

# Crippled In Battle, Nazi Raider Guarded By Foes In Neutral Port

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 14 (AP)—The German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, her steel rent by British guns and 36 of her crew dead, clung to her refuge today in this neutral port while two of the three British cruisers which engaged her in a 14-hour running battle yesterday mounted guard out at sea.

The third cruiser the crippled Exeter, which was knocked out of the fight after four hours of cannonading, limped into the Rio La Plata to a position 13 miles off Montevideo.

From London the admiralty announced naval forces watching for the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee "have been strongly reinforced."

No details were given, however, of the additions to the cruisers Ajax and Achilles which mounted guard outside Montevideo in an effort to prevent escape of the Nazi warship from the neutral port.

As British legion officials sailed out to board her, reports were current there were many dead and wounded aboard the cruiser but nothing official had been issued on casualties either among the crews of the Exeter or her fellow fighters, the Achilles and the Ajax, all of which were damaged.

Interment for the duration of the European war seemed the only prospect for the warship which Germany in the days of naval limitation built to outrun or outgun any other warship afloat. Her other choice would be a desperate gamble to escape after her repairs.

A daring attempt by the shell-torn ship to run the gauntlet of British cruisers holding a "death watch" outside the harbor was forecast in an NBC broadcast from the South American port.

The NBC announcer said the German ship was rushing repairs and seemingly desperate efforts were being made to sail out of the harbor before a time deadline interned the Graf Spee for the duration of the war.

He also said a reinforced squadron of British cruisers was lying in wait at the mouth of the Plate river, but did not specify the ships involved.

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## Extensive Paving Program Ordered; Hearing Set Jan. 9

City Proposes To Continue Project, With 33 Blocks Included In First Unit; Owner Participation Necessary

A long-range paving program, looking toward eventual surfacing of more than 50 blocks of city streets, was set in motion by the city commission Wednesday evening, as a date was set for formal hearing on paving orders affecting an initial unit of 33 blocks.

## 127 Members Are Added To C. Of C. Roll

Chamber of commerce leaders Thursday hailed their annual membership invitation as a decided success after reports at a victory dinner Wednesday evening indicated 127 new members for the organization.

## Salvation Army Baskets Out For Food Donations

Baskets for receiving food donations have been left in 11 local grocery stores, the Salvation Army announced here Thursday.

## Weather

WEST TEXAS—Fair, warmer in north and east portions tonight; Friday fair, warmer in southeast portion.

## Towns Afire As Russians Push Forward

Finns Retreating, Leaving Dynamite Charges In Mines

HELSINKI, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Finnish army communique asserted tonight that an extensive area had been recaptured by the Finns in the vicinity of Tolvaarvi and the Russian invaders were forced to retreat.

KIRKENES, Norway (At The Finnish Frontier)—Dec. 14 (AP)—Russian troops neared flaming Salmijarvi tonight as Finnish forces retreated southward except for a rear guard detachment left to explode dynamite charges in valuable nickel mines.

As far as could be seen from the Norwegian frontier town of Panvik, all villages and habitations on the Finnish side were aflame. The Russians were expected to reach Salmijarvi some time tonight.

The Finns were preserving good order as they withdrew along the Arctic highway.

Norwegians laid dynamite on the frozen river Pasvik, separating Norway and Finland, to be exploded if necessary to safeguard their neutrality.

Salmijarvi and four other towns in the region—Kolonjoki, Tu'levi, Kolvolahki and Kovoran—were ablaze today.

The entire district from Borjeto to Salmijarvi was covered with black smoke.

The Petsamo district is a narrow corridor of Finnish territory on the Arctic ocean.

Though Finland at this point is scarcely 30 miles wide, it could not be clearly discerned how far the Russian troops have advanced.

