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Death by violence in Texas during the long year-end holiday season reached 130 Friday—with New Year's Day heavy traffic still to come. Some 78 deaths were in traffic.

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Awards Set First Baby Of New Year Due Many Special Gifts

That Baby of Distinction — the first-born in Howard County of the new year, 1955 — is due for special recognition and gifts.

Coahoma Names Two Aldermen

COAHOMA — Fred Adams and Leon Menseer were named aldermen in special balloting here Thursday.

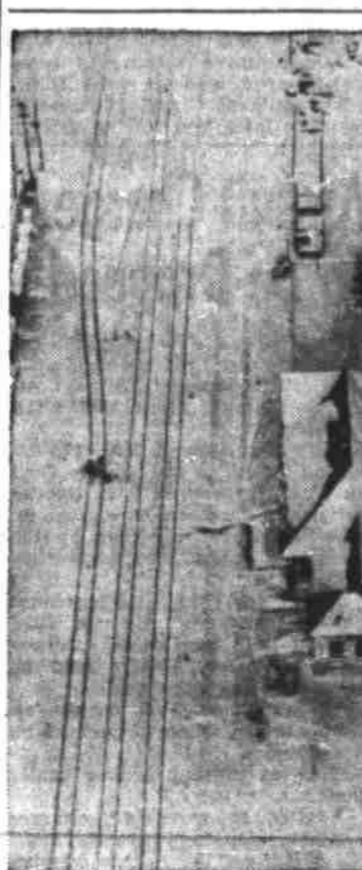
Decorations Removed

Workers were busy taking down the downtown Christmas stringers today, clearing the streets for the new year.

THE WEATHER

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy and warmer this afternoon, clear, light breeze tonight and Saturday. Occasional showers or drizzle possible during the night.

Picket Lines Pulled Down At Eight Port Arthur Stores



Snowbound Town

An aerial view of snowbound Fort Scott, Kan., shows a wintry pattern of footprints and snow covered roofs and automobiles. The above picture was made showing the railroad station with railroad tracks and a couple of mail wagons on the station's platform.

Prices To Be High In Nation's Leading Night Spots Tonight

NEW YORK (AP)—Of course, you can always stay home and watch television or listen to your wife. Or, as many people do, you can go to church for the traditional and ever popular "Watch Night" services.

Church, Social Functions Many Big Springers Get Another Holiday Saturday

Most Big Springers will take off Saturday for their second holiday weekend in succession. Public offices started closing at noon today in observance of the start of the New Year.

Ike Favors Hike In Wage Figure

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower will ask Congress next month to increase the national minimum wage from 75 cents an hour to 90 cents, it was learned here today.

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Children Accuse Mother In Death

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Two children kept silent by fear for five years spoke out yesterday with a grim story that caused the indictment of their mother for second-degree murder in the scalding death of their 4-year-old brother.

Area Oil Properties Are Sold By Firm

DALLAS (AP)—Two oil companies closed a 20-million-dollar deal yesterday.

MAN RESUMES SMOKING AT 90

ROCKLAND, Maine (AP)—Edward B. McAllister said that if he lived to be 90, he'd give up smoking, but that if he lived to be 99 he'd take it up again.

Peiping Sentences 12 'Spies' To Death

LONDON (AP)—Red China has sentenced 12 persons to death and two others to life imprisonment on charges of acting as "American Chiang Kai-shek agents," Moscow radio reported today.

Free From East Zone

BERLIN (AP)—More than 200,000 East Germans fled from the Soviet zone to the West in 1954, refugee headquarters disclosed today.

Decatur, Wharton Advance In Tourney

In morning games in the championship round of the Howard County Junior College basketball tournament, the Decatur Indians topped Amarillo, 55-52, and the Wharton Pioneers topped the Odessa Wranglers, 61-51.

This Is The Last Day

To take advantage of The Herald's Annual Holiday Bargain Rate on subscriptions, you can save money, and more, you will not have to worry about weekly payments all year.

Office Open Until 9 Tonight

For your convenience, you may drop by The Herald office tonight until 9, to take advantage of the yearly rate.

Family Weekly

Appears in The Herald Sunday

Family WEEKLY

is coming to Big Spring!

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A big, colorful additional feature for readers of the

BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD

America's great new full-color rotogravure Sunday Magazine...

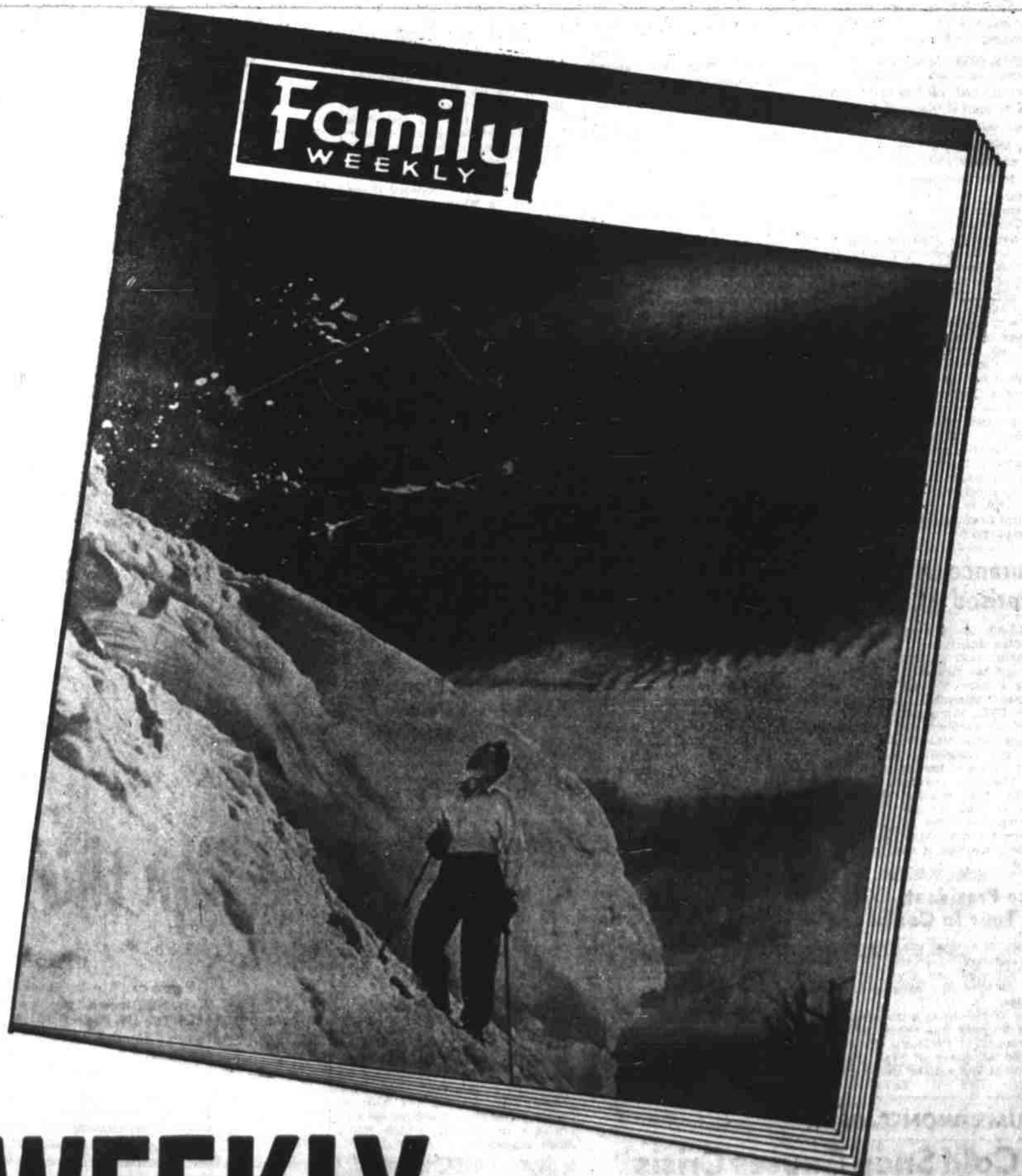
FAMILY WEEKLY Magazine is now appearing as a supplement to more than 50 Sunday newspapers throughout America. We are proud to announce that, beginning next Sunday, it will come to you with the BIG SPRING HERALD as an added service to our readers.

