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SCHOOLS CLOSE TODAY FOR XMAS SEASON

Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

The other day someone tied up the transportation company and raised the dick because a mail truck was two hours late causing some inconvenience. The fellow was particularly belligerent, making accusations and assertions which had no basis in fact, absolutely refusing to listen to any explanation. It developed that the truck had been forced down the highway and bogged down in soft shoulder mud and that considerable time and labor was necessary before it was back in operation.

The irate patron of Uncle Sam's mails was so preoccupied with his own inconvenience that he completely ignored the transportation company and the driver of the truck were put in their efforts to take care of their own business. If he had been a reasonable man with sufficient self-control to appreciate the whole problem he would have realized that a transportation company has to have its vehicles bogged down or otherwise get into trouble, and that no truck operator with any sense in his skull likes to spend several hours sloshing around in the mud trying to get a heavy van off its axles and back on the road.

A lot of us pride ourselves on our peculiar accomplishments and abilities, a lot of us are purely imaginary, of course, but there are mighty few, unfortunately, who are capable of taking pride in their own shortcomings. It is a sad fact that most of us blame our troubles on somebody else, quite forgetting that the other fellow has plenty of troubles, too, and that these troubles are not always due to their own faults or mistakes. We expect perfection in the other fellow just as we expect it in ourselves.

The day will probably never come this side of heaven, but it would be a Christmas, indeed, if there were less tongue-wagging and more constructive thinking about how to make the world a better, less self-important and more charitable, less selfish and more good-willed, less critical and more of trying to see the other fellow's side of the problems of living on this old earth.

There are two kinds of criticism. One is constructive and one is destructive. An infallible test distinguishes between the two. Constructive criticism is spoken to your face; the other kind behind your back. A man who has made a success of facing facts rather than personalities and thereby keeping his nose in front of his

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Springfield's Famed Arsenal Swings Into Defense Program

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Gunstocks, turned out on lathes, are carefully hand-finished by skilled workmen.



Springfield ballistics experts rigidly inspect firing mechanism of .50-caliber machine guns.

America re-arms for national defense—and once more the world-famous United States Arsenal at Springfield, Mass., sets its wheels a-humming to continue its generations-long tradition of equipping Uncle Sam's soldiers with the best small-arms in the world. Most famous product of the historic armory is the Springfield rifle, first used by the United States Army in 1873, becoming the familiar "doughboy's pal" in 1902 when the improved magazine model, using clips of cartridges, was adopted. Today, the arsenal is turning out a new weapon, the Garand semi-automatic repeating rifle, which, its advocates say, may displace the storied Springfield.

Mrs. Mendenhall Dies at 2:37 This Morning

Death came to Mrs. Wilhelmina Mendenhall, 68, wife of L. F. Mendenhall, Cisco oil operator, at 2:37 a. m. today at her home, 200 1/2 avenue, to end an illness which began a year ago and for the most of that time had confined her to her home. Death was ascribed to heart trouble.

The body will be returned to her native Ohio for funeral services and burial at Marietta Monday. A brief service will be held at the Neil Lane Funeral home at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, and the casket will be placed aboard a Texas and Pacific train at 11:45 for shipment to Ohio.

The Rev. Leslie Seymour, pastor of the First Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. Joe I. Patterson, former pastor of that church and now of Fort Worth, will officiate.

Mrs. Mendenhall was active in the Cisco chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and the chapter will probably take part in the services here.

Mrs. Mendenhall was Miss Wilhelmina Rupp before her marriage to Mr. Mendenhall at Wichita Falls on November 18, 1915. She was born and reared at Marietta, where Mr. Mendenhall also was reared. She was 68 years of age on September 28.

Survivors include one brother, Joseph Rupp, of Spencer, West Va., and one sister, Mrs. Charles Rounds of Marietta.

SANTA CLAUS COMING AT 2 SATURDAY

Santa Claus is coming to Cisco tomorrow and all the kids, big and little, are invited to greet him as he rides through the business district at 2 o'clock, clad in his familiar furs, distributing gifts of candy as he is driven up the street.

12 Cisco FFA Boys Have Hog Projects

Twelve members of the Cisco Future Farmers chapter are feeding registered hogs as one of their projects in the FFA livestock improvement program.

13 Degrees Today 24 Years Ago

Twenty-four years ago today, the temperature in Cisco was 13 degrees above zero, according to a record kept by the late Dr. W. E. Mancill, father of R. W. Mancill.

Weather

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy in north, cloudy in south portion with occasional light rains over southeast portion Friday; Saturday partly cloudy, somewhat cooler over west portion, moderate to occasional fresh northerly and northeasterly winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS: Fair Friday and Saturday, except partly cloudy at times in south portion Friday; little change in temperature.

Baptist Church Observes Annual White Christmas

The annual "White Gifts for the King" Christmas service will be observed Sunday morning at the First Baptist church at 10:15 a. m. Gifts of food, clothing and other things will be brought and many of these distributed among the less fortunate of the city.

Miss Cora Harris, whose decorations of the church the past few years have brought forth much favorable praise and comment, again has charge of the decoration and program this year, and something unique and artistic in the way of decorations is expected.

