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France Approves Big '48 Military Budget

DC-4 LIMPING INTO PORT ON THREE ENGINES

NEW YORK—A four-engine DC-4 transatlantic plane, carrying 40 passengers, was flying over the Atlantic toward Gander, Nfld., on three engines today, but was not believed in serious trouble. Seaboard and Western Airlines, of New York, operators of the plane which was carrying only freight, but had an eight man crew aboard, said the craft was believed to be about two hours from Gander airport at 9:45 A. M., CST. It was proceeding at a reduced speed, with one engine out. The DC-4, a Douglas plane, ordinarily can remain aloft for several hours with only three engines operating. Seaboard and Western said the plane was enroute to New York from Amsterdam. It said the DC-4 formerly was operated by Pan American Airways under contract with the U. S. Army. Seaboard and Western is a charter company which carries mostly freight. Reports from Gander indicated that the plane had stopped at Shannon, Erie, to refuel, and the engine trouble apparently had developed after it completed more than half the flight from Shannon to Newfoundland. The Gander report said that a U. S. air force B-17 Flying Fortress had been dispatched from there to meet the incoming plane, carrying rescue equipment for use if necessary. Seaboard and Western said it had received its information from the overseas communications section of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and emphasized that available reports indicated the plane would reach Gander safely.

Annual Quarterback Banquet Monday Was Pleasant Affair

Judge Milburn S. Long was master of ceremonies at the third annual banquet of the Eastland Quarterback Club Monday night at the Connellie Hotel roof garden honoring the Eastland Marching speakers were Buddy Brooker, coach at Tulsa University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the former coach at Eastland, and John Garrison, assistant to Brooker and former members of the Eastland football team. Local speakers included Frank Sparks and John E. Little. Special vocal numbers were rendered by the following young ladies of Eastland: Betty Ann Harbrider, Betty Gay Allen, Patsy Kushing, Patsy Young, Shirley Fraser, Mary Hal-Kins, Nancy Harbrider, Betty Ferguson, Betty Bumpass, Margaret Bourland, Laverne Cornelius, Jeanie Green, Martha June Morehart, Betty Pickens. Decorations were by Mrs. James Horton and the flowers were furnished by Witttrup's. Maverick captain chosen for next year were as follows: Dan Amis, Jack Kelley and Kenneth Benham. The oldest magazine in continuous publication in the nation is The Missionary Herald at Home and Abroad, published in Boston since 1805.

NO THURSDAY PAPER In order that the staff of this newspaper may have a holiday Christmas day there will not be an edition of the paper Thursday. Publication will be resumed as usual on Friday.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. . . . And it came to pass in those days, that there

went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David

a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (This story of the birth of Christ is from St. Luke, the excerpts being taken from Chapters I and II.)

FORCED LOAN PLAN ADOPTED TO FORCE RICH TO BUY BONDS

PARIS — The French National Assembly today approved a 1948 military budget of \$2,049,600,000 and a "forced loan" anti-inflation program to compel rich Frenchmen to invest from 25 to 50 per cent of their profits in Government bonds. The Assembly adjourned for a two-day Christmas recess after approving the military credits by a vote of 414 to 183. Communist voted against the military budget. Government spokesmen disclosed during the military debate that because of recent call-ups, France now has 708,500 troops under arms. Recent call-ups were made necessary by Communist-led disturbances throughout France, but Communist deputies criticized the government for maintaining such a large army. Communist Deputy Alfred Malrat said the government was carrying out a policy "which corresponds only to the desires of the U. S. State Department . . . this policy consists of making the French army a sort of military force." Pierre Henri Teitgen, minister of armed forces, said Malrat's concern about a future war "does more honor to his political imagination than to his military science." The Assembly voted the two-day Christmas adjournment after five days of weary debate which resulted in approval of the government's \$800,000,000,000 tax bill. The measure is designed to combat inflation through increased taxes in an effort to save France from economic collapse. The drastic tax measure was approved 351 to 189 after an almost continuous 33-hour session. The Assembly also approved a government economy measure calling for the dismissal of 150,000 employees, representing 15 per cent of French civil servants. The tax measure, introduced Friday by finance minister, Rene Mayer, hits hardest at businessmen and industrialists whose profits exceed 750,000 francs—\$6,300—annually. These will be forced to invest roughly 50 per cent of their 1947 profits into three per cent, 10-year government bonds which must be paid for in full by June 30, 1948. The bonds will be issued in three stages between Jan. 15 and March 25. Bond holders will not be permitted to sell, transfer or cash them for six years after the date of issue. Less wealthy Frenchmen, including farmers, shopkeepers and professional men, will be forced to invest a minimum of 25 per cent of their earnings. Small wage earners and building owners are exempted.

Correspondents Released After UN Makes Protest

NEW YORK—Two foreign correspondents accredited to the United Nations and representing Communist newspapers in Greece and India were free today by order of the U. S. Immigration Commissioner after UN Secretary General Trygve protested their arrest for possible deportation. Nicolas Kyrinazidis, Greek Communist correspondent, was released from Ellis Island yesterday at the order of Commissioner Watson B. Miller in Washington. At the same time Syed S. Hasan of India was released from Ellis Island under \$5,000 bond pending a hearing at an indefinite date. The arrests of both men were protested by Lie in a letter to the United States delegation at the UN. He said that under an agreement in force since Nov. 26 deportation proceedings of accredited correspondents to the UN cannot be instituted without the approval of the Secretary of State after consultation with the secretary general.

King and Queen Crowned At M-V High School

Coronation ceremonies crowning the king and queen of the Morton Valley High School were held at the high school auditorium Friday night, December 19. Bobby Mueller, a junior, was crowned king and Edith Hazard, a freshman, was crowned queen. Following the coronation ceremonies a box supper was held, the proceeds from which went to the support of the Morton Valley Athletic Club. A cotton mill near Spartanburg, S.C., has built an artificial fishing lake for the use of its employees.

Travis Bond, 43, Dies On His Job With Coca-Cola

Travis Bond, Sr., 43, died this morning at 8 o'clock of a heart attack, while driving a truck on his way to Stamford, for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Bond had worked for C. W. Hoffmann for a number of years, but had recently resigned to take a job with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company here. When Bond came to work this morning, he made the remark to one of his fellow workers: "If we hadn't already made our plans to go to Stamford, I would take the day off and visit with my brother, whom I haven't seen in 25 years." The brother arrived yesterday to visit over the Christmas holidays. Fellow employees offered to relieve Bond, but he said, "No, you have your plans, too." Bond had lived in Eastland County all his life, and was living just south of Pumpkin Center at the time of his death. He is the son of the late W. H. Bond. He was a member of the Carbon Masonic Lodge, and also a member of the Eastland Royal Arch Lodge. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Travis Bond, Sr., four sons, Robert Bond, of South Dakota; Dean Bond of Lubbock; Travis Bond, Jr., of Eastland, and Francis Lee; two daughters, Mrs. Bill Nix of Ithaca, and a small daughter, whose name was not learned. He is also survived by three brothers, Ed Bond of Eastland; Gus and Walter Bond of California; and three sisters, Mrs. Maude Evans and Mrs. Bee Tucker of California, and Mrs. Ada Peel of West Texas. Funeral services are pending the arrival of a son from South Dakota, and the relatives from California. However the Masonic Lodge of Carbon will have charge of the arrangements, and burial will be in the Flatwoods cemetery. The world coconut stems from the Portuguese "cocos," meaning monkey.

Winners In Xmas Lighting Contest Are Announced

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of the Christmas decoration contest has selected the following as winners of the three \$5.00 prizes: Mrs. R. L. Watson, 609 West Plummer street, was awarded the prize for the best Christmas window. The Nazarene Church, 615 West Main street, was awarded the prize for the best Christmas scene. Jack Muirhead, 902 South Seaman Street, was awarded the prize for the best outdoor lighting. Those contestants receiving honorable mention were as follows: Art Johnson, 414 South Hillcrest, Christmas window; C. W. Hoffman, 903 South Seaman, lighted tree; Arthur Murrell, 401 South Oak Street, Christmas window; J. W. Courtney, 417 South Pixie, front door decoration. The committee in charge of the contest and which made the awards was composed of Mrs. James Horton, Mrs. Theo Lamb and Mrs. W. W. Linkenhoger. The committee stated that there were so many beautifully decorated windows, doors, out door scenes, etc., that the members had difficulty agreeing on the winners.

Firemen Called

Eastland firemen answered a call Wednesday afternoon from the Manhattan cafe on the north side of the public square when grease used in cooking caught fire in the kitchen. Employees succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before the firemen arrived, however. FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK Cattle 450, active, steady. Slaughter steers and yearlings scarce, common and medium cows 15-17. Sausage bulls 13-17. Calves 303. Active steady. Good and choice slaughter calves 21-26. Stockers scarce. Culls 13-15. Hogs 120. Active, steady. Top 27. Sows 24.50-25.50.

New Section Of Palestine Hit By Bomb, Attack

JERUSALEM — A new section of the Salameh quarter between Jaffa and Tel Aviv lay in smoldering ruins today as the result of an Irgun Zvai Leumi bomb and gun attack against a flour mill alleged to contain Arab snipers. At least one, and possibly three, Arabs were killed and 10 wounded. The attack was launched late last night by about 40 members of the Irgun "suicide squad." The Jews threw nine bombs into the mill, setting a fire which was fanned by a raging wind storm. Police could not bring the fire under control but they managed to confine it to the area of the mill. The night was streaked with gunfire from Arabs, Jews and a British patrol attracted by the explosions. The attackers retired into Tel Aviv, avoiding British armored cars which radioed for help from Jaffa and attempted to pursue them.

Signature On Anti-Inflation Bill Delayed

WASHINGTON — President Truman will not sign the Republican anti-inflation bill until after Christmas, the White House said today. Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the bill "might be signed any day after Christmas and there will be a statement with it." The President has until midnight, Dec. 31, to act on the measure. The White House referred to Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson's question as to whether the President would do anything to avert an end of the liquor-making holiday at midnight tonight.

Wallace To Air Election Stand Monday Night

NEW YORK—Henry A. Wallace will announce his position in the 1948 presidential campaign in a radio broadcast from Chicago Monday night, it was disclosed. Wallace, who is expected to reveal whether he will run for president on an independent third party ticket, will speak from station WGN of the Mutual Broadcasting System from 9:30 to 9:45 p. m. CST and the speech will be carried on a coast-to-coast network. It will be rebroadcast over WOR, mutuals, New York outlet, at 10:30 p. m. CST. The National Broadcasting Company also was making arrangements to carry the speech, at a still unspecified time, but spokesmen for the Columbia Broadcasting System and the American Broadcasting Company said Wallace's request for time came too late and conflicted with their heavy schedules of year-end broadcasts.

Texas Bank Promotes Soil Conservation

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Banking and farming always have intertwined, but the efforts of the Second National Bank of Houston in leading a soil conservation campaign has set a precedent. For several years, the Houston bank, headed by C. M. Malone, vice chairman of the board, and O. Dooley Dawson, vice president and agricultural manager, has sponsored trips, tours and lectures to the state's farmers on how to save the soil. Dawson spends more than three weeks each month in lecturing and examining Texas farmers and farms. Col. W. R. Bates, chairman of the board, Malone and Dawson admit that the bank realizes that unless agriculture is booming, banking and other businesses will not boom.

