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500 Couples Attend VFW Christmas Dance

More than 500 couples from Midland, Odessa and other Permian Basin cities danced to the music of Blue Barron and his Orchestra at the Christmas dance, sponsored by the Midland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Tuesday night in the VFW Hall at Midland Air Terminal.

VFW officials said the dance was the best and most enjoyable staged by the organization to date. The music was termed "delightful."

Mrs. Sprinkle Holds Open House

Mrs. James E. Sprinkle, hostess, held an open house for friends Tuesday at the Sprinkle home, 305 South 24th Street.

Seasonal decorations included a mantel-piece of cedar and colorful Christmas balls, with two giant red candles on each side of the mirror inscribed in red with "Merry Christmas." Poinsettias flanked the fireplace.

Refreshments were served from a lace-covered table with a center piece of a miniature Christmas scene, mounted on a circular mirror surrounded by pine and red candles.

HERE FROM AUSTIN
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Austin, former holiday guests of her sister, Calvin N. Noble and Miss E. Graves, 1211 West Illinois Street.

VISITING DEWEYS
Mrs. H. L. Corbett and daughter, Katherine, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wakefield of Roswell, N. M., will arrive here Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Dewey and family, 1210 West College Street. Mrs. Corbett is Mrs. Dewey's mother and Miss Corbett is her sister.

TO DENTON
Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rich and their son, Davey, are leaving Wednesday for Denton where they will visit relatives and friends.

VISITING HERE
Carolyn Cason of Ames, Iowa, is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Noel Cason, 1901 West Texas Street. Miss Cason is a staff member of Iowa State College.

Recent Bride



Mrs. Hugh W. (Buck) Harris, above, was Miss Carolyn Cox before her recent marriage in a splendid, noon ceremony held in the Lubbock home of her aunt, Mrs. Kenneth Cox. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Cox of Garden City, and Harris is the son of Mrs. Ina Harris of Midland. The bride, a graduate of Garden City High School, attended Texas Tech at Lubbock where she was a member of Las Chap. She has represented Midland as its cowgirl sponsor at various rodeos over the Southwest and is known as "Miss Midland" at most West Texas rodeos. Harris is a graduate of Midland High School. Following a wedding trip to El Paso, the couple returned to live at 406 1/2 North Marlenfield Street, Midland.

Students Attend Dance At Country Club

Approximately 100 guests attended the Country Club Dance for high school and college students Tuesday night.

The ballroom was decorated with a Christmas tree and branches of holly. Miss Bobbie Gibbins, a student at the University of Texas, presided at the guest register. Those serving as chaperons for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane, Mrs. George Slentz, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gibbins.

Scruggs Motor Company Holds Formal Opening

Throngs of admiring visitors attended the formal opening Monday of the recently remodeled and enlarged Scruggs Motor Company as the firm held open house to display improvements and new stock, including new Chrysler automobiles.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ferrell on the birth Tuesday of a girl, Sharon Valeta, weighing six pounds, 11 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Larguer on the birth Wednesday of a boy, Daniel Foley, weighing seven pounds, four ounces.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Lindsey of Waco and his mother, Mrs. D. L. Lindsey of Cameron, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Dennis Lindsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hudman, 210 South Marlenfield Street, here.

STANTON BOY IS IN BIG SPRING HOSPITAL

STANTON—Granville Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves of Stanton, underwent an appendectomy Friday in a Big Spring hospital.

VISITS BROTHER

Gordon Gifford of Fort Worth visited his brother, Mayor R. H. (Rusty) Gifford, here Tuesday.

VISITING PARENTS

Miss Dorothy Perkins of New York City is spending the holidays with her parents, Col. and Mrs. John Perkins here.

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Large Crowd Attends Minuet Club Dance

The Minuet Club held a Christmas dance in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer Tuesday night. Approximately 150 members attended.

The ballroom was decorated with seasonal greenery and imitation snowballs made of crepe paper-covered fruit. A midnight buffet supper was served from a green and silver festooned table, centered with white tulips.

Jack Price and his orchestra played for dancing.

ATTEND ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orson, 410 West Illinois Street, attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Greenwood at Glenn Wednesday and will spend the holidays there.

California Visitor Honored With Coffee At Pomeroy Home

A coffee honoring Mary West of San Francisco, Calif., was given Tuesday morning by Mrs. Tom West and Mrs. William Pomeroy, Jr., in the Pomeroy home at 708 North Marlenfield Street.

The serving table was centered with an arrangement of hand-made cookie trees, holly, and candles. Greenery, a Christmas tree and other candles completed the decorations.

Members of the house party included Mrs. A. E. Pettit, Mrs. D. G. Roberts, Mrs. John Hill DeFord, Mrs. C. D. Elwell and the hostesses. Guests calling were Mrs. A. A. Jones, Mrs. Cecil Waldrep, Mrs. John W. Thomas, Jr., Mrs. Charlie Snure, Mrs. David Cole, Mrs. Richard Brackett, Mrs. Elliott Powers, Mrs. F. A. Nelson, Mrs. Noel Cason, Mrs. William Beckers, Mrs. Lamar Eschberger, Mrs. Frank Essex, Jr., Mrs. O. H. Blexrud, Mrs. Harold McClure, Mrs. Robert Gates, Mrs. Olin Prather, Mrs. J. Z. Kimberlin, Mrs. Haword Chamblee, Mrs. Gerald Bartley, and Mrs. H. A. Hemphill.

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Others attending were Mrs. John Lydecker, Mrs. George Corey, Jane Ferrell, Lou Vanlandingham, Sue Curuthers, Louise Cox, Kitty Ellis, Ann Tolbert, Jane Floyd-Jones, Frances Ann Alvis of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Carolyn Cason of Ames, Iowa.

FASHION CLEANERS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The employees of the Fashion Cleaners held their Christmas party Tuesday night in the shop at 412 West Texas Street. Approximately 30 persons attended and exchanged gifts. After representatives of the group spoke, refreshments were served.

VISITING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moorman of Fort Worth will be here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Moorman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mickey, 1009 West Kentucky. Dale and Howard Mickey, who are attending school in Fort Worth, also will visit with their parents during Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

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The Christmas Truce

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

The One-Two Of Low Production

Public attention today is focused largely on the high cost of food. But the high cost of housing—which is an older problem—also remains unsolved. Prices still aren't stabilized, or even predictable, because of such things as high costs, slow deliveries and shortages.

Some folks get so mad at their officials they threaten to vote.

Merry Christmas!



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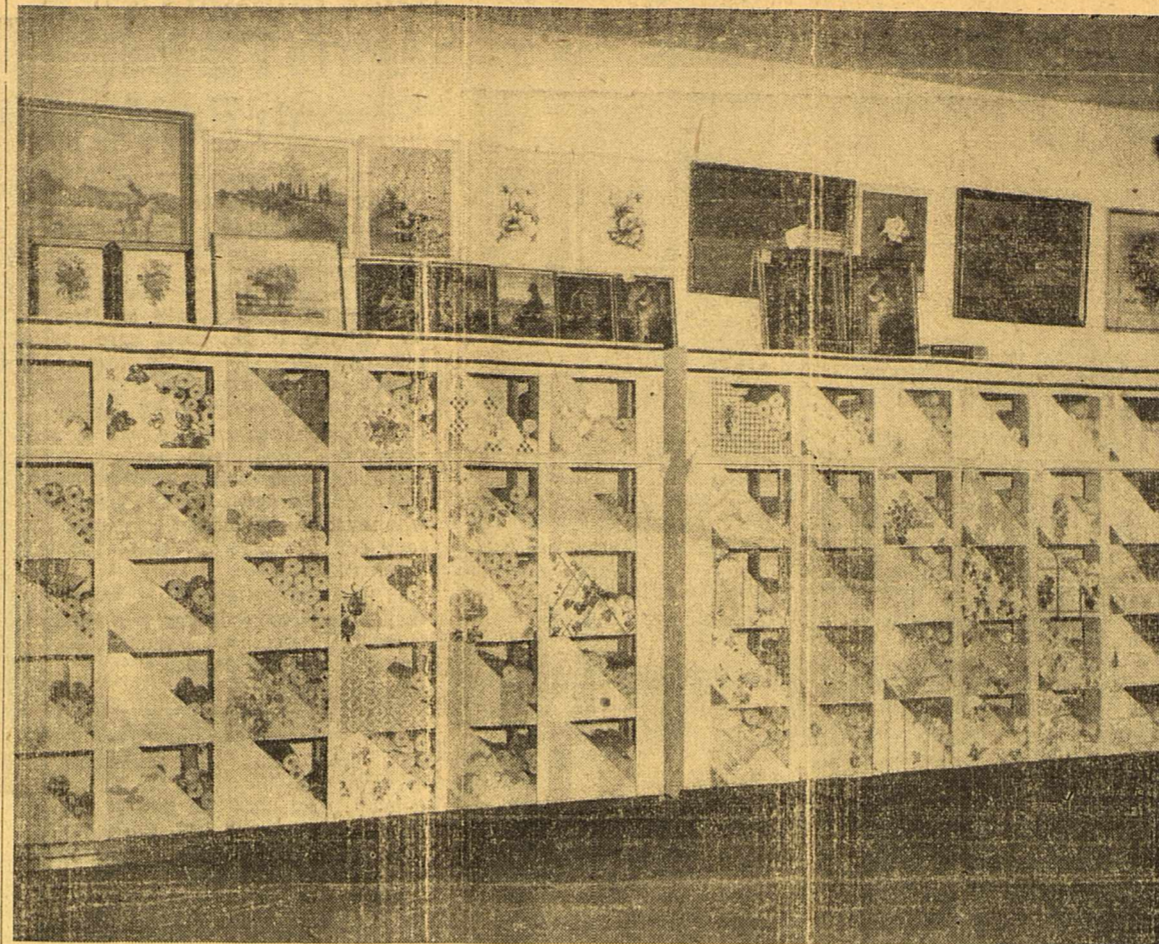
The officers, directors and employees of the First National Bank of Midland are taking time from their busy duties to wish their many friends and customers through out the vast territory served by the bank a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

"Season's Greeting" in Neon lights above the main entrance of the bank expresses the sentiments of the bank personnel. Beautiful decorations in the banking rooms lend a dignified atmosphere, and persons entering the spacious lobby cannot but be imbued with the true spirit of the Yuletide season.

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M. C. Ulmer is president of the bank, and John P. Butler is vice president and cashier. E. P. Cowden, J. L. Crump and H. H. Watson also are vice presidents. E. D. Richardson, J. T. Baker, and Cecil Waldrep are assistant cashiers. Ulmer, Cowden, Crump, Mrs. Ruth Scharbauer, E. B. Dickenson, Watson, A. N. Hendrickson and Butler are directors.

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For a last-minute gift certain to delight the recipient, or for home decorations needed to create the perfect setting for opening of Christmas packages, Midlanders are invited to visit City Floral Company, "your downtown florist" at 407 West Wall Street.

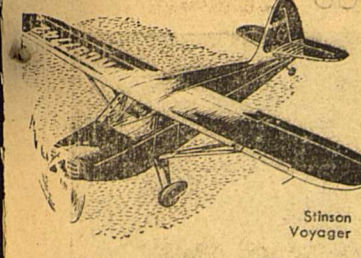
Traditional Christmas flowers, selected for their peculiar ability to create just the right mood for Yule cheer, are available at City Floral. All orders are given expert attention by experienced florists. Poinsettias, peppers and cyclamen are winter floral offerings particularly suitable at Christmas time. And at City Floral there is holly to give your home the final touch for an especially happy holiday.

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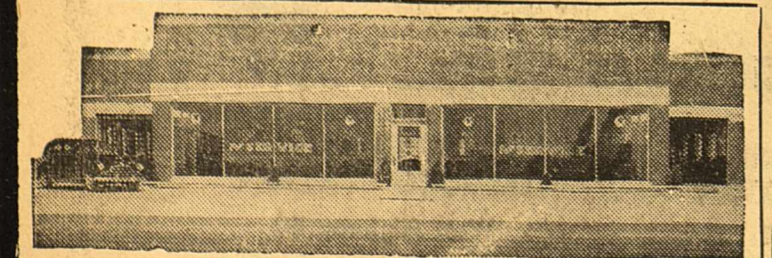
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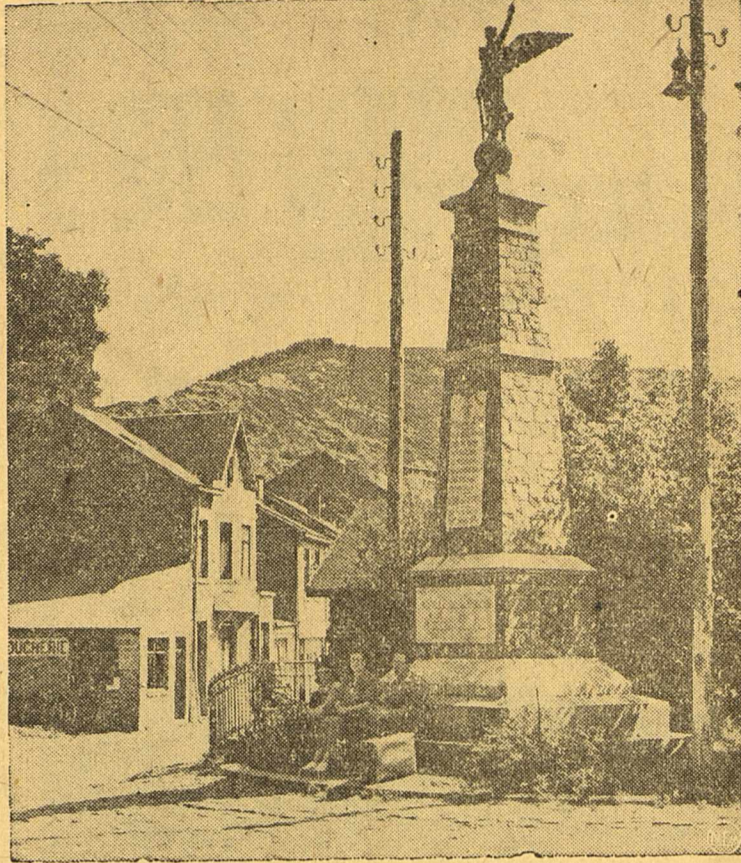
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Distribution Of Aid To France Presents Problem

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
Some of France's best friends among the Americans in Paris believe that much of the good effect of the proposed United States interim relief program will be lost this Winter unless great care is taken to see that the aid goes to the people who really need it.

They say there is great danger that French bureaucracy, through which privileged groups are accustomed to work, will prevent relief from sitting down to the people who must be convinced that democracy can do more for them than Communism.

If that danger can be overcome, these observers say, there is a good chance of defeating Communist efforts to take over France.

"Them As Has..."

The story in France is practically the same everywhere. "Them as has, gets" and the remainder, especially in the cities, are having a tough time. The Communist vote does not represent true party adherence, but rather a protest against things as they are. People work for money without being able to find the necessities on which to spend it. Even supplies which should not be too short are found to have gone principally to someone with an "in." So a good portion of the people vote for change, whatever it may bring.

One American woman, whose husband's work has kept her in France for years, reports a terrible frustration and disunity among the people. The rural farm population, relatively well-off in its traditional self-reliant fashion, evidences little sympathy for the city dwellers who must trade money for their needs, money which fluctuates in value almost daily, without any real relation to the artificial exchange rates established by the government.

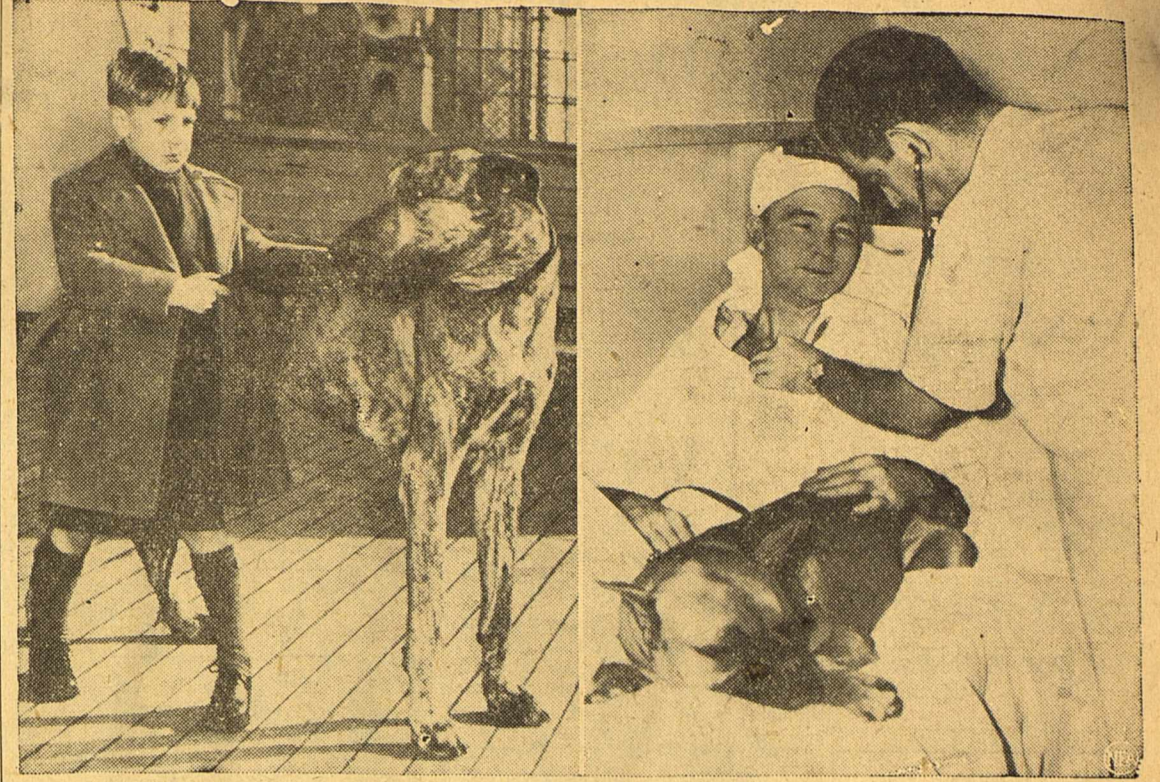
So it is in the cities that the Communists make their hay, among the little people who don't "know somebody."

Observers Watch Closely
Observers in Paris, therefore, are watching closely to see what Congress will finally do to insure that the winter relief program will really do the job of halting Communism. They feel that the crux of the matter will lie in the fund's administration, rather than in any vague principles to be laid down.

There is much interest in the proposal from various sources in America that the fund be administered directly under American authority, rather than through the French bureaucracy. These observers realize that there are important political difficulties in the way of such a course, but think there might be some benefits too, even for French officials. For one thing, the latter would be relieved of much of the inevitable tugging and hauling over allocations and the resultant animosity from factions which lose out.

The Marshall Plan will never get the chance to do what is hoped for it in Western Europe unless France and Italy can be carried safely through the Winter months. To by-pass the French bureaucracy as much as possible in the administration of relief might be strong medicine for them to take, but the bitterness of the dose will be forgotten in the spring if the patient finds himself really on the road to recovery.

