

Where there is no hope, there can be no endeavor. — Johnson.

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## Nations Study Job of Finding Homes for Jews

### Representatives of 5 Countries Seek Haven for Emigres

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Representatives of the United States, France, Great Britain, The Netherlands and Brazil meet here today to study the great task of finding homes for Europe's harassed Jews, particularly those in Germany.

They form the "inner" committee of a board formed at Evian-Les-Bains, France, last summer by delegates of 32 nations and sponsored by President Roosevelt.

The British chairman, Earl Winterton, and the American, George Rublee, permanent executive director of the international committee, are to report on the reaction in other countries which were asked to help.

Myron C. Taylor, American industrialist and vice-chairman of the international body, arranged yesterday for the meeting. If concrete proposals are formulated to deal with the problem, representatives of all 32 countries likely will be summoned.

Some countries have expressed a willingness to take refugees on certain conditions and in limited numbers. But because German Jews are allowed to take only a small amount of money when they emigrate, some nations are unwilling to admit more than a few families.

Meanwhile, the first group of 300 Jewish children, whom England agreed to receive, are due today at Harwich from Germany.

Australia disclosed she would admit 15,000 refugees within three years. Prime Minister Chamberlain has announced surveys in British Guiana, Tanganyika and elsewhere to determine the suitability of wide areas for colonization.

Among countries ready to admit a few families are Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia, Switzerland planned to admit 1,500 temporarily.

## President, Speaker Survey Outlook for Session of Congress

WARM SPRINGS, GA., Dec. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Speaker Bankhead surveyed the congressional outlook and the international situation Thursday and announced afterward the President would deliver his annual legislative message in person January 3.

Beyond that, all they would say at a roadside press conference was that they talked about "cabbages and kings." They smilingly borrowed the walrus's quotation from "Alice in Wonderland" to describe the extensive range of their discussion.

Bankhead nodded agreement when the President opened the interview by saying there was no news.

The President said they had discussed international as well as national affairs, and the public would know all about it January 3.

He added the talk covered the whole range of prospective legislation and everything was sweet and smooth.

Asked whether a special message would be sent on the big defense program now under expert study, Mr. Roosevelt said he could not say how that subject would be treated because he had yet to begin writing his message.

He shied away from questions because he would make another attempt to get through a government reorganization bill.

Asked for a list of "must" bills for the new session, the President replied there was such thing and never had been. He said "must" was a misnomer.

Committee appointments and Senate and House organization in general were understood to have been discussed.

Late in the day the President conferred with Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator. There was no announcement following the meeting.

William C. Bullitt, ambassador to France who had been vacationing in the Bahamas, arrived before midnight, but his call was described as largely personal.

## Prosecution of Reds, Nazis in U. S. Studied

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Justice Department is studying seriously a request for prosecution of the Communist party, the German-American Bund and some other organizations for failing to register.

Representative Dies recently asked the department to take such action.

## Miss Reiger Is Reported Doing Well

Dunn Reiger returned Thursday night from Fort Worth where he and Mrs. Reiger were called by the illness and emergency operation of their daughter, Miss Adale Reiger, student in TCU. He reported that Miss Reiger is doing well and will probably be able to return home in about two weeks. Mrs. Reiger is still with her.

## Fifty-Eighth Anniversary of Marriage Being Observed by Midland Couple Today

### S. M. Francis, Wife Residents of City For Post 33 Years

BY KATHLEEN EILAND.

Today, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Francis, 310 S. Main street, celebrate 58 years of married life. And the story of that 58 years reads like a story of the conquest of new lands, so full of pioneering experiences is it.

Stephen Mosby Francis and Sarah Emmeline Bennett were not strangers to adventure when they repeated their marriage vows in Coryell county, Dec. 2, 1880.

When he was only seven or eight years old he had come with his family and several others all the way from his native Mississippi, traveling in a "spike mule" wagon. The peculiar designation had reference to the fact that the three mules drawing the conveyance were hitched with a single mule leading and the two-mule team behind.

When Sarah Emmeline was 13, the Bennett family came to Texas from Tennessee. They came on an emigrant train and when they left the train at Waco, there was no hotel to go to and they had to camp in a wagon yard.

Indians, too. Among childhood memories of both Mr. and Mrs. Francis are those of having to stake out the horses or tie them at the windows of the house to keep Indians from stealing them. Mrs. Francis recalled, too, that a neighbor child was stolen by Indians and wounded so badly that he died soon after being recovered by the whites.

So it was in a land still rough with the dangers and hardships of the frontier that the young couple set up their own household, before either had reached a twentieth birthday.

The bride wore white at her wedding, of course—a white dress with full skirt and long overskirt. Her hair was combed straight back with braids piled on top of her head.

"Do you want to know what we had when we married?" Mr. Francis inquired with a twinkle in his eye. "I had the prettiest little iron gray horse and a half-rig saddle."

The first home they owned was a 40-acre tract of land in Coryell county. There was only a 14-foot room and a sideroom for the house—but this was compensated for by the five-acre peach orchard, the well of good water, and the youth and ambition and love that made the hard life worthwhile.

Mrs. Francis recalled that she used to pay a hired girl 25 cents a day to stay with the baby while she helped Mr. Francis rid the land of cocclebrus.

When their son, Audie, now Midland county sheriff, was four years old they moved to Hamilton county. With a mixture of pathos and pride, Mrs. Francis declared that at her life she had lived first on one frontier and then on another. "I always told her," her husband said, "that some day I'd build her a nice little home and we'd settle on to Rannels."

Those were the days when wire-cutters plied their trade. At last conditions grew so bad that the couple decided to move to a free range and came to Rannels county.

By this time, their possessions amounted to much more than the little iron gray horse and half-rig saddle. With their family of three children, about one hundred head of cattle, a team of mules and an ox-wagon, as well as several hundred dollars in money which Mrs. Francis wore a belt at her waist, they set forth, in company with another family, to reach a new home.

In Rannels county occurred the most tragic loss of the couple's long married life when a 16-months

## Married for 58 Years



MR. AND MRS. S. M. FRANCIS

old daughter was stung to death by red ants.

After sometime spent in Rannels county, including one year when they moved four times to get water, they again moved west, this time to Glasscock county. And from Glasscock they came to Midland, arriving here Nov. 12, 1905.

Midland of 1905 bore small resemblance to the dapper little city of today. It boasted only about 800 inhabitants.

Here Mr. Francis fulfilled the promise he had made to his wife during their travels: He built a nice home and they settled down. Their first home in Midland was a two-story wooden structure which was long a landmark on South Main street until destroyed by fire. Years before its destruction it had been moved from the original lot on which was erected the comfortable brick home where the couple still resides.

Shipped Most Cattle. From the time of his coming to Midland until his retirement from active business, Mr. Francis engaged in ranching.

For about 15 years he shipped more cattle up and down the T&P railroad than any other man, he said, adding that "the records show this to be a fact."

Fifty-eight years is a long time to be married. What rules have these two followed to make their marriage the success that it evidently is? This is Mrs. Francis' advice for

a happy matrimonial career: "Every fellow to tend to his own business and let the other alone," that is to do his own part in the partnership and let the other do likewise.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis has four children living, two being dead. Of these four, their sons Audie and Johnnie and one daughter, Helen, (Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith) live in Midland. The other daughter, Lenna Mae, (Mrs. Lawrence Shields) lives at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis are good company. Despite ill health and their advanced years, they have kept a quality of aliveness that is engaging. They talk readily and laugh about the hardships of their early days. Indeed, they believe the old days were best. She thinks people were more sociably and more accommodating than now.

Mr. Francis has kept a sense of humor so typical of western men and still enjoys teasing and joking with friends.

"We've got a whole lot to be thankful for," Mrs. Francis, gray-haired and neat, summed up. "I guess I'm as near ready as I will ever be to go but I want to keep on living."

So today, looking back on hardship, adventure, and dreams come true, Stephen Mosby Francis and Sarah Emmeline Francis, celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary.

## State Policy On Expenses Rapped by WLO

### "Ridiculous," Says Of No Itemization Of Expenditures

FORT WORTH, Dec. 2 (AP).—Governor-Elect W. Lee O'Daniel today termed the practice of not requiring governmental agencies to itemize expenditures as "perfectly ridiculous" as he awaited a report of an investigation conducted by the senate finance committee.

"I can't understand how the state could allow such a poor business policy," O'Daniel said.

His comment followed publication of a statement by Senator Redditt, Lufkin, chairman of the investigating group. Redditt said his committee would insist all expenses for departments be made in itemized detail.

Redditt said the present system was too loose and tends toward waste.

## Minister Is Found Slain, Son Is Held

BAINBRIDGE, O., Dec. 2 (AP).—Dr. Russell Bready, 60, Methodist minister, former mayor of Pontiac, Michigan, was found slain early today.

He had been shot in the temple and his body was found on the sidewalk two blocks from the parsonage. Sheriff Joseph Vincent ordered Bready's 29-year-old son, Robert, accountant, detained for questioning.

Officers said blood was in a downstairs parsonage and three upstairs rooms. A pistol was found under a pillow.

Young Bready, when questioned, said he couldn't remember anything since last night when he was sitting beside the radio drinking.

The son returned to Bainbridge a year ago and told neighbors he had been fighting with the Loyalists in Spain.

## Defense Work Of U. S. Being Speeded Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—The administration's quickened national defense preparations produced a naval contract on a sixth new battleship Thursday and an army order to streamline munitions supply plants.

The navy contract was for construction of the 35,000-ton battleship South Dakota at a cost of \$52,794,000.

The army order was given by Louis Johnson, Assistant Secretary of War, to more than 200 munitions procurement specialists here for the first national conference.

The officers are in charge of preparations for mobilizing industry to supply munitions to the army and navy.

Johnson told them that in the event of war the high command did not want "the experiences of 1917-18 repeated."

He noted that in the World War American soldiers had to use numerous British and French weapons because of American shortage, and said 14 months elapsed before a full American division was on the battle line.

Being simplified munitions plans, Johnson referred apparently to Germany in stating that "in a certain foreign country" designers strip all non-essentials from important war equipment items.

The assistant secretary urged the army officers to hasten completion of detailed specifications and drawings for all munitions the army would need in war-time. They are now only 75 per cent complete, he said.

## Beef From Midland Packing House to Be Eaten on Fort Worth Tables,—That's News

By BILL COLLYNS

Yesterday afternoon at the A. and M. Meat Packing Co. plant here, I saw a choice Midland counter beef slaughtered and dressed for Fort Worth consumption. Watching the slaughtering procedure was interesting, but particularly did I enjoy the fact that the beef was to be sent to Fort Worth.

The beef, a "Figure 5" calf personally selected by Clarence Scharbauer from one of the Scharbauer Cattle Co. ranches, was being prepared to grace the table of Uncle John Scharbauer, Midland and Fort Worth capitalist, who requested that this meat be prepared for him after a recent inspection of the local plant, one of Midland's newest industries. Needless to say, Uncle John Scharbauer, a connoisseur of meats, was favorably impressed with this thoroughly modern plant which is preparing meat for local consumption that can compete on equal terms with that of any packing

## ITALY WARNS FRANCE

### "Signs Up" for Short Term



Elected only for the unexpired term of the late Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota, Gladys Pyle hastened to put her nameplate on her Washington office. It comes down early in January.

