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SHOPPING DAYS
TILL CHRISTMAS

Joan Morgenthau White House Deb



Joan Morgenthau, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Morgenthau, will make her debut to Washington society at a White House holiday dance to be given for her by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt right after Christmas.

243 Fines Are Paid For Violations Of Fish and Game Law

AUSTIN, Tex.—A few out-of-state residents and Texans totaling 243 paid fines for violations of game and fish laws during November, the report of wardens to the executive secretary of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission discloses. Hunters and fishermen were found guilty of a large variety of offenses and paid fines ranging from \$10 to \$100.

Several deer headlighters suffered to the extent of \$100 each and two brothers were each fined \$125 on two counts, that of headlighting and killing deer out of season. Several out-of-state residents attempting to hunt in Texas without a license were each fined \$100.

Violations for which anglers and nimrods were convicted during the month include: hunting from car, no lure license, hunting without license, killing deer out of season, headlighting for deer, killing deer, hunting doves after sunset, having unplugged gun, killing squirrel out of season, killing ducks or geese after 4 p. m., shrimping in closed waters, pollution of streams, killing turkey hens, hunting geese before sunrise, unlawful fishing with hands, killing spike buck, over bag limit on ducks, quail and doves, possessing short bass, selling fish from Lake Buchanan, possessing quail out of season, dragging nets, dynamiting fish, selling wild game, taking crappie out of season, no commercial fishing license, no skiff license, injuring small fish, illegally dredging oysters, taking fish with illegal line and baiting ducks with corn.

Commercial and amateur photographers usually operate under the same principle, Professor Smith continued, and will furnish valuable contributions to the file.

Roundup Time Is Coming To An End

By United Press
MARFA, Tex.—Once more roundup time in the highland section of West Texas is coming to an end.

For almost an eight-week period cattlemen have shipped carloads of sturdy calves to feeders in other states for fattening. From there they will be distributed all over the nation.

Final shipments of highland range livestock are expected to be made not later than mid-December.

SPEED UP OF DEFENSE PLAN BEING URGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—William Knudsen, head of the United States re-armorment program, today wrote a letter to machine tool workers, asking their cooperation in speeding up work because of "the terrible emergency of this situation."

Meanwhile President Roosevelt is speeding by special train from Georgia to the national capital, after an inspection trip to proposed naval bases in the Western Hemisphere.

It was believed in some quarters that he would confer with Knudsen and other defense heads, in an effort to speed up production of armaments and supplies for both the national defense program and Great Britain, and because of the "unlimited state of national emergency in the armament production program."

The President is also expected to confer with Secretary of State Cordell Hull concerning the vacancy in the British Embassy, caused by the death of Lord Lothian.

Meanwhile in London it was rumored in semi-official circles that David Lloyd George, prime minister of Great Britain during the World War, would be asked to become ambassador to the United States.

Royal Air Force Hits Objectives In Raid On Berlin

After 19 raidless days, Berliners took to their air raid shelters Sunday night when the Royal Air Force staged another raid on the German capital.

The British Air Ministry claimed, and Berlin partly confirmed, that military objectives in the capital were struck by high explosive bombs. For the first time the German high command admitted damage had been done in Berlin, stating that a big railway station, a subway and other objectives had been damaged during the raid. Only two deaths and five other casualties were reported in Berlin.

Photographic Records Collected By School

WACO, Tex.—A collection of Texas photographic records to which newspapers, commercial and amateur photographers will contribute, has been begun at Baylor University under the direction of Prof. A. Clarence Smith, it was announced today by President Pat M. Neff.

The collection is intended to preserve a pictorial history of all Texas communities, President Neff said. Whenever anyone has need in future years for a picture of the old school house at Cameron, for example, he explained, it can be obtained from this collection.

Professor Smith, considered the dean of the nation's news-photography instructors, said that the collection will be formed of negatives that would ordinarily be destroyed. There will be all kinds of film of all subjects by all cooperating photographers in the state, he said.

He explained that newspapers usually file their negatives from one to four years and then destroy them. Instead, under the arrangements for Baylor collection the file will be preserved here indefinitely, available at any time.

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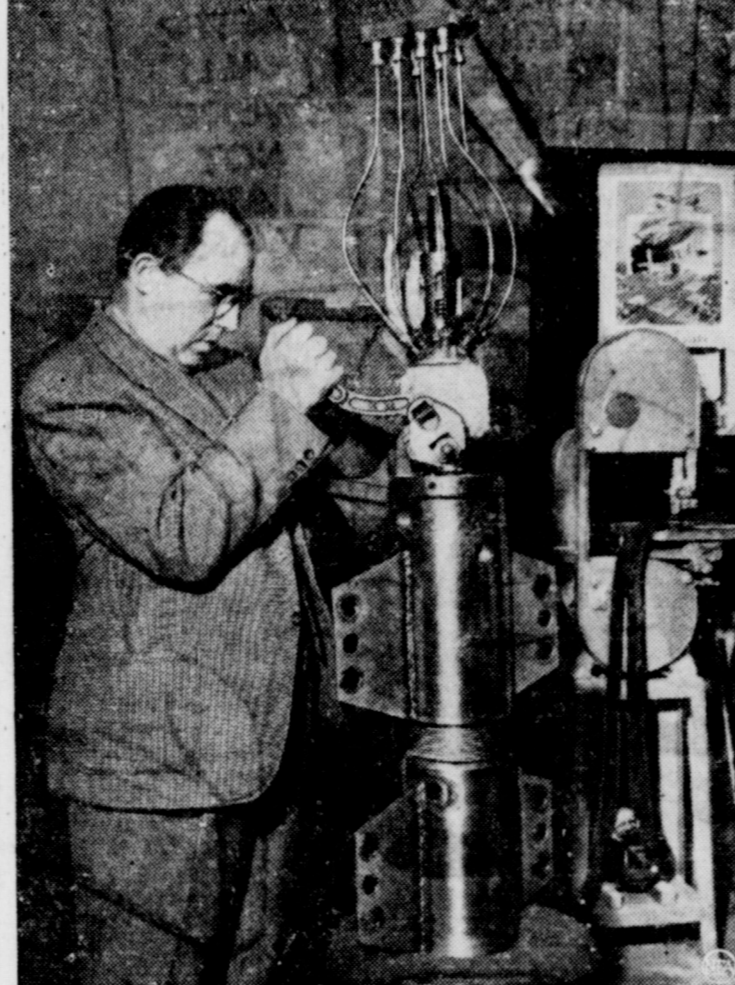
CHIEF PETERS ILL

