

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved." — I Timothy 2:3, 4. We can find out if we are elect, God is willing if we are candidates for election. Faith assures this.

Let's Have A Champion Team And Champion Fans To Go With It

If ever a town had football fever in its severest form, it is Big Spring. Go shopping and you end up speculating on the Steer's chances in their AAA finals at Port Neches on Saturday; go to a Sunday School party and people get in little groups to extol the virtues of the Steers; speak to someone on the street and weather is forgotten while football takes over.

Add Santa Claus And Christmas To Victims Of Soviet Regimes

The campaign to destroy Christmas as a religious festival is well forward in the Communist-dominated lands of Eastern Europe. An AP dispatch from Vienna sums it up: "No Santa Claus, no Christmas trees, few presents, nothing special to eat."

Washington Calling—Marquis Childs Best Intentioned Efforts Are Sometimes Snarled By Politics

WASHINGTON — It is not alone in this country that the pressure of domestic politics handicaps the best intentioned efforts to straighten out the stubborn snarls of a world in upheaval. At the Bermuda conference, Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill frankly gave the politics of his own party and the narrow majority of the Conservatives in the House of Commons as a reason for standing firm on an old and troublesome issue.

in by special express from Moscow. The children are taught to think of "Grandfather" in Moscow, rather than Santa Claus at the North Pole.

The World Today — James Marlow



"That Man With The Corns Will Have To Go" Republicans, Now That They're In, Face Heavy Barrage From Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP)—For their 20 years out of office—which meant 20 years of not having to take final responsibility for what went wrong—the Republicans were the Democrats' severest critics.

starting today, will continue through Saturday. By the variations in their own attitudes and views they may contribute not only light, but also confusion. But it is upon these leaders that Eisenhower must depend for the fight made in the capitol for any part of his program.

This Day In Texas

By CURTIS BISHOP Confederate zeal ran high in Texas on this day in 1861, so high that the Texas Legislature felt it just had to honor Alexander H. Stephens, the vice president of the Confederacy.

Clubs Plan Party At State Hospital

A group of patients at the Big Spring State Hospital who otherwise would not be remembered at Christmas will receive special courtesies from a group of local clubs.



Now Our Celebrated 'Savings' Are About To Catch Up With Us

The opinions contained in this and other articles in this column are solely those of the writers who sign them. They are not to be interpreted as necessarily reflecting the opinions of The Herald.—Editor's Note.

It is becoming apparent that the Republicans have located all that "waste and extravagance" they credited the Democrats with last year.

These Days — George Sokolsky

Reds Made Their Terms Prior To Parley And Never Receded

If you follow the news carefully, you might believe that the breakdown of the present Panmunjon Conference occurred over the past weekend. Actually this conference broke down before it was convened. It never was a conference.

Meat Canner Finds Diet Leads To New Venture

NEW YORK (AP)—Portly Emanuel Ebin, a meat canner, was told a few years ago by his wife: "You are getting too heavy. You will have to take off some weight."

Has Second Crop

RACINE, Wis. (AP)—It wasn't a bad harvest year for farmer Stanley Barrows after all. Last August, his barley crop was ruined by hail. Barrows saved what he could, figured the rest was a total loss.

Address Is Issue

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Mrs. Edith Kober voted in a city primary, after producing a certificate to convince election officials that she lives at 85 Market Street.

Trees For Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP)—The Ministry of Agriculture has a proposal to plant a forest of trees around the city to keep down the summer heat which often reaches 118 degrees. It would also keep down the dust, according to the ministry.

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Now Mother Minded

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. (AP)—A 19-year-old youth sentenced to a month in jail as a drunk driver was well prepared. The prospective prisoner carried an overnight bag stocked with toilet articles, several pocket-sized books, a deck of cards and a carton of cigarettes.

Eggs Are Treed

PRATT, Kas. (AP)—Erwin Albert, 16, found two chickens and a mother hen in the Albert farmyard. Next day, a half dozen chicks fell out of an evergreen tree.

Uncle Ray's Corner Dripping Water Makes Icicles

swimming, even in the middle of summer. Yesterday I spoke briefly about ice under pressure. I said that pressure tends to make the ice melt, but that under some conditions it keeps its crystal form.



Happy Birthday

Hardy Morgan, pioneer rancher of this area, celebrated his 83rd birthday in his hospital room here Thursday. After his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kent Morgan, cut the cake for him, friends gathered around for an impromptu party.

Veteran Rancher Hardy Morgan Observes His 83rd Birthday

It's a long way from and a long time since Lone Oak, Arkansas—83 years to be exact for Hardy Morgan.

Mr. Morgan celebrated his 83rd birthday Wednesday at his room in the Malone & Hogan Hospital Clinic. Still weak from recent surgery, he mustered a smile when old friends came to pay him a visit. He grinned, too, when the impromptu gathering broke into "Happy Birthday."

Plane Hits Guam Houses, Kills 17

GUAM (AP)—A homeward-bound B29 Superfort, forced to turn back by engine trouble, plunged into a military housing area and exploded today, killing 17 persons and injuring 14.

The big bomber dropped out of a stormy sky just short of its goal and smashed a fiery 800-foot path through the Quonset homes of U.S. Air Force families.

The dead—3 crewmen, 5 military passengers, 6 children, 2 women and 1 Air Force officer.

The injured—14 persons including 1 woman. The Air Force said two of the injured are in critical condition.

Five crewmen and three passengers were rescued from the blazing wreckage.

No names were announced. Only minutes before the crash the Superfort took off from Anderson Air Force Base here en route to the United States on a routine rotation flight. It carried a crew of 10 and 6 military passengers.

Fifty miles out, the pilot radioed that the plane had developed engine trouble and he was turning back. It made one approach to the field but did not land. On the second approach it faltered just short of the runway and ripped into the housing area.

The crash occurred during a howling storm which forced the Navy and Air Force to suspend temporarily the search for a big Navy weather plane which vanished about 300 miles north of Guam yesterday.

Maj. Ralph Shadwell of Bell, Calif., pulled two crewmen from the flaming wreckage. He said, "I was eating breakfast when I saw the crippled plane a half mile out. Then it crashed, sending a ball of fire toward the house."

Porter Is Against Importing Of Oil

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jack Porter says he is against reciprocal trade agreements as far as his own oil business is concerned.

Porter, GOP National committeeman from Texas where he is an independent oil operator, testified yesterday before a Senate interior subcommittee that he is studying oil and critical mineral supplies.

Sen. Clements asked Porter if he would say "What's good for the oil business of Jack Porter is good for the nation."

"I wouldn't go that far," the Texan said. "Trade policies that benefit the petroleum industry probably benefit other industries."

Among those to come by his room were two who punched cattle with him before and at the turn of the century. One was Tom Good, who was on the Long S (Slaughter) outfit with him and who himself is just up from surgery, and another was Jot Smythe, Lamesa, who became one of Col. C. C. Slaughter's cowhands about the time Mr. Morgan got out on his own.

Joye and Bun Fisher were there, recalling the early days when J. & W. Fisher Company, a fabulous early day general mercantile establishment, furnished supplies for most of the ranchers. They were calling names right and left—names familiar only with honest-goodness old timers.

Mr. Morgan, with the help of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kent Morgan, cut a special birthday cake. There was another with 83 candles on it. His daughter, Mrs. Maurine Vaughn, Lamesa, served punch for the party.

Mr. Morgan was born at Lone Oak, Ark., near Little Rock, on Dec. 16, 1870. As a lad he came to Taylor County and in 1895 came to Big Spring to become part of the

almost legendary Long S empire.

A nephew, Herbert Rule, came by and Mrs. Good (she played "Happy Birthday" on the harmonica for Mr. Morgan) and Mrs. Smythe were there. Staff members and nurses came around to join in the festivities.

Mr. Morgan always has been active. He had about retired from the saddle a couple of years ago when he suffered a brain clot which almost claimed his life. But he bounced back and got to driving his car wherever he wanted to go. Then recently, he suffered a severe gall bladder attack and almost checked in his saddle in the middle of surgery. But like the old cowhand that he is, Mr. Morgan is on the mend once more and talking about getting out.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Kent Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Vaughn, two other children, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morgan, Lamesa, were here. Theother son, John Hardy Morgan of Hamilton couldn't be here.

The Big Spring police department activity sheet for November shows that cash receipts from Corporation Court fines were \$3,309.50.

Total arrests for the month were 278, and policemen issued 683 traffic tickets. Chief E. W. York's report also shows that the four police cars traveled 18,541 miles in November.

There were approximately 2,300 calls made to and from the police radio station.

In addition to the \$3,309.50 collected in fines, jail lay-outs are shown as totaling \$958.50. Pending jail lay-outs are listed at \$184.

Since fines due during November totaled \$4,685, there were \$233 in fines pending at the end of the month.

Fines totaling \$2,334.50 were assessed against the 162 persons convicted of drunkenness in city court during the month. One man was fined \$150 for displaying a deadly weapon, five were assessed \$117 for disturbance, two got \$100 for indecent exposure, six received \$101 fines for affray, \$300 in fines were assessed on 12 gaming charges, 14 people charged with vagrancy were fined \$165, two received fines totaling \$11 for using profane language, and one was fined \$1 for assault.

Sixty moving traffic violations brought fines totaling \$481, and 11 people were assessed \$280 for driving without a license. Twelve were fined \$30 for parking violations, and one man received a \$2.50 for a mechanical violation.

