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Texas Roads Being Destroyed Faster Than We Build Them

AUSTIN-John S. Simmang, A COMBINATION Lee County Judge, in his keynote speech before the annual convention of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners. in Austin, late in November, warned that the State and County roads in Texas are being destroyed faster than they can be rebuilt.

D. C. Greer, Texas State Highway Engineer, told the county officials that beginning in 1951, no expansion of the present highway system would be possible. "We must use all available funds to rebuild and preserve what we now have before we can plan new highways," he said.

Judge Simmang, a former President of the County Judges' and Commissioners' Association of Texas, told the group it was mandatory that the Texas systems of roads be protected from the wanton destruction by only one per cent of the highway users.

"It should make the blood of every true and honest Texan boil," Judge Simmang said, "when you realize the damage caused by overloaded trucks is costing the tax payers of Texas millions of dollars each year."

In the closing business session of the convention a strongly worded resolution condemning the practice of overloading trucks on State and County roads was adopted. The convention went on record as opposing any increase in the present weight and size laws of vehicles using the highways. They urged the Legislature to require overloaded vehicles to reduce the excessive weight to the legal limit on the spot where apprehended and that a sufficient number of men be

provided to protect the Texas among diseases as the cause of several other parts of a highly the lives and property of the 15 to 35 years of age. motoring public.

think of the Christmas Seal as the first harbinger of Christ-

our mail around Thanksgiving Seals. time, we realize that "Christmas is coming," that once more Texas Must Meet we shall relive all the beautiful traditions that make this the best time of year.

the sheets of Seals. This year's the people of Texas this week. Seal, we know, will be differ- All of the state's vaunted reday packages a "new look."

about the seal which does not cases in the nation.

National Tuberculosis Associa- ual donations. tion. For 41 years Christmas Members of the "Governor's reers are interrupted.

road systems and to safeguard death among young adults from favorable tax picture. It has no

deadly foe, a spirit which is the resource-rich Southwest. Many of us have come to symbolized by the Double- That is why there has been Year. Barred Cross.

crusaders when we are gener- last war-the favorable atmos- and everyone of our customers When these Seals arrive in our use of Christmas phere for business in our state. advertisers, subscribers and

There is always a moment of lem of facing a home front war pleasant anticipation before we centering around the scourge of open our envelope and unfold polio was put squarely up to drop in the bucket.

ent from last year's. There will sources were being mustered as be a new design—a new color a mighty "Governor's Fight combination-to give our holi- Polio Committee," named by Governor Allan Shivers, began There is always something pushing the urgent drive. Acnew about the Seal. But there tion on the community level will is also something old about it. be emphasized through the new And we are glad there is, for 150-man committee which will The dollars' and cents' cost do our best and to live for. We it is the old which has estab- supplement the local machinery of tuberculosis in this country firget that we are each given lished the Seal as a cherished already set up in most areas. is conservatively estimated at a new day, today, every day,

Primary objective of the \$350,000,000 a year. Every year the Christmas movement is to overcome a That is high tribute to pay in life. But our hopes and wish Seal proudly displays the red \$300,000 deficit in treating the a disease. is that you may find the new Double-Barred Cross, emblem record number of polio cases It is particularly high trib- year full of new days, good of the world-wide crusade which has become so large that ute to pay a preventable dis- days, wonderful days. against tuberculosis. This cross Texas in 1950 reported almost ease. is the clue to another thing one tenth of all the new polio Even so, it is only a small 1950 with difficulty, as becomes

associations affiliated with the will be placed on large individ- years, from loved ones, in the are truly thankful for the as-

Seals have been sold in our own Fight Polio Committee" at- The costliness of tuberculo- friends all, have given us and State to support the sound, con- tended meetings in Austin over sis lies in the fact that it is will try to deserve such loyalty structive projects of the Texas the week-end, carrying through a chronic, long-term, communic in 1951. Tuberculosis Association and a final pre-campaign state-lable disease. These characterisits affiliated county associations wide meeting Monday. They tics explain both the financial one. to eradicate this communicable took back home the message burden and the physical and disease which stands first that polio cripples the economic emotional suffering it causes. structure of the community and

cause of the disease.

In the words of Governor Shivers, "Texas must meet the lowing a chosen vocation. challenge of this dreaded scourge until science can conquer it.

The Sidebar in Texas

short pieces "sidebars."

Waskom, in east Harrison plague." County, is one mile from the Louisiana state line. The gasoline tax in Louisiana is eight cents a gallon; in Texas, it is gas head out on Highway 80 well. Hope the bustle don't.

straight for Waskom. In addition to this gasoline windfall, Texas is blessed with

personal income tax, no corpor-The Seal appears in a new ation income tax, and no gendress each year, but its spirit eral sales tax. Louisiana has all is always the same-it is the of these. And so do Arkansas OF NEW AND OLD spirit of crusaders against a and Oklahoma, our neighbors in

> such a tremendous flood of in-We join the ranks of those dustries into Texas since the natural resources—were only a

This is more than a "sidebar," and industrialists over the entire United States know it. Let's keep our favorable tax structure in Texas, and our

HIGH TRIBUTE

TB has a slow onset, thus care for patients and above all During the period when the pa- a people of faith, of ability, of of earning a livelihood, of fol- Ally than they have.

Yes, TB comes high. Better, The other day we were dis-

Itask. We know that if all the as many Americans are wont.

four cents. Louisianans needing ing back again in style. Well, they be bold and powerful.

In the ark with Noah there the wives of his three sons

MENTAL MEANDERINGS:

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Just a few more hours and a good part of the world will be shouting, "Happy New

We are a little in advance of this, but our wish for each In 1948, 1949, and 1950, Texas friends, is none-the-less as sinhad more industrial construc- cere and meaningful as if we tion than any other state in waited until the one truly 1950 Polio Deficit the nation. By comparison, in- witching hour when we mortals dustrial construction in Louis- throw off an old year and on AUSTIN, Texas.—The prob- iana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma with a new; an instant when -where they are also rich in we laugh at time, and leave our cares and troubles behind.

> It is our hope that this new year which Providence has given us will find us possessing the great things of life we all need saw as many, if not more, gifts and desire, viz: good health, many friends, peace, and con-

tentment.

There is an old and trite saying that we will soon have a new year given us in which to to help accomplish our mission

We have managed through part of the cost of tuberculosis. one who lives in a troubled age. The actual drive for funds, The worst toll exacted by this And we have carried many For 43 years the Seal has so far as the general public is disease cannot be computed in good friends with us. We lost made possible the far-flung concerned, will center around dollars and cents. It is paid for some on the road. There have fight against tuberculosis the 1951 March of Dimes, Jan- in suffering, in the pain of been good days and bad. Good waged by the 3,000 voluntary vary 15-31. But emphasis also separation for months, perhaps times and not so good. But we sense of frustration when ca-sistance our subscribers and advertisers, our customers and

Happy New Year, Every-

The News-Mail.