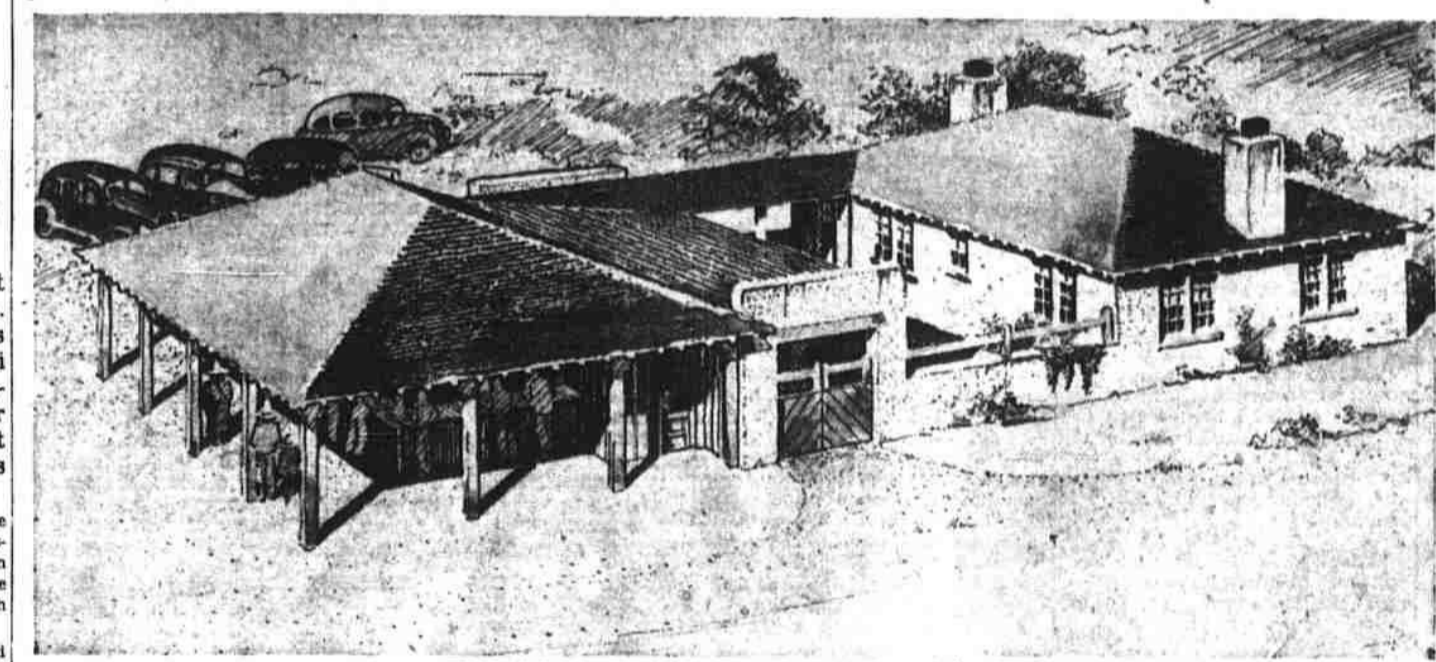
Finns escaping from Salmijarvi to the Norwegian town of Svanvik, just across the border, said Salmijarvi no longer could be held.

It was uncertain whether the city manager and four other towns in the region—Kolonjoki, Tu'levi, Kolvolahki and Kovoran—all were ablaze today.

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# RUSSIA OUSTED FROM LEAGUE

DESIGN FOR PROPOSED CONCESSION HOUSE AT CITY'S NEW LAKE



## Nazi Liner To Try Blockade

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Dec. 14 (AP)—The 32,581-ton German liner Columbus slipped out of Vera Cruz in the darkness early today on what was an apparent attempt to run the Atlantic and reach a German port through the allied naval blockade.

## Installing Air Signal Here

Installation of a "Z-finder," or a "home plate for fliers," at the Big Spring Department of Commerce airway radio transmitting station is now under way.

## Third Street Parallel Parking Is Abolished; Auditorium Rates Cut

The city commission Wednesday evening reached a solution on two income problems which have been matters of concern to many local folk for some time.

# Expulsion Is First Action Of Its Kind

Soviet Dropped Because Of Aggression Against Finland

GENEVA, Dec. 14 (AP)—Soviet Russia, condemned as an aggressor for invading Finland, was expelled today from the League of Nations.

The league council vote ousting Russia officially was unanimous, as required by the league covenant, although four nations abstained from voting and three were absent from the crucial session which expelled a member for the first time since the league was created in 1919.

## Britain Loses Other Ships

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Disaster moved hand in hand with success today in Great Britain's fight to remain mistress of the seas and to break Germany.

## NYA Project Sought To Build Lake House

Construction of a concession house and caretaker's residence at the city's new water reservoir on Moss Springs creek was in the offing again, after the city commission Wednesday evening authorized an application for a National Youth Administration project covering the work.