The choir voted to wear uniform robes some time ago and is expected to make its appearance Sunday since this decision was made.

SUFFERS BROKEN ANKLE

A broken ankle, suffered when she stepped into a low place in her yard Wednesday, has confined Mrs. A. F. Fenter to her home. Her condition was reported satisfactory.

IS RECOVERING

Pat Denison is reported resting satisfactorily at his home in Bridgeport, Illinois, following a recent automobile accident in which he was critically injured. He will be remembered by many Ciscoans.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl about four years old. I have tried to be a good little girl, but if I have failed, please bring me a little broom, a doll, some candy and nuts and anything else that you would think I would like. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend, Annette Marie Brawley, Nimrod, Texas.

HITLER SAID TO BE AIDING ITALIAN ALLY

Nazi Planes Ferry New Troops to Albanian Battlefront

By the Associated Press. Adolf Hitler was reported to have stepped into the Italian debacle in Albania, responding to purported urgent pleas by the axis partner, Benito Mussolini, with a fleet of nazi transport planes to carry fascist troop reinforcements to the battlefield.

Dispatches from Strago, on the Yugoslav-Albanian frontier, said giant nazi Junkers planes were shuttling Italian Alpine troops—20 soldiers to a load—across the Adriatic sea and landing them close up to the fighting front.

Possible further aid for the Italians, sorely harassed, both in the war with Greece and in the 11-day-old battle of North Africa, was indicated in dispatches from Basel, Switzerland.

These dispatches quoted the newspaper Le Democrat of Delémont as saying freight and civilian traffic had been suspended on the Brenner railway line to permit the passage of German divisions en route to Italy.

No Confirmation. There was no confirmation of any such nazi troop movements either in Rome or Berlin, although for the past week rumors have persisted that German soldiers—as many as 50,000—have already arrived in Italy.

Fresh Italian reserves were reported on all fronts.

Fascist troops were said to be abandoning three key towns in Albania—Klisura, Tepeleni and the Adriatic seaport of Palermo—and Greek soldiers told of finding the bodies of hundreds of ill-clad Italians frozen in snowdrifts.

In North Africa, British war bulletins said the Italian rear-guard still fighting in the Bardia area sector, 15 miles inside Libya, was trapped and the Italian situation "can now be regarded as precarious."

British warships were reported heavily shelling the escape route from Bardia to Tobruk, some 80 miles west of the Egyptian frontier, while RAF warplanes kept the route under constant vigil.

British general headquarters in Cairo listed 31,546 Italian prisoners, including 1,626 officers, and said several thousand more captives were being led from the battle zone. Only 1,000 British soldiers were reported killed, wounded or missing in the desert campaign.

In London, Prime Minister Winston Churchill commented dryly "one cannot say that the Italians have shown fighting spirit of high quality in this battle." The British, he said, had won against odds as high as five to one.

In sterner mood, Churchill warned Britons anew of the "supreme danger," the mortal danger, of German invasion of England.

"Hitler has great need of doing something now, or at any rate in the next two months," Churchill said, then added confidently: "We are not afraid of any blow. Our defense of the beaches is complete."

With the help of America's "great supplies," he declared, Britain in 1941 will be a well-armed nation, and then "we shall find opportunities of using our forces... in other theaters on terms of moderate equality."

Premier Mussolini's high command, acknowledging for the first time that the British counter-invasion from Egypt has reached Bardia, asserted that the Italian troops had successfully counter-attacked "notable concentrations of British mechanized units which attempted to storm the fascist stronghold."

No Joke This Time



Nick Altrock, clown prince of baseball, whose antics as coach of Washington Senators entertain thousands, ruefully regards broken ankle suffered in fall when he went too far out on limb of grapefruit tree at his Sarasota, Fla., home. His wife, left, and Nurse Vera Self are properly sympathetic.

British Order May Total 3 Billions

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20—Possibility that the United States would purchase from American manufacturers and lease to Great Britain as much as three billion dollars worth of arms was seen today with an announcement by Treasury Sec'y Morgenthau that negotiations looking toward that end had been started.

Morgenthau said yesterday afternoon that Great Britain had been told to go ahead with negotiations. He said, however, that no contracts would be signed until congress had acted on President Roosevelt's proposal for putting aid to Britain on a lease or lend basis.

The president's suggestion is for the United States to pay for war supplies desired by Britain from the United States and transfer them to the British under an arrangement whereby Britain would return the goods in good order or replace them after the war.

The British orders, according to informed sources, would call for about 12,000 planes and 2,500 tanks, among other items.

HE Department Has Party For Nursery School

The third year home economics class of high school had a Christmas party in the department Tuesday afternoon for the Nursery school children and their teachers.

In an attractively decorated room, gifts were distributed by "Santa Claus" Garrett. Each child received candy and an apple, and the department presented the school with 33 yards of unbleached domestic for sheets for the school.

The 40 little children presented a program of songs, including Christmas carols and nursery songs. Nursery school teachers present were Mmes. Johnnie O'Brien, C. O. Pass, manager, J. M. Eudy, Lula Condon, Melvin Travis, Etoy Curry, Miss Lester Ingram and Miss Maurine Eudy.

