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XMAS FATALITIES IN U. S. CLAIM OVER 200

\$100,000 Fire Sweeps Thru Corsicana Stores

(By Associated Press)
CORSICANA, Dec. 26.—Fire here last night caused \$100,000 business loss.
The conflagration originated in the Jolesch shoe store, destroying it, the McPherson drug store, Golden Brothers dry goods store, and the Red Front dry goods store.
The Brown hat shop, Samuels Clothing Company and the La Mode Shoppe were seriously damaged.
Minor damage was sustained in many other nearby business houses.

Juarez Police Chief Resigns

(By Associated Press)
EL PASO, Dec. 26.—Chief of Police Pedro Pineda, of Juarez, Mexico, resigned today, effective January 1, to enter business.
Mayor Flores' confidential agent, Gil Irigoyen, is Pineda's probable successor.
Joe Beck, jr., of Mason, spent Christmas day here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Beck, and friends.
Joe Forman left Wednesday afternoon for Coleman to join his wife and other relatives for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fleming and daughter, Miss Mary, of Pittsburg, Texas, who had been here for a holiday visit with relatives, left Friday for their home.
NATIONAL GUARDSMEN GUESTS OF OFFICERS
All members of Company C, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard who attended drill last Monday night were taken to the Palace Theatre to see the Two Black Crows in "Anybody's War," as guests of the officers, Lieuts. Ross Murchison and K. V. Northington. The thirty-odd men enjoyed the picture very much and those absent are sorry they did not attend the meeting last Monday.

Norris Refuses to Head Third Party

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Senator George W. Norris, Nebraska's rebelling Republican senator, today replied to the suggestion by John Dewey of the League for Independent Political Action, that Norris is really no longer a Republican and suggesting that the Nebraskan head a third party.
Norris said he did not "suppose anybody seriously thinks that I will lead a third party movement."

New U. S. Embassy in Buenos Aires Is Stately Million-Dollar Mansion

(By Associated Press)
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 26.—Terminating years of improvising its quarters, the United States embassy to Argentina finally has been installed in an official government-owned home.
Ambassador Robert Woods Bliss and his wife have moved into the \$1,250,000 Bosch mansion, bought last year by the United States government as permanent residence for its diplomatic chief here.
The building takes first rank among the residences of foreign envoys in Buenos Aires.
The building and grounds, purchased from one of Argentina's wealthiest families, occupy a square block and face Palermo Park.
Avenida Aylar, Buenos Aires' classic suburban boulevard, separates the embassy property from

Fire Losses and Causes are Given

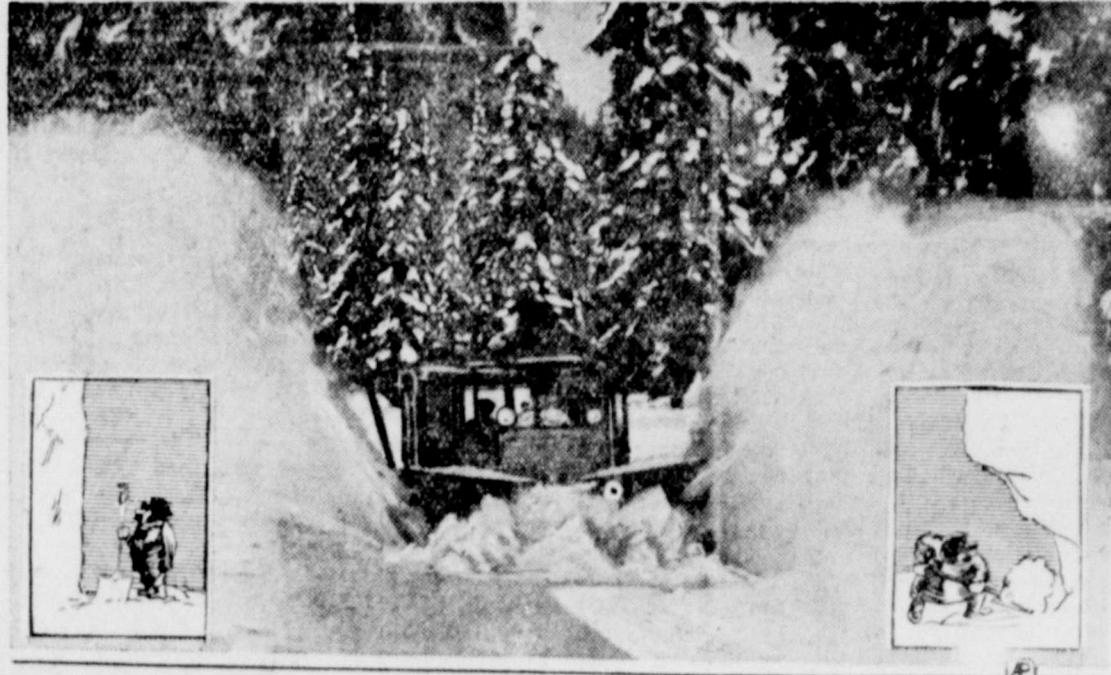
(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 26.—Fire losses in Texas during November totaled \$822,301 from 636 fires reported, according to a report issued today by the state fire insurance department. A total of 358 fires was caused by carelessness, causing a loss of \$263,665 while 194 fires from undetermined causes resulted in damage of \$424,809, the report said.
Vacant house fires totaled 58 with a loss of \$66,859. Fires of this nature have shown a steady increase since April. J. W. DeWeese, state fire insurance commissioner, said he believed this was one class of fires that could be brought under control by better underwriting and a thorough investigation of every vacant house fire.

