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Truman Calls Aid Plan Conference

That Reminds Me BY FRANK A. JONES

"ABIDE WITH ME" The hymn "Abide With Me" was written a hundred years ago by Henry Frances Lyte...



Emperor Hirohito addresses 40,000 Hiroshima residents on the 6th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in his first visit to the city in 22 years.

POLICE ASK BUSINESS FIRMS CO-OPERATION

Chief of Police, Ray Laney asked us to ask Eastland business firms to please arrange to leave a light burning in their places of business after closing for the day...

SPORT WRITERS WILL SEE THE GAME AT MAVERICK FIELD TONIGHT

We welcome Jack Durham, sports editor of the Abilene Reporter News and two staff writers from the sports department of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram...

ACCUMULATIONS OF TRASH WILL BE MOVED MAYOR LUCAS SAYS

Mayor C. T. Lucas advises that City employees charged with the duty of removing trash from streets and alley ways, have been instructed to be sure to pick up all trash...

City officials are asking that citizens of Eastland remember the city ordinance prohibiting the selling and shooting of fireworks in certain sections of the city...

Greyhounds Lose To Olden Hornets In Three Games

The Olden Hornets swamped the Strawn Greyhounds in both boys and girls basketball games last night.

The boys "A" team defeated the Strawn cagers by a score of 33 to 27. At the half-way mark, Olden was trailing in the score...

The girls "A" team won by a score of 19 to 12. Marjorie Hendricks was high point player for Olden by dropping 11 points in the basket.

The boys "B" team defeated the Strawn "B" team 9 to 6, while the girls "B" team lost their game by a score of 15 to 1.

The next scheduled basketball games for the Hornets will be at Olden next Monday night at 7:00 o'clock with the Carbon boys and girls teams.

REA Office To Be Closed Dec. 25th To 28th Inclusive

The Eastland REA office, located in room 205 Exchange Building, will be closed December 25 to 28, inclusive...

FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

Cattle 900 about steady, receipts mainly medium and low grade cows and yearlings. Medium and a few good yearlings and heifers 20.00-24.00.

Calves 600 good and choice calves and culls, steady. Common and medium grades weak. Good and choice calves 21.00-23.00.

Hogs 500 butcher hogs 25 lower than Thursday, sows and pigs steady. Top 26.25 paid for good and choice 200-300 lbs.

Sheep 1000 killing classes fully steady. Good and choice 89 lb. fat lambs 23.50.

Violence Spreads

JERUSALEM (UP)—Jewish-Arab violence spread to almost every part of Palestine today, with British authorities reporting a 24 hour death toll of 40 persons.

The official casualty toll listed 25 dead Arabs, 15 dead Jews.

SAYS NAMES OF SPECULATORS ARE WITHHELD

WASHINGTON—Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., said today the administration has refused to give Congress the names of large speculators on the commodity markets.

Ferguson made the disclosure as the Senate appropriation committee began questioning Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to Secretary of Army Kenneth C. Royall, about alleged "gambling" on grain markets.

Chairman Styles Bridges, R., N. H., opened the hearing with a charge that prominent persons close to the administration had been "sticking knives in the hearts of hungry peoples" while posing as "great humanitarians."

Bridges' charge was made as his committee opened hearings into the commodity market dealings of Edwin W. Pauley, special assistant to Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall.

The New Hampshire Republican said: "It will be shocking to this nation if some of those names are revealed."

Pauley read a prepared statement to the committee before questioning began. He said that in accordance with an agreement with Royall at the time he became special assistant last September he had liquidated about 90 per cent of the grain futures he then held.

He said his holding of grain had been reduced from 500,000 bushels to approximately 50,000 bushels, and added: "Because of carrying out my agreement to liquidate, I am currently more than \$100,000 worse off than if I had retained the grain."

OKs Anti-Trust Relaxations

WASHINGTON—The White House said officially today that the relaxations of the anti-trust laws provided for in the administration anti-inflation bill are acceptable to President Truman.

Yesterday, Mr. Truman told a news conference he was opposed to the relaxation of anti-trust laws under the bill submitted by Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman and would have to be approved by the attorney general and would have to be voluntary arrangements.