Miss Morehart's Father Passes At Cisco Hospital

Funeral services for B. E. Morehart of Cisco, who died at Cisco hospital late Monday afternoon, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Cisco Methodist church with the Rev. Allen A. Peacock, of Cisco and Rev. E. R. Gordon, pastor of the First Methodist church of Eastland, officiating. Burial was in a Cisco cemetery. Born in Ohio on June 6, 1880, the deceased employed as state manager for the Fricke Reid Supply company until 1925 when he became an independent oil operator. He had been a member of the Masonic lodge for 26 years and was a 32 degree Mason, Shriner and Knight Templar. He had been a member of the Methodist church all of his life. Survivors include the widow and three children: Franklin of Sundown; Mrs. Delmar Dorman of Baird and Martha June Morehart of Eastland, and three grandchildren.

Loafing Licenses Raise Benefit Money

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (UP)—Officials of the Albuquerque Historical Society got good results in their drive for money to restore the old town plaza. They appealed to the weaker side of man, offering loafing privileges in the plaza for donations. The scale ran: For \$8.55, one square foot of loafing space; for \$10, plain and fancy loafing anywhere; for \$17-10, loafing privileges with frills; for \$25, your child's footprint in concrete, and for \$50 a foot, your own footprint. That's Explaining It SCOTT FIELD, Ill. (UP)—During a formal inspection of this Air Force installation, the commanding officer Brig.-Gen. Emil C. Kiel, halted before a WAC corporal. "Do you get enough to eat?" "Yes sir," she replied. "After a moment's hesitation she added, 'I'm a . . .'"

Aged Minister Given Pardon

MADISON, Wis. —Dr. John Lewis, aged, and ill Presbyterian minister imprisoned for burning his church, was granted a Christmas pardon by acting Gov. Oscar Rennebohm today. Lewis, 73, was at the State General Hospital here when the pardon came. He was brought to the hospital two weeks ago from the state prison, and underwent surgery for a kidney ailment. His doctor said today that Lewis is recovering "in good shape". Lewis was convicted June 27 on charges of setting a \$150,000 fire which swept the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee last Jan. 25.

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Sweet Juicy Oranges, Grapefruit And Tangerines Mean Christmas

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 24 — Sweet juicy oranges and tangerines, as well as golden grapefruit, mean Christmas in any language, and the Rio Grande Valley is playing Santa Claus again this year.

Back in 1900, the Rio Grande Valley was a vast, brush-covered country with a dense growth of mesquite, ebony, huisache and prickly pear, sparsely populated with ranchmen. Today, more than eight million citrus trees are on the same area and produce thousands of carloads of fruit.

In 1904, the first railroad went into the valley and paved the way for later development of the citrus industry. It was 1915, however, before the first substantial commercial planting of 300 acres of grapefruit and orange trees was brought from Florida by John H. Shary and set out near the town of Mission. The success of this planting encouraged others until in less than five years there were almost a million trees scattered from one end of the valley to the other. The first carload of citrus fruit was shipped north in 1921.

The clearing of brush was a tremendous undertaking and is still being carried on as the citrus orchards move northward. The skillful engineering that spreads the waters of the Rio Grande river through 3,000 miles of irrigation ditches to cover 350,000 acres of land is one reason why such a volume of fruit can be produced.

J. F. Rosborough, extension horticulturist for Texas A. & M. College, says that in the 1946 season, 29,372 cars of citrus fruit were produced and 27 plants for the canning of grapefruit and orange juice and the dehydration of grapefruit peel were in operation. The peel is converted into livestock feed.

Warns Tragedy May Replace Yule Happiness

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 — Holiday happiness may be replaced by sorrow in at least 22,000 American

homes this Christmas season because of needless accidents, which will cause death or some permanent impairment in those families during the first two weeks of the year.

Past experience shows this will happen, the National Safety Council said today, unless the public shows more care in avoiding hazards that make Christmastime the most dangerous of all holidays. Traffic deaths alone run three to one over the seasonal average during the Christmas period.

But that isn't all the Council said. In addition to those who will be killed or permanently impaired due to year-end accidents, nearly 400,000 more persons will suffer lesser injuries which will dampen their Christmas-New Year's celebration.

"This is the dark side of the Christmas picture," said Ned H. Deaborn, president of the Council, "but we must face it to prevent the holly, mistletoe and the Christmas tree itself from becoming a hollow mockery of what should be a joyful celebration."

"The Councils estimate of holiday casualties can be proved wrong, of course, if most people play it safe at Christmastime and try—with extra caution, care and courtesy—to make this an accident-free holiday season. Nobody should need any stronger warning to enlist personally in the Christmas safety campaign now underway."

The Council and 130 other national organizations are conducting a nationwide campaign to check the threatened holiday increase in accidents. "Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday!" is the keynote for this effort—the voluntary cooperation of all America in keeping the Christmas-New Year's holiday celebration a safe one.

The Council said Christmas is the year's most hazardous holiday because of:

1. Heavy holiday travel, which is more dangerous during the winter because of earlier darkness and bad weather.
2. Slippery streets and the failure of motorists to adjust speed to more hazardous conditions.

3. Heavy pedestrian activity due to the Christmas rush and last-minute shopping. Most pedestrian accidents occur during the early evening darkness.

4. Overindulgence, with the festive spirit taking the place of common sense.

Sam Stewart, manager of the Arrowhead Hot Springs resort, bought Fearless to scare away the wild deer from the nearby hills, which were nibbling at the hotel's vegetable garden and drinking from the swimming pool.

Fearless lived up to his name the first two days, performing as ordered. Then, said Stewart, the dog decided to play too—joining the deer in drinking from the pool and digging up the carrots.



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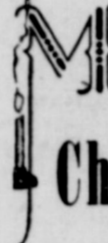


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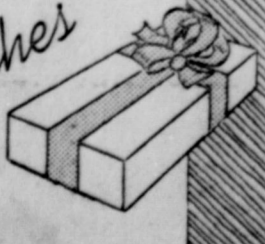
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Former Letter-Carrier Postmaster Is Learning Headaches of Top Job

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — Jesse M. Donaldson is getting plenty of bouquets as the first career postman ever to become postmaster general, but he's learned already that the job has its headaches.

Reports are coming in that it sometimes takes three weeks for a letter to cross the country. Even on short hauls some customers are complaining that there are unusual delays for the Christmas season.

Washington and New York correspondents for example are wondering why it takes four days for a first-class letter to get delivered when it involves only a four-hour train ride between the two cities.

So your assignment is to find out whether (1) it's the Christmas rush, (2) the post office department has gone to pot or (3) a combination.

You decide to ask Jesse M. Donaldson, the first man who ever rang twice and got into the President's cabinet.

Donaldson says reports of unusual delays probably are accurate.

"The trouble," he says, "is in distribution. We lost at least 60,000 post office personnel during the war; we had replacement for many of these people. Under Civil Service, the department is being restaffed, but the new employees are slow to catch on."

"Civil Service had to hold examinations in every first and second class post office in the country to fill the ranks," he says. "Why in Washington alone, we have put in 1,500 persons during the past year."

Furthermore, he says, the Christmas mail this year is "the heaviest in history."

"We also have 15 times as much poundage on the Christmas mail in Europe as we had during the war," he says. "That sort of mail is food, medicines, and letters."

"Added to that, we have a lot of new help working. In some places, Chicago for example, they are even trying to get high school kids to help out. The situation in many places is tougher than it was during the war."

"Over the long haul, we'll do all right. The post office department is going to cлик. It's got to."

Sets Out For Fish Gets Duck Instead

YORK, Neb. (UP) — Mrs. Dorothy Lage, who likes to fish, demonstrated that the hand is quicker than the eye—especially the eye of a wild duck.

Sitting on the bank of the Blue River, with her fish line in the water, Mrs. Lage saw a wild duck swimming slowly down stream. As the duck neared the point where her line was in the water, Mrs. Lage gave the pole a quick flip and wrapped the line neatly around its neck.

She served wild duck for dinner.

Finds Ozone Shields From Harm By Sun
CHICAGO (UP) — Ozone, a gaseous form of oxygen that is most prevalent 60,000 feet in the atmosphere, is mankind's greatest protection against the sun's dangerous rays.

Dr. Marcel Schuler of the Institute of Nuclear Studies at the University of Chicago, one of three institutes in a new \$12,600,000 nuclear research program under

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NOTICE
Eastland County A & M Club extends an invitation to all college and ex-college students, to attend a semi-formal dance, Monday, Dec. 22, at the American Legion Hall, Eastland, Texas. There will be no charge for admission.

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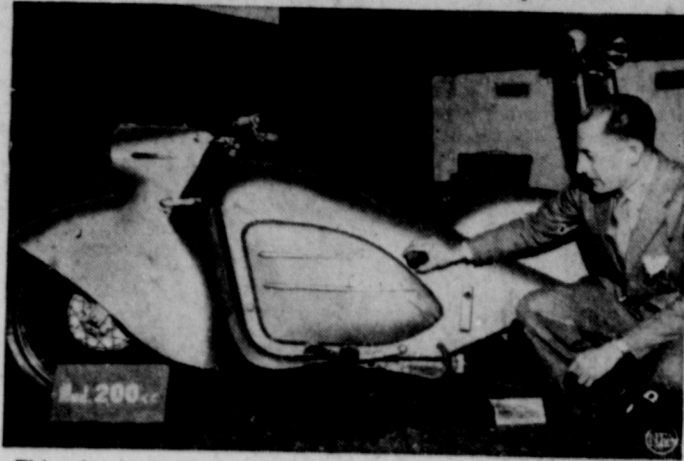
**Missing Steer Mystery
No Mystery At All**

OREM, Utah (UP) — E. T. Patten is still embarrassed today about his young steer he thought was stolen.

With beefsteak at its present price, Patten called out local law enforcement officers to search for the steer when he couldn't find it.

Sheriff's officers spent the afternoon investigating. While the

'New Look' in Motorcycles



This aluminum-plated, streamlined motorcycle is on display at the Milan Exposition in the Italian city. The seat can be raised or lowered by means of the handle being turned by a mechanic. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Julius Huml.)

BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

THE next thing we know they'll expect the gals to wear the old-fashioned high laced shoes. And their shins will find them out.

The vending machines will be glad to know that the government plans to retire the steel-zinc wartime pennies.

In football, the bigger you are the harder they fall.

Didn't somebody overlook a bet? There's been no increase in the price of animal crackers.

Mother is REALLY going to have a time with Junior if he finds out that the American people are supposed to eat less.

sewing machine and a doll house. Bring all of us a buch of candy and nuts.

