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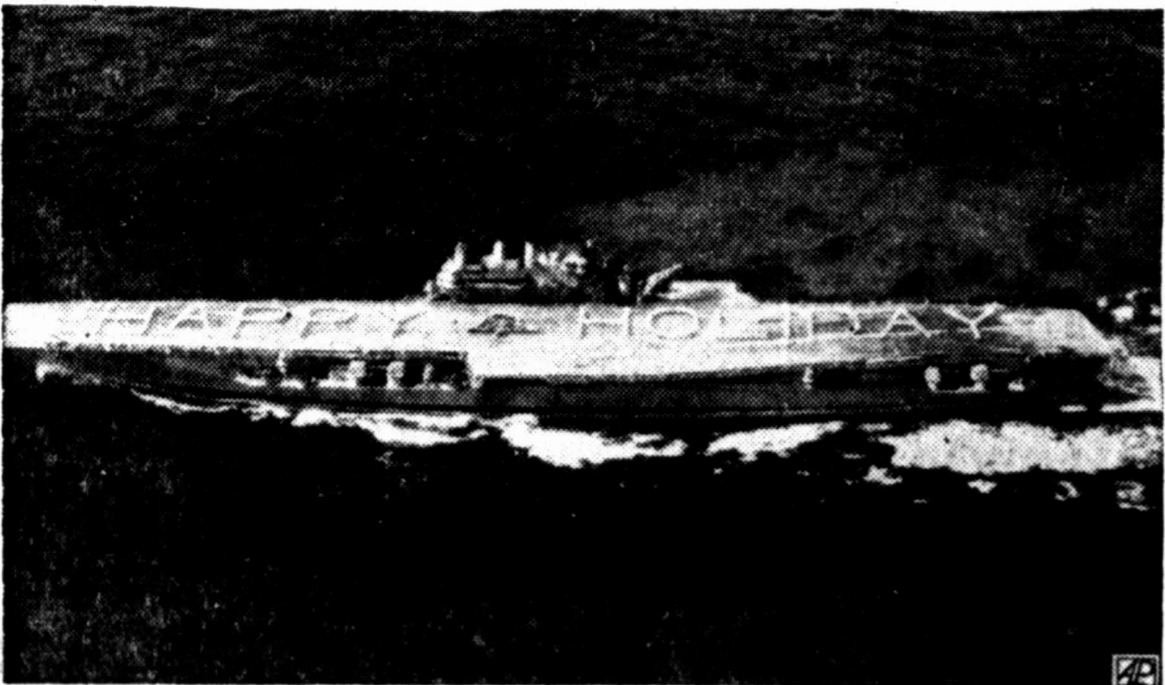
BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD

TODAY'S WEATHER
BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Fair and
cold today, partly cloudy and cool on
Christmas Day. High today 48, low to-
night 30, high tomorrow 56.

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Season's Greeting At Sea

Crew members on the flight deck spell out "Happy Holiday" in this aerial view of the Navy Carrier U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Navy Department, which released the picture, did not reveal in what waters the ship was cruising. (U.S. Navy photo via AP Wirephoto.)

New Dispute Snags Clearing Of Canal

PORT SAID, Egypt (U)—The question of using British and French salvage crews in clearing the Suez Canal again today delayed work on the blocked waterway. A United Nations salvage fleet, including British and French ships, is ready to go to work but Egypt still has not given the go-ahead.

It was thought salvage operations could be started south of Port Said as soon as British and French troops completed their withdrawal from Egypt. The last of the soldiers left Saturday. Some British and French sal-

such announcement from U. N. headquarters. U. S. Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, in charge of the U. N. clearance operation, said the situation regarding use of the ships was "in a very critical state at the moment."

Christmas Buying Ends On High Note

Saturday's volume of Christmas buying in Big Spring was regarded by many of the business men of the city as the "biggest on record," a spot check of establishments revealed Monday.

Buyers came off to a relatively slow start in the early part of the day but as the hours passed the volume grew and stores and shops were jammed and crammed until closing time.

Monday, the last opportunity for the belated shoppers to make amendments for procrastination in holiday buying, promised to be brisk but there was no indication that it would equal Saturday.

Stores in general regard the entire holiday buying season here as good. Most were of the impression that the total would be about the same as 1955, a record year. They expressed high satisfaction with business and voiced the sentiment that "all things considered" it was much better than anticipated.

Highway patrol officers said that the roads were teeming with cars but that only a few minor mishaps have developed so far.

Relatively few arrests over the weekend were noted on the county jail docket

Monday morning traffic was not heavy downtown. Parking space was available in greater abundance than on any day in the past two weeks. The nippy morning air may have tended to make last-minute buyers slow to reach the stores, but it was generally believed that the bulk of the buying has already been done and that the last minute rush will not be unusually heavy.

The post office, too, was enjoying the first lull it has had in more than three weeks. E. C. Boatler, postmaster, said that the volume of mail on hand Monday was much lower than in many days. Carriers were able to go on their routes earlier than usual and their mail bags were much lighter. One hundred sacks of Christmas mail hit the office Sunday and the delivery trucks were kept grinding most of the day. All of the packages which arrived Sunday had been delivered Monday morning.

The extra help which has been employed to deal with the Christmas rush was dismissed Monday. Most of the borrowed trucks which the office had been using for some days were parked and idle.

Blast Kills Five

NAPLES (U)—A ton of Christmas fireworks exploded last night, killing five children and an aged grandmother and gravely injuring three other persons. The blast ripped open a ground floor shop and upstairs living apartments.

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Plans for shutting the office down on Christmas and permitting the regular staff to have a holiday

Pope Supports U.N. Against Aggression

VATICAN CITY (U)—Pope Pius XII has proclaimed the morality of defensive war and called on the world to give the United Nations "the right and power" to prevent aggression.

U.S. Counts Heavy Holiday Death Toll

Highway Slaughter Still Is Climbing

The nation's Christmas holiday traffic death toll soared past 400 today, with more than a day and a half of the long holiday weekend yet to come.

Texas Holiday Accident Toll Climbs To 35

Violence in Texas has claimed 35 lives since The Associated Press started its holiday death count at midnight Thursday.

Fugitives Nabbed After Wild Chase

DOVER, Tenn. (U)—Highway patrolmen used helicopters, boats, patrol cars and roadblocks yesterday in rounding up six Texas jailbreakers who had robbed a hotel and wounded a state trooper here.

The six then roared away in the Texas car just as two unidentified Ohio motorists stopped to help Bilbrey to the nearby jail to alert the State Highway Patrol.

Furr Food, Inc., Adds More Stores

LUBBOCK (U)—Furr's Inc. has acquired 51 per cent of the voting stock of Furr Food Stores, Inc. of Amarillo.

Sing Sing Prison Has Yule Guests

OSSINING, N. Y. (U)—An overflow house at the state prison here will sit down to Christmas dinner tomorrow. Sing Sing's population is 1,938, or 18 above the normal mark.

Bus Integration In Tallahassee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (U)—Negroes began seating themselves at the front of some Tallahassee buses today with no disturbances reported.

NO PAPER ON CHRISTMAS

In observance of its one full holiday in the year, The Herald will suspend publication on Christmas Day, so that employees may have the holiday with their families.

Big Springers Unite Forces To Bring Yule Cheer To All

Warm-hearted people in Big Spring and surrounding area, operating largely through the Salvation Army, churches and the city firemen, brought Christmas cheer to "the least of these (their) brethren" today.

Allen Services To Be Wednesday

Funeral services for James W. Allen, 85, will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Nailey-Pickle Chapel with Dr. R. Gage Lloyd of the First Presbyterian Church officiating.

Protest New Raids

JERUSALEM (U)—Israel accused Egypt today of renewing commando raids and of "deliberately flouting" the U.N. cease-fire resolution.

Kin Of Local Residents Among Victims Of Italy Plane Crash

Harris Gray, 41, son and brother of three Big Spring residents, and Mrs. Harris Gray were among the 21 persons killed in the crash of an airliner in the Italian Alps Saturday night.

Christmas Day in Big Spring will be bright and sunny and a little warmer than today if the weather forecast is right.

Bright, Sunny Christmas Forecast For Big Spring

Christmas Eve dawned sunny and brilliant but with a decided nip in the air. The temperature plummeted sharply during Sunday night. It hit a chilly 26 in Big Spring and what little dew had fallen crystallized into frost on grass and shrubs.

Chinese Commie Leader Due To Visit Poland Next Month

LONDON (AP)—Warsaw radio announced today that Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai will visit Poland in mid-January. Earlier the Soviet government had announced Chou is interrupting

his South Asian tour to visit Moscow.

Western diplomats in the Soviet capital had speculated the Chinese leader and the Russian chiefs would discuss the Kremlin's current troubles with its satellites. There has been indications that the Red Chinese regime favors giving the satellites more freedom from Moscow. Apparently Chou wants to form a first-hand opinion in talks with Poland's new "Nationalist" Communist government, which already has won considerable independence from the Kremlin.

Observers in London considered it likely that Chou would also visit other East European Communist countries in what may be a review of Communist China's place in the Communist world.

The brief Moscow and Warsaw announcements were almost identical.

KARACHI (AP)—Communist Chinese Premier Chou En-lai said today his government is ready to join the United States in renouncing the use of force in the Formosa area but the United

States insists Peiping give recognition to "U.S. interference in China's liberation movement."

Communist China, Chou said at a news conference, will never recognize what he called the U.S. "occupation" of Formosa. He gave this as the reason for the long deadlock in the talks at Geneva between U.S. and Peiping representatives.

The United States has been holding out in the Geneva talks for the release of 10 Americans still held by the Red Chinese and for Peiping to promise not to use force to take Formosa. But the United States has given no indication it would end its mutual defense alliance with the Chinese Nationalists in exchange for such a Red Chinese declaration.

The Chinese Premier admitted that the other Asian leaders with whom he has talked during his tour disagreed with him on various aspects of the Soviet action in Hungary. Chou during his trip has publicly advanced the Moscow line that the Hungarian revolt was a Western-sponsored attempt by Fascists to take over.

Houston Man Slays In-Laws, Wounds Wife

HOUSTON (AP)—Melvin Crowe, 31, told newsmen and officers yesterday he emptied his nine-shot pistol into his estranged wife and her mother and father when an attempt at a Christmas reunion failed.

His wife, Mary, 29, died in a local hospital after being shot four times. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Riley, 56, was in critical condition with two bullet wounds and her father, Charles Riley, 56, was hit three times in the chest and right side.

Crowe surrendered an hour later. He talked freely but refused to sign a written statement. He was charged with two counts of assault to murder and one of murder.

Crowe said he shot all three because of his wife's failure to return to him and what he called interference of his father-in-law. He said he and his wife had separated five or six times during their nine years of marriage. They have two daughters, 8 and 5.

Crowe said he and his wife separated again three weeks ago and she filed for divorce. He said he tried to get her to come back to him, and said he told her Saturday if she didn't he would kill her and himself.

The textile company mechanic said he went to see his wife yesterday and took his revolver with him "to try and scare her into coming back."

The shooting followed an intensive argument.

"I guess I just went crazy and started shooting," Crowe said.

Christmas Loss Is Made Good

BALTIMORE (AP)—It looked like a bleak and cheerless Christmas for Mrs. Louise Pleasant and her two young children.

While shopping in a local variety store, someone snatched the mother's purse and the \$30 it contained. She reported the loss to police and went home with nothing for the children's stockings.

A few hours later, a policeman stopped at the Pleasant home. Patrolman Earl Potter pulled from his police wagon a large box spilling at the seams with a load of Christmas goodies.

Postman Receives Giant Yule Card

RESEDA, Calif. (AP)—When 100 persons crowded into the post office here it wasn't a last-minute Christmas rush. They were there to bring a Christmas card to a postman—34-year-old Maurice W. Breeze, their mailman in this Los Angeles suburb. The card, a gift-size model, was accompanied by a \$300 gift collected by the citizens in appreciation of Breeze's services.

Protest Funerals

TAIPEI (AP)—Relatives of the 96 persons drowned when a ferry boat sank off Formosa Nov. 16 yesterday wrecked the offices of the vessel's owners at Makung, in the Pescadore Islands. The demonstrators claimed the shipowners gave the victims a poor funeral.

Ike Sings Carols

WASHINGTON (AP)—President and Mrs. Eisenhower joined in singing Christmas carols during services at National Presbyterian Church yesterday.

Sumatran Army's Revolt Spreading

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian government circles indicated today that the end is near for the government of Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo as a result of the spreading army revolt on Sumatra.

The government sources said Sastroamidjojo has only two alternatives — to resign or to send troops to quell the rebellion. But "the army will not fight against itself," political circles declared.

The leader of the bloodless army coup on the richest and second largest of the 3,000 Indonesian islands, Col. Maludin Simbolon, called for a reunion of President Sukarno and ex-Vice President Mohammed Hatta. The Sumatrans want to get back more of the revenue from the rubber, coal and oil their island produces and less control of their local affairs by the Javanese, who dominate the national government.

Sukarno met today with a non-party member of Parliament from Sumatra, Mohammed Jamin. Afterward Jamin told newsmen it would be better to have a Cabinet crisis now so Sukarno and Hatta

could take over the government. Informed sources said there is a good chance the revolt, in which an army junta already has seized control in north and central Sumatra, may engulf south Sumatra.

The Indonesian Foreign Ministry confirmed the Cabinet would inform all foreign missions the government could not guarantee the safety of foreign missions in the areas affected. There are 500 Americans and substantial American investments on Sumatra. But there has been no report of any fighting, or resistance to the army rebels, or of any danger to foreigners.

Plane communications were resumed with central Sumatra today, but not with north Sumatra. In Jakarta, outgoing news cables were still being censored heavily. Many political leaders feared Sukarno would seize on the present crisis to set up a dictatorship. Long the most popular man in the country, he urged just over a month ago that a constitution be drafted rejecting capitalism, a federal form of government and the "liberal democracy of the West."

No Military Need Found For Pipeline To California

WASHINGTON (AP)—"Military necessity" for a new crude oil pipeline from West Texas to California has not been established, a House Armed Services Committee said in a report yesterday.

The West Coast Pipeline Co. has been seeking government help on a proposed pipeline from Los Angeles to Texas to cost more than 100 million dollars.

Rep. Hebert (D-La.) heads the subcommittee which held hearings in 1955 and 1956.

The subcommittee said "As of the date of this report, on the evidence submitted to us, the 'military necessity' for a crude oil pipeline from West Texas fields to California within our terms of reference, has not been proved."

The committee said, however, "several of us are not fully persuaded that such a pipeline is not a matter of military necessity."

The committee said the joint chiefs of staff do not argue against a pipeline, "but they do question the priority in pipeline construction with government loan or guaranty where first military emphasis should be in the opposite direction, so far as government financing is concerned."

The committee said Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, concluded the "West Coast happens to be in a better position than the East

Coast, and that in event of an emergency, the West Coast would have sufficient supplies of crude for their refineries."

Fire Destroys O. Henry Home

AUSTIN (AP)—Fire last night ended the controversy over where to locate the O. Henry "honeymoon house."

The weatherbeaten cottage burned down under what Fire Marshal W. L. Heaton said were "suspicious circumstances."

Location of the structure where the famed short story writer allegedly spent his honeymoon had been the center of bitter arguments. A plan to renovate it in Wooten Park, where it burned, was strongly protested.

Opponents of the plan said the old frame building was an eyesore and said they doubted O. Henry actually spent his honeymoon there.

Six fire companies sped to the site last night, but the building burned to the ground.

Heaton would not elaborate, but said the house had been closely watched since Nov. 26, when what police called an attempted arson caused a small fire.

Plane Crash Fatal To Four

DEL NORTE, Colo. (AP)—Three men and a boy, 16, died late yesterday in the flaming crash of their single-engine private plane at the dusk-shrouded city airport 1½ miles north of here.

Another Colorado crash killed a naval reserve pilot near Aurora, an east Denver suburb.

A Beechcraft Bonanza overturned here and burst into flames after it apparently overshot the lone east-west runway. Charles Fouquet, 41, former police chief here and a state liquor enforcement officer, was thrown clear and died instantly. Fouquet's son, Richard, perished in the flames.

The pilot was Gus Hoof, 37, Alamosa tavern owner and father of three. The fourth victim was George Gray, 47, who operated an Alamosa liquor store.

The four were returning from Grand Junction, Colo.

Fred Robson, 26, a naval reservist from Grand Junction, was catapulted 45 feet from the cockpit of an F9F jet fighter as it crashed into a frozen wheat field 9 miles east of Aurora.

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Christmas Cheer From School Children

Children in the Big Spring schools said "Merry Christmas" to needy families of Big Spring in a most substantial sort of way. They brought can goods, and at every level of school the gifts poured in until there were 3,764 cans. Earl Monroe, staff member, and Capt. Dexter Breazale of the Salvation Army here begin the task of sorting the material for distribution in Christmas baskets. The senior high had the greatest number of cans from one school, accounting for 1,267—which was about what the entire collection amounted to last year. The junior high had 728 cans, and all the elementary schools contributed another 1,769 cans together. Capt. Breazale praised the project, pointing out that it was possible to stretch Christmas funds over a much greater latitude because all the canned goods needs were satisfied by the collection. (Photo by Keith McMillin).

Nation Approaches Christmas With Good Record Of Health

NEW YORK — Excellent health conditions prevailed among the American people in 1956, according to the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. A continued favorable health record is expected in 1957.

For 1956, the death rate in the United States is indicated as 9.3 per 1,000 population, or on a par with that for 1955. The year just ending is the ninth in succession to show a national death rate below 10 per 1,000 population.

A noteworthy feature of the mortality in 1956, the statisticians noted is the exceptionally low death rate from tuberculosis — about 9 per 100,000 population. This represents a decrease of approximately 5 per cent from the all-time low established the year before. As recently as a decade ago the tuberculosis death rate was four times its present level. A quarter century ago the rate was over 8 times what it is now, and it was more than 20 times as high at the beginning of the century.

Poliomyelitis cases in the United States were little more than half the number recorded in 1955. By the end of 1956 there will have been about 15,500 cases of the disease reported, compared with 29,000 the year before and with nearly 58,000 in 1952. Some of the decrease in 1956 undoubtedly reflects the effectiveness of the Salk vaccine, the statisticians pointed out.

A favorable health record was also established in 1956 for diphtheria and whooping cough, both of which recorded fewer cases than the year before. However, there was a moderate rise in the reported cases of scarlet fever and measles. The combined death rate from these four diseases was only one per 100,000 population.

Another favorable development for the year was a decrease of about 40 per cent in reported cases of infectious hepatitis. It now appears that there will be approximately 19,000 cases of the disease reported in the country during 1956, while in 1955 there were nearly 32,000 and in 1954 over 50,000.

New low mortality rates are indicated for both infant and maternal mortality in the United States. The infant mortality rate is 26 per 1,000 live births in 1956, or diabetes, which is about 25 per cent below that of 10 years earlier. Much more rapid has been the improvement in maternal mortality, which dropped to about 4 per 10,000 live births in 1956 from 15.7 in 1946.

"This marked progress is saving the lives of babies and mothers takes on added significance from the fact that it occurred during a period of relatively high birth rates," the statisticians noted.

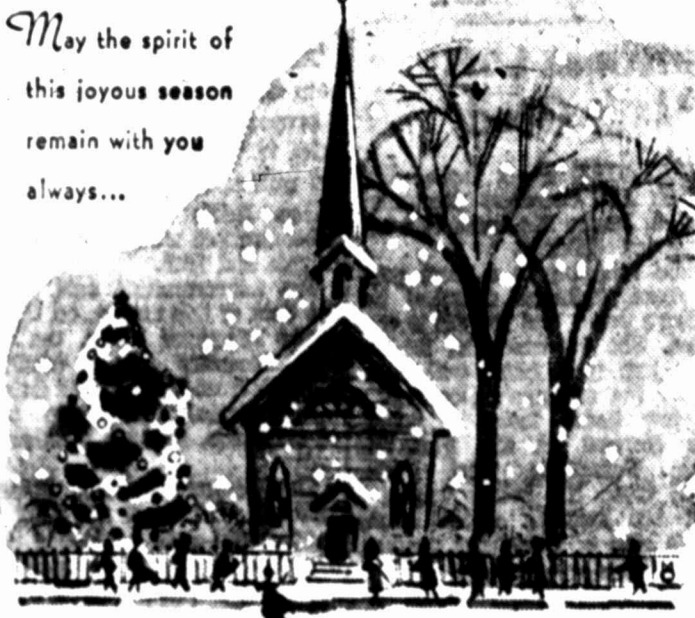
The 1956 death rate from pneumonia and influenza was not much different from that in 1955. A slight rise occurred in the mortality from heart disease, reflecting the higher death rate reported for coronary artery disease and the further aging of our population. There was very little change between 1955 and 1956 in the mortality from cancer.

The death toll from accidents in the United States was higher in 1956 than in the year before, a consequence of the rise in motor vehicle accident fatalities. Fatal injuries in the home and among workers have remained relatively unchanged in number. Homicides also have continued on the same level, while suicides have decreased somewhat.

"The excellent health record of the American people results largely from the rapid progress made in the various branches of the medical sciences and from the rise in the general standard of living," the statisticians concluded. "Further gains can be made by the fuller utilization of existing knowledge and by the development of new knowledge through research."

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Christmas Greetings From Channel 4

KBST-TV recognizes the Christmas season as a time to pause and evaluate the many good things that have contributed to happiness this year.

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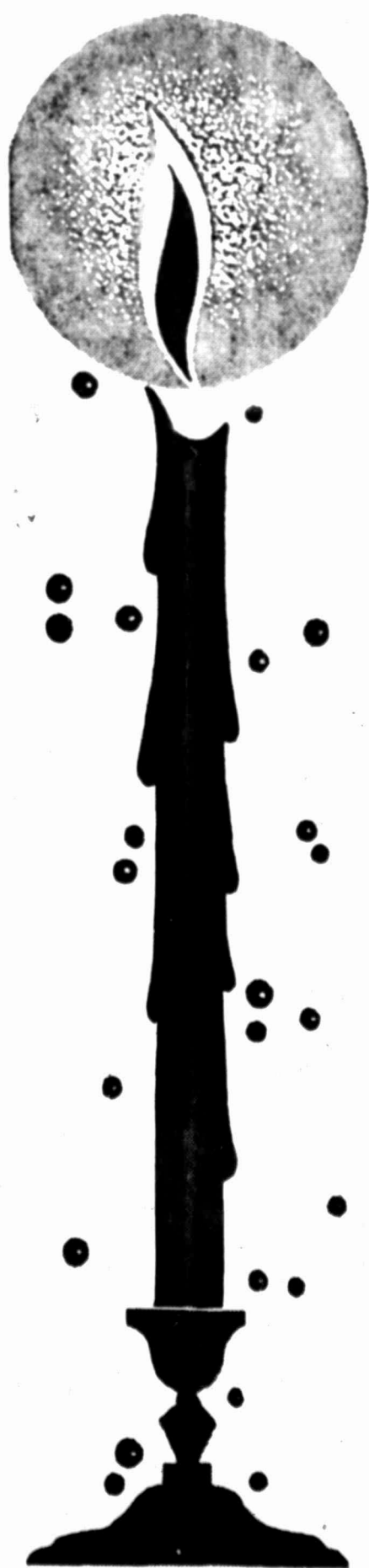
Diamonds are dandy. Few things make a woman feel as prized as a real live diamond on Christmas morning. Any day will do, but Christmas morning is a good enough occasion.

Somehow it seems that every time the subject of diamonds comes up, the man of the house shudders and starts talking about a second mortgage. If memory serves a wife right, there was no such gloomy chatter at the time of the engagement.

The idea that he doesn't want to buy her a diamond might make a wife think that she is less important now that she has invested untold woman hours in cooking pretty meals, planning fine parties, doing dirty laundry and making a comfortable home.

There is a solution. One that allows the house to remain intact while proving to a wife that she is greatly appreciated. It won't make the laundry any easier, but it sure keeps out the cold.

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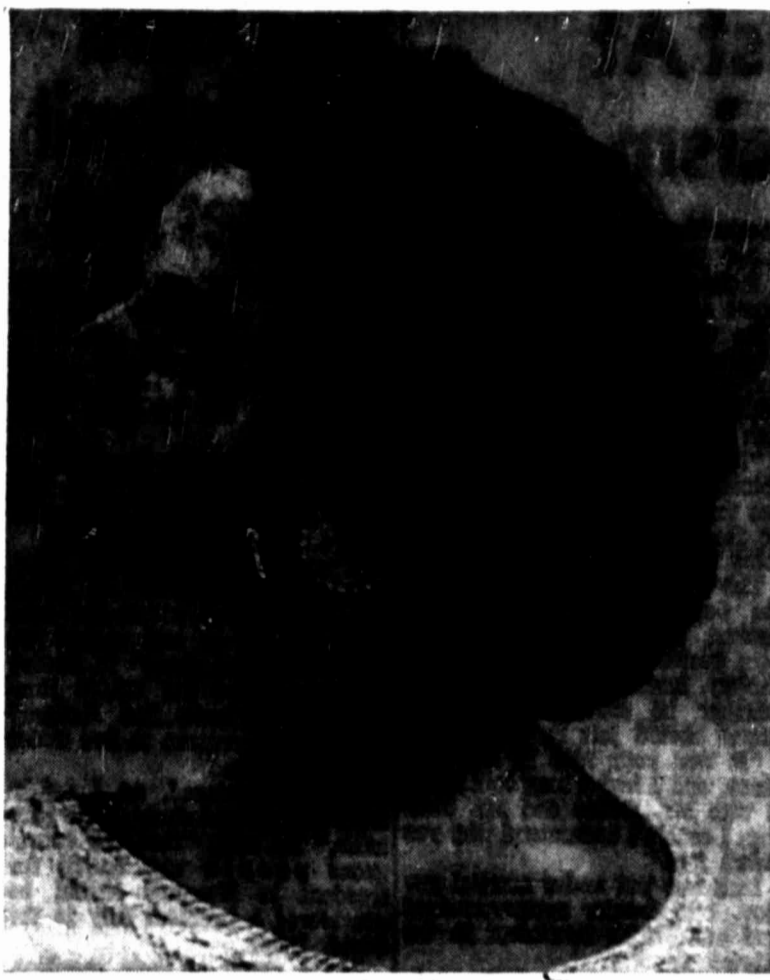
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Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Agee, 3003 N. 14th Street, Lamesa, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lucille, to Jackie Lee Goodloe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodloe, 1005 S. 6th. Their wedding will be an event of the early summer. Miss Agee is a senior at Lamesa High School where she is a majorette, member of the Boosters Club and treasurer of the senior class. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Lamesa High School and is a sophomore at Texas Tech where he is studying animal husbandry.

Ackerly Folks Have Christmas Guests

ACKERLY — Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams and Linda Kay, Lorenzo, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith.

Visiting in Garden City with the J. E. Wagners have been Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cook and Bessie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Etheridge entertained members of the Home-makers Class and the Men's Bible Class recently with a Christmas party. The devotion was given by R. P. Adams. Christmas music was played by Mrs. Lillie Haworth. A gift exchange was held and refreshments served to 24 attending.

HOLLYWOOD BEAUTY

New Swiss Star Has Exercise, Diet Plan

By LYDIA LANE

HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood has its own special telescope for discovering new stars to add to the cinema firmament and at present the lens is being focused on a Swiss miss, Elisabeth Mueller.

Elisabeth made her American debut as the romantic lead with Robert Taylor in "The Power and the Prize" and so impressed the executives at MGM that she was given a long-term contract.

"Coming to Hollywood was a complete surprise to me," she told me as we lunched in her dressing room. "I had a phone call in Basel, Switzerland and things moved so fast that in seven days I was on a plane for my first trip to the United States. I hate flying but . . . Elisabeth looked up with a winning smile which said that when Hollywood calls, who can refuse?"

"When I arrived here I asked how I happened to be chosen and it was very nice what they told me," Elisabeth said shyly. She had to be coaxed to continue.



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ROUND TOWN

Christmases Gone-By Bring Many Memorable And Happy Thoughts

By LUCILLE PICKLE

Merry Christmas to all of you! Isn't it wonderful that we can all enjoy our Saviour's birthday if not actually with members of our family, at least with the pleasant thoughts of the Christmases gone by? With the love we know exists among our families and friends comes the happy security we feel because He was sent to us at this time.