Former Ranger, Eastland Man Lost On Flight

James P. Rust, Jr., formerly of Ranger and Eastland has been missing since December 3, while on a flight from San Diego, California to San Bernardino, California, where he was making his home.

Over 20 planes from airports in San Diego and San Bernardino have been searching for the missing flier, their search including the section below the Mexican border.

He is a grand nephew of Mrs. J. H. Goodrum of Ranger and the son of Mrs. G. W. Rust. His wife, the former Miss Irene Norris, and the couple's one son with the missing flier make their home at 521 Mayfield Avenue in San Bernardino.

W. D. Dillard Held On Forgery Charge; Bond Set at \$1,000

Willie Boyd Dillard is in the Eastland county jail awaiting action by the Eastland county grand jury on a forgery swindling charge filed in Justice of the Peace E. E. Wood's court in Eastland.

Dillard, according to Deputy Sheriff Cecil Graham of Eastland, was arrested in Dallas Wednesday by Dallas officers on information from the Eastland county sheriff's department.

The Eastland county grand jury, now in recess, will meet a Tuesday, December 16. Dillard's bond was set at \$1,000 by Justice Wood.

Courthouse Records

Marriages:

Neldon Shipman, Sweetwater, and Billie Abernathy, Desdemona. Walter Leo Gann and Helen Model Graham. Leonard E. Seifern, Austin, and Jean Marie Baird, Eastland. James Earnest Jackson, Carbon, and Mrs. Jonell Brashier, Carbon.

Ben Rudolph Little, Ivan, and Opal Katherine Ramsey, Eastland. John L. Richardson, Ranger, and Hattie Lucille Kirk, Ranger. Raymond Joseph Bogdan, Mass., and Mary Louise Begley, Eastland.

Suits Filed (91st Dist. Court)

Exparte Mary Evans, change of name. Julia Calloway vs. T. E. Calloway, divorce. A. L. Murrell, Executor, et al vs. Mrs. Lolie Lyerla, a widow, settlement of estate. Augusta Parkinson vs. Travis Parkinson, divorce.

SAYS BRITISH LAYING OFF PARTITIONING

LONDON—Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin said today that British troops will not help enforce the partition of Palestine, even if the United Nations Security Council so orders.

The statement touched off fresh speculation that UN eventually might have to ask the United States and Russia to send troops to Palestine to end Arab-Jewish fighting.

"It is for the Security Council to lay down which states will find the forces, but they can not use British organized forces," Bevin told Commons.

Bevin, in the second day of Commons debate on the Palestine situation, said Britain would give up control of Palestine even before May 15 if possible, and rush the withdrawal of the 70,000 British soldiers now in the Holy Land.

Great Britain previously had announced it would not play a "major role" in the enforcement, but Bevin went further today, asserting that "we feel we have done our best—the problem of enforcement must be to others."

Report Of The Eleventh Court Civil Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District, Friday, Dec. 12:

Reversed and Remanded: (Judge Long) Lois Lester McCue vs. Alford R. Collins, Howard. Dismissed: Arthur Behring vs. H. D. Voges, Guadalupe.

Motions Submitted: Arthur Behring vs. H. D. Voges, appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motion Granted: Arthur Behring vs. H. D. Voges, appellee's motion to dismiss.

Motion Overruled: Arthur Behring vs. H. D. Voges, appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Cases Submitted: Mitchell C. Hargrove vs. Harry M. Koepke, et al. Bexar. Missouri Pacific Transportation Co. vs. Union Bus Lines, Inc., et al. Nueces.

Mrs. Audelia L. Gonzales Garza, et al. vs. Mrs. Martha Garza, et al. Nueces. F. D. Schultze, et al. vs. Mrs. Emma Schultze, Bexar.

County of Bexar vs. Gilbert Falbo et al. Bexar. George West Independent School District vs. M. G. Bartlett, Live Oak.

William W. Barksdale vs. E. W. Allison, Bexar. C. M. Hickman vs. W. Percy Cooper, et ux. Hidalgo.

