

## Severe Quake Shakes Mexico City Area; Full Extent Of Damage Yet Undetermined

### Center Of Temblor Unlocated And No Word Received From Interior; Heavy Shock Breaks Seismograph Springs

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23 (AP)—A strong earth quake, varying in duration from nine seconds to two minutes, shook Mexico City and a widespread area southeast and southwest of the capital today. At least two persons were killed here and a number of outlying adobe homes were crushed. The quake broke the springs of both seismographs in the National Observatory, but its director determined that the temblor must have been exceedingly heavy at its central and strongest point. This center was not definitely determined. Communications with the interior were disrupted. It is thought heavy damage may have resulted in some of the unreported areas of the southeast and southwest.

#### First Reports From Cordoba, Vera Cruz, Morelia, Michoacan, and Puebla Indicated That Damage, If Any, Was Slight There.

#### One Report Was That Taluca Was Damaged. Puebla and Cuernavaca Were Among The Cities From Which No Reports Could Be Obtained.

#### Two Deaths

One aged woman was fatally injured here when the roof of her adobe home collapsed, and a man was electrocuted by a broken high tension wire.

#### A number of adobe huts at the edge of the city collapsed. The people were calm, however, an occasional Indian praying in the middle of the street being the only sign of alarm.

#### A few rock walls also tumbled under the tremor which began at 7:15 a. m. (6:18 a. m. est.) and lasted one minute. There was no damage to the business section.

#### The 36-odd old lake beds upon which the capital is built served to soften the shock, and it was believed these prevented greater damage.

#### No Great Concern

The quake created no unusual concern, for residents have learned to take as a matter of course the frequent light tremors.

#### The national observatory's seismograph recordings were unrecordable because a passing train threw the recording apparatus out of commission. It was, therefore, impossible to determine where the quake might have been felt with heavier force.

#### No serious damage was reported here.

#### Today's tremor was preceded by two "very slight" earthquakes at the southern port of Acapulco on Sunday night. No damage was reported there, however.

#### (A tremor was reported yesterday in the direction of Mexico, but its exact location was not determined. The Harvard university seismograph station recorded a widespread area in southern Mexico affected by a quake starting at 8:18 a. m. est. Thousands of miles were affected, Dr. L. Don Lee said.)

## GUNS TAKEN FROM WORKERS



Twenty-six guns and 55 blackjacks were taken from Kansas City Ford Motor company workers by sheriff's deputies, George Maitland, assistant county prosecutor, announced.

Here are some of the arms with a deputy holding a gun. The men, employed at the Ford plant where a strike has been called, were released.

## FDR Preparing To Crack The Whip

### No 'Hands-Off' Attitude At Next Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Evidence accumulated today that President Roosevelt, forewarned by his experience at the special session of congress, was preparing for a rough and tumble battle with administration foes in the forthcoming election-year session.

Developments since the house directed the administration's wage-hour bill have convinced many observers the chief executive will abandon the "hands-off" attitude he assumed during the recent session and will take aggressive leadership of the legislative program.

One bit of evidence they cited was Mr. Roosevelt's letter yesterday to Chairman Cartwright (D-Ore.) of the house roads committee, reiterating his demand for curtailment of federal road appropriations.

Another was an appeal by Secretary Wallace for further support of wage-hour legislation in return for labor support of the farm bill. The labor measure, he said, was needed to promote a "more constructive balance" between labor and agriculture.

But most convincing to some political observers was word that emanated from a secret White House conference with liberal senators Monday night that the chief executive was going to fight for his legislative recommendations, rather than compromise.

The close line-up on the principal votes in the special session indicated that despite huge democratic majorities in both houses, opposing forces in the coming session might be almost even in strength.

## BURGLARY CHARGE

Charges of burglary were lodged against Edwin Felix Rogers in the justice court Thursday in connection with loss of a pair of boots from a local shop earlier this week. Rogers was taken into custody by city police after a window of the Shoe Hospital on E. 2nd street had been smashed and a pair of boots removed.

## PHYSICIAN DEAD

BEAUMONT, Dec. 23 (AP)—Dr. W. P. Arnold, 55, head of the Hombill, Texas, lumber firm, and widely known East Texas physician died today at Beaumont.

Death was attributed to future pneumonia. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning.

## Japs Set Up Government At Nanking

### Invaders Spreading Reach Over Wide China Territory

By The Associated Press  
Japan formed a new autonomous government at captured Nanking today, presumably to replace Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist government.

#### Conquest Continues

It was only ten days ago that a similar autonomous government, headed by Chinese, was set up by Japan at Peiping, center of the vast North China region taken by the Japanese army in its latest invasion of China.

#### Chiang Kai-shek moved his government far inland, out of reach of Japanese arms, several weeks ago when he decided Nanking was indefensible.

#### The Japanese army appeared today to be nowhere near the end of its conquest, as it was spreading its reaches over an ever-widening front which threatened to encompass every important coastal city and inestimable territory inland.

#### Foreigners were warned to evacuate Hangchow, Chekiang province capital and seaport, to escape being endangered by an imminent siege by Japanese forces. The Japanese warning also included Shanghai, near the Gulf of Hangchow 35 miles southwest of the provincial capital.

#### Foreigners Flee

Three hundred Americans and other foreigners fled from the threat of another Japanese attack at Hankow, Yangtze river valley city. The foreigners boarded a special evacuation train bound for Hongkong.

#### There was no word from a group of Americans who had taken refuge at Mokanshan—including Mrs. H. L. Stone and two children of Chillicothe, Tex.

#### Diplomatic repercussions from the involvement of foreigners in recent Japanese military activities still remained grave. Great Britain

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## C. W. Saunders Dies In Ark. Hospital

Word of the death of C. W. Saunders, long-time resident of Big Spring and president of the Wyoming hotel here, was received late Wednesday by friends in the city. Mr. Saunders, about 65, succumbed in Eureka Springs, Ark., where he had been under treatment in a hospital for about 10 days.

His wife was with him when death came, having accompanied him to Arkansas. Other survivors are a brother and a sister.

The body, being forwarded here for burial, is scheduled to arrive on the Friday morning train. Funeral arrangements will be announced Friday.

## NORRIS TALKS OF A 3RD TERM FOR FD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Senator Norris, veteran Nebraska independent, said today that methods of "delay and coercion" employed in opposition to the administration may "bring a demand that President Roosevelt seek a third term."

Norris said in an interview that opponents have resorted to "propaganda and control of the press" in efforts to block the Roosevelt program.

## FLYING SANTA CLAUS DROWNED AS 'CHUTE DROPS INTO SEA

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Army planes and police boats searched Boston harbor today for the body of U. S. Army Corporal Harold J. Kramer, 35, of Winthrop, whose parachute descent as a flying Santa Claus turned to tragedy last night over Boston's oceanic airport when a fresh wind blew him into the water.

Veteran of more than 100 successful jumps within eight years, Kramer plunged to his death while his young wife and their 18-month-old son looked on in the midst of a group of army wives and children to whose Christmas party he was making his annual contribution.

Investigations were launched by the federal bureau of air commerce, airport officials, the army

## Attacked By Four Bulldogs, Aged Texas Man Dies Of Injuries

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Victim of a vicious attack by four bulldogs, two of which he killed with a pocketknife, L. G. Brown, 71, died in a hospital here today. Death occurred five hours after the attack.

A farmer living at the scene of the attack rushed to Brown's aid and brought him to the hospital. The aged man, who came to Texas from Louisiana 50 years ago and settled in Lamar county, came here about 20 years ago. He

had just sold his household belongings and was preparing to leave for Phoenix, Ariz., where his wife has been for the past month with a son, Raymond F. Brown.

Officials were called to find a daughter, 21-2, from Memphis, en route to Phoenix in a heavily loaded Chevrolet coupe. Three other daughters live in this vicinity.

# BROAD ANALYSIS OF BUSINESS SEEN IN EMPLOYMENT INQUIRY

## Committee To Start Work Next Month

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## Panay Report Is Received

### Formal Account Of Incident To Be Studied By Hull

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The official report of a naval board of inquiry into the bombing of the gunboat Panay arrived from Shanghai today. A copy was rushed immediately to Secretary of State Hull.

Officials expressed belief President Roosevelt also would sign the board's findings before they were made public.

Later Hull told reporters the official report developed no new major points in the controversy with Japan over the sinking of the gunboat.

In answer to a question, Hull said the Japanese government was making it clear it was giving daily attention to the incident but that there was still no definite information when a reply might be expected to the formal American note.

## WANTS A PROBE OF VOTE PADDING

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23 (AP)—Maurice M. Milligan, United States attorney, announced today he would ask federal bureau of investigation agents to examine evidence of an apparent attempt to pad Kansas City's new registration rolls with false names.

Federal intervention was asked by the Bi-Partisan City Election board, appointed by Gov. Lloyd Stark after a government purge of wholesale voting frauds in the 1936 general election.

## BOY HANGS SELF

DEXTER, Mo., Dec. 23 (AP)—While Christmas preparations were being made in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estel Wood, near here, Jackie Wood, 13, a son, climbed to the loft of the house and hanged himself to a rafter. The body was found an hour later.

Children of the family told him Jackie had been reprimanded for a childish prank.

## Weather

WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy to night and Friday; somewhat warmer tonight; colder in extreme north portion Friday afternoon.

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy to night and Friday; possibly showers in northeast portion Friday; somewhat warmer in west and central portions tonight.

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Forecast today 5:47 p.m. 5:47 a.m. Friday 7:41 a.m.

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## Mae West's Name Banned From Air

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—The National Broadcasting company today banned use of Mae West's name in scripts broadcast by any of its managed or operated stations. The ban is effective immediately.

The rule would be applied also to any network broadcasts coming from the studios of these stations, which include the network keys, WEAJ and WJZ, New York.

The action was taken, it was explained, to avoid the use of her name in "japs" or the like, and came about as a result of her broadcast in the Chase and Sanborn Coffee company hour two Sundays ago.

An "Adam and Eve" comedy sketch in that broadcast met with listener protests over the propriety of the script.

## NO SUNDAY PAPER

In accordance with long-standing custom, The Herald will suspend activities, Saturday, giving all its employees their one full holiday of the year. As a result, there will be no issue of The Herald Sunday morning. Subscribers are notified to this effect.

Friday afternoon's edition will be the last until next Monday afternoon.

## SCREEN PLAYERS TO BE MARRIED

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 23 (AP)—Wedding bells will ring in the new year for James Dunn and Frances Gifford of the screen.

They flew to Santa Barbara in his plane yesterday to apply for a marriage license and hinted the ceremony would be held in the vicinity on Jan. 1.

## JAIL CELLS EMPTY

Jail doors were swung open and a bit of holly decorated the judge's bench at the city hall Thursday morning, two days before Christmas.

There was only one arrest Wednesday evening and the prisoner was released after entering a plea of guilty to drunkenness and paying a fine.

Police, however, were skeptical that the "Christmas spirit" would continue on such an even keel around the jail since past records indicated that there is some conformity in the fusion concerning the "source of Christmas spirits."

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## IN TOYLAND



This two-year old mystery baby was found playing with dolls in a Buffalo, N. Y., store toyland, and two weeks later still was unclaimed. She is shown playing in a foster home with a doll given her by Girl Scouts.

## Holiday Time Starts With 12 Deaths

Traffic Mishaps Account For Most Of Texas Fatalities

By The Associated Press  
Pre-Christmas violence, including traffic accidents, had claimed 12 lives in Texas today. Eight deaths were due to automobile accidents, some of them caused by rainy weather. Gunshot wounds brought three deaths. Box cars took the other victim.

Funeral arrangements were made today for F. N. Sedwell, mayor of Greenville, who died in a Baton Rouge hospital yesterday of injuries received in an automobile accident Monday.

J. W. Jones, 63, of Amarillo, was killed yesterday when his automobile overturned near Memphis, Tex. John L. Logan, about 50, of Houston, was killed near Cleburn when his car went over an embankment.

W. H. Boswell of Putnam died in a Cleburn hospital of injuries received Tuesday night when he stopped to repair the lights. Another machine struck his automobile, driving his automobile over him.

Two At Fort Worth  
John Sweeney, 62, of Oney, died of pneumonia which followed injuries suffered Sunday when he was struck by an automobile.

Fort Worth counted two traffic victims last night. Charles A. Guttendorf, 39, painter, of Eagle Mountain lake, was killed when he

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Society

THE WORLD OF WOMEN

Fashions

Miss Emily Stalcup Crowned Pep Squad Queen At Christmas Prom

Dance Follows Annual Banquet At Settles Hotel; Misses Robinson And Read Elected Princess And Maid Of Honor

Miss Emily Stalcup was crowned queen of the Pep Squad at the annual prom at the Settles hotel Wednesday evening following the banquet for members and ex-members in a club room. Miss Mary Frances Robinson was named princess and Miss Marguerite Read was elected maid of honor.

The dance immediately followed the banquet at which 85 members and ex-members of the high school organization were present.

The E-shaped table was laid in Clubroom One and Miss Wanda McQuain, vice president, acted as toastmistress.

Miss Nancy Phillips, ex-member, spoke on impressions of a student attending the affair for the first time as an "ex" and Miss Anna Belle Edwards gave her impression of the first year as a member. The senior's farewell address was given by Miss Read. The Sub Deb trio, composed of Misses Maurine Rowe, Stalcup and Billie Bess Shave, sang a number, accompanied at the piano by Miss Rita Debenport.

The table was laid with white cloth with blue center streamers upon which were miniature Santa

Mrs. James Little Is Triangle Club Hostess At Home

Mrs. James Little was hostess to members and guests of the Triangle Bridge club Wednesday afternoon at her home for the annual Christmas party.

Guests of the afternoon were Mrs. C. S. Blomsheld, Mrs. H. W. Leeper, Mrs. Thomas J. Coffee and Mrs. Joe Pond.

Mrs. Blomsheld scored highest for the guests and Mrs. W. B. Hardy for members.

After the games gifts were distributed from the tree.

A salad course was served to the guests. Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. E. E. Fahrenkamp and Mrs. Monroe Johnson.

200 Attend Presbyterian Church Party

Gifts Distributed Following Program Of Songs, Readings

Two hundred people including members from the nursery department to the young people group, were present for the Christmas party at the First Presbyterian church Wednesday evening.

Members of all departments received gifts from the decorated tree that stood in the assembly room which was trimmed in yuletide colors. Candy, nuts and fruits were given to each one present.

The following program was presented:

Song, "That's What I Want for Christmas"—Clarice Petty, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Roy Wilson.

Reading—Lynn Porter.

Song, "Silent Night"—Junior department, accompanied by Robbie Piner.

Reading—Lois Mae Neill.

Accordion solo—Mary Ann Dudley.

Reading—Lula Beth Duff.

Song—Hazel Carmack, accompanied by Mrs. D. F. McConnell.

Song—David Holton McConnell, accompanied by Mrs. McConnell.

Brahm's "Cradle Song"—Ruth Jane Thompson, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Hurt.

At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus arrived to distribute the gifts from the tree.

56th Wedding Date Is Observed Thursday By Big Spring Couple

Fifty-six years of wedded life are celebrated Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Madry, aged Big Spring couple.

Married on Dec. 23, 1879, the couple has lived together more than half a century without any more than the average domestic arguments, with a lot of hard work, and a deep affection triumphed over infirmity.

Both Richard Thomas Madry, and his wife, Adella Madry, are natives of Giles county, Tenn. Immediately after their marriage in their native county, they migrated to Alabama where they resided for some three years before moving on to Texas.

Settling in Limestone county, they spent 42 years of their married life there before coming westward to Big Spring. Six children, five of them now living, were born to the union, three boys and three girls.

She Does A Man's Work

A son of the soil, Madry always worked at farming or allied jobs. Mrs. Madry, too, made a good hand around the place. She loves to boast that when they grubbed out a 500 acre tract in Limestone county, she could grub as many mesquites as her husband. Madry admits that she just about kept up with him at the job. He has a pet story of plowing on a hillside field so steep that the falling rocks kept the skin baked from his legs.

Thirty-five years ago, Madry was stricken with a paralysis attack. Mrs. Madry then took up support of the family and provided for a course of baths. Although he has never really overcome the effects of the attack to the extent of being able to do strenuous work, Madry nevertheless is now able to walk.