Dogs Have Their Worries, Too



Britain's food shortage worried Michael Coupleditch, 5, and his 168-pound pet, Rupert, said to be the largest Great Dane in the world. So they moved to Montreal, Canada, where the dog will be able to get his daily diet of seven pounds of meat, two pounds of biscuits, and one quart of meat stock. They are shown at left arriving in New York. At right, Panzar, Harry Parker Strong's seeing-eye dog, sticks by his blind master in Bayshore, N. Y., hospital after the dog tried to save Strong from being hit by a car. All attempts to separate the two failed. Dr. Joseph Toye looks on.

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Pacific Island To Be Proving Ground For Radioactive Poisons In Warfare

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United States atomic weapon proving ground in the remote Pacific will provide opportunity for the first field test of radioactive poison warfare.

Because secrecy surrounding the project is of the same high order as that for the atomic bomb and bacterial warfare, military officials are not in position to say how

far research has progressed nor talk of any planned tests.

However, any work done on utilization of radiological poisoning necessarily has been limited so far to laboratory room observation and the calculation by scientists of those observations to estimate the possible results of actual release of contaminated materials over a wide area.

The underwater explosion of an A-bomb at Bikini Atoll, with its resulting contamination of water, ships, air and all objects for miles around, revealed to scientists the possibilities of radiological warfare. But, so far as is known, there has been no broad experiment with weapons to disseminate such poison other than the bomb itself. Lack of a testing ground, safely removed from populated areas, presumably has been the major factor.

Eniwetok Atoll, in the Marshall Island group, will provide this. The Atomic Energy Commission, taking care to be no more specific than to mention "atomic weapons," notes that the atoll is isolated, with "hundreds of miles of open seas in the direction in which winds might carry radioactive particles."

Scientists have suggested a variety of means for contaminating an area—and populations—with the silent, invisible but deadly death of radioactivated material. Included have been oil spray, dust and other carrying agencies, easily charged with radioactivity produced as a by-product of an atomic energy pile plant. Such agents could be conveyed easily by aircraft or put onto a target by long range missiles or projectiles.

"Wide Range" Experiments
While Eniwetok will be used for what the commission describes as a "wide range" of experiments, immediate interest is in new test explosion of atomic bombs.

In this connection, it is noted that almost a year and a half have elapsed since the last A-bomb was detonated at Bikini. The two bombs exploded then were of approximately the power of the first three detonated at Almagordo, N. M., Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Their nuclear efficiency, by official statement, was of very low order. They utilized only one-tenth of one per cent of the fissionable material in the bomb.

In recent months, there have been reports that some nuclear physicists working on military application of atomic energy have asked for new tests to use as a check against their pencil-and-paper computations indicating that progress has been made in bettering the efficiency rate of the bomb. The recent formal announcement by the commission that construction has started on installations at Eniwetok may be viewed as a decision to let the bomb makers conduct the desired check on their progress.

Scientists Decline Work On Atomic And Military Research

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Government officials admit there is a critical scarcity of scientists in certain branches of military research. But they discount statements that an aversion to working on death-dealing weapons is the primary cause.

Economic factors and a scholar's desire for complete freedom in study—rather than philosophies—keeps many of them away from government work, officials of the military and the Atomic Energy Commission told a reporter.

The latest of a series of statements came recently from Dr. Theodor Rosebury, Columbia University professor, who said "many American scientists are refusing to work on military developments."

Governing Factors
Atomic Commission and military officials said they believe these are the governing factors in the unwillingness of some scientists to work on government projects:

1. Lack of job security.
2. Unsatisfactory living conditions for the scientists and their families at some of the more isolated projects.
3. Inability of government to match pay offered by private research institutions.
4. Refusals of scientists to be pinned down to the comparatively narrow confines of a project directed at obtaining a particular military development.
5. Aversion to helping produce machines for killing.

Philadelphia once had a law forbidding the sale of coal in the city limits.

New Yorker Uses Own Money For Cleaning Up

NEW YORK—(AP)—Robert W. Dowling likes his home town of New York; he likes it neat and clean.

So, with the approval of the City Administration, Dowling, president of the huge property owning firm, the City Investing Company, put a gang of men to work several days ago painting subway entrances at Broad Street and Exchange Place in the Financial District—at his own expense. Dowling's idea is to get other property owners to spruce up their neighborhoods by painting subway entrances.

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Secretary of State George C. Marshall is pictured in his State Department office reporting to the American people on the failure of the London Big Four Conference.

Santa Claus Takes Off On Annual Goodwill World Tour

By HAL BOYLE NORTH POLE — (AP) — Santa Claus, noted elderly philanthropist, took off Wednesday on his annual good will flight around the world.

He was expected to cross the Canadian Border and enter the United States around midnight. Shortly after the takeoff he radioed back to his headquarters here that a reindeer's harness had broken, but he paused at one of the Northern Lights, repaired the break, and continued his flight.

"The weather is clear and cold," his voice boomed "and we're on schedule."

"Never Forget Good Ones" In an exclusive interview granted just before his departure, the bearded saint predicted every boy and girl in America who had been good would receive a gift from his bag.

"I never forget the good ones," he said, "and even if they've been a little bit bad why I'll probably leave them something."

in the eyes of 10,857,642 children who tried to stay awake after their parents told them to go to bed. It's dreadful to waste all that sand."

Won't Desert Reindeer I asked Santa Claus if there was any truth to the report that he planned to give up his reindeer and buy a new jet-powered airplane.

"Never!" he said. "Why Donner and Blitzen and Dancer and Comet and all my other reindeer spend the whole year looking forward to this ride. They would never forgive me if I did that. Besides I think it is much easier to steer my sled."

As he spoke the dwarfs from his workshop were running back and forth loading up the sled with toys.

"Had Trouble Making Toys" "Had a lot of trouble making toys this year," Santa sighed. "Most of the little girls still want dolls, but the boys—so many of them want those new-fangled atom pistols and rocket guns. It takes a lot of research."

He climbed into his sled. The eight reindeer bent forward in their harness, but the big sled hardly moved at first.

Pack Gets Heavier "This pack gets heavier every year," smiled Santa. "My, how the children do change. Why I can remember when they used to think it was a fine Christmas if I just put a big orange in their stockings."

"Now they expect you to squeeze it, too," laughed Mrs. Claus. "Ho, ho, ho! That's a good joke," roared Santa. "Ho, ho, ho!"

And as the reindeer whisked him up into the frosty air, he called back: "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas!"

Supplies generally are flown in from Florida, Texas, Mexico and California, but new restrictions to conserve U. S. dollar exchange prevent such imports.

OTTAWA (AP)—Canadian kisses this Christmas will be without benefit of mistletoe.

Not a sprig of the traditional Yuletide plant is on sale in the capital.

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A CHRISTMAS WISH

Farm Income In Texas Increases Heavily In '47

AUSTIN (AP)—Production and income from the three major crops in Texas—wheat, cotton and rice—shot sharply upward in 1947, with a preliminary survey released Tuesday pointing toward a billion dollar business.

V. C. Childs, of the United States Department of Agriculture office here, placed the total income at \$954,339,000—more than twice the estimated cash received in Texas on key crops in 1946.

Wheat and cotton led the way, but rice didn't do badly.

The record 1947 wheat crop of 129,420,000 bushels compared with 62,916,000 bushels in Texas and the previous year.

King Cotton Reigns Using \$2 a bushel as the average price, the expert for the USDA's Bureau of Economics Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates said this year's wheat income ranged from \$258,840,000.

King Cotton had its best year in Texas since 1937 with an estimated production of 3,600,000 bales at about \$152 a bale. Add to this 1,260,000 tons of cottonseed, and cotton shaves up as the "big boy" (Continued On Page 3)

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Dallas Stenographers Play Santa To Twelve

DALLAS—(P)—Four Dallas stenographers decided something should be done for needy children during Christmas time—and they did it. Last week Jackie Reese, Lorene Diekson, Charlotte Walters and Marjorie Darlek obtained the names of 12 underprivileged children from a juvenile court roster. During the week they solicited gifts from Dallas business concerns. Then the four Santa Clauses, who share the same apartment, entertained the 12 at a Christmas party. There were enough gifts to provide each child with seven separate packages and enough "thank you" smiles to provide the hostesses with plenty of Christmas spirit.

Stanton Holiday Activities

STANTON—Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kelly entertained with a dinner in their home Tuesday night. Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Janell and Jo Ann Jones, Betty Bennett, John Dale, Patsy and Charles Kelly and the host and hostess. Mrs. I. A. Smith, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. Cecil Bridges and Mrs. Arlo Forrest were hostesses for the annual Christmas tea of the Methodist Church's WSCS recently in the home of Mrs. I. A. Smith. Reception rooms were decorated in the Christmas theme, highlighted by a tree beneath which were arranged gifts for an exchange among those present. A program featured Mrs. James Jones accordeonist, playing "Silent Night," and the presentation of a Christmas story by Mrs. O. E. Bryan and a prayer by Mrs. Bill Clements. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Lula Metcalfe, Mrs. W. T. Colwell, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Raymond Blackford, Mrs. Bill Clements, Mrs. Eryan, Mrs. Jones, Lela Hamilton, Mrs. James Biggs, Mrs. Edmond Morrow, Mrs. Jess Burns, Mrs. Ray Simpson and the hostesses. Mrs. James Jones entertained the Friendship Class of the First Methodist Church recently in her home. Mrs. Ray Simpson and Mrs. Eland Cross were co-hostesses. Janell Jones received guests at the door. During the party carols were sung, followed by the exchange of gifts. The group sipped fruit to be given at a Sunday School Christmas party. Refreshments of spiced tea and nut cake were served from a lace-laid table, centered with a sugar-plum tree, to the following: Mrs. Dee Rodgers, Mrs. Flora Rodgers, Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mrs. O. B. Eryan, Mrs. Eland Cross, Mrs. Nobye Hamilton, Mrs. Ray Simpson, Mrs. Arlo Forrest, Lela Hamilton, Nadine Cross, Jo Ann Jones, Janelle Jones, Bill Clements and the hostesses. The elementary school and high school climaxed a week of pre-holiday Christmas activities Friday with trees and the exchange of gifts. Boys and girls of the 4-H Club met Thursday night in the home of Hoyt Britton, the sponsor for boys, who was assisted by Mrs. R. S. Higgins, sponsor for girls, and J. D. Elland, county agent. Gifts were exchanged and games played, followed by the serving of refreshments. A Christmas party was given Thursday night in the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Ray Wright, where gifts were exchanged and games of "42" played. Refreshments of candy, sandwiches, coffee and chocolate were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Turner and Pat-tie and Johnnie Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Leman Henson and Jerry and Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kelly and Sandra and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Senter and Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ohmer Kelly, Mr. and

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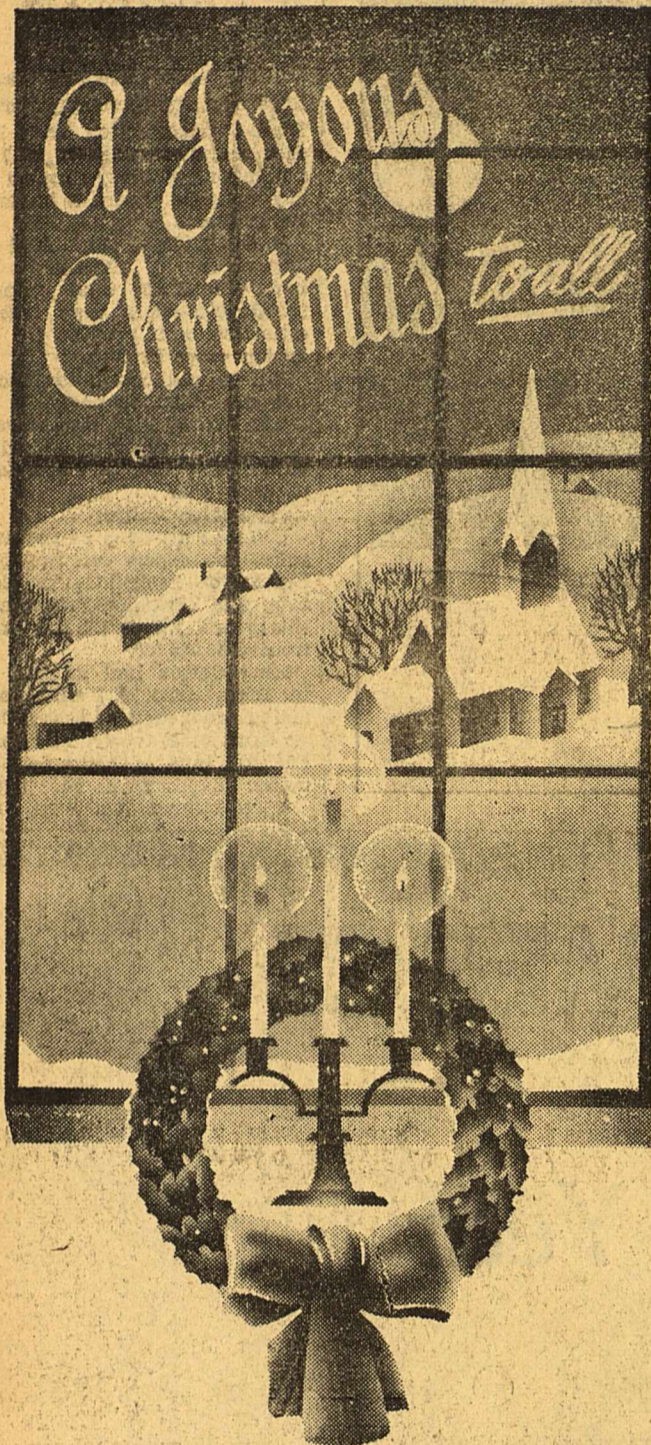
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Jewish leaders here learned it will cost a minimum of \$395,367,000 to meet the 1948 needs of world Jewry—including the setting up of a partitioned state and the mobilization of an army in Palestine. Three agencies which operate with funds provided by the United Jewish Appeal reported to a national conference of 1,500 Jews that the major portion of the unprecedented sum will have to be raised through contributions by American Jewry. The agencies—United Palestine Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, and United Service for New Americans—are operating with a debt that will total some \$65,000,000 by December 31, a UJA spokesman said. The money asked for 1948 will not be used to pay off the debt, he said. Eliezer Kaplan of Jerusalem, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, said the UJA needs its funds to settle 75,000 European Jews, including 24,000 children, in the new Jewish state next year. Mr. Kaplan said \$28,000,000 will be used to mobilize an army comprising 5,000 regulars, members of the present defense force, Hagana, and "tens of thousands of men." The language of Egypt under the Ptolemies is still used by Coptic priests in parts of their ritual.

PARKING IN ALASKA BRINGS HEADACHES, TOO

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA — (P) — Parking problems have grown at this city 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. Parking meters, guaranteed to operate at temperatures down to 35 degrees below zero, will be installed as soon as possible. "When it gets colder than that, our parking problems are somewhat diminished," City Manager Louis D. Kelsey said.

Crop Insurance Shows 1947 Profit

WASHINGTON—(P)—The federal crop insurance program has operated at a profit this year for the first time in history, according to latest estimates. That was the word given members of Congress by G. F. Geissler, manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, who said the agency is not yet ready to announce publicly the year's figures. Representative Stockman (R-Ore) said he had received a letter from Geissler detailing 1947 operations of the corporation and estimating profits at \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000. The tea bag got its start when a merchant distributed samples of his tea in cloth bags, and his customers discovered that a handy way to make tea was to pour boiling water over them.



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Farm Income Shows Gain—

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among state crops. The combined income figure for 1947 was \$625,380,000, while 1946 had a total of only \$294,118,125.

Texas rice hit the jackpot on 23,373,000 bushels at \$3 a bushel. This amounts to \$70,119,000, or nearly \$30,000,000 over the previous year.

Several Blank Spots

The picture has several blank spots in it. Childs said he probably would not have complete information on the 1947 Texas agriculture income, including the important

livestock marketing figures, until sometime next month.

C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist at Texas A&M College, pointed out that while the total cash marketing receipts for Texas agricultural products will probably be "somewhat higher" than for 1946, net incomes will "likely be up only slightly" as a result of increased production costs.

Farmers own 20 per cent. of all licensed automobiles in the United States.

Crop Of Crazy Accidents Continue In Dizzy Parade

CHICAGO. —(NEA)— Smoking in bed cost a sparrow its home. And almost cost Mrs. Marie Baugher of Camden, N. J., hers.

Puzzled firemen, looking for the source of the smoke that filled Mrs. Baugher's home, found it up under the eaves. The sparrow had carried a lighted cigaret to its nest.

To prove that sparrows aren't the only offenders, the National Safety Council, in its annual round up of freak accidents, reports a pigeon started a fire in a Washington apartment house the same way.

Charles Wilfred Arter, pitboy in a South Yorkshire, England coal mine, set the year's record for a long-distance fall. He dropped 1554 feet down a shaft, and only broke his leg. In mid-fall he overtook an elevator on its way down, landed on its top with only a slight bump, and rode the rest of the way down in comparative comfort.

Mama Can't Take It

Not to be outdone, Yvon Dherire, a Lille, France tile setter, fell six floors into a baby buggy from which a frantic mother had just snatched her child. Dherire was unhurt. The baby was fascinated. Mama fainted and broke her ankle.

Mrs. Anne McGinnis of Washington, D. C., fell from a fourth-floor fire escape, hit a third-floor clothes line, and flipped through a window into the second-floor bathroom of a startled neighbor.

In Detroit, fireman Horace LeBouf started down a rescue ladder with Mrs. Catherine Markowski when flames from a first-floor window hotly nipped the seat of LeBouf's trousers. He yelled, dropped Mrs. Markowski to the ground, lost his balance and fell on top of her. Mrs. Markowski was bruised, LeBouf embarrassed. Knockout Kick

John Nantico, also of Detroit, spotted a leaping giant cockroach, and broke his leg—Nantico's, not the cockroach's. He saw the cockroach while walking down stairs, aimed a knockout kick with his right foot, slipped with his left, tumbled down the stairs, and fractured his right leg.

Leroy Thurman of Oklahoma City fell up. He didn't jump fast enough while unpacking compressed bed-springs, was shot up to the ceiling, and wound up in a hospital bed.

Georgia Brooks of Chicago had an off-again, on-again harrowing ride in a speed boat at Lake Geneva, Wis. When the boat swerved, she fell out. The boat swerved back again, tossed her 10 feet in the air, and nearly caught her on the prow. Suicide Flight

A hunted quail committed suicide on the gun of Gene Hatfield. Hatfield flushed a covey near Joplin, Mo. One quail flew straight at Hatfield, broke its neck on the gun barrel, and dropped dead at Hatfield's feet.

Christine Woodward, 19, was trained as a member of England's Women's Land Army to face bombs, bullets and battle without flinching. Nothing was said about a mouse. So when one shared the truck she was driving and scampered across her foot, she took

the course of least resistance, and fainted. The truck went into a ditch. Miss Woodward went to a hospital, and the mouse presumably went back to walking.

Big Fish Story

Katsumi Nichtawa and Woodrow Wakatsuki found fisherman's luck can be too much of a good thing. Off Santa Monica, Calif., they caught so many mackerel their overloaded boat sank.