W. J. Peters, Eastland police chief, is threatened with the flu and on the advice of his physician is staying in for a day or so. It was reported this morning that he would probably be out Tuesday.

BAKERY BURGLARIZED

Approximately \$60 in cash was taken by burglars who entered the front of a Cisco bakery while the staff was busy in the back. The money was taken from an office safe at about 11:00 a. m. Friday.

Revolutionary 'Kicker' for Planes



E. E. Myers, New York inventor, demonstrates his new auxiliary airplane motor of revolutionary design, which, he thinks, can increase fighter planes' speed bursts by as much as 200 miles per hour and add 85 per cent to present bomber loads. New "kicker" is not unlike "rocket" motors, using the blast of explosions of a new liquid fuel which army experts call "as powerful as TNT."

West Texas Chamber of Commerce Plan for a Business-Like Government Is Discussed By 120 Member Towns

ABILENE, Tex.—The West Texas Chamber of Commerce program and campaign for more business-like administration in the Texas state government has been taken directly to taxpayers' groups from 120 towns in the past three weeks. And the response, said WTCC Manager D. A. Barden in a statement from the Abilene headquarters, "has been gratifyingly responsive, fully up to our expectations."

The regional chamber is pushing for passage by the coming legislature of a bill covering its financial reorganization plan. The problem, the legislative remedy and the benefits expected to accrue have been explained to and discussed with taxpayers' groups in 31 regional meetings held throughout West Texas beginning November 27th. A half-dozen more are scheduled—the next, at Decatur Wednesday the 18th with the local chamber of commerce board and Lions club. The 31 meetings to date have been held under sponsorship of local chambers, joined by WTCC town directors; and the WTCC is asking the local chambers to, first, pledge support of the plan, and second, to take leadership in winning support of other community organizations. They are also asked to appoint committees to call upon their legislators, asking them to put the program through early in the session at Austin.

Need for Haste
"With the legislature's opening less than a month away, time is the all-important factor," said J. S. Bridwell, WTCC president. "We want as many co-sponsors as we can get, strong blocs in the two houses, fast action in bringing about this vitally needed change in our state administrative departments. We urge all bodies concerned over the problem and believing in the soundness of this plan to at once send in their endorsements."

The bill will be introduced in the lower house by Rep. Joe Humphrey of Abilene. This new legislator majored in college in study of government. He holds a master's degree from Southern Methodist University.

The drive for better business methods in the state government will not be pushed by West Texas alone. The three regional chambers of commerce—East and South Texas as well as West Texas—are planning to "throw in" together: a united front. A joint statement to that effect was issued by their executives December 2. Last week the South Texas chamber's board formally confirmed its participation, and on December 17 the WTCC and ETEX presidents and managers will meet in Longview to plan future steps in the campaign.

Explanation of Plan
The reorganization bill, now being written, will provide for the continuous and responsible supervision of the state's receipts and expenditures through an executive budget. It will set up a closely thought out system for centralized purchasing of sup-

plies, materials and equipment; an integrated centrally controlled accounting system kept on an accrual basis; and better auditing and independent post-auditing of expenditures. It will set up a system for closer coordination of the staff services of the state. It calls for a civil service system for state employees based on merit and competitive examination. It seeks reorganization of the state's administrative agencies now numbering more than 100, into not more than 18 departments. And it provides for complete information on administrative affairs to the legislature for policy-determining purposes.

Two new agencies are created under the plan. One is a governor's cabinet, an advisory board composed of the constitutionally designated executives of the state all of whom are elective officials except the secretary of state, and of the appointive departmental executives representing the major functions of the government. The bill provides that the governor will organize the cabinet and be its presiding officer.

The other new agency is a department of finance and control charged with the responsibility of carrying out the objectives of the act. By the act the commissioner heading the department will be an appointive officer, by the governor, to be confirmed by the senate. The department will be composed of budget, personnel and purchasing divisions, also a division on reorganization and efficiency. Job of this division will be to study the constitutional duties of all state agencies; report on duplications, wastes and inefficiencies; submit plans for reorganizing and consolidating the administrative functions; and serve the legislature in an advisory capacity.

National Defense Is Nothing New In The United States

AUSTIN, Tex.—"National Defense" isn't a new slogan coined for 1940's generation—they had it back in 1918, and Texas did its part in talking, singing and thinking "patriotism."

A cross-section of Texas zeal is reflected in a stack of faded pamphlets, rounded up in the University of Texas' Extension Division to complete its file of World War I publications.