From Gene May
To Santa Claus.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a football, a wagon and if possible, a bicycle. I am a boy seven years old. I live at 313 North Green street, Eastland, Texas.
Larry Allreadge.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy eleven years old and I have a brother two years old. Please bring me a wood burning set and some .22 shells. My little brother wants a truck,

tricycle and a football and we both want some candy and nuts. Clyde Douglas and Robert Joe Herring

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl nine years old. Please bring me a bottle doll, a baton, an electric iron, dishes and ironing board, also some candy and nuts,
Love,
Sylvia.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. I have been a good little girl since you came to see me last year. For Christmas this year I would like to have a train and a set of tinker toys, a tool chest and a drum. And if you have some fruit and nuts and candy, I would like some of that too. And please bring my granddaddy Behder a jockey cap with a red button on it.
Love,
Sherry Miller
Eastland, Texas

**Borden Renews
Tech Scholarships**

LUBBOCK, Texas. — Borden Company Foundation scholarships at Texas Technological College, that annually provide \$300 each for an outstanding agriculture student and home economics student, have been renewed for a five-year period, the college

committee on scholarships and awards announces.

The scholarships were established at Texas Tech in 1945, to be continued over a five-year period. The recent contract, signed by Pres. W. M. Whyman, extends the scholarships through 1954. Eligibility requirements for the

agriculture scholarship include completion of two or more subjects, while a home econ student must have completed or more courses in foods and nutrition. The awards are presented each fall to the senior in divisions with the highest scholastic average of eligible students.

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Thanks
AT CHRISTMAS
Accept this sincere expression of our appreciation for your friendliness and patronage in the past. Our most cordial greetings and best wishes for your happiness.
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**Letters To
Santa Claus**

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been good and bad. I would like a cowboy suit with cowboy boots, spurs, two-wheel bicycle and some paints with paper to go along with it. Also an easel.

Love,
Eileen

Dear Santa:

I am five years old and live with my grandma. Please bring me a doll, cash register and some candy.

Patricia Sellers,
308 East Plummer St.
Eastland, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please leave me a football for Christmas and a trickie gun and some marbles. Happy Christmas. Goodbye, see you Christmas.

Eligah Govan
North Lamar Street

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bike for Christmas—a girl's bike, that's all.

Goodbye Santa,
Tommie Jean Govan
North Lamar St.
Eastland, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Bring me an electric train and a B-B gun; bring me a wood burning set and a boy's bicycle. Bring Joe some tinker toys and a little bicycle and a little toy boat with a man in it. Bring Jerry a little bicycle and a little play plane. Bring Jerry and Joe a wagon. Bring Wanda a doll and a little

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BEST WISHES
As you celebrate the Christmas Holidays we want you to accept our sincere Christmas Greetings and our heartfelt thanks for your friendship and patronage
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CHRISTMAS
Greetings
and best wishes to all of you in this fine community.
May you enjoy the Christmas Season to its fullest.
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Merry Christmas
... Yes, a very Merry Christmas to you, our friends of this area... and our most sincere thanks for all you have done for us... for being friendly, cooperative, dependable... for making it possible for us to have a most successful year.
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Johnny Got His Gun But It Seems Country Doesn't Want Him Now

By Menno Duerksen
United Press Staff Correspondent
ISTANBUL (UP) — Johnny Libed, a 22-year-old ex-GI in Istanbul, claims he is the most mixed up veteran of the American Army.

He was born in Turkey but he is not a Turk. He was drafted into the American Army but he is not an American. He has been told he is eligible for benefits of the GI Bill of rights but he has been denied a visa to enter the United States. He joined the American Army in Egypt, not in the United States.

Johnny's mother is a Greek citizen who lives in Turkey. His father is a Philippine citizen who lives in Puerto Rico. Johnny is therefore a Philippine citizen although he has never seen the Philippines. He does not even speak a Philippine language. He speaks English, Greek, Turkish, and French.

Johnny's father, Eduardo Libed, is a retired veteran of more than 25 years in the U. S. Navy. He came to Turkey with the U. S. fleet in World War I. Here he met and married Fofa Canis, then a Greek refugee to Turkey and to this marriage Johnny was born. Later, his parents were divorced.

Early in 1945, when the war was still going on, Johnny suddenly received his "erections from the President," through the American embassy, ordering him to Egypt for induction. As a Philippine citizen he was a U. S. subject and therefore came under draft regulations. He was issued an American passport for his trip to Cairo.

After basic training in Egypt, Johnny was sent back to Turkey to act as interpreter and clerk for an American Army mission there. Later, he was sent to Germany. In 1946, along with all other draftees who did not enter the regular army, Johnny was discharged. He was sent to the United States for his separation.

In the United States, Johnny suddenly discovered that he was no longer a U. S. subject because the Philippines had been granted their independence. He applied for American citizenship and thought, because of his army service, that he would be accepted. A letter from the U. S. Department of Justice told him no, because he was

Over the Rump



This modern version of the headless horseman titled "Who's Spankin' Who?" won an honor award in the non-professional class of the 1947 Graflex Photo Contest. The picture was made by Dayton Hawk Hyde of Berkeley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Entertain Members Of Beta Sigma Phi

Mrs. E. T. Tucker, 611 South Walnut street, who recently underwent major surgery at the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman, returned home and is steadily improving. Her children, who were at her bedside during the most critical time, have returned to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allison will have as guests over the holidays their sons, John Allison of El Paso, and Grady and Miss Edith Allison of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

Miss Elva Lee Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. (Bob) Jones, is home from Washington, D.C., for the holidays with her parents. She has been employed in Washington for better than 5 years. Also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jones for the holidays is their daughter, Mrs. L. A. Parrish and Mr. Parrish of Austin.

E. M. Moser, who has been in charge of the used car department of the local Nash Motor Co., since July, is leaving Eastland Sunday for Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he will take over a Nash dealership.

MR. AND MRS. COLLINGS ENTERTAIN SCOUT TROOP NO. 6 WITH XMAS PARTY

Bill Collings, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout troop No. 6, and Mrs. Collings entertained the members of his troop Tuesday night with a Christmas party and chili supper. Steve Potts, Eastland scout executive, showed a film taken while the scouts were in camp last summer.

Gifts were exchanged from a Christmas tree. Twenty scouts attended.

The human heart pumps the equivalent of six barrels of blood every hour, the World Book Encyclopedia states.

The Very Best Kind of a Christmas Wish

I fumbled around for a cigarette and couldn't find any . . . then we wandered into the living room. Comfortably we lolled in front of the fire and with only the light from the fire in the room, we watched the reflection dance and flicker on the walls.

Then another Elsie came in . . . a somewhat older woman . . . full of charm . . . quietness . . . understanding . . . humor . . . and it was the sort of evening where one could rest . . . with one's head against the chair . . . relaxed . . . where one could just say nothing . . . if one wished . . . and look up to see the smiling dark eyes of the one Elsie and the other Elsie's friend smiling, too.

A friendship evening . . . with firelight dancing on the walls.

You've had evenings like that, too . . . and you'll have more of them.

Store them safely away in your heart . . .

Against the day you have need of them.

May Christmas Day and every day bring you untold joy and happiness.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Spencer and daughter, Karla, of Midland will spend the Christmas holidays in Eastland with Mrs. Spencer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tanner.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

MARKETING with Marjorie

Received a lot of lovely Christmas cards that you hate to throw away? Then why not have your youngsters and their friends paste them in scrapbooks for children in hospital wards? They'll get an extra kick out of doing it if you serve these festive but simple refreshments:

SANDWICHES—Juvenile Style

Children love to be helpful, so when I give them a party I put plenty of spreads and bread on the table and let them make their own sandwiches on the spot. (Speaking of spots, I use a paper tablecloth . . . just in case!) Favorite fillings are ANN PAGE GRAPE JAM and ANN PAGE PEANUT BUTTER . . . from the A&P. And of course A&P's MARVEL SANDWICH BREAD is a "must" with amateur sandwich-makers! It's thin-sliced, oven-fresh and enriched for extra nourishment.

"BOTTOMS UP" BEVERAGE

Milk goes like lightning when it goes to a party with COCONOG. Dissolved in hot or cold milk, this good mixer makes a delicious, nutritious chocolate malted food drink that's sure to make the grade with the grade school set (not to mention the kindergarten crowd). Get a jar at your A&P!

ANGEL FOOD in Party Mood

Your young guests may not behave like little angels, but they'll fly to the table for JANE PARKER ANGEL FOOD BAR! To give small fry a big treat, split this heavenly A&P cake lengthwise and put ice cream between the slices. What kind? Read on!

SPARKLE PLENTY

For rich, fruit-flavored ice cream, add 1 cup milk slowly to a package of A&P's ANN PAGE SPARKLE VANILLA ICE CREAM MIX. Stir till smooth. Add 1/2 cup preserves; blend well; pour into refrigerator tray and chill. Whip 1 cup chilled evaporated milk to custard-like consistency, adding 1 1/2 tbsps. lemon juice gradually. Add ice cream mixture; mix well and return to tray. When partly frozen, remove from refrigerator and mix again, scraping mixture from sides of tray. Return to refrigerator and freeze till firm. Serves 5 or 6.

May You Have All the Joys of a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

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Fred Maxey Doc Davis

"drafted from a neutral country". Johnny couldn't understand it and still can't. Because he was a stranger in the United States and didn't know what else to do, he asked the Army to send him back to his mother after his discharge. That the Army did.

Miss Allison Hosts Christmas Party For Baptist J O Y Group

The J. C. Allison home on West Commerce street was the scene of a Christmas party Friday night for members of the J. O. Y. Class of the First Baptist church.

Gifts were exchanged from the gala decorated Christmas tree and the entire affair was greatly enjoyed by the group present.

Hostess was Miss Verne Allison, assisted by her mother.

A Christmas refreshment plate carrying out the holiday motif was served.

Two years after planting, the banana plant often attains a height of 30 feet.

Heartsease by Elsie Glenn

Firelight On The Wall
Tonight, the glow of friendship fills my heart.
A while ago, I had just sat down at the typewriter and the telephone rang. My friend asked: "Elsie, could you come over and eat hot rolls?"
And, of course, Elsie could, although she had just eaten supper. Just the two of us, in the small, neat, cozy house. When I walked quickly in the back door, after giving a merry signal whistle, the honey, wonderful smell of hot rolls made me giddy with anticipation.

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THANK YOU MANY TIMES

For A Wonderful First Year

We are grateful for each opportunity to serve you and feel privileged indeed every time you call us. May you have the joy of a happy Christmas and may you be blessed with all good things.

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Proclamation

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

It is my solemn duty to acquaint the citizens of this State with the grim prediction of traffic deaths and injuries during the coming Christmas holiday season.

The Texas Department of Public Safety predicts that 100 persons will die, 2,870 persons will be injured, from accidents on our streets and highways during the eleven day period, December 20-31. It is expected that the final 1947 traffic death toll will reach 2,100—the worst toll in Texas history.

These predicted deaths and injuries are not inevitable. They can and must be prevented. Such sickening slaughter and suffering would be a stark negation of the Christmas message of "on earth peace, good will toward men."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEAUFORD H. JESTER, Governor of the State of Texas, do hereby urge each citizen to impose upon himself such discipline and a sense of responsibility for the welfare of others that his acts behind-the-wheel may not lead to the death or injury of his fellow man. I also call upon the Texas Safety Association to coordinate public safety effort with the official safety

of the Texas Department of Public Safety, the State Highway Department, the State Department of Education, and other official agencies with traffic responsibilities. A concerted and intensified campaign, God willing, may bring about an accident-free Christmas season for all the people of our State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 12th day of December, A.D., 1947.