## Second Largest Bennett Well Is Gauged at 2,252 Barrels Daily

By FRANK GARDNER.

Completion by Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Company of its No. 14 Bennett for the second largest rating in the Bennett pool of southeastern Yoakum and gauging of J. E. Mabree's mile and a quarter southwest extension well at flow of 25 barrels an hour after first acid headed today's developments in the North Basin region.

T. P. No. 14 Bennett, in section 695, block D, J. H. Gibson survey, gauged potential flow of 2,252 barrels a day following shut with 600 quarts from 5,076 to 5,235. It drilled to a total depth of 5,240 feet in time. The record well the pool has, T. P. No. 9 Bennett, with daily potential of 2,276 barrels.

The Railroad Commission today issued an order exempting the Hendricks pool of Winkler county from Saturday and Sunday shutdowns during the month of December. The field will be allowed to produce full rateable allowable during the entire 31 days.

T. P. also has staked location for two edge tests in the pool. On the south edge, No. 16 Bennett was spotted 440 feet from the north, 1,320 from the east line of the southwest quarter of section 695. No. 17 Bennett was staked 440 feet out of the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 696, on the southwest edge of the pool proper.

J. E. Mabree No. 1-D Colme-Willard, a mile and a quarter southwest of the Bennett pool and four miles northeast of east edge production in the Denver pool, flowed 144 barrels of oil in 10 hours on last test made before acidizing. Treated with 1,500 gallons, it flowed 25 barrels of oil an hour for two hours after recovering oil load and acid. The well has been re-acidized with 4,500 gallons, and is unloading again. Total depth is 5,227 feet in lime, with 2-inch tubing set at 5,205. Location is 440 feet from the north, 2,200 from the west line of section 741, block D, J. H. Gibson survey.

Barnsdall Well Hits Gas. Barnsdall Oil Company No. 1 Humble-State, Lake County, N. M., wildcat three miles northwest of the discovery gasser in the Westmount area, attracted attention to-

of lime and shale, and that from 5,800-20 showed recovery of 19 1/2 feet of the same type of formation.

H. F. Anthony No. 1 Richards-Shaw, Reeves shallow prospect, today was scheduled to start dependency when it logged first show of gas at 4,100-10 feet. Drilling this morning had passed 4,141 feet in anhydrite and lime.

Westmount Oil Company No. 1 Amerada-State, the discovery is preparing to drill plug from 5 1/2-inch casing cemented at 3,018 feet. Total depth is 3,986 feet in anhydrite. Before setting pipe, the well had blown out with an estimated seven to 32 million cubic feet of dry, sweet gas daily. Location is 660 feet from the north, 2,380 from the east line of section 12-175-36E.

Amerada No. 1-LA State, diagonal northwest, offset to the Westmount well, is drilling below 450 feet in red rock.

Skelly No. 1-N State, wildcat two miles to the north, had reached 946 feet in red rock. It is in the center of the northwest of the northeast of section 36-165-36E.

Shril No. 1 Harwood, southern Roosevelt county wildcat two miles north of the town of Milnesand, this morning was preparing to core ahead from present depth of 4,641 feet in lime.

Gulf Test Tops Simpson. Simpson, middle Ordovician, was reported to have been topped at 5,830 feet, datum of minus 3,285, by Gulf No. 9 Waddell, deep test in western Cranes Sandhills pool. The well is located 660 feet out of the northeast corner of section 7, block B-27, public school land. This morning it was pulling core from 5,820-40. Core from 5,700 to 5,800 had returned nine and one-half feet from present depth of 1,630 feet. During the last 24 hours it headed an estimated 15 barrels of oil into pits. Oil tests 27.5-gravity, a sizeable drop from the 35.4 degrees originally reported. Show of gas had been logged from 1,612-14, with first show of oil at 1,621. Increase in oil was found from 1,625-30, where the hole filled 700 feet the first 10 hours.

Crusades Petroleum, Inc. No. 1 A. D. Neal, north central Glasscock wildcat two miles southeast of the Carter area, is drilling at 2,185 feet in lime.

## Nation Ready To March, Is Statement

### Relations Strained Over Demonstration Regarding Colonies

ROME, Dec. 2 (AP)—Editor Virgilio Gayda, who often reflects Mussolini's views, warned France today Italy "is ready to march, even against France, if it is necessary."

Gayda's declaration, in the newspaper Giornale D'Italia, sharply underscored the strain of Italian-French relations since Wednesday when Italian deputies demonstrated, in the presence of Mussolini, for recognition of Italian interest in Tunisia. France's North African protectorate.

Italy reinforced her position in Libya Thursday, making a fresh bid for Moslem allegiance by promising limited citizenship to Libyan Arabs while the press continued the clamor over French Tunisia.

The fascist press, in a sequel to last night's anti-French demonstration in the chamber of deputies, lamented what one called "grave injuries" to Italians in Tunisia following the French occupation in 1881.

Foreign observers said they interpreted the general press campaign against France to the scope of the problems whose solution must form a part of Italo-French reconciliation.

## Youth Dies to Bring Toll of Bus-Train Crash to 24 Today

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 2 (AP)—With the death of one youth today, the toll of the nation's worst school bus-train disaster rose to 23 identified victims. One body remained unidentified.

Sixteen occupants of the bus which was crushed by a freight train near here yesterday were injured, three critically.

## Kidnap Victim Was Wrong Girl; Given Freedom by Couple

OXON HILL, Md., Dec. 2 (AP).—William Brown, father of 18-year-old Mary Brown who reappeared after her home last night after 34 days absence, said today his daughter had been abducted by men who mistakenly thought he could pay a ransom for her release.

Brown said they released his daughter after she convinced them her father was unable to pay ransom. The girl told her name she had been held in a hut until released.

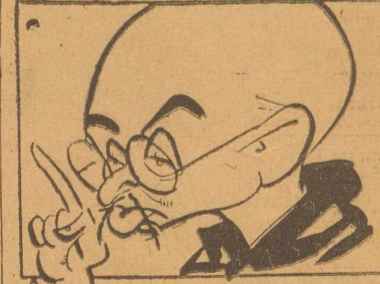
Mary Brown disappeared yesterday while she and a 15-year-old sister, Lucy, were returning from classes at a Washington business school. Lucy told police this story.

Two men, driving a truck, offered them a ride. They refused and the men drove away, but returned in a moment. They leaped from the truck and seized Mary. Lucy escaped by crawling under a fence and running across a field to her home.

C-33 HERE

A C-33 arrived at Sloan Field today, coming from Tucson, Ariz., and departed for Little Rock, Ark. Pilot Swisher was commanding.

## 18 Shopping Days Till Christmas



A MR. M. K. GANDHI WAS LEADING AN ANTI-BRITISH NON-COOPERATION CAMPAIGN...

LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS 18 YEARS AGO—Prohibition was booming California grape industry.

Holiday cheer dampened by threat of immigration wave. Hoover-headed "European Relief Council" brought joyous Christmas to millions of European war orphans. New York newspaper held: "We are being taxed to death."

A Mr. M. K. Gandhi was leading anti-British non-co-operation movement in India.



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## The Right Foundation for Our Defense Program

By BRUCE CATTON.

Before Congress really gets down to work on the rearmament program, it is to be hoped that its members will appreciate the fact that, in a military sense, America today is in the position of England during the 19th century.

Which is to say that America today is an insular nation. Its true defense lies on the sea. Just as England was protected by its "moat" until the modern bombing plane rendered the moat useless, so today America is protected by its own moat—the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. And no military program the nation can devise is worth paying for unless it is founded on that simple fact.

Modern armaments take three forms—land, sea and air. And an insular nation must approach its defense problems from a different angle than a nation which does not enjoy the protection of the sea. Germany, for instance, must have a very strong army in order to be secure; it must have peace-time conscription and all the rest of the machinery that enables it to put an overwhelming force on the frontiers at a moment's notice.

But that is not at all the answer to the problem on this side of the Atlantic. A nation which can keep its enemies from getting near its frontiers does not need a strong frontier guard. A small, mobile force that can be rushed quickly to any danger spot is all it needs in the way of frontier defense.

But on the water the situation is reversed. Germany can have security with a relatively small navy; the United States, on the other hand, cannot have it without an exceedingly strong navy. For the simple, geographical fact that any possible enemy must cross the ocean before it can get at him gives Uncle Sam the chance to hold all enemies at arm's length—provided that he maintains the right kind of fleet, backed with an adequate air force.

This is an extremely important fact in relation to the prospects for American democracy. For a nation which must prepare in the European manner, with conscription of manpower and regimentation of industry, must inevitably surrender some of its liberties—as the French are learning today, to their sorrow. But a sea power can have security without paying that price.

It was not by accident that England enjoyed unbroken freedom and democracy for so many years. It was able to do so because, being defended on and by the seas, it could attain security without supporting an immense military establishment. And America today is in a similar situation.

We do not need a huge army, we do not need conscription, we do not need any of the grandiose plans for regimenting men, industry and money which have been discussed of late. Since we do not need those things, we can give ourselves full security without infringing on our political and economic liberties.

Above everything else, it is important that Congress remember that when it goes ahead with the rearmament program.

## JOHN T. FLYNN

By JOHN T. FLYNN

NEA Service Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK.—We are beginning to observe phenomena in the general economic situation not unlike those which appeared in the latter part of 1936.

First of all, production has been increasing with reasonable speed, employment has been increasing. This occurred all through 1936, striking finally a sort of accelerating spark which sent it into high gear. This has not occurred now by any means. Whether it will or not is beside the point for the moment.

The moment this 1936 condition began to manifest itself the cry went up that we were enjoying real recovery and with this went a demand for tapering off of government expenditures. The administration responded to this demand and thereafter all through the latter half of 1936 and the early part of 1937 expenditures were cut.

Meantime prices rose, thus adding to the depressive influences and 1937 moved swiftly into a tail spin of impressive proportions.

Now as production has increased and as employment has expanded, the same talk about recovery has spread around and the same demand for curtailing government expenditures has begun. Again the President responds and, if we are to believe the stories from Washington, expenditures for relief are to be cut drastically.