state just as it cripples the per- too frequently it is not recog- times mar the advent of a new you look at the income tax sons who contract the disease. nized and diagnosed until it has year. There are many saddened blank. It's gonna jar the old Leading authorities pointed a firm hold on its victim. Re- homes today. And fear and war brain when it sees what's comout that money is needed to covery is then a slow process. horror stalk abroad. But we are ing. to carry out research into the tient is under treatment, he is perseverance. Like David, let us deprived of normal family life, not forget we have a greater

far better, than paying the cost cussing the war situation and of TB would be preventing TB. the general condition of the This is not an impossible world today, in a general way people who have TB but who and our friend seemed to think A small news story, gener- are unknown to health authori- that the cause of Democracy ally not longer than two or ties-and it is estimated there was hard and perilous, and even three paragraphs, is frequently are at least 250,000 in this coun-seemed to think that with so boxed or run in bold-faced, try-were diagnosed and placed many and mighty enemies, well black type along with longer under proper treatment, within nigh hopeless. There were moarticles if it illustrates a point, a reasonable time we could ments like this in history. You gives an interesting sidelight, eradicate TB, and, eventually, will find it in the Bible, in anor somehow makes the longer the tremendous costs it exacts. cient history, in modern times. pieces more easily understand. For the sake of our financial Yet those who possessed the able. Newspapermen call such and human resources, it is ob- faith and courage to persevere viously sound economy to pre- and maintain their contact with Recently the town of Was- vent TB. And each of us can God, came out best in the end. England has been stopped. It is kom, Texas, qualified as a help bring this costly disease We believe in Providence, our something for the taxpayer to "sidebar" in the Houston under control by supporting the enemies do not. We place our think about. But it won't do us Chronicle. The Chronicle campaign against TB in our faith in our people, others much good as long as the loplearned that Waskom, which community. We have an oppor- against us do not or they would sided bureaucrats in Washinghas a population of 750, has 27 tunity today to show our faith not use Secret Police. We be-ton still keeps using up manfilling stations, which sell an in the eradication of TB in a lieve in destiny, while those who power sorely needed for proaverage of 270,000 gallons of very tangible way. We can buy seek to destroy us believe in duction. It's no use pretending gasoline a month, or 3,240,000 Christmas Seals, sole support of guns, men and the like. We we save when what one hand gallons a year. At first glance, the Texas Tuberculosis Associa- associate with truth, they live saves the other spends twice as this seems fantastic. But a tion and its affiliated county as and grow fat on lies. We seek much. The government is run glance at the map will explain sociations in the year-round to aid others, they enslave on the theory, so it seems, that campaign against the "white them. We do believe in God, everyone responds to the call they don't believe in anything of patriotism and will willingly Through Christmas Seals, we at all. Add up the score. Our pay any tax. But even the botcan cut down the tribute to TB. friend would do well to ponder tom guy occasionally wants on these things. God always some relief. They say sideburns are com- destroys his enemies, though

were four women—his wife and when grass turns yellow and County Clerk."

brown, when brush and weeds die for the winter. Don't take the easy way and set fire to them. Too many disastrous blazes have been caused that

We don't know where the custom originated of shooting fireworks at Christmas time but it is something we would never have associated with this

Years ago, we used to set out lists of things the community needed and should be done. Now, we just try to do what we can and as we can. Much was done in 1950 and more can be done in 1951.

After all was said and done, the Christmastime just passed offered the American public than ever before. In a world where lack and want is still the part of many, we should have appreciated our bounty in many ways. Did you divide with a less unfortunate one? Did vou give to some poor child? Did you remember one who has no one to remember him? Did did-and we know many didthen it was very bright and Merry Christmas for you.

It may be that we in America shall see a change in our foreign policy this coming year. There should be one, or at least clarification of the one we are supposed to have had. Right or wrong, we seem to have been floundering about, with no set goal or policy. One thing we seem to have really found out, and it helps much too, is that we will have to depend on our ownselves if we want anything

It's income tax paying time soon. From January 1 to March 15 as usual. But don't forget War clouds and unsettled to wipe off the old specks when

> Pears we are all heading for total mobilization. Least that s what the President wants. and 'pears it will be what he gets. What the rest of us get s something to mull over, and while we are digesting that, we might as well tighten up the pocketbook, we won't be using it too much.

> For all the war, war scare, nflation, draft, etc., seems there are some who want to do business as usual. That's one thing that causes trouble, black markets and gives cheer to the enemy.

> The Marshal Plan aid for

Overheard the county clerk the other day say that they This is the season of fall, finally caught up with him. He when leaves fall from the trees, got a letter addressed to "The

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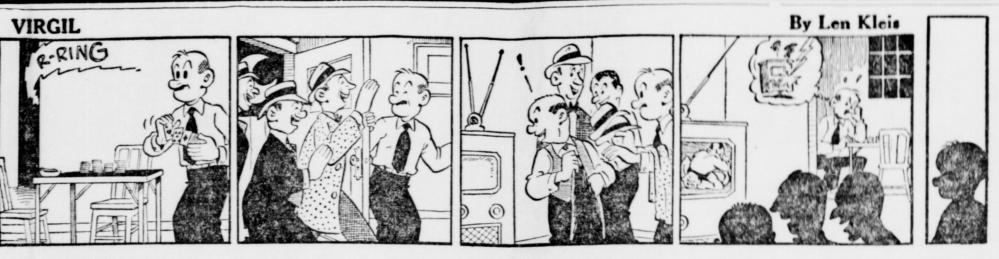
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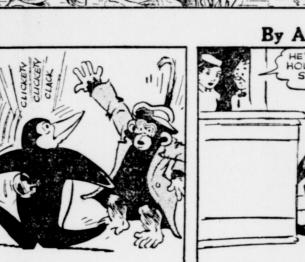
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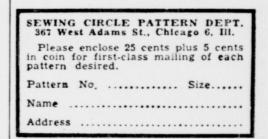


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Long Speech

Will Rogers, acting as toastmaster at a dinner one evening, was annoyed by the lengthy talk of the man he had just introduced. The long-winded bore finally ended his oratory and Rogers arose and said, "You have just listened to that famous Chinese statesman, On Too Long."

Digest This!

Alexander H. Stevens, Senator from Georgia and later Vice-President of the Confederacy, was the smallest man in the Senate, weighing less than eighty pounds, and standing less than five feet high. A huge Western Congressman once frothed at the mouth, seeking to answer him. "You! You! Why, I could swallow you, and never know I'd et a thing!"

"In that case, you'd have more brains in your belly than you ever had in you head," replied Stevens.



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'Rightness' of Belief in Him Is Subject of Eternal Debate

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WHO CAN ANSWER the riddle: But they never completely doubt him, no matter how realistic they Is it good or bad for children to believe in him? Teachers, psychiatrists and other specialists in human behavior at the juvenile level differ. The Santa Claus myth has strong convictions in its favor and convictions just as strong opposing it.

Children whose very progressive parents have explained to them that Santa Claus is only a myth have not been easy to convince. They fix their surprised parents with the coolest of condescending stares. They don't agree with the psychiatrists who say that a child who really believes in Santa Claus has had his thinking ability impaired. Even grownups berate the destroyers of the illusion.

Evidently Santa fills such a basic human need that it's not safe to tell people that he is fantasy. And its

more dangerous to try to prove it. need for love and security. They have been seriously damaged or keep this belief as long as they permanently destroyed. He will have need it, carrying their belief through various stages-they fear him, trust | the evidence of his own eyes leads

him, no matter how realistic they become, and they remember with joy the days of their utter credulity.

Psychiatrists fear that letting the child become possessed with the myth tends to make the adult attempt to preserve the infant pleasure subconsciously throughout life and remain emotionally

And experts question whether children should be taught to believe literally something that is not literally true. One expert says:

"There is no sound psychological reason that I know of for children not enjoying the Santa myth as long as they know that it is not true. (But) if a child at 4 or 5 years of age can believe that one person can come down all the chimneys of the world in one night, and can fly through the air with reindeer and a sleigh and necessarily a heavy load, the child's whole relation with reality and whole ability to think Belief in Santa satisfied children's | clearly in terms of cause and effect learned that to think in relation to him, love him and then doubt him. only to confusion and fear.



WELL WISHERS . . . Looking in at the window of the McGuckin home in New York is a whole flock of Santa Clauses, their hearts warmed by the sight of little Brendan M. McGuckin playing with his toys. Two years ago the toddler was stricken with polio which affected his legs, back and stomach, and his life was in critical

UNIVERSAL SYMBOL

Every Nation Has Christmas Bells

The nations of the world have their individual symbols of Christ- churches. mas. But there is one universal symbol—the bells of Christmas.