Beauford H. Jester
Governor of Texas
By the Governor:
Kirk R. Wallony
Asst. Secretary of State

Francisco Niculoso, a 16th century Italian artist, invented the tile-picture, painted continuously over a group of square ceramic tiles.



Not for just an hour —
Not for just a day —
But always . . .
Our best wishes
For a Merry Christmas
And a New Year
That will bring you
Every happiness.

MR. AND MRS.
VICTOR CORNELIUS



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

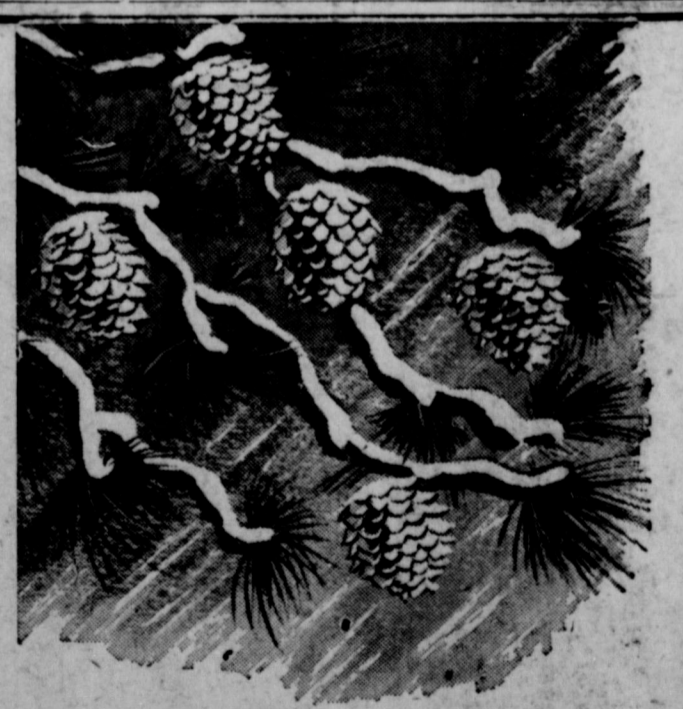
HE'S HEAD MAN today and you know who he is. Modeling with clay and cotton, NEA artist Vic Donahue has caught the characteristics that made his subject loved by youngsters the world over as "Jolly Old St. Nick."

Time Overtakes Atchison, Topeka And Santa Fe

ATCHISON, Kan. (UP) — The 67-year-old Atchison union depot, weathered by time, two fires and a flood, is a "discredit to the city," the city commission a

planning board asserted in a joint resolution.

The two bodies want the old depot torn down and replaced by a modern structure. It is owned by four railroads serving Atchison, Burlington, Missouri Pacific, Rock Island and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, which drew part of its name from this city.



SEASON'S GREETINGS
May good cheer and contentment be yours on this joyous holiday.

Carl Johnson, Dry Goods

A Merry Christmas Must Be A Safe Christmas

Countless tragedies can be prevented this Holiday season if a few simple rules for fire safety offered by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, are followed by the American people.

Keep your tree outdoors until you are ready to install it. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Place it in a cool part of the house, and if there is a heat inlet nearby, shut it off.

Under no circumstances use cotton or paper decorations on the tree or elsewhere in the house. And above all, never use candles. Use only electric lights, whose cords are not frayed, and which bear the band of approval of the Underwriters' Laboratories. Do not leave tree lights burning unless there is an adult in the house. Take the tree down as soon as needles start falling.

Do not place room decorations around chairs or sofas where people may smoke. It is preferable to have them near ceiling level. These rules are equally vital for

churches, clubs, and other places of holiday assembly. In addition, care must be taken that trees or other decorations do not interfere with either regular or emergency exits.

So—remember that a Merry Christmas must also be a Safe Christmas. Following these simple rules will accomplish it.

District Golden Glove Tournament At Stephenville

STEPHENVILLE — A district Golden Gloves tournament will be held in Stephenville at the City recreation hall about Jan. 15 under the sponsorship of the William E. Dyess Legion Post 487 of John Tarleton College, according to Harold Clark, post commander.

Winners in the tournament will advance to the regional at Brownwood late in January. Additional information and entrance blanks for the district fights may be secured from Raymond Doggett, Tarleton Station.

The boxing season started here last week when the post presented a well attended 11 bout card featuring a no-decision fight between

BACTERIA MAY BE LINKED TO DEVELOP U.S. OIL

By Don Jennings
United Press Staff Correspondent
HARRISBURG, Pa. (UP) — The oil industry is headed for a shot in the arm if current experiments with the "driving" powers of bacteria are successful.

Technicians in the oil research laboratories of Pennsylvania are trying to determine whether it would be practical to inject bacteria into the earth and thus force sand-bound oil deposits into the range of pumps.

Results of the tests may open the door to a vast reserve of high grade Pennsylvania oil presently classified as non-recoverable.

The experiments are being made in the production research laboratories of the Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil Association at Bradford, Pa., hub of the state's

Fats Bentley, former Washington state champion and Fred Croom,

principal oil field.

So far the application of sulphate-reducing bacteria in hand-made oil-content sand has yielded only small quantities of oil, but that in itself is considered by the industry as "encouraging."

S. H. Cathcart, state geologist, said field tests would be made as soon as laboratory experiments showed conclusively that bacteria has enough power to "drive" oil from subterranean sand.

"There is still a tremendous amount of oil left in Pennsylvania sands," Cathcart said, "but it will require more extensive use of secondary methods of some new process such as this (bacteria) to recover these supplies."

Present secondary methods, which involve "repressuring" of oil sands through the use of water and natural gas, would bring to the surface only 10 per cent of Pennsylvania's estimated reserve

of 3,500,000,000 barrels, according to Cathcart.

Chemicals cannot be used, Cathcart said, because their reaction with water and rock would result in a neutralization.

Pennsylvania ranks "far down the list" as an oil producing state—its 83,000 wells yield about 14,000,000 barrels a year—but because of a rich lubricant content, its oil sells for almost twice that of other states.

Portugal Reported Rich In Uranium

LISBON (UP) — A Portuguese mining engineer, Quirino Machado, told the press here that Portugal is among the most fortunate of nations—he said it possessed vast unworked quantities of uranium and radium.

He said indications of uranium were found in many parts of the country. Some of the known ore-bearing veins, he reported, are several miles long. He pointed out that a total of 110 claims for uranium mining have been allowed by the state.



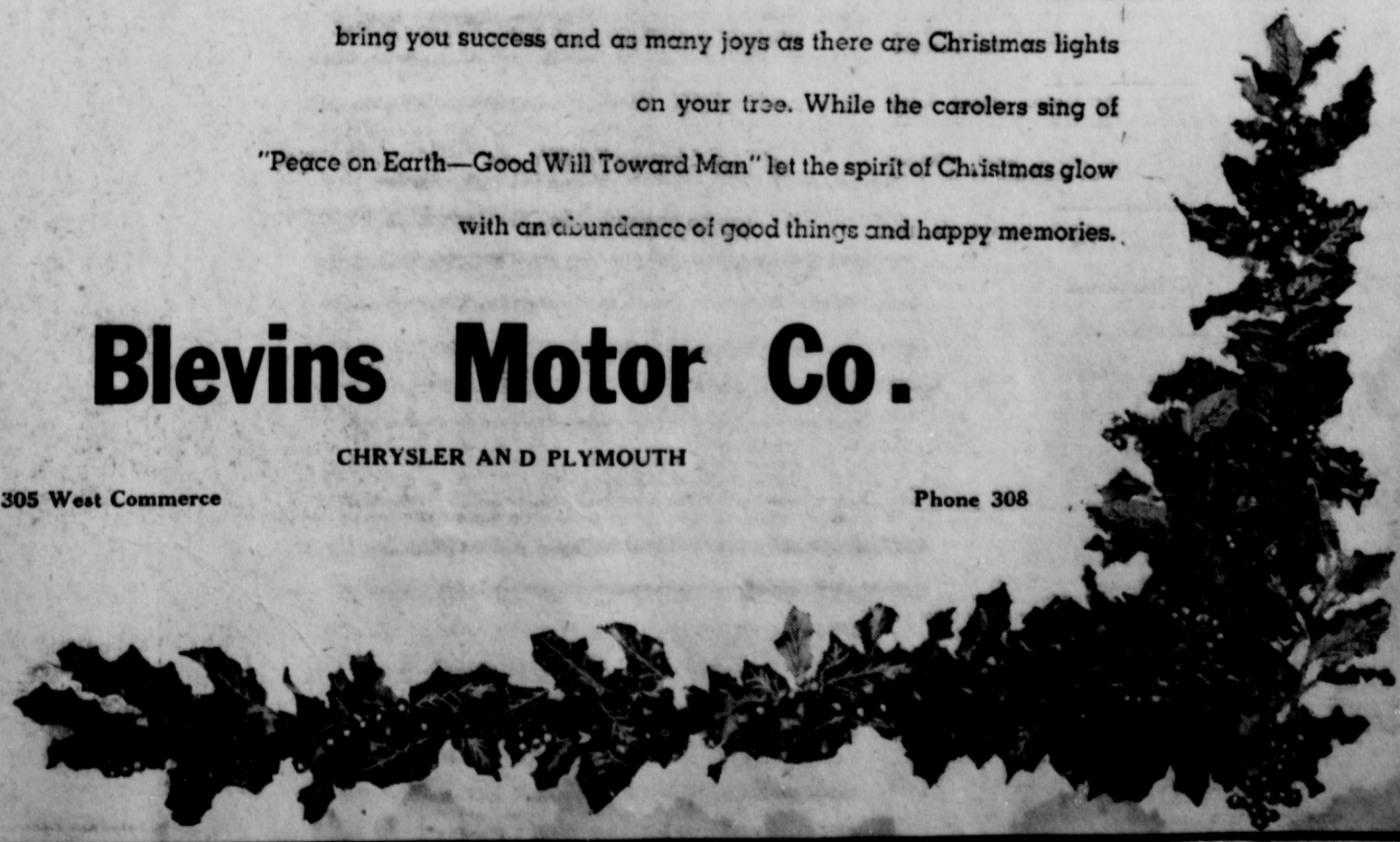
To our friends . . . one and all . . . go our sincerest and best wishes for the best Yuletide ever.
May health . . . happiness . . . good cheer . . . and the best of everything be yours. And with the coming of 1948 . . . may the new year bring you success and as many joys as there are Christmas lights on your tree. While the carolers sing of "Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Man" let the spirit of Christmas glow with an abundance of good things and happy memories.

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Two Souls With But A Single Thought



EDITORIAL . . . By James Thrasher THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE

Those who can remember the first World War will recall that the Allied and German troops on the Western Front declared an unofficial and spontaneous truce at Christmas. Soldiers on both sides came out of their trenches and joined in singing the carols that they knew and loved. The words were in different languages, but the times and sentiments were the same.