Federal Reserve Directors Named

DALLAS (AP)—Three new directors and a member of the Federal Advisory Council were named yesterday by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The directors are: F. W. Barton, president of the Marfa National Bank, director of the El Paso branch. He succeeds W. H. Holcombe of Pecos. I. F. Betts, president of the American National Bank of Beaumont, director of the Houston branch. He succeeds Lee Kempner of Galveston. E. C. Bredford, president of the First National Bank, Harlingen, director of the San Antonio branch. Bredford takes over from E. R. Wroe of Austin. George Matkin, president of El Paso's State National Bank, was appointed to the advisory council.

Benson Desires Farm Production Cutbacks

MEMPHIS (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said today the nation faces serious farm surplus problems because "someone miscalculated our production needs."

The Eisenhower Cabinet member called for cutbacks in production of cotton, wheat and other major farm crops before the "Plant to Prosper" Farm Forum.

Benson remained in Washington to attend White House talks on the administration's 1954 legislative program. His speech was read by Asst. Secretary Earl Coke.

"Our farm production this year is larger than our markets—domestic and export—will take at prices that are fair to producers," Benson said.

"And with farmers' production costs remaining at extremely high levels, it is clear that some cutbacks in production and some shifts between types of production are necessary."

"This has great practical meaning for your agriculture today here in the mid-South and South—especially for producers of cotton," he said.

The secretary said there had been "a striking shift toward a livestock and grasslands farming pattern" in the Memphis area and some other parts of the South. Other cotton areas must do the same, he added.

Benson said a mistake had been made in stepping up cotton production in the 1950-51 season after outbreak of the Korean War and that this caused the present cotton surplus.

Benson said existing laws forced him to fix 1954 cotton production at 10 million bales and plantings at just under 18 million acres, a decrease of nearly 30 per cent from the 25 million acres planted this year. He said he will support a plan to increase the 1954 cotton allotment to 21 million acres.

"Assuredly, we must adjust cotton acreage," he said. "But there is no sound reason why we should have to curtail acreages so

sharply within a single year's time."

Benson said the fact is that "we have been growing more cotton than the market will take at reasonable prices."

Even if cotton supplies are reduced, he said, this "will do nothing to regain our cotton and other crops foreign markets that have been lost—nor save domestic markets threatened by competition from cheaper substitute products."

Benson said the "three great needs of American agriculture as we search for new and expanded markets are lower costs of farm operations, better quality of farm products, and aggressive methods of improving the whole agricultural marketing system."

He said present farm programs "were largely evolved out of depression and war—and not out of the situation such as now confronts us. We must adopt our programs to changing circumstances, we must keep pace with progress."

Benson promised the administration would present such a program to Congress.

Repair Work At Sewage Plant Nearly Complete

Repair is nearing completion on a large digester tank which has been out of order for more than a year at the Big Spring Disposal Plant east of town.

City Manager H. W. Whitney said today that the new concrete top to the tank is now in place. Workers are cleaning out the inside of the tank this week.

As soon as the clean-up work is finished, a hole which has been cut in the side for entrance and exit will be sealed. Whitney says the tank will then be ready for operation.

The tank job broke under internal pressure last year, and a complete new concrete top was necessary for repairs. A new and larger digester tank has been in operation since it broke.

When repairs are complete, Big Spring will have a dual digester system. Jones Lamar, superintendent of the plant, says that the tank now in use will be the primary tank, and that the one being repaired will be the secondary.

Purpose of the tanks, he said, is to digest sludge solids which

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are pumped from the sewage water. Organic materials are decompressed after about 120 days storage, and solids dumped out are sold as fertilizer. Liquids are treated and placed with the effluent water which is sold to Cosden Petroleum.

The tank now being repaired is 37 feet deep. Actual capacity was not known by Jones.

The City of Big Spring's summary of receipts and disbursements for November show expenditures on the treatment plant to have been \$25,805.78.

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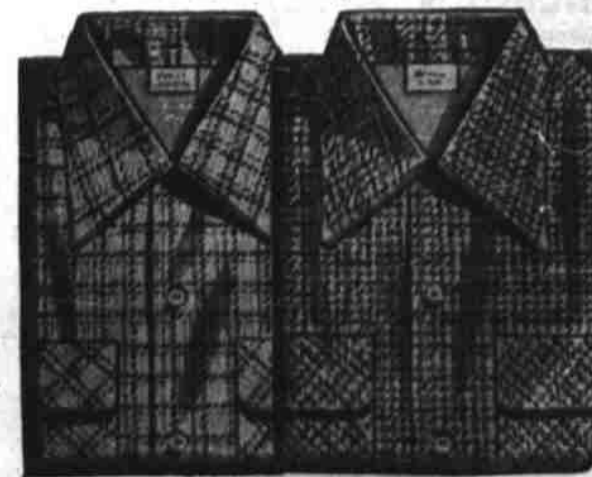
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Underdog Role Won't Bother Port Neches

Indians Lost 2 Home Games

The Big Spring Steers, who are en route to Port Neches, had best get accustomed to the fact that the Indians are used to entering play in the roles of underdogs.

Temple and Edinburg were both favored for the Warriors but the Tribe handed a 12-0 lacing to Temple and won on penetrations from Edinburg, which entered the game undefeated.

The Port Neches team, which is coached by Gene McCollum, an ex-Midland mentor, can be had at home. The Indians yielded in two of their five home games.

However, one of those—a 6-0 reversal at the hands of Freeport—later was forfeited to Port Neches when it was discovered Freeport had used an ineligible player.

The other home loss suffered by the Indians this fall was at the hands of Class 4A Orange, which nipped them, 21-13.

Jackie Hathorn, the Port Neches quarterback, is considered a smart field general, capable runner and dangerous passer.

Halfback Earl Sheffield and fullback Gordon LeBouef are two continual running threats.

Standouts in the Port Neches line are center Hubert Miller, an all-state player, and end Rodney LeBouef.

In winning nine games in 12 starts, the Port Neches team has scored 283 points while giving up only 88.

The Steers are due to go as far as College Station today. They'll work out there this evening, then drive on in to Beaumont Friday.

They'll stage another workout on the Port Neches field Friday afternoon. They'll be quartered at the Edison Hotel in Beaumont.



Port Neches Speedster

One of Port Neches' running threats in Saturday's 3A playoff game with Big Spring is speedy Earl Sheffield. Only a tumor, Sheffield has scored eight touchdowns, ranging from five yards to the 82 paces he covered in the recent game with Temple.

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Holy Cross 71, Colgate 64
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Wagner 80, Manhattan 88
Niagara 90, Syracuse 82
Cornell 64, Harvard 53
Fordham 53, CCNY 51
Lehigh 84, Lafayette 79
Dix College 67, Queens (NY) 60
- South**
Navy 78, Columbia 52
Georgetown (DC) 82, Baltimore Loyola 73
Miss State 78, Arkansas State 74
George Washington 61, VPI 46
Southeastern La 61, Tulane 50
Morehead Ky 58, Eastern Ky 54
- Midwest**
Kansas 72, Tulsa 61
Oklahoma A&M 63, Oklahoma 46
Northwestern (Wisc) 73, St. Procopius 60
Portland State 71, Colgate 51
- Southwest**
Texas Tech 53, Texas A&M 85
N. M. Western 66, Grand Canyon 58
New Mexico Western 60, Grand Canyon (Phoenix) 58

Stadium Purchase May Be Completed

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—A Knights of Columbus official said the K. of C. will buy the Yankee Stadium for "slightly more than 2 million dollars" in a deal in New York today.

William Mulligan of Hartford, deputy supreme knight of the order and chairman of its mortgage investment committee, said under terms of the purchase contract, the Yankees will have the right, if they wish, to buy back the stadium after 15 years.

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Mattick Filling Bob Kurland's Place At A&M

By SEN PHLEGAR
NEW YORK (AP)—The Oklahoma A&M cowboys, perennial contenders for national basketball honors, appeared today to have come up with their best big man since the days when Bob Kurland, the seven-foot redhead, roamed the Midwest prairies.

The Aggies have been beaten once—by a single point at Minnesota in eight starts this season, and in almost every victory big Bob Mattick, a 6-foot-11 giant, has been singled out for praise.

It was Mattick in the starring role again last night as A&M turned back their deadly rivals at the University of Oklahoma, 65-46. He scored 25 points, tops on both teams, but it was his great rebounding that made the big difference.

Hank Iba's teams always play possession-style ball and with a man who can get the ball off the boards for them regularly they are tough to beat.

Kansas, last season's Western NCAA finalist, won its first game of the campaign, 72-61, over Tulsa after two setbacks on a Southern trip. Center B. H. Born, playing with a sprained ankle, scored 22 points.

In the East, Togo Palazzi paced Holy Cross to a 101-64 triumph over Colgate with 29 points. It was the Crusaders' 42nd consecutive home victory.

Ninth-ranking Fordham, classed as one of the powers in the East, got a real scare against City College of New York, finally pulling out a 53-51 decision on a driving one-hander by Alan Larkin with 10 seconds to play.

Niagara showed its best form so far in overpowering Syracuse, 90-62, as it brought its record up to 5-1. Charlie Hoxie scored 21 points. Cornell opened its Ivy League competition by beating Harvard, 64-53, for its fourth straight victory.

Using All America Tom Gola as a decoy to break up a defense in the first half, La Salle of Philadelphia whipped Lafayette, 88-70.

Navy won its fourth in a row, beating Columbia, 78-52.

In Southern Conference games, George Washington trounced Virginia Tech, 93-55, and Virginia Military rallied to overcome Davidson, 69-59.

