



WHERE ELEVEN DIED—Rescue workers search the debris of a cotton pickers' shack on a farm near Rotan, Texas, where eleven members of a family of transient farm workers burned to death.

Winter Due to Return Tonight

By the Associated Press
Winter is expected to return to West Texas tonight and reach into parts of East Texas tomorrow.

Truman Back In Washington After Holiday

KEY WEST, Fla. —(AP)— President Truman flew back to Washington today from a three-week Florida vacation.

Controversy Over Denfeld Still in Air

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The controversy over Admiral Louis E. Denfeld's dismissal as chief of naval operations — and his refusal of a lesser job — appears to be simmering until after Congress returns to the capital next month.

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Woman Dies at Daughter's Home

Mrs. Ida Mae Sligh, 77, died at 4 a. m. today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. F. Thredgill, 512 N. West, after an illness of about four years.

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Details in Triple Shooting Are Cleared Up by Statement

The foggy details surrounding the fatal triple shooting Sunday night on S. Gray were mostly cleared last afternoon when Harold Ray Brooks, charged with murder by malice aforethought, signed a written statement before Chief of Police John Wilkinson, Chief Deputy Sheriff Rufe Jordan and a Pampa News reporter.

Santa's Sallies

Typical for Easter, but unusual at Christmas was the sight yesterday afternoon at 300 E. Foster, Aaron Meek was seen hoisting weeds on the lot next to Pampa Business College when a fuzzy, wild, brown jack rabbit jumped out and scared him almost to death.

Stalin Hits Jackpot on 70th Birthday

LONDON —(AP)— The biggest giveaway jackpot program in history is on today, with Russia's Joseph Stalin on the receiving end.

Grand Jury Probes Case Of Maragon

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A grand jury today began looking into the case of John Maragon, onetime frequent flyer of the White House, who is accused by senators of lying to them under oath.

Mayor O'Dwyer of New York Marries Texas-Born Beauty

STUART, Fla. —(AP)— Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York, tanned and happy, was married today to radiant Elizabeth Sloan Simpson in a simple ceremony at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Bug Expert Picks '49 'All-America' Team

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(AP)— The grasshopper is the outstanding player on the 1949 "naughtiest" all-American team of destructive insects.

Ochoa Tried—and Failed—to Obtain Injunction to Prevent His Arrest

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— George Ochoa has tried — and failed — to get an injunction that would prevent his arrest for extradition to Laredo, Texas, to face a charge of murder.

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THE WEATHER U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
WEST TEXAS: Much colder with snow in Panhandle. Lowest temperature 10-20 in Panhandle tonight.

4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
Buy Christmas Seals!
Illustration of a person holding a seal.

Texas Third in Farm Income

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Texas ranked third in the nation in farm income from January through October, the Agriculture Department reported. Texas' income for the period was \$1,544,335,000.

On a national basis, farmers have made only 90 cents this year on crops and livestock where they made a dollar in 1948, the department said. And from January through October, farm income was down in every state except Florida, New Mexico and Delaware. Iowa topped all states in cash receipts from farm marketings during the 10 months.

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The CAMEO

By Virginia Teale

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AS she listened to Charlie Reddy explain the mystery, Hagar Blair nodded. "Yakov got there just before I did, I guess. If only I'd been around sooner, I might have got those letters and I wouldn't have gone to jail."

Reddy gave her a grim smile. "No, you'd have gone to the morgue, instead. Tom, after he'd thought the whole thing over, was out after those letters. That's why Yakov got his head broken."

Stephanie shuddered. "How did he know Yakov had the letters?"

"Yakov made the mistake of hunting Tom up at Bob's Place and asking him questions about any papers that might have been in the cameo locket. From his inferences, Tom figured that Yakov had seen the letters and must still have them."

"Speaking of Bob's Place," Hagar put in, "wasn't Tom supposed to be in Bob's back room at the time of the murders?"

"Yes. But he'd fixed it so he could pop out the little transom-like window whenever his evil geni moved him. Bob thought the window was nailed closed and painted over, but Tom, while he was supposed to be in there sleeping it off at various times, had very cunningly pulled the nails loose and run a sharp knife around the edge of the window, unsealing it. He could put the nails back in place at will and everything would appear tightly closed."

Stephanie's eyes clung to Reddy's face admiringly. "Then Tom really wasn't the drunkard he pretended to be?"

"Tom drank almost constantly, but he could consume a prodigious amount of it and still be capable of functioning pretty adequately. But, we've figured out that, on several occasions, it suited Tom's purpose to pretend inebriation."

Hagar was staring into space. "It gives me the creeps. Just

imagine that white-haired little man up to all that hocus-pocus! Crawling in and out of that window like the devil's trained monkey. How'd he get up to it?"

"Packing boxes in the alley outside; a table, inside. He'd always lock the door of Bob's back room, of course, to make sure no one blundered in and found him going."

Stephanie tilted her head thoughtfully. "The thing I would most like to know is where the cameo fits in. How did Martin Falter get it?"

REDDY squinted up at the ceiling. "Well, at this point, we just have to fit the pieces together and hope we're right. Falter evidently had figured out a way to blackmail Nell. Maybe by threatening to turn her letters over to Tom. She gave him the cameo to keep him quiet. Then, when she found out that Yakov was prepared to offer an outlandish sum for the locket, she decided to make a deal with Falter and keep half of the money for herself. After Falter was murdered, of course, the whole thing became a game of button, button, who's got the cameo."

Hagar jammed her fist under her nose and peered over it at Reddy. "Have you figured out who made that date to meet me at Dana Point? And who it was that bashed me over the head?"

"Andy Yakov. In his statement to Chief Peters, Yakov said he and Nell had planned to get you out of town so they could search your studio. Nell did the searching."

Hagar stuck out her chin. "Why, that misbegotten, mealy-mouthed — she spluttered helplessly as she seemed to search for a word.

"He did say that he was pained to the heart to strike the charming lady. Also, that he tried to be very gentle."

