event, the first of its kind ever held in the state.

Weldon Christian of Texas Tech is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Christian, Jr.

Christmas Notes

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the door, and was greeted by more blasts and gun-powder smell and smoke. Then he remembered the shotgun shells he had placed in a satchel.

Tea towels were smouldering, and Curtis deduced a mouse, gnawing on matches, had started the blaze.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 24 (AP)—Santa scratched his head today as he studied this letter:

"On Christmas Carol wants a doll. Merry Christmas for Christmas also wants a doll. Merry Christmas, Santa, from two good girls.

(Signed) Merry Christmas and Carol Christmas." The girls, Merry, 8, and Carol 4, are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Christmas.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP)—Little Maxine Yarrington won't see Santa Claus tonight, and perhaps, she never will—although her deep blue eyes are wide open.

Tossing fitfully in fever that comes one day but always vanishes the next, Maxine has slept through three Christmas holidays, a victim of encephalitis lethargica (sleeping sickness).

They call her "the sleeping beauty" of St. Francis hospital, where other little patients clapped hands excitedly today in expectation of Santa's annual visit.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Christmas Eve found tiny Mary Ellen Rendon finishing her sixth month in a coma.

The three-year-old golden-haired child, a victim of sleeping sickness, lapsed into unconsciousness last March 25 after an attack of measles.

Though her large blue eyes remain open during the day she is unable to recognize anyone.

Doctors have told her parents she would never recover.

BURGOS, Spain, Dec. 24 (AP)—All insurgent Spain is determined to make La Navidad—the day of the nativity—a happy one for soldiers in the front line trenches of the civil war.

Newspapers, patriotic organizations and government agencies for weeks have waged a campaign for public contributions to provide Christmas boxes for the soldiers.

Funds have been collected for at least 50,000 and thousands more will receive other Christmas remembrances from home.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—A Christmas benediction lay over Wall street today as trading in stocks and bonds eased for the week.

The bankers, the brokers, the clerks and the secretaries poured out from the tall buildings, then scuttled underground to their subways, out of the range of bitter winds from an overcast sky.

Ahead of them were two days of rest before the tickers start chattering again next Tuesday.

Behind them, the great branches whipping in the gale, they left Wall street's annual reminder of the season—a 58-foot spruce tree blazing with colored lights and a burning white star.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 24 (AP)—Since neither China nor Japan is a Christian nation, more than two million men in their armies continued their undisturbed war today while the rest of the world prepared to celebrate Christmas.

Outside the large cities with foreign populations and the scattered Christian mission stations, tomorrow will merely be the 537th day of the conflict which has left millions homeless and destitute.

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Because of the "emergency" Japanese authorities discouraged as much as possible all gaiety and Christmas Eve celebrations today.

Restaurants were ordered not to sell champagne or make Christmas dinner reservations. The sale of turkeys was down 50 per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP)—King George and members of the British royal family gathered at Sandringham today for Christmas at their Norfolk county estate.

Sunday also is the birthday of the Duchess of Gloucester, who will be 27, and of Princess Alexandra, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, who will be two.

Despite reports that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor would visit Sandringham for Christmas, after a "reconciliation" meeting last month in Paris with the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the former King Edward VIII and his wife were at Cap d'Antibes on the French Riviera.

DENIES 'SHOWDOWN' OVER COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Frances Haskell Edmondson, state democratic committee co-chairman, today denied she planned a "showdown" over the authority of E. B. Germany, mayor of a Dallas suburb, to hold the committee chairmanship.

Last night a Dallas newspaper said "Mrs. Edmondson reportedly will call on Germany to resign either as mayor of Highland Park or as state chairman."

"I never heard of anything like that," Mrs. Edmondson said. "I hadn't even thought of it. It is news to me."

"The whole thing probably started because I asked Senator J. Franklin Spears to get an opinion from the attorney general clearing up the status of the women members of the state executive committee."

Venice contains 177 canals and 400 bridges.

With only a month of practice, the Big Spring section of the highway maintenance division placed third in the district first aid contest recently.

The team won the first head of the district competition and was less than two points behind the winner in the final round.

On the team are Ed Blackmon, captain, A. E. Rusk, John Whitaker, W. L. Burns, Sam Brown, and E. L. Randall. They are part of the 19 highway employees who a month ago finished requirements for Red Cross first aid certificates.

STORM DAMAGE

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 24 (AP)—A wind storm caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000 today on the outskirts of Sydney. One person was killed and 18 injured, and 240 houses wrecked.

ENJOY this tempting CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday, December 25, 1938 — Dinner Your Selection of Entrees Determines the Price of the Dinner

Choice of Celery Hearts Mixed Olives Fresh Shrimp or Oyster Cocktail, Supreme of Fruit, or Chilled Tomato Juice Consomme Clear, Tomato Bouillon or Cream of Chicken Soup

ENTREES Roast Young Turkey, Chestnut Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce 75c Planked Individual Speckled Trout, Caviar Butter, Cole Slaw 75c Roast Prime Rib of Corn Fed Beef, Yorkshire Pudding 75c Double French Lamb Chop Broiled, Glazed Pineapple Ring 75c Half Unjointed Spring Chicken Fried Country Style 75c The Settles Minute Sirloin Steak with Mushroom Sauce 85c Delicious California Fruit Plate, Cottage Cheese, Graham Crackers 70c Baby Beef T Bone, K. C. Sirloin or Filet Mignon 1.20 Fresh Green Beans or Asparagus Tips Hollandaise, Marshmallow Yams or Baked Stuffed Idaho Potato Candied Sweet Bread

Buttermilk Biscuits, Individual Pan Baked Potatoes with Each Dinner and Served Piping Hot with Strawberry Preserves Hot Rolls Fruit Cake ala Mode, Plum Pudding—Brandy Sauce, Hot Mince Pie with Cheese, Rain Bow Parfait, Pumpkin Pie—Whipped Cream, Fruit Jelly, Sherbet, Tea Milk

HOTEL SETTLES DAN HUDSON, Mr.

Coffee Shop

Contracts

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of 15-inch main within the city, two pumphouses at the lakes, a filtration plant at the eastern edge of town and a concrete storage reservoir in the south part of Big Spring.

Exclusion of alternates amounting to \$17,968 was made necessary by a PWA requirement that the city set aside five per cent of the total contract for contingencies.

Needing completion as the first unit of the program which will see the spending of a half million dollars to increase the water facilities and supplies of the city is a 200,000-gallon elevated storage tower and pressure equalizer at the northern edge of town.

The pipeline extension on the north side is a part of the program as was the acquisition of 673 acres of land for lake and plant sites at a cost of about \$15,000.

Among officials at the final letting Friday night were Mayor R. V. Jones, Commissioners H. C. Clay, G. C. Dunham, E. R. Cravens and Vic Mellinger, City Secretary H. W. Whitney, City Manager E. V. Spruce, City Attorney Thomas Coffee, City N. Key, PWA inspector engineer, Simon Fresse and J. K. Alewine of Fresse and Nichols, project engineers, and Mr. Orr from the department of justice.

US-Nazi

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by many as heathen, yet I think developed today of the state department's stiffened attitude toward Germany, as demonstrated in its brusque refusal to apologize for Secretary Ickes' recent denunciation of that country's treatment of minorities.

Fear of retaliation against the Jews in the reich well as concern over the possibility that this attitude might needlessly entangle the United States in a controversy which would accomplish no good prompted several senators to counsel caution in future exchanges.

Asserting that he agreed with Ickes' blunt criticism of Nazi treatment of Jews, Senator Burke (D-Neb) said, however, that he believed it was "unwise" at this time, Ickes said Jewish persecutions had taken Germany back to an "untamed, benighted and bestial" period.

"There can't be any war between the United States and Germany unless spokesmen for executive departments like Ickes make inflammatory statements that take us beyond the point where level heads can operate," Burke declared.

Senator Lewis (D-Ill) the administration whip, said he feared that acrimonious exchanges between officials of the German and American governments might be followed by new outbreaks against the Jews in the reich.

Senator Schwartz (D-Wyo) also cautioned against putting any avoidable strain on relations with Germany.

Rep. Fish (R-NY) agreed with the state department's action, but said that cabinet officers "should not publicly denounce foreign governments or indulge in abusive tirades."

Mrs. Digby Is Death Victim

Funeral For Local Woman To Be Held Monday Afternoon

A brief illness ended in the death, early Saturday, of Mrs. Earl Digby, wife of an employee of the Farmers Gin and a resident of Big Spring for 14 years.

She succumbed to pneumonia at 2 a. m. in a local hospital, where she had been under treatment for an ear infection since Tuesday.

The Digbys reside two and a half miles north of the city. The funeral service has been scheduled for Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Eberley chapel. Other arrangements had not been completed.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Digby is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Buckner of Big Spring; five sisters, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Mrs. Joe Jacobs, Mrs. C. C. Wilson and Mrs. F. A. McTier, all of Big Spring, and Mrs. Fanny McGee of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, T. E. (Tom) Buckner and W. E. (Bo) Buckner of Big Spring; three nieces, Mrs. Leovady of Abilene, Mrs. Boyd of Houston and Leta Mae Wilson of Big Spring; and one nephew, Charles Edwin Buckner of Big Spring.

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President And Mrs. Roosevelt Have Duties As Just Plain Grandparents To Fulfill On Busy Christmas Eve

By BETH CAMPBELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—President and Mrs. Roosevelt packed the day before Christmas full of happy duties that took them back and forth between roles as president and first lady and those of just plain grandparents.

Christmas Eve for the president meant broadcasting his greetings to the nation and the world as chief executive of the United States. But it also meant his annual reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" to wide-eyed grandchildren who like to crawl on his lap.

Mrs. Roosevelt was "The First Lady" to holiday crowds along her tour to theater children's parties, basket distributions and an alley Christmas tree. Back at the White House, she was official tree-trimmer and trouble-shooter for four generations of Roosevelts, home for a holiday.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt arranged to say "Merry Christmas" this afternoon to those who keep White House wheels running—the servants, chauffeurs and police. With their families, they made a group of about 300 for the annual handshake near the glittering East Room tree.

The president and his family, including his 85-year-old mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, will cross Pennsylvania avenue to Lafayette square at dusk to light the national community Christmas tree. Presidents have been officiating for 16 years.

The service will be broadcast from 4 to 4:30 p. m. (CST) over NBC (Blue network), CBS and Mutual hookups. The president is scheduled to speak at 4:11 p. m. Translations into German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and French will convey his greetings to the world by short wave radio.

Travelers On Way Home

'White Christmas' Forecast For Parts Of U. S.

By The Associated Press

A record throng of Christmas travelers journeyed toward "the old home town" today, seeking refurbishment of spirit at family reunions brightened by the prospect of a traditional white Yuletide for many sections of the nation.

Snow, sleet and rain were general from the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi valley, adding an element of peril that brought death to many on ice-sheathed highways.

The snow was skimpier except in the northernmost tier of states but promised to remain over the holiday, barring an unforeseen rise in temperature.

Moderate weather prevailed throughout the south and most of the lower middle west. A "green Christmas" also appeared likely for the Far West, with Santa Claus wearing his usual bathing suit in California. Skies were clear in the Rocky Mountain area.

Bus and railroad lines reported holiday traffic of 16 to 15 per cent above last year. The Pennsylvania railroad handled 735 trains in its New York City terminal yesterday, 125 above normal.

Harried airlines executives reported record requests for reservations, but were forced to turn many away when bad weather grounded commercial air traffic in the east.

Ice and slush hampered road traffic south and north of New York for several hundred miles and as far west as Nebraska. Accidents largely attributable to the weather claimed six lives Friday in Minnesota, seven in Indiana and eleven in Ohio.

"The stay-at-homes" sent seasonal good will humming by telephone and telegraph. A special wire was put into operation to Ossining, N. Y., to carry words of cheer to inmates of Sing Sing prison. Telegraph officials said approximately 5,000,000 messages were sent throughout the nation.

The shopping volume continued high in most cities. As the last day started, merchants in New York City reported total trade was within 2 or 3 per cent of 1937 figures and likely to exceed them.

The fortunate shared in the general bounty, with philanthropic agencies uniting forces to feed the hungry and clothe the needy—and light Christmas candles in childish eyes with unexpected gifts.

REPORT IS GIVEN ON SAVINGS-LOAN UNIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The federal home loan bank board reported today that in the five years from 1934 through 1938 federal savings and loans associations earned \$90,000,000 for their investors.

Of this, \$70,000,000 represented earnings on funds of individual investors and \$20,000,000 paid or payable to the government on funds placed at the disposal of the associations to expand local home lending.

The board said assets of the 1,365 federal associations totaled \$1,258,754,000 at the end of September and loans outstanding were \$994,217,900.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

City employees had a Christmas party Saturday morning before closing doors of the city hall for the holiday season. Employees in the water, tax, building, engineering, police and fire departments all joined in the celebration which featured refreshments of Christmas cakes and coffee.

Bill, Dock Wilkerson, Jack Olson, Dick Ward, Dalton Mitchell, J. W. Carpenter, Herman Fuhrer, and Chester Smith and Charley Seale of Colorado.

BANNER EGG NOG MIX

DOUBLE RICH Now Ready At Your Grocers Or At The Plant

Phone 89 911 Runnels St.

Mexican Children Receive Gifts At Lions Club Party

Christmas packages went to 400 Mexican children Friday evening as the Lions club staged its fifth annual party for the children of that section of town.

An estimated 900 people crowded into and around the auditorium of the Kate Morrison school for the affair.

Following a brief program of Christmas carols by a group of the children and short talks by Rev. Joseph Dwan, pastor of the St. Thomas Catholic church, and John R. Hutto, principal of the school, the packages containing nuts, fruits, and candy were distributed.

B. J. McDaniel, president, headed a group of Lions who participated in the event. Lawrence Robinson, who arranged the program and directed preparations, was unable to attend.

INJURY FATAL

HOUSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—E. D. Smith, oil company employe, died of a broken neck early today when his automobile overturned on a curve between Houston and Tomball.

WAFFLES That Are Different! Try Some Next Time At MILLER'S

FIG STAND 24-Hour Service 510 East Third St.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Big Spring Cotton Oil Mill Phone 1598

A MOST JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! We wish for you all the happiness and good fortune that you could possibly wish for yourself. We thank you sincerely for your patronage, and ask a continuance of our pleasant relations during the coming year. HOME CAFE W. A. Sheets

Holiday Entertaining CALLS FOR FINE LIQUORS I. W. Harper Whiskey Pint \$2 A.M.S. Bourbon Pint \$1.50 Dayton Club 2 Years Old \$1 Old Crow Pint \$2 No Prescription Required! A. C. DRUG 308 East Third

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Yep!... there's one left... Santa's pack may be gettin' kinda empty, but if he'll dig 'way down he'll find ONE more package. It's full of the very best Grade A good wishes for all the people who have made 1938 such a grand year for us. Shucks, you can buy presents, but no amount of gold in the world can purchase wishes like these. RUNYAN PLUMBING CO. 505 East Sixth Street Phone 535 Announcing Opening With A A LARGE COMPLETE STOCK ON HAND Pinkies Liquor Store PHONE 1707 1414 East 3rd St.



# Merry Christmas



**N**OW ... at the time of the year when gladness and thanksgiving are first in the minds of all people, the firms and individuals listed on this page welcome the opportunity to express best wishes for a Happy Christmas ... and a Prosperous New Year ... and to say to each of you: "THANKS FOR YOUR FAVORS AND PATRONAGE."

"We are happy if we have been of service to you during the year now drawing to a close ... and trust that we may continue to merit your good will."

**Reed's Grocery-Market**  
5th and Scurry

**Tracy's Food Market**  
1601 Scurry

**Whitmire's Food Market**  
1018 Johnson

**Farmer's Gin Company**  
106 N. W. Third

**J. B. Sloan Transfer and Storage**  
100 Nolan Street

**Help-Ur-Self Laundry**  
107 W. 4th—Phone 610

**Piggly Wiggly**  
419 Main

**Thurman's Shoe Shop**  
506 Runnels Street

**Cathey Implement Co.**  
215 East Second

**Masters Electric Service**  
408 East Third

**Shoe Hospital**  
107 East Second

**J. B. Littler, Atty.**  
Lester Fisher Building

**Morrison & Morrison**  
Attorneys  
First Nat'l. Bank Building

**Scott Auto Parts Co.**  
113 Main

**The Beauty Box**  
710 Main

**R. B. Reeder**  
Insurance & Loan Agency  
108 West Third—Phone 531

**Nabor's Beauty Shoppe**  
704 West 8th

**Park Inn**  
San Angelo Highway

**Peacock Beauty Shoppe**  
1608 Scurry

**Crow's Cafe & Rendezvous**  
2109 1/2 Scurry

**West Park Cafe**  
Under New Management  
Mrs. Minnie Heck and Sam Cauble  
1111 West Third

**Drs. Ellington & Rogers**

**Miss Emily Bradley**  
Dressmaker  
305 Main Street

**Dr. W. B. Hardy**  
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**Rhodes Drilling Co.**  
Oil Well Drilling Contractors  
106 West Third

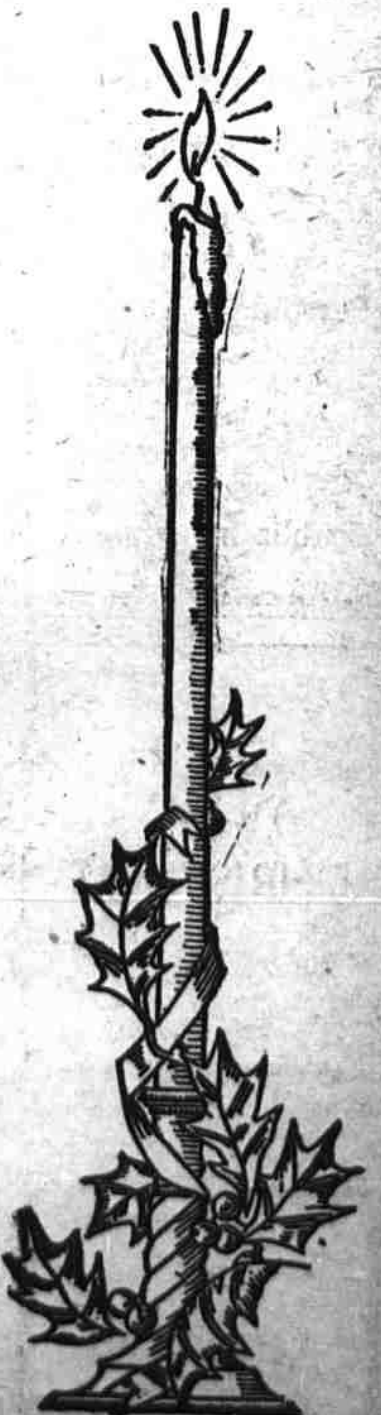
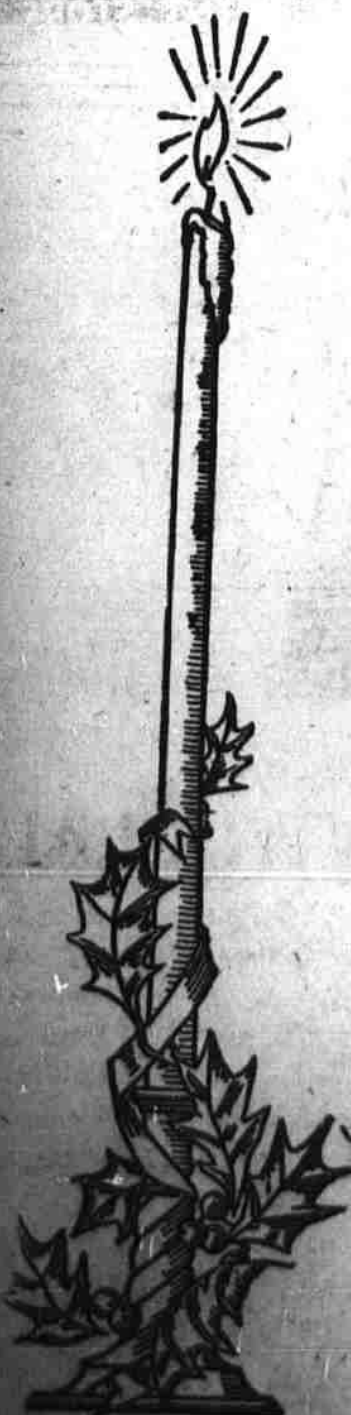
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 LOST: Yellow gold oblong shaped lady's Elgin wrist watch; black cord band; between Crawford hotel and Lee Hanson Haberdashery Thursday. Reward if returned to Lee Hanson.

**2 Personals**  
 MISS RAY spiritual readings: She will tell you what you wish to know; can help you in different things. 1105 East Third; Highway 80.

**4 Professional**  
 Ben M. Davis & Company Accountants - Auditors 817 Mims Bldg., Abilene, Texas

**Public Notices**  
 LENT an automatic phonograph for your holiday parties. \$5 per night. Records furnished. Oscar Glickman, Phone 1356.

**THE undersigned is an applicant for a local cartage permit from the Texas Liquor Control Board, to be located in the Crawford Hotel Lobby, corner West Third and Scurry Streets, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Yellow Cab Co., Paul Liner, owner.**

**THE undersigned is an applicant for a package store permit from the Texas Liquor Control Board to be located on U. S. Highway 80, 1 1/2 miles west of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Lakeview Package Store, W. A. Howard, owner.**

**8 Business Services**  
 TATE & BRISTOW INSURANCE Petroleum Bldg. Phone 1280  
 CHRISTMAS sale on mattress work. Also '35 Ford Coupe to trade for work stock, cattle, or house and lot. Big Spring Mattress Co. Phone 484.

**9 Woman's Column**  
 EXPERT fitting & alterations & specialities in children's sewing. Mrs. J. H. Kramer, 308 Johnson  
 CHRISTMAS special. \$3 oil waxes \$2; \$5 waxes \$3; also regular 1.50 oil waxes. Vanity Beauty Shop. 116 East 2nd. Phone 125.

**10 Agents and Salesmen**  
 NEEDED: Salesmen to represent burial association. Apply at once at 611-Rannels St. Phone 176.

**12 Household Goods**  
 NEW range for sale at 606 Main.

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 \$25 to \$500  
 Auto - Truck  
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 Immediate Confidential Service - Immediate Cash  
 No Red Tape  
 Long Terms  
 Public Investment Co.  
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**BIG SPRING BATTERY SERVICE CO.**  
 163 W. 1st Phone 603

**IF YOU NEED SOME MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS**  
 VISIT OUR PERSONAL LOAN DEPT.  
 J. B. COLLINS AGY.  
 126 Big Spring, Ph. 2nd Texas 551

### Brazil Holds Key To Pan-American Solidarity Plan

LIMA, Dec. 24 (AP)—The key to the question of continental solidarity and defense was held today by Brazil, the only one of the 21 American republics which had not signed the proposed declaration of the Pan-American conference.

Brazil continued to hold out for "slight modifications" of the declaration, but just what these modifications were no one here knew except Amando Mello Espinosa, head of the Brazilian delegation.

The final decision was left up to him last night when Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha wired him that President Getulio Vargas approved—with slight modifications—the declaration already signed by the other republics as well as an optional declaration agreed to by the presidents of Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

As chairman of the conference committee on the organization of peace, Mello Franco called other delegation heads to meet this morning to discuss Brazil's position.

Up to last night Argentina had held the whip hand, steadily refusing to sign the declaration which had been accepted by virtually all the other nations. But when Argentina signed, followed closely by Uruguay, the fate of the declaration passed into Brazil's hands.

**Historic Span Doomed**  
 BONNY EAGLE, Me. (UP)—The last wooden covered bridge spanning the Saco river soon will be a thing of the past. The 82-year-old structure, connecting Standish and Hollis, will be replaced with a modern bridge of steel and concrete.

**Desert Land in Southern California once considered useless now is the basis of a thriving date industry.**

### Legal Notice

**NOTICE TO HOSPITALS**  
 The Commissioners' Court of Howard County will receive bids on the 9th day of January, 1939, at two o'clock p. m., for the hospitalization of authorized indigent cases, for the year 1939, said bids to be filed on or before said date with Charlie Sullivan, County Judge.

**CHARLIE SULLIVAN**  
 County Judge, Howard County Texas.

**NOTICE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS**  
 The Commissioners' Court of Howard County will receive bids on the 9th day of January, 1939, at three o'clock p. m., for the burial of the pauper dead for the year 1939, said bids to be filed on or before said date with Charlie Sullivan, County Judge.

**CHARLIE SULLIVAN**  
 County Judge, Howard County Texas.

### AGRICULTURAL BIDS WANTED

Sealed bids addressed to the Chairman of the State Board of Control will be received by the Board of Control at its office, State Capitol, Austin, Texas, until 10:00 a. m., January 12, 1939, for the leasing for agricultural purposes for one year, beginning January 16, 1939, of approximately 400 acres of land belonging to the Big Spring State Hospital, located approximately 1 mile north of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, on Highway No. 9. The land will be leased in such lots or tracts as will be most advantageous to the State. Bidders must set forth in their bids full details quantity of land bid on, cash rental per acre, or the proposed rental if other than cash. Further information will be furnished by the Board on request.

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State Nat'l Bank Bldg.  
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Next To Petroleum Bldg.  
 Easy To Park  
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Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon  
 Hernias (ruptures) and Hemorrhoids (piles) treated without surgery. No loss of time from work.  
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### Helen Gould Shepard's Passing Stirs Memories Of The Old 'Y' She Sponsored For Big Spring

The passing last week of Helen Gould Shepard, daughter of Jay Gould, the railroad builder and a power behind the throne in the operation of the T. & P. Railway company, stirred many memories in the minds of early day citizens.

In Abilene she was remembered particularly for her interest in a hobby that caused her to send Col. Isaac Brown to visit towns along the T. & P. line to lecture to school children on man's feathered friends. It was recalled that she went so far as to offer birds to persons who would give them proper care and an opportunity to propagate.

Remembered For Y.M.C.A. But in Big Spring Helen Gould's name was linked with the Y.M.C.A. for a score of years the community center of the city. It was her interest in this project that made it possible of realization and continuation over a long span of years. At that, Helen Gould outlived it by 10 years.

A "pioneer philanthropist" Miss Gould took a particular interest in things along the lines she helped to manage following her father's death. In this connection, she was attracted by a proposal to erect a railroad Y.M.C.A. in Big Spring.

Old timers remember that the building, located almost between what is now the express office and freight depot, was erected through cooperation of the railroad and the townspeople. Through the influence of Helen Gould, the railroad agreed to pay the secretary's salary if enough memberships could be had to care for other expenses of operation.

**It Didn't Open**  
 Harvey-Rix recalls that the "Y" had an auspicious opening night, only it didn't open. The date was July 26, 1902, and the town was all set for a gala community celebration replete with elaborate ceremonies and band music. Mr. Rix, a cornetist of fine ability, brought his horn to a nearby building to avoid having to return home for it in the evening. As he walked up the alley, a torrent of water rolled down it. He walked around on what is E. 1st street and the water was rising fast. It crawled down the length of the railroad yards and began to back and swell.

Excited townspeople forgot about the opening and began a desperate struggle to sandbag the muddy waters away from the doors of the handsome, new structure. It was no good, for the water won out and the "Y" got a baptism instead of a formal opening. In 1923 the water again rose to similar heights, forcing patrons to enter by window and walk to First street atop domino and chess tables.

**Here for Reception**  
 Miss Gould did not get out to Big Spring for the opening, but she came later for a reception. This was the signal for one of the outstanding social events of the city. W. W. Inkman and Fox Stripling remember. In the receiving line with Miss Gould was Finley J. Shepard, an outstanding figure in mid-west railroad circles.

Of course the natives were delighted to carry a white later that the trip to Big Spring was part of a little pre-wedding tour for the pair. Most of the long time residents are agreed that Mrs. J. E. Young was in charge of the reception and had charge of presenting a beautiful cut glass set to Miss Gould.

It is not recorded whether the Y.M.C.A. quartet sang, but the "Y" had a cracker-jack musical foursome in Frank Winn, Fred Leeper, Mike Leeper and Eddy Morris, secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

By 1905 the town had complied with its end of the bargain made by Helen Gould by enlisting 500 members on the condition that she would equip a gymnasium. Previously she had given a fine library, each volume bearing her bookplate, and had paid for having colorful murals painted on the "Y" walls.

All of this attracted a wide following for the institution, and more than 30 years ago Mr. Chavich (who recently retired from YMCA work) was able to announce that he had secured 19 members at Baird and 13 at Toyah. In addition, many ranchers also belonged.

**Rest and Recreation**  
 Young men and railroad workers found the "Y" a haven of rest and recreation. With leisure time on their hands, they would either work out in the gym with medicine ball, Indian clubs or punching bag or bury themselves in the library. After a hard day's work, railroad employes and store clerks would avail themselves of a good hot shower or tub—a luxury in those days. Then there were always partners ready for an evening at chess, dominoes or checkers. And what old timer can't remember how E. J. Tannehill, a genial old laborer, used to pride himself as the checker-champ around the "Y."

The baths were an institution within themselves. Members, naturally, enjoyed special concessions at the bath, but there were many men and boys who religiously plunked down a quarter every Saturday night for bathing privileges. From the time stores began to close until 10 or 11 p. m. there were more stories, gossip and visitation flowing than in a modern beauty parlor. The unpredictable flow of hot and cold water was only an enlivening incident of the bath.

**For Boys, Too**  
 Usually the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. was scoutmaster of old troop No. 1—that is after C. E. Holmes, veteran scoutmaster and a strong "Y" supporter, gave up the troop. Scores of Big Spring men

can remember holding weekly meetings in the old building.

There were special gym classes for the boys, religious services for men who otherwise would have had no churching, and many, many social gatherings such as father and son banquets.