Xavier of Cincinnati beat Villanova, 81-73, and Penn swamped Swarthmore, 84-54, in a Philadelphia double-header.

In the Southwest, Texas Tech edged Texas A&M, 58-53, and New Mexico defeated New Mexico A&M, 58-58.

New York Yankees Acquire Ed Robinson, Harry Byrd

By MURRAY ROSE
NEW YORK (AP)—This will open the floodgates. The other clubs will have to scramble now.

A big grin on his usually expressionless face, George Weiss, general manager of the New York Yankees, made the comment after the world champions had acquired slugging first baseman Ed Robinson and workhorse pitcher Harry Byrd in an 11-player trade with the Philadelphia A's which included some promising rookies from the Yanks' Kansas City farm.

In return for Robinson and Byrd, who figure to strengthen the Yanks immeasurably, the New Yorkers gave three players they can easily spare—Negro outfielder-infielder Vic Powers, outfielder Bill Renna and first baseman Don Doll.

Powers, leading hitter in the American Assn. with Kansas City last year with a .349 average, was the "key man" in the deal for the A's, the Yankees said. Renna and Bollweg were just utility players with the Yanks.

Even with the addition of Robinson and Byrd, the Yanks indicated they have no intention of standing pat with a four-aces hand in their drive for a sixth straight pennant and world championship.

Weiss said he still had the cat-in-the-hat look on his face today after announcing the big trade Wednesday.



ROBINSON RENNA

No cash was involved, the Yanks said, except for the return of \$25,000 to the A's for their purchase of third baseman Loren Babe last April. Babe was sent to Kansas City as part of the sweeping transaction.

The other players the A's got in the deal were:

From Kansas City: catcher Al Robertson, 25, who hit .278 at Kansas City and .264 at Syracuse last year; right-handed pitcher John Gray, 26, with a 9-7 record and 4.15 earned run average; third baseman Jim Finnegan, 25, .303 at Birmingham of the Eastern League last year.

The A's sent the following to the Yanks' Kansas City farm: Babe, 25, .230; first baseman Tom Hamilton, 27, .196; and outfielder Carmen Mauro, 27, .255 with Washington and Philadelphia. Robinson, a long-ball hitter who

was 23 Tuesday, will vie with Joe Collins for the first base job and help fill the gap left by the retirement of pinch hitter Johnny Mize. The veteran from Baltimore hit only .247 last year but clouted 22 homers and drove in 102 runs. A left-handed swinger, Le'll have an inviting target in the Yanks' 297-foot right field wall.

Byrd, 29, Rookie of the Year in the American League in '52 when he had a 15-13 record with a 3.32 earned run average, tallied off last year. He wound up with an 11-20 record and a 5.51 ERA mark.

Bollweg, 31, hit .297 in 155 times at bat, while Renna, 27, had an .314 average in 121 trips to the plate.

"We strengthened ourselves in the departments we needed help in most," said Weiss, "but the A's got a lot of good, young ball-players which they need for their rebuilding."

"It is a good start toward the beginning of a faster, younger better defensive team that will bring the club into the first division," said A's Vice President Earle Mark in Philadelphia.

Powers, 24, and another Negro, outfielder Elston Howard, both were called up from Kansas City by the Yanks. They were the first Negroes signed directly to the New York club. Weiss said Howard definitely will report to the Yanks' spring training camp at St. Petersburg.

Wallace Kayoed By Ezz Charles On West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Lean, mean Ezzard Charles, the former heavyweight champion, was banging at the title door again today following his impressive victory over Coley Wallace last night.

Charles, fighting in the same powerful fashion as when he wore the crown from 1949 to 1951, stopped Wallace just 17 seconds before the scheduled end of the nationally televised 10-rounder.

Although he won in masterful fashion and led from start to finish, Charles' win provided the setting for a hassle over whether he should be credited with a knockout or a TKO.

The No. 3 heavyweight contender dropped his younger rival twice in the 10th round. The first one was for a nine count. Wallace hit the canvas from a right to the jaw. He staggered to his feet and went down again from a right and left to the chin. The time was 2:43.

Referee Frankie Brown did not count over the fallen Wallace. According to California State Athletic Commission rules, it should have been called a technical knockout. Brown, in his report to the commission, said it was a knockout.

Two judges, Eddie James and Toby Irwin, like Brown old-time ringmen, said it was a TKO in their first report but later changed it to conform with Brown's decision.

Willie Ritchie, former world lightweight champion now chief commission inspector for northern California, said it was a TKO but Commissioner Joe Phillips said he would abide by the referee's ruling.

Charles, 32, was in championship form. He proved that experience and top condition can overcome such physical advantages as Wallace enjoyed because of his youth and size. Wallace is 25 years old and stands 6 feet 2. He weighed 201 pounds to 190 for Charles. Ez indicated he is gunning for a title match with champion Rocky Marciano.

Two Forsan Buffs, One Kat Are Named To All-District

1953 DISTRICT SEVEN ALL-STAR GRID TEAM

Pos.	Player	School	Vote Total
End	Richard McComb	Mertzon	31
Center	Albert Oglesby	Forsan	29
End	Marshall Blair	Sterling City	37
Back	Ray Johnson	Blackwell	43
Back	Harold Hicks	Forsan	38
Back	Tommy Rich	Garden City	18

Players from five different places were named to positions on the All-District Seven Six-Man Football Team, chosen by coaches and prepared by Glenn Whittenberg of Forsan.

Coaches were asked to consider players of opposing teams rather than their own athletes.

Members of the first team are Ray Johnson, Blackwell; Harold

Hicks; Forsan; Marshall Blair; Sterling City; Richard McComb; Mertzon; Albert Oglesby; Forsan; Tommy Rich; Garden City.

Johnson lacked one vote of being a unanimous choice. The others followed in the order named in the balloting. Rich, a speedy, powerful junior, played only part of the season before being injured. He impressed what coaches who did see him in action, however.

Some of the players are placed out of position, since most are backs. Six-man players have to be able to play anywhere.

Johnson's total offensive yardage would be 1,178 yards. He rushed for 776 paces in seven district games and passed for 402 more. Among other things, he intercepted three enemy passes, scored 12 touchdowns and passed for six more.

Ray gained his football numeral. He has also won three basketball numerals.

Hicks was the conference's leading scorer and generally conceded to be the bellwether of the Forsan attack. He was equally potent on defense and offense.

The presence of Blair in the Sterling City lineup made the Eagles a scrappy outfit that gave no quarter and asked none. He was always dangerous when the War Birds had the ball.

McComb and Mertzon gave Forsan its roughest test of the season. Richard put the Green Hornets out in front early in that game.

Rice Owls Are Due A Stiff Workout

HOUSTON (AP)—Members of the Rice Owl football team, host outfit to Alabama for Dallas' New Year's Day Cotton Bowl classic, expected another stiff scrimmage session today.

Coach Jess Neely said yesterday there probably would be at least a brief scrimmage daily through Saturday when squadmen who will not make the Dallas trip will be dismissed.

The Owls began their two-day workouts yesterday with a morning session devoted to a check of Alabama-Maryland game pictures, passing and pass defense.

The varsity scrimmaged on both offense and defense against a group of squadmen during the afternoon workout.

12th Man Bowl Game Is Scheduled Today

COLLEGE STATION (AP)—Army and Air Force ROTC students at Texas A&M College play the fourth annual 12th Man Bowl football game today.

The game, started before World War II and revived last fall, is to raise money for the student air fund. Last year it drew 5,000 cadets to Kyle Field and netted approximately \$2,500.

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Sports Writers, Casters Approve One-Platoon Ball

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.
NEW YORK (AP)—The decision of the college football rulemakers to switch from "platoon" football to limited substitution received a hearty vote of approval today from the nation's sports writers and broadcasters.

But there were enough differences of opinion reflected in the ballots of more than 300 newsmen participating in the Associated Press post-season poll to indicate that heated arguments likely will continue all winter.

The NCAA football Rules Committee will meet in Sarasota, Fla., Jan. 11-13 to consider the effects of the rule change made a year before and to decide whether it will be retained, modified or abandoned.

The votes of 123 football writers and broadcasters say "keep it," although 10 of these proposed modifications of one sort or another. There were 59 negative ballots, 6 suggesting a compromise of some sort and only 14 whose opinions weren't definite one way or the other.

A few of the experts admitted they liked the single-platoon game because it made covering football easier. A good many more said the public liked it better and could follow the game more easily with only one group of players, instead of two, in action.

From there on the opinions were as emphatic as they were divided and, to some extent the same arguments were used on both sides. It was claimed, for example, that the limited substitutions helped the smaller colleges financially and gave them a better chance of beating the big teams. And it also was claimed that the rule had failed to accomplish its purpose in helping the small schools.

One school maintained that the 1953 two-way football was faster and more interesting. The opposi-

tion maintained it was slower and dull.

Many of those opposing limited substitution said it increased the number and severity of injuries. Others claimed there had been no increase. A couple, favoring the one-platoon system, said they'd change their minds if it could be shown that more players were hurt.

Minority proposals were that rules for high school, college and professional football should be standardized and that free substitution should be permitted but squads should be limited—usually to 33 men—for any game.

STATISTICS WON'T BE A WIN FACTOR

The winner of the Big Spring-Port Neches football game Saturday cannot be decided on penetrations, or any other phase of statistics.

Coaches of the two teams have agreed that the clubs will reign as co-champions of the state, if the score ends in a tie.