"Hah! Gentle!" Hagar rubbed

the top of her head ruminately. Stephanie gave Hagar a look of sympathy, then turned back to Reddy.

"Why did Tom kill Nell?"

"Tom and Nell had a showdown there apparently. He followed her when she came here to search for the cameo. Yakov told us he arrived at Hagar's just in time to see Tom sneaking away—he concluded Tom killed her, but, according to his old world code, it was a crime passionale, and he decided to keep his mouth shut until things developed a little further."

Hagar again rubbed her head. "Him and his old world code!"

THERE was a short silence. The muted hiss of the gas heater marked the time.

Hagar got to her feet. "Dolorosa'll be quiet enough now to hear the voice of the turtle—the way it should be. Maybe we can all get some work done for a change."

She started out toward the kitchen where the smell of strong coffee drifted out. "I've got to get at some carving of heads in my studio one of these days. I think I'll do Yakov's first—that'll be one way of getting even with him. I'll take it down and present it to him in jail—if he goes to jail."

"He probably won't," Reddy answered.

Hagar rattled cups and saucers. "I'll get back to my sculpting," she called. "Stephanie'll get back to her writing."

She appeared with the coffee pot. "As long as we're getting all the mysteries unraveled, maybe you'll tell me now what kind of deathless prose you write?"

Stephanie's cheeks colored. "I write—I write children's stories. I've started a series of books about Trumpy and Tatters."

Reddy looked at her gravely. "And who are Trumpy and Tatters?"

Stephanie stared fixedly at the windows. "A baby elephant and a monkey," she admitted.

He grabbed Stephanie close and buried his laughter in her hair. "Thank the lord," he chuckled. "I was afraid I might have an Emily Bronte on my hands."

THE END

More Vigilance Needed on Road During Holidays

Holiday driving calls for everyday thinking!

"So, take a tip from the country's safest drivers, the professional truck drivers, and drive more carefully during the next three weeks," Fred Gillette, president of the Texas Motor Transportation Association, said today.

"The average over-the-road driver and even some city truck drivers cover more than three times as many miles as the average passenger car driver so they are in good position to offer some holiday driving advice," he said.

Professional truck drivers realize that winter driving calls for everyday thinking plus experience to cope with the special problems of winter. For example, they know that it takes from three to twelve times as long to stop on

slick, wet pavement, as it does on dry surfaces. For safe holiday driving, certain driving precautions should be taken.

Among other things, for safe holiday driving, your car should be in top mechanical condition. The professional truck driver is required to see that his truck is in perfect mechanical condition all year, and such things as heater, brakes, windshield wipers, and defroster are given special attention during the winter months.

The windshield wiper is especially important in light of the fact that statistics prove that one out of every five fatal motor vehicle accidents are caused by rain, driver's vision being obscured. And, about two-fifths of these accidents are caused by rain, sleet, or snow on the windshield and rear window.

An additional hazard of holiday driving is the tipsy pedestrian or motorist. Therefore, the careful motorist like the professional truck driver, should be constantly on the alert for them during the coming holiday season, Gillette concluded.

Pensions Held Unconstitutional

AUSTIN — (AP) — Joint retirement pensions for state employees and teachers were ruled unconstitutional by the attorney general.

The ruling invalidated a bill passed by the 51st Legislature attempting to set up a system under which credits built up under the teacher retirement plan would also apply to the state employees retirement plan, and vice versa.

"If a state employee had built up benefits under that retirement plan, then went to work for the school system, the benefits would have been preserved. The ruling by Assistant Attorney General Chester E. Ollison says that can't be done, and that Senate Bill 458 is unconstitutional.

The ruling apparently has no effect on operations of the state employees retirement system, or on the teacher retirement system, as originally set up.

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In an article in the Boston Herald-Bill Cunningham dealt with some of the problems of the railroads. One of them, he said, is an unbelievable and, at this point, seemingly unnecessary mass of regulatory legislation...

Gracie Says

When Los Angeles police arrested Mui Lee for selling lottery tickets last week, he said the tickets were only Chinese poetry. Now, I believe Mr. Lee and I certainly hope he is right...

MOPSY Gladys Parker

I WAS GOING TO GIVE YOU A MORE WOOD SHOWER FOR CHRISTMAS BUT THIS IS AN END ME I GOT.

Washington....by Peter Edson

Political dopsters now think Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential prospects will improve if and as the international situation gets worse. If danger of war is really imminent in 1951, Eisenhower's chances are expected to pick up.

Fair Enough - Pegler

WASHINGTON — It sometimes seems that Eleanor the Great deliberately baits me with her vagaries or, if you want to dignify them as principles, to her if this be so, I am grateful, within bounds. One of my professional functions is to keep the issue and the record straight and my purpose in life to discredit fallacies that were loosed upon by the Roosevelt cult.

K-F to Roll Cars Again In January

DETROIT — (AP) — Kaiser-Frazer, out of production since October, will start rolling out cars again early in January. That's the latest word from the big former bomber plant at nearby Willow Run.

Common Ground

By R. C. HOLLES
Answering E. Stanley Jones' Open Letter to the People of Colorado Springs

On Friday forenoon he submitted a letter for publication in the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph, a newspaper to this one.

So They Say

THIS is the first round, but this is not the last round. —John Foster Dulles, defeated in recent New York senatorial election.

On the Air Waves

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"Coming Along, Governor?"



National Whirligig

WASHINGTON — The continued appearance of Margaret Truman on the concert stage has become a matter of discussion and concern within the White House family as well as among the nation's leading musical circles and critics.

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Somethin' for Nothin'

There are those who spend a lifetime waiting for a lucky break, when the unexpected happens and provides 'em with a stake. They improve the odds to let the wheel of easy fortune spin, and ignore, for once, their awful fate and let the poor guys win.

IN HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD — (NEA) — Hollywood may be ignoring television, but not as film plot material. The whole idea of the new Betty Grable-Dan Dailey film, "My Blue Heaven," is based on television.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle
A grid of numbers and letters for a crossword puzzle. Includes a small illustration of a woman's face.