O'Daniel Denies Rumored Remark

WASHINGTON—Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel, D., Tex., says individuals with a military background have "as much business in politics as anyone else."

Two Star Players On Stamford 11 Out With Injuries

Stamford's super 170-pound star fullback, Spencer Billington will probably be on the sidelines in tonight's game with the Eastland Mavericks, according to an announcement from the Stamford High School this morning.

The regional championship ball game tonight at 7:30 with Stamford will be the last high school game for almost the entire first string of the Eastland Mavericks. They will lose 11 regular players, and 10 substitutes.

Every man on the Maverick squad deserves the credit, that has been bestowed upon them, by winning the district championship, and district honors. The very good line plunging by fullback Bobby Blair, the end around plays and passing by Johnny Hicks, and Jimmy Mathews and Dickie Sparks have been very nicely assisted by the very good teamwork of the Maverick linemen, composed of Winfred Ward and Jack Kelley at the tackle positions, Wayne Lambert, Dan Amis and Bill Hardeman at guard, Pat Crawford and Lewis Crossley in the end positions. Dwain Lusk at the center position has played very good ball all during the season.

There is almost a complete sell-out on reserve seat tickets for the Stamford-Eastland tilt. A few reserve seat tickets are still available on the west bleachers, and some left on the east side. \$1.00 general admission tickets went on sale Thursday at the drug stores, and at noon today were practically gone.

With clearing skies, but colder weather predicted, officials are expecting the largest crowd to ever witness the only regional football game to be played in Eastland.

After the football game tonight, the Eastland Maverick football team and coaches will be feted with a big steak dinner at the Majestic Cafe. This feed is being given by the Eastland Quarterback Club. The club has sponsored the programs for the Eastland-Coleman game, and will sponsor the programs for the game tonight. Proceeds go to the High School Band.

Business men and women of Eastland gathered in the high school this morning at 11:00 for another, and bigger pep rally. Business men went by West Texas Transportation Company bus to the school at 10:45 morning.

Probable Starters for Stamford Name Pos. Wt. Thomas Hinson B. 170 James Wilson B. 145 Leland Nauart B. Royce Smith C. 167 J. J. Gregory G. 172 Harvey Rivers G. 130 Gauvany Wills T. 158 Euclid Appling T. 185 Ted Sitton E. 162 Webb E.

Probable Starters For Eastland Name Pos. Wt. Lewis Crossley E. 172 Jack Kelley T. 184 Dan Amis G. 171 Dwain Lusk C. 157 Wayne Lambert G. 172 Winfred Ward T. 161 Pat Crawford E. 164 Jimmy Mathews B. 140 Dickie Sparks B. 143 Bobby Blair B. 161 Johnny Hicks B. 153

Exchanged Changed MILAN (UP)—The Milan Exchange was forced to close at noon today when demonstrators invaded the floor, protesting against extended speculation.

COMMUNITIES APPROVE AAA PEANUT PLANS

By a vote of 632 for to 148 against, Eastland county peanut farmers Tuesday voted for a controlled acreage and prices for 1948, '49 and '50.

They also elected community committee members and delegates. Following are the places where elections were held and the votes cast for and against the proposal:

Eastland, for, 83, against, 8; Carbon for, 101, against, 11; Gorman 178 for, 22 against; Desdemona 51 for, 11 against; Ranger 26 for, — against; Cisco 35 for, against 40; Rising Star 158 for, 50 against.

The proposal to control acreage and prices carried by 81 per cent. It was necessary to carry by only 66 2-3 per cent of the total vote cast.

Following are the community committee members and delegates elected. At a later date the delegates elected will choose a county committee.

DESDEMONA COMMUNITY Rufus Buckley, Delegate; Otis Sharp, Chairman Committee; J. D. Rodgers, Vice-Chairman; Rufus Buckley, Member.

RANGER COMMUNITY C. E. Hathcock, Delegate; C. E. Hathcock, Chairman Committee; B. S. Dudley, Jr., Vice Chairman; J. C. Belyeu, Member.

STAFF COMMUNITY I. S. Echols, Delegate; John Love, Chairman Committee; Geo. F. Bennett, Vice Chairman; F. C. Williamson, Member.