In a way this is strange since no use of church bells so widely bells were not associated with the known in Christian countries as the church until about 400 A.D., when an ringing of chimes to herald the ad-Italian bishop installed them in his vent of the birth of Christ. From church. Some authorities, however, one end of the country to the other claim that it wasn't until 604 that bells peal the story of "Peace on the first bells were placed in Earth, Good Will to Men."

Whatever the date, the custom has grown until there is perhaps Feminine Housecoat



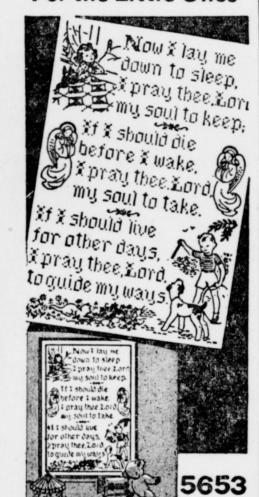
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To the Public

Mrs. L. A Nease was a Uvalde visitor last friday afternoon,

Rufus Moore of Austin spent Christmas here with home folks.

ness visitor in Del Rio Thursday

the Yuletide here with his par. thea Dugan. ents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nease.

Christmas in Rocksprings with family.

Mrs. J. J. McCabe is spending the holidays at Fort Hood with Bragg South Carolina visited his Major and Mrs. Netterblad

A Christmas lighting contest is being sponsored by the New for Christmas,

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Postell were Yule visitors in Del Rio.

Frank Ayres, of Uvalde spent the Yuletide with his parents, Mr. and Mrs J C. Ayers.

Buddy Cowley, of Austin, five point corner. antyne, and other relatives.

and Boerne where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Misses Sharon and Janice Toft who have been attedding A. I. C. at Kingaville are home for the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller. of El Paso, visited here for the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs Sam Hutchison

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gravit, of Frank Zinsmeister was a busi- Springfield Ili. were here one day last week visiting friends Mrs. Cleigh Nease, of Austin, spent Gravit was the former Miss Al

Mrs. Ruby Wadsworth of Pan-Mrs. W. W. Nipper spent dale was in Brackettville Friday visiting friends. She left for Pas-Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKnight and adena, Texas where she will visit her brother for the bolidays.

> Cpi Raymond Olvera of Fort parents. Mr. and Mrs. F J. Ol vera during the holidays.

Allen Krieger was in Uvalde World Study Club. Prizes will last Wednesday and returned be awarded for the best displays home with Mrs Krieger and the Let us decorate all of our homes young stranger who will make his home with them.

The community Christmas tree program was held Thursday night Dechmbrr 21st, at the

visited in Brackettville Christmas, There was a large crowd pre with his grandfather, R. C. Ball- sent to welcom old Santa and watch the event. Scores of kid. Mr and Mrs. O. F. Seargeant dies were greeted by the jully left Saturday for San Antonio old St. Nick and given presents and fruit and candies. The event was a bright and cheerful as any in recent years. Many gifts prepared by the sveteran's cabi net making school were distri

TO QUALIFY IN JANUARY

All of the county and precinct officers of Kinney county will qualify at a special meeting of the commissioners court on Jan uary 2nd, it is learned. The new officers for the county will include the following:

assessor-collector

John Filippone Co. & Dist clerk Mrs Rosa G Perry, treasurer G. C. Talamantez Com. Prec. 1 H. N. Bitter Com. Prec. 2 C F. Briggs, Com. Prec 3 Leland Johnson, Com Prec O F. Seargeant, J. P. No 1

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE jert Nelson, as county attorney designated at December meeting.

We wish to thank our many triends in Brackettville, Kinney County and elsewhere for their sympathy, kindness and friend ship displayed during our recent bereavement, and for the floral offering. We all mourn our son and brother Lt Tom Wadsworth

Mrs. Ruby Wadsworth Capt. Joe Wadsworth

RESURFACE HIWAY 90

In a communication received December 20th, Monte Earwood county judge was informed by the state highway department that the state engineer has been directed to proceed in the most feasible and economical manner with work of additional surfacing on U S. highway No. 90, in Monte Earwood, county judge Kinney County from 06 miles John A. Sheedy, sheriff-tax- east of Val Verde county line to Brackettville a distance of approximate v 16 9 miles.

> Alex Mostaccia on December 15th started his duties as night watchman in Brackettville busi ness area. He was appointed to fill the place vacated some time ago by Emil Schafer.

E. M VanCleave, J. P. No. 4 Other officers will include Rois. George West last weekend.

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The study, based on the U S. Weather Bureau records for the last 50 years, shows Texans and visiting motorists can expect about 150 to 200 hours of sunshine in December and January, compared with 200 to 225 for Florida. On the other Mrs. Olive Calk was visiting in hand, Texas should get 300 to 350 hours next June while Florida is getting about 275.

In analyzing the problem of glare, motorists reported that a new shaded windshield offers one solution. The new glass cuts out most of the bothersome infra red and ultra violet rays of the sun and still admits more than 70 per cent of average daylight, according to Dr. George E. Watkins, director of research for Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Company.

used in cars in 44 states, has the holidays.

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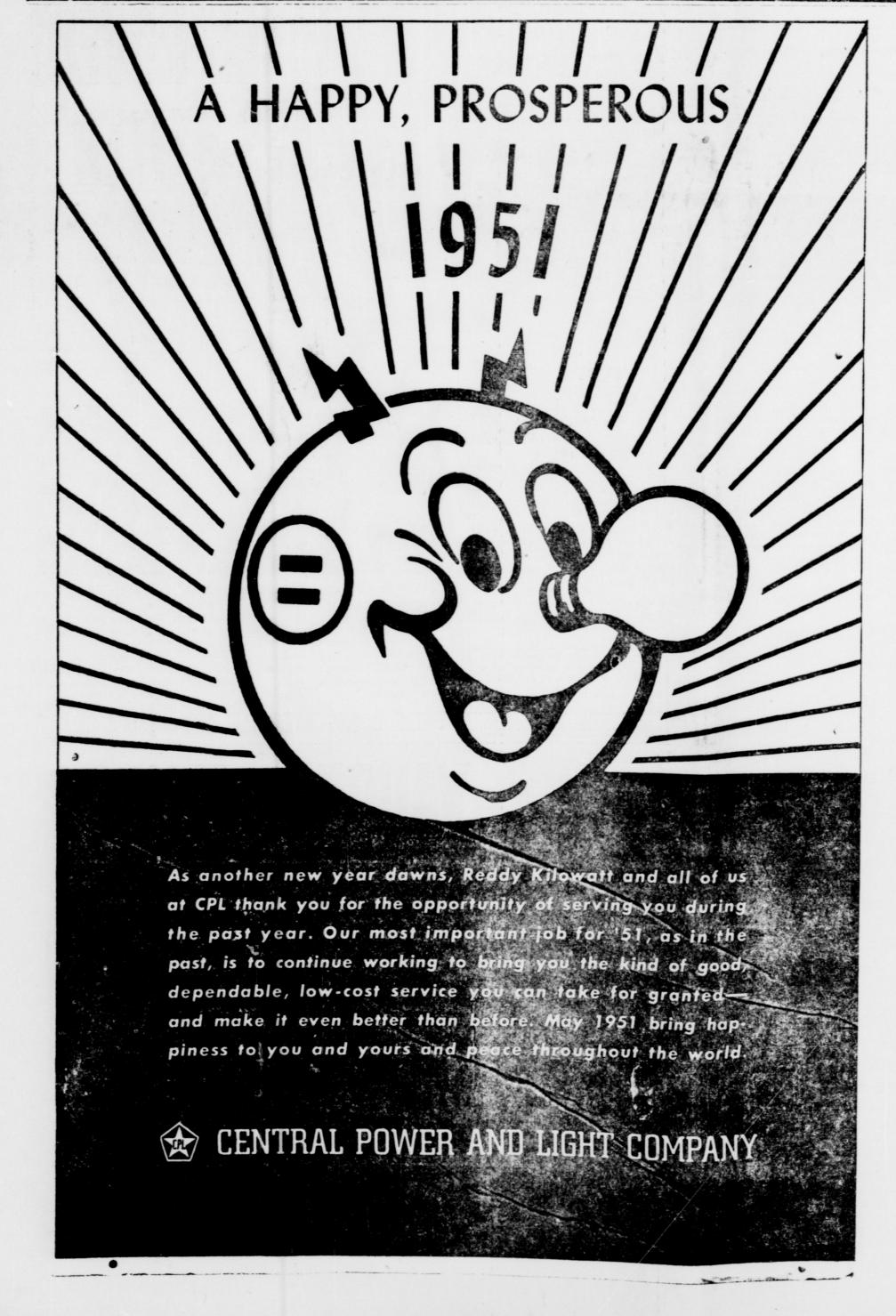
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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

several beautiful Christmas and other relatives. tree events over the Yuletide. The community Christmas tree at the five point corner was the most attended and witnessed Christmas events.