Christmas brings such a truce each year, though in less dramatic fashion, to most people of the Christian world. On that day we lay aside bitterness and animosity. Families find a bond of warmer affection. Children are indulged and enjoyed. Good wishes to neighbors and friends are hearty and sincere. Whatever our politics, we are inclined to be interested in the Christmas at the White House, and to hope that it is a happy one.

A lot of us go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There we are reminded again that what we call the Christmas spirit is really the Christmas spirit. We are reminded that this great holiday of Christendom not only celebrates the birth of Jesus, but the birth of a philosophy of love, peace, tolerance and moral courage, of respect and fair dealing.

Christian teachers ask this generation, as they have asked other generations for centuries, to live by this philosophy—to keep the Christmas spirit the year round. It is not an easy task, as the results have shown. And somehow it seems particularly hard today. There are provocations and anxieties that beset us as people and as nations of the Christian world. We grow angry and uncharitable, as people and as nations, through pride, selfishness, weariness and fear.

Maybe it is not possible to keep the Christmas spirit every day. Yet to keep even a little of this truce of mental hostilities would help. That truce is not and should not be a surrender of convictions. But it would surely help to create more individual happiness, and that in turn could scarcely fail to make a somewhat happier world.

SPORTS

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Sports Editor

NEW YORK—(NEA)—Changes have to be made when a club runs a dead heat for last place with the Phillies. But the Pirates aren't going to get anywhere in a quickly sweeping rising young infielders like Billy Cox and Gene Mauch and a left-hand pitcher on the order of Preacher Roe for pitchers after the fashion of big Hal Gregg and little Vic Lombardi and the 37-year-old outfielder Dixie Walker.

Cox is the type of ballplayer people talk about. Accomplished enough in the field, he hit 290 in 1946, .274 last trip, when he smacked 15 home runs.

Mauch went to the Pirates from the Brooks in the Klay Higbe transaction, was farmed to Indianapolis, where Branch Rickey liked him.

ROE has made a habit of dropping close decisions, but hasn't had too many runs, and potentially is an overpowering left-hander.

Rocky Gregg bagged 16 for the Brooklyn in 1945, but seeing him fail to survive the first inning last season you wondered how he managed it. All he required was control, they said, but when he obtained some measure of it the other side took liberties.

Lombardi is a control .500 left-hander who lacks the speed to control right-hand batters.

Frederick R. Walker is the biggest story. Ol' Dixie batted .306 last season, drove in 94 runs.

Impeded by a shoulder injury, Walker kicked around for 11 years before arriving in Brooklyn from Detroit via the waiver route in 1939.

Walker took a new lease on life at Ebbets Field, quickly estab-

Baby Star



Jack Reddish, at 20 the youngest and one of the brightest men stars of the U. S. Olympic ski team, is out for practice at powdery snow-blanketed and beautiful Sun Valley, Ida. The Salt Lake lad was the top qualifier in trials there last spring.

United States consumers paid over \$6,000,000,000 for fruits and vegetables in 1946. Of that amount, about two-thirds went for fresh produce.

The temperature in the sun's water is estimated at 30,000,000 to 60,000,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

ished himself as the Peep's Choice.

He was so well liked that any popularity contest staged there in the last seven years wouldn't have been close.

Walker played some remarkable ball on the bank of the Gowanus, leading the league in batting with 357 in 1944 and in runs-batted-in in '45 with 124. He batted in 116 runs in '46.

There was nothing wrong with Walker's arm while he was with Brooklyn. Helping the Superbas to their first pennant in 21 years in '41, he tied for the N. L. outfielders' leadership in assists with 19, and showed the way in double plays. He had 20 assists in '43.

The Pittsburgh club will not suffer as long as Walker's legs hold up, but the old boy can't go on forever.

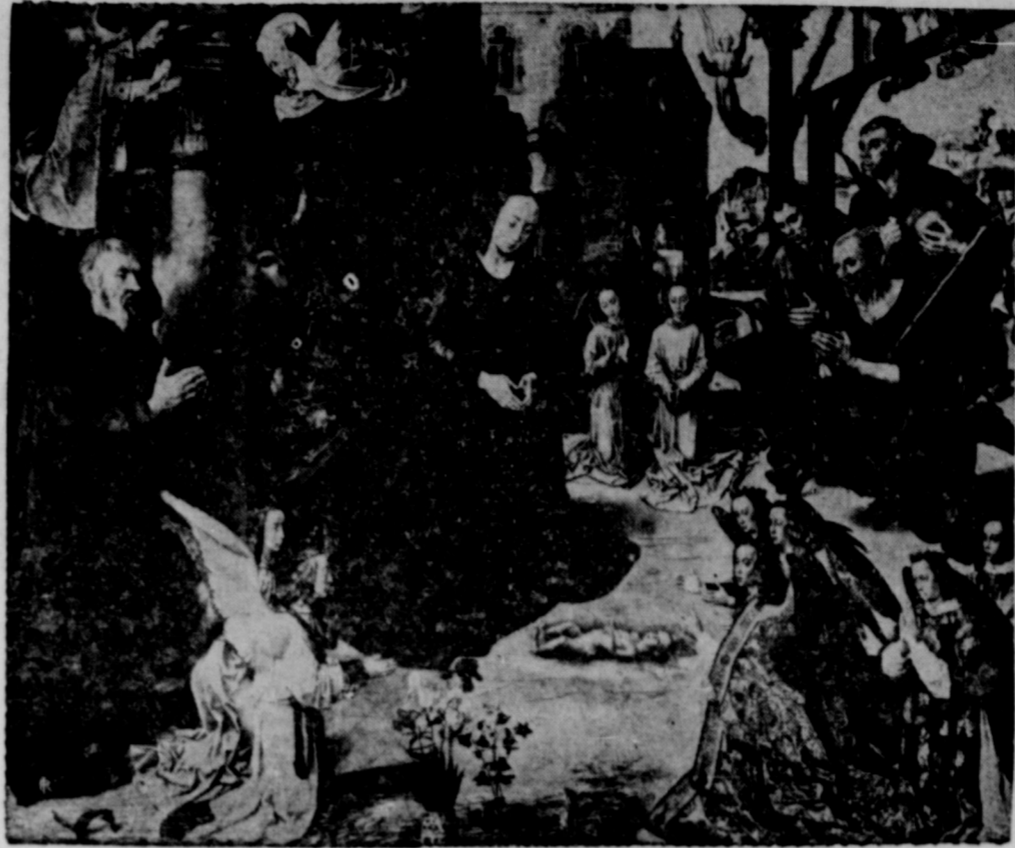
The Brooklyn front office isn't too keen about Spider Jorgensen, so Billy Cox may land at third.

On the other hand, Cox may go to the Cubs for first baseman Eddie Waitkus, which would put Jackie Robinson on second and Eddie Stanley in the dugout, where Muggsy has made it clear he would be dissatisfied. Stanky has too much baseball left in him to sit idle, so the moving over of Robinson undoubtedly would spell another important transaction.

Meanwhile, the consensus of baseball men is that Branch Rickey has got the best of another deal.

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT LUMBER CO. EASTLAND

Famous Christmas Picture



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," VAN DER GOES—"This is van der Goes' masterpiece and I believe it the greatest Christmas picture ever painted because of its sincerity and deep feeling, its combination of realism and imagination, because it expresses with equal emphasis the humanity and divinity of the event and because of the perfection of the artist's technical means of expression." The picture, familiarly known as the "Portinari Altarpiece," hangs in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence.

OIL SPRAYING IS BOON TO VEGETABLE GROWERS

By Claude Hammy, United Press Staff Correspondent, WESLACO, Tex. (UP)—Farmers who want good carrots might try putting oil on them.

That's the advice of W. H. Friend, head of a governmental experiment station, who calls the idea one of the most revolutionary in vegetable farming in recent years.

"There have been cases where pipelines broke and flooded the soil with oil," Friend recalled, "and farmers sued and collected for damage to the soil."

"Actually there's a bacteria in petroleum that puts nitrogen into the soil. Kerosene and petroleum oils of any kind improve the soil in quality and productivity. The more the oil the better."

Oil on the soil is the most economical way to keep down tiny grasses and pigweed in the carrot patch, Friend added. Besides that, the carrots grow faster if there's a film of oil on the surface, he found.

Spraying with oil chases bugs away too, Friend said. He cautioned that oil should not be applied to carrots after four leaves have appeared. If it is necessary to apply it to that stage, cleaning naptha is better. Not more than 100 gallons of distillate should be used per acre, he said.

"One spraying is often enough," he explained, "although sometimes two are required."

Hand-weeding of an acre of carrots often runs to \$40 to \$50 a acre but the same weeds can be killed by the oil treatment at a cost of \$8.50 to \$12 an acre, Friend said.

The experiment station stumbled onto the information some years ago in the pre-emergence spraying of onions, carrots and corn. Careful checking verified that oil not only was not harmful

but actually helped production, Friend reported.

GI's Old Uniform Finds Way Back

NORMAN, Okla. (UP)—A Norman war veteran who donated his army uniform to the Red Cross drive got the same clothes back again after later re-entering the army.

Mrs. A. J. Williams, a Red Cross worker, said the veteran gave his uniform away last spring. When he went back into service recently, he went to the Red Cross office here to see if he could find an old uniform in the clothes supply. He found his own.

Sets Out For Fish Gets Duck Instead

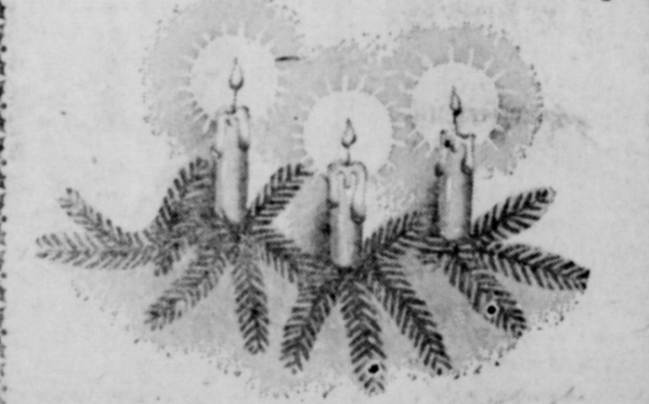
YORK, Neb. (UP)—Mrs. Dorothy Lage, who likes to fish, demonstrated that the hand is quicker than the eye—especially the eye of a wild duck.

Sitting on the bank of the Blue River, with her fish line in the water, Mrs. Lage saw a wild duck swimming slowly down stream. As the duck neared the point where her line was in the water, Mrs. Lage gave the pole a quick flip and wrapped the line neatly around its neck.

She served wild duck for dinner.

A foot-candle, the unit for measuring light, is the amount of light produced by the flame of a standard candle on a surface a foot distant.