Weaver Temporary Hero To His Son

LUBBOCK (AP)—Coach Dewitt Weaver of Texas Tech hopes—but he's not sure—his hero to his 14-year-old son, Dewitt Jr.

"Daddy, I'm sure proud of you," asserted young Weaver, who paused, then added—"this year."

Tech won 10 games out of 11 and got an invitation to play in the Gator Bowl this year. Last year the Techs won only three out of 11.



Going Could Be Rough On Ground

Seven Big Spring linemen who'll try to see to it that Port Neches doesn't make any appreciable progress toward the Steer goal are pictured above. They are, left to right, Wayne (Pink) Medlin, J. W. Thompson, Billy Earley, Roger Brown, Norman

Dudley, Dickie Milam and Jimmy Porter. Some of the strapping youngsters play both ways for the Longhorns. All but Milam are seniors.

LOOKING 'EM OVER

With Tommy Hart

Look ahead a year. It could be Big Spring and Port Neches again in the State AAA football playoffs. Big Spring has the nucleus for a fine club coming up again in 1954. Coach Gene McCullom has always said his great team at Port Neches could be expected next year. Only three of his players are seniors. Big Spring has much the harder row to hoe, since it competes in a far tougher district than does Port Neches. Still, stranger things have happened than a playoff finish identical to this one. In that case, Port Neches would have no alternative but to come to Big Spring, in event Big Spring wanted the game. It's something to put in your future book. If you're still rankled over the game going to Port Neches, hark back to 1952. Wouldn't you have considered going as far as Juneau, Alaska, had Big Spring waded into the finals? What a difference a year and a few victories make.

The current Big Spring team is the second highest scoring Steer club in history. In 12 games, it has tallied 332 points. It would take some tall scoring Saturday to eclipse the scoring output of the all-time point-setting champion, the 1931 team. That year, the Steers rolled up 398 points. By banking seven points against Port Neches, Big Spring can become the highest scoring playoff team since Classes AAAA and AAA were organized in 1951. The 1951 Lubbock team counted 96 points, Breckenridge 88 in three playoff games. In 1952, Lubbock banked 85 points and Temple 104 (though it got beat in the finals). Big Spring has already tallied 98 points in winning two games. Back in 1923, Abilene scored 171 points in the playoffs but the club caught Port Stockton in the bi-district and got 95 of that total in that one game. The Cisco team of 1925 did almost as well, bruising for 160 points in four games, although it was held scoreless in the semi-finals (by Forest). That year, Cisco crushed Colorado City in bi-district play, 70-0, and then mopped up on Amarillo in the second round, 76-0. Amarillo wasn't to realize its potential until later. Win, lose or draw Saturday, the Steers have had a fine season. This is one Big Spring team that will be remembered a long, long time.

Twenty Big Spring youngsters don moleskins for the last time this week. They are Robert Angel, Frank Long, Jerry Hughes, Don Washburn, Kirk Faulkner, J. C. Armistead, James Hollis, Billy Martin, Don Swinney, Norman Dudley, Ace Boyter, Paschal Odum, Louis Stupp, Jimmy Porter, Billy Earley, Tiny Ellison, J. W. Thompson, Dean Porter, Roger Brown and Wayne Medlin. Armistead and Ellison are gaining their fourth grid letters. There are only five 18-year-olds on the squad (Long, Faulkner, Armistead, Hollis and Boyter). I'm referring to age by eligibility standards, which means those boys were 18 Sept. 1. Jerry Graves, the fine defensive player, was only 15 then. Reserve Quarterback Charley Johnson is a year younger than that. All the others are 17 or less.

Lamar And Herd Picked To Win

Lamar of Houston and Big Spring will win the top Texas schoolboy football championships Saturday, say the sports writers. If Port Neches were to beat Big Spring in the Class AAA playoff there would be more red faces than a bunch of bankers picking cotton. Only one writer thinks Port Neches will win. This grave man is Bob Seaman of the San Antonio Express who says, "Port Neches will fool everybody with a 13-7 victory over Big Spring." Lamar was the choice of eight high school football experts to beat Odessa at Houston Saturday for the Class AAAA title. Five thought Odessa would come through. One writer—the same Seaman who picked Port Neches—thought Odessa and Lamar would play to a 14-14 tie. Big Spring got the votes of 11 of 2 writers. Two of those selecting on Lamar-Odessa—Putt Powell of the Amarillo Globe-News and Jerry Ribnick of the Houston Chronicle—didn't guess on Big Spring-Port Neches. How the sports writers see them: Walter Robertson, Dallas News-Lamar 26, Odessa 14. Big Spring 33, Port Neches 13. Putt Powell, Amarillo Globe-News—Odessa has gone stale since winning the district championship and is going downhill but still will have too much for the East Texas team. Odessa 20, Lamar 7. Jim Lawson, Dallas Times Herald—Odessa 21, Lamar 14. Big Spring 28, Port Neches 13. John Lovelace, Sherman Democrat—Odessa 21, Lamar 13. Big Spring 35, Port Neches 13. Bog Oslus, Beaumont Journal—Lamar 19, Odessa 13, home field advantage. Big Spring 13, Port Neches 7, Steers too big. Bob McHugh, Orange Leader—Lamar 7, Odessa 9. Big Spring 13, Port Neches 7. Dick Oliver, Port Arthur News—Lamar 27, Odessa 13. Port Arthur, which played and tied 'em both, gives Redskins and Fondren the edge. Big Spring 20, Port Neches 6. String plays out for Cinderella Indians against big West Texans. Jerry Ribnick, Houston Chronicle—Lamar 21, Odessa 13. I've stuck

TCU Awards 25 Grid Numerals

FORT WORTH (U)—Only 25 varsity letters—the smallest number in years—were awarded in Texas Christian University football last night. The small number reflected the return to the one-plateau system and the fact that TCU lacked depth in manpower. Receiving letters were: Morgan Williams, Malvin Fowler, Bill Alexander, Ronald Clinkscales, Johnny Crouch, Bill Curtis, Bryan Engram, Ronald Fraley, Danny Hallmark, Marshall Harris, R. C. Harris, Ray Hill, Hal Lambert, Ray McKown, Sammy Morrow, Hugh Pitts, Claude Rosch, David Finney, Marshall Robinson, Bob White, Don Sanford, Bill Sikes, Guy Thompson, Malcolm Wallace and Bill Young.

Sportsmanship Award Given To Hog Ace

LAKE VILLAGE, Ark. (U)—A pleased, but modest Lamar McHlan, prepared today to be in Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 14 to receive the Southwest Conference football sportsmanship award. "I can't think of a nicer way to finish off my college football career," the Arkansas University back said last night. He had just been informed of the award by telephone by a call from the Associated Press. The Porker tailback was declared winner of the award, presented annually by the Fort Worth Kiwanis Club, following a poll of a five-man panel that reviewed nominations from coaches, players and officials. Other winners of the award have been Kyle Rote, Southern Methodist, 1950; June Davis, Texas, 1951; and Ray Graves, Texas A&M, 1952. Bunny Andrews of Texas, Tiny Goss of SMU, Jerry Coody and Wayne Hopkins of Baylor, Floyd Sagely of Arkansas, Koste Johnson and Dan Hart of Rice, Morgan Williams and Mal Fowler of TCU, Don Ellis and Durwood Scott of Texas A&M, were other players nominated this year. Capt. Jack Gunlock, SMU, and three officials whose identity the conference did not reveal, nominated the Ozark star. "McHlan was not only an outstanding player but a good, clean competitor," said Gunlock. Said one official: "My vote must go to McHlan. He was never neglected by the opposition on either offense or defense, but under all of the punishment he never displayed temper or emotional upset although his team was losing and the going was tough. Through it all, he remained a great competitor. Only a real sportsman is able to leave such an impression under those conditions." McHlan said he'd do all he could to be in Fort Worth for the award's presentation. Also to be invited is Gordon Long, former Razorback player whose sportsmanship inspired creation of the annual award. Long acted to protect an official from an angry crowd.

Commerce Tourney Underway Friday

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BOVINE CAGERS MEET ABILENE

ODESSA (SC)—First round play in the annual Odessa Basketball Tournament was to get underway at 9 a.m. today. First round pairings will send Kermit against Midland at 9 a.m., San Angelo against Sweetwater at 10:30 a.m., Plainview against Alpine at 1 p.m., Pecos against Brownwood at 2:30 p.m., Lamesa against Thomas Jefferson of El Paso at 5:30 p.m., Big Spring against Abilene at 6 p.m., Snyder against Odessa at 7:30 p.m. and Lubbock against Coleman at 9 p.m., all today. The tournament continues through Friday and ends Saturday night. The title goes starts at 9 p.m. Saturday. Big Spring is in the upper bracket of play. The Steers are to be taken to Odessa by Dan Lewis, Junior High coach, who is filling in for Head Mentor Wayne Bonner. Bonner is accompanying the football team to Port Neches. Lewis will probably start a line-up consisting of Wiley Brown, Jerry Brooks, Charles Clark, Charles Ray and either Wayne Tollett or Morris Rhodes. Despite the fact that several freshmen are still playing football, Lewis can field a fairly potent lineup. The Steers have won one of four starts to date. Their lone victory came at the expense of Andrews. Abilene, a perennial District 1-AAAA power, will be favored to measure the Longhorns, however. The tournament action will not wind up pre-Christmas activity for the Bovines. They are booked to meet Midland here Dec. 22. On Dec. 31, the locals take part in the El Paso Tournament.