GORMAN COMMUNITY R. C. Mehaffey, Delegate; Floyd E. Eason, Chairman Committee; Bruce Laminack, Vice Chairman; Bill Simpson, Member.

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Will Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Poe of Long Branch will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, December 21, with open house.

Calling hours will be from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. An invitation through the press is extended all friends of the family.

CONGRESSMAN TO MEET AT WHITE HOUSE ON MONDAY

WASHINGTON — President Truman has summoned Congressional leaders to a White House meeting Monday for an advance look at his multi-billion dollar Marshall plan for Europe, it was learned today.

Those invited expect both a fill-in on Mr. Truman's Marshall plan message and a plan for enactment of the program before April 1.

The State Department, it was understood, recommended that Mr. Truman initially request \$7,400,000,000 for the first 15 months of the four-year reconstruction program. Its minimum estimate for the entire project was said to be \$15,700,000,000 and the top \$18,300,000,000.

The administration began concentrating on the long-range Marshall plan as Congress entered the final phase of action on immediate, stop-gap foreign aid.

House and Senate conferees were called to a morning session to begin compromising their versions of emergency aid legislation. The House yesterday approved a \$590,000,000 program for France, Italy, Austria and China. The Senate went along with the administration and voted \$597,000,000 for France, Italy and Austria.

Congressional leaders invited to the White House conference Monday will be headed by Senate President Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich.

Others from the Senate include Sens. Wallace H. White, Jr., Me., Republican floor leader, Alben W. Barkley, Ky., Democratic leader, and Tom Connally, Tex., ranking Democrat on the foreign relations committee.

From the House will come speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Republican leader Charles A. Halleck, Chairman Charles A. Eaton, R., N. J., of the foreign affairs committee, Rep. Sol Bloom, N. Y., ranking Democrat on "Eaton's" committee, Democratic Leader Sam Rayburn, Tex.

The National Fire Protection year in the United States there Association estimates that last were 608,000 fires, causing damage of about \$580,000,000.

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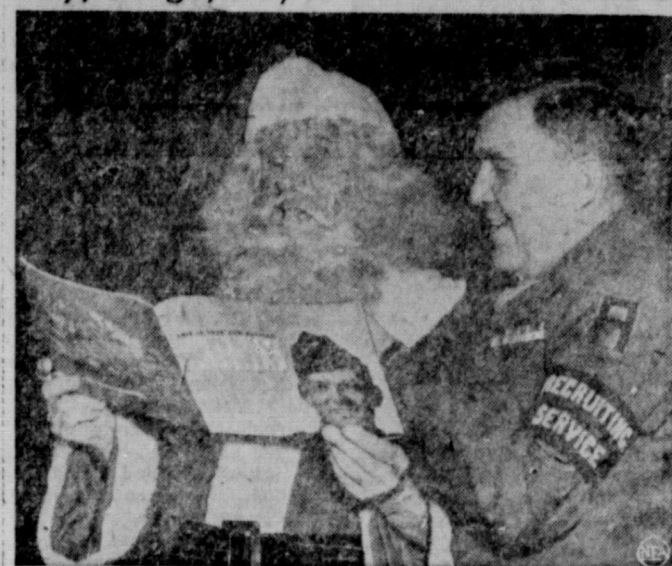
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Recruiting Sgt. James Kerper, of Sturgis, S. D., is doing his best to argue Santa into enlisting in the Army, but Santa just smiles because he knows that he is booked solid until after the Yuletide holiday. The two met at a toy show in New York's Museum of Science and Industry.

Here's One They Won't Pass



The King and Queen of Bridge won't pass this time. They're on hand at the American Contract Bridge League's meet in Atlantic City, N. J., to get their award, the Cavendish Trophy, from William E. McKenney, NEA bridge editor. The pair, Charles Goren, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Herbert G. Anson, of Boston, Mass., won the world mixed pairs championship.

NEWS FROM **RISING STAR** PHONE 45
 Eva Richardson, Cor.

RISING STAR, Dec. 10 — Mrs. Wellon Jaynes and family have the sympathy of their friends in the death of her brother, Dean Harms, of May, who was fatally injured in a car-train wreck, in Cisco, last week.