There was a Christmas program at the Baptist church and one at the Episcopal church both having good attendances. There was an open house at the coun try club Saturday night. Sever dances took place during the Yule season. All the churches bad special services

ROTARY CLUB HOST TO TIGERS

The Brackettville Rotary Cub was host to the Brackettville foot ball boys Tuesday at 8 P. M. December 19, A delicious supper prepared and served by Mrs. Fred Poehler and her class of Home Economics girls, was en joyed by all. Invocation was giv en by L. A Nease. An address to the foot ball boys given by president C, O. McKinney. The response given by Coach Kenneth Flory. Beautiful movie of floats and Bayior foot tall game were shown by James T. Shahan.

mr. and mis, Roy Coston Were in San Antonio for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Yvonne Veltmann of Aus tin visited home folks for the holidays.

Miss Sylvia Olvera of San Antonio visited relatives here during the holidays.

Father Bill O Hara of Houston officiated at the Catholic church during the holidays.

Mrs Clara Jones left Sunday for Dallas where she was called to attend the funeral of her sister

Jim T. Nolan and his son of Houston, spent Christam and the week with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Postell.

Mrs. Hans Petersen, of De' Rio, spent Christmas in Brackettville with her son Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Bartberger.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Stailknecht spent Christmas in Harlingen with their son Frank and wife, and will visit also in Raymondville.

A Christmas lighting contest is being sponsored by the New World Study Club Prizes will be awarded for the best displays Let us decorate all of our homes for Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walker and daughter of College Station in Uvalde visited here during the holidays Christmas was the scene of with Mrs. Laura Seargeant and

> Mrs. Juna Fullbright and children were in Franklin visiting relatives for the Yuletide.



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Joe Yruegas of Kerrville is

Field spent Christmas with home D. Hill and family, folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Buttler spent Christmas day with home and family of San Die go, Calif., folks in Sabinal,

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert of Dallas, visited here for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hudson. Miss Marcella Schubsch of U valde spent Christmas and the olidays here with her parents.

Frank Espinola, of Waco spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents Mr. and Jas Espinoth Mr. and Mrs Henry Bless and daughter Kathleen spent Christmas in Sah Antonio with rela-

Pedro Benites of Oregon spent Hyberger. the Christmas holidavs here with his family. He is stationed in Seattle.

Miss Ellie Perry of San An tonio is visiting her mother, Mrs. Rosa Perry and family for the holidays.

Miss Mazie Wickham who has been attending Sul Ross was home for the holidays with her mother.

Mr and Mrs. George Livermore, of San Antonia spent the time income, weekly profits of Yuletide here with Mr. and Mrs. \$50 or more at start possible. No V. Christensen

Raymond McDaniel of A & M. College is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H McDaniel.

The Merchants Free Show at

the Palace Saturyay stracted a latge number of youngsters and also a a number of oldsters. Charley Veltmann, who had

been attending the Pasadena Calif, playhouse was home for the holidays with his parents.

Gorge L. West of Austin pent the Yuletide and holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred West.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill of San spending this week with relatives Antonio visited over the Yuletide Ceorge A Pose of Lackland here with his mother, Mrs. F. M.

Mr. and Mrs Hollis Brice, of Mrs. Ethel Whittiker spent Tahoka, spent Christmas boil-Christmas day with her relatives days with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Burn Ballantyne

> Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Caseres visited in Brackettville with re lativer over the holidays

Emil Schafer Jr arrived here Saturday morning from Fort Siti to spend the Yuletide with his father and other relatives.

Mrs Baston Massey and Navis Jean of San Antonio anent the Yuletide here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Judge. Navwill remain for a week

Mr. and Mra. John Hess of Kerrville are the holiday guests of her mother and sister. Mrs. Rosa Perry and Mrs. Martie

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Christmas Seal Idea Conceived By Danish Clerk

Credit for conceiving the idea for Christmas seals belongs to a Danish postal clerk, Einer Holboell, who in the holiday season of 1903 was sorting mail in the postoffice of Copenhagen. As he went through the stacks of Christmas mail, it occurred to him that if each sender bought a sticker and attached it to each package, the proceeds would aid in fighting tuberculosis and add color to the gifts.

He mentioned it to some of his fellow workers. The scheme appealed to them and it was passed along through the office. The clerks discussed it with customers. The idea spread about Copenhagen, and eventually King Christian heard about it. The ruler approved and decided in favor of trying it with Explain Origins Queen Louise's likeness on each stamp.

It was too late to put the idea into execution that year, but in 1904, four million seals were sold in the Copenhagen postoffice. So popular did the stamps become that Holboell heard of one old woman who returned some letters without Christmas seals, declaring emphatically that she didn't want to know people who didn't use the

A woman, Miss Emily Bissel, who worked with the Red Cross, this: started the sale of seals in this country. She was seeking \$300 for a little open air hospital for tuberculosis patients. She designed a stamp and persuaded friends to help with the printing and sale of them. When the campaign bogged ful child. down, she went to Philadelphia where she met Leigh Mitchell Hodges, a columnist for the Philadel-Miss Bissell's plans and discussed them with E. A. Van Valkenburg, hemlocks. city editor. Van Valkenburg gave

sold in the newspaper's office. The campaign brought startling results. Miss Bissell found she had twinkled on a bough of the tree. \$3,000 instead of \$300 she had started to raise. And the Christmas little tree was the most beautiful seal campaign became a nation- of all-aglow as if from a celestial wide institution.

First Yule Card Designed in 1842

cards is a \$100,000,000-a-year business, employing 500,000 Americans. Yet the first Christmas card, engraved a little over a century ago, was a financial failure!

designed in 1842 by William Maw mas. Egley, a 16-year-old engraver's ap-



This is a facsimile of the first known Christmas greeting card published in England in 1842.

prentice in London, England. Space was left at the bottom for the send er's signature. William printed 100 copies, intending to sell them to his friends.

But the conservative English scoffed at the idea. Egley and his cards were forgotten, until one of the historic greetings was accidentally discovered in 1941 in the British Museum.

With changing social customs, Christmas cards rapidly won popularity after being reintroduced by a courageous publisher in 1862.

Dunce Cap

The Capitelli is a special feature of the Christmas feasting in Italy. It is served on a plate and looks for all the world like an aggregation of miniature dunce caps.

These little caps are made of noodle dough and encase a filling consisting of white meat of chicken and chopped pork mixed with egg and spices.

A whole plate of these inchhigh 'dunce caps' are served with sauce or dressing known as Moutarde de Cremona which, made of fruits, mustard and spices, has a tingle of mustard but does not bite and is therefore known as "a mustard which is not."