You will like FAMILY WEEKLY... Its handsome appearance... Its beautifully printed full-color pages... Its lively content... Its consciousness of the things in which you are genuinely interested.

FAMILY WEEKLY has caught the heartbeat of the nation. Through words and pictures it explores the fascinating things in life and reports them to you vividly and accurately—science, religion, sports, medicine, art, amusements, romance, home-making, food, children, business, industry, gadgets, travel, fiction and fashions.

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Each Sunday you can expect an exciting fund of reading in FAMILY WEEKLY that will enrich your experience and heighten your awareness of what is going on in the world. FAMILY WEEKLY informs as it entertains; entertains as it informs. We believe you will look upon it as a dependable, interesting, and satisfying friend that will be as welcome in your home as is the BIG SPRING HERALD.



LOOK FOR FAMILY WEEKLY

NEXT SUNDAY AND EVERY SUNDAY IN THE BIG SPRING HERALD

An extra dividend in reading pleasure for you and your family!



Engaged

Singer Marlon Marlowe wears a sparkling smile and a sparkling six and one-half carat diamond engagement ring as she arrives at the studio in New York after the announcement of her engagement to Larry Puck...

Groups Protest Red Front Label

WASHINGTON (AP)—More than half a dozen organizations among the 27 which Atty. Gen. Brownell said yesterday he intends to label subversive have replied that they will oppose any such designation.

Insurance Official Surprised At Citing

DALLAS (AP)—The president of Girardian Insurance Co., Charles Windham, said yesterday he was surprised his firm had been cited by the Federal Trade Commission for using misleading advertising.

Vice President, Wife To Tour In Caribbean

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Vice President and Mrs. Nixon will tour Central America and the Caribbean area in February on a good will mission.

MUMS WON'T OPEN

Cold Snap Causes Crisis In Tournament Of Roses

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—A windstorm and cold snap has left southern California's chrysanthemums sulking—causing a crisis in the decoration of Tournament of Roses floats.

Riding THE GRUB LINE With Franklin Reynolds

An election to name a successor to Bence O. Brown, who has resigned as a member of the board of supervisors of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation District, will be held at the Coahoma School at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 10, it has been announced.

Convicted Kidnaper Stabbed To Death

LANSING, Kan. (AP)—A convicted kidnaper was stabbed to death last night at the Kansas State Prison. He was Boyd Scott, 34, of Fort Worth, serving two life sentences as a habitual kidnaper and robber.

Fighter Model Is Reported Missing

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—A fighter plane has been stolen from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base here and both the FBI and the Office of Special Investigation figure it may have been sneaked off the base under a coat.

Remarriage Plans For Actress Delayed

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—New Year's Eve remarriage plans for Marie (The Body) McDonald and millionaire shoe manufacturer Harry Karl were called off today after the film actress collapsed yesterday from nervous exhaustion and a week-long fever.

Ali, Nehru To Meet On Kashmir Dispute

SINGAPORE (AP)—Pakistan Premier Mohammed Ali said today India's Prime Minister Nehru has agreed to discuss settlement of the Kashmir dispute with him next March.

Man Dies At Airport

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—J. H. Herzing of 531 Brazos Ave., Port Arthur, collapsed and died yesterday in the lobby of Moisant International Airport here.

Beauty Titlist Weds

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP)—Neve Jane Langley, Miss America of 1953, is now Mrs. William Fickling Jr. of Macon, Ga.

since the two areas of soil are otherwise identical. The engineers say that farmers with relatively flat dryland would do well to put in level borders, since they are easy to build and maintain and will hold every drop of rain that falls.

If you need a good purebred Hereford bull, or if you just want one for a pet, don't forget the annual Howard County-South Plains Hereford Association Sale at the Fair Grounds (at the Rodeo Bowl) at 1 p.m. Jan. 6.

Research is opening the door to vast new possibilities for cotton, offering textiles even more versatile than those customers have come to depend upon for so many years.

These new cotton yarns and fabrics will be shown at the National Cotton Council's 17th annual meeting at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston, Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

A national Brahman Cattle Show will be one of the most attractive features of the Pan-American Livestock Exposition of 1955. It has been announced in Houston by officials of the American Brahman Breeders Association.

The Pan-American Exposition is the livestock feature of the State Fair of Texas and the 1955 dates have been tentatively set for Oct. 8-18. It is expected that Brahmans will be entered from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Arizona and California.

Fib About Fleet Rabbits Wins Liar Championship

By PAUL CLIFFORD BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP)—A fib about jet-aped rabbits, nurtured in the Southland to the status of a fancy fable, has won the title World's Champion Liar for Shelton Day, Baton Rouge, La., in the 1954 parade of fabrication by the Burlington Liars' Club.