Rotary Units Hit New High For December

The number of rotary oil drilling rigs running in the U. S. and Canada in the week of Dec. 13 reached a new high for the year, for the second successive week, it was reported to the American Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors.

The total for the week was placed at 2,294, a net gain of 31 units over the previous week. This compares with 2,216 rigs running a month ago and with 2,433 in operation in the like 1948 week.

The increase for the week was due largely to continued increase in drilling activity along the Gulf Coast and in West Texas. The number of rigs running in the latter areas, it was stated, is the highest ever recorded.

Drilling activity by areas was reported as: Gulf Coast 539 rigs, up 22 over the preceding week; West Texas and New Mexico, 709, up 10; Pacific Coast, 148, up seven; Oklahoma-Kansas, 406, up five; Rocky Mountain and

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Congressional Action Favored By Independents

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Independent oil operators in four states are reported to favor legislation to require oil importers to take into account domestic economic problems.

Russell Brown, general counsel of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, said he had talked with operators in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and parts of Texas.

Brown made public a letter to J. Ed Warren, association president.

Association officials said recently they expect another effort next year to have Congress limit oil imports. They contend that imports are increasing while production from wells in this country is being curtailed.

- PLUGGED WELLS**
- Hutchinson County
- Phillips J. A. Whittenburg No. 74, Sec. 60, Blk. 46, H&TC, 2,821 TD.
- Phillips Yake No. 1, Sec. 36, Blk. 47, H&TC, 2,856 TD.
- Wheeler County
- Texaco Carlisle No. 4, Sec. 51, Blk. 24, H&GN, 2,533 TD.
- Warren Evans No. 2, Sec. 51, Blk. 24, H&GN, 2,452 feet TD.
- Warren F. L. Major No. 2, Sec. 35, Blk. 24, 2,415 feet TD.

Canada, 173, down 10; Arkansas-Louisiana-Texas, 159, down two; Illinois, 150, down one.



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Britain Halts All U.S. Oil Imports

LONDON — (AP) — Britain has ordered American oil companies to stop all fuel oil imports and cut gasoline imports by one-third beginning Jan. 1, an oil company official said yesterday.

Object of the slashes is to save dollars for hard-pressed Britain.

The oil man, who declined to be quoted by name, said American oil companies selling Great Britain felt the move was the "thin edge of a wedge to squeeze us out of the sterling market."

Both he and the British Ministry of Fuel and Power declined to translate the import cuts either in terms of barrels of oil or of money. The ministry said the

oil would be obtained from sterling-financed companies.

The move set off a quickening dispute both here and in the United States. To deal with the situation, the ministry sent V. S. Butler, under-secretary for overseas petroleum, flying to Washington Sunday.

The cuts affect three American companies: the Anglo-American Oil Co., owned by the Standard Oil of New Jersey; Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd., subsidiary of Socony-Vacuum; and Cal-Tex, a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co., of California and The Texas Co.

They have been supplying about one-third of Britain's 18,000,000 metric tons of petroleum and petroleum products yearly.

Britain imports about half her fuel oil from Persia (Iran) where it is produced by Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., partially owned by the British admiralty. Industry in Britain uses comparatively little fuel oil, relying mostly on coal from her own island mines. About one fifth of her gasoline is produced by Anglo-Iranian.

About the only place where British companies have a surplus is in Venezuela," the oil man said, "and there is a high percentage of dollar cost in Britain's production there."

The oil man said the Ministry of Fuel and Power gave "only short notice of its decision."

He said it came at a time Britain and the U. S. were attempting to work out a mutual oil policy.

He said American companies believe that there is an element of dollar cost in all oil produced by the western world. One broad view put forward in American circles is that American companies operating outside the U. S. should reduce their dollar costs to those of British companies, and then negotiate sales to non-dollar areas on that basis.

"From that point of view," said the oil man, "American companies would be on the same footing in non-dollar areas as British companies."

During the year ended March 31, 1949, Britain's dollar oil requirements were estimated by the Marshall Plan at \$200,000,000. The Marshall Plan financed \$166,000,000, or about five-sixths, of these dollar oil purchases.

During the year ending next March 31 Britain's dollar oil requirements were estimated slightly lower.

Oklahoma Steps Up Drilling Pace With 104 Starts

TULSA — (AP) — Oklahoma oil operators stepped up drilling activities last week, early field reports indicate.

Completions increased slightly to 90, including 48 oilers, five gas wells and 36 dry holes, the Tulsa World says.

Statistics: Initial crude production daily, 6,157 barrels; of gas, 43,446,000 cubic feet. Drills bit down an aggregate of 311,399 feet.

New starts, up to 104 locations in 26 counties, were led by Stephens County which had 12 tests staked out. Carter County followed with 11.

Alanreed Lions Get Charter

McLEAN — (Special) — Approximately 100 Lions, their wives, and their guests attended the charter night program for the new Alanreed Lions Club held Tuesday night in the Alanreed gym.

District governor C. A. Cryer of Borger made the principal address, charging the new Lions with working for a better community and a better world.

The Alanreed club was sponsored by the Groom Lions Club, and the program was under the direction of the Groom Lions. Representatives were present from Groom, McLean, Pampa, Phillips, and Borger. Attending from McLean were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Meharg, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell, Dr. J. H. Kritzler, and R. A. Young.

President of the new club is the Rev. L. P. Fort, pastor of the Alanreed Baptist Church. Other charter members are L. I. Armstrong, Lester Carter, W. H. Davis, Cletus Fish, B. H. Gilbert, L. T. Goldston, Marvin Hall, R. D. Hill, Harold Knight, O. J. Milham, A. H. Moreman, B. W. Moreman, W. J. Prock, O. W. Stapp, and H. H. Worsham.