He is oldest of the two, having been born on Aug. 24, 1855. Mrs. Madry was born Mar. 12, 1861. She joined the Baptist church when she was a girl of 11 years, and recently Madry, a member of the Methodist church for 40 years, changed his affiliation to the Baptist with her.

"Pa and Ma"

All of their friends know the couple as Pa and Ma Madry. They go by those names in their neighborhood.

Few quarrels have blighted their married life. They came when Pa punished the children because Pa didn't have the heart to do it. In fact, he didn't have the heart to see her lay on the rod," Mrs. Madry says.

Alone now in their declining years, they love to spend their time with their neighbors. Their sole income, \$35 a month from the state old age assistance commission, provides for their support. But they are together—and although they argue the point, they always admit that they are happier than ever before as they look back on 56 years of marriage.

People Urged To PERSONALLY Send Money For Health Seals

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Mrs. John Lamar Smith of Seagraves is visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lamar Smith. She will be joined here by her husband for Christmas day.

Jake Pickle arrived Thursday from Austin where he is a student in Texas university. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickle.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris King and daughters, Beverly and Peggy, left Wednesday evening for Millsap where they will spend the weekend with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harmon who have been guests in the home of his brother, A. D. Harmon, and Mrs. Harmon, have returned to their home in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Charles Frost left Wednesday for Nixon where she will visit with her family before continuing on to Corpus Christi to spend Christmas.

Special Program For Young People At 1st Baptist On Sunday

A special program in honor of high school and college students and young people not in school, at the First Baptist church, 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

The program will be given by these young people. Approximately eight colleges and universities will be represented on the program.

An invitation is issued to all students.

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For the woman who entertains, an electric percolator set is a thing of beauty and utility.

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One of the most popular of all gifts the last few years is the automatic electric roaster.

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Party For Employees

Employees of the Settles hotel and their friends will be entertained at 10 p. m. today at the Settles hotel with a Christmas party.

Pageant Not To Be Given This Evening

"The Christmas Story," a pageant of the birth of Christ, which was recently announced to be held this evening will not be presented according to the chamber of commerce. The group has tentatively discussed plans for a sunrise program on Easter morning instead of sponsoring the pageant again this year.

Sailors Rescued

VALETTA, Malta, Dec. 23 (AP)—Four exhausted Norwegian sailors were rescued 15 miles off the coast early today after drifting in an open boat for four days, half the time without water.

The men were members of the crew of the 1137-ton Norwegian freighter Kronprins Olav, which broke its propeller shaft. The vessel had no wireless and the four men were trying to reach land to obtain aid.

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READING AND WRITING

By JOHN SELBY

Something For The "Difficult" Man—

"Can't you suggest something for Harry?" said the harassed lady who lives down the road a piece. "You know, Harry's a little well-difficult when it comes to a gift."

But Harry has just bought a Leica, and we had precisely the right suggestion—Richard L. Simon's "Miniature Photography," which Mr. Simon (with great difficulty, no doubt) has finally prevailed upon his own firm to publish (Simon & Schuster; \$1.75). It's a perfect book for the amateur who wants to do a good job.

If your male problem child can't think, try Aldous Huxley's "Ends and Means" (Harcper; \$3.50) on him. The book may irritate a little, since Huxley is darn clever and knows it. But it's often a healthy irritation. If he's a crime fan, give him "The Doctor Looks at Murder" by M. Edward Marten and Norman Cross (Doubleday; \$3). This is a full statement of the role the medical examiner plays in crime—New York crime, it happens. It is a good antidote to the Dr. Watson conception of the medical man in detective yarns.

Doctors also march through the life story of a great physician, "Harlow Brooks" by John J. Moorhead, M. D. (Harcper; \$3.50). And times past do their quota of marching in two very helpful books—"Everyday Things in American Life" by William Chauncey Langdon (Scribner; \$3) and Barrows Mussey's "We Were New England" (Stackpole; \$3.50). The former is first of a series, and covers the period between 1607 and 1776. Mr. Mussey's book is a selection from New England writers, both lay and professional. It's stuffed with delights.

Bookish men may like Charles Goodspeed's "Yankee Bookseller" (Houghton Mifflin; \$3.75) very much. It is a combination of autobiography with the thought of a well known book seller and book man, and has a chatty quality that at times is very endearing. But we have one very special suggestion for the man who has not a literal mind. This is "Letters From Iceland" by W. H. Auden and Louis MacNeice (Random; \$3).

And finally if you have a rich uncle, send him "Your Will and What Not to Do about It" by Rene Wormser (Simon & Schuster; \$2). Do you know what the result might be?

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**ITEMS FROM MOORE**

Students and teachers have arranged the following program to be given on Friday night, Dec. 24, at Moore, at which time a community Christmas Tree will be featured: Song, "Santa's Toyshop," by students in the first six grades; pageant, "The Little Brother Blessed," by high school group; pantomime, "Silent Night," by a group of girls. The program will be in charge of Miss Sarah Phillips. Immediately following the program Santa Claus is expected to arrive with fruit, nuts and candy for all of the children present. He, with the help of the teachers, will be on hand to distribute the presents. The public is invited to be present to enjoy this event.

The Fairview-Moore home demonstration club met last Thursday with Mrs. Cleatus Langley. Members and guests present were: Mrs. G. Hammack, Mrs. J. T. Langley, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Wooten,

Mrs. J. G. Hammack, Jr., Mrs. G. J. Couch, Mrs. Denton, Frk. Freeman Denton, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Mrs. W. H. Ward, Miss Lora Lee Couch and the hostess, Mrs. Cleatus Langley. A Christmas program was featured, with readings and prayers.

Lawrence Adkins and Victor Watts arrived here Sunday afternoon for the holidays. They will return to Canyon on Jan. 3 where they will resume their studies at West Texas State college.

Miss Louise Douglas planned to go to Plainview Thursday afternoon after school to be with her father, H. M. Douglas, over the holidays.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell and daughter, Evelyn Ann, have been with Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ward and family the past two weeks. Mrs. Mitchell's husband was to join them here Thursday night. They plan to remain over the holidays.

Miss Twila Lomax and her pupils were in charge of the chapel program last Friday afternoon, with

Billy Barber as chairman and announcer. The program was as follows: Story, "How They Celebrate Christmas in Mexico," by Joy Payne; story, "How They Celebrate Christmas in Germany," by Josephine Brown; story, "How They Celebrate Christmas in Switzerland," by Billy Hayward; story, "How They Celebrate Christmas in Italy," by Billy Barber; story, "How They Celebrate Christmas in Holland," by Mary Lou Digby; story, "How They Celebrate Christmas in the Far North," by Charles Sullivan; song, "Silent Night," by the third and fourth grade students; a play, "The Little Star," by George King, J. C. Burchett, Mary Frances Phillips, Gladene Fields, Willis Burchett, Joy Payne, Jerry King, Billy Barber, Josephine Brown, Mary Lou Digby, Tommy Ann Hill and Charles Sullivan; song, "Santa's Toyshop," by the third and fourth grade students; Parents present were Mrs. W. H. Ward, Mrs. T. F. Hill, Mrs. W. P. Pettey, Mrs. Jim Mott, Mrs. J. B. Merrick, Mrs. Joe Hull and Mrs. Tom Mitchell.

Ted Phillips was a visitor at

Moore last Friday.

Miss Margie Earnest of Big Spring was the Sunday guest of Misses Callie and Margaret Wheeler.

The Moore agriculture class spent last week on the campus, spacing and setting out a shipment of trees and shrubs received lately from the experiment farm in Oklahoma. This farm has taken over the campus here as a beautifying project in this section.

Miss Viola Pettey with Misses Ella Ann and Rita Cook Johnson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Dan Knox in Big Spring.

School was to be dismissed Thursday for the holidays, and will begin again on Monday, Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wheeler and daughters, Misses Margaret, Callie, Roberta and Dora Lee, left Wednesday for Clifton and Meridian, Tex., where they will visit with Mrs. Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Pederson and others.

Miss Ella Ann Johnson of Big

Spring spent Saturday night with Miss Viola Pettey.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shultz of Big Spring were the Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hart and children, Loveda and Delbert Shultz, and Mrs. J. T. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Robbins and son, Harold Lloyd, and Mrs. Phares, all of Big Spring, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Goodman and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Couch and son, Asa Davis visited Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Couch and family in Big Spring Sunday afternoon.

Miss Norma Lee Adkins spent Saturday night with Miss Anna Maye Hodnett of Knott.

Misses Pauline Petty and Roberta Wheeler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Finis Bugg and children George and Janet of Big Spring.

Lawrence Adkins and Victor Watts were visitors at Moore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Wilemon and daughters, Dorothy Faye and

Betty Jo, of Big Spring were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wilemon and daughters, Pauline and Dorothy Ceil.

Miss Cleo Hudgins spent Saturday night with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cunningham, in Big Spring.

Mrs. Ruby Holland and family from Lovington, N. M., are to arrive here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Turney and children.

Mrs. W. P. Pettey and mother, Mrs. S. J. Williams, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lemmons and son, James Henry, and Mrs. Corson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Watts and daughter, Jackie, were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Watts and children, Betty Jo, Wilds, and Oscar Jr., of Big Spring.

Mrs. C. C. Hale and Mrs. Floyd Cunningham, both of Big Spring, spent Sunday with their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hudgins.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. M.

L. Rowland Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hayworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Rowland, all of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hayworth and family and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis of R-Bar spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hull.

Romana Faye Barber spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adkins and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Turney visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McCullough of Knott last week.

Mrs. Marvin Hayworth and Mrs. J. D. Rowland, both of Big Spring, spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rowland and Mrs. Doyle Turney.

Miss Josephine Brown is ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barber of Moore spent last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eckhart of Luther.

Floyd Phinney of Coahoma spent

Saturday night with Mr. Troy Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hale are the parents of a boy, born Monday morning at the Big Spring hospital.

E. M. Newton and Everitt Seagins made a trip to Austin Saturday.

**YULETIDE PROGRAM AT GARNER SCHOOL**

A Christmas program was presented by pupils Wednesday afternoon at the Garner school. Individual rooms also held special programs, with Christmas trees and exchange of gifts.

Classes will be resumed on January 3. Supt. and Mrs. H. F. Railsback left Wednesday to spend the holidays in Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Barnett will spend the period with relatives at Bonham.

Homer Dunn has returned from Canon City, Colo., where he has been for several months.

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# DREAM TO DREAM

BY ALICE MARIE DODGE

## Chapter 10 CHRISTMAS

Nelda was tugging at the neck-lace and flushing more with an annoyance than embarrassment.

"Just because you gave me this, you needn't think—"

Reck took her hands away from the chain.

"Be reasonable, Nelda!" His impetuous eyes, looking at her in accusation, somehow disarmed her. "I'm not such a bad guy, am I?" His arm went about her shoulders and she smelled the odor of shaving soap, fine linen and Scotch tweed.

"No, you're not so bad."

"Well, stop acting as if I'd stolen the baby's candy. You've been kissed before, haven't you?"

The words fell into a pool of silence. She had occasionally submitted to a kiss, but with the complete security of indifference. This situation was not the same. But she couldn't find words to tell him all that was involved. There was her mother's objection to her. There was her poverty compared to his affluence.

"You're awfully sweet, Nelda." His arm tightened about her shoulder. There was a glow toward her in soft, caressing syllables.

His tenderness was pleasant to her sore spirit and made a warmth surge through her veins. He was so good-looking, so friendly, so cheerful, so amusing that it was always a delight to be with him. In that moment it came to her that she liked him better than any man she knew.

Next morning Jack seemed to have forgotten his bitterness. He came to the breakfast table with light-footed step and, with the resilience of youth, entered into the plans the family was making for Christmas.

Those plans, Nelda thought, were not one third as elaborate as those they'd made in the old days, yet she had to admit there was a certain exhilaration about them that the Christmas in the city had lacked. She and Jack cut down their own tree, gathered pungent pine boughs and red berries in the mountains. It was really fun to pop corn and to make candy. In the city there hadn't been time to do such things.

Jack even went so far as to say over the pine boughs he was forming into a wreath. "Maybe I'll have an M. D. after my name yet."

"Are you engaged?"

Nelda grew hopeful, too. Perhaps she could go back to school next fall. What was the loss of one term? She was young and she'd work all the harder when she returned to her classes.

Reck dashed in for a few minutes the day before Christmas with a large box of glazed fruit.

"I have the most gorgeous plans for New Year's Eve," he announced. "I'm going to take you to the Rio Del Mar for supper and dancing."

"Take me!" Nelda exclaimed, thinking he had highbanded ways. Yet they were charming, dashing ways.

"I've got a card," he went on easily. "Belong to that club."

Jack winked.

"Some class to you!" Laura observed, looking over her spectacles at Reck with respect.

Nelda had never been at the Hotel Rio Del Mar, a fashionable place overlooking the ocean, but she'd heard about its high prices, its exclusive guest list.

"Formal, I suppose?" she asked Reck.

"Yes," he replied.

"You can wear that white tulle," Mrs. Barrie spoke up, her eyes alight with interest.

Nelda nodded. She'd bought the white gown just before the fire and had worn it but once.

As soon as Reck was out of earshot, Nelda asked, "Are you engaged to him?"

"He's just giving me a rush," Nelda answered. "Besides I want to graduate before I think of marriage."

"He acts awfully possessive," Stan chimed in.

"It's she who looks as if she has him in the bag," Jack said. "I love with him, Sis?"

"I'm sure he'll be the right thing for you, Nelda," she evaded with an innocent little laugh.

They were interrupted by a knock at the back door. Nelda answered it. It was Manuel Moresi with a platter of ravioli.

"My mom sent this for Christmas. I don't beat my dog no more," he said all in one breath.

"Good!" she applauded. Their eyes met in an unspoken friendship between them. "Come in, Manuel. I want to give you some homemade candy."

"Oh, boy!" he shot inside.

The Jeweled Christmas morning was cold and gray with fog. It was pleasant in the old adobe house, though Stan hauled a fire in the living room, a fire that danced on the rich furniture, on Mrs. Barrie's pale cheeks, on the dark waves of Nelda's hair as she toasted marshmallows on a long fork. All of them poignantly missed Stephen Barrie, but no one mentioned his name.

Nelda, Lela and Laura each had a share in the preparation of the dinner, although Lela, with her greater knowledge of cooking and sense of her own importance, supervised the meal.

After dinner they all went to see the new house, even Mrs. Barrie. Her two strong sons lifted her into the roadster, and Jack drove her to the scene.

Nelda went to bed that night feeling happier than she had since she came home from college. The old cooperative spirit was back in the family, she thought and went to sleep murmuring, "I'll graduate from Stanford yet! See if I don't!"

Next day she had a long talk

## Chapter 11 NELDA BUYS A TRUCK

That afternoon Nelda met Bill Langdon for the first time since he'd plowed and sowed her land. She was coming from the Moresi after returning their platter when she saw Bill's old car parked on the road.

He was looking at her field. She walked to him.

"The lettuce is not up yet," she said. "I've been looking every day to see if there are any green shoots."

He smiled. "It's fun to watch things grow."

She raised suddenly serious eyes to his. "Do you happen to know where I could buy a good used truck?"

"Yes, I do. Man who lives near town has one he wants to sell."

"Why does he want to get rid of it?"

"He's going to move to the city," "Lucky fellow."

"That," Bill said cynically, "is purely a matter of opinion."

Then he shrugged as if the whole subject was of no importance.

"How can I find this man?" she asked.

"Hop in, and I'll run you down there, you like," he offered. She was about to tell him that she and Jack would go later, but changed her mind when he added, "That is if you think you can stand riding in my old jalopy."

"Course I can."

He alighted with a grace and agility she hadn't noticed in him before.

She experienced a certain magnetic thrill that drew her to him against her will.

There was, nothing provincial about him, she decided as she listened to his well-modulated voice. He talked as if he had a cultural background, but when she tried to draw him out about his past he seemed to retreat and erect a barrier that said, "You cannot pass!"

"Reck came over to see us on Christmas Eve," she remarked during a lull in the conversation.

"Reck?" There was puzzlement in his voice.

"Earl Reckless—the boy who was with you that day at the service station."