Even the New Look got into the wacky accident picture. Miss Elinor Jones, pretty Chicago secretary, disregarded her boss' warning that new long skirts were a tripping hazard, sailed out, tripped, fell and cut her face. Then she dutifully reported the accident to her employer—the National Safety Council.

FREAK FOODS

In Europe and Asia, varieties of flowers are utilized for food purposes. It is not rare to hear of geranium soup, shrub cakes, boiled lily, violet preserves, candied jasmine, or rose dessert in these parts of the world.

DDT has been found effective in eliminating barnacles from ship bottoms.

School Children To Get 'Thank You' Notes

AUSTIN —(AP)— Gaily-decorated "thank you" notes from Holland's school children will be received by Texas school children within a few days, Dixie Carmichael, state relations officer for the American Red Cross, has announced.

The notes, on brightly colored postal cards, are being sent in gratitude for goodwill gift boxes packed by Texas Junior Red Cross members and sent to Holland within the past year, Carmichael said.

There are 1,775 such cards addressed to Texas school children, according to the Red Cross state office.

The cards contain verses in Dutch and English, describing the gratitude of the Dutch children for American friendship. Each is signed by a Dutch student.

A species of perch found in the Nile River grows to weigh as much as 600 pounds.



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Our wishes are yours—a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

OUR WISH TO ALL...

Christmas Filled With Joy and Happiness...

For both young and old there are untold joys at Christmas time.

There's laughter and gaiety and warmth in the hearts of men—

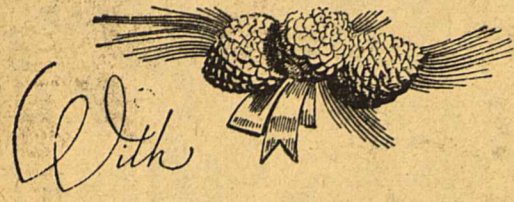
there's a happiness that knows no bounds—there's a spirit of giving that is beautiful to behold . . . there's a bright sparkle in the eyes of the kiddies, an excitement in their little beings that only visions of Santa can bring. That all may experience these magic joys is our sincere wish this Christmas . . .

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Storms that are commonly called "northeasters" along the Atlantic Coast of the United States usually move up from the south or southwest.

It is estimated that England's population was reduced from about 4,000,000 to about 2,000,000 in the great plague of the fourteenth century.



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Demonstrators Use Flag to Give Cops a Rough Time



A detachment of state and local police, detailed to the Hershey Metal Products Co., Ansonia, Conn., finished their tour of duty with mighty fixed right arms. To protest a ban on mass picketing, CIO demonstrators, carrying a U. S. flag, marched back and forth for two hours and the cops were forced to salute the flag every time the marchers passed by.

Indian Elder Swings To Peace With U. S.

MIAMI, FLA.—(AP)—New York, heap big paleface city, has convinced a Seminole Indian leader his little tribe in the Florida Everglades should make peace with the United States. The Seminoles fought a war with the palefaces more than a century ago. The conflict ended when the Indians withdrew into the Everglades, where ever since they have done all possible to ignore the white man.

That attitude apparently had changed when Billy Osceola, tribal elder and member of the Ruling Council, returned to Miami after a trip to New York aboard a new Seaboard streamliner.

Billy readily acknowledged that New York's skyscraper tepees had influenced him. He said the decision of the 748 members of the tribe may take time, then would be made known.

More than 100,000,000 fingerprint records are kept by the identification division of the FBI in Washington.

A small space in Jerusalem contains what are among the most sacred spots for Jews, Moslems and Christians.

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This is our wish for your happiness during the Holiday Season. May you enjoy it in all its traditional fullness.

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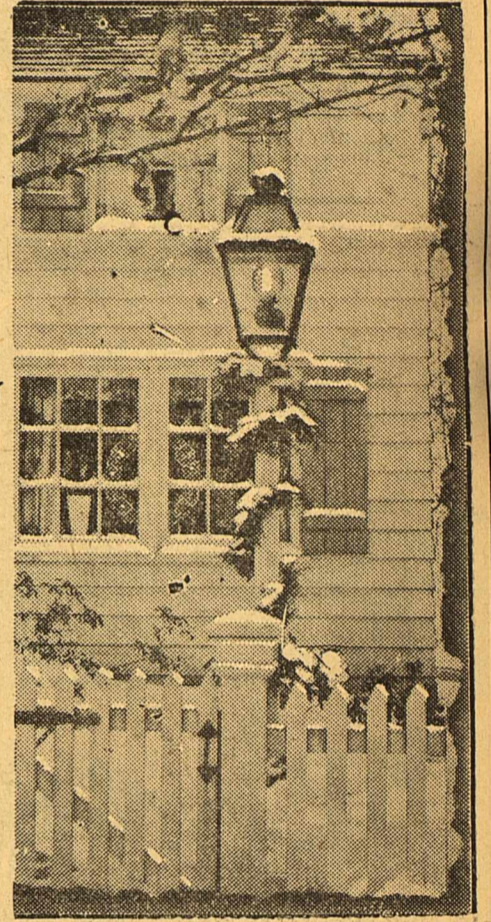
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Stanton Pep Squad Feted At Banquet

STANTON—The Pep Squad "football" banquet was held recently in the Stanton Methodist Church, where decorations and menu carried out a football and Christmas motif.

Decorations were highlighted by a table centerpiece of a tall Santa Claus. Goal posts wrapped in red and white paper, standing before red and green gumdrops, were used as individual place cards.

Programs were placed inside megaphones. The program included: master of ceremonies, Lois Stallings; invocation, Ellmore Johnson; welcome address by Ronald Cross; response by Jo Ann Jones; singing of "America," led by Lois Standefer; announcement of lettermen by Coach T. E. Green; address by L. H. Batton; brief talks by Mr. Hambrick and H. S. Blocker; singing of the school song, led by Lois Standefer; and benediction by G. H. Goolsby.

The menu consisted of S-S-S boom cocktail, captain turkey with touchdown dressing and scrimmage sauce, punt peas, tackle potatoes, fumble salad, competition rolls, off-

Jester Takes 'Sugar' Instead Of 'Cotton'

AUSTIN—(AP)—Gov. Beauford H. Jester will follow the dictates of his heart by attending the Sugar Bowl, rather than the Cotton Bowl, game New Year's Day.

The University of Texas, Jester's Alma Mater, will meet the University of Alabama in the game at New Orleans.

"I may not have done the politic thing, but I followed my heart and my Alma Mater," Jester said in explaining his decision.

He noted also the University of Texas is a state institution supported by the taxpayers' money, and laughingly said this was another reason for following the Texas Longhorns to the Sugar Bowl.

The water in Lake Titicaca is very cold even in Summer, but never freezes.

side butter, penalty pie, and pep coffee.

Guests attending included Mr. and Mrs. Hambrick, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Goolsby, Mr. and Mrs. Batton, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Owen, H. S. Blocker and Gordon Stone.



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Christmas is more than a day or a season. Its spirit lasts forever with an ever deeper, stronger faith in "Peace — Good Will — To all Men."

Merry Christmas to one and all.

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All the pleasant thoughts a gift can bring... all the happy wishes, too... are cheerfully offered in our Christmas greeting to you.

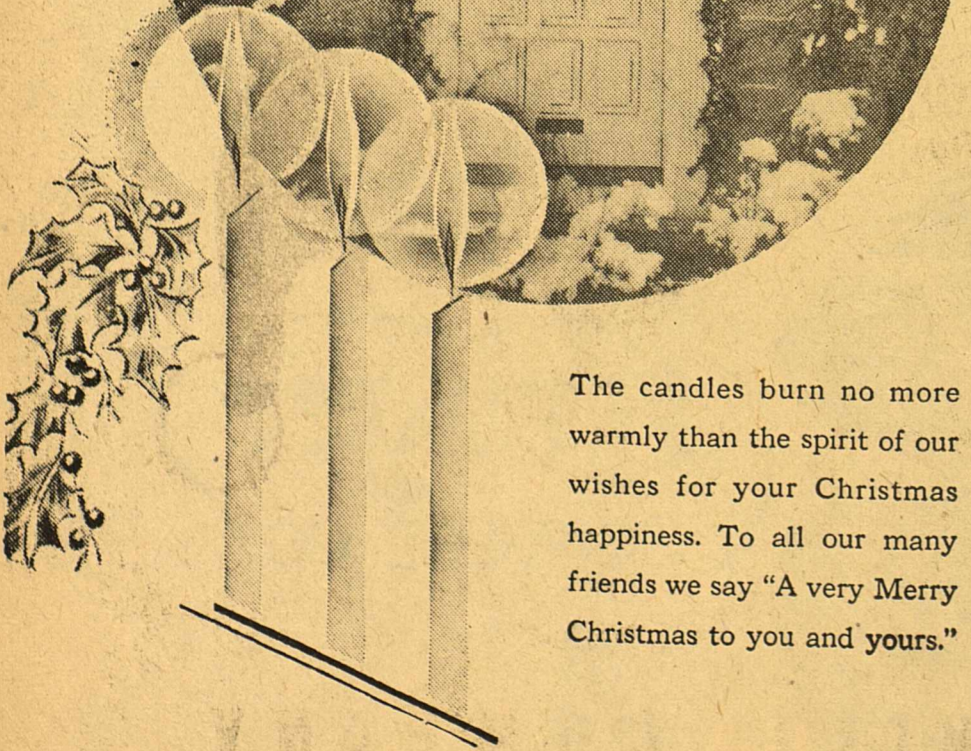
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"Fuzzy" is an orphan. Like all orphans, he'd like a home. He can amuse people, too, as he demonstrates on the kiddie car. The pup, of unknown ancestry, is waiting his adoption at the Chicago animal shelter.

French Elect First Feminine Cabinet Member

PARIS—(AP)—France's first woman cabinet minister is the nearest thing to a prohibitionist in this part of the world, but she drinks wine with her meals and says she likes a "little glass" of something stronger now and then.

Mme. Germaine Poinso-Chapuis has been installed in the ministry of health and the one-room-and-bath apartment that goes with it. She was delighted with the apartment.

"It's big enough to bring my boys to," she said.

Mme. Poinso-Chapuis lives with her husband and two sons, Maurice, 9, and Jean-Marie, 2, in Marseille. She has been staying with a friend when she comes to overcrowded Paris.

Denying any intention to prohibit the use of alcohol in France, she explained:

"I don't want to trust the saint-lines or docility of people. I want to be a realist."

She proposes the encouragement of non-alcoholic drinks, a broad education and recreation program, and ample medical treatment to fight alcoholism and drunkenness.

Has A Quick Smile

Mme. Poinso-Chapuis makes no bones about being 46 years old and no beauty, but she has a twinkle behind her horn-rimmed glasses, a quick smile and a fresh, ruddy complexion.

A feminist and a lawyer for years, she became a member of the first parliament in postwar France, at the first elections in which French women ever voted.

Jean-Marie was born the day she was officially notified of her election. Three months later she was carrying him from speech to speech in a street-corner campaign for the new constitution.

Did Underground Work

Her political career—she is a member of her old friend Premier Schuman's MRP—is based partly on her underground work during the German occupation. She was on the official legal staff of the Unified Resistance Movement (MUR) in the Marseille area. She used her privileges as a lawyer to help organize the escape of patriots held by Germans.

"Madame la ministre" has had little time to formulate an exhaustive program for her new job. She will have to deal with fundamental and complex problems like postwar undernourishment and wavering population figures that have troubled France for almost a century.

She has definite ideas about the length of skirts. Though "it doesn't make any difference so far as health is concerned, convenience is something else again. I like them short."

Her own are an even 12 inches from the ground.

Scientists Find Quick Cure For Undulant Fever

CHICAGO, ILL. — (AP) — Evidence that a prompt cure of undulant fever was obtained through the combined use of streptomycin and sulfadiazine—after each proved ineffectual alone—was reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Although undulant fever is the fourth most important communicable disease in the United States, exceeded only by tuberculosis, syphilis and gonorrhea, its treatment has baffled medical science. Of scores of remedies offered, none has proved satisfactory, the Journal article said.

Drs. C. Wesley Elsele and Norman B. McCullough of the University of Chicago's School of Medicine said a cure had been effected in a 52-year-old white man.

The acutely ill patient was hospitalized for three months after

complaining of daily attacks of chills, fever and dizziness. After a diagnosis of undulant fever, or human brucellosis, was made, penicillin treatment and blood transfusions were started. He improved enough after ten weeks' treatment to leave the hospital, but a week later was admitted to another hospital acutely ill.

For more than three weeks, streptomycin was administered. Then sulfadiazine was tried for twenty-eight days. The patient showed no improvement, so streptomycin also was tried during the last ten days of the sulfadiazine treatment.

"Five blood cultures during this (combined treatment) period were negative—these being the first negative cultures obtained in seventy-six days," they reported. "The fever dropped sharply during the first half of this period, then climbed rapidly, to drop again im-

mediately after the combined therapy was stopped.

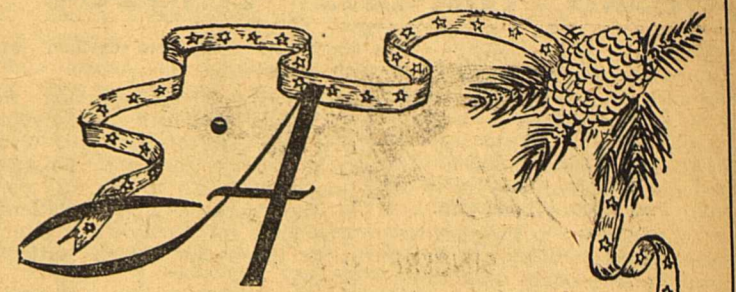
"Clinical improvement progressed rapidly to complete recovery. During the next seventeen months... relapses have not occurred. The patient appears in robust health and is working regularly at his former occupation."

In an appendix to the article, the authors reported that twelve subsequent cases of undulant fever had been subjected to the combined treatment in other parts of the country and that researchers had described the results as "favorable" and "quite satisfactory."

Undulant fever is transmitted to humans by contact with diseased animals or through drinking milk of infected animals.

Rural fires destroy four farm buildings an hour and kill about 3000 persons annually in the United States.

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Teen-Age Tokens For The Christmas Tree

By CECILY BROWNSTONE
Associated Press Food Editor

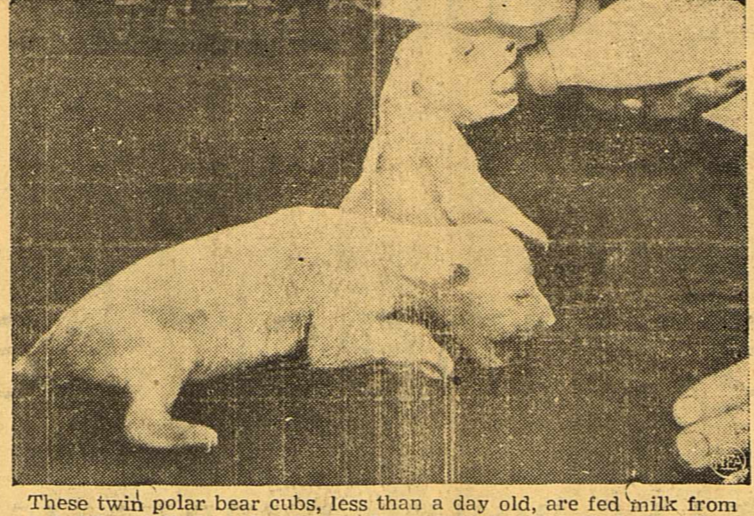
Teen-agers who like to mess around in the kitchen can have a lot of fun making cookies to hang on the Christmas tree and put under its green boughs.

Just the usual recipe for sugar cookies and one for rolled ginger snaps will do. But the trick—and the fun—is in cutting and decorating the cookies.

If there aren't special Christmas cookie cutters in the house they can be improvised. Trace the design chosen—a bell, a stocking, a star, an angel—on cardboard, then cut it out. When the cookie dough is chilled and ready, flour the cardboard pattern, lay it on the rolled-out dough, and

cut around with a sharp knife. Remove carefully with a wide spatula to cookie sheet. If large cookies are being made, roll out only enough dough for one cookie at a time. And even when small cookies are being cut, best results come from rolling out only the smallest amount of dough and keeping the rest chilled in the refrigerator.

Some of the gingerbread men will hang by their heads. With red ribbon, of course. But to hang stars, bells and angels take each cookie while it's still fresh from the oven and warm and pierce it with a skewer or ice pick to make a 1/8-inch hole. If the cookies get too crisp before all the necessary jabbing is done



These twin polar bear cubs, less than a day old, are fed milk from a bottle as their only chance for survival, after their heartless mother refused to nurse them at Washington, D. C. Zoo.

Spain Now Short Of Exportable Surplus

MADRID. — (AP) — Generalissimo Francisco Franco, chief of state, says Spain no longer is producing the exportable surplus of farm products necessary to bring in vitally needed foreign exchange. He told 3,000 representatives of farm owners and workers, gathered in front of the National Palace, the reason was that population had increased 8,000,000 since World War I, while farm production had failed to rise.

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Baltimore Hospital Uses Soothing Music As New Anesthetic

BALTIMORE, MD. — (AP) — a recent seminar of graduate anesthesiologists in New York.

Soothing music has been used as an anesthetic in fifteen operations at the South Baltimore General Hospital during a period of one week recently, Dr. Sylvan M. Shane, attending anesthesiologist at the institution, reports.

Doctor Shane explained the patient is prepared by having him breathe a mixture of 50 per cent oxygen and 50 per cent nitrous oxide (laughing gas.) At this stage, the patient is conscious and able to converse rationally, but feels a tingling numbness in his body.

Then attendants put a set of earphones on him and start a recording of soft, dreamy music.

Doctor Shane told reporters he is convinced the new method of inducing deep sleep has a definite value in many types of operations. He said he tried the "musical sleep" method out himself first by having an associate stick him with pins, after studying the process at

the music stops, he wakes up, Shane said.

Boogie-Woogie is out. Stirring marches and, for some unexplained reason, spirituals and other religious music fail to put the patient to sleep.

At first Doctor Shane used a recording of Clair de Lune and found results "fairly satisfactory."

Right now, he's using "Poem" by Chausson, and says it is 100 per cent effective.

Doctor Shane said the operations performed here under the music technique have ranged from tooth extractions to appendectomies and reductions of fractures.

Christmas GREETINGS
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A Christmas Blessing

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For after-baking beauty treatment, use colored frosting and apply with a regular decorating tube, a paper cone, a paint brush or a toothpick. To tint the frosting, mix in food coloring thoroughly, but apply it sparingly or you'll get a violent shade. Small bottles of food coloring can be bought at the grocery market.

To color sugar, dissolve a bit of food coloring in 1 teaspoon water. Sprinkle it over 1/4 cup granulated sugar, mix it well to color evenly, and spread sugar out on unglazed paper until dry. Coconut may be colored in similar fashion.

After they are decorated, the professional way to hang cookies is to insert narrow tinsel or colored ribbon in each cookie hole. Then the ends are tied in a firm knot, making a loop, and an ornament hook or a short wire is put through the ribbon loop and attached to the tree.