Shelton's tale was announced today as the big whopper of the year and he won custody, for one year, of the club's "gold-plated, diamond-studded medal." His story: "The swamp rabbits down this way are so fast that we use high-powered rifles to hunt them instead of shotguns."

Veteran Committed After Slaying Tied To Battle Injuries

BALTIMORE (AP)—Erwin E. Roden, 28, was committed to a mental institution yesterday at the conclusion of his trial for beating to death a part-time church organist and a statuette of the Madonna and Child.

Roden was here from his Baldrige, Ga., home to visit a sister at the time of the slaying of Gerald Woodward McCaffrey, about 48, last May. He was born in Pensacola, Fla.

Chief Judge Emory H. Niles ruled the battle-injured veteran of World War II was insane. It was testified Roden suffered brain damage in an explosion on Okinawa which took the lives of six of his buddies.

Heiress Says No New Romance In Separation Plan

NEW YORK (AP)—Gloria Vanderbilt Stokowski says her separation from maestro Leopold Stokowski has no new-romance significance and that they "have been talking about this for three years."

Interviewed last night at a Broadway play premiere, where she arrived on the arm of crooner Frank Sinatra, the 30-year-old Gloria commented on her nine years of marriage to the 67-year-old symphony conductor:

"Leopold and I have been discussing this separation for three years. 'As you know, he must be away from home for long periods of time because of his career. I finally came to the decision to break away. There is no bitterness."

"We both agree the most important thing is the welfare of the children. We both want to do what is best for the children."

Last Monday Gloria took their two sons—Stan, 4, and Chris, 3—from the 18-room East Side home she shared with her husband and moved into a Park Avenue hotel.

Asked if another romance entered into the situation, the dark-haired Gloria, one of the heirs to the Vanderbilt railroad fortune, replied: "There is none whatsoever. It's not like that, and I hope that impression does not get around."

Many of the deserts of North Africa were once thick forests, says the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

West Germany's Reds Rename Fugitive Boss

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)—The West German Communist party's convention last night designated its fugitive boss Max Reimann, as leader of the 90,000-member party.

Air Power Increased

TOKYO (AP)—Gen. Earle E. Partridge, chief of Far East Air Forces, said in a New Year's Day statement to his command today the American air power in Asia could be shifted "at jet speed to defend any part of the vast Pacific area." He said the FEAF has "increased our bomber power many times" by replacing B29s with the huge jet B36.

Unusual Opportunity For Exceptional Man

We are planning to open an office in the Big Spring area and need one good man to make immediate, substantial income and train for a lifetime career acting as a Beltone Hearing Aid Dealer.

Advertisement for Payroll Savings Plan. Includes a hand holding a savings plan application form, a clock, and a banner that says 'Sign this New Year's Resolution!'. Text includes 'WANT A NEW HOME...', 'RETIREMENT INCOME...', 'COLLEGE FOR THE CHILDREN?', and 'APPLICATION Payroll Savings Plan WATCH YOUR SAVINGS GROW WITH UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS'.

BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD

WHO'LL BE THE FIRST BABY OF 1955!



Who will be the first little New Citizen of our community in 1955? The first baby born after midnight on January 1, 1955, will win all the valuable prizes listed below! To be eligible, have doctor state exact time of birth, place, sex, weight, name, plus name and address of parents and send this information to this newspaper.

TO THE FIRST BABY OF 1955

WELCOME TO BIG SPRING

We feel fortunate in having you as a resident of Big Spring, and believe that you will be glad that you chose Big Spring for your arriving point. Where else could you pick a town that has such a splendid drug store with all of your needs in one easy stop? And look at the money that Mother and Dad will save



**ALL BABY MILK PRODUCTS
AT WHOLESALE COST 365 DAYS A YEAR**

For Being The First Baby Born In Howard County Of 1955

**OUR GIFT TO YOU IS A FINE
WEST END BABY BOTTLE STERILIZER**

Send Papa In For It Soon

ELLIOTT'S SELF SERVICE DRUG

J. D. Elliott 1907 GREGG Ace Elliott
UNLIMITED FREE PARKING SPACE

Welcome
To Howard County
**Young
Fellow**
Send In To
WHITES for
your **GIFT...**
WHITE'S

Have Just Opened A
Brand New Complete
Department For Infants!

WHITE'S
THE HOME OF CREATIVELY DESIGNED
BIG SPRING

Best Wishes To

**The
FIRST BABY
OF 1955**

**SEND POP TO ZALE'S
FOR YOUR GIFT**

Baby Fork & Spoon Set
If It's Jewelry You Want
To Shop ZALE'S

3rd at MainDial 4-6371

Welcome To

**The First
Baby Of '55**

Have Your Dad
Come In And Pick
Up The Gift We
Have For You

Big Spring Hardware

115-119 MainDial 4-5265

**Welcome
Young
Fellow**

First Howard County Baby of 1955

For You . . . A Gift,
Lovely New . . . **BABY BLANKET**

After you've received your Gift we would like for you
to come in and see us often . . . and see
many fine gifts and necessities for the little ones . . .

Wearables For
All The Family!

Headquarters For
All Infant Needs!

CONTEST



Rules Of The Contest:

- For a "First Baby" to qualify for gifts from stores on these pages:
- 1—Both mother and father must be bonifide white residents and citizens of Howard County
 - 2—The exact date, hour and minute of baby's birth must be certified by the attending physician.
 - 3—The baby's birth must take place within Howard County, whether at home or in the hospital.
 - 4—Decision of awarding judges will be final.

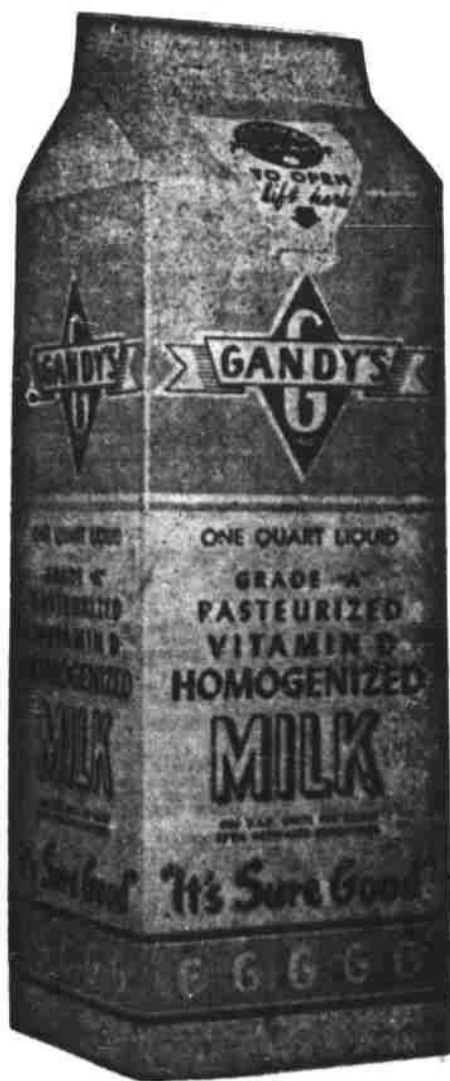


CONGRATULATIONS

To Howard County's
FIRST BABY
of 1955



We Want You
To Have The Best...
For 30 Days You
will receive a quart of
rich, creamy **GANDY'S** Milk....
Have Daddy to come to
Gandy's soon... so that we
can start your delivery of
Milk....