We were happy to read of several smaller churches in town having church trees. Many of you will remember the big trees the First Methodist Church had years ago on Christmas Eve.

Next to the ones at our homes and the ones at the homes of our grandparents, this was it. This was the night when we girls got to wear our "Sunday" shoes, which were black patent on the bottom and white kid on the top. To be on the program on this night was the crowning glory.

We also joined with relatives and friends at St. Mary's Episcopal Church for their program and tree. Of all the things they served at the refreshment hour the only thing I can recall is that someone always brought sandwiches with a raisin filling. How I always managed to get one I can't say . . . but it always put a damper on my enthusiasm for anyone's sandwiches. I still don't like them.

DELLA K. AGNELL is in Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hornaday. Along with about 70 other Texans who will be in the capital city New Year's Day, she will attend the big black-eyed pea party.

After the holiday, she will go to Springtown and Boston, Mass., to be with her son, Buddy, and then will return to Washington to be on hand for the inauguration festivities. She plans to be away until February.

MRS. JAMES R. HORSNELL and daughters, Pamela and Valerie of Wichita, Kans., are here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Evans.

JANE REYNOLDS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds, is here from Galveston, where she is in training for nursing.

MR. AND MRS. J. R. HINDS whose home is in Rastanura, Saudi Arabia, have been the guests

of her brother, Eugene Turner, and Mrs. Turner. They are to spend Christmas with their son in San Francisco before returning to Arabia where he is employed by an oil company.

MR. AND MRS. BOB WREN have a house full of guests there are still more to come.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kjell Knutsen and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bynum of Odessa spent Saturday and Sunday with them. The Wrens' daughter and her family, MR. AND MRS. O. T. STEWARD and daughters of Fort Worth, came Sunday and will be here until Wednesday. They will also visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steward.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD WREN and family won't be here until Friday but will stay until after New Year's Day. They live in Fort Worth, also.

JACKIE JOHNSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson, is home from Galveston for the holidays. She is in nurses' training.

During the week Mr. and Mrs. Johnson entertained members of her family. They included Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Seabolt and sons from Hagerstown, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Seabolt and son of Nederland. Both men are brothers of Mrs. Johnson. A cousin, Ted Almond, and his family from Waxahachie were also here for the reunion.

MR. AND MRS. JIMMY HARRIS and children, Diana and Mike, of Long Beach, Calif., are here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Harris, and other relatives.

MR. AND MRS. OLEN PUCKETT and their children had an early Christmas celebration with members of her family at the reunion in Lubbock Sunday. The affair was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Gordon. For the first time, all the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gordon of Rt. 6, Lubbock, were together. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gordon and children of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron and children of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Spence left Saturday afternoon to spend the holidays with her father and other relatives in Alice. They plan to return around Jan. 2.

MR. AND MRS. R. L. LEBKOWSKY and children, Karen and Doug, are spending Christmas in their new home at 1753 Purdue Street. Among out-of-town guests expected for the holidays are her mother, Mrs. Nell Kirkpatrick Boerne; her sister, Mrs. Wendell Wingett; and daughter, Judy, of Austin; and her brother and sister-in-law, Mrs. Douglas Kirkpatrick, Arlington.

Cheerio Club Has Holiday Observance In A. J. Cain Home

Meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cain, members of the Cheerio Club had their Christmas party Sunday afternoon.

The devotion was given by the Rev. Richard Engle. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Holland, former residents of Big Spring, now residing in Norman, Okla., sang "Jesus Wonderful Lord."

Mrs. Lyndell Ashley told the story of "The Other Wise Man."

Each member related recent Christmas surprises. Gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree and refreshments served to 13 members and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Holland and Dolores Dalton.

Closing the program was the benediction given by H. H. Haynes.

Holiday visitors in the William T. McRee home, 1905 Morrison, are Mrs. McRee's mother, Mrs. William Frowe, Lawrence, Kan., and their two daughters, Sharon, who is a student at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N. M. and Mrs. Charles Dowalby and family of Albuquerque, N. M.

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Hot And Heavy Air

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two major political parties did more campaigning by air in 1956 than ever before. "Planes," official publication of

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Rise, Ring And Shine

Nat Shick, who originated the tin can Christmas tree a few years ago, is back in business this season. He imported a sturdy mesquite and raised it on his front lawn as a West Texas Christmas tree. Then he sat about tying on nearly 5,000 lids from tin cans. Mr. and Mrs. Shick not only saved all their lids but had several friends and even hotels saving for them. Each one had to be cleaned and shined and have a hole punched through it for the string. With six friends helping, Mr. Shick spent

one whole day adorning the tree, and then he had nearly a thousand lids left to add to the tree. By day, these discs reflect the sunlight to set up a dazzling sparkle. By night, they quiver, dance and spin in the breeze to reflect varicolored patterns from floodlights which play up into the tree. And all the while, the tinkling of the lids sets up a jingle-bell effect.

Canine Caper Troubles Trucker

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Andrew Miller Jr. lost control of his truck. It veered off the highway and struck a garage, damaging a car inside. Miller told police his dog had

jumped onto the seat and playfully bit his ear and that he lost control of the vehicle while attempting to brush the animal away. Neither Miller nor his dog was injured.

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SONGS NEVER OLD

Familiar Music Fills Yule Air

Until the last radio or television program signed off last night and until the last carolers had gone to their homes the air from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf was filled with Christmas music. In many a free country the people were playing and singing the familiar carols — only behind the iron curtain and in communist dominated countries are they anathema, a condition that should cause us to be all the more grateful for the freedom we have to play and sing as we will. And no matter how often we have played and sung music inspired by the drama of the Nativity, the shepherds, the wise men, the star and the holy innocents, Christmas carols never lose their appeal. Who unless it were a few in the youngest generation does not know the story of "Silent Night, Holy Night." Written by a poor Austrian organist, Franz Gruber, it is sung universally in Christian countries. On Christmas Eve in 1818 it was heard for the first time in the village church of Oberndorf, producing a profound impression upon the villagers who rejoiced in its beauty. From year to year it was heard in an increasing number of Austrian towns. By 1850 it had be-

Makes No Cents

HENRYETTA, Okla. (AP) — It was more trouble than it was worth, and more expensive. But taxes are taxes, and have to be paid. Harley Millsap received a 2-cent discount tax assessment from the Okmulgee County tax assessor. The bill came in a letter with a 3-cent stamp. Millsap made out a check (which costs several cents) for 2 cents, and mailed it back in a letter — with a 3-cent stamp.



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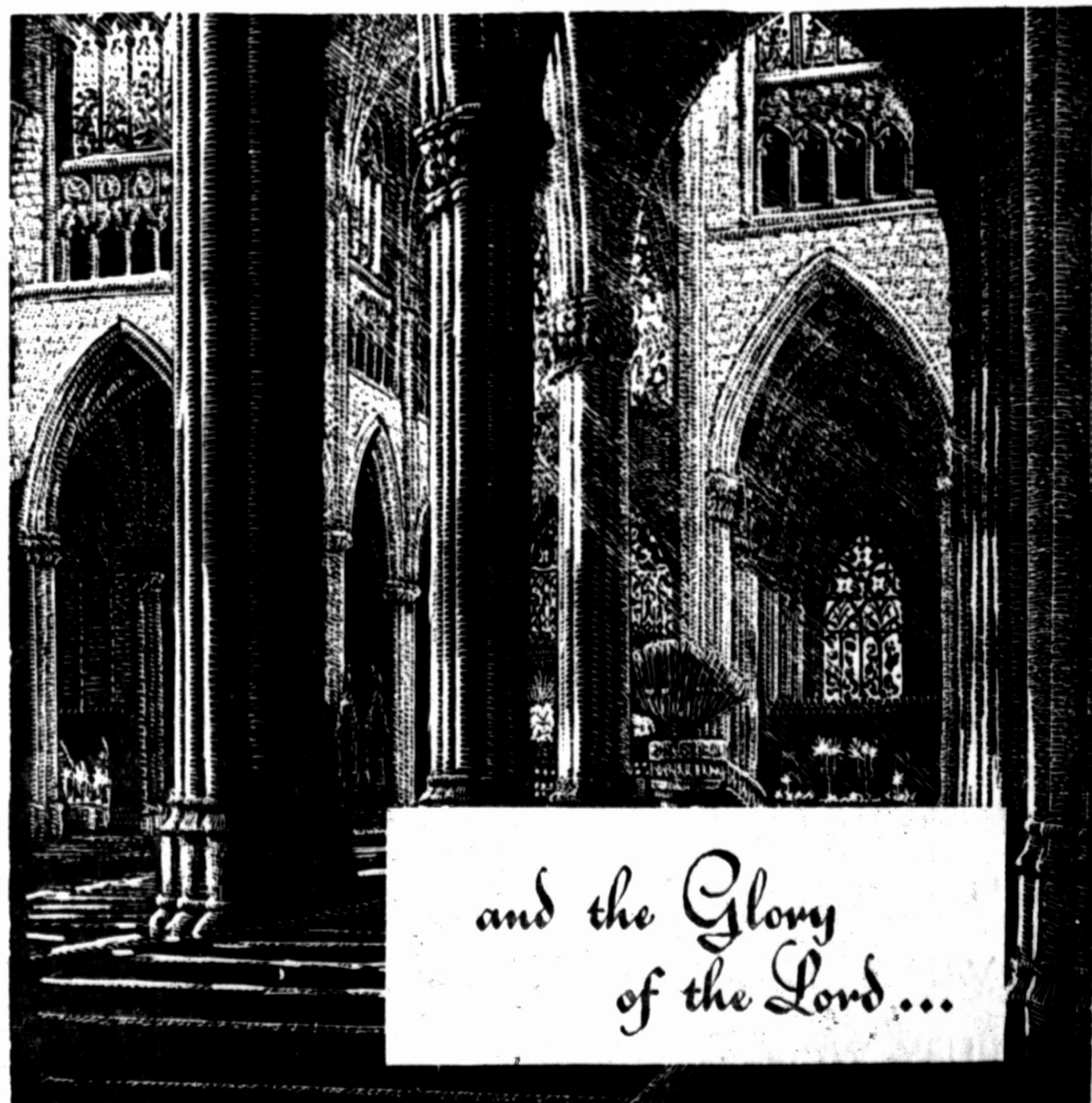
Sport shirts, long a favorite gift with men, are more popular than ever now that men all over the country are wearing more casual clothes. Putting sport shirts on your Christmas shopping list is one of the best ways to please the men in your life. Choose the right shirt and your gift will be worn and enjoyed rather than returned to the store for credit or exchanged for a year's supply of razor blades. In buying a sport shirt, consider two main things: fit and style. As to fit, a man of average proportions will generally wear a small sport shirt if he wears a 14 or 14½ regular shirt, medium if he wears 15 or 15½, large 16 or 16½ and extra large for bigger sizes. This is not always an accurate guide, so it's best to get his sport shirt size, if possible. Style takes a little more thought. In the first place, it is sometimes hard to decide whether to buy him the style shirt he usually wears, or a new style you think will look good on him (hoping he'll agree with you as soon as he tries it on). In patterned shirts, stripes and plaids are your best bet. Stripes this year run in all directions.

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Neat Christmas Card Trick

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Siodmak, Jackson Heights, L. I., look the photographic route to wish their friends "Merry Christmas." First, they passed with the projector and then they posed in front of the screen holding the camera. The second shot was cut out and pasted on the blank movie screen of the first picture. The message was added in pen and ink, and the combination of the two pictures was copied to make the Christmas card.

Watch That Light For Yule Pictures

Here are a few photographic tips which Don Mohler, General Electric photographic lighting specialist, suggests you keep in mind when taking holiday pictures. First, avoid handheld snapshots. Even at F-2 it takes 1-25th of a second for color snapshots—too slow a speed for rock-steady results. Except with flash, use a tripod even with fast black and white film. Also remember that color always needs about four times as much exposure as black and white. Weather is a real factor, so plan ahead for outdoor shots after dark in winter. Below-freezing temperatures are bound to slow down shutters. Make time exposures running from one to 15 seconds or longer. Then, a cold, slow-working shutter will not be nearly so much a factor as it often is at snapshot speeds. Whenever possible, wait for snow to enhance the scene you want to shoot. Time of day can make or break a picture. When shooting a decorated home or building you don't

Economist Takes Knot-Hole Look At Prospects For 1957

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK (AP)—For sidewalk superintendents of the economic structure here's a knot-hole view of 1957.

Economic structure is the formal way of saying your job and pay prospects, your tax bill, but the cost of eating, the price for outfitting your family and for buying and furnishing a home, and the chances of meeting time payments on a new car or appliance.

All bets are off, of course, if the cold war turns into a sizzler. But, as it looks now, here's what the majority of experts see as most likely to happen in the new year:

Jobs—Should hold at the peak for months and pay scales continue to rise.

The new year starts with the unemployment total near the practical minimum and with about one million more persons working than a year ago. Pay hikes built into wage contracts, with two or three or five years to run, will mean a rising average take home pay. Labor's stress will be on an improving retirement plans, layoff pay schemes, more vacation and holiday allowances. Shortages of skilled labor dot industrial centers of the nation. Backlog of orders in a number of industries foreshadow high employment for months.

Personal Income—Is still climbing with more people sharing the gains.

Farmers' income creeps back slowly after the sharp drop. Factory workers' average weekly pay, at year's end, is rising at the rate of about 50 cents each month. The total of wages and salaries is swelling at the rate of 1 1/2 billion dollars a month. Personal income totals, rising to new heights through most of 1956, are 21 billion dollars higher than a year ago.

Savings mounted a little faster in 1956 than in 1955 and the new year will bring higher returns for most, with interest rates still pushing upward. Dividend payment rates set records as the year starts, but lie under the shadow of a developing squeeze on corporate profits.

Debts still climb too, but at a slower pace, as repayments of past contracts start to catch up. Living Costs—Will continue to rise but with little risk of a runaway.

The 2 to 2 1/2 per cent rate of increase in 1956 may hold through most of 1957. Food and clothing costs are pushed upward as farm product prices rebound, helped by Western Europe's greater call on American markets. Distribution expenses mount, too. Manufactured goods, all down the line, are nudged uphill by costlier industrial materials and labor. Competition at retail, however, still comes to

the aid of the consumer, and promotional price cutting could play a big part in helping the consumer balance his budget. Many services, on the other hand, hold to their relentless uphill march.

New Cars—Are fancier and costlier and the selling drive fiercer. Stocks at the dealers should be amply early in the new year. Then the race between the auto makers will readily start. Financing charges tend upward. Prices of tires and of gasoline and oil could rise in sympathy with the squeeze on Europe from the Suez Canal shutdown.

Food—Prices may rise a bit further as more is consumed.

Experts think well-heeled Americans will eat from 6 to 7 per cent more food and pay 1 or 2 per cent higher prices, for a total bill of 75 billion dollars in 1957. Carryovers assure abundant supplies of most foods although some surpluses are being cut by shipments overseas and by government consumption programs at home, thus stimping grain and dairy product prices. Livestock slaughter is expected to be less in the new year, boosting meat prices. Milk production may rise by two billion pounds to a total of 129 billion. The price of farm products rose 2 per cent during 1956.

Clothing—Costs are rising again. Higher prices of wool and of labor will be reflected in higher fabric costs—up 15 to 30 cents a yard in recent months. The cotton surplus is being cut by exports and the mills are working toward better balance of supply and demand, with higher labor costs adding pressure for price rises. American producers are fighting hard against any increase in the importation of cheaper foreign fabrics and clothing.

New Homes—Will be slightly fewer and more expensive without being bigger.

Rising costs of materials and of financing will whittle down the dreams of some would-be home buyers. One housing authority estimates dollar volume of new housing will be up 6 per cent in the new year, but no more actual floor space will be enclosed, and the number of housing units will be slightly less than in 1956, when about 1 1/2 million rose. Another authority puts the price of the average home built in 1956 at \$14,700 and expects the average in 1957 to be \$15,200.

Rental units in many big cities stay in tight supply, with rents continuing their slow rise. Furniture salesmen look for sales to rise by 5 per cent in the first half of the new year. A cost squeeze on manufacturers will tend to push prices up. Home Appliances—Will be in

abundant supply and competition will fight it out on the price front with rising manufacturing costs.

More color TV sets will be bought but total set sales aren't expected to top the seven million of 1956, which had an assist from the new portables. Kitchen appliance makers count heavily on consumers finishing up their repayments of the instalment debt on 1955 autos and other hard goods. This, coupled with rising incomes, should put many again in position to buy on time.

Tax Cuts—Will be few and far between.

At the state and local government level taxes are more likely to rise. The rates at the federal level seem destined to hold, since the U. S. Treasury will be looking for money to meet increased spending brought on in part by the flare up in world trouble spots. Tax revision by Congress probably will be limited to changing the rules, maybe giving some relief to small business, but little or none to individuals. The total tax bill in this country in 1956 passed the 100-billion-dollar mark for the first time, with the federal government getting \$439 per person.

Your Boss—Will look as harried as ever.

Rising costs of doing business.

squeezed profit margins, harder selling, costlier borrowing and a tougher search for funds—all may fret him. But scratch below the surface and in most businessmen you'll find a glow of optimism—confidence that for the first half of the year good times are a shoo-in and that for the rest of 1957 the chances are at least 50-50. It adds up to confidence sprinkled with caution.

Leather Items Are Good Gifts

A good recipe for a Christmas stocking stuffing, if you haven't done your shopping yet, might begin: "First catch a leather goods counter." For it's a good hunting ground for gifts that will fit any stocking—from leather-covered bottle openers to exotic, hand-tooled leather compacts and billfolds.

Any woman would love a set of matching accessories for her purse. They come trim and tailored in smooth, solid-colored leather with perhaps narrow gold or silver trim, gay and eye-catching in paisley or floral-printed leathers or pastel backgrounds and elegant in embossed, gold kidskin.

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It Was Cold, Dreary Christmas 179 Years Ago At Valley Forge

VALLEY FORGE, Pa., Dec. 24 (AP)—A man traveling recently to Valley Forge began his trip by buzzing for an elevator in Rockefeller Center in New York. He rode down six flights.

On the ground, he walked past a rink of artificial ice where the skaters skated leisurely to the tune of "Tea for Two." He walked past a 72-story building, where 11,000 people work and a national chain sends out radio and television shows to millions across the country.

He went underground into a garage and emerged a few minutes later in a heated car. Going south, he caught a glimpse, through the canyon of a cross-town street, of the flat glass face of the United Nations headquarters. He drove under the Hudson River through a tunnel and he drove down across New Jersey on a four-lane highway.

PASSES AIRPORT

He rode past an airport with big planes that could reach the Pacific in nine hours, past factories and power plants and rows of

small houses with TV antenna and farms with parked station wagons. He crossed the Delaware River on a steel bridge and drove through Bucks County.

And then he came to Valley Forge, where 179 years ago this winter the United States of America almost died a-borning.

The visitor climbed a small hill, from which he looked out over 2,033 serene acres. He saw a broad undulating plain, rich groves of silent sycamores, evergreen and laurel. He saw replicas of the old four-pound cannons and the small log cabins. They looked like toys.

He looked at the idle picnic tables and the holdog stands and it was easy to imagine the crowds in the summer—poppa asleep on the grass, under the Sunday paper, mamma leaning on an elbow watching the kids climb the cannons or swarm over the mounds of the old redoubts, playing a make believe war.

ALMOST LOST HERE

He looked north across the Schuylkill River and saw the ribbons of highway leading back to

snow, half-starved, completely exhausted, many with bare legs and bare feet and no blankets. Washington said later, "You might have tracked the army from White-marsch to Valley Forge for 400 miles of their feet." Finally on the night of Dec. 19, 1777, they stumbled over the frozen ridges of Gulph Road and entered the windswept camp site.

GOOD POSITION

Washington had chosen a good position with strong natural defenses. His camp was a triangle. The angle in the northwest was formed by the Schuylkill River and 426-foot Mt. Joy, which dropped precipitously to Valley Creek. Along the southeastern flank, which faced the British in Philadelphia 18 miles away, Washington laid his outer line of defense, a thin 3,200-yard strip of trenches and bunkers. Farther back, he set up his 2,200-yard last line of defense—trenches, four-foot high parapets and four-pound cannon which had a maximum range of 500 yards.

The natural strength of the position, however, was little consolation to the 11,000 men Washington brought to Valley Forge. A quarter of them were reported unfit for duty.

Smallpox was on the rampage. About 3,000 men died in camp. Many others deserted. Many men had frozen legs and feet amputated in the little stone schoolhouse and other impromptu hospitals set up in the area.

Food was scarce. Local farmers

refused to honor the soldiers' continental money. Foraging parties produced little. Washington pleaded repeatedly and vainly for help and supplies from the Continental Congress.

The first week was the worst. By day, the men felled trees and built cabins. By night, they huddled around fires. Washington made his headquarters in a tent. Not until his men had their cabins did he move into a big stone house, which he made his headquarters and home for the six months of the encampment.

PLOTTED STRATEGY

It was here he conferred and plotted strategy with his aides and generals—Lafayette, Knox, Greene, Wayne, Morgan, Von Steuben, Sullivan, Alexander Hamilton. Here Martha Washington came to live with her husband, presiding at his dinners, patching torn uniforms, darning stockings, preparing baskets of food and medicine for his soldiers.

Somewhat they got through the winter. Supplies began to reach them, mostly through the organizing genius of Gen. Greene, the quartermaster. Somehow they were turned from a disorganized rabble into a cohesive force, mostly through the efforts of the colorful Baron Von Steuben.

By May, 1778, the army looked like a relatively efficient fighting force as it lined up on the grand parade ground to hear Washington announce the French alliance. Victory was still five years away, but now there was hope . . .



Merry Christmas

AND A TRULY WONDERFUL YEAR TO COME!

We wish you every joy and much prosperity! May you be blessed with the added happiness of having loved ones, gathered as one family, near you in observance of these most glorious holidays!

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Children Come To Stay, Yule Has New Meaning

By STEVE LOWELL

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Dec. 22 (AP)—There won't be any more loneliness around our home. And there apparently are going to be a lot of laughs.

A couple of young shadow-chasers are going to see to that. They've come to drive away the humdrum.

You see, we are among the comparatively few couples who believed if a baby couldn't be found for us, we could be as happy with older children.

We hit the jackpot . . . little brothers that welfare officials did not want to split up. A family made to order.

It was luck that we got them. When we filled out our adoption application, we mentioned we would be interested in older children if a baby couldn't be found. A welfare worker remembered that remark. It wasn't on the record.

A few hours before we were to leave on a trip last summer we got a telephone call from the worker with the long memory. We reversed our route and took off.

Four days later we got our first look at these little fellows. We realized, apprehensively, they also were looking us over. We had five days to get used to each other. Bill, the 8-year-old, we knew was filled with doubt . . . and probably fear. He had lived with his "boarding parents" four years and was sure of their kindness. Kenny, the 5-year-old, seemed deliberately to ignore the whole thing.

The first day I was really on trial. The initial project was skipping rocks on a river I passed, but I had a sore shoulder as a reminder for several days.

The rest of the week went like that, and the boys gradually warmed. Billy usually started each day a sad little fellow, reminded by our gentle go-between welfare worker that in a few days he and his little brother would start a long trip to their new home.

The day we left was a heart-toucher. The boys were silent many miles. The usually wobbly small-boy tummy was missing. We knew what we could do for them—but they couldn't possibly know. A couple of days went by before their confidence began to return.

The laughs, some of them a little uncomfortable, began early.

Like the times waitresses complimented us on our well-behaved little sons, and then one of the boys would address us as, "Hey, you."

The fourth day of our trip home had started before we finally figured a way to get them to call us Mom and Dad. We had stopped at a mountain lake to break the long trip with a little fun. The boys were happy, and I cornered Bill and suggested we would like him to explain to Kenny. That's all it took. A few minutes later, Kenny poked his head in the cabin door and called for "Mom."

There have been many touching little episodes.

At one place where we stopped for a night, we called a friend who came to the motor court to visit a while.

"And what's your name?" he asked Kenny.

"Kenny . . . well, Kenny something . . ."

As we neared home, we stopped for pop and coffee. The boys spotted a "real cowboy." We asked if he would talk to them.

"Where are you from, young fella?" he asked Bill.

Bill hesitated and then answered: "Well . . . it's a long story . . . We helped out with the strange new name, 'Albuquerque.'"

Dusk was deepening when we first saw the lights of the city.

"There's home, boys," Mary Alice explained.

Bill reached over the back of the front seat and put his arms around his new mother's neck.

"Oh, thank you," he whispered.

"Thank you, Mom."

Christmas, this year, has a new-born meaning for us.

Dolls Are Loved The World Over

Millions of little girls will be playing with new dolls this Christmas, talking to them in scores of languages, lavishing affection in strangling hugs or fastidious care.

Dolls are the best loved toys in the world; it is hard to think of a child without one. Yet the history of dolls as playthings is comparatively recent.

Anthropologists now believe that the stone age ancestors of today's walking and talking dolls were never touched by children. The miniature images of people and animals found in 20,000-year-old prehistoric caves were carved as charms and fetishes or ritual images, not to be handled by the uninitiated, and especially not by children.

In the gradual development from potent fetish to familiar toy, historians see a reflection of man's cultural and spiritual progress away from superstition and idolatry. In ancient Egypt the doll-like figures now found in children's tombs represented not toys but servants—substitutes for real servants formerly buried alive with their late masters. In tombs of well-to-do adults the spiritual attendants were carved with remarkable realism in every attitude of labor.

By early Greek and Roman times, dolls were unquestionably among the propitiatory offerings and portrait statuettes buried with children. They were often like modern dolls, made of ivory or terra cotta with jointed limbs and elaborate dress.

Merry Christmas

to you and your families!

May gladness fill your homes and may added peace come to those of goodwill!

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Help For Hungarians

Shirley Wheat, McMurry College senior from Big Spring, is pictured above with other student officers who conducted a pre-Christmas collection at McMurry to aid the refugees of war-torn Hungary. The McMurrys raised \$65, which will go into the Texas Tribute to Freedom campaign being conducted on college campuses throughout the state. Miss Wheat, secretary of the McMurry student body, is pictured with Don Yarbrough (left) of Weslaco, vice president, and Orland Gilbert of Lockney, president.

Thomas Nast First To Picture Santa

The same man who cooked up Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is credited with having put Santa Claus on paper.

Not until Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist, had come up with his sketch had there been any specific conception of the jolly old gentleman.

Nast first sketched his notion of

Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and above all has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

The story of how the American

version of Santa Claus evolved is interesting. According to legend, children of Lapland and Siberia, raised on tales of the good and generous St. Nicholas, thought of their benefactor as dressed in furs and traveling in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, just as they did themselves.

Wondrous stories of this great Fourth century saint, who gave handsome presents to good little children, were repeated at the firesides of all Europe from the time of his death in 342. The Dutch children observed the anniversary of his death on Dec. 6 and received presents in their wooden shoes. These Dutch youngsters thought of St. Nicholas as a stern old man with a long white beard, garbed in bishop's robes and carrying a stick to chastise naughty children.

The little Hollanders coming with their parents to New Amsterdam brought Santa Claus or 'San Claas' as they said, with them. In no time the English colonial children whose fathers had taken over the Dutch settlement and renamed it New York caught on to this wonderful man. The English moved his yearly visit from Dec. 6 to New Year's Eve.

Germans coming to America brought their Christmas customs: candles burned in honor of the Christ Child, whom the German children called "Kris Kringle."

At about that time these festivities were making Christmas Day important. Families beginning to spread across the country chose this celebration as a day of reunion. Thus the Dutch figure of Santa Claus, the German traditions of Christmas and the English season of celebration have combined in one single holiday.



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Carol-Singing Is Best-Loved Part Of Yule

Probably the best-loved part of the celebration of Christmas in America is the singing of Yuletide carols. Hearing these beautiful carols from our radios, from the choir lifts of churches and from groups of carolers gathered in the stillness of the night enriches and heightens the meaning of the Christmas season.

The people of the United States draw their favorites from the old beloved carols of many countries, and from the newer ones of our own day.

The time-honored European carols were brought to this country by the early settlers of America. "Adeste Fideles" ("O Come, All Ye Faithful") belonged to no one in particular and was eventually translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

"Away in a Manger," Luther's hymn for children, came to us from Germany. England gave us the spirited "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen," and from France we inherited the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three Americans enriched our heritage of lovely Christmas carols by giving us three which are among the world's favorites today.