School-girl hostesses were Misses Bettyrue Davis and Juanita Rains.

Mmes. W. E. Tyler and Aaron Robinson of Rising Star were Cisco visitors today.

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FLU EPIDEMIC ONLY SLIGHTLY PRESENT HERE

Students Present Gifts to Welfare Ass'n in Closing Program

The Cisco Public schools closed for the Christmas holidays this afternoon with a Christmas program in the high school auditorium during which the various home rooms of the high school brought gifts to be distributed among the underprivileged children by the Cisco Welfare association.

The epidemic of mild influenza which caused the closing of numbers of schools earlier than planned, had affected the Cisco student body but slightly, Principal O. L. Stamey of the high school said. He estimated that only about five per cent of the student body and faculty were affected.

The schools will resume work on Tuesday, January 2.

The Christmas program, arranged and presented under the auspices of the senior class and the class sponsors, began at 2 o'clock, the regular morning chapel period having been postponed until that hour.

An altar with candelabra was placed against a background of silvered firs on the stage, and before it was a cradle representative of the birthplace of the Christ Child.

As representatives of the home rooms of the school brought decorated baskets containing fruits, candy, nuts, toys and clothing contributed by the students, to the stage, the public speaking class told the Christmas story in choric reading and the high school choral club sang carols.

Sponsors of the senior class who assisted in the program arrangement are Miss Elizabeth Daniel, Miss Billie Bishop, Mrs. Minnie Hill and C. C. Duff.

A representative of the Welfare association was present to accept the gifts for the association.

Class Will Play Santa to Families

The Philathea Sunday school class of the First Methodist church has chosen two families to care for on Christmas. Class members are requested to bring food, shoes and clothing to Sunday school Tuesday morning, at which time two baskets will be prepared.

While all kinds of warm clothing and good food will be welcomed by the families, it was pointed out that there is a special need for boys' shoes, size 7 and one-half, and for size 4 girls' shoes. There are also two babies, 15 and 18 months old, who need warm shoes and clothing.

Elmo Cook One of 8 Cited For Notable Service

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 20 (Spc).—Eight Texas county agricultural agents, representatives of most of the geographical divisions of the state, recently received recognition for meritorious service to extension workers within their counties or state. The awards were made at the annual banquet at Chicago of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

The men honored, each of whom received a distinguished service award diploma, were: W. H. Upchurch of Canyon, agricultural agent for Randall county; Henry L. Alsmeyer, agricultural agent for Nueces county; W. S. Millington of Angleton, agricultural agent for Brazoria county; C. C. Jobson of Lubbock, agricultural agent for Lubbock county; A. L. Edmiston of Paris, agricultural agent for Tarrant county.

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XMAS IS XANTHPPE, SOCRATES' WIFE, HER TONGUE, HISTORY SAYS, WAS SHARP AS A KNIFE, BUT POSSIBLY DISCORD WAS NATURAL, IF THEY DELAYED CHRISTMAS SHOPPING UNTIL THE LAST DAY... 3 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Old Santa Will Be in Cisco at 2 p. m. Saturday

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Evolutionary Reform in Mexico

EVOLUTIONS are not all made with bombs and barricades. Any sudden reform that gets down to changing the basic nature of a system may be called revolutionary. On that basis, Mexico has had a revolution since Avila Camacho assumed the presidency on Dec. 1. Not the predicted Alazamist revolution, but another scarcely less bloody than that might have been.

President Avila Camacho has announced that individual land titles are to be given as soon as possible to the 1,500,000 peasants living on the 15,000 communal farms of the republic.

THE deep significance of this is only seen against the background of Mexican revolutions and of The Revolution (of 1910). Mindless peons have been the curse of Mexico since the conquistadores.

But there were always two views within a revolution as to how to handle the land that it had been taken from the big landlords. One was that it should be owned and controlled by communities (ejidos). That was the Cardenist view. That was what Carden-

nas brought about. But the other view was that individual peasants should have their "mule and 40 acres."

There is a wide difference of opinion as to the success of the ejidos under Cardenas. One is that the communities are as badly in hock to the government bank as they ever were to the landlords, while production fell because "what was everybody's business was nobody's business." The other is that the ejidos have been successful.

WHICHEVER may be correct, the new President Avila Camacho has apparently decided to reverse this communal current and try the plan of "the other half of the revolution" by parceling land among individual peasants. The step is to be gradual, with communal operation continued for the present, but it is regarded as a forerunner to the end of the ejido system and a return to individual tillage.

It is hard to appreciate in the United States how really revolutionary this step is. It is certain to cause the most violent controversy. Radicals will regard it as a betrayal of the revolution. Their opponents will say it is a step toward real freedom, individualism, opportunity.

How it will work, no one can certainly say, but within 10 days of his own inauguration, President Avila Camacho has taken a step almost as revolutionary as the Revolution itself.

Statistics show that much of the time a checkered career leads to a striped suit.

Further rationing is likely for Britons after the holidays—but there'll be no hitch in the belts they're handing the Germans.