Gandy's
DIAL 4-7591
for Home Delivery
404 N.W. 8th.

LOOK AT
THE PRIZES THE
FIRST BABY OF
1955 WILL RECEIVE!

For the First Baby
of 1955



A BABY BOTTLE
WARMER...

that plugs into the cigarette lighter of any automobile
with a 6-volt electrical system.

WESTERN AUTO

ASSOCIATE STORE
HOME OWNED AND OPERATED

206 MAIN

DIAL 4-6241

Welcome
Newcomer
Our Gift
to the first



Baby Of 1955

Silver

Community Plate

Baby Cup

WAITS

DIAMONDS WATCHES JEWELRY

115 E. THIRD ST.

"HELLO BABY"

YOU ARE NOW A MEMBER
OF THE
GREAT FRATERNITY

Every baby in Howard County who wants to qualify must wet the front of our shirt... and in the meantime, you send your parents in to get a gift that will make you remember as they have for the past 35 years.

**CUNNINGHAM
AND PHILIPS**
FRIENDLY DRUG STORES

905 JOHNSON
SHINE PHILIPS

PETROLEUM BLDG.
JOE HEDLESTON



WELCOME TO
BIG SPRING

(We Start Them Young And
Keep Their Friendship)

Our Gift To
The First Of '55
Weatherbird Shoes



See our complete selection
of shoes for infants and
small children.

Weather-Bird Shoes
FOR BABIES

Mother, your baby's first walking shoes are the most important ones you'll ever buy. Correct fit...supple leathers...the right shoe will determine foot health in life. Make certain of the right shoe and fit...let us fit your baby in Weather-Birds.

J&K shoe store

Prospects Of Things
To Come In 1955—
A Bright New Store
Inside And Out—
A Larger, More Convenient
Hemphill's — For Your
Shopping Pleasure—
But Right Now—



We're taking inventory of our blessings

New Year's Day is a wonderful time to "count your blessings" . . . and looking back, we find that we have an abundance of wonderful blessings for which we are humbly grateful . . . Just the privilege of being a free enterprise in this great country is, in itself, a grand thing . . . and to be a part of West Texas and its phenomenal growth is another . . . but the blessings that make us most proud are the many, many friends which we feel we have in Big Spring and over West Texas.



Store Closed All Day
Saturday . . . New Year's Day

ONE MAJOR CHANGE

New Provisions In Income Tax Law Affect Nation's Farmers

By FRANK O'BRIEN
WASHINGTON (AP)—One major change and many minor revisions in the federal personal income tax law will benefit the American farmer.

And, like the rest of us, he will be helped by 14 major changes—all of them in favor of the taxpayer—which were written into the law by the 83rd Congress.

But deadlines come earlier for farm income, and at least one decision must be made by Jan. 15. Every citizen, or resident, of the United States who in 1954 had \$600 total income (\$1,200 in the case of those 65 years or older) must file an income tax return. That applies to those as well as adults.

The one major change which applies particularly to the farmer is a provision under which soil and water conservation expenses can be deducted from the farmer's taxable income. Under the old code, the farmer could get tax benefit for such expenditures only when he sold his improved land.

The revenue service has mailed everyone who filed a 1953 farmer's income tax report the special forms for farmers for 1954. With the forms comes an instruction booklet. In addition the revenue service has on sale, for 25 cents at post offices and banks, a plain-English booklet called "Your Federal Income Tax." This has a special 10-page section for farmers.

The farmer may use only Form 1040, either as a short form or long form. Here is how dates for filing work under the new law:

1. The farmer who has not estimated his 1954 tax, and has not made quarterly payments, or the farmer who wishes to skip the Jan. 15, 1955, payment on his estimated 1954 tax, must file the final 1954 tax return, Form 1040, and pay up in full by Jan. 31, 1955.

2. The farmer who has followed the estimating procedure, and makes the Jan. 15, 1955, quarterly payment of his estimated tax liability, has until April 15 to file his final return, and make any further payment required by his actual income.

A declaration of estimated tax for 1955 and pay his estimated tax in four installments must get his declaration into the director's office by April 15, 1955. The first quarterly payment is also due no later than April 15. The other three payments on the estimated tax (all must be equal quarters) will be due June 15 and Sept. 15, 1955, and Feb. 15, 1956.

The farmer's exemptions are the same as for other taxpayers, and he benefits like others from new exemption provisions. One new exemption provision for students in on-farm training helps the farmer particularly.

There are three classes of exemptions—(1) for man and wife; (2) for children of the taxpayer; and (3) for dependents other than children. The instruction booklet goes exhaustively into all three classes. Each exemption sets aside \$600 of your income from taxation.

The new exemption provisions are:

1. Previously a child could be claimed as an exemption only if he earned less than \$600 during the tax year. The new law allows the child to be an exemption regardless of how much income he has if: (A) the child is under 19 years of age; or (B) is a student (regardless of age) at a recognized education institution or is taking on-farm training supervised by accredited schools; or on-farm training of a state or a political subdivision (a county, for instance); and (C) the taxpayer provides over half the child's support.

2. The second exemption change adds two new dependents who may be claimed if they meet two other tests (receive over half their support from the taxpayer and receive less than \$600 income during the year). One is for any person supported by the taxpayer, even if not related, who has his principal place of residence with the taxpayer and is a member of the taxpayer's household (this excludes hired help). The other is for the cousin of a taxpayer when the cousin is getting institutional care for physical or mental disability and was previously a member of the taxpayer's household.

All his "ordinary and necessary" business expenses may be deducted from his income, like those of any other businessman. This may be done in one of two ways—by the cash or the accrual method.