In 1849 a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, Edmund H. Sears, composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Ten years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., an Episcopalian rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," perhaps the best-known and most-beloved of all American carols was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks, a young Episcopalian minister of Philadelphia who later became the bishop of Massachusetts. A trip to the Holy Land was his inspiration for the carol. A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the gay Christmas song, "Jingle Bells," which has been popular for almost a century. A new Christmas song that is non-religious in theme, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is fast becoming a classic favorite of the season.

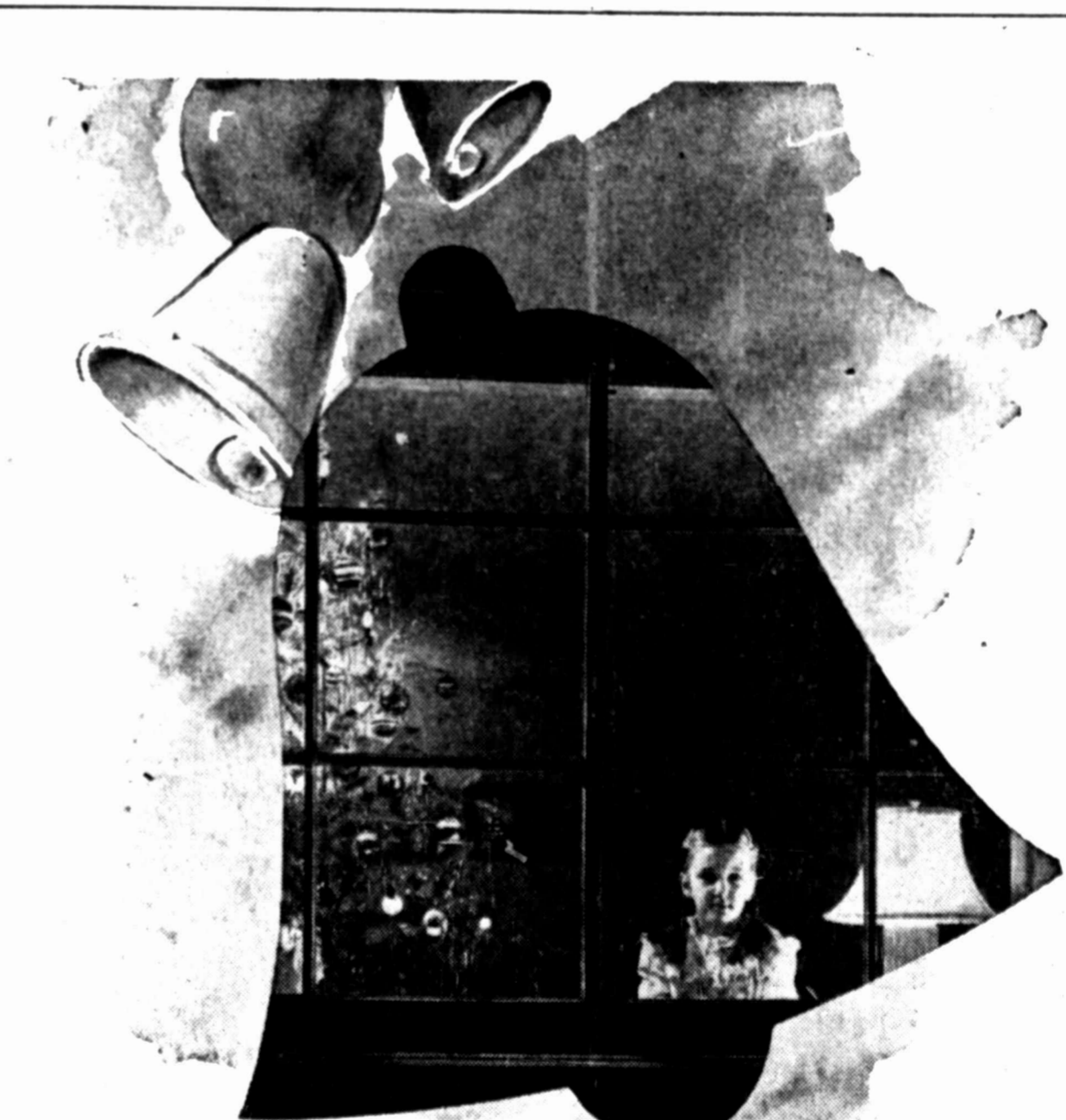
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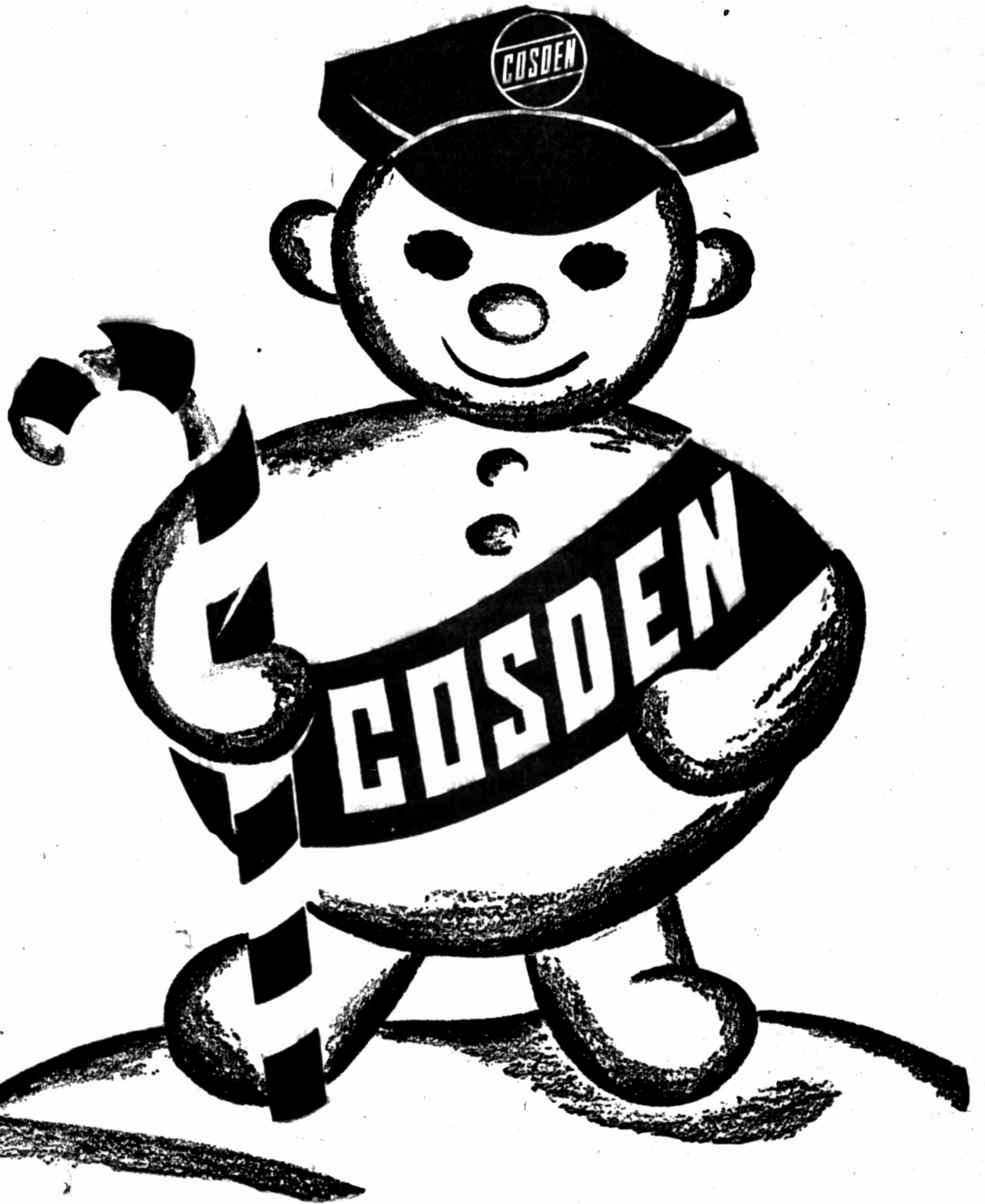
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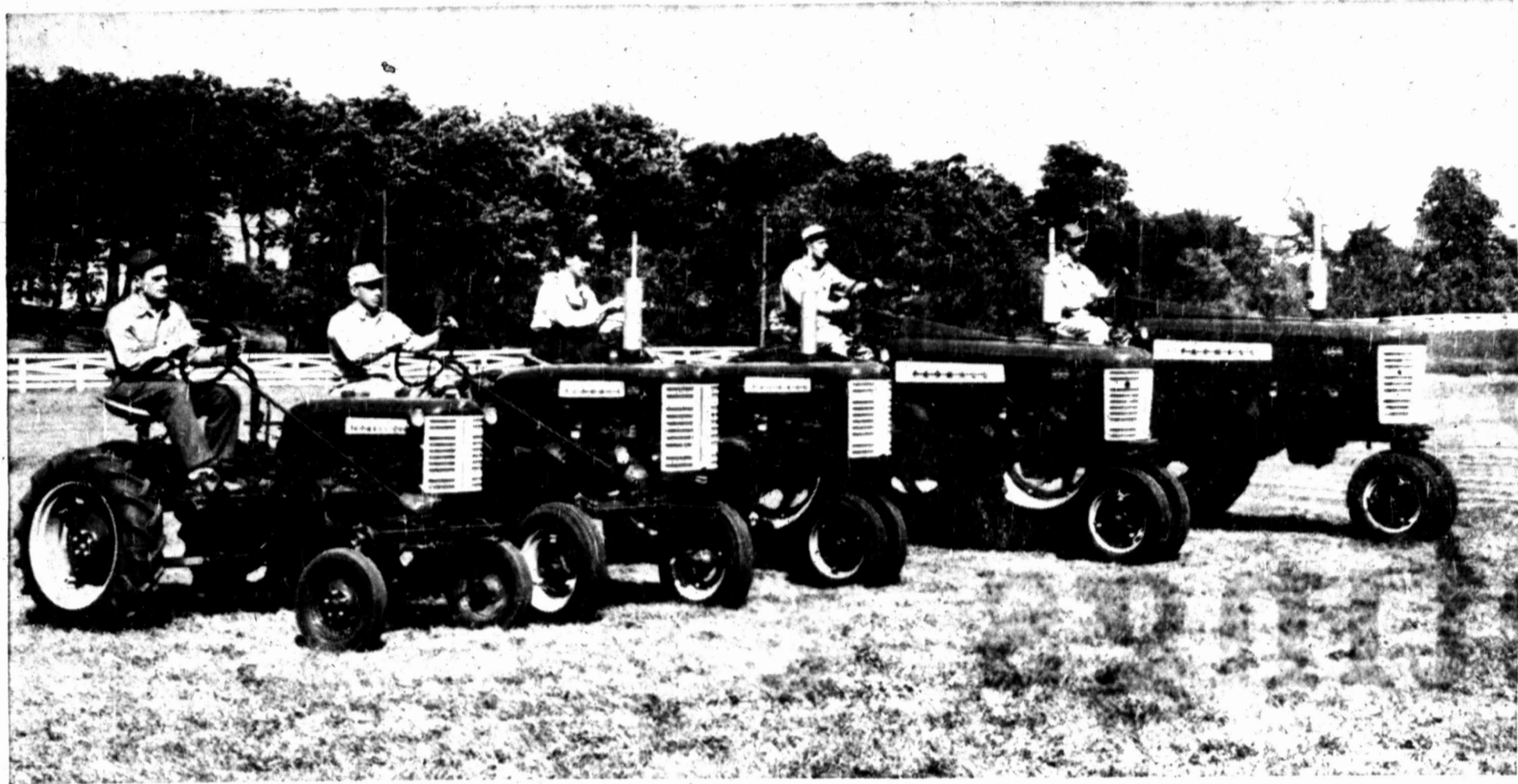
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The New Family Of Farmall Tractors

Here is the new 1957 line of Farmall tractors just announced by International Harvester. Left to right are Farmall's Cub, 130, 230, 350 and 450 tractors. The 1957 line of International industrial wheel tractors include the International's Cub Lo-Boy, 130, 350 Utility, W-450 and 650 tractors.

New Line Of Farmall Tractors To Go On Display Here Soon

The 1957 line of Farmall and International tractors were introduced to West Texas distributors at a recent showing in Sweetwater. They will be on display here soon, according to Curtis Driver of the Driver Truck and Implement Company, local dealer.

enthusiastic about improvements being introduced for 1957. The '57 line of tractors, finished in a new two-tone red and white, have new model designations, and more power in most models. Tractors in the Farmall line include the Farmall Cub, Farmall 130, Farmall 230, Farmall 350 and

Farmall 450 International Cub Lo-Boy, International 130, International 350, International Utility, International W-450, and International 650 make up the International wheel tractor line.

power to better use and greatly increase operating efficiency. In addition to increased horsepower, there's more precision control of hydraulically operated implements, power-adjusted rear wheels, and a new and revolutionary Fast-Hitch with "traction control".

The new "traction control" hitch, for use with Farmall 230, Farmall 350 and Farmall 450, and the International 350 Utility tractors, continuously and automatically matches traction to the load. Driver pointed out that as the load increases, an increased proportion of implement weight, soil weight and resistance, and tractor front-end weight is concentrated on the rear wheels, holding slipage to a minimum and more fully utilizing the full horsepower of the tractor.

The new "traction control" is entirely mechanical and operates independently of the tractor's hydraulic system. Because of this, weight is transferred without robbing the tractor of power at a time when it is needed most. The proportion of weight transferred can be regulated by the operator, transferring as much as 35 per cent of combined implement, soil, and front-end weight on the tractor's rear wheels. A "pilot-guide" indicator tells the driver when the weight being transferred is correct for implement and field conditions as well as the relative working depth of the implement.

Visitors attending the Sweetwater show were shown how the new hitch operates with a single cylinder to raise and lower both rear-mounted and front-mounted implements. The latter are controlled through the use of pull-ropes connected to the rockshaft on the new hitch. Lined sockets in the hitch permit fast penetration of plows and assure more even depth in uneven ground.

In the three-plow class the Farmall 350 and the International 350 Utility are now available with diesel as well as gasoline and LP Gas engines. Farmall's 450 gasoline, LP Gas, and diesel are available in the four to five-plow field. These models are available with power-adjusted rear wheels, increased precision control of hydraulically-operated implements, easier operating clutch pedal, new push-button starting, auto-type steering wheel, and the new Fast-Hitch with Traction Control.

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Coming off that holiday trip, or starting one, perhaps? Whether you're going or coming, it would be wise to have the family automobile serviced by experts.

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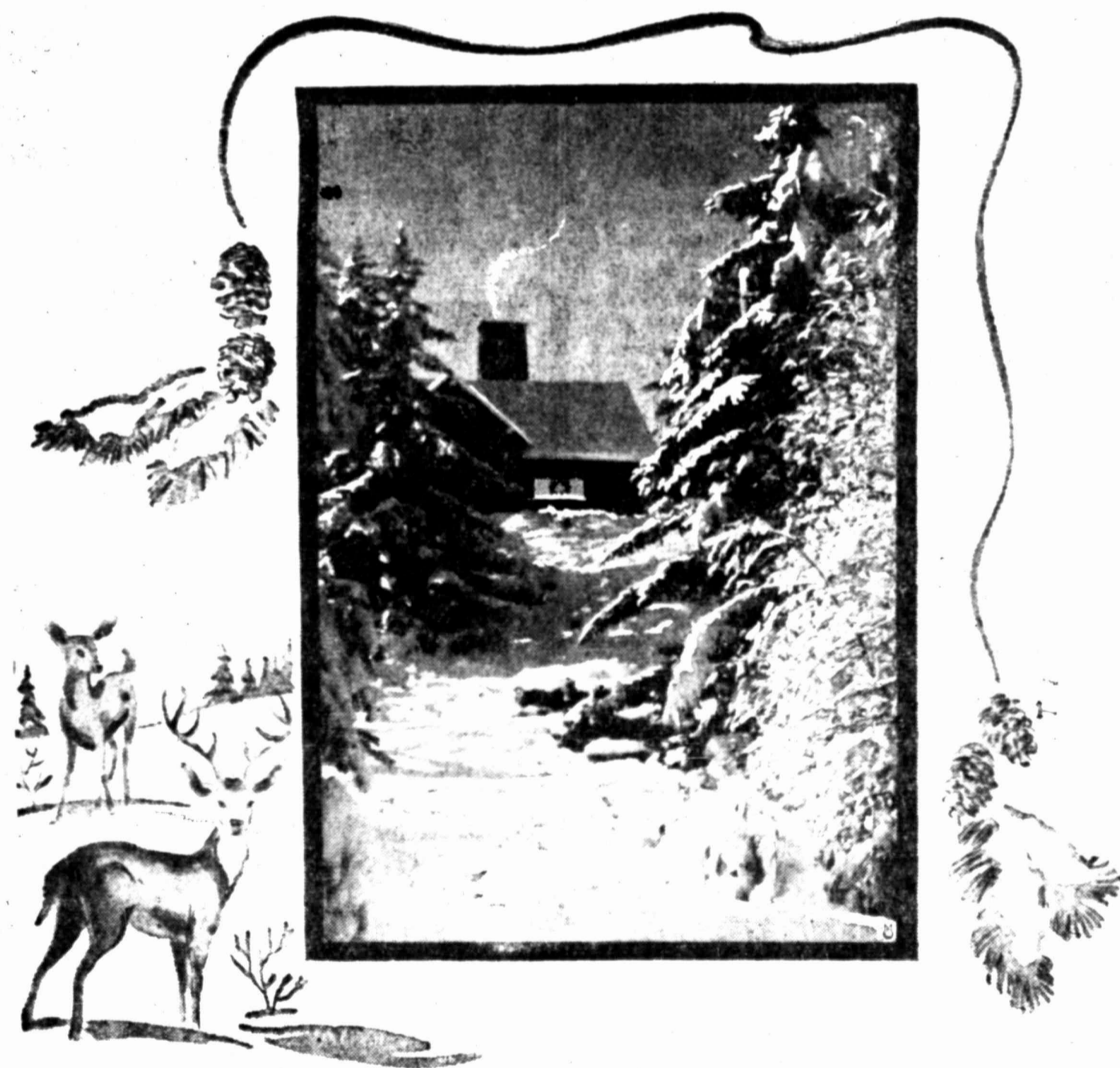
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Santa Frets, But Gets Under Way

By HAL BOYLE.
NORTH POLE, Dec. 24.—Santa stood up to crack his whip. He is on his way at last.

The jolly old saint and his fat reindeer are 200 miles in the Arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The northern lights switched on to a steady green — the "Go Ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path and you may proceed at a speed limit of 100 mph. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you can. Good luck."

And Santa Claus needed that wish. His red sled was packed so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a box truck zooming through the sky.

"Oh, dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I do hope some of these presents fall out and be seen from innocent noses down below. I believe this may be the heaviest load I've had in many years."

When he started, about 100 miles in the air, he saw a light. "We have to pull in."

A voice called so hard the bells on his harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed.

As Santa Claus climbed up into the seat of the sled, putting a little bee in his ear, he gained some weight.

Three black and white reindeers waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised:

"What are you penguins doing at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I don't say this is the first time I ever picked up three hibernating, wearing, hibernating."

But when Mrs. Santa Claus came running, carrying a hot piece of paper.

"You almost got a hot lot of good children," she said.

"Never mind about Santa," said Mrs. Santa. "I don't need it. I'll give it to the boy and girl good or bad. The had one and they don't deserve a nice present. I'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

"That isn't according to Book," said Mrs. Santa. "It likes to play bridge. But it does make sense you old sottie."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air — the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying:

"Wait please wait!"

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy as making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure.

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-ticky kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho, here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster — and then they were on the ground and into the air.

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BIG SPRING, TEXAS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1956

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'56 Produced Avalanche Of News -- Significant, Violent

The good year 1956 produced an avalanche of news, some of it with significant milestones and unfortunately a lot with violence. This was the year in which Howard County succeeded in killing more people than ever before on highways and streets. It was a year which produced four deaths by fire, seven by

drowning, and several by plane crash. It was a year in which two murders were recorded and in which another local man was shot fatally out-of-state. The year was one of unprecedented expansion for Cosden Petroleum Corporation, the community's largest single industry, not

alone by construction but by acquisition as well. It was another year of continuing drought less than half a dozen inches of rain, which contributed to a new daily record in water consumption. It was a year which saw television added as a means of local

communication, and a third radio station activated. It was a year which saw two veteran organizations -- W. C. Blankenship as school superintendent, and J. H. Greene as Chamber of Commerce manager -- retire from their posts. It was a year of building, of politics, and road expansion. Starting on Jan. 20 with the death of Billy Joe Johnston on U.S. 80 west, the traffic toll mounted to a record 26 early in December, eclipsing the previous record of 24 in 1951. Six local people were killed in traffic mishaps in other places. A crash on U.S. 87 south killed six people on Feb. 11, the worst single collision in local history.

One of the most disastrous fires claimed the life of three Negro children on March 28. One of the most unusual deaths was that of J. E. Cunningham, a former Big Springer, who fell from a B-36 bomber while it was on a test flight. A Lufkin man was crushed between two cars while crossing the railroad yards.

Weather made constant news from 78 on Jan. 2 and 58 for Aug. 20, both records for those days. Probably the worst sandstorm on record here hit during the afternoon of April 2, cutting visibility to less than 20 feet. At no time were there any general soaking rains. First killing frost was Nov. 9.

The county lateral road program got going with upwards of a score of miles being constructed southwest of Big Spring, north toward Moore, near Coahoma and at other points. Walter G. Parks was named county engineer. The State Highway Department announced \$3 million additional work on U.S. 80 and also that the by-pass right-of-way for the highway would be acquired out of federal funds.

W. C. Blankenship was succeeded on July 1 by Floyd W. Parsons as superintendent of schools and "Supe" became superintendent emeritus. The schools got \$144,000 in federal building aid and let contract for 12 additional classrooms. In addition the district floated \$900,000 in bonds for major expansion, including a junior high, and erected a new 10,000-seat stadium on the HCJC campus. September brought a record 5,401 pupils. Neighboring Stanton broke ground for a \$283,000 high school plant.

Webb AFB graduated its 3,000th jet pilot on April 27, changed to an all jet and all-officer training program and graduated its first class under the new program July 23. The base jet engine change team successfully defended its world championship at Oklahoma City.

Our National Guard unit, Battery B, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, won first place in firing competition at summer camp. The United Fund, going in the direction of D. M. McKinney and without professional help, reached a \$87,550 goal. Roy Bell was named state president of the Eagles and Bill Cox a state Jaycee vice president. Ted Groehl became first president of the new Evening Lions Club and George Oldham was succeeded by James Eubanks as Citizens Traffic Commission secretary. Rodney Brooks and Neva Jackson became the county Gold Star 4-H members and the Big Spring Civic Theatre staged its first full-length play.

There were a number of gatherings here, among them the state Patriarchs Militant and LAFB convalescence, the district farm bureau convention, Boy Scout Round Up which drew 1,250 campers, Desk and Derrick Club district parley, Suez Shrine Ceremonial, the rodeo, regional meet of the Texas League of Municipalities.

Politics got hot and heavy from the time of the precinct battles with forces supporting Sen. Lyndon Johnson capturing the county machinery. Major gubernatorial candidates including Sen. Price Daniel, Ralph Yarborough, W. Lee O'Daniel and J. Evetts Haley visiting here. Ross Carleton of Dallas opened his candidacy for lieutenant governor here. While the nation went heavily for Pres. Eisenhower, Howard County stayed Democratic. In the courts, Pearl Johnson became the first Negro woman to serve on a local jury.

Dr. Frank Sainburg, a VA Hospital physician, had his trouble from the law from a "kidnap" charge in New York and finally gave up and went back to stand trial. B. E. Freeman lost his chance for probation and began his sentence for misapplication of county funds. E. W. York resigned as police chief and was succeeded by Conrad L. Rogers. Two broke jail at Garden City on Feb. 4 and two more on Sept. 11, and on June 6 Glasscock Sheriff Buster Cox was brutally beaten by men he sought to arrest.

Cosden had a big year. Contract was let for the \$1 1/2 million pipeline from Big Spring to Abilene, via the Abilene AFB, and from the plant to Webb AFB. Contract was let for a \$3 1/2 million yrene facility. Cosden announced and approved plans for a merger with W. R. Grace Company on April 21 but the merger was called off June 14. Cosden purchased the Petroleum Building from the McDowell Estate and converted the top five floors to headquarters offices. A 100 per cent stock dividend was declared and capitalization doubled. Then Cosden bought Blanco & Newman Bros. one-third interest in Bordea County production, purchased Coltex Refining Company and Onyx Refining Company.

The Herald let contract for a

\$136,000 new plant and occupied it in October. The Security State Bank was built and opened. The city laid \$144,000 in water lines; built new fire stations at Birdwell and Eleventh Place and on North Main; the school district added 12 classrooms and a new stadium, and in all construction topped the \$4 million mark, best in several seasons. Bell Telephone installed the 10,000th phone in Big Spring on June 29.

Entertainment-wise the historic Lyric Theatre closed on Jan. 30 and the Sahara Drive-In, largest in the Southwest, opened Feb. 27. Combined choirs scored an outstanding success in a pre-Easter program March 25. Charles Laughlin packed the city auditorium for his program. The new Concert Association series started off with Mantovani and his orchestra.

Woman of the year was Jewel

Barton. The district garden parley was held here.

Grover Good retired as YMCA executive secretary and was succeeded by Bobo Hardy. Similarly J. H. Greene laid down the reins of the Chamber of Commerce and succeeded Oct. 15 by Wayne Smith. The Chamber also completed organization of its industrial foundation.

Howard County got approval of reallocation of the tax fund levies and then voted \$500,000 for a new county airport, location for which was approved by the CAA. Big Spring Independent School District Voters floated \$900,000 in bonds.

Little water was added to the lakes during the year, but Lake J. B. Thomas held plenty of reserve. However, the Colorado River Municipal Water District included Midland, Stanton, Andrews and Lamesa in new studies for an ad-

ditional supply from a proposed lake on the Colorado River in southern Mitchell County. Big Spring peaked for a single day's consumption at 8,711,000 gallons on July 18.

KBST-TV put its test pattern on the air Jan. 15 and soon was telecasting. KHEM radio went on the air July 8 with a high kilowatt daytime operation. Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative purchased the SCVAK rural telephone properties.

Harvey Adams was named as the outstanding conservation farmer. R. H. Odom Jr., Snyder, had grand champion of the Hereford Show and Sale; Robert Lomax champion steer at the county club boy show; Tommy Buckner champ of the swine show. Frank Loveless produced on Aug. 13 the first bale of a cotton crop which approached 5,000 bales. Doty Echols of Lame-

sa was crowned district Farm Bureau queen. The big U. S. Experiment Farm barn burned Sept. 28.

Death took many old timers, among them Mrs. Lillie A. Settles, Fox Stripling, J. W. Carpenter, Mrs. D. M. Lovelace, Riley Lovelace, Walter Bishop, Mrs. Lillian Carter.

Oil developments were prosaic but discoveries included Brennan No. 1 Minear (Spraberry) Ed's No. 1 Chalk (Yates) and Wraher-Republics No. 2-16 Good (Fusselman).

Patricia McCormick returned to the bullfight ring, got gored at Augascalientes and Zacatecas but scored some triumphs. Fort Stockton won the 11th annual girls' volleyball tournament, but Big Spring Steerettes took the district VB title. Local teen agers won

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Royce D. Braley First 1956 Baby

(Continued from Page 1) the 24 hours were unusually quiet.