Christmas Weather

You may not believe them, but here are a few of the varied-and | wise St. Nicholas, the onetime bishop conflicting-beliefs about Christ- of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried at mas weather:

If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there original tomb in Myra by Italian will be a good crop the following

year. A warm Christmas means a cold

Easter.

graveyard.

A Child Is Born



"SING FORTH THE HONOR OF HIS NAME"

Christmas Legends Of Decorations

There are many legends concerning the origin of Christmas trees and why we decorate and cheerish them through the Yule season. And for many of us it would not seem like Christmas without a green and graceful fir standing in its place of honor in the living room, decorated with bright lights and

Why the evergreen? The most beautiful legend of all goes like

As Christ lay in the manger after his birth, the wise men came to worship bringing their many gifts. Then came the shepherds and the people of the village to kneel and pray in the presence of this wonder-

After them came the trees to pay homage to the Christ child. First the native palms from the hills around phia North American. He heard Bethlehem, and then the stately maples and oaks and birches and

Then, last of all, timid because full approval and told Hodges to of his smallness, came a tiny fir give the project his entire time. from the frozen north. It was so He also asked for 50,000 seals to be small and modest that none paid any attention to it until suddenly a star dropped from the sky and Another and another fell until the

> Holly has become an accepted decoration for Christmas. Reference to it has been made in numerous stories and carols, such as:

"Deck the hall with boughs of holly 'Tis the season to be jolly!" The custom dates back to the time of the ancient Romans who used holly in connection with the celebra-

The world's first Yule card was curs about the same time as Christ-The holly tree was most beautiful at a time of year when other trees were barren and for that reason was ideal for decorations. And because it was most beautiful at

Christmas time, many persons

thought the tree must be sacred.

tion of their Saturnalia which oc-

Correct Use of Water Keeps Holiday Greens Looking Fresh, Bright

TUST A LITTLE WATER, correctly used, is the answer to keeping Christmas greens fresh and bright throughout the holiday season.

Since the decorations are usually cut well before Christmas, they dry out rapidly, unless given plenty of water. The greens not only look dilapidated, but form a serious fire hazard.

For many years it was thought necessary to use chemicals in water to keep the Christmas tree and other greens fresh and bright. It is known now, however, that water does the trick just as well.

To condition the house for better survival of Christmas greens, the first thing to do is to keep the heat down. High temperatures hasten drying by increasing the water loss from plants. Then, keep a pan or two of water on the radiator or heating stove to add moisture to

the air. Water house plants often during the Christmas season. Growing plants transpire a lot of water into the air.

These precautions will increase the humidity in the house and prolong the freshness of evergreen dec-

Taking care of the Christmas tree itself is no more difficult.

Nail a small wooden base (6 inches square) to the bottom of the tree. Stand the tree in a pail of water. Weight the pail with gravel to hold the tree erect.

Trees kept standing in water will remain in good condition for as long as 30 days.

Body of St. Nicholas Buried at Bari, Italy

The body of Santa Claus-other-Bari, Italy.

The body was stolen from its sailors in 1087 and taken to Bari. Europeans in those days thought that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to the town A green Christmas makes a fat where it was buried. For that reason it was stolen from Myra.

-WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS-

Truman, Attlee Talk Over World Situation; U. N. Soldiers Retreat; Wage-Price Controls Are Hinted

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



Communist armies, estimated to total 1,000,000 men, plunged out of Manchuria and smashed the United Nations offensive that was launched to end the war. Pyongyang, capital of North Korea, was lost and U.N. troops retreated southward. Military observers were hesitant to name a probable defense line. One possibility seemed just north of Seoul, capital of South Korea.

TRUMAN-ATTLEE:

For Unity and Peace

Prime Minister Attlee of Britain and President Truman held a series of conferences in Washington during which the leaders of the two most powerful democratic nations discussed the world situation in general and the Korean crisis in particular. Although no official announcement had been made on topics under discussion, reliable sources said they tried to solve three questions:

1. Should the divided, badly outnumbered, and already reduced forces of the U. N. be withdrawn from Korea as soon as possible, or should they remain and try to fight

2. Should the western powers, if they withdraw or are forced out, then carry on a naval and air blockade of Communist China in an attempt to make the governing of China by the Communists as difficult as possible, or should they reject such a course as an interminable and fruitless operation and choose instead to divert their forces to the defense of Europe and/or southeast Asia?

3. Is a combination of these two courses possible? For example, would it be possible to arrange, through India or the U. N. a ceasefire at the 38th parallel, with a view to seeking an honorable solution, and, if no such solution is offered, then carrying on a limited war against Red China?

Observers were also quick to point out that the meeting of the two was further designed to show the world that Britain and the United States were united in purpose.

Many observers put the problem facing the President and the Prime Minister this way: To get peace on honorable terms if they can, but to continue to punish aggression if they cannot, without becoming involved in a general war with Red China and without getting too many of their forces pinned down in the

The two men were said to agree on one point, that Europe, not Asia, is the decisive theater of operations.

PRICES:

Hit New High

The government's cost-of-living index soared to a record high of 174.8, meaning 174.8 per cent of the 1935-39 price average.

A seasonal decline in meat prices failed to halt the general upward surge in the cost of things that enter into a family's living costs. Apparel and house furnishing led the way, but all major items in the family budget joined the climb.

The increase brought automatic pay boosts to nearly a million automobile workers whose contracts are geared to the rise and fall of the monthly price indicator. Millions of other workers, however, find only a greater strain on the weekly pay

Middle income groups in the United States, especially the white collar worker whose wages are not tagged to a cost-of-living contract,

Wealthy Red



Frederick Vanderbilt Field, center, wealthy New Yorker, indicted for contempt of congress, confers with his attorneys, Harold Cammer, left, of New York, and Joseph Forer, of Washington, D.C. Field was indicted for refusing to answer questions before a senate foreign relations subcommittee.

KOREA:

Heartbreak Road

The military situation in Korea reached the point where no one would predict what would happen next. The situation was considered serious, and before this reaches print, may be desperate.

Military observers throughout the world were asking themselves if another Dunkerque was in prospect? They wanted to know was it possible, or even practicable, to attempt the establishment of a new

But several bitter facts could not be denied. United Nations forces in Korea were in full retreat. Pyongyang was evacuated and the retreating army jammed the road to Seoul, endless columns moving bumper to bumper. The road up the peninsula had been bloody, the one back was heartbreaking.

And as much as the free nations of the world hated to admit it, the Communist armies of China had demonstrated to the world they could march where they wanted to in the face of stiff resistance. General MacArthur estimated that China had thrown as many as 1,-

000,000 men into the campaign. Military observers said it appeared the Chinese were determined to destroy the eighth army. If Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commander, decided to stand and fight at some spot in South Korea, the U. S. army would face the greatest odds in its history.

Most observers admitted frankly that such a stand would be almost impossible against overwhelming odds. And a defeat would mean the loss of the entire eighth army.

The only other possibility was a beachhead like the one at Pusan, with artillery, planes and ships putting up a wall of steel from behind are feeling the pinch of increased which the eighth army could be evacuated to Japan.

BOMB SHELTERS

Congress Gets Shelter Building Plan

The administration asked con- protection against atomic warfare. gress for an appropriation of \$3,- The federal government proposes 100,000,000 for building bomb shel- to match the expenditure of cities ters and to finance other measures and states on a dollar-for-dollar in the mobilization of the nation's basis in the construction of bomb civil defenses.

James J. Wadsworth, a top official of the civil defense administration, said nearly two thirds of the money would go for "communal-type" shelters, designed for

shelters. Wadsworth told the senate-house

CONTROLS:

May Be Soon

For the first time, a high government official predicted that general wage-price controls will have to be invoked "to avoid damaging inflation." The official was Secretary of the Treasury Snyder.

At a senate finance committee hearing, Snyder said:

"I should say that the situation as it is today, to avoid inflation of a damaging nature, these (general) controls will have to be put into effect."