## 80 Killed In Plant Blast

BUCHAREST, Dec. 14 (AP)—Eighty persons were killed and 200 others were gravely injured today in an explosion at a cellulose plant under military control at Zarnesti.

## Foreign Policy Into Campaign

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—A sharp division in republican ranks over whether American foreign policy should be made an issue in the 1940 campaign arose today as an aftermath of "draft Roosevelt" pronouncements by two new deal diplomats.

## ELIMINATION OF OIL SHUTDOWN TO BE STUDIED BY OFFICIALS

AUSTIN, Dec. 14 (AP)—The end of statewide shutdowns of oil production probably will come in form of discussion at tomorrow's hearing on January prorations of more than 90,000 Texas wells.



Stopping Days Till Christmas

One Is Beloved BY LOUISE PLATT HAUCK

CONCLUDING THE CREEPING MAN

Chapter 40 EXPLANATIONS The little breakfast room was bright with sun...

laboratory near by. I should think that fact would explain the disappearance of those bodies...

"Oh, yes. I was forgetting. Well, that was a dead give-away. I don't know how Miss Lacey knew it was there...

Chapter One BROTHER AND SISTER Sue Davenport came into the big living-room with her own peculiar light-footed step...

Sue laughed outright. "Sue Kettle! It sounds like a Salvation Army lass! I can just hear Forest Webb toasting the engagement..."

man sat limply. "With practically an entire block of vacant ground, must you choose the identical spot where one lonely car is parked?"

Duncan's brows drew together. Michael looked at him swiftly. "That's it, Bunny. But I was pretty stupid about it. I got an inkling of the truth when Jameson described how Murchison acted when the delegation came to him with that paper from the pound bearing his signature..."

Key Or Keys? "Thank you. I'll remember that. Another thing—will you tell me now why you were having me followed?"

"Dear, dear," Tuck sighed. "To think it has come to this. All the mystery dissipated as... what was it you said, Michael? As the dew fleeth before the coming of the sun, and I said after, which is right, there's nothing left but the love part, and that's so overdone nowadays..."

"Sue roused herself with a little laugh. 'I suppose it is! And I must have a bath and change before then.' She came close to the old woman. 'I smell of woodsmoke and dusty leaves and walnuts. They're thick under the big tree on Wyeth Hill!'"

Allen interrupted her. "Honestly, Sue, you haven't been up there alone again—and this late in the day besides? How many times do I have to tell you 'tain't safe to hug that Cut-'"

"You ought to have looked before you started up here!" she stormed. "You ought not to be allowed to drive! You ought to have your license taken away from you!"

Chapter 40 HAPPY ENDINGS Tuck put her hand out and patted his. "Never mind, Michael, she said softly. 'It was a new experience. I'll sell it to a movie company some day, and make all our fortunes.' But her lips were dry again at that terrible memory..."

Michael smiled. "Yes. You said I knew as much about this case as you were absolutely sure of, I'd never speak to Duncan again."

THE END Finland Purchases Will Help Reduce U.S. Surpluses WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—With 10 million borrowed dollars to spend in the United States, Finland soon may be helping American families on relief get up the agricultural surplus, while adding also to American farmers' income.

Chapter Two RIVER BLUFF "It doesn't seem to me—well, normal, Sue, for you to be so different to men at your age," said Allen. "You're as emotionally immature as a child. You ought to be blushing and palpitating, jumping when the doorbell or telephone rings, half out of your wits with joy one day, dissolved in tears the next..."

Later when the two had settled down to their evening meal, Sue looked up at him. "I'm glad to hear you're so happy," she said. "I'm glad to hear you're so happy..."

Announcing the program, Superintendent L. A. Woods said the office would have to work overtime to calculate and write checks for 7,900 schools to get out the money prior to the holidays. The announcement came after Comptroller George H. Sheppard stated the available school fund contained approximately \$7,000,000 less which, for the first time, were subject to discount if paid in advance.

Continued Next Week

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

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

SCHOOLS GET MORE STATE MONEY PRIOR TO THE HOLIDAYS AUSTIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—For the first time in history, Texas schools will receive a \$5 payment on the \$22 per capita student apportionment before Christmas.