Season's Greetings



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Merry Christmas to one and all.
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A method of concentrating the feed value in alfalfa has been developed by research workers. Alfalfa juice is extracted and then dried so the powder can be mixed in livestock or poultry feeds. The human heart pumps the equivalent of six barrels of blood every hour, the World Book Encyclopedia states. READ THE CLASSIFIED ADS

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SEASON'S Greetings May your Christmas be one of joy and contentment. Massengale Tin and Plumbing

Joyful Wishes Lovelace Transfer and Storage Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lovelace

U. S. WON'T BUY WOOL, SO AUSTRALIA HITS BACK

By George Mcadden
United Press Staff Correspondent
SIDNEY, Australia (UP) — Australia is busily chopping American imports to pieces away from the home and abroad, talking about austerity. Mostly the Australians are blaming the American purchases of

famed wool. Especially they wonder since the recent 25 per cent slash in the U. S. import duty on wool.

In recent months, Britain has displaced the United States as the biggest wool customer. Stockpiling wool has been out of the case of Australian wool on a large scale by United States importers.

During the four months July to October, 1947, sales were down between 35 and 40 per cent compared to the same period in 1946. The United States wool in 1947, valued at \$100,000,000, was only 20 per cent of the value of wool sold in 1946. The United States wool in 1946, valued at \$500,000,000, was only 20 per cent of the value of wool sold in 1946.

An average of the 10 pre-war years, the United States bought only three per cent.

A director of a leading wool firm believes American demand has dropped for two reasons — increased Australian wool prices and because the United States is using up more war stock piles.

In the fall of 1946, when American buyers were active, greasy wool sold at auction in Australia averaged about 28 cents per pound, the wool firm director explained. Rates for medium grades were lower than for wool of comparable quality produced in the United States, he said.

But in the ensuing 12 months wool values in Australia rose steadily, bringing an average greasy wool auction price in October, 1947, of 46 cents per pound. As prices rose, United States demand slackened off.

The imposition of the 34 cent per pound tariff also cut demand. Various other factors contribute to the steady loss of Australia as a market for a great variety of American goods, many of which became popular during the war years.

"The government is restricting dollar expenditure, not because it likes doing so, but because it has to help Britain," it was explained by Senator Courtice, minister for trade and customs in the labor government.

Australia is part of the British dollar pool and consequently shares with other dominions Britain's economic ills. Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley has a dread fear of another world depression which has also affected Australian economic policy. His feeling has been reflected in a determination to conserve dollars by limiting imports.

Five-Cent Candy Bar May Come Back On Market

HERSHEY, Pa. (UP) — Maybe the five-cent candy bar will come back. The chocolate industry is installing new labor-saving machinery which might do the trick.

When costs began to skyrocket, particularly in the cocoa-bean market, the industry was faced with the alternatives of seeing the price of popular-brand candy bars jump as high as 10 cents—or find faster and more economical production methods.

Tell Congress: 'Do Something About the HCL!'



Picture shows part of a large delegation of women shoppers, organized by the Congress of American Women, as they arrived in Washington to demand that their congressmen put over price control now. They came from many cities, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit.

They started switching to new machinery, and here in this "chocolate city" the results were beyond expectations. An official of the Hershey Chocolate Corporation said the changeover, besides overcoming increased costs, definitely will help speed the return of the nickel bar of candy.

Five of the Hershey corporation's 35 bar-making units have been replaced with the new devices and more will be installed when the equipment is available.

The company is anxious to move in the rest of the needed streamlined machinery because (1) it produces 30 per cent more bars on 20 per cent less floor

space and (2) cuts each unit's labor requirements from nine workers to three.

The new system, has cut down on "rejects"—faulty bars — by about 75 per cent and eliminated the need for two "watchers" at each unit.

Other cost-savers have been employed at the 65-acre Hershey plant. In the milk "dewatering" section, new machinery that requires the attention of only one man (the old one needed three) is ready for operation soon.

Church Waives Rules

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. — A special dispensation from Pope Pius XII made it possible for the Rev. Cosmas Meyer to offer his first mass here. Father Meyer, a poliomyelitis victim, cannot raise his hands above his head. The Pope permitted him to say mass without raising his hands on high.

Carboloy, the alloy used in making high-speed metal cutting tools, is almost as hard as a diamond, according to the World Book Encyclopedia.

Greetings

To all our friends we wish the merriest of Merry Christmases and the happiest of Happy New Years.

MODERN BEAUTY SHOP
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The Season's Greetings

May this Christmas bring you gladness and a full measure of contentment. And may the New Year open up new vistas of happiness!!

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The jolly smile on Santa's face, the twinkle in his eye, the goodness in his mellow voice reflect the good wishes in our hearts for a joyous Yuletide for each and every one of our friends.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The joys of this season are many—and may you enjoy them all!

And after the last carol has been sung, we add our sincere wishes for a jolly year to follow.

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Season's Greetings

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas, a bright and prosperous New Year.

MR. AND MRS. W. B. HARRIS

Merry Christmas to All

May your Yuletide be enjoyed with good cheer, good health and good friends.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and the best of good wishes for the New Year

Oakley's Grocery And Market

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Old Saint Nick furnish your home with the most joyous Christmas blessings . . . The happiest of holidays to you and yours!

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Season's Greetings

Christmas is the time we remember our old friends and look forward to new friends. So our good wishes ring out for all... "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"; no words are richer in good cheer.

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Phone 620

Famous Christmas Picture



"ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS," GIORGIONE—"Magnificent in conception, superbly designed with strongly contrasting straight and curved forms emphasizing the devotional attitudes of the figures and the emotional content of the picture. Instinct with deep sentiment, the picture moves us as do some of the great old Christmas hymns and carols . . . Humbly and reverently, the shepherds kneel with Mary and Joseph. They form one of the tenderest groups in all paintings."

Holy Night



... and please dear God, give us a peaceful world in which to live.

History Kept Straight

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Texans do not propose to let errors about historical events go uncorrected. When Fayette county found an error in a monument on the county court house lawn, it was corrected in the monument itself. The marble shaft now has these

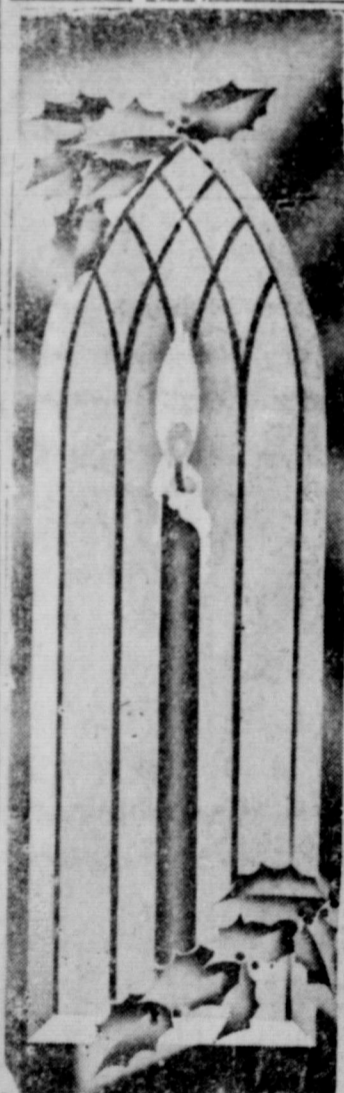
inscriptions: "Captain N. H. Dawson and his command who fell at the battle of Salado, Tex., Sept. 18, 1842." (Correction) "Capt. Nicholas Mosby Dawson and 36 other volunteers were killed near Salado Creek in Bexar county."

Doom Brass Pole

NEW ORLEANS (UP) — First the smoke-eating fire horses vanished, then firemen's red suspenders. The latest sentimental casualty around two local firehouses is the traditional brass pole.

The buildings, both outmoded, will be replaced by one-story, up-to-date structure which even will contain blowers to dry the wet garb of fire-fighters.

The absence of a second floor will eliminate the need for poles to slide down. The firemen merely will dash from their sleeping quarters on the ground floor to the trucks.



Christmas Greetings



We bring to you the warmest of wishes for Christmas

... a greeting full of good cheer for the entire New Year.

King Motor Co. 100 E. Main St. Phone 42

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

"May the Yuletide season and the days to follow glow with an abundance of good things" . . . our wish to one and all.

J. B. Williams Sheriff

IRON CURTAIN REFUGEES BESIEGE FOREIGN LEGION

By Dudley Harmon United Press Staff Correspondent PARIS (UP) — Discontented Germans and Central Europeans from behind the iron curtain are flocking to join the famous French Foreign Legion, which is turning down several hundred applicants a week.

An officer of the Legion, recently transferred to Paris, told the United Press that some 800 Germans apply weekly in the French occupation zone. The Legion limits the number of Germans who can join and takes only specialists. But Germans make up two-thirds of the 30 per cent which have been recruited from Central Europe since the war, he said.

"The Germans who try to enlist are mostly displaced Sudetens, refugees from the eastern territories, or those who have lost faith in the future of their country," the officer said.

Hungarians, Rumanians, Czechs and other eastern European "who

don't like the conditions of life in their countries" also are eager to join, he said. However, they first must escape from their homelands, where the Legion does not have recruiting centers.

Before the war the Legion recruited many anti-fascist Germans, White Russians and Spanish Republicans. Today it receives no Russian applicants. The Legion was reduced at the end of the war through losses in action to about 5,000 men. Now it receives about 1,000 candidates a week at its recruiting headquarters in Marseilles and accepts about 200 of them.

The Legion still asks no questions about the pasts of applicants and allows them to enlist under a false name. S. S. members, collaborators and war criminals are excluded. S. S. men can be identified because of a tattooing on their arms, and intelligence officials subject others to a rigid security check through photographs. Phy-

sical examinations are more strict than before the war.

Like every other French organization, the Legion is having financial difficulties. First-year recruits training in North Africa at the beginning of a five-year contract are paid only six francs (five cents) a day.

Most Legion enlistments are from the "Latin bloc"—French, Italian and Spanish, who make up over 50 per cent of the organization. Frenchmen who enlist must do so as Swiss or Belgians "who have lost their identity papers," as only Legion officers are permitted to be French.

Americans and British make up about 3 per cent of the membership. Slav countries contribute 5 per cent, and the other percentage is "of indeterminate nationality."

Legion units are currently serving in the war in Indo-China and in Madagascar. Its members are exempted from having to fight in Europe unless they volunteer.

Nahant, Mass., originally was purchased from Indian Chief Poquamun by Thomas Nahant, a Lynn farmer, for a suit of clothes, two stone pestles and jew's-harp.

Crowing Trees In N. Y. Expensive

NEW YORK (UP)—Nature takes care of the growing of a tree in most places, but in New York City it's complicated and costly.

The Municipal Art Society of New York has opened a campaign to plant thousands of trees along the barren streets of Manhattan.

The cost was estimated at about \$100 a tree on main thoroughfares and about \$80 a tree in residential areas.

Meat Dear, Even If You Have To Shoot It

TUCUMCARI, N. M. (UP) — Which is cheaper, shooting your meat or buying it?

A Tucumcari hunter found it a narrow decision when he figured up the cost of a 110 pound buck he killed. Licenses, equipment, traveling, time lost from job and a \$25 fine for failing to tag his animal amounted to \$79.

He figured the cost of the venison at 72 cents a pound.