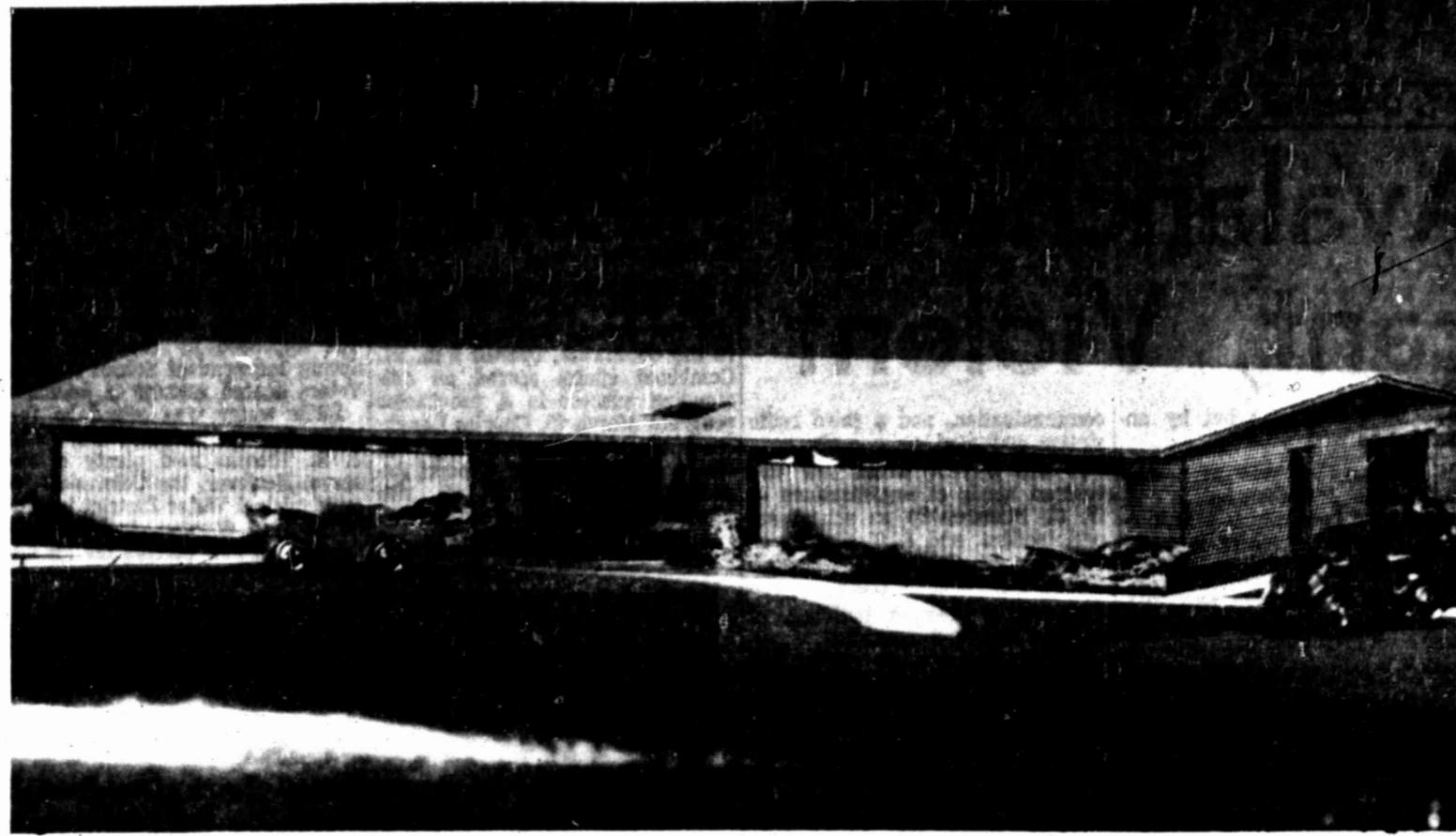
the junior singles and doubles tennis championships at Odessa and Betty Allison and Layla Ann Glasser won the state junior doubles championship. Bobby Wright took the city golf crown and Luke Thompson the Country Club championship. Carl Coleman stepped down as football coach.

JANUARY

Jan. 1 — Royce Dale Braley was born at 1:45 a. m. to become Mr. 1956. Todd Mansfield won first in the Abilene rodeo calf roping event; five boys were caught after breaking open a penny weighing machine; for New Year's Day,

Jan. 2 — A 1955 Ford was stolen here but recovered by the Dawson County sheriff an hour later; \$80 was taken by burglars from a Northside service station; a record high temperature of 78 was recorded here; most of the town was closed for observance of New Year's Day since Jan. 1 fell on Sunday.

Jan. 3 — County commissioners approved plans for 22 miles of paving during the coming year, involving \$140,000; deposits for 1955 gained eight per cent to reach the second highest level in history; school trustees voted to use a \$144,000 federal grant to construct 12 elementary classrooms; two sewer breaking open a penny weighing machine; for New Year's Day,



PROPOSED TERMINAL FOR HOWARD COUNTY AIRPORT
Plans are well along for development of public field

vehicle; HCJC took over its electrical distribution system and awarded a contract for \$5,000 to revamp it.

Jan. 4 — R. H. Odum Jr. of Snyder showed the champion bull at the Howard County Hereford Show for the second straight year; six indictments were returned against five individuals by the Martin County grand jury; two ex-convicts broke out of the Glasscock County jail; Cosden let contract for a \$1.5 million pipeline to Abilene.

Jan. 5 — A man died in a local hospital after being found unconscious in the city jail; Champ Rainwater was named chairman of the United Fund committee; students at Washington Place School put reflector tape on 350 bicycles; Dr. Marjorie Kirkpatrick, who was injured in a 1955 car accident, was flown to Galveston for further treatment.

Jan. 6 — Chief of Police E. W. York announced his resignation; two mysterious blasts rocked Lamesa, but no cause was ever determined; Bobby Sale of Stanton showed the grand and reserve champion steer at the Odessa Livestock Show and sold the animals for \$3,000 and \$1,500, respectively; the first traffic fatality in Dawson County was marked up; contracts were let on the Herald building totaling \$136,000.

Jan. 7 — The antenna was placed atop KBST-TV's tower completing the outdoor work on the station; Johnny Baker of Garden City became the first traffic death in Glasscock County, being killed just south of the Howard-Glasscock line; HCJC Jayhawks tripped Temple JC, 66-59, to win the Temple basketball tourney for the second straight year.

Jan. 8 — Three cars collided on the west viaduct with the driver of one being charged with DWI.

Jan. 9 — Dr. Frank Sainburg posted \$5,000 bond awaiting a habeas corpus hearing; four persons were convicted in district court

held in Stanton; county commissioners okayed wage raises for two Precinct 1 justices; Mrs. William Bell won a hair-styling contest here over eight competitors.

Jan. 10 — C. L. Rogers was appointed to succeed E. W. York as city police chief; B. E. Freeman asked the district court to probate his two-year prison sentence for embezzlement; the city commission accepted an Odessa firm's bid of \$144,267.24 for a water line; the school board received a \$2,500 anonymous gift, which was used for practice football field equipment; the test pattern for KBST-TV was sent out for the first time.

Jan. 11 — Seven accidents occurred here, with two persons being hospitalized — but neither seriously hurt; county ASC directors met here for their yearly meeting with 17 counties represented; a juvenile was caught posing in a Navy uniform and was held in jail for Dallas authorities.

Jan. 12 — A high school girl and a truck driver split the Herald Cashword prize money, with each receiving \$513.75 each; crimes in Big Spring during the day included theft of a car, two other thefts, and an attempted burglary.

Jan. 13 — High school eagles won over San Angelo in the Odessa tourney, and HCJC won its first conference game over Amarillo; the B. E. Freeman probation hearing was delayed a week; Webb AFB opened a second trailer court to accommodate married students; Scout leaders went to Kermit for a council meeting; a man hit a piece of highway machinery in an accident and came out with a \$100 DWI fine; in Dawson County, a \$1,000 fine was meted out for bootlegging.

Jan. 14 — The city announced plans to buy two new cars, one for the police department and the other for the city manager; the "peanuts for polio" drive by Rainbow girls netted \$250.

Jan. 15 — Station KBST-TV went on the air with more-than-anticipated success; Stanolind No. 1 Stevenson, a northeast Howard County oil venture, made a strong showing of oil; Bob Brown, driver for Merchants Motor Lines, received a gold watch for 10 years of safe driving.

Jan. 16 — Fire destroyed the five-room residence of Ruby Rutledge; "Pygmalion" played to an almost-full house in the second of the Concert Association's productions of the season; the county commission agreed to share expense of moving service station pumps at Knott in readiness for a new road; Jack Traunum was appointed night captain, as Chief C. L. Rogers and the entire police force were sworn in; the 13-year-old girl was committed to the Gainesville Girls School; the Herald put out two editions of the San Angelo Standard-Times while its press underwent repairs.

Jan. 17 — Sleet and rain started falling late in the day icing over streets; Webb AFB announced plans to start a 400-unit housing project in July and named a Fort Worth architect to prepare the plans; Clyde McMahon was re-elected head of the YMCA; Rollin

Snothen of Plainview was named new city manager of Colorado City; drought feed aid program for the county was extended to March 15.

Jan. 18 — Over a dozen wrecks were blamed here on icy road and streets, which cleared by sun-down; all types of moisture measured .15 inches; Texas Electric personnel were honored for going through 1955 without an accident.

Jan. 19 — The federal government announced that Webb AFB would receive \$90,000 for various building purposes; Webb graduated its first class of the year, as an officer from the Air Academy spoke to Class 56-C.

Jan. 20 — The county recorded its first traffic fatality when Bobby Joe Johnston was killed west of here; Dr. Frank Sainburg's request for a habeas corpus writ and B. E. Freeman's appeal for probation were refused by District Judge Charlie Sullivan.

Jan. 21 — The county voted 293-36 in favor of the tax re-allocation in a countywide referendum; lively county stock shows were held in Stanton and Colorado City; the city was shrouded in fog, but the moisture stayed in the air; two Coahoma youths paid \$35 each for shooting holes in a water tank near here; Cosden announced plans for buying the Petroleum Building; a Snyder man got in a fight with a local deputy sheriff and as a result, got a \$100 fine and 30-day jail sentence.

Jan. 22 — The Rev. Wayne A. Dittloff was installed as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church here; four accidents occurred in the city and all involved teen-agers; five Negroes left their car in record time when advised by the highway patrol that it was on fire.

Jan. 23 — Garden City's annual livestock show brought one of the biggest sales in years, with Butch Cook walking off with a large share of prizes; a new grand jury met with 26 complaints facing them; farmers formed a farm labor association; A. V. Brown was appointed night police sergeant; Dr. Blake Van Leer, president of Georgia Tech and a former Big Spring citizen, died in Atlanta, Ga.

Jan. 24 — A 14-year-old girl was kicked in the head by her horse, but a Fort Worth specialist successfully operated to save her life; city commissioners turned down a request from 25 Northside residents for a sewage extension; Dr. J. A. Stoddard, Los Angeles school official, spoke at the local schools and to Rotarians; the grand jury returned 21 indictments against 19 persons; HCJC trustees let contract for over \$3,000 for construction of a fence around the cinder track.

Jan. 25 — Nine persons were injured in a car-truck collision at Fourth and Birdwell; a juvenile caught kicking downtown parking meters received a six-month probation; over 100 attended a March of Dimes tea staged in a local home; three Big Spring Legionnaires attended a meeting in Plainview and heard the national commander speak; cattle at the weekly livestock auction went for 50



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Cap Rock Co-Op Received REA Loan Of \$1 Million

(Continued from Page 2) honored at the annual YMCA banquet; four persons pleaded guilty in district court to felony charges; two juveniles admitted burglarizing over a dozen homes on E. Hwy 80; two deputies, Tommy Cole and J. W. Patton, resigned, and Fred Taylor was hired. Jan. 27 — Cap Rock Electric Co-op of Stanton received a \$1,070,000 loan from REA; W. J. Green, proxy of the Southwestern League, met with local men in an attempt to organize a baseball team here; a Webb pilot ditched a T33 trainer near Stanton but was not injured; Pat McCormick was gored for the fourth time in her bull-fighting career in Aguascalientes, Mex.; Mitchell County commissioners raised their own salaries, plus

those for the treasurer, and Justice, Precinct 1. Jan. 28 — Enrollment at HCJC reached 413 and was expected to go higher as the school showed an increase over the previous year for the second semester; vandals stole over \$300 in money and checks from Toby's Drive-In Grocery; the ABC club collected \$258 on the street for the March of Dimes campaign. Jan. 29 — Forsan Scouts collected \$142.84 there for the March of Dimes; churches in Big Spring joined in recognizing youth and YMCA activities; four bales of cotton burned at the West Texas Comp-press. Jan. 30 — District court opened with two persons pleading guilty to second offense, DWI, and were fined \$500 each; HCJC Jayhawks dropped their first conference

game of the season to the Frank Phillips crew, 76-65; an 11-year-old was committed to the state reform school for burglarizing a dozen houses here; Bill Cox was named Jaycee of the year at the Jaycee's Bosses banquet, and Ed Stumpf, state proxy, was speaker for the occasion; the school board okayed plans for addition of 12 classrooms to be paid for with federal aid. Jan. 31 — The tax office stayed open until midnight registering poll taxes; the final total was over 10,000; Mothers March on Polio netted \$1,171.70; a mistrial was announced in a narcotics case when one of the jurors was left when the group was supposed to have gone to eat; the Lyric, Big Spring's first theatre, showed its

final feature and closed its doors for the last time.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 — A total of 222 vehicle licenses were issued in the county for 1956 registrations; a Lamesa man was found dead of heart attack near Vealmoor.

Feb. 2 — Tiburio (Chongo) Nunez was given a life sentence in a narcotics case in district court; Juan Valdez burned to death in a shanty fire on the Northside; snow and sleet settled on Big Spring bringing more slick streets than moisture; Dr. Frank Sainburg announced his resignation from the VA Hospital.

Feb. 3 — The bad weather and roads were blamed for the death of a Carrizo Springs man north of here (the second traffic fatality of the year in Howard); heavy snow fell in the afternoon icing streets and slowing traffic to a near standstill; thawing pipes with a blow torch started a fire at Tennessee Dairies; a new location was announced in the Big Spring oil field north of here.

Feb. 4 — The Big Spring Concert Association presented an Italian ensemble but only about 500 witnessed the program; the mercury dropped to four above for the lowest reading in over five years; Mrs. Lillie A. Settles, one of the city's pioneers, died.

Feb. 5 — In honor of Boy Scout week, several churches turned their morning services over to members of their troops; the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, paid off its last installment of a debt that was \$52,000 only three months ago; Jaycees journeyed to Midland and got Big Spring selected as district convention site for the next year.

Feb. 6 — Jimmie Greene was named for another year as Chamber of Commerce manager but announced he planned to resign at the end of the year; Ira Thurman was named president for the year at the same meeting; a former Big Spring man was reported missing after bailing out of a damaged B36 over Fort Worth; five persons were indicted by the Glasscock County grand jury, with one of the five being Dr. Robert Hale, director of the Midland-Ector-Howard Health Unit, for DWI; Col. Charles Young spoke to graduates of Class 56-H at Webb AFB.

Feb. 7 — A drilling rig fell off

a truck and into a woman's yard on the Northside; a house burned on NW Fourth but no one was injured; Pioneer Builders got the contract for construction of a fire station at Eleventh and Birdwell; city commissioners also purchased two police cars from Tarbox Motor Company.

Feb. 8 — City and county commissioners approved participation in plans for a four-lane bypass of Hwy 80 around the north edge of Big Spring; Wayne Davis, Coahoma, showed the grand champion lamb at the El Paso Livestock Show; five persons were hospitalized from a series of accidents here.

Feb. 9 — Joe Draper was appointed a new deputy sheriff; a 'wet' snow brought .1 inch moisture to the city; the second annual junior high basketball tourney opened with Big Spring winning its first contest.

Feb. 10 — Six persons were hospitalized for treatment after an accident near Big Lake; Mead's Bakery here closed, but the management would give no reason; three airmen tried to pick up a 15-year-old girl which brought an investigation by the district attorney; wholesale gas dealers raised the price of their products half a cent.

Feb. 11 — Six persons were killed in the worst traffic accident in Howard County near Forsan in a two-car collision; 14 boys registered on the first day for Soap Box Derby signups; the Steerettes lost to Crane in the finals of the Odessa girls' volley ball tourney.

Feb. 12 — Seven burglaries were reported to the city police; Dr. W. R. White, Baylor University president, spoke for two services at E. Fourth Baptist Church.

Feb. 13 — County commissioners purchased a \$15,023 power shovel; six guilty pleas were entered in county court; a lone burglar broke into Radford Wholesale Grocery and took between \$400 and \$600; the Herald reduced its page width by about an inch.

Feb. 14 — Dr. John Anderson, a Dallas pastor, spoke to about 300 at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner; Vic Alexander was named young man of the year at the Jaycee banquet; an AWOL Marine who had stolen a car in California talked too much to a local service station attendant, leading to his capture by sheriff's deputies.

Feb. 15 — Over 100 were turn-

ed away from the high school gym where the Harlem Globetrotters put on their zany basketball exhibition; the Radford burglar signed a statement admitting the crime; a county oil well, Stanolind No. 1 Stevenson in the Big Spring field, flowed 234 barrels of oil on a potential test.

Feb. 16 — Dr. Frank Sainburg surrendered to New York authorities and pleaded innocent to kidnapping charges; two Webb officers were killed in a T-33 crash south of here; the Little Theatre group gave its first production at the VA Hospital.

Feb. 17 — The first heavy dust storm of the year blew in and cut visibility to quarter of a mile; the Sahara, Big Spring's first twin-screen movie, opened; A. P. Kasch's bid of \$191,214 on additions to three Odessa school buildings was accepted by the Odessa school board.

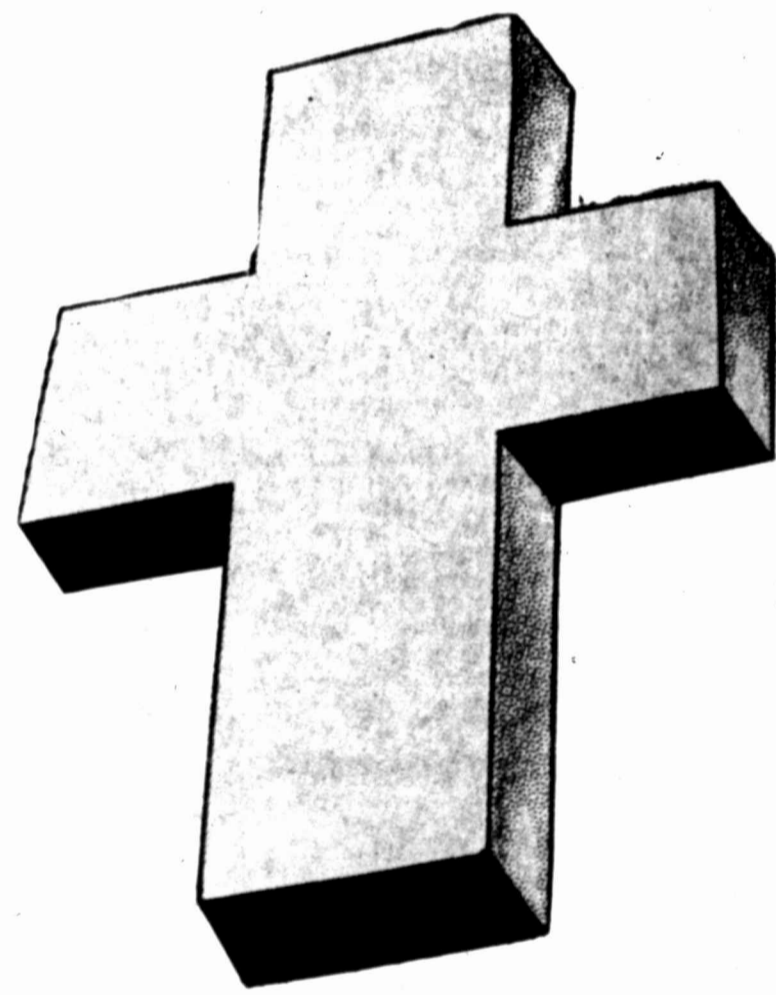
Feb. 18 — Walter G. Parks was hired as county engineer; Dawson County's largest livestock show closed with over 225 hogs, 100 lambs, and 25 steers entered; Harvey Adams was named the outstanding farmer or rancher for 1955.

Feb. 19 — Pat McCormick was

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gored for the fifth time while practicing in Zacatecas, Mex.; two Odessans died after their boat capsized in Lake B. Thomas; Mrs. Bismark Schaefer of Garden City won first in portraits at the 1956 Art Festival held at HCJC.

her room at the Dreamland Hotel collapsed; HCJC lost to Frank Phillips here, 92-88, in the final scheduled basketball game of the year.

Feb. 21 — City commissioners held a special session and proposed to give five per cent raises to city employees. HCJC purchased \$10,930 worth of chemistry equip-



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March 8 — The eastern half of District 6, State Farm Bureau, had its annual meeting here; burglars took \$25 worth of synthetic narcotics from Cunningham-Phillips' downtown drug store.
March 9 — Over 1,250 Scouts and Scouters gathered for the annual Big Spring Round Up; Pat Ryan accepted the position of manager of Lamesa's Chamber of Commerce, coming from Level-land; Robert Lomax showed the reserve champion steer at the San Angelo Fat Stock Show.
March 10 — The police department arrested three boys who confessed to burglarizing seven places here over the past four months; registration for the 1956 Soap Box (Continued on Page 5)

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County Records Year's Ninth Fatality In Traffic Accidents

ment. Mike Musgrove was given the sportsmanship award at the annual Quarterback Cage dinner; a 17-year-old Midland youth was assessed three years in the penitentiary for shooting Tommy Pool back in 1955.
Feb. 22 — Perjury charges against a Big Spring woman were proved in District Court and she was given four years in the penitentiary. Big Spring received 15 per cent credit on its fire insurance for the coming year.
Feb. 23 — Chonago Nunez won a new trial and immediately pleaded guilty to narcotics charges for which he was given two to 25 years in prison. He had previously been sentenced to life imprisonment; R. H. Weaver, county judge, spoke to Webb Jet Class 56-1, the county ASC board refused to hear Howard's protests for additional cotton acreage; a passerby foiled a burglar's attempt to rob Stanley Hardware's safe; DeWayne Davis, Lamesa Chamber of Commerce manager, resigned.
Feb. 24 — A Lamesa man shot and killed his son who came home intoxicated and threatened to kill the family; Bennie Compton won the oratorical contest staged by the American Legion; Kiwanians served pancakes to over 800 at their annual feed; Lamesa's county committee upheld Dawson requests for more cotton acreage; a Lamesa service station attend-

ant was found shot to death in the driveway of his station.
Feb. 25 — Fort Stockton won the 11th annual volleyball tournament here, downing Monahans in the finals; 31 employees of Cabot Carbon were honored with a dinner for their safety records; an accident near Gail killed Seaman Alfred Joseph Rogers.
Feb. 26 — KBST-TV went on a live CBS hookup; five accidents occurred in the city limits, none serious.
Feb. 27 — Howard County farmers went before the ASC review committee, but complaints were against the state; Stanolind No. 1 Stevenson Howard County oil well, flowed from two pay zones; county commissioners voted pay raises for its employees to average 14 per cent; James Glendening, 21-year-old Martin farmer, was killed when his tractor fell over on him.
Feb. 28 — A Big Spring man, Roy Black, died of injuries received in a highway accident near Snyder; city commissioners purchased radios for the fire department for \$6,240.96; Rotarians heard a Czechoslovakian refugee and now a student at Texas Tech.
Feb. 29 — Preston Townsend of LaPlata, N. M., became the county's ninth traffic fatality, after an accident eight miles west of here on the Andrews Highway; Butch Haggard, Stanton, showed the grand champion capon trio at the Houston livestock show; six babies were born today and will have to wait four years to have a birthday.

March 2 — Dawson County suffered its sixth traffic fatality when a 13-year-old was killed in an accident on the Andrews Highway; Jimmy Robinson was given the Most Valuable Player award for HCJC by Phillips Tire Shop; a motorcyclist was injured in an accident here.
March 3 — Floyd Parsons of Beoville conferred with the school board here for four hours about the superintendent's job, but no decision was reached; city commissioner filing time closed with five names listed on the roster; Rodney Shepperd and J. T. Baird lost in the finals of a debate tournament at Fabens to the host school.
March 4 — Vandalism included break-ins, smashed windshields, and stolen hubcaps.
March 5 — Ross Hodges resigned as assistant county engineer; burglars knocked the knob off a safe at Tarbox-Gossett but found only \$180; HCJC lost in the first round of the regional basketball meet to Cameron A&M (the meet was held at Amarillo); Tate-Bristow-Parks' basketball team downed McMahon Concrete for the city many title; city commissioners made plans to build two swimming pools on the Northside.
March 6 — Over 40 business and professional leaders were guests of the school system as a part of Texas Public School Week; the House Armed Services Committee approved \$90,000 for project building at Webb; temperatures dropped 56 degrees as spring returned for winter with a cold front and dust storm; Citizens' Traffic Commission members made six recommendations at a regular meeting for two signal lights.
March 7 — Walter Parks assumed position as county engineer; 16 youngsters got a stern lecture in juvenile court for drag racing on city streets; Ray Crooks was named all-regional as HCJC won consolation honors at the regional cage tourney at Amarillo.

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MARCH

March 1 — The five-and-a-half month-old baby son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Winn strangled to death in the family car while the mother was shopping downtown; a resident displayed a hardshell egg within an egg laid by one of her 100 chickens.

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Robert Lomax Shows Grand Champion Steer At Local Event

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 Derby closed with 56 names on the list.

March 11 — The temperature dropped to 21 degrees; Dawson County suffered its seventh traffic fatality with the death of an eight-year-old boy in a one-car accident; seven minor mishaps were crowded into Big Spring's daily activity.

March 12 — A Webb AFB T-33 trainer made a forced landing in a plowed field 20 miles north of Big Spring but no injuries resulted; the second fire in as many days was blamed on smoking in bed; another blaze on the Northside burned up three cabins after a stove exploded.

March 13 — The 19th annual Howard FFA and 4-H Show opened; city commissioners went through 12 points of business in their regular meeting, including purchase of two police cars for \$500 each —

plus trade-ins; Lamesa joined seven other cities in approving a contract for the Canadian River Water Authority.

March 14 — Robert Lomax showed the grand champion steer and lamb and Lonnie Anderson the top capon in the annual Fat Stock Show; Mrs. Paul Moss, state federated music clubs president, spoke to local groups.

March 15 — Lomax's winning steer sold in the auction for \$1.25 per pound; Cosden Petroleum broke ground on a \$3 million styrene plant here, and used a plastic shovel in turning the dirt.

March 16 — One Webb instructor was killed as two T-33 jets collided over Roscoe, but the three others in the planes parachuted to safety; a city police car was involved in a two-car accident at Fourth and Johnson that sent Mrs. Bessie Wood to a hospital for treatment; students took their last

flights in propeller-driven aircraft at Webb as the base went on complete jet training; Fox Stripling died after a prolonged illness; temperatures dropped to 18 degrees, but the freeze was of a short duration, and vegetation was not affected.

March 17 — Herman Lee Johnson was shot to death as he attempted to break into a house on the Northside; two Big Spring debating teams argued their way to the finals of a tournament at Ft. Paso and then elected to divide first and second instead of debating against each other; representatives of a dozen cities met here to discuss improving advertising of U. S. Hwy 80; Big Spring girls' B volleyball team won its bracket of a tourney at Plainview.

March 18 — A car rammed into a train near Coahoma, but no one was injured; a group of juveniles almost caused wrecks on Farm Road 700 by rolling tires off Scenic Mountain across the road.

March 19 — Jacques Cartier — as a replacement for the scheduled ballet troupe — brought the Civic Association's year's series to a close; Chamber of Commerce directors approved a budget of \$29,428.80; Lamesa farmers conducted a survey to check cotton pickers' pay levels.

March 20 — Spring arrived officially, but the sand was more apparent; HCJC trustees purchased \$7,759.15 worth of library equipment; two juveniles ended a ride from Lubbock as the second car they had stolen overturned 30 miles south of here.

March 21 — Two persons were injured in a two-car collision at 13th and Johnson but neither was hurt seriously; a survey was started in Howard County concerning farm labor wages; city officials settled with Pearl and Jo Cole for passage across their property for a water line and prevented a condemnation suit; four persons from here were naturalized in ceremonies in Abilene.