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Raiders Defeat Aggies, 58-55

By The Associated Press Two touring Southwest Conference basketball teams were to meet Eastern court powers Thursday night while another loop quintet licked its wounds after losing to Texas Tech of the Border Conference. The Red Raiders, after trailing by nine points late in the third period Wednesday night, fought back to defeat the Texas A&M Cadets, 58-55. Texas plays St. Johns in New York and Rice plays Duquesne in Pittsburgh, Pa., Thursday night. The Aggies had outscored the Raiders, 18-9, in the third period after trailing, 28-29, at the halfway mark. But Tech added 20 points in a big final quarter while holding the Aggies to 9 points. The taller Techsans completely controlled the backboards at College Station, grabbing 54 rebounds to only 34 for the outclassed Aggies. Many of the Tech goals came on tip-ins during scrambles under the Aggie goal. Durwood Holding, big Raider forward, paced the scoring with 17 points with Roy Martin leading the Aggie offense with 15 points. It was the last scheduled game for the Aggies until the Southwest Conference meet in Houston, Dec. 28-30. For the Red Raiders, losers to Baylor Tuesday night, it was the sixth win in eight games. Other games this week: Friday—Texas Christian vs Abilene Christian at Fort Worth. Saturday—Arkansas vs Missouri at Fayetteville, Baylor vs Vanderbilt at Nashville, Rice vs Tennessee at Knoxville, Southern Methodist vs Abilene Christian at Dallas.

Tiny Goss Enters Army On Friday

DALLAS (U)—Don (Tiny) Goss, 260-pound star Southern Methodist football tackle, will be inducted into the Army tomorrow. Goss, a junior, has another year of eligibility and was considered one of the nation's top line prospects for next year. The big lineman, who played middle guard on defense, was a big factor in SMU's strong defensive record last season.

Texas Did Well In 1953 Sports

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF Associated Press Sports Writer It was a great year in sports for Texans— Ben Hogan and his triple crown. Al Whitfield and Walt Davis and their world's records in track. Willie Shoemaker, king of the jockeys. And the greatest story was the fight of indomitable Babe Didrikson Zaharias against cancer. Many other bright spots are along the sports trail to make Texans bust their buttons with pride. Hogan brought Texas probably its greatest sports fame when he won the Masters, the National Open and the British Open in four months. He was acclaimed as the greatest golfer of all time. Whitfield, a native of Bay City, who won his fame at Ohio State and now lives in Los Angeles, set six new records in track, running both in this country and abroad. Among the marks of flying Al were 1:49.2 in 80 yards and 2:20.8 for 1,000 meters. He rewrote indoor records, too. Davis, the stringbean from Texas A&M who won the high jump in the Olympic games last year, set a world's record for this event National AAU when he leaped 6 feet 11 1/2 inches. Shoemaker, who was born in Fabens, became the greatest jockey of all time. He passed the record for victories by one jockey, set by Tony de Spirito in 1952 at 390, in mid-October he went on to win many more races and hang up a mark that won't be bettered for a long time, if ever. It was not uncommon for wee Willie to ride six winners in a single day. Babe Zaharias was beginning her fight against cancer at the same time Hogan was starting his sweep of the "triple crown." She was stricken at Beaumont in April, underwent an operation, and in three months was back on the golf links, finishing second in the All-American at Chicago. The Babe was selected for the Texas Hall of Sports Fame for her great record as a woman athlete and because of the mighty comeback she staged. Mrs. Zaharias is believed free of the disease. She apparently has won one of the greatest fights an athlete ever staged.

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Father Finds 'Kidnaped' Girl

Helise Gloria Wells, 8, happily rests her head on the shoulder of her father, Richard G. Wells, Chicago and Lincoln, Neb., maintenance engineer, after a friendly kidnaper reunited them in Albuquerque, N.M. Bill Sauls (left), a Wells employee driving Helise in his car, became separated from Wells, driving another car, because of motor trouble. Wells filed a kidnap complaint in order to locate Sauls, who reported to New Mexico state police when he and Helise arrived in Albuquerque. (AP Wirephoto).

Not All Of Refugees From Reds Worthy

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh in a series of stories written from Germany by Jan Dickerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickerson. Miss Dickerson has been in Germany for the past six months, most of the time spent in contact with the refugee problem. She gained her first newspaper experience on the Herald.

By JAN DICKERSON
BERLIN — Just inside the entrance to the Henri Dunant refugee camp is a great waiting room, bare except for a few benches. It is bleak and austere, and it seemed strange one night to hear music and song in it.

A middle-aged man was sitting in one corner, playing German favorites on an accordion. People had come in and crowded around and begun to sing.

The man played well, readily responding to every request for a special number. He played long and couples, young and old, sat arm in arm and perhaps forgot their troubles for the moment.

He, too, was a refugee.

Some people on the outskirts of the crowd were speculating about his past. Had he been a member of some orchestra? Was he a music teacher? Or was playing the accordion no more than his hobby?

At last the impromptu concert was over, and the refugees began to leave.

The musician was ready to retire as well. He closed his accordion and put it in a tattered case. Then he reached under a bench at his side.

He took out his hat. And a pair of crutches. And a white tin cup.

The man was a street beggar, a vivid example of the fact that not all refugees from the East Zone of Germany are victims of political persecution.

Most have fled with just cause, leaving behind established homes and jobs, preferring a life of possible poverty and uncertainty to one under Communist rule.

But there are always some whose motives are questionable. It is the job of the government screening commission to weed these out and decide what to do with them.

One man recently admitted he left home to get away from his family and in-laws. The commission sympathized with him, but explained that he was not entitled to monetary assistance or job placement.

His misery was doubled when, a few days later, his entire family trooped into the camp to join him.

Often, young people cross the border simply in the spirit of adventure. If they will not return to their families, or if they have no

Four Children Die In Apartment Fire

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Four small children perished last night in a fire which gutted the family's quarters in a three-story apartment house in suburban Rankin.

They were Barbara Jean Allen, 6; her sister Carol Anne, 4, and her brothers Dennis, 3, and Raymond, 17 months.

The mother, Mrs. Pauline Allen, tripped and fell down the stairs while trying to carry the baby to safety. Dazed and badly bruised, she groped her way to the door and called for help.

"There was smoke all around," she said. "I couldn't see the children."

Several other families in the building escaped unharmed. Firemen said an overheated stove may have caused the fire.

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New City's Mayor In Another's Jail

MASON, Mich. (UP)—The new city of Lathrup, Mich., can find its first mayor, William H. Harvie, 57, in Mason's jail.

The mayor, whose city was only incorporated Monday, is charged with "driving while under the influence of intoxicants." State police say he plowed into the back

end of a car that had stopped. The car belonged to State Police Commissioner Joseph A. Childs.

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Poetry-Quoting Young Chemist Accused Of Murdering Parents

NEW YORK (UP)—A poetry-quoting young chemist was accused today of murdering his parents—to get their \$100,000 wealth—by spiking their champagne cocktails with potassium cyanide as all drank a toast to his new job.

The case had been considered a double suicide or a murder and suicide for four months—until a pretty girl started talking.

The son and friend, who reportedly confessed a murder-for-money plot, were booked by police on charges of acting in concert in homicide.

The son, Harlow Fraden, 23, an only child, had moaned to detectives months ago about the deaths of his parents and the deaths of

an aunt and uncle who were accidentally asphyxiated.

Bronx Dist. Atty. George B. De Luca said the friend, Dennis Wepman, 20, an unemployed writer, admitted that he and Fraden had planned the murders "for some time."

De Luca said Fraden was uncooperative under questioning about the deaths of his parents, Dr. William Fraden, 50, and his schoolteacher wife Shirley, 46.

Fraden, a six-footer, was seized by detectives yesterday in his \$200-a-month room in the fashionable St. Moritz Hotel.

De Luca said Fraden had been living luxuriously on an inheri-

rance from his parents, had purchased a Rolls Royce for \$18,000 and planned to go to England to pick up the car.

De Luca said he got this information from Wepman.

Fraden told his parents he had obtained a job and joined them at their apartment to celebrate on the night of Aug. 19. He poisoned the champagne in the kitchen, then returned to the living room for the toast.

Wepman, who also lived lavishly on the slain couple's wealth, stood outside in the hallway. Fraden later admitted him to the apartment.

Dr. Fraden, crawling on the floor, looked up at Wepman and murmured, "Who are you?" Mrs. Fraden apparently was dead by that time, but her son poured more potassium cyanide into her mouth as well as into his father's.

Young Fraden and Wepman left the apartment together, taking along the son's fell-tale glass—untainted with poison—to destroy it.

Two days later, they returned to the apartment together and "discovered" the bodies.

Fraden who studied chemistry at New York University, where he graduated last June, had tested a mixture of champagne and potassium cyanide before the murders—to see whether the poison would be visible.

The deaths were unsolved until an attractive brunette girl friend of Wepman went to authorities.

Wepman had told her of "complicity in this thing," and she became worried about her knowledge of a crime.

De Luca said Wepman told him the murder plot began last July after Fraden's parents reduced his allowance. After that time—a month following his graduation—Fraden quarreled frequently with his parents over his refusal to get

FOR FIRST TIME

Recording Of President's Press Conference Aired

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
WASHINGTON (UP)—For the first time in White House history, a recording of an entire presidential news conference was made available last night for use by the nation's radio and television networks.

Release of the Army Signal Corps' recording of President Eisenhower's 33-minute session with newsmen yesterday also set another precedent. It was the first time that newspapers, in their stories on such conferences, were permitted to quote a President directly without limitation.