Any teen-ager whose heart is really involved with Christmas will be as interested as I was in a little booklet called "Pennsylvania German Cookie Cutters and Cookies" by Earl F. Robacker. It is a fascinating account with illustrations from the cookie cutter collection of the author — who owns 600 of them! The booklet gives designs of early cutters that can be traced and then, just for good measure, throws in a handful of practical sounding recipes.

But not all cookies have to be rolled, cut and hung. Some of them can be made in easier ways and packed in boxes—light covered tin ones are best—and put under the lowest branches of the tree for unexpected holiday guests. This is one way of never being caught without an appropriate gift! The following recipe will do good under-the-boughs service because it makes the kind of Snowballs that keep well.

Holiday Snowballs
7/8 cup vitaminized margarine, 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar, 1 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour, 1 cup finely chopped pecans, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 1 teaspoon water.

Cream margarine and sugar. Stir in remaining ingredients and blend well. Chill dough until firm. Form into balls about 1 1/4 inches in diameter. Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet in moderately hot (400 F.) oven 12 to 15 minutes. While still hot, roll in sifted confectioners' sugar. Makes 2 dozen.

MOST FARMERS HAZY ABOUT MARSHALL PLAN
DES MOINES, IOWA. — (AP) — Successful Farming magazine reports that its poll of a cross-section of 6,000,000 American farmers disclosed that 52 per cent of them never have heard of the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe.

Of the 48 per cent who had heard of the plan, only 11 per cent had an entirely correct conception of it, the magazine said.

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to one and all

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Suddenly she remembered that she had the Lord for help in her trouble on the cold ground, closed and offered her prayer. Hardly and opened her eyes, when a beautiful plant was springing up with bright red leaves like a prayer had been heard. He quickly gathered the flames with a light heart she hurriedly placed them as her present at the foot of the altar. It is the Flower of the Holy Night

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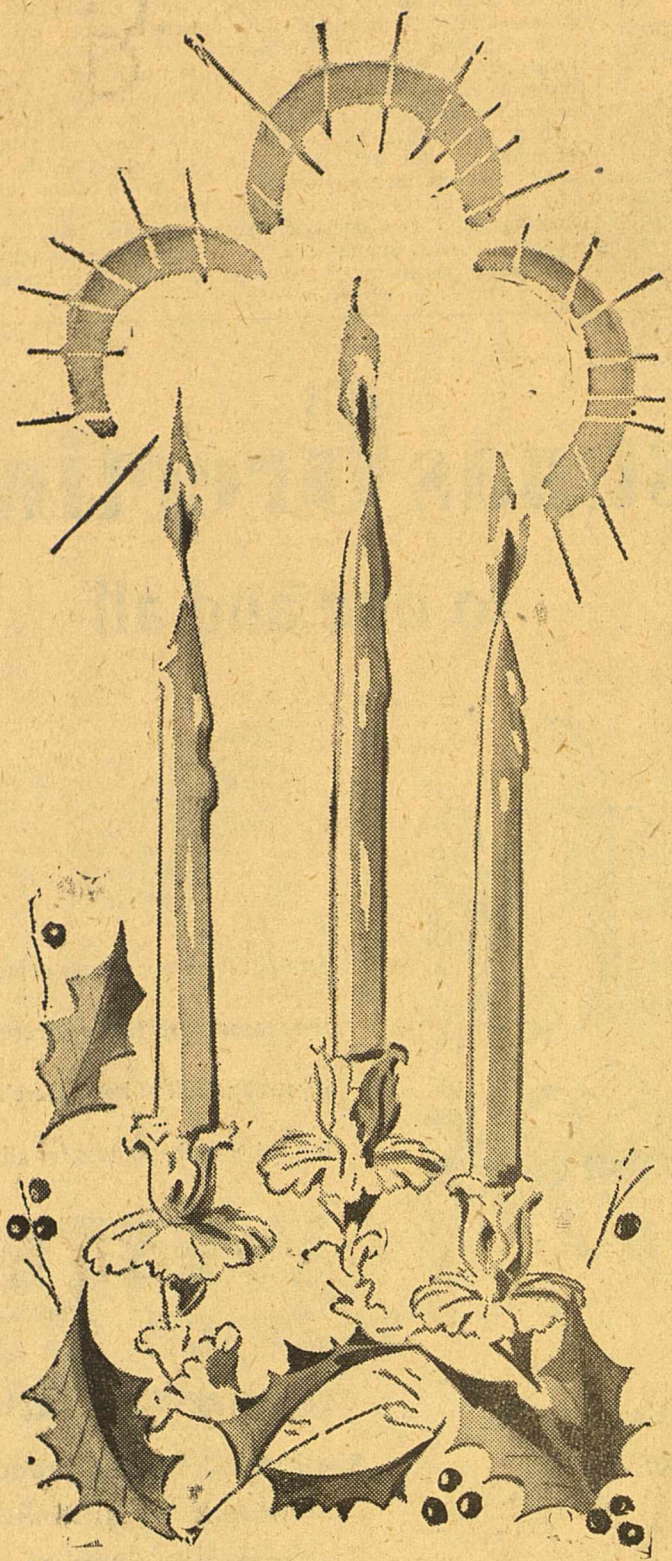
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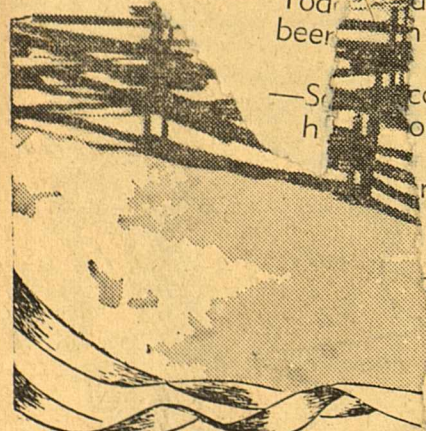
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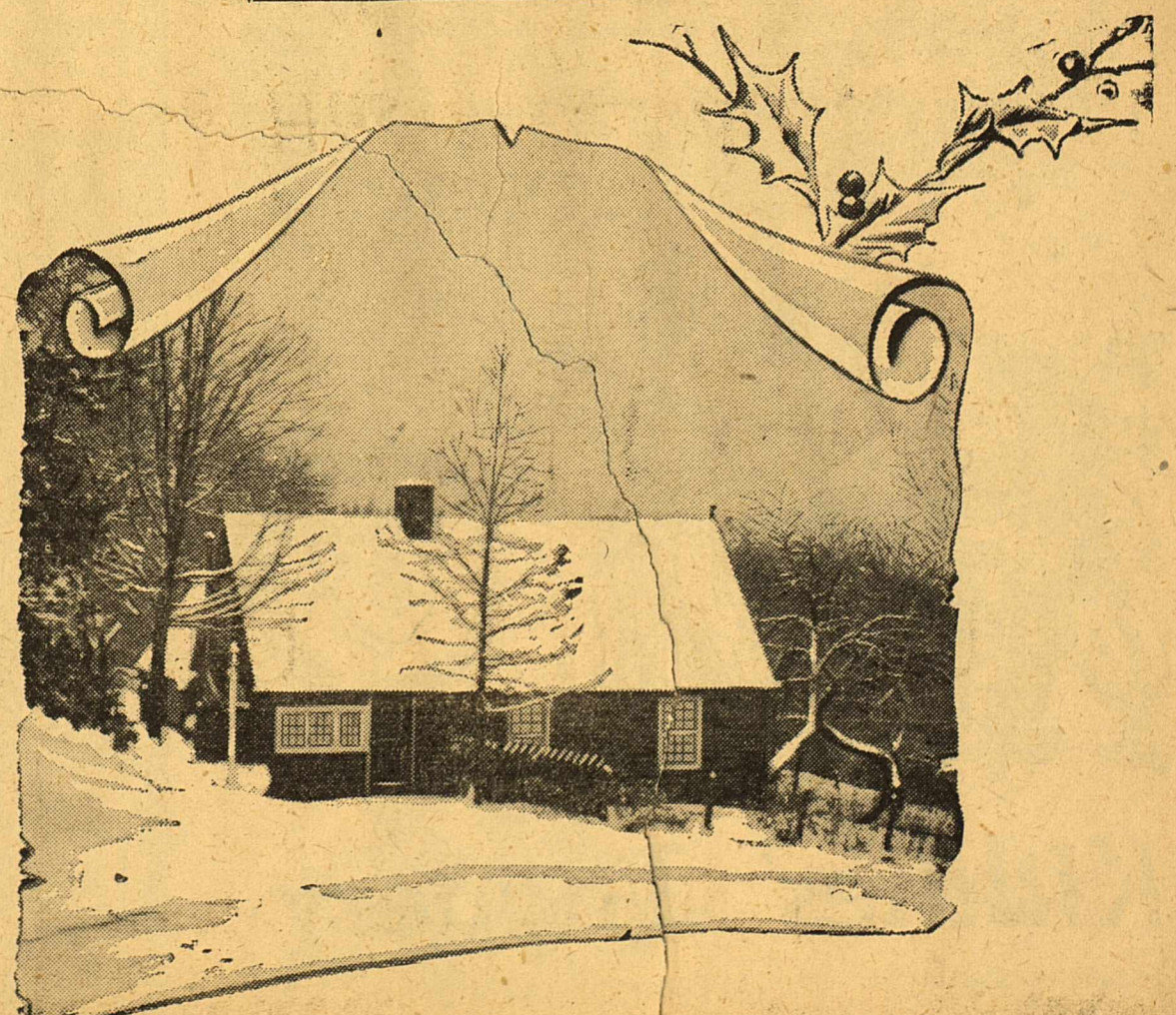
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Texans Rank Second As U. S. Plane Owners

By JAMES J. STREBIG
 WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Distribution of the nation's 94,000 airplanes reflects three big factors: private flying—terrain, weather and wealth.
 The Pacific coast, the Southwest and Florida show possession of three items.
 The industrial sections of Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and New England also show sizeable concentrations of planes, although in these sections do not offer the best flying weather or the best terrain.
Buyers Buy Few
 The rugged mountain country in the West and Southeast, with thin population or sub-average per capita incomes, naturally have fewer planes. Between those two groups a great farming area, where money is more likely to be spent on tractors than airplanes, a detailed count showed 81,000 planes registered at the start of this year, and since that time about 14,000 have been produced. Perhaps 2,000 to 3,000 of those are in commercial or business use.
 California, with 8,456 planes registered on January 1, and Texas, with 7,789, have no close contestants for top honors. Ohio ranks third with 4,448. Of the nation's 3,072 counties, 425 — one in seven — had no aircraft registered.
 The Civil Aeronautics Administration reported in a survey in October that private planes averaged only 183 hours flying time last year and that only 17 per cent of that flying was for personal use.
 The great restraining factor is cost. Two-place private planes sell for more than \$2,000 to around \$4,000, and the annual operating cost is around \$1,000 and up.
 Lack of utility because of limited airport and navigational facilities and the complexities of regulation also contribute heavily to the relatively small use of personal planes.

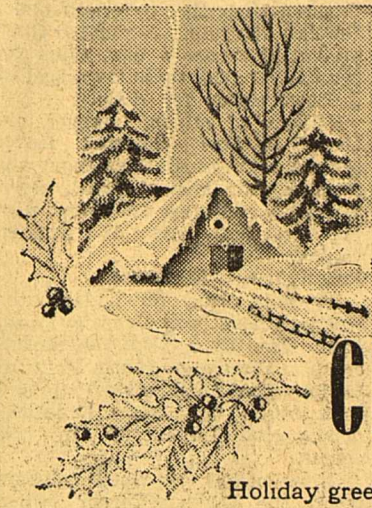
Here's One Little Girl Who Knows There IS a Santa Claus



You can't tell little Rosaria Nuccio of New York that there isn't any Santa Claus. She has seen him—in fact, she has seen 20 Santa Clauses. Yuletide workers for the Volunteers of America, they tend sidewalk "chimneys" in midtown New York, collecting contributions for the needy.

Lawnmower Performs Double—Cuts, Sprays

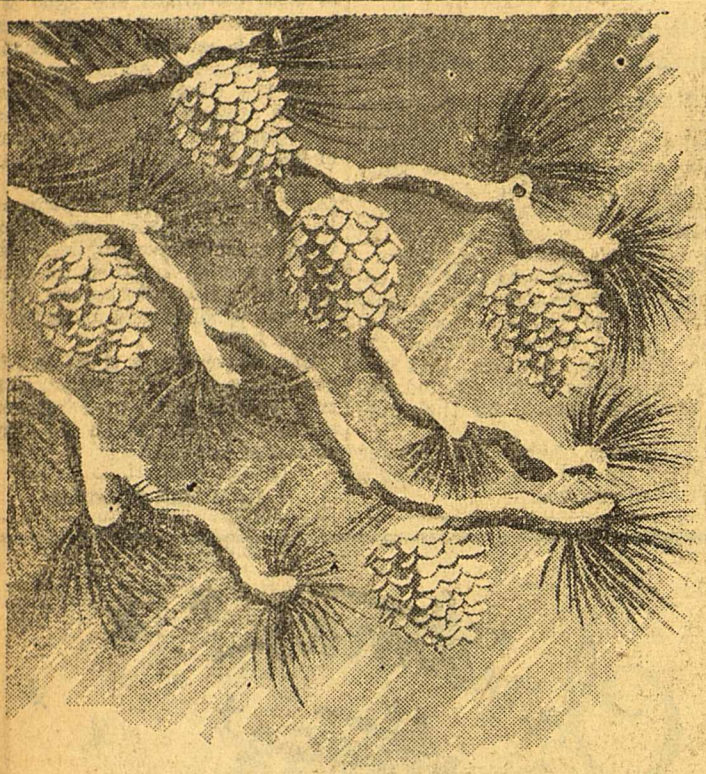
ITHACA, N. Y. — (AP) — Cornell University agricultural scientists have developed a sprayer gadget which can be attached to a lawnmower so that lawns can be sprayed and cut at the same time.
 Excellent results have been obtained on Cornell lawns, reports Dr. A. M. S. Fritcham, professor of ornamental horticulture, who had a hand in building the device.
 He says use of the sprayer on a lawnmower makes it relatively simple to determine where the chemical has been applied, since wherever the grass is cut, the spray has been in action against dandelions and other weeds.
 The Cornell sprayer features a carbon dioxide cylinder to apply pressure in place of a pump.
 Water striders are heavier than many other bugs and insects, but can run about on the surface of the water with ease.
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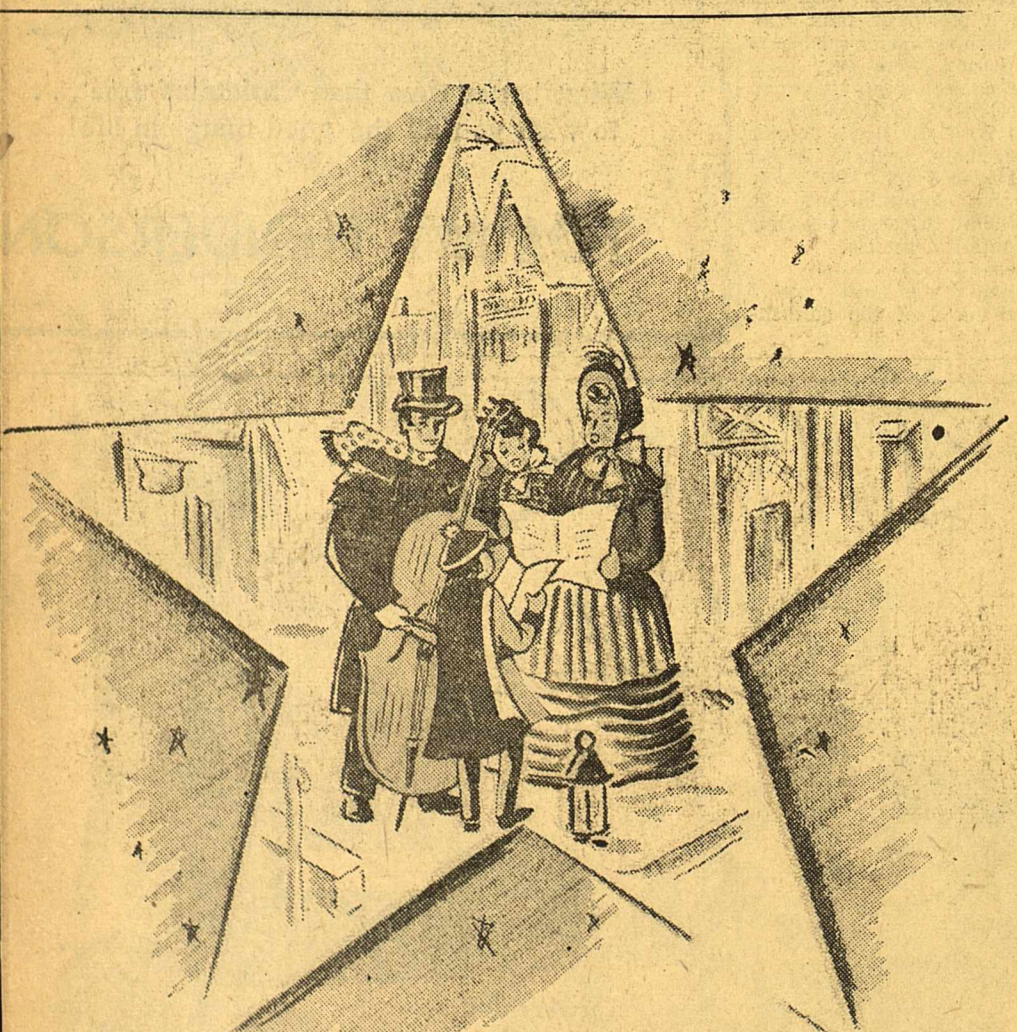
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Major Powers Try Gasification Of Coal To Build New Oil Reserves

NEW YORK. — (AP) — Without missing a beat in the world race for oil reserves, Russia, England and the United States are exploring another possible source of strategic power, and finding it in once abandoned or scorned coal deposits.
 Military planners, as well as natural scientists, engineers and industrialists, are studying means of converting this commercially low-value coal into energy through gasification without ever taking it from the ground.
 Through the iron curtain have come whiffs of reports that Russia is already using this kind of power.
 Belgium has a program of coal gasification well under way.
 England has said it is going ahead with its studies of producing gas by controlled burning of coal seams.
New Process Explored
 The United States government has sponsored an experiment in producing gas from coal without benefit of miners, and natural scientists are now busy studying the results and ways of improving the process.
 Their interest is spiced by the report that oil and natural gas constitute only 1.2 per cent of the known mineral-fuel energy reserves of the United States, while coal and lignite account for the other 98.8 per cent. They want to make more use of the coal and save the oil.
 Army and Navy staffs remember that in the oil tug-of-war between Hitler and the Allies, the United States had to lean heavily on petroleum shipped across the dangerous waters of the Caribbean.
 In any future emergency they want a continent-contained fuel and power source, for both industry and military.
 Milton H. Fies, who was the directing engineer for the U. S. experiment in Alabama, says that "if this job can be done, coal seams now regarded as worthless will become useful, and the recovery of potential heat measurement units in the coal of the United States will be doubled."
"Finger Seam" Tested
 The Alabama research, sponsored by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, is regarded as "a successful experiment," but trained scientists are still working on the findings, and Fies admits the initial trial "in retrospect showed an imperfect knowledge as to the nature of the process and as to what would transpire."
 The natural scientists chose a "finger seam" in the Gorgas mine of the Alabama Power Company, which they blocked off from the rest of the mine. A U-shaped combustion duct was driven through the seam, and both openings equipped with exhaust stacks and pipes for blowing in air and steam. This permitted alternate flow of either air or steam at one end, with the combustion gases leaving through the stack at the opposite end, the alternate flow minimizing the unequal consumption of coal.
 Combustion was started by dropping incendiary bombs through pipes from the surface of the ground.
 The shallowness of the 30-foot overburden between surface and coal, limited air input and the heat content of the resultant gas during the air blast operations ranged from 50 to 100 B. T. U.
Very Little Ash Left
 When steam was used, the gas had a heating value of 150 B. T. U. Fies said that after the experiment, the inspected burned out area showed the coal burned clean, leaving very little coke, and the ashes at the bottom.
 The Bituminous Coal Institute, understandably enough, is much interested in the prospects for underground gasification of coal.
 "The resultant synthesis gas could be converted by the chemical engineer into a high-heat value gas for firing industrial boilers," the institute speculates.
 "It could be the chemical raw materials for synthetic gasoline and fuel oils. In arid regions, electric power might be generated by using the gas in the gas turbine power plant, which requires no water.
 "It invites the gasification of worked-out deep coal mines in which some coal remains. It may permit the exploitation of impure coal and seams presently too thin to mine."
 But, Fies says the problems involved are "not going to be solved in a day."