Matches and smoking caused 41 fires with a loss of \$45,346; stoves, furnaces, heaters and their pipes, 63, loss \$41,976; electricity, 46, loss \$36,827; incendiary, 20, loss \$33,022; sparks from machinery, 5, loss \$29,729; fires from exposure, 55, loss \$25,239; explosions, 15, loss \$20,167; miscellaneous open lights, 15, loss \$17,202; light fixtures, 10, loss \$12,369; defective chimneys and flues, 47, loss \$8,611; petroleum and its products, 10, loss \$5,869; hot ashes, hot coals and open fires, 6, loss \$5,670; picture show fires, 8, loss \$5,322; gas, natural and artificial, 8, loss \$4,250; fireworks, 1, loss, \$2,249; spontaneous combustion, 5, loss \$1,371; sparks on roof, 20, loss \$1,217; lightning, 1, loss \$1,493; hot grease, tar and oil, 3, loss \$205.

Negro is Charged In Teacher's Death

(By Associated Press)
MARSHVILLE, Mo., Dec. 26.—Raymond Gunn, 30, negro, ex-convict, was arraigned here secretly today before a justice of the peace on the charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of Miss Velma Colter, rural school teacher, December 16.
Gunn waived preliminary hearing and his trial was set for the term of district court starting January 12. After the arraignment the negro was returned to the Jackson county jail at Kansas City, for safe keeping.
Mrs. A. J. Neises and children of Temple are spending Christmas with Paul Trimmer and family. Mrs. Neises is a sister to Mrs. Trimmer.
Mrs. T. B. Pickett and children, of Temple, are here visiting relatives.

Snowplows Squirm to Clear High Passes



How a big snowplow fights to remove huge drifts from a mountain road is shown here. In the Rockies hundreds of men have begun this sort of work.

(By Associated Press)
SALIDA, Colo., Dec. 26.—Snowplows have begun their seasonal wrangle with the elements in the Rockies.

Men and machines have joined forces in efforts to keep highways across the continental divide open to the cross-country motor traveler.
Day and night, often for a week at a stretch, gasoline motors drone their way back and forth along snow-clogged roads. Hundreds of men work in shifts to prevent the white banks from erecting an all-winter barrier to travel.
Frequently there are slides, when hundreds of tons of snow

hurtle down from the mountain-side with such force as to dislodge concrete railings, not by impact but merely by creating a back-slap of wind.

Of the score of passes in the state, less than a half dozen are kept open all winter. Tennessee pass, 10,276 feet above sea level, is one of the most important because it is on a transcontinental route. Another is Raton pass, on the Santa Fe Trail.
Something like \$100,000 was spent last year in keeping open passes and roads throughout Colorado. A hundred plows, mostly of the straight-blade variety, are employed.
And moving the snow is as

much a problem of excavation as moving dirt or rock. On Tennessee pass a huge rotary plow is used, but only after the straight-bladed plows have worked over the road to give the whirling blades full play.
Snow work is of fairly recent origin in Colorado, so far as keeping open the passes is concerned. Tennessee pass has been kept open for only two seasons.

Another pass, Berthoud, on the Victory highway, is kept open largely because the highway department found it cheaper to work all winter than to remove the accumulated snow in the spring.

74 Families are Visited by Goodfellows; \$406 Raised

All previous records were broken by Ballinger Goodfellows on Wednesday afternoon when \$5, Mrs. J. F. Currie \$5, R. C. Christmas cheer was spread to more than sixty families. At 1 o'clock Wednesday about fifteen Goodfellows started loading their goods and by 2:30 seven big trucks were loaded with groceries for more than sixty families.

Practically all the money spent was for groceries and after the food was distributed two truck loads of clothing and toys were taken and every article given to poor families and more was needed. Ten families were not visited at all as the money and clothing ran out. Friday morning two additional families were cared for after some \$20 was received from milk bottles left in stores and something will be done within the next few days to take care of those left without anything.

As usual the committee received many applications from people who were not placed on the list because it was believed that they could make arrangements for food themselves. In a few instances applicants became angry when they were turned down for boxes.

A picture was made of the seven loaded trucks as they began on their mission of happiness and a picture of this street scene will be carried in the Ledger about January 1.

Seventy-four bills of groceries were sent out by the Goodfellows. These bills were divided into large and small packages according to the size of the families with 36 large boxes and 38 small boxes being sent out. The large boxes each contained the following: 70 pounds of flour, 20 pounds of meal, bacon, potatoes, lard, beans, baking powder, soda, salt, coffee, soap, sugar, rice and apples. The small boxes contained the same articles, but in lesser amounts, beginning with a 48-pound sack of flour.
In addition to this a large amount of syrup was contributed and included in the packages and five families were remembered with special packages donated from various places.