Alan Valentine, chief of the federal wage-price-control agency, declined to be specific on timing when senators demanded to know what the administration plas to do about rising prices and wage problems. Valentine told the lawmakers "we must look for and find very soon a plateau where prices and wages are generally in balance. I hope we now are near it."

There had been much private talk about price and wage controls, but this was the first time an official had publicy stated that the time was near at hand. One sad fact must be faced, however. During the past months when it was becomig more and more evident that sooner or later controls would have to be invoked, the administration took no steps to set up the necessary machinery to direct them.

Now that the question is becoming more pressing, there will be another delay while the government mobilizes a staff to direct control activities. In the meanwhile, the small towners of America can expect the price spiral to continue.

A-BOMB:

A Frightened World

A frightened world heard Presi dent Truman tell his weekly news conference that the United States would fight on in Korea and would use the atomic bomb if necessary.

Before his remark could be further explained, the capitals of Europe were in an uproar. Fear spread across western Europe like a tidal wave. Newspapers issued extras with black headlines and radio programs were interrupted put the announcement on the air Near panic on a world-wide scale was evident for the first time in

The President's statement created the impression that he had already given General MacArthur authority to drop the A-bomb whenever he considered it necessary and practical. Some hours later, however a White House statement made it plain that MacArthur had not been given that authority.

Although the situation had been somewhat cleared, the question of using the atomic bomb and its status in the event of all-out war caused a wave of discussion

throughout the world. Nearly every country in western Europe went on record against using the weapon. These nations obviously feared retaliation in kind from the Russians should the U.S. employ the weapon in the present Korean campaign.

Within the country the question was also top-most in the minds of every American. Most observers believed the public about equally divided on its use. The main argument for its use seemed to be it is the only weapon available that would prevent a disastrous military defeat in Korea and the loss of nearly 100,000 American soldiers.

On the other hand, Americans in every walk of life pointed out that if we used the bomb the Russians might retaliate by bombing American cities and thus launching dreaded World War III.

Champion



Big Springs Special and his owner, Lloyd Robinson, 19, of Big Springs, Texas, are shown just after the steer won the International Livestock Show's championship. The steer was sold for \$12 a pound, bringing the youthful owner \$12,300. It was a record price for the show.

PROFIT TAX:

House Passes Measure

By a vote of 378 to 20, the house passed an excess-profits tax estimated to bring in \$4,600,000,000 from corporations in 1951. The measure is now expected to pass the senate and reach the White

House by New Year's. No one had expected the measure

Human Hair Plays **Important Part** In Crime Detection

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.-Dr. Leon A. Hausman, professor of zoology at New Jersey College for Women, has become a leading figure in criminology through his

knowledge of human hair. In 1928 Dr. Hausman's testimony in a hit and run case set a precedent in American criminal jurisprudence. It marked the first time a court ever had allowed the identification of a human being to be based completely on the evidence of a single particle of hair.

Dr. Hausman explained that the hair fragment in question, found on the fender of a hit and run automobile, possessed a peculiar structural design under the microscope which made identification certain.

In anothe case, Dr. Hausman's research helped to right a miscarriage of justice in Oklahoma. His microscopic studies of hair found in the room of a murdered woman proved the man accused of the crime was innocent. He was freed

after spending two years in prison. Dr. Hausman's testimony isn't always a matter of life and death. Once he proved that a woman was underestimating the value of a fur coat to evade payment of an inheritance tax. Under the professor's microscope, the garment turned out to be a \$6,500 natural mink instead of the \$1,000 dyed mink its owner

claimed it to be. Dr. Hausman, who has devoted more than 30 years to the study of human and animal hair structure, has solved problems for government agencies, individuals, industries and museums as well as police. He says hair is not as definite an identification as fingerprints, but "sometimes criminals who don't leave prints around leave hair."

7,000-Year-Old Spear Discovered In Nevada Cache

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.-Anthropologists from the University of California have uncovered implements fashioned by primitive man in about 5,000 B. C., the most ancient reported so far in the western

hemisphere. Students working under Robert F. Heizer, associate professor of anthropology, discovered the prehistoric cache in a dry dock shelter at the base of an overhanging cliff

near Lovelock, Nevada. The "carbon 14" method was used to determine the age of wooden spear shafts buried under deposits of rock, dust and bat guano. Their age was fixed at 7,300 to 9,000 years

In the upper layers at the excavation site, the archeologists found basket and arrow fragments of relatively recent origin, dating back

from about 2,500 years. Lake gravels at the bottom of the site were estimated to be 25,000

From these findings and a survey of other sites in the area, scientists now believe that most of western Nevada was once covered by a fresh glacial lake about 600

Heizer said the area was first occupied by man between 7,000 and 9,000 years ago after the lake had receded and then was abandoned because of a dry weather cycle.

The evidence shows that the section was not occupied again until 2,500 or 3,000 years ago, Heizer said. He said the inhabitants who lived in the area during the later period were ancestors of the Piaute indians, but the identity of the earliest group was not known.

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December 25 Is **Red-Letter Day** in Most Lands

ON CALENDARS in most lands, December 25 is a red - and green-letter day.

The holiday isn't always called Christmas and many countries celebrate on different dates. Even Santa Claus has his name and appearance changed as he circles the globe, and a multitude of Yuletide customs exist in different nations.

How long the Christmas festival the new toy showings. has been celebrated is not definitely known. However, according to the World Book Encyclopedia, the the war headlines have inspired holiday was spoken of in the 380's as custom of long standing.

In all Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree, consisting of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for the winter birds. In Norway, an important item on the Christmas menu is a rice pudding, into which is put one almond. The person who finds the almond in his pudding will be the first to get married. A light burning in the windows of Norwegian homes inform travelers they are welcome to food and shelter.

In China, odd stockings, made by sewing three pieces of muslin together, are hung up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father." The Chinese Santa Claus is also known as "Dun Che Lao Ren," or "Christmas Old Man," and their Christmas tree is called the "Tree of Light." Earlymorning carolers sing Chinese words to such old favorites as "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

An important part of the Christmas season in Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico is the pinata, a brightly decorated jar of sweets hung by a cord from the branch of a tree. The children are given long sticks, and each child gets a chance to break the pinata, and release the stored candies.

Norway Christmas Was Top Event

CHRISTMAS just couldn't help being the event of events in Norway when great-grandmother was a girl.

Without exaggeration, preparation for Christmas actually began six months before December 24. Everything which was used-food, clothing, household furnishings - was prepared in the home. Even the leather for shoes was tanned from hides raised on the home-

The cloth for apparel, from the skin out, was woven on hand looms. Cobblers came to the house and made the shoes; dressmakers and tailors came. Everyone in the household had to have a new wardrobe for Christmas and, since tailors and cobblers and dressmakers could not be at all places at once, it was necessary to get an early

When the butchering was finished-in October or November-the suet was melted and the candles were made. The children always had a hand in making the little ones for use on the Christmas tree.

Even the birds were remembered with special Christmas trees which were made by tying bundles of straw to long staves or poles: the youngsters gleaned the bits of grain by following the reapers at harvest time, and the poles were set up around the yard on Christmas Eve.



MASQUERADE . . . This, gentle reader, is a Christmas cat. There is no apparent reason why this Persian mousehound should be garbed as Jolly old Saint Nick except that (now watch out) maybe it has Santa Claws.

Christmas Tree Becomes Big Business in U.S.

big business in the United States. Throughout the country, some 15 to 16 million trees will be cut and shipped for the holiday demand. With prices ranging from \$1 to \$15 a tree, that adds up to real money.

More and more farmers are discovering that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by growing Christmas trees.

FOR THE KIDS

Toys for Christmas Feature 'Atomic' Sets, Reflect Sciences, Arts

Toys for Christmas 1950 will reproduce in detailed miniature every phase of peace-loving America's arts, industries and sciences.