Under the cash method, the farmer itemizes his actual expenditures and deducts them from his actual income during the year. Under the accrual method the farmer keeps inventory accounts and deducts his expenses incurred during the year (whether actually paid during the year, or not) from income earned or accrued during the year (whether or not actually received in the year).

The big new business deduction for the farmer is for expenses of soil or water conservation, or prevention of erosion, during the year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1954, provided they are for the treatment or moving of earth and that the earth treated or moved is earth used in farming by the taxpayer or his tenant, at the time the expense occurred, or before it.

Such expenses may be deducted from the farmer's income up to an amount equal to 25 per cent of his gross income from farming. Any excess can be carried over, under the same 25 per cent rule, against the gross income of succeeding years, until the full expense has been deducted.

The 25 per cent rule applies only to income from farming. Other income may not be counted in, in making this deduction.

Petition Demands Big Three Parley

LONDON (AP)—A petition said to contain a million names was delivered to Prime Minister Churchill's London residence today. It demanded a meeting between American, British and Russian heads of state.

The signatures were gathered by a group calling itself "The Hydrogen Bomb National Campaign Committee."

The delegation that took the petitions to No. 10 Downing St. was headed by Dr. Donald Soper, a prominent British Methodist churchman who visited Moscow in late November at the invitation of the Soviet government. Upon his return he had said he found no relaxation of anti-religious propaganda in the Soviet Union.

Tiny Cancer Victim Marine Sweetheart

DALLAS (AP)—Anita Rae Bartlett, 4-year-old Dallas cancer victim, today became the official sweetheart of the Marine detachment at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria. But she was too ill to appreciate the honor.

The little girl, a beautiful, chubby child when the nation learned of her illness through news stories last August, has been falling rapidly during the past few weeks.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bartlett, received a \$50 money order from the servicemen in Vienna, with this message: "It has developed that we are in need of an official sweetheart . . . and you were our unanimous choice. Since all sweethearts should have a Christmas present, we are enclosing one for you."

Bird's-Eye View Set

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Rose Bowl television viewers will get a bird's-eye view tomorrow. NBC will take overhead shots from a blimp of the annual parade and football game.

To Stress A-Energy

MOSCOW (AP)—The army newspaper Red Star says the Soviet will place chief emphasis in 1955 on further development of atomic energy after having "victoriously completed" the fourth year of the second postwar five-year plan.

CRMWD May Purchase \$50,000 Of Its Own Bonds

The Colorado River Municipal Water District may buy in excess of \$50,000 of its own bonds after Jan. 1.

The trustee bank has been authorized to make transfers which will result in approximately that amount going into the retirement fund. Proceeds of this fund are invested in the retirement of CRMWD revenue bonds ahead of schedule.

Under a resolution which has been prepared, according to E. V. Spence, general manager, the CRMWD has \$363,581.64 in net revenues as of Dec. 31, 1954.

The trustee would be authorized to transfer \$153,079.10 to satisfy interest and sinking fund requirements and \$147,351.78 to the reserve fund, which must be built under terms of the indenture to one and a half times annual requirements.

This will leave a surplus of \$63,150.76 to be divided as follows: \$10,500 to the contingency fund, \$2,750 to the improvement and extension fund and \$49,900.76 to the retirement fund. Because the bonds may be bought in at less than par, the district is due to bid in more than \$50,000 to add with \$19,000 bought last year. At the present rate, by 1967 when principal repayment begins, the district may have in reserve an amount of bonds equal to the initial year's requirements.

All Sides Deny 'Firing' Report

NEW YORK (AP)—Stage manager Chet O'Brien says a pay cut is forcing him out of the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio-TV setup—including the Arthur Godfrey shows.

First reports yesterday said O'Brien, 45, a veteran in show business, was fired by Godfrey. Even when he heard that, O'Brien commented: "It's my fault, not Mr. Godfrey's. There's no man who thinks more of Mr. Godfrey than Chet O'Brien."

Later CBS, in a statement, said O'Brien was employed by the network as a stage manager, that he was not hired by Godfrey, and that "any story he has been dismissed is in error."

O'Brien himself said his contract with CBS expires this week and that he was "leaving voluntarily." He said a pay cut, from about \$500 to about \$250 weekly, was forcing him to drop out entirely "because I can't survive on the money."

Widow Of J. Frank Norris Dies At 77

FORT WORTH (AP)—Mrs. J. Frank Norris, 77, widow of a longtime central figure in Texas Baptist affairs, died yesterday after a stroke.

She had been ill for two years. Norris, who died in 1932, was pastor of the First Baptist Church here most of the time from 1909 until his death.

Mrs. Norris has lived in Texas since her teens, when she moved here from Mississippi. Her father, also a Baptist minister, was the Rev. Jim Gaddy.

Private funeral services were held today at the Norris home, with public services at the Greenwood Cemetery.

Double Tragedy

CAMPTON, Ky. (AP)—J. Weed Dickey, 72, attended funeral services yesterday for his son Roy, who died in an automobile accident. Leaving the services, Dickey was struck and killed by a truck.

Sense Of Proportions

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Hilda Karolus, a 28-year-old tightrope walker rehearsing for a movie here, slipped and fell only five feet but suffered a broken ankle and wrist. She is a 42-inch midget.

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Clarify Story

In clarification of a story Tuesday which reported injuries to a bus driver and assessment of a \$100 fine against another after an altercation in the former's hotel room, Kerrville Bus drivers pointed out that it was not one of their group. They have maintained overnight quarters in the same hotel for many years and have never been in any sort of disturbance.

CAUTION!