The Duke and Duchess are about tied on the excitement caused over one losing a tooth and the other a crown.

We sincerely hope Col. Leonard P. Ayres is half right in his prediction that America will have areas of boom and slump in 1941.

The quitter usually is laughed at by the fellow who hasn't the nerve to begin.

Raisins would be more popular with some people if they didn't take up so much room in mince pies.

A New Jersey gal went to prison for insulting Old Glory. Not a bad idea: the bars and stripes for those who don't respect the Stars and Stripes.

Dear Santa---



important commission, and its potential significance in the future welfare of Texas. It is not an issue that can be kicked about as a football of partisan politics and be dismissed as such. When we consider the fact that Texas sportsmen spend over 30 million dollars annually for hunting and fishing, we can then begin to comprehend the economic assets of wild life to land owners and others who profit from these activities. In fact the total economic

returns from wild life in Texas are conservatively estimated at \$94,000,000 annually, to say nothing of the aesthetic and indirect benefits that cannot be measured in dollar values. Behind the smokescreen of political gas that is now enshrouding this important state function, there are at least two fundamental conclusions discernible to the average citizen, who is more concerned about the future welfare of Texas than he is in the verbal

quibble of politicians, who like "birds of passage" are here today and gone tomorrow.

In the first place the policy of vesting such important functions in non-salaried commissions composed of interested and substantial citizens, is a sound principle of government. These men serve without pay, out of a patriotic sense of public duty to Texas. The provision for over-lapping terms of office, so that not more than two of the six members can be

appointed during any one term of a governor, was purposely planned so as to safeguard the commission and its trained and experienced personnel from being disorganized and disrupted with each new incoming governor, whose chief concern in such matters may be to secure state jobs for own political spoilsmen. It would be a dangerous precedent to let this control of these vast agencies with their thousands of jobs, go to any one man. This was what happened in Louisiana when...

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

U. S. FIGHTER PLANES UNFIT FOR MODERN AIR WAR, BUT BOMBERS ARE MATCH FOR BEST

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Nobody in authority will say one word for publication, but the real truth is that the fighting planes the United States is sending to England are not fit for modern aerial warfare. This isn't true of the bombers. The heavy-duty planes ranging from the plant flying fortresses on down are good enough to fight in anybody's war. But the fighters—the planes whose job it is to down enemy



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planes carry much less weight than do the British or German fighters. Hence they are lighter construction.

Consequently, the British, having a good deal of trouble adapting the fighters they're getting from the United States to needs of modern aerial warfare. These planes are under-armed and under-armed. And it is extremely hard to re-arm and re-equip, because in most cases they simply aren't sturdy enough to stand up under the heavier load.

No nation has fully solved the problem of aiming a cannon mounted in a fighting plane, though the British are believed to have made the most headway. A man who turns up with a gun sight as good in the field as American Norden bombight at the bombing field will give a country a military secret of value.

Fighter pilots usually fly so the handy revolving turret in bombers is out. To aim his plane the fighter has to aim his plane. No sights now known are satisfactory. A pilot in a dog-fight hasn't much time to spend training a single-shot weapon on a fast-moving target.

U. S. WINGS TOO WEAK
THE whole trend in aviation ordinance today is toward greater hitting power—either heavier guns or more of them. The British got onto this about five years ago when they began equipping their Spitfire and Hurricane fighters with eight machine guns apiece, four in each wing.

But the British immediately began looking toward the use of heavier guns. The Germans went to work

along the same line, and presently were sending up planes with mounted small cannon. The French—who had done some experimenting along that line as far back as the first world war—followed.

In the first world war—followed the sealing gas tank—again an armament came armor. The French had tried out 1917-18—was perfected. So various types of cockpit armor were developed. One of the most marked, called for sturdier, heavier planes. If you're going to mount two, or four, or six heavy machine guns or small cannon on each side of a plane, you've got to make it wing stronger. And that is what the American fighters are full short.

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Duncan Coffee Company Gives Christmas Bonus

HOUSTON, Dec. 20.—Officials of the Duncan Coffee company announced here that Christmas bonuses would be given its employees again this year, as it has each year for the past 22 years. The bonus, which amounts to 10 per cent of the total earnings of each employee, will be awarded at the company's annual Christmas party, to be held here Saturday, officials said. Affected by Christmas bonuses are some 400 employees of the company's three coffee roasting plants here and in Corpus Christi. It was explained that sales representatives of the company are not included in the Christmas bonus plan, inasmuch as they operate year-around on a bonus and commission basis. In addition, they are offered extra cash incentives from time to time throughout the year. Reasons for Labor Policies The Duncan Coffee company is widely known for their splendid

employer - employee relationship. On the record is included the epoch "junk the machinery" action taken by the company in 1930 when the depression was at its worst. At that time, in order to offer employment to more people, the Duncan Coffee company at great cost to itself, "junked" valuable machinery and replaced it with human hands. It is interesting to note that the human hands are still at work and the machinery is still "junk."