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Infant Wears Boots; Must Wait For Saddle
 ALTUS, OKLA. — (AP) — Since he is going to be a Texan, Andy J. Dixon, Jr., born this month, had to have his cowboy boots as soon as possible.
 So his father, of Wichita Falls, Texas, slipped the size 00, bright red handmade pair on the baby's feet just as soon as possible. The baby was born while his mother was visiting here. Dixon, Sr., had had the boots made six months ago.



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Englishmen did not have to buy hats unless they chose, in the middle of the eighteenth century. Three hats could be rented for \$6 a season.

Blizzard-Wary Britons Fear Big Snow Again

LONDON —(P)— With the first cold snap of an otherwise exceptionally mild Autumn, Britons—from astrologers to scholars—are wondering whether the Winter holds a second-run performance of last February's horrible blizzards.

For those who put their faith in Old Moore's Almanac, there is some comfort. The worst Old Moore's successors can read in the signs of moon and stars is that February will produce a "cold spell for a few days."

Otherwise, this publication, a stand-by of British almanac perusers since 1697, predicts little that any resident of Britain could not forecast—Winter months of "variable weather" with "dull and cloudy" periods.

Writers In Act Newspaper writers, from humorists to record readers, have crawled into the act of portraying the Winter.

One of the record checkers discovered that on the performances of the last century, it's 15 to 1 against a white Christmas, but only 7 to 1 against a foggy one. December turned out to be the worst month of all about being foggy.

The records are cold comfort, too, to those wishful thinkers who believe that two really bad Winters don't come in succession here. Take the three years of 1940, '41 and '42. They were the coldest in a row in 60 years.

Gordon Manley, a former president of the Royal Meteorological Society who now is a professor of geography at Cambridge, risked his reputation on a carefully qualified forecast for a popular magazine.

Opens Cautiously Cautiously, he opened the article: "The truth is, of course, that we don't know what Winter will bring or when" despite accumulating scientific knowledge.

Several weeks ago he predicted that late October and early November "should be mainly dry and mild in Southeast England." With a couple of fogs excepted, they were. Late December will bring on the cold, he predicted, with January "colder than normal."

But "any evidence is extremely sketchy," Manley said, suggesting that, just to be on the safe side, Britain should "allow for a rather colder Winter than usual."

Arthur Charles, member of the General Astrological Council of the Federation of British Astrologers, came up with a different prediction, projected from his star charts.

Forecasters Doubtful Average temperatures will be above normal, Charles said, adding that "I can't see any sign of a long Winter." He predicted that it would be better than usual and that the worst part of the Winter would come between February 12 and March 1.

The official weather forecasters in the Air Ministry's meteorological Bureau, however, want no part of any long-term predictions.

"Look, old boy," said one forecaster to an inquirer about the Winter, "we have trouble enough with 24-hour forecasts."

In fact, they have so much trouble that they've even quit calling their conclusions a forecast. It's just a "general inference from prevailing conditions."

Mischievous Plane Flies Miles Pilotless Then Makes Landing

TYLER. — (P) — Veteran airmen are still scratching their heads over a mischievous little light plane which took off without leave from here, flew about 65 miles without human help and then landed practically undamaged.

W. B. Myers, student pilot, was practicing landings at an airport near here. After one landing he started to take off again.

According to Fred Williams, flying service operator, the student pilot cranked the motor and the plane began to move down the runway. Myers grabbed a wing strut and was dragged about 200 yards before he let go. The plane kept going.

Maj. O. J. Palmer, airport manager, took off in another plane in close pursuit.

"It went up to about 5500 feet before it first leveled off," Parker said. "Then it started spiraling down, heading in my direction. I went into a deep dive for about two miles, and when I looked back it had disappeared."

Two flying service employees also joined the chase and followed the derelict aircraft for about two hours. It eluded them when they had to land at Henderson, Texas, for gas.

Almost three hours later a farmer who lives near Timpson,

Texas, called Palmer and said a plane had landed in his field.

"And there's no pilot in it," he said.

"We know," said Palmer, "it took off from here without one."

"What's that?" "That's right," Palmer told the startled farmer. "How about putting some gas in her and heading her back in this direction?"

"The plane landed in the field and rolled almost to a stop before bumping into a fence and the limb of a tree. The undercarriage and a wing were slightly damaged. The gas tank was empty.

Myers wasn't so lucky. He has a sprained back.

British Show Progress Producing Atomic Heat

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND.—(P)— Britain's first small-scale atomic pile at the Harwell Government Research station is producing heat—perhaps enough to run one electric fire," Prof. P. B. Moon, secretary of the Atomic Scientists' Association, said.

"The Atomic Energy Department of the Ministry of Supply has made a start and, although we are a long way behind the Americans, yet we are making what is probably a pretty good start on the small scale on which we are able to work at such projects in this country," Dr. Moon said in a lecture.

Judge Excuses Santa From Jury Service

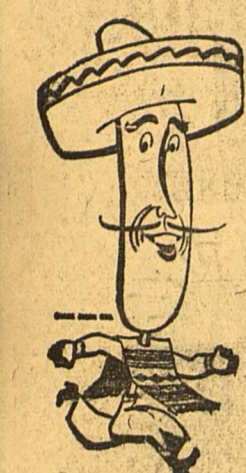
BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—(P)— "Santa Claus" was excused from jury duty because of pressing business with the kids.

Subpenaed as a juror in a city court trial, he told city Judge Walter J. Relihan:

"I'd just as soon serve some other time, judge. I wouldn't want to dis-

appoint those kids." "How can I refuse?" observed Relihan as he excused J. Franklin Talbott, a white-haired, department store Santa Claus.

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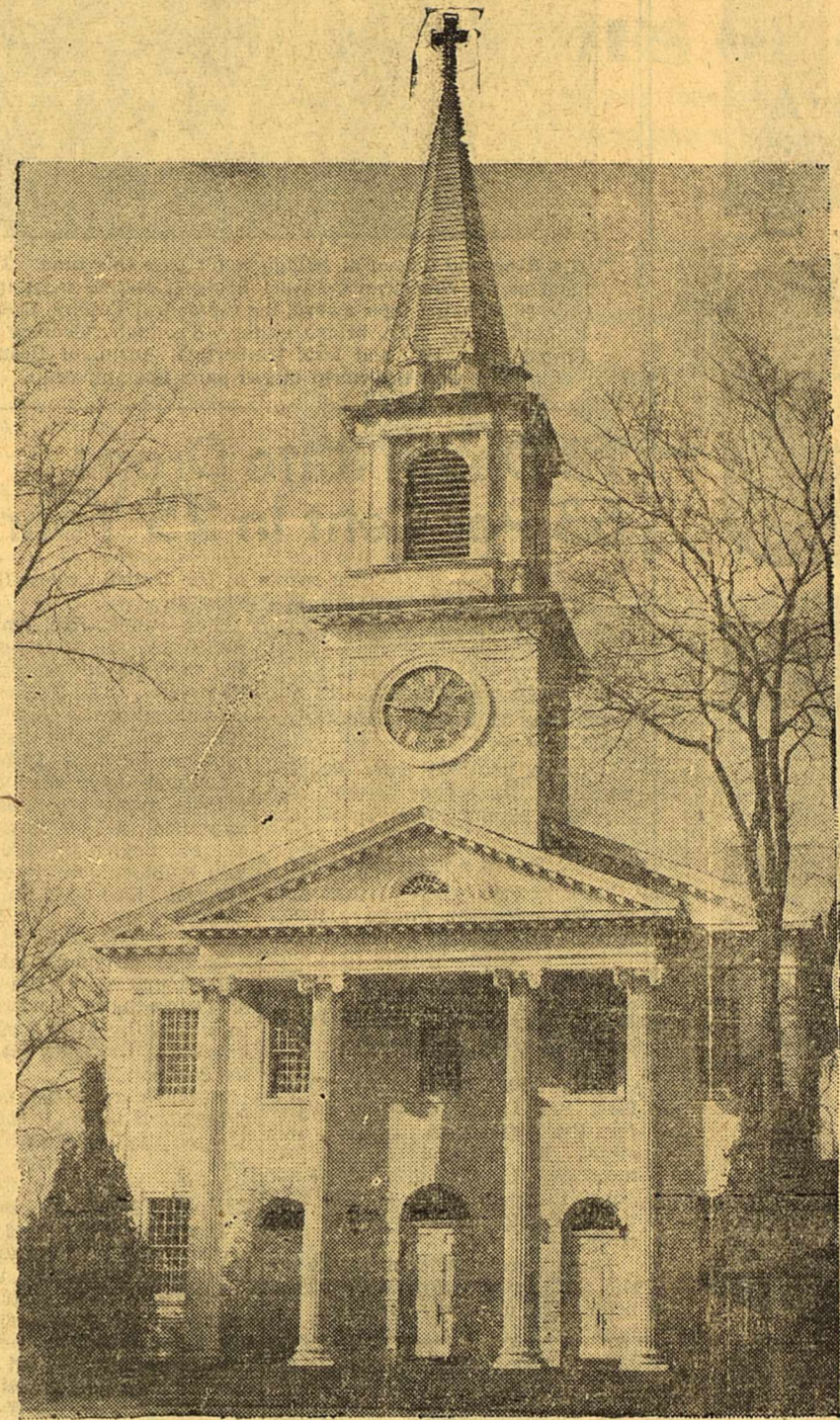
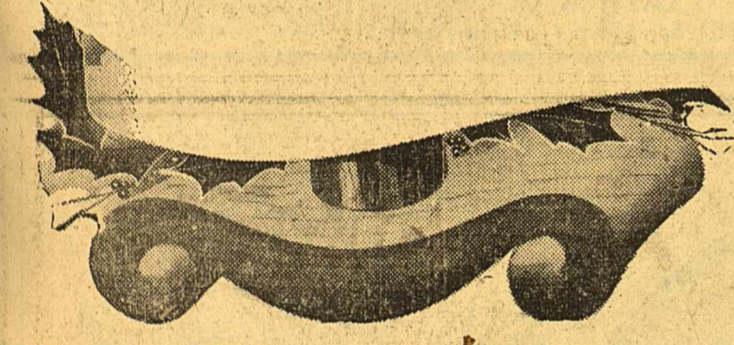
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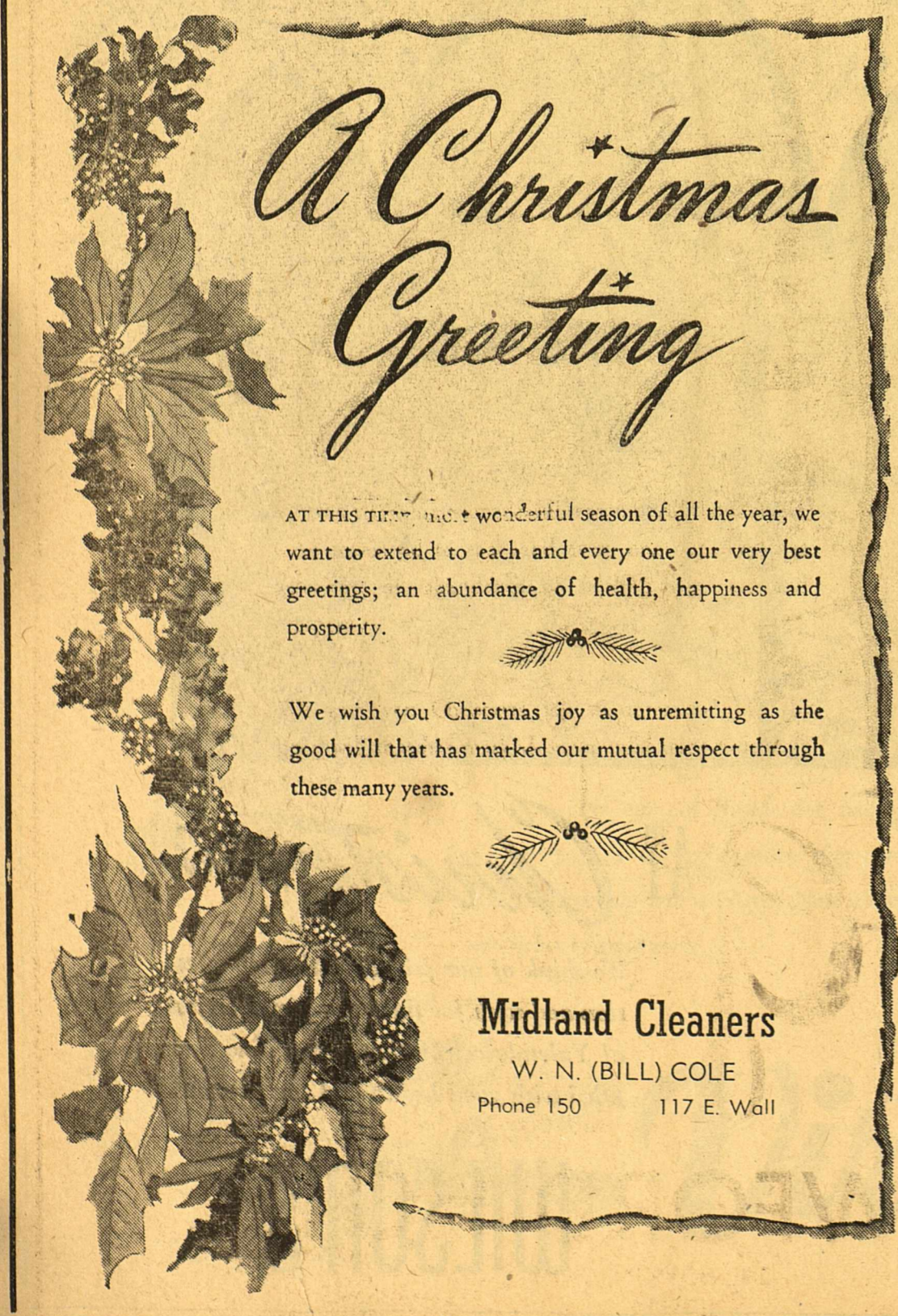
A Christmas Greeting

AT THIS TIME, the most wonderful season of all the year, we want to extend to each and every one our very best greetings; an abundance of health, happiness and prosperity.

We wish you Christmas joy as unremitting as the good will that has marked our mutual respect through these many years.

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Jap Police Station With Most Crime Wins Top Prize

By ARTHUR RICKERBY

YOKOSUKA, JAPAN. — (P) — In the dingy little Japanese jail, police Chief Suzuki Yaru sat beaming.

His oversize gold badge shone brightly on his chest in the semi-darkness, matching the glow on his face.

In his hand Chief Yaru held a paper notifying him that his police station had been selected as the third best police station in all the Yokohama and Yokosuka area during "National Felonious Crime Sweeping Week."

An honor? By American standards, no; but in Japan, oh yes.

For Chief Yaru had the third highest amount of crime in the

area during that week — rather than the third least.

Capt. Benton Decker, USN, commanding officer of the Yokosuka Naval base and head of the naval occupation forces of Yokosuka — where the chief has his station — took a dim view of Yaru's shining award.

"National Felonious Crime Sweeping Week was a farcical thing by American police standards, for the man who caught the most criminals was judged the best policeman instead of the one who worked hardest at crime prevention," said Capt. Decker.

Here's how the awards were figured:

100 points for catching a murderer.

80 points for catching a rapist.

70 points for catching an embezzler.

60 points for catching a big thief.

40 points for catching a little crook.

No points were awarded for catching a black marketeer.

Pointless Or Failures

The police station with the most points—and thus the most crime—was picked as the best. If a police chief was good at crime prevention and kept his command free of crime, he didn't get points. Thus he was a failure by Japanese reasoning.

Chief Yaru, the model of a successful and satisfied man, just polished his badge with his sleeve and waited for more business.

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Ancient Ruins Yield 1,700-Year-Old Turkey

SANTA FE, N. M. — (P) — There is at least one turkey that isn't all concerned about the dressing and gravy routine most of his brethren try to dodge at Christmas time.

This bird is a little too old to be tender.

Matter of fact, the turkey is estimated to be 1,700 years old and a perfect mummy.

Custodian Meridith Gullet of Canyon de Chelly National Monument in the Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona found the turkey recently during excavations of a prehistoric cliff dwelling site.

Permission was obtained to remove the fowl and the scientists gleefully went to work on its back-ground.

Basket Maker Burial

It was pronounced Archaeologist Dr. Earl Morris of the Carnegie Institution, the best preserved whole mummy of a turkey taken to date. It was, he announced further, undoubtedly an early Basket Maker burial, which dates it back to 200 A. D.

Head of the feathered fowl had been removed, but otherwise the bird was in "surprisingly good condition." Officials described the find as particularly interesting since the burial was not associated with any others and had apparently been interred in a crude rock cist.

Dr. Morris, who excavated such famous ruins as Aztec Ruins National Monument in New Mexico and the Temple of the Warriors in Yucatan, attributes the bird's excellent condition to the dry climate which dehydrated the carcass after it was buried.

The specimen will be preserved by the National Park Service.

Meanwhile, Custodian Gullet wants to know where can he get a Christmas turkey?