Although some toys are keyed France. The grandmother recounts how to juvenile interest in atomic energy, jet propulsion and miniatures of U.S. army and navy equipment, playthings designed to determine aptitudes and build careers in homemaking, architecture, fashion designs, transportation, agriculture and chemistry dominate

Cowboys will lead the toy gun and holster production; although an increase in play uniforms and nurse costume sales.

Santa's toy pack will equal the record \$300,000,000 (manufactur-



The peaceful possibilities of nuclear research are stressed in this new atomic energy lab set. It includes a workable Geiger counter, a cloud chamber that makes visible the paths taken by alpha particles speeding at more than 12,000 miles per second, and a fluorescent screen that shows atomic radioactive material disintegrating. The set is guaranteed harmless.

ers' value) of the past three years with greatly improved quality, assuring parents peak play value for their money. Assistant Santas are advised to shop early for specially wanted items, as widespread shortages are expected in many popular lines because there are more than 45,000,000 children of toy age-40 per cent increase over pre-war years, and manufacturers face shortages of many basic ma-

This estimate on 1950 prospects was given by Arthur M. Raphael, president of the Toy Manufacturers of the U.S.A.

"Toy volume in 1950 is expected to equal the record sales of the past three years which have been around \$300,000,000 manufacturers' value," said Mr. Raphael. "Capital-



Inflated plastic and rubber toys take the spotlight this year. Here, a youngster punches an inflated clown who will always come back for

izing on the opportunity offered by the 40 per cent increase in the number of children of toy age as compared with pre-war levels, manufacturers have utilized the latest research and manufacturing methods to produce more ingenously varied designs. The new showings of toys, games, books and hobby equipment will offer parents more for their money of increased play value, tested age interest and better durability than ever before. Increases are noted in the number of toy designs adapted to children under five, a market which has increased 48 per cent

Cowboy careers intrigue girls as well as boys this year. Several million cowgirls are reported to be enthusiastic wearers of Western regalia complete with lariats and two-gun holsters.

Juvenile firemen will get a thrill from a new model fire engine with a four foot ladder extension. A car set with a jack and wrench and removable wheels and tires gives The Christmas tree has become Junior a chance to try his hand at repairs.

Catering to ranch minded boys, a new sidewalk bike features saddle bags and a rifle carrying case and holster in black leather with a smart white trim. For the threeto-five-year-olds there are convertible four-wheel bikes; the extra wheels are removed after the child learns to balance."

Eight Rope By callison L. Burks



led to believe that the Dorinda in the known through all these months house is Dorinda LaCroix, her granddaughter from Paris, begins probing Dorinda's story. She asks to see a scar which the real Dorinda had on her wrist from a cut inflicted by a broken perfume bottle when she was a child in in that first interview an underit was because of her own negligence that the scar was inflicted. She had startled the child as Dorinda was standing in a chair in front of her mother's dressing table trying to reach for the flask of perfume her mother had tried to hide from her. The grandmother asks if the scar is still there and grasps Dor-

CHAPTER VII

inda's wrist to see for herself.

Dorinda tried to draw her hand away but the clutching fingers were firm about her wrist. Fay had risen and came to the bedside, her anxious gaze on Dorinda's fright-

"Dear Aunt Lucy-" she began, but the clasp had loosened, the two halves of the wide gold band fell apart. Mrs. Thorndyke stared at the smooth unblemished wrist.

"Dorinda," she whispered. Then her black eyes lifted. There was fear, bewilderment, reproach, in their dark depths. "Sometimes I've thought-but I wouldn't let myself believe it. Now I know. You're not Dorinda!"

Edward's brows were twin black bars cutting across his questioning face. He had been reading the evening newspaper in his favorite down-cushioned chair when Dorinda hurried into the living room. He threw down the paper and rose to his feet as she came in, sensing with his almost cat-like perceptivity that something was wrong even before he looked at her.

"She knows," the girl faltered. "She knows I'm not Dorinda." "She knows you're not Dorinda?

How can she know?" "It happened all at once. What could I do? If I'd known-but even

then what could I have said?" Edward flushed. "I'd forgotten the scar. Laura did say something about it long ago in one of her letters. I remember that now. But how can a man think of everything." He drew his hand across his face. "Five months-and now this! After all that time, I'd thought we were safe."

Edward Appalled As Grandmother Knows All

He took a cigarette from the crystal box on a low table. He lit it, his eyes intent on the lighted

"There could be an explanation. If I could make her accept it." He was talking to himself now. Dorinda was forgotten. "Why should she be suspicious of me, her own son? I've always dreaded that uncanny prescience of hers, but after she'd once accepted you as her granddaughter. I thought we'd have no more trouble."

He puffed furiously, the blue smoke veiling his face, then threw the half-consumed cigarette on the hearth. With the action, he became aware of Dorinda once more.

"Fay-where is Fay? She was there, you said. Perhaps she's hope to God she has!"

As if invoked by the utterance of her name, Fay drifted into the living room. She looked cool, unstirred. But her lips were a thin line and the usual fluid grace of her movements had stiffened a little, giving a hint of strain.

"Delay dinner for fifteen or twenty minutes," Edward ordered. "We've got to get this business settled one way or another. I'll go up and talk to Mother myself. I shall tell her Laura had the scar removed by a plastic surgeon."

Fay smiled faintly. "You think she will believe you? I don't—not after the way Dorinda looked when she rushed out of the room. You looked guilty as hell, my dear. Why not tell the truth, Edward? That | yet?" you brought the girl here to spare your mother shock while she was Aunt Lucy's white-haired boy although, of course"-she spread her slim white hands wide in an expressive gesture-"any other plans you may have made would naturally have to be given up."

Edward shook his head irritably. "That is out of the question. I don't think she is in any condition to be told of Dorinda's death. I'll make her believe me."

Yet he hesitated before he left them as if, in spite of his confident words, he dreaded the meeting with his mother.

Fay broke the silence in which the tension of waiting had held them both. "Perhaps it's better this way," she said surprisingly. "In any event, it makes an end. It was a mad plan and I've helped Edward in it against my better judgment. Now it has failed."

ward can do now, I don't know. nothing this way."

his mother's health? That wasn't wore.

Grandmother Thorndyke, who has been | the answer. Somehow Dorinda had ! that it wasn't the whole answer. Sometimes she thought she had known it the first day she had seen Edward and Fay; had sensed lying purpose hidden beneath the ostensible reasons they had given

Running steps sounded in the hall. The slam of a door. Then silence once more. Fay lifted her head, her blue eyes intent. She went to the door of the living room. Dorinda followed her. The hall was empty. But in a moment Edward came out of the telephone closet and walked slowly toward them, his haste gone now. He looked very tired.

He drew his hand over his face in the gesture which had become so familiar. "I tried to talk to her," he said heavily. "It's no use. I don't believe she even knew what I tried to tell her. She says Dorinda is dead. She says it as if she



"Mrs. Thorndyke, your grandmother . . . she is gone!" Carol

He came close to Fay and added, accenting each word, "She wants me to send for Morrow."

suppose." She glanced back toward the telephone closet. "Did you do what she wanted?"

"No. I had a letter from his office only yesterday, saying that he is out of town. He'll be away for a week at least. But I've sent for Dr. Evans to come at once. Mother was so agitated, I was have on her."

Fay looked thoughtful. "If she should die the way things are-" she began, but Edward broke in harshly. "Hush, Fay, I won't have been able to soothe Mother. I you saying that. She won't die, she mustn't die-not yet!"

Dr. Evans Warns What Sudden Shock Would Do

There was such horror in his white face that Fay shrank away from him. "I don't comprehend you, Edward. You must have faced the possibility of your plans ending this way."

"There are some things I can't face." Then, as Fay stared at him, her face puzzled, his tone changed. "Here is Harriet. I think it must be time for us to go into dinner."