The final amount of funds secured for this work amounted to \$406.08. Late contributors not reported in Wednesday's paper are

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Jimmie and Jean Bozell \$1, Mrs. E. C. Kirk's Sunday School Class \$5, Mrs. J. F. Currie \$5, R. C. Malone \$5 and milk bottles in various stores in town netted \$21.48.

This is the largest amount ever raised here and at least \$50 more were needed to have taken care of all the work. The committee stated Friday that it was a deplorable condition existing here and those doubting this should take the list of those given aid on Christmas eve and visit each home to be convinced.

The committee also wants to thank every contributor and each person who assisted in the distribution of the food. Trucks and drivers were available free and excellent cooperation was given the Goodfellows on every hand.

There will be a few dollars left over in the fund which will be given to the charity board along with a complete record of the families assisted and their location. This information will be left with the board for future reference and as a guide for buying next Christmas.

Launch Overturns; Three Men Drown

(By Associated Press)
SAUSALITO, Calif., Dec. 26.—Ten men were rescued and three were drowned from the overloaded launch of the yacht Janidore which capsized in the frigid water of Richardson's Bay, an arm of San Francisco Bay, today.
Life boats of the ferry Tamalipas rescued ten persons but were unable to find the others.

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Kin Hubbard is Claimed by Death

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Frank McKinney Hubbard, 62, known as "Kin" Hubbard, creator of the humorous newspaper character "Abe Martin," died here today of heart disease.

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Dec. 26.—More than 200 deaths comprised the nation's Christmas accident and tragedy toll.

Oklahoma reported seven persons dead, from various causes. Five died from poisonous and inferior liquor in the state of New York.

Negro's Body is Taken from Ruins

(By Associated Press)
PLAINVIEW, Tex., Dec. 26.—The body of Bob Petty, 67, negro, was found today in the ruins of a cabin destroyed when the compress docks burned here yesterday.
Firemen did not know that the cabin was occupied.

Coleman School Tax in 2 Payments

Trustees of the Coleman independent school district made tax paying easier there last week when they passed an order to allow property owners in the district to pay half their taxes not later than January 31 and the remainder not later than November 1, 1931.

This will permit taxpayers to keep half their school tax money for spring and summer needs as by November 1 citizens will be well into fall business and the marketing of next year's crops.
A meeting of Coleman citizens was held recently to discuss state and county taxes but it was pointed out that these levies comprise but a small portion of the total taxes and greater relief could be had from divided installments on city and school district taxes. The action of the Coleman board of trustees followed the mass meeting.
Other action of similar nature is expected to be carried out at Coleman in the next few days.

In case fifty per cent of the 1930 school tax is not paid by January 31, 1931, 10 per cent penalty and 6 per cent interest will be added to the total due when payment is made.

Other contractors on drainage structures are expected to begin operations soon. The construction to be carried on as two separate jobs. One crew will build the grade for the right-of-way and all small drainage structures while the other crew will construct the large structures only.
Both projects are of about equal size, considering costs, and will require about the same time. Each will cost about \$45,000, which will not include hard-surfacing and a large bridge across Elm Creek at a point just south of the A & S railroad bridge.
The county has furnished all the land necessary for the highways, last week County Judge Paul Trimmer announcing that deeds had been signed for the last project, from this city to Talpa. The four main highways intersecting at Ballinger have been re-routed to a slight extent and all widened to the 100-foot standard. This land was to be furnished by the county, and the securing of the land on highway 23 to the Coleman county line completes this phase of the work. All other road work in Runnels county will be constructed over the routes provided.

Prince of Monaco Suspends Councils

(By Associated Press)
MONTE CARLO, Dec. 26.—Prince Louis, ruler of the principality of Monaco, today decreed the suspension of the national and municipal councils, and suspended some of the constitutional guarantees.
Recent riots and political dissatisfaction preceded the order.
New councils will be elected within two months.

Albert Nicholson, of Cisco, is here spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abernathy and son, Fred, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Turner, of Ft. Worth, spent Christmas here as the guests of Mrs. S. P. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone.

An estimated 70 per cent of manufactured gas sold in the United States is used in homes.
WEATHER FORECAST
(By Associated Press)
All Texas—Fair tonight and Saturday. Colder tonight, freezing in the eastern and interior portions, frost to the coast.