Also interesting is the fact that the annual Christmas bonus of ten per cent paid these plant employees is in a sense a "double" bonus. Under the Duncan system such plant employees are assured minimum wages each week. In addition, they are given a reasonable weekly production quota and if that quota is exceeded they receive a bonus. The annual Christmas bonus is predicated not on their minimum wages, but rather on their total yearly earnings—hence a "double" bonus will be received.

The Duncan Coffee company, the largest coffee roaster in the southwest and one of the largest independent coffee roasters in the country, maintains plants here and in Corpus Christi. Their sales area includes Texas, New Mexico,

Oklahoma and Louisiana. Most widely known Duncan brands are Admiration Coffee and Tea and Bright and Early coffee and tea.

Text for Texas--

PEOPLE'S STAKE IN FISH AND OYSTER COMMISSION

By George C. Hester

The political attack upon the Texas Game Fish and Oyster Commission is another one of the unjustified, unexplainable and tragic quirks of Texas politics. As to the political quibbles between rival candidates, this column is not interested. We are vitally concerned about principles and policies of government.

The Game, Fish and Oyster Commission has in its charge the protection and preservation of one of the most important resources of our state—that of wild life on both the land and in the waters of Texas. To begin with, this commission administers the varied game and fish laws of Texas. To enforce the inland game and fish laws the commission operates chiefly through a force of about eighty-four game wardens for the entire state. This is an average of only about one for every three counties.

Another phase of the commission's work is in the hands of the Coastal division, which has the task of patrolling the coast waters and all inlets of the Gulf of Mexico from Anahuac in Chambers county on the North to the far southern Port Isabel in Cameron county on the south, in order to enforce the laws pertaining to nets, catches, fishing tackles and licenses for both private and commercial fishing. This is done with a force of only eight or ten boat captains and their mates. In addition this commission is charged with enforcing the statutes dealing with stream pollution in Texas, as well as the regulation of and the collection of the taxes upon the removal of the sand and gravel from the stream beds of the state. The expenses to operate the department are derived primarily from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses.

The above facts are set forth in order that we may better comprehend the scope and work of this

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DUDE COLLEGE

BY OREN ARNOLD

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YESTERDAY: Wesley goes to the Bailey ranch, finds Ronnie gone. He learns, too, that the bomb sight has been stolen. More important to Wes, however, is the news that Ronnie, Andre and Lona are flying into Mexico. He rushes into town, hurries Inspector Starr of the Border Patrol into a car, out to the autogiro. He realizes Ronnie is in serious danger.

RONNIE GETS A SHOCK

RONNIE BAILEY was noted for collecting interesting personalities around her and for showing scant patience with bores. Hence there was nothing unusual in her ready agreement to take Lona Montoya on the air jaunt into Mexico, although she was surprised Lona asked it. "Lona has never flown down," Andre explained, lightly, "and she knows the country. Besides, Ronnie, she can serve as a sort of—of chaperon, which we haven't had heretofore. Don't you see?"

Ronnie was truly grateful then. "Of course, Andre, I am entirely too careless about such things. But I don't mean to be. I think most conventions are important, really. I'll be happy to have Lona and my plane cabin is plenty large for three of us and more."

"Big enough for my Indian drum, too?" Andre asked, smiling. "Might as well take it down to good old Pico in person, instead of shipping it."

"Surely. It's a fine souvenir." Wherefore the three young people took off in the early afternoon with considerable gaiety. Weather was perfect for flying—as it usually is in New Mexico—and the time to Guaymas was only a matter of three hours or so. Departing in early afternoon had been Lona's idea, urged upon Andre in private. "Being a conscientious pilot, concerned always for good flying and,

maximum safety, Ronnie sat alone up front from the moment they left the ground. She had told her two guests to relax and have a good time; she would talk to them but little.

There were a few early bumps, then the monoplane settled down to dutiful, smooth sailing. Ronnie held fairly low the better to enjoy the semi-desert landscape. She caught one glimpse of Rainbow canyon—and quite involuntarily turned for a quick look at Lona, remembering.

Now there is something, Ronnie reflected, that must yet be worked out. Lona Montoya is a mystery girl! It helped make her interesting, hence made her doubly welcome company for Ronnie on this Mexican trip.

Ronnie smiled a bit to herself. Maybe, given some kind of break, she could make Lona tell her secret. Ronnie felt that if—but all at once her reveries broke down. "Look!" Lona Montoya almost shrieked that. "Look, Andre!"

RONNIE turned. She saw Lona and Andre staring out a window, and Lona's face had an expression she had never seen before. The bright beauty of it, the open Mexican friendliness, had vanished and in its stead was an expression of anger that seemed almost fierce. The change in the girl was so quick and so complete as to be startling, and even Andre's face showed grave alarm.

Ronnie glanced out, too. "It's only the government autogiro!" she shouted back to her guests, slowing her own speed to coast so they could hear. "It's only the Border Patrol plane. See, they're waving. They're friends, and anyway—"

Lona and Andre ignored her. Lona grabbed his arm in fury. "I told you!" she snapped at Andre, lips tight and pale. "It's a trap! A deliberate—"

He glanced back. "But you yourself agreed they wouldn't be out now, Lona! You said they patrol the international line only in mornings. That's why you wanted to leave after noon!"