James C. Hagerly, White House press secretary, announced the departure from established practice late yesterday. He said Eisenhower called it a "Christmas present" to newsmen and the public.

Hagerly himself described the move as a first step toward broadening coverage of Eisenhower's news conferences. He said it didn't mean recordings of all future conferences will be released, but that the new practice will be followed "from time to time."

He added: "We are going to try it out and see how it works."

Discussing the step on the radio last night, Ray Scherer, White House correspondent for the National Broadcasting Co., called it "a significant milestone" and "a notable advance."

"You at home can now have a sense of participation in the news conferences," Scherer told his audience.

All major radio networks broadcast the recording, trimmed down to 30 minutes. Two television networks used excerpts against a background of films of previous

presidential news conferences. The one yesterday was not photographed.

In the past, newsmen occasionally have been authorized to quote directly a few excerpts from a President's news conference remarks. In such cases a recording of those excerpts sometimes has been released for use on radio and TV.

In general however, the White House rule has barred direct quotation or use of recordings.

Nephew Says He Strangled Woman, 40

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UP)—"I just choked her. That's all I can remember."

This was the statement given police by Bruce Bennet Hancock, 23, Phoenix plasterer, when he confessed the slaying of his aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Theima Allen, 40, Mesa, Ariz., near Miami, Ariz., Monday night.

Mrs. Allen was tentatively identified as the step-mother of movie actor Rex Allen.

Hancock told the Maricopa County sheriff's office here he had been on a day-long drinking spree. He and his aunt had motored from Phoenix to Miami (Ariz.) Monday and visited several bars along the way. Authorities were told by Hancock.

"I just went berserk," Deputy Sheriff Vernon LaMore said Hancock told him.

Two hunters, Paul Billingsly and Stanley Mikulski, found the body of the woman in Hicks Wash about 14 miles north of Miami. There were indications she had been criminally assaulted and some of her clothing had been removed, officers said.

Hancock was back on his job here when apprehended. He later made a full confession.

Officers claim Mrs. Allen was beaten over the head with a rock and then strangled. Hancock says all he remembers is the choking.

A first degree murder charge has been filed against Hancock.



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Tax Payments Top 1952 Rate

Big Spring tax collections through November of this year were \$13,130.79 more than during the same period last year. A total of \$224,222.69 was collected through November of this year. Collections during the same period of 1952 were only \$211,091.90.

These figures were listed in a comparative report of city tax department receipts submitted to members of the city council this week by Collector C. E. Johnson Jr.

In the same report, an increase of \$36,048.07 is listed for November, 1953, collections over the same month last year. November collections this year totaled \$56,161.08, as compared with the \$20,113.01 in November of last year.

Increases were noted this year in the collections of current taxes, current taxes for the prior year, penalty current taxes and dog taxes. Decreases were listed in delinquent tax receipts, interest and penalties, occupation taxes, bus franchise, tax franchise, taxi and bus drivers' licenses, and tax certificates.

Suicide Is Verdict

CISCO (UP)—Suicide was ruled yesterday in the death of N.C. Buchanan, 67, whose body was found in his car here. A hose was connected to the exhaust pipe.

8 Persons Indicted

HOUSTON (UP)—The Harris County grand jury indicted eight persons yesterday on a total of 18 narcotic and marijuana charges.

Airline Stewardesses Staying Single Longer

CHICAGO (UP)—Airline stewardesses one major company are not getting married as quickly as they did in World War II.

A survey of 900 women employees at United Air Lines showed the average length of service for a stewardess in World War II was 18 months before she married. Now the average is 29 months.

Oil Field Accident

FORT MORGAN, Colo. (UP)—Robert Patrick, 49, of Jacksboro, Tex., was killed yesterday when a heavy rope used in pulling drill pipe at an oil well tangled about his body. The accident happened in the Middle East Field, 30 miles south of

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Forsan Students Give P-TA Yuletide Program

FORSAN — Grade school students participated in the Christmas program presented for the P-TA at the school recently.

Mary Kay McAllen, first grade, gave the welcome. Christie Liles, second grade, read the Christmas story.

Both first and second grades sang "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night," accompanied by Barbara Blair.

Mrs. Wayne Monroey reviewed "The Other Wise Man." She also sang "O Holy Night," with Miss Blair accompanying.

The first grade won the room count. Hostesses were Mrs. T. R. Camp and Mrs. Henry Park. Mrs. Hamlin Elrod presided.

The refreshment table was centered with a Christmas arrangement of a gift encircled with cedar and Christmas ornaments. A lace cloth was used.

Thirty-four attended.

Mrs. R. A. Chambers entertained the Pioneer Sewing Club Tuesday in her home in the Cosden Camp with a Christmas party.

Secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Individual gifts were presented members by Mrs. G. W. Overton and Mrs. Jesse Overton.

Twelve members attended. Mrs. Lula Mitchell was a guest.

Mrs. Jesse Overton will be hostess at the next meeting on Jan. 5.

Husbands of members of the Dorcas Class of the Forsan Baptist Church were guests at a buffet dinner recently in the church annex.

Mrs. J. M. Stagner gave a Christmas story, "The Unexpected Guest." A playlet, "Shadow of the Manger," concluded the evening's program, after which gifts were exchanged.

The buffet table was covered with a green cloth and centered with a huge snowflake covered with natural greenery and topped by three large Christmas balls. It was flanked on either side by tall green tapers in double holders.

Twenty-four attended.

Mrs. Don Page and children of Albuquerque, N. M., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Duncan.

Mrs. M. E. Appling of Midland is here with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Everett, Carolyn and Butch. Carolyn was dismissed recently from the Big Spring Hospital.

The Rev. and Mrs. Burl Clark of Sugarland were here recently visiting friends en route to New Mexico. He was a former Baptist pastor here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Butler were in Rotan recently and are now vacationing in Dublin and Fort Worth.

Mrs. Pearl Scudday had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huff

and children of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Davees and children of Andrews.

Mrs. Pearl Scudday had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Orb Stice, Clovis Kendrick and Mrs. R. M. Kendrick of Brownfield. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hines.

Mrs. Vera Harris returned home from Frederick, Okla., where she attended funeral services of a cousin.

Guests of Mrs. G. W. Overton and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton and family were Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Yates of Jal. N. M., Mrs. Nell Moore of Kermit, Mrs. Nova Ballard of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rankin of Lorraine, Mr. and Mrs. James Mills and children of Colorado City and Hubert Phillips of Stanton.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Henry and sons were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Richards of Paducah and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs and Carol Ann. They also visited the Eli Jacobses.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Whittenberg and Glenda have returned from attending funeral rites for his mother, Mrs. Katie L. Whittenberg, who died Dec. 13 in a Taylor hospital. She is survived by five sons and three daughters. A daughter, Laura, taught formerly in the Forsan school.

Millers At Home In Colorado City

COLORADO CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller are at home in Colorado City following their wedding Friday at the Buford Methodist Church.

The bride is the former Paula Jo Loving, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Loving of Colorado City, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Ozelle Miller, also of Colorado City.

The Rev. W. H. Gaston, pastor of the church, read the single-ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jean Harrison was maid of honor and Jay Humphreys was best man.

The bridegroom is employed by the Col-Tex Refinery.

Reapers Class Meets In Phillips Home

Mrs. George Phillips was the hostess for the Baptist Temple Reapers Sunday School class at a Christmas social.

Mrs. Walter Grice presided at the meeting and Mrs. Tom Buckner led the opening prayer. Mrs. Elmer Terry gave the devotion and Mrs. J. J. Porter the monthly Sunday School report.

Gifts were exchanged and a box for a needy family packed. Mrs. Grice gave the closing prayer. Mrs. Buckner served refreshments to 10.



All Ready For Christmas
Angela Lansbury, pictured here wearing a practical gift suggestion—a fine lace mantilla—passes on some useful suggestions for greeting the holidays with a lovelier complexion.

HOLLYWOOD BEAUTY

Tenderness With Skin Is Angela's Counsel

By LYDIA LANE
HOLLYWOOD — Though Angela Lansbury has been living in Hollywood for a number of years, she has retained her beautiful English complexion.

"What do you do to have such a lovely skin?" I asked Angela as we lunched at MGM.

"When it comes to skins," Angela commented, "I think you can kill them with kindness. A friend of mine tries everything new that she hears about. Just about the time her system is adjusted to one formula she changes to another. I don't believe in getting in a rut but I think when you find a routine which works for you, it's smart to stay with it.

"My skin is very fine and I have no success with heavy creams. I take off my make-up with mineral type oil when I'm working, wash my face with soap and warm water and rinse well with cold water. I pour a few drops of moisture lotion into my palms and spread this lightly over my face and neck.

"The muscles are attached so delicately that when you rub against

them you'll find it difficult to keep a firm contour.

"I learned this when I was just starting in the theatre," Angela continued. "A friend of the family who had been a great beauty in London said she rubbed my face and cautioned me. She explained that you do a little damage each time when you pull against the muscles but the effect is accumulative. When you think how many times a day you wash and wipe your face and multiply this by weeks, months and years it's staggering.

"And another thing she cautioned me against was wiping the face with paper. She said it was all right to take off the first layer of cream with tissue but then you should be sure to finish with a turkish towel. The rough surface helps to clean the pores thoroughly, while tissue can't do the same type of job.

"And," Angela concluded, "cleanliness, which they say is next to godliness, is the foundation for a lovely skin."

Try Angela's complexion tips and meet the holiday season looking your loveliest.