Several from here attended the funeral of H. B. Self, formerly of Rising Star, at Nocona, Tuesday.

Funeral services were held here at the Methodist Church, Wednesday, for Mrs. B. F. Terry, of Lockney.

Kenneth Morrison is in a German Hospital, critically ill, after an appendix operation. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Milner and Wayne Teague attended the funeral of their uncle, at Ballinger, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Swift, Mrs. Willie Cooper and son, Fred, visited recently at Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks, of Santa Anna, were visiting his mother, Mrs. Lou Brooks, here Monday, also doing some shopping.

Several of the little folks are out of school this week, with chicken pox.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Herrington, visited his mother, in Ranger, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter visited Willard Hill recently, with

was seriously injured while working with heavy machinery in Odessa. Mr. Hill is in an Abilene hospital.

Several from here attended the Harms funeral, at May, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. D. R. Mulloy, of Cisco, visited in the J. W. Little home Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hill, Mrs. Willie Cooper, and son Fred, visited Willard Hill, who is in an Abilene hospital, Monday.

Box Jackson and George Steph-

enson, are in south Texas, deer hunting.

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California Silk Growing Is Held As Impractical

BERKELEY, Cal. (UP) — Prof. E. O. Assig, University of California agricultural professor, takes a pessimistic view of prospects for a silk industry in California, even though the state may be one of the best places in the world to grow silkworms.

"The only persons who have made money from growing silkworms in California," he said, "are salesmen who unloaded land, mulberry trees and equipment on prospective silk growers."

Other crops can be grown in California with less labor and for higher prices Assig said competition from synthetics and silk from Japan and Brazil are hard for California producers to meet.

Assig reminded prospective silk producers that expensive, air-conditioned cocoons are needed and the silkworms must be fed day and night. The worms are so sen-

sitive that cigarette smoke, a slammed door or drafts from an open window will kill them.

Anyhow, he concluded, Japan probably will produce more silk than the United States can consume.

Cube Circled
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By Rene Ryerson Mart

THE STORY: It all started after I had been in Hollywood three months, writing for one of my own mystery books—and trying to get over Oscar Craig. I was having dinner with attractive Jeff Haverston, my director, and talking over our picture. Jeff said that young Jimmy Peters was to play the detective and that Avis Vaughn, our glamour star, had insisted on Art Cleva playing the male lead. I was curious to know who Avis, almost a has-been, could get her own way about this.



His plane crashed. I saw it on the ground twisted and mangled. I saw the creeping flames devour it. I saw Oscar beside it.

JEFF squirmed a little bit, took out his cigarettes and offered me one and lit another for himself before he answered. I know now that he must have considered telling me the truth about Avis Vaughn then and there. But he didn't.

Instead he said evasively, "It will work out all right. Unless..." His voice trailed off in thought.

"Unless what?" I prompted.

"Unless there is trouble between Peters and Cleva. You see, the kid has a crush on Avis, too."

"A nice set-up," I said dryly. Jeff smiled crookedly.

After a little he went on to say that the part of the secretary to the murdered man was to be played by Madge Narney, one of the studio's most promising young starlets. I already knew that capable Helen Hinton had been cast as the old maid who eventually solves the mystery and that John Larramie, another dependable old-timer, was assigned to the only other important role outside the leads. I was flattered. It all stacked up to a darned good cast for my first play.

There was, however, one casting makeshift that didn't please Jeff. One of the minor bits of business in the script revolved around the fact that the suspect wife, played by Avis Vaughn, had a younger sister who looked so much like her that in a few scenes the audience wasn't supposed to know which character they were seeing on the screen. It was just one of those routine tricks mystery writers employ to throw amateur sleuths off the track.

What Jeff didn't like about it was that it called for Avis Vaughn to do a double role and he felt that double roles had been sadly overdone in recent films. He disliked the idea so much that he had tried to find a second actress to play the part of the sister.

Failing, however, to find one who photographed enough like Avis to pass for her double, he had in the end assigned both roles to Avis.