"Oh, yes! The one with all the money and no brains!"

"I don't see how you can say that!" she defended swiftly.

"Why doesn't he finish college?" Bill's voice was charged with contempt.

"His father has scads of money. He's going to get his education from traveling."

"Traveling with a fast set?"

"How do you know that?" The red in her cheeks matched that in his.

"I know enough," he retorted cryptically.

"You mean you suspect it, don't you?"

His manner suddenly altered. The spirit seemed to die in him.

"What difference does it make?" His voice was devoid of any inflection. "Let's forget it."

"But—"

"Here we are." He turned the car on to a gravelled road that led to a small gray cottage surrounded by a well-kept garden.

A loan

Two shepherd dogs ran toward them with shrill barks. A jersey cow in an adjoining field lifted a lazy head to look at them.

Two little girls appeared on a side porch, a woman drew back a curtain of a front window and gazed out curiously.

A dark, thick-set man appeared from the barn.

"Mr. Salvo," Bill said when the man reached them, "this young lady—Miss Barrie—would like to look at your truck."

"Sure! Sure!" Salvo agreed eagerly. "It's in the barn."

It wasn't a large truck, but it would do for a girl, Nelda decided, and took Bill's recommendation that it was a good buy.

She made a few rapid mental calculations. She'd have to draw some money out of Jack's college fund to pay for the vehicle, but it could be replaced when her jewelry was sold.

"I can't give you the money until tomorrow," she told the bright-eyed Salvo.

He was frankly disappointed.

"People say they will come back and don't," he complained. "Another man—he is looking at my truck and will let me know this afternoon whether or not he'll take it."

Bill drew out his wallet.

"I can give you \$10 to hold it for Miss Barrie," he offered.

Nelda seeing that the \$10 bill was all the money the wallet contained, protested quickly. "Oh you mustn't!"

"You can pay me back."

"Sure! Sure!" Salvo interposed. "For \$10 down I'll hold it for you."

Bill wrote out a receipt on a leaf of his notebook and had Salvo sign it, then he passed it on to Nelda.

When they started away she asked mischievously, "How do you know I'll get your money back, Bill Langdon?"

"You have an honest face, Nelda Barrie," he replied with a laugh.

## Chapter 12 NEW YEAR'S EVE

"I can't help feeling sorry for Bill," Nelda's voice sounded far away.

"Don't waste your sympathy on that farmer," Reck grunted.

"But he's well, there's something wrong about him, Reck—as if he wasn't always like that."

Reck's mouth twisted into a sneer. "Maybe he's a fugitive from justice."

"Don't be like that, Reck."

He only laughed and switched the subject to the New Year's Eve party they were going to attend.

"I can hardly wait to dance with you," he said, and gave her arm a quick, ardent pressure. "I'll bet you're like thistle-down on my feet."

"You say nice things, Reck."

"You don't know the half of it!" was his reply, accompanied by one of his engaging grins. "I'm loads of fun on a party."

"So I imagine."

A dark blue sedan driven by a plain-looking elderly woman passed them as they turned into the rancho.

"Phew!" he ejaculated. "There goes Blaine!"

"Sure enough," Nelda said, looking after the car. She saw that Reck was worried. "Didn't you want her to see you here?" she asked pointedly.

"Why not?" he demanded with his old nonchalance.

"He stayed for an hour or more and was so gay and carefree that Nelda felt she'd only imagined he was disturbed over having his mother's secretary see him here."

Nelda's thoughts kept drifting to Bill. She felt sorry for him, but only as a figure in the distance—the tall, brown, young man with the look in his blue eyes that had come out of his mysterious past. A certain fascination that she'd aroused was wrapped around her like a luminous haze that kept her from seeing other men clearly.

Next afternoon Mrs. Reckless's sedan came powerfully, majestically like a handsome charger into the Estrado Rancho. Miss Blaine was alone in the car. She gave two blasts of the horn as she stopped. Candy ran to the kitchen door, then back to the dining room, almost colliding with Nelda. "Reck's here," she said, "and he's got a meal you two can wangle out of the ice box." She flitted away

## Another Date

Nelda was terribly disappointed. She'd planned to go to town for a manicure and to get her hair waved. She'd drawn mental pictures of the fun she'd have at the Rio Del Mar. In fancy she saw Reck in the formal black and white of evening attire, saw her lovely white tulle falling in long folds from her slim form.

She wondered if Mrs. Reckless knew about this. Surely she did. Hadn't Miss Blaine tattled to her about Reck coming here? The secretary had probably lost no time in reporting to her mistress that she'd seen Reck and Nelda together yesterday.

Nelda had an impulse to call upon Reck, but pride shied it aside. Reck hadn't asked her when to see him.

Jack left that afternoon. He had been invited to spend the remainder of the holiday period with a classmate in San Mateo. He took with him Nelda's case of antique jewelry, with the intention of selling it in San Francisco.

New Year's Eve might have been very dull for Nelda if she hadn't run into the Powells in town that afternoon.

"Got a date for tonight?" Doris queried after they'd exchanged greetings.

"No, I haven't," Nelda answered. "Neither have we," Doris said wistfully.

"Isn't bursting at the seams with hospitality," her husband remarked.

"How about coming to our house for some bridge?" Doris asked. "We can pick up a fourth somewhere in the neighborhood."

"Fine!" Nelda said.

"We'll read the ice box at midnight," Ray planned slyly.

"He's the finest man," Doris's smile made no secret of the fact that she thought him wonderful.

"I can drive over for you," he said to Nelda after he returned his wife's smile.

"Don't bother. I can come in my roadster."

"Eight or eight-thirty," Doris called and started away.

The fourth at bridge from the neighborhood was Bill Langdon.

"How did you come out with your car the other day?" Nelda inquired as soon as she saw him.

"Filed the distributor points and it ran again. Get your truck?"

"My brothers went after it the next day."

"Why—I didn't know you two knew each other!" Doris exclaimed, her manner plainly betraying she'd meant them as a surprise for each other.

Nelda said nothing. She was thinking Bill hadn't called a mechanic after all, but had done the work himself.

Still feeling compunction for deserting him that day, she resolved to be very nice to him for this evening.

The conversation drifted to farming and its problems. Nelda listened carefully and learned that while she could easily sell the lettuce she might raise, she would not have many worries.

"There's unret growing among the packers," Ray remarked.

"A strike might occur at the worst possible moment," Doris put in.

"Perishable stuff like that has to be moved quickly," Bill said.

"I guess anything you go into has more or less grief attached to it," Ray commented with a little laugh. "All we can do is to be prepared."

"That's right," Bill agreed.

"So long as I—Ray's eyes sent a message of love to his wife—have my red-head by my side I'll tackle anything."

Nelda learned that night that the Powells had been married four years and were still very much in love. It also came out that they'd sloped west when they were in college.

In the Kitchen

It was twenty minutes to twelve when Doris tripped. "Now we're all going to do something toward supper. I've written out the different tasks on slips of paper and you have to perform the one you draw."

"The extended a bowl containing folded bits of paper to Nelda. "You first."

"This is fun!" Nelda drew out a slip. It says, "Go into the kitchen."

"Your turn, Bill," Doris thrust the bowl at him. "It'll be either the dining room or the kitchen."

"Why—it's the kitchen!" he exclaimed brightly as he unfolded the paper.

"I hoped it would be that way," Doris smiled archly at them.

"Slick, aren't you?" twittered her husband. "Getting our guests to do all the work?"

"I don't work too soon, light of my life," she admonished. "You and I will set the table and make the coffee in here."

"And wash the dishes, I suppose?" Ray added and emitted a hollow groan.

"Come on, guests," Doris ordered. At this the dining door opened. Nelda, with Nelda, came in with a meal you two can wangle out of the ice box. She flitted away

## Chapter 13 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As Nelda scrambled the eggs she thought briefly of Reck's party at Rio Del Mar that she missed. How unpredictable life was. Here she was in a green wool dress with one of Doris Powells' aprons tied around her instead of sitting at a table in the white tulle gown with a solicitous waiter hovering near to anticipate her every want.

"You know your kitchen mechanics," Bill said.

"Not so bad yourself," she retorted.

"Case of necessity with me."

"I've just learned to cook in the past few weeks—I mean everyday!"

"The only thing I know before that was chafing-dish stunts!"

"Guess you've found that life means more than chafing-dish stunts."

"And how!"

It must have been the atmosphere of the Powell home that was the cause of what happened at midnight. When the hands of the clock on the kitchen stove reached twelve Bill and Nelda were at the table putting sandwiches together.

"Happy New Year!" she cried.

"Happy New Year!" a sudden, reckless look crossed his face. He kissed her full upon the lips.

After it was over he seemed surprised as she was, but not repentant. "You asked for it," he said.

"Why—I did not!" A hot vivacious like flame was touching her nerves. Her heart was hurrying.

"Oh, a flatterer, eh?" Soft notes of a record sprang the words.

Her creamy skin was smooth and fragrant, her lips red and sweet, so it was no wonder he kissed her again.

She drew away from him rather sharply this time.

"Am I on somebody else's preserves?" he asked.

"Well—" she began after an uncomfortable pause.

"I was afraid of that, Anyway, tonight's been perfect up to now."

He picked up the plate of sandwiches. "Let's join our hosts."

She might have known it would end like this. It always did. She could see that he was pale and the smile on his mouth sardonic. Well, she couldn't help it if he was like that.

Doris and Ray tumbled into the kitchen at that moment.

"Happy New Year! Happy New Year!" they cried.

"A new year! What did it hold for her, Nelda wondered, and passed through the swing door Bill held open for her.

Green Gold

"I saw a lettuce! I saw a lettuce!" Candy's voice almost reached high C as she ran into the house to break the news of her discovery.

"Is it really coming up?" Nelda asked, a tingle of excitement coursing through her.

"How?" Aunt Nelda! "C'mong 'an I'll show you!"

"Okay," Nelda was getting into a sweater and experiencing difficulty because of her haste.

"You act like it's gold," Laura scoffed good-naturedly.

"It is! Green gold!" Nelda flung over her shoulder as she darted out with Candy at her heels.

In the field Nelda stooped down eagerly to examine the tender shoots that were breaking through the soil. Each little red lock was as if it had been touched by an invisible and miraculous hand. As far as she could see the rows were sprouting tiny, green leaves. Green gold! It made her feel vitally, joyously alive.

"What a crop!" she exclaimed.

"Will you have a lotta money when you sell it, Aunt Nelda?" Candy wanted to know.

"More than \$500, perhaps."

"The will you be giving a nickel?" "I'll buy you a pony!" Nelda lifted the child and swung her around in a gay little dance.

"A mama pony!" the child asked breathlessly.

"Maybe," Nelda set Candy down.

"You are a precious little nut!" She gave a soft laugh and kissed her niece.

They saw the postman's car beside the heat of rural mail boxes at the roadside. He was putting something into the Barrie box. They walked to the road. Presently Candy ran ahead.

"Look!" she cried, taking two letters out of the mail box.

"We'll be seeing you!"

Both letters were for Nelda. One had Claire Best's name on the envelope; the other was scrawled in Jack's bold hand handwriting.

Nelda opened her brother's letter first. It contained a check for \$300. He wrote that the jewelry had brought \$500 which was really about half its value. He had kept out \$200 for his microscope.

Claire wrote:

Dear Nelda:

Jewel, Val, Harvey and I will descend upon you next

## Chapter 14 SO MUCH TO DO.

"I'll help you get ready for the company," Laura spoke up.

Laura had earnestly tried to be helpful around the house since her marriage.

"Perhaps I could have them after lunch," Nelda mused. "They'd be here for lunch Saturday and would probably leave Sunday afternoon."

"Four meals—you'd have 'em for," Lela came and stood in the doorway between the kitchen and dining room. "Excuse me!"

"I can buy some chickens cheap from Tony," Nelda planned. "Maybe Mrs. Moresi will sell me some ravioli for Saturday's lunch."

"There's the chicken for Sunday. I can ask Ray and Doris over... two tables of bridge."

"How about your brother and his wife?" Lela asked, her lips tight.

"You said you'd be busy. If you want to come—"

"I certainly will not come on a forced invitation!" Lela flounced into the kitchen.

Nelda let her go. From past experiences she knew it was impossible to smooth Lela down when she was ruffled like that.

In the next fifteen minutes Nelda wrote to Claire and to Reck. She hadn't seen Reck since she'd received the news of his illness a week ago. She hoped he'd be well enough by the end of the week to join her friends at the rancho. It was a gay, little note she sent him:

Nothing much to offer in the way of entertainment... perhaps a walk to look at the baby lettuce... Walk! Ever heard of it?

He accepted the invitation in person on Thursday.

"Why, you look fine!" Uncle Ham said as the young man, snappy and buoyant in a blue suit and dashing tie, leaped out of his car. "Thought you were sick."

"I was. Sicker than sin. But I'm the kind who makes a quick comeback," Reck replied. To Nelda he said, "Miss me?"

"Yes, I wanted to go to see you, but—" she halted. It was hard to tell him she hadn't called upon him because of his mother.

"Jijot!" he cried. "Don't you know that flu's horribly contagious?" His eyes lighted so as he looked at her that her pulses raced. It was thrilling to have a man like Reck interested in her.

"My lettuce is up," she told him happily. "Looks as if I'm going to have a wonderful crop."

"You shouldn't be grubbing around with dirt and vegetables," was his answer.

She bridled a bit. "I've got to do it in order to get back to school in the fall."

"Still got that in your head?"

"I must have my sheepskin."

"Only one quarter to go before I graduate, you know."

"What did you do, New Year's Eve?" he asked abruptly.

"The Powells invited me over for bridge."

"Who was the fourth?" The question shot from him.

"Bill Langdon."

"I was afraid of that!" Accusation looked out from his brown eyes. "Do you think it was nice of you to go sky-larking to a party while I was laid up?"

His tone made her feel that she'd hurt him terribly.

Before she could find words to justify herself he went on:

"You know how much I think of you, don't you, Nelda?"

"How much?"

"I wouldn't do that to you if you were sick."

"She tried to think up a light answer to that and couldn't. She was silent for a moment, then she burst out, "Listen, Reck! Your mother doesn't like me!"

"She will when she knows you better."

"I really don't know where I stand with you."

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"I know your mother objects to me—as an associate for you. We may not have as much money as you have, but my family—"

"Come over on the Mayflower!" he invited, his quick, brilliant smile flashing at her.

It was hard to make her point when he wouldn't take her seriously. It ended with them talking

## Chapter 15 THE WEEK-END PARTY SHE WAS PLANNING.

"A party is right up my alley," he said. "I'll bring over some flowers Saturday morning. Loads of 'em in our hot-houses."

"That'll be grand. There's nothing out in our garden yet."

"You haven't invited Langdon?"

"Why—no. There would be no girl for him."

"He wouldn't fit in, anyway," Reck said carelessly, but his eyes were bright with exultation.

"Oh, you'd be surprised!" She was thinking of the Bill Langdon of New Year's Eve.

"How do you know?" Reck demanded suspiciously.

"On New Year's—" Reck made such an angry gesture that she added swiftly, "He's not the least bit in love with me."

"Don't make me laugh!"

The conversation ended on that note.

On Friday Laura and Nelda cleaned the house thoroughly. Uncle Ham helped some, an old pipe in his mouth that sent out odors of male contentment.

As Nelda surveyed the rooms she realized that she had created a certain beauty in them since coming here. The old adobe house had an air.

In the evening she made salad in individual molds, creating magic with red gelatin, bits of pineapple and cherries with nuts tucked in where the pits had been.

"That salad," she said as she placed the molds on a big platter, "certainly has personality."

"I'll say it has," Laura agreed, gazing at it with such a longing expression that Nelda made a mental note to find a hiding place for the tempting molds.

Laura's appetite never seemed to be satisfied. She was getting so fat she waddled when she walked.

"There's going to be plenty to do in the morning," Nelda remarked, her mind darting ahead to lunch, dinner and the refreshments to be served after bridge.

"We'll get up an hour or so earlier," Laura said.

But in the morning Laura didn't appear for breakfast. She sent word to Nelda by Uncle Ham that she had a malsey in her back—maybe a floating kidney—and would Nelda send her two poached eggs, some toast and jam and coffee in that large cup.