Christmas Colors Not Always Red And Green

Red and green used in decorations means just one thing to us in the United States: Christmas! But in other countries people don't think of these as being especially Christmas colors. Mrs. Jack Appear talked on "Christmas in Other Lands."

The club had a coffee in the home of Mrs. J. E. Brown. Mrs. Appear talked on "Christmas in Other Lands."

Mrs. Appear spoke from her experiences at Christmastime in India, Germany, France and England. She was employed by the Red Cross in Europe for three years and has also lived abroad as

Mary Margaret McBRIDE SAYS

My favorite hymn was always "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" but when I was little I often wondered just what an isle was. One time on the way home from Sunday School, I asked a big girl and she explained that the Beautiful Isle of Somewhere is Heaven—surrounded on all sides by water, with gold-paved streets, pearly gates, people riding on clouds—and eating ice cream, the latter a neat afterthought encouraged, no doubt, by my enthralled listening.

My pre-acher grandfather straightened me out later on both Heaven and islands, but by that time the whole thing was well mixed up in my mind and I continued to think of islands as paradises. I still have a very special feeling about them and whenever I daydream of the perfect life I set myself up on an island, one that is all mine, with weather benign the year round and plenty of food for the plucking without planting or cultivation. Because you can do anything you want to with a dream, my palmy paradise also contains such rudimentary fixtures as running hot and cold water, gas and electricity.

Since I'd rather feared that most island paradises were confined to the South Seas, a little remote even for a daydream, I picked up with great anticipation a book Robert Froman has written describing in practical terms a million or more islands which are for sale or rent in and around the North American continent. Obviously Robert Froman is an island-fancier like me, yet I must say he has denied, if not fractured, my dream.

We're loaded with islands, he says, from northern Canada on the Atlantic all around the country up to Alaska on the other side. But very few sound as if they'd be any good at all for me on a year-round basis. Good spots for vacations, maybe, but doubtful for the long pull. Thus the northern islands, though dreamy in summer, are strictly for the gulls in winter. The southern ones are fine in winter, but mosquito-ridden and sultry in summer.

Just about the only group that sounded attractive to me for the year round is composed of South Carolina's coastal islands, many of which were once plantations

Pythian Sisters Have Yule Party

Sterling Temple 43, Pythian Sisters, had a Christmas party Wednesday night at Castle Hall. Gifts were exchanged and bingo played. The table was decorated with pine cones and boughs.

Twenty-four attended. Hostesses were Mrs. Juanita Pannin, Mrs. Annette Campbell, Mrs. Mildred Vaughn, Mrs. Earline Davidson and Mrs. Lois Underwood.

4-H Girls' Awards

Outstanding 4-H girls of the county for 1953 will be given awards at a Christmas party for county 4-H Club boys and girls Saturday at the YMCA from 2 to 4 p.m. The Howard County Home Demonstration Council is sponsoring the party.

used by the children in place of stockings, she reminded the audience. Late in the afternoon before Christmas Eve, each person carries a lighted candle to the church, and afterwards a big meal is served.

Christmas in England is more like our observance than in any of the other countries described. Mrs. Appear said. Door and window decorations are not used at all and lots of crepe paper is used for decorating the interiors.

The emphasis on Dec. 25 is on religion and a gayer celebration is held on Dec. 26, when all the shops remain closed. Turkey

stuffed with sausage is a favorite Christmas dish.

To the meeting each member brought cookies and a corsage for a patient at the State Hospital. Mrs. J. B. Knox presided at a business meeting.

The table centerpiece, made by Mrs. S. C. Riley, was of white satin poinsettias placed at the base of red candles. Silvered English Ivy and red balls were also used. Mrs. P. D. O'Brien served.

Mrs. J. P. Dodge made an arrangement of greenery sprayed with snow for the mantle, and Mrs. Della K. Agnell arranged silvered magnolia leaves for a door decoration.

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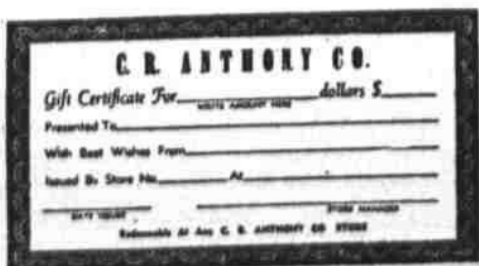
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Music And Art Is Theme For Program

Displaying her collection of picture and figurine Madonnas Mrs. Jordan Grooms told the history of Madonnas and the different interpretations they have been given in the various forms of art at a program Wednesday. The 1953 Hyperion Club had the program in the music room at Howard County Junior College.

John Bice, HCJC music department head, presented the college choir which sang Christian music from the earliest time on up through modern hymns. Mrs. Don Newsom concluded the program by singing "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Charles Watson was in charge of this portion of the program. Each member brought a gift-wrapped book to be donated to the library of the West Side Recreation Center.

The tea table featured a color scheme of silver and blue in a Christmas motif with a centerpiece of sprayed algaria. Cedar decorated the stage.

Hostesses were Mrs. W. A. Hunt, Mrs. W. C. Blankenship and Mrs. J. A. Coffey.

Mrs. Bass Hostess To WSCS Circle

Mrs. Hugh Duncan was in charge of a Christmas program presented at a buffet luncheon for Circle One of the First Methodist WSCS in the home of Mrs. A. C. Bass.

Mrs. Duncan told of Christmas customs of other lands. Mrs. M. A. Cook gave the devotion and included two short Christmas stories. Mrs. R. S. Youngblood read two Christmas poems.

Guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Jordan Grooms, Mrs. A. A. Collins, Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Mrs. Lowell Baird and A. C. Bass. Christmas decorations were used throughout the home. Twenty-four members attended.

Woman's Forum Party

The Woman's Forum will have a Christmas party Friday afternoon at 2 in the home of Mrs. Lucian Jones, 601 W. 18th. Gifts will be exchanged. Bridge and canasta will be played.



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133 Barrels Of Oil Recovered In Testing Of Luther Venture

A 15-hour test of the Siluro-Devonian formation at Texas Pacific Coal and Oil No. 1 Helen Virgil Little, semi-wildcat near Luther, had recovery of 133 barrels of oil. Also reported today were two area completions, one in the Glass (Pennsylvanian) field in Martin County and the other in the Maude (Clear Fork) field of Mitchell County.

The Martin completion is Gulf No. 2-A Glass, which made 112 barrels on potential. Humble No. 1 W. G. Trulock was finished in Mitchell County for 304 barrels of 25.7 gravity oil.

Borden
Russell Maguire No. 1 H. D. Real, wildcat about 13 miles southeast of Galil, is reportedly drilling ahead at 7,670 feet in lime today following a drillstem test with recovery of 135 feet of gas-cut mud. The test, for an unreported length of time, was between 6,740 and 6,750 feet. Location is C NW SE, 4-27-H&TC survey.

Stanolind No. 1 Beal, C SW SE NE, 14-31-3n, T&P survey, drilled to 7,486 feet in lime, shale, and chert.

Texas Company No. 8-A Clayton, east from north and 2,002 from well lines, 32-32-4n, T&P survey, reached 5,615 feet in lime and shale.

Texas Crude No. 1-10 Modesta Simpson, C SW SW, 10-33-3n, T&P survey, made it down to 7,204 feet in lime.

Skelby No. 1 J. D. Windham, C SE SE, 674-97-H&TC survey, is reported at 4,440 feet.

Johnson and Wood No. 1 Owens, 2,162 from west and 660 from south lines, 12-33-3n, T&P survey, bored to 8,290 feet in lime and shale.

Dawson
Cities Service No. 1 Winford, C SW SE, 2-4-Cunningham survey, is drilling at 5,695 feet in lime.

O'Neill No. 1 White, 330 from north and 325 from west, T&P survey, bored to 7,542 feet in lime and shale.

Carlson Beal No. 1 J. H. Adkins, C NW SE, 20-35-5n, T&P survey, dug to 6,050 feet in lime.

Murphy No. 1 Walls, C SW NW, 12-35-5n, T&P survey, got down to 5,782 feet in lime.

Howard
Texas Pacific Coal and Oil No. 1 Helen Virgil Little, C SW NW, 11-32-2n, T&P survey, flowed 183 barrels of oil in 15 hours on a test of the Siluro-Devonian through perforations. Seven per cent of recovery was water and basic sediment. Flow was through a one-inch choke, and the gas-oil ratio measured 654:1. Gravity of oil was 39.4 degrees. Operator is now preparing to acidize with 500 gallons for further tests.

Texas Pacific Coal and Oil No. 1-C Spencer, C SW SE, 11-32-2n, T&P survey, hit 1,400 feet in red-beds.

Oceanic et al and Phillips No.

French Electing New President
VERSAILLES, France (AP)—France's senators and deputies jammed into faded old Versailles Palace today and began the drawn-out process of electing a President of France.

One by one, the lawmakers stepped up to an urn in the Palace's drafty, wine-colored assembly hall and dropped in a sealed ballot denoting their choice for one of the eight candidates running to succeed Socialist Vincent Auriol. In another urn the electors dropped a ballot given them by a page when their name was called so that the number of ballots would tally with the number of voters summoned.

To win, a candidate for the coming seven-year term in an office that has tremendous prestige but little power must receive a majority of the votes.

Monahans Group To Present Cantata At Webb Tonight
Webb Air Force Base personnel will hear a Christmas cantata in two parts tonight presented by members of the Monahans Senior High School glee club and chorale group.

The group will present "The Heavenly Child" in the Academic Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The 50th Air Force Band will participate also.