University bulletins described the compulsory military training for college students, the training schools for radio, auto mechanics, aeronautics—all part and parcel of the state university's curriculum.

In 1918 war dictated new rules for the Interscholastic League contests—schoolboy declamations must be patriotic in nature, and essay-writers were required to try their talents on "What I Have Done to Help Win the War."

A slim pamphlet outlined a series of Liberty Day patriotic services for schools.

In the broader community field, a bulletin offered "Patriotic Programs for Community Meetings," suggesting such popular songs as "Over There," "Smile, Smile, Smile," and a "new number" written by George M. Cohan, "Canning the Kaiser."

The Extension Loan Library—then as now catering to Texas citizens who have little or no local library facilities—in 1918 announced it had assembled a large quantity of packaged libraries on war topics, such as "Causes of Wars" and "Duties and Opportunities of Americans."

Piece-de-resistance of the war-conscious University extension department was a bulletin entitled "Councils of Defense," written by E. D. Shurter, then director.

Beavers Build Dam And Flood Farmers Field Of Cotton

GRAPELAND, Tex.—Despite the fact Sam Musick, a farmer living in the Reynard community near Grapeland, awoke one morning recently to find part of a cotton field covered with a foot of water, he declared he would rather have the beaver responsible for the flood on his land than the cotton he lost.

The Texas Game Department placed beaver in Walker County last year and it is believed the beaver which dammed a large creek on Mr. Musick's farm migrated into Crockett County. There they cut down trees as large as six inches in diameter, floated them to the site of the dam and built a sturdy structure.

Beaver are sought by many landowners who need ponds on their places. The small lakes built by beaver provide watering places and are beneficial in many ways.

Winners Of Camera Club Awards Made at End Of Contest

Ending a six-month contest, in which members of the Ranger Camera Club participated, awards have been issued to the four who were most consistent as winners of the monthly contests in photography.

Lloyd McEwen of Eastland and S. D. Guyton of Ranger tied for third place in the contest, just closed, while J. C. Cozby of Ranger won second place and Bill Driehofner placed first.

Decided improvement in the quality of pictures made by all members of the camera club was noted throughout the contest period.

Former Resident Of Eastland Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Daltha Ann Windham, who died Thursday in Arlington at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. H. Simmons, were held at 3:00 o'clock Saturday at Big Spring. Interment was in the Big Spring cemetery.

"Aunt Ann," as she was called by many friends, was an early day resident of Big Spring and at various times had lived in Eastland where she made her home with Mrs. Simmons.

Switzerland's New President



New president of Switzerland is Dr. Ernest Wetter, above, noted economic expert recently elected for 1941. He is a leader of Swiss industrial activities and foreign trade negotiations.

Baylor Is Classed As 100 Per Cent

WACO, Tex.—President Pat M. Neff of Baylor University said today that action of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools has removed all questions regarding Baylor and places the institution in 100 per cent standing with the association.

President Neff and Dean E. N. Jones had attended the association's annual session in Memphis, Tenn.

This is the first time since Baylor became a member of the association that it has complied 100 per cent with all standards set up by the association, Neff explained.

Never at any time however, he said, has the scholastic work of the university been questioned. Criticism always has been due to financial conditions.

The problem during recent years, he explained, was that the university's endowment has not increased as rapidly as the student body. The growing student body, which has more than doubled in size during the past eight years, has made impossible as great an educational expenditure per student as prescribed by the association.

Recent appropriation of \$30,000 per year for the next five years by the Baptist General Convention of Texas was of material assistance to the university in reaching the requirement, Neff said. The grant is equivalent to the income from a million dollars in endowment.

Scholarship Fund Is Left For Students

AUSTIN, Tex.—A \$12,000 scholarship fund has been bequeathed the University of Texas by the late Alfred B. Walters of Schulenberg, the Board of Regents office here has announced. The fund will be administered by the University to provide an annual scholarship for a graduate of Schulenberg High School.

Regents at a recent meeting awarded four E. D. Farmer International Scholarships to Texas for enrollment in 1941 in the National University of Mexico. Recipients were William Devers Johnson, Fannin, \$1,000; Hollie Max Cummings, Alto, \$500; Thomas Sutherland, Austin, \$500; Norman Laird McNeil, San Antonio, \$1,000.

Austin Pan American Round Table Scholarships for study at the University went to Joaquin Basilio Diaz, Arcoibo, Puerto Rico; Juan Pablo Pedretti, Asuncion, Paraguay; Carlos Perez R., Torreon, Mexico; Carlos Manuel Valdes, Havana, Cuba; and Octavio Rodolfo Riddle, Piedras Negras, Mexico. The awards were \$50 each.

Regents also extended library hours from 10 to 11 p. m. on week nights in response to student demand.

CORN PICKER HOME-MADE

By United Press
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—A home-made tractor with a mechanical corn picker attached has saved Paul Hutton time and money. He built the tractor from old auto parts. All told, including a red paint job, the cost was \$85.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy. Slowly rising temperatures.

BRITISH AND GREEKS STILL GAIN GROUND

The Greek high command today announced the Greek forces had occupied the strategic town of Topelini, and now had control of the road leading to the Albanian oil field, which has been Italy's chief source of oil supplies.

At the same time the high command announced that the port of Valona had also been occupied and reported continued success all along the 120-mile Albanian front.

One Greek officer was reported today to have made the statement that, if enough equipment could be procured by the Greeks, they would be able to clear all Italians out of Albania without any other outside help. The British have been praised by the Greeks for the aid given them in the Albanian conflict, and much of the materials and equipment used in the Greek campaign have come from British sources.