Nelda was flustered for a moment. Then she decided she'd taken on a job and that she'd have to finish it.

Perhaps she could hire Marin Moresi to help her. Why hadn't she thought of Marin in the first place? Maria wasn't home and wouldn't be home until that night, Mrs. Moresi told Nelda.

"She out with that no good mood!" Mrs. Moresi spat out the words.

"Could—would you come, Mrs. Moresi? I'll pay you well."

"No, No!" the woman returned haughtily. "Me, I no like to come. I make mistake in front of your friends."

Nelda felt a genuineness in the region of her stomach. How could she possibly do all the work and entertain her guests, too?

"Would you make some ravioli for lunch, Mrs. Moresi?"

"Sure! Sure! I send it nice and hot by Manuel," the woman said soothingly as if to make up for her refusal to help at the rancho.

"Thanks for that, Mrs. Moresi," Nelda started home, half running.

There was much to do. Beds to make. Rooms to dust. Vegetables to peel. Table to set. And any number of little odds and ends to be attended to. Her mother had to be bathed and dressed.

Nelda didn't see how she'd get a minute to give to her own attire before the guests arrived. She wanted to have everything ready for both lunch and dinner so she could have the afternoon free for her guests.

She had just finished with her mother when Reck arrived with an armful of flowers done up in waxed paper. Her face was red and her usually smooth hair in disorder. She hated to have him see her in such a state.

"Thought you might like to have these flowers early," he said.

"Yes—that's fine."

"Phew! What a mess!" he exclaimed, glancing around at the stack of dishes and the vegetables that cluttered up the drainboard and the table in the kitchen.

"Laura's sick today. I tried to get help and couldn't."

"You should have engaged a maid in town," he admonished, and Nelda felt the embarrassment of a person caught in a lack of wisdom.

"I never dreamed Laura would get sick," she defended.

"Well, I'll toddle along," he said cheerfully. "So I won't hinder you." He went out, humming a gay tune, then returned to say, "I'll be back around noon."

Nelda said angrily to herself. "He might have offered to help!"

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## Continued Next Week

## Weather Delaying Highway Projects

Weather, the construction bugaboo, Monday continued to hold up progress on the highway No. 1 project inside the city limits and west of town.

Attempts to clear the E. 3rd street sector of a mud film accumulated last week Saturday proved futile. Sections of the road west of town were too damp to surface.

Highway engineers, too, surveyed damage occurring from driving automobiles in barricaded areas. One engineer estimated that around 100 machines had been driven past barricades, causing harm to the roadbeds. The damage, he figured, might be calculated around \$100.

Prosecution was promised against persons caught driving past barricades on sections of road under construction.

## Devanmen Win At GC, 22-13

### Coahoma Team Cops 2 Of 3 Games With Hill Billies

GARDEN CITY, Dec. 18—Coach Lloyd Devan's Coahoma charges won two of the three games played with Garden City's high school teams here Saturday night, sweeping the featured boys' game 22-13, and the junior girls' battle 22-12.

The Garden City quintet copped the senior girls' tussle, 26-13.

In the boys' game, Ralph Marshall, senior center, tallied 11 points to take high point honors while Alvis Cox was high for the losers with two field goals and a free toss.

Box score (boys):

GARDEN CITY—		fg	ft	tp
A. Cox, f	.....	2	1	5
Allen, f	.....	1	0	2
L. LaBef, f	.....	0	0	0
Rogers, g	.....	2	0	4
Swindall, g	.....	0	0	0
Bell, g	.....	0	0	0
Ratliff, g	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	6	1	13

COAHOMA—

fg	ft	tp		
Collins, f	.....	2	0	4
Hunter, f	.....	1	1	3
Marshall, c	.....	5	1	11
Schols, g	.....	2	0	4
Little, g	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	10	2	22

Box score (senior girls):

COAHOMA—		fg	ft	tp
L. Lovorn, f	.....	0	0	0
Reid, f	.....	5	1	11
Sullivan, f	.....	0	2	2
Hayworth, f	.....	0	0	0
M. Lovorn, g	.....	0	0	0
Prather, g	.....	0	0	0
Meal, g	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	5	3	13

GARDEN CITY—

fg	ft	tp		
Riley, f	.....	8	1	17
Parker, f	.....	1	0	2
Bell, f	.....	2	0	4
McWilliams, f	.....	1	1	3
Dolan, f	.....	0	0	0
Alup, g	.....	0	0	0
Gray, g	.....	0	0	0
Rogers, g	.....	0	0	0
Roundtree, g	.....	0	0	0
Sparkman, g	.....	0	0	0
Totals	.....	12	2	26

## McCall Checks Recreational Work Here

### Projects Gain Headway Under Supervision Of Malone

William McCall, district supervisor of the Recreational Department of the Works Progress Administration visited in Big Spring Thursday and reported favorably on the highly improved West Side park.

On his last visit here the park was just a rough lot being used as a playground. Now it has been graded and leveled, swings have been installed, there has been a volleyball court and a basketball court erected. The attendance has also increased in proportion to the improvements.

McCall assisted in the in-training program held at the girl scout hall at the city park, a weekly feature conducted by the local unit of the Recreational department for the training of the directors who guide the activities of the children taking part in the recreational program.

H. F. Malone, local superintendent of recreation, announced Friday that instruments for conducting a rhythm band had been ordered and that children on the various playgrounds interested in such activities would be given instruments and organized into bands.

Table tennis (ping pong) sets were also ordered and this sport should prove to be a popular indoor activity.

The city purchased several volumes of recreational books and magazines to be used by the playgrounds.

Cooperating with the public schools, the department will help to place basketball courts on the school grounds of the city. Two courts and possibly more will be available for practice.

## Castor Bean May Be A New Weapon To Fight Hoppers

### ATLANTA, Kas., Dec. 20 (AP)—

An accidental discovery last summer that grasshoppers have an insatiable appetite for death-dealing castor bean foliage and stalks—holds promise of giving farmers a new weapon in their fight against the pest.

Dr. L. M. Christensen of the Chemical Foundation of Kansas, with caution common to scientists, said today he saw thousands of grasshoppers go to their deaths because they feasted on vegetation of the castor bean.

And strange, too, Dr. Christensen observed, was the absence of chinch bugs and birds in the immediate vicinity of the castor bean plants, a situation for which, he said, no explanation is offered at this time.

In recent years the government and midwestern farmers have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, seeking by use of poison baits to eradicate the hopper horde, which the department of agriculture estimated did crop damage of \$90,131,000 in 1936.

Now, it appears possible a farmer may protect his crops by merely planting a barrier of castor beans around his fields.

Holiday

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was struck by an automobile as he was repairing a flat tire on his machine. Ed Roan, 31, fort Worth negro, was killed by a bus at a suburban intersection. At Galveston, Robert F. Lee, 18, negro, was crushed to death between two freight cars. Roy Grimland, 36, will be buried at Sonora today, the victim of a crash near Kerrville yesterday when his automobile overturned. Scuffled Over Gun Julian Gonzales, San Antonio bartender, was wounded fatally with a .25-caliber automatic pistol in his hotel room. His wife, Orvilla Gonzales, who told officers they scuffled over the gun, was under \$1,000 bond on a charge of murder. A woman was questioned at Jasper in connection with the fatal shooting of Gordon Dickerson, 27. He died yesterday of a pistol-bullet wound received at the home of a relative Tuesday. At Houston officers were investigating the death of A. L. Teachout, 45, Galena Park refinery worker, who died of a .45-caliber pistol bullet wound in his temple. Relatives told authorities the weapon was found nearby.

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

Japs

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and the United States awaited formal answers to notes protesting Japanese attacks on their ships. Great Britain was taking measures to insure quick movement of elements of her Mediterranean fleet to China waters in an emergency. In Spain, the Spanish government was jubilant over its capture of Teruel, insurgent strong point at the southern tip of the Aragon front. The government gleefully proclaimed this victory the first move toward "reconquest of Spain." Battle At Teruel The insurgents, however, were battling grimly to regain lost ground around Teruel. Advice reaching Hendaye, on the Franco-Spanish frontier, said a column of insurgent troops, supported by artillery, broke through government siege lines at Teruel in a counter offensive. The report said the Teruel garrison, aided by some of the civilian population, still was resisting government efforts to completely dominate the beleaguered city. Insurgent troops barricaded in a seminary overlooking Teruel were making a strong stand, harassing government forces with machine gun fire and defying capture.

SERVICE VET DIES UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 23 (AP)—David C. Ratten, 64, a veteran of the army, the navy and the marine corps, died last night.

Analysis

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penditures and budget balancing. Furthermore, the inquiry will constitute the first attempt by congress to study the relief problem for itself and devise a program of its own, distinct from the recommendations of President Roosevelt. Some of those most determined to economize have come to the conclusion that greater relief spending temporarily may be necessary. Committee officials said the first week of the inquiry would be devoted to finding out the facts about the recession and its effect on unemployment. The first witness will be John D. Biggers, director of the unemployment census. He will be followed by Secretary Perkins and Isador Lubin, director of the bureau of labor statistics committee aides, said John L. Lewis of the C.I.O., and William Green of the American Federation of Labor would be asked to present reports from their affiliated unions. Once the size of the relief problem has been established, the committee intends to ascertain to what extent existing facilities will care for the unemployed and how much emergency treatment will be required.

Clipper

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return flight from New Zealand Dec. 29. At Honolulu, the New Zealand line will connect with the Pan-American Airways Clippers flying between Alameda, Calif., and Hongkong, China. Pan-American officials said they understood an Imperial Airways plane was making a survey flight from Sydney or Brisbane, Australia, to terminate at Auckland Dec. 27, one day after the Samoan Clipper reaches there. Their Australian service would be a connection of the new Hawaii-New Zealand airline. An airways announcement said the Clipper would carry mail and express until super Clippers under construction by Boeing are ready for passenger service.

Public Records

Marriage License I. B. Berryhill, Snyder, and Hazel Holcomb, Snyder. Beer Applications L. L. Gully application for beer permit filed. New Cars Curtis E. Riggs, Coahoma, Hudson tudor. L. L. Parker, Ford coupe. B. E. Henry, Ford tudor. Hiram Brimberry, Buick coupe. A. E. Emsop, Lovington, N. M., Ford tudor. G. W. Petefish, Ford tudor. Monroe Mack, Chevrolet sedan.

TES LINEMEN TRACING POWER FAILURE

Texas Electric Service company linemen were at work Thursday afternoon to determine location of trouble which resulted in an interruption in power service earlier in the day. Cause or location of the break, which occurred east of Big Spring, had not been determined. The entire city was without light and power for about 40 minutes. The company's standby equipment was switched in for resumption of service.

RETURN HOME

J. P. Crenshaw, constable, returned from Abilene and Carl Mercer, deputy constable, returned Thursday from Fort Worth where they had been on business.

MARKETS

ALL MARKETS WILL CLOSE SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—American and European financial and commodity markets will be closed Saturday for Christmas. European exchanges will extend the holiday through Monday. Principal commodity markets in New York will suspend business a half day for Christmas eve tomorrow. The Chicago Board of Trade and other American grain markets and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange will halt at one o'clock tomorrow. European and Canadian security markets will only have part sessions tomorrow.

LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—U.S. Dept. Ag.—Hogs, 16,000; top 8.70; bulk good and choice 150-200 lbs. 8.40-60; most good packing sows 6.85-7.25.

Cattle, 3,500; calves, 1,000; largely steer run; bulk 8.00-10.50; extreme top 13.10 on strictly long fed Angus scaling 1,563 lbs; next highest prices 12.00; best trade continues very sluggish; bulls 10-15 higher, scarce; best sausage bulls 7.00; vealers 11.00 down. Sheep 7,000; fat lambs opening moderately active, fully stocked, asking higher; best to choice offerings 8.50-75; best held above 9.00; indications about steady on sheep.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 23 (AP)—(USDA)—Hogs 300; top 7.65 paid by shippers and small killers; packer top 7.55; good to choice 185-283 lb. averages mostly 7.50-55; butchers plus 6.25 down; packing steady, mostly 6.00.

Cattle 1,100; calves 500; most classes cattle and calves about steady; two loads medium fed steers 6.00; odd head down to 5.50 and below; part load good fed heifers 6.50; most yearlings and heifers plain and medium kinds selling from 4.00-6.00; butcher cows 4.90-50; few beef cows to 5.25; weighty sausage bulls 4.75-5.00; most steers calves 4.00-6.00; odd head to 7.00; and culls down to 3.50; stockers scarce. Sheep 200; receipts mostly good fat lambs selling at 7.25, or 25c lower; other classes scarce.

Cotton

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Cotton futures closed steady at net declines of 4 to 5 points.

Open High Low Last Jan. .... 8.30B ..... 8.31B Feb. .... 8.43 8.49 8.40 8.44 Mar. .... 8.50 8.54 8.48 8.50-51 July ..... 8.53 8.57 8.50 8.54B Oct. .... 8.61 8.64 8.60 8.62B Dec. .... 8.64B ..... 8.65B A—asked; B—bid.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23 (AP)—Spot cotton closed steady, 5 points lower. Sales 3,021; low middling 7.04; middling 8.54; good middling 9.09; receipts 5,318; stocks, 877,424.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Cotton futures closed 3 to 6 lower. Open High Low Last Jan. .... 8.18 8.28 8.18 8.21-22 Feb. .... 8.30B ..... 8.31B Mar. .... 8.38 8.46 8.37 8.40-42 July ..... 8.44 8.50 8.43 8.44 Oct. .... 8.51 8.55 8.50 8.55 Dec. .... 8.54 8.59 8.54 8.57-58 Spot steady; middling 8.44.

Active Stocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Sales closing price and net change of the 15 most active stocks today: Chrysler, 22,200, 53 7-8 down 3-4. US Steel, 20,900, 60 up 5-8. Bethlehem Steel, 20,900, 61 1-2 down 1-2. Gen Motors, 18,800, 32 5-8 no. Anaconda, 17,700, 32 3-8 up 1-8. NY Central, 12,800, 18 7-8 down 1-8. United Corp., 12,160, 3 1-2 down 1-8. Int. Nickel, 11,700, 46 1-4 down 3-8. Para. Pict., 11,000, 2 3-4 down 1-4. Martin G. L., 10,700, 19 7-8 up 1-4. Gen Elec., 10,400, 44 3-8 up 3-8. Spiegel, Inc., 9,400, 9 1-4 down 5-8. Unit. Abre., 9,400, 26 up 3-8. Youngst. Sh. & M., 9,300, 42 7-8 no. Armour III, 9,100, 5 1-2 up 1-8.

INJURIES FATAL FORT WORTH, Dec. 23 (AP)—Mrs. Dora Smith Crowder Scherer, 72, of San Juan, Hidalgo county, died today of injuries received last night in a traffic accident.

School Fund Swelled By Oil Leases

And Royalties From Submerged Lands To Bring More

AUSTIN, Dec. 23 (AP)—Land Commissioner W. H. McDonald said today oil leases on lands in bays and within the three-mile limit in the Gulf of Mexico had netted the permanent school fund \$2,139,359 in cash rentals and bonuses during the past year and high royalties and oil payments should yield millions more. At the same time he clarified his views about drilling in submerged areas, asserting if such lands were not developed there was risk they would be drained by private individuals, that leasing of submerged areas was prescribed by statute and that strict rules to protect fishing, shipping and public and private rights had been adopted. "It has been said this drilling will damage the view and menace the fish," McDonald said. "However, no one has objected to drilling on privately-owned land along the shore though it could be argued with equal weight that such drilling likewise would impair the scenery and threaten the fish. Furthermore, if submerged lands are not developed and adjacent land is developed, oil belonging to the state will be drained for the benefit of private individuals and oil companies. "Leasing of the submerged areas is prescribed by statute so the remedy of any opposition thereto is to have the law changed. I announced that I would not lease any such lands during the last regular and first called sessions so that the legislature would have the opportunity, if it wished, to change the statute and withdraw the lands from the market but the legislature did not see fit to do so. "Further, the rules which have been promulgated during my administration for drilling in the submerged areas are the most stringent in the history of the oil industry and are designated to afford the fullest protection to fishing, shipping and public and private rights in general. "Discussing logarithmic bids, the land commissioner said that, in no instance, was the state's royalty less than one-eighth, the customary amount received when a private owner leases his land, and that the logarithmic bids, through a sliding scale dependent on allowances and prices, meant that in some instances the state could receive a royalty as high as 51 per cent.