Deaths in Texas included: Wayne Ledbetter and J. R. Evans, Kelly Field soldiers, killed in an automobile wreck at San Antonio.
A man, believed to be A. B. Meloday, was killed by an automobile at San Antonio.
Jess Sartin, Childress, was killed when his automobile overturned as he took his hands from the steering wheel to take a chew of tobacco.
Nathaniel Benavides, Pharr, was killed in a motor truck crash.
Miss Bonnie Hoffmaster, Fort Worth, was killed in an automobile wreck near Strawn.
Mrs. D. W. Bennett, Dallas, was fatally burned when her husband attempted to start a fire in a wood stove with kerosene oil.
M. S. Morrison and E. C. Rowden, Dallas; and Thomas Davenport, Wichita Falls, all pedestrians, were killed by automobiles.
C. J. Jones died today as the result of being hit by an automobile near Abilene yesterday.
Arthur Lovelace Comanche, was killed in an automobile wreck between Comanche and Brownwood.
Marceline Canu and Liberal Garaz, of Ed Couch, were shot to death when they refused to accept a stick of chewing gum an intoxicated stranger offered them in Canu's store.
Lester Coltrain, a soldier, died of wounds received in resisting a hold-up Christmas eve.
William Weilbacher, San Antonio, and William Rushing, Dallas, were found shot to death in their homes.
H. D. Burney was found fatally shot in his automobile, at Mart.
The verdict of a coroner's inquest was that William Harney, of Houston, died in liquor poisoning.
Clay Jones, San Antonio, was killed in a gunfight yesterday.
Robert Smith, Fort Worth, dropped dead while attending a family reunion Christmas day.

Mrs. B. A. Whitten, of Eldorado, was fatally burned Christmas morning and her two children are fighting for their lives in a San Angelo hospital as the result of burns sustained when an explosion occurred at their ranch home 8 miles from Eldorado at 4:30 Christmas morning. Mr. Whitten also received serious burns about the hands when he attempted to rescue his wife and children.
The family arose early and Mrs. Whitten in rekindling a fire threw a can of kerosene on smoldering coals, an explosion following. Mr. Whitten rushed into the room to find his wife enveloped in flames and smothered the blazing garments with a blanket. When he had carried his wife into the yard he noticed her hair was still burning, put it out, and rushed back for the children but they had escaped. It is believed they were burned in running from the room as their backs were badly seared.
Help was summoned and the woman and children taken to Eldorado and later to San Angelo in an ambulance where Mrs.

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Christmas is over. Gifts have been received, happiness has had full sway and now the city can remove the decorations and return to normal conditions.

More than 175 persons were killed in Christmas celebrations of various kinds which is a heavy toll. A large per cent of these came to their death in traffic accidents or along highways.

Ballinger school children have until next Wednesday to play and on that date will again assemble for the start of another term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Runkles of San Angelo spent Christmas day here with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chastain and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rudd left Wednesday for Barnes and Goldthwaite to spend a few days visiting relatives.

J. P. Flynt attended the all-star football game in San Angelo Thursday afternoon between San Angelo and Abilene.

E. L. Dorn has returned from Colorado, Texas, where he spent Christmas with friends and relatives.

HOW'S your HEALTH

Edited by DR. LEO GALUSTON for the New York Acclaimed Medical

FRACTURES

Fractures are emergencies. Usually they occur quite suddenly, and of necessity there is a delay of varying length between their occurrences and the arrival of aid.

The proper handling of the patient during this waiting period may spare him complications and assure him an uneventful and speedy recovery.

Bone fractures are common accidents. They are usually due to violence resulting from a blow or from a fall.

There are several types of fractures with which every individual ought to be acquainted. In the young we often have what is known as a green stick fracture.

This type of fracture is properly described by its name in that when the bone breaks it does not break through and through but only partly through the shaft, as when a green twig is bent.

A simple fracture is a fracture

or break across and through the entire shaft of the bone but not involving the fleshy tissues surrounding it.

A simple fracture becomes a compound fracture when, in addition to the breaking of the bone, there is a flesh wound leading from the break to the surface of the body.

A fracture in which the bone is broken in more than one place is called a comminuted fracture.

Through careless handling a simple fracture may easily be converted into a compound fracture. The edges of the bone at the breaking point are usually sharp.

If a broken limb is carelessly moved about, or force is applied to it, the edge of the bone may be forced through the flesh surrounding it and the fracture thereby becomes "compounded" by a wound which almost invariably becomes infected.

(Tomorrow-In Case of a Fracture)

SUNDOWN STORIES



SILVER STARS

By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock turned the time back several days and took John and Peggy on a long trip, but it did not take them long at all.

The Clock had his special air pilot take them all over across the sea and then across some countries until they landed in Poland.

There they saw older boys making great silver stars. They were making these stars with backgrounds of cardboard so they would be very strong.

Then they bent and turned them around so that they were joined together. In the center they put a big candle.

"They put the candle in the cut-out star something the way we put a candle in a jack o' lantern at Halloween," John said. "They are making them so they look great, aren't they?" he added.

The Little Black Clock and Peggy agreed that this was so, for the boys had cut the silver paper so rays from the stars flickered and twinkled in the soft candle light.

"Now watch!" said the Little Black Clock.

John and Peggy watched and saw the boys, with their candle-light stars, going through the villages and stopping at all the houses where there were children.

The children in these houses were expecting the boys with the lighted stars, for all their lights were out and they were leaning their faces against the window-panes.