The British, meantime, announced that with the exception of the town of Sollum the entire African campaign against the Italians, which started only a week ago, was now being fought on Italian territory in Libya. Fall of Sollum was predicted from Egyptian sources, where it was said that it was only a matter of hours until the town would be taken.

The British reported that 74,000 Italian soldiers had been captured in the week's campaign, and trouble has been encountered in taking care of the prisoners. The British navy has been cooperating in the campaign, and British transports are taking the prisoners to Alexandria, Egypt, and bring in oil, food and other supplies on their return trips. So far not an English transport has been molested, the navy reported.

Hints continue in Europe that, because of the Italian defeats in Albania and Egypt, a new diplomatic, and possibly a military move is being planned by Hitler to offset these losses. In Turkey, it was reported that Hitler had been advised by his aides to break off relations with Italy, pointing out that since Italy did not get Hitler's approval for the Greek campaign Germany was not obligated under axis terms to lend aid.

No Flu Epidemic In State, Doctor Says

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Dr. George Cox, state health officer, today stated that there was no "epidemic" of influenza in the state, despite many rumors to that effect. Dr. Cox stated that he had received reports of approximately 1,000 cases of influenza, which he said was about half the normal number reported at this time of the year.

He stated that the influenza was of a mild type, which was not proving serious.

Damage Is Done By Storm In Eastland Over The Week End

The heavy coating of ice that had covered this section since Friday vanished as the sun came up this morning leaving behind much damage done to light and power lines, telephone lines and shrubbery in Eastland.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company reported that many of their circuits were out of service, but repair crews were at work on them and had been since Friday afternoon.

Eight Complaints Filed In The County

Eight complaints filed Friday in the County Clerk's office in Eastland by agents of the State Liquor Control Board charged the sale of beer and whiskey in dry areas in violation of law.

Criminal Docket Is Called By Judge

Judge B. W. Patterson of the 88th district court this morning began calling cases on his criminal docket, but up to 11:00 o'clock had not gotten into trial of any of them.

SERIAL STORY

DUDE COLLEGE

BY OREN ARNOLD

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YESTERDAY, returning home from the store, Wesley found the table, Lona had gone for a early ride, she was carrying a bulky package, the horse trailer tells him, Wesley borrows a car and an automatic, sets out to find Lona. He sees the motor patrol's auto, and in a few minutes, Lona rides down the trail toward him.

WESLEY SPRINGS A TRAP

CHAPTER XXVI

THE sudden turn of events found Wesley unprepared. He wasn't all sure what to make of the motorist's presence. He guessed, though, that it had settled down at near Lona Montoya herself. It could land on and take off from a flat space not much bigger than a back yard—and then he dropped down to where the motorist had identified him. He knew the ship was a new hit in the equipment of the United States Border Patrol. Now, he saw Lona riding back up the hill toward him and he could just surmise that the plane had landed here to turn back. She was still several hundred yards away, so he rode slowly toward the pretty Mexican girl. He recognized him in a moment and spurred her horse. "Wesley!" she cried out happily when she neared him. "You're out riding, too!" Her smile was bright. "Yes! I—I thought I might do a little shooting. Jackrabbit or coyote maybe. Haven't seen any, though. I like to ride in early morning." He hoped his explanation didn't sound as lame to her as it did to him. "I come out often to paint and sketch. But today I just ride. You saw the auto, right?" "Yes."

"They stop near me to ask if I have seen any aliens—imagine, Wesley! If I see any extranjero—would faint!"

Together they fired first pistols and then the rifle he carried, walking to inspect the results of each shot. It was fun, really; fun for any man thus to do target practice in the zesty autumn morning with a beautiful girl. Very conscious of her presence (as any man as shy as Wesley York would be), he studied her face when she was shooting, studied it closely and in minute detail. It occurred to him that she didn't appear as Latin as most Mexican señoritas.

A Mexican is, theoretically, half Spanish and half Indian; many are just touched with the Indian blood. In every case, however, they have a definite skin hue and a racial something about their eyes.

It seemed to Wesley, now, that Lona lacked these subtle but significant things. Trained to observe details and weigh them in his work as an archaeologist, he began to wonder why Lona was an exception in her national heritage.

When they had exhausted most of their shells Lona suggested they sit for a while and talk. She found a niche big enough for two in a granite boulder and invited him to join her. Of necessity, he sat close.

"Your home you said is near Vera Cruz, Lona?" He asked then. "Yes. An old, old rancho, Wesley. You would love it!" "Surely. A ranch—in old Mexico! It's romantic to think about." She laughed, low and musically. "I like romantic-minded men, Wesley."

"Mexico is a beautiful country, no es verdad?" He lapsed into Spanish.

"Si señor! Usted habla Español!"

"Some," he smiled. "Let's speak it together; I need the practice."

THEY talked at length. Lona, oddly enough, lost a bit of her vivacious manner and she appeared to concentrate on her words now. Wesley's first Spanish was the purest of Castilian, but presently he shifted to the several Mexican dialects that he knew. Mexican folk do speak differently in different states, just as English is spoken differently in London, New York, Atlanta and Albuquerque; the idiom of one place may be hardly recognizable in another.

Chapas and other Mexican states, he had become intimate with the dialects in almost every section. In truth, few Americans knew Mexico better than young Wesley York.

Several times he looked at Lona as if in surprise, but in a moment she shifted back to English. "No, no," she smiled again. "Is better I speak English and learn to use it perfectly. It is more difficult than Spanish, and I want to know. Otherwise—you professors shall make it hard for me in college, eh?"