He gripped a little more about this that night. Said that it was the one weak point in an otherwise tight plot and that it might have been better to throw that bit of business out entirely.

THERE'S an unwritten law in Hollywood that everybody connected with a picture goes to bed early while it's in production, so Jeff drove me directly home after we'd eaten. He took the shortest way back, Cahoon Boulevard through the pass and then Highland Avenue, but even at that it's quite a drive from Burbank to Hollywood and it was 10 o'clock by the time he turned off Sunset Boulevard and followed the steep canyon road to my place. He turned into the driveway and stopped the car and came around to help me out.

"Want me to go in with you?" "No, I'll be all right."

"I'll see you in the morning, then."

"Right."

He backed the car out onto the road and started back down the hill.

I fished around in my handbag for my key and walked over to the kitchen door which opens right onto the drive and is more convenient than climbing the steps to the living room entrance above. I had left lights on in the house and one outside over the kitchen door, so I was not nervous about going in alone.

While I was fumbling with the lock I heard a "meow" from somewhere back of me and remembered that I had forgotten to put Tom inside the house, as I usually did when I went away.

"Here, kitty, kitty, kitty," I called.

But the big Persian didn't come running to rub himself affectionately against my legs. He meowed again and there was something wrong with it.

I WALKED over to a flower bed that edged the drive on the farther side and from where the sound seemed to come and peered down. After a moment my eyes adjusted themselves to the gloom and I saw the cat. I gave a cry and dropped to my knees and tried to examine him. His head was the only part of his body where the beautiful yellow fur wasn't clotted with blood. He let me touch his head gently and he made a pathetic little motion of trying to draw himself closer to me by using his front paws. I thought from the way he moved that his back must be broken. That and the blood made me a little sick. I didn't know then how much gore I'd see in the next twenty-four hours.

There seemed at the moment only one thing to do and that was to put the cat out of his misery as quickly as possible. I stood up swaying a little and thinking confusedly of calling the police or a veterinarian. And then I remembered something.

I remembered the poison I had

brided the attendant to get for me before I left that sanitarium back in Ohio. That poison that had been my insurance against remembering too much, just in case Hollywood and the wolves didn't prove effective. I didn't think it would take very much of it to kill a cat.

I went up to the bathroom that adjoins my bedroom on the second floor and found the small unmarked packet of white powder in the dressing table drawer where I had hidden it and took it down to the kitchen and opened it. I put just a little bit of it on the end of a spoon and mixed it with some warm milk in a saucer.

I had been right. It didn't take very much.

IT WAS that night I had the dream again.

I saw Oscar in his falling plane. His face was twisted with pain but he was saying quite calmly, "There's nothing to it—nothing to it." Just as the pilot of the other fighter plane who flew with him that day in Italy heard him say over the radio before he died.

His plane crashed. I saw it on the ground twisted and mangled. I saw the creeping flames begin to devour it. I saw Oscar beside it. He lay quite still. I began to run toward him. And then...

Margo was there. Margo with the blond hair and the blue and greedy eyes.

I woke up screaming. I lay there in the dark of my room, feeling the blood pounding in my heart, gasping for breath and hating Margo. Oh, how I hated Margo. Because of Margo I would never be with Oscar anywhere again, either in this world or the next. The agony of irreparable loss poured through my heart, my mind and soul.

Také the white powder, then. Forget Margo. Forget Oscar. Forget everything.

I sat up on the edge of the bed. I put my feet down and they touched the cold floor. I stood up. I began to walk toward the bathroom door like a sleepwalker in a trance.

(To Be Continued)

It's for Good Luck



Danielle Grenier, French dentistry student who was recently named "Miss Cote d'Azur," poses with her good-luck charm, a human skull, in Paris. She hopes it will bring her luck when she competes for the "Miss France" title. Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Rene Henry.

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ALPHA DELPHIAN'S HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Alpha Delphian Club had the annual Christmas party at the Woman's Clubhouse Thursday evening. Mrs. R. L. Young, Mrs. Marvin Hood were hostesses. Mrs. E. L. Wittrop furnished Christmas recorded music and Mrs. LeRoy Arnold had charge of the gifts.