A barbershop played its part in the "Y" history until the big strike happened along in the early twenties. When this happened with a resultant fervent spirit of unionism, the barbershop folded up, and though none perceived it, this was really the beginning of the end for the "Y."

In 1928 the T. & P. faced a boom period and every inch of space had to be utilized. A freight depot office structure arose. The "Y" was reeling under the impact of changing times, and when J. M. Manuel resigned as secretary, the railroad took over the building and utilized it for offices.

Two years ago the walls came tumbling down under a demolition program, and the institution which Helen Gould fostered in Big Spring lived no longer save in the hearts and minds of the men it served and touched.

### Pope Refers To Trouble With Italy

**'Vexations' In Relations Bring Sadness**

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—Pope Pius XI in his Christmas address to his cardinals today expressed his "bitter sadness" at vexations in relations between the Vatican and the Italian government.

These vexations, he said, were "mistreatment" of Catholic action, which is an organization of laymen, and "wounding of the concordat" between the Holy See and Italy by Premier Mussolini's promulgation of a law forbidding marriages between Aryans and non-Aryans.

The pontiff accused higher-up of encouraging the "vexation."

He declared that they had even been erected against Edonoso Cardinal Schuster, archbishop of Milan, as "guilty of speech" and teaching which comes within his pastoral duties and of which he can only approve.

Cardinal Schuster denounced fascist and Nazi racial doctrines as "an international danger not less than bolshevism" in a sermon in his cathedral Nov. 13.

The Vatican protested to the Italian government against the marriage decree after the people sought to prevent its adoption by writing letters to Mussolini and King Vittorio Emanuele.

The king later replied with a letter assuring the pontiff his objections would be given the greatest consideration.

### STRIKE CONTINUES

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 24 (AP)—A strike at the Mid-Continent Petroleum corporation's West Tulsa refinery continued today in comparative calm with the big plant's operations apparently at a standstill and both sides expressing determination to stand pat.

Pickets continued the patrol before last Thursday.

### TEACHER TOO STRICT

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24 (AP)—The eagle-eyed school teacher raced down the aisle and triumphantly seized a note despite frantic efforts of the recipient to tear it up. She started to read it for the edification of the class and was embarrassed to see:

"Sign this and bring five cents to school to buy teacher a box of candy."

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'WHITE MEAT' for this huntsman hangs from a porch in Willow Grove, Pa., and if James Slugg brags—he has reason to. This type of deer—albino and antlerless—is unusual, says Mr. Slugg. It was shot in Pike county, Pennsylvania.

### Loyalists Put Up Firm Resistance To Rebel Advance

HENDAYE, France (At the Spanish Frontier), Dec. 24 (AP)—Firm government resistance, it was reported today, has checked a great insurgent offensive all along the frozen Pyrenees front from Tremp of Balaguer in a momentous battle of Spain's civil war.

News filtering across the border into France said the big push, led by insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco's Moors and Italians, had been brought to an abrupt halt.

The front was said to be completely quiet except for occasional artillery shelling.

Heavy snowstorms almost wiped out visibility and freezing cold made fighting virtually impossible in the mountains where two of the greatest armies assembled on a single front in more than 20 months of warfare have been locked in combat since yesterday.

### CONSULATE CLOSED

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Domei (Japanese news agency) dispatches from Hakodate reported the Soviet consulate there had been closed "because of the present state of Russo-Japanese relations" strained over negotiating a new fishing rights treaty.

### Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

**Burr's DEPARTMENT STORE**



### THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

If you're one of those skeptics who doubts the existence of Saint Nick, let us reassure you. There is a Santa Claus, a very real spirit whose existence makes life brighter and more joyous. He lives in the hearts of men and women who realize that good living is an art of far greater importance than the amassing of wealth. Our Christmas wish for you is that during the coming year you will bank more of that wealth of friendship and good cheer which is life's greatest treasure.

### MARIE WEEG

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**At Christmas and Throughout the New Year**

Our wish to you is one of happiness, joy, peace and contentment. May you continue to progress in your endeavors throughout the coming year.

But first—let and always may we all learn to know the true meaning of CHRISTMAS.



IN THE PETROLEUM BUILDING

**War Influence Felt In The Holy Land On Christmas**

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24 (AP)—War and rebellion have supplanted peace and good will in the land of Christ's birth to such an extent that this Christmas finds Palestine children demanding miniature warplanes, tanks and machine guns as Yuletide presents.

An Arab revolt against British rule and strife between Arabs and Jews keep the Holy Land in turmoil.

School teachers say it is an apparently inevitable result that children insist on weapons as their Christmas toys. Boys are asking for planes that drop tiny bombs, rifles, armored trains and other replicas of war implements. Little girls have foreworn flaxen-haired dolls in favor of Red Cross nurses, soldiers and miniature hospital sets.

In normal times the Holy Land attracts thousands of pilgrims at Christmas time but this year there are few to pray in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve or to retrace, as some will do, the footsteps of Christ along the Via Dolorosa to His crucifixion.

There is scarcely an American tourist here.

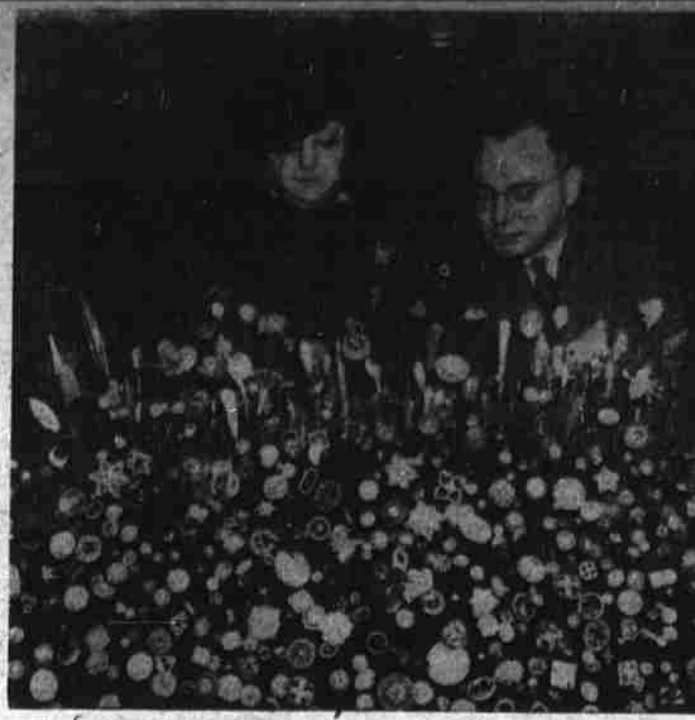
**VARIED TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED BY GAIL NORTHE**

New Year's Resolutions, a discussion of cruise clothes and an interview with an executive of the National Flower show will furnish topics of conversation for Gail Northe in her "Fashion" broadcasts to be heard over station KBST and the Texas State Network from 9 to 11:15 a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday of this week.

Monday, December 27, Miss Northe will travel to Houston to interview an executive of the National Flower show, while her Wednesday broadcast, December 29, will be devoted to a discussion of the proper fashions to be worn on cruises.

New Year's resolutions of stage, screen and radio personalities will be read by Miss Northe on her last broadcast of 1938, Friday, December 31, from 9 to 9:15 p. m.

Since the richer gold mines were worked out the population of Yukon territory has declined from 27,000 to about 4,000.



**FLOWER GARDEN?** No—part of hatpin collection of Marie Crotty, Rockford, Ill., who's telling Dave Elman about them.

**PLAN STATUTE TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF AUTOS FROM THE STATE'S PROPERTY TAXES**

Herald Austin Bureau

AUSTIN, Dec. 24—Faced with the problem of raising millions of dollars in new revenue for the state social security program, members of the legislature at their forthcoming session will be asked to tighten existing taxation laws as one means to obtain more money.

Rep. James H. Goodman of Midland is preparing a measure to close a wide gap in the application of the property tax law under which more than 600,000 automobiles escaped taxation this year.

This situation, he contends, presents one of the most glaring leaks in the application of the property tax.

Texasans sought licenses for 1,595,373 automobiles and trucks during the 12-month period ended March 31, 1938, records of the highway department show. Yet when it came for the owners to render the motor vehicles for ad valorem taxation, less than 60 per cent were listed on the tax rolls.

**Many Escape Taxation**  
Reports made by county assessor-collectors to State Comptroller George H. Sheppard indicate that only 989,869 vehicles of all types—

automobiles, trucks and wagons included—were rendered on the property tax rolls. In other words at least 605,574 motor vehicles (probably several thousands more because vehicles taxed included wagons) escaped payment of any ad valorem taxes either for local or state purposes.

Forcing all motor vehicles to be rendered for taxation at the same time or before registration license plates are issued would remedy this situation. It has been estimated that the state can raise between \$300,000 and \$400,000 additional revenue annually by the enactment of such a provision.

Sen. Manley Head of Stephenville was an advocate of such legislation in 1937.

Representative Goodman, a newcomer to the legislature, is studying the Colorado system of quarterly payment of license registration fees and the automatic rendition of motor vehicles for ad valorem taxation. He expects to draft an effective measure incorporating the experience of other states, which he hopes to offer at the coming session.

**Some Counties Pay**

With more than 38 per cent of automobiles and other vehicles escaping taxation under the ad valorem levy, the state and the counties are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. This money would now be collected, but for evasions by property owners which are condoned by many of the county assessor-collectors over the state.

The burden of state ad valorem taxation, under these circumstances, is not evenly divided among the counties.

Runnels county, for instance, shows nearly 100 per cent rendition of automobiles for taxation purposes. In that county there are 6,485 motor vehicles registered, and on the tax rolls there are 7,150 vehicles (including wagons) rendered, according to a report made to the state comptroller.

But while vehicle owners in Runnels and other similar counties (like Austin, Bastrop, Baylor, and Travis) are paying their full share of property taxes, car owners in many counties are escaping their share of the burden.

**Others Do Not**  
Duval county offers a good example. Highway department records show 3,296 motor vehicles were registered in that county. But the county assessor-collector reported only 160 vehicles were rendered for ad valorem taxation.

In Howard county at least 4,821 motor vehicles escaped taxation, in Nueces county 21,772, in Tom Green county 7,452, and in Taylor county 9,800. The average evasion over the state is in the neighbor-

**Labor Policy Clouded By Disputes**

Two Factions Have Different Demands On Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Organized labor, telling congress with two voices what it wants, may wind up at the end of the 1939 session arguing over what it gets.

If congress listens to the CIO demands as put forward by John L. Lewis, it can be certain there will be dissenters in the American Federation of Labor. And if it heeds the requests of William Green and his AFL, it will not meet the views of CIO.

Many of the big things that labor wanted in a legislative way—the legal guarantee of a right to bargain collectively, a floor for wages and a ceiling for hours—already have been enacted.

These changes were made despite the name-calling internal friction among labor's leaders. At times, the warmth of this dispute reached to the very floor of house and senate to be reflected in debates.

**Relationship**  
Deep down among the important differences between CIO and the AFL is a conflicting theory of the relations that should be maintained between labor and government.

The militant CIO wants labor to take an active part in government, to develop a strong political weapon of its own, to make government a powerful ally in enforcing what labor wants in the way of working conditions. On the other side, AFL leaders demand that government be relied on less and collective bargaining more.

The AFL, on the theory that its ranks hold men of all political parties, has contributed to the general campaign funds of neither democrats nor republicans. It has fought for or against individual candidates for public office, basing its position on its ideas of the records of the men involved.

CIO in the past has contributed heavily to democratic campaign funds. It maintains a political organization of its own which is an ardent advocate of the new deal. It has allied itself in many ways with President Roosevelt and his program.

The most recent illustration of this difference in attitude was Lewis' announcement that the political agency of CIO would enter the democratic primaries in 1940 in a search for delegates to assure the nomination of "progressive candidates for the office of president and vice-president."

**PEARL BUCK PROUD OF HER EXIT AFTER GREETING KING**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Pearl Buck, who received this year's Nobel prize for literature, returned from Sweden today—very proud of "a beautiful exit in backing away from the king."

"After I received the prize," she said, "I had to back across the room and up some steps, about 80 feet altogether, to where I had been sitting."

"I was quite proud of my exit, the first I had ever made in the presence of royalty, and I don't know who said that I got twisted in my retreat, but it is not so."

The novelist's prize money was \$38,000. The citation said, "for rich and generous epic description of Chinese peasant life and masterpieces of biography."

hood of 40 per cent. A number of counties failed to report any vehicles on the tax rolls.

The number of vehicles (of all types) rendered for ad valorem taxation and the number of motor vehicles registered in the Big Spring area are listed by counties as follows:

County	Taxed	No. Reg.
Borden	298	298
Dawson	4,175	4,175
Ector	776	5,363
Glasscock	153	341
Howard	3,340	7,981
Martin	1,473	1,473
Mason	1,784	1,784
Midland	2,157	4,804
Mitchell	3,317	3,317
Scurry	2,939	2,939
Sterling	296	589

**Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas**

**Thorp Paint & Paper Store**

311 Runnels St. Phone 56

**Man Questioned In Disappearance Of Another**

LONGVIEW, Dec. 24 (AP)—A 23-year-old man was arrested here yesterday by Police Chief Albert Adams for questioning in connection with the disappearance last week of Richard P. Johnson, 40-year-old Atlanta, Ga., journal stereotyper.

The man, against whom no charges have been filed, said Johnson hired him for \$25 in Birmingham Sunday to drive him "over the country," according to Chief Adams and Sheriff's Deputy Floyd Dickerson.

The officers quoted the man as saying he and Johnson drove to Houston and picked up an ex-soldier, with whom Johnson became friendly, then the trio proceeded to Waco, where, after separating, Johnson and the ex-soldier failed to reappear at a pre-arranged parking place.

The man held here told officers he accidentally ran into the ex-soldier on the street and the latter tried to ignore him but that he finally elicited the supposition from the ex-soldier that Johnson might have gone to Dallas.

The man said he and the ex-soldier went to Dallas where the latter left the car and failed to return. The man said he then decided to come here.

**LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS TO HAVE AN AERIAL SANTA CLAUS**

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The lighthouse keepers will have their aerial Santa Claus after all, because Edward Rowe Snow, Boston harbor historian and school teacher, has taken up the task previously carried out by Captain William Winthrop and his son.

Snow announced he and Pilot Charles Cowan would drop packages to lighthouse keepers from Boone Island, Me., to Provincetown, Mass.

**Jobs Buled Out for Boys**

LONDON (UP)—Boys under 15 in future will not be permitted to work in barber shops, pool rooms or any place of amusement where slot machines or games of chance are operated in England. It has been decided that such occupations are not beneficial.

**Wishing You A Joyous Yuletide ... and Good Luck in the Coming Year ...**

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**THE DAWN**

of another New Year ...

finds us wishing you much joy and prosperity ... and expressing our thanks for your friendship and patronage.

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... and hoping to be of greater service to you and this entire community in 1939, we send you heartiest and most sincere wishes for

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**Quality Auto Top & Body Co.**  
BEN McCULLOUGH  
305 Runnels Street Big Spring, Texas

**Happiness To All**

As you gather around your family fireside, know that you carry our best wishes for Joy, Happiness, Health and Prosperity ... That your Christmas and the New Year will be the happiest yet, is our sincere wish.

**Stewart-McDowell Beauty Salon**  
Helen Stewart  
Ruth McDowell

**Greetings**

Wishing you the best of all your desires and a Happiness this Christmas that will continue throughout the coming year.

**Sam Fisherman**  
219 Main St.

**Happy Yuletide to All ...**

THAT IS WHAT WE ARE WISHING FOR OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS ...

May the road that lies out before you lead you to new joys ... Let us thank you for past favors ... and remember, we want to serve you in 1939.

**Keisling Motor Co.**  
R. R. McEwen



## People 'Coming And Going' For Christmas Holiday Reunions

### Local Homes Become Settings For Many Festive Affairs

Holiday time had become reunion time today, and Big Spring homes became scenes of gay Yuletide festivities as relatives and friends were entertained. Or, Big Spring folk had left the home town for a few days to spend Christmas with kin at other points.

For several days, visitors have been arriving, or local folk have been preparing to depart. They came and went by train, plane, bus and private car. Families large and small are getting together again this Christmas.

Many hosts and hostesses planned large house parties, others were to have quieter family reunions, and others concentrated on making Christmas the big day of the year for the younger folk.

It looked like a really cheery Christmas for Big Spring and all her citizens, with as many "coming home" as there were "going home" to other towns.

Here's a partial list of holiday comings, goings and doings:

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Baum and children, Lavera Ann and Billy Parker, are visiting in Cross Plains with Baum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baum.

Tommy Riggs of Winston, N. M., is a guest in the R. E. Beal home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bird plan to enjoy the season visiting in New Orleans. After the first of the year they are expecting a visit from Mrs. Bird's son, Ed Reagan, of Cut Bank, Mont.

Mrs. Edgar Hull of Shreveport, La., is expected for a visit with her brother, A. C. Bass.

Mrs. Georgia Hannaford of Clyde is here for the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Bates. Mr. and Mrs. Bates and daughter, Billie Joe, W. J. Hannaford and Mrs. Hannaford are spending Christmas Day in Midland with H. C. Hannaford and family.

Tom Beasley and Jake Pickle of Waco are here for the holidays with their friends and relatives. Beasley is a guest of his sister, Mrs. W. C. Blankenship and Pickle is visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Elias left

last week for a two weeks holiday visit in Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Blümm and baby, Bobby, left Friday for a visit in Runge.

Mrs. Ed W. Miller of Gainesville is here for a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Bonar.

Eula Mings is spending Christmas in Abilene with her mother.

Ross Hammond, who attends school here, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lillie Hammonds in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell of Eastland are here with Mrs. Campbell's sister, Mrs. G. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brownfield and daughter, Cora Lee, are in Rising Star as guests of Mrs. Brownfield's mother, Mrs. J. M. Roach.

Mrs. Geo. King of Eunice, N. M., is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Orville Bryant.

Alta Buchanan of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Buchanan and son, Pat, of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Lez Buchanan and children, Ann and John, of Abilene, Mrs. E. M. Hilley of Abilene are guests of their mother, Mrs. W. B. Buchanan. Another daughter, Mrs. Walter Whip-

### A Christmas Sermon Written For The Herald

### CHRISTMAS MEANINGS

By Rev. P. Walter Henckell  
Rector of St. Mary's

Once again it is our privilege to celebrate the greatest event in the world's history—the birth of Jesus. The birth of Jesus was an event, but that is not all. It was not just an event, but rather an event with meanings.

The event cannot be told more effectively than the Gospel account renders it. It is the story of stable-straw, cattle, shepherds, angelic music. Such are the simple materials out of which has been woven the story of our Saviour's birth. But amid this simplicity, beauty, and familiarity, let us not miss the real significance of the event.

First of all, Christmas means that God has come to earth. It marks the entry of God into human life. An old carol has caught this meaning:

Hosanna! Let all the earth and heaven  
Salute the happy morn;  
To-day the promised Son is given  
And God Himself is born.

God sent forth His Son into the world to reveal something of Himself. God came to us as Babe in the arms of His mother. Isaiah foretold Him, Emmanuel, that is God with us. Christmas means the entry of God into the world.

The second meaning of Christmas is the brotherhood of man. The angels knew at least one of the meanings of Christmas when they sang "Peace on earth, good-will towards men." Men were brethren long before Christ was born into the world. But

Christ came into the world to get men to behave as brethren. He was born into an earthly family in order that He too might belong to the brotherhood of man.

The third meaning of Christmas is a Saviour for the world. This meaning is brought out in the name which was given the Babe. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people." Jesus means Saviour. And how many times in His later life do we find Him doing just that. His great mission was to save men and women.

I do not think it cheapens the Incarnation to say that we are little incarnations. We have a purpose in the world—of saving others by offering to others the blessings of the Christ child.

This troubled world certainly needs to heed these three meanings of the birth of Jesus Christ. The message of Christmas this year is that we need to come back to faith in Him who was born in Bethlehem. These simple meanings must be believed and practiced by the world. We need to return to faith in the God and Father of Jesus Christ. We need to have a new faith in each other. And lastly we need to rely on the power of Jesus to save us from our troubles. He has the only solution to the ills of the world.

My plea is that this Christmas may be a Christmas with meanings, and that the spirit of the Christ may enter the hearts of men and women everywhere.

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today."

key and family of Colorado are also here for the day.

Jack Gibbs and Mr. Sanderson of Chicago will be here during Christmas as guests of the Clayton Stewarts and New Year's they plan to attend the Rose Bowl football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Boykin are in Rochelle for the holidays with Mrs. Boykin's parents. Mrs. Boykin has been there for several days but Boykin only went down for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stembbridge and son, Delbert Ray, are in Gilmer with Stembbridge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stembbridge.

Mrs. Luther Norman and daughter, Beverly Ann, of Kerrville are guests of Mrs. Norman's sister, Mrs. L. R. Kuykendall and Mrs. Marjorie Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey of Westbrook are spending Christmas with Mrs. Ramsey's mother, Mrs. W. M. Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gullion will spend this week visiting in Floydada and Dimmitt with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hahn and children, Jimmy, Dickie and Billy, are in Austin as guests of Hahn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hahn.

Mrs. J. B. Hatchett is entertaining her children over the holidays including Grace Hatchett of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Peck of Lubbock and Peck's mother, and Mrs. L. O. Greenfield of Brownfield.

Mary Ruth Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bennett of Mercedes is a holiday guest of Rozella Stephens. Miss Bennett and Miss Stephens became acquainted while attending Mary Hardin-Baylor. Miss Bennett is now attending E. T. S. T. C. at Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eberley and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Eberley are spending the holidays visiting relatives in Birmingham, Ala.

Dorothy Rhoton of Texas Wesleyan college, Mildred Rhoton, who teaches school at Garden City, and Lillian Rhoton of Sweetwater are Christmas guests of their mother, Mrs. D. A. Rhoton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Lovelace of Corpus Christi are here for the holidays with Lovelace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Lovelace.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and daughter, Anna Mae, of Ackerly are guests of their son and brother, L. I. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Landis and daughter, Carolyn Rhea, of Kansas City arrived Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Landis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fleeman. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parrish of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shaffer of Lamesa and Effie June Bell of Ballinger are also guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fleeman.

Mrs. C. T. Tucker plans to spend Christmas Day in San Angelo as a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Marshall Jones.

Jewell Barton is visiting relatives in Clyde.

Rheba Travis is spending the weekend in Breckenridge as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Austin.

Mrs. Florence DeLaney is an Abilene visitor in the home of her sister, Mrs. Charlie Delmar.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Thorp and children, Anna Mae and Murth, Jr., are expected to return Tuesday from a visit with Mrs. Thorp's sister, Mrs. J. J. Mees of Abilene.

Elizabeth and Virginia Terry are in Colorado with their grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Terry.

Mrs. D. N. Tinnell and baby of Monahans are guests of Mrs. Tinnell's mother, Mrs. W. M. Taylor.

Katherine Anderson, who teaches in Wink, is here for a visit with her aunt, Miss Mattie Leatherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Leatherwood of Las Vegas, N. M., who visited in Mineral Wells for two

### Santa Interviews Youngsters By The Hundreds, But The Script Reads Just About The Same

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—All Santa Claus wants for Christmas is a straight man's job in a comedy act.

The white whiskered gentleman in the red suit at a loop department store confided this today. For several weeks he has been interviewing 800 little visitors daily, but the q's and a's change but little.

"What's the most satisfying thing about the Santa Claus business?" he asked, and answered, "the utter faith of childhood. And the biggest problem? To avoid shattering a child's faith."

"This morning a little girl confided she wanted an electric train. Her clothes told me she'd be lucky to get an orange. What to do? The Santa Claus gospel says in a case like that to be heartily indefinite."

"Most youngsters are so pleased with whatever they get that they have forgotten what they asked for."

"An astonishing number of tots order baby brothers and sisters. We make no definite commitments. We say, 'well, well, we'll talk it over with mother and daddy, and if you're good to Santa he'll be good to you.'"

weeks, stopped here the last of the week en route home for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Mamie Acuff is spending the holidays in San Antonio with friends.

Charles Vines, Jr., of the University of Texas arrived Friday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vines.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Vick are planning to spend the week visiting in New Mexico. Christmas Day they will be guests of Vick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Underwood of Hobbs are here with Underwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Underwood.

Laura Bell Underwood is planning to attend a New Year's dance in Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Underwood are in Abilene for the weekend with Mrs. Underwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Warren will spend part of the holidays with Mrs. Warren's sister, Mrs. T. L. Lollar, at Snyder.

Mrs. Ira Thurman and daughter, Marijo, are leaving Monday to spend the week in San Antonio with Mrs. Thurman's mother, Mrs. William Menger.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thompson and sons, Louis Glen and Kenneth, are leaving Sunday for DeKalb to see Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell of Eastland are guests in the city of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Alden Thomas is entertaining her mother, Mrs. L. D. Hodges

Mrs. R. L. Warren after Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Smith are spending Christmas in Lubbock with Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bush Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dabney are holding a family reunion at their home by entertaining their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Dabney, Jr., and baby of Andrews, and two other sons, Chesney and Jack Dabney of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Little John of Odessa. Ross B. Chesney of San Antonio, quartermaster sergeant of Kelly field, is also a guest in the home. He is a brother of Mrs. Dabney.

Holiday guests of Mrs. J. J. Sligh include Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Powell of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Powell of Spur, Mrs. R. L. Cole of Roswell, Mrs. Bettie Powell of Garden City, Gladine Powell of Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Powell of Colorado. Mrs. J. T. Powell, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Sligh, is sick and unable to be out this Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Simmons are in San Antonio for the holidays with mother, Mrs. F. R. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sikes of Sweetwater are here with Sikes' mother, Mrs. G. W. Sikes. Mrs. Sikes is also looking for her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ridgway of Monahans, and Billie Sikes of Seminole.

Mrs. Herbert Fox left Saturday for Breckenridge to be with her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Silvers, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holden are in Paducah for a visit with Holden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holden.

Mrs. Robert E. Lee is hostess to her father, S. H. Chumley, of Bronte, and sister, Olive Chumley, of Abilene, during the holidays.

P. A. Word is in Comanche spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. A. Word.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ward and children, Glenda Jean and Myrna Dean, are in Lubbock for the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ward's parents, Mrs. E. M. Hillyer and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ward.

Mrs. G. B. Salyer of Littlefield is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Walker.

H. F. Williams and daughters, Velma and Masbia of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Booth of Breckenridge are visitors in the home of Mrs. J. G. Wheat. H. F. Williams is the father of Mrs. Wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morris of Lamesa will be guests of Mr. and

### College Crowd Home To Take Part In Round Of Gala Parties

Adding to the gaiety of the Christmas scene locally is the presence of the college crowd. Joe College and Betty Coed had dropped classroom cares and were at home to spend the holidays "with the folks."

But they were planning to spend some hours away from the fireside, to join in the round of festive parties and gala dances that mark the Christmas season.

The dance whirl already had started, with the A&M Club sponsoring one Wednesday night, the country club starting its annual ball Friday night. Another dance was scheduled at the Settles Saturday night, and the Christmas weekend will be topped off with a German at the Settles starting after 11 o'clock Sunday night. The double holiday provided time for extra social activities.

More of the holiday "personals" are recorded herewith:

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson have gone to Baird to see Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson.

Mrs. Anna Prather was called to Alba, Texas, several days ago because of the illness of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Logan and daughter, Mary Louise, of Colorado, are guests of their son and brother, Vernon Logan. Henry Etta Bowling of Abilene is also a guest in the home. Miss Bowling is Mrs. Logan's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wooten and daughter, Sarah Catherine, are in San Antonio for the holidays.

H. W. Callahan left Friday for Baton Rouge to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Housewright are entertaining Mrs. Housewright's sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jenkins of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brooks of Greenville.

Audrey Phillips is in Lubbock visiting her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Summerlin are in San Antonio for the holidays. Mrs. Summerlin's father.

Ned James of Fort Worth is a weekend guest of Roberta Lee Hanson.

George Neel, Hank Hart and Vance Lebkowsky left Sunday for Dallas to attend the state high school game Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Morrison and two children, Dickie and Billie, of Norton are guests of Mrs. Morrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lester are spending the weekend in Clyde with Lester's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Woodward.

Mrs. J. W. Duffus of El Paso is

a guest of her sister, Mrs. B. O. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Clayton of Cisco are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nummy, and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Clayton. Mrs. Nummy is also expecting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Robinson, of Minden, La., for a visit after the first of the year. Mrs. Robinson will also be a guest of her son, J. M. Robinson, while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Holden of Fort Worth and Sylvester Newberg of Fort Worth are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Newberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pyle of Ackerly are Christmas Day guests of Pyle's brother, D. C. Pyle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pritchett and family and Stanley Claiborn are spending the holidays in Quannah as guests of Mrs. Pritchett's mother, Mrs. J. O. Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Patterson of Odessa and Mrs. Patterson's mother, Mrs. T. S. Holland, and Mrs. Katherine Womack of Los Angeles, are guests of Patterson's parents and friends in Big Spring.

Mrs. Ben Young and son, Ben, Jr., of Stephenville are guests of Mrs. Young's sister, Mrs. J. B. Parks. Windell Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parks, plans to attend the Cotton Bowl game.

Durwood Hartin of Ruidosa, N. M., is visiting his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beam and children—Addie are visiting in the home of Mrs. Beam's brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Milner.

Jimmy Miller of Lubbock and Rupert Miller of Pampa were expected for the weekend by their mother, Mrs. W. A. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy are entertaining during the holidays Mrs. Murphy's mother, Mrs. R. L.

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## Christmas

With sincere appreciation for your patronage during the past year and with the wish that the New Year may bring you much joy, happiness and prosperity, we extend to you  
Holiday Greetings!