"If you promise to speak Spanish when I visit your home, Lona, would you some day go with me to the ruin of Chichen Itza, in beautiful old Sinaloa? Just sight-seeing?"

"I would love it! I have been there many times, Wesley, but—" "You have? Bueno! Hagame usted el favor de—" "Yes! But to go with you—oh, Wesley—"

She said that last with such fervor as to startle him. Obviously she wanted very much to avoid further Spanish conversation; and besides, she had made a statement that—

HIS thoughts were interrupted here because Lona had actually snuggled closer to him! And in all his life few if any women had ever snuggled close to Wesley York.

Already sitting very close to him, she had made a slight movement to get even closer. Her soft shoulder wiggled his, and she laughed just a little—deep and intimately, with a knowing look.

"Wesley, we could be friends, no?"

"Of course, Lona. I—uh, wish every one to—to—uh—" He realized he wasn't going very smoothly, but then he was ill at ease. He had come out snooping, not courting, and the mystery surrounding her had been enhanced. She had flatly tripped herself in discussing the famous ruin of Chichen Itza, which is not in the state of Sinaloa at all; and she, a self-avowed Mexican, had shied off her own language after musing common dialects and idiomatic phrases.

But all at once she broke up his thoughts again; indeed, she paralyzed them. Before he realized it Lona had slipped an arm around his shoulders, had lifted her face and was kissing him lingeringly on his lips.

"Wes-lee!" she murmured. "Wes-lee!" Dr. Wesley York, Ph.D., was utterly appalled. (To Be Continued)

Motorists Urged To Drive Safely During December

AUSTIN, Tex.—With the state national death toll for 1940 apparently increasing, and because severe December storms and more dangerous driving conditions resulting from snow and ice are due in many portions of Texas according to the calendar, Col. Homer Garrison, state police director today warned motorists to be prepared for safer winter driving. December, which usually brings bad snow, ice and sleet, is the Christmas rush, is annually the highest accident and fatality month. While the state will continue to do everything practicable to keep highways open and safe, motorists should cooperate with decreased speed and logical methods for prevention of accidents used by "Old Man Winter," Col. Garrison declared. He named "O. M. W." as current Public Enemy No. 1, citing the 35 to 45 per cent increase of accidents in northern states during cold months when there is less travel.

"National Safety Council research, which included over 3,000 tests on Lake Cadillac, Michigan, has recently proved inadequate traction and obscured vision are the primary dangers," he said.

"Every driver should test brakes for simultaneous gripping and have tire chains ready for use when needed; check condition of windshield wiper and defroster; make sure lights are in good condition, even during day, if needed, to be seen in fog, falling snow or sleet. Use 'traffic beam' when passing other cars."

Col. Garrison's other winter driving suggestions, based on tests by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards follow: "On snow or ice keep speed down and car in gear. Avoid situations requiring quick stops and sudden changes in direction. Speeds on ice should not be excessive even with protection of tire chains on the ice."

"Chains or sand provide a much needed safety factor on ice, making 20 miles per hour reasonably safe. Without them the same speed is extremely hazardous and speeds well below 15 miles an hour are imperative. The common practice of lowering tire pressure gives only slightly more traction, and this is more than offset by increased tendency to sideskid and skid on curves. It also damages tires, making them more susceptible to blow-outs after much operation under reduced pressure."

"Non-skid tread tires are definitely helpful on dry and wet pavements and to a very limited extent on fresh, loose snow, but they give no more anti-skid protection on packed snow or ice than smooth tires. Tire chains are the best self-help for the passenger car motorist. They are vital for driving on ice and on snow, especially on hard packed snow. Chains on the rear wheels alone will reduce stopping distance on ice 40 per cent, and if used on all four wheels 52 per cent. Chains provide a higher percentage of help on ice than on snow, but stopping distances are longer on ice than snow. At 20 miles per

hour, they will reduce stopping distance on packed snow, and 169 feet on ice. With chain on rear wheels and at the same speed, the average stops are 40 feet on packed snow and 88 feet on ice. These reductions, however, do not warrant normal high speeds possible on dry pavements. They provide a needed safety which should not be dispensed. "On wet or even dry pavements, always anticipate ice on bridges, in shaded spots, around curves and over hills, and when thawing temperatures are dropping avoid spinning the rear wheels. If a skid starts, turn the front wheels in the direction the rear is skidding—if possible. "When it is slippery, try out the brakes occasionally to get the feel of the road. Maintain adequate vision through windshield windows. Circulate fresh air by opening cowl ventilator, rather than side windows, which in old cars tends to suck exhaust gases through floor boards. "For pedestrians, Director Garrison advised the following when snow and ice prevail: "Walk slowly and carefully, a fall may ping. On ice start by releasing the clutch slowly, with the engine idling and the car in second gear, and accelerate cautiously to avoid spinning rear wheels. "Without chains or sand on an icy road it is unsafe to overtake vehicles unless the road ahead is clear for a half mile. Pump the brakes in stopping, even with chains, to prevent wheels from locking and sliding on rubber between cross links. Slow down in gear to about ten miles an hour, then release the clutch for the final stop. Keep a steady foot on the accelerator to incapacitate you for weeks. Don't rely on ability of the motorist to stop on snow and ice. If he makes no effort to give you free passage, don't try to beat him across the street. Hold onto railings or be very careful in mounting or dismounting icy steps."

Although the national traffic death rate for 1940 has thus far increased 7 per cent over last year, the amount of travel has also increased 6 per cent, thus making the death rate in proportion to mileage an increase of only 1 per cent Col. Garrison pointed out.