## Diplomats From Warring Nations May Bow Coolly At Reception

### Finns Resigned To Omitting Christmas To Help Homeland

FITCHBURG, Mass., Dec. 14 (AP)—"Little Finland" faced its saddest Christmas today.

The homeland of Fitchburg's 8,000 Finnish-Americans has been attacked by mighty Russia and money that ordinarily would be spent to make the Yuletide glad had been contributed to a relief fund for friends and relatives in the fatherland.

"This will be the saddest Christmas we have known," said the Rev. Andrew Groop, pastor of the Finnish Congregational church, "and observance will be greatly cut down, because the people are sending as much money as possible across the sea."

"Many people may even go to the extent of making toys for the children because of their many sacrifices for the cause. I know of one man who gave \$40, and two of his daughters each gave \$15. And they are not people who can well afford it."

Most parents and children are resigned to a curtailed Christmas. One man, a mechanic, said last year's sled might have to do as one of the presents for his five-year-old daughter.

A 10-day relief fund drive which ended yesterday netted more than \$10,000.

### THINKS ROOSEVELT WON'T RUN AGAIN

ST. PAUL, Dec. 14 (AP)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont) said in an interview here last night that he expected President Roosevelt to decline to run for a third term because he "doesn't want the job" and out of respect to American tradition.

"If the president does decide not to run again, then I myself will give serious consideration to any offer the democratic national committee makes me. However, I most definitely will not accept any nomination for vice president."

### AN ANALYSIS OF THE WAR DEVELOPMENTS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Hidden springs are being uncovered in European relationships at the league of nations court-martial of Russia over the invasion of Finland.

The harsh feelings displayed between Moscow and the Anglo-French allies as a result of this imbroglio have created fresh talk regarding the real and the potential relations among the European powers.

One idea with which Europe just now is toying I heard put in words a couple of weeks ago when somebody asked:

"Is there any possibility of Germany and the Anglo-French allies uniting ultimately against Soviet Russia?"

The idea really isn't so far-fetched after all, when one analyzes the situation.

Fitting rather well into this picture was the debate in the British house of lords yesterday as to whether profitable peace could be made with Germany at this time. This was initiated by government critics, and Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax voiced regret the question had been raised. However, it shows that at least a few people in such high places are thinking of war's end.

The most satisfactory way to answer for the unusual problem as to future allied-German relations is to begin by considering what each of the great powers is bent on. When once that is determined, subsequent developments can be fixed on that basis. Here it is:

RUSSIA—Neutral observers generally believe the soviet union is aiming to secure domination of northern and eastern Europe and the Balkans, at least. An integral part of the program is a revival of the campaign to establish communism throughout Europe.

GERMANY—Hitler originally set out to secure control of the same territory for which Russia seems to be aiming. The Muscovites have been trampling on his dreams, including that of the Drang Nach Osten.

ANGLO-FRENCH—Bent on maintaining the balance of power in Europe, and on preventing not only Germany but anybody else from carrying out schemes of expansion which would challenge allied control. Incent on maintaining domination of the Mediterranean.

ITALY—Seeking wider privileges in the Mediterranean zone, more colonies, and politico-economic expansion into those same Balkans which both Russia and Germany have an eye on.

That sketchy outline is sufficient to show that there is a wholesale clash of interests among the Anglo-French brotherhood, Germany and Russia. Each, after its own fashion, is seeking control—direct or indirect—of the same territory.

If the allies and Germany have anything at all in common at this juncture it is their (1) very real fear of the spread of communism, and (2) their desire to keep Russia from pushing westward in Europe and so spilling over into what they regard as their private stamping ground. With this Italy seems in hearty accord.

Were the allies and Germany not now at war, and were Russia attempting expansion westward, it surely could cause no surprise if London, Paris, Berlin and Rome combined against the Muscovites. But now the Hitlerian war precludes such joint action.

There doesn't seem to be anything very strange, however, in the suggestion that common cause might be made against the communists once the allied-Germanic conflict has been ended. That could happen, despite Russo-German cooperation now. All governments of Europe have a very real dread of communism.

### MANY NEVER SUSPECT CAUSE OF BACKACHES

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—There may be some cold glances and stiff bows in the White House parlors tonight, when diplomats from 53 nations—some warring, some barely speaking, and some vanished—gather for their annual reception by President Roosevelt.

The strict rules of protocol probably will prevent any "incidents" at the party, traditionally the most brilliant in Washington, but there have been enough complications to give state department officials a headache.