Schools Receive Funds From State

Recipients of state aid and transportation aid due from last year has been received here for distribution among several schools. County Superintendent Anna Martin said Thursday. Transportation aid totaled \$647 and rural aid \$327. The amount represented an additional four per cent payment over the 90 per cent paid on the state's obligation last year. On transportation aid Gay Hill received \$228, Ackerly (for carrying South high school pupils) \$57 and Knott \$340. R-Bar, Gay Hill, Center Point, Moore, Morgan, Richland and South shared in \$195 rural aid and Knott got \$132 for the same purposes.

Work Progressing On Water Main To Hospital Site

Last ear of the six inch cast iron pipe to be used as a water main at the state hospital site was received by the city Thursday morning. Work in laying the pipe is progressing satisfactorily, the line having been extended west of the state highway. The county continued work on its laying of a grade to the site for a railroad spur and the T. & P. pushed daying of track on the completed portion of the roadbed. Dr. George McMahon, Austin, superintendent of the new hospital, advised the chamber of commerce that he was preparing to move here around the first of the year to make his home.

FRENCH TO BUILD A MEMORIAL TO GEN. PERSHING

PARIS, Dec. 23 (AP)—The French chamber of deputies today approved an appropriation of 1,500,000 francs (\$50,000) for the monument to Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the World War A.E.F., at Versailles. The people of Versailles contributed a similar sum. General Pershing attended dedication of the monument, an equestrian statue of Pershing, at Versailles last October.

ADVERTISING PAYS (?)

LUFKIN, Dec. 23 (AP)—The wrong people, Gary Eaves reflected today, took him seriously about his haberdashery advertisement. In a newspaper ad Eaves told readers "naturally you'll want to dress up for Christmas." He had just received a new shipment of men's clothes. Burglars broke in during the night, took 47 suits and 20 leather jackets.

POSTAL RECEIPTS MOUNT AND HOLIDAY TRADE HOLDS FIRM

Postal receipts climbed past the \$7,000 mark Wednesday and were only \$684 under the \$7,700 total for all of December a year ago. Postmaster Nat Shick announced Thursday in reviewing the Christmas rush which appeared to be subsiding at the postoffice Thursday.

Early shopping was conceded to have lessened the traditional last minute rush here, although there were signs Thursday afternoon that Friday would prove to be perhaps one of the heaviest shopping days yet. From Big Spring alone there were 22,611 letters mailed Wednesday, a day which was much lighter than either Monday or Tuesday. An estimated 6,000 additional letters came in from the rural and star routes. The incoming mail volume was so large Thursday that the city's largest moving van had to be employed. It was loaded to capacity in transferring the lot from the depot to the postoffice. In the face of business up a third from last December, the local postoffice force has cleared all mail before incoming trains, has never delayed a piece of mail out of here from the earliest possible schedule, and had kept up with intake and deliveries to a good degree, all with the help of only four additional workers.

S. WILL TAKE NO PART IN GOLD POOL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today the United States would not participate in any international gold pool. Asked in comment on a proposal of former Premier Van Zeeland of Belgium that the world powers create a system for facilitating and stabilizing world gold movements, the secretary declared: "As far as the United States treasury is concerned the answer to participation in such a plan is definitely, 'no'."

Another senator, Wheeler (D-Mont.), took a different view in talking to reporters. He urged that American troops and ships be withdrawn from China. Borah said the American people should be on guard against war propaganda such as that which was prevalent in World War days.

Borah Condemns Creation Of 'War Psychology'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Senator Borah (R-Idaho) condemned today the creation of "a war psychology," contending it was neither necessary for America to get out of China nor to go to war with Japan. Commenting to newsmen on the Japanese situation for the first time since the sinking of the gunboat Panay, Borah said: "I do not think we ought to get out of China, or leave the east, and neither do I think that if we fail to do so we are going to war with Japan. "We have the right and it is our duty to protect our people lawfully in China and our legitimate interests there. I entertain the view that we can do so without resorting to war or being involved in war." Another senator, Wheeler (D-Mont.), took a different view in talking to reporters. He urged that American troops and ships be withdrawn from China. Borah said the American people should be on guard against war propaganda such as that which was prevalent in World War days.

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The Firemen Have A Good Time

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Thirty firemen had a jolly good time fighting a \$500 blaze in the Hamilton club, a republicans club in the loop for two generations. They would have had a lot more fun if Battalion Chief Anthony Durkin, worried over their long absence, hadn't rushed to the scene. Durkin found five men putting out the fire. The other 25, coats off and red-faced, were in the club gymnasium, riding mechanical horses, performing on horizontal bars and flying rings and exercising with Indian clubs. "What goes on here," Durkin yelled. "If you guys can't work, you can't play. Go on back to the engine house." And so they did. The fire was out anyway.

On A Mission For Her Teddy Bear, Child Killed

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Nine-year-old Janice Peterson spent several hours nursing her sick teddy bear. It had soft spots all over, and left a trail of sawdust, so she filled the depressed places with paper and sewed up some of the small openings. But what teddy really needed was a bit of red ribbon to make him well for Christmas. Janice took a nickel from her savings yesterday and ran to a nearby store. When three hours passed and she had not returned, her father went to police headquarters. There, he learned that Janice had run from behind a street car into the path of a truck. The truck driver said she was killed instantly.

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## Big Problem For Texas

An idea of the magnitude of the farm tenancy problem in Texas is strikingly conveyed by a recent letter written by A. G. Pat Mayse, chairman of the State Farm Security Advisory committee, in which he says: "I presume no one believes or feels that it will be possible for the government ever to purchase farms for each of the 2,265,155 tenants in the nation, of which Texas alone has 286,105. It would require \$134,000,000 a year just to replace the 40,000 new tenants that have been created each year for several years."

The Bankhead-Jones farm tenant bill, which provides for loans to tenant farmers for the purchase of farms, is a gesture which shows that the government is aware of the plight of two and a quarter million Americans, but can hardly be much more than that. The bill provides for \$10,000,000 to be made available for loans the first year, \$25,000,000 the second year and \$50,000,000 the third year and each year thereafter.

According to Mr. Mayse' figures, this fifty million dollars would provide loans for less than half of the new tenants now being created each year—and would leave nothing for the DECREASE of tenancy. Indeed, fifty million dollars each year can but diminish the rate of increase of tenancy.

The application of the farm tenant bill may, however, develop constructive information which will facilitate attacks upon the problem from other directions. Tenant farmers themselves seek revision of the customary terms of contracts for rent of land—new provisions which would make them more secure upon their acres, which would encourage them to make improvements and to build up the farm they till.

How the land has gravitated into the hands of a comparative few who rent it to others is a story in itself—but a story which can find its parallels in the stories of commerce and industry. Not only in the agricultural world are there employers and employes; it is true throughout the existing social structure.

Perhaps we cannot do away with farm tenancy. But at least we can devise means to make the lot of the tenant a happier and more prosperous one.

## + Man About Manhattan +

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK—Quotations:

"Many of the theater's most erudite and glamorous pageants, produced by reputable managers, have been backed by men who should be in Sing Sing!"

"It is a matter of public record that highly lauded Manhattan politicians were in the habit of breaking bread with unlawful characters who were later to embarrass them considerably."

"Repeal has improved the art of dining, the art of winning, and practically every other phase of fine living with the exception of waiters. The hold-over influence of large tips from prohibition still finds them laggard and arrogant."

"Tobacco is a lone man's companion, a bachelor's friend, a hungry man's food, a sad man's cordial, a wakeful man's sleep, and a cold man's fire. There is no herb like it under the canopy of Heaven."

"Not all 'gun molls' are girls reared in a criminal atmosphere or whose environment has brought them into contact with criminals. Young women of education and good family have been drawn into the life of the gangs under the spell of excitement and awe. Girls who love, or imagine they love, can forget every warning and every argument of reason and good judgment. The police know the misery and tragedy of their lives."

"What I want of the theater—that glorious but transient art—is to be in the audience when the play reaches its full stride, when the acting and scenery and the play itself and the lighting and the direction all concur in one supreme moment of living climax. I want to be there, living it and loving it, as the curtain falls."

"The skies rain gifts in New York. Anniversaries, birthdays, home-comings, weddings, arrivals—all are opportunities. No people are more attentive, none more anxious to oblige; you have hardly made the acquaintance of a New York broker before he puts his car at your disposal, makes you a member of his club, loads you with theater tickets, useful addresses, books, gifts, and new friendships."

"People in New York, despite the congestion of the streets, are alarmingly punctual. And terrifyingly polite: people leave cards, or send huge bouquets after every invitation, and remain standing, in the English fashion, whenever their hostess is not sitting down."

"Park avenue ends its brilliant career far, far off in misery. But how fine it is, as far as 90th street or thereabouts. The Ritz tower, with its twenty-five stories in one single piece, overlooks the whole scene. At night, lit up sky-high, it seems something more disturbing even than those towers of Bologna celebrated by Dante."

## TODAY AND TOMORROW

By Walter Lippmann

(Mr. Lippmann's column is published as an informational and news feature. His views are personal and are not to be construed as necessarily reflecting the editorial opinion of The Herald—Editor's Note.)

### LAWLESSNESS IN JERSEY CITY

There is a condition of affairs in Jersey City which has a very special claim upon the attention of those who felt deeply about the attempt to pack the supreme court of the United States. For at this moment in Jersey City the plainest and the most fundamental and the most ancient of American civil rights are openly suspended by the mayor, Mr. Frank Hague, his police force and his political henchmen. The facts in the case are simple. The issue is, I think, perfectly clear. Those of us who opposed the president last winter because we believed his judiciary bill would impair the liberties which depend upon impartial administration of the law cannot overlook the mayor of Jersey City when he destroys those same liberties by a completely arbitrary use of official force.

For if we meant what we said last winter when the judiciary bill was before the senate, then we cannot now be silent, acquiescent, or too busy to bother about Mayor Hague and the constitutional rights of the C.I.O. organizers.

Jersey City has an ordinance passed in 1924 which forbids the distribution in "any street or public place" of any newspaper, paper, periodical, book, magazine, circular, card or pamphlet. For violating this ordinance, or even for "contending" its violation, presumably by accepting printed matter, a person in Jersey City may be fined \$10 or imprisoned for 10 days on the first offense, or both, and fined \$25 or imprisoned 30 days or both for each subsequent offense.

This is, of course, a most extraordinary law. Under it a man could be clapped into jail for handing to a passerby a circular inviting him to vote for Mayor Hague or to subscribe to a policeman's bill. That the ordinance has been on the books for nearly 14 years can mean, I should suppose, only one of two things: either that in Jersey City, unlike any other spot in the country, no one ever has wished to distribute circulars and advertisements, or that the ordinance has not been enforced except occasionally against individuals or organizations that are too weak to defend their legal rights. For it seems fairly clear that the ordinance is contrary to the principles of constitutional freedom as understood in the United States or in any state within the Union, and that as a matter of fact it is unconstitutional under decisions of the courts of New Jersey.

However, on November 29 seven C.I.O. members or sympathizers were arrested in Jersey City for violating this ordinance. The only charge against them was that they had distributed leaflets on a public street in Jersey City. It was not charged that they had broken any law or that the circular advocated the breach of any law. Their offense was that they distributed a leaflet. For this they were sentenced to five days in jail. They were refused a jury trial. They were refused a stenographer to make a record. They were refused bail. They were refused a stay of sentence. They appealed immediately. But on the ground that counsel for Jersey City was not present, Chief Justice Brogan of the supreme court refused to hear the motion. Finally, on December 9 their petition of appeal was argued and the district attorney was given 10 days to prepare his brief. The appeal will, however, do them no good. For they have already been compelled to serve their sentences.

Surely, these proceedings must be described as an outrage upon the inner principle of constitutionality. For an obviously minor and technical offense against an ordinance of extremely doubtful legality these men have been held without bail, convicted and refused a stay of sentence till they could appeal.

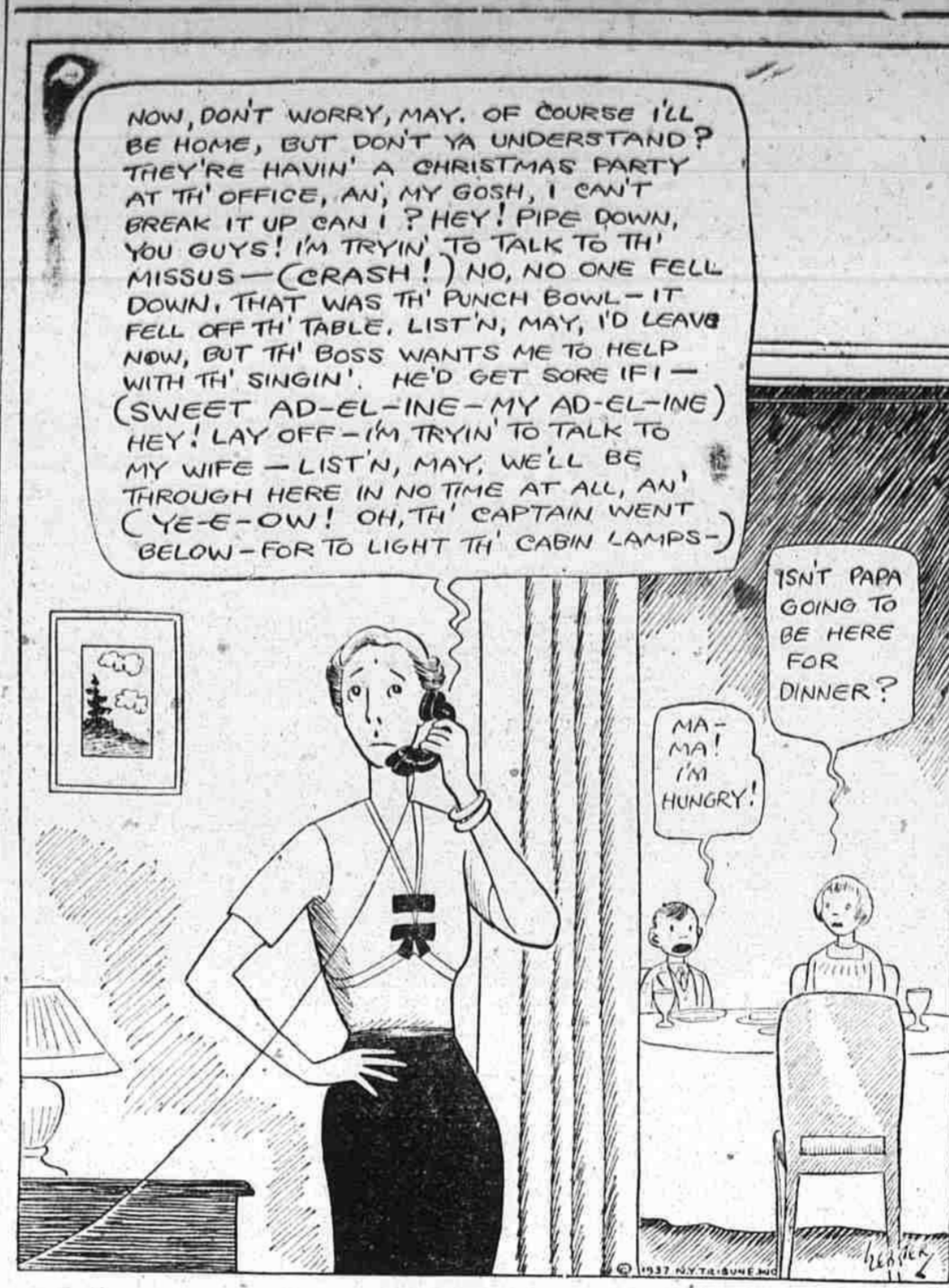
But this does not exhaust the lawless conduct of Mayor Hague's administration. For these seven men were at least arrested and convicted in a police court. But many other men who have wished to distribute leaflets in Jersey City have not even been arrested and convicted in a police court. They have been seized by the police, and without any further legal proceedings have been by sheer physical force driven out of Jersey City.