OUT OUR WAY By Williams



Freckles and His Friends—By Blosser



BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

ROW DUE OVER SOCIAL SECURITY RESERVE FUND LABOR SEEKS HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

BY BRUCE CATTON NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Pressure of a snow-balling reserve fund is likely to force a change in the unemployment compensation section of the social security set-up this winter.

Under the present law money is coming in just about twice as fast as it is going out. The unemployment insurance reserve fund today stands at about \$1,700,000,000, and is figured to reach \$2,250,000,000 by next July.

This reserve fund is invested by the secretary of the treasury in government bonds, each state's own contribution being held to its account.

Thus, instead of contributing to an increase in the national debt, this piling-up of the insurance fund provides a market for some of the bonds which the increase in the national debt puts on the market.

LABOR FAVORS LIBERALIZATION

FROM labor and important New Dealers comes a demand that benefit payments be liberalized. From business interests comes a demand that the employers' burden be lightened—either by a lowering of the 3 per cent payroll tax, or by extension of the experience-rating system. Or perhaps both.

Whole future of the unemployment compensation system may depend largely on how this scrap comes out.

The Social Security Board is inclined to liberalize benefits, both on the theory that in many states the sums now paid are inadequate and in the belief that anything which would increase mass buying power would be all

to the good. Under the general heading of liberalizing benefits would come shortening of the waiting period, extension of the time over which benefits can be paid, and hiking of the amounts paid out.

In general, both the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. would back such a move. Interesting point is that the final rallying point of the liberalizers may be the McCormack bill (backed by Majority Leader John W. McCormack), which would write minimum benefit standards into the federal law. End result of such a step would probably be more or less complete federalization of the whole system—which, as it now stands, is actually a state affair operated under a degree of federal supervision.

EXPERIENCE RATINGS CENTER OF DEBATE

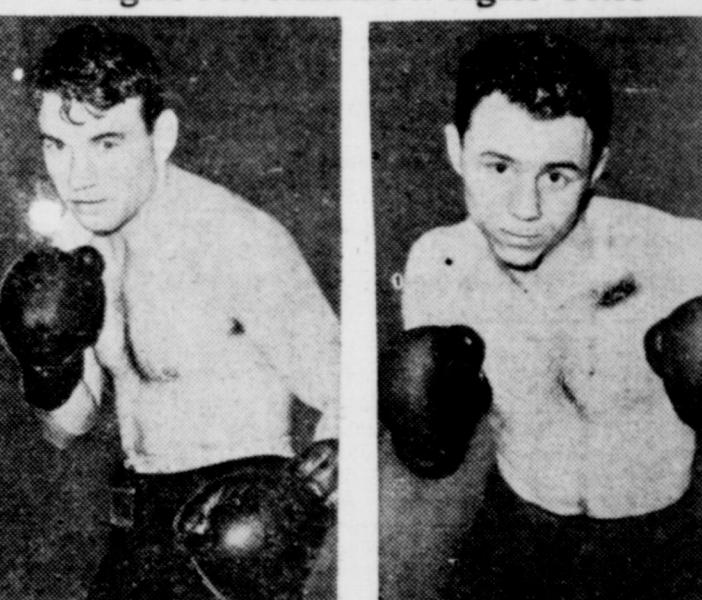
REAL center of the argument, however, will be the business experience ratings.

This is a system, now in effect in a number of states, whereby the unemployment insurance tax which an employer pays depends on his record in regard to stabilizing his own force. An employer who can show that over a three-year period he has kept his force from fluctuating very much and has discharged few persons pays a lower tax than the employer who lays off a large number every so often.

For years the National Association of Manufacturers has urged extension of this system. Argument is that it offers a powerful incentive toward the stabilization of employment, forces the employer who is most responsible for unemployment to bear the heaviest part of the load, and tends to make the whole system a means for helping to reduce unemployment.

Labor organizations and the Social Security Board don't like experience ratings much. They consider this a means of stabilizing unemployment, assert it works out in favor of corporations (like utilities) whose labor requirements are fairly steady, and say that it promotes the replacement of men by machines.

Fight for Middleweight Title



For second time within six weeks, Ken Overlin, left, defends New York version of world middleweight championship against Steve Belloise, right, of Bronx in 15-round match at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 13.

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Society, Club and Church Notes

MARTHA DORCAS CLASS REPORT

The Martha Dorcas Class of the Methodist church met Sunday morning with fair attendance, it was reported today. The period opened with song service with Mrs. C. W. Young leading and Mrs. W. O. Tyson at the piano.

Mrs. Ed Sparr presided over the business meeting with Mrs. Mae O'Neal as secretary pro tem, and Mrs. Geo. Brogdon reporter. The announcement was made of illness of several of the members. The Christmas charity projects were discussed and plans completed for these.

The Class party will be held Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Jack Ammer, Leon Plant, from 3 to 5 o'clock. Members are asked to bring gifts for the tree for exchange of gifts and the gifts for the boy in the orphans home.

SOUTHWARD P. T. A. TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TUESDAY

The Parent-Teacher Association of South Ward School will have their annual Christmas program and gift exchange Tuesday at 4 o'clock. The third grade mothers will be host for the event with the program brought by Mrs. H. H. Durham's room.

Rev. Lance Webb will be guest speaker and will address the assembly on "Wise Use of Leisure Time," in connection with the program theme for the year, "The Creative Home."