## A. C. DRUG

## BECAUSE

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the kindness shown us, for patronage given us, for words of encouragement and good will on every hand . . . we avail ourselves of the opportunity Christmas brings in extending our very best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and a New Year of Prosperity and Happiness.

## Crawford Cleaners

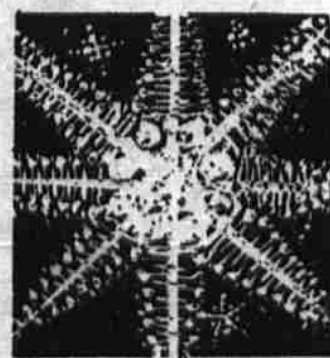
FRANK RUTHERFORD



### The Fleetest Messenger

We're sending the fleetest messenger we could find—he'll have to reach all the people for whom we have heart wishes for the most glorious of all Christmases. We're particularly anxious that he reach you, for we want you to know how much we appreciate your patronage.

## Taylor Electric Co.



### The Very Brightest Christmas Star

With all its fiery glow, it still lacks the burning sincerity of our wishes for your holiday season, wishes so warm and heart-felt that you can't help noticing them. May your personal guiding star ride high throughout the coming year.

## Kelsey Studio



### A Burning WISH

Deep down in our hearts burns the wish that all the friends of this store who have made our work so pleasant this past year will have bright days ahead and a full measure of prosperity and good health.

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## Builders Supply Company

103 East 2nd

## Christmas Greetings

May this holiday season bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it success in your every endeavor. You have been thoughtful of this business and have made possible our continued growth. For your splendid patronage we express sincere appreciation and pledge ourselves to an ever greater service in the future.

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## B. O. Jones Grocery

—and all the "force"

## A GREAT DAY for EVERYBODY!

... There's the beauty of Christmas Day—it brings happiness and good cheer to more people than any other day of the year. It is an imperial visitor shedding its lustre upon the young and old, the rich and the poor.

To Each and Everyone, a Sincere Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year . . .

## Nalley Funeral Home



# Ritz Offers Moving Melodrama Of Crime's Defeat As Featured Holiday Attraction

## O'Brien And Cagney In 'Angels With Dirty Faces'

James Cagney and Pat O'Brien are co-starring, and such stars as the "Dead End" kids, Humphrey Bogart, Ann Sheridan—the Texas girl who is making good in Hollywood—and Gene Bancroft are the chief supporting players in "Angels With Dirty Faces," a thrilling, stark, grim and intensely moving melodrama which is at the Ritz this weekend.

The Ritz offers the picture as its Christmas attraction Sunday and Monday as one of the outstanding melodramas of the winter season. A Quiz Contest picture, "Angels With Dirty Faces" has received highly favorable reviews.

In this production, the inimitable Jimmy returns to the type of role which first brought him fame and in which the public has always liked him best. He is again a gangster, a killer, a grim, ruthless, relentless, dynamic personality of the type that he alone has been able to make completely convincing on the screen.

"Angels With Dirty Faces," however, cannot be adequately described as simply a "gangster picture." While it has thrilling scenes of murderous combat between its central character and his underworld enemies and also depicts him, in one of its most effective sequences, standing at bay a virtual army of policemen, its interest goes far beyond such episodes.

It is a biography of the tough youth played by Cagney, carrying him from his boyhood to the electric chair. At the same time it contrasts his life with that of the character played by Pat O'Brien. The latter, just as bad in his boyhood as Jimmy, is not caught when he escapes with Jimmy from the scene of the juvenile crime which results in Jimmy's receiving his first penal sentence. While Jimmy, as a result of his incarceration, goes literally from bad to worse, Pat turns in the opposite direction; in fact, he studies for the priesthood and eventually becomes priest of the parish in which he and Jimmy were boys.

The lives of the two former pals cross again when Jimmy, now a big-time criminal, returns to the scene of his boyhood. He is naturally a great hero to all the little toughs of the neighborhood, and this is a source of great distress to the priest, who is working valiantly to prevent those boys from following the same course of development that has made his own boyhood chum into a cold, callous, heartless killer.

In effect, the priest and the criminal are contesting wit each other for the souls of these boys. And this leads to one of the most effective climaxes ever depicted on the screen.

## CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS AT BIG SPRING THEATRES

**RITZ**—"Angels With Dirty Faces," starring Pat O'Brien and James Cagney, with Ann Sheridan, Humphrey Bogart and the Dead End kids.  
**LYRIC**—"Alexander's Ragtime Band," the Irving Berlin musical, with Tyrone Power, Alice Faye, Don Ameche and Ethel Merman.  
**QUEEN**—Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," with Reginald Owen, Terry Kilburn and Gene and Kathleen Lockhart.

### IN DRAMATIC FILM AT RITZ



A moving drama of great moral force is "Angels With Dirty Faces," offered at the Ritz theatre today and Monday as that theatre's Christmas feature. Heading the cast are Pat O'Brien and James Cagney, with Ann Sheridan, a Texas girl, playing the feminine lead. The picture is one on the Quiz Contest list.

### 'Howdy Mister' A New KBST Feature For The Men

"Howdy Mister"—a brand new program designed for the men—will make its debut over station KBST and the Texas State Network at 11:30 a. m. Monday, December 26, a broadcast scheduled to be heard five times weekly, Mondays through Fridays from 11:30 a. m. to 12 noon.

With commentaries by "Smilin' Bill" Fields, "Howdy Mister" will furnish five-star entertainment to the gentlemen of Texas—a gala array of music and information which every man needs.

"Short Shots in the Sports Picture" plus "Trend of the Days Markets" plus "One Minute Minutes of Life" will be furnished by

Commentator Bill Fields, while the musical portion of each broadcast will include selections by the "Men of the Range," see Southwestern men's trio; and scintillating melodies by Olive Wise Floyd and the "Hot Organ."

### Sports Spotlight To Be Heard On New Schedule

Effective Monday, December 26, "Sport Spotlights with Bill Fields" will be heard at a new time, 6:35 to 6:45 p. m. Sundays through Fridays—over station KBST and the Texas State Network.

For the past few months these popular broadcasts have been heard at a late evening hour, bringing in a great amount of praise for general Bill Fields, who covers every department of the sports situation in a rapid-fire, informative manner.

The sports situation on Saturdays will be ably covered by Zack Hurt, TSN sports supervisor, in his quarter-hour broadcasts—"Sports Review with Zack Hurt"—from 6:30 to 6:45 p. m. over the Texas State Network.

## Ozzie Nelson Band On The Air Today

### Unit Featured Over KBST In 'Show Of The Week'

Ozzie Nelson and his orchestra, with Harriett Hilliard as songstress, will be featured on the "Admiration Show of the Week" to be heard over station KBST and the Texas State Network from 5:30 to 6 p. m. Sunday, December 25, the program lending a joyous impetus to Christmas festivities.

Nelson started his rhythmic career on the banks of the old Raritan at Rutgers university, in New Jersey, and has become one of the nation's leading tune stylists. Guest starting on "The Admiration Show of the Week" will be Abe Lyman who will yield his baton on this same program, Jan. 1, 1939. Ray Perkins as master-of-ceremonies and Ernest Chappel, news editor, will round out the program from the Mutual Playhouse in New York City.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Rev. Charles E. Fuller of Los Angeles will deliver an inspirational Christmas message to his radio audience Sunday evening, December 25, in his regular "Old Fashioned Revival" broadcast to be heard over station KBST and the Texas State Network from 8 to 9 o'clock.

These revival broadcasts from Los Angeles have gained a large following, and particularly are Rev. Fuller's millions of listeners awaiting a great Christmas message.

### MEXICO TOPIC

"The Mexican Expropriation Policy and Its Bearing on Good Neighborliness" will be the subject discussed by Elliott Roosevelt in his commentary—"Texas in the World News"—to be heard over station KBST and the Texas State Network from 5:45 to 6 p. m. Monday, December 26.

### ABOUT IN-LAWS

Whether child should make their home with their parents after the former get married will be the problem discussed on the "Original Good Will Hour" to be heard over station KBST and the Texas State Network from 9:30 to 10 p. m. Sunday, December 25. A young woman who objects to marriage because her suitor wants her to live with him in his mother's home after their marriage, will discuss her problem with John J. Anthony, director of the program.

### Beavers Accept Home Aid

TOLEDO, O. (UP)—Keepers built for beavers at the Toledo zoo a store hut, with a 10-inch tile drain for an entrance, after the beavers unsuccessfully had tried to build their own house over the drain of their pool.

## TUNE IN KBST 1500 KILOCYCLES

Sunday-Monday Afternoon  
10:30 Novelle. TSN.  
10:45 American Radio Warblers. MBS.

11:00 Church of Christ.  
12:00 News. TSN.  
12:15 Eddie Fitzpatrick.

12:45 Assembly of God.  
1:00 Say It With Music.  
1:30 Voice of the Bible.  
1:45 WPA Program.

2:00 Islanders.  
2:15 Seniceloffs Band. MBS.  
2:30 Russian Gypsy Strings.  
2:45 Doris McDonald. TSN.  
3:00 Benny Venuta. MBS.

3:30 Crime Prevention. TSN.  
4:00 Sunday Afternoon Revue. TSN.  
4:30 Baptist Church.

Sunday Evening  
5:30 Show of the Week. MBS.  
6:00 Bach Cantata. MBS.  
6:30 News. TSN.

6:55 Dick Barry. MBS.  
7:00 From London—Band of His Majesty's Goldstream Guards. MBS.

7:30 To Be Announced. MBS.  
8:00 Old Fashioned Revival. MBS.  
9:00 Sunday Evening Melodies. TSN.

9:30 Good Will Hour. MBS.  
10:00 Goodnight.

Monday Morning  
7:00 News. TSN.  
7:15 Morning Roundup. TSN.

8:00 Devotional.  
8:15 Hillbilly Swing. TSN.  
8:30 Dot and Mel. TSN.

8:45 Sunsetland. TSN.  
8:55 News. TSN.  
9:00 Gall North. TSN.

9:15 Billy Muth. TSN.  
9:30 John McNeal. MBS.  
9:45 Singing Strings. MBS.

10:00 Grandma Travels.  
10:15 Piano Impressions.  
10:30 Variety Program.  
10:45 Songs of the Sunny South. TSN.

11:00 News. TSN.  
11:10 Home Town Revue. TSN.  
11:15 Neighbors. TSN.

11:30 Farm and Ranch Hour.  
11:45 Men of the Range. TSN.  
Monday Afternoon

12:00 News. TSN.  
12:15 Curstone Reporter.  
12:30 Tune Wranglers. TSN.

1:00 Jack Free.  
1:15 Happy Cowboy. TSN.  
1:30 Hollywood American Legion Band.

1:50 Corpus Christi vs. Lubbock Football Game.  
4:30 Three Graces. MBS.  
4:45 WPA Program.

Monday Evening  
5:00 News. TSN.  
5:05 Songs That Sweethearts Sing. MBS.

5:15 End of Day. TSN.  
5:30 Uncle Happy and His Toy Band. TSN.

5:45 TSN in the World News. TSN.  
6:00 Rhythm Makers.  
6:15 Say It With Music.  
6:30 News. TSN.

6:35 Gene Austin.  
6:45 Jack Free.  
7:00 News. TSN.

7:05 Freddie Berrens.  
7:15 Pinto Pen.  
7:30 Say It With Words. MBS.

8:00 News. TSN.  
8:05 String Trio. TSN.  
8:15 Dixieland Group. TSN.

8:20 WOE Symphony. MBS.  
9:00 George Hamilton. MBS.  
9:30 The Lone Ranger. MBS.

10:00 News. TSN.  
10:15 Schielefrits Band. MBS.  
10:30 Bill Fields. TSN.

10:45 Jesse Manserros. MBS.  
11:00 Goodnight.

## THEY MAKE MUSICAL HISTORY



You'll probably recognize Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche as the three young folk who performed so brilliantly in "Alexander's Ragtime Band," one of film musicals which is a cavalcade of Irving Berlin songs. The three are back for a Christmas visit at the Lyric theatre, as "Alexander" is offered Sunday and Monday.

## Ace Musical Returns To The Lyric

### 'Alexander's Ragtime Band' Is Christmas Feature

The Lyric theatre falls well in line in this business of giving Christmas gifts to the movie customers, having booked, for Sunday-Monday showings, the outstanding musical film of the times, and possibly the ranking picture of any type for the season. The production is that cavalcade of American songs as interpreted by Irving Berlin, "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

Berlin's saga of three decades in the march of America is told not only with action and with a story, but with melody, and the utilization of memorable melodies in a story to point up the climatic points is no less than an outstanding success.

"Alexander" also has popular players in the cast, with Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche featured.

The Berlin score is, of course without previous or subsequent parallel. It took the Shakespeare of syncopation 27 years to write it, and every one of the 28 songs, used wholly or partially in the picture topped the hit parade of its era.

The film makes them integrally story material by casting the principal characters as members of a fictitious Alexander's Ragtime Band—and letting them do just about what the members of a real band would have done.

In the brilliance of "Alexander" one remembers that Tyrone Power starts with a small band in a honky-tonk. Don Ameche writes the tunes which Alice Faye sings. Love smolders, flares, cools, blows up and is rekindled over the years for Tyrone and Alice. History moves before the eyes with the reminiscent melodies of Berlin as a gentle guide through the plot. Such a story framework—the career of a young musician and the girl who sang the nation's love songs—two hotheads quarreling and parting, forgiving and finding love again through the music that was their life—is novel and scintillating.

Darryl F. Zanuck sent in with his stars an able cast—Ethel Merman, Jack Haley, Jean Harlow, Helen Westley, John Carradine, Paul Hurst, Wally Vernon, Ruth Terry and a dozen others of like caliber.

Add to this story, score and cast Director Henry King, fresh from his triumph in "In Old Chicago."

King's direction has that touch of perfection that gives every scene, particularly the romantic phases, the finish of a masterpiece. Alice Faye never was more beautiful nor did she ever sing or perform with greater effect. Tyrone Power and Don Ameche are equally tremendous in vividly contrasting portrayals. Ethel Merman, who comes into the story later, handles a role with her usual spirit. Jack Haley and Chick Chandler lend a pleasant comedy touch as members of the band and later as soldier pals of Tyrone's.

Others In Cast  
—Jean Harlow and Helen Westley take efficient care of roles as the music teacher and young Power's aunt. Paul Hurst is a stand-out in his part as a friendly bartender and John Carradine delivers a fine portrayal as a taxi driver. There, too, are fine portrayals by Wally Vernon, Ruth Terry, Douglas Fowley and Eddie Collins.

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## DICKENS CHARACTERS ON SCREEN



Terry Kilburn as Tiny Tim and Reginald Owen—one of the greatest of Hollywood's character players—as Ebenezer Scrooge bring to life the characters of Charles Dickens' Yuletide classic, "A Christmas Carol," the film version of which is at the Queen theatre today and Monday as the theatre's featured holiday attraction.

## Queen Recognizes The Holiday With Sunday-Monday Presentation Of Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'

Breathing its Christmas message of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men, "A Christmas Carol" is the story of one, dealing with the miser Scrooge whose acts of harshness caused him to be visited by the ghost of his dead partner and the three Christmas spirits.

They show him his youth, the dire poverty with which he is surrounded in teeming London and the happy Christmas of Cratchit, his clerk, and his family. How the miser's heart is touched by the child, Tiny Tim, and the rest of the dramatic story of the book is all in the picture.

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WITH **PAT O'BRIEN**  
**JAMES CAGNEY**  
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**ANN SHERIDAN** ... and the 'Crime School' and 'Dead End' KIDS

Plus: Metro News Barnyard Symphony

STARTING TUESDAY  
**'SHED ANGEL'**

## LYRIC TODAY TOMORROW

**MARCHING ALONG WITH TIME!**

**Irving Berlin's ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND**

Plus: "Major Difficulties"

**TYRONE ALICE POWER · FAYE**  
**DON AMECHE**  
**AND A MIGHTY CAST**

A Movie Contest Picture

STARTING TUESDAY  
**'STRANGE FACES'**  
with **FRANK JENKS** and **Dorothea KENT**

## QUEEN TODAY TOMORROW

**MISS IT? YOU MIGHT AS WELL MISS CHRISTMAS!!**

**CHARLES DICKENS' 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'**

Plus: Pathe News "Sally Swing"

Reginald Owen - Gene Lockhart  
Kathleen Lockhart - Terry Kilburn  
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Personals

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Wetta, of Kerrville, her three sisters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McElroy, Mrs. C. G. Holmgren, all of Kerrville, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dellingham of Dumas, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Bob Watts and son, John Robert, of Amarillo, and an aunt, Lizzie, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheelon of Ranger are guests of Wheelon's sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Parker are entertaining their son, Sidney L. Parker of Ft. Bliss, and Parker's mother, Mrs. C. A. Hawkins of San Angelo.

Tera Mae Carson of Chicago is expected after Christmas Day for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Joe Ogden.

Mrs. C. C. Ryan and sons, Clyde and Junior, are leaving Monday for a visit with Mrs. Ryan's mother, Mrs. Mae Shaw, at Marshall.

Pat Reagan of San Antonio academy is a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Reagan.

Fred Savage of Saint Elmo, Ill.,

is expected home for the holidays by his mother, Mrs. A. C. Savage.

Walter McAllen of St. Edward's University in Austin is home for the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McAllen.

Maxine Waldrop of Lubbock is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. E. Satterwhite.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stalcup and daughters, Faisy and Emily, are in Vernon for the weekend with their parents, Mrs. Molly Stalcup and Mrs. T. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Rinehart are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Abilene.

Guests in the Dewey Martin home this weekend are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bond, Jr., of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bond, Sr., of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green and Mrs. A. T. Lloyd of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hyde of New Mexico are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben McCullough.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. O'Keefe and visiting friends and relatives in Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pendleton plan to spend the weekend in Dallas with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Long are en-

tertaining their son, Pete, Jr., of San Antonio, and Mrs. Long's sister, Clara Hugh of San Antonio, during the holidays.

Marion Ruth Connell of Anson is a guest of her mother, Mrs. R. E. McMillan. McMillan's mother, Mrs. D. A. Cromer, and aunt, Mrs. E. E. Hadley of Ranger are also guests in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Younger and daughters, Billie Jean and Maxie Deg, are in Roscoe as guests of Younger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Younger and before returning they will visit in Stamford with Mrs. Younger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milam of Leones are visitors in the home of Mrs. Milam's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Winterrowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Winn, Joanna, Raymond, Jr., and W. E., will be guests of Mrs. Winn's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Schep, in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crites and daughter, Delynn, of Fort Worth were expected this weekend for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Crites' daughter, Mrs. Riggs Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joe Williamson and baby of Dallas are visitors in the home of Williamson's mother, Mrs. H. F. Williamson. Williamson attends medical school in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Willis and children, Billie and Mary Nell, are spending Christmas in Dallas and Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Searcy of Ponca City, Okla., are visitors in the home of Mrs. Searcy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shive. Another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheane of Fort Worth are also here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Keefe and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rutherford of Fort Worth are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sheeler and Carrie Scholz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wells have as their holiday guests Mrs. Wells' father, A. B. Salyer, her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barry, and Tommie Holland of Dublin, her brother, Wamel Salyer of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graves of Monahans.

Weldon Christian of Texas Technological is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dempsey are entertaining their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Dempsey, Jr., and Mrs. Dempsey's sister, Mrs. G. E. Fentress of Los Angeles.

Clayton Webb Bettle of Texas Tech and former resident of Big Spring is here for a few days with his sister, Mrs. S. R. Whaley.

Joe Edward Davis, Jr., of El in the home of his brother, Frank Hatton.

Abilene is claiming the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurt dur-

ing the holidays where they are guests of Mrs. Hurt's mother, Mrs. E. E. Hail.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Robertson of Denison are guests of Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mrs. W. R. Dawes.

Jack Little of the University of Paso is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Davis. Davis is a teacher in the El Paso public schools.

Mrs. I. L. Abernathy and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Fiero of Quanah are expected for a visit with Mrs. Abernathy's sister, Mrs. E. L. Deason.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bibb and daughter, Dora Jean, are in Stephenville with Mrs. Bibb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collier and Bibb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bibb. They will also go to Fort Worth before returning.

rie. They will all attend the Cotton Texas is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kilway and children of Mineola and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Dykes of Morton are here as guests of Mrs. W. R. Currie. They will all attend the Cotton Bowl game before returning home.

Mrs. J. E. Ledbetter of Henderson, Tenn., is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Hitt of Chillicothe are spending the holidays with their son, R. C. Hitt.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Croft and daughter, Joyce, are visiting friends and relatives in Fort Worth and Stephenville.

Emma Nee Wooten of Hardin-Simmons is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Crosthwait left Friday for a visit with their parents in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. Fannie Wilson of Dallas is here with her son, C. W. Cunningham, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cornelson are spending the day in Stanton with Mrs. Cornelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brindley left last week for Birmingham, Ala., to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCall of Victoria are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Brittle Cox.

Mrs. Florie Nell is expecting her daughter Bea Nell of Midland, and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nell of Austin, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith expect their son, J. H. Smith of Amarillo, home for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Morgan of Odessa are weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Cordill and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Morgan. Ole Cordill of Rice is also home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Everetts and daughter, Sandra June, of Roy-

ally are guests of Mrs. Everetts' mother, Mrs. E. E. Settles.

Mr. and Mrs. Pollard Runnels are spending the weekend in Terrell with relatives.

Mrs. T. G. Adams and son, Alfred, left Saturday for Eldorado, Ark., to visit with Mrs. Adams' parents.

Norman Agnew of the University of Texas is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Agnew. They are planning to spend Christmas Day in Lubbock as guests of Mrs. Agnew's sister, Mrs. S. N. Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Akey plan to leave Saturday or Sunday for Fort Worth for a visit with Akey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Akey.

Mrs. Theo Andrews is busy entertaining her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Casey and son, Charles, of Monahans and Mrs. E. B. Daniels and children, Joan and Eddy, of Toyah.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Angel and son, Robert, are in Rising Star as guests of Angel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Angel.

Mrs. Sam Baker recently returned from a visit to Dallas and Arkansas but she does not expect any visitors for the holidays.

Mrs. T. E. Baker is expecting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Locke of Houston, a few days after Christmas.

Mrs. F. O. Allen is spending the

weekend with her children at Tahoka and O'Donnell.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnett are host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll Barnett and son, James, of Houston, Gill Alfred Barnett of Dallas, Eleanor Guthrie of Dallas and Frances Graham of Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lee Comer of Dallas were also expected to arrive for a short visit.

Mrs. B. Wall is spending the holidays in Tahoka.

Mrs. I. D. Eddins plans to spend the holidays in El Paso visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greene were in Colorado Christmas Eve as guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Greene and daughter, Jo Anne, and today they are all guests of Mrs. Greene's sister in Snyder, Mrs. H. G. Towle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brooks of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butt and children, Weldon and Joanne, of San Francisco, Mrs. E. A. Fletcher of Redwood City, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Groebel of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Groebel of Big Spring left Friday morning for their ranch near San Saba to spend the holidays. They will spend New Year's Day in San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are parents of the Groebel boys, Mrs. Butt is a sister and Mrs. Fletcher is an aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin of Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Griffin of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. B.

O. McKinney of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hamrick of San Saba are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Jr., are in El Paso as guests of their son, Billie, who is employed on the Texas and Pacific railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson and family and Mrs. Wilson's grand-

mother, Mrs. Hattie Casswell, are in Coahoma attending a reunion of the Fetola family at the home of Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. G. W. Gregory. Others there include Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Maguire of Clovis and Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. S. P. Echols.

Vesta and R. J. Michael, Jr., students of the University of Texas. See PERSONALS, Page 5, Col. 1



Please accept this hearty sincere greeting that your Christmas may be merry and your New Year filled with happiness.

At this season of the year, we want to stop long enough to express our thanks for the many kindnesses that have been shown us during the past year . . . and extend to each of you

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In short, the girls who make Don Flower's daily drawing a mad and merry medley of gay goings-on. Better make a date with them!

# BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD

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Personals

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are home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Michael.

C. A. Murdock, Jr., of the University of Texas is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Murdock.

Mrs. Bill Gage met her husband in Denton and from there they went to Houston for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Good are enjoying a family visit from their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Simpson of Vealmoor, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Porter of Ackery and son, Jess Good of Big Spring. They are also entertaining two grandchildren, Wade Simpson and Pat Porter, and Howard Witt of Lamesa who is a family friend.

Mrs. J. E. Butler of Odessa will be here Christmas day and Monday with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Gray.

Mrs. C. S. Willis and family of Sweetwater are guests of Mrs. Willis' sister, Mrs. J. J. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson and son, Edward, left Friday for Los Angeles for a visit with Johnson's sister, Edward is to remain in Los Angeles to attend a Diesel engineering school. They will attend the Rose Bowl game before returning home January 10.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hayward and family and Mrs. W. D. Berry and children are in Moran for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen and J. A. Hayward.

Mrs. J. A. Hise is expecting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs.

M. H. Hoto, and daughter, Daisy Mando, of Ranger for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Hardy are entertaining a group of guests including the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Hardy and daughter, Mrs. E. O. Eubanks of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. C. Morris Randall of Seymour, Morris Randall of medical school at Galveston, and Sally Randall of Seymour.

Mrs. H. E. Howie and daughter, Molly Ann, are spending the week in Dallas as guests of Mrs. Howie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Martin.

Ethel Hoosier of Sul Ross is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hoosier and Hartman Hoosier of San Angelo is expected for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith are expecting Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Smith, of Mineral Wells for the holidays.

Mrs. W. C. Henley, Jr., of Abilene and Bea Nell Midland are holiday guests of Mrs. Florrie Nell.

Mrs. L. G. Talley and daughter, Myrna Jean, are holidaying in Electra with Mrs. Talley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Switzer and daughter, Jo Ann, are in Comanche and Baird for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carpenter left Saturday for Electra to visit Carpenter's sister, Mrs. G. M. Shafter.

Adams Tuiley of Odessa is spending Sunday with his mother, Mrs. H. L. Tuiley, and brother, L. G. Tuiley.

Allen Stripling of Houston and John Stripling of the University of Texas arrived home Friday for

a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fox Stripling.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stringfellow and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Stringfellow and daughter, Peggy, plan to spend the week in Mount Pleasant as guests of W. T. Stringfellow.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Fuglar and John Slay Fuglar of San Antonio are here for the holidays visiting in the V. W. Fuglar home. John Slay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Fuglar.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Eastbourns are spending the weekend with friends in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben LeFevre are in Abilene for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Phillips and children, Rupert, Jr., and Marjorie left Thursday for Ojai, Calif., for a visit with Phillips' mother, Mrs. Lucy Hayes. They will visit other points in California while there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Faught are in Brownwood for the weekend with Mrs. Faught's sister, Mrs. Charles Capp.

Wallace Heltman, student at Herlin-Simmons, is here with his uncle, Ned Ferguson, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pitts of Las Cruces, N. M., are guests of Pitts' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Flewellen.

Mrs. W. J. Flowers is entertaining her son, Bill Flowers of New Orleans, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Underwood of Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Graham of Houston were expected in for a visit with Mrs. Graham's brother, R. L. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Falkner are attending a reunion of the Clements family at Roscoe in the home of Mrs. Falkner's sister, Mrs. G. K. Baker. Mrs. Falkner expects to bring her mother, Mrs. E. E. Clement of Lubbock, back with her for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards and children of Gladewater are guests of Edwards' brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Elder and baby of Charlotte, N. C., and Charles Taylor of Trenton, Tenn., are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Elder. Elder is the latter's son and Taylor is their uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson of Rotan are guests of Mrs. Stevenson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Eason.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Moffett and daughter, Cordelia of Brownwood are guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bill Edwards. Rubie Smith of Oshama, student of Daniel Baker, is also a visitor in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dyer are host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Liberty and son who live on a ranch near Midland.

Mrs. J. R. Creath is hostess during the holidays to her sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Burrus and two daughters of Lamesa and Lucille Berry of Colorado, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Berry, her mother, Mrs. M. A. Berry and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Berry of Colorado and Mrs. W. O. Miller of Baird. Mrs. Miller is a former resident of Big Spring and will visit other friends before returning home.

After Christmas Day Elizabeth Walker of Fort Worth will be a guest of Dorothy Driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Duncan and son, James, will spend ten days visiting in Cisco and San Antonio.

Mrs. J. W. Pittman of Dublin is here with her daughter, Mrs. Denver Dunn.

Ruby Freeman, student of T. S. C. W., of Denton, is here with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Hatton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dougherty and children are spending Christmas in Anson with Dougherty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Dougherty. New Year's day they will attend a reunion of Mrs. Dougherty's family in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chesney are enjoying the day because their daughter, Mrs. Lynn Hatcher of Monahans, Mrs. C. E. Carter and Mrs. Larson Lloyd of Big Spring are at home for the weekend.

Mrs. Jewell Shirley of Sonora is here with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Choate. Mrs. Shirley will probably make her home in Big Spring. J. T. Shirley of the University of Texas is also a Big Spring visitor with his grandmother, Mrs. Choate.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chowns and daughter, Jean Ellen, and Mrs. Chowns' mother, Mrs. George Hig-

ginbotham, left Saturday for a holiday visit in Ennis, Texas.

Mrs. John Clarke left Thursday for Austin where she will be a guest of her niece, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin.

Edna Cocoran will be gone two weeks on a trip to Memphis, Tenn., where she will be a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Coffey and son plan a trip to the valley some time after Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Coffey and daughter, Mary, of Sulphur Springs are guests of their son and brother, J. A. Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Donnelly and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Donnelly and son, Lincoln, are spending Christmas in Florence, Colo., as guests of the Donnelly boys' mother. They will also visit other relatives in Denver and other Colorado towns before returning.