Time-honored precedent dictates the order in which the diplomats line up with their wives under the glittering east room chandeliers.

Ambassadors go first, according to length of service in Washington. Each is followed by his secretaries, military and naval attaches and their wives. Then come ministers, also ranked by service, and finally the charge d'affaires.

Continued absence of the German ambassador has averted one possible delicate situation. Instead of preceding the French embassy staff, German diplomats will fall in near the rear of the line, taking the rank of their charge d'affaires, Hans Thomsen.

But it appeared certain the Japanese delegation would be right on the heels of the Chinese. Dr. Hu Shih, the Chinese ambassador, arrived last October just two months before Ambassador Horinouchi of Japan.

Precedence will put the Russian diplomats just ahead of the British staff although they are not inviting each other over for cozy cups of tea just now. In front of the Russians will be the Spanish group, despite the fact that General Franco and the soviet government have no diplomatic relations.

Otherwise the line-up appears comparatively safe.

No careful arrangements, however, can insure that the Finnish minister and the Russian ambassador will not meet in the downstairs room where coats are checked or at the buffet in the state dining room, where guests chat informally after being received.

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#### BUSINESS VISITOR

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## Ray Nichols To Talk Here

Ray Nichols of Vernon, prominent Texas editor and speaker and a past president of the West Texas chamber of commerce, has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual banquet session of the Men's Bible class of the First Methodist church. The affair is scheduled for January 5.

The banquet will be held in the church basement, with ladies of

the church serving the meal. Ladies will be guests of the class members, as will ministers of all the city's churches.

Shine Phillips will be master of ceremonies for the evening. Mrs. G. H. Wood will be in charge of music and general arrangements are under direction of Hayes Stripling.

The banquet hall will accommodate about 250, and a capacity crowd is anticipated. Reservations may be made with Stripling, or Pastor J. O. Haymes.

Precedent in South African municipal elections was believed set when a candidate there did not poll a single vote. His requisition was signed by 25 registered voters.

## Mechanical Man To Be Seen At M'Crory Store

Frosto, the mechanical man who says he resisted the efforts of England's king and queen to make him smile, will appear at M'Crory's Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. It was announced today by J. W. Sherwood, manager of that firm.

Frosto was in Ripley's Odditorium at the New York world's fair when he claims he drew the attention of the royal couple for

20 minutes. He holds a record of two hours and 37 minutes during which he did not change facial expression or so much as bat an eyelash.

Smiles are so rare with Frosto, whose real name is Cyrus Brown, that Manager Sherwood has offered a dollar's worth of merchandise to any person who can make him smile.

In real life, Frosto smiles as much and as broadly as any other person. To further prove his human qualities, Frosto recently got married. But while the show is on, he won't even smile for his bride.

## RURAL HOUSING TO BE EMPHASIZED

FORT WORTH, Dec. 14 (AP)—Rural housing now looms as the big program ahead for the United States Housing Authority, Nathan Straus, USHA administrator, declared here today.

Here for an inspection of the two urban low-rent housing projects under construction and a conference on rural conditions in Texas, Straus said he was "amazed at the interest manifested in the new rural housing program."

Just how far the USHA can go in this new program, however, depends upon what congress does about the \$800,000,000 housing measure which the senate passed and which has been favorably reported by the house, Straus explained.

It is the present plan that about \$200,000,000 of the amount sought in the pending bill would be used in carrying out the rural housing program.



We will ask her father for a hundred pounds of gold.

Chapter 10  
Three Trolls

There was not a friendly fairy or bird or fox in all that big forest to help Leezen, the doll, where she stood. And she, poor doll, couldn't help herself because she could neither talk nor move until the midnight hour struck again.

She stood quite alone until just before dusk when there were shouts and rumbling through the trees. If only Leezen could have heard them she might have hidden. But she stood silent, and there she was found by three very old trolls who were going home. They had been out all day looking for pieces of gold. They had looked for gold so long that they walked hunched over, and their big hands hung down to their knees.

"Sh, look," whispered one troll as he spied Leezen. "A princess. We'll take her home and make the king give us gold for her return."

"Oh, gold, gold," mumbled the other two.

They crept up to the doll on their hands and knees. Their little squint eyes never left her face. Then one straightened up and said, very astonished, "Why she's asleep or blind."