The box for the Christmas cheer

Stars Overhead



It's a wonderful Santa Claus who brings a woman these three smart Christmas gifts. It's a good Santa who brings her any one of them. The alluring black lace and net blouse is smart with long dinner, as well as day length, afternoon skirts. The "stardust" calot, with tiny sequin stars flashing on a black net background, is just the thing to wear with a dinner dress. The evening gloves are of pale blue suede with inserts of black lace.

project will be packed at the meeting, and any who have not turned in their contribution of clothing, food, etc., are asked to do so at the meeting Tuesday or before, it was announced today by the president, Mrs. Joe Stephens.

That Reminds Me

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have made in overcoming these hazards . . . cost money of course . . . but they did it just the same . . . that's why it doesn't pay us to cuss these agencies just because someone started something against them because of political differences or otherwise.

Naturally even now . . . we do get cut-outs from these necessary things for the comfort of mankind . . . but if this same thing had happened twenty-five years ago . . . we wouldn't have had gas . . . telephone or power service for a month. Did you ever think about that? Thanks to the superior service of those in charge of something that they know in the adage of the Thespians . . . "The Show Must Go On." Maybe some of us complain about the monthly bill . . . but when it comes to giving service . . . it costs money . . . We're only doing our bit when he contribute a portion to get so-called perfect service. We demand it . . . why not do our part. And this is no advertisement for the utilities . . . only a little contribution to those who render and spend night and day doing it to

give the best for the least money. If we didn't have the elements to contend with . . . in getting service to the customer . . . then our utility cost would almost be free.

So in the aggregate . . . the man who lost a tree . . . or his pipes froze up is only experiencing what every little man has to buck up against as well as the big one.

We wouldn't go over Niagara Falls in a barrel for a million dollars . . . but a guy did it for a hundred . . . and lived to tell the tale . . . We wouldn't have flown by ourselves over the Atlantic Ocean to Paris for a billion dollars . . . but a guy did it for twenty-five thousand . . . we wouldn't walk into an oil blazing fire in a gas or oil well for a trillion dollars . . . but a man did it for a paltry amount . . . We wouldn't walk into Joe Louis' fists for all the money in the world . . . but a guy will do it for just what he can get out of it . . . Now you're going to say . . . "What's the matter with this columnist . . . is he a coward?" . . . But you know folks . . . it took just those things and always will to make it safer for the fellow . . . and that's you and I to walk in the footsteps of seclusion . . .

Well folks . . . we've been rambling . . . but we mean well just the same . . . thanks for reading this column . . . if you did . . . and don't forget one thing . . . Eastland is your town and our town . . . make the best of it and see that it is the best . . . you're a true sport . . . win or lose if you do . . .

Even Santa Will Tighten His Belt This Christmas

By United Press
FORT WORTH, Tex.—Even Santa Claus will tighten his belt this Christmas under the pressure national defense orders have applied to the national economy.

Preference given dies, tools, and plans for military weapons have slowed, measurably, the manufacture of metal toys, household appliances, and other standard Christmas gifts.

Merchants here announced that their toy departments were well stocked, but admitted that there seemed little indication that orders could be repeated until national defense needs were completed.

"We believe that we can take care of all our buyers," one merchant said, "but if we get a 'run' on certain items, we may not be able to replenish our stock of this item. National defense has commanded the attention of the nation, the gift manufacturers included."

One department store here reported only one item left of a wheel toy and it cannot be replaced until defense orders are handled.

Merchants this season also feel the pinch of foreign market collapse. Formerly many toys were imported from Japan, Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia, Britain, Czechoslovakia and other parts of the world now engulfed in war. Now most are American-made. Merchants feel that this feature, however, will produce lasting good effects on American business. It will develop an American toy market, they said, to replace foreign concerns.

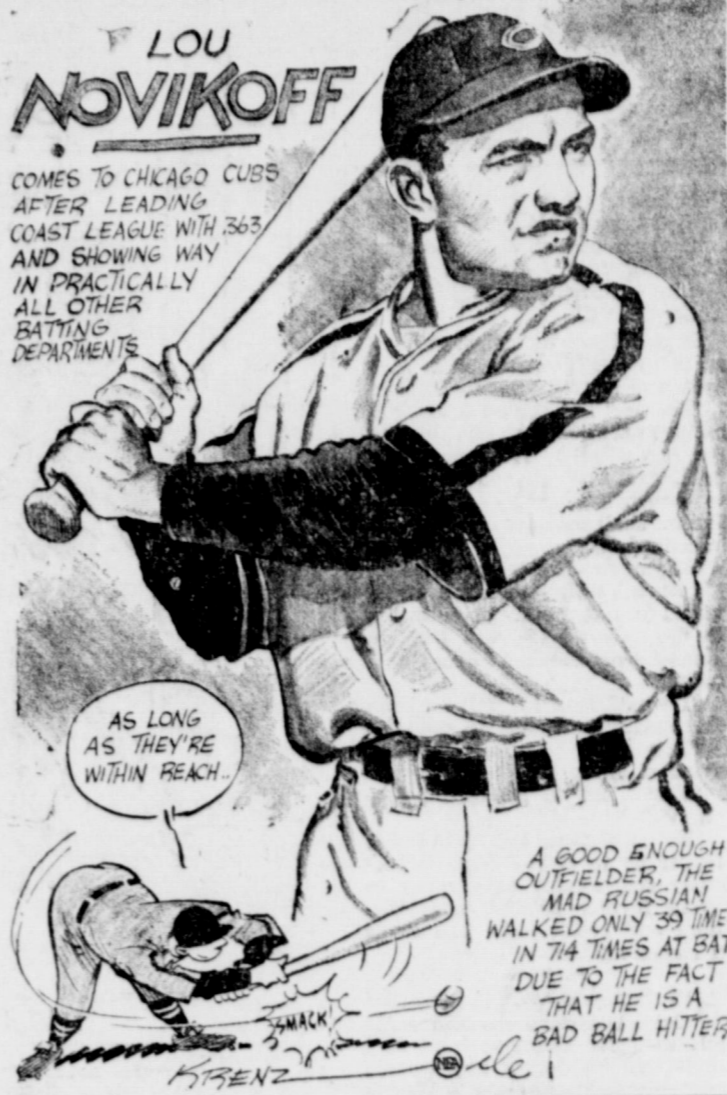
Toys this season follow a war theme to an extreme degree. "Junior" will become the best educated parlor-rug military tactician since "Papa" knocked over lead soldiers during the last war.