'Widow' Means More Profit Than 'Divorcee'

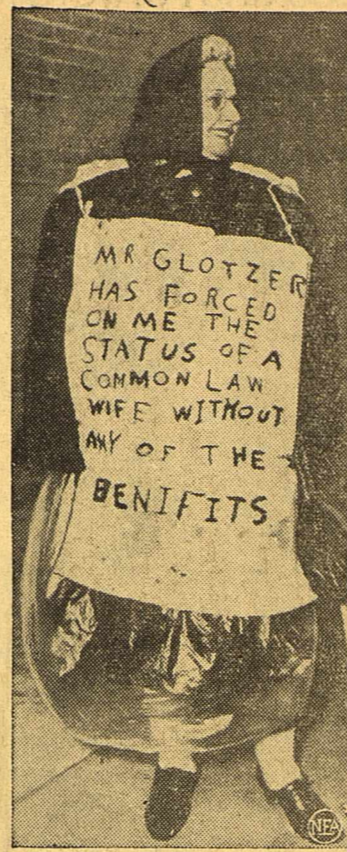
PHILADELPHIA. — (P) — Mrs. Florence Graham Grosseck wants the Philadelphia common pleas court to declare her the widow of a man killed in the Philippine Islands rather than a divorcee.

Mrs. Grosseck, who is remarried, told the court Wednesday that her first husband, Pfc. Kenneth R. Graham, 29, actually was killed the day before her divorce decree was signed in Philadelphia. She seeks to benefit under Graham's national service life insurance.

Mrs. Grosseck said the record shows Graham died at 2 a. m. April 30, 1945, the day the decree was signed, but because the Philippines are beyond the international date line, Graham died on April 29, Philadelphia time.

The harbor of Narvik, Norway, is ice free, although it lies near the Arctic Ocean, because of the influence of the Gulf Stream.

Go-Getter



Mrs. Hilda Gerold, 46-year-old widow of New York City, has a grievance against one Jack Glotzer and tells the world about it with the sign she carries as she pickets his home. Object: matrimony.

Sulphur is present in every cell of the human body.

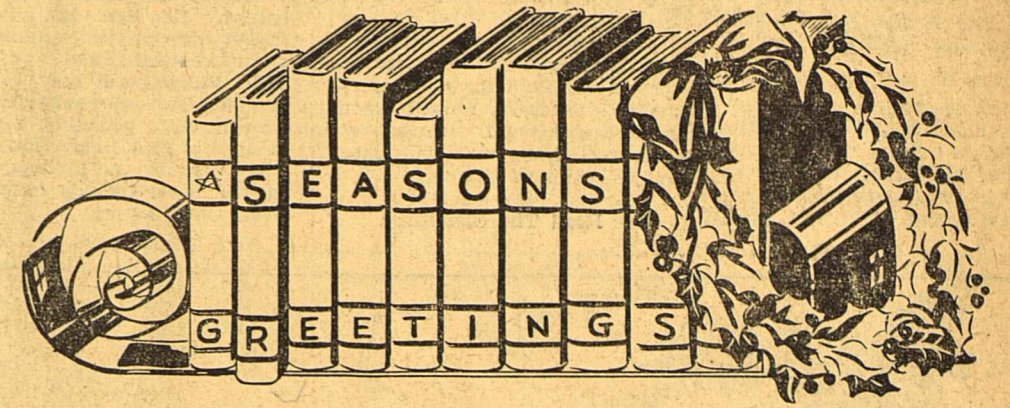
STARTED CUSTOM

The Conestoga wagon of pioneer days was the first American vehicle to pass on the right, when meeting another vehicle. Other travelers followed in the tracks and the custom became general.

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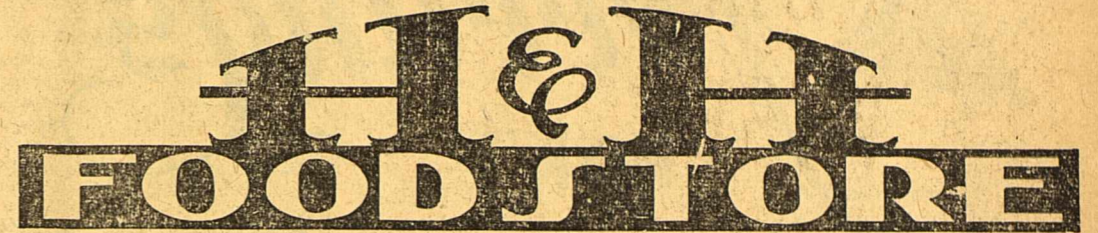
Most of the 260 square miles in the United State devoted to growing English walnuts is in California and Oregon.

Americans are spending more than \$120 annually per family on education compared with about \$108 in the 1929-'30 period.



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Pooch's Ear Valued At \$500 By Owner

SHREVEPORT —(P)— The missing tail of a Shreveport pooch was a bone of contention recently between the Kansas City Southern Railway and Mrs. Elgah B. Black who owns the dog and its now unattached property.

Mrs. Black has filed a petition in Circuit Court here charging that her dog leaped from the baggage car of a moving KCS train near De Queen, Ark., last August

and that it took her 37 days to find the animal.

When she did, she said, the pooch's ear was bugged up and his tail severed.

Mrs. Black is asking \$1,000 in damages—\$500 for the ear, \$250 for the tail and the remainder for medical expenses, reward money, advertisements and transportation and hotel costs she encountered in her search of the dog.

Read The Classifieds

New Drug Increases Value Of Penicillin

BALTIMORE —(P)— A new drug which increases the effectiveness of penicillin and reduces the high cost of its use was described at the University of Maryland medical school here by Dr. Paul M. Wilcox, research director for a Philadelphia pharmaceutical firm.

Dr. Wilcox said the use of the new substance, carbonimide, in connection with penicillin would inhibit the rapid excretion of the latter drug by the kidneys, thereby keeping it on the job from two to seven times longer.

Looking Forward to a Happy New Year



Screen star Janis Paige and Frank Louis Martinelli, Jr., San Francisco restaurateur, smile happily as they announce their engagement in Los Angeles. They plan to wed in North Hollywood on Dec. 27 and to honeymoon in Yosemite.

Former Boy Scouts 'Adopt' Finnish Lad

IOWA CITY. — (P)— The desire of 44 former Boy Scouts to do a "good turn" appears about to bring substantial benefits to 11-year-old Taisto Voitto Valtonen of Helsinki, Finland.

The University of Iowa chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, national Boy Scout fraternity, has "adopted" young Taisto, Robert D. Martin, of Hamburg, Iowa, president of the Iowa group, announced.

Martin said the fraternity would send the boy \$8 cash monthly for his support, besides clothing, books, and school supplies.

The fraternity adopted the lad through an arrangement with the "Save the Children Federation" of Chicago.

BEST MOTORING HOUR

The hour of the week during which you can drive your automobile with least chance of having a fatal accident is between four and five Tuesday morning, according to a survey by an insurance company.

JAP GIRLS NEED HOME TO GET HUSBAND

TOKYO —(P)— A Japanese girl unlucky enough to be homely can get herself a man these days— if she's lucky enough to have a home that wasn't bombed out in the war.



We're sextons this Yuletide . . . We're climbing to the belfry and ringing those joyous, silver-toned bells till everyone of our friends hears the peals of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

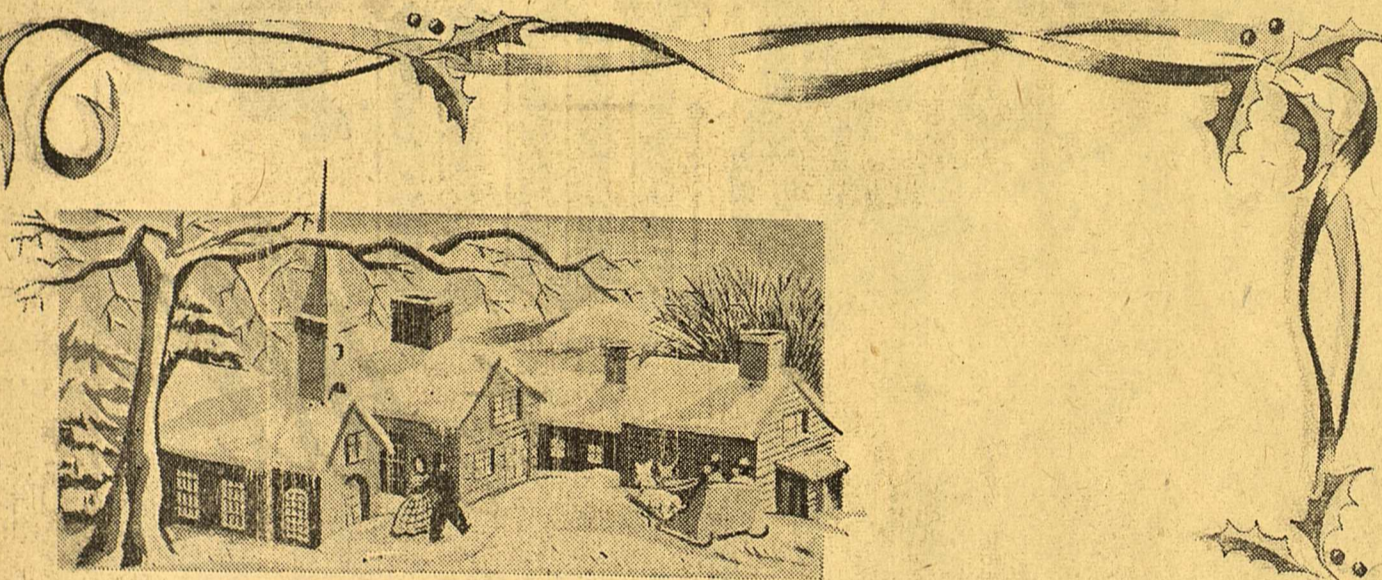
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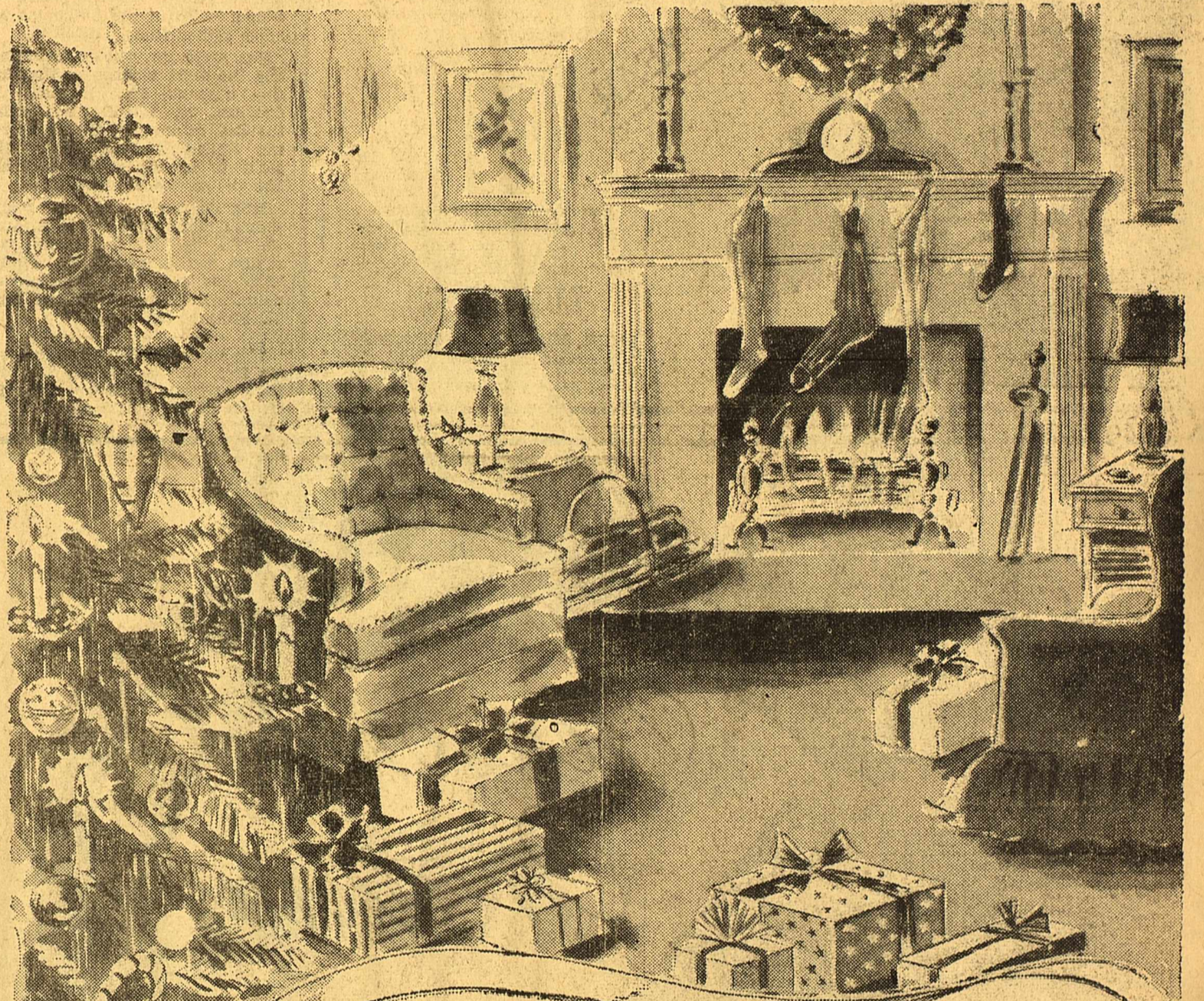
All that makes for a merry, merry Christmas . . . the voices of carol singers filling the air, the bells pealing melodiously, the holly wreaths hanging in the windows . . . all these things plus joy and happiness in your heart we sincerely hope is yours on this glorious holiday.

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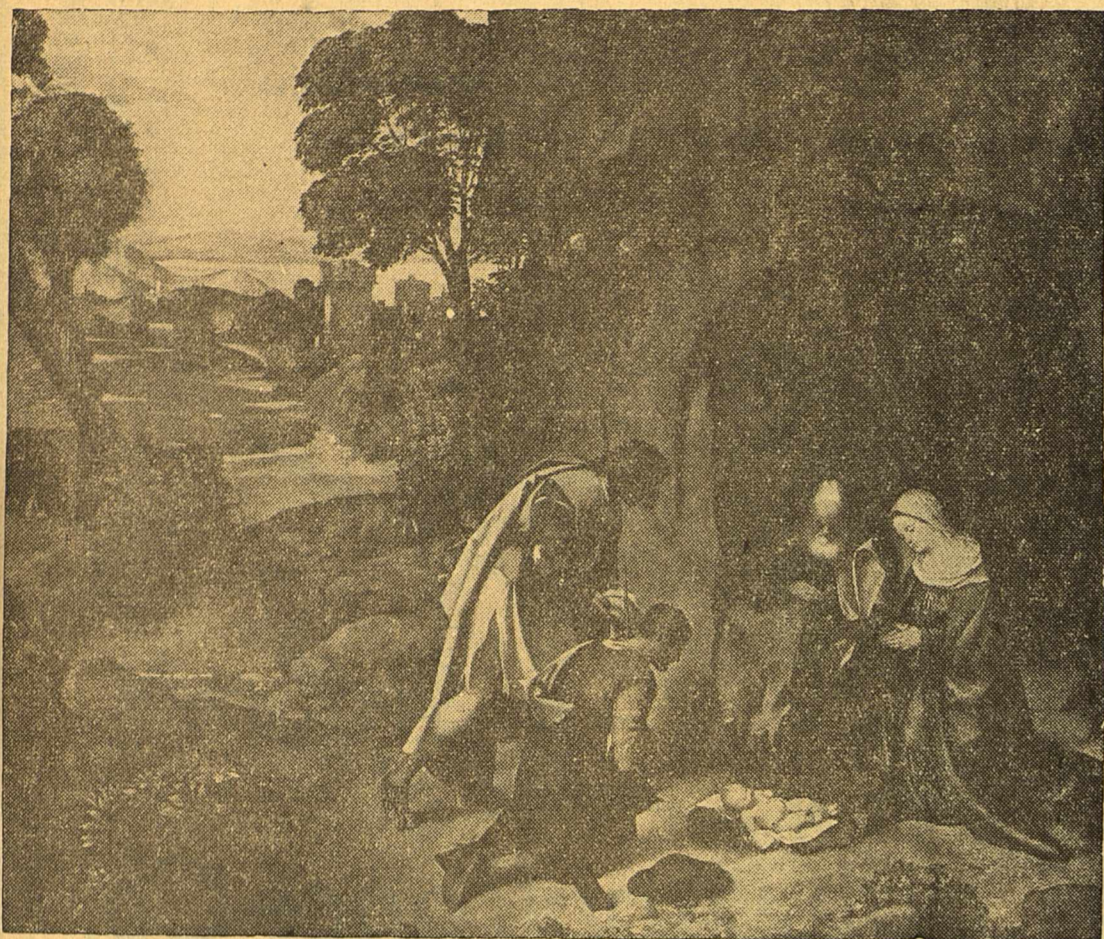
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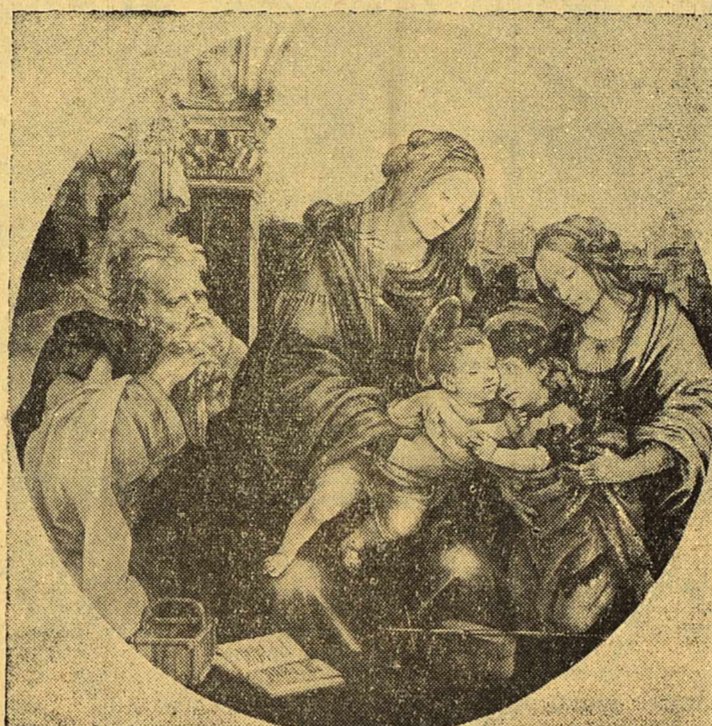
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Noted Art Experts Name Their Favorite Christmas Pictures