Eleanor Eyerley is spending the holidays at her home in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dr. Kathryn Buckner, Mrs. W. P. Buckner, Sr., and Mrs. Stella Self of Dallas and Mrs. D. W. Queen of Georgetown are holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Buckner. Dr. Buckner and Mrs. Self are sisters of Pascal Buckner and Mrs. W. P. Buckner is his mother. Mrs. Queen is the mother of Mrs. Buckner.

Mrs. Ula Burke plans to spend Christmas at Andrews with her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Johnson.

Robert Lee Burnett of Austin is here with his son, R. G. Burnett, for the holidays. After the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Burnett plan a short trip to Breckenridge.

Ms. and Mrs. J. D. Carnett and children, Lucille and Richard, of Lubbock are guests of their son and brother, W. D. Carnett. Edith Bishop of Oklahoma City, who has been here for some time with her sister, Mrs. W. D. Carnett, plans to make this her future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Colbert are entertaining their brothers this Christmas including Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chapman of Wichita Falls and Earl Colbert of Denton State Teachers college.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collings are spending the weekend visiting Collings' parents in Abilene. Mrs. Collings plans to go on to Glenrose for a short visit before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Conley are in Abilene as guests of Conley's mother, Mrs. J. W. Conley.

A. B. Conley of Lubbock is a guest in the home of his brother, E. M. Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wilcox and daughter, Helen Kay, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ballanfont and son, Joe Ray, of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilcox of Van Horn are spending the weekend with Mrs. Ray Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strom and daughter, Gloria, left Friday for Fairfax, Okla., their former home, to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gardner and Mrs. Bill Gage are spending the holidays in Denton visiting relatives. They were accompanied as far as Waco by Clarine Barnaby who remained there for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hart are visiting Mrs. Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henderson, in Venus, Texas.

Mrs. L. M. Gary is expecting her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. LaVelle of Odessa for Christmas.

Mrs. M. A. Talbert of Commerce is here for the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. George.

Mrs. C. D. Baxley and son, Warren, are in Austin and San Antonio for the holidays.

Mrs. L. L. Freeman is entertaining her daughter, Barbara Freeman, and mother, Mrs. L. Huttanus of El Paso, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Huttanus, of Carlsbad.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickle and daughter, Emma Nell of Gatesville are here as guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. W. F. Fries.

The Virgin Islands, owned partly by the United States and partly by Great Britain, are about 100 in number, most of them uninhabited.



NATURE SETS A PATTERN and Frank Chasey (above) follows it, to produce vivid pictures in wood inlay at his home workshop in San Diego. Chasey, an engineer, developed an interest in marquetry while making fine furniture for his home, as a hobby. He finds in the natural woods those shadings and colors he needs to make his pictures real—as in this hunting scene.

PARIS APARTMENTS NOT WORTH MUCH

PARIS, Dec. 24 (AP)—The war ministry pondered today whether it should abandon five modernistic skyscraper apartment houses which were too hot in the summer, leaked in the fall and were so cold in the winter that even sturdy mobile guardsmen could not live in them.

An investigation was started after 700 shivering guardsmen—reputedly the toughest in France's armed forces—moved out, declaring that icicles a foot long hung from radiator taps and that water froze solid in wash basins.

The 15-story apartments were built two years ago and stand opposite the flying field at Le Bourget. They were to supply cheap housing for workers, but most of the workers moved out last summer because the apartments were too hot. The rest left in the fall when rain poured through the roofs.

WANT AMENDMENTS TO TRADE STATUTE

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool Growers' association, predicted today that wool growers of the United States would join a concerted drive to amend the reciprocal trade agreement law to require senate approval of all such international agreements.

One Bar Per Street Said To Be Enough

WHEATLAND, Wyo. (AP)—When a second bar was proposed for Wheatland's main street, business men signed a petition that said, "Another saloon would make it so no woman would care to walk down that side of the street." The city council decided the businessmen were right; that one bar for the street was sufficient and the license for the proposed one was denied.

THE POSTOFFICE WAS A BIG HELP

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24 (AP)—An excited young woman called the postoffice and asked for the return of a letter she had mailed to a charitable organization.

She explained she had meant to place a \$1 bill in the letter as a Christmas contribution, but had thoughtlessly put in her entire month's salary.

Postal officials told her there had been approximately 3,000,000 pieces of mail collected in the previous 24 hours but they went to work. They found the letter just as it was to be sent through a mail cancellation machine.

500 Birds Inherited

LONDON (UP)—Five hundred pet birds and 18 dogs are part of the legacy left by Frances, Countess of Warwick, to her housekeeper, Miss Nancy Galpin. Out of an estate of \$125,000, the countess left Miss Galpin an annuity of \$2,000.

Shirley Temple Is Still Tops At The Boxoffice

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24 (AP)—Shirley Temple, the little song-and-dance girl, has been elected as box office queen of the movies for the fourth straight year.

American theatre owners, polled by the Motion Picture Herald, declared the golden-haired moppet drew more fans to see her films than any other star.

Clark Gable, ranked No. 2 since 1936, retained his place next to the 9½-year-old queen.

Although the voting was limited to human players, hundreds of exhibitors sent in separate ballots for Walt Disney's cartoon characters—"Dopey" and the other six dwarfs of "Snow White," "Mickey Mouse" and "Donald Duck." The leaders:

- Shirley Temple—1. Clark Gable—2. Bonja Henle—3. Mickey Rooney—4. Spencer Tracy—5. Robert Taylor—6. Myrna Loy—7. Jane Withers—8. Alice Faye—9. Tyrone Power—10.

House Mice Are Spanish

BERKELEY, Calif. (UP)—House mice originated in Spain and were brought here from that country in commerce, David Nicholas of the American Museum of Natural History told the American Society of Mammalogists here.

Hard-Boiled Coppers Crime Before Mikes

DENVER (AP)—Installation of a two-way radio system for Denver police patrol cars brought such an epidemic of "mike fright" that a school of elocution had to be established.

"No matter how much courage some officers may have, they shrink like a violet when they face the microphone," said Detective Howard Williams, radio technician. "They become unintelligible, or they shouted so loudly they nearly deafened the dispatchers at headquarters."

With a little training most officers overcame their difficulties, Williams said.

LIP-LICKING COIT IS HOLLYWOOD'S NEWEST FIND

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24 (AP)—They're always learning something new in Hollywood.

Here, for example, is how to get a month-old colt to lick his lips.

A scene in a picture required a four-footed juvenile, dubbed "Cantankerous," to display the lip-licking reaction to a carrot held by Hugh Herbert.

While a high-priced cast stood around for 30 minutes, prop man Charlie Mason tried, successively, molasses, honey, sugar, whipped cream, tartar sauce, milk chocolate, grenadine, custard and lemon meringue. In desperation, he finally smeared the colt's lips with peanut butter.

It worked.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

On this Holy Day which marks the 1938th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, The Herald knows of no better content for its editorial column than these first 14 verses from the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed x x And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into a Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem x x x

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

News And—Hills Downfall. MODESTO, Calif. (UP)—Robert Frank, who was so fond of ham and eggs that, with two companions, he stole a case of eggs and was trying to catch a pig to supply the ham, when arrested, will have ham and eggs only when they happen to be on the prison menu. He was sentenced to San Quentin penitentiary.

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Washington Daybook

By Preston Grover

WASHINGTON—When indignation over mistreatment of Jews is set aside, the cold fact stands out that Germany has not enough national money to allow Jews to leave with pockets full of gold and foreign exchange. That must come from other countries hereabout.

That is the view of competent financial authorities here who have as good information as is available outside of Germany as to the amount of foreign exchange which Germany can lay her hands on. This does not arise as an excuse for the German program of driving Jews out of Germany. But the purely financial difficulty of getting the Jews out of Germany will bear explaining.

Germany's latest maneuver is to propose tentatively that wealthy foreign Jews advance enough foreign exchange for German Jews to get a new start in life elsewhere. Germany's part of the program would be to repay the wealthy foreign Jews by shipping them German goods. German Jews, of course, would deliver a corresponding value in property or securities to the German government to complete the three-cornered trade.

Why Maneuver Is Necessary. Now why is such a complicated maneuver necessary?

Best sources here indicate there is not enough gold and foreign exchange available in Germany to permit German Jews to get out of the country with their wealth, even if the Reich turned over to them its whole hoard. And the Nazi government is not likely to deplete its "war chest" of gold and foreign exchange by letting Jewish refugees take it out of the country.

Here are figures on the situation. Last April Germany ordered Jews to register all their wealth. It was officially reported to total 8,000,000,000 reichsmarks, or \$2,200,000,000. A British publication, the London Banker, estimates that since then one billion marks of value has shrunk away and that two billion have passed into the hands of non-Jewish Germans. That leaves Jews owning 5,000,000,000 marks worth of goods, securities and real estate. In dollars that is \$2,000,000,000.

Small Chance To Convert. Now if Jews were able to convert all this into German money at its face value they still would need to convert it into foreign exchange or gold as they left the country—and what chance is there for that?

To turn again to the London Banker, one of its writers estimates that after Anschluss with Austria, Germany and her citizens had 1,650,000,000 marks in gold and foreign exchange, 380,000,000 marks invested in foreign securities, and 1,450,000,000 invested in foreign property, all of which might conceivably be converted into foreign exchange. That totals 3,480,000,000 marks. Since the Anschluss this amount has dwindled by 130,000,000 marks, leaving about 3,350,000,000. That is described here as an outside figure. Other writers estimate less than half that.

Germany officially admits having only \$20,000,000 in gold, although commercial sources here are certain the figure is simply a blind. But the above figures compiled by financial writers show that even if Germany gathered in all its reported assets of \$1,340,000,000 in foreign exchange, it could not supply Jews with the \$2,000,000,000 required to give them their remaining wealth and let them go.

Too Many "Special" Charges. Another thing must be taken into consideration, however. Special welfare levies and fines imposed on Jews selling their property in Germany show little of the true value. But getting foreign exchange even for 10 per cent presents a problem which financial experts here recognize as a real one.

Germany probably was not acting from purely humanitarian purposes in proposing that wealthy foreign Jews accept German goods in return for advances made to get German Jews out of the Reich. The plan has a double edge. Every such transaction would help to sell German goods abroad, even if the receipts were available only to buy Jewish property in the Reich. If the device works, it probably will cause many a Nazi to chuckle at the queer irony by which Jews abroad would become unwilling customers of Germany as a means of rescuing their fellows.

ANOTHER CAUSE FOR ACCIDENTS: UNBALANCED DIET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The agriculture department suggested today cause for many automobile accidents may be found in unbalanced diets of drivers. It has found that persons living on a diet deficient in vitamin A are subject to night blindness—the inability to see in dim light—and to a narrowed field of vision. The experiments, conducted over a six months period, used five staff members of the bureau of home economics as subjects. Diets supplied them were kept as low as possible in vitamin A, common sources of which are yellow and leafy green vegetables, egg yolks, whole milk, cheese, orange and tomato juice, and fish liver oil.

The federal government, with a \$1,500,000 display, will have the principal single exhibit at the San Francisco world's fair.

The Thrill That Comes Once In A Lifetime



A PILOT DISCUSSES FLYING CONDITIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

YEP—CELIN 'BOUT FIVE THOUSAND—GOOD VISIBILITY—TAIL WIND FROM TH' NORTH POLE. SANTY OUGHTA SET TH' OLE CRATE DOWN ANY MINUTE NOW. I BETCHA HE MAKES A THREE POINT LANDIN' RIGHT IN OUR FRONT YARD

Under that figure, said Jimmy, and then—"and not enough to interest Alva Johnston, either," he added, which brought laughter. (Mr. Johnston, you remember, made Jimmy angry with a piece called "Jimmy's Got It"—and he didn't mean it.)

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Do not plan to go down the bay to meet any of the trans-Atlantic liners. That is impossible unless you are a newspaperman or know some government official at Washington. But you may visit any of the liners, and even go aboard, after the are in pier. To arrange this merely telephone any of the shipping offices. The "aboard" fee costs only a dime.

Observe extreme caution on a tour of Harlem... About the only safe places to visit are those which are advertised in the newspapers. They have to be good. Chinatown is a waste of time, despite what the fiction writers have to say. That mysterious, oriental neighborhood where opium-eaters shoot each other with platinum bullets no longer exists... You should eschew the Bowery—Chuck Connors is dead, and only down-and-outers are to be found there now.

If you are a theatergoer, try first to buy your tickets at the box office... Then try the ticket agencies, but under no circumstances pay more than 75 cents extra... Do not accept a taxi-driver's advice on which night club to visit. The best plan is to consult a friend or the manager of your hotel. Once you are in a night club, total your own check carefully. The arithmetic of waiters is notoriously bad. Rockefeller Center is important. By all means go over every foot of it. Also ascend several of the town's taller buildings and glimpse New York from the clouds. An unforgettable sight is the lower skyline at dusk, and this may be obtained from the deck of a Hudson ferry. The best vantage point is about mid-stream.

As for celebrities—that is hit and miss. An early morning stroll around the reservoir in Central Park invariably brings you face to face with a dozen or so "star" names. The more noted restaurants are also fertile territory. The lobbies of theatres before curtain time and the back-stage doors about 30 minutes after the final curtain are excellent "blinds" from which to pot your favorite gossip.

The Status of Liberty from the Battery, Washington Square with its gleaming arch, the backwaters of the Village which still retains its Bohemian charm, a ride up Fifth avenue on top of a bus... these are a few of the vignettes of

Santa Fe To Spend 18 Million During The Next Year

President Blodson has issued the following statement: "The directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company have approved a budget appropriation for 1939 for capital improvements of over \$18,000,000. This includes a carry-over from the 1938 budget of approximately \$12,500,000 for items on which no work has been done, or where begun, will not be completed by the end of this year. The carry-over from the 1938 to the 1939 budget is substantially less than the carry-over from the 1937 to the 1938 budget. "Approximately \$3,600,000 is for improvement of cars and locomotives in Santa Fe shops and is a class of work regularly carried on each year. Approximately 80 per cent of the budget expenditures are for capital purposes, 45 per cent chargeable to operation, and five per cent represents salvage. The Atchison directors also au-

Hollywood

Sights And Sounds by ROBBIN COONS

HOLLYWOOD—Jimmy's got it. And I mean the kind of IT that Hollywood talks about, likes, and needs.

James Roosevelt's first official duty—as a vice-president of Samuel Goldwyn, Inc.—was to hold a press conference.

The setting of this little drama was the boss's white-paneled, buff-draped inner sanctum. For the occasion the "set" was a tank in of B1 with a very familiar smile and comparatively little light brown hair left, was neatly, ungaudily attired in a business suit of purple tinge, with a dark blue-and-white tie, black shoes. The "supporting cast" of one—the dapper Mr. Goldwyn—was neat, more gaudily apparent in a small-checked sports suit, with black-and-white shoes. The supporting cast also beamed.

Even if you didn't know that the president's eldest son was a Washington veteran of such affairs, his demeanor would have informed you. After handshakes all around, he moved up front, sat sideways on Mr. Goldwyn's glass-topped desk, and grinned. Mr. Goldwyn grinned, too, and said "Gentlemen, here is your victim."

The questions started, and Jimmy demonstrated as neat a capacity for answering—or parrying—as Hollywood has seen in years. The first thrust was on his salary. Was it, or wasn't it, as high as \$50,000 a year, as reported?

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Farm Compliance Checks To Move Next Month

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 24 (AP)—Payments for compliance with the 1938 agricultural conservation program will exceed by some \$9,000,000 the 1937 aggregate, George Slaughter, state AAA committee chairman, announced today. Checks will start going out about Jan. 19.

The bulk of the \$42,000,000 will be paid in January, February and March, Slaughter said. Most of the 1937 payments of approximately \$33,000,000 were mailed in April, May and June of '38.

Slaughter urged farmers to apply for the benefits early. The state office will begin distribution of checks to a county when twenty five per cent of that county's applications have been made. Cash will go to cotton, wheat, rice and peanut farmers for diverting part of their tilled acreage from soil-depleting to soil-conserving crops, and to ranchmen for de-watering of stock watering facilities, checking erosion and re-seeding pastures through deferred grazing and other means.

Slaughter said he looked upon the AAA checks partly as the farmer's stake and the ranchman's rebate in equalization of burdens imposed upon him by tariffs and freight differentials.

BEING THE YOUNGEST HAS ITS DRAWBACKS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Being the youngest member of congress apparently will have its drawbacks for 25-year-old Representative-elect Lindley Beekworth (D-Tex).

Here's a sample of what he will encounter: "When he called to pay his respects to Speaker Bankhead yesterday, he was introduced to Joseph Sinoott, chief doorkeeper of the house. "Why, I didn't know you were a member of the house," Sinoott exclaimed. "I thought you were one of my new page boys."

NEW YEAR'S LOVE

by Angela Lorden

Chapter Nine MERRY CHRISTMAS! "Merry Christmas, my dear; you've helped make mine happier."

Mrs. Marchand, wrapped in a woolly white robe, bent over Noel's bed and kissed her. "The younger girl sat up quickly and returned the affectionate gesture. Her dark curls were tousled, her eyes opened widely to meet the morning sun pouring in through the two east windows.

"You've made it a real Christmas for me," Noel replied. "And for the others, too. You deserve a perfect day for yourself."

Noel got under her shower as soon as her hostess had gone, thinking as she put on her dark red woolen dress of the night before, Allan had gone into the attic and found some old toys—things he'd had when he was a child and that his mother had stored away.

What a wonderful time it had been, fixing up the things for little Jimmy—cleaning off the dust of the years, making a tall for the old hobby horse out of a whisk broom, polishing the faded drum case, assembling the tin soldiers in a military line under the tree.

Noel was the first to join Mrs. Marchand and Allan. He said with sudden warmth in his voice, "Merry Christmas, Noel. You look like the spirit of the day."

She replied to his greeting, meeting his candid eyes with a friendliness matching his own. Then Mrs. Marchand gave her a small box. "How lovely!" she said quickly, "Thank you," turning away.

"This is Merry Christmas from me," Allan followed her over to the fireplace giving her a long thin writing case in morocco. "You're both so wonderful to me," was all Noel could say.

Then the others came in, one after another and the room was filled with excitement and voices as the Yule wishes were exchanged.

"Is Jimmy awake yet?" Allan asked his mother. "Annie went up to see," Mrs. Marchand replied. "But let's see what's in all those packages in the meantime, shall we?"

Gaily wrapped boxes were distributed and there were delighted exclamations as each gift was unwrapped. When Mrs. Marchand held up a fragile cashmere jacket with little orchid bowknots, Elsie Grant blushed and stammered: "I knew you'd be beautiful; I didn't know you'd be so young. Or I'd have made something else."

"It's just perfect; I'll love wearing it," Mrs. Marchand reassured her. Each gift from her guests, who until yesterday had been strangers, brought a glimmer of gratitude to her eyes.

Tall Glistening Tree In the midst of the pleasant confusion, Annie entered the room carrying little Jimmy in her arms. He was wrapped in a sweater of Allan's and at sight of the tall, glistening tree with its colored lights, she blinked his eyes. Then he caught sight of the toys and was out of Annie's arms, across the room to the horse and the drum.

"Did Santa Claus bring all these for me?" he asked his mother who had followed Annie. Mary Johnson's glance went from her son, joyfully exclaiming over the gifts to the faces around her. A sob broke from her throat and she turned to the doorway.

"We loved doing it for Jimmy," she said simply. Noel handed Mrs. Johnson the boxes set aside for her. Only the others knew of the last minute search among their own possessions to find something for the tired wayfarer who'd found her way to this door. A silk slip of Noel's, warm woolen gloves Mrs. Marchand had taken from her own room, even a fragile chiffon handkerchief from Janice Smith.

At this moment Noel saw Tommy Sheldon holding his gifts. His face looked white, his lips were drawn tightly. She thought there was something tragic about him and she was glad that in a moment Allan unobtrusively walked over to Tommy and talked with him.

The gay breakfast with its talking and laughter over, Mrs. Marchand said to her guests: "We're going to church and we'd like to have those of you who wish come with us."

Allan brought the big closed car around and Annie's husband drove up with the station wagon. On the way, sitting beside Allan in the front seat, Noel asked suddenly: "I didn't see Mr. Sheldon." "Allan's face was serious. "He didn't want to come. I feel sorry for that youngster. There's something tragic about him."

mediately and when dinner was announced and Mrs. Marchand went up to her room, she said with pathetic apology: "Jimmy and I can get in the kitchen—and then we'll be going."

"You're both our guests." And so they all gathered round the long table in the tremendous old dining-room, the strange assortment of guests who would otherwise not have known this sort of Christmas.

"I was wrong," Allan told Noel afterwards as they had coffee in the living-room. "My mother always knows best. I should have known that, too."

"Tomorrow we'll talk about you. I want Jimmy and you to stay over tonight," Mrs. Marchand insisted when Mary Johnson spoke again of leaving.

Mrs. Barton was being maternal toward Janice whose eyes still followed Allan's movements. "She's thinking of her own daughter, I guess," Elsie Grant suggested to Noel while they were talking together. "Mrs. Barton told me last night her only child's married in Honolulu and she hasn't seen her for two years."

"Let's talk about you," Noel remarked and listened to Elsie's half confessed story of her dreams of a New York success. Noel could guess at the failures.

"I know several people who have shops," she suggested. "When we get back to New York we'll do something about finding you a place that you'll like."

Tommy Sheldon and little Jimmy went out on the grounds and later when some of the others put on their coats they found the taciturn young man knee-deep in a snow bank.

"He seems contented now," Noel remarked to Allan as they watched from the porch. "Well, he's interested; that's something. Later I intend to have a talk with that fellow and find out what's wrong."

Noel knew, if he found out, he'd do something about it. Hours sped by in leisurely contentment. Janice and Elsie were leaving on the night train. Janice had to be at work early next morning. Elsie and Noel would meet in New York; Elsie seemed cheered by the prospect of Noel's help. The other guests would go back to town the next day.

"You must stay a while; we don't want to lose you," Mrs. Marchand told Noel who agreed to stay on another day. There was nothing except waiting, back in New York. When, finally at the end of the happy day, "Goodnights" were exchanged Allan said to Noel: "Won't you stay up and watch the fire go out with me?"

Across from each other with the burning logs between them, Noel and Allan talked intermittently. "I've never been so happy on Christmas day," Noel told him. "She was relaxed. Problem seemed far away. Even the play was remote and she remembered guiltily that she hadn't been thinking of Noel's David, either."

"That's a beautiful ring," Allan said suddenly, his eyes on the gleaming emerald that seemed to catch the heart of the fire's light. "It was a Christmas present from a dear friend." Noel couldn't help blushing. Allan knew who had given it, she was sure.

Later she couldn't remember all the things they had said to each other. But the warmth of his voice, the keen straight look in his eyes that could soften so with his moods, the way his red hair grew away from his nice broad forehead—these things were with her as she stared out of the window of her room.

"He's different from anyone else," she whispered to the night that crept up to her window. And wouldn't it herself think farther than that? When he had held her hand in his clasp before he left her on the top of the stairs, he had looked down on her so strangely. She couldn't interpret his gaze. She didn't dare.

A knock on the door interrupted her thoughts. When she opened it to Mrs. Marchand, she knew something was wrong. "I don't want to disturb you," her hostess cried. "And I don't want Allan to know until morning. I won't have anything spoil this lovely Christmas."

"What's wrong?" Noel asked fearfully, yet relieved that it had nothing to do with Allan. "My sapphire bracelet is gone—I had it on my dressing-table this morning." (Copyright, 1938, Angela Lorden)

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Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
T. H. Graalmann, Pastor
A special children's service will be held on Dec. 24, at 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fourth and Main Street
Melvin J. Wise, Minister
Bible Study, 9:45 a. m.

Wishing You A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
With every good wish for your happiness at the Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.
HATHCOCK HARDWARE

Morning worship and sermon, 10:45 a. m. Sermon topic: "Peace on Earth." This service will be broadcast over KBST beginning at 11 a. m.

FIRST METHODIST
J. O. Haymes, Pastor
Church school—9:45 a. m.
Morning services at 10:55 a. m., at which time Dr. J. O. Haymes will bring a message on the subject, "The Messiah."

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Cor. 10th and Main Sts.
Robert E. Bowden, Minister
We had a very good day last Sunday. The attendance was not so large however the spirit of the Lord was present with us.

FIRST BAPTIST
9:45 a. m. Church school meets by departments.
11 a. m. Morning worship. The pastor will bring a brief message on the scriptural content of Christmas.

Hymn: "Angels From the Realms of Glory"—Tillman Bryant.
Scripture: Isaiah 8: 2-7; Isaiah 61: 1-3; Luke 2: 8-18—Ray Wilson.

The Real Meaning of Christ's Birth as a Young Person Sees It—Josephine Mittel.
The Real Meaning of Christ's Life and Ministry as a Young Person Sees It—Nettjean Carter.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL
P. Walter Henckell, Rector
There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Mary's Episcopal church beginning at 11:30 p. m. Christmas eve.

MR. AND MRS.
LOOK WHAT I GOT FOR TOMORROW—A PLUM PUDDING!
FINE! JUST LIKE CHRISTMAS AT DINGLEY DELL!

PA'S SON-IN-LAW
MISSY LADY TAKE MISSY PA WHERE YELLY BAD FELLA WAIT FO' TLY FO' HURTEE HIM! WOE-SIN GOTTEE, STOPPEE YELLY QUICK!

DIANA DANE
LOOK, DIANA— I GOT SIXTY OF THESE INSTEAD OF JUST THESE DOZEN!
OH! AND SO MANY BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS!

SCORCHY SMITH
WITH GLIDER HOPPING FROM HAWAII TO SAMOA, WE HAVE JUST ONE LONG CHANCE— HERE, LOOK AT THIS MAP—

HOMER HOOPEE
HOMER IN JAIL AT TUCSON
WHAT A CHRISTMAS!!! THAT ER, SOET DE DANGEROUS— FLYING OVER ALL THAT WATER IN A LAND PLANE WITH OUR RADIO ON THE BLINK—??!

This will be the only Christmas service held at the church.
Everyone is cordially invited to worship with us at this special service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
Room 1, Sefton Hotel
"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 25.

MR. AND MRS. (continued)
HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING YOU CAN POUR ON IT?
GUESS I CAN FIND SOMETHING. LEAVE IT TO ME

PA'S SON-IN-LAW (continued)
GETTEE 'LOUND IN FLONTY OF EM, MEBBE CAN DO!

DIANA DANE (continued)
AND I BOUGHT FOUR STRINGS OF THESE THINGS AND YARDS AND YARDS OF THAT TINSEL JUNK!
NOW WE CAN TEEM TH' TREE— SOON AS DOOLEY GETS HERE WITH IT.

SCORCHY SMITH (continued)
WE CAN HOP STRAIGHT FROM HONOLULU TO BRISBANE!!
B-BUT, SCORCHY, ISN'T THAT ER, SOET DE DANGEROUS— FLYING OVER ALL THAT WATER IN A LAND PLANE WITH OUR RADIO ON THE BLINK—??!

HOMER HOOPEE (continued)
AND HELEN IN THE HOSPITAL AT WICHITA
OH, THIS IS AWFUL!
POOR HELEN! SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW IT IS CHRISTMAS!

lowing from the Bible: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).

BOW-LEGGED MAN IS TOO MUCH OF A RARITY IN N. Y.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP)—It couldn't have happened out west in the cow-country, but it did here. A robbery suspect was traced on no more a clue than that he was bow-legged.



'I WANTED TO WORK,' said Prince Alexis Obolensky (above), explaining why he took a role in Broadway show, "Leave It to Me," even though it indirectly forced his resignation from the Russian Nobility association presidency.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UP)—The payroll at the University of Vermont is on the University of Vermont payroll at \$16 a year. The payroll is to catch mice that may invade the university greenhouse. The institution of children; the mammals which follow prefers to associate with faculty members.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS...
Are extended with every appreciation for past patronage and the expression of the hope that future relations may prove just as satisfactory, as mutually pleasant, as in the past.
BILES & LONG PHARMACY

Extending Cordial Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year
DAY & NIGHT FOOD STORE
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Wishing the People of Big Spring and West Texas A Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year
A. P. Kasch Plumbing & Electric Shop
107 Gregg Phone 147

The Life Is Most Jolly!
(VI'S CHRISTMAS VISION)
IT'S PROBABLY ALL BURNED OUT ALL RIGHT. THEN LET'S EAT IT WITHOUT ANY FIREWORKS!

The Rescue
MISSY LADY TAKE MISSY PA WHERE YELLY BAD FELLA WAIT FO' TLY FO' HURTEE HIM! WOE-SIN GOTTEE, STOPPEE YELLY QUICK!

Overlooked In The Rush
LOOK, DIANA— I GOT SIXTY OF THESE INSTEAD OF JUST THESE DOZEN!
OH! AND SO MANY BEAUTIFUL LIGHTS!

Two Of A Kind
WITH GLIDER HOPPING FROM HAWAII TO SAMOA, WE HAVE JUST ONE LONG CHANCE— HERE, LOOK AT THIS MAP—

Black Christmas
HOMER IN JAIL AT TUCSON
WHAT A CHRISTMAS!!! THAT ER, SOET DE DANGEROUS— FLYING OVER ALL THAT WATER IN A LAND PLANE WITH OUR RADIO ON THE BLINK—??!



Cleis Has Kind Words For The Jitterbugs

AGO UP—There is nothing wrong with jitterbug dancing or the youngsters who swing. He loves the Rev. C. W. Clark of St.

Louis university. "Jitterbug dancing isn't as bad as they say it is," he declares. "What's more, even if it were bad, youngsters would be to blame for it. We 'oldsters' created it and passed it on to them."



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Among our assets we like to count the only one that money cannot buy — your good will. And so at this holiday season we extend to you — not as a customer alone, but as a friend — the best of wishes for the coming year.

OMAR PITMAN

JEWELER

Omar Pitman — Daphne Pitman

WE EXTEND

Season's Greetings

To each of you with an added expression of gratitude for your friendship and patronage during the past. We invite your consideration in the coming months.