"Are you blind?" shouted another. Leezen neither moved nor answered. So the trolls lost their fear of her and scampered up. One felt her pretty dress between his bony fingers. Another ran his finger over her pretty blue slippers. The third stood still and grinned.

Not Very Nice

"Come," said the first, "let's tie our coats together and carry her home." So they knotted their coats together, swung the corners up on their shoulders and put Leezen into

## 20 Lined Up For Workers' Night Class

Twenty men have indicated they will participate in the first of what is conceived as a series of adult evening school classes for oil field workers.

At least there were that many on hand Tuesday evening at Coahoma when a class in production practice was organized and Turner Winn, Big Spring, was selected as instructor.

Ten of the men ordered texts for the course and others plan to order during the week, while still others will share a book with some member of the class. Other oil field workers who are interested in the course may enter by being present for the first meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the Coahoma school.

The course is sponsored by the Coahoma school, in cooperation with state and federal educational agencies, and comes at a very nominal cost to anyone actively engaged in the work.

Production practices is a 96-hour course dealing with operations involved in producing oil and gas from the completed well. The function of each phase of production practice and operation of equipment receives full attention. Classes meet for two hours on Monday and Friday of each week.

Courses, all approved by the American Petroleum Institute, are available in other lines when as many as 12 men sign for them.

Among the courses are elementary and advanced oil field mathematics, care and operation of internal combustion engines, guide for foremanship training, main-

tenance and repair of mechanical equipment, steam power, drilling practices, elementary science applied to petroleum industry, electricity in petroleum industry, natural gas, blue print reading and natural gasoline.

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## NEWS NOTES FROM THE OIL FIELD COMMUNITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Watkins and daughter, Deanna Marie, spent last weekend with Mrs. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson of Sterling City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hollis of Odessa visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller this week.

Mrs. Roy Lamb is reported to be improving in a Temple hospital following a major operation.

The houses on the Merrick-Bristow lease are being improved and remodeled by the company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood Williams and family moved to Archer City Tuesday.

Hardy Morgan of Lamesa visited on his Howard county ranch Monday.

Ernest Clifton sold 123 mutton

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| Sunnybank 2 lbs. Oleo ..... 25c          | Lux Toilet SOAP ..... 5c                        | Cherub Milk 3 Lge. or 6 Sm. Cans 19c        |
| Su-Purb Gran. 24 oz. Pkg. Soap ..... 17c | Pure Cane SUGAR ..... 10 lb. Cloth Bag 52c      | Chocolate Covered Brazil Nuts 1 lb. Box 35c |
| Bulk Dates ..... 25c                     | Stokely's Finest PUMPKIN ..... 2 No. 2 Cans 15c | Airway Coffee ..... 2 lbs. 27c              |
| Mammy Lou 20 lb. Bag Meal ..... 45c      | Southern Lady MINCE MEAT ..... 2 lb. Jar 25c    | Sun Maid Raisins ..... 15 oz. Pkg. 10c      |