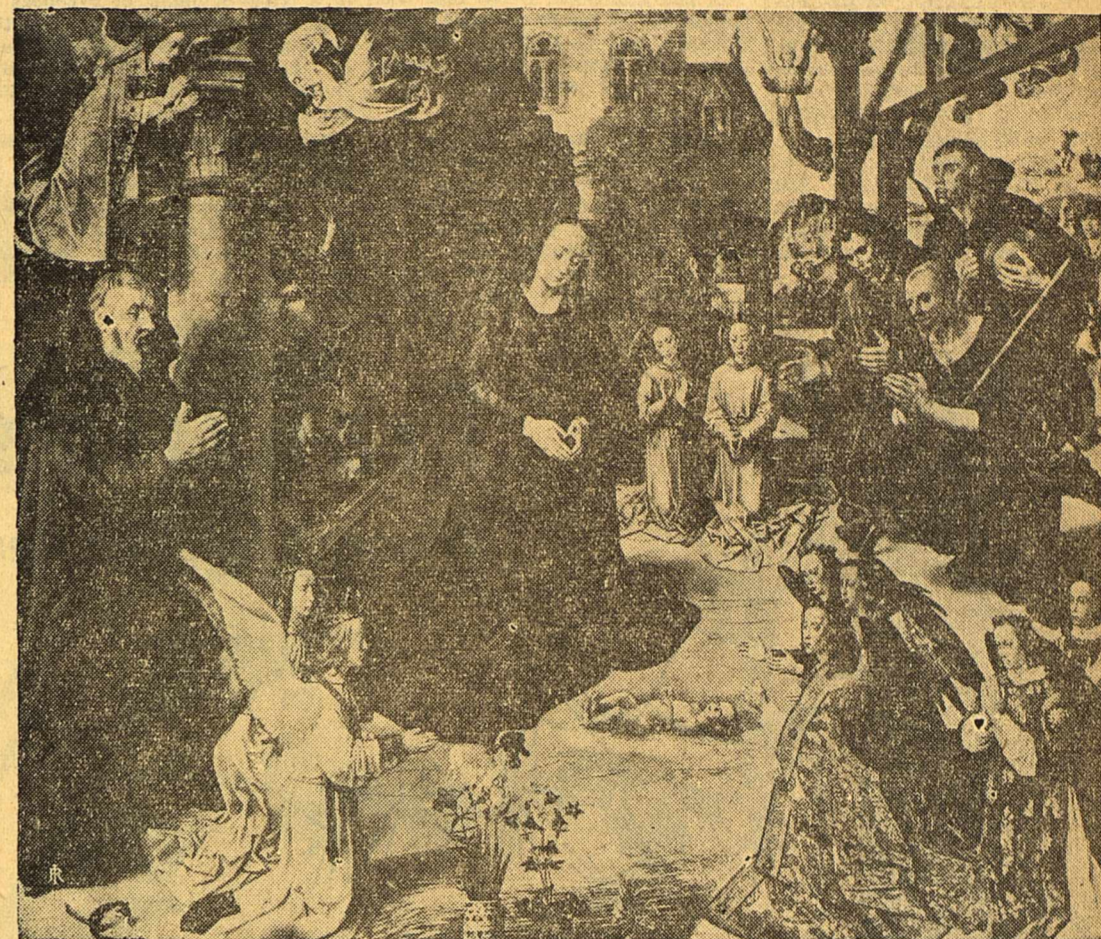


"Adoration of the Shepherds," Giorgione—"Magnificent in conception, superbly designed with strongly contrasting straight and curved forms emphasizing the devotional attitudes of the figures and the emotional content of the picture. Instinct with deep sentiment, the picture moves us as do some of the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

Reproduced here are world-famous paintings, named by directors of three of the nation's leading art museums as their favorite treatment of the Christmas subject. Maurice Elock, director, Henry E. Huntington Gallery, San Marino, Calif., chose "Adoration of the Shepherds," left, by Giorgione, fifteenth century Venetian master. Perry T. Rathbone, director of the City Art Museum of St. Louis, also likes the "Adoration" theme, but prefers Hugo van der Goes' delineation, right. Favorite of William M. Milliken, director, Cleveland Museum of Art, is Filippo Lippi's "Holy Family With St. Margaret and St. John," center.



"Holy Family With St. Margaret and St. John," Lippi—"I see this, my favorite Christmas painting, every day and after a million views of it, one's eyes are called back to see new wonders in its brilliant color, in its design, in the beautiful relation of figures within the circular form."



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

'Fairly Merry' Christmas Is Forecast For Europe, But Santa Claus Will Skip Many

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF
LONDON—(AP)—Santa Claus will skip a lot of people in Europe this Christmas, but for the inhabitants of a few lucky lands it will be fairly merry.

Christmas prospects of 20 countries indicated that, in a material way, it will be a somewhat better Christmas than last year. Except in a corner of Greece and a few drought-stricken regions of Eastern Europe, there is a little more food for the holiday than there was a year ago.

Prices Still Rising
One complaint was universal—prices are high and going higher. A doll which doesn't look like much costs \$10 in Italy. Forty dollars is not unusual for a small boy's tricycle in France. A \$23 turkey in Switzerland is not an impressive bird, and a Christmas tree in Portugal costs up to \$12.

Nowhere has income kept pace with the rising spiral of prices. The traditional carp was a luxury in Czechoslovakia and rice porridge, which belongs to Christmas Eve in Denmark, was outside the range of many a family's budget.

Better In Germany
Germany, too, will have a slightly better Christmas. There are even a few Christmas trees—rationed—with priority being given to families with children. There is little enough to eat, and many houses will be cold, but the old Weihnachts Mart (Christmas fair) is being revived in many of the battered cities. In Berlin's Lustgarten, there are swings and rides for children and there are some toys, expensive and not up to prewar quality.

Austrians, said a message from Vienna, will be thinking about calories, and if all goes well, there will be the usual 1,700 a day for the average consumer. There still is no margin to permit the traditional soup and whitefish. Austria will have Christmas trees and there are a few toys for children.

Scandinavia Merry
In France, high prices dampen the Christmas spirit. Goose, well regarded as a Christmas dish, costs about \$1.50 a pound, so most Frenchmen will have something else.

Scandinavian lands will be about as merry as any in Europe. There will be no pinching shortage of the essential goose in Norway, Denmark or Sweden, but all miss rice, and the usual complaints over high prices are heard.

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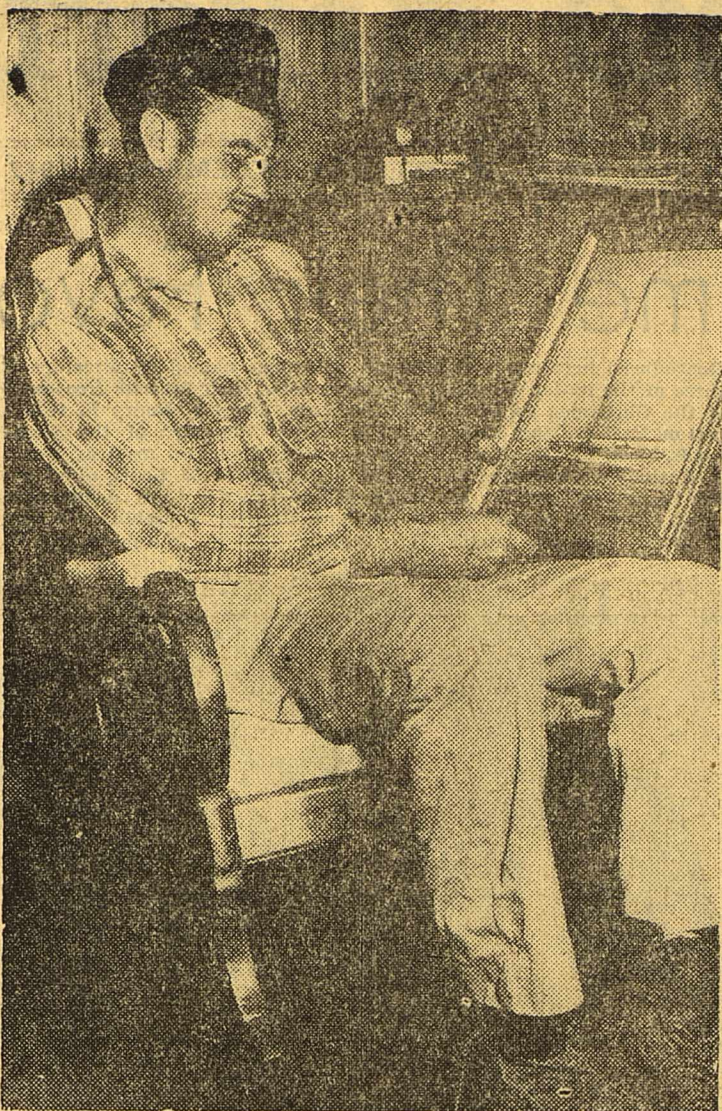
Forgotten Pomaks Of Wild No-Man's Land Live By Law Of Gun

By DANIEL DeLUCE
 ON THE GRECO-BULGARIAN FRONTIER — (AP) — They are a people that the world forgot. They live in a no-man's land where the only law is a gun.
 The Pomaks are an example of Communism sacking the poor. Of this "lost race" inside Europe, historians confess that nothing of its origin is certain. Pomaks are not even mentioned in most famous encyclopedias.
 There are, however, 350,000 Pomaks along both sides of the Greco-Bulgarian border, clinging to tiny, rocky farms in the Rodope mountains which their forefathers settled before a Norman conqueror set foot in England.
 They are Moslems but seem to have no blood kinship with the Turks, although they once fought for the Ottoman Empire. Many have blond hair, blue eyes and almost Nordic features.
 Their females are veiled from the

cradle to the grave. Elders who have visited Mecca cry the words of Mohammed from needle-pointed minarets, but most of the faithful have never been farther than 25 miles from where they were born.
Commies Take Taxes
 Much of the mountain territory sprinkled with Pomak villages is, by default, under Communist control in the Greek civil war. "Taxes" of corn, donkeys and home-woven clothing are collected with sub-machine guns.
 In one afternoon, I saw half the population of Pechni, a mile from Bulgaria, flee to Glavki, a village four miles deeper within Greece, because Greek rebels demanded a ton of corn.
 Taking advantage of the rebel's daylight absence, the villagers trekked off with wives, children and winter food reserves, since at Glavki they could be protected by an outpost of 90 Royalist troops.
 Glavki was quiet. Soldiers dozed at lookout stations while young,

bare-bottomed Pomaks begged a share of their American rations. Old women tramped in with huge bundles of firewood on their stooped backs. Tobacco was hung out to dry on racks beside sagging stone-and-timber houses.
 At dusk, the village locked itself in. All windows were shuttered and doors bolted. A new squad, more alert, took over the lookout duty. Night belongs to the rebels.
 Pomaks, some students theorize, may be originally of Bulgar stock or a tribe—Kumans of Pecenegs — which wandered south across the Danube in the 11th Century to bat in the peaks of Thrace. Fifty thousand are under the Greek flag, 300,000 in Bulgaria.
 When western statesmen, in 1878, carved up the Sultan's domain in Europe, 21 Pomak villages fought off the acquisitive Bulgars and set up an independent republic. Bulgaria annexed it in 1886 and that was the last of Pomak self-rule.

Ends Long Voyage



(NEA Telephoto)
 Walter E. Liscomb, Houston dentist, gazes dreamily at a painting of his 45-foot yacht, Ragamuffin, at the end of a 12,000-mile voyage, which took him as far as the Galapagos Islands, off the Western Coast of Ecuador. The voyage started last February during the St. Petersburg, Fla., to Havana race.

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TOKYO—(AP)—Farmer Yoshinori Yokowo of near-by Okayama went to a doctor to have an unhulled grain of rice removed from his eye. The doctor took a long look—and then removed a growing rice shoot.

Students Are Frustrated By Trying For The Impossible

SAN FRANCISCO. — (AP) — Trying to follow in the footsteps of Horatio Alger heroes has frustrated a lot of fine college students, says a California educator, and it's high time the boyhood yarns were tossed out the window.

"Every youngster can't grow up to be president, and they might as well realize that cold fact," says Dr. J. Paul Leonard, 45-year-old president of San Francisco State College. "It takes second fiddles, too, to make up a symphony."

Dr. Leonard is revising his college's curricula to fit individual needs and aspirations. The Missouri-born former professor of education at Stanford University conducted a searching study of 200 students carefully selected as a cross-section of the student body of 3,200.

Brow-Raising Facts

What he found raised faculty eyebrows. Forty per cent of the students were socially maladjusted, some tragically so. Thirty-seven per cent came from broken homes and reflected insecurity. Sixty-two per cent were determined to enter the professional lines such as medicine or engineering.

This 62 per cent bothered Dr.

Leonard, since only about 5 per cent of Americans actually find work in the professional field.

Dr. Leonard feels this remaining 57 per cent struggles futilely seeking a goal impossible to achieve, and the result is personal tragedy—maladjustment, discontent and frustration.

In his words: "There is a great wastage in education by students pursuing a number of courses for which they are not suited, only to discover they have to start over again."

Study Each Student

Dr. Leonard proposes to study each student, personally to determine his capabilities, interests, emotions, successful experience, adjustments and maladjustments, drive and other things that will affect his vocational choice.

Then the student will be presented with a wide variety of occupations in which he could expect success, adequate earnings and emotional tranquility.

"We want to encourage him to seek training in those positions, rather than to have him flatten his head against a wall which he could probably never batter down."

"We just have to reorient these young people or they are going to go on being maladjusted," he said.

"Look at it this way: Youth needs to come to the conclusion that every man is worthy of his hire and that life is a symphony, and that a symphony would be worthless with nothing but conductors or first fiddles."

Plans Guidance

"We want them to feel that society should recognize each man's contribution, and that his contribution should be satisfying to him personally. We want to break down the rather cruel social distinctions that have tended to exist around certain jobs."

Dr. Leonard plans to establish vocational guidance and psychological advisory panels to which students can go with their problems. And he proposes to build college courses to fit individual needs.

The result, he hopes, will be college graduates vocationally adjusted to their roles in life, personally balanced to take the rigors of daily living, adequately trained in the basic skills, prepared for marriage and parenthood, and ready to assume an active part in a democratic society.

Farm Income In 1947 Exceeds 30 Billions

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The nation's farmers earned about \$30,300,000,000 in cash this year, the Agriculture Department reported. Receipts from farm products were estimated at \$30,000,000,000 or 19 per cent more than last year.

Government payments — largely for carrying out soil conservation practices—totaled about \$340,000,000, a reduction of about 60 per cent from last year when subsidies were paid to encourage production of dairy products, beef cattle, sheep and lambs.

Net Earning Up

Farmers' gross income was estimated at about \$16,600,000,000. Deducting expenses from gross income, farmers realized a net income of about \$18,000,000,000, or about 20 per cent more than last year.

The volume of farm marketings in 1947 was estimated to be about three per cent above 1946. Higher prices, rather than increased marketings, contributed the greater portion of this year's increase. Prices of all farm products gained an average of 19 per cent during the year.

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LESTER SHORT

Japanese Peace Mocks Miserable Chinese Beggars

By ARTHUR RICKERBY
 SHANGHAI—(NEA)—Mao Kang, 10, stood on the quay and sobbed brokenly. Her frightened screams of a minute ago had given way to empty hopelessness.

She had just watched police drag her mother and older sister off to jail. Their crime: snatching bits of coal that fell from sacks being unloaded on the dock. Actually it was stealing. But Mao Kang was hungry; so were her sister and her mother. The bits of

coal, furtively smuggled across the city, might have brought enough on the black market for a bowl of thin rice.

Mao Kang's story, as she told it to me through an interpreter, is the story of millions of Chinese, squeezed by inflation, civil war, government corruption and a peace that has brought no peace. Mao Kang and the other millions, whose nation won its war with American help, today are infinitely worse off than are their former enemies, the Japanese, under American military government.

No Place To Go

"We have no home, no place to sleep, no place to go," Mao Kang sobbed. "When my mother gets out of police hands how will she know where to find me?"

"We have been sleeping in alleyways, on streets, anywhere. Once we were honest. Today the only way we can get rice is to steal something and sell it."

"We beg for food, for money for food. Few ever give us anything. When they don't, we go hungry, and steal."

Beggars are everywhere in China today.

Little babies, old women, blind old men, mothers wearily carrying children on their backs, trudge from door to door, hands outstretched, eyes pleading.

Some are professionals. Most are not. Many are refugees from battle areas fleeing the civil war. All their professions have been abandoned. They have no money, no way to earn a living.

All this was a marked contrast to post-war Japan as I saw it.

Chinese Are Jealous

The Nipponese are not the best fed people in the world, but there is little actual starvation. Few Japanese are actually homeless although some live in caves, others in ramshackle wooden and dirt dwellings. If there are beggars in the Japan of today, they are well hidden.

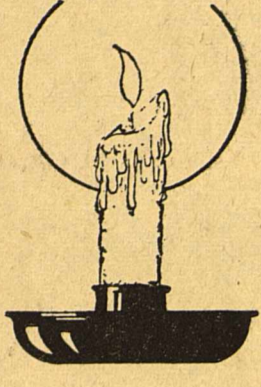
American occupation, American aid, and internal peace have meant the difference in Japan. The Chinese are jealous of this fact even while admitting the necessity.

One Chinese businessman, who has had dealings with the United States for many years, told me seriously:

"I wish China had fought the war against the Allies on the side of Japan. Then we could be treated as a conquered country, receive assistance, have peace and an honest government."

NUDISTS ESTABLISH CAMP NEAR LORD BYRON HOME

NEWSTEAD ABBEY, ENGLAND—(P)—A nudist colony has been established near Newstead Abbey—one-time home of the poet, Lord Byron—and will shortly be expanded, the Irish Council has announced. It has been approved by the Ministry of Health.



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Streetcar Conductor Leaves \$155,264 Estate

CINCINNATI, OHIO—(P)—William F. Weisman, who drove his streetcar for nearly fifty years and lived a simple, quiet life, left an estate of \$155,264, it was disclosed when an appraisal was filed in probate court.

From savings eked out of meager earnings as a driver of horse-drawn cars, and later with improved wages when he took over an electric powered carrier, he bought a house here and stock there and pyramided it all into his fortune, reported Fred Badar, Jr., his attorney.

Weisman, 86, died Nov. 22, was a widower. He left no will.

Californians Refuse To Buy Florida Stamps

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—(P)—Those new Everglades National Park commemorative stamps are making no hit here. Postmaster Philip T. Hill reluctantly decided. Figuring to give his patrons a break, Hill laid in 100,000 of the new three-centers. But ever since he's been taking a lot of joshing by customers asking why they should help publicize Florida.

Recently a woman who had bought 200 of them called up and demanded her money back.

"Why, there's a map of Florida on these stamps," she declared. "Do you think I'm going to send Christmas cards advertising Florida all over the country?" then proceeded

Young Man Kisses, Slugs, Runs Away

PHILADELPHIA—(P)—A young robber stole a kiss from a pretty candy store attendant and then escaped with \$35 after slugging her over the head with his revolver, police reported.

Detectives said Juanita Giffin, 16, told them the robber kissed her suddenly after entering the candy store, then hit her over the head with the butt end of his gun and ran from the store with the money.

Hill told her to bring 'em back and he would exchange them for the regular kind.

Stamp Hobby Climbs Into High Finance

DETROIT—(P)—The 13th annual American Philatelic Congress has closed up shop here, leaving little doubt that the hobby of stamp collecting has advanced into the brackets of higher finance.

A handful of stamps exhibited in closely guarded glass cases by the nation's top collectors were valued by experts at well over \$100,000. More than 2,000 collectors attended the Congress.

A sidelight on history was revealed by one exhibit, Donald MacGregor, of Royal Oak, Mich., made a five-by-nine-foot photographic enlargement of the three-

cent American stamp commemorating the Frigate Constitution. In the enlargement the initials "G. R." became visible on the frigate's guns. Collectors speculated that the initials, which stand for "George Rex," indicated the guns were purchased from British war surplus supplies after the Revolutionary War.