Scientist Told to Come to Court

NEW YORK — (AP) — Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the espionage conspiracy case,

U.S. Bureau of Standards, was directed to appear in federal court next Wednesday for the taking of a deposition in the Judith Coplon, Valentina A. Gubitchev, Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan relevant. Papers, filed at a pretrial hearing, declared Condon's telephone calls were "constantly tapped" during the last three years.



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OH, SURE BUT...

THAT GUY FROM THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE AGAIN, EH?

YES, OOP I'M AFRAID SO!

AW, FORGET 'EM, I'LL GO OUT AN' DIE YOU UP AN' OTHER MILLION OR TWO!

Lil Abner

LIL ABNER

OH, HEAVENS ABOVE—DO SOMETHING!

—SMACK HIM WIF A BOLT O' LIGHTNING!—SWALLER HIM UP WIF A EARTHQUAKE!—BURY HIM UNDER A LANDSLIDE!

—SOMETHING DON'T LET ABNER—BAD HAPPEN TO HIM—LIKE MARRIAGE!—THEY GALT!

—AN' SO, AH PRONOUNCES 'NO LIL ABNER—AN' TH' CONTENTS O' THIS BAG—HAY AN' WIFE!!

—RELIEVE YOUR EMOSHUNS, SON—BY KICKIN' THIS HAMBUT?—IT'S ALL DRESSED UP IN A BURLAP BAG—

—GALT—Ah hopes the burlap sort dull the THUD!

CARNIVAL

By DICK TURNER

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UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL STENOGRAPHIC DEPT.

"Hasan Yussuf, the delegate from Lackadasia, wants to take us ALL to lunch!"

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SIDE GLANCES

By GALBRAITH

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By GALBRAITH

"It would be a dainty gift for my husband to give me all right, but you don't know how clumsy he is with the dishes!"

12-20

Mutt & Jeff

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DON'T TRY TO USE BIG WORDS BECAUSE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "COMPLIMENTARY" AN' "UNCOMPLIMENTARY"!

SURE I DO!

SUPPOSE SOMEONE TOLD ME I HAD A BRAIN LIKE EINSTEIN— WOULD THAT BE COMPLIMENTARY OR UNCOMPLIMENTARY?

UNCOMPLIMENTARY!

YOUR WRONG! THAT WOULD BE COMPLIMENTARY!

I STILL SAY IT WOULD BE UNCOMPLIMENTARY!!!

BOO! DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT IF SOMEONE SAID I HAD A BRAIN LIKE EINSTEIN THAT WOULD BE UNCOMPLIMENTARY TO ME?

NO, TO EINSTEIN!

TO YOU WITH MY COMPLIMENTS!

Freckles

FRECKLES

BEGGING YOUR PARDON, YOUNG LADIES, BUT I HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE METROPOLIS AND MUST HASTEN THITHER! TOODLE-OO!

I STILL WONDER WHAT SORT OF A JOB LIVERMORE BOOK!

LOOK!

I ASSURE YOU, YOUNG LADY, THAT YOUR PENDING PETITION FOR SPECIFIED GIFTS WILL BE GIVEN MY MOST ZEALOUS CONSIDERATION!

Vic Flint

VIC FLINT

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH EVERY BERTILION PICTURE OF YOUTHS WITH RECORDS IN THE FILES, INSPECTOR GROWL.

NOPE, NONE OF THESE IS THE MAN I'D BET MY LIFE ON IT.

SORRY, INSPECTOR, THE PHONE IS ALL SMEARED UP. WE CAN'T GET ANY PRINTS OFF YOUR MURDER WEAPON WORTH LOOKING AT.

THAT LEAVES US UP A DEAD END, FLINT.

I WANT YOU FELLOWS TO ROUND UP EVERY SUSPICIOUS YOUNG PUNK IN YOUR DISTRICT AND BRING THEM IN FOR THE LINE-UP. WE'RE GOING TO FIND THIS MURDERER!

Bugs Bunny

BUGS BUNNY

TO HAVE A G-GOOD ORCHESTRA WE HAVE TO P-PRACTICE / ONE, TWO, THREE...P-P-PLAY!

URK!

HOW CAN YOU G-GET MUSIC WITHOUT PICKING TH' G-STRINGS?

ZINGIN' THEM STRINGS IS HARD ON MY TENDER DIGITS...

...SO I KEEP MY PET PENGUIN, TWERPO, INSIDE T'DO TH' PLUNKIN'!

Priscilla's Pop

PRISCILLA'S POP

LOOK, MOM! THAT'S WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS!

SEE? SHE ROLLS HER EYES AND EVERYTHING!

\$12.95! GOODNESS THAT SEEMS AWFULLY DEAR TO ME!

YES, THAT'S THE WAY FEEL ABOUT HER, TOO!

OUT OUR WAY

OUT OUR WAY

I WONDER IF SCIENTISTS EVER NOTICED THAT TH' ONLY THINGS THAT DON'T PAW, CLUTCH, GRAB, AN' PULL EVERYTHING ELSE DOWN WITH 'EM IS THINGS THAT HAVE NO BRAINS!

12-20

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

EGAD, MAN! PAY ATTENTION TO ME!— YOU MAKE MY STOCKING-SUFFLERS FOUR INCHES LONG INSTEAD OF FOUR FEET— AND TELL ME IT'S "JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS!" SIR? I DEMAND IMMEDIATE ACTION!

HELLO, MFGILL? THE GUY'S POPPING ALL THE RINETS OUTTA HIS CROCK!— HANGONER! WHO? JIM? AL- OH!—GET IT GOING! THE MACHINE'S BROKE?— YEAH, YEAH!

POSITIVELY, MAJOR HOOPLE! JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS! WE'LL HAVE 'EM— AN' TOMORROW SURE!

THAT'S HOW IT IS— JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS!

12-20

Blonde

BLONDE

IT'S GOOD TO GET HOME AND AWAY FROM MY JOB WITH ALL ITS PROBLEMS AND FIGURING

AH— NOW FOR MY SLIPPERS AND MY BIG, COMFORTABLE CHAIR AND MY MAGAZINE

DADDY, WILL YOU HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK?