Demise Of Zoo Gorillas Mourned In Cincinnati

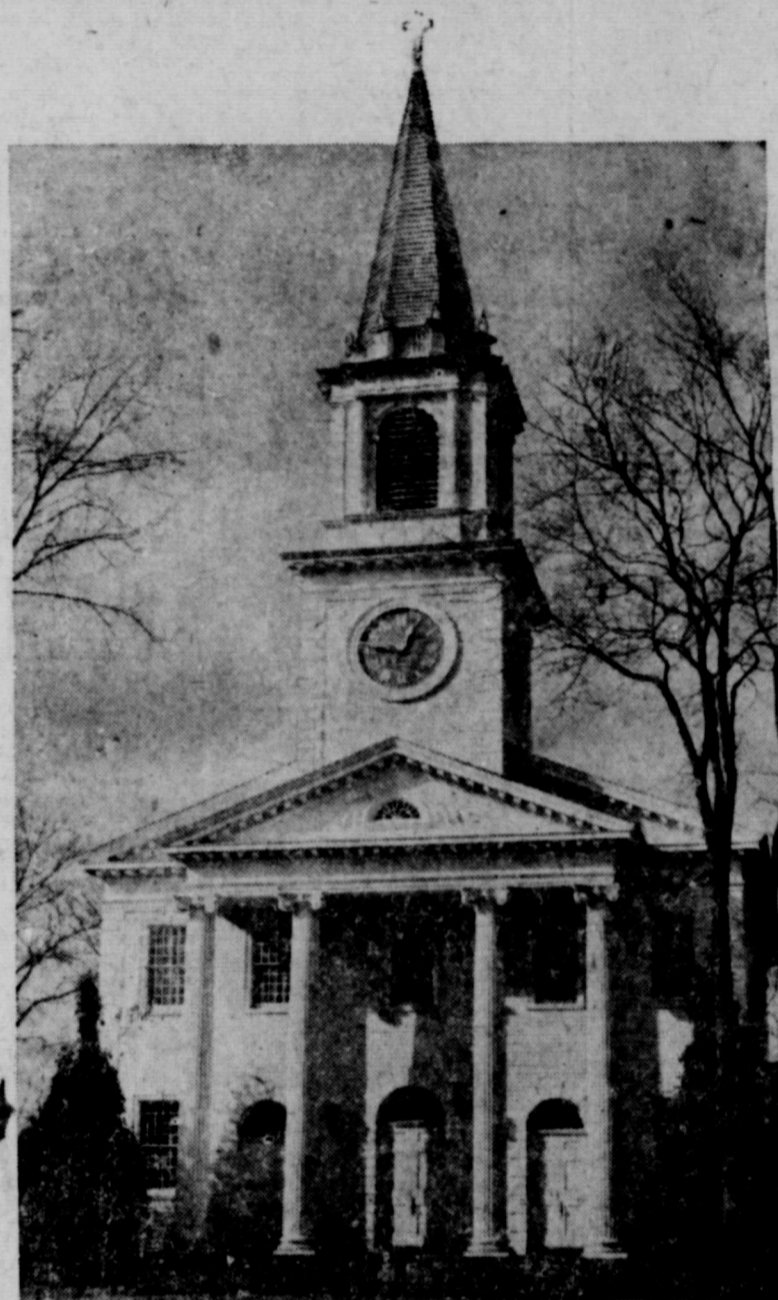
CINCINNATI, O. (UP) — The Cincinnati Zoo may have a successor to Susie, the gorilla who died recently, if her admirers have their way.

James A. Reilly, zoo president, says that during Susie's illness thousands of telephone calls were received, not only from Cincinnati, but from Lexington, Ky., and Columbus, O., and other places.

"One little girl even sent \$1 to buy something for her ailing friend," Reilly relates.

Santa Made Available HUNTINGTON, Ind. (UP) — Shutin children who can't get downtown to see Santa Claus will be visited by him at their homes. A call to the Chamber of Commerce will bring Santa to the door. He's also available for afternoon teas and parties—if transportation is provided.

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A Christmas Message

It is not riches or elaborate gifts that make a Christmas merry . . . but the simple,

familiar wishes of neighbors and friends, plus an unassailable faith in our Lord and Protector.

With this thought, we raise our voices in the age-old greeting, "A Merry Christmas to each and everyone."

Brown's Sanatorium Drugless Healing "Where People Get Well"



**Missing Steer Mystery
No Mystery At All**

OREM, Utah (UP) — E. T. Patten is still embarrassed today about his young steer he thought was stolen.

With beefsteak at its present price, Patten called out local law enforcement officers to search for the steer when he couldn't find it. Sheriff's officers spent the afternoon investigating. While the

**ATOM BOMB STRUCK GERMAN
SCIENTISTS DUMB, WRITER SAYS**

CHICAGO (UP) — German scientists knew nothing of the Manhattan project until they heard a dinner-time broadcast on Aug. 6, 1945 giving the first news of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima.

So says Dr. Samuel A. Goudsmit, Northwestern University professor of physics. Goudsmit, in a book entitled "Alsos," which tells about his work with an intelligence unit sent to investigate German scientific activity after the invasion of Europe, said the scientists were taken completely by surprise. "The initial reaction of the German physicists . . . was one of utter incredulity," he said. "Impossible," they said. "It can't be an atomic bomb," one of their number said. "It's probably propaganda, just as it was in Germany."

"That being settled, the German scientists were able to finish their dinner in peace and even partially digest it. The impact on the scientists was shattering . . . At one stroke, all their self-confidence was gone, and the belief in their own scientific superiority gave way to an intense feeling of despair and futility."

Shortly thereafter several young German scientists hit upon a "brilliant rationalization" of their failure, Goudsmit recounted. "This, then," he said, "was to be the new theme song of German science: Germany worked on the uranium problem for peaceful uses only; the allies, for purposes of destruction."

Goudsmit warned that such talk is being used to spread again the legend of German "scientific superiority." They want the world to think, he said, that only the Germans were attempting to utilize atomic energy for the good of mankind.

The name of the book came from the title of the intelligence mission, of which he was scientific head. "Alsos," the Greek name for Groves, was used because the mission was under orders of Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, director of the Manhattan project.

**Seek To Unionize
Black Marketeers**

ROME, (UP) — Street corner vendors of black market cigarettes hope to find strength in union. They are organizing a union to get official recognition as "merchants" from the Chamber of Labor, which would leave them free to carry on their sales of retail tobacco.

Business was prosperous for these peddlers as long as allied troops were in Italy. Cigarettes could be bought from non-smoking soldiers under terms of the peace treaty. American and English cigarettes are scarce, prices are soaring and the black market peddlers want to protect their business.

Since tobacco is an Italian state monopoly, police raids on street corner vendors are frequent. Cigarettes are confiscated and vendors fined.

**Illinois Tech Plans
Its Own City**

CHICAGO (UP) — Henry T. Heald, president of the Illinois Institute of Technology, announced the beginning of a \$15,000,000 construction program designed to make Illinois Tech a city within a city.

The program will take about five years to complete. It is designed to furnish educational and residential facilities for 10,000 persons.

The project will cover 100 acres in the center of the south side of Chicago.

Fifty-five buildings are in the

**Foreign Aid Bill
Signed**



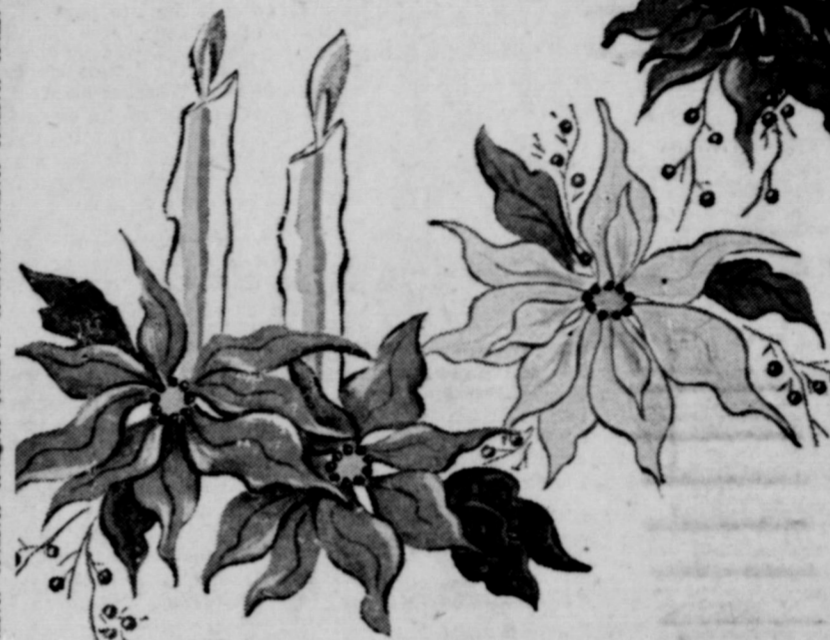
Senate President Arthur Vandenberg affixes his signature to the 579 million dollar stopgap foreign aid bill in Washington. The bill was then sent to the White House for President Truman's signature. (NEA Telephoto).

blueprint stage and among them will be three 10-story apartment buildings, three 3-story walk-up apartment buildings, 10 four-story student dormitories and 24 homes.

chemicals. The oil of the bitter almond contains deadly hydrocyanic (or prussic) acid.

Season's Greetings

The warm glow of Yuletide candles expresses our feelings for all of our friends on this glorious holiday.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our many friends, we extend our wishes for a Yuletide filled with all the good things in life—good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

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Happy Holiday Season

All that makes for a merry, merry Christmas . . . the voices of carol singers filling the air, the bells pecking melodiously, the holly wreaths hanging in the windows . . . all these things plus joy and happiness in your heart we sincerely hope is yours on this glorious holiday.

ALTMAN'S



Greetings OF THE Season

We wish you everything good at Christmas time and through the year to follow. Make every minute ring with fun and contentment — enjoy every day in holiday spirit!

Burr's

Famous Christmas Picture



"HOLY FAMILY WITH ST. MARGARET AND ST. JOHN," LIPPI—"I see this, my favorite Christmas painting, every day and after a million views of it, one's eyes are called back to see new wonders in its brilliant color, in its design, in the beautiful relation of figures within the circular form."

Butchie-Boy's Mother, Please Note

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (UP) — He's just Butchie-Boy. That's the only name he has. For Butchie-Boy is 15 months old, a little guy with a smile like the sun knitting through the gloom of a wintry day.

He's healthy, full of pep and personality. He's got everything except a home and parents to appreciate his smile and his chatter. Butchie-Boy was left at the nursery of Mrs. A. I. Williams when he was seven weeks old. Those first seven weeks had been spent in the nursery of St. Elizabeth's Hospital here.

Mrs. Williams has never seen Butchie-Boy's mother. The mother brought the baby to the nurse when Mrs. Williams was away shopping. She knows, from what her daughter told, that Butchie-Boy's mother was well dressed. The baby's clothes were of excellent material, worth at least \$50. For several months letters came to Mrs. Williams, from various parts of the country. Usually there was nothing in the envelope but \$50 each time, to pay for Butchie-Boy's keep.

But then the letters stopped coming. Mrs. Williams hasn't yet made an official effort to determine the mother's identity. She keeps hoping that the thought of Butchie-Boy's smile may pull her back of her own accord.