March 22 — Dr. Willis Sutton spoke in the first of several engagements while in Big Spring; Bob Jones was voted the ugliest on the HCJC campus; three youngsters found \$1,800 in a rusty tin can north of the city, but it turned out to be counterfeit Confederate money; high school drama students presented 'Father of the Bride' before a sparse crowd in the first of two performances.

March 23 — Ray Crooks was named to the Region V 'all' basketball team; burglars hit seven establishments in a night of break-ins; Postmaster E. C. Boalter received a letter addressed to 'the widow lady, formerly from Arkansas but now from Big Spring, Texas, who does nursing mostly on maternity cases and who boarded the eastbound Dallas Greyhound bus on Friday, March 16, Big Spring, Texas.'

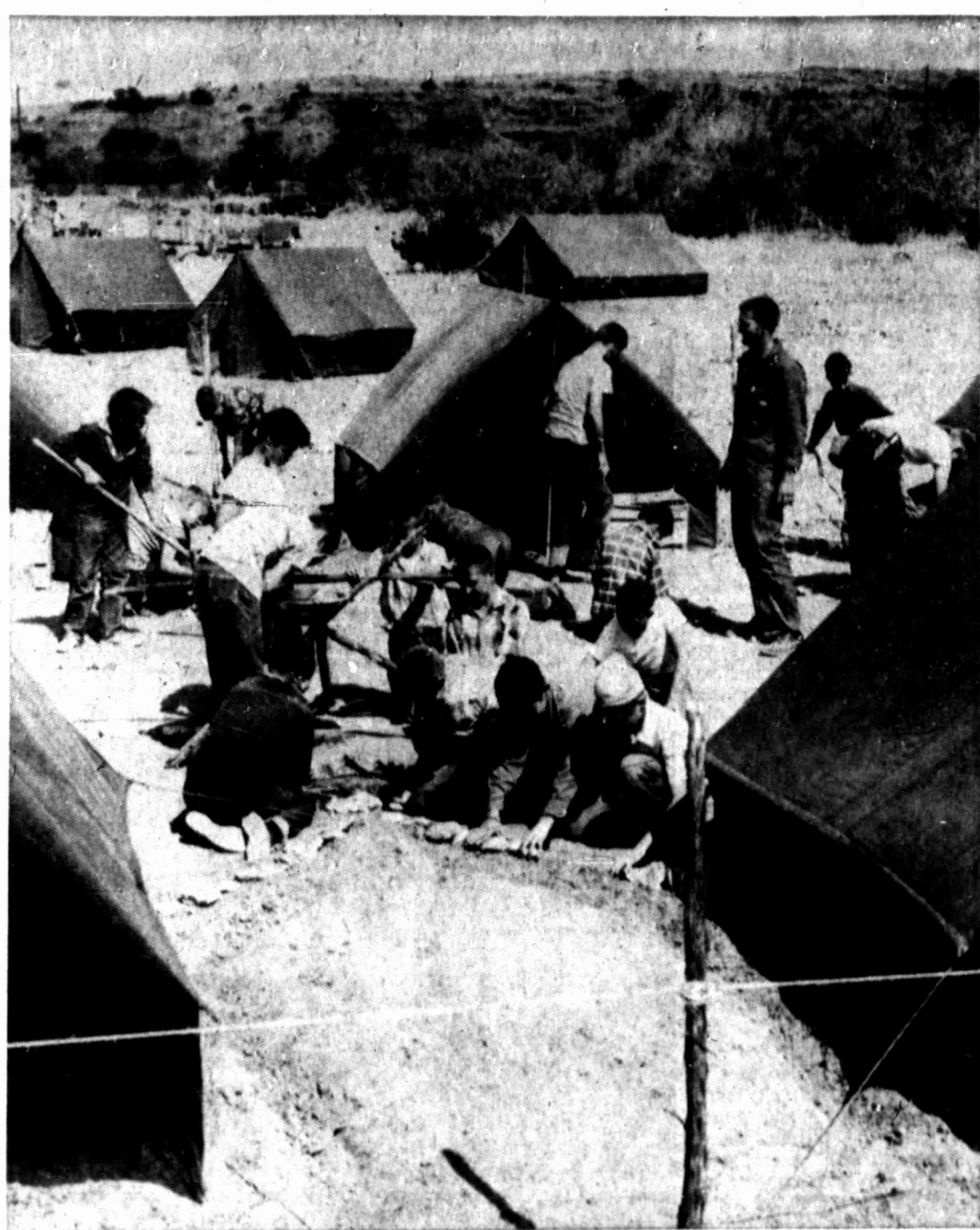
March 24 — Big Spring registered its first traffic fatality and the county its 10th when J. Alexander was killed in a two-car mishap at Fourth and State; Dawson County voters approved a \$400,000 bond issue to construct a hospital.

March 25 — Choirs from HCJC, Webb AFB, and the First Methodist Church presented the 'Seven Last Words of Christ' to a packed auditorium at the First Methodist; Robert Smith raced home first in a 1949 Ford to win the first open drag race sponsored by the YMCA's Aces Auto Club.

March 26 — Phillips No. 2 Saterwhite oil well in the Big Spring (Fusselman) field finished for 312 barrels of oil per day; three girls — runaways from Odessa — were apprehended here with three Webb airmen; grand jury members went to work on over 30 complaints.

March 27 — City commissioners approved the city's new budget before a public hearing — sans public; the school board tentatively planned a \$900,000 bond issue election for expanding the junior high and athletic plants; two juveniles confessed to four burglaries.

March 28 — Three Negro children



RECORD CROWD FOR BOY SCOUT ROUND UP
 Part of 1,250 at weekend campout for boys

died as their Northside residence burned before dawn; Dr. Jordan Grooms addressed 32 Webb jet graduates; Sen. A. M. Alkin, candidate for Lt. Governor, brought his campaign to Big Spring, speaking in a program at the city park.

March 29 — Mrs. Bertha Bedford was named grocery checker of the year for this area; the Steerettes downed Levelland in volleyball to take the district championship; David Simms was installed as new president of the Jaycees in a program at the city park.

March 30 — Eight persons entered guilty pleas in district court and received prison sentences; Odessa High won the 11th AFB Relays track meet here with Amarillo finishing second; Tarleton JC won the junior college division, which was added this year for the first time; a Webb airman lost a race with the highway patrol and it cost him \$165 in fines and court costs; two hitchhikers robbed a South Dakota man of his car, two suitcases, and over \$800 in cash and checks here.

March 31 — The court house was crowded at 5 p.m. when the doors closed on sale of car registration plates without a penalty; the month closed with the city recording \$373,450 in building permits.

April 1 — Easter crowds totaled between 12,000 and 15,000 in the city's churches; burglars walked off with \$25 in cash and a case of beer from a Northside cafe; city policemen went on eight-hour shifts, and Lindy Oldfield was named captain of the extra shift;

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APRIL

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Worst Dust Storm In History Lowers Visibility To 20 Feet

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A. N. Stardard was named a new sergeant.
April 2 — More than 100 attended the Chamber of Commerce's workshop on organizational activities; 300 attended the kickoff breakfast for the YMCA membership drive; the worst dust storm in Big Spring history struck in mid-afternoon, cut visibility to 20 feet, and turned the day into night; organization of a night meeting Lions Club was initiated.
April 3 — Roy Bruce and Curtis Driver — both incumbents — and Dr. Lee Fox were elected to the city commission, as the second largest vote in the city's

history was recorded; no one was hurt when fire destroyed a Gregg Street residence of seven; Pinkie and Cosden's women bowling teams won matches and remained in the top two spots in the Midland bowling league.
April 4 — A confidence game for a man ended in the First National Bank here after he had pulled the trick in six other West Texas towns; Alvin Hiltbrunner was named new sergeant in the police department; a condemnation board awarded the Edwards estate \$12,500 for a 153-acre tract which the city desired for location of a water reservoir.
April 5 — Rains measuring 75 inch soaked the general area; Emmett Russell and Harry Spain were

killed in separate auto accidents, the 11th and 12th fatalities of the year for Howard; five accidents were also recorded in the city, but no one was injured here.
April 6 — A. P. Kasch was awarded contracts on school construction at Seminole and Odessa; 20 ROTC students from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., arrived for a three-day visit at Webb AFB; Alexander's Jewelry held its opening.
April 7 — Tom Guin and incumbents Robert Stripling and Clyde Angel were elected to the city school board, while K. H. McGibbon and Horace Garrett were returned to the HCJC board in elections; over 1,000 jackrabbits were killed in an gigantic hunt in Martin County; Johnny Janak won the 100 and 220-yard dashes in the district track meet at Odessa.
April 8 — A duster sneaked in after dark and with it came a cold wave that dropped temperatures to 40; the only calls for the fire department the entire weekend were for two car fires.
April 9 — County commissioners approved eight per cent raises for all county employees; Ted Groehl was elected president of the new Evening Lions Club; HCJC dropped Frank Phillips twice to open West Zone baseball play.
April 10 — Paul Lawrence was killed in a plane crash in Mexico while on a fishing trip; city commissioners approved 11 recommendations from the Citizens Traffic Commission after swearing in three newly elected members; petitions for calling a \$900,000 school bond election were presented to the school board; Mrs. James Bruce Frazier won the sweepstakes prize at the spring flower show.
April 11 — The local banks showed almost \$17 million more deposits than the comparable date in 1955; BB vandals hit over 100 cars during the night, damaging windshields; four women's clubs held a joint meeting with a state Federated Club officer from Abilene as speaker.
April 12 — The BB gun-shooting craze spread, as 40 business firms reported broken window glasses; Edgar Phillips resigned from the HCJC board of trustees to enable his sister, Arab Phillips, to be elected to the physical education department faculty.
April 13 — Eleven firms placed exhibits in the manufacturers show here; over 1,000 witnessed the show; the Stearnes downed Plainview in Lubbock for the regional volleyball championship; three Dawson County citizens were killed in auto accidents — two in Lamb County and the other in Dawson.
April 14 — Thirteen of the 14 district judges in the Seventh Judicial District were here for their annual convention; Big Spring's sprint medley team broke the record at the Brady Relays (the record had held since 1949).
April 15 — Four persons were treated at local hospitals after three separate stabbing incidents; hunters estimated that they killed about 2,000 rabbits in a Glascock County drive.
April 16 — Three hitch hikers robbed a Midland man of his car, tied him up, and left him 10 miles south of Coahoma, but they were captured later in the day in Abilene; volunteer workers were honored at the VA Hospital on the 10th anniversary of their organization.
April 17 — The School board voted to hold a bond election to finance additional buildings and athletic facilities; the Colorado City school board awarded \$429,537 in school contracts for a gymnasium and classrooms; a man was charged here with driving while intoxicated after he had plead not guilty to the same charge the previous day.
April 18 — Rains started that finally brought amounts up to 1.36 inches in parts of the county and about half an inch in Big Spring; A Webb AFB airman was shot in the arm when a Negro waitress shot at another person in a North-side cafe.
April 19 — Lamesa and Dawson officials picked a site for their proposed municipal airport; an alert service station attendant called the police suspecting a customer to be drunk, but she turned out to be driving a stolen car from Odessa.
April 20 — Over 350 seniors from 14 nearby high schools gathered at HCJC for the fourth annual Seniors Day; Sandra Jennings was named Miss Senior; and Eunice Freeman was announced winner of the talent contest; 17 cities sent representatives here for

the annual Desk and Derrick Club convention.
April 21 — Cosden announced its merger with the W. R. Grace Company for a consideration of \$55 million; Stanton voters okayed a \$340,000 bond issue for school construction; Big Spring Jaycees were given the state award for farm programs; BSHS's boys' debate team and journalism students won first places in the regional contest held at Lubbock.
April 22 — Billy Maxwell carried off the \$2,400 first place money at the Hot Springs golf tournament; over 20 registered for the Desk and Derrick Club convention; the annual Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up campaign began with a proclamation from Mayor G. W. Dabney.
April 23 — Dr. Paul Sainburg went on trial in Ithaca, N. Y., for the alleged kidnaping of his son; HCJC captured the West Zone track and field title at Amarillo with a 10-point margin over the next team; Tidwell Chevrolet feted the senior class with a luncheon attended by more than 170 seniors.
April 24 — A Herald reporter was barred from a meeting of the school board during the hearing concerning an ousted teacher; telephone officials failed to reach an agreement with the city commission over a rate increase; city commissioners let contracts for a million-gallon water reservoir and renovations to the filter plant totaling \$243,924; the Music Study Club heard a violinist from New York; Harriet Emerson, the school board turned down Carl Coleman's request for a salary increase and additional assistants.
April 25 — City officials installed a traffic light at Fourth and Birdwell, complete with oversized red lights on Fourth; city crews carried away 33 loads of trash in the first day of their Clean Up Week duties.
April 26 — A truck rolled free and crashed into the Golden West Motel office but no one was in the office at the time; Rodney Brooks was elected president of the Howard County 4-H Clubs.
April 27 — Bernard Houston took over as president of the Stanton Chamber of Commerce at the annual banquet; Webb AFB graduated 64 students of Class 56-M, and

Spring woman was shot in the leg by an Abilene woman as she sat in the car with the assailant's husband.
April 29 — Three small fires developed in the city, and all were caused from short circuits in wiring.
April 30 — Norman Gound was given the Iron award as the top band student of the year; a Big

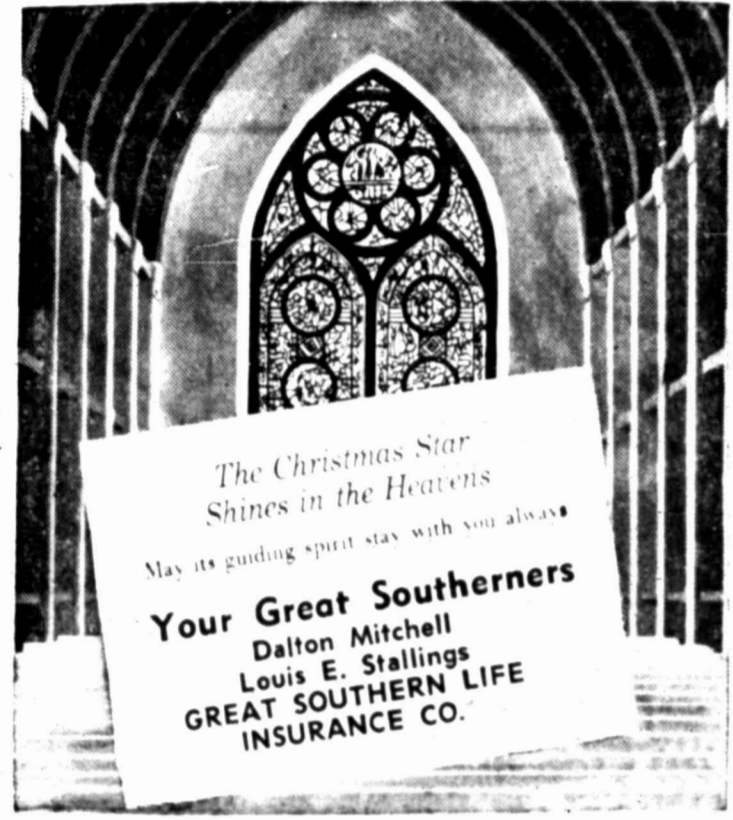


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CABOT



Up To 3 Inches Of Rain Gauged

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electrical wiring, thunder clouds rolled overhead but dumped only a trace of rain on the area.
April 30 — Rains up to three inches fell in parts of Howard County but Big Spring received only 2 inches; the Chamber of Commerce urged that Big Spring and Howard County vote bonds for construction of a municipal airport.

MAY

May 1 — Air Force officials asked the school district to provide school facilities for their proposed 400-unit housing center near Webb Big Spring Garden Club's scrapbook was judged best in the state; Rev. Hal Hooker, pastor of the Assembly of God, was elected president of the local pastor's association.
May 2 — Three gunmen held up the Sterling City First National Bank but were captured the same day; Charles Louchton spoke and read to a full house at the city auditorium and was well received; Harvey Adams was named the top farmer of Martin and Howard counties concerning conservation of lands; Public Affairs Martin was accepted of possession of marital property.
May 3 — Citizens were told that Co-In might have if an airport were built here; the Garden Club held its spring placement Flower Show; the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado City observed its 75th anniversary.
May 4 — A runaway auto rolled four blocks down Dallas from a Spring Hospital and only slightly damaged a car; a fire set fire to an oil tank west of here but firemen arrived before it had time to ignite the tank.
May 5 — Backers of Sen Lyndon Johnson gained a firm grasp on votes at special elections here with rump conventions being held in two precincts; HCJC lost to Sayre JC for the regional baseball title at Sayre, Okla.; three persons were injured in a two-car mishap just north of the city limits on the Snyder Highway; Sen Johnson's followers also triumphed in conventions in Martin, Mitchell and Severy counties.
May 6 — Four persons were hospitalized after two separate accidents in the county; Jewel Barton was named Woman of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Welton Blair received the same honor at Lamesa; Rev. Ed Welsh resigned as pastor of Phillips Memorial Baptist Church here.
May 7 — High winds that toppled a carport accompanied a rain that measured 47 in town; the Chamber of Commerce circulated petitions calling for bond elections to construct an airport; Ted Groehl was installed as the first president of the Evening Lions Club and the organization received its charter.
May 8 — Howard County's Democratic convention quickly and unanimously supported Sen Johnson's platform and named its seven delegates to the state convention; Cosden's board of directors formally approved the merger with the W. R. Grace Company; HCJC won the state JC track title held at Texas A&M, with a 21-point bulge over second-place Blinn JC.
May 9 — Contract was let to an Odessa firm by CRMWD for a lift station on the Odessa terminal.
May 10 — The HCJC choir presented a program as a part of Music Week festivities and also presented a shorter program to the Kiwanis Club.
May 11 — Music Week closed with concerts by the junior and senior high bands; Don Anderson of Park Hill School received the top award for Clean Up Week posters; Dr. Sidney L. Miller, author of "West Texas Tomorrow," spoke to the ABC Club.
May 12 — Eight Odessans were injured in an accident east of Stanton; Bowden Cook was named head football coach at Stanton to succeed Kenneth Dismuke, who resigned earlier.
May 13 — Burglars entered two service stations on E. Hwy 80 but all they received for their work was 50 pennies; H. C. Rusty Hightower was transferred to Dallas as highway license examiner; police officers picked up a man for vagrancy and he turned out to be a prison escapee from Arizona.
May 14 — Big Spring registered its first accidentless day of the month; over 200 persons attended the installation and rededication of Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y officers at the First Methodist Church.
May 15 — School district voters approved a \$50,000 bond issue by a 5-1 margin; city commissioners reluctantly granted telephone rate increases, to insure a return of about five per cent on investments; commissioners also let contracts for the police station to J. D. Jones and two Northside swimming pools to A. P. Kasch; drought aid to Howard County was extended for an additional 30 days.
May 16 — A 15-year-old youth admitted burglarizing seven local firms during the past two months; members of the local barbers union voted to be closed on Mondays hereafter; school trustees appointed a committee to study building a school at the proposed Webb housing unit.
May 17 — Charles Downey, department commander of the American Legion, visited here; the exes defeated next year's high school grid team, 31-6, in a rough-and-tumble battle; Big Spring FFA members ended their year's activities with a barbeque; the Big Spring was reported flowing again, but it was found that a city water line was leaking.
May 18 — More than 300 citizens attended an appreciation dinner for "Supe" W. C. Blankenship, who retired after 28 years as superintendent of Big Spring schools; seven youths were sworn into the Army here and were the first to be taken for the six months active-seven and a half year reserve plan; Central Texas Iron Works, Abilene, was given contract for building the stands for the new football stadium, for \$94,000.
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Northwest Texas Methodist Conference Sets Appointments

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lene Williams was crowned queen of the first Motorama, and Buddy Marshall had the top auto in the show, which was sponsored by the Aces Auto Club; more than 75 youths lined the banks of Cosden Lake for the first fishing rodeo.

May 27 — The Northwest Texas Methodist conference closed with reading of appointments, including one in Big Spring — Richard Deats being appointed associate pastor of the First Methodist; more than 1,000 attended the conference; Dr. Jordan Grooms spoke at HCJC and Rev. Allen Adams at BSHS; barabara exercises; A Latin-

American was shot and killed about 18 miles north of Lamesa.

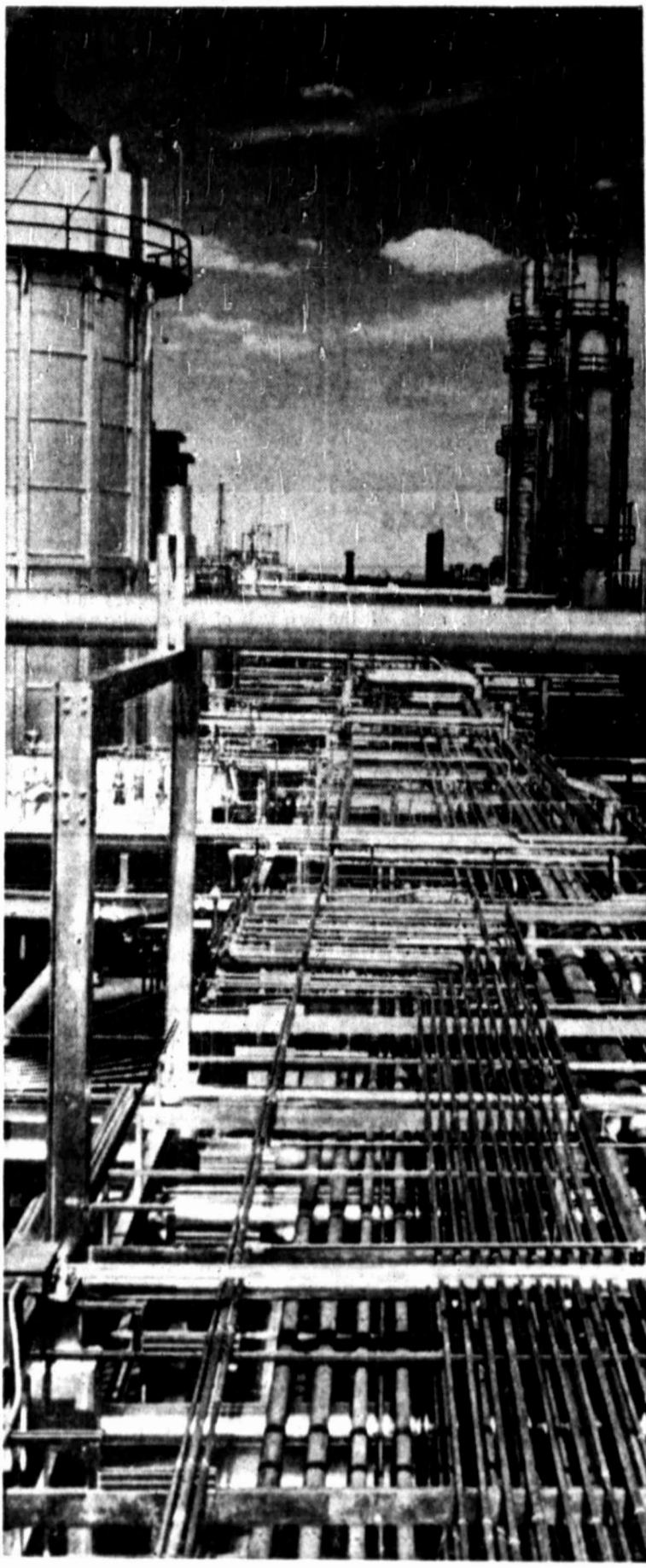
May 23 — County Judge R. H. Weaver delivered the commencement address to 285 ninth graders finishing junior high school; five Latin Americans were charged with aggravated assault, with three pleading guilty in county court.

May 29 — James Richard Knight, 15, was drowned while swimming in Cosden Lake after artificial respiration failed to revive him when he was pulled from the water; graduation exercises were held at HCJC, Big Spring High School, and Class 56-0 at Webb AFB, with W. C. Blanks, Dr.

John W. McFarland (superintendent at Vernon), and Brig. Gen. Robert Stillman (Air Academy commandant of Cadets) speaking, respectively, at the various programs; Patsy Gracet was recognized as the top student in the high school graduating class, and Mrs. Berry Waters was the outstanding HCJC grad.

May 30 — Big Spring spent a happy, recreational Memorial Day, with only three minor accidents being reported to the city police; most of the downtown businesses closed, as did city and county offices; upwards to 350 persons attended the Texas Tech victory barbecue staged at Cosden Country Club in celebration of the school being admitted to the Southwest Conference.

May 31 — Forty mile winds and a few drops of rain hit Big Spring bringing only a slight change in the hot temperatures; Big Spring racked up three accidents in two hours and five minutes; the Railroad Commission restored the Vealmoor oil field 15 producing days in June.



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was pinned against a wall when a car slipped on the grease rack but he was not seriously hurt.

June 24 — Two Big Springers, Gordon (Moe) Madison and Richard Pachall, won flight honors in the West Texas Golf Tourney at Midland; Pat McCormick was uninjured after being tossed by a bull at Matamoros, across from Brownsville.

June 25 — The grand jury started to work on 42 cases confronting it; three persons were charged in Glasscock County with stealing oil field equipment; Dawson County commissioners voted a tax increase of 20 cents per \$100 valuation.

June 26 — City commissioners voted to purchase a radar set for the police department in an attempt to cut down on the number of traffic accidents; Rev. J. Arthur Hoyles, pastor of the St. John's Methodist Church of Wollaston, England, arrived to fill the pulpit

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JUNE

June 1 — W. L. O'Daniel, campaigning here, emphasized "there ain't gonna be a runoff"; a Big Spring man was charged with negligent homicide after the death of an El Paso woman in a car wreck in Dawson County; the is Ernest Abbott; Gorgeous George made an unspectacular appearance here on the bi-weekly wrestling card.

June 2 — George Hank, pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church and a foreign language instructor at HCJC, died; average income for a Big Springer was reported to be \$6,051; Bobby Jack Gross won the discus and Webb's Bruce Sweeney took third in the hop-step-jump at an AAU meet in Corpus Christi.

June 3 — Traffic mishaps in the Big Spring area killed one and hospitalized eight others, but the fatality was not in Howard County; burglars took an undetermined number of used drill bits from Hughes Tool Company; the temperature warmed up to 103 degrees.

June 4 — An Amarillo youth accidentally shot himself in the leg while hunting atop South Mountain and had to be carried about a mile and a half to an ambulance before he could be taken to a hospital; enrollment at HCJC reached 126 for the summer term but was expected to go higher.

June 5 — Paul Adams, Knott, was named to the HCJC board of trustees replacing Edgar Phillips, who resigned; Chalmer Wren Jr., of Stanton, won the district FFA tractor-driving contest here.

June 6 — The Court of Criminal Appeals denied B. E. Freeman's request for a rehearing on his embezzlement charges; a prospective increase in oil tax evaluation of about \$1 million was forecast by the Howard Tax Equalization Board; John W. Carpenter, 89, one of the real pioneer cowboys, died here after having been in the county for over 70 years; Buster Cox, Glasscock County sheriff, was beaten by four men when he stopped to question them for possible speeding and drunkenness violations; Johnny Shortes, a civilian, was high point man at Webb AFB's Road-E-O.

June 7 — Two men were injured in auto accidents but neither was hurt seriously; bills for polio care amounting to \$1,300 were paid by the city-county health unit for local patients.

June 8 — Water consumption hit a new record, when 8,162,000 gallons were used in a 24-hour period; three Webb AFB airmen held up a Big Spring man on Scenic Mountain, but they were captured by city policemen only minutes afterwards.

June 9 — Prager's Men's Store announced plans to renovate the old United building on Third and move to that location; two Big Spring seniors, Bobby Grant and Jerry McMahan, left for Austin and the annual Boys State; one man was critically injured in an accident north of here on Highway 87; Lt. Bruce Sweeney of Webb set a new record in winning the Air Force

400-meter hurdles in California.

June 10 — Burglars took \$16 from the Security Finance office here and the money was lying directly underneath the safety light; The Big Spring Tigers, oldest continuous baseball team here, won a double-header from Snyder and Colorado City.

June 11 — Jack Tranum, night police captain, resigned to move back to Midland; Jack Kimble was installed as new president of the Optimist Club; Roy Bell was a named state president of the Order of the Eagles.

June 12 — The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. James Ables of Colorado City were located on the banks of the Colorado River, and autopsies revealed that both died of bullet wounds; school trustees voted to increase school taxes from \$1.50 to \$1.70; city commissioners voted to open a road from the new football stadium at HCJC south to Eleventh Place.