The electrically operated army supply train stands as an example of the military trend in toys. This unit, painted the official olive-drab of the U. S. Army, contains an anti-aircraft gun mounted on a flat car, a tank mounted on another that runs on the floor and fires flint-generated sparks. Anti-aircraft searchlights and a rolling hospital car to care for the toy victims, and rubber soldiers who have fallen on the "living-room" field of battle completes the invention.

If salt water runs through "Junior's" veins, then sea toys he shall have. Toy manufacturers offer battle fleets, complete enough to fight a bathtub-Mediterranean naval engagement. One naval set features a submarine that shoots a realistic torpedo at a battleship, causing it to disintegrate with a disturbing explosion. And for a return bout, the child chances . . . start out in weather that he knows may mean destruction . . . Isn't it funny how folks will do things that just as we said we wouldn't do . . . that are more dangerous than all we have mentioned in the above paragraph?

Well folks . . . we've been rambling . . . but we mean well just the same . . . thanks for reading this column . . . if you did . . . and don't forget one thing . . . Eastland is your town and our town . . . make the best of it and see that it is the best . . . you're a true sport . . . win or lose if you do . . .

The Mad Russian



Matter of Living Can Go Too Far

By United Press
HOUSTON, Tex.—Take it from the family doctor, this matter of living can go too far and become extremely unpleasant when the body is breaking down.

Dr. E. W. Bertner told the Houston Public Health Institute that the problem of medical science was not to give human beings a few extra years of survival.

"What we hope to do," he said, "is to give the average man an increasing number of healthful years of living in which he can enjoy the utmost of happiness and contentment."

The Italian soldier started out for Greece with the idea of running things and wound up just running.

games fashioned after radio quiz programs, wooden hobby horses, the game of mah jong, and a new old game known as "Gusher."

Despite predominance of military toys and games, however, they do not monopolize toy departments this season. Merchants report heavy early sales of quiz

LEGAL RECORDS

Suits Filed
91st District Court—Catherin Patsfield vs. Manuel Hartsfield, divorce; Maydelyn Burkett vs. Curtis O. Burkett, divorce and custody of minor child.

Marriage Licenses
Charles Jacob Kliencr, Cisco, and Miss Vera Elizabeth Elder, Cisco.

M. D. Sharp and Miss Nilda Dean Nichols, Cisco.

Milton Ray Reese and Miss Dorothy Bisbee, Lamesa.

POTATO TOPS SIX POUNDS

By United Press
MEDICAL LAKE, Wash.—Officials at the Eastern State hospital here believe they have a record-breaking potato. The tuber weighed six and a quarter pounds.

ROCK SHIELDS 66 SNAKES

By United Press
BUCKSFIELD, Me.—A ditch digging crew here overturned a rock and found 66 snakes of different varieties and sizes beneath it.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, Abilene Division. In the Matter of City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, Debtor.

No. 1838 In Bankruptcy (Ancillary Proceeding).

NOTICE
All persons holding bonds or warrants of the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, which have not been involved in this proceeding, by depositing coupons therefrom or interest not represented by coupons thereon in escrow and or by having been presented for endorsement, all as required by the Plan of Composition approved in this cause, are hereby directed and ordered to appear on the 6th day of January, 1941 and then and there to show cause why the City of Eastland, Eastland County, Texas, Debtor, be not granted the declaratory relief sought in its Ancillary Complaint filed in this cause which seeks, among other things, a declaration that such bonds and securities are no longer obligations of the City of Eastland, Texas, Debtor, and that no cause of action against said City can be based thereon.

Done at Fort Worth, Texas, this 8th day of November A. D. 1940.

GEORGE W. PARKER,
Clerk of the United States District Court.
(Seal)
By G. B. Buckley, Deputy.

LETTERS SANTA

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a "Dead Eye Dick" cowboy suit, and a deal with Lone Ranger and a stick horse, a real one. I love you, Tommy W.

Dear Santa: How guess you are warm coat. Maby you don't about what girls wear have so tell Mrs. S. put in the bag the me (if I have been a hair net, a comb and a sweater (white apron, house slippers, socks, and maby a hat you do come Christmas please use the front of the chimney because a stove in the fireplace the mantel Santa. Teyr some cake there for night snack. Yours very truly, Betty Maurine Moore

The Eastland Public Library will close for the Christmas holidays Friday, December 20. They will resume normal hours on Thursday, January 2.

JIM HORTON
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WAKE-UP!

Christmas Is Almost Here

Don't let Christmas catch you unprepared! These last few weeks before the great event have an uncanny habit of slipping by before you realize it—and there you are with your whole list to shop for and so little time to use. That, of course, means that you must select hurriedly—having to give things you don't want particularly to give. If you shop early, you avoid this . . . and a great deal of wear and tear on mind and body.

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