There they were waiting, looking out in to the darkness, when suddenly the beautiful, gleaming silver star with the flickering light from the candle, appeared outside each window.

Then the older boys sang carols—all of this for the boys and girls who were younger than they.

They were so glad the Little Black Clock had turned the time back so they could see these silver stars.

(Tomorrow-Talkie Babes)

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Flynt were here from Coleman Thursday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt.

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HATCHEL NEWS

Last week at our school auditorium there were two nights of real enjoyment. The first was on Wednesday night, a play given by the P-T. A. "A Wild Flower of the Hills." This play was a grand success.

Everyone seemed to enjoy it immensely. After the performance there were about one hundred plates filled with good things that farmer's wives are so famous for, sold at 15 cents each, which netted the organization quite a little sum.

Richard Davis and Raymond Dittick of Winters furnished the music and it was certainly fine.

On the Friday following the school gave an Xmas program consisting of songs and readings by the intermediate and primary departments, and a 45-minute play by the seniors. Everything was carried on in a very fine manner, all the performers rendering their parts splendidly.

The play was directed by our principal's wife, Mrs. Gassiot. Everyone praised this part of the program very much and we hope to have many more such enjoyable events in the future.

After the program there was a Christmas tree for the school children. This tree was decorated and covered with gifts which make the evening one long to be remembered.

On last Monday night at the club home of the Hatchel women's club there was an entertainment given by the members. About a month ago they met and with the help of Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth baked a fruit cake and so they decided to keep it until Christmas, give a party and entertain their husbands. So this

Earl Berry and D. H. Grounds have returned home from Stephenville, where they are attending John Tarleton College. Home folks are rejoicing to have the boys here to spend the holidays.

Edward Queen and family have moved into our community. We welcome them and wish them a

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CREWS NEWS

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NORTON NOTES

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holloway and Mildred are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Tom Powers, of Ozona, is here to spend Christmas with his parents.

J. G. Phipps received a message from Glen Rose Sunday morning stating that his brother had died. Mr. Phipps left Sunday evening to attend the funeral. His host of friends greatly sympathize with him in his bereavement.

Rev. W. F. Smith and family visited in the W. L. Berry home Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Phipps, Irven and Alma Phipps and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Berry were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Amherst, are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Berry were guests in the J. G. Phipps home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Caswell, of Elida, New Mexico, are to be here through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cope and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Newsom, of Happy, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stubblefield.

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Mrs. Pink King and son, Mancel are spending the week with relatives in Sweetwater.

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Pascual Dietz and Miss Leona Jones were happily united in marriage Sunday morning in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones, with Rev. W. F. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Whittenburg left Saturday for Gatesville, where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Oliver and children, of Alpine, are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Oliver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.

P. Taylor.

Miss Mary Roach is spending Christmas with her parents at Miles.

Miss Mildred Hayley is spending Christmas with her parents at Hayrick.

Miss Winnie Ruth Drummond is spending the holidays with her mother at Capps.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Conger left Saturday for Munday, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Conger's parents.

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PUFFY



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A Dixie Dribbler

---By Pap

CAPITOL News

By Paul Bolton
AUSTIN, Dec. 26.—Here's how (Associated Press Staff Writer) the state's dollar is spent:

A quarter of a cent for the legislature; about two and a quarter cents for the judicial branch; slightly over three-fourths of a cent for executive and administrative work; less than half a cent for law enforcement and military; about three quarters of a cent for regulating business and industry; less than a quarter of a cent for conservation of health and sanitation; one and three quarters cents for development and conservation of natural resources; nearly a half a dollar for highways; approximately 37 cents for all education; about six and a half cents for eleemosynary institutions; nearly three cents for pensions and less than two cents for parks and monuments, interest and "miscellaneous" combined.

The compilation was made up by F. C. Weinert, state tax commissioner. To get an idea of the actual expenditures, however, the highway's half dollar apportionment amounted, in the fiscal year ended August 31, to \$47,052,905.51. Total state expenditures were \$103,137,982.28, Weinert reported.

Where that same dollar came from: Ad valorem tax, 23 cents; gasoline and license taxes, approximately 34 cents; gross receipts 10 cents; all taxes and licenses, 72 cents; county federal and other aid, 15 cents; land sales and rentals, nearly seven cents; interest, about three and a half cents. All other income sources amounted, in the larger picture, to less than a cent each. Total collection, according to Weinert's report, was \$107,789,998.91.

Commissioner Weinert scathingly rebuked the state taxing system in his report.

"In our zeal for more tax money to spend," he said, "we are strangely indifferent to the security and stability of the property taxed. We keep on voting county, district and city bonds for almost every conceivable purpose, knowing all the while that irrespective of whether real property is earning or losing it is one and only species of value actually pledged for the debt, and that in the process of taxation

it must ultimately pay almost the whole of it, interest and principal. "Credit is a good thing to have, but it may become a fatal gift. To this almost all owners of real property are in a position to attest.