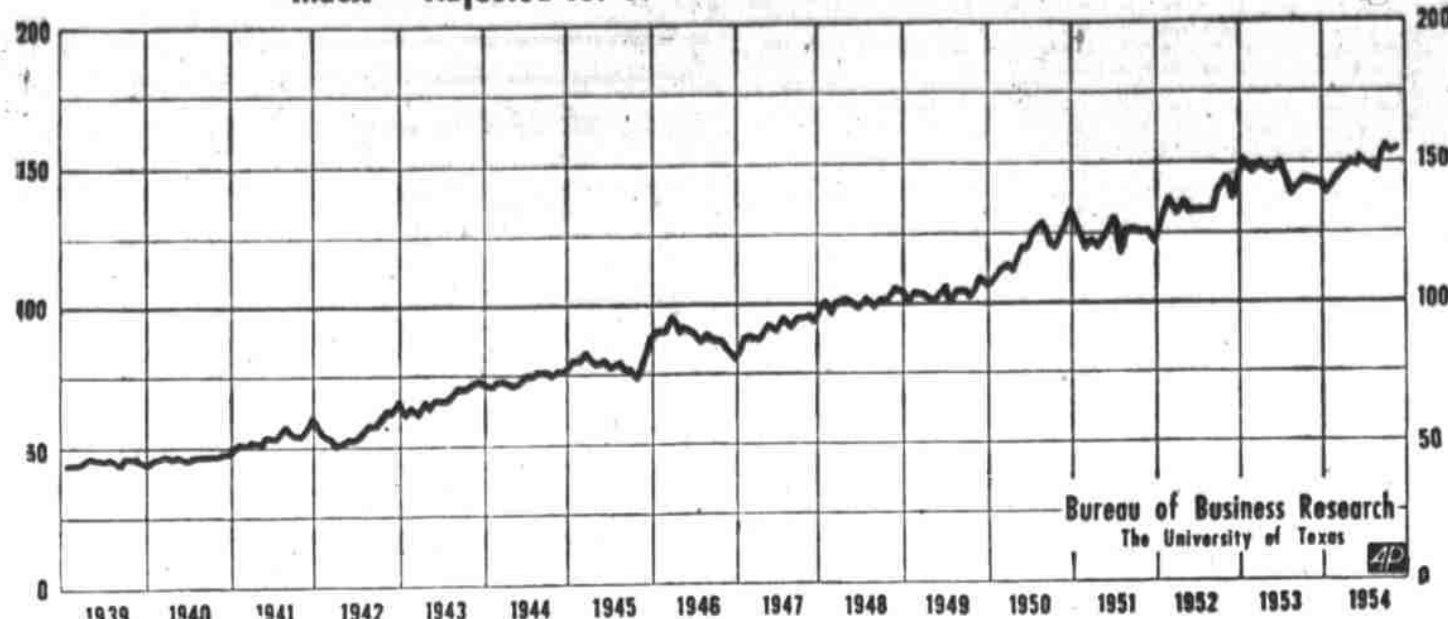
Act Fast When Cough From Common Cold Hangs On
Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion. It goes into the bronchial system to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial membranes.

For children you can now get milder, tastier Creomulsion for Children in a pink and blue package. Get a large bottle of Creomulsion at your drug store. Use it all as directed. Creomulsion is guaranteed to please you or druggist refunds money. Adv.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ZALE'S
Jewelers
3rd at Main Dial 4-4371

Texas Business Activity Index • Adjusted for seasonal variation • 1947-1949 = 100



Texas Business Activity Up

A moderate improvement was recorded in Texas business activity during the month by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research as shown in the above chart. Dr. John R. Stockton, bureau

director, said that in spite of month-to-month fluctuations, the level of Texas business activity increased steadily during the first 11 months of 1954. (AP Photo)

Though '55 Outlook Good, Over-Optimism Is Threat

By J. A. LIVINGSTON
Confidence is in the air. When President Eisenhower delivers his State-of-the-Union message to Congress, he can truthfully say that, economically, the state of the union is good. Only once before was it better. As '55 begins, the only question at hand seems to be: Will '55 surpass '53—the record year—or will it be just under? It's almost sure to be better than '54.

Labor leaders are anticipating higher wages. They'll strike for them if necessary, so they say. Businessmen expect that new orders will rise, that production and sales will top '54 and perhaps better '53. Government officials are well aware of the dangers of over-optimism. That's why the Federal Reserve Board has altered its money policy the wee-est bit—from "active ease to just plain "ease."

only 6 per cent below the monthly high reached in May and July of 1953. Not bad—not bad at all. At the same time, HOME-BUILDING has defied the decline in marriages from a peak of 2,300,000 in 1946 to 1,600,000 last year. Building contractors are supposed to go to Florida in the winter. But in November they started work on new homes at a dizzy annual rate of 1,385,000. Why this building rush? FHA and VA terms are friendly. People find it cheaper to use rent money to pay off their own home.

timism. Don't go overboard in buying stocks, or building inventories, or expanding plant. Look for good business — but be prepared for something less.

C-C Manager Expects '55 Business To Exceed 1954

Barring any unexpected developments, business in Big Spring during 1955 should be somewhat better than during the boom year of 1954, said J. H. Greene, manager of the local Chamber of Commerce. "I can't see any reason why business will not be at least five per cent better than this year if normal conditions exist," he stated. "And if we get prospects of a good crop and get a good crop, then fall business of 1955 should be far better than fall business of 1954."

Crowd Applauds Asian Proposal

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Five Asian prime ministers stood with Indonesian President Ahmed Soekarno in a pouring rain Thursday to tell 200,000 wildly cheering Indonesians that Africa and Asia must cooperate. The premiers of the Colombo Pact countries—India, Burma, Ceylon, Pakistan and Indonesia—appeared at the huge rally in a Jakarta sports stadium after conclusion yesterday of their two-day conference at nearby Bogor.

the last quarter of the year which was capped by tremendous sales in December, he said. Dealers here generally claim that the busiest days of their Christmas season were Thursday and Friday of last week, he said. Some have told him that their best all-time day in business was Friday. Only one merchant reported to him that sales were not up to the 1953 level this year, Greene stated. By far the majority reported that there was a larger sales volume. However, they also said it cost more to do business. Greene stated that as yet most merchants do not know how much net profit was cleared during the year. A comparison of operational costs and sales income must yet be made. Most retailers are now clearing their shelves in year-end sales in preparation for the next period, and Greene explained that the majority appear optimistic of things to come.

Mrs. Eisenhower Encourages Youth In Death-Bed Appeal

PORT ARTHUR (AP)—Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower has sent encouragement to Raymond Walker, 18, who is making a death-bed appeal for one million dollars to fight muscular dystrophy. The youth began his appeal for funds in November. He asked that contributions of 18 cents or \$18 be sent to Raymond, care of postmaster, Liberty, Texas, headquarters of the National Muscular Dystrophy Research Foundation. The appeal met with so much success, that Raymond is now hoping to see the fund grow to at least one million dollars. Although Raymond is 18, muscular dystrophy has so withered his body that he weighs only 35 pounds.

Ceylonese Believe Their Island To Be Asian Switzerland

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP)—The Ceylonese like to think of their island country as a sort of "Asian Switzerland"—a neutral in war, a mecca for tourists and a nice place to live. The entire island is studded with haunts for tourists. Colombo shops are a delight for visitors. The Ceylon beaches and mountains attract vacationists, while ancient ruins provide an added lure. Parts of Ceylon may appear poor, as compared to Europe, and there is an unemployment problem. But the Ceylon villages are prosperous in comparison to those of India and Pakistan. Literacy in Ceylon is relatively high.