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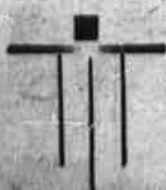


Season's Greetings

Just the same old wish, "MERRY CHRISTMAS" sent to each of you in all sincerity. We wish for you a very Happy Christmas day, and may the remaining days of 1938 and all of the 365 days of 1939 be filled with Joy, Happiness and wealth untold.

and Thanks—

We are so happy now when we've come to the end of the old year, and are standing on the threshold of the new, that we want to express our appreciation for all the good things done for us—all the kind words our patrons and friends have spoken in our behalf and express the hope that the New Year will bring peace, health and happiness in abundance.



O. H. McALISTER

3301 Scurry St.

Phone 961

Glasscock Co. Wildcat Test Abandoned

One In Mitchell Co. Gets A Showing; Another Tops Lime

Abandonment of a north central Glasscock county wildcat, topping of the lime in another located in northwestern Howard county, and encountering of a show in a southwest Mitchell county wildcat test stood out in all activities here during the week.

Encountering a baller of sulphur water hourly from 2,683-85 feet, the Crusader Petroleum Corp. No. 1 A. D. Neal, two and a half miles east and north of a small outpost pool in north central Glasscock county, was plugged and abandoned at 2,729 feet. Location was 2,310 feet from the north and 380 feet from the east lines of section 20-33-28, T&P.

Lime Topped At 3,190

After logging top of the lime at 3,190 feet, the S. S. Owens No. 1 Dr. J. G. Wright, in the northwest corner of Howard county, continued in the lime to 3,462 feet to attract attention here. Location is 990 feet out of the southeast corner of section 33-33-3n, T&P. In Martin county, the wildcat T. G. Shaw No. 1 Wilkinson drilled up baller at 3,405 feet and was drilling ahead below 3,414 feet as the week ended. There were indications that there would be another test in this area and a second test near the abandoned Crusader No. 1 Neal in Glasscock county.

Ajax No. 1 Schuster, rank wildcat in southwestern Mitchell county, logged a slight show at 2,100 feet and drilled below 2,400 feet. Formations were reported comparable to those of the Snyder pool, 10 miles northwest in Howard county. Location is in section 27-17, SPFR.

Soury Producer

A second producer was added to a new pool in southwestern Scurry county when W. E. Callahan No. 1 First National Bank of Snyder swabbed 70 barrels in eight hours following a shot at 2,450 feet. A diagonal northwest offset to the discovery Coffield & Guthrie No. 1 E. E. Spears, the test is located in the northeast quarter of section 129-97, T&C.

A. E. Walker No. 1 J. P. Davis, being drilled on a 160-acre farm out from the Cities Service Oil Corp., was reported below 1,300 feet. The test, flanking western-most production, is 350 feet from the south and east lines of section 4-30-1n, T&P, in the East Howard pool.

In the Snyder area activities were at the lowest ebb during the year with only eight rigs going. Moore Bros. No. 7 Snyder, in the southwest quarter of section 28-30-1s, T&P, continued on a fishing job holding up operations for more than two months. Moore Bros. No.



HAT FOR A LIFETIME is the \$250,000 jewelled bonnet gracing head of the minister of Nepal, Lieut. Gen. Krishna Shumshere Jung Bahadur Rana. He carried it and his name to the Nepal legation at London, to attend a reception for King Carol.

Snyder, a companion well, drilled past 2,075 feet.

Offset Test

Parten No. 1 Snyder, an outpost test in the northeast quarter of section 28-30-1s, T&P, was below 2,065 feet. Ajax moved in for an offset test to its No. 1 Snyder in the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 28-30-1s, T&P. In the center of the northeast quarter of section 27-30-1s, T&P, Greene Production Co. No. 1 Snyder, a rehabilitation test, was running tubing and rods in an effort to pump out a slight water show before shooting.

Eastland Oil company set up on its No. 3 TXL, 990 feet from the east and 2,310 feet from the south lines of section 33-30-1s, T&P, while Shell No. 4 TXL, in the northeast quarter of the same section, drilled to 1,850 feet. Sun No. 1 TXL, 990 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines of section 33-30-1s, T&P, spudded and made 235 feet of hole as a south edge well. Moore Bros. No. 6-A

O'Daniel, 990 feet from the west and 1,650 feet from the south lines of section 34-30-1s, T&P, was reported at 1,650 feet.

COMPANY PLANNING GRAPELAND PLANT

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Construction of a recycling plant at Grapeland will start immediately after "the first of the year," the American Liberty Oil company announced today.

Surface rights and pipeline right of way have been secured, the company said. The plant will be adjacent to the north city limits and will employ about 15 men.

The American Liberty announced plans for the plant several months ago after flow tests made on its gas wells in the Grapeland field. The plant will take gas from two Woodbine horizon, extract the distillate and return the residue to the same horizon.

DEAL REPORTED FOR PIPELINES INTO GAINES

Construction Said To Be Planned By Alcoa Oil Co.; Wildcat Indicates Extension Of Seminole Pool

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 24—Staking this week of locations for 43 field tests and seven wildcats in 13 counties, the largest number in several months, accompanied prospects for a pipe line for the Seminole pool in Gaines county and an additional outlet for the linked Wasson and Denver fields in Gaines and Yoakum counties, respectively, in a reported pending deal for the development by Alcoa Oil Co. of The Texas Co.'s leases on 15,000 acres in northwestern Gaines and southwestern Yoakum.

Gulf No. 9 Waddell, one-half mile southeast extension to Ordovician production in the Sand Hills district in western Crane county, was completed at 6,006 feet with a daily potential of 1,564 barrels of 45.1 gravity oil and a gas-oil ratio of 4,033-1. It is 600 feet out of the northeast corner of section 7-B27-pal.

One of the most closely watched wildcats was Adams & Bradley No. 1 Ohio-Craze, bidding for a 3-1/2 mile north extension to the Seminole pool in Gaines county. Standing three hours after being treated with 1,500 gallons of acid and swabbing to the bottom of the tubing, it swabbed four barrels of oil. Retreatment with 4,000 gallons of acid was scheduled, with the total depth 5,273 feet. Location is 1,980 from the north, 660 feet from the west line of section 216-G-WTERR.

Locations staked this week for 43 field tests and seven wildcats in 13 counties represented a gain of eight field locations and six for wildcats over the preceding week. Crane county gained two of the wildcat locations and Andrews, Ector, Reeves, Scurry and Yoakum counties one each. Forty-three oil producers, one gasser and three failures were completed in 10 counties, compared with 26, one and five, respectively, in 14 counties the week before.

30-Mile Line Under the reported terms of a deal that had not been consummated, Alcoa will build a 30-mile

pipe line from southern Yoakum county to the Seminole pool to connect with Atlantic's trunk line from southeastern New Mexico to the Gulf, where The Texas Co. will buy the crude. It was understood the consideration would be in excess of \$500,000 cash with The Texas Co. having a one-eighth override until payment is made when it will have an option either to take a half working interest or a quarter override. The Texas Co.'s leases involved in the Denver and Walker areas in Yoakum and the Wasson and Gaines total 15,000 acres, about one-half proven, with 17 producing wells.

Humble is the only buyer in the North Permian Basin, having a line from Hobbs, N. M., to the Wasson pool in Gaines county and the Denver and Bennett fields in Yoakum county.

Yoakum Completions Eight producers completed in Yoakum county this week included the largest well in the Denver field, Continental No. 2 Sue Stevens with a daily potential of 1,134 barrels, and the second largest in the Wasson pool, Alcoa No. 1 Cecil, with a daily potential of 1,599 barrels. Sinclair-Prarie staked No. 1 Kendrick in the southeast quarter of section 825-D-John H. Gibson, quarter mile east of production in the Denver pool, and Shell staked No. 1 C. A. Hudson in the southeast quarter of section 834, half mile southwest and half mile southeast of Denver production.

The Texas Co. No. 1 Boyd, two miles southeast of the Duggan field in southeastern Cochran county, in labor 25, league 58, Oldham county school land, plugged back from 5,022 to 5,089 feet for a water shutoff and ran tubing to acidize. T. G. Shaw spudded No. 1 C. B. Dean in league 94, Mills county school land, 1-1/4 miles southwest of Livermore No. 1 Wright, a small discovery well in eastern Cochran county.

The Texas Co. No. 4 Slaughter in the north part of the Slaughter pool in Hockley county, in labor 67, league 36, Maverick county school land, swabbed and flowed 176 barrels of oil in 24 hours after acidizing at 4,965 feet.

New Wildcat, Outpost Tests Are Spudded

Fisher, Jones And Taylor Counties Get Starters

ABILENE, Dec. 24—Four new wildcat tests in scattered parts of West Central Texas, the spudding of three outposts to the new Avoca field and its indicated west extension this week reversed the usual order of a slackened pace for oil development during the Christmas holidays. The wildcat starters were in Fisher, Jones and Taylor counties.

Production in the new Avoca field moved nearer the townsite this weekend after operators cored Palo Pinto saturation in the Ungren & Frazier at No. 1 T. L. M. Culwell, west outpost and diagonal offset to the two producers already completed in the pool.

Lime was topped at 3,212 feet and cored to 3,251 feet where operators shut down to run casing and cement at 3,210 feet. It will probably be drilled in Tuesday for completion. Location is 466 feet out of the southeast corner of the Culwell 100-acre tract in section 21-H&TC survey.

Townsite Test

Inside the townsite, the Fred Browning of Arlington No. 1 Avoca Independent School district was drilling ahead with rotary near 3,000 feet. First try inside the townsite and located about half a mile west of production, the school campus outpost is the most closely watched operation in the district today. A half dozen rigs would be turned loose inside the townsite if production is obtained. It is located in the center of townsite block 3, section 21-H&TC survey.

East offset to the 1,440-barrel producer completed two weeks ago by Iron Mountain and Humble, the Bert Fields No. 1 J. T. Taylor was spudded this week with rotary in the north half of section 199-BBB&C survey.

Outpost Spudded

A half mile north outpost to the pool was spudded by Ungren & Frazier et al as the No. 1 Hamilton & Cox estate, 466 feet from the south and east lines of the northeast 140 acres in section 21-H&TC survey. Surface casing was set at 120 feet and the test was drilling below 600 feet. Rhodes Drilling Co. is contractor.

Nearly a mile to the north, Groover & Rose and George Farrell No. 1 O. D. Swenson was spudded with cable tools 440 feet from the south and east lines of the north 60 acres of the southeast quarter of section 193-BBB&C survey.

Of importance among the wild-

cat starters this week was the J. B. Baker, Jr., and Tom B. Medders No. 1 O. R. Burnam, south of the main Fisher county field near McCauley. A rotary slated for drilling to 3,200 feet under contract by Perry Browning of Wichita Falls, the No. 1 Burnam is 230 feet from the south and west lines of section 4, block R, W. E. Richardson survey. It is on a block of about 1,900 acres assembled by G. J. Scholl of Wichita Falls and associates, from which acreage has been sold to Browning, American Maracaibo, Petroleum Producers and others. It is half a mile southeast of the Martin & Brubaker and General Crude Oil company wells on the Mary Brown lease at the extreme south end of the Royston field.

Semi-Wildcat

Between the main shallow production of the Sandy Ridge pool and the two small Swastika sand wells developed to the west by Oil State Exploration and Forest Development of Abilene, L. H. Pearson this week spudded a Jones county semi-wildcat as the No. 1 J. H. White, scheduled to test both the shallow zones and the Swastika to 2,500 feet. It is 330 feet out of the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 6-15-T&P survey.

Near Abilene, J. H. Sprouls of Fort Worth has staked location for a wildcat a mile east of the south end of the Sayles field in

southern Jones county. Six miles north of here, the No. 1 James Nichols is located 150 feet from the west and 668 feet from the north lines of the east 315-acre tract in section 47-16-T&P survey.

Medical Carts Sent To Mexico's Hinterland

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Not unlike some of the old time medicine shows of the United States, medical carts are touring Mexico teaching hygiene. They do not sell patent medicines but frequently give away remedies for certain of the plagues the government is combatting.

Most picturesque of the carts is the malarial one that is pulled by two great oxen. Frequently it disappears for weeks. It travels the deep hinterlands that few white men enter to disperse medical explanation and liberal quantities of quinine to the backwoods dwellers.

Life Saved by Gar r

NEWCASTLE, Australia (UP)—A woman patient who wandered away from a local hospital and was lost for 12 days still had sufficient strength when a stray dog came her way to fasten her carter around the dog's neck. The dog returned to its owner, and the next day succeeded in leading a searching party to her whereabouts.



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In this most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails, may we bring our Best Wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Glenn Golden, Mgr.

Holiday Greetings



A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year To Our Friends

The spirit of Christmas calls us to a better appreciation of associates and the true value of friendships... There are many ways to say it, but none better or of more meaning than

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the New Year bring you a full quota of Happiness!

Chamber of Commerce

THANK You, friends

and neighbors of this community, for your favors to us during many years of association and service. Our sincere wish is that Christmas finds you all well, happy and prosperous.

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## 1938 NOT TO GOOD, BUT '39 LOOKS BETTER TO OIL INDUSTRY

### There's Work To Be Done, Even On Christmas Day; That Means Little Or No Holiday For Many People

Business won't stand still—not even for Christmas—so several hundred local people will have to pull themselves away from the figurative fireside and go to work Christmas Day.

Sentiment goes out the window in transportation and communications. Trains, planes, buses and trucks operating on fixed schedules and having definite haul obligations to fulfill will require

engineers, trainmen, drivers and auxiliary laborers on Christmas the same as any other day. The much abused telephone operator, probably in lesser number, will have to punch her board and the telegraph operator will have to listen to the ticker rattle or tear off teletype strips. Postal employees, for the most part, are getting the day off this year, but a few will have to hang around

### Jail Population Due To Get Some Fancier Food For Xmas Dinner

Christmas spirit will find its way into cells of city and county jails Sunday in the form of special meals.

Although the police and the sheriff's department realize that they might do well to advertise as the Northeast Texas sheriff—water and bread on Christmas day—they are preparing a little something out of the ordinary.

As for the county's part, it likely will be turkey dinner with the trimmings. The city firemen,

who furnish the grub for city inmates, are not sure what their menu will be for the day, but if it's turkey, some of it may get to the prisoners.

### Broadcast Honoring AP To Review Major Events It Has Reported

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP)—Raymond Massey, who is Abraham Lincoln on the stage, will play the same role in a Christmas broadcast.

It is in the NBC salute to the Associated Press in connection with the dedication of the new AP building in Rockefeller Center and the 90th anniversary of the founding of the world-wide news gathering organization.

Massey will take part in that section of the program dealing with the assassination of Lincoln. He is currently appearing in the Broadway production of "Abraham Lincoln in Illinois."

The broadcast, drama except for a talk by Byron Price, AP executive news editor, will be devoted largely to a re-enactment of the outstanding news stories covered by the AP in its long existence. Besides the Lincoln assassination, among the famous events in history to be re-told are the sinking of the Maine, the San Francisco earthquake and the World War. Included also is to be the founding of the Associated Press.

### Price Trend Dropped Off During Year

Brighter Signs Are Noted, However, As Calendar Turns

By ALFRED WALL  
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 24 (AP)—The oil man sits more meditatively than usual this year before his Yule log. He has put 1938 down in the petroleum record book as a very trying time.

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Mostly they don't want to look back too closely at the past twelve months. It would dampen the Christmas cheer. They mention brightly, on the other hand, that prospects are much better in the direction of 1939.

As Good As The Others  
At the same time, looking at the business broadly and at the year as a unit, the most pessimistic acknowledged that, well, petroleum didn't fare so badly, maybe. Time after time leading oil men have emphasized that oil business held up perhaps better than any other major industry, excepting, of course, the spurring automotive line that finished in the rush of 1939 models.

The oil business is ending the year in a fine position statistically because of concerted cooperative action by producers and refiners to hold down operations when demand fell off.

Crude stocks are at the lowest point in 17 years, around 270,000,000 barrels, compared to more than 300,000,000 barrels at the end of 1938. Reserves have been kept in the ground.

The interstate oil compact, through which six big producing states exchange views on conservation of oil, ended the year with its prestige enhanced. Within the past fortnight it was voted the compact.

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### Munich Pact, German's Drive On Jews Make The 'Top' News Stories Of The Past Year

Corrigan's Wrong-Way Flight And That 'Invasion From Mars' Also On AP Editor's List For 1938

By CHARLES HONGE  
Associated Press News Editor  
NEW YORK—Ever so often strong men gather around a table and remake the map of Europe; 1938 was one of the years of revision; the pact of Munich was the result.

The pact, negotiated by a new "big four," undoubtedly was the outstanding news event of the year as it eased tension in a world prepared for war, but it posed many questions for future solution.

The Congress of Vienna in 1815 remade Europe as an aftermath of the Napoleonic wars; the treaty of Versailles recarved a continent after the cataclysm of the World War. Now Munich has reoriented the affairs of Europe.

Many statesmen had a hand in the Versailles and Vienna pacts, and the new boundaries they drew were sweeping. Only four men did the slinging at Munich and the physical changes they made actually were small enough, but the potentialities of their revision were profound.

Germany Steps Up  
For one thing, the balance of power in continental politics passed from France and her friends to Germany, which bit through the restraining wall of Czechoslovakia for a clear view to the southeast.

Earlier in the year Fuehrer Hitler had absorbed Austria, a sizeable news event in itself, but actually, in retrospect, only a preliminary move in his campaign for domination of central Europe—a campaign capped by the Munich "pact."

From Germany (and to a lesser degree from Italy) stemmed events which gave 1938 another of its big news stories—the treatment of the Jews, resulting in frantic outside efforts to find new homelands for members of an ancient race.

For years Germany has circumscribed Jewish activities, but the inflammable situation came to a head when mobs wrecked Jewish business houses and synagogues on the heels of the assassination of a German diplomat in Paris by a young Jewish refugee. One result: the United States ambassador to Germany was called home for

"consultation and report." He still is here.

In November the system of two-party government in the United States received a boost as republican candidates made sweeping gains in national, state and local governments following an almost total failure of an administration attempt to purge dissident democrats. New figures—mostly younger men—appeared on the republican horizon as politicians began to assess the election results in terms of 1940.

The year was not without its disasters—floods in California, a tragic train wreck in Montana and deadly airplane crashes in California and Ohio—but overshadowing all was the devastating hurricane that slashed the northeast—the country's richest and most populous territory.

Hurricane Hits East  
Complacently, easterners had read of a tropical storm moving in from the Caribbean, apparently headed for Florida. Florida knew how to handle storms. Presently the disturbance was coming up the Atlantic seaboard. Still no cause for alarm; it would spend itself soon.

Then, unexpectedly, it struck in full fury in New York City, on Long Island and through New England. Five hundred died and damage mounted into the millions.

As the war in China moved through its second year, Hankow finally fell, an dthe Japanese entered the great South China city of Canton, adjacent to the vital British port of Hong Kong, without a struggle. And yet the war goes on as the Japanese move ever deeper

### Top News Stories Of 1938

- 1—Pact of Munich brings peace to Europe but poses questions for the future.
  - 2—Treatment of Jews in Germany and elsewhere causes worldwide repercussions.
  - 3—Republicans achieve sweeping gains in November elections as administration "purge" meets failure.
  - 4—Most populous and richest area of country suffers from devastating hurricane.
  - 5—Fall of Hankow and Canton in China furthers Japanese objectives, but fighting goes on.
  - 6—Douglas Corrigan gains world admiration in sensational "wrong way" flight to Ireland in "crate."
  - 7—Howard Hughes calmly but expensively sets round-the-world record in 91 hours and 17 minutes.
  - 8—The United States enters the rearmament race using blue chips, while seeking American solidarity at Lima.
  - 9—John Wards thrills and horrifies thousands in death leap from fifth avenue hotel.
  - 10—Orson Welles' broadcast of invasion from Mars occasions mass hysteria in millions.
- Other outstanding events:  
Louis knocks out Schmelling; Queen Marie dies; CIO becomes permanent organization; Richard Whitney goes to prison; Yanks win third straight world pennant; wage-hour bill goes into effect; New Deal reorganization plan defeated; Mexico and U. S. clash over land and oil seizures; business revives as pump priming proceeds; British-Italian pact becomes effective; Hines mistrial spotlights Prosecutor Dewey; British-Canadian-American trade treaties are signed; Cash-Lovine-Fried kidnappings make headlines; 33 school children die in Utah bus accident; forty-six die in Montana train wreck.

into a country that won't give up. Unsettled, likewise, is the exchange between Japan and the United States over the "open door"; and the situation on the Siberian-Korean border, where the Japanese and the Russians fought an inconclusive battle, still is ominous.

In assessing the best stories of a year there always is conflict between those that will find a place in history books and those that are one day wonders only.

\$69 And \$500,000  
In the latter category must be placed the incredible "wrong way" flight of 31-year-old Douglas Corrigan from New York to Dublin in an antiquated, single motored, nine-year-old "crate." The unsanctioned and unpublished jump of 3,150 miles was made in a little over 28 hours at a cost of \$69.00. Corrigan had exactly \$19 in his

jeans when he landed, but he has picked up a nice piece of change since—money due an intrepid young man who dared the impossible.

Against the \$69 flight of Corrigan, consider the perfectly ordered \$500,000 dash around the world of Howard Hughes, millionaire Californian. Without any particular fanfare, Hughes and four companions circled 15,000 miles of globe in 91 hours and 17 minutes, halving the previous Wiley Post record.

With most of the world rearmings, the United States entered the armament race—using blue chips—and with an eye on all of the Americas. At the same time, solidarity among the nations of the new world was sought at the Pan-American conference in Lima. On the 1938 roster of extraor-

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## TO YOU, ONE AND ALL!

Using Big Type and making plain statements of facts, we tell you what we'd like to be able to say to you personally. We're thinking of each of you when we say, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" . . . We're thinking of your friendship, your thoughtfulness, your patronage, the help you have been to us in a personal way and in our business. We are trying to portray in print the warmth that is in our hearts for you, the gratitude we feel for the things you have done for us. In the language we'd use if we were talking with you individually, we say, "Thanks a lot, folks, you've been mighty fine to us and we're not forgetting it. We want to continue serving you, if you will let us. So Merry Christmas and many more of them!"

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We sincerely hope that you will be a frequent shopper at your J. C. Penney Store during the New Year of 1939.

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It is the Golden Rule for individuals and for all Nations.

May it be the will of men everywhere to be persuaded by the Christmas spirit to help bring about "PEACE ON EARTH—GOOD WILL TO MEN."

May you have a Christmas season gay with happy family gatherings—a Christmas that will bring you genuine enjoyment and a New Year of Peace and Prosperity.

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### Health Dept. Distributes Literature

#### 1,200,000 Pamphlets Mailed Out During Year

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—More than 1,200,000 pamphlets on health—averaging 100,000 a month—have been distributed the past year by the state department of health to all who asked for them.

Mrs. Emmalee Howe, in charge of the health literature department, says much extra work is done by clerks writing letters and returning money to those who want to pay for the pamphlets.

The department has on hand 33 varieties of bulletins under 12 classifications, as follows: maternal and child health, preventable and communicable diseases, tuberculosis, venereal diseases, sex education, vital statistics, food and drug regulations, sanitary engineering, dental health, health education for schools, accident prevention and the county health unit.

Under maternal and child health, the department has literature on such subjects as prenatal care, infant care, keeping the well baby well, sublight for babies, are you training your child to be happy? child management, the child from one to six, good habits for children and guiding the adolescent.

**Communicable Diseases**  
The preventable and communicable disease file contains booklets on smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis, control of communicable diseases, just a cold?, colds-influenza-pneumonia, pellagra, malaria, typhoid fever, hookworm, give our heart a chance, rheumatism, rabies and home care of communicable disease.

What every citizen in Texas should know about tuberculosis, tuberculosis as it affects children of school age in Texas and lessons in tuberculosis are the three titles on booklets concerning the "white plague."

Under venereal diseases are syphilis, gonorrhoea, chancroid, Texas venereal disease law and Texas declares war on syphilis.

Sex education titles are: sex education in schools, sex education in the home, wonderful story of life (boys), wonderful story of life (girls).

The vital statistics section contains Texas vital statistics law, Texas vital statistics and list of local registrars; while under food and drug, are listed food and drug law, Texas standard milk ordinance, milk, family food supply and food contamination.

**Other Topics**  
Sanitary engineering is treated under the following titles: cistern water supplies for schools, septic tanks, Texas pit type toilet, the house fly and small water supplies.

### It Takes A Child To Test A Toy, New York Laboratory Believes



These children don't know it but they're deciding the "toy value" of this toy pup—and Miss Rifkin is recording their verdict.

By LYDIA GRAY SHAW  
AP Feature Service Writer

NEW YORK—To find out if a toy has educational value don't call in the nearest child expert—put the plaything in front of a youngster and see what he does with it.

Chances are he will think up more constructive ways to use it than its inventor ever imagined—and that's the theory on which the Tested Toy Laboratory operates. Established by a progressive school teacher more than a year ago, the laboratory tests toys for manufacturers. But children do the actual testing.

Miss Lillian Rifkin, founder of the laboratory, takes a toy to a school, settlement house or park and records the children's reactions to it while they play.

She Records The Answers  
She fills in an elaborate questionnaire, commenting on the toy's durability, fitness at various age levels, and value in stimulating mental, physical, artistic or scientific activity.

Parents have a slight say in the matter. They're questioned about the desirability of the toy for apartment or country life, but the child testers are the final authority.

Little rubber automobiles, says Miss Rifkin, are second in popularity to blocks. She's astounded by the elaborate kinds of dramatic play that children build around the cars.

"Sometimes a child travels all around the world with them. Often he will re-create a trip he's taken in the family car. Sometimes

tanks, Texas pit type toilet, the house fly and small water supplies.

Dental health is covered with dental health talk, good teeth, care of the teeth during illness, Jimmy Chew, and dentistry and public health.

Pamphlets on health education are listed as: What every teacher should know about the physical condition of her pupils, program for elementary schools, program for high schools, sanitation of schools, five point project, thermomet plan, conservation of eyesight, hearing, overweight and underweight, laws pertaining to control of communicable diseases in schools, good posture and handbook for recreation leaders.

#### Couldn't Buy Legs—So He Made His Own

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)—Unable to buy a pair of artificial limbs after he lost both of his legs in a train accident, Henry Falls, negro youth, whittled some from an old cottonwood log.

Representatives of artificial limb manufacturers who later saw the pair of wooden ones Falls made, said they were a "remarkable piece of workmanship." Falls was guided by the illustrations in a catalogue of artificial limbs he obtained. His only tools were pocket knife, rusty saw and hammer.

### CREAGER ACCEPTS DIRECTORATE FOR BIRTHDAY BALLS

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—R. H. Creager of Brownsville, republican national committeeman for Texas, has accepted membership on the directorate of the Texas committee for celebration of the president's birthday, designed to

raise funds to fight infantile paralysis.

"I am, politically speaking, very far from being in sympathy with President Roosevelt," said Creager in a letter of acceptance. "The humanitarian motives behind this annual celebration of his birthday are, however, worthy of the support of all Americans and I, therefore, with pleasure accept your invitation to serve on the committee."



To our faithful old friends and our cherished new friends we tender—

## HEARTY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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It is our sincere wish that the holidays will be your Merriest . . . and the New Year your most Prosperous!

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### Madrid Faces Wartime Yule Third Year

#### Beleaguered City, Cold And Hungry, Vows To Hold Out

MADRID, Dec. 24 (UP)—A million men, women and children, shivering with cold in devastated Madrid, without fires and light and almost foodless, under the cannon mounted in the Casa de Campo park just across the river Manzanares, await their third and bitterest Christmas since the Spanish war began. But they are grimly resolved that enemy troops "shall not pass."

The wind that blows down from the Guadarrama mountains, where Generalissimo Francisco Franco's army is entrenched amid the snow, according to an old Madrid saying is "not strong enough to snuff a candle, but deadly enough to kill a man." It cuts like a knife through the scanty clothing of the beleaguered Madrilenos, as families huddle together over little fires made out of balls of newspapers.

Few special Christmas treats are in store for the republican soldiers

manning the trenches. A few hours with their relatives in Madrid, boxes of turrón—the sticky nougat-like substance which is a traditional part of Christmas celebrations in Spain—are the most they can hope for as they gather around concealed wood fires, listening to the Gypsy song or guitar of some Andalusian.

Firing is desultory.

An occasional burst of machine gun fire, to test if the enemy still is alert, provokes an answering burst accompanied by a shower of trench mortars. Across the river echoes the dull boom of a mine exploding as an attempt is made to advance the republican lines through the streets and closely packed houses in Carabanchel.

The batteries of Franco on ice clad Mount Garabitas, jutting out like a sugar loaf from the woody Casa de Campo, play a spasmodic tattoo as they pump shell after shell down the boulevards of Madrid.

Now the Gran Via, Madrid's Broadway, is known as the "Street of Death."

Though the booming of the guns on Garabitas has littered the Gran Via with dead and wounded at its most crowded hour, young couples still wander along its broad pavement, looking into the sand-bagged shopwindows, or pointing out a shell hole that was not there the day before.

Only persons with special passes are allowed on the streets, and



ADD TRAFFIC HAZARDS for motorists in Sydney, Australia, where comely misses exercised in Martin Place to show their physical fitness during the nation's health week.

### Some Sparkling Answers To Quiz

Sparkling answers frequently come out of the quiz contests, conducted during the mid-winter season as a regular feature at the Big Spring high school.

Confronted by catch-questions and a time limit, students often times make heroic if not entirely correct replies.

This week the questioner caught one youth in an excited moment with this query: "For what is Ep-

son Downs famous?" "Epitaphs" cried the boy.