The second portion of the cantata will be a Fred Waring arrangement of "The Night Before Christmas."

All persons attending are requested to leave children under six years of age at home because of the nature of such a performance which depends on absolute quiet for success. There will be no admission fee.

Directed by Clark D. Hughes, the Monahans group is composed of 56 voices.

Mrs. Milton Gives Christmas Reading
Mrs. T. A. Milton gave "Ben," a Christmas reading, at a party for the Baptist Temple Loyalty Class Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Bob Wren. Mrs. Milton and Mrs. Ross Hill were hostesses.

Mrs. Milton, class president, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Clarence Porter read from the Scriptures and carols were sung by the group. Mrs. M. E. Anderson and Mrs. A. S. Woods, accompanied by Mrs. R. C. Williams, sang "Away in a Manger."

Gifts were exchanged and a box packed for a needy family. Nine members and five visitors attended. Visitors were Mrs. T. A. Cantrell, Mrs. G. O. Allen, Mrs. Tom Buckner and Mrs. Alf Page.

Mrs. Ann LeFever On B&PW Program
Mrs. Ann LeFever gave "The Story of the Three Wise Men" at a meeting of the B&PW Tuesday at Carlos' Cafe. Mrs. Jewel Kuykendall was in charge of the program.

The group exchanged gifts and packed a box of food for a needy family for Christmas.

The club will meet for a business meeting on Jan. 12. Thirty-five attended.

Mrs. Rogers Returns From Capping Rites
Mrs. Brown Rogers has returned from Belton where she attended a capping ceremony of student nurses in training at King Daughters' Hospital. Her sister, Mrs. Jim Northam, was capped with the group.

Mrs. A. J. Pierson of Toyah, also sister of Mrs. Northam, and former resident of Big Spring, attended the capping rites with Mrs. Rogers.

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...tive republic of both Beria and Joseph Stalin.

P. Y. Meshik, a former minister of internal affairs in the Ukraine. L. E. Vodimirsky, described as the former head of the investigation department "for particularly important affairs of the U.S.S.R. MVD (secret police)."

B. Z. Kobulov, former Soviet deputy minister of internal affairs who had previously served in a similar position in the Georgia administration.

The statement charged Beria had used his position to collect "a treacherous group of plotters hostile to the Soviet state." His own "traitorous" activities, he declared, went as far back as the Russian civil war of 1918-20 when he "had established links with foreign intelligence services... under the control of British intelligence organs.



A Part Of Christmas
Toys are an important part of Christmas for all youngsters, and there's a huge variety of them in Big Spring stores. Here Mrs. W. O. Underwood looks over the big selection at Elliott's Self Service Drug, while Owner J. D. Elliott shows off the firm's merchandise.

President Plans His '54 Kickoff

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower told GOP congressional leaders today the American people "are looking to the Republican party to continue to enact a forward-looking, progressive program that will serve the welfare of 160 million people."

As Eisenhower began the first of three days of conferences with the party leaders on his 1954 legislative program, it was announced:

1. The President will make a nationwide radio and television address the evening of Jan. 4, reviewing his administration thus far and outlining broadly the 1954 objectives.

2. Eisenhower will personally deliver his State of the Union message to Congress on Jan. 7—the day after the legislators convene.

At today's first session, Eisenhower was joined by his Cabinet, other key administration officials, and top White House aides. At the outset, the President told the lawmakers:

"The American people have vested in the Republican party the responsibility of government. With that responsibility we have a great opportunity to advance the welfare of our country. Now let's go to work."

The meeting was behind closed doors, but the President's statement was made public by the White House.

Eisenhower told the group he had called the meeting to seek the leaders' advice on the legislative program which he will set out in messages.

The budget and economic messages will go to Congress soon after the State of the Union document.

"I'm very happy to see you and

LONDON PAPER PICTURES STEER
Pictorial reports of Sue White's International Grand Champion Steer may eventually circle the globe.

Billy and Betty Early have received a clipping from a London newspaper which carried a picture of Miss White and the champion Hereford. The clipping was forwarded by David Wilkerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilkerson, who is stationed in England while serving in the U. S. Air Force.

Lions Club Hears Webb AFB Singer
Christmas songs featured the Lions Club program Wednesday with A-2C Anthony Green of Webb AFB as the vocalist.

Airman Green furnished his own accompaniment as he sang half a dozen numbers. He was introduced by Dr. R. Gage Lloyd, program chairman.

George Melear, boys and girls committee chairman, announced the Christmas party was being shoved up until Thursday for children at Kate Morrison school. This necessitated a rush job on preparing 450 sacks of goodies Wednesday evening.

The children's party sponsored by the Lions auxiliary was announced for Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Girl Scout hut. Roxie Dobbins, president, announced that the club had pledged to purchase five uniforms for the junior high school band at a cost of around \$225.

Vehicles Damaged In Collision Here
A traffic mishap at 15th and State Street yesterday about 1:45 p.m. resulted in two automobiles being pulled in for repairs by a wrecker.

Drivers of the cars were Wylie Melvin Cunningham, 1009 State, and Clitus Floyd, 1500-A Virginia.

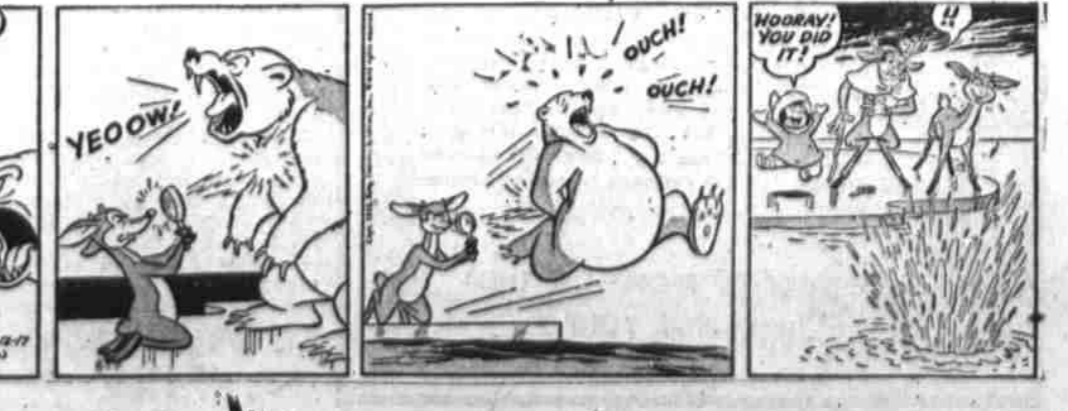
Two other collisions were reported to Big Spring police Wednesday afternoon. Harris Spencer Wood, 1500 Rannels, and James Leon Wrinkle, 2211 Rannels, were drivers involved in an accident at 13th and Donley Streets about 4:35 p.m.

About 6 p.m. vehicles driven by Robert Calhoun Jr., Route 1, and Marie Gomez, T&P section house, were in collision at 2nd and Gregg Streets.

HOSPITAL NOTES
BIG SPRING HOSPITAL
Admissions—Tom Hopper, Knott Rt.; Joan Tyler, Gen. Del.; Rosa Ramirez, 610 NW 3rd; John Adams, Olden; Emma Ayres, Odessa; Ora B. Pittman, Gen. Del.

Dismissals—Loretta Gowin, Odessa; James Edwards, 423 Westover Road; Dee Balch, 307 Bell; Kenneth Fabion, 500 Rannels; H. L. Bailey, 32 Caylor Drive; P. F. McCrary, City; Doc Wallace, Galil Rt.; Agelia Filland, Stanton; J. W. Mason, Vealmoor; Marie Lane, City; Mildred Engle, City; M. Y. Anderson, Lubbock; Caudis Bacus, 1505-A Sycamore; Homer Gent, 1302 Nolan; Aubrey Armistead, 919 W. 4th.

Richard Trotter Dies
Richard Trotter, 66, whose wife, Mary Trotter, died last Nov. 28, succumbed here Wednesday night. Arrangements are pending, the Eberly-River Funeral Home announced. He leaves a step-son, Ned Everett Alvarado, and a number of step grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



THE WEATHER
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS: Mostly cloudy and cool through tonight. Warmer Friday with occasional rain, mostly in southeast.

WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy, cool this afternoon. A little warmer Friday and in Pecos, South Plains and Pecos Valley tonight. Occasional rain Pecos Valley eastward tonight.

Big Spring: Today at 5:44 p.m., rises Friday at 7:41 a.m.

MARKETS
WALL STREET
NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market opened firm today. Activity was heavy. Advances extended to a point with losses traditional.

De Pont and Douglas Aircraft last were up a point. Bethlehem Steel was up 1/8. Radio up 1/8. Arco Steel up 1/8. Westinghouse up 1/8. General Motors up 1/8.

LIVESTOCK
FORT WORTH (AP)—Cattle 1,700 uneven grades: medium and good slaughter steers and yearlings 12.00-14.00; good and choice fat calves 14.00-18.00; plain and medium 9.00-12.50; heifers and good stocker steers calves and yearlings 11.00-17.00.

Hogs 100 up 25; choice 190-250 lbs 20.00.

Sheep 600; steady; utility and good wooded slaughter lambs 14.00-17.00; good spring yearlings 12.00-13.00; aged weathers 10.00-12.00; feeder lambs 13.00-14.00; breeding ewes 8.00.

COTTON
NEW YORK (AP)—Cotton was 5 to 48 cents a bale lower at noon today. March 32.94, May 32.31, July 32.02.