Guaranteed MEATS

SMOKED HAMS

Tender Cured Whole or Half 18c

Cheese Kraft's Leaf 1 Pound 28c

Bacon Maximum Sliced 1 lb. 25c

Beef Steak Shoulder Round 1 lb. 20c

Bacon Squares Sugar Cured 1 lb. 13c

Cheese Texas Longhorn 1 lb. 15c

Brookfield Patties 1 lb. 20c

Vacuum Cooked Tender Boneless HAMS ..... 1 lb. 35c

Brick Chili Mexican Chili 1 lb. 15c

Pork Chops Ham and Blade Cuts 1 lb. 14c

Sausage Pure Pork 1 lb. 12 1/2c

Pure Lard In Cartons 1 lb. 9c

ROUND STEAK Quality Fed Beef ..... 1 lb. 27c

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Washington State APPLES

Extra Fancy Delicious 72 Size Doz. 40c

Extra Fancy Delicious 150 Size Doz. 25c

Extra Fancy Winesaps 138 Size Doz. 19c

Ex. Fey Rome's Apples 113 Size Doz. 25c

Crisp Large Celery ..... 2 Stalks 15c

Fresh Bunches Vegetables 2 For 5c

Delicious D'anjou Pears . 110 Size Doz. 33c

Large Lettuce . 5 Doz. Size Head 5c

Red Grapes . Emperors 2 lbs. 15c

Com. Potatoes Rural 10 lbs. 19c

Late Cranberries Howe ... lb. 15c

Quality Texas ORANGES

176 Size 288 Size

Doz. 19c | Doz. 10c

Kitchen Craft FLOUR

24-lb. bag .... 69c

48-lb. bag ... \$1.29

KBST NOTES—

Paris Program To Be On Air On Friday

On the occasion of the third anniversary of Radio Station KPLT, Paris, students of Paris Junior college, headed by their president, J. R. McLemore, will present a variety broadcast from 3:30 to 4 p. m. Friday over Station KBST and the Texas State Network.

Originating from the studios of KPLT, the program will feature the singing of the 25-voiced Girls Choral club in the numbers "Monastery Garden" and "Stardust."

A short talk will be made by President McLemore. Others to appear are Lindsay Crump, xylophone soloist; Iris Sellers, accordionist; Thelma Walker and Mildred Love, pianists.

Tomorrow: Eric goes to seek Leezen.

Safe Cities To Be Honored

AUSTIN, Dec. 14 (AP)—For the first time in history Texas cities with outstanding traffic safety records for 1939 will be awarded signal honors at the statewide convention of the Texas Safety association next spring in Austin, Director Nat S. Perrine announced today.

Merit awards will be presented cities with the lowest number of traffic fatalities in three population classifications.

Dallas and Fort Worth are leading in one group, Amarillo and Beaumont in the second, and Texarkana, Corsicana, Temple, Harlingen, Brownwood, Greenville, McAllen, Highland Park, Odessa, San Benito, Denton, Vernon, Victoria and Gainesville in the third, association records show.

El Paso, Houston and San Antonio rank behind the leaders in group one while Corpus Christi, Port Arthur, Wichita Falls, Waco, Galveston and Austin trail, in that order, in the second classification. All cities ranked in the third group showed no traffic deaths the first 10 months of the year.

Deaths occurring up to January 15 from injuries received prior to December 31 will be counted against the 1939 record, the awards committee said.

Perrine stated difference in percentage separating several cities in various groups was so small that one death could affect their rating tremendously.

Carl Weber, 77, pianist, who was born and brought up in London, died there. He had played at Windsor Castle for Queen Victoria.

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# Details Given On CAA's Flight Scholarship Program, Due To Be Instituted Soon In Big Spring

Hopes that full details on civilian flight scholarships, to be made available to a class of 10 here under the Civil Aeronautics Authority's pilot training program will be at hand soon was expressed Saturday by City Manager E. V. Spencer. Announcement of the Big Spring designated as one of two Texas points—Austin is the other—for the aviation training came from the CAA last week.

The city commission here probably will serve as local sponsor, and must conform with CAA requirements in the arrangements for instructors, etc. The scholarships will be open to non-college citizens between 18 and 25 years of age on January 1. Further details of the program are contained in a news release from the CAA.

In all respects the courses will be the same as those provided for in the colleges under the civilian pilot training act and the appropriation of \$4,000,000 by the last session of congress. That act required that at least five per cent of those trained be non-college students.

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

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

## Long Illness Is Fatal To J. L. Thomas

A lengthy illness resulted in the death Tuesday morning of John Louis Thomas, resident of Big Spring for 20 years and a long-time manager of the Western Union office here. Mr. Thomas, 68, succumbed at 11:30 a. m. at his home, 611 Nolan street.

When we started this morning," said Rev. E. E. Mason, the pastor, motioning to a growing excavation, "we didn't know that anyone besides myself and another man would be here to do any digging. There's been 10 or 12 in here to help."

## Rev. R. E. Day Suffers Stroke

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

## Old Toys Needed For Repairing As Christmas Gifts

Got a tricycle around the place—one the kids have outgrown and leave on the walk in front of the porch?  
Got any other cast-off playthings like roller skates, scooters, wagons, dolls, pop-guns, blocks, telephones, horns, drums, tiny beds, dishes, trains, etc.?

## 93 Attend Baptist Brotherhood Meet

The Men's Brotherhood of the East Fourth Street Baptist church had its second meeting of the new year Monday at 7:30 p. m. with President Dorman Kinard in charge.