"Oh-h-h-h!" Lona was half standing, and she shook Andre in an obvious little fit of frenzy fear. "What is wrong?" Ronica called, loudly.

"Shut up, and fly this thing fast!" Lona snapped. "If you don't, you'll—"

"H-h-h-h!" Andre tried frantically to quiet the girl, but plainly Lona was in a panic now. "They're signaling me to turn back," Ronica called. "I don't know what's the matter, but—sit down, kids, and don't be afraid. It's nothing endangering us, I'm sure. Careful—I'm going to turn."

thought she recognized the flyers in it. She handled her controls to obey them. A hand struck her shoulder, hard. "Do as I tell you!" Andre Girardeau yelled, menacingly, in her ear. "Keep due south. Get across the line as quickly as possible!"

"I won't!" "The hell you won't, you little fool!"

With a quick move, then, he jerked her out of the pilot's seat and literally threw her backward on the floor. Even as she moved she tried to reach under her leather jacket; there she carried the pearl-handled pistol Wes York had given her and ordered her to keep near. The plane lurched dangerously.

Ronnie's body struck the cabin floor, stunning her so that she came to a sitting position slowly. When her head cleared a few seconds later, Lona Montoya had taken her gun away and Andre Girardeau was at the ship controls.

She stared up front at the couple. Andre had often said he knew nothing of flying—but he handled the ship with obvious skill. Lona was shooting out a crack in a cabin window. Shooting and glowering at the autogiro with that peculiar new fury in her face, an expression utterly unlike the Lona they had first known. It wasn't simply a Mexican girl in anger or fear; it was—different.

RONNIE didn't understand it. She didn't understand anything. Her own fury was such that she was beginning to sob a little, partly from sheer helplessness. Somehow she knew Lona Montoya would shoot her on the slightest provocation now. Also that Andre Girardeau was anything but a friend.

All the past weeks of adventure and change and excitement streamed through Ronnie's consciousness and she sat there on the floor of her golden monoplane. The new college entry, the friend-

ship with Wesley York—was that had figured prominently, even heroically, in most of those exciting incidents—lordy, if Wes were only here to help her now!

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STORIES IN STAMPS



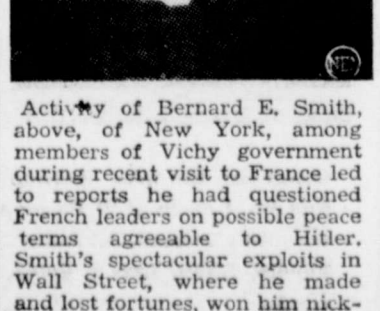
Harassed Geographers Honored With Stamp. WHILE Hitler gives mapmaker headaches, Brazil offers a sedative in the stamp above, commemorating the 9th Brazilian Congress of Geography in Florianopolis.

Even in America maps do not remain fixed for long periods. Explorations in the upper Amazon region may necessitate changes in Brazil's map. In United States newly built dams have created lakes which must be included in future geographies.

Map making is an ancient science. The earliest extant map of the world is a clay tablet discovered in Babylon and believed to date from the 8th century B. C. Greek mariners and geographers were the first to use maps, such as are known today. Ptolemy, author of an eight-volume geography in 150 A. D., laid the foundations of the modern science.

The age of discovery, from the 15th to 19th centuries, gave science a true picture of the world in its entirety. Modern geography continues to add details. Admiral Richard E. Byrd's explorations in the Antarctic will be reflected in map revisions, and a new map of Europe will emerge from the present war.

Hint He Sounded French on Peace



Activity of Bernard E. Smith, above, of New York, among members of Vichy government during recent visit to France led to reports he had questioned French leaders on possible peace terms agreeable to Hitler. Smith's spectacular exploits in Wall Street, where he made and lost fortunes, won him nickname of "Sell-Em Ben."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



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SOCIETY and CLUBS

CATHRYNE RUSSELL, Editor
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Mrs. Jackson Is Hostess to Club At Xmas Party

The Industrial Arts club had its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. E. L. Jackson Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In keeping with the season, Mrs. Jackson had decorated her house attractively with Christmas decorations highlighted by a large Christmas tree. In the center of the lace laid dining table was an arrangement of pine cones, cedar, and berries on a mirror reflector, flanked by blue candles in silver holders. A nativity scene was placed on the buffet.

Roll call responses were Christmas customs of South America. During the afternoon the members were called by their given names. A paper entitled "American Traditions" was given by Mrs. Rose Miller. A social hour was then enjoyed, during which the guests

Mignon Clark Has Luncheon On Wednesday

Miss Mignon Clark, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Lee Clark, entertained a group of her college girl friends with a lovely luncheon in her home Wednesday.

A patriotic motif was effected in decorations. Three tables were laid, one each in red, white and blue. The centerpiece of the large table was an arrangement of yucca plants, cedar, nandinas and coral berries, flanked at each corner by candles. Plate favors were tiny corsages of sweet lavender and cedar, tied with red, white and blue ribbons.