"What figure in American politics became known as 'Kingfish'?" another boy was asked.

He beat the gong with: "Amos and Andy."

"What common parasitical disease in the south can be corrected by the wearing of shoes?" This was the tricky question dished out to a girl. But she was equal to the occasion.

"Flat feet," she said, and she beat the timekeeper.

### Attempted Bribery



We want to wish our friends and many patrons our sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Carl Strom Home Appliances

### PIG CROP 18 PCT. ABOVE LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics estimated today that the 1938 fall pig crop was 18 per cent larger than the fall crop of a year ago.

It estimated the fall production at 27,651,000 head, an increase of 4,320,000 over 1937.

The combined spring and fall pig production this year was estimated at 71,088,000 head, an increase of 9,181,000 head, or 15 per cent, over 1937. The bureau said the 1938 crop was the largest since 1933, but 8,944,000 head or about 12 per cent smaller than the 1929-33 average.

The bureau estimated the number of sows to farrow next spring at 8,238,500 head. This number is 1,412,000 head or 21 per cent larger than the number farrowed last spring. It said relatively large increases were indicated for all regions.

The estimated pig crop last year and this year, respectively by major producing states, included: Oklahoma 1,028,000 and 1,308,000; Texas, 1,980,000 and 2,193,000.

### OFFICIALS TALK OF AUSTRALIA'S HAPPY PRISONS

SYDNEY, Australia (UP)—Department of justice officials believe that New South Wales penal institutions have the happiest prisoners in the world. The reasons given are as follows:

There is a sliding scale of remissions, ranging up to the one-quarter of the sentence for first offenders.

Prisoners get three good meals a day and appoint their own representatives to inspect the canteen and see that everything is as it should be.

They have ample library facilities and can read till 9 p. m.

Their weekly paper includes even the race results.

Concert parties visit the jails once weekly and one jail has its own movie.

Prisoners can spend earnings on special dishes not included on the regular menu.

The University of Georgia has three sound movie machines and 28 sound films for classroom use.

### Buttercup Is Plucked After Deep Snow Melts

WINSTED, Conn. (UP)—Figuring he would not be believed, a resident sent to a newspaper a buttercup he picked after a foot-deep snowfall melted.

The resident did not identify himself. The buttercup beyond doubt was freshly plucked.

### Pass Words Divided

Thus the patrol might flash an electric torch and cry "Where are we going?" to which the reply should be "On to victory." If the person challenged does not know the password, he will probably say he is going to see his aunt and then he finds himself detained and taken to the nearest police station to prove his identity.

The approach of Christmas makes no difference. There is a password for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day just the same as any other day in the year. For there are still members of the Fifth Column alive and active.

### Every Night from the Cellars

But now, as distinct from the early days, the patrol has to say the first half and the person challenged the reply.

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Holiday Greetings

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### Best Wishes For Your Xmas!

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As Christmas Day approaches, we hasten to offer you our most sincere and hearty wishes for a Joyful Christmas, attended with a superabundance of good-will, happiness and well-being.

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### May the Christmas of 1938 Be a Forerunner for a Happy 1939

We cannot get away from the thought that our patrons have made it possible for us to go forward with this business and it is therefore our greatest pleasure to remember you with kindly greetings and every good wish we know to send at Christmas time.

We feel that we have made progress with our business during the past year. But whatever we have accomplished, we have done so because of the loyalty of our patrons.

Again we say, THE BEST OF EVERYTHING TO YOU AND YOURS!

Big Spring Motor Co.  
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# These Six News Pictures Are Called Standouts Of The Year



**STRONG MEN** of Europe were caught by the camera not in stiff, formal pose, but in a moment of comparative relaxation as the historic Munich "apppsement" conference got under way. Men smiled and shook hands as Czechoslovakia was about to submit to a major operation as a means of keeping peace. L. to R. Goering, Hitler, Schmidt, Ciano, Mussolini, Daladier, Chamberlain.



**TWO FLASHBULBS** giving the effect of cross-lighting made possible this study of a Dakota wheat farmer, bringing out in remarkable detail the man's facial features at the end of his day's work.



**THE TOWEL** didn't mean anything officially, but alert photography caught it in mid-air as the Schmeling-Louis bout ended with the German challenger on the floor and Joe Louis walking to his corner—the winner. A second later the picture was gone.



**HAD THE PHOTOGRAPHER** stepped a few feet to the right or left, he would have missed the composition which "made" this picture of President Roosevelt. This exemplifies the results which are achieved when a news photographer is in the right place at the right time.



**TO GET THIS** aftermath of Rhode Island's hurricane scene, it was necessary to employ exceptional camera technique resulting in perfect focus of the people in the foreground as well as the damaged buildings in the background. Use of two flashbulbs plus a time exposure turned the trick.



**A FRACTION OF A SECOND** sooner, or a moment later, and this picture could not have been made. It caught the climax of a situation which had kept newspaper readers on edge for hours as young John Ward pondered his fate and finally leaped to death from a New York hotel window ledge.

## Short Wheat Crop May Relieve The Surplus Problem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Federal farm officials said today a government forecast of a 485,000,000 bushel winter wheat crop next year promised to relieve to some extent the present problem of bread grain surpluses.

Such a crop, if borne out by the harvest and if accompanied by a spring wheat crop of no more than 175,000,000 bushels, would result in a total production next year of about 660,000,000 bushels, or about 90,000,000 short of a normal year's domestic and export needs.

A crop of that size added to an expected surplus of 300,000,000 bushels would give a total supply next year of 960,000,000, which in all likelihood, officials said, would eliminate the necessity of invoking strict marketing control provisions of the farm law.

The federal crop reporting board estimated that farmers had sown 46,173,000 acres to winter wheat, a reduction of about 18 per cent from last year's 56,365,000.

**Sen Honors Father**  
COLUMBIA, S. C. (UP)—Gov. Olin D. Johnston, who will retire from the governor's seat in January, has named his father, E. A. Johnston, of Anderson, S. C., a lieutenant-colonel on his military staff. The governor's father is 65 years old and has been in feeble health several months.

## Suicide Leap Ranked By AP Man As One Of Most Spectacular Photos

By F. A. RESCH  
AP Executive News Photo Editor

NEW YORK—Selecting "great" news pictures or "best" news pictures is like judging a beauty contest.

No two people would give the blue ribbon to the same blond.

So many exceptional news pictures are taken in the course of any year that it is not possible to sift them down to a handful of copy which stands out head and shoulders above the crowd from every point of view.

To do so would be rank injustice to the many photographers who produce topnotch copy consistently under favorable and unfavorable conditions alike.

**Camera Snaps History**

Events in Europe naturally produced many outstanding news pictures in 1938, not one, but several of them probably will go into history books. Cameras followed special events as effectively as restrictions would allow.

Climatic copy from the sequence of crises came from the Munich

conference. The picture of Europe's "big four" side by side probably was the most significant picture, as such, but another and more informal view of them perhaps caught the "spirit of appeasement" more effectively than any other.

In America, sports always make for many outstanding pictures. A score or more of truly remarkable sports pictures could be selected from the production of 1938, including not only pictures made at headline events but pictures made during run-of-mine sports events as well.

**Fight of The Year**

One Associated Press picture captured in a single exposure the whole spirit of the windup of the major fight of the year—Max Schmelling on the floor, the referee waving Joe Louis to his corner as the unofficial towel was tossed into the ring after less than a round of fighting which resulted in dozens of excellent action pictures.

Among the unique stories of 1938 was the spectacle of a young man perched on a Manhattan hotel window ledge while a nation awaited

his next move. As he jumped to his death, one of the year's most exceptional news pictures was taken.

Seldom has the task of covering a comprehensive news story in pictures been as great or as hazardous as the job of picturing results of the late September storm extending from Long Island to Vermont. Symbolizing the hurricane's aftermath as well as the plight of survivors was a picture taken in Rhode Island showing storm victims in front of buildings tossed top-sy-turvy by the wind. Many other pictures made during and after the storm were equally effective.

**Guss And F. D. R.**

On the U.S.S. Houston an Associated Press photographer one day last July took a picture of President Roosevelt in the shadows of the ship's big guns. The result was a most impressive view of a nation's chief executive in unusual environment. Taken from any other angle, it might have been much less effective.

Typifying scores of remarkable

personality pictures from the grit of a year was a shot of a North Dakota wheat farmer at the close of his day's toil. With perfect detail, the result of perfect lighting, the picture exemplified a technique which is bringing constantly improving news photography.

Six other pictures of 1938—60 others—could be appraised similarly, and given top rating by any criterion. Those mentioned merely are typical of the many news pictures of 1938 which represented not only exceptional workmanship on the part of photographers but which told a story in picture form with a maximum effectiveness.

It involves no hazard to suggest that with this continuously improving news photography, each succeeding year should produce more and more noteworthy news pictures—regardless of those uncontrollable "breaks" which so often play such a big part in determining whether pictures are possible in the first place.

**Yells "Fire," Robs Hotel**

PAINESVILLE, O. (UP)—An intentional false alarm was given by a man who rushed into the Cowles hotel yelling "Fire!" and caused hotel employe Mrs. Lee Shepard to make a hasty exit. The man made the same kind of exit—only in the opposite direction with the contents of the cash register.

## READING AND WRITING

"TRIBUTE TO BALLET," by John Masefield & Edward Seago (Macmillan: \$7.50).

We should be hard put to it to discover what social value "Tribute to Ballet" has. Neither communism nor fascism is mentioned in this joint product of John Masefield and Edward Seago, and there is no refugee problem in it. Therefore for a certain type of reader the book is wholly useless and had as well be burned on the next literary bonfire in Germany.

Perhaps there remain a very few, however, for whom a book may have value if only it is a thing of beauty. "Tribute to Ballet" is merely beautiful. It was designed, we suspect, with a canny eye on the Christmas trade, which is quite all right with us. It's a welcome change from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" in still another binding.

And it sounds sincere. The book is a collection of verses by Masefield, all about, or directed to, the ballet, and its dancers individually or otherwise. It begins with a dedicatory poem to Michel Fokine and before it closes (with a lovely reproduction of a painting, showing "Les Sylphides" as that work looks from the gallery of Convent Garden opera house) it has included a number of ballet offshoots such as the Jooss group, Uday Shanker and Argentinia. Mostly, however, Messrs. Masefield and Seago mean the Russian ballet when they use the word ballet.

The verse is not all Masefield at his best. Probably the illustrations are not all Seago at his best, but they are very fine just the same. Part of them are drawings, the rest reproductions of paintings, some in color and some otherwise. But the difference between the reproductions in "Tribute to Ballet" and the usual chromos which afflict the publishing business is that in this case the reproductions are superb, and one gets the spirit of what Seago tried to do as well as the general outline. It makes a great difference.

To keep the record clear—there are nine handsome reproductions in color, four drawings, and 18 reproductions in monochrome. The rest of the book is Masefield's. If enough persons were to see "Tribute to Ballet" it is possible that public understanding of what is often thought of as a decadent art might be much improved.

**DR. KIMBALL'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED**

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (UP)—Resignation of Dr. J. F. Kimball, vice president of Baylor university in charge of Dallas scientific units, has been accepted by Dallas members of the university board of trustees.

## IMPORTED MEAT GAINING FAVOR AMONG BRITISH

LONDON (UP)—British butchers and farmers are puzzled by the depressed state of prices for home-grown beef, mutton and lamb, for imported frozen lamb is now bringing more money here than the famous lamb from the Scottish hills.

New Zealand lamb is quoted in the Meat Trades Journal at the wholesaler-to-retailer price of \$1.27 per 8 pounds with Australian lamb only \$1.16. Yet a year ago Scottish lamb was 20 cents per 8 pounds dearer than imported.

A similar depression in British beef also is recorded, the advantage of the home produce over the Argentine having been halved in a year.

Among explanations put forward by experts for this strange state of affairs are that less prosperity has decreased buying power and that meat from the Dominions and the Argentine have been the subject of intensive advertising this year, while the home-killed meat has had none.

## Unclaimed Bank Cash To Profit Connecticut

HARTFORD, Conn. (UP)—Connecticut has a fund of nearly \$200,000 which it is anxious and willing to distribute to owners of the money—if they can be located.

But more than 30 years have passed since the proprietors of the money have been heard from. And when the time reaches 40 years, the money will go into the general fund of the state for good.

Under state law, Connecticut banks must turn over to the state treasurer's office unclaimed deposits which have been "inactive" for 30 years.

There are more than 4,000 accounts in Connecticut which have been "inactive" during the past 30 years.

with "sincere regret" and that Dr. Kimball had devoted approximately 10 years of valuable service to the institution.

The entire board will pass on the Dallas group's action at its spring meeting.

## MISSING PASSPORTS SOUGHT IN SPAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The state department has begun a search in war-devastated Spain for more than 1,500 missing American passports which it feared eventually might be put to improper use.

Most of the original owners of the passports were among the 2,600 Americans killed while fighting for the Barcelona government against General Franco's forces.

American volunteers broke pledges to passport officials here by entering Spain to fight, as visas were not given for that purpose. The men turned over their papers to Spanish authorities, and few of the documents have been returned. Many of the passports were lost, captured by Franco troops, or placed in safekeeping by officials who later were killed.

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### Price Trend

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fact should be continued. The door was opened wider for the entrance of other producing states into the fraternity of compacting states.

A few weeks ago President Roosevelt suggested the provisions of the compact well might be extended to cover refining as well as production of oil.

**Price Trend Downward**  
Throughout the year the general trend of prices was downward. Smaller, independent operators were plagued particularly by low gasoline prices which made their operations unprofitable. Many plants were shut down.

Crude oil prices dropped until they were ruling about 25 cents lower a barrel on the average for the country at the end of the year. Big reductions in allowables were made in heavy producing states. Texas shut down its wells two days a week.

Texas added a vast new productive area in the development of the K.M.A. field.

Illinois had an important revival of field work which saw the sinking of hundreds of fine, productive shallow wells in its central basin. It increased the state's production to above 100,000 barrels a day from about 10,000 barrels daily.

That Illinois production, close to manufacturing centers, cut deeply into the demand for crude in Kansas, Oklahoma and North Texas. 26,500 New Wells  
By the end of 1935, it was ap-

parent, the nation's new wells for the year would be numbered around 26,500, compared to about 30,000 in 1934.

A thumbnail chronology of oil in 1935 sums up about like this, taken month by month.  
**JANUARY**—Business volume low. Increasing calls made for holding down of both producing and refining as small operators found themselves with large stocks of gasoline on their hands. The business was gloomy and depressed, psychologically, by convictions in the Madison oil anti-trust trials.

**FEBRUARY**—Crude cut - backs reduced the flow 300,000 barrels daily. There was speculation on a good spring upturn with better prices and broader demand.

**MARCH**—Anticipation of spring demand for gasoline quickened the movement and developed into an eighth of a cent increase in tank car prices. Fuels and lubricating oils softened.

**APRIL**—The expected spring business boost failed to develop. Buying was on hand-to-mouth basis. The K. M. A. field in Texas boomed.

**MAY**—Depressed markets and falling prices set the business back. In Kansas the Kanotex Refining company cut crude prices 25 cents, sending a wave of apprehension that a general cut might be in the offing. Drastic reductions in crude allowables were made.

**JUNE**—Expanded demand for gasoline made it a good month for refiners.

**JULY**—Midsummer business generally producing a crush in July, was moderate. Prices held steady. Movement of refined products was far below the usual standard of the month.

**AUGUST**—Gasoline market developed uneasiness. Soft spots in the motor fuel market in a month ordinarily regarded the best for gasoline was called a very unfavorable trend. Crude stocks mounted despite cut-backs and the downward movement climaxed into a blanket reduction of ten cents a barrel in East Texas crude.

**SEPTEMBER**—Gasoline markets got weaker and weaker. The down-trend persisted after two cuts of an eighth of a cent a gallon for tank car motor fuel was made in the Mid-Continent. Unsteadiness spread to all divisions.

**OCTOBER**—At the end of the first week of the month crude prices fell an average of 20 cents a barrel all through the Mid-Continent and nervous repercussions to the drop were felt everywhere in the business. By the end of the month the business seemed to be getting its courage back again.

**NOVEMBER**—The business steadied at lower price levels.

**DECEMBER**—Quiet trading at steady prices was maintained in all divisions. Forecasts were made that better business was in sight for 1936.



**NAZI MILITARY MIGHT** bogged down in a muddy field near Hamburg during an anti-tank company's maneuvers, and this elephant from a nearby zoo helped salvage the army truck.

### Top News

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ordinary stories which gripped millions although themselves of ephemeral character, place certainly must be found for the jump of John Wards from the 17th floor ledge of a Fifth avenue hotel, and the strange drama of Orson Welles' broadcast.

**Horror Makes Headlines**  
For 11 hours Wards, 35 and unemployed, stood precariously on the ledge, smoking, talking, eating and repelling efforts at rescue, as thousands watched breathlessly in the street. Then late at night, in a flare-lit scene of hysterical horror, he jumped.

Similarly, the mass hysteria of the Mars broadcast was gripping news. Welles, a theatrical producer at 25, flashed on a radio program that monsters from Mars had landed in New Jersey to wipe out civilization. Millions believed the tale.

New Yorkers heaped belongings in automobiles and sped away; New Jersey people telephoned newspapers they had witnessed the invasion; a Boston woman said she could see the fire. Nothing like it had ever happened before; that made it news, worthy at least of a footnote in the record.

### INDEX REVEALS APPROVED LIST OF NAZI BOOKS

**BERLIN (UP)**—A complete index of important approved books which have appeared in Germany since the middle of 1934 has been issued in connection with the First Book Week of Greater Germany, which was observed with exhibitions at Weimar, Munich and Vienna during the first week of November.

"For the first time," according to the propaganda ministry, "problems of Weltanschauung and politics and their solutions are given a scientific basis" in the books under these subjects, which embrace almost half of the 800 listed. Included is a new subdivision of 19 books under "Colonial History and Politics" which was necessitated, according to the official announcement, "by the progressive discussion of the fate of our former colonies."

### Truck, 1920 Model, Runs 100 Miles In 18 Years

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP)**—Ernest Vescevi, grocer, has just come into possession of a 1920 model truck which has been run only 100 miles. Vescevi bought the truck from Frank Glaser, who purchased it new to use on fishing expeditions. But after a couple of trips, the sportsman put the machine in a garage, where it stayed 18 years.



**REBUKING NATURE**, which failed to provide them with a tall tree to fit their needs, Denver city officials had a Christmas tree tailor-made in the civic center there. The tree with its telephone pole "trunk" is 75 feet high, and more than 970 electric lights twinkled from the finished product. Technique for Christmas-tree building is shown in this photo.

### Theatre Annex Built To Solve Baby Crying

**SYDNEY, Australia (UP)**—Australia's latest contribution to the advancement of civilization is a sound-proof "crying baby theater." It is built in connection with the regular theater so that if a baby starts crying the mother can enter immediately the smaller one.

From there she can watch the play with glasses and hear the dialogue through a sound equipment arrangement, while baby continues to cry without disturbing the outside audience.

### Trout Stream Ultra Modern

**TOLEDO, O. (UP)**—Fish will swim in an ultra modern trout stream at Toledo's new waquamium. The stream bed and sides are glass building bricks, to permit entrance of light and improve visibility for observers.

### Pole And Hook Burglar Fishes Out Handbags

**MONTREAL (UP)**—One burglar here has added a pole and hook to the tools of his trade. The last three times one couple have had company for supper at their home, the guests' handbags disappeared from a bedroom adjoining the dining room. The windows of the house are about 1 1/2 stories above ground, there was no evidence that anyone had entered the room, and the manner in which the thefts were carried out caused a mystery.

The mystery was cleared when the hook from the burglar's pole was found on the floor of the bedroom.

### Life At 100 Credited To Running At Bull Run

**READING, Pa. (UP)**—"Hollerin' Johnny" Wells, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary, gives credit for his longevity to the fact that he "ran like hell at the second battle of Bull Run." "That," he said, "is why I am here today."

Wells acquired the nickname "Hollerin' Johnny" in tribute to his leather lungs while fighting with the 192nd and 196th Pennsylvania volunteer infantry regiments during the Civil war.

The Season's Greetings and All Good Wishes  
Dr. Geo. L. Wilke  
OPTOMETRIST  
Big Spring, Texas

## No Great Gain In Holiday Travel

**Mail Rush, However, Gives Carriers Plenty To Do**

Traffic trends indicate that fewer may be going home and more are sending packages instead for Christmas.

Train and bus report no great increase in the number of passengers except those known as "long hauls." However, the weekend changed this picture as college students thronged coaches and buses for space to the old home town.

Never has there been such a volume of mail, that for consignment and the great bulk of through mail. Extra cars have been added to care for the volume, but still the problem of space has been exceedingly vexing. On heaviest days, some mail and other packages actually had to lay over one run, because there was no room to carry them. Trains, despite express and mail workers' valiant efforts to clear the tangle, were running two or more hours late on some schedules.

Noticeable exception to the passenger picture was reported by the airlines. Virtually every ship through here has been loaded for the past 10 days. Sleeper planes,

American Airlines' operations were not only carrying a full load of passengers, but a record amount of air express.  
The traffic was heavy enough on the airlines that in a few instances passage could not be booked from here. Glen Golden said he anticipated this rush business to continue until early in January with Christmas and New Year's Day probably light.

**GREETINGS**  
A Real Good Old Christmas and a Prosperous New Year  
**BRADSHAW STUDIO**

# A Distinct Pleasure

It is with profound pleasure and appreciation that we take this means of expressing our sentiments of Season's Good Cheer to the friends and customers of this firm.

Your liberal support is valued most highly by the employees and management. It has been our pleasure, and we are glad to express our thanks.

May we continue to serve you in the future? We have set our goal to even more efficient service, and we desire the privilege of showing you how sincere we really are. Again we say, "Thank you."

# Club Cafe

G. C. DUNHAM, Proprietor

## No Holiday

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as any other time. Because Christmas falls on Sunday, the ministers of the city will experience a pretty busy day, but they will find plenty of time to be at home and to visit.

Refineries can't afford to close down, even for so important an occasion as Christmas, for the cessation would cost thousands of dollars. Pumps in oil fields and a few other employees in this line of trade must be at their posts on Christmas Day.

The public clamors for entertainment Christmas, so the radio station and the theatres will be in operation.

## OUT OF THE EAST

On that first Christmas night, when the Wise Men came out of the East bearing gifts for the infant who was to light up the world with the Holy Word, a spirit of giving was established. It is that reverent spirit of good will toward others that we hope to help perpetuate with this little greeting.

# Grand Leader

# Health Happiness Prosperity

At no other time of the year than at this glorious Yuletide is the spirit of happiness so much in evidence. The usual Christmas Greetings are significant at this time when good wishes for all fill the air.

A glorious Christmas is our wish, of course, yet we want this sentiment to carry on through the coming years. We want each of you to enjoy Health, Happiness and Prosperity. It is our hope that your every wish will be realized, that each ambition may materialize, so that the new year may be the happiest of them all.

You have been most considerate of us in the past with your fine friendship and splendid patronage; for both we are grateful. May we continue this pleasant association in the future.

# Dairyland

## Serving You Has Been a Pleasure

We are, indeed, very grateful that you appreciate our efforts to make our business succeed on a strict basis of merit and courtesy... The liberality of your patronage naturally makes us feel better at this season.

And now in return we give you in all sincerity our hearty best wishes for the **MERRIEST** and **BEST CHRISTMAS** you ever had, followed by an equally **Prosperous NEW YEAR!**

# Lone Star Chevrolet, Inc.

Cliff Wiley... "and His Fine and Handy Gang"  
"When You're Pleased, We're Happy"

# Merry Christmas!

## Homan Super-Service

Big Spring



### Singing Of Christmas Carols Traced To Francis Of Assisi In Year 1200

TUCSON, Ariz. (UP)—As parties of carolers move through the streets of the nation this Christmas Eve few will stop to wonder what started the practice, but Lew Adams, music director of the city recreation department here, has traced the history of the custom.

The tradition of heralding the Nativity with songs started 700 years ago, Adams believes, perhaps for the first time in the Italian village of Greccio near Assisi in the year 1200.

Adams said he has studied the revival of carol singing and has traced its background to find little is actually known of the origin.

"It is a curious fact but one well authenticated that Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church," Adams said. "Trenaeus and Tertullian omit it from their lists of feasts, and Origen said that in the Scripture, sinners alone—not saints—celebrated their birth-days."

First evidence of the feast of Christmas comes from Egypt, about the year 200 A. D., and after many changes in the time of year for celebrating the Nativity—some as late as May 20—the date decided upon by the church authorities was December 25. In 1038, the term Christmas Maesse was found. From this comes the English word Christmas.

Adams' research revealed that in Greccio the first carol was sung about the year 1200. Francis of

Assisi made the first Christmas creche or crib to represent the manger of the Christ Child, and the brethren gathered around and sang hymns.

In later years, Adams said, singing by the clergy was introduced between the scenes of mystery plays, and historical documents give information that the people enjoyed "these vocal interludes."

From these customs, according to Adams, it was only a step to the singing of carols apart from the mysteries and by the 15th century, it was common practice to sing carols alone.

After the full meaning of the Christmas idea spread over all Europe, the English people made more of the carols than any other. Adams said that for many years singing in the streets died, but that now he believes it is "coming back strong as ever."

### ASKS FOR DIRT AS A SOUVENIR

WACO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Waco Chamber of Commerce officials received this request from a man in a distant Texas town.

"Dear Sirs: "Please send me literature about Waco and a bottle full of dirt as a souvenir from your city."

Officials were puzzled by the request unless possibly the recipient wanted to start a black land farm.



**SQUAWK OF THE HAWK** was the vocal reward for Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie of Glenolden, Pa., who are banding a baby fish-hawk caught near Lewes, Del. One of 2,500 bird banders in U. S. and Canada, Mr. Gillespie explains that the federal Bureau of Biological Survey uses the bands to check on bird migration and habits. The Gillespies have been banding birds for 16 years.

### Lomax To Collect Songs Which Have Not Been Printed

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 24 (AP)—Native songs which never have been printed will be compiled by John A. Lomax, curator of folk songs for the Library of Congress, who will spend the winter at Port Aransas with his wife, the former Ruby Terrill, once dean of women at the University of Texas.

The new book will be a departure from other Lomax collections such as "Cowboy Songs," "American Ballads and Folk Songs" and "Negro Folk Songs" as sung by "Leadbelly." Lomax said he would collect songs not heretofore published, mainly from the 11 southern penitentiaries he visited in his

research for the Library of Congress.

"The prisons of the south are about the only places in America today where men are worked in 'gang system' to any extent," Lomax said.

"There are several reasons for the negroes in prison to sing. The guards encourage them to sing together because they do more work singing, and they sing too because they are burdened with their tribulations, and they sing to forget."

"There is just one place that I know of today where the English language is being talked in the same way Shakespeare used it and that is among the negroes," he added. "Everywhere else the language is losing a part of its originality, but the negroes, especially in isolated regions of Mis-

sissippi, are keeping the language fresh, and alive."

Not only have the words been preserved, but the songs as sung by the negroes have now been recorded and placed in the Library of Congress.

### COLORED TREES FOR CHRISTMAS MORE POPULAR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UP)—If a prospective Christmas tree purchaser didn't get the color he wanted this year it might have been because the paint ran out.

Trees were sold in all hues to match drapes, living room furnishings of the colors of wrapping paper. In some cases each limb was tinted a different color. The colors ranged from light blue to a bright shade of orange.

Tinted trees started in a modest way several years ago with an occasional all-silver one offered for sale. This year merchants completed the cycle by using all colors. One of the most popular shades was the all-baby pink.

### NORWEGIAN ROYALTY TO VISIT THE U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The American public, from coast to coast, will get a chance next spring to see Norwegian royalty for the first time.

Crown Prince Olav, 35-year-old blonde sportsman and statesman in training to be king, will tour the country with his pretty brunette wife, Princess Martha.

The Norwegian legation announced today that the visit of the royal couple, which begins April 26 with a stay at Hyde Park with President and Mrs. Roosevelt, will include a two-month trans-continental jaunt.

### States Trade Couples Over Marriage Laws

MEDFORD, Ore. (UP)—Marriage laws of California and Oregon are making marriage a veritable merry-go-round. Formerly the California law requiring a three days' declaration of intention to wed resulted in hundreds of couples coming to Oregon to marry.

Now the new Oregon law requiring a medical examination of both parties not only has stopped the California couples from coming to Oregon but has prompted Oregon couples, who prefer the three days' wait to the medical examination, to go to California to wed.

### Vatican Plans A Quiet Day

#### Pope May Not Receive Cardinals Because Of Illness

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (UP)—An exceptionally quiet silence will characterize Christmas Day in the Vatican.

All Vatican offices will be closed with the sole exception of the post-office, which will continue to function, delivering thousands of telegrams, letters and packages conveying Christmas greetings and presents from all corners of the world to Pope Pius XI.

It was uncertain whether the Pope, still suffering from cardiac asthma, would receive the Sacred College of Cardinals which customarily visits the Holy Father the day before Christmas to convey their felicitations. Vatican prelates, however, do not expect that the Pontiff, even if he does receive the cardinals, will make a speech, as he usually does, surveying church affairs during the past year.

To Attend 3 Masses At midnight on Christmas Eve Pope Pius planned to attend three special masses recited by Mgr. Carlo Confalonieri in the small chapel adjoining the bedroom. Following Dr. Amintore Milani's instructions, the Pontiff will not leave his bed and will be carefully assisted by his attendants, Friars Faustino and Igino.

Pope Pius will devote his Christmas morning to his large correspondence. His private secretaries, Mgr. Diego Venini and Mgr. Carlo Confalonieri, will read the numerous Christmas messages which have been pouring into the Vatican for the last few days.