"One doesn't need to be gifted with super intelligence to comprehend that real property is not the sole beneficiary of public improvements. It is but recently, for example, that we have been converted to the doctrine that users of highways should pay for them. We ought to go still farther, and in some proper way extend the same principal to all indebtedness incurred for public improvements, and impose a part of the cost upon those who, in the highway of commerce, profit most from expenditure of these vast sums.

"Ordinary occupations, including those of a professional character, are not taxed at all. Uncovered wealth gets by untaxed. "Should property as a marketable commodity be somewhat laggard, there is a reason and certainly an obvious one. Prudent buyers are not looking for an opportunity to provide the whole of public improvements and pay the taxes too."

Weinert reiterated his suggestion of two years ago that collection of delinquent taxes proceed "in a sane manner" so as to not work harm on the delinquents by collection of "the many fees and charges now permitted." He pointed out that in some cases

the state had made it virtually impossible for the delinquent to pay. "What with fees and costs and penalties it has in many instances increased the sum necessary to pay and cancel delinquencies until the owners cannot afford to pay nor the state afford to sue."

GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURVEY OF VALLEY CANAL

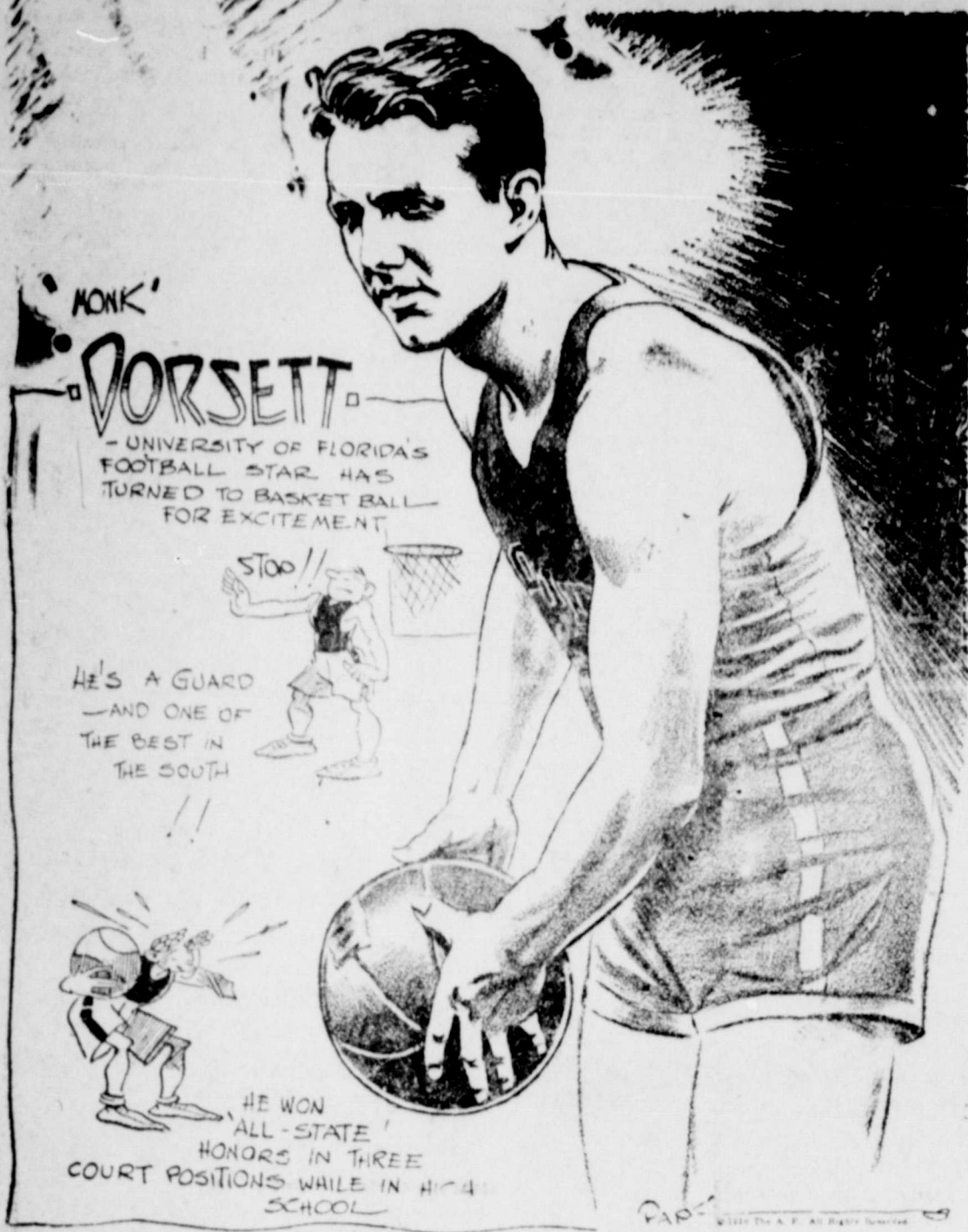
(By Associated Press) HARLINGEN, Tex., Dec. 26.—The U. S. government will make a survey of the proposed intracoastal canal from Corpus Christi to the Valley, including the route over the Arroyo Colorado to Harlingen. In a short time, according to word received here from R. T. Stuart, head of the Valley committee which recently appeared before Secretary of War

Patrick Hurley. An order call for the will be issued immediately. Secretary Hurley, Stuart Funds now available for survey will eliminate any delay according to Congressman J. C. Garner, who has been supporting the undertaking.