NOW DIVIDE 87 BY 17.

WHEN YOU GET THRU WITH HER, WILL YOU HELP ME, POP?

12-20

Wash Tubbs

WASH TUBBS

WHAT ABOUT TH' NIGHT WATCHMAN AT THE BANK?

I TOOK A ROOM NEAR HIM, CHIEF. HE'S A LOVELY OLE CUSS, AND WE GOT TO BE PAL'S AFTER I SAID WIF OLE MAN WAS A NIGHT MAN, TOO. THEN HE TALKS ABOUT HIS JOB...

HE GOES ON DUTY AT SEVEN— RINGS IN HIS BOXES EACH HOUR, ON THE HOUR... HAS ORDERS TO ADMIT NO ONE, REGARDLESS!

OKAY, HMM... NEW TYPE ATLAS VAULT, EH? I'D LIKE A SQUINT AT IT MYSELF. GOLDIE, LOOK THRU MY LETTERHEADS AND GET ONE FROM TH' ATLAS SAFE COMPANY.

MEANWHILE...

ISN'T HE A BEAUTY, MOM! WON'T POP BE TICKLED WITH W!

HMM, I SUPPOSE YOU MAY KEEP HIM, BOYS... I CAN'T SPOIL YOUR SURPRISE FOR PAPA.

12-20

Red Ryder

RED RYDER

THIS WAY, UNDER— RUN! WE'RE ANGRY BETWEEN SNAKES AND A LUTHELESS POSSE!

THERE'S GOING TO BE MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE KILLED UNLESS...

I CAN NAB TH' OUTLAW LEADER OF TH' HANGIN' POSSE FIRST— AND WITHOUT GETTIN' SHOT MYSELF!

12-20

Boots

BOOTS

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE INTERESTED IN PIPES. MR. NICHOLS, IF YOU LIVE THAT ONE, IT'S YOURS! IT ISN'T WORTH ANYTHING!

OH, ON THE CONTRARY, MY DEAR FELLOW—

MEERSCHAUM IS, AS YOU MAY KNOW, A SOFT STONE FOUND IN MORAVIA AND THE CRIMEA, BUT MORE ABUNDANTLY AND OF FINER QUALITY SUCH AS THIS, IN ASIA MINOR!

AND THIS STEM IS WOOD FROM THE MAHALET CHERRY, GROWN NEAR UJENNA— WHICH I PERSONALLY PREFER TO EITHER THE MOCK STICKS OF HUNGARY OR THE JESSMINNE STICKS OF TURKEY! I WILL YOU TAKE A HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR IT?

12-20

Tex Austin

TEX AUSTIN

GOT NO TIME TO READ NOTHING! COWBOY! I'M HANDLIN' A FIGHTER

YOU MEAN— YOU WERE HANDLIN' FIGHTER, SALES!

AND I THINK YOU'LL TAKE TIME OUT TO READ THIS!— IT'S ABOUT YOU AN' OL' JOHN LAW!

THE LAW?— SA—AY, WHAT IS THIS?

12-20

Bo

BO

IT BURNS ME UP THE WAY THE FOLKS GET SOFT AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME AND TAKE IN THAT BUM, TRIX.

HE'S SNEAKING AROUND OUT IN THE KITCHEN SEEING WHAT HE CAN SWIPE... I'LL LAY FOR HIM BEHIND THIS CURTAIN AND SCARE THE...

WOOF-GR-GR-GR...

SNEAKING UP BEHIND ME... YOU... YOU... OH...

DOGSGONE IT... THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST RADIO PROGRAMS WITH PARROTS ON 'EM...

IT'S HAWA RICHARDS! HAWA!

12-20

Mickey Finn

MICKY FINN

IT'S TRUE, MICKY! HE'S ALREADY HAD HIS NAME PUT ON THE WINDOW!

CAN YOU BEAT IT? HE MUST'VE MADE A LOT OF MONEY— GAMBLING!

WEE

DID YOU NOTIFY THE PAROLE BOARD THAT YOU'D BOUGHT OUT THIS PLACE, WEEPY?

SURE! AND EVERYTHING'S OKAY! IT'S A PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE BUSINESS! I'M PAYIN' LOU A CERTAIN AMOUNT EACH MONTH— OUT OF THE PROFITS!

—SO DON'T TRY TO PULL ANYTHING ELSE ON RED! UNDERSTAND?

LISTEN— I'LL SAY IT AGAIN! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT! HE MEANS NOTHING TO ME! I TOLD SA THAT LAST MONTH— WHEN YOU ASKED ME IF I WAS GOIN' TO HIS DINNER!

WHY SHOULD I BE BOTHERIN' ABOUT HIM? I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS ON MY MIND! WHEN HIS BALL PLAYIN' DAYS ARE OVER, I'LL BE SITTH' ON TOP OF THE WORLD!

OKAY! WEEPY! JUST REMEMBER WHAT WE SAID! DAYS ARE OVER, I'LL BE SITTH' ON TOP OF THE WORLD!

12-20

Penny

PENNY

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS COME OVER DOING LATELY, NORGA. MEAN, OUR ROMANCE IS BEING LITERALLY SHATTERED.

WHY DON'T YOU ASK YOUR AUNT HELEN FOR ADVICE, PENNY?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, NORGA. AUNT HELEN IS MARRIED—

WHAT COULD SHE POSSIBLY KNOW ABOUT ROMANCE?

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FARM NEWS

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Community Cannery Pays Costs of School Program

A community cannery and locker-plant helps 800 students in Vins Grove, Ky., have a much better school than the local tax levy permits. Capper's Farmer tells how this community finances an extensive school program that employs 27 teachers and 30 other full-time workers without passing the bill to the community.

When James T. Alton was elected principal 14 years ago, he was determined to build a better school than the limited tax revenue would provide, says a story in the farm magazine. "He got the cooperation of citizens. A banker helped with loans.