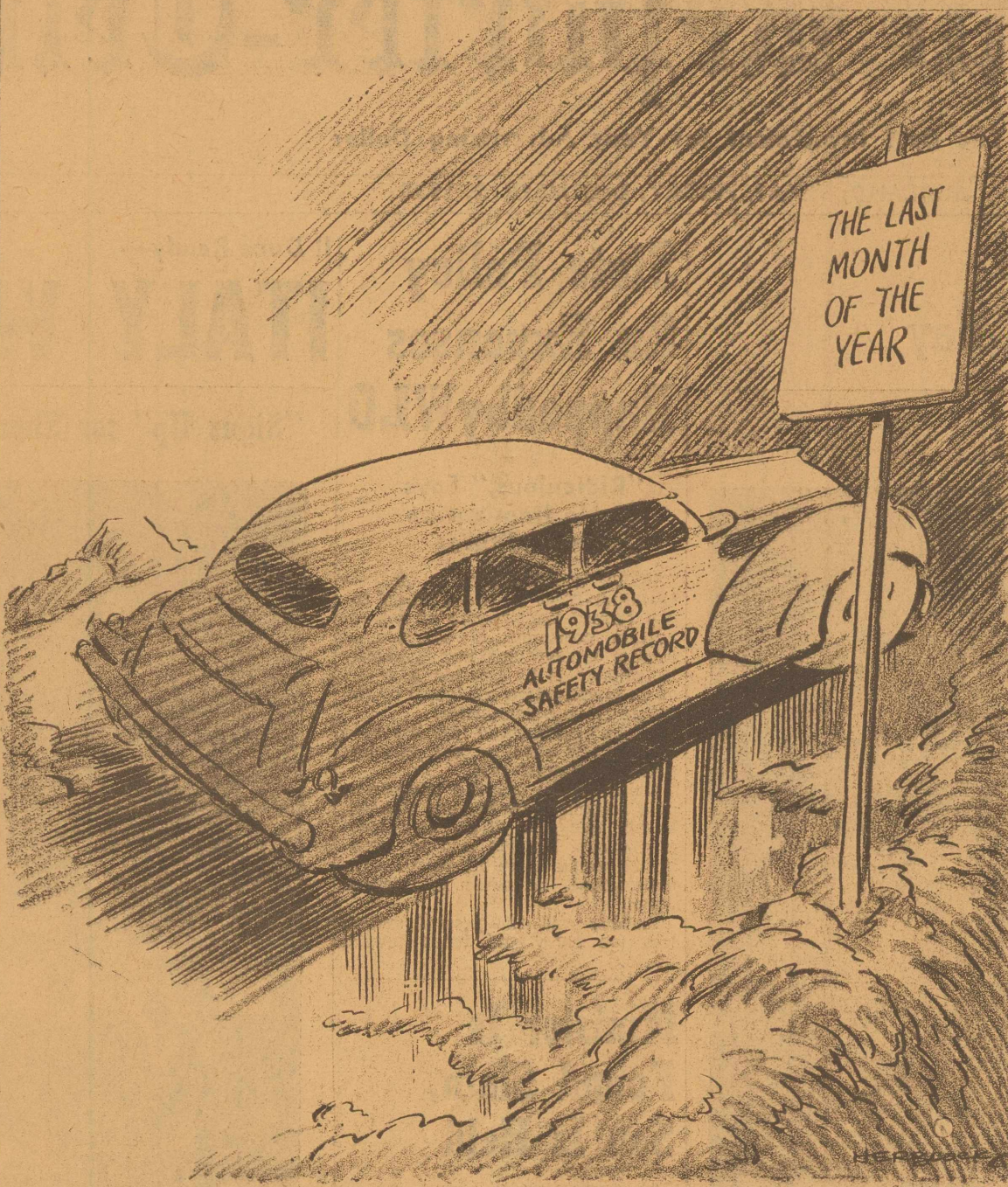
## ANOTHER TAIL SPIN?

OF course there is the feeling that these reductions are to be accompanied by increased expenditures for armaments. But the money for the armaments is not yet available and when it is it will take some time to put it effectively to work.

Now if this curtailment of government expenditures takes place there is no doubt that the mild recovery movement will very quickly be checked and that we will go into the same kind of a tail spin as we saw in 1937. It may, indeed, be more serious. For now there is a depressive influence which did not exist before. Then the government was raising funds by loans from the banks. This was 100 per cent inflationary. But now the government is getting its funds partly from the banks but partly from loans of tax money.

"Loans of tax money" may sound strange. It is strange. It is one of the strangest of public finance oddities. The government imposes a heavy tax on pay rolls of employers for social security. It then "borrows" this tax money and issues bonds for it. Seemingly it is spending money obtained by loans but it is actually spending Paul said.

## Danger of Skidding!



## The Town Quack

cowgirl, on plans for the exposition's new feature, the cowgirl honor guest event.

Reeves said: Miss Walter Fay Cowden, Midland cowgirl, was in Fort Worth this week discussing plans with John E. Davis, manager of the Southwest Exposition and Fair Stock Show, and John M. Hendrix, publicity director, for a new feature for the rodeo March 11-20. Hendrix described the event as one which will give rodeo visitors a chance to see the charm, beauty and horsemanship of a group of cowgirl honor guests selected as typical of the range and processed by representative cattlemen from their respective sections. Miss Cowden is well known in ranch circles and to rodeo fans. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cowden of Midland. She graduated from the College of Industrial Arts at Denton last June. She is just back from a trip to New York where she made an appearance in the rodeo at Madison Square Garden.

She has served as official hostess to the cowgirl sponsors at the Midland rodeo and was Midland's sponsor to the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford. She participated in a rodeo at Woodward, Okla. in 1937. She was prize winner in the cowgirl contest at the rodeo at Lovington, N. M., and this past summer was the queen of the Lovington rodeo. Miss Cowden is popular in social circles in the younger set at Midland. The Cowdens are one of the best known ranch families in West Texas. E. W. Cowden went from Palo Pinto county as a young man to West Texas and was a cowboy along the Pecos River. He acquired a ranch of his own in the Kermit area long before oil was discovered in that section. Mrs. Cowden was born at Comanche and she and her husband have lived in West Texas continuously since their marriage. The E. W. Cowden residence in Midland is one of the attractive homes in this progressive West Texas city known for its beautiful homes. The Cowden cattle brand occupies a place of prominence over the main entrance of the home. The P-Bar brand was part of the decorations on the boots worn by Miss Cowden while in Fort Worth this week. When asked what she thought of the new feature to be made a part of this year's show and rodeo, Miss Cowden said: "It all sounds wonderful to me. I have never heard of anything like it and I am sure it will be popular. It will give the cowgirls a chance to display their horsemanship and I am sure the spectators will appreciate the color of the girls' costumes. The cowgirls should have a wonderful time, as it will not be all work by any means."

## Secretarial School Changes Location

Announcement is being made today of the removal of the Ross Secretarial school from Hotel Scharbauer to the second floor of the Thomas building.

This move is being made, according to Mrs. Doris Ross, to accommodate the increased enrollment of the school.

Another business department is being added to the school, with C. A. Stroud acting in the capacity of bookkeeping instructor.

Oil firm heads and other business men of Midland have shown considerable enthusiasm in the school, inasmuch as it affords well-trained home talent to fill office jobs.

# CHAIN STORES IN MIDST OF SURVIVE OR PERISH BATTLE

## Babson Asks Public To Express Views On Justice of Laws

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 2.—A bill which could send the nationwide chain store systems to the electric chair comes up before the new congress in January. It would impose such a terrific tax on the big retail combines that they would have only two alternatives: (1) To break up; or (2) To go into bankruptcy. It is a momentous national issue. The pocketbook of every American "breadwinner" is involved. In fairness to all concerned we should study the pros and cons of the question very carefully and give our congressmen and senators our opinions.

What are the chains' chief advantages to the householder? Most important is the fact that they have reduced the prices of goods ten per cent on the average. Their leadership in cleanliness, modernization, and other good merchandising practices has been a real boon to those retailers who have survived the multiple-store competition. By reducing prices of necessities, the chains have increased the workers' standard of living nearly five per cent. Lower prices and attractive displays have also benefited farmers, processors, and manufacturers through greater consumption.

## MUCH ON CHAIN'S SIDE

Their advertising has been effective in stimulating the sale of more goods and its has provided local newspapers with more revenue to give communities better newspapers. The chains have paid their share of the local tax burden on their store properties either directly or through rent. They have paid their managers and clerks as much or more than the average for all retail stores. Moreover, under the prodding of their critics, their managers are gradually becoming a bigger factor in the civic life of their community.

The chains have their faults, too. They have chiseled manufacturers for years. By buying in mass quantities, they have been able to undersell the same quality of merchandise when retailed through independents. National brands have been used as "loss leaders" although this has now been corrected to some extent. Their opponents charge that they have drained profits out of local communities for years. This is not wholly true, however, for their margin of profit (about 3 per cent) is much smaller than the reduction in prices which they have effected (about 10 per cent). Furthermore, there are more stockholders of chain stores in the average community now than there were independent store-owners a few years ago.

## INDEPENDENTS' BEST TALKING POINT

Now, what can be said for the independents? First, and foremost is the fact that they have always been the backbone of every community. A group of locally-owned, progressive shops and stores is a great asset to any town or city. They give more service, such as deliveries, credit, and greater individual attention. They know their own community's problems. They are a part of its life. They feel a great responsibility toward their employees and customers. It is largely on the above intangible reasons that the independents are basing their appeal for throttling the chains. These are very powerful arguments and are worthy of the utmost consideration.

The most common criticism of the independents is that they are unable to operate as efficiently as the chains. I doubt this. Smart, progressive, free-lance merchants can today match the chains on price and service provided the chains are selling their goods on

a cost-plus basis and not on a loss-leader basis. As a matter of fact, I feel that the chains have started out only the backward, marginal type of retailer. The latter just did not have the ability to stay in business regardless of the multiple-stores. Moreover, the charge that the chains are monopolizing the retailing business seems to be refuted by the fact that the number of independents has swelled from 234,000 in 1929 to 304,000 at the last census.

## IS BIG BUSINESS TOO BIG?

This is a big and vital issue. As I have briefly pointed out, there are powerful arguments on both sides. Fundamentally, I think the whole problem boils down to this: The chain has done for retailing what the machine has done for production. To do away with the chain completely would be like smashing out machinery to "make more work." Yet, the chains may now be too big. Maybe all "Big Business" is now too big. Maybe it would be profitable for the country if some gigantic corporations were "unscrambled" or "unmerged."

Why? Because it is very possible that some big corporations are less efficient than most people believe when we consider the nation's manhood. Maybe too large a proportion of their supposed efficiency is due to cutting down the legitimate profits of the people from whom they buy. Bigness cannot take the place of righteousness. Equal opportunities must be assured for all. We must not let the time come when it is impossible for a "small business" to get underway and succeed. This would not be a healthy condition.

## LIMIT, DON'T KILL, THE CHAINS.

Perhaps too much power is being concentrated in the hands of a few mammoth merchandising outfits. This is not in line with our American principles of free enterprise,

competition, and initiative. Therefore, what should be done? Perhaps instead of killing the chains outright, as some want, or letting them run along unmolested as others do, there is a half-way ground. Maybe we should keep the chains within state lines, just as banks are already limited.

These are all ideas put forward to stimulate thinking on this vital issue. I know that readers are discussing the pros and cons. It would be helpful if you wrote me your thoughts. While I cannot answer your letters personally, I can give a summary of the most important points which have been brought out. Moreover, I will also offer a five dollar (\$5.00) prize for each of the twenty best 300-word letters that are written to me. Remember, this next congress may decide whether we will or will not continue to have chain stores. It is vital that the right decision be made.

## Shoplifting by Order

BINGHAM, Utah (U.P.)—Patrick Daly, ex-merchant, is bemoaning the restrictions put on business. Daly has six months in which to criticize restraint put on his trade. He told the court he had taken numerous orders for merchandise from Bingham citizens — and did "shoplifting by order."

## Announcements

SATURDAY. Story Hour will be held at the children's library Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Althean class of the Baptist Sunday school will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Elliott F. Cowden, 201 North C, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rachel circle of the Presbyterian church will sponsor a tea towel sale at the M. system grocery and at the Shopping Village Saturday morning from 10 o'clock until noon.

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**SWEETHEARTS**

Adapted from the METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER Picture by GERTRUDE GELBIN

SYNOPSIS: Gwen Marlowe and Ernest Lane have starred for six years in "Sweethearts." They are in love, their home life is chaos as the result of their large collection of theatre-acting relatives. They long for peace and quiet. When Norman Trumpett, movie mogul, offers them a Hollywood contract they decide to go. Leo, director of "Sweethearts," has a plan to make them stay in New York.