June 13 — A Lamesa resident visiting in New York lost his billfold containing over \$1,200 in bills and traveler's checks in a subway station, but a Negro found it and wasted two phone calls to Lamesa before learning the man was still in the city; 26 girls entered the Miss Big Spring contest to be staged on July 4; the state supreme court upheld the decision against Malone-Hogan Hospital for tax evasion.

June 14 — The merger of Cosden and W. R. Grace & Company was called off because of a disagreement over oil reserves; the Elks Club of Odessa, Midland, and Big Spring held their annual Flag Day ceremony here; A. V. (Curley) Brown was promoted to police captain and Walter Eubanks was named sergeant on his shift; Dr. Marshall Cauley was installed as new president of the Lions Club.

June 15 — Larson Lloyd worked his last day at the First National Bank after 28 years there and went to work for the new Security State Bank; Grover Cunningham was installed as new president of the ABClub; city water consumption hit a new high of 8,513,000 gallons for 24 hours.

June 16 — A three-hour downpour at Lake J. B. Thomas dumped an additional 2.3 billion gallons water in the lake; the rain was in the lake locale only however; Robert Dennis McCullough, 14, disappeared from his residence here.

June 17 — Over 200 AFROTC students arrived at Webb for four weeks of Air Force summer training; a resident saw his 1949 Lincoln roll over Scenic Mountain, but he was not in the car at the time; Jones Brothers of Odessa was awarded contract for five miles of paving on the Wasson Road by the county commission.

June 18 — A 100 per cent stock split for Cosden Petroleum Corporation was proposed by directors, indicating that shareholders would be asked to double capitalization; the county committee drew up the official ballot for the July primary; scattered showers hit the area, with Vealmoor receiving about an inch — the largest total for the county.

June 19 — The county TB association approved its budget after holding a panel discussion; Big Spring observed a quiet "June teenth" with no trouble being reported.

June 20 — Dennis McCullough was located at the home of a relative at Santa Anna; D. M. McKinney was named chairman of the United Fund drive for this year; a canopy over a small porch at Stanton fell and caused serious

injury to three children visiting there from Rising Star; a local mechanic disappeared after delivering a car to its owners at the Westward Ho Motel.

June 21 — I. G. Sims was transferred and Dr. Jackson Friedlander was his replacement as manager of the VA Hospital; a Big Springer, James Lockhart, drowned in a stock tank on the Dick Simpson ranch while attempting to retrieve a fishing line; school trustees authorized four new coaches — two for high school and two for junior high.

June 22 — A violent thunderstorm poured a crazy pattern of moisture over the area and churned up wind and some destruction to TV antennae; Ross Carleton opened his bid for the lieutenant governor's seat with a speech here at a radio station after being rained out at the court house.

June 23 — An attendant at the Jones and Jones Service Station

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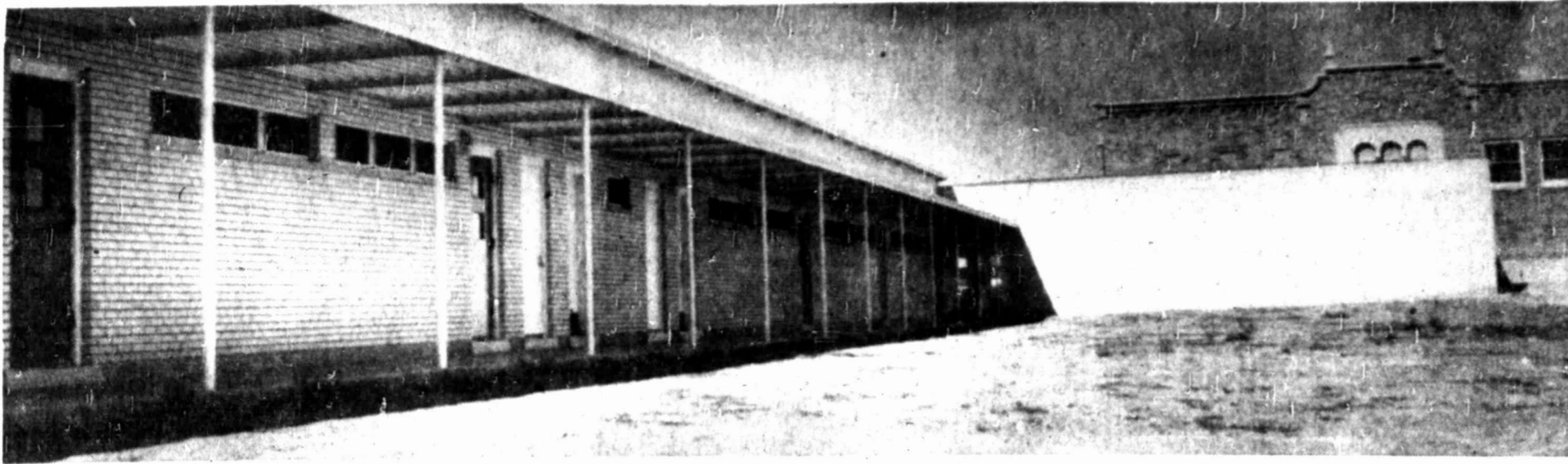
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PROGRAM OF ENLARGEMENT CONTINUES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
East Ward school gets its first addition since construction in 1929

City's 10,000th Telephone Installed In Duckworth Home

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of Dr. Jordan Grooms, who went to England to preach at the former's church for a month; four Webb AFB civilians were awarded cash for money-saving ideas submitted to the government.

June 27 — Rev. M. David Whitaker assumed duties as assistant pastor at Baptist Temple. The grand jury returned 35 indictments including 13 for forgery.

June 28 — Mrs. Ruby Billmes was installed as proxy of the Altrusa Club. Leroy LaFevre was named recipient of the annual Texas A&M Club scholarship at a yearly barbecue attended by 1,000.

June 29 — Twenty-two persons pleaded guilty to felony charges in district court. Will Wilson, candidate for attorney general, campaigned here; the telephone company installed its 10,000th phone in Big Spring in the home of Dow D. Duckworth.

June 30 — A crowd of 2,500 watched final action in the Dawson County rodeo at Lamesa; price of marriage licenses was upped from \$2 to \$2.50; a case dating back to January of 1955 was tried in county court with the defendant pleading guilty.

JULY

July 1 — Big Spring started adding AlHersht to its telephone numbers; the local National Guard unit returned from two weeks at Fort Hood with the trophy as the top firing battery in the entire 36th Division; over 1,000 attended speed boat races at Moss Creek.

July 2 — The county recorded its 13th traffic fatality when Mrs. Ann Choquette was killed four miles west of here; Floyd Parsons assumed the position of school superintendent taking the place of 'Supe' W. C. Blankenship; 50 soap box drivers had their vehicles tested prior to the July 4 competition; a TESCO employee from Colorado City, J. W. Lydia, drowned in Lake Colorado City; a man who four days ago was given a probationed two-year prison sentence was back in jail after holding up a store at Knott.

July 3 — School trustees turned down all four bids for erection of lights at the new football stadium as too expensive and planned to re-advertise. Sen. Price Daniel campaigned for governor here; a Northside resident complained to police that his pet alligator was missing.

July 4 — Rebecca Affleck was crowned Miss Big Spring; Carol Russell became Miss Howard County; and Henry Hendricks won the soap box derby in Independence. Day festivities, the heavy payment was held in the city auditorium because of inclement weather and some rain. Billy Peterson, a Big Spring man, was drowned in Lake Ben Ficklin at San Angelo; James Underwood drowned R. H. Weaver for the country club golf title; 2,000 turned out for special programs at Colorado City.

July 5 — An unexplained crash took the life of a Webb student when his T-33 trainer dived into a field just before he landed; members of geology and biology classes at HCJC returned from a field trip in New Mexico and Colorado.

July 6 — Gene Carpenter, former Texas Tech and Big Spring cager, announced he would go to work for Goodyear Rubber Company at Akron and play basketball for them; a resident was sentenced to one year in jail for aggravated assault in county court after the case was transferred from district court.

July 7 — A resident was seriously injured in an accident north of here on the Snyder Highway. George Oldham announced his resignation as executive secretary of the Citizens' Traffic Commission.

July 8 — Radio Station KHEM, Big Spring's third station, went on the air, broadcasting from dawn to dusk; motorcyclists from Abilene, Lubbock, and San Angelo won races held here; Webb AFB Dusters won their 10th game without a defeat, downing the Odessa Eagles, 15-4.

July 9 — Dawson County commissioners picked the site for the county hospital; HCJC trustees were looking for \$319,379 when they considered the coming year's budget.

July 10 — The county's 14th traffic death was recorded when Mrs. Avis Louise Allen died in a local hospital of injuries received in an earlier accident; more than 1,000 attended the 23rd Martin County Old Settlers Reunion; a Lamesa man suffocated after being buried

under a pile of cotton seed hulls; city commissioners approved a plan to reorganize supervision of the street department.

July 11 — Three pedestrians were slightly injured after being hit by a truck on the west edge of the city; about 1,000 bales of hay were destroyed in a fire on the Northside.

July 12 — Sixteen AFROTC students lost their commissions at Webb graduation exercises; Citizens' Traffic Commission approved 10 safety measures to present to the city commission.

July 13 — Applications for soil bank benefits numbered 130; John Lee Smith campaigned Big Spring for votes in his drive for the lieutenant governorship.

July 14 — Security State Bank opened its doors for business amid reception of visitors from over the state; Mrs. Lillian Carter, 81, a resident of Glasscock County for over 60 years, died here; nine mishaps were reported inside the city limits.

July 15 — Webb's baseball team won its 11th straight game, besting a Midland club; Big Spring was accidentless for the second day of the month.

July 16 — County commissioners set Aug. 11 as the day for the \$500,000 airport bond election; a new fire truck for the city department arrived and is ready for operation except for hose; a Webb airman was killed in a motorcycle accident near Odessa; the First Methodist Church observed its 73rd anniversary.

July 17 — Pearlina Johnson sat in the jury on a civil suit here as the first Negro woman to serve as a jurist in the local court; the Lamesa city manager called on citizens there to voluntarily cut down on water consumption; in Big Spring water consumption reached 87,311,000 gallons for the highest of the year.

July 18 — Gas siphoning was the craze, with three persons reporting gas taken from their cars; Boss Electric of Snyder received contract for lighting on the new stadium for \$27,956, which was the lowest of three bids submitted; over 475 attended the girls' encampment at the Baptist camp south of Big Spring, as the largest number recorded during the summer.

July 19 — A team of local athletes, the Big Spring Indians, defeated Bell Construction of Odessa, 49-35 in the first round of the KHEM baseball tournament; a Lamesa woman was given only a 50-50 chance of living after shooting herself with a shotgun; the Howard County Farm Union and the county agent submitted requests that the county's soil bank allotments be increased.

July 20 — Rains teased Howard County with some area receiving as much as 1.5 inches, but very

little fell in Big Spring; 182 absentee ballots have been cast for the July 28 primary.

July 21 — Four persons were injured—two while on the way to a hospital—in a Fourth and Main accident; 200 Jaycees converged on Big Spring for a tri-regional convention; Webb AFB won the KHEM baseball tourney by downing the Big Spring Indians; Big Spring teenagers won the doubles and singles championships in the girls' tennis tourney held in Odessa.

July 22 — The second group of AFROTC students arrived at Webb for their summer training; between 700 and 1,000 attended open house at the new fire station at Eleventh and Birdwell; burglars hit a barbecue shop and a residence during the night.

July 23 — Jim Blackshear was sentenced to seven years in prison after pleading guilty to burglary of Hughes Tool Company; Nova Jean Jackson of Knott won the Home Demonstration dress review; Big Spring American Little Leaguers won their first contest, 27-2, in the LL playoffs.

July 24 — Cool temperatures and 4 inch rain prevailed during the morning; the state turned down the county's request for higher soil bank prices; the school board cancelled bids on stadium accessories because of the national steel strike; school trustees approved raises for the teaching staff amounting to \$61,000; Emmett Broderman resigned as assistant football coach to take a place at Whitewater; city commissioners authorized new uniforms for the police department.

July 25 — A Lubbock youth was hospitalized after a truck accident 10 miles west of here; Big Spring American Leaguers won their second game in the district playoffs being held here; downing Snyder, 7-3, a resident was taken to a local hospital after accidentally shooting himself in the leg.

July 26 — Emmett Hall was killed in an auto accident south of Lamesa; the Civic Theatre group held its initial full-length production, "Heaven Can Wait."

July 27 — Morgan Martin was re-elected chairman of the Old Settlers Reunion, which was attended by near-record crowds here; Snyder bested Sweetwater, 2-1, in the finals of the district Little League tourney; three persons were killed in an auto accident in Sterling County.

July 28 — Election returns showed four runoff in the county—sheriff, both commissioners, seats, and constable; Price Daniel carried the county in the gubernatorial race; some 6,400 votes were cast in the county; Betty Allison and Layla Ann Glaser won the state tennis tourney at Rosenberg in the 15-and-under class; the first class to train exclusively on

jets at Webb graduated, with Dr. Hubertus Strughold, chief of the space medicine division of the Air Force, addressing the group.

July 29 — A new oil field was opened with a Mitchell County discovery, Ed's No. 1 Chalk, producing from the Yates sand; three establishments reported burglaries; Big Spring went through the day without a traffic accident.

July 30 — The freeway in the eastern half of the county was opened for travel; thieves shot up a boat and boathouse at Lake J. B. Thomas.

July 31 — Two-year-old Mark Thomas was drowned in a flood-swollen borrow ditch northwest of Big Spring; rains up to 2.3 inches fell in parts of the county; a resident lost two fingers in a

AUGUST

Aug. 1 — Four thousand persons attended the first night of the annual Professional rodeo; the Garden Club won first prize in the float contest of the parade; five burglaries were reported during the night.

Aug. 2 — The Thunderbirds, a team of aerial jet acrobats, thrilled crowds attending the open house at Webb AFB; a class of AFROTC students graduated and it was the cause of the open house; announcement was made of \$3 million in improvements for Highway 30 in the county; a muddy arena and a scare of showers cut the crowd at the second night of the rodeo; CRMWD announced it would give study to a request from Midland for water.

Aug. 3 — Jimmy Cooper of Monument, N. M., highlighted the third night of the rodeo with an 11-second calf tie; a four-man team captained by W. O. (Junior) Maxwell won the pro-am title at the county club; Billy Bob Satterwhite and Dick Ebling won trophies at the same YMCA aqua carnival; the same night Ebling pitched the Yankees to the National LL title, 4-1; H. O. Allen of Big Lake took medalist

laurels with a 68 in the West Texas Sand Green golf tourney at Stanton.

Aug. 4 — County commissioners announced site of the proposed airport as having CAA sanction; Glenn Wayne Goolby, 22, was killed in a truck collision 12 miles west of Stanton; Loyalists had firm control on the county Democratic convention; Raymond Hallford was killed in a shooting in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Aug. 5 — Yuell Winslow of Stanton won the WT Sand Greens tourney; city patrolmen found 13 businesses with a window or door open.

Aug. 6 — Cosden and Webb AFB officials officially opened a \$1.5 million pipeline between the two establishments; the Amiana Lions downed the Yankees, 4-3, in the playoffs for the city Little League title.

Aug. 7 — Henry Hendricks left here for Akron and the national Soap Box Derby show; Bobby Wright wrapped up the city golf title, downing Jerry Scott, 1-up; contract for concession stands, tickets booths, and press box at the new stadium were let to Sugas Construction for \$59,641.

Aug. 8 — Ralph Yarborough, candidate for governor in the runoff, blasted his opponent while speaking here; he also made stops at Ackerly and Lamesa; Texas Research League representatives quizzed

Aug. 9 — Three persons were killed and three hospitalized after an accident west of here on Hwy 30, bringing the total for the year to 17; after a public hearing, HCJC trustees approved the budget of \$399,006 for the coming year; Cabot Carbon of the American League, won the Little League title, defeating the Amiana Lions, 2-1.

Aug. 10 — A group of Big Spring citizens and Jake Roberts, district highway engineer, inspected the leg of Hwy 30 east of here which was just completed; a 185-foot bridge for the styrene plant at Cosden rolled into Big Spring on four flat cars; Jerry Graves participated in the annual Texas Coaching School football game played at Lubbock.

Aug. 11 — Howard County voted \$200,000 for a new airport, by a 1,415-226 count; 99 Marine jets refueled at Webb en route to El Toro, Calif., for summer training; R. L. Holder brought the first bale of cotton in Dawson County to Lamesa.

Aug. 12 — Henry Hendricks, Big Spring representative at the Akron

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Christmas Greetings

In the spirit of an old-fashioned Yuletide... warm with good fellowship and rich in friendship... we wish you the Season's heartiest greetings. May your Holidays abound with good health and high happiness and leave you with a treasure trove of bright memories to cherish through the year ahead.

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SHE WAS A QUEEN, ALL RIGHT Doty Echols, Lamesa, won Farm Bureau queen title

Coahoma Farmer Gins First Bale

(Continued from Page 10) Soap Box Derby, finished third in his heat; the body of Joe Clanton, a former resident, was recovered from the Mississippi River after a drilling barge capsized. Aug. 13 - Frank Lovelace of Coahoma brought in the first bale of cotton in the county. Aug. 14 - City commissioners voted zoning changes on Gregg and purchased two vehicles, one for the police department and another for the city electrician; three juveniles were held for stealing billfolds and cigarette accessories from Courtney Davis. Aug. 15 - The city hall was crowded with complainants fighting the proposed increase in property taxes on Fourth Street; Cosden announced purchase of Newman Brothers Drilling Company's one-third interest in Blanco Oil in Borden County. Aug. 16 - After the first day of listening to complaints, the city equalization board lowered property values on Fourth Street; Cosden announced purchase of Newman Brothers Drilling Company's one-third interest in Blanco Oil in Borden County. Aug. 17 - Nine AFOTC students received their commissions at the end of the second phase of summer training at Webb. Aug. 18 - A former Big Spring resident walked away from where he was working with a group of Lamesa prisoners there and was caught here about five hours later; he was a trusty in the county jail serving time for negligent homicide; crews started erecting seats on one side of the new football stadium; Gaylene Taylor, Loraine, was named Farm Bureau Queen

this year at the same amount a 1956, \$87,550, but no money this year will go for professional services; the temperature dropped to a new low for this day, hitting 58; the Chamber of Commerce mentioned in a king Jimmie Greene 'manager emeritus' when he resigned and also giving him a monthly salary. Aug. 21 - Five persons were injured in a car-truck accident near Sterling City; two men admitted taking two cars from different dealers here and also burglarizing two establishments; Dawson County recorded its 11th traffic fatality of the year in an accident two miles south of Welch, with four others being injured; HCJC trustees looked into the possibility of adding a bus to Colorado City through the school year. Aug. 22 - Three persons were hospitalized after two accidents here; the city started its annual seal-coating work with 17 areas to be handled. Aug. 23 - Stanton and Lamesa asked CRMWD for additional water; 'Uncle' Riley Lovelace, 81, a real West Texas pioneer, died at his home here; Leroy Olsak was transferred to the Lamesa Texas Electric office and was replaced by a Wichita Falls man; Natha McMinn was crowned Howard County Farm Bureau queen. Aug. 24 - City safety leaders met to hear plan for a safety drive directed by Shell Oil Company; over 22,000 small fish from a San Angelo hatchery were dumped in Lake J. B. Thomas; the city opened the swimming pool in the Negro park, and it was crowded with an afternoon of free swimming. Aug. 25 - Miller Harris unseated Jess Slaughter for sheriff in the second primary; J. W. Patton ousted W. O. Leonard for constable and Hudson Landers and P. O. Hughes were elected commissioners in local county election returns; the county favored Ralph Yarborough in the governor's race; excitement at the North Ward voting box (Pct. 1) brought a Texas Ranger as a taxi service was held for voters. Aug. 26 - Burglars knocked the door off a safe at Jones Motor Company and made off with \$374.50 in cash, leaving some checks; burglars also made an appearance at Medical Arts Hospital but nothing was taken there. Aug. 27 - Ninety-seven farmers were informed to pay additional back wages to braceros from last year; county commissioners mentioned a possible southeast loop around Big Spring for connection of W. Hwy 80 with the San Angelo highway; Carl Coleman, head football coach, announced his resignation after being here since 1949. Aug. 28 - HCJC trustees boosted the salary of Dr. W. A. Hunt, president, to \$13,400 annually; city

commissioners voted to retain the present \$2.05 tax rate for the current year. Aug. 29 - Over 200 teachers attended the pre-school workshop at high school; site of a new junior high school south of College Heights Elementary was accepted by the school board; Cosden and Abilene AFB officials opened their pipeline in ceremonies there; 77 members of jet class 56-U graduated at Webb, hearing Col. Henry Dittman of Texas A&M; Roy Baird and Harold Bentley were named football co-coaches by the school board. Aug. 30 - Two Big Spring youngsters were involved in a soap box-bicycle collision; the annual County 4-H rodeo opened with 1,300 persons attending; bids for a new high school building went over the limit at Stanton, and the school board rejected all; another 24,000 fish were released at Lake J. B. Thomas after being brought from the San Angelo hatchery. Aug. 31 - Over two score Farm Home Administration officials gathered here for a two-day conference; 52 prospective high school gridders met their coaches for the first of two-day workouts until school started; a B-47 jet bomber landed at Webb AFB for the benefit of student pilots; the Big Spring Invitational Golf tourney got under way with qualifying, and Arlyn Scott of Odessa copped medalist honors with a four-under-par 68; the visiting Hall-Bennett Cup team dropped the locals, 7 1/2-4 1/2. SEPTEMBER Sept. 1 - Two convicts broke out of the Glasscock County jail but were recaptured in Colorado City about four hours later; Tommy Flenniken of Floydada copped the all-around title at the junior rodeo; Weather-Republic brought in the No. 2-16 T. J. Good oil well in Borden County as a wildcat Fushelman discovery, making 205 barrels of oil in a 24-hour test. Sept. 2 - Big Spring went through

the Labor weekend Sunday without a traffic accident; city police picked up a man at the Wyoming Hotel for stealing a car in Odessa. Sept. 3 - Luke Thompson edged Billy Michella of Fort Worth 1-up in the finals of the Big Spring Invitational Golf tourney; V. P. (Shorty) Dunbar was killed in a traffic accident near Ozona; Webb AFBs engine-changing team successfully defended its title at the National Air Show in Oklahoma City in a record-breaking time. Sept. 4 - Dr. Loyal V. Norman,

director of elementary education here; resigned as the school term opened; school enrollment here topped 5,200; Doty Echols of Lamesa was crowned Farm Bureau Queen for the district in judging here; Sept. 5 - A slight rain fell, but it brought more cool weather than moisture; the Garden Club distributed its yearbooks at a regular meeting. Sept. 6 - A four-engine airliner caught fire at Webb AFB, but the blaze was soon under control and no damage resulted; school trustees turned down bids on 12 ele-

Big Spring (Texas) Herald, Mon., Dec. 24, 1956 11-C mentary school classrooms over the question of need; Dr. Robert Hale, director of the county health unit, was found guilty of driving while intoxicated in Glasscock County court; about 65 attended the annual Howard County-South Plains Hereford tour. Sept. 7 - Over 100 persons arrived for the two-day chamber of commerce's annual 'short course'; enrollment at the end of the first week of school showed 5,401 students attending. Sept. 8 - The Big Spring Steers showed weakness against passes in a scrimmage against Brownfield, a week before the first contest of the season; a riot on the Northside brought charges against 13 Latin Americans. Sept. 9 - George Choote died in Sealy Hospital at Galveston after a prolonged illness; Jack Danley of Snyder became Howard County's 18th traffic fatality in an accident 13 miles west of here in a one-car crash. Sept. 10 - Enrollment on the first (Continued on Page 12)

Greetings for the New Year

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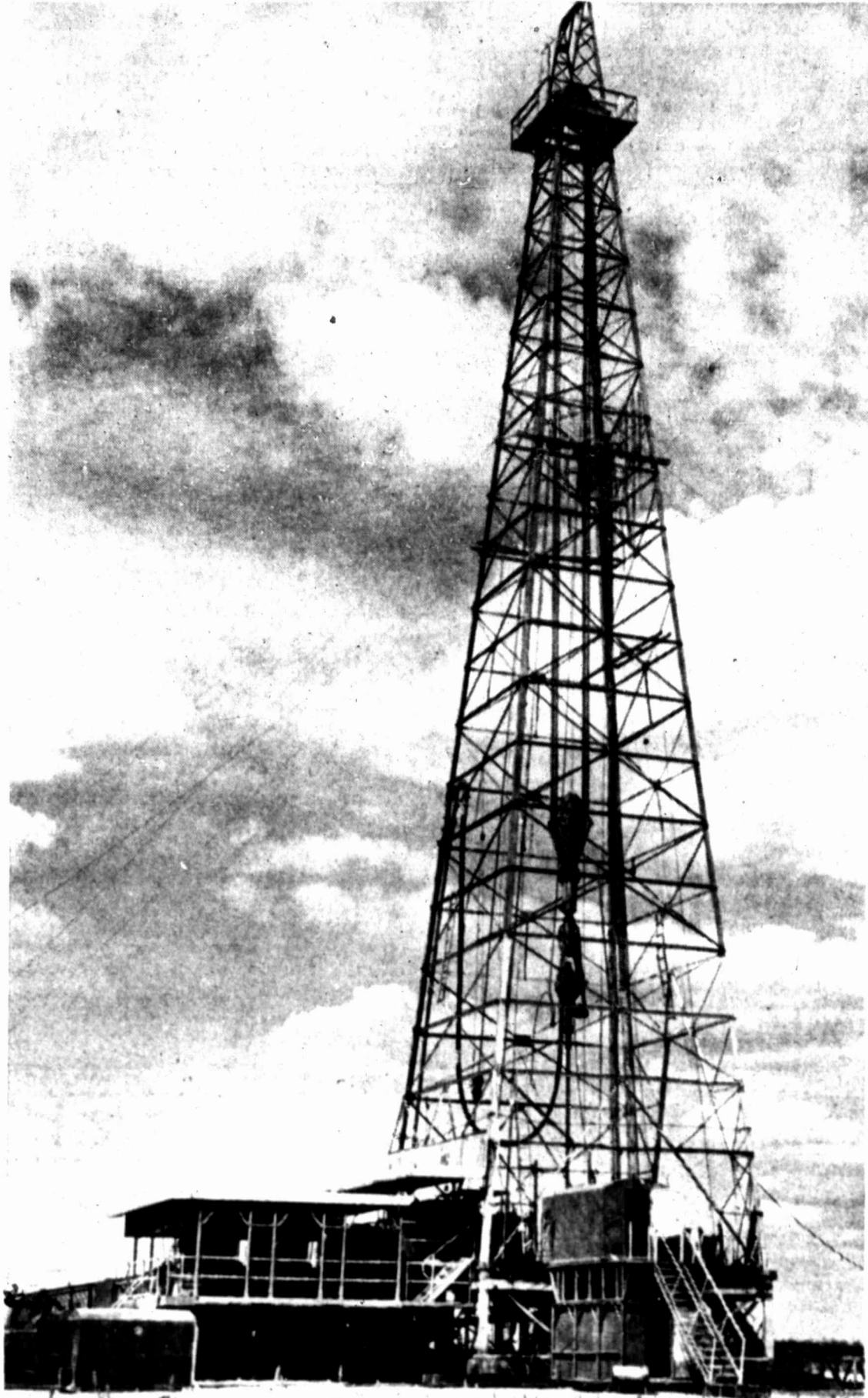
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Christmas Greetings

May the joyous tidings of the First Christmas re-echo in your heart today. May you find renewed hope and courage in its glorious promise of Peace on Earth, Good Will to all Men. May its infinite happiness abide with you and your family now and always.

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Lamesa Highway Big Spring



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CAA Sanctions Proposed Site For County's New Airport

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day of registration at HCJC reached 310; a large group of citizens attended the public hearing of the county budget in protest against salary increases for the commissioners, and a result, it was voted down; the post office shuffled its pen staffs for a modern writer, the ball point.