"A community service corporation was organized to promote and finance projects centered around the school. It is a non-profit concern and officers serve without pay. Decisions are made by an advisory committee working with the officers. Members include the presidents of local civic and women's clubs, commander of the American Legion post, the mayor, county commissioners, and representatives of rural churches.

Alton sold Vins Grove on a school cannery.

"The cannery, started in 1942, has already paid for itself. Families process 100,000 cans of food a year. Charge for cans and use of the equipment is six cents a can. Also 25,000 cans of food are prepared for the school lunch program. The project affords a market for local crop surpluses.

"Food processed and frozen in the 300-bin locker plant runs over 100,000 pounds a year. Investment in the plant is \$30,000. It is two-thirds paid for and the balance will be paid out in five years from service fees.

The story says the school has added a farm shop, kitchen, motion picture projector, picnic grounds and athletic fields—all obtained without raising the school tax. Everything pays its way except the summer recreational program. The Lions Club hires the recreational director. The school's equipment and 230 acres of land are valued at \$173,000. Debt is only \$20,000.

Research Finds Worth of Bulls Before Mating

A revolutionary advancement is underway in the beef cattle industry.

It hinges on the discovery that bulls can be proved as yearlings. A recent issue of Country Gentleman says the new knowledge will bring the "greatest advancement in the development and distribution of superior bloodlines in the industry has ever seen."

Hitherto, bulls were proved by their progeny. Now Agriculture Department scientists have found that the ability to transmit superior qualities can be spotted reliably in a bull even before he is mated. Better bulls will be made available in a fraction of the time previously required.

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Subsurface Plow Said Control Aid

LUBBOCK — (AP) — Ploughs that work only underneath the surface are advocated to stop soil erosion by Dr. A. W. Young, head of the plant industry department of Texas Technological College.

These plows have chisel noses and underground blades to cut the surface on each side. They leave in place the stubble of previous crops. Every bit of stubble or any other crop residue left with its roots in a field, says Dr. Young, is both a natural wind break and a water dam.

The stubble binds the top soil from blowing and from eroding in water. The stubble also furnishes little pipes down which rain water penetrates the soil, instead of mostly running off on the surface.

Farm Prices Seen Heading Farther Downward in 1950

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Agriculture's wartime and postwar boom in prices virtually came to an end in 1949.

Nevertheless, farmers as a whole still were prosperous — even highly so when judged by the relatively unfavorable standards of the '30s when producers were plagued by depressed prices, low incomes and unmarketable surpluses.

Yet the year 1949 saw agriculture lose a price advantage it had enjoyed since late in 1945, the beginning of the war — inspired boom for farm products.

Application of the legal standard — partly for measuring farm prices shows quite clearly what has happened to agriculture. Parity prices are those which, according to law, the farmer must get in order to be able to buy his fair share of non-farm goods and services.

In the decade before the war, farm prices averaged far below the parity standard. In other words, the farmer was at a price disadvantage in dealing with others.

But outbreak of the war in Europe and this country's eventual entry into the conflict sent farm prices skyrocketing. They reached a record peak of 33 percent above parity in October, 1946. In other words, agriculture enjoyed a 33 percent price advantage over others, judged by the parity measuring stick.

This big jump in farm prices was accompanied by a similar increase in farm income.

But farm prices started easing off late in 1946 as world shortages began to lessen and as domestic production, no longer checked by limited labor supplies and machinery, climbed to new heights.

A 12 percent decline in prices in 1949, added to decreases in the two previous years pulled farm prices down to parity. Thus, agriculture no longer enjoyed a price advantage.

The year 1950 is likely to see farm prices drop below the parity level, thus again putting the farmer at a buying disadvantage. Government farm economists predict agriculture prices in 1950 will average about 10 percent below the 1949 average.

Naturally the lower prices have been reflected in a reduced farm income. The agriculture department estimates farmers' net income — the amount left after paying production expenses — at about \$14,000,000,000 for 1949 compared with the record of \$18,000,000,000 in 1947.

The department also predicts that net farm income in 1950 will drift down to \$12,000,000,000.

Three Dams Built On Clark Farm

Willis Clark has completed three erosion control dams on his ranch northwest of Miami and now has most of the serious erosion checked on his place. Off-lands of the Roberts County Wind Erosion District said.

Clark said he works on one watershed at a time and thus can readily see the progress he is making.

Planes Being Designed for Spraying Use

NEW YORK — If flight tests prove promising, the government will ask for bids on production of agricultural aircraft to be used for aerial spraying, dusting, and seeding, according to Aviation Week.

The new plane is under joint development by CAA and the Department of Agriculture at Texas A&M College. CAA administrator Del Rentzel disclosed that the first flights of the new experimental plane, designed by Prof. Fred E. Weik, head of the personal aircraft research center at the college, are expected probably by May, 1950.

The magazine, says that after primary tests of the plane and the dispensing apparatus being developed simultaneously, additional planes will be sought.

Rentzel is quoted by the magazine as saying that "if results of this work appear to warrant, we plan to interest manufacturers, bidding competitively, in building a few prototypes of this aircraft at a figure which will cover small tooling making use of pertinent information, hitherto unavailable, worked up with the first aircraft. We will not release or make available information which is a matter of competitive engineering technique and which is strictly aeronautical information."

Texas Town Has Its Own Circus Show

Kids in Gainesville, Texas, don't have to wait for the circus to come to town. By the time a youngster reaches the second grade he may be a circus performer in his home town. Capper's Farmer points out that Gainesville is the only community in America with its own 3-ring show.

"Anybody with an entertaining act can get into the circus," says a story in the farm magazine. "More than a thousand persons have had roles. All performers are home talent. By day they are farmers, doctors, stenographers, laborers, teachers and what not. Only their evenings are devoted to fun-making."