NOW READ CHAPTER FIVE — BELOW

"I've a magnificent new play for you."

"I've persuaded Kay to go to Hollywood with us."

"I know now the kind of creature you are."

"Mr. Lane's going to Hollywood — but I'm not!"

Hollywood wants Gwen (Jeanette MacDonald) and Ernest (Nelson Eddy) only as a co-starring team. Leo (Mischa Auer) plans to separate them by making Gwen jealous. Felix (Frank Morgan) scorns the idea. How can anyone make any wife jealous of a husband that sends her love notes between every act of "Sweethearts"? Felix has seen the notes. Gwen keeps them in her dressing room. Leo's mind begins to work. Can Felix get him some of these love letters? Felix can and does.

Felix then urges Gwen and Ernest to remain in New York for Leo's new play. They laugh and tell him they're through with the theatre. Then Leo visits Gwen and insists that she listen to the first act of his play. As he speaks the hero's lines, her face pales. Every word of the dialogue is taken from Ernest's notes to her. She asks Leo if he wrote the dialogue. With great secrecy he confesses he took it from love notes written to a woman friend by a famous man who has been in love with her for years—right under his wife's nose!

Gwen nearly faints at the news. Who can the other woman be? In a flash she realizes that the only other woman close to Ernest is Kay, his secretary (Florence Rice). She recalls that they are constantly together; she thinks of a half dozen instances which help her build up all the facts she needs to substantiate Leo's boast. Her last doubt vanishes when the two of them burst in upon her, their arms entwined and Ernest gleefully announces that he has convinced Kay she must go to Hollywood with them.

Gwen leaves them abruptly and hurries to the theatre, where she locks herself in her dressing room. She sends back Ernest's notes of the evening, unopened. When Trumpett (Reginald Gardiner) arrives with his lawyers and the contracts, she refuses to sign. She announces she can't go to Hollywood because she'll hamper Ernest's "outside" interests. Despite his bewildered plea, she states she never wants to act with him again—in a musical, in the movies—or anywhere else. Read the next startling and concluding chapter.

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# SOCIETY NEWS SECTION

## Triple-Hostess Dessert-Bridge, Complimenting Denver Visitor, Stresses Holiday Motif

Opening the holiday season for larger parties was the attractively-appointed Christmas dessert-bridge with which Mrs. Geo. Glass, Mrs. O. B. Holt, and Mrs. Frank Cowden entertained members of their bridge clubs at the Cowden home, 104 South G street, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The affair honored Miss Mary Pemberton of Denver, Colorado, cousin of the hostesses, who is now visiting in Midland.

Appointments for the dessert service and for the games afterward were bright with Christmas colors and emblems. Paper cloth and napkins for the dessert tables bore designs of Santa Claus and the tables were centered with devil's ivy plants in pots wrapped in red cellophane, tied with red and green ribbon.

Individual molds of ice cream in the shape of Santa Claus introduced a novel holiday note on the dessert plate which repeated the Yuletide colors in cakes decorated in red and green.

Red poinsettia score pads and tallies were used in the seven tables of bridge played.

Playing prizes, packaged in red and tied with green, topped by a poinsettia blossom, were awarded to Mrs. Ellis Cowden for high score, to Mrs. Elliott Cowden for second high, and to Mrs. M. C. Ulmer for floating prize.

The honoree was presented with a gift from the hostesses.

Table cuts were the pots of devil's ivy.

The invitation list included: The honoree, Mmes. Ed M. Whitaker, William Simpson, Don Sivalls, J. M. Caldwell, Jas. Fitzgerald, Fred Cowden, John Nobles, Dick Cowden, R. C. Conkling, Roy Parks, J. M. Speed Sr., Wade Heath, Ellis Cowden, Geo. McEntire Jr., Clarence Schaubauer, Allen Tolbert, Henry Wolcott, M. C. Ulmer, Guy Cowden, Foy Proctor, Claude Duffey, Joe Youngblood.

Mmes. Frank Williamson, Fred Turner, John Dublin, Frank Fulk, P. F. Bridgewater, Elliott Cowden, Charles Brown, J. R. Martin, Hugh Corrigan, Charles Klapproth, B. C. Girdley, Harvey Conger, C. M. Goldsmith, Clyde Cowden, Henry Tolbert, Miss Lula Elkin, Mrs. Tom Harris and Mrs. Cotton Waddell of Odessa.

Mmes. John B. Thomas, J. L. Crump, John Howe, Harvey Sloan, Tom Sloan, Johnson Phillips, B. H. Blakeney, Brooks Pemberton, Fred Middleton, Holt Jewell, Spence Jewell, Orin Collins, Dunn Reiger, Miss Fannie Bess Taylor.

**Birthday Dinner Is Courtesy to Fred G. Middleton**

Fred Gordon Middleton was complimented by his mother, Mrs. Fred Middleton, with a 6 o'clock dinner at their home, 900 W. Tennessee, Thursday evening, on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday. Mrs. Middleton was assisted in entertaining by the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Brooks Pemberton.

Guests were 10 boys of the Senior class at high school.

A three-course turkey dinner was served to the group, a special fea-

## Christmas Theme Is Featured at Birthday Party

Honoring their daughter Margaret on her twelfth birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mims entertained with a theatre party Thursday evening. Children gathered at the Mims home, 210 W. Tennessee, where they played table games before attending the show. After the film, they returned to the home where more games were played and refreshments served.

A Christmas theme was carried out in table decorations of red, green, and white. Central ornament was a Christmas tree, at the foot of which was placed a small lighted figure of a church which Margaret has had since her first birthday party when she was three years old. Four tall red candles in white holders, while tiny white birds made a circle round the edge of the upper tier in the center of which was an arrangement of red rose buds. When the cake was cut, it was found to contain fortune-telling favors for the children.

The invitation list included, beside the honoree: H. G. Bedford, Byron Griffin, Billy Elkin, L. C. Nehaterlin, J. E. Roy, Charles Sherwood, Charles Barron, Charles Roripaugh, Jimmie Kendrick, Jean Schotlander, Mary Kathryn Taylor, Graham Stookey, Allyne Kelly, Marie Barber, Bobby Hartz, Dolores Barron, Alberta Smith, Fred Weemple, Allen Dee Crane, Isabel Morehouse, Elaine Hedrick, Billy Wells, Barber Stevens, Norma Jean Stice, Martha Jane Preston, James Mims, and Margaret's room teacher, Coach L. M. Freels.

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## Mrs. Miller Is Hostess to Bridge For Bien Amigos

Fall flowers and sweetpeas mingled in floral appointments for the party rooms when Mrs. E. M. Miller entertained Bien Amigos club with a bridge at the home of Mrs. P. A. Nelson, 805 W. Louisiana, Thursday afternoon.

Three tables of bridge supplied diversion during the playing hours with high score prize going to Mrs. F. E. Weaver and second high to Mrs. Wallace Irwin.

Guests were Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Davis.

At refreshment time, sweetpeas centered the tables for the serving of a tea course.

Members present were, Mms. Joe Ballantrio, P. F. Bridgewater, Jas. H. Chapple, W. B. Harkrider, J. M. Haygood, John House, C. A. Mix, Weaver, F. P. Winger, Nelson Young, and the hostess.

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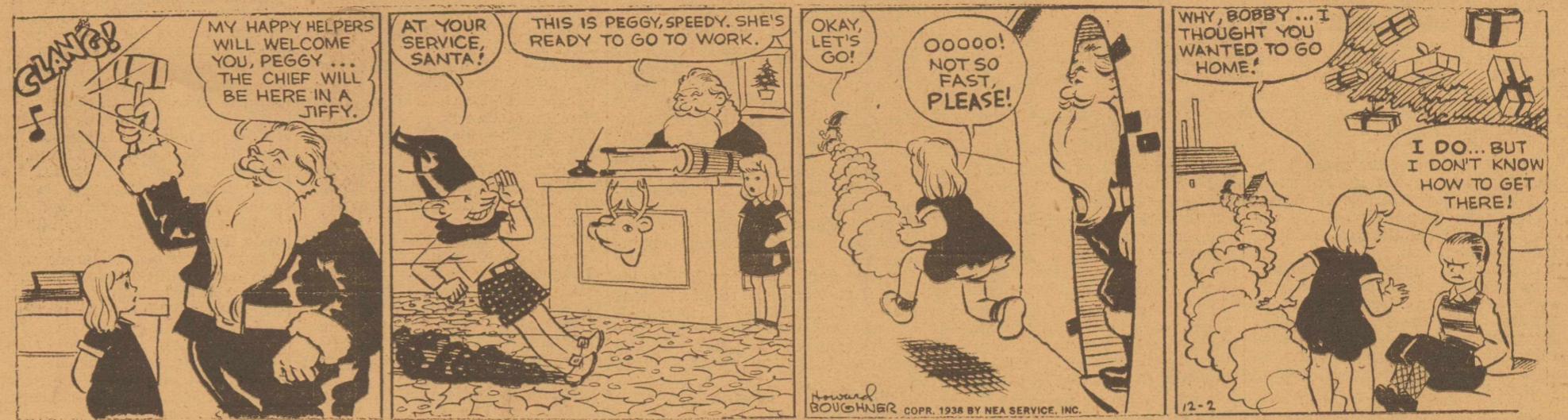
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## BOBBY'S CHRISTMAS DREAM



## Church Services

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

John E. Pickering, Pastor  
 H. G. Bedford, Supt. of Bible School  
 Mrs. M. A. Park, Director of Music  
 Mrs. Lee Cornelius, Church Pianist

9:45 a. m.—Bible school.  
 10:30 a. m.—Preparation for the Lord's Supper.  
 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor on "Witnessing for Christ."  
 4:30 p. m.—Junior-Intermediate Endeavor.  
 6:00 p. m.—Senior Endeavor.

7:00 p. m.—Special program on Women's Day in charge of women of the church under leadership of Mrs. Charles Klapproth, president of the women's missionary society. Rev. Patrick Henry, state secretary of the Christian churches of Texas, will preach.  
 3:30 p. m. Monday—Council meeting.  
 7:30 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting and choir practice.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 W. J. Coleman, Minister in Charge  
 J. L. Kendrick, Church School Supt.

9:45 a. m.—Church school. Good department and efficient teachers for every grade.  
 11:00 a. m.—Divine worship. The minister will bring a message on "Making the Most of It," another sermon on troubled hearts.  
 7:00 p. m.—People's Hour—The minister will bring a pre-Christmas message on "John—Forerunner—Keynote."

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES**  
 "God the Only Cause and Creator" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 4.

The Golden Text is: "I am the Lord, your Holy One the creator of Israel, your King" (Isaiah 43:15).  
 Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Thou, even thou, art Lord alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the sea, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee" (Nehemiah 9:6).  
 The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Eddy: "The depth, breadth, height, might, majesty, and glory of infinite Love fill all space" (page 520).

**TRINITY CHAPEL EPISCOPAL**  
 P. Walter Henckell, Minister in Charge.  
 Richard Gile, Lay Reader.

7:45 a. m.—Celebration of Holy Communion with Rev. P. Walter

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### ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

510 S. Baird  
 M. E. Stubblefield, Pastor.  
 10:00 a. m. Sunday School.  
 11:00 a. m. Church service. Sermon by the pastor.  
 7:30 p. m. Church service. Sermon by the pastor.  
 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Young people's meeting.  
 7:30 p. m. Friday, Prayer meeting.