## Big Vote For Cotton Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Victorious in three important farmer referenda this fall, administration leaders are confident today that new real crop control policies would go into the 1940 presidential campaign with greater support from producers than at any time since their inauguration in 1933.

## LINT EXPORT RATE IS TRIMMED AGAIN

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

## U. S. Business Continues At A Fast Pace

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 (AP)—The nation's business added to its present pace in the third months this year in the face of dwindling orders in the heavy division and a cautious buying policy by retailers who are experiencing the best Christmas season in years.

## WOULD-BE PILOTS ASKED TO HOLD UP APPLICATIONS

To all you would-be fliers—patience, please! Since announcement last week that Big Spring was designated by the Civil Aeronautics Authority as one of the two Texas points...

## County Fund Balance At High Mark

Unprecedented payments of current taxes in October and a substantial amount in November sent the Howard county cash balance soaring to a near peak as of November 30, the monthly report of Treasurer Ida Collins showed when approved by the commissioners court Monday.

## LEAVES HOSPITAL

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

## Economist Ayres Cheerful About Business Prospects For 1940

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—Col. Leonard P. Ayres is cheerful about 1940 business prospects. Industrial production will be indexed around 110, against about 105 this year, he said today, and national income will attain some 71 billion against 1939's 69 billion.

## San Francisco Ballet To Appear Here Jan. 24

The San Francisco Opera Ballet is an integral part of the coast city's annual opera presentations, and is kept permanently organized, making tours out of opera season. It has won high acclaim on the west coast, and this year is making a nationwide tour. The date here was available, because of engagements booked at El Paso and Houston.

## Rites Said For Mrs. Hatchett

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

## Welfare Unit In New Office

Headquarters for the county welfare unit were opened in a new location Monday in a move to give the city possession of the old building at First and Gollard streets.

## Former Editor Is Visitor In City

James T. Williams, Jr., long-time Washington correspondent and former editor-in-chief of the Boston Transcript, left Saturday for Dayton, Ohio, after a two-day visit here as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Barnaby.

## Fossil Remains Of The Prehistoric Phytosaur Uncovered By Workers In Excavations Near Otischalk

West Texas today is a land of cattle and oil and cotton, of wide plains, clear air and thriving cities. But the West Texas of millions of years ago, when great shallow seas covered much of this region, might have been on another planet.

## Lake Road To Be Open Soon

Opening of the county lateral road to the city's Moss Creek lake site within two weeks was foreseen Saturday by Thurston Orenbaum, county road engineer.

## Anna Belle Edwards To Be Honor Girl At Stock Show

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

## RUN OVER BY CAR, YOUTH INJURED

Herschel Black, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black, residing in Big Spring, was seriously injured last Saturday afternoon about 9:30 when a car backed over him, causing severe chest injuries and a broken left arm. He is in Big Spring hospital for treatment.

## Countdown To Christmas

The belated Christmas shopping season appeared to be gaining some momentum Monday as the time for buying gifts dwindled to 11 days. In spite of the slow start of the buying for the Yuletide, postal receipts through Dec. 9 showed an advantage over last year, Nat. Adv. postmaster, said Monday. As of Saturday evening the office had done \$377 more business than for the same period a year ago.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GIVEN AS BAPTIST MEN CONVENE

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

## Children Slightly Hurt As Result Of Car Collision

Charles Richard and Clara Royce, five and a half year old twin children of J. L. McFallen, 1109 Johnson, were bruised and shaken Thursday afternoon when a car, which figured in a crash, bounded onto the lot where they were playing.

## County Votes Heavily For Cotton Quota

Howard county cotton producers Saturday piled up a 93 per cent majority in support of the cotton marketing quotas established by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

## Acree Allotment For County Is Received Here

General acreage allotment for Howard county was received Saturday together with cottoning sheets, M. Weaver, county adjustment assistant, announced.

## Dorothy Dublin Is Showing Continued Improvement

Making another "comeback" a long fight against illness, Dorothy Dublin, under treatment in El Paso hospital, is steadily proving, her father, Charles D. Dublin, said Saturday. He is in receipt from a physician at hospital who said Dorothy's condition was extremely encouraging.

## County's Loan Basis Is 8.70

Loan basis for Howard county cotton was announced Monday. The government loan for middling white 7-8 inch staple is 8.70, a figure that is \$2.50 a bale, or about \$2.50 a bale, under for Galveston, Houston, etc.