DATE DATA

By Beverly Brandow

Advice To Faint Heart

Dear Miss Brandow: What does a fellow do when he is stupid enough to fall head over heels for a popular cheerleader?

Algae Make Air Into Fertilizer

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Air can be turned into fertilizer by magical little algae, raising the prospect of growing food crops without soil, a scientist has reported. Algae are one-celled plants which grow in water. One blue-green type of algae now is found to have great ability to take nitrogen out of the air and make it available for growing crops. This is the main thing that fertilizers do—supply nitrogen for growing crops. The first success in growing rice plants using nitrogen grabbed from the air by the algae was described to the American Assn. for the Advancement of Science by Dr. Daniel I. Arnon, department of plant nutrition, University of California. The finding offers a cheap, effective way of fertilizing various food crops. It could be of immense significance, especially in the hungry Orient. Mr. Arnon added the blue-green algae, named anabaena cylindrica, to rice plants, and found the rice grew without needing nitrogen from the soil. They got it all from the air through the algae. Dr. Arnon found that under proper conditions these algae can take nitrogen from the air at rates almost 200 times faster than had been believed. The algae grow faster than credited. The algae get their energy from the sun, and don't need materials from the soil in order to produce nitrogen. They thus could be of great importance in future agriculture.

This stupid fellow is not too popular, doesn't dance too well, has difficulty in persuading his father to lend the car, isn't suave, and can't for the life of him forget the beautiful cheerleader. Can you help me?

"Faint heart here won fair lady." Phil. Or as Priscilla said to John Alden, "If I am not worth wooing, then surely I am not worth the winning." She may be popular, but she still has the psychology of a woman. Women think they know what they want, until what they want comes along. She may be quite popular and capable besides, but she wants to date a boy who makes her feel fragile and helpless. She wants to date a boy she can admire and respect as stronger, smarter, and more capable than she. Undoubtedly she has many offers of dates. To get her to say yes, your offer must be unusual. Splurge on the first date and take her somewhere really nice. If necessary wait until you have saved enough for taxi fare. Get an etiquette book—from the library and be sure you know what is expected of a very suave gentleman. Be extra neat and clean. Get some of your friends to teach you some of the new dance steps in case you go dancing. Conversational items? Talk about her. It never fails. Don't kiss her goodnight and don't call for another date for about two weeks. Keep her guessing a little; it will whet her enthusiasm. Thereafter plan unusual dates but not necessarily so expensive. Compliment her on things of which she is especially proud. Let her know you remember various dates in detail. Occasionally bring her gifts when there is no occasion. You'll have her eating out of your hand. "How Do You Know When It's Love" is a free leaflet obtained by writing Beverly Brandow in care of The Herald and enclosing a stamp to cover mailing.

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If every man would make a single resolution, this New Year... if he would resolve to attend his Church and to base his life upon its principles... the meaning of fear would vanish from the earth and, under God's benediction, the world would move toward peace.

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Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	John	1	1-12
Monday	Hebrews	1	1-12
Tuesday	II Thessalonians	1	1-12
Wednesday	Psalm	119	1-16
Thursday	Psalm	119	17-24
Friday	Psalm	119	25-32
Saturday	Revelation	21	1-7

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Mt. Zion Baptist
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Church of Christ
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Lutheran
St. Paul's Luthern
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Brilliantly colored fish
- Tablet
- Soothing ointment
- Festival
- Rubber tree
- Surface
- Mass
- Tea container
- Guido's highest note
- Still
- Flat round pieces
- English letter
- Biblical garden
- Musical drama
- Through prodig
- Poorest part of fleece
- Abandon
- Torment
- Busy insect
- Public vehicle
- Motionless
- Bulk
- Title
- Ekimo hut
- Headpiece
- Commotion
- Small articles
- Surmounting
- Jargon
- Beverage
- Sand hill
- English park
- Light repeat
- So be it

DOWN

- Make eyes
- Apostle
- Early astronomical work
- Occur
- Purplish-brown color
- Having wings
- Cozy room
- Wash dish
- Branches of learning
- Vegetable
- Planet
- Ideal representation
- Almanac
- Sooner than
- Immerse
- Room in a barn
- Cage
- Flower
- Seed covering
- Wager
- Male sheep
- Cuckoo
- Go down
- Card game
- Uncomfortable sensation
- Honry
- Famous soprano
- On the ocean
- Finished
- Alar
- Dine
- Ohio college town

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Walt Disney's
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WATCH CREDIT USE
Officials Have Eye On Stock Market

By FRANK O'BRIEN
WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal officials in Washington are keeping an ever closer watch on the stock market, as it continues to touch new highs.
Their vigil is concentrated on the use of credit.
If borrowing to buy stocks grows to proportions that responsible officials here feel makes the market subject to a price collapse, credit controls enforced by the Federal Reserve Board would be stiffened.
There is as yet no indication that the situation has gone that far. But it could change swiftly.
That is the consensus of talks with highly placed officials who asked that they not be quoted by name.
The Federal Reserve Board has authority to raise the margin requirements on stock market operations from the present 50 per cent cash requirements. The board in February 1953 reduced the cash requirement to 50 per cent from the 75 per cent imposed early in 1951 as an anti-inflationary measure.
The board could also act less directly by tightening up on the supply of money and credit in general. This would have the effect of raising interest rates, and of making loans harder and more expensive to get.
Loans to brokers in New York City Federal Reserve member banks stood at \$1,915,000,000 on Dec. 29. That was an increase of 97 million dollars during the week, and was 219 million higher than a year earlier. Further sharp increases of that size could be a strong factor in the thinking of the Federal Reserve Board.
Some factors appeared to indicate that for the present, at least, the stock market rise is largely based upon nonspeculative elements.
Officials said these factors included: credit buying of stocks has not increased alarmingly; buying has been concentrated on industrial stocks, and has been further concentrated on shares of firms with good earnings and growth records; pension and mutual investment funds, which favor such stocks, have been large buyers; for tax reasons, many persons may be waiting for the new year to sell and take a profit.
Officials emphasized that it is not the mission of the government to control stock prices. The law requires the reserve board to use its powers "to prevent excessive use of credit."