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
 W. C. Hinds, Pastor  
 9:45 a. m.—Church school.  
 11:00 a. m.—Worship. Sermon by the pastor on the theme, "Victory Over Temptation."  
 Epworth League Evening Service  
 6:15 p. m. Intermediate department at the church.  
 6:15 p. m. Senior department at the annex.  
 7:00 p. m. Evening worship. Sermon by the pastor on "Life's Goal."  
 7:00 p. m. Wednesday—Wednesday evening devotional service.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 H. D. Bruce, Pastor  
 9:45 a. m.—Sunday school. Claude Crane, superintendent.  
 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor on the subject, "He Was a Good Man."  
 6:15 p. m.—Training union. Dick

**SOUTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Corner of South Colorado and California Streets  
 10:30 a. m. Song service.  
 11:00 a. m. Preaching.  
 8:15 p. m. Preaching.  
 These services will be held each Lord's Day.  
 8:15 p. m. Wednesday, Bible study. The public is invited to attend.

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH**  
 John J. O'Connell, O. M. I. Pastor  
 7:30 a. m. Holy Communion.  
 8:00 a. m. Mass for Mexican people.  
 10:00 a. m. High mass. (English speaking).  
**HOLINESS TABERNACLE** (Pentecostal)  
 Pastor O. W. Roberts  
 10:00 a. m. Sunday school.  
 11:00 a. m. Preaching service.  
 7:45 p. m. Wednesday, Prayer meeting.  
 7:30 p. m. Evening service.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Harvey Childress, Minister  
 800 West Tennessee  
 9:45 a. m. Bible school.  
 11:00 a. m. Morning worship.  
 6:45 p. m. Young People's class.  
 7:30 p. m. Evening service.

### 2:00 p. m. Tuesday, Women's Bible class.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday Prayer meeting.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 T. H. Graumann, Pastor.  
 Services are held every second and fourth Sunday at the Midland Episcopal Church at 2:00 p. m. You are cordially invited

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### JAMAICA BANANAS MENACED

LONDON. (U.P.)—One of Jamaica's big economic problems is the panama disease which is attacking the island's bananas. Office expert, told the West India Royal Commission in London that there was no cure.

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 FOR HEAD-COLD "sniffles" and misery, melt a spoonful of VapoRub in a bowl of boiling water. Have the child breathe in the steaming vapors. This loosens phlegm, clears air-passages.

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# ST. MARY'S TO PLAY TECH IN BOWL

**By Felix R. McKnight.**  
 DALLAS, Dec. 2 (AP).—Twice beaten but dangerous St. Mary's of California—the Gallating Gaels—Thursday accepted an invitation to meet undefeated, untied Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl post-season game on Jan. 2.

Dan Rogers, chairman of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, said Coach Slip Madigan of St. Mary's had telephoned approval after conferring with athletic officials of the coast school.

Selections of St. Mary's ended a three-day combing of the nation's outstanding major clubs available for a post-season engagement. Reports said four teams were under consideration after considerable shuffling of countless telegrams and telephone calls.

Both teams employ wide-open offenses and Cotton Bowl officials expressed satisfaction at the line-up.

The Gaels, one of the major independent clubs of the nation, snapped Santa Clara's streak in its last engagement, bringing in a 7-0 victory that blasted the Brons out of bowl consideration.

California, runner-up for Pacific Coast Conference honors and outvoted for the Rose Bowl, edged past St. Mary's 12-7, in the Gaels' opening game of the season. In its next to last appearance, the Gaels went East and lost to Fordham, 3-0, in a New York game.

Victims on the St. Mary's list include Gonzaga, 20-0, Loyola of Los Angeles, 7-0; Portland University, 32-9; University of San Francisco, 13-6; and Santa Clara, 7-0.

Rogers said he had received telegrams from several leading Pacific Coast sports writers describing St. Mary's as "one of the most powerful and certainly the most colorful team on the coast."

The Tech Red Raiders, who played teams from nine states and licked them all—including Montana, Montana State, Gonzaga, Duquesne,

Loyola of New Orleans, Marquette, New Mexico, Texas School of Mines and Oklahoma City—have temporarily forgotten football but will resume practice on a three-day-a-week schedule next Tuesday at Lubbock.

Business Manager of Athletics Bo Williams of Tech came to Dallas yesterday to pick up 12,000 tickets for Lubbock—home site of the Raiders—alone. He said some 20,000 tickets would be distributed throughout West Texas with ticket agencies at Amarillo, Odessa and Hobbs, N. M.

"Why I took 700 reservations over the telephone in my office yesterday," beamed Williams. "And I've only got one phone."

To Tech, the third largest Texas state institution, the Cotton Bowl invitation came as the break it had been waiting for. A good football team for several years, Tech has clamored for entrance into the seven-club Southwest Conference but has been consistently denied entrance on the grounds the conference doesn't wish to expand.

Observers felt the Cotton Bowl invitation, and a possible victory,

## 16 Class-A, 48 Class-B Teams Open Eliminations Over State This Week

DALLAS (AP)—Eight teams will remain in the battle for the Class A championship and 24 in the race for regional honors in Class B when competition ceases on the Texas schoolboy gridiron this week.

District championships of both divisions were decided last week-end and the first round of state play finds the Tyler Lions, with one of the finest records in Texas interscholastic League history, favored for the title. Class B football goes no further than regional championships.

Three undefeated, untied teams were left when the district campaign ended in Class A ranks. Tyler was one and Lufkin another. These teams meet at Tyler in the feature game of the BI-District round.

The third team with a perfect record—Gainesville—clashes with Highland Park of Dallas, Lubbock, which unseated Amarillo in the Panhandle after the latter had held the title for years, meets Vernon in another outstanding battle. Lubbock did not lose to a Texas team but was edged out 14-13 by Capital Hill, Oklahoma City. Vernon lost but one game but that was to Lubbock in a non-conference engagement. The score was 7-0.

Sunset (Dallas), undefeated but with two ties, meets the up-and-coming Masonic Home of Masons of Fort Worth, which lost but one game. Corpus Christi, also undefeated but with a tie on its record, meets Pharr-San-Juan-Alamo, the Rio Grande Valley district champion, which was beaten twice.

Breckenridge, the Oil Belt power, tangles with Bowie of El Paso, Temple, which upset Waco to take the Central Texas Crown, plays at Kerrville, back in the State race after a year's absence. In 1936 Kerrville went to the finals.

Port Arthur, again in the picture after a year's lapse during which its district did not certify a champion due to controversy over Port Arthur's use of twelfth graders, meets John Regan of Houston.

Lubbock, Breckenridge, Gainesville, Tyler, Temple and Corpus Christi ruled favorites to win their bi-district games but the unsettled Masonic Home and Regan-Port Arthur tilts were considered more or less tossups.

Only three 1937 district champions repeated. They are Highland Park, Lufkin and Temple. Both of last season's finalists were eliminated inside the district, Longview falling before Tyler and Wichita Falls before Vernon.

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## Cowboys to Invade Brownwood for Game With Howard Payne

ABILENE, Tex., December 2.—The Hardin-Simmons Cowboys, winners of a six game, row, were ready today to lead an embattled invasion of Brownwood for Saturday's annual clash with a traditional arch foe, the Howard Payne Yellow Jacks, Texas Conference champions for the third year in a row.

Headed by a supporting delegation of fans will be the celebrated Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band, the Cowfairs, co-ed organization, and most of the H-S student body. The game, to be the Howard Payne homecoming, takes a top billing in West Texas.

Both teams boast winning records this year. Both Cowboys and Jacks have won seven games, while losing two apiece. The Jacks, playing an eleven-game schedule, also have played one tie.

Offensively, the Ranchers, led by Paul Sims, sophomore, and Kirk McClinton, sparkling field general, have an edge, with 194 points in nine games, while Howard Payne had scored 71 in ten.

Defensively, the Jacks, unscathed on except in the two defeats, dating back to 1908, have an edge, with thirteen wins, to nine for H-S. There have been three ties, including last year's blemish on an otherwise unbeaten season for the Cowboys.

Saturday's game, as Coach Frank Kimrough's hands are high, season, will be the final one for H-S's purple and gold for nine seasons. These include the four captains, Clarence Headstream, blocking back; Bud Reeves, end; Luther Raley, quarter; Ed Bigelow, center; Bill Bremer, end; M. H. Raiborn and Lloyd Guy, guards; and Jack Hinrichs, fullback, all lettermen. Sid Hubener, reserve end, completes the senior roll.

## Longhorn Cagers to Make Debut in Austin Tomorrow

AUSTIN.—Jack Gray will take the first layer of blankets off his '39 University of Texas basketball squad here Saturday night when his Longhorns play the American Liberty Pipeliners of Kilgore, a strong independent team piloted by Bill Blanton, former Southern Methodist captain, and including in its lineup three ex-Longhorns—Don White, Bill Baxter and Morris Sands.

Gray has plotted a rather strenuous pre-season campaign for his cagers. The San Marcos Bobcats will be engaged twice next week, probably on Wednesday night there and Saturday night here.

Highlighting the practice season will be games with the far-famed Kansas Jayhawkers here December 16-17. Gray will take his squad to Oklahoma City for the annual collegiate invitation tournament Dec. 27-30. It will be the Longhorns' first try to the tourney.

The Longhorn coach, himself an all-American forward for Texas only four years ago, has nine lettermen and several good sophomores to work with. It appears Texas will have one of its best teams since the last championship season of '33.

In figuring his lineup Gray can start with Capt. Willie Tate, center or forward. Wee Willie, who is six-three and weighs a mere 218, is due for a big season under both baskets. Tate is hard for burly guards to bump around, and he is a deadly one-handed artist when he is "hot."

The other lettermen are: Elmer Finley, Jimmy Britt and Joe Roach, forwards; Bob Moers, Grant Spears, Tommy Helms, Ned Sweeney and Warren Wiggins, guards.

Some of the veterans, however, are almost certain to lose their first or second team positions to three sophomores—Chester Granville, helty ex-Austin high star; W. D. Houpt, giant center from Abernathy, and Thurman Hull, former John Tarleton forward who is one of the squad's best ball-handlers.

A gallery guess of Texas' starting lineup for Saturday's opener: Finley and Hull, forwards; Tate, center; Spears and Moers, guards.

## Petroleum Reserve Exceeds Gold Reserve

NEW YORK (AP)—The American Petroleum Institute estimates the potential monetary value of the petroleum reserve of the United States exceeds the country's gold revenue even at present quotations for the precious metal.

The United States has a gold hoard of approximately \$14,000,000,000 (billion) representing more than half of the monetary gold in the world. Petroleum reserves are estimated worth more than \$15,000,000,000 (billion) at current prices and without taking into account the enormous potential value of natural gas, asphalt and oil shales.

Prior to 1933 world production of gold averaged less than 50,000,000 annually. Withdrawal of gold from the open market and higher price levels for the metal have stimulated world production to more than \$1,000,000,000 (billion) a year.