"The Texas show is a husky foster child of another community movement. Twenty years ago Gainesville had its own Little Theatre. Toughest job was keeping bills paid. When debts piled up, a money-raising project was needed. Morton Smith, city editor of the town's daily newspaper, proposed an amateur circus. He advertised for volunteer performers. A horse trainer offered a troupe of riders and mounts. The high school coach proposed an act by a team of tumblers.

"Soon Smith, as program director, had a troupe of 30 ready for the show. Three sell-but performances paid off the debt. The circus caught on. In 1931 there were five performers. The town forgot about the Little Theatre.

"Billy Rose tried to hire the troupe for Fort Worth's big 1937 fiesta," the story continues. "He was turned down. He hadn't understood that business couldn't go on in Gainesville without the circus performers. The offer of an agency to book the circus for a whole summer's run also was turned down. As a full-time job, circus life doesn't appeal to easy-going, freedom-loving Texans."

Gainesville trouper like Louise

Bennet, junior college student, and A. W. Wells, mathematics teacher, gladly drive 60 to 70 miles, after a day's work, to put on acts under their big tent. The performers have done 3-ring stands, at times, but they don't want to make their living that way.

"Every performer has to help with at least one act besides his own. Those who learn a new circus skill teach it to younger performers. Doris Mae Norman was on the trapeze when she was six. At nine she was doing a heel-and-toe catch act. Five girls who learned to swing by their teeth handed their skills down to others.

"Only one performer is paid. He is Paul McGeehe, the property man who keeps things painted, repaired and ready for use. He has a role in the show too, but he gets no pay for that. Only one performer became a circus professional."

Need some ideas for your Christmas list? Capper's Farmer points out an electrically propelled mailbox for rural areas has been developed. After the mail carrier has paid his visit, you simply press a button and the box moves toward the house on a pair of cables. The farm magazine says the mail-box-on-wheels will travel one-half mile or more. Another gadget is a burglar alarm which sounds off with a loud warning if someone tampers with your car. It can be moved from one car to another and is guaranteed to last 10 years.

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Cattle Shipments Show Increase

AUSTIN — Texas livestock shipments totaled 3,330 carloads in October, an increase of 46 percent over September, the Uni-

versity of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

September - to - October cattle shipments rose 78 percent, and calves and hogs 25 and 10 percent, respectively; but sheep shipments dropped 35 percent.

'Inflation' Tried on Worn Farms

A poor farm is like a flat tire, according to Capper's Farmer. To get rolling in either case, you've got to pump up pressure. For the "deflated" farm it's fertility pressure that is needed.

"Building up fertility pressure always has been a long, slow process," a story in the magazine points out. "Everybody thought it had to be that way. Most people take 10 or 15 years to put poor land up to profitable production."

Emil Truog of the University of Wisconsin, one of the top soil men in this country, wondered if you couldn't inflate a worn-out farm right away.

"Truog and his associates tried out the quick-pressure buildup on some poor Wisconsin land," the story says. "It worked. Tired, old fields grew crops like corn belt soil."

The one-shot fertility program is adapted to general farming areas of the Midwest, the story points out. It is not recommended for light sandy soils where leaching is severe, or for soils containing minerals which "fix" commercial plant foods.

405 Lambs Bought For Pan-Tech Project

LUBBOCK — More than 400 grade Rambouillet ewe lambs have been purchased by the Texas Technological College agriculture division for use at the Pan-Tech experimental farm near Amarillo. Dean W. L. Stangel has announced.

The 405 lambs were selected by J. P. Pan-Tech manager and Ray C. Mowery, professor of animal husbandry at Tech. Ray Willoughby, San Angelo ranch operator, assisted the staff.

Dean Stangel said the lambs will be used in a wheat grazing project in cooperation with Texas A&M. They will be used in a cross-breeding experiment at a later date.



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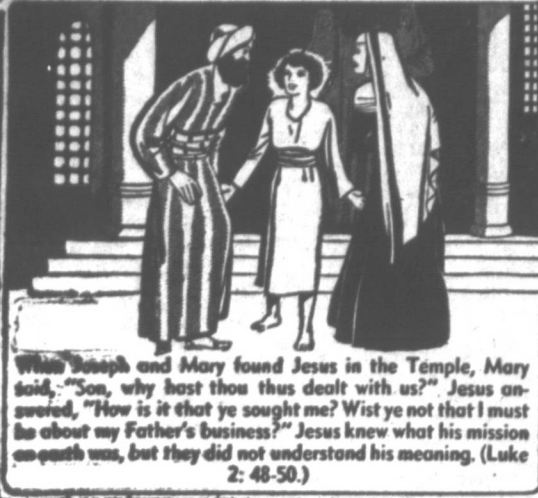
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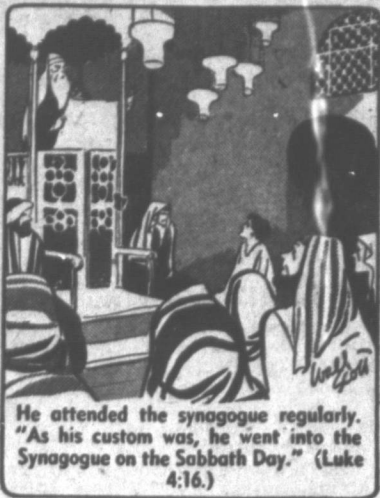
The Story of the Savior by William E. Gilroy, DD



When Joseph and Mary found Jesus in the Temple, Mary said, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?" Jesus answered, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Jesus knew what his mission on earth was, but they did not understand his meaning. (Luke 2: 48-50.)



The youth grew and "waxed strong in spirit . . . and increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2: 40, 52.)



He attended the synagogue regularly. "As his custom was, he went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath Day." (Luke 4:16.)



Now there came word to Jesus of the preachings of a man named John in the country about Jordan. This was John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus.