Major David Peal, of England was guest speaker for the evening, talking on the subject of "Christmas All Over the World."

Mrs. W. C. Vickers gave a beautiful Christmas story.

After the program Mrs. Arnold distributed gifts from the beautifully decorated tree, and Mrs. Wittrop played carols during the social hour when refreshments of cranberry salad, cheese crackers, cookies and Christmas candies were served.

Attending were: Mmes. Arnold, L. C. Brown, W. R. Cole, M. O. Chapman, George Cross, D. J. Fiensy, Marvin Hood, E. K. Henderson, Frank A. Jones, N. P. McCarney, Karl Page, LeRoy Patterson, Floyd Robertson, N. N. Rosenquest, W. C. Vickers, E. L. Wittrop, R. L. Young, Herman Hague, and Miss Mable Hart.

STORK SHOWER HONORS MRS. SCOTT

Mrs. S. L. Bourland honored Mrs. E. N. Scott, with a stork shower at the Bourland home, 115 Garvin, Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

The gifts were brought in a baby buggy covered in light blue crepe paper and decorated with a large pink bow, which made a beautiful presentation.

The table was decorated with a stork on a reflector, and a baby doll in a bed of hay surrounded by cedar, and pine burs.

The entire home was decorated with arrangements of yellow

Heartsease

by Elsie Glenn

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is really a little early to be saying that, isn't it?

But nevertheless: Merry Christmas!

I got out of bed this morning... rather late in the day, I'll admit... half the morning was gone... and I felt suddenly all of a tingle.

"Why! It's almost Christmas!" My thoughts, as they so often do... turned to you.

And quicker than anything... I was glad... so warmly glad... that you and I had become friends, and instantly I wanted to wish you:

Merry Christmas!

I did it just like that... right quick... because I knew that you would be very busy during Christmas week, shopping, putting up the tree, hiding gifts from the youngsters... tramping through the snow to your neighbors to borrow something you'd forgotten to get at the store... busy writing Christmas cards... doing the hundred joyous things people do just before Christmas...

And I wanted... very much to say:

Merry Christmas!

I wanted you to have time to hear me say it.

Try to remember that there will be those who do not share your happiness this Yuletide. There always are... those who are hungry... poorly clad... or perhaps... just sad. Share your Christmas with someone else.

And now: I want to ask you something.

On Christmas morning... may I come in... in spirit... into your house, to stay for just a moment... for a cup of coffee, a taste of your eggnog... a friendly cigarette... the exchange of happy, kindly thought?

We'll say a Christmas prayer together.

And if you have it: Shall we light a candle, too?

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The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on 16 preferred stock outstanding was declared by the Board of Directors Dec. 9, payable Jan. 2, 1948, to stockholders of record at the close of business Dec. 16, 1947.

F. W. ROGERS, Secretary.

Lignite Production Up

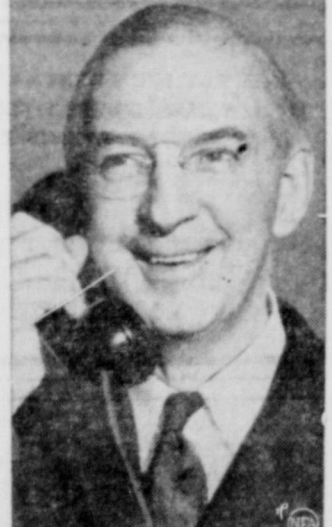
BISMARCK, N. D. (UP) — Lignite coal production in North Dakota during the last fiscal year was the greatest in history, George Easton, state mine inspector, reported. It was 2,816,851 tons, valued at nearly \$4,750,000.

To Marry a King?



Twenty-four-year-old Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme and Denmark, above, is reported engaged to marry King Michael of Romania. A distant cousin of the king, she once worked in New York hat shop with her royal mother, Princess Margrethe.

'48 NAM Head



Morris Sayre, of Montclair, N. J., head of Corn Products Refining Co., smiles broadly as he receives congratulations over the phone following his election as president of National Association of Manufacturers for 1948 at the organization's annual convention in New York City.

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