Harriet's plain face was fretful as she joined them. "Am I late? My clock has stopped. I was waiting for Lana. Hasn't she come in

She pressed close to Dorinda's side as they straggled into the dinso ill. That way, you will still be ing room. "You said to talk to her -to Lucy," she murmured in a rapid undertone. "I thought I couldn't - but this morning I did go in for a little while. I didn't say much, just how sweet Lana is and how sorry I am I can't do more for her. I think it did some good." She nodded sagely.

> Dr. Evans was announced a few minutes after they began dinner. Edward stood up, his white napkin voice in the hall as he talked to the

Harriet looked furtively at Fay, her face holding the hurt expression of a child who had been slapped. "Is someone sick?" she ventured. "Aunt Lucy," Fav informed her shortly, her tone discouraging

Edward came back to the table nurse back up the stair. She added, as if impelled by a but he made only a pretense of Fay opened her door almost upsort of bitter justice, "Through no eating. Greer carried away most on Dorinda's knock. She was al-

further questions.

But at any rate he knows he'll gain end of the meal. "Sorry I'm late," her hair brushed into shining silver "What had Edward hoped to hadn't time to change." She in- she saw Dorinda standing there. size. Remember, money cheerfulgain?" Dorinda did not ask the dicated, with pointed finger-tips the Apparently she had expected some ly refunded unless you are 100% question aloud. Improvement in close fitting mauve sweater she one else.

"Your Aunt Lucy's sick, Lana," Harriet told her quickly.

"Oh, too bad," Lana said mechanically. One small hand, so like Edward's in miniature, grasped her fork almost before she had settled in her place. She did not look up as | go to your local dealer, be sure to the others pushed back their chairs, get the colorful Christmas packbut Dorinda saw the frown that creased her smooth forehead, as Harriet hurried around the table and sat down by her daughter.

Dr. Evans was coming down the stairs. He was a small plump man, with gray hair and kindly eyes behind glittering eye-glasses. His face was very serious. He set his black bag down on the bottom step and came to them across the hall.

"I think she'll do very well now," he said gravely. "I've given her a mild sedative and she is just drifting off to sleep." He cleared his throat. "It seems she had a shock of some kind. Miss Hughes seemed rather vague about it." His glance asked a question.

"It was all a misunderstanding," Edward explained carefully. "She was talking to Fay and my niece, Dorinda, here, and apparently misconstrued some remark my niece made and became somewhat overwrought. I'm a little vague about what happened myself." His white fingers fumbled at the buttons of his coat.

"Dr. Evans," he began delicately, "have you ever had any reason to suspect that my mother's mind might be failing her?"

Carol Carries Word Of Grandmother's Death

Dr. Evans shook his head. "In deed, no," he said definitely. "I've always considered Mrs. Thorn dyke a decidedly clear-headed woman."

Edward waved his hand. "There it is then. I'm at a complete loss. And poor Dorinda, she's had a shock, too.'

Dr. Evans eyed her pale face. He nodded tolerantly. "You young people, so outspoken. But you must remember your grandmother is Mrs. Emil Anderson, 3632 Waan old and very feeble woman. She bash, Detroit, Mich., says she becan't stand many shocks of any lieves in folks being lucky and all kind." A gleam of curiosity touched that . . . but she says that people his eyes. "You weren't, by any today are inclined to rely too chance, telling her of your ex- much on just good luck. One thing periences in leaving Europe, were Mrs. Anderson says, "is fact not

Dorinda took a backward step. saying she thanks her lucky stars 'No, oh, no!" she told him in a for feeling so good-No Sir! not

"Dorinda doesn't speak of that." so good now because she is taking Edward moved in front of her, HADACOL. She was suffering shielding her further from the doc- from a deficiency of Vitamins B1, "Morrow!" Fay ejaculated. Then, tor's view. "That's a part of her B2, Niacin, and Iron which HADA-"It's only what you must expect, I life my niece wishes to forget, Dr. col contains. Evans.

"Understandable, perhaps." He statement: walked away from them, picked up had nagging aches and pains not them again. "Mrs. Thorndyke must in just a few places but all over be kept quiet. No visitors for a few my body—in fact I know a person days. I can't emphasize too strongly that another shock of any kind at I did. this time could be, almost certainly frankly frightened. I don't know would be, fatal. Just be careful. what effect this excitement will I'll stop in again tomorrow." The and the worst thing was that I door closed softly behind him.

Edward's face was shining with never a full meal-and my stommoisture. Dorinda could see the tiny ach always felt bad. I was so tired beads of sweat that stood out on his all the time-seems like when I forehead. He moped at it with would go up two or three steps I the fine linen handkerchief pulled would be completely worn out. from his breast pocket. The hand I was just about at my wits end, which held the handkerchief was un- not knowing what to do.

stairs and along the hall to her told me how his mother-in-law had room. After she had gone to bed she been helped so much by HADAlay for a long time staring into the COL. I brought HADACOL all the

But every night ends. Randy's could tell a big difference after imperious bark woke her. The hands the second bottle. So far I have of the clock pointed to eight. The taken 6 or 7 bottles of HADACOL. room was filled with cool gray What a wonderful change has taklight. Outside the wind had ceased. en place. I eat well and thoroughly The fog, thick and woolly, pressed enjoy my food, and sleep-why I against the windows.

The thought of hot coffee drew watch all of the television-I just her toward the breakfast room, but drop off to sleep. I have lots of as she started down the hall a voice energy too-now I can even get called to her.

"Dorinda, oh Dorinda!" Carol came running down the stair, will never stop taking HADACOL. clutching a red bathrobe about her, her dark eyes wide with distress. "Mrs. Thorndyke—your grand-mother. She's gone," Carol faltered.

"Dead!" The word dropped like a stone in the silence. "Why, she

unbelievingly. "Dr. Evans said-" "I know," Carol agreed soberly. "We thought she was coming want-that's the kind you should fluttering to the floor, and hurried through nicely." She pushed back buy and that's the kind you should out. Dorinda could hear his low her disordered hair. She looked start taking NOW! vounger, more disarming some- Give remarkable HADACOL a how, with the black hair, usually chance to benefit you. Remember, as smooth and shining as a raven's you have nothing to lose. HADAwing, breaking into soft curls about COL will make you feel better her face. "I dread telling Mr. after the first few bottles you Thorndyke. I thought perhaps you'd take, or your money will be re-

> Dorinda shivered. "I'll call Fay. She'll tell him." She followed the \$3.50.

fault of yours, though. What Ed- of his dishes practically untouched. ready dressed in the blue crepe your name and address on a pen-Lana appeared just before the housecoat that matched her eyes, ny post card. Pay postman. State she apologized breathlessly. "I waves. Her expression changed as hadn't time to change?" She in-

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Blowing the nose violently, diring or swimming with the nose under water may force infectious material into the sinuses. Frequent use of sprays, oils and antiseptics in the nose may injure the mucous membrane and oring on sinus infection.

General resistance to sinus infection can be built up by observing the rules for good physical and mental health. Get plenty of rest, good food and exercise. Protect your body from sudden changes in temperature and from exposure to extreme cold or heat. Don't expose your self to infections, since colds and other infections of nose, throat and chest are often forerunners of sinus trouble.

Rest in bed and medical care for respiratory ailments are wise precautions against complications.

A stuffy nose is not necessarily a symptom of sinus infection; your doctor may give you medicines to relieve the situation. But you should use nose drops, inhalants and salves only if he recommends them.

Go to Church on Christmas Day! Besides starting you right on the great day; it will put you in the true spirit of the day and help make it a better and more glorious Christmas. For, after all, true happiness and cheer comes only from the in-

An appropriate name: The government's approach to inflation is that of the "meat axe" stylist. And, brother, will we get it in the neck soon.

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