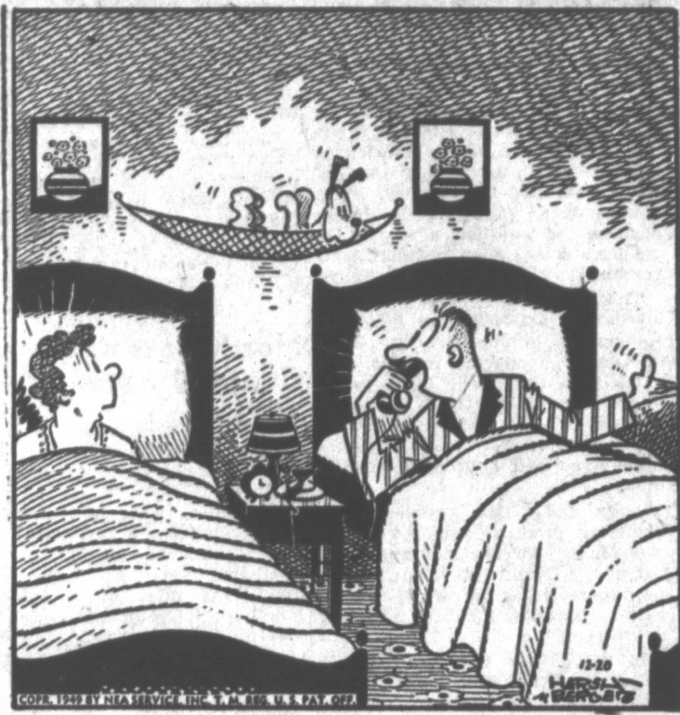
Dissension Appears In Hoover Committee

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Signs of dissension appeared Friday in the citizens committee organized

to plug for the Hoover Commission's government reorganization plans. Dewey Anderson, head of the Public Affairs Institute, a privately financed research group, announced that he has quit the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report because former President Hoover's thinking is "out of date."

FUNNY BUSINESS

BY HERSCHBERGER



"It's a burglar in the kitchen—he wants to know where the mustard is!"

The garden pea, originally from western Asia, has been cultivated since remote antiquity. Carrots and parsley are members of the same plant family, hop clover. Petunias are members of the potato family.

Inhalator Fund Nearly Complete

McLEAN — (Special) — Additional contributions during the past week brought the total amount given to the resuscitator fund of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department to \$460.50. W. C. McLaughlin, chairman of the Finance Committee, announced.

The donations to the fund are now within about \$155 of the amount needed, Meharg stated. Personal solicitations for contributions are not being made by the firemen, but are being accepted by Meharg, Chief Boyd Meador, or Assistant Chief Leo Gibson.

Extension of Draft Act Sought

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Administration leaders definitely will ask an unwilling Congress to extend the peacetime draft for three more years.

It was learned that Secretary of Defense Johnson and Secretary of State Acheson will urge the extension at the next session as a necessary part of the all-out defense against communism.

The present act, passed by a reluctant Congress in 1948, is due to expire June 24.

Johnson's request to the Senate and House merely asked a three-year extension of the draft act as it stands now.

Since the present act is considerably less than the administration originally asked, this appeared to be a concession to a strong Congressional feeling that the need for the draft no longer exists.

Legal Publications

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Judge and Gray County Commissioners Court, Pampa, Texas, will be received at the office of the Gray County Auditor, Court House, Pampa, Texas, until 1:00 P. M., 20 December 1949, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, supervision and labor for pouring concrete parking areas and sidewalks.

Bidders must submit Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to Gray County, or a Bidder's Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of Bruce Parker, County Judge, in an amount not less than five percent of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guaranty in the form provided within five (5) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without required check or proposal bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder must furnish performance bond in the amount of 100 percent of the total contract price from a Surety Company acceptable to Gray County.

Gray County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive formalities.

Plans and Specifications may be secured at the office of the County Judge, Gray County Court House, Pampa, Texas.

BRUCE L. PARKER
County Judge.
Dec. 12-20.

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COUNTY OF GRAY
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF ETHEL GARDNER RICHARDS, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the estate of Ethel Gardner Richards, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 5th day of December, 1949, by the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office addresses are 301 E. France Street, City of Pampa, County of Gray, State of Texas.

Two Musical Programs Set Wednesday

PANHANDLE — (Special) — Residents of Panhandle will hear two holiday musical programs Wednesday evening.

In keeping with its annual custom, the Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor a program to be carried over public address system from the tower of the First Christian Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Panhandle High School Band will make its first public appearance this year in a program of Christmas numbers in the school auditorium at 8:45 p.m.

The first program will be under the direction of Mrs. Vern Wisdom with G. C. Pruitt directing the community chorus. Mrs. Wisdom will accompany the singers on the organ and chimes and Mrs. Leta Hartsell will be at the piano and solovox.

Dickens' Christmas Carol" will be enacted by Mrs. L. E. Godwin and the Revs. Truett Stovall, R. F. Jones, George D. York, and Preston Taylor.

The pageant of the Nativity will be enacted on the lots between the Baptist and Christian churches, with Mrs. Lewis Williams as soloist. The pageant will be por-

Livestock Reported In Good Condition

AUSTIN — (AP) — Texas livestock are going into the winter in good condition, the U. S. Department of Agriculture said.

Cattle were reported at 87 percent of maximum condition Dec. 1. This was one point below a month ago and five points above the Dec. 1 ten-year average.

Sheep faced winter in above average condition. Sheep were 87 percent of top condition on Dec. 1 compared with 89 percent a month ago. It was four points above the ten-year average.

Modern pins made of wire were first produced in France and Germany.

Trayed by grade school pupils under the direction of Mary Ewing and Thelma Holman.

Students Give Club Program

McLEAN — (Special) — Three students of McLean High School presented the program at the regular meeting of the Lions Club Tuesday noon.

Charlotte Wilson gave a reading, followed by accordion numbers by Barbara Nell Williams and Shirley Allison.

After the program, Assistant Fire Chief Leo Gibson was presented a check for \$100 by the Lions Club for the department's resuscitator fund. The \$100 represented \$73.72 netted at the recent donkey ball game plus an additional contribution by the club.

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