This is official lawlessness, naked and unashamed. If there is, any ground on which this can be defended, if there is any pretext on which it can be condoned, if there is any reason why it should be tolerated, I do not know what it is.

For no one, I take it, unless it be Mayor Hague himself, will undertake to argue that because they belong to the C.I.O. these agitators are not entitled to the benefits of the Bill of Rights. Perhaps there will be some who think that even though they do not quite like to say so.

"They should remember the struggle last winter when the opponents of the court packing plan were accused of being the mere defenders of a president that straggled like a dog. During that struggle liberals and progressive men were not attacked by that accusation; they were fought by the integrity of the conscience." (Copyright, 1937, New York Tribune, Inc.)

## How To Torture Your Wife



## Hollywood + Daily Crossword Puzzle +

**Sights and Sounds**  
 By Robbin Coons

**HOLLYWOOD**—"Tovarich" was set down on the Warner production schedule for a generous seven weeks. The filming, required 12. The picture was not intended to cost in excess of a million. It did. For these and other reasons, "Tovarich" became a "jinx picture."

Like many another film unappreciated brought forth, "Tovarich" emerges happily in the department that counts most: the final result. This has brought Anatole Litvak, a director who did not flinch at 20 to 30 takes on a scene, a new contract. It has brought to film-goers a piece of superior entertainment.

Dealing with two hapless, proud and amusing Russian aristocrats who go into domestic service in Paris, the screened "Tovarich" is a pleasant mixture of broad and subtle comedy, done with considerable verve and gaiety, and with fine tenderness when the occasion demands.

**Rathbone As Commissar**  
 Charles Boyer, whose French accent serves admirably for Russian, and Claudette Colbert, who accents no accent, play the refugees, who while making beds and shining shoes with an aristocratic but thoroughgoing flourish, keep in trust a fortune for their Tsar. Master and mistress in the home are Melville Cooper and Isabel Jeans, both British importations likely to remain here a while. Son and daughter are Anita Louise and Maurice Murphy. Boyer and Colbert, without conscious effort, practically Russianize this banker's family as prelude to the main comedy scenes—the dinner party for the Soviet commissar (Basil Rathbone) at which the former aristocrats serve with dignity but not without effective hate and humor.

"Wells Fargo" is a commendable attempt to dramatize the stirring and technical history of the American transportation industry, which is America's history during some 40 turbulent years. Frank Lloyd's production is spectacular, embracing the gold rush era, the first telegraph, covered wagon and pony express days, early San Francisco life and a bank panic, together with a smattering of politics and the Civil war, with word-of-mouth excursion into the Mexican fracas and brief view of Loina Montez. So much history going on the narrative of Wells Fargo agent Joel McCrea's part in winning the west and his romance and marriage with Frances Dee makes for some exciting sequences

but interferes with the desired effect of sustained drama.

Bob Burns as Joel's pioneer pal is on hand with his customary drawled observations. A silent Indian played by Bernard Siegel was the cast stand-out for me, but Mary Nash, Ralph Morgan, Henry O'Neil, Lloyd Nolan, Johnny Mack Brown and many others contribute. **Comedy of Opera**

Lily Pons' new vehicle is titled "Hitting a New High," but I for one would rather otherwise. The star's vocal attainments are beautifully displayed in an extremely silly, at times funny, story about a night club singer who wants to sing opera. Press Agent Jack Oakie gets her an audition with opera patron Edward Everett Horton by painting her as a "bird girl" in the African jungle where Horton goes game hunting.

Returning to civilization, Horton prepares his "find" for opera. John Howard, orchestra leader, demands that she sing at his club as price of his silence about the hoax, which makes things pretty tough on Lily, but gives her a chance to bring the title song in cute black-tights. After she does the mad scene from "Lucia" at Horton's ter all.

**Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle**

1. Strike a golf ball high in the air	ALP	6. A lot
2. Waves breaking on the shore	SEAS	7. Oppose by argument
3. Immediately	ATONCE	8. Iceing
4. Song from an opera	ARIOSO	9. Swimming or floating
5. Mimi	MIMI	10. Steer
6. Town in Ohio	COLUMBUS	11. Slender
7. Color	INDIGO	12. King of the East
8. Capital of Massachusetts	BOSTON	13. Rock
9. Pull hard	PULL	14. Lead projectile
10. European land bird	PARTRIDGE	15. American
11. Obligated	OBLIGED	16. Indians
12. Pasture	PASTURE	17. Large serpent
13. Substance used in milking	MILK	18. Inclines
14. Roads	ROADS	19. Wander
15. Depression between mountain peaks	VALLEY	20. Capably
16. In contact with from above	CONTACT	21. West Point freshman
17. Siberian river	AMUR	22. Anser
18. Not fresh	STALE	23. Macaw
19. Unit of work	MAN HOUR	24. Muddled
20. Western state abbr.	WY.	25. Fragrant
21. Distant	REMOTE	26. Over
		27. Minute
		28. Particles
		29. Canvass
		30. Shutter
		31. Metric land measure
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		33. Upright
		34. Negative
		35. Perform

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**OTHERS SENTENCED TO DIE IN RUSSIA**  
 MOSCOW Dec. 23 (AP)—Fourteen death sentences for alleged "anti-soviet wrecking" in the lumber industry and grain storage were reported today.

Nine of the latest victims in the soviet "purge" of its internal economy were sentenced in Archangel. They were charged with responsibility for poor living conditions of lumberjacks, causing them to leave camps, as well as wasteful cutting of timber in laying out roads through swamps.

The other five were sentenced in Georgia after purportedly pleading guilty to charges of storing new grain with old, wormy grain.

Calvin Boykin left Thursday for Rochelle, where he will join Mrs. Boykin and their two sons and daughter for the Christmas holidays.

## Fairview News A. M. Runyan Death Victim

A Christmas program was presented last Thursday at the meeting of the Fairview Home Demonstration club, at the home of Mrs. Cletus Langley. A Christmas tree featured the decorations, and gifts were presented to the guests.

The following program was presented: Scripture reading, Mrs. J. G. Hammack; prayer, Mrs. W. A. Langley; "Old Saint Nick," Colene Langley; "Incident at Bethlehem," Mrs. Johnson; "Meaning of Christmas," Mrs. W. H. Ward; "Christmas in Other Countries," Mrs. J. W. Wooten; "Son of the Lazy Farmer," Mrs. G. J. Couch.

Visitors present were Mrs. Freeman Denton, Mrs. J. D. Denton and Mrs. Tom Michael of Brady. Members present were Mrs. W. A. Langley, Mrs. G. J. Couch, Miss Lora Couch, Mrs. J. G. Hammack, Mrs. W. H. Ward, Mrs. Hulian Davis, Mrs. Edgar Johnson, Mrs. Gabra Hammack, Mrs. J. W. Wooten.

Miss Lucille Grant has returned from Lubbock to spend the holidays. She is a student in Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Hill and daughter were to leave this week for Oklahoma to spend the holidays.

Cotton picking is nearly at a standstill in this community. The weather remains too damp for pulling.

L. A. Matthews of Lamesa will spend the holidays with his family in Fairview.

Melvin and Wilburn Matthews will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Waco.

M. Walker of Corpus Christi was a weekend visitor in the J. N. Lane home.

Mrs. R. M. Crabtree of Dunn will be a holiday visitor in the R. C. Gattitha home.

Miss Ermance Wooten was hostess to a group of friends Tuesday night at a Christmas party. After enjoyable games, refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Hammack, Mr. and Mrs. Gabra Hammack, and sons, Kenneth and Billy; Dwothy Matthews, Marie, Matt, Wilona, Winona Bailey, Mildred Bailey, Jo Gregory, Lorie Lee, Lora Couch, John Bailey, R. V. Thomas, George Hatch, Wilburn Matthews, Porter Roy Matthews, Ace Couch, John Couch, L. B. Lane, J. N. Lane.

Church services will be held Sunday with Rev. G. M. Rickles in charge.

## Building Totals 'Over The Top'

Big Spring went over the top in building permit totals Tuesday, the 1937 figure surpassing that of all of 1936.

Permits amounting to more than \$10,000 were issued Tuesday, boosting the month's total to \$21,346 and the year's to \$227,575. The entire 1936 figure was \$227,152, counting in a \$90,000 permit for the federal post office building.

There were still other permits to come in before the end of the year, including at least one new residence. The 1937 permits have been devoid of any such large expenditures but have consistently outdistanced the totals for last year.

Included in the Tuesday permits were a \$2,700 residence by Earl Wilson and a \$7,500 concrete, brick and stucco service station by the Standard Oil Co. of Texas at the corner of 3rd and Nolan streets.

Mrs. Winters also refinished her bedstead and washstand, added a new chair to match furnishings, refinished woodwork and floor, three new pictures, springs and mattress cover, pad, pillow ticks and protectors as well as a bedspread, linoleum rug and wash basin.

## Committee Reports Heard At Lions' Club Meeting

Committee reports featured the Lions meeting Wednesday, their final session before Christmas.

Alfred Collins told that 25 children were being fed daily at the West Ward school by support of the Lions club. Milk to the underprivileged children, he said, was being furnished by the Kiwanis club. The cases of the children had been thoroughly investigated. Collins continued, and each was found to be in need.

Dr. P. W. Malone reviewed the perplexing situation confronting the museum association and its impending evacuation of its present quarters. He urged members of the club to attend a meeting Monday evening in the Crawford hotel when the problem will be discussed.

A report on the Christmas party given to Mexican children Tuesday evening at the Mexican school house was made by Joe Pickley, chairman of the committee in charge.

A German band, under the direction of Dan Conley, furnished musical entertainment for the meeting.

**THREE BILLION**  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Federal receipts since the new fiscal year started July 1 are now more than \$3,000,000,000. The treasury statement for Dec. 18 showed today that quarterly income tax payments on Dec. 15 pushed collections to \$3,919,879,380.91.

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**TRAIN, PLANE BUS SCHEDULES**

**T&P Trains—Eastbound**

No.	Arrive	Depart
No. 12	7:40 a. m.	8:30 a. m.
No. 4	11:30 a. m.	12:30 p. m.
No. 6	11:30 p. m.	11:30 p. m.

**T&P Trains—Westbound**

No.	Arrive	Depart
No. 11	9:00 p. m.	9:15 p. m.
No. 7	7:10 a. m.	7:40 a. m.

**Buses—Eastbound**

Arrive	Depart
8:50 a. m.	6:10 a. m.
10:57 a. m.	9:10 a. m.
2:07 p. m.	11:05 a. m.
6:51 p. m.	2:15 p. m.
11:34 p. m.	7:35 a. m.

**Buses—Westbound**

Arrive	Depart
12:17 a. m.	12:17 a. m.
2:05 a. m.	2:10 a. m.
4:20 a. m.	4:25 a. m.
10:54 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
4:20 p. m.	4:25 p. m.
7:09 p. m.	8:00 p. m.

**Buses—Northbound**

Arrive	Depart
10:00 p. m.	7:15 a. m.
11:20 p. m.	12:00 p. m.
9:15 a. m.	7:10 p. m.

**Buses—Southbound**

Arrive	Depart
11:00 a. m.	7:15 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	11:05 a. m.
10:15 p. m.	8:00 p. m.

**Planes—Eastbound**

Arrive	Depart
4:33 p. m.	4:38 p. m.

They May Not Believe In Santa Now, But 15 Years Ago B'Spring People Wrote 'Please Bring Me'

Nothing is so fascinating as delving into other people's business unless it is going back to decide or so and reading letters written by those boys and girls who today are members of the school faculties...

Dear Santa Claus: My sister and I are writing you a letter together. My sister is 11 years old and I am eight years old. I want a doll, a bottle of perfume, some handkerchiefs, a doll bed and a dresser...

Sincerely, BARBARA and EMMA LOUISE FREEMAN. Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll that goes to sleep and it winks and blinks, and walks and talks, and I want a pair of skates...

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would bring me an air gun and a toy trombone. I want it nickel plated and bring me a coaster with solid steel wheels and a toy airplane...

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old and I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me Christmas. I want a big doll, music box, ring and house slippers...

Dear Santa: I want a doll and doll bed and candy, apples and oranges. Yours truly, BOBBY TAYLOR.

Dear Santa: We read your letter in The Herald about the Elks party. I want a football and a cap gun, and my little brother, Howard, wants a little football and an air gun...

Dear Santa Claus: I want a girl's fountain pen, a joy ball, a set of Camp Fire books and a wrist watch. Your friend, DOROTHY DRIVER (Teacher in Big Spring High school).

Dear Santa: Be sure to bring us each a coney wagon, lots of candy, nuts, apples, oranges and bananas. All the Lobergs love you. CAMILLE and FREDERICK KOBERG.

Dear Santa: I am going to tell you what I want you to drop down the chimney for me when you are passing our house. I wish for a basketball, badak, ruby ring, house slippers, and a bath robe...

Dear Santa: I want a wrist watch, a white gold one. I want you to do your best in giving me what I want. Thanks, MARY ALICE WILKE (Mrs. Poe Woodard, Stanton).

Dear Santa: I want to know what I want for Christmas. I can tell you quick! I want a basketball, a kodak and some house slippers...

Dear Santa Claus: Thank you for all the nice things you brought me last Christmas. I have taken good care of them and am trying to be good so you will bring me some more pretty things...

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 17 (AP)—There is a Santa Claus—and the American Mothers' Sentinel League insists that he not be debunked.

Whereas, the central committee of the American Mother Sentinel League believes that the American idea of Christmas is such that no child ever need be told there is no Santa Claus...

With the exception of one block, curb and gutter on Bell street has been installed. The remaining block may be finished before the end of the week.

In addition to pushing work on the surfacing project, the city has a large crew busy in the installation of a six-inch water line to the state hospital site.

David Beauts To Show In Coahoma, CC

The adept House of David beauticians will make two appearances in this section soon, stopping at Coahoma Friday night, Dec. 31, to meet the Coahoma All-Stars and then going to Garden City the following evening to engage the Magnolia Oilers of Forsan in the Garden City gym.

It's a case of button, button, who's got the button, with the tricky Bearded Beauties since they rely on slight of hand and sharp shooting to carry them to victory.

Five members are touring with Manager George Johnson. Art "Big Boy" Stoteling is the tallest at six feet, 11 inches, while the five foot, ten inch Artie Deim is the smallest member of the crew.

Stoteling performs at center for the Michigan team while Deim teams with his brother, Greg, at the guarding positions. The forward berths will be taken care of by Don "Horsie" Peterson and A. C. "Red" Martin.

George Johnson, who organized the quintet and began the nationwide tours, is employed during the summer as an umpire in the American Association. He has served 24 years in that capacity and sports writers consider him one of the best officials in the business.

The Beauts were organized seven seasons ago and since that time have been occupied in touring the middlewest, the far west and the Pacific coast, averaging 125 games a season during which 90% have been placed in the win column.

Gridders Work For GG Test

Interest picked up among the sporting circles of the city when it was learned officially last week that the West Texas Golden Gloves boxing tournament will be conducted in Big Spring late in January.

Several members of the high school grid squad, especially, gave notice that they intended to enter and others looked favorably toward the suggestion.

As a result the boys may hold weekly fight-clubs to get the needed practice for the event which is more than a month away.

Among those boys who announced that they would enter were Charles Ray Settles, middleweight; Weldon Bigony, light heavy; Dopey Anderson, welter; Johnny Owens, bantam; Olie Deal, bantam; and Red Womack, fly. Others are expected to follow.

Ray Simmons, promoter, will leave sometime within the near future to iron out the details for the meeting there with the state promoter.

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ADMINISTRATION AT TECH IS PRAISED BY STATE AUDITOR

AUSTIN, Dec. 20 (AP)—Texas Tech, the third largest state educational institution in Texas, is well administered, State Auditor Tom C. King said today, and is doing a great work in a section where there is need for a college of its type.

King made that comment in connection with his report on the Lubbock college for the fiscal year ended last August 31. The school's income for the year was \$1,014,750, he said, and expenditures \$985,590. He said its assets were \$5,617,032, against which there were bonds and obligations aggregating only \$485,278.

PROPOSAL FOR REFERENDUM ON WAR BELIEVED BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Congressional foes of the proposal to require a popular vote before the United States could go to war said today it had been blocked effectively by the opposition of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull.