According to custom, Mgr. Venini will then dispose of the numerous

packages containing Christmas cards and sweets which will be distributed to various Catholic institutes for poor children and the aged.

To Receive Relatives The Pontiff later will receive his relatives. Household inmates believe that the Pope will be happily surprised during this audience, as his niece, Marquise Luisa Ferichetti-Ugolini, will be accompanied by her two children dressed in the religious attire of the institute of the newly beatified Mother Cabrini, which they entered last October.

Unless the weather is exceptionally pleasant, the Pope will abandon his automobile ride in the Vatican gardens.

The rest of the afternoon and evening will be spent by the Pope in prayer and meditation. After dinner the Pontiff will recite prayers in his private chapel, beautifully decorated with flowers presented by the Vatican gardeners.

At 10 p. m. Pope Pius will retire to his private apartments.

Vatican prelates say that once Pius recalled with genuine longing the Christmas Days he used to pass in his native Milan, where the streets and rooftops were always covered with snow.

During 17 years continuously spent in the Vatican the Pope has only seen snow once, in 1928, when Christmas morn was accompanied by a heavy snowfall, an unusual occurrence for Rome.

### DREAM REALIZED IN DOLL HOUSE

REGINA, Sask. (UP)—A "fantastic dream," product of sleepless nights caused by illness, was the origin of an amazing doll house built by John Ohm, 65-year-old farmer of Edgeworth, Sask.

Ill for years with an ailment that cost him the amputation of one leg, Ohm has spent five years without sleep at night.

But one night several years ago he had a "fantastic dream" that gave him the urge to build a doll house "with live people, lights, lawn, a swimming pool and everything."

So, for a year, Ohm spent his night planning the model house. Then he started work, and spent long evenings revising his plans.

The completed house, constructed entirely of wood, measures 8 by 6 by 3 feet. In it are 58 midget figures, 45 of which move when a motor operates. On the lawn, seven musicians go through the motions of playing a phonograph, and another rocking idly in a chair.

Tiny model fish are in the swimming pool. There is a midget figure beating a bear because it has a fish in its mouth. One figure is waving a hot dog sign in front of a lunch counter, while nearby a dog eats the sausages.

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

COFFEE & COFFEE

Lester Fisher Bldg.



A Merry Christmas To All

The entire personnel of this firm, which has faithfully endeavored to serve you for many years, joins in wishing everyone in this section a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Your gift to us lies in the measure of success this institution has enjoyed. That our family of many loyal friends has increased each year... that hundreds and hundreds of people are pleased with the services we have rendered them... these, and many other reasons make us truly thankful for the business that has been ours.

MAY 1939 BE A YEAR OF INCREASING PROSPERITY FOR ALL!

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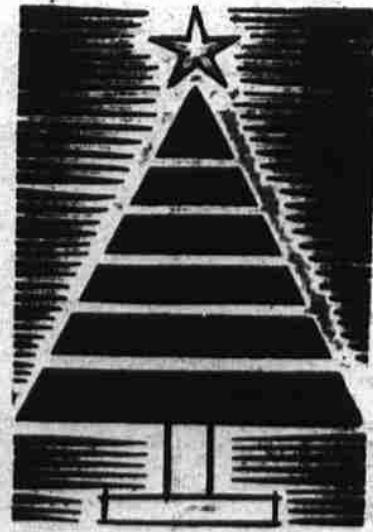
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The FASHION WOMEN'S WEAR



The Star On Your Yule Tree

The star at the top of your Christmas tree has been filled with good wishes from us, and if you notice a particular sparkle to the ornament, you'll know it's because we are wishing you an "extra-special" kind of Merry Christmas and a year of Prosperity and Happiness.

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JUST A THOUGHT

for you

May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it success in your every endeavor. You have been thoughtful of this institution and have made possible our continued growth. For your support we express our appreciation and pledge ourselves to an even greater service in the future.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



At this Holiday Season we feel prompted to tell you how deeply grateful we are for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past year and to wish each of you a Christmas-tide of happiness and a year of health and prosperity.



# 1938 In Review:

By VOLTA TORREY  
AP Feature Service Writer

In June, 1938, America read "My Son, My Son!" and "The Keating Case." Movie-goers saw "The Sign" again, along with "Blockade." Colleges honored Walt Disney. Shirley Temple visited President Roosevelt and allegedly asked if he ever got tired, as she did, of smiling. Joe Louis kayaked Max Schmeling in two minutes four seconds.

Five-year-old James Bailey "Skeegie" Cash, stolen from his Princeton, Fla., home, was found dead after \$10,000 ransom had been paid—and soon Franklin Pierce McCall, 21, truck driver, was found guilty in the kidnaping. New York's G-man Leon G. Turrou resigned after doing the slitting for Uncle Sam that led to 18 persons' indictment for espionage. Jersey City's Mayor Hague suggested a camp in Alaska for aliens who disapproved of American ways.

**This Year's Kisses**  
Eight-year-old Rev. Charles E. Jaynes, Jr., officiated at a "wedding." And June brides and grooms included: Anne L. Clark and John A. Roosevelt; "Bubbles" Larkensbach, million-heiress, and William Dobbs, butter-and-egg salesman; Manuela Hudson, of San Francisco; and Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, multi-million-heir; and Countess Vera Fugger von Rabenhaupt and Kurt Schuschnigg.

A wage-hour law that the president called the most far-sighted program ever enacted for workers' benefit, except perhaps for the social security act, was whopped through. Congress adjourned. And 22 hours later Sen. Royce S. Copeland died.

Labor trouble halted Ringling Brothers-Barnum & Bailey's tour. Cleveland's relief situation was acute. Homer Martin's faction suspended five United Auto Workers union officers. Townsendsites rallied in Los Angeles. Wheat was the cheapest it had been for five

years and a record harvest was foreseen.

**Commencement Month**  
Federal spending was sped up, credit loosened up, and stocks started up. "There have been a few raindrops," Mr. Roosevelt said of business. "Possibly they will be followed with a much-needed shower."

The Massachusetts professor who had become famous years before by advising college grads to marry the boss's daughter told the class of '38 to get on the public payroll.

Campaign Checker-Upper Sheppard frowned at reports that Deputy WPA Chief Williams had urged relief workers to keep their friends in power. And Iowa's Sen. Guy M. Gillette beat New Deal Rep. Otha Wearin in a headlined democratic senatorial primary.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's crack "Olympian" passenger train cracked up in Montana and 47 persons died. A California gold prospector found wreckage of a "WA" airliner that had been lost since March.

Sweden's Crown Prince Gustav Adolf became ill while crossing the Atlantic and his son, Prince Bertil, substituted for him as the 300th anniversary of Swedish and Finnish settlements in America was celebrated.

The Yellow river overflowed and halved the Japanese. Canton was bombed unmercifully. Mme. Chiang Kai-shek sent silver spoons to her Wellesley, Mass., classmates' reunion, declaring: "A spoon may be licked but China can't."

Spanish loyalists allegedly threatened to attack German and Italian towns. More British ships were sunk. Lloyd C. Oring likened England's rulers to "a bevy of maiden aunts fallen among buccanniers." And Nazis scribbled a June jingle on frontier posts, addressed to Czech President Eduard Beneš:

Edvard, save your pence  
For Adolf soon will be over the fence!

## Kidnaping, Wreck, Weddings; Storms Hit Big Spring Area

The elements wrote dark headlines across the news pages for the Big Spring area in June, 1938. Following upon the heels of a disastrous tornado at Clyde came a windstorm that swept northern Howard county and knifed through Stanton, to injure several and render many homeless.

And while those storms went around Big Spring, the city caught its share of water damage, as torrential downpours made rivers out of streets and flooded low areas.

The storm damage at Stanton alone was put at \$25,000, and the Red Cross, showing its value in a rehabilitation program, spent over \$3,000 in assisting more than a score of families.

There were many days when the Heavens poured down heavy rains on the city. And early in the month there came a windstorm of 55-mile-per-hour peak velocity to cause property damage.

Summer came with June, of course, and although the season was late, farmers had to rejoice. And there was talk of a grasshopper plague.

**Welcome News**  
June's news wasn't all bad, however. Welcome was the approval of a \$225,000 PWA grant to the city for a water development program; the county put in a bid for \$135,000 of PWA money to help build a new courthouse; residential building picked up as the Park Hill addition was opened with five FEA loan commitments; oil activity gained momentum in southeastern Howard county; county fund balances were shown to be strong-

er than the year previous; and agitation went ahead for the installation of curb mail boxes for the inauguration of additional postal carrier service.

With June came the year's first wheat, which sold at a premium of 12 cents.

Promotion work for an oil mill reached a climax, and a new industrial plant for the city was assured.

**Conventions**  
Farm agents of the district convened; the city was putting on a big foot in preparation for the July rodeo, and plans were laid for entertaining a regional American Legion convention. The Panhandle-Plains Singing convention was held in the city, with large attendance. And students were returning home from college helping "perk up" the social whirl.

Big Spring thought about a north-south airline, and had a delegation in Washington on the project. The Moss Springs site was talked for a water reservoir.

June brought a couple of tenth anniversaries. The Daily Herald celebrated its birthday, as did the Empire Southern Service company. And June saw a warming of politics. Thirty-five names went on the county's part of the democratic primary ballot, while state candidates called in a quest for votes.

The June visitors included Walter Woodul, Ernest Thompson and Lee O'Daniel.

One traffic fatality was chalked up for the month, as Mrs. Ila Mae Wooten Clayton was killed in a car crash. D. W. Adkins was one of those called by death.

## Controversy Develops Over Lewis' Plans To Work Into Demo Party

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—A controversy is developing among democratic politicians over John L. Lewis' projected effort to obtain an active voice for CIO forces in the party's 1940 convention.

Working through labor's Non-Partisan league, political branch of the CIO, Lewis is drafting a program to bring about selection of league-endorsed delegates to the convention. These delegates would work within the framework of the democratic party for the league's candidates and policies.

Senator Hatch (D-NM) said there undoubtedly "will be opposition to Mr. Lewis' plan from conservative democrats." Predicting that this opposition would center in the south, Hatch added that "a battle royal" is in prospect.

An old-line senator, who asked that his name be withheld, asserted that if the league wins and delegates, nothing could be done to keep them from influencing the formulation of a platform and the selection of nominees. But, he added, many state demo-

cratic organizations will be reluctant to relinquish control of their organizations, and thus may fight vigorously to prevent the selection of league-sponsored delegates.

From Senator Davis (R-Pa.), however, came a statement that democratic leaders in Pennsylvania and West Virginia might find it profitable to work with Lewis in picking 1940 delegates.

Davis said that Senator Guffey, his democratic colleague, "might find it difficult to control the Pennsylvania delegation" unless he joins forces with Lewis.

## Football Dog Is Dead, Once Made Touchdown

NILES, O. (UP)—Sport fans are mourning the passing of the dog Buster, who once scored a touchdown by pushing the ball across the line in a boys' football game.

Buster was a football, soccer and baseball enthusiast, and accompanied his master, William Llewellyn, to many games.

## SANTA'S LOST PRINCESS

BY SIGRID ARNE



**"GOOD CHEER AND MERRY CHRISTMAS."**

SANTA STORY—WITH AET ...  
The story so far: The Fairy Queen gives Hulda a cookie which makes her the right size again, and a blueberry which gives her back her memory. At first Hulda is afraid of her step-mother, but the Queen is no longer mean.

### Chapter 18 Christmas Eve

Hulda ran joyfully down the long room to greet her father and throw her arms about him. He picked her up and tossed her high in the air.

"How's my little lady?" he said, pulling her long yellow curls. "She looks very fair and I have brought her a gift." And then he looked down the hall at the Queen and said, "And how's my other lady?"

The Queen was smiling and she had risen from her seat to greet the King. But you remember how much younger and prettier she had become. The King looked at her, and could hardly believe his eyes.

"Why, what's happened?" he said. "Is this my wife, the Queen, or one of her fairest, young ladies-in-waiting?"

"No, it is truly I, sire," said the Queen blushing a pretty pink. "But if you notice anything new and pleasing about me it is the work of your little daughter and mine."

"Well, how is that?" asked the King putting his arm around the Queen and carrying Hulda on his shoulder. "Come, tell me the story while I eat breakfast. The winds were fresh and cool this morning and I feel the need of food."

### Christmas Presents

So they all sat down again and Hulda and the Queen told their long story excitedly while the King looked first surprised and then amused and then worried and finally happy.

He said, "I'm sorry all this happened, and I didn't know. Hereafter I won't go away so often. And when I do I'll take my little Princess and my Queen with me. That reminds me—I have brought you gifts. Ho!" he shouted to his guard. "Bring up the chest."

So the guard carried in a carved chest and opened it, and Hulda and the Queen gasped with pleasure. There was a tiny carved ivory fan for Hulda that her father had bought in an Oriental bazaar. There was a long, golden robe for the Queen trimmed with soft, brown mink. There was a crown of pearls for her, and a smaller band of pearls for Hulda. There was a beautiful doll for Hulda in a pale blue dress with a pale pink velvet sash. And many, many more gifts.

When they had explored the whole chest Hulda reached in for a pretty gold chain on which hung a tiny bluebell sapphire. "This," she said, "I would like to give to my serving girl." She hung the necklace around the neck of the little girl who had been the witch. The little girl said, "O-o-o-o, how pretty."

"But this is Christmas Eve," said the King finally. "Shouldn't little girls like Hulda be in bed so that Santa won't find them up?"

**Presents For Santa**  
"I've been thinking of that," said Hulda. "Santa was so kind to me and he must be worried. But he'll come down the chimney some time

tonight and I'd like to leave him a letter and a present."

"Splendid," said the King and Queen.

So Hulda took a long quill pen and wrote about her adventures. In the corner she pinned the magic needle and said, "Now that I no longer live in the world of magic, I should like to return this magic needle. Would you give it to Mrs. Santa. It will make fine dolls' dresses."

Then on the hearth she left a great, fine robe of mink that her father had brought home for himself. He said he'd like to give it to Santa. It had a fine belt of gold. The Queen put a silver teapot next to it for Mrs. Santa. And then they all signed their names to Hulda's letter and the King wrote "Merry Christmas."

At nine o'clock they all went to

bed, and the next morning they all rustled downstairs to the fireplace to see if Santa had been there. Sure enough he had. There was a great pile of gifts for them. But the present they liked the best was a little note he had left. All he said was, "Good Cheer and Merry Christmas!"

And that's what we wish you.

**"GOOD CHEER AND MERRY CHRISTMAS"**  
(The End)

**Firemen Quench Flames Then Double As Roofers**  
PALMER, Mass. (UPI)—"Fire plus" is the motto of local firemen. When they respond to call for house fires in the future, they will carry axes, hammers and rolls of roofing paper with them.

In case of necessity, they will double as carpenters and roofers once they quell the flames.

## Season's Greetings

Cordial greetings and our wish that the New Year will be brighter and more prosperous than ever.

**American National Insurance Co.**  
C. A. AMOS, Supt.  
Phone 722 Big Spring—Settles Hotel

**HEARTY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR**

**RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASS'N**  
Big Spring

**Season's Greetings**

Some how or other, the world just seems different at Christmas . . . We find ourselves mysteriously free of the worries and petty grievances of other days.

The spirit of Christmas speaks with a voice of love, and we say to you and to the whole world, what you and the whole world are saying to each other—

**Merry Christmas**  
and a Happy, Prosperous  
**New Year!**

**PIG STAND**  
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**Douglass Hotel**  
J. C. DOUGLASS, Manager



### GCC Boys Aid Santa Claus

#### Camps Distribute Toys To Children Of The Poor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—The Civilian Conservation Corps is playing Santa Claus this year.

Besides adding to the general Christmas cheer by making the routine family contribution of \$25 a month, a large number of the 300,000 CCC enrollees made toys and planned other Christmas surprises for needy families.

For several months many CCC boys in their handiwork courses have been turning out toys for local needy children. Toys were made from salvaged lumber, fruit boxes, cigar boxes or anything handy around the camps. The toys were painted in bright colors, wrapped and given to children who otherwise would have had none.

Some Contribute for Toys  
Last year every CCC camp in the First Corps Area in New England was busy weeks before Christ-

mas making toys. At other camps each enrollee contributed 10 cents to buy toys.

A camp in Ohio this year made 50 doll cradles and 80 small wagons out of salvaged material. In its wood-working shop last year, this same camp repaired and repainted hundreds of old toys.

In some camps near town, enrollees—especially negro boys—sang Christmas carols in churches and over the radio.

All camps have Christmas trees. They usually are outdoors—living trees where available. Lighted and gaily decorated, these trees are hung with toys which are distributed to needy children who are invited to Yuletide parties.

The camps within the Arctic Circle in Alaska, through all the states, and in Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands use a large variety of native plants for Christmas trees. The Eskimos use the stunted, stocky Arctic spruce found along the river valleys of the Yukon and Noatak rivers.

Native Trees Decorated  
Boys in the 48 camps now salvaging wreckage caused by the New England hurricane had plenty of thrown spruce to choose from. In the deep South the graceful longleaf pine and holly trees were

### Wanderers' Inn Doing Big Business Again This Winter; Average Of 18 A Night Housed There By The City

Wanderers Inn, that unique institution operated by the police department for the control of not the convenience of transients, is experiencing another big year.

Records from the Inn, located at Goliad and First streets, show that in the first 75 days of operation an average of 18 persons have been housed overnight. The grand total for that period of time stands at 1,303.

This year the Inn was opened on October 7 and during the unusually balmy autumn weather the

available. In Arizona, the giant saguaros, or queer desert cactus, was lighted and strung with tinsel to make a gay, if unusual, Christmas tree.

In Colorado and through the Rockies, the Engelmann spruce served. In California the CCC boys decorated small redwoods or sturdy white firs, while along the Pacific Northwest coast, Douglas fir was a favorite.

This year a new note came into the Christmas picture. CCC work is being carried on in northern Alaska within the Arctic Circle—among the Eskimos and the Lapps. The work centers largely around the care and better handling of reindeer, building shelters for emergency use of reindeer herders, and extermination of wolves and coyotes that prey on young reindeer.

Reindeer Valued Animal  
The reindeer is considered a most important animal for Americans on the northern fringe of the continent. It furnishes meat, milk and clothing for the Eskimos—and transportation for Santa Claus.

After Christmas dinner, the Civilian Conservation Corps may be known as the Corpulent Consumers' Corps.

The 300,000 CCC enrollees have planned to eat 250 tons of turkey. The 40,000 turkeys will be garnished with 150,000 bushels of cranberries and washed down by 3,700 gallons of milk, John D. Guthrie, CCC general inspector, revealed. The boys will eat 17 1-2 tons of pumpkin, 100,000 eggs, 22 tons of bread crumbs, 8 tons of onions, 8 1-2 tons of sugar, and smaller quantities of ice cream, cake, mince pie and assorted fruits and nuts.

### No High Cost Of Living Back In Dickens' Day

The high cost of living which today's housewives complain of had no terrors for London in 1845, at least according to a "break-down" of Charles Dickens' estimates.

A Christmas dinner for seven, with roast goose and all the "trimmings" cost \$2.06, according to research that went into the filming of "A Christmas Carol." This represents the dinner of Bob Cratchit and his brood. The picture is a holiday attraction at the Queen theatre.

The dialogue, taken directly from the book, shows Cratchit buying a goose for six shillings three pence, potatoes for eight pence, oranges for four, apples for six, mixed nuts for four, chestnuts for three.

Translated by Director Edwin L. Marin into American money this represents:

Goose ..... \$1.56  
Potatoes ..... .16  
Oranges ..... .08  
Apples ..... .12  
Mixed nuts ..... .08  
Chestnuts ..... .06  
Total ..... \$2.06

In addition Marin estimates that the gin used in the gin punch described by Dickens cost about twelve cents and the lemon one. Reginald Owen plays Scrooge, and Terry Kilburn Tiny Tim in the picture.

An old automobile invented and built in 1903 by G. S. Waters of New Bern, N. C., is still running.

mightily load was rather light. But since the cold snaps of November and during the first half of December, the average daily total has hung around 30.

Conceived several years ago as a means of not only housing transients overnight, but also as an effective way to reduce petty thievery and panhandling, Wanderers Inn has housed many thousands of people who continue a mid-winter trek from coast to coast. Most of the transients travel by rail as non-paying guests of the carriers. Some others are stranded hitchhikers, and still others are strangers unable to explain their business.

Only a small per cent of those who are kept in the building overnight are found to have police records, but occasionally officers pick up a hard character in the lot. Several important arrests have been made through Wanderers Inn. The overnight "guests" find it expedient to accept the hospitality of the city since officers have orders to bring all transients to the Inn after dark. Under the watchful eye of Gould Winn, keeper of the quarters, they stay until after daybreak next day.

Not all those who stay are pleased with the service. City officials, newspapers and others frequently receive uncomplimentary missives from miffed "guests." Rank and file, however, accept their enforced stay as a part of their lot and simply try to avoid making Big Spring their overnight stop on their annual drift across country.

But other cities are interested. In the past few years the city has received many inquiries concerning the operation of the Inn. Neighboring municipalities believe it might be the solution to a vexing problem of what to do with a flow of transient population.

### Wyoming County Counts 16 One-Pupil Schools

LARAMIE, Wyo. (UP)—Wyoming has 16 of the most expensive grade school students in the west, a survey of rural education in the Cowboy state showed today.

Helen Nelson, superintendent of schools here, said the 16 high-priced students attend "one pupil" schools in isolated rural sections.

"It costs just as much for a teacher and for fuel and supplies to educate one pupil as it would for twenty or more," Miss Nelson said. "As a result, every one of these 16 isolated students costs the state \$700 per year."

All 16 of the one-pupil schools are in Albany county, site of Wyoming's famed Snowy Range. The same county has 61 rural schools with only two pupils.



## Merry Christmas Happy New Year

We wish to express to you—our old customers—our appreciation for your loyalty through the years. To our new customers, our appreciation for your confidence. To you who are not our customers, the hope that we may, in the future be of service to you.

We wish you ALL not only a MERRY CHRISTMAS, but more happiness and greater prosperity in the approaching New Year.


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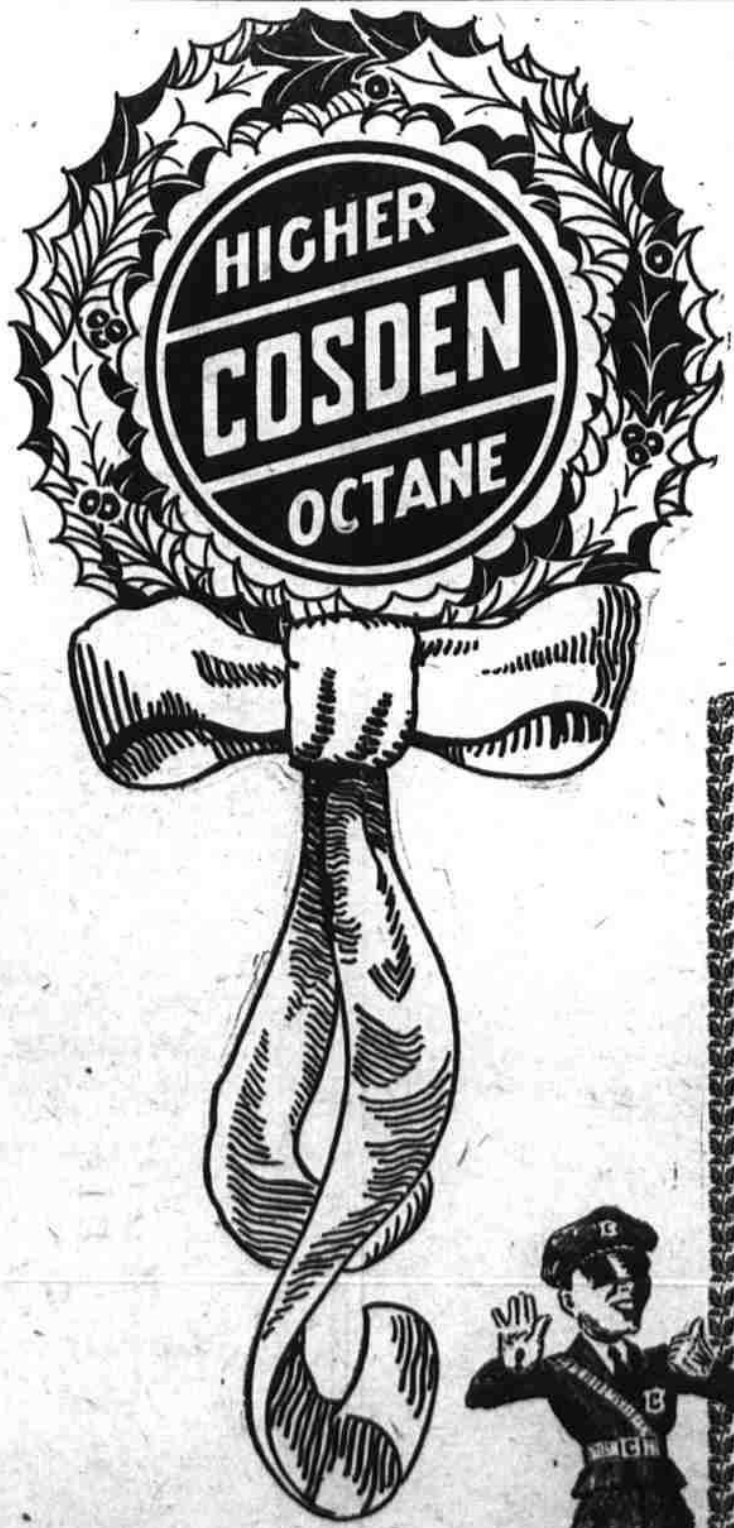
**TO OUR FRIENDS**



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

And all the good wishes we can think of for you at this glad Christmas time . . . May the New Year be filled with Joy and Prosperity for all.

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The Cosden Petroleum Corporation and its local distributors take this means of expressing their appreciation of your patronage and wishing you all the joys of the Yuletide season.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Carl Hugo  
Manager



## PENSION REVENUE TO BE ARGUED FOR RETURN OF RACE BETTING

### Other States Face Task On Pensions

#### Liberalized Measures Due To Be Proposed

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP)—Legislatures of 44 states join congress starting next month in attacking the pressing tax, pension and revenue problems of the nation.

Forty-three legislatures were scheduled to meet next month, and Florida's in April.

A survey by the council of state governments, announced today, indicated the emphasis would be on social security and welfare bills, with labor, civil service, marriage law revision and increased support for schools high up on the states' agenda.

Liberalized old age pension measures were expected in California, Minnesota, Nevada, Vermont, Washington, Maine and Indiana. Massachusetts will consider reducing the pension eligibility age from 65 to 60, and Colorado and North Dakota will debate financing of their pension plans of \$45 and \$60 a month, respectively.

The survey showed that bills to extend coverage of unemployment compensation laws would be up in New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Vermont, and that Connecticut, Colorado and Vermont would consider improvement of welfare facilities.

#### Tax Proposals

Tax proposals likely to appear included sales tax bills in Texas and Massachusetts and possibly in Nevada and Oregon; a sales tax increase from two to three per cent in Missouri; state income tax bills in Maine and Connecticut; a business and occupation tax in Colorado; a one-mill corporation tax in New Jersey.

Bills for reduction of gasoline taxes were probable in Oklahoma, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The survey said wage and hour law proposals were considered certain in Connecticut, California, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nevada, New

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### Guns Roar Along Road The Wise Men Trod, But Christmas Spirit Still Glows In Holy Land

By the AP Feature Service

Palestine, the birthplace of the Prince of Peace, offers a paradox this Christmastide.

While holy men plan another reenactment of the Christ Child's coming, guns boom and bombs burst—and children demand warlike toys for their gifts.

Revolt raging through the Holy Land has left its marks even to the door of the Church of the Nativity, on the site traditionally regarded as the birthplace of Christ. There a detachment of British Tommies stands guard.

They are part of 20,000 English soldiers stationed in Palestine



Franciscan Nun at devotions in the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, which stands on the spot traditionally known as Christ's birthplace.



British soldiers, rushed into the Holy Land to quell Arab uprisings, stand guard at a gateway in Jerusalem.

to combat uprisings by Arabs throughout the section.

As such, the Christian community in Palestine is preserving strict neutrality and passivity regarding settlement of the political issues, believing intervention in the Arab-Jewish dispute would only complicate matters and make a settlement more difficult. Christian institutions simply offer prayers for the two warring groups.

Despite the war atmosphere, Christmas celebrations approach normally as nearly as strict military restrictions will permit.

Ironically, it is necessary for the patriarchal procession, traveling to formal celebration of the Nativity over the road trod by the Three Wise Men, to be protected by British armored cars.

Truckloads of English soldiers armed with rifles and machine guns line the road and military units patrol famous Shepherd's Field, where slept the Three Wise

Men and from where they saw the Star of Bethlehem.

Still, the spirit of Christmas has invaded the grim atmosphere even with the bloody business of battle.

On the hills and in the valleys of Galilee, Tiberias, and Samaria, and on the shores of the Jordan and the Dead Sea, turkeys, ducks, geese and chicken are fattened and ready for the Tommies' Christmas feasts.

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O'Daniel's "Open Mind"

### Fight Looms During Next Legislature

#### Advocates To Point Out Need Of Additional Income

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—Texas, where once whole ranches changed hands on a throw of the dice, "went moral" some 18 months ago and kicked out big time horse racing by abolishing legal wagering, but it's a reasonably sure bet the echoes of thundering hoofs will reverberate again in legislative halls come January.

The "sport of kings," in three years of existence, netted the state more than \$1,800,000 clear revenue, a check of the comptroller's records disclosed today.

But the tracks, where once amid fanfare of trumpets and the flash of jockey's silks thousands of sports followers cheered in photo-finish winners, now are growing weeds and the sweeping galleries are falling into disrepair.