Sept. 11—The county airport received sanction of the CAA for its Snyder Highway site; Wade Choate, nephew of the late George Choate, was named to serve as district clerk after the death of his uncle; school trustees let contract for 12 classrooms to Boyd McDaniel of Abilene; the first class of Red Cross Gray Ladies at Webb AFB received their pins in special ceremonies; city commissioners hired James Eubanks as new Citizens' Traffic Commission executive secretary.

Sept. 12—Texas Employment officials met Martin, Howard, and Glascock County leaders to map plans for local and bracero labor needed to pick the scanty cotton crop for this year; a group of men applied for the district clerk's job after the question arose about the length of Wade Choate's appointment.

Sept. 13—HCJC trustees agreed to move an old shop building to the new football stadium for use as

a field house; the city finished putting acoustical tile on parts of the city auditorium after a request from the Civic Concert Association for improved acoustics.

Sept. 14—The Big Spring Steers lost their opening football game of the season, 41-19; Andrews, William Courtenay, a British correspondent, spoke to Big Spring and Webb groups on World and Suez problems; the annual Dawson County fair opened with large crowds; Civil Defense booths were set up over the county to enlist workers for the county unit and about 500 signed up.

Sept. 15—The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Singing held its annual Roundup of Harmony before a sparse but enthusiastic audience.

Sept. 16—A Lufkin man was crushed to death between two railroad cars in the T&P yards here.

Sept. 17—Dan Krause and L. T. King were handed promotions in Cosden's system by the stockholders' board; sodomy charges against Dr. K. L. Brady were dropped in district court; six applied for the district clerk position; pleas of guilty in district court brought three-year probated sentences to auto thieves; a man walked out of a Lamesa station with

\$60 in cash, but he was apprehended shortly afterwards here.

Sept. 18—Wayne (Red) Smith of Plainview was announced as new Chamber of Commerce manager to succeed Jimmie Greene; Cosden announced its purchase of the Col-Tex Helting Company of Colorado City; Wade Choate was named to the district clerk's post by county Democratic committee.

Sept. 19—The State Highway Commission announced it planned to buy right-of-way through Big Spring, Stanton, and Colorado City for U. S. Highway 90 by-pass; Cosden showed off its multi-million dollar rextormer plant to a score of petroleum writers and company officials.

Sept. 20—Cosden purchased the Onyx Refining Company at Abilene; Clarence Thiele, chaplain at the State Hospital, announced his resignation to take a position in New Jersey.

Sept. 21—Stanton school officials broke ground on their \$23,000 high school plant; county officials here learned that the county Democratic committee did not have the authority to name the district clerk and that an election would have to be called; the Steers suffered their second straight loss, this time at the hands of the Levelland Lobos.

Sept. 22—Three airmen were

caught in the act of trying to break into a service station here after the police had been alerted by a citizen.

Sept. 23—An Oklahoma man was picked up and charged with murder with a motor vehicle after Edwin Cordes died in a hospital following the Sept. 23 accident; four men filed for the district clerk post.

Sept. 25—Charlie Creighton came away from the Lubbock Fair with about every prize — except the grand championship — in the Hereford class; school trustees approved a \$2,647,857.52 budget; city commissioners purchased a new brown and tan uniforms for the police department from Hemphill Wells.

Sept. 26—A fire at the U. S. Experiment Farm north of the city limits caused damage and loss of equipment estimated at \$100,000 when a barn filled with equipment and valuable seed caught fire from lightning and burned to the ground; a Webb pilot made a perfect belly landing except for one item — he overshot the runway; Johnny Johansen was transferred to Abilene for treatment for bulbar polio and encephalitis.

Sept. 27—Over \$1,000 in awards went to 11 Webb civilian employees for money-saving ideas in special ceremonies; over 75 from Big Spring attended a good will dinner at Elbow; safety 'Oscars' were presented to 10 T&P railway seed supervisors; the city's water supply got approval from the State Department of Health; contracts totaling \$210,113 for schools were let at Westbrook.

Sept. 28—Janet Hogan was

named Band Queen; deposits in local banks jumped 19.2 per cent over the same date of 1955; Cecil Phillips was named to head the county ASC committee; The Steers opened their new stadium with a loss to Snyder, 39-0; Class 57-A graduated at Webb AFB.

Sept. 29—Ronnie King and Sue Barnes were named Kid's Day Base and WAF commanders, respectively at Webb; in night ceremonies, Barbara Frazier, Kay Oaks and Susie Gonzales were selected Kid's Day Queens; Webb Charaleers won the FTAF singing contest.

Sept. 30—Colorado City's first Baptist Church observed its 75th anniversary; a resident of Plains was treated in a local hospital for a peculiar ailment — he fell from his car into a cactus bush and needed the stickers removed.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1—Mrs. Phillip Palmer, Big Spring, was killed in auto wreck southeast of Abilene; Police started issuing speed warnings after putting radar equipment into service; citizens started paying 1956 property taxes.

Oct. 2—Howard County Democrats turned down proposal on holding special Senate primary; residents protested high water bills.

Oct. 3—Car-bus collision resulted in death of John Wesley Walker of Coahoma south of Big Spring; police reported 19 per cent increase in crime here; county

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Greetings

May the spirit of Christmas
fill your heart in these festive
days. May there be peace and
good will among men.

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Silent Night

To men free to sing their faith,
Christmas this year comes
as a day of deep rejoicing.
To men still fettered,
yet unafraid,
it offers new-forged comfort.
To both, it is a time of prayer
that may soon know fulfillment.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Many, Varied Events Made Up City News Menu In '56

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accepted 3.33 per cent interest rate in selling airport bonds; Hugh Emmett George was shot to death in Bud's Drive In.

Oct. 4 — Senate Armed Services Committee approved military housing project for Webb Air Force Base; Horace Reagan was elected Kiwanis Club president; Mrs. R. E. Ireland was elected president of WAFB Officers' Wives' Club; Tommy Buckner showed grand champion pig at 4-H, FFA Swine show; Buckner's pig sold for \$1.30 per pound at auction closing swine show; Rotarians dedicated new community center at Lamesa.

Oct. 5 — Valjean LaCroix was crowned homecoming queen for Big Spring High School; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Baker of Snyder, former Forsan residents, were killed in wreck at Lubbock; Johnny B. Harrison was honored as a 25-year employe of Cosden Petroleum Cor-

poration; Big Spring Steers defeated Sweetwater, 28-7.

Oct. 6 — Big Spring High School exes closed out successful homecoming program; Shriners staged Suez Temple's big fall ceremonial here.

Oct. 7 — City churches observed World-Wide Communion Sunday.

Oct. 8 — United Fund campaign for \$87,550 was opened with talk by Wayne B. (Red) Smith of Plainview; Howard County Commissioners sold the \$500,000 airport bond issue; Tax Assessor Viola Robinson announced \$46,320,545 county tax roll for 1956; police issued first ticket for speeding gauged by radar.

Oct. 9 — Shine Phillips went home after three and a half months in the hospital; Howard County Farm Bureau offered to aid Farmers Home Administration in processing local applications for drought emergency livestock feed.

Oct. 10 — Big Spring Independ-

ent School District trustees voted for general re-appraisal of all taxable property; Howard County Handicapped Children's Parents Association elected Walter G. Parks as its president.

Oct. 11 — Elmer Eugene Newman of Abilene was killed in wreck four miles west of Big Spring on U. S. 80; Howard County Democrats elected Ed Carpenter as chairman of presidential campaign committee; Dr. P. D. O'Brien and Dr. P. W. Malone left on two-week evangelistic tour of Alaska.

Oct. 12 — Dawson County officials purchased hospital site from J. B. Weaver; Lester Henry Shuler of Snyder was killed in wreck 15.4 miles northeast of Big Spring on State 350; Coahoma Bulldogs defeated O'Donnell, 32-2; Big Spring Steers defeated Lamesa Tornados, 19-14; E. L. Fisher resigned as district welfare supervisor.

Oct. 13 — Stanton defeated Lorraine in football, 21-20; Sheriff

Buster Cox of Garden City foiled a jailbreak attempt when he heard Pete Carr pounding on walls of the old Glascock County jail.

Oct. 14 — Rains were general over Howard County with Big Spring receiving 67 of an inch; Jerry McMahan was elected president of the Hi-Y Council; Big Spring area started observance of Oil Progress Week.

Oct. 15 — Webb Air Force Base received Flying Training Air Force Ground Safety Award; Wayne B. (Red) Smith took over as manager of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce; Jones Brothers of Odessa were awarded contract for surfacing Moore Road.

Oct. 16 — Rodeo Association directors scheduled the 1957 Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion for June 12-15.

Oct. 17 — Big Spring received 73 of an inch of rain; American Association of University Women of Big Spring honored state president of AAUW, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Taylor of Greenville; Edward Davis announced his resignation as manager of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce; first Soil Bank checks arrived in Big Spring; Absentee voting started for the 1956 general election.

Oct. 18 — Walter Bishop, pioneer Borden County developer, died; Big Spring got another 42 of an inch of rain; Big Spring Junior High School Yearlings defeated Stanton, 34-0; Tuberculosis Association leaders from eight counties met in Big Spring to map plans for fight against tuberculosis.

Oct. 19 — Big Spring Steers were defeated by Kermit Yellowjackets, 21-20, to end two-game winning streak; 20 persons were advised to take anti-rabies shots after local dog was found to have been rabid.

Oct. 20 — Big Spring Industrial Foundation acquired option on 186-acre tract of land; The Herald started moving into new building at Eighth and Scurry; Wreck on East U. S. 80 hospitalized five persons, but none was hurt seriously; Postal receipts showed a gain of \$4,809 for four-week period; Stevenson-Kefauver campaign head-

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SECTION D



JOLLY ST. NICK AND FLYING REINDEER
They became famous with writing of popular poem

Professor Helped Characterize St. Nick With Well-Known Poem

By SYD KRONISH
AP Newswire

A flowing white beard, twinkling eyes, cherry red nose and a round belly like a bowlful of jelly.

This jolly old elf, of course, is our beloved Santa Claus. Almost any kid today could tell you that.

But, a little over a century ago, children went to bed on Christmas Eve without visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads or thoughts of eight tiny reindeer pulling a miniature sleigh full of toys.

The reason? Nobody could agree as to exactly what St. Nick looked like. That is, until Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor at Columbia University in New York, wrote his now famous poem that starts: "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Up to that time St. Nicholas was anything a parent might wish to impose on his child — a figure tall or short, fat or thin, bumpy or stern.

But Dr. Moore changed all that with his portrait in words entitled "A Visit From Saint Nicholas."

He wrote it on Christmas Eve, 1822, for his own children. And it might have sunk into obscurity had not Harriet Butler heard it read at

the Moore home. She was the daughter of the rector of St. Paul's Church in Troy, N. Y.

She asked permission to read it to the children of her father's parish. She also sent the poem, minus the author's name, to the editor of the Troy, N. Y., Sentinel. It appeared there for the first time on Dec. 23, 1823.

The editor, Orville Holley, wrote: "We do not know to whom we are indebted for the following description of that unwearied patron of children, that homely but delightful personification of parental kindness — Santa Claus, his costume and his equipage, as he goes about visiting the firesides of his happy land, laden with Christmas bounties, but from whomsoever it may have come, we give thanks for it."

It didn't appear with the author's name attached until 1837 when it came out in a book entitled "The New York Book of Poetry."

In 1830 the Sentinel employed a wood engraver named Myron King

to draw the first picture of Santa to go with their annual poem.

Cartoonist Thomas Nast's version of the red garbed, pipe smoking Santa first appeared in 1869.

From this beginning the Santa Claus we know today has spread all over the world. The poem has been translated into dozens of languages — creating everywhere the same picture of joy and generosity, the same feeling of unbounded good-fellowship represented in its final words: "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

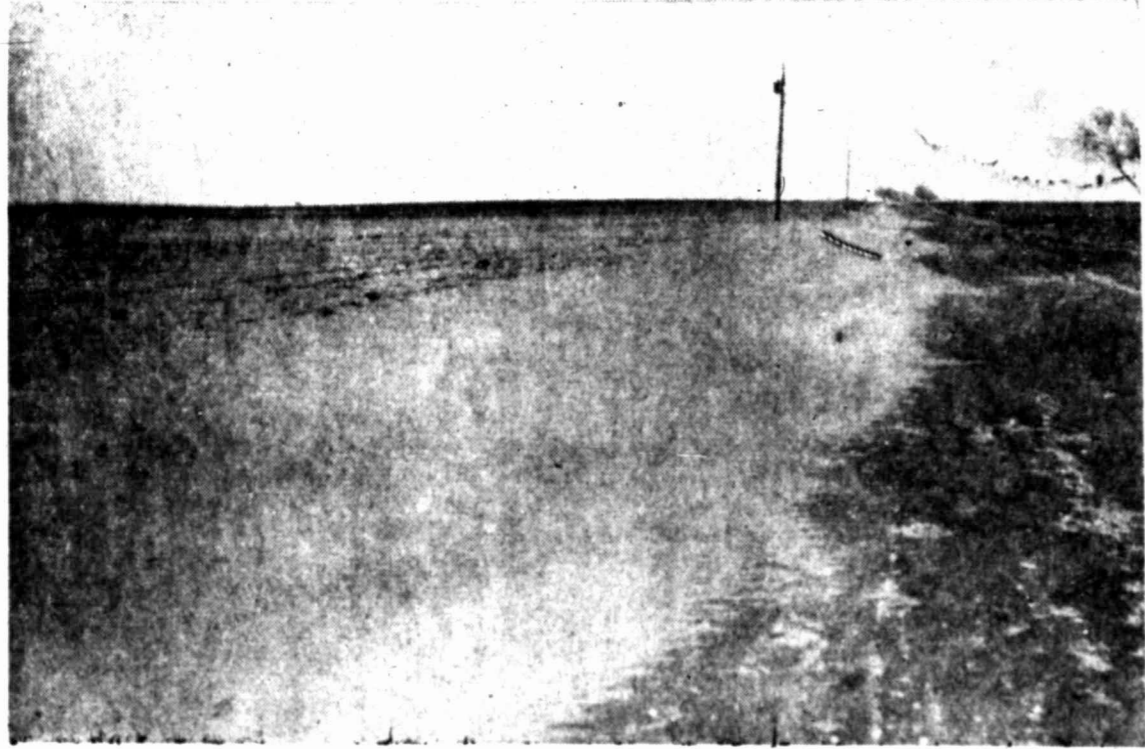
'X' Stands For Christ

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

Some years ago in India the Gaekwar of Baroda ordered a Christmas card which cost \$1,500,000.

Intended for a lovely English lady, it pictured 8,000 different scenes carved into a 12" x 10" piece of flawless ivory. Diamonds — "as large as the pupil of the eye of a beautiful woman" — were sprinkled between the borders.



RAINS WERE STAYED AND THE WIND BLEW
Sand piles on the turnrows as drought continues its grip

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Malone & Hogan Clinic — Hospital Foundation

Joy to the World...



Ring out,
O voices, in glad hosanna!
Ring out...from solemn cathedral
and simple chapel, from distant ship and
island shore. Lift heavenward a hymn whose
message fills the world with hope. For the light
of peace is lengthening, and there is promise
that hatred at last be banished from the
earth...that the hearts of all peoples
shall once again hold only mercy
and good-will.

Commissioners Map 18-Mile Paving Program For New Year

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quarters were opened by Democrats.

Oct. 21 — Local women held annual "Pilgrimage of Beautiful Table Settings"; Mrs. A. L. Whiskey died at Colorado City; body of Sgt. Jean Bausens, Belgian flier killed in 1953 plane crash here, was shipped to his home; The Herald printed its first edition in new plant; Buffalo Trail Scout Council announced plans for \$297,000 expansion program; Last services were held in the old sanctuary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, oldest church building in Big Spring.

Oct. 22 — County commissioners mapped an 18-mile paving program for 1957; Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs elected their candidates for state Youth-In-Government offices; New grand jury is impaneled and starts to work.

Oct. 23 — Council of Big Spring Garden Clubs staged fall flower show; Grand jury returned 17 indictments; City purchased two new police cars and approved street extensions; Soil Bank payments reached \$100,000.

Oct. 24 — Webb AFB mechanic

was killed in crash of jet plane near Cosden refinery; Two Webb fliers and five civilians were killed in airplane collision at Midland; Mrs. J. R. Phillips of Big Spring became county's 23rd traffic fatality of the year when she was killed in collision with Sheriff Jess Slaughter as Slaughter drove through town in effort to reach plane crash scene; Oasis Garden Club was organized; Fire damaged Cap Rock Cafe; Texas Electric Service Company honored nine members of its Twenty-Five Year Club.

Oct. 25 — Lamesa recorded its first traffic fatality of the year when Angel Rios Puga was killed; Colorado River Municipal Water District approved \$1,500,000 budget; William H. Lyon became assistant manager at Veterans Administration Hospital; City of Big Spring and United States Air Force disagreed on previous agreement for constructing utility lines.

Oct. 26 — Abilene defeated Big Spring Steers in football, 42-6; Dorothy Driver was appointed district deputy grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star; Mercury drop-

ped to a season's low of 39 degrees; Chaplain Henry Wolk went on duty at Webb AFB.

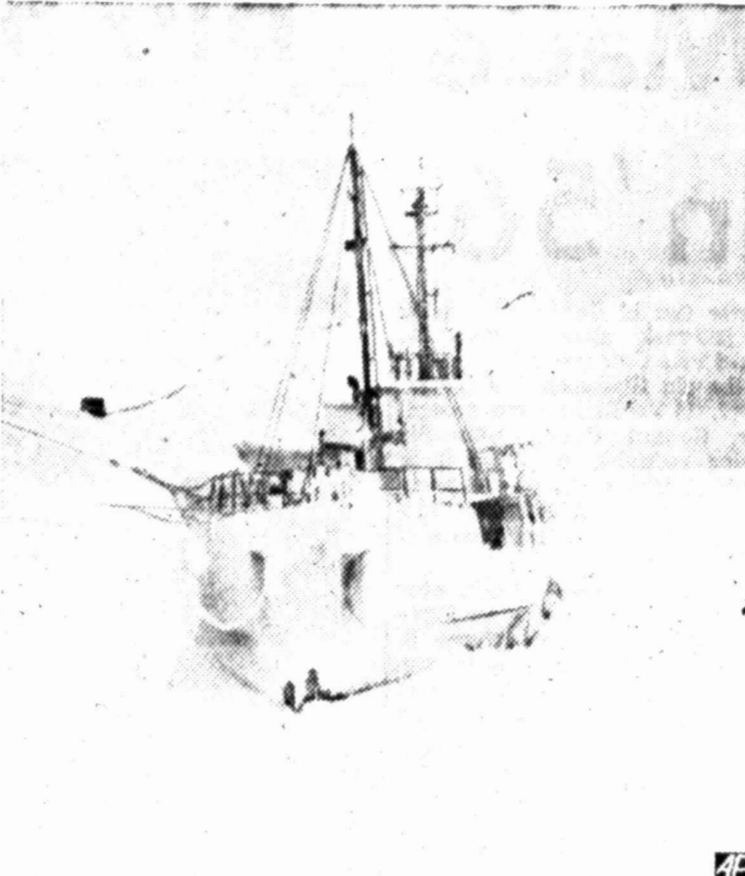
Oct. 27 — Dick Simpson of Big Spring was named trustee for Texas Christian University; Big Spring Yearlings defeated Colorado City, 4-0.

Oct. 28 — Veterans of Foreign Wars held district convention here; Local churches observed "Reformation Sunday."

Oct. 29 — Big Spring got another 4 1/2 inches of rain which boosted the month's total to more than two inches; Maj. and Mrs. Ollie Cordill, former residents, visited in Big Spring; Riekey Terry was hurt in football scrimmage; E. B. McCormick was appointed Howard County Republican chairman; Louis Throgmorton spoke at Lamesa Chamber of Commerce banquet; The Herald held open house at new plant; Republicans opened Eisenhower-Nixon campaign headquarters; Cattle tuberculosis tests were started.

Oct. 30 — 71 pilots graduated during commencement ceremonies at Webb Air Force Base; School-physician relationships were discussed at meeting of Permian Basin Medical Society; Soil Bank payments reached \$312,000 for Howard County; Continental No. 1-34 T. J. Good potential for 997 barrels of oil in Borden County.

Oct. 31 — United Fund campaign reported collecting 75 per cent of its \$87,500 goal; City observed the quietest Halloween in years; Brennan No. 1 Roy Mine wildcat was staked 13 miles north of Big Spring; Merchants approved Business-Education Day plans; Jewel Barton left Big Spring; Howard County Health Unit post after five years as nurse.



Snowbound In The Antarctic

A Navy oil tanker snowbound in the Antarctic at its Hut Point mooring in McMurdo Sound, presents this wintry scene in this photograph released in Washington by the Department of Defense. But, more in keeping with the South Polar seasons wasn't Christmas, but a scene in March—the start of the Antarctic winter. Note the vehicle approaching the ship in left background. Name of the tanker was not specified.

announced receipt of \$500,000 provided by bond election to finance building of new Howard County Airport; Guy T. Knowles, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Knowles, Big Spring, killed in car accident at LaFeria.

Nov. 24 — Christmas shopping in city reported at near record volume.

Nov. 25 — Delegates from half a dozen cities here to attend conference of Division 22 of Kiwanis International with Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District Governor Paul Files of Paris as speaker.

Nov. 26 — Tickets for Gail Good Will dinner set for Dec. 4 are placed on sale by Chamber of Commerce; A. P. Milligan, charged with hit and run in the traffic death of Big Spring man pleaded guilty and sentenced to seven years in prison; Santa Claus made his official visit to Big Spring and Las Artistas Club float won top honors in big parade; Billy Edward Davis, convicted by 118th District Court jury on charges of pipe theft; Cosden earnings for year are up 15 per cent; Edwards Estate awarded \$11,000 as compensation from the city for land seized to provide site for water storage reservoir; Big Spring city commissioners officially accept Northside Fire Station.

Nov. 27 — Firemen renewed appeal for more toys for Christmas program; Mrs. J. P. McMahon, 75, mother of Clyde McMahon, died in Hereford; Maurice 'Frog' Koger elected district chair-

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NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 — Halloween passed without damage or tragedy; accident toll for October jumped to 66, including one fatality; half the county tax bill for the current year had been paid; the assessor reported; building permits for the month of October were listed at \$25,000; Webb Air Force base ordered summer garb for men stored for winter.

Nov. 2 — Duckhunters hopefully eyed skies as season opened; Big Spring Knife and Fork Club voiced disappointment over quality of November program; election supplies for general election turned over to precinct officials; Howard County Chess Association organized with Orland Johnson as president; Big Spring youth groups collected \$349 for CROP fund; postal receipts for first 10 months of 1956 reported as \$31,271, greater than for same period in 1955.

Nov. 3 — Police announced that parking meter lines hereafter could be paid by mail via a self-addressed, stamped envelope made part of each police notice; Martin, Dawson counties scheduled for cot-

ton acreage increase in 1957; Texas ASC announced; Nine NCO academy grads got diplomas at WAFB; Four hundred and forty-six absentee ballots cast in general election.

Nov. 4 — Drizzle of rain, measuring 3 inch, ushered in 34 degree weather; Vote estimated for Tuesday set at 5,000 to 6,000; shotgun vandals caused costly damage to four Howard County road maintainers.

Nov. 5 — Howard County Farm Bureau re-elected its staff of officers for the ensuing year; UP Campaign Fund committee announced mop-up plans to terminate drive; Mrs. G. W. Bryson of Ackery died after long illness; Big Spring Chamber of Commerce announced approval of a fire inspection day project for a date to be set in 1957.

Nov. 6 — General election brought out record number of Howard County voters; Atlas Stevenson given 1333 majority by Howard County over Dwight D. Eisenhower for president; Wade Chouteau won district court election over field of three opponents; Big Spring Junior High School band appeared in brass concert; ASC office announced that Federal Soil Bank payments to Howard County farmers had reached \$340,000.

Nov. 7 — First of two performances by Big Spring Civic Theater group of its third major production, "Blind Alley," is given; Big Spring Chamber of Commerce begins work of preparing tickets for \$3,500 prize give-away as feature of Christmas shopping season.

Nov. 8 — Postmaster E. C. Boatler made initial appeal to all residents to do Christmas mailing early; seventeen members of Junior Rifle Club presented certificates for completion of basic rifle course.

Nov. 9 — First severe frost of 1956 fall season, temperature hit 29 degrees and ice formed on ponds; Westward Ho Motel sold by Leo Redner and associates to John J. Bouey and J. Roy Henry of Los Angeles.

Nov. 10 — Las Artistas, Big Spring art club, staged outdoor art show on east lawn of County Court house.

Nov. 11 — Mrs. Ira Raley announced as winner of Las Artistas Art Club outdoor show; Charles Bailey rated medalist in Cosden golf tournament; mail carriers of several West Texas counties met in Big Spring to plan for Christmas activities.

Nov. 12 — General election vote canvassed by County Commissioners Court; Howard County Airport given 36-inch beacon on 35-foot tower by FAA.

Nov. 13 — Big Spring school teachers were guests of Big Spring business men as observation of Business-Education Day; Two Colorado City robbery suspects were picked up near Big Spring by state highway patrol officers; Eight vote is polled in special election—an amendment to state Constitution and voters approved amendment by vote of 482 to 28; Mrs. Jessie Ella McDaniel, 82, dies at her home here.

Nov. 14 — City slated 20 miles per hour speed limit for all school zones in city; selection of site for YMCA building ordered delayed; second case of rabies in city reported.

Nov. 15 — First killing frost of fall season, with low temperature of 20 degrees, reported; city commissioners made final inspection of new fire station on North Main Street; Fifteen local delegates attended congress of P-T-A groups in Amarillo; city expenditures reported as running below estimates; Mantovani and his orchestra charms Big Spring music lovers its concert here; gas leaks discovered in heating system at city schools are reported checked out and repaired; Neva Jackson and Rodney Brooks are selected as Gold Star winners at annual 4-H Club achievement program.

Nov. 16 — Chamber of Commerce adopted plan to solicit suggestions from membership in drafting work program for next year; county commissioners canvassed special election vote and reported only 5 vote error in totals; Mrs. T. A. Kellum, widely known Lamesa educator, died in California; UP campaign reported within \$4,000 of goal.

Nov. 17 — Open house planned for city's new fire station; San Angelo High School gridders defeat Big Spring Steers 43-13 in final game; Deanna Kay Steele is winner of Martin County Capon Show; C. A. Smauley, is severely injured in car accident.

Nov. 18 — First Church of God dedicated new building; County Tax collections to date are announced as being \$850,000; eclipse of moon watched by many Big Spring residents; two hundred farmers attended ASC conservation conference.

Nov. 19 — E. C. Boatler, postmaster, pleaded for early mailing of Christmas packages and cards; dental health demonstration is witnessed by 1,200 pupils in city schools; Earl Jordan, held in Garden City jail, won petition for writ of habeas corpus in 118th District Court; Dan Krausse elected as president of Howard County Cancer Society; A. E. Thomas, father of Clyde Thomas, died at age of 98.

Nov. 20 — Trial date for A. P. Milligan, charged with murder by automobile is set; student council selected the Rev. Richard Deats as Thanksgiving Day program speaker; runaway car with tiny child aboard crashed into front of W. W. Kemper residence at 1314 Tucson.

Nov. 21 — Big Spring State Hospital scheduled to get five new buildings during period 1957-67.

Nov. 22 — Howard County Junior College Drama Department presented initial performance of first major production "Seven Keys to Baldpate"; firemen pleaded for more toys for annual Christmas workshop program; Traffic accidents in city reach total of 80 for month; first Thanksgiving of two for year is celebrated.

Nov. 23 — County Commissioners

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Deaths On County Highways Reach All-Time Record High

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man Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Scout Council; Charles Creighton, rancher, severely injured when gored by bull on his ranch near here.

Nov. 23 — Second Thanksgiving Day observed, and banks, schools, county offices, and city offices closed down. Twenty-fourth traffic fatality of year in Howard County is reported belatedly — Domingo Overa died in Lamesa on Nov. 13 of injuries received on Oct. 17.

Nov. 29 — Official announcement Soap Box Derby will be held in 1957. Temperature drops to 20 degrees for second time this autumn.

Nov. 30 — Bud Cross trial for murder of H. E. George is officially slated for Dec. 10; Pauline Petty, county clerk, announced that 26 marriage licenses were issued by her office in November; police and sheriff's officers recover number of stolen gum machines from hiding place in Cochoma; county tax collections reach total of \$957,000 for first two months.