Some friends of the proposition conceded there was little likelihood of congress approving it in the near future. A "people's referendum" has been proposed by half a dozen senators and by Rep. Ludlow (D-Ind.), who recently obtained the necessary 218 signatures to force house consideration during the session beginning in January.

The referendum could be required only by amendment of the constitution. A two-thirds vote by congress is necessary for the submission of an amendment to the states.

White House, Governor's Mansion Taking On That Christmas Air

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—White House employees began their busiest week since the January inauguration today in happy anticipation of a presidential handshake on Christmas eve.

Decorating the trees and the rest of the house is expected to take three days. Mrs. Roosevelt will return tomorrow from New York, and her youngest son, John, will arrive the same day on vacation from Harvard.

AUSTIN, Dec. 20 (AP)—There's Christmas spirit in plenty at Texas' governor's mansion. A huge tree, ablaze with lights, stands in one of the spacious front reception rooms, while an illuminated star twinkles over the mansion entrance.

Nearly every night carol singers visit the mansion and are greeted by Governor and Mrs. James V. Alfred. Last night they were a group of boys from the University of Texas. Also last night Mrs. Alfred played Christmas music at a church.

The Alfreds will spend the holiday season at home, and with them will be Mr. and Mrs. R. Alfred, Sr., of Bowie, father and mother of the governor, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Miller of Wichita Falls, parents of Mrs. Alfred.

Eligible Now, She Files Anew For Age Pension

District old age assistance commission officials recalled Monday that an aged Dawson county woman applying for aid from the state agency was the one who voluntarily withdrew a year ago when her case was approved for a monthly payment.

Her proof of age was accepted, but after she received her first check, she discovered that there was an error of a year and returned the check to the state. Now she is 65 and eligible for aid.

Holiday Periods Announced By Several Offices

Yuletide closing dates have been announced for several public agencies. The district office of the old age assistance office will close Tuesday evening and reopen the morning of December 28. City schools close Tuesday afternoon to reconvene on the morning of January 3.

Wednesday afternoon rural schools will close and will reopen on January 3. Thursday the county superintendent's office will close and remain so until schools resume their work.

Most of the other public offices and private business for that matter, will close Friday evening and open again Monday morning for business.

Ginnings Pass 43,000 Mark

Howard county's record cotton crop limped into the home stretch Saturday, hampered by cold weather and hurt by intermittent rains over the past two weeks.

On the basis of ginnings in five Big Spring gins, it was estimated that 43,400 bales had been handled in the county this year. The figure is only slightly under 10,000 bales more than the previous record of 34,000 bales in 1922.

Ginnings and other observers for the most part estimated that 95 per cent of the harvest was in, although some believed that as much as 10 per cent remained to be gathered. At any rate, there appeared a good possibility that final production figures would be above 45,000 bales for the season.

Big Spring gins had handled a total of 20,953 bales through Saturday. This year they have ginned about 48 per cent of the county's total although there are seven other gins in the county.

The movement by the end of the week had resolved itself largely into snags which commanded a price of around six to six and a quarter cents. Picked cotton, only a little better in grade, brought a half a cent more and up from snags. Better quality snags were going into the government loan for as high as seven and three-quarters, and occasionally eight and a half.

The U. S. census bureau report of December showed 40,724 bales ginned in Howard county to that date.

J. Glickman Succumbs At Ft. Worth

J. Glickman, 25, assistant manager of La Made Indus. wear shop, succumbed at 3 a. m. Monday in the home of his sister, Mrs. Morris Stillman, in Dallas.

Glickman had been in serious condition for the past three months from high blood pressure. Funeral services have been held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at Fort Worth cemetery with Masonic rites.

He leaves his widow, the former Miss Ida Prather, to whom he was married some three months ago. Other survivors include his parents, who reside in Fort Worth; three brothers, Oscar and Joe Glickman of Big Spring and Hyman Glickman of Fort Worth; and four sisters, Miss Rose Glickman, Mrs. Billie Green and Mrs. M. Y. Robinson of Fort Worth and a sister in California. The latter was on her way to Fort Worth by plane.

An unassuming young man, Glickman was considered very brilliant. He made phenomenal advancement in military rank in summer he attended the C. M. T. C. He had made his home in Big Spring for the past four and a half years.

Security Tax Holding Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Social security tax collections, officials said today, have reflected as yet no appreciable change in the total income of workers since the business recession began.

They emphasized, however, that it was too early for these taxes to show greatly the effect of reduced payrolls, because things in a 30-day "net" week the time wages are paid and taxes are collected.

Another factor, they said, is the lack of records for previous years. This is the first year of the taxes, against which to check for seasonal variations.

Collections under Title 8 of the security act, the section taxing employee and employer, each one per cent on wages up to \$3,000 a year, were \$54,215,334 for August, \$49,448,432 for September and \$50,349,334 for October.

Figures for November will not be completed until late this month. Collections increased materially in the latter half of this year, compared to the first half.

Officials said the 1938 taxes, using this year's collections as a check, might be of some value as indices of the effect of general business conditions on wages.

SANTA CLAUS, IND., ON HOLIDAY BOOM SANTA CLAUS, Ind., Dec. 20 (AP)—The week-end—the last before Christmas—brought a big boom in business to this southern Indiana hamlet's one-room postoffice and Postmaster Oscar L. Phillips today predicted a record season for his magic postmark.

War Referendum Not In Keeping With US Principles, F D Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today he did not believe a referendum on war was consistent with a representative form of government.

Asked by a woman reporter if he thought a referendum, requiring a public vote before the nation could go to war, was consistent with the United States form of government the president said the easiest way to answer that was to just say no and stop the right there.

A petition circulated by Representative Ludlow (D-Ind.) proposing submission a constitutional amendment for a war referendum was signed by 218 house members, forcing the house to order a vote on the proposal.

The president had no comment on the Japanese bombing of the American gunboat Panay, referring questioners to the state department.

In response to other questions the president said the reconstruction finance corporation would continue to make loans to railroads in emergencies.

He said, however, there would be no exceptions to the decision terminating further allocations of emergency public works funds. That was finished, he said.

Hospital Building Wage Scale Fixed By State Board

State hospital construction wage scales, the basis for the pouring of thousands of dollars into trade channels here in 1938, have been announced by the board of control.

The scales, prevailing for West Texas, are written into all contracts and will determine the rate for which some \$200,000 or more will be paid out to workers of all types.

The rates are based on 40 cents per hour for unskilled labor. The schedules follow: Plasterers, stonemasons, tile layers, brickmasons, granite cutters, marble workers, terrazzo workers—\$1.50 an hour.

Elevator constructors—\$1.375 an hour. Iron and steel workers, electricians, engineers, excavation, lathe, sheet metal workers, roofers plate and the workers, auto and workers, carpenters, hoisting engineers, metal fitters, plumbers and steamfitters—\$1 an hour.

Painters and composition roofers—75 cents an hour. Common labor 40 cents an hour, and watchmen 30 cents an hour. Making ready for the start of construction sometime early in January, the city Saturday ordered 11,000 feet of 10 inch and 4,000 feet of six inch sewer lines to be laid to the hospital site one mile north of town. A six inch water main is being extended to the site now.

The city will use part of the sewer lines ordered as a relief line east from Runnels on First street to Benton street where it will intersect the 21 inch main outflow line. The lines were purchased at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Around \$8,000 was spent on cast iron water mains.

Howard county road crews pushed steadily ahead as the week ended on the construction of a road for a railroad spur to the building site. The line is now progressing on the north side of a canyon just below the caprock. A cut and 24 foot fill is necessary before the work will be completed sometime in the forepart of January. The railroad will follow closely behind with the laying of track.

Museum Group Calls Parley

Seeking to marshal all forces interested in the local museum into a concerted movement to solve the pressing problem of a home for the unit, Dr. P. W. Malone, president of the Howard County Museum association, Saturday announced an open meeting of groups and persons concerned with the problem for Dec. 27 at 8 p. m. in the Crawford hall room.

The museum, now housed in the lower floor of the old city hall building, will be kept open on that date until just before time for the meeting.

Service clubs, women's clubs, home demonstration clubs, museum association members and others are being urged to send representatives to the meeting. Dr. Malone said that one or more plans might be presented at that time for discussion and action.

There appeared mounting sentiment Saturday behind a move to work out some arrangement whereby the library and the museum could be provided for jointly and permanently.

Big Spring May Have '38 Tour

A move is underway here by the members of the Lone Star Motorcycle club to have the state-wide Cappy Motorcycle tour held in Big Spring during the summer of 1938, Cecil Thixton, president, announced Thursday.

The meeting, conducted in San Angelo this season, yearly attracts thousands of motorcycle riders from throughout the Southwest who take part in numerous contests arranged by the state committee of the A.M.A.

The president brought to light the fact that the local unit has ridden more than 1,000 miles in competition during 1937 and has become eligible for a certificate issued to the safety club of the A.M.A.

There are a total of 268 clubs throughout the United States which have recorded a year without mishap and the gauge of fatalities per 100,000 miles shows only .0941 persons.

TAX SUITS ARE FILED BY THE SCHOOL DIST.

Suits against 11 persons for collection of delinquent taxes were filed in 70th district court Monday by the Big Spring Independent school district.

The school was joined in the suit by the city and county. Total number of suits filed by the district now stands at 31, as evidence that it is making good its warning that suits will be lodged against delinquent taxpayers who make no attempt to retire their obligations, or who fail to discuss their problems with the district tax office.

McDonald Asks Dist. Office

Opening gun of the 1938 political wars was fired here Saturday with the announcement of Martelle McDonald as a candidate for the office of state's attorney for the 70th judicial district.

McDonald, a rising Big Spring attorney for the past seven years, was the first person here and in this area to announce for any office subject to the democratic primary next summer.

His announcement at once stirred speculation, especially in the district contests since Judge Charles Klappag, Midland, previously had indicated that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself on the 70th district court bench.

McDonald, a practicing attorney here for the past seven years since he received his bachelor and law degrees from Baylor university, is a member of the law firm of Thompson and McDonald. He came to Big Spring in August of 1930, was subsequently married here. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McDonald.

In announcing, he reiterated his position in taking a firm stand for law enforcement. His race will cover Howard, Martin, Midland, Glasscock and Ector counties. This is his first time to ask for public office.

Planes Of Future Will Be Bigger Than Ever

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The size of future planes will dwarf any now in the air, aviation officials said today on the 34th anniversary of the first airplane flight by Orville and Wilbur Wright.

Orville Wright, who piloted the pioneer airplane on its first flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903, will be honored tonight in New York at a dinner given by members of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences.

He was here yesterday for a meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, an official government research agency which is working on problems of the giant skyliners of the future.

Wright departed from custom in flying in recent years and has stayed close to home at Dayton, Ohio, because of an old spinal injury.

Nevertheless, other airmen said, he is still one of the best aeronautical engineers in the United States and maintains interest in aeronautical research.

Explosion Victim Was Sister Of Big Spring Man

Malcolm Lewallen, Big Spring, was called to Winters-Friday afternoon on learning of a gasoline blast which claimed the life of his sister, Mrs. Troy Peters, and her daughter.

Mrs. Peters, 28, was killed instantly and her four-year-old daughter, Darlene, died later. She was cleaning clothes with gasoline and had poured a portion of contents of a 10-gallon can into a dishpan. Flames from a nearby stove were believed to have caused an explosion.

Force of the blast bodily lifted the roof from over the kitchen, witnesses said. The child was pulled from the fire by two neighbors and rushed to a hospital. The husband had just returned to work from his noon-day meal and another daughter, Dorothy, 7, was at school.

Mrs. Peters is survived by her mother, Mrs. Maggie Lewallen of Abilene, a brother, Malcolm Lewallen of Big Spring, and a sister, Mrs. Vester Fincher, a California resident.

Mrs. Ferguson Not A Candidate

AUSTIN, Dec. 18 (AP)—Former Governor James E. Ferguson said today, answering a question, that his wife, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, was not a candidate for governor.

His latest terse comment, "she is not a candidate," was not elaborated upon.

It was in line with previous statements by him, but in the opinion of observers, did not mean Mrs. Ferguson, who already has twice been governor, might not make the race again under some conditions.

FARM BENEFITS IN TEXAS TOTAL MORE THAN 212 MILLION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—What pending farm legislation means in dollars and cents to Texas is yet uncertain, but a check of agriculture department records disclosed growers in the state would have received by Dec. 31 a total of \$212,283,556 in benefit payments under the Roosevelt administration.

The figure may be revised slightly. Only estimates were reported on the amounts to be paid under the 1937 soil conservation program.

He's Getting His Money's Worth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—Flowers to the tax collector's office, inquires his tax total, and forks over the \$101.19—for Collector Newt Moncrief has never seen anything like it before in his 26 years in the business.

Said the citizen: "I receive good police and fire protection, I send three children to school, and I don't know what more I could ask for my money."

DECLINE SEEN IN CATTLE AND HOGS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics said today prices of cattle and hogs were expected to decline below present levels during the first half of 1939.

Factors indicating lower prices were listed as a greater than average seasonal increase in hogs moving to market, an increasing weakness in consumer demand for meats and lard due to recent declines in industrial activity and employment, and expectations of larger livestock supplies next year.

A larger supply of better grades of slaughter cattle is expected to be marketed during the first half of 1938 than during the same period last year, the bureau said.

Bob Pyeatt Opens Grocery Here

A new food concern, the Pol-Parret Grocery, is now open for business. Announcement of the enterprise, owned by Bob Pyeatt, was made Saturday. Pyeatt formerly operated a grocery store here and is well known in Big Spring.

The new grocery is located at 206 East Second street, the site formerly occupied by the U-Save grocery. Pyeatt will be in charge of the store. The market will be operated by Sam Spikes.

Kermit's Fire Loss \$100,000

One Man Burned As Several Buildings Are Damaged KERMIT, Dec. 17 (AP)—This Winkler county oil town today surveyed damage wrought last night by a fire that resulted in burns to one person and property loss unofficially estimated at \$100,000.

Plain Visitor Here

Vernon Hilliard, coach at Plainview and who coached the runner-up Kerrville team last year in the interscholastic league football race, stopped here briefly Saturday evening.

His lightweight team failed to win in district competition against Lubbock, Amarillo, Pampa and Borger, but succeeded in holding the Panhandle teams to low scores. The team next year, composed largely of sophomores and juniors is due to make a better showing, he believed.

Hilliard was accompanied by his wife and two sons, Jimmie and Newton. They were en route to Lockhart to visit for the Christmas holidays.

White House, Governor's Mansion Taking On That Christmas Air

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—White House employees began their busiest week since the January inauguration today in happy anticipation of a presidential handshake on Christmas eve.

Decorating the trees and the rest of the house is expected to take three days. Mrs. Roosevelt will return tomorrow from New York, and her youngest son, John, will arrive the same day on vacation from Harvard.

Guests expected before Christmas eve include the president's mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. R. Roosevelt of New York and H. de Park, and the First Lady's brother, Hall Roosevelt of Detroit.

Trucks rumbled in with Christmas cards and packages for the president and Mrs. Roosevelt. There was a special corps of clerks to receive, check, and list them before turning over to the steward to be placed under the family Christmas tree.

AUSTIN, Dec. 20 (AP)—There's Christmas spirit in plenty at Texas' governor's mansion. A huge tree, ablaze with lights, stands in one of the spacious front reception rooms, while an illuminated star twinkles over the mansion entrance.

Nearly every night carol singers visit the mansion and are greeted by Governor and Mrs. James V. Alfred. Last night they were a group of boys from the University of Texas. Also last night Mrs. Alfred played Christmas music at a church.

The Alfreds will spend the holiday season at home, and with them will be Mr. and Mrs. R. Alfred, Sr., of Bowie, father and mother of the governor, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Miller of Wichita Falls, parents of Mrs. Alfred.

# Ginger Rogers, Katharine Hepburn Star In 'Stage Door,' Booked At The Ritz

### Story Of Theatre Life Offered Sunday And Monday

Summing up in its strikingly realistic story the lives and careers of all stage-struck girls everywhere is the photoplay "Stage Door." This film, considered one of the outstanding works of the season, is the holiday weekend attraction at the Ritz, playing Saturday midnight, Sunday and Monday.

Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers and Adolphe Menjou, each of whom has carried the lead in feature films, are co-starred at the head of an able cast.

The picture is based on the famous stage play which ran for nearly half a year in New York, and is said to offer the stars their finest screen opportunities to date. Most of its vividly absorbing action takes place in a theatrical boarding house where scores of eager and ambitious girls live and hope and sometimes perish while they strive for fame behind the footlights.

From every walk of life they come; rich and poor, sympathetic and selfish, but all motivated by one common dream of stage success. Their heart-throbs and heart-breaks are woven into the shimmering thematic pattern of the story. Two of the girls in particular stand out from the others—Katharine Hepburn, a wealthy debutante who seeks a stage career against her family's wishes, and Ginger Rogers, a happy-go-lucky, wise-cracking youngster with no background and no money, but confident that she can succeed on her own.

Around these two, and the

IN A COLORFUL, MUSICAL FILM



John Bennett and Warner Baxter share spotlight honors in a musical picture which also emphasizes color and style. "Vogues of 1938." The feature, showing at the Lyric Sunday and Monday, is made in technicolor, and treats of the life of the fashions designer.

dozens of others at the "Club" is built the drama of the story. Miss Hepburn's assurance in the power of money to gain her ends, the scheme of her family to terminate her theatrical ambitions, Miss Rogers' rarefied opportunism, Adolphe Menjou's suave performance as New York's most important producer, and his pursuit of Miss Rogers; Gail Patrick's secret love affair; Andrea Leeds' tragic despair when Miss Hepburn gets the role she yearned for; Lucille Ball's attempts at gold-digging, and the dreams and disillusionments of them all, are woven together in a gripping and memorable film that climbs to tense dramatic heights.

Constance Collier, Ralph Forbes, Franklin Pangborn, Samuel E. Hinds, and Miller, Frances Gifford, Pierre Watkin and many other notables of the screen are in the supporting cast of this unusual offering. Gregory La Cava, who has directed many exceptional pictures handled this offering, which was produced by Pandro S. Berman. Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman wrote the original play on which the picture is based.

Award Donated to Red Cross  
CHARDON, O. (UP)—William J. Goodfield, a farmer, suffered personal injuries and damages to his automobile in an accident. He asked \$3,000 damages in common pleas court. But the jury awarded him \$1, which he donated to the Red Cross.

One-third of the world's oil supply is found within a radius of 150 miles of Houston, Texas.

## 'Vogues Of '38' Has Music And Fashions

### Sunday-Monday Technicolor Production At Lyric On

A novel idea that seems to have made a hit with the customers elsewhere is that around which was built the screen production "Vogues of 1938," which headlines the Lyric theatres Sunday-Monday program. Made in Technicolor, film offers not only fun, girls, music and dance, but also a notable style revue which supposedly gives a preview of the next year's vogues.

This gay musical stars Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett at the head of an imposing cast including Helen Vinson, Mischa Auer, Alan Mowbray, Jerome Cowan, Marjorie Gateson, Dorothy McNulty, Alma Kruger, Polly Rowles, and the Walter Wanger Models—"the most photographed girls in the world."—whose beauty and shapeliness the producer has framed in style creations from three famous designers, and furs and jewels valued at \$1,000,000. Omar Kham, Helen Taylor and Irene are responsible for the closely-guarded style creations.

The story, a merry, mad or glib by Samuel and Bella Spewack, authors of "Boy Meets Girl," revolves around a he-man couturier (Baxter), hereditary head of the fashionable "House of Curson," and a beautiful New York socialite (Joan Bennett) who jilts a multi-millionaire on her wedding day to become a mannequin. Contributing to the plot are Baxter's stage-struck wife (Helen Vinson), her angel-hunting manager (Jerome Cowan), the jilted millionaire (Alan Mowbray) who tries to put Baxter out of business, an impetuous Russian prince (Mischa Auer) backed by Baxter's enemies in a rival fashion house and many other fascinating characters in Manhattan's passing parade.

Woven into the story are such swank locales as the El Morocco and Cotton Clubs, the Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center, cocktail bars and ballrooms of several swank hotels, Madison Square garden during the Here Show, "Fashion Row" on Fifth Avenue and New York and Boston theatres. Several new song hits were written especially for the production, including "That Old Feeling" by Lew Brown and Sammy Fain, "Lovely One," by Frank Loesser and Manning Sherwin, and "Red Hot Heat" and "Fall Fashion Forecast" by Louis Alter and Paul F. Webster.

Budapest Opens New Bridge  
BUDAPEST (UP)—An elaborate new bridge has been opened with fitting ceremony across the Blue Danube. It is the seventh structure to connect Buda and Pest, and is named for Admiral Horthy, regent of Hungary.

TUNE IN  
**KBST**  
1500 KILOCYCLES

- Saturday Morning**
- 7:00 Musical Clock.
  - 7:25 World Book Man.
  - 7:30 Musical Clock.
  - 8:00 Devotional.
  - 8:15 WPA Program.
  - 8:30 Musical Newsway.
  - 8:45 Monitor News.
  - 9:00 Just About Time.
  - 9:15 Oklahoma Outlaws.
  - 9:45 Lobby Interviews.
  - 9:55 5 Minute Mystery.
  - 10:00 Friendly Muse.
  - 10:05 Musical Grab Bag.
  - 10:15 Piano Impressions.
  - 10:30 Al Clause.
  - 10:45 Melody Specials.
  - 11:00 For Mother and Dad.
  - 11:45 Melody Time.

- Saturday Afternoon**
- 12:00 Rhythm Makers.
  - 12:45 Curstone Reporter.
  - 12:50 Songs All For You.
  - 12:55 Henry King's Orch.
  - 1:00 Drifters String Band.
  - 1:15 Taming Of The Shrew.
  - 2:20 State Championship Football Game.
- Saturday Evening**
- 5:00 Dance Ditties.
  - 5:30 The Spirit of Christmas.
  - 6:00 Uptowners Quartet.
  - 6:15 Front Page Drama.
  - 6:30 George Hall's Orch.
  - 6:45 Eventide Echoes.
  - 7:00 NBC Variety Hour.
  - 7:30 Easy To Remember.
  - 7:45 Joe Green's Orch.
  - 8:00 Christmas Carols.
  - 8:45 Among My Souvenirs.
  - 9:00 GOODNIGHT.

- Sunday Morning-Afternoon**
- 11:00 Morning Services.
  - 12:00 Jack Jay.
  - 12:15 Jack Hall's Orch.
  - 12:30 Songs All For You.
  - 12:45 Religious Quarter Hour.
  - 1:00 Studio Program.
  - 1:15 Voice Of The Bible.
  - 2:00 Studio Services.
  - 2:30 Christian Science Program.
  - 2:45 Sign Off.
- Sunday Evening**
- 5:00 Concert Hall Of The Air.
  - 5:30 Sunday Song Service.
  - 6:00 Studio Program.
  - 6:30 Easy To Remember.
  - 6:35 Music By Cugat.
  - 7:00 Ernest Ethel.
  - 7:25 Eventide Echoes.
  - 7:30 Melody Time.
  - 7:45 In The Gloaming.
  - 8:00 GOODNIGHT.

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  - 7:30 Musical Clock.
  - 8:00 Devotional.
  - 8:15 WPA Program.
  - 8:30 Musical Newsway.
  - 8:45 Monitor News.
  - 9:00 Just About Time.
  - 9:15 Bill Boyd.
  - 9:30 On The Mail.
  - 9:45 Lobby Interviews.
  - 9:55 Newscast.
  - 10:00 Friendly Muse.
  - 10:05 Hollywood Briefings.
  - 10:15 Piano Impressions.
  - 10:30 Al Clause.
  - 10:35 Song Styles.
  - 10:45 Newscast.
  - 11:00 Farm & Ranch Hour.
  - 11:25 Negro Spirituals.
  - 11:30 This Rhythmic Age.
  - 11:45 Melody Time.

- Sunday Afternoon**
- 12:00 Rhythm Makers.
  - 12:15 Curstone Reporter.
  - 12:50 Songs All For You.
  - 12:55 Singing Sam.
  - 1:00 Drifters String Band.
  - 1:15 Music Graphs.
  - 1:30 Joe Green's Orch.
  - 1:45 Bucaneers.
  - 2:00 Newscast.
  - 2:05 Serenade Espagnol.
  - 2:30 Harry Reser's Orch.
  - 2:45 There Was A Time When.
  - 3:00 Newscast.
  - 3:05 Matinee Melodies.
  - 3:30 Sketches In Ivory.
  - 3:45 One Actin.
  - 4:00 Dance Hour.
  - 4:45 The Dreamers.
  - 4:30 Music By Cugat.
  - 4:45 Home Folks.
- Monday Evening**
- 5:00 Adventures of Ace Williams.
  - 5:15 Dance Ditties.
  - 5:30 Harmony Hall.
  - 5:45 Rhythm Queens Orch.
  - 6:15 Newscast.
  - 6:30 Joe Green's Orch.
  - 6:45 Eventide Echoes.
  - 7:00 Smile Time.
  - 7:15 Bill Boyd.
  - 7:30 NBC Variety Hour.
  - 8:00 Phenomenon.
  - 8:15 Super Swing Session.
  - 8:30 Frances Stampfer.
  - 8:45 Among My Souvenirs.
  - 9:00 Goodnight.

## JIMMIE SINGS, DANCES, LOVES



James Cagney, one-time gangster of the films, turns orchestra leader in a new musical comedy, "Something To Sing About," and he sings, dances and makes love to Evelyn Daw, shown here with him. The picture is the holiday offering at the Ritz, playing Friday and Saturday.

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## ON THE 'INSIDE' OF POLITICS



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## Jimmie Cagney Becomes Song and Dance Man In Musical Comedy; Holiday Attraction At The Ritz

The Ritz theatre goes musical in its Christmas Day program, offering on Friday and Saturday, the production "Something To Sing About," which has for one claim of distinction the fact that it presents James Cagney, player of tough-guy roles, as a song-and-dance man. And "Something To Sing About," more than the usual musical, places emphasis on a story and plot. It claims to be more than just a pot-pourri of specialties.

The song-and-dance role is not new to Cagney, for it was in such parts that he started his theatrical career. The story was cobbled up to display the singing and dancing talents of the star.

## ONE OF THREE



Ray Corrigan is only one of three stars—the Three Mesquiteers—who appear in the western melodrama at the Queen Friday and Saturday. The other Mesquiteers are Ralph Boyd and Max Terhune, and their picture this time is "Trigger Trio."

The newspapers make a lurid mystery story of his disappearance and he returns to find himself a famous star, only to become again the victim of high pressure Hollywood publicity methods, and to return to his beloved orchestra, richer and more famous than ever, but disgusted and disillusioned with the manner and method of life in the motion picture capital.

"Something To Sing About" is a brilliant satire on some phases of the Hollywood scene, humorous and dramatic, even poignant, by turns in some of its implications, while its musical song and dance numbers make it distinctly unique. Playing opposite the star is the

## 'First Lady' Offered At The Queen

### Kay Francis Starred In Story Of Washington Activity

Quite appropriate just now, with Washington, D. C., as a seething news center, is a comedy picture dealing with a phase of the capital's life that hasn't been presented on the screen before—namely, a story of the "parlor politics" played by the wives of governmental office holders.

Just such a thing is "First Lady," which plays Sunday and Monday at the Queen, with Christmas night matinee preview, with Kay Francis in the leading role. She portrays an ambitious wife, who wants her husband Preston Foster to be president so she can enjoy all the social privileges of being Mistress of the White House.

But manipulating a man into the nomination for the presidency is no easy matter, as Kay finds when she runs athwart Verree Teasdale, who has the same ambitions and tries to push her husband forward for the job—Walter Connolly.

The sly maneuverings of Kay and Verree—plus a young romance between Victor Jory and Anita Louise—make up the story, which was based, of course, on the successful Broadway stage play of the same name.

"First Lady" was directed excellently by Stanley Logan, from a screenplay devised by Rowland Leigh. Besides those named, the cast includes such notables as Marjorie Rameau, Louise Fazenda, Henry O'Neil, and Grant Mitchell.

## 'Three Mesquiteers' Featured In Queen's Western Drama

With westerns such a prolific brand of film entertainment, Hollywood must be hard put to dig up something new in the way of a plot. Republic claims to have contributed originality in "Trigger Trio," which is the holiday attraction at the Queen. The Friday-Saturday offering features the well-known Three Mesquiteers.

The Mesquiteers ride again in this new range opus. Their ranks have undergone a slight change, with Ralph Byrd of "Dick Tracy" fame substituted for Bob Livingston, who is out with a fractured skull sustained during the filming of his preceding western. The trio loses none of its lusty, red-blooded appeal, however, and Byrd steps easily into the spurs vacated by Livingston.

"Tucson"—Ray Corrigan in real life—is appointed a deputy assistant to John Evans, inspector for the State Agricultural Service. His pals, Stoney and Lullaby—Livingston and Max Terhune respectively—disapprove of his facile vigilance in ordering the destroying of entire herds of cattle where one beast is found to be infected; but they are soon persuaded that forces even more sinister than the dread hoof-and-mouth disease are threatening the well-being of the community. Cattle rustlers, criminals who would deliberately contaminate entire herds, and even murderers, are abroad. The Mesquiteers clean them all up, and in the final reel law and order is restored to the cow country.

U. S. Declares War on Wolves  
SEWARD, Alaska (UP)—For a long time, marauding wolves have had things pretty much their own way from St. Michael to Point Barrow. But now the U. S. Game Commission is supplying natives with wolf traps.

## Zane Grey Story Heads Program At The Lyric

Action, romance and comedy ride the range with John Wayne in the latest of the popular Zane Grey outdoor stories, "Born To The West," which plays Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the Lyric theatre.

The story is about Wayne and his saddlemate, Sid Saylor, a happy-go-lucky pair in search of excitement. They find it in supernatural abundance when fortune directs them to a little cowboy where Wayne's cousin, played by John Mack Brown, is boss. First they get into the wrong end of a battle between a rustler band and a sheriff's posse and then Wayne falls in love with Brown's girl, played by Marsha Hunt. To make matters worse, Miss Hunt, who is engaged to Brown, falls in love with Wayne.

Wayne is put in charge of a cattle drive by Brown. Crooked riders and rustlers make life difficult for a while, and then there's a crooked card game in which Wayne tries to outsmart the sharpest dealer West of the Mississippi by his own admission Brown gets out of the scrape but it's then up to Wayne to get Brown, himself and Saylor out of a gun battle in which they are hopelessly outnumbered.

The story ends with Miss Hunt going to Wayne with the blessings of Brown who has come to realize the lay of the land. The cast includes John Patterson, Monte Blue, Lucien Littlefield, Nick Lukats, James Craig and others.

## Christmas Matinee Free To Kiddies

A free matinee Saturday morning will be the Ritz theatre's Christmas gift to the youngsters of Big Spring and the surrounding area.

The show, booked with features the children will enjoy, will start at 10 o'clock Christmas morning, and all are invited. The feature picture will be "Rainbow on the River," starring Bobby Breen, the sensational young singer.

The juvenile court originated in the United States.

## QUEEN

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Plus: Wild West Days. No. 7

MERRY XMAS!

## LYRIC

Today & Tomorrow

THEY STACKED THE CARDS AGAINST HIM!

BUT HE BEAT THEM AT THEIR OWN GAME...!!

JANE GREY'S BORN TO THE WEST

And: "Dick Tracy," No. 14

MERRY XMAS!

One-third of the world's oil supply is found within a radius of 150 miles of Houston, Texas.

## RITZ Saturday Midnite Sunday - Monday

TWO OF THE SCREEN'S BRIGHTEST STARS

Teamed for the first time!

Katharine HEPBURN  
Ginger ROGERS

IN "STAGE DOOR"

with ADOLPHE MENJOU  
RALPH FORBES

R.K.O. RADIO PICTURE

Plus: Metro News "Indian Serenade"

## QUEEN Saturday Midnite Sunday - Monday

FEMININE INTRIGUE!

with KAY FRANCIS  
Preston FOSTER

Pathe News Plus: "Close Shave"

## LYRIC SUNDAY MONDAY

DOWN TO EARTH Romance

Warner BAXTER  
Joan BENNETT

HELEN VINSON  
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