This was probably the only time a British King's initials appeared on an American stamp, collectors said.

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During World War II, the United States virtually ceased importing green tea.

NOT NEW

Mathematics is nothing new. Back in 1900 B. C., scholars were struggling with arithmetical progressions, quadratic equations, and equations with two unknown factors.

In the depression of 1920 rubber prices dropped from 15 cents a pound to 10.

Social Situations

SITUATION: A neighbor's child who plays in your yard a great deal will not mind you.

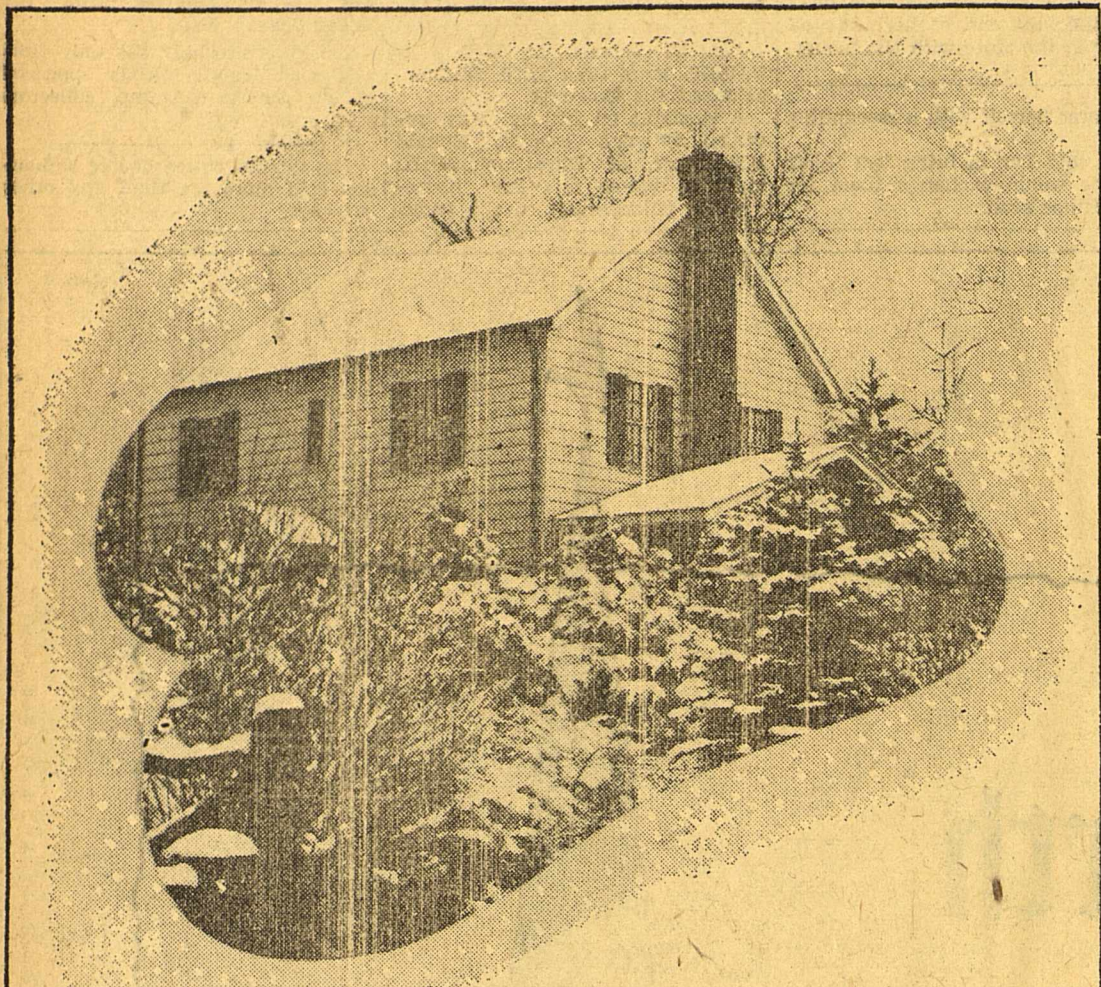
WRONG WAY: Threaten him with punishment if he doesn't mind.

RIGHT WAY: Send him home and tell him he can't come back until he is willing to mind you.

They Have a Line on Love



These excited German girls are pictured just after landing at LaGuardia Field, N. Y., putting through phone calls to their just-ascended ex-GI fiancés. Left to right are Karolina Halbritter calling Henry Scheidt, Cincinnati, O.; Thea Kreusel talking to Thomas Swat, Glenville, Conn.; and Ingeborg Buchstab phoning Jack Waldie, North Miami, Fla.



Merry Christmas

All of us are wishing all of you the best the season has to offer! That covers good health, good friends, good times and good fortune!

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Merry Christmas In Europe--

(Continued From Page 1) Greece always observes Christmas as a religious holiday, and will do so this year.

In Middle Europe, prosperous Switzerland is set to observe a merry Christmas. Butter, bread, milk and sugar are still rationed, but the country has large quantities of meat, fruit, poultry, eggs and other products a hard currency can buy.

Reports from Spain said the Christmas Eve dinner will be less abundant than a year ago, and again the reason is high prices. Dispatches from Portugal indicate everyone will eat well, and that it will be a "plastic Christmas." Plastic articles, largely from abroad, fill the shops.

Britons Get Turkeys Belgium and Holland will observe the holiday decorously and traditionally, emphasizing the religious aspects of the day. Belgium, especially, will eat well.

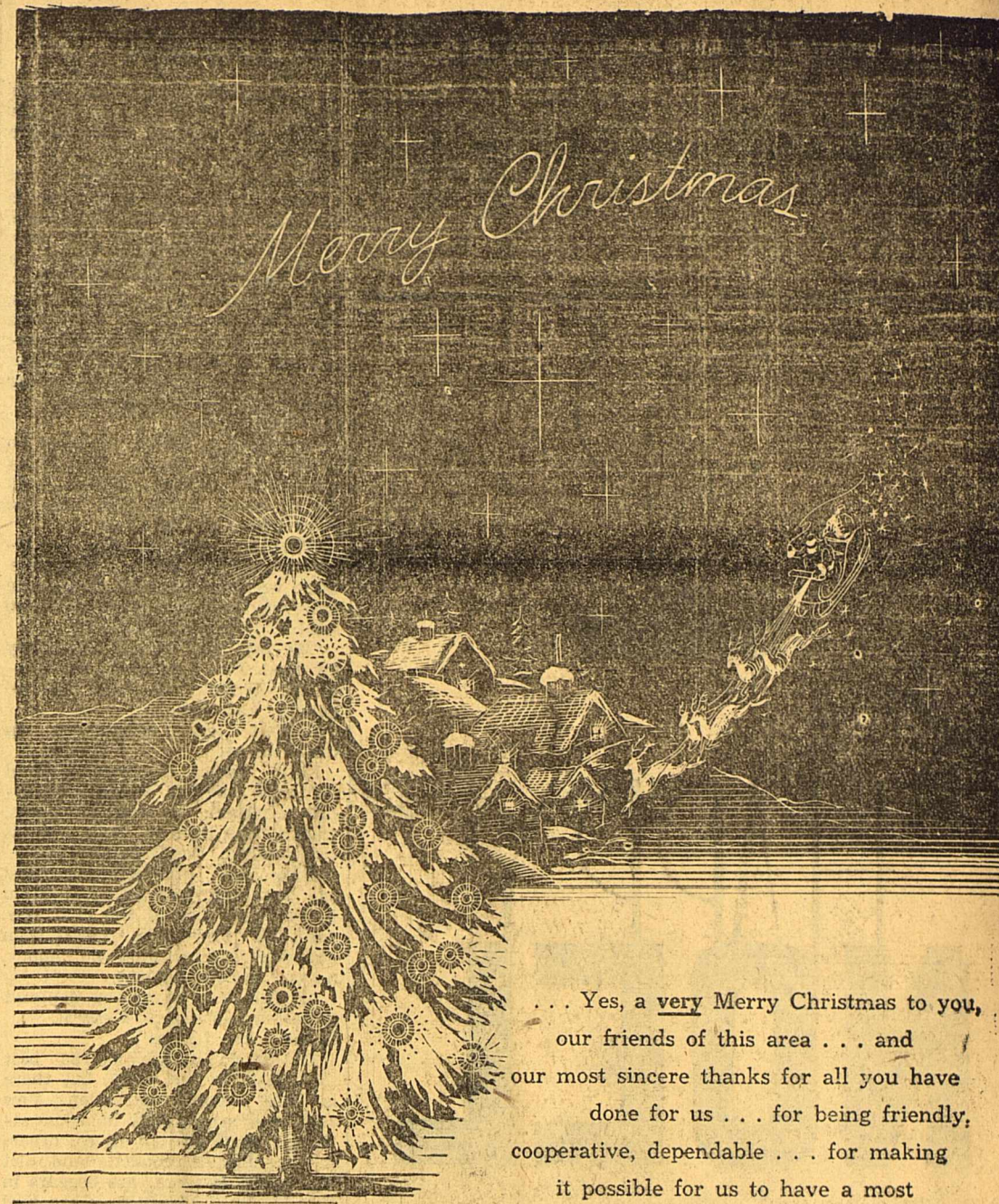
Austere Britain hoped for a Christmas a little more bountiful than that of last year, but the supply situation is spotty. Good supplies of fowl, especially turkeys, are arriving from many lands. There will be some extra grapefruit, oranges and tangerines, and a little more coal for the fireplace. On the

darker side, potatoes are becoming very scarce.

Christmas will be a friendly day in Ireland, according to dispatches, but one depressing note will be the absence of familiar faces, due to heavy emigration recently.

Depletion of mineral resources in the United States include the working out of such mineral areas as the Comstock Lode, the mines around Tombstone, Ariz., and the Lake Superior copper region as well as oil fields in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas and California.

Ceylon turned to tea growing in 1909 when a blight destroyed the coffee plantations.



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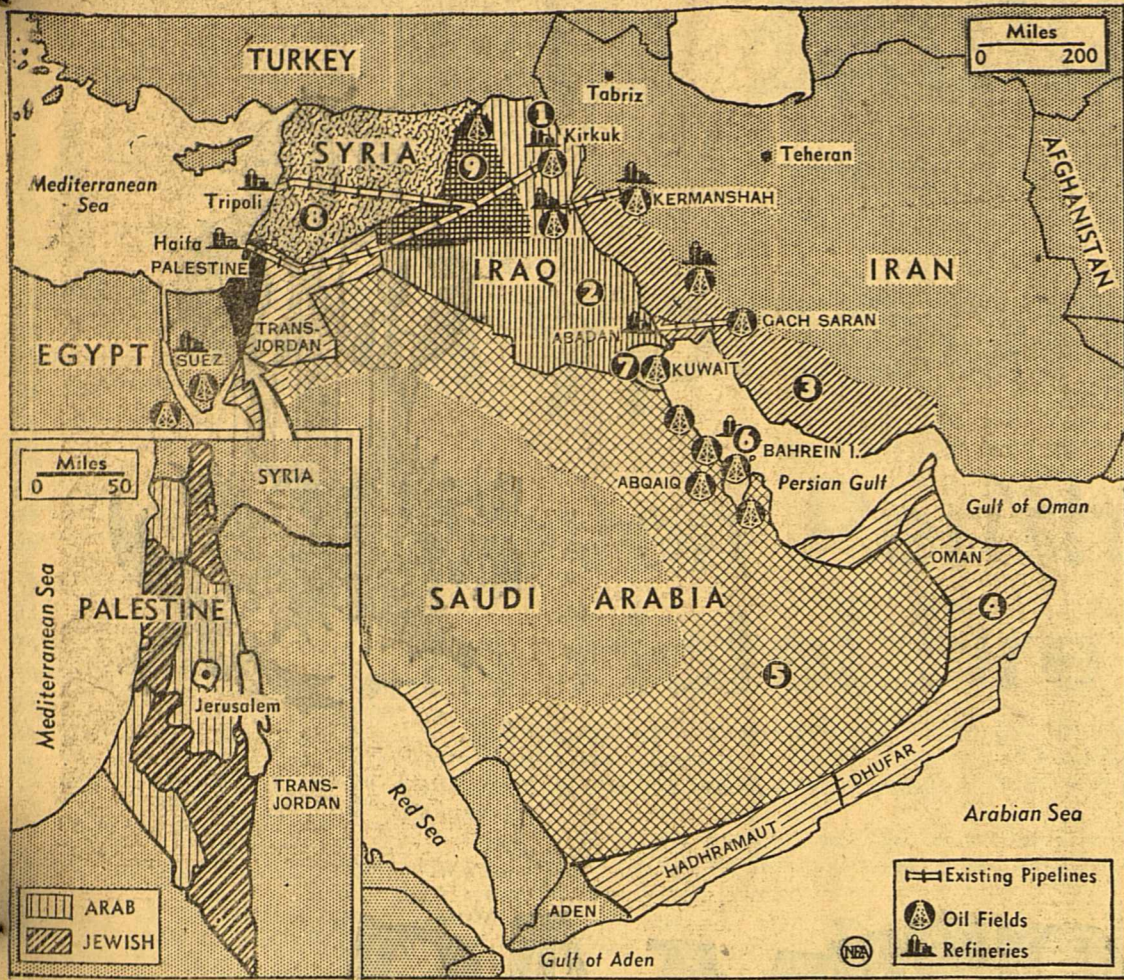
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| 3 ANGLO-IRANIAN OIL CO., LTD.—British government, 55.9; Burma Oil Co. (Shell affiliate), 26.3; Individuals, 17.8. | 7 KUWAIT OIL CO., LTD.—Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., 50, Gulf Exploration Co., 50. |
| 4 PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT, LTD.—Iraq Petroleum Co. affiliate. | 8 PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS, LTD.—Iraq Petroleum Co. affiliate. |
| | 9 BRITISH OIL DEVELOPMENT CO.—Controlled by Iraq Petroleum. |

As the wave of Arab resentment against the UN agreement on partition of Palestine threatens a "holy war" in the Middle East, it is reported that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has agreed to contribute oil revenues of his kingdom to support Arab military forces. The royalties, estimated at \$18,000,000 a year, come mostly from American oil companies. The map above shows oil concessions in the Middle East, with percentage owned by various American and European companies.

25,000,000 In U. S. Called Chronically Ill

CHICAGO, ILL.—(P)—One out of every six persons in the United States is suffering from a chronic disease and at least half of the nearly 25,000,000 chronically ill are under forty-five years of age, Hygeia, health magazine of the American Medical Association, reported.

Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of Hygeia, said in an editorial the problems of the chronically ill—those persons who may be expected to require an extended period of medical supervision and care in a hospital or an institution with nursing—will be solved "only when there is complete co-operation and co-ordination of the many agencies now concerned with such diseases."

Read The Classifieds.

SAFETY HINT

An automobile involved in a collision should not be driven until it has been carefully checked for damage which may not be readily apparent to the eye. If this precaution is not taken, additional damage may result.

MARKED

To indicate to eligible men their domestic qualities, unmarried women of Victorian England wore chatelaines, or brooches, from which were suspended scissors, tape-measure, thimble, pin cushion, and other trinkets.

UTAH VISITOR

Father Escalante, a noted Spanish missionary, was the second white man to visit the territory of Utah. He made his visit in July, 1776, the same month and year as the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



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Serious Effort Started To Rewrite Off Amended Constitution Of Texas

By DAVE CHEAVENS

AUSTIN.—(P)—In its 100-plus years of sovereignty and statehood, Texas has had five different constitutions and now a new serious effort to write another has been started.

The Texas Association of Commerce took the first step, with the blessing of Gov. Beauford H. Jester, at a recent meeting here. It hopes to enlist the aid of influential organizations of all sorts in the effort on a statewide basis.

The Association of Commerce is a young but thriving and powerful organization. It is a sort of clearing house of activities for the state's three big region chambers of commerce.

Plans made by the association at its Winter meeting indicate it will not attempt a whirlwind campaign, but move solidly and carefully in the direction of legislation to call a constitutional convention to revamp the fundamental document of 1876 completely. It might be it will be ready to press for action at the 51st session of the legislature, one year from January.

Variety Of Deaths
There have been few legislatures since 1863 at which no effort was made to call a constitutional convention. These efforts have died a variety of deaths, ranging from dry rot to outright murder in committee or on the floor of one House or another. The most recent was during the 49th session.

The constitution which is now the state's fundamental law was written in 1875 and signed by such dominant figures of early statehood as John H. Reagan, Edward Burleson, John H. Brown, Thomas

Nugent, William Crawford, L. S. Ross. It was ratified in 1876.

The ink of its finely-written script was hardly dry before Texas started amending it. This process has continued. More than 90 amendments have been adopted, and others are pending for action at the polls now. Five amendments were tacked on between 1876 and 1883.

None of the amendments, incidentally, has ever been actually added to the original document. It may be found in a vault in the secretary of state's office. It is a legal-size black book with brittle paper and somewhat tattered. No legislature had deemed it worthwhile to make any special provision for preserving it.

The 90-plus amendments are recorded, of course, in the original resolutions of submission filed with the secretary of state, as well as in various legal books.

The first constitution was written in 1846 by a band of dapper pioneers who conceived the Republic of Texas. It was a trail-blazing document recognizing woman as a legal entity, abolishing imprisonment for debt, and giving mankind the homestead law.

When Texas joined the union, Thomas J. Rusk presided over the convention that wrote another constitution. This was ratified at the polls and Texas became the 28th state. Another constitution was written in 1866, still another in 1869.

The chief criticisms of the present constitution are that it is out-moded and has been amended so often it forms a legal patchwork difficult to understand.

MAN'S GUILTY CONSCIENCE PROMPTS DEBT PAYMENT

MANCHESTER, TENN.—(P)—Brown Pertin, Coffee County farmer, has received a letter with 50 cents in payment for a watermelon stolen from him sixteen years ago. Pertin said the letter came from a man "who got religion and was troubled by his conscience."

It has been estimated that peoples of the world drank 300,000,000,000 cups of tea in 1939.

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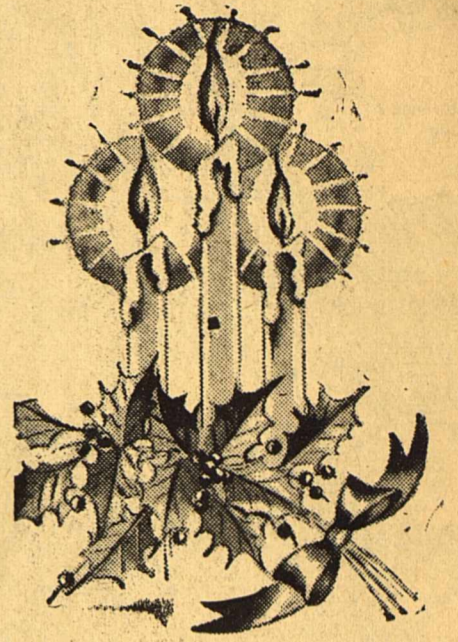
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