Production yearly of slightly less than 1,000,000,000 (billion) barrels of crude oil in the United States, the Institute reports, creates a huge trade value and produces roughly \$1,000,000,000 (billion) in federal and state tax revenues on its gas, oil and content alone. Taxes on other petroleum products and on the industry itself, are estimated to life the total well above the value of world gold production in one year.

## Thursday Club Meets for Bridge With Mrs. McClure

Mrs. J. H. McClure, 210 South B street, was hostess to the Thursday club with an afternoon bridge Thursday at 3 o'clock.

Christmas tallies and score books were employed in the bridge games played at three tables and Christmas place mats marked covers at the tea hour with a refreshment course was served.

High score in the games went to Mrs. McClure and second high to Mrs. Jack Jordan.

Guests were Mrs. J. M. Armstrong and Mrs. Jack Rankin.

Members present were: Mmes. Overton Black, John Cornwall, R. W. Hamilton, O. C. Harper, Bert Hemphill, Jordan, Robert Muldrow, R. W. Patterson, W. A. Yeager, and the hostess.

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 PASADENA, Cal. (AP)—When John Houk discovered that he lived just 50 feet outside the city limits, he demanded a refund of his \$150 dog tax, which he got.

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Girl Has 34th Fracture  
 SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—Doris Jane Williamson, 10, has suffered the 34th fracture of a bone. Physicians said she "would grow out of it."

## The PAYOFF

It's time for the "Last Round-Up" in the guessing game which here is the last of the season until the bowl games start. Florida vs. Temple for some unknown reason; Temple, Fresno State-Texas Mines. It looks like Fresno by one touchdown. Hawaii-San Jose Tehrs. Not that anybody care, San Jose, Howard Payne-Hardin-Simmons. The Cowboys should cop. Oklahoma-Washington State. Sooner protect bowl invitation. Rice-SMU. The Owls won't defeat the Mustangs tomorrow. Southern Calif.-Notre Dame. String along with the majority. N. D. Tennessee-Miss. Tennessee remains undefeated for this year.

The following is a copy of the minutes of the district 3-AA meeting held in Big Spring November 21. Some of it has already been published but rules and by-laws tentatively agreed upon and not previously published should prove interesting to readers:

Minutes of District 3 Football Executive Meeting Big Spring, Texas, November 21, 1938: Settles Hotel, 8:00 p. m.

Superintendent W. C. Blankenship presided and called for the nomination of officials for the district. The following officers were selected:

President, Superintendent W. C. Blankenship  
 Vice-president, Superintendent R. S. Covey  
 Secretary-Treasurer, Principal C. H. Kenley

## Humble to Broadcast Mustang-Owl Battle

The football eyes of the Southwest are focused on Houston Saturday when the Northwest Conference 1938 season closes with the game between Southern Methodist University and the Rice Institute. This game will be broadcast by the Humble Oil & Refining Company at 2:30 p. m. with Kern Tips handling play-by-play and Hal Thompson color. The broadcast can be heard over WFAA-WBAP, Dallas; Fort Worth; WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston.

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## HARBOR SPEEDER FINED

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP)—Mrs. Herold Baum gave birth to a baby girl at Bethesda Hospital here exactly 23 years to the day after she was born in the same maternity ward.

## Guests Carve Names On Kitchen Table

LUBBOCK (AP)—Calling cards are taboo at the abode home of Dr. W. I. Robinson, associate professor of geology at Texas Tech. Instead, guests carve their names on the kitchen table. Signatures of 48 students and two faculty members have been cut into the pine surface since 1836.

"The custom started by chance," said the bachelor professor. "We were cooking steaks one night and a student set the frying pan on my table. When he asked if it was all right I answered, 'sure, do anything you please with my table.' Whereupon he took out a jackknife and carved his name on it."

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**FORT CLINTON, O. (P.)**—Violets, dandelions and strawberries were picked in Port Clinton during the unseasonably warm fall weather.

# Paul Harrison in Hollywood

By **PAUL HARRISON**  
 NEA Service Staff Correspondent

**HOLLYWOOD.**—Short takes: Clark Gable, the Great Hunter, took Carole Lombard on a duck-hunting expedition. "At least, he did some shooting," she said. "Me? I'm just a retriever!"

Freddie Bartholomew is becoming so Americanized in speech and viewpoint that his Aunt Cissie is importing a special British tutor to restore his accent and ways of thinking. . . . On his personal appearance tour, Bartholomew is telling a story about the Hollywood child who asked another mopey how he liked his new stepfather: "I like him fine!" said the second kid. "So did I," admitted the first. "You know, we had him last year."

And then there were a couple of little girls, (also of Hollywood parentage, and one of them was bragging that she would be a flower-girl at her mother's wedding. "That's not so thrilling," snooted the other. "I've been promised that I can be a witness in mother's next divorce case."

William Powell not only is well again, but will return to the screen Jan. 1 with a new Metro contract. So he and Myria Loy will play in "The Return of the Thin Man" after all. . . . Joan Crawford took some much-ballyhooed skating lessons for her stardom in the "Ice Follies" picture. She has learned to walk down a few wooden steps, skate across the rink and go out a door.

**ALPHABET ACROBATS**  
 Alphabet item from the Hollywood Reporter, a trade paper: "After a hectic battle with the NLRB regarding the SWG, the SP and the JATSE, the MPP9, which represents UA, U. Col., Par, RKO, G-N and M-G-M, are now saving difficulties interpreting the W & H act in conjunction with the SAG and the SDG, who are having troubles of their own with the AMG, AFL and the CIO. Meanwhile the MPTOAG, the ITOA and the declining AMPAS report an upswing in BO due to the MPAYRE campaign."

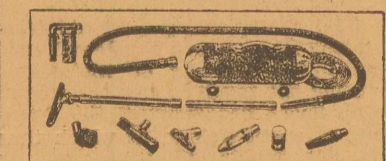
Earl Carroll coined a famous boast when the stage entrance of his theater bore the inscription: "Through These Portals Pass the Most Beautiful Girls in the World." But La Conga, a local night club always jammed with stars, does better by changing "Girls" to "Guests" and putting the slogan over his front door.  
**Romance Department:** Lucille Ball and Director Al Hall, are waiting for their picture engagements to conclude so they can take a couple of weeks to get married. So are Marie Wilson and Director Nick Grinde. . . . Judith Barrett and Max Fox, a Universal vice president, are going places. The friendship began when they happened to meet shortly after she was fired by Universal. He said, "Say, I'm the guy who caused your option not to be taken up. Are you doing anything tonight?"

**STILL TESTING FOR SCARLETT**  
 More tests have been made of the wealthy Mrs. John Hay Whitney for the role of Scarlett O'Hara. Several studios have considered her as screen material, but for one reason and another she never quite has reached a real role in a picture. Meanwhile her pet squirrel, Pearl, has appeared in "Nothing Sacred," and recently Mrs. Whitney rode her favorite horse in a test at 20th Fox—and only the horse got a job.

Frank Whitbeck tells about a WPA worker who is shunned by all his bridge-playing friends. Whenever anyone leads a spade, this fellow leans on it.

**MADELEINE CARROLL ON RYE BREAD**  
 Only two people holding a joint card in the American Federation of Actors are the Siamese twins. . . . A new film of technical tricks will be "The Illusionist," with Charles Boyer materializing Madeleine Carroll out of a steaming chafing dish. . . . Jimmy Cagney, in "The Oklahoma Kid," is supposed to speak in an Indian tongue. Actually he merely says "How're you, Toots?" and a few things like that in English, and the sound track is reversed so that it becomes gibberish.  
 Columbia's new aviation picture was called "Plane 4" until Universal announced a flicker titled "Plane 66." So "Plane 4" now is announced as "Plane 104," and the

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culmination or a dream that the county agent has had since arriving in Midland some five years ago. At that time he visualized a program in which calves produced upon the excellent ranges of Midland county ranches could be fed out on the farms in the same locality and marketed to the consumers of the vast Permian Basin. Dennam points out with pride to the fact that it is now possible for farmers to enter into a continuous feeding operation, selling a few fat calves each month and operating upon the average price rather than being at the mercy of temporary fluctuations at central markets.  
 By the use of trench silos for storage, Dennam is firm in his belief that this program can be continued even in time of drought and will do much to stabilize the farm

income of Midland county. Dennam is indeed sold on the project and one can readily see that for him it is indeed a dream come true. The county agent never misses an opportunity of explaining the possibilities of the new institution to citizens of the county. As he expresses it, Midland county produces the finest feeder calves in the world, and Midland county farmers and ranchers can feed them out on equal terms with any section of the nation. Dennam says that we have the market and that with proper killing facilities, this money can be kept at home where it rightfully belongs.

**Motion Picture to Be Shown Scouts**  
 Feature attraction of the regular meeting of Midland Boy Scout Troop No. 54 at the Boy Scout hall this evening at seven o'clock will be the showing of the special motion picture, "Wheels Through Africa," all troop members being urged to be present and to bring their friends. Troop officials have extended an invitation to the entire citizenry to witness the showing of the motion picture. A reel of comedy will also be shown, according to Buster Howard, Scoutmaster.  
 A business meeting and a brief game period will precede the showing of the picture which will start at eight o'clock.

**Andrews Unable Reach Right-of-Way Values**  
 ANDREWS, Dec. 2.—Members of the commissioners' court so far have been unable to reach an agreement with property owners in connection with the right-of-way for the Andrews-Martin County highway.  
 Owners in several cases have been unwilling to accept damages as determined by a jury-of-view.  
**Beautification Plan Under Way at Andrews**  
 ANDREWS, Dec. 2.—An order of 2,000 trees has been made here in a county-wide co-operative plan for beautifying Andrews County. Several hundred of the trees are being donated to the city and the school, while individuals are buying trees variously priced from 9 to 14 cents, actual cost to the county. With such a liberal offer, it is believed additional orders may have to be placed before spring.