After lunch, the girls sang Christmas carols, accompanied at the piano by Miss Billie Cole. The affair was given on the date of Dr. and Mrs. Clark's wedding anniversary.

Places were marked by Christmas place cards for Misses Betty Lou Powell, June Halbert, Wynema Bond, Noma King, Nadine Hoelst, Polly Porter, Mildred Kimmell, Madeline Ruppert, Helen June Terry, Elizabeth Bailey, Billy Cole, Margaret Holland, Ada Rhone Mobley, Melba Wood, Nelda Wood, Lily Dale Chambers, Mary Olive Garrett, Cathryne Russell, Mildred Clark, Mrs. Minnie Hill, Mrs. Eldon Anderson, Mrs. Hugh Chief Brown and the hostess, Miss Clark.

Five-Year Girls Have Xmas Party

Mrs. F. E. Shepard entertained her five-year girls Sunday school class of the First Baptist church with a Christmas party in her home Thursday afternoon.

A beautiful Christmas tree was the central attraction, and the little guests drew names and distributed the gifts. There were also gifts of candy and fruit from the teacher.

Refreshments were later served to LaDonna Skiles, Barbara Schaefer, Neva Webb, Myra Townsend, Barbara McCauley, Betty Jo Gallagher and Geraldine Lanpman.

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Elmo Cook-- (Continued from Page One)

tural agent for Lamar county, J. C. Patterson of Waco, agricultural agent for McLennan county; O. P. Griffin of Big Springs, agricultural agent for Howard county; and ELMO V. COOK of Eastland, agricultural agent for Eastland county.

The board of directors of the association elected four new directors, including E. D. Back of Alice, agricultural agent of Jim Wells county.

PERSONALS

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Clark and daughter, Mignon, plan to leave Saturday for Fort Worth, Stephenville and San Antonio, where they will visit during the holidays. While in Fort Worth they will visit Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lovejoy, and in San Antonio Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Worsham.

Glenn Boyd of Texas Tech in Lubbock has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd.

Miss Ruth McKissick of TCU, Fort Worth, is expected to arrive Saturday for a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McKissick.

Miss Anne Buckley expects to leave Saturday for Fort Worth, where she will spend Christmas and the holidays with her parents.

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400,000th Chevrolet Manufactured Friday

DETROIT, Dec. 20 (Sp)—Continuation of the high production rate which Chevrolet has maintained ever since presentation of its 1941 models, resulted in manufacture of the 400,000th of these units, at the Flint assembly plant yesterday, it was announced here by M. E. Coyle, general manager of Chevrolet and vice-president of General Motors.

The latest 100,000 units of the new model year's production have been built since November 27, Mr. Coyle pointed out, adding further to the already remarkable record established since the first 1941 Chevrolet left the assembly line Sept. 3. It took just 62 working days to produce the first 300,000 of these cars, and the average production rate, ever since they were brought out, has been substantially above 100,000 a month.

"There is no indication, currently, of any lessening in the demand on which Chevrolet's volume production is based," said Mr. Coyle. "Dealers in various parts of the country report car and truck sales prospects well in excess of the very good volume attained last year. For the immediate future, at least, there is indication of sustained volume in car manufacturing and assembly plants throughout the United States."

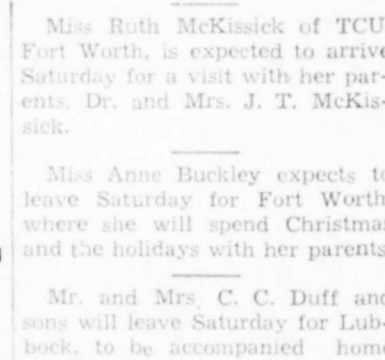
Dude College-- (Continued from Page Three)

Obviously, though, not even Wes could have aided her against the mad couple now kidnaping her. Andre, Lona—both foreign names, Ronnie suddenly realized. What, in truth, did she actually know about either of them? She had just accepted each at face value as she did any one who was interesting. Plainly both were afraid of the law.

Angered now beyond any sane control, Ronica Bailey did a characteristic thing.

With Lona's attention centered with the gun out a window and Andre intent on his flying, Ronnie grabbed a parachute case, quickly strapped it on and threw herself out the same cabin door from which the Indian drum had fallen. (To Be Concluded)

Arizona's Bid for Sun Bowl Title



This is the starting team for Arizona State of Tempe in the Sun Bowl classic at El Paso on New Year's Day; in the line, left to right: Lackey, Coleman, Balshot, Green, Capt. Sanserino, Herty and Andrews. In the backfield, left to right: Ybarra, Relles, Pitts and D...

To Battle Bulldogs in Sun Bowl



Coach Bill Edwards' Western Reserve University team of Cleveland, Ohio, which will meet the Arizona State Bulldogs in the annual Sun Bowl game at El Paso on New Year's day. Front row, left to right: Trainer Doc Thomas, Wojcik, Ries, Culp, Skoizen, McJannet, Familo, Ligan, Lynch, Booth, Kershner, Taylor, Chappel, Luther, Waggle, Cura, Kern, Lonardo, Narwold and Head Coach Bill Edwards.