There is almost twice as much aluminum as iron in the earth's crust.

said, "if I've made some sort of important discovery about baldness, I wouldn't want to say that men with toupees can throw them away right now, but I was induced by some of my clients to let them try the treatment I devised for myself and, bless me, all of them are growing hair."

If the dentist has solved this affliction—bald men regard it as such—the credit will go to his wife and three sons.

"I lost my hair when I was 28," he said. "Unfortunately, I had a funny shaped head and my wife and kids called me 'The Egg.' It was good-natured, but it rankled, and I determined I'd grow my hair back if at all possible.

"I guess I tried every lotion and cream on the market. Then I tried every quack treatment I'd ever heard of—snakebite ointment, the dew from rosebuds, even witchcraft incantations. Nothing helped."

But he didn't give up. "How could I?" he asked, patting his embryo hairdo with paternal pride. "I finally decided that it had to be done with an internal treatment and an external treatment. I worked out one and showed it to a doctor. He said it was harmless and useless.

"But I was desperate enough to try it and, bless me, if it didn't work. Then I tried it on some of my dental clients and it worked on them, too. I'm sort of torn between two things. Teeth are important physically but hair is important to the morale."

Memorial At Baylor To Honor Robert Browning

WACO, Tex. (UP) — The world's greatest Robert Browning collection will be housed in a \$700,000 library on the Baylor University campus in Waco, if present plans materialize.

Already an estimated \$400,000 is available for the edifice, which will occupy a city block.

The drive force back of this cultural movement Dr. A. Joseph Armstrong, head of the department of English at Baylor. In 1918, he presented his private Browning collection to the school. Since then his efforts have resulted in making it the world's greatest collection of books, poems and paintings of the famed Britisher.

The collection is valued conservatively at \$250,000, Dr. Armstrong says, pointing to one book alone worth \$50,000.

Browning died in 1889. He is then and is today widely read. His works have been translated into 37 foreign languages. There are 550 of his works and criticisms of

U. S. OK BUT TAHITI BEST SAYS VISITOR

ST. LOUIS (UP) — Tahiti is still the paradise it always has been, and Chief Charlie Mauu of the Pacific island can't see why anyone would want to live in the United States.

"Politics? United Nations? We cannot worry about such things," the six-foot, two-inch islander said in halting English.

Browning in the Japanese language alone.

Collecting the works of the poet has taken Dr. Armstrong across the Atlantic 32 times. He is considered one of the greatest living scholars on Browning.

The present Browning library on the Baylor campus, while small has rich Renaissance furniture, hand-carved bookcases, oriental rugs and stained glass windows designed especially for Baylor's collection to interpret certain of Browning's poems.

The collection numbers more than 4,000 books ranging from first editions to college theses.

Then he gave his philosophy for happiness. "Plant more, I tell my people, love more, and have more fun."

Charlie says it works. "Swimming and outrigger canoeing and fishing. There is plenty for everybody," he said happily.

Charlie is a direct descendant of the Polynesians who ruled the island when the famed mutineers from the Bounty came ashore. He was in the United States and for the first time, visiting a friend, Cruvant Altman.

When asked if the Tahitian natives really wore sarongs, Charlie said, "Oh, I put on sandals and the women wear dresses when we go to the city of Papeete, but otherwise one wears only a sarong. Why more?"

Charlie, whose real name is Aruteurua Terutahi, admitted he liked the United States. "I like your ice cream and your buildings. And your girls are very nice, even if some of them put too much paint on their faces. Dorothy Lamour is very nice and Rita Hayworth—ah!"

He owns a 400-acre plantation on the island that produces vanilla, coconuts, copra, grapefruit, bananas, oranges and a fruit called the Tahitian apple.

Asked why he was so anxious to return home, he quoted a line from the island's ancient love

song: "No matter how far you wander, you always think of Tahiti."

Pop Proves Realistic GOSHEN, Ind. (UP)—Sheriff's officers hurried more than usual

when an accident call reported that "there's lots of blood on the snow-covered pavement." The "blood" turned out to be strawberry pop which had been on a truck, one of the vehicles involved in a collision.

To greet you with a MERRY CHRISTMAS Eastland Chamber of Commerce

You Aren't Obligated To Credit This But Bald Dentist Offers Remedy

By Robert Musel United Press Staff Correspondent LONDON (UP) — A dentist who begs to be anonymous got tired of being called "The Egg" because of his bald head. He claims he grew a promising crop of hair after 24 years of walking around with a naked scalp. "I don't dare let out my name," said the dentist, a husky man of

63. "I told a few of my dental clients about it and I was deluged with phone calls, letters and personal visits from people they told about it. I bet every bald man in and around London has tried to get to see me." The dentist leaned forward to display the start of a bristly growth on his head. "I shouldn't be surprised," he

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Common Property Law Confuses Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH (UP) — A 12-paragraph law called the community property act has solved

unemployment in Pennsylvania's legal ranks. Legal tangles accompanying enactment of the controversial legislation last July quickly filled county court dockets and through the state's judicial circuits grayed overnight. Now effective in 13 of the 48 states, community property acts have been called by their propo-

ponents "the greatest declaration of feminine rights since woman suffrage." Opponents, already working for an amendment or repeal of the law, say it has "cut men's trousers at the knee." Pennsylvania's community property act enables married couples to file separate federal income tax returns. However, the savings

amount to less than \$50 a year for couples whose combined salaries total under \$7,000. The act provides that a wife share equally her husband's earnings and most of his other income though the man of the house is given the privilege of "managing his earnings." The law gives a wife half interest in all her husband's property acquired after their marriage. In the case of separate property, the wife's share begins on the date the law was passed. The law works both ways, of course, and a man can claim half a wife's income, except for gifts, inheritances, and money paid in compensation for services.

The Pennsylvania law was in effect last year when questions were raised about its effect on property in divorce or support cases. A woman who separated from her husband and got half his income, but a man who had his wife's name to prevent a divorce, could he claim half her income? Can a wife claim half her husband's income if he is unemployed? The first question has brought conflicting rulings from two Pennsylvania county courts. A Greene County judge ruled that a Crucible, Pa., miner must pay his estranged wife half his \$250 a month pay check. In a similar case, a Fayette County judge dismissed a wife's claim to half her husband's income in a support case.

AIRPLANE RIDE NO CURE FOR HICCOUGHS

By William A. Shires
United Press Staff Correspondent
ATLANTA, Ga. (UP) — If you don't like airplane thrills but you think they might help get rid of the hiccough, don't feel obliged to go up in an airplane. It might not work. Not if you have hiccoughs that really are hiccoughs. Not even if the plane does nose-dives straight at the ground from 10,000 feet or more. Not even if you're almost scared to death before you get back to terra

He's Not So Nutty



"He spend a lot of time scrambling around trying to dig up buried nuts? Phooey on such horse-and-buggy ideas!" says this squirrel in Elmira, N. Y. He's modern enough to know that when you want nuts you just go to the grocery store and get 'em. Which is what he's doing in the picture above.

firmly. Take it from Juanita McMichen of Atlanta, a 19-year-old lass with dark hair who hiccoughed for eight long weeks while doctors tried out every remedy they knew except two.

Finally they gave her the choice between those two—an airplane thrill ride or an operation to relieve pressure on the phrenic nerve.

It was a hard choice especially after having taken nourishment through nose tubes, having been on diets ranging from sparsity to over-abundance, having had transfusions, minor scares and shocks.

After all that Juanita was desperate. She was in the hospital, pale and worn from the ordeal. She chose the airplane ride. She and her father, M. S. McMichen of Jacksonville, Fla., boarded a plane piloted by Marine dive-bomber ace Joe Hornsby.

For an hour the plane zoomed and climbed. Hornsby rocked it up and down. He dived the red and yellow craft at tremendous speed. Juanita said she was scared "almost to death." It was her first plane ride. It didn't do the hiccoughs any good.

Juanita climbed out of the cockpit at the end of the hour still hiccoughing every 10 seconds. Hornsby said he was awfully sorry his "treatment" hadn't done any good. Southern Airways regretted it, too, and they refused payment. They called it a "mercy flight."

The story had a happy ending. The operation was successful and the hiccoughs ceased. But for plane rides—no more for Juanita like that.

Neither Fire Nor Flood Stops Millers

ARKANSAW, Wis. (UP)—Flood and fire have been no match for four grimly determined generations of the Miles family of millers during the past 90 years. Since Henry Miles built his first grist mill here in 1857, three fires and two floods have not stopped service to surrounding farmers only briefly.

when the Arkansas River ran wild in 1878. Fire and flood repeated in 1897 and 1907, with Ernie's son James sharing damage costs. The last fire—in 1927—razed buildings again. James' son-in-law, Cecil Harmon, hasn't lost the mill yet, he's prepared for anything. In the United States alone there are over 100 different kinds of wood-packets.



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Assistance Needed By Veterans To Be Provided 'Tis Said

Fully needed assistance to veterans and training schools in keeping their accounts straight with the Veterans Administration, will be provided under an audit and survey plan announced through the Dallas Regional VA Office today.

Regional Offices to service and work with each team in the field. This plan was originally initiated by the Houston Regional Office under Manager Leon P. Howe.

\$16 Collar For \$12 Dog Typifies How Paris Living Costs Stack Up

By James McGlinchey, Dallas Staff Correspondent. PARIS (UP)—Paris? Don't you mean cheap? The other day I bought a collar and just today my dog's collar cost \$16.

Local silk blouses can be found for \$30. Nylons are strictly black and this story is concerned only with local prices in legitimate stores, but nobody can get a pair of rather coarse silk stockings, guaranteed to wear practically no time at all, for a little under \$5.

School In North Dakota On Its Summer Vacation

DEVILS LAKE, N. D. (UP)—Most students in North Dakota are barely in the swing of a new school term, but 11 pupils at the Harding Township rural school near Webster, N. D., are enjoying their "summer vacation."

U. S. Christmas Tree 110 Years Old This Year

READING, Pa. (UP)—The Christmas tree will be 110 years old in the United States this year. Dr. Alfred L. Shoemaker, curator of the Historical Society of Berks County, is helping to organize the Reading-Berks County Bicentennial Celebration in 1948.

about 75 North Dakota rural schools which operate on a winter vacation schedule because of the bad road conditions during the winter season. Under a regular schedule, students would be faced with the problem of sitting snow drifts enroute to school. The school house is not sufficiently winterized to keep out the freezing drafts during the zero weather.

Their Record Parallel

KENDALLVILLE, Ind. (UP)—Eighteen months ago Robert Reade and Donald Shippy, both of this city, entered the army together. They were sent to the same basic training camp and then were assigned to the same engineering battalion in Japan. They both became sergeants. They were discharged together in California.

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Christmas Greetings Arthur's Trading Post

In men's clothing prices range from \$2 for a pocket handkerchief to \$14 for a felt hat of a quality that would make Mr. Stetson sick. Wool socks are \$3.50; silk ties nearly \$6. The pigskin gloves are nice — \$8 a pair. Shirts average from \$5 to \$12 for poor quality.

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