BANK GETS MONEY

(By Associated Press) PLAINVIEW, Tex., Dec. 26.—The Plainview National Bank has received an initial deposit of \$70,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the bank having been recently designated for deposit of public moneys by the United States Treasury. Other deposits will follow, the bank having been designated depository for amounts up to \$150,000.

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BETWEEN WAVELNGTHS

By C. E. Butterfield (Associated Press Radio Editor)
Broadcasting from a submarine in action may be something entirely different to the listener, but it's just another program to the men behind the microphone. Still the word story carried to a WEAF network by medium of the voices of Announcers George Hicks and James Wallington and navy officers meant some real preparation along lines not generally experienced. For one thing it meant going out to sea to put on the broadcast, which came from ten miles off the shore at New London, Conn.

The program, presented through the cooperation of the U. S. navy and officers and crews of the two submarines, the O-4, which remained on the surface, and the O-8, which went below, certainly won the applause of the radio audience. It was opened in a novel way, with officers and men singing as an octet. The unusual part of the song was that half of the men were on one submarine and half on the other. Technically the stunt was made possible by a portable short wave transmitter on board the O-4 sending signals to a receiver on land connected to the network. The O-8 was linked to the transmitter by a long waterproof cable.

Despite the apparent spontaneity of the broadcast, practically everything that was said on the air had been written out in advance just as is a dramatic skit. There was only a small amount of ad libbing, and provision even had been made for that in the text with blanks where the extemporaneous expressions were to fit in. Of the week's preparation, probably the most interesting was the 45-minute "dress" rehearsal held the day before the broadcast. Like any dress rehearsal, it was necessary to go back over some parts to get them just right. The broadcast, it might be pointed out, is just another of the many accomplishments of William Burke Miller, who is NBC's master of special broadcasts.

With a sort of weather eye cast around in keeping with the phrase, "when television comes," the CBS chain is making a number of changes in its headquarters in New York. Moving of several departments was necessary to provide more space for studios, in which provision is to be made for television. What these plans include was not stated.

Football fans apparently get a kick out of sneaking up to an unguarded microphone during a

football broadcast and slipping in a few words for anybody to hear.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company has been called by the Directors of said corporation, to be held at the principal office of the corporation in the City of Galveston, Texas, on the 23rd day of February, 1931, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of submitting to the stockholders the question of increasing the authorized capital stock of the corporation from Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), consisting of One Hundred Thousand (100,000) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, to Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), consisting of Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, and to do all things and give all proper authorizations to carry out and effectuate such increase.

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WOULD HIRE OFFICER TO ATTEND DANCES

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Dec. 26.—The all university dance committee of the University of Texas has rejected the proposal of the faculty committee on student social affairs that issuance of pass-out checks at university dances be discontinued. The dance committee, in voting down the proposal, said more desirable means could be found to obtain the objective.

The proposal was made in an effort to reduce student drinking at dances and prevent resale of the pass-out checks.

The all-university dance committee recommended the employment of an officer to patrol the Gregory gymnasium grounds, where dances are held, and another officer to police the gymnasium lobby. It also was recommended that additional lighting facilities be installed around the gymnasium and that a policeman be employed to curb speeding on Speedway, the street in front of the gymnasium, during the dances.

The resolution of the faculty committee was assailed by the student assembly two days after it was passed. The assembly held the ruling arbitrary, unnecessary and undesirable, claiming enforcement would result in irreparable injury to the all-university dances.

Both the student assembly and the all-university dance committee asked the faculty group to reconsider its action.

Ed Baker, of Bunker Hill, Ill., is here visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, and other relatives. Mr. Baker was a pioneer citizen of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Atkins left Friday noon for Athens to spend a few days with relatives of Mrs. Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Layton and young son, of Fort Worth, spent Christmas day here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill.

Mr. and Mrs. August Glober, of Dallas, spent Christmas day here with relatives and friends.

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BENOIT NEWS... School was dismissed Friday for a week's vacation. The Christmas tree and program was enjoyed Friday night by all those who were present.

The Benoit teachers, Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Allison, have asked this correspondent to report the school briefs. This is one among the best rural schools in the county.

Mrs. L. B. Rampey and L. B. Jr. motored to San Angelo Saturday to visit Mrs. Rampey's daughter, Mrs. Albert Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibson spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odum.

Woodrow Cox, who is employed in Ballinger, and friend, Clouis Brown, spent Saturday night with the former's parents.

O. C. Riser, of Dallas, is here to visit his wife and spend Christmas with S. T. Williams and family.

Misses Faye and Leona Hill spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Edna Brookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Green Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alein Rosenbaum and children, of Hawley, spent Wednesday with W. T. Hill and family.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas. "REPORTER."