## Packing House--

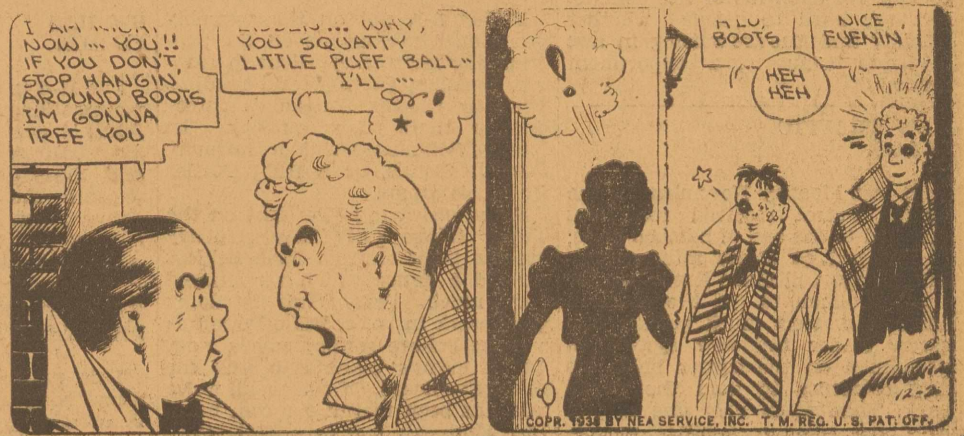
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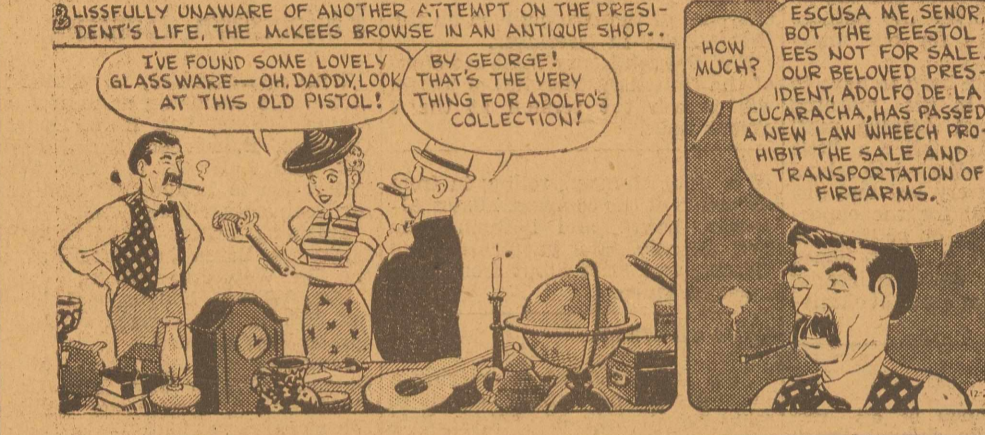
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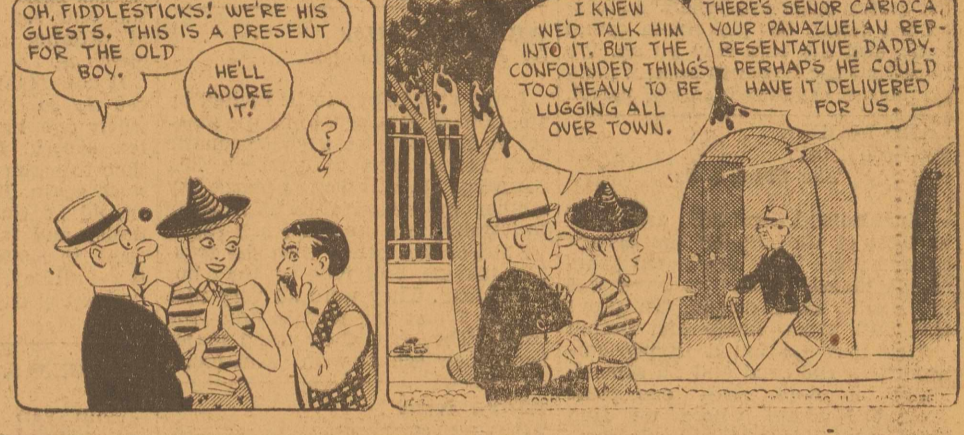
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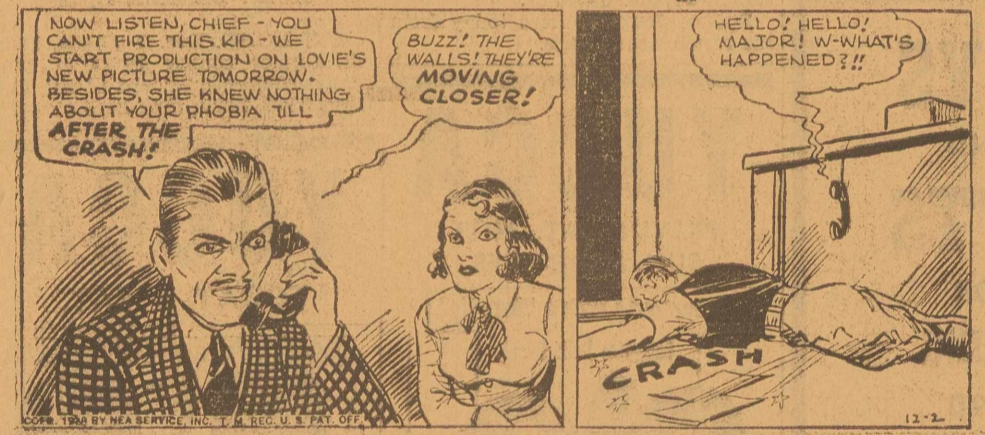
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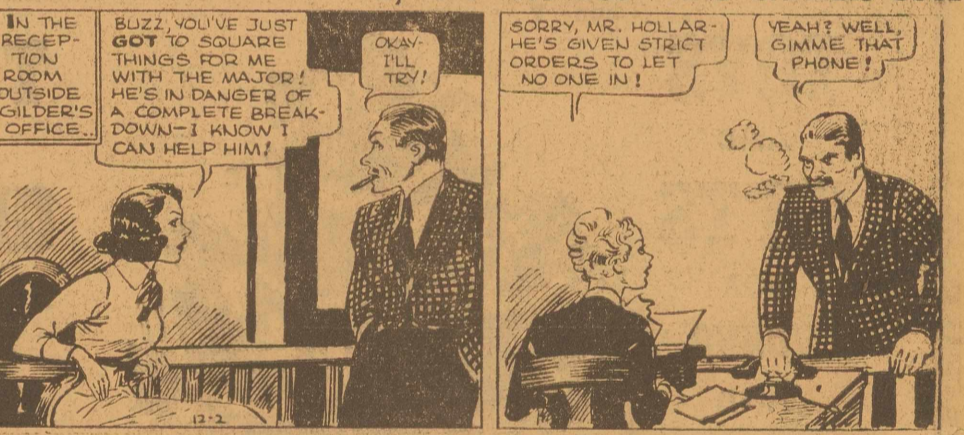
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# JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Written by students of John M. Cowden Junior High School, under direction of Miss Louise Latham

### BUSINESS PICKING UP.

The second six weeks has rolled around, and things are humming around our house. Exams are in full sway. Note books that were tucked away in desks have been brought to light, and the pages are becoming frayed from just being turned, no doubt. Such interest you never saw; it's a constant, "Please explain this to me."

Seems as if everyone is trying to improve upon his or her conduct too. It's hard to decide whether Tommy and Sue are waiting in awe of Santa Claus or a department grade.

### NEW TRAFFIC FLAGS.

On last Monday November 28, the Junior Patrol received red flags fastened to the end of bamboo poles, to be used at street intersections. These flags will make it possible for the patrolmen to get the children across the street much quicker and safer. Under the new system a patrolman on the corner holds his flag crosswise to hold the pupils back. Then when only one or two cars are coming, another patrolman walks out into the street and stops the cars until the children get across. After everyone has crossed the street, the patrolman comes back, and the cars may go on. We hope that the flags will make a faster, better organized safety patrol.

### LAND MARKS.

The Midland Sand Hills are located west of the city on the Scharbauer ranch. They originated years ago, evidently when the place was an Indian battleground. To prove this fact, arrow heads and Indian knives may be found deeply embedded in the sand and all around. There is more than one place around Midland where we find these sand dunes. There are some on the north and west side of town. But the ones on the west are much larger and higher.

The Sand Hills are a favorite haunt for Midland youngsters. There is a great rivalry over who has found the most arrow heads. And I don't suppose it would be "far-fetched" to say that some boys have experienced an imaginary battle between the whites and the redskins.

### 7-C GETS THE TWINS.

The 7-C class is glad to welcome the twins from Pecos. Their names are Bobby Lee and Robbie Lee Smith. Mr. Gilbreth said we had 499 pupils, enrolled in school, and that whoever entered, and made 500, he would introduce the student to the assembly. But it so happened

that we got two at the same time, and twins at that. Mr. Gilbreth said it wouldn't be fair to introduce just one, so he introduced both of them Monday morning.

Robby and Bobby make the third set of twins in Junior High School. We hope they like it here as well as they did in Pecos. We know that all of us are glad they are here.

### 6-A GIVES PROGRAM.

Friday 6-A put on the assembly program. The students on the program showed worthy talent in singing, dancing, playing, and reading. True to Charlie Paterson's introduction there may someday be found a Schuman Heink, a Hoffman, Boswell Sisters, or a Ruby Keeler from this group.

Seven girls sang "Twilight on the Trail." These girls may someday become great singers. Elsie Schlosser did a dance which we enjoyed very much. Patsy Tull is doing great work in voice. Billie Powell as a make-believe cowboy was a wow. Orelia Flynn's piano solo was the best we've heard. Of course, all we've said has been tootin' our own horn. But what can you expect? I wrote this.

A 6-A Fellow.

### WHAT A THRILL!

I was very happy to be invited by Mr. Conrad Jennings to be the mascot at the game between Marquette and Texas Tech at Lubbock last Saturday. He asked me because my mother graduated from Marquette University, and used to teach there. I sat on the bench with the football players, and rode in the bus with them. They were all very nice to me. I met the trainer and the coach. They had their drum major from their school with them too.

### WHO'S WHO THIS WEEK.

Mrs. Philippus has taught in Midland eight years. Before she came here, she taught in the junior high school at Roswell, New Mexico. Before that she taught in both senior and junior high at Austin. Her first two years of teaching was at Giddings, Texas where she taught in the high school.

Mrs. Philippus attended the Teachers' Colleges at San Marcos and Alpine, and the University of Texas. She majored in mathematics for her degree.

### NANCY LA FORCE DANCES BEFORE THE QUEEN.

Nancy La Force did a beautiful ballet dance at the court of the annual queen on last Tuesday evening. Nancy was the only student in Junior High to be in the coronation festivities. We think her number was the best, or just about the best anyway, on the program. We of 7-A can boast that we have been honored one occasion, even if 7-C did get the new twins.

### H-6 HAS FINALS.

The H-6 grade finished their final examinations Friday morning. These students complete the last half of the sixth grade in twelve weeks. And those passing the final tests go into the seventh grade. This means a new seventh-grade section, 7-D, totaling the seventh grade now to approximately 150.

### MONDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING.

This morning, which to many seems so gray, should be another Thanksgiving Day, although we do not celebrate it with turkey and pumpkin pie. We should be giving thanks because we have one day in the year set aside for the purpose of offering thanks for our many blessings.

It does seem quite hard to have to get up so early in the morning when one has been sleeping until ten o'clock. It also takes a little time to become readjusted to school work again. But every boy and girl should be thankful for the opportunity and privilege of getting to come to school. It is to be hoped that all of our students realize that every day is one of thanksgiving.

### PERSONALS.

John Van Kampen of 5B was honor guest at the game between Texas Tech and Marquette. John was chief speaker at the downtown assembly Monday.

Jack Brewer visited in Ft. Worth during the holidays.

Mr. Preels went to his home in Denison over the week-end.

Iva Lee Smith, an ex-student, enrolled in 7B Monday.

Charles Henslee of 6-B had his tonsils out during the holidays. Poor Charlie got no turkey.

Mr. Kimbriel has proved the speed of his long legs. He caught his deer alive. And no foolin', it was a d-e-e-r.

The faculty in its entirety report-

### Club Group Meets For Spaghetti Luncheon, Bridge

Entertaining with a spaghetti luncheon at the Log Cabin Inn, with bridge play following, Mrs. H. J. Kemler was hostess to her club group Thursday afternoon.

Two tables were appointed for the games after the luncheon hour, with high scores going to Mrs. Kemler, second high to Mrs. W. L. Brown, and out to Mrs. Ross Williams.

Guests were Mrs. John Ward and Mrs. T. M. Switzer. Members present were: Mmes. W. R. Bowden, W. L. Brown, J. D. Dillard, K. L. Sappington, Ross Williams, and the hostess.