Text for Texas-- (Continued from Page Two)

Long machine took complete control and blazed its sordid trail of high-handed bossing, intimidating, thievery and corruption across the annals of that fair state.

In the second place, and this is the important consideration, the conservation and development of our wild-life resources must expand and go forward and not be crippled and paralyzed by a barrage of political attacks. Public interest demands it. It constitutes one of the most hopeful and needed fields of conservation. We Texans have long been sleeping on our most precious rights and opportunities. With an adequate wild-life management and game propagation program, such as those in Pennsylvania and Indiana, our state could become a paradise for hunters and fishermen. Sportsmen are taking to the woods and streams in increasing numbers. They are willing to pay for it without a cent of cost to taxpayers. Our ranchmen, and our farmers by utilizing their idle and marginal lands for birds and game propagation, could soon develop constant and dependable sources of income for themselves and in addition make a handsome profit for the state.

NIMROD

The recent freeze did considerable damage here. Many shade trees were broken down.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Watson are the parents of a daughter, born December 12. Mrs. Watson is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend, at Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Owens of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Yeager Owens of Denver City and Mr. and Mrs. Fat Thomas and children of Cisco visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brashers last week.

Announcements have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen of Baird of the arrival of a 11 1/2-pound daughter, Serena Kay, on December 14. Roy is the brother of D. L. and J. H. Allen.

Miss Mozelle Turrentine, home economics teacher at Stanton, entertained the Homemaking club Tuesday night at her home in Stanton with a Christmas party.

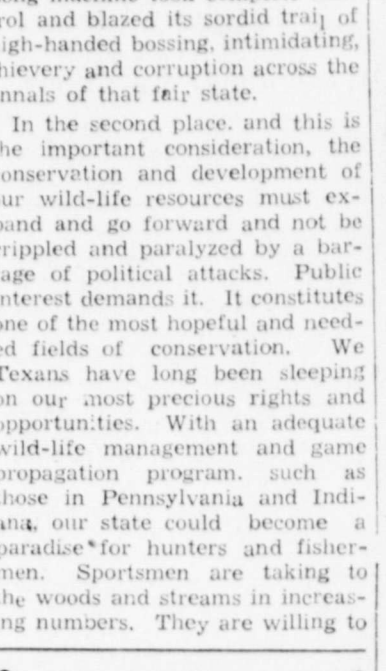
After interesting games were played, Christmas gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. Those attending from here were: Misses Lois June and Martha Allen, Leta and Rozelle Simpson, Lena Tonne, Doris Jean Harrelson and Winnie Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Owen and baby of Rising Star spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Owen and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harrelson and little Melba Ray and Lavonne Harrelson visited Mrs. N. J. Dillard at Rising Star Wednesday.

Mrs. Maggie Sharp and Mrs. Elsie Cozart went to Carbon Tuesday afternoon.

Biggest Shopping Spree



If you don't think Chicagoans are buying a lot of Christmas presents, have a look.

Sales May Hit All-Time High This Christmas

By TOM WOLFE
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—No wonder there's a jolly, rosy-cheeked smile behind Santa's long white beard. It's going to be America's merriest Christmas ever, with longer shopping lists than even in the Twenties.

"Maybe," says Lew Hahn, the big, quiet, white-haired general manager of the National Retail Dry Goods association, which represents some 3700 department stores the nation over, "maybe we won't reach, in cash volume, the Christmas spending spurge of 1929, but we'll be way over the top in the number of presents we're going to give."

This seeming contradiction is primarily due to the fact that prices this Christmas are considerably lower than in '29.

The National Retail Dry Goods association was in the midst of a special national telegraphic survey of Christmas business when Hahn spoke. "Cash volume of business, as far as our December returns show to date, seems to be anywhere from 10 to 30 per cent better than last year," he said. "Where it is 30 per cent better, it undoubtedly exceeds Christmas business in 1929. But we estimate that the national average of business will be somewhere around 10 per cent ahead of last Christmas, which will be a bit short of 1929."

Last Christmas department stores (which include dry goods stores, general merchandise houses and apparel stores in the associations' figures) did a December volume of better than a billion dollars.

KANSAS CITY Dec. 20

...sas City, typical big town, is feeling the surge. According to the Reserve bank here, retail for the two weeks ending were up four per cent over this increase is expected to be up, for the shoppers are not around in what appears to be a record drive. The 1929 value probably won't be...

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20

...Sales of some of the large Francisco stores are running high as 20 per cent above December. In November the big down-town stores reported a 12 per cent gain, against 10 per cent in 1939, with several stores showing 14 per cent...

FLU HITS COAST SALES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Retail buying started earlier, faster than usual in Los Angeles and southern California, because the epidemic of light came. Trade suffered for a few weeks, revived sharply as the epidemic declined about 10 days before Christmas, and was to finish in a tremendous minute rush.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20

...Industrial bureau of the Atlanta chamber of commerce estimates retail sales in the city at \$35,000,000 for December. Estimate for 1939 was \$32,166,666, \$27,666,666 for 1937, \$19,166,666 for 1929. Population increase accounts for much of gain over boom 1929.

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