David Gregory spent Christmas day here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Floyd are here to spend the Christmas holidays.

Births... Mr. and Mrs. John Carter are rejoicing over the arrival of a five 3/4-pound boy, born to them Christmas morning at the home of Mrs. Carter's parents.

WOULD SAVE DEWEY FLAGSHIP AS RELIC... Congress to Give Question Deep Consideration.

Washington.—The final disposition of the U. S. S. Olympia, flagship of Admiral George Dewey at the battle of Manila bay, is likely to be considered at the next regular session of congress.

After service as the flagship of Rear Admiral F. V. McNair from 1895 to 1898, cruising in waters of Japan, China, and the Sandwich Islands, the Olympia became the flagship of Admiral George Dewey in command of the Asiatic squadron on January 3, 1898.

On May 1, 1898, at the battle of Manila bay, the Olympia led the attack on the ships of the Spanish squadron. The Olympia has seen service in many parts of the world since the time of the war with Spain.

When the United States entered the World war, the Olympia was designated flagship of the United States patrol force. She was employed in patrol duty off the coast of Nova Scotia and ocean escort for British merchantmen en route to and from New York and the war zone.

Carried Unknown Soldier... In December, 1918, the Olympia became the flagship of the commander of United States naval forces in the eastern Mediterranean.

Bird Paradise Set Up on West Indian Island... Today's West Indies.—The island of Little Tobago, 11 miles from this port, has become a bird paradise.

Russia Transplants U. S. Clock Factories... New York.—Soviet Russia is rushing plants to manufacture for the first time the American dollar watch and the alarm clock.

Honor Roman Past... Nannagen.—This small city on the Moselle, which still retains much of its ancient Roman appearance.

APPRECIATION DeLUXE? The Goodfellows of Ballinger received a letter Friday morning which started off as follows: 'Dear Goodfellows: (I came near saying Ku Klux)'

That was far enough to read. Nobody received such an amount of groceries and none in Ballinger was deserving of such an amount. The biggest trouble in such charity work is that many who are not deserving are helped and the help rendered is not even received with thanks.

The Goodfellows is not an organization. Anyone willing to give something to aid the poor and try to make them comfortable and happy at Christmas qualifies as a Goodfellow.

Xmas Fatalities— (Continued from page 1) Whitten staged a brave fight until the last, but died just before noon Christmas day.

At Brownwood Christmas eve Miss Pauline Stubbs died of burns received Sunday morning, Dec. 31, when the Stubbs home was destroyed by fire.

RED CROSS MEETING CALLED DECEMBER 27TH... A meeting of the Rannels County Chapter of the American Red Cross is called to meet at the city hall Saturday, Dec. 27, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers for the incoming year.

WOMAN HEADS ASSOCIATION (By Associated Press) LIVINGSTON Texas, Dec. 26.—Chosen from 100 good road boosters from six counties assembled here recently in the interest of Highway 45.

Holy Land Aids Jobless JERUSALEM, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A "buy home products" campaign has been started in the Holy Land.

Lions Discuss Playground Plan... The Ballinger Lions club met Friday at noon for their regular weekly luncheon.

The program Friday was arranged by F. D. McCoy and Mrs. Carlos Black was presented in vocal number accompanied by Mrs. J. H. McClain.

Two new members were received into the club Friday after their applications had been duly passed on by the membership committee and the board of directors.

Judge Frank C. Dickey talked to the club members about the park and playground which has been on various programs for a number of years here and the club adopted that as a major project for the Lions in 1931.

President Stone named the program committee for January as follows: F. M. Crabtree, F. C. Dickey and Tommie Hall. These three men will be responsible for the programs at all meetings in the coming month.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office.

23 SWEATERS ARE PRESENTED TO A.C.C. MEN (By Associated Press) ABILENE, Dec. 26.—Due to frequent injuries that forced practically every regular player to miss from one to six or seven games.

The list of letter men this year follows: Capt. Frank Wortham, and J. C. Gray, centers; Arthur Hunter, Reese Owens, Del Bynum and "Rosy" Watson, guards; Lee Powell, Allen Adams, Wilburn Hill, and R. O. Burton, tackles.

Charlie Nunn of Kent, Texas, came in Christmas to make the family gathering here complete at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. A. Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and son, Pat, returned Thursday to their home in Abilene after spending Christmas here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and daughter, Mary Ann, left Friday morning for Lubbock after spending Christmas here with Mrs. Z. A. Snell.

Clarence ("Nig") McCarver left Thursday for Dallas where he was to report Friday for workout with the All-Southwestern football team and enter the Dixie classic to be played there January 1.

G. M. Garrett, state highway engineer, left Wednesday for Paris, Texas, to spend Christmas with his parents and friends.

Every person that contributed to the Red Cross in the recent campaign for members is entitled to participate in the meeting to be held tomorrow.

Crawford Lemburg, of Mason, spent Christmas day here with his wife and other relatives in the J. M. Skinner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner and daughter of Midland are here for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Middleton are in Melvin this week spending Christmas with relatives and friends.

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