Girl Aided Who Lost Trousseau

OXFORD, N.C. (AP)—Pretty Edith Evans, 19-year-old orphan, marries her childhood sweetheart at Mount Carmel Methodist Church today after a hectic week trying to locate her lost trousseau.
The trouble started Christmas Eve when she left her suitcase containing part of her trousseau, including her wedding gown, on a Philadelphia street corner. She had paid for the clothes from her wages while working in Gimbel's department store in Philadelphia.
But by wedding time today she apparently had the choice of at least three wedding gowns.
The Philadelphia Inquirer notified her yesterday that her bag had been recovered by a Philadelphia policeman, Michael DeSanto, and was on its way to the Raleigh-Durham (N.C.) Airport. Meanwhile, a Philadelphia department store—Lit Brothers—wired that it was shipping a second gown to her.
The Ellis-Stone department store at Durham said if the gowns failed to arrive in time, it would make a wedding gown available. And the store said it will give Edith a dress, suit and other items to replace those in the lost suitcase.
The suitcase was lost when Edith's brother Garland came to Philadelphia to drive his sister to Baltimore to meet her fiancé Fran Coley, who worked at an aircraft plant there.
Edith, orphaned at an early age, was brought up by relatives.

Houston Rejects Big Tax Payment

HOUSTON (AP)—For the second time this year, the city of Houston has refused to accept a mountain of cold cash from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
An armed guard dumped \$1,032,404 in cash on the City Hall desk of Fred Ankenman, tax collector and assessor. He turned down \$932,671 in the same manner last Jan. 15.
Ankenman explained that Texas has no provision for partial payment of a tax bill. City and telephone company officials disagree on the taxes owed by Southwestern Bell.

U.N. Delegate Shift

ATHENS (AP)—Greece's chief United Nations delegate, Alexis Kyrou, who led the unsuccessful appeal in the U.N. for self-determination for the island of Cyprus, has been relieved of his duties at his own request. He was also director general of the Greek Foreign Ministry. He has been replaced provisionally by Ambassador Cleon Sydikas.

Cost Of Carrier Forrestal Less Than Total Set

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—More than 250 changes have been made in the supercarrier Forrestal since workmen started building the 60,000-ton island of steel 2 1/2 years ago.
But the Navy predicts the eventual total cost will remain close to the present estimated cost \$197,859,000. Congress in 1951 earmarked \$218,639,000 for building the first of the giant-size flattops.
"The cost will be way below the amount set aside by Congress, even with the changes," a spokesman said today. "There will be a substantial amount of money returned to Congress."
The revamping of equipment ranged from simplified supports for cables—which saved weight and money from original estimates—to the addition of steam catapults and an angled flight deck—which cost more money.
Some of the changes were made in the blueprint stage—that is, before work started on the parts of the ship involved. Others, however, necessitated tear out work already done.
One of the costlier changes has been the decision to move the "island" superstructure from its present location to a point farther outboard on the starboard (right) side. The Navy estimates this will cost about \$300,000 to \$400,000.
But, officials say, a large amount of money, perhaps offsetting the island location change, was realized earlier when the Navy decided against building a retractable or telescoping "island" which would have been lowered into the hull of the ship to make it a "flush deck" carrier while planes were being launched and landed.
The decision to build the "cantilever" deck, which juts out at an angle of about 10 degrees from the main flight deck and is located on the port side, aft, was made about a year and a half ago.
"About two months ago the Navy found that some new types of carrier-based planes which it will procure later had wingspreads too great for easy moving to the bow launching positions on the main flight deck, the present position of the island superstructure were retained.
So designers agreed the island should be moved outward 22 feet to give a 147-foot clearance on the main flight deck."

Military Pay Raise Figures Released

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sergeants with over eight years' service and with one dependent would draw approximately \$278 a month in pay and basic allowances under the proposed new pay raise plan favored by the Pentagon.
This would be a little over \$25 a month more than such a man now gets.
The pay raise plan, which the White House is to disclose in detail Jan. 13, is a selective system aimed at keeping good men in the services. It carries pay cuts for those who cannot or will not get ahead within a reasonable period.
For example, a private who got no promotion after four years would get a pay cut of 4.25 per cent, or \$7.80 less than the \$183.10 such a man now receives in pay plus basic allowances for himself and one dependent.

Savage Bulldogs Chew Boy's Limbs 'Down To Bones'

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP)—Two big, savage bulldogs leaped on an 8-year-old boy yesterday and chewed his arms and legs "down to the bone." It took nearly 150 stitches to close the wounds.
Roger Stokely was in General Hospital today and his mother Mrs. Thomas K. Stokely said doctors "don't give us much hope for one arm and leg." Doctors said the arm muscles were torn badly and that on the left leg both muscle and skin were "just gone."
Roger was attacked while on an errand to the home of a neighbor, Gene O'Sullivan, owner of the dogs. The families live at Wellford, nine miles west of here.
Mrs. Estell Gosnell, Roger's grandmother, said she heard the boy's screams and rushed to his aid, managing to beat off the dogs.
Police said they do not plan any charges against O'Sullivan pending the outcome of the boy's condition. The dogs, which have current rabies immunization, were ordered confined 10 days for observation.

Safety Council Says Traffic Deaths Down

CHICAGO (AP)—The National Safety Council estimates there were 36,500 traffic deaths this year, the lowest since 1950. The toll in 1953 was 38,300.
The council estimates 240 persons are likely to be killed in traffic over the New Year's weekend but says this "will not happen if each of us drives with extra care to meet the extra hazards."

UNCLE RAY'S CORNER



A dipper.

Dippers like to keep their nests wet. If a nest is where it will be sprayed by mist from a waterfall, that is fine. Otherwise a bird of this kind will go into water, then come out and shake itself near the nest. Drops of water from the shaking will moisten the moss on the outside of the bird's green home.
Dippers wade in the rivers, and sometimes walk along the bottom. Many birds dive, but it is rare for any kind to walk while under water.
In addition, a dipper is able to propel itself under the surface by flapping its wings. This, also, is a rare art, but it is less rare than walking on the bottom.
While under water, the dippers hunt for food. They eat water insects and small clams and snails.
Cold weather seems to be welcome to the dippers. They are kept from getting wet and cold by oil on their feathers, and by thick down on their skin at the base of the feathers.

Fishing Port Ends Municipal Squabble

GLOUCESTER, Mass. (AP)—The City Council of this old fishing port rode into calmer waters today after weathering a storm of protest that followed an unfortunate slight to a heretic Gloucester skipper and crew.
The municipal ship of state ran into a squall after Capt. Philip Fileto and his eight crewmen declined to attend a banquet at which they were to have received the city's mariner's medal. They said they didn't get a formal invitation.
Meeting last night, the Council voted to make the awards—for the Dec. 3 rescue of survivors of the foundered Canadian tug Rouille off Sydney, N. S.—"at a date that Capt. Fileto himself approves."

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Good fortune in '55

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