### Program Completed Today for Women's Day Service Sunday

Program plans for the special Women's Day service to be held at the First Christian church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock will be completed this afternoon, according to Mrs. Chas. L. Kinnor, president of the women's council of the church.

All circles of the council are cooperating in the program. Women will serve as ushers and the loose silver offering for the evening will go to the council fund.

The Women's Day service is annually celebrated in the Christian churches of the Brotherhood on the first Sunday in December.

Rev. Patrick Henry, state secretary of the Christian Churches of Texas, will preach the sermon at the 7 o'clock hour.

ed to duty Monday, rolling in from all points of the compass. Misses Alverson, Lower, and Latham from San Antonio, Miss Parrham from Odessa, and Miss Stout from her home in Ennis.

### IDLE PRATTLE.

Lela Mae Craddock is wearing a lash across her cheek equal to Billy Bone's scar of "dirty livid white." Seems that she and the pet cat disagreed.

Bobbie Wilson is getting to where he uses such nice, pretty words. When he saw Nancy dancing at the coronation, he just ups and says, "Ain't she graceful? Just like a swan."

J. V. Stokes is among the bead-belt designers. He has to figure out how long it will take him to say, "To Mary with love" in beads. Miss Latham's first name is Mary. We think he'd better wait until after mid-term to decide upon the pattern.

Miss Price says she had her wisdom teeth pulled during Thanksgiving. She can't fool us. She didn't lose any music wisdom from the looks of those six-week exams.

HERE FROM CLOVIS. Spence Jewell is here today from his ranch near Clovis.

### Rev. Pickering Is Vice-President of Church Organization

ODESSA, Dec. 2. — The District 4 convention of the Disciples of Christ here Thursday selected San Angelo for the 1939 gathering and elected the Rev. Elmer Henson of the First Christian church there to be president. He succeeds the Rev. Thomas Lenox of Sweetwater who presided.

Other officers include the Rev. J. E. Pickering of Midland as vice-president and Mrs. G. P. Lovren of this city as secretary. Mrs. Dean Cheneveth of San Angelo was named chairman of children's work and \$40 was subscribed here for the purchase of a children's library and other expenses.

State workers present were the Rev. Patrick Henry, the Rev. J. B. Holmes and the Rev. Charles M. Ross, all of Fort Worth. Participating also in the program, theme of which was "Witnessing for Christ," were the Rev. A. L. Haley of Colorado, the Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Schurman of Big Spring, Mrs. Lovren, the Rev. Mr. Lenox, the Rev. C. A. Johnson of this city, the Rev. J. J. Ray of McCamey, and Mrs. Cheneveth. Several others participated in discussion.

J. H. Goodman of Midland presided at the laymen's dinner Thursday evening.

### Approximately 75 Clubwomen Attend Federation Meeting

With approximately 75 women in attendance including visitors from Alpine, Odessa, Van Horn, Denver, Colorado, Balmorhea, Pecos, Barstow, and Lubbock, the Far West Federation is holding its semi-annual convention here today.

Presiding officer is Mrs. M. C. Lucky of Balmorhea president of the Far West organization.

Mrs. William Dingus of Lubbock and Mrs. H. W. Morelock were chief speakers for the day.

Luncheon at one o'clock in the Crystal ballroom with Miss Lydie G. Watson as toastmaster followed the morning sessions.

Election of officers featured the afternoon business meeting.

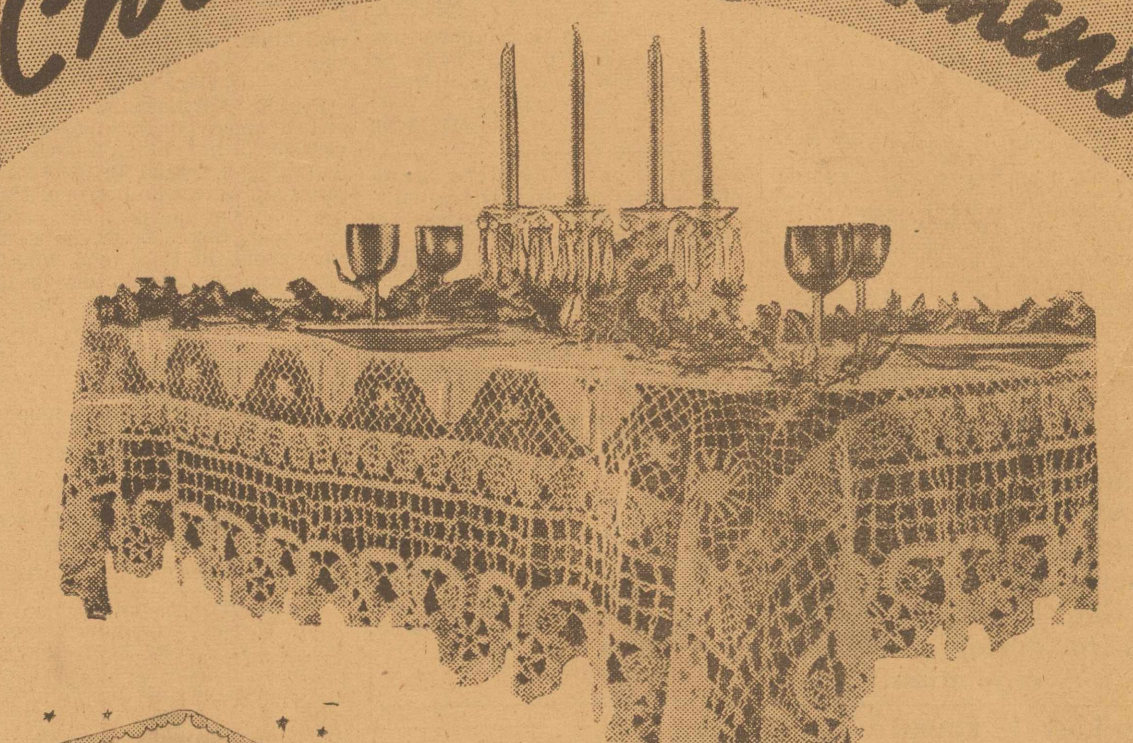
### Wemple to Speak On Future Highways

"Highways of Tomorrow" — what they will be like—how they will be built—and their importance to highway safety, will be discussed at 5 o'clock this afternoon by Fred Wemple over the local broadcasting station. This program is under the auspices of the Texas Good Roads Assn. and is a non-commercial activity.

### VAN HORN BANKER DIES

VAN HORN, Dec. 2 (AP)—R. Durrill, former county judge of Culberson county, president of the Van Horn State bank, died here today.

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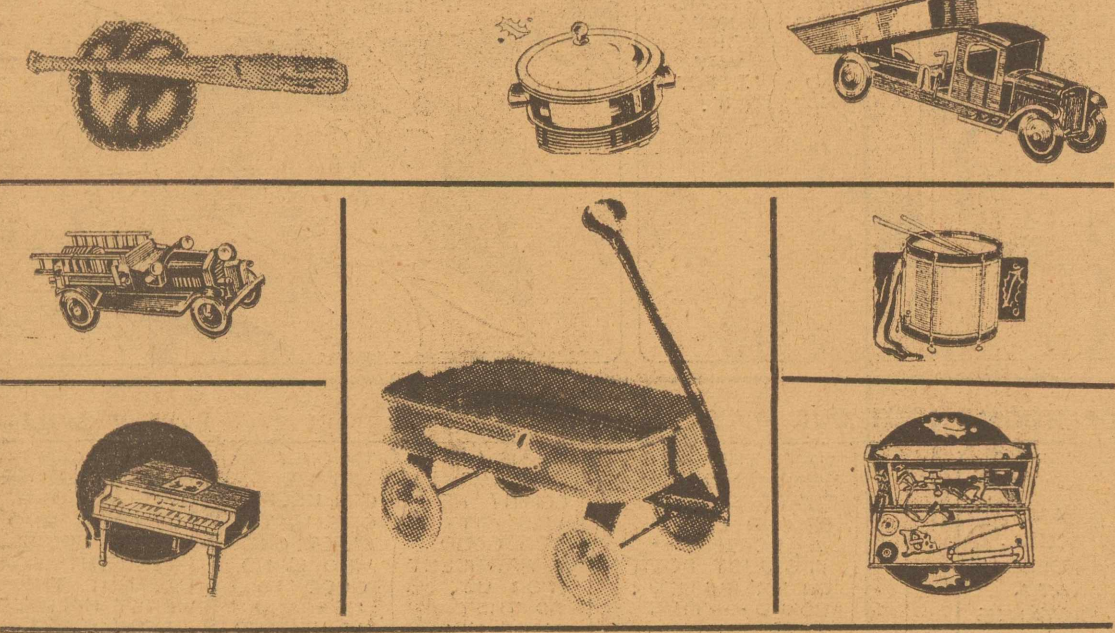
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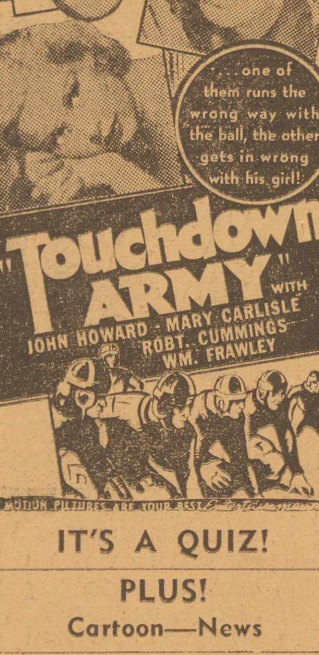
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## RITZ

TODAY & SAT.

### LATE NEWS

SAN QUENTIN, Dec. 2 (AP)—California used the lethal gas chamber for the first time today when Albert Kessell, 29, and Robert Cannon, 30, died together for slaying warden Clarence Larkin in a futile attempt to escape Folsom prison last year.

EASTLAND, Dec. 2 (AP)—Mrs. Jackson Peters, 54, was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison today by a jury which found her guilty of slaying Mrs. Marcus Pierce, 37, at Nimrod several months ago.

CARTHAGE, Dec. 2 (AP)—Travis Long, Carthage attorney, said today he had been tendered the place of assistant attorney general by Attorney General-Elect Gerald Mann but would not definitely decide whether to accept the appointment for several days.

### Boy Scout Troop To Meet Tonight

The championship first aid team of Boy Scout Troop No. 54 will hold its initial meeting of the season during the regular troop meeting at Boy Scout headquarters this evening at seven o'clock, at which time 15 Boy Scouts will begin work in preparation for the annual Red Cross First Aid contest to be held early next week.

The team last year won the championship of the Buffalo Trail Council but lost out in regional competition. Members of last year's team, Billy Kimbrough, Joe Barbee, Bobby Stallworth, Joe Conkling and Kenneth Williams, are ready for competition again this year and it is likely that considerable improvement will be shown. Completion is expected to be much stronger this year than last, according to Scoutmaster Buster Howard.

### HERE FROM ANGELO.

Mr. and Mrs. Jax M. Cowden of San Angelo were business visitors here this morning.

### HERE FROM STANTON.


Guy Eiland and family were here this morning from Stanton, on a business trip.

### BACK FROM TULSA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bodkins have returned from Tulsa, Okla., where they spent the Thanksgiving holiday.


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