Much Money Needed

Horse racing addicts point out a tremendous amount of money will be needed to pay Governor-elect W. Lee O'Daniel's promised \$30-a-month old age pensions and that taxing betting on the ponies is one way of getting some of the funds.

They also recall that it took a special session of the legislature with that issue the only one presented—thus forcing a show-down vote—to kill legalized wagering after it had survived wholesale attack in an extra-long regular assembly.

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### Santa Likes His Job So Much He Keeps His Own Reindeer

By The AP Feature Service

MILWAUKEE—Milwaukee's Santa Claus is a jovial fellow who takes his work so seriously that he keeps a small herd of reindeer. Edward Keenan-50, ruddy, round-faced—regularly does advertising and promotion work, but has been doubling in whiskers and pack as Santa Claus to thousands of Milwaukee youngsters since 1927.

Again this season his visit schedule lists 187 schools in Milwaukee and its suburbs, several hospitals, clubs and charitable institutions, and his regular appearances at a large department store.

There's no doubt about Keenan liking the job. Any misgivings disappear when the tinsel and holly go up.

The reindeer provide Keenan's finishing touch, and he delights in training them. He has seven in this year's team. As usual they bear the traditional names—Dancer, Prancer, etc.

Last summer he put the deer on a tract of land he owns instead of turning them over to zoos and public parks as he has done previously.

Never again, he says. "They got to fighting, and only two lived through the summer."

They are three years old. Five others, from 2 to 5 years old, were shipped from Alaska.

Keenan makes a special effort to train Dancer to dance. Each year the deer learn to bow their heads, 'shake-hands' and ring the bells on their harness.

When he dons the red garments and white beard of St. Nick, Keenan, who is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 218 pounds, becomes the incarnation of the Yule spirit. It's more than mere acting when he laughs his ringing "ho-ho-ho" and chucks some tot under the chin. Ask his nine children and nine grandchildren.



Milwaukee's St. Nick feeds one of this year's reindeer team.



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## "SEASON'S GREETINGS"

to the friends and customers of this institution

Signed:

## Cosden Petroleum Corporation

E. W. POTTER, Superintendent

J. L. LeBLEU, Assistant Superintendent

Big Spring, Texas

May the New Year be one of Health, Happiness and Prosperity





...of the  
yuletide  
Season...

As another Christmas is welcomed, and as the spirit of giving predominates in the minds of all, the employees and management of this institution join in extending Season's Greetings to our host of friends and customers.

The past year has been a good one for us and we are indeed grateful for the splendid patronage that has been ours.

May your every Christmas wish be fulfilled and may the New Year be one of Happiness, Health and Prosperity is our wish for you!

**BARROW'S**

--- Herald Classified Ads Bring Results ---

**New Deal Laws To Be Shaped Up For The 'Long Haul'**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The new congress approaches its first session, two weeks hence amid predictions that its chief work will be to put new deal laws into shape for a long-time haul.

After-election shouting has eased to a whisper. So has talk of formal bi-partisan alliances of conservatives to combat liberalism in all its branches. In their place has come a calmer appraisal of issues and events and party positions.

The republicans made gains in the election, but the democrats still have control of both houses of congress, the White House, and the government departments. Fresh studies by experts of both parties find little promise of important, cross-party alliances for the 1940 presidential contest.

This bespeaks a policy in the new congress that leaders believe will help to hold each party to its own trenches. There doubtless will be individual desertions from time to time. These always happen. But there now is no indication of any wholesale movement of democratic and republican conservatives to rally, en masse, under any hem-stitched banner crocheted with two bars of Auld Lang Syne.

**STRENGTHENING OF DRIVERS LICENSE LAW PROPOSED**

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP)—The public safety department today received information that Senator-elect Rogers Kelley of Edinburg would introduce a bill in the legislature convening in January. Intended to strengthen the drivers' license law.

"A strong driver's license law is one of our staunchest bulwarks against the scourge of drunken and reckless drivers," Kelley informed the state police. "We need to give the officers of the state a weapon with which to reduce further the enormous life and property destruction on our highways—a clear and instant cancellation power." Kelley said the bill was modeled after laws in effect in 25 states.

**U. S. Lines To Christen Flagship The America**

NEW YORK (UP)—The new \$17,000,000 United States Lines sea queen will be christened the America.

Largest and most costly merchantman ever constructed in an American yard, the America is 723 feet long with a 93-foot beam. Accommodations will be available for 1,219 passengers in cabin, tourist and third classes.

Every state in the Union will contribute material or labor in some form; because of this fact the name America was believed to be most expressive of the significance of the ship.

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As the New Year approaches we pledge ourselves to an even greater and more efficient service than ever before. In maintaining this policy we trust that we may continue to merit your friendship and patronage.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

**CRAWFORD HOTEL**

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# Giant Sequoia Again Is Yule Tree For All

### Pilgrims Will Assemble Under General Grant On Christmas

GENERAL GRANT NATIONAL PARK, Cal., Dec. 24 (UP)—A little band of pilgrims braving snow and cold will worship on Christmas

Day at the shrine of the nation's Christmas tree, the towering General Grant tree, high in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

The ceremony will mark the 14th successive year in which sacred services have been held at the foot of the 367-foot giant which started from seed more than 5,000 years ago—centuries before the Christ Child was born in Bethlehem.

As the worshippers who have trekked from the warm, green valleys of California into the mountains, sing and pray, their service will be broadcast from Fresno, Cal., over a western network.

Scared by fire and the onslaught of wind and rain through 90 centuries, the General Grant stands

cut in a forest of giants as the natural shrine for a practice that has been carried on for 12 successive years despite frequent wind and snow storms and blizzards.

**Second Tree of World**  
The General Grant tree is the second largest in the world, being exceeded only by the General Sherman tree, which is 272 feet tall. The "nation's Christmas tree" is 367 feet tall and measures 23 feet in diameter at the base, 18 feet at a height of 60 feet and 12 feet at a height of 200 feet.

The designation of the General Grant tree as the nation's Christmas tree has added significance as the result of a survey by the American Forestry association which re-

vealed that Sequoias were overwhelmingly the most popular tree in the United States. Thereafter the Sequoia Gigantea was honored as the official tree of the nation.

"Star of the East," a solo written especially for the nation's Christmas tree ceremony by Charles Wakefield Cadman, composer, and Grace Osburn Wharton, author, will be a feature of the musical program. As the story goes, Cadman, playing a folding organ, was stirred to compose the melody while seated beneath the giant tree.

**Carols to Be Sung**  
Music for the ceremony will be provided by the Fresno American Legion glee club and drum and bugle corps. A chorus from a Fresno high school will sing such well-known Christmas carols as "First Noel," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Silent Night," "Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him," "Joy to the World," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

Principle addresses at the tree ceremony will be by Guy Hoppling, superintendent of General Grant National Park, and W. A. Collins, Fresno county supervisor and president of the nation's Christmas Tree association.

The General Grant tree attracts thousands of visitors to Sequoia National park each year. Damaged by fires, skillful tree surgery has restored it to 90 per cent of its glory. It rises majestically in a small clearing, with its huge lower trunk topped by a gnarled mass of limbs. The mountainside and surrounding trees will be blanketed with snow, silhouetting the forest giant.

### Injured Dog Propels Self In Wheel Chair Device

RANDOLPH, Mass. (UP)—Uno, 11 years old, is believed to be one of the few dogs in the world that gets around in a self-operated wheel chair.

After Uno was injured in an automobile accident last April, his master, Richard Pilling, constructed a truck-like contraption made from two wheels of a child's tricycle, with a hammock support for the dog's body. Now, Uno is able to propel himself by his forelegs, with his hindquarters resting in the carriage.

### History Of Inn Found Within Walls Of 1760

WEST BROOKFIELD, Mass. (UP)—While tearing away the interior of Ye Olde Tavern, swept by fire, workmen found a history of the inn written nearly a half-century ago by the late George E. Messenger, former landlord.

The history dated back to the founding of the inn in 1760 by its first landlord, David Hitchcock. Concealed in a tobacco box, the history was well preserved. Workmen also found old ammunition hidden in the walls.

### BOYS OF TODAY CHANGE DREAMS ABOUT CAREERS

EVANSTON, Ill. (UP)—Little Johnny of the grammar school and his playmates are changing their ideas of what they want to be when they grow up.

Where they used to want to be firemen, motormen, candy store owners or policemen, the youngsters now are planning careers as aviators, athletes, doctors, or cowboys, according to a survey completed by Dr. Paul Witty and Dr. David Kopel of the school of education at Northwestern university.

Activities and preferences of 3,400 Evanston children were studied through their responses to an "interest inventory" developed by the educators to "ascertain children's problems, needs and interests."

Girls, it developed, were more conventional in their choices of careers. They intend to be teachers, nurses, or actresses, in most cases.

Adventure and detective stories are the most popular types of fiction among the youngsters. The comics are the most popular feature of the daily newspapers, with sports news a close second among boys.

Girls voted 10 to the boys' one in favor of dancing as a form of amusement.

### MAYOR TO FETE POOR CHILDREN AT YULE PARTY

MARION, Ohio (UP)—Mayor Frederick C. Smith plans to hold his annual Christmas party for 1,000 Marion underprivileged boys and girls again this year.

The party, following custom established by the mayor when he assumed office, will be financed from part of his salary as mayor, none of which he accepts for his personal use.

Now in his second term, Mayor Smith each year has spent 75 per cent of his \$2,400 annual salary for civic and charitable purposes and returns the rest to the city treasury.

Admission to this year's party will be by ticket. The fete will be held December 26.

### Girl Cashier Thwarts Thief By Kicking Back

CLEVELAND, O. (UP)—Theatre cashier Betty Bennett used football tactics to ward off a thief who tried to seize a cigar box containing \$50, which Miss Bennett was carrying from the ticket booth to the manager's office.

When the thief threw her to the ground, she hugged the box—football-like—to her body. The thief kicked her, but she kicked back until approaching pedestrians frightened the thief and he hurriedly departed.

# A Tradition



## and an Institution

Typical of the Christmas Season is the old tradition of bringing in the Yule Tree . . . and ancient fable has it that the best Yule Trees are those selected long before they will be used, then safeguarded and "nursed along" to maturity.

This business organization has its traditions, too, traditions founded on the excellent idea of planning ahead, looking always to the future. That, we believe, is one reason why we have so many old friends with whom it is a pleasure to exchange heart-felt, sincere "Merry Christmas" greetings.



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Once more it is our pleasure to extend the compliments of the season and express our hope that the New Year will bring you and yours the abundance of good things and good health you richly deserve.

We take this occasion to thank you most sincerely for your generous patronage the past year and pledge continuance of our established quality and service.



## A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year Is Our Wish to You...

We sincerely hope that you are looking back over the year just passed with happy memories that will be cherished more and more as the years go by . . . We wish you much happiness and joy during the holiday season and when time comes to say OFF WITH THE OLD—ON WITH THE NEW may you look upon 1939 with a hope and courage that will bring you even greater happiness and satisfaction in achieving a worthwhile goal.



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## ...of the Yuletide Season

As another Christmas Season is welcomed, and the spirit of giving predominates in the minds of all, the employees and management of this institution join in extending Season's Greetings to our host of friends and customers.

The past year has been a good one for us and we are indeed grateful for the splendid patronage that has been ours.

May your every Christmas Wish be fulfilled and may the New Year be one of Happiness, Health and Prosperity.

# Montgomery Ward + +



## Dishes Mark Yuletide As In Old Days

Adopted Americans Keep Traditions Of Past In Europe

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24 (UP)—Wisconsin housewives this week have prepared oplotke, lutefisk, spare ribs, stuffed goose, and gingerbread and waffles for Christmas.

Traditionally a day of feasting and rejoicing throughout the world, Christmas in Wisconsin will bring to festive boards a variety of foods as diverse as the nationalities which compose the population of this state.

Each town in itself, and towns within cities, will again take on the atmosphere of Old Country villages as mothers stew over steaming pots in their kitchens.

**Czechs Not So Gay**  
Far removed, at least for a week, from the swift pace of the streamlined modern world is the large Czechoslovakian community in Kenosha where lace tablecloths are laid with plates covered with oplotke, honey cracker, the national dish of the homeland. It will be a sadder Christmas there than in past years, for the homeland has been carved to rebuild the map of Europe during the past year, but as one housewife said, Christmas without oplotke is like Christmas without Santa Claus.

Foreheads of the Czechoslovakian children will be crossed with honey again, though—the mother's blessing for a sweet and nourishing new year.

Sugar waffles baked on specially imported irons made only in Belgium and covered with nutmeg will be served in the homes of Belgian families living near Green Bay. Most of the homeland customs of Christmas time have been abandoned by the Belgians, but waffles and hot chocolate still remain in almost all of the homes.

**Norse Children Mask**  
For the children of Norwegian families living near Ettrick the holiday season is another Halloween. Disguised and masked, the children run from house to house, knocking on doors until they are opened. Once inside, the children dance and caper until their hosts and hostesses identify them and provide food and drink.

Most Norwegians celebrate the birth of Christ with a feast of lutefisk, Norse fish delicacy, but some sit down on Christmas eve to heaping platters of spare ribs.

Best known of the Christmas dishes prepared in Wisconsin, however, is the Watertown stuffed goose. Old German burghers spend weeks cramming specially prepared noodles down the throats of the geese to produce the over-fattened fowl for tables throughout the country.

**Smoked Goose Prepared**  
In Sheboygan, Milwaukee, Port Washington and other German

## Fort Wayne Fights Slum Problem By Building \$2.50-A-Week Homes



One of the Fort Wayne homes built to rent for \$2.50 a week.

By the AP Feature Service

**FORT WAYNE, Ind.**—With new houses that rent for \$2.50 a week, built on lots acquired for \$1 each, the Fort Wayne Housing Authority hopes to do away with slums.

The first houses are up—and occupied. Work is being hurried on others. If the first project of 50 dwellings meets no serious obstacles, a second project of 150 units will be started.

The houses are brand new, prefabricated by WPA workers in a low rent factory. The sections are trucked to the sites, where other WPA workers erect them. The WPA figures each house costs about \$1,300, of which \$900 is for materials. Labor makes up most of the balance.

Sites for these houses are acquired from owners of vacant lots and lots containing old shacks. The

city, Gaenseklein — smoked shanks of goose—stollen filled with minced sugared fruits, kaffeeuchen and gingerbread will be served with light Pilsner beer or heavy coffee.

Cookies are an important side-dish of the German meals. Pfeffer-nusse—hard, nut-like little cakes flavored with anise—and rich butter cookies sprinkled with multi-colored sugar are the most common. Bakery shops feature gingerbread cakes cut to the form of Kris Kringle, Christmas trees and animals.

At Monroe, Swiss children will perform intricate gymnastic drills and dances while proud parents beam and drink beer at the Turnhalle.

Much of the spirit of the Old World remains, but with the replacement of the sleigh and horse by the streamlined automobile, the old-fashioned wine cellar by a chromium-finished tavern, old customs fade and die. Soon, the old folks say, Wisconsin, too, will be just a place where Santa Claus slides down the chimney to leave toys for Junior and Sally.

owners have been paying taxes for years, while waiting for a chance to dispose of the lots.

Fort Wayne's Housing Authority pays \$1 for each lot and agrees to pay all costs of title search and transfer. Also it promises to reconvey the lot to the original owner for \$1 any time he finds a better use for it. The houses can be dismantled in 24 hours and moved to another site.

Each house is designed for a family of four. One room, 20 x 12 feet, serves as living room, dining room and kitchen. Besides this there are a bathroom and two bedrooms.

The city housing authority, which holds title to the homes, is tax-exempt, is non-profit, and possesses powers of eminent domain. It gets its running expenses from the city and is in essence an agency of the city.

**Sanitary Homes Wanted**  
The idea was born in the spring of 1935 when the state planning board joined in a campaign to provide better and more sanitary homes for unfortunate families.

The first step was to enlist the aid of Purdue university in experimenting with a prefabricated, low-cost house.

When Purdue's model dwelling was ready, it was erected in an Indianapolis slum area. Last May, William B. F. Hall, chairman of the Fort Wayne Housing Authority, asked the FHA in Washington if Fort Wayne could build houses like the Purdue model in its slum-clearance program.

In that query Hall attributed to "sub-standard housing conditions" much of Fort Wayne's relief costs, rent relief and municipal aid to the homeless. He said a large share of the city's public health costs and its bill for food, fuel and clothing of relief clients was traceable to poor housing.

His contention was that the relief group needed shelter for a maximum of \$12 a month—with-

out electric stoves, fancy kitchen cabinets and other gadgets.

**Plan Was Accepted**

The FHA liked his idea. It put two men to work to see what could be developed. One was Frank Watson, who had helped design Purdue's model low-cost house, the other J. Stanley Young. Between them, they worked out the plans for the simple but attractive Fort Wayne house.

Construction is as simple as the house's design. For the floor a 4-inch concrete slab "floats" on a gravel fill. To this floor are secured 35 phenol-resin bonded plywood panels of identical size to supply exterior walls and partitions.

After WPA workers erect the houses, electricians, painters, roofers and plumbers add the finishing touches.

The rent-collecting job is assumed by the Associated Charities of Fort Wayne, but management of the properties is kept by the housing authority.

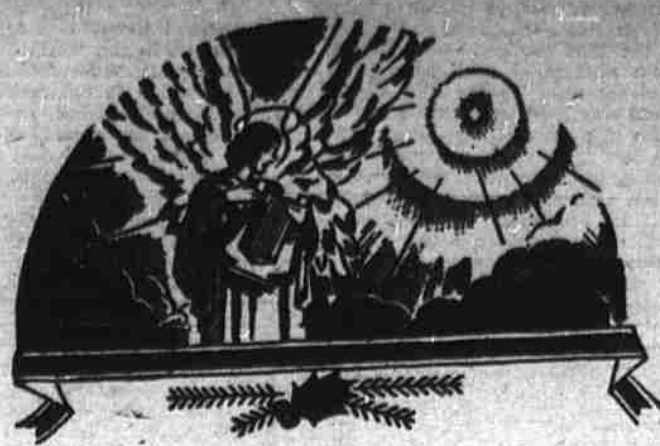
Hall says it may be possible to reduce the rents from \$2.50 to \$2 weekly after 200 of the houses are erected and occupied.

### ESKIMO CCC BOYS BUILD REFRIGERATORS

**JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)**—The salesman who bragged he could sell ice to the Eskimos would be out of luck these days, for the natives are making their own refrigerators.

Harry Sperling, forest service official, says that near Noatak and Kotzebue natives in the CCC program are digging tunnels and chambers in hillsides where the Arctic frost is always within a few inches of the surface. There they keep reindeer meat and other perishables.

Other Eskimo CCC projects include building airplane landing fields, reindeer corrals and shelter cabins, and controlling predatory animals.



# Christmas!

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*to All Our Friends...*

... all the good wishes we can think of for you at this glad time — Christmas... May the New Year be filled with Joy and prosperity for all.



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Oscar Glickman



HERE'S INSIDE STORY ON WHAT A CO-ED DOES AT COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—Newcomb college girls spend as much time every week talking as they do studying, a survey shows.

LETTER TO SANTA DRAWN WITH CARE

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—One Helena boy believes in simplifying things for Santa Claus. His letter, addressed to Santa at the "North Pole," contained an alphabetical index of all the things he wanted.

Technocrats Now Hold Forth A New Promised Income Of \$20,000 A Year

By HAM JACKSON AP Feature Service Writer SAN FRANCISCO—Technocracy—the proposed "government of engineers" that was talked of so much during the depression—is out now with the top Utopian offer of all the recent schemes: \$20,000 a year for life.

ating a great wealth of commodities with a minimum of human effort. "It's stupid to work," Scott says, "when you can just press a button."

Tenant Loans Go To 1,885

FSA Reports On First Year Of Operation WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—The Farm Security administration has disclosed that 1,885 farm tenants, sharecroppers and laborers took advantage of the Bankhead-Jones farm tenant act during the 1938 fiscal year to purchase farms averaging 130 acres each.

Eat What You Want, Get Essentials First

CHICAGO (AP)—A person should eat what he wants—after he eats what he needs, said Prof. E. V. McCollum of Johns Hopkins university in a speech here.

Pensions

(Continued from Page 1) Hampshire, New Mexico, Utah and Vermont. Civil service bills were due in Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, Iowa, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Daddies Get A Break From Two-Toned Doll

ST. LOUIS, (AP)—Arthur Petrov spent 14 years of his spare time working on an invention. He finally got it—a doll that says both mama and papa.



A Brighter Christmas

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Howard Scott In Technocracy's New Uniform has branches of Technocracy, Inc., all over the United States and Canada, has 11 magazines, and is getting his followers into uniforms.

Guns Roar

(Continued from Page 1) Americans in the Holy Land turn their thoughts from the world-weary talk of armaments and war and try to forget the dark picture of strife between Arabs and Jews.

Fight Looms

(Continued from Page 1) A large local option proposal permitting counties who vote in favor of the ponies to have their meets as in the past.

Best Wishes

For a Happy Holiday Season to the friends and customers of this firm and a hearty thank you for your patronage during the past.

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As Christmas time draws near, and we think of the generous way in which you have patronized this new business, we are moved to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the good feeling shown toward this store . . .



Although we have been a part of Big Spring's business life only a few months, we have learned to love the people of this city and county to such an extent as to be proud to call this locality "home."

In the spirit of the greatest possible neighborliness, our entire personnel joins in wishing for you a Christmas unclouded by care and a New Year brightened with all that is good.

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Rescue Work Started In 305-Year-Old Tree

DANVERS, Mass. (UP)—Attempts are being made to save the life of the 305-year-old Governor Endicott pear tree, partly uprooted in New England's recent hurricane, from which most of the nation's pear trees are descended.

Distiller For 50 Years Never Has Tasted Drop

EL PASO (UP)—George F. McCord has been distilling whiskey for 50 years, but has never tasted it. "Somebody once told me whiskey was bitter tasting," McCord explained. "Who wants to drink anything bitter? Not me. I just make it."



...and a Child Was Born

Over nineteen hundred years ago, the Savior of all humanity was born, and in the celebration of the anniversary of his birth we wish to extend the wish that His precepts and His guidance will give you comfort and strength during the year ahead. Merry Christmas!

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Merry Christmas to You

It is a wish straight from our hearts that you and yours may share the victory of—

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You have been the mainstay and the strength of our business life, and as Christmas morning looms with its message of peace and good will, we extend to you and yours the heartiest greeting of the season.

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LOUIS B. RIX, President

Christmas!

Just as the ties of Friendship are strengthened by the cherished coming of The Holiday Season, so may our business associations grow in mutual regard and confidence.

In behalf of our whole organization, we are welcoming this opportunity to extend to you and yours our greetings for Christmas and with them our best wishes for A Happy New Year.

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Mrs. Wilson Writes Book On Husband

Former President's Career Presented In New Light



MRS. WOODROW WILSON She Almost Always Wears Orchids By SIGRID ARNE

AP Feature Service Writer WASHINGTON—For 18 years, the handsome widow of Woodrow Wilson has been a phantom-like figure in the capital. She lives on S street in the reserved, Georgian town house in which the president died. She goes out to see a few friends, but they know they shouldn't invite her unless the party is to be very small and very exclusive.

Occasionally Mrs. Wilson has appeared at a rally of democratic women, wearing great, butterfly-like orchids, the kind President Wilson showered on her during their courtship. She has never even by a simple "yes" or "no," revealed what the Wilsons, mister and missus, thought during the turbulent World war years in the White House. But she is breaking that 18 year silence. She has written a book.

More Than Enough It was done all in long hand in her quiet study where a picture of Wilson looks down on her. She wrote so well that she turned in three times as much as the publisher could use. So Pulitzer-prize-winner Marquis James was called in to edit the copy.

Those in the know say the book

Wake Island's 35 People Too Busy To Ponder Over Lonely Existence

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins enjoy the rather unusual distinction of constituting 17 per cent of the population of the particular geographical unit which they inhabit.

That particular unit is Wake Island, tiny dot in the Southern Pacific, which serves as a night's resting place for the Pan-American trans-Pacific clipper ships.

Jenkins is the chief at the Pan-American hotel, built there for the overnight visitors, and Mrs. Jenkins is the only permanent woman resident of the island.

Back from a 14 months stay on the island, Jenkins declared: "At the moment I went there, I said to myself: 'Jenkins, what a fool you are! But now I figure that if I could just stay there one year more I would be satisfied.'"

"We represent 17 per cent of the population of the island," Mrs. Jenkins said. "I represent 100 per cent of the feminine population. Sometimes I talk to myself, I get so lonesome to talk to another woman."

will throw new light on several of Wilson's acts as president. The reminiscences will run in part in a magazine, and appear in book form in the early spring.

Not in modern times, at least, has a former first lady written memoirs of her life as a president's wife.

What prompted the non-committal widow to come out of her retirement? Friends say she has been distressed several times over printed comments on her husband's administration. She feels as strongly today as she did 20 years ago about the ideal he expressed.

Several times since his death, in 1924, she has visited Europe, each time making a pilgrimage to the Geneva headquarters of the League of Nations for which Wilson fought a losing fight.

Only once in the intervening years has she ventured into the public galleries of the senate, and then there was a characteristic reason: the senate was debating the World Court. Before she left, old-time democrats had wheedled her into an impromptu reception in Vice President Garner's office.

Mrs. Wilson hasn't changed much from the days when she appeared occasionally in public riding with her husband in his last, lingering illness. She is a large, erect woman, with hair almost white. In her face one reads few of her thoughts. There's a Queen Mary-ish air about her black clothes and her hats. She practically never appears without the orchids.

Old Time Democrats She lives with her two brothers, and entertains at small teas and luncheons for a small group of friends who are so respectful of her wish for retirement that many even deny knowing her. Mostly they're old-time democrats who surrounded her husband in office.

For instance, she visited the Joseph Daniels in Mexico last year. She often spends an evening with RFC's Jesse Jones and Mrs. Jones. Reason: they all like bridge.

Mrs. Wilson never seems to expect any special attentions, she never stands on her dignity. On her chauffeur's days off, she walks over to the nearest bus line and drops her dime into the fare box.

Tulane University, which is 104 years old, occupies a 93-acre campus in New Orleans.

Toy Repairing Year 'Round Hobby For One Of Santa's Many Helpers

NILES, O. (UP)—Jovial Arthur Kline is a year-round Santa Claus. He uses a truck and basement workshop instead of a sleigh and North Pole toy factory, but the renovated toys he distributes to Niles' needy children are as shiny as those of St. Nick.

Kline said that his collection of broken-down toys started early in the year and by Christmas he has "almost a houseful" of made-over playthings.

For several years, Kline has collected old, broken or painted toys from city residents. He carts these derelicts to the workshop in his basement where, in his spare time, he repairs them.

"I use all my spare time to mend the toys, but the pleasure the kids, who receive them, get out of them more than repays me for my work," he said.

"Lately, since more people have heard about my toy repairing, I have not had to canvass the town. People are more than glad to bring toys to me."

Kline renovates each plaything skillfully and carefully—with all the precision of a professional, instead of an amateur toy-maker.

First, he washes and cleans each article. Then they are painted to avoid chances of spreading infection to the small recipients.

"How to repair mechanical apparatus often baffles me at first, but eventually I work out a solution to these problems," Kline said.

"For example—I came across a tiny, broken-down pump. I completely overhauled it and then fitted it with a ball-bearing suction apparatus."

"As for storing the toys until it's time to distribute them, I have difficulty in finding enough room in my house to put them all. My attic is full and they now are overflowing into my basement workshop," Kline said.

He said that the climax of his year's toy-mending comes on Christmas eve—then he delivers the good-as-new playthings to the under-privileged children in Niles.

"Last year I delivered two truckloads of toys to approximately 130 families of children," Kline said.

"I personally visit all the families before the holiday season, check on the number of children, their ages, and whether they really

BOTH PARTIES BEAT HASTY RETREATS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UP)—When High Lane, roadhouse operator at Peters Creek, heard a noise in a shed he thought it was a neighbor helping himself to moose meat.

Lane rushed into the shed in the darkness, grabbed an intruder, then he found he had a hand full of fur from a large and active brown bear.

Lane dashed out, yelling loudly. Two bears departed with equal speed in the opposite direction.

PRISONERS FOND OF THEIR SHERIFF

RATON, N. M. (UP)—Sheriff B. H. Mitchell has had this one framed:

"Dear Friend: We, the undersigned prisoners, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine Thanksgiving Day dinner that you gave us. Again thanks a lot to one of the whitest men we knew." It was signed by every prisoner in the sheriff's jail.

Chio Village Sets Up Cycle Court For Youth

XENIA, O. (UP)—There is a "bicycle court," to try cases of juvenile traffic violators on wheels, in Yellow Springs, a village near here.

The "court" was established by

Charles Wyndham, the village traffic officer, with the cooperation of high and grade school students who ride bicycles. Traffic violators are tried before an executive board composed of representatives from the schools.

Jolly

Good Wishes for CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR

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M. PRAGER, Owner



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**Holy Night!**

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 SAVE THE LIGHT  
 YONDER WHERE THEY  
 SWEET VIGILS KEEP,  
 O'ER THE BABE WHO  
 IN SILENT SLEEP,  
 RESTS IN HEAVENLY PEACE,  
 RESTS IN HEAVENLY PEACE.

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**A Merry Christmas To All!**

CHRISTMAS again dawns on the whole world . . . full of the peace and spiritual happiness that is its innermost significance. In every part of the globe, even in war torn areas, Christmas Day carries a special feeling of warm fellowship that finds its material being in the friendly custom of gift giving. We in Big Spring join the rejoicing multitudes observing this custom and spirit. We're filled with heartfelt sentiment appropriate to the occasion . . . we feel an urge to carol, to give voice to our inner feelings, to slap friends, family, anyone on the back and shout for everybody to hear . . . A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

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