3 — Paving of Moore lateral road resumed; M. R. Koger became district chairman at annual Boy Scout district banquet; Riley Martinez died, being third child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martinez to pass away within a year; Big Spring Steers opened basketball season with 82-63 victory over Lamesa; Big Spring Timing Association organized with Ted O. Groebel as president.

4 — Goodwill dinner held in Gail; Bobby Lane Ray of Nacogdoches showed his purse to a stranger and had \$218 snatched from his hand; Howard County gained but 637 acres in cotton allotment, which totaled 76,753 for 1957; class of 57-E graduated at Webb AFB; Bobby Henson, Ackerly, injured critically in mountain fall near Alpine.

5 — Herald sued for \$1 million for libel by Philip Slusser, Texas prison inmate; Robert Angel accepted by Baylor Medical College as student; high AF officers inspected new engine cleaning process developed at Webb AFB; Jun High had 105 on honor roll; 1st Lt. Robert E. Kuhens and 1st Lt. Jack T. Estabrook died in crash of their jet trainer at Mansfield, Ohio.

6 — Twenty-seven on High School honor roll; Pastors Association backed safe driving campaign; 12 of an inch moisture fell; "Dear Ruth" presented by high school players.

7 — Boy Scout Exposition (which drew 2,000) opened; 15 Chamber of Commerce directors elected; weather dipped to 25 degrees; Maj. Max Willemon, here since April 11, 1952, assigned to Korea; Charles Lindley, Coahoma, became 26th traffic fatality of county during dense fog.

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Tumbleweed Snowman

Undaunted by the lack of snow in West Texas, these two young brothers built their own "snowman" from tumbleweeds. The boys, Freddy, 11, and Walter Hurst, 3, had a little help from their parents in spraying the figure and putting on the decorations at their home in Odesa. (AP Wirephoto).

Gas Industry Had 'Gold Era' In 1956

NEW YORK (AP)—The curtain came down on a golden era of the natural gas industry in 1956, and gas utilities chalked up glowing gains in almost every respect.

The age of building long-distance pipelines reached a milestone, with the arrival of natural gas in the Pacific Northwest, the last major section of the United States without the fuel.

Business was better than ever. The industry counted 900,000 new customers and poured out a record \$1,600,000,000 on expansion.

Revenues of gas utilities climbed 13 per cent and the amount of gas sold jumped more than 9 per cent, both setting new highs.

Looking to 1957, the American Gas Assn. says the companies will push expansion spending to a hefty \$1,900,000,000 and will take on around 900,000 more customers.

With the completion of the 1,500-mile pipeline from New Mexico to Seattle, Wash., in the fall, the industry's construction program entered a new phase. Experts said most of the new building would be in parallel lines and expansion of present facilities to serve existing markets.

The first long-distance pipeline was built 25 years ago and carried natural gas from the Oklahoma fields to the Chicago area. Since then, the underground subways of steel have stretched to the Atlantic and Pacific and the north country.

The AGA says the industry's assets have climbed to 17 1/2 billion dollars, more than three times the figure at the end of World War II. It notes that sales of gas in 1956-72 billion therms—also were triple the volume of a decade ago. (A therm is a measure of heat content or energy.)

The gas utilities now serve almost 30 million customers. In ad-

dition, around eight million use liquefied petroleum gas in areas not reached by utility mains.

The industry figured in important legislative action both in Canada and the United States. The Canadian Parliament provided the financial go-ahead for the start of construction of a gas pipeline, which will run 2,350 miles from western Canada to Quebec. Trans-Canada Pipelines, Ltd., is building the line, with the help of a loan from the Canadian government.

In Washington, President Eisenhower vetoed the controversial Harris-Fulbright bill, which would have freed independent producers of natural gas from federal regulation. A similar bill will be introduced in Congress early in 1957.

Real Braves

MILWAUKEE (AP)—John E. Kalupa, assistant city comptroller who has earned somewhat of a reputation as an encyclopedia about Milwaukee, was stumped when asked: "How many American Indians are there in the city?"

Kalupa did a little research and found out the answer is 381.

DECEMBER

1 — Colorado River Municipal Water District and Monsanto Chemical Co. sign contract for new water line; area FFA contests held here, attracting 180; Juanita Rios became traffic victim No. 25, setting a new record for one year in Howard County; United Fund went over the top; Yule shopping season hit high gear; post office said 346,000 letters were processed in November.

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More Creeping Inflation In Store For 1957 Economy

By STERLING F. GREEN
 WASHINGTON — Further creeping inflation in 1957 is predicted by most Washington economists.

Consumer prices, which took off last May on a six-month spurt that carried living costs up 2 1/2 per cent, are believed likely to pursue a wavering but generally upward course for some months longer.

President Eisenhower has declared the trend "must be stopped." The job of stopping it, in the expressed view of the new chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, Raymond J. Saulnier, may be "the leading problem for us over the years ahead."

Moreover, the Suez crisis draped a big question mark over all the forecasts. There have been no scarce buying or hoarding pan-

ics, but the lid could come off if the United States became a participant, instead of an interested bystander, in an actual or threatened shooting war.

The Middle East crisis therefore stirred speculation whether the administration might reverse its stand against standby price-wage controls. The answer, from an Office of Defense Mobilization spokesman:

"There is no present indication we will ask Congress for control powers, standby or otherwise."

Barring new crises, there is general agreement among government, congressional and institutional economists here that the price trend will be a "bulge not a breakthrough." Some believe the over-all rise in 1957 will not exceed 2 to 2 1/2 per cent.

But the trend embarrassed the Eisenhower administration during

the election campaign and continues to do so, for the "businessman's administration" has made economic stability its chief domestic goal. It set out in 1953 to prove that economic growth and high employment can be achieved without inflation.

For three years it seemed to be winning. The price average varied no more than a point or two, up or down. Then, last May, the consumer price index took a surprising hop to match the old all-time high of October, 1953. It hasn't stopped yet.

New peaks were set in each of the next five months except August. From April to October the index, official yardstick of living costs for the average city family, climbed from 114.9 to 117.7 of the 1947-9 average.

The effect may be illustrated thus: If you had left a \$10 bill in the pocket of your topcoat when you put it away last April, its buying power would have shrunk to \$9.76 by the time you found it in October.

In November most of the federal chart-watchers dropped their earlier forecast that the index shortly would "level off." As the new year approached, the consensus of the not-for-quotations guesses was:

1. The rise may accelerate slightly, rather than slow down, in the winter months.
2. Food prices, representing 30 per cent of the index, no longer can be counted on to cancel out the rising cost of other items in the family market basket.
3. For three years the sag in farm and food prices masked the fact that virtually all other prices were going up. This fall grocery prices didn't drop as usual when the harvests came in; they just stopped climbing. The Agriculture Department now says they will rise again through first-half 1957.
4. Most other goods and services are pointed upward. These include housing, electrical appliances, home furnishings, transportation, medical and dental care, recreation services like cleaning and repairs, and—except for the customary January clearance sales—clothing and shoes.
5. The latest rise of wholesale prices—up 7 per cent since mid-1955—probably has not yet been

U.S. Economy Hit New Highs During Year

NEW YORK — The mighty American economy shouldered its way past scattered trouble spots to climb new peaks of prosperity in 1956.

Some problems had been solved. A few, including renewed inflation, remained to challenge the coming year.

Here are some of the highlights of the economic year:

Gross national product — the dollar total of all goods and services provided by U.S. workers — mounted to a possible average of \$12 billion dollars.

Employment set new records and personal income ran 21 billion dollars ahead of last year. Savings increased faster than in 1955.

Retail sales were estimated at \$12 1/2 billion dollars, a new record and 4 per cent above the year before.

Consumer prices rose 2 1/2 per cent.

Hourly earnings of factory production workers passed the \$2 average mark.

Corporate dividends were at record high levels.

The auto industry had its fourth biggest year and turned out almost six million cars and 1,200,000 trucks.

nearly 2 1/2 billion dollars for expansion; it ended the year with a record \$8 1/2 million phones in operation.

Construction set a new record of \$44,250,000,000, despite a 7 per cent drop in the amount of money spent on new homes.

Furniture makers had their biggest year, with retail sales running about 5 per cent ahead of the 1955 record.

The steel industry ran at full blast and still failed to keep up with demand. Despite a 34-day midsummer strike, it managed to produce an estimated 115 million tons of steel, just two million short of the record set in 1953.

Electric power production increased nearly 10 per cent, setting a new record of 601 billion kilowatt-hours.

Oil shipments to Europe following blockade of the Suez Canal solved at least temporarily the surplus problems that had piled up in a year of record U.S. oil production.

Farm income turned up for an estimated gain of 4 per cent over

1955, but crop surpluses were still a problem.

The biggest business of all, the federal government, poured out money at the rate of 69 billion a year. It could afford to, however, since it took in money at the rate of nearly 70 billion and expected to end the fiscal year next June with 700 million left over.

4-D Big Spring (Texas) Herald, Mon., Dec. 24, 1956


Check That Gun

PHOENIX, Ariz. — A highway patrolman, bringing in a prisoner for drunk driving, stopped at the desk to check his gun. It's a rule that officers can't take their pistols near the jail where prisoners might grab them.

As the patrolman slapped his pistol on the desk, the prisoner reached into his pocket and brought out his own gun.

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Police were so embarrassed they refused to give out the name of either the patrolman or his prisoner.



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6. "Built-in" cost increases are looming. In the summer round of wage settlements, many of the biggest unions' new contracts guaranteeing an annual wage increase of 3 to 4 per cent, and "escalator" clauses have regained popularity; they assure cost-of-living pay boosts as consumer prices rise.

For all these reasons and more, no one in Washington will be surprised if the long roll call of summer and fall price increases lengthens during the spring.

Higher list prices were posted on most major lines of consumer durables as the 1957 models came out. In the auto field, the 6 per cent boosts in Ford and Chevrolet prices were typical.

Already there had been increases of 3 to 10 per cent or more in television sets, refrigerators, automatic washers and dryers, typewriters, electric and gas ranges, mattresses, rugs, air conditioners, sewing machines, phonographs, radios, home freezers, kitchen utensils, shoes, tires, tubes, gasoline, beer and farm implements.

And on the industrial front the price tags were marked up on steel, aluminum, chemicals, copper, rubber, machinery and plant equipment, electric motors, trucks, cement, and construction machinery.

Christmas shoppers found many increases in toys, gift goods, luggage, lamps, gloves and other items.

The movement was an across-the-board affair. Yet in the words of the commissioner of labor statistics, Ewan Clague, it was "not a panicky type of thing. It's just firmness."

A good many officials concluded advisers agreed, the hourly wage of production workers has been rising faster than their hourly output, despite the labor-saving gains achieved in a period of unprecedented progress in plant modernization and "automation." All other costs—materials, machines, financing, transportation and selling—have gone up too.

Top federal officials have appealed for "stewardship" and "moderation" by business and labor in their pricing policies and in wage negotiations, lest both of them price themselves out of the market.

Beyond such persuasion, it is generally agreed, there is little the government can do except what it has been doing or trying to do—keeping restraints on the supply of credit, and collecting more billions in taxes than it pays out for goods and services.

Some officials hope for and expect a letup in second-half 1957. Industry's huge outlays for new plant and equipment may begin to pay off in lower production costs. And some segments of the economy which did not share fully in the World War II inflation—and have been "catching up" ever since—may begin to level off. These would include rents, medical and dental care, utilities, and many types of household and personal services.

And finally, the price boom may yield to the old-fashioned laws of supply and demand. Price competition, it is felt, will intensify as the new plants pour their output into the market and as consumer resistance begins to assert itself.



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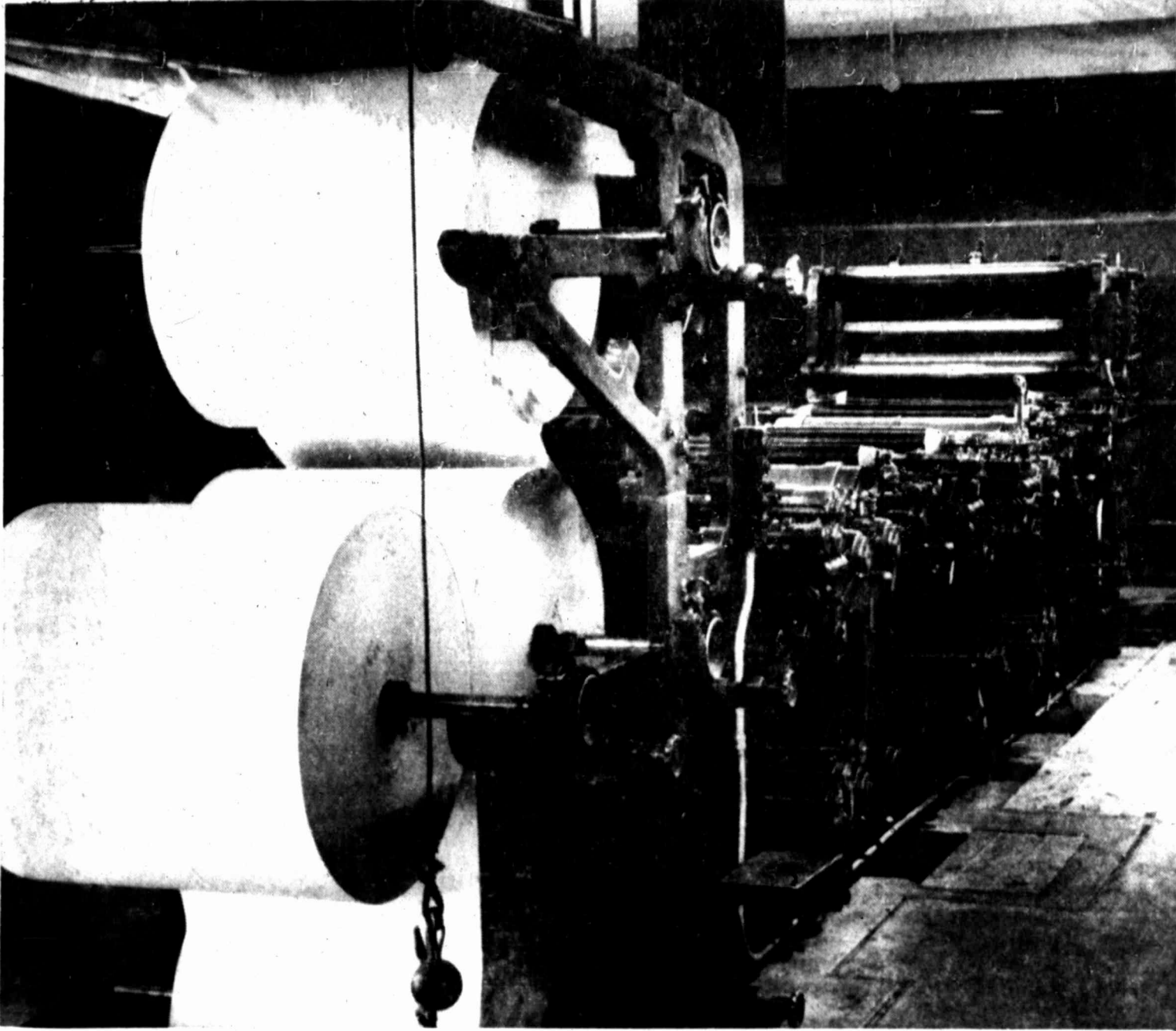
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The Christmas season is here . . . and all the world is embraced by the magic of its beauty.
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Almost Everyone Celebrates Christmas In Atheist Russia

By ROY ESSOYAN
MOSCOW, Dec. 24 (AP)—Almost everybody celebrates Christmas in atheist Soviet Russia. They lump it under the New Year holidays so everybody's happy.

There's a Christmas tree in practically every home, only it's called a New Year tree. Santa Claus reigns supreme for the kiddies, and only he's called Grandfather Frost.

All the Christmas cards have new year slogans of peace and coexistence but nobody minds too much—Moscow's frosty spires, onion domes and crunching snow are more like a Christmas card than the store-bought facsimiles.

Christmas had its big revival in Soviet Russia during World War II. The government decided the church could play an important role in inspiring patriotism. And presto, out came the Christmas trees.

The process of relative liberalization that started after Stalin's death had little to do with popularizing Christmas. Christmas was safely back in style before then

and, judging from subsequent years, it is here to stay.

Christmas seems to mean most to the older generation—and their grandchildren. The generation that grew up in between, in the bitter '20s and '30s, has not warmed to it but apparently goes along for the sake of the children and the old folks.

Despite the widespread observances, however, Russian Christmas celebrations lack the flavor of prerevolutionary days when children trudged through the snow from house to house singing Christmas carols, and every village had its snow games and sleighing parties.

Today, over the Christmas-New Year holiday's the frosty night air is filled with the sound of song, but the songs are usually marching tunes and the singers are boys and girls returning arm in arm from club dances and school parties.

Moscow has all the trimmings at Christmastime — nippy winter air, crunching snow, bustling people.

Department stores are crowded with shoppers. Champagne corks pop fast and furious in retail liquor stores equipped with special booths the closest thing to bars in the Soviet Union.

The last few years the Kremlin, a forbidding fortress in Stalin's day, has been thrown wide open each Christmas to the children of Moscow.

Some 10,000 children troop through every day of the holidays. The ancient halls and palaces echo with laughter and song, girlish squeals, massed cheers and the chatter of piping voices.

A brightly lit revolving Christmas tree 75 feet tall tickles the giant chandeliers of St. George's Hall in the Grand Kremlin Palace, where the Czars used to entertain in imperial splendor and the present leaders of the Soviet government hold their statelyst functions.

Westerners in Moscow mark Christmas quietly. Americans gather at Spasso House, home of Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen, sit on the floor and sing Christmas carols. The British and other embassies hold similar parties.

Noise That Annoys

PETERSBURG, Va. (AP)—Sign of the times department: Police chief W. E. Taylor says complaints received by his department dealt with, among other things, the noise caused by power lawn mowers on Sunday.



May this very heartfelt wish follow you and your family throughout the Holiday Season and the New Year to come. Pray with us that men of all nations remember the true meaning of Christmas.



BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON...

We wish you a Christmas full of happiness and good cheer. And may you find added joy in each day of the New Year.

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O Come All Ye Faithful

MAY PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD REIGN
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Poinsettia Is American

Few people realize that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant, the poinsettia. This plant is a native of tropical America. Since florists were able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, it makes a perfect Christmas plant with its flaming red bracts or leaves.

Because of the sentiment attached to Christmas plants, people hate to throw them away and it isn't necessary to do so, with the poinsettia.

Simply give the plant a resting period about the middle of February in a cool place. Water it occasionally, just enough to keep the wood from wilting. Then, around the first of June, bring it out and cut it back severely.

Season's Greetings

In celebrating the Birthday of Christ it is entirely fitting for all people to have and experience that inner feeling of well being that comes from love of fellowman and wishing him good luck and Godspeed on worthy endeavors. We hereby express this love and this wish.

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Good Year For Homes Despite Tight Money

By JOHN BAUSMAN
 NEW YORK — Builders groaned all year that tight credit and a shortage of mortgage funds were crippling the home building business but they still managed to start over a million new homes.

Federal and private estimates indicate starts on non-farm dwellings this year totaled around 1,100,000 or perhaps a little more. This makes the eighth straight year of more than a million new homes.

The 1956 figure, however, is well behind the 1,328,900 starts of last year.

The outlook for 1957 is around one million starts, according to government housing authorities. Some private forecasters set the figure at about the 1956 level. All predictions might be changed by an easing or tightening of the supply of mortgage money.

While housing starts dropped about 17 per cent below 1955, many 1956 houses were larger than the year before, making the decline in dollar volume only about 7 per cent. Higher costs also helped to keep the dollar outlay, estimated at \$15,200,000,000 closer to the 1955 total of \$16,600,000,000. The 1957 predictions indicate another drop in dollar volume next year to around \$14,700,000,000.

The rate of home building was on the downgrade when 1956 started, a tightening of federal mortgage terms and general shortage of credit had begun the slowdown in 1955.

For the first few months of the year starts ran 12 to 14 per cent behind the record-breaking boom figures of early 1955. By summer the decline lengthened to 19 or 20 per cent.

Builders and government officials alike blamed most of the difficulty in obtaining money to finance new homes.

In September the government acted to ease credit. Down payments were reduced from 7 to 5 per cent on homes costing \$9,000 or less. In addition the Federal National Mortgage Ass'n restricted its buying of mortgages to those that are no more than four months old, thereby concentrating its support in the new home field.

Early in December the Federal Housing Administration acted again, this time raising the interest rate on FHA-insured home loans from 4 1/2 to 5 per cent. This was designed to attract a bigger share of available credit into the home mortgage field.

However many houses might be built in the coming year, the men who build them figure they are going to cost more. Members of the National Ass'n of Home Builders predicted in a survey that the average home in 1957 will cost about \$15,200 compared with \$14,700 in 1956.



Early Shopping Pays Off

Craig Clarke, 3, Burbank, Calif., knew exactly what he wanted when he went to the local Animal Shelter and described the gift he had in mind for Christmas to poundman Russell Sowers. His purchase may not be guaranteed, as sign above indicates, but neither dog nor boy seems to care. One got a home, the other a companion.

Things Look Better For Grain Farmers

CHICAGO — Things looked a little better for grain farmers in 1956.

The improvement wasn't anything to cause farmers to shout from the silo tops. But at least the sickening price skid of the previous year was not duplicated.

At the start of the year the farm problem provoked a heated and confusing debate in Congress, out of which came a new farm program and higher one-year price supports for certain important crops.

The major legislative development was a soil bank, under which land is to be retired from production. This came so late in 1956 that it got off to only a token start.

Opponents referred to the land left idle in the program as "Benson's Acres," after Agriculture Secretary Benson, but many farmers appeared anxious to subdivide their land into this type of real estate.

Production of wheat, oats and rye was cut back from the previous year. But the corn crop, responding to wonderful weather in the Midwest, was the second largest on record. The soybean crop hit an all-time high.

Some speculative excitement whirled up in grain futures on the Chicago Board of Trade. This started with the farm bill and was most pronounced in wheat. Dealings became more active than they have been for several years. Cash prices held up better than in 1955. Prices hit their lows each year around harvest time. This year's lows held above those of 1955.

The low for wheat at Chicago was \$2.02 in July compared with \$1.91 1/2 in August, 1955; for corn \$1.24 1/2 in October compared with \$1.11 1/4 in November, 1955; for oats 65 cents in March compared with 57 cents in August, 1955; and for soybeans 2.23 1/2 in September compared with \$2.19 in October, 1955.

High for the year for cash wheat at Chicago was \$2.38 1/4, corn \$1.66 1/2, oats 81 cents and soybeans \$3.33.

Insurance Industry Writes New Record

NEW YORK — The nation's life insurance industry wrote a record amount of new insurance in 1956. More companies were around to share in the booming market.

Sales climbed to more than 50 billion dollars, a solid 13 per cent ahead of 1955. Business was more competitive. Firms went after a bigger slice of the volume by bringing out new types of policies and writing new wrinkles into some of the old ones.

Some companies cut premium rates. Others offered more liberal conditions on existing policies at no increase in cost.

Rate cutting was helped along by the rise in interest rates, which boosted the investment earnings of the life insurance industry to the highest level in years.

Mortgages again accounted for the biggest part of the new investing done by life companies. The Institute of Life Insurance said the industry loaned more than the billion dollars to prospective owners in the first nine months of the year. This brought its mortgage portfolio to over 32 billion dollars, compared with less than seven billion at the end of World War II.

Life companies reduced their holdings of U.S. government bonds by more than one billion dollars to under eight billion, and continued to keep their investments in common stock at about the same relatively small total as a year ago.

Near the end of the year, the industry's assets were estimated at 95 billion dollars, a gain of five billion over 1955. Three giants among the life firms—Metropolitan (assets of almost 14 billions at last report), Prudential (12 1/2 billions), and Equitable (eight billions)—accounted for more than one-third of the total.

Merry Christmas



Santa's loaded his sleigh with gifts for the good.

We'd like to do the same if only we could!

Instead we'll have to wish to each one of you

Happiness, Peace and Joy the whole year through!



Tallest

Above is a scale drawing which shows how the KSWV-TV television tower near Roswell, N. M., will out-rank in height the Empire State Building and the Eiffel Tower. The 1,610-foot tower will be the tallest man-made structure in the world.

'Silent Night' Wouldn't Sell For Publisher

Twenty-five years ago a New York music publisher gloomily eyed the yellowing stacks of sheet music of a carol he couldn't sell and ordered it to be pulped for waste-paper.

His office girls deliberately disobeyed him. Several took copies home to give away to their friends. One even made a Christmas gift of "Silent Night" to everyone who passed on the sidewalk. Another was sacked after distributing free copies in the Bowery.

The magic tenderness of "Silent Night, Holy Night" has been unaccountably gaining in popularity ever since. Compared with the traditional "Good King Wenceslas" or Wesley's 214-year-old "Hark! Herald Angels Sing" it is still a junior. Yet it's estimated that in orchestration fees and record royalties this favorite modern carol now earns a world gross take of over \$3,000 every Christmas.

When Bing Crosby was first asked to record it, he refused. "Who do you think I am?" he demanded. "Lily Pons!"

His agent almost had to shoulder him to the microphone. But Bing's own version of "Silent Night" has sold four million copies, his own top best-seller. He regularly donates all his royalties on this sum alone nears \$25,000.

On a tiny country church remote in old-world Upper Austria, a marble plaque is dedicated every Christmas to the composer. Farmers, men from the neighboring salt mines and American soldiers lustily join in the singing. Yet Franz Gruber might never have written the song if mice had not hungrily nibbled his slippers.

Son of a poor linen weaver, Franz was the sexton and school-teacher of the little village of Hochburg. And it was on Christmas Eve, 1818, that Franz entered the village church to find the 26-year-old parish priest almost in tears.

A family of mice had eaten their way through the organ bellows, so that there could be no music for Christmas. "They've chewed through the slippers I left here too, the varmints!" said Franz. "But we'll beat them yet!"

In the flickering candlelight, he sat down and improvised words and music for a carol suitable for the only musical instrument they had on hand... the priest's old guitar.

Together young priest and sexton sang and strummed it... the world's first performance of "Silent Night, Holy Night"...

Wise Men Identified

The Three Wise Men of the East who brought gifts to the infant Saviour have been identified over the centuries as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar.

Melchior means "king of light." Gaspar or Caspar... "the white one." and Balthazar: "the lord of treasures."

The first of the Magi offered gold — the emblem of royalty; the second offered frankincense token of divinity, and the third, myrrh — the prophetic allusion to the persecution unto death which awaited the "Man of Sorrows."

Medieval legend calls them the Three Kings of Cologne and the Cathedral there, claims their relics. They are commemorated on Jan. 2, 3 and 4th, and particularly on the Feast of Epiphany.

Among the ancient Medes and Persians, the Magi were members of a priestly caste considered to have great occult powers.

According to popular legend, these Magi were reported to have come from the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia.



Christmas Greetings

As the three kings of ancient time brought to our Saviour their precious gifts, let us bring to Christmas the supreme gift of love and good will toward all, and thus express in fullest measure the true spirit of the Day.

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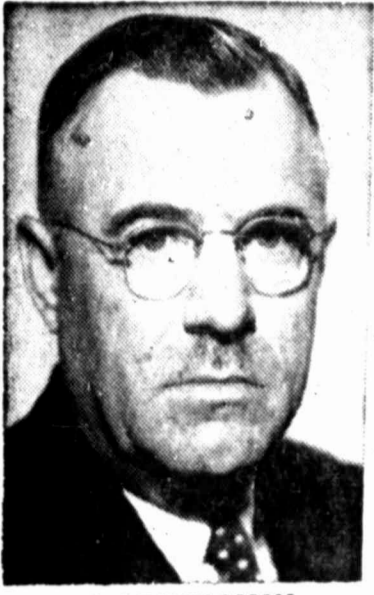
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The gently falling snow softly filters the tones of the steeple bells. Our hearts are filled with the nostalgic thoughts of spending Christmas with our loved ones...

our voices are hopefully raised in a prayer for peace.

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TOPS FOR YEAR

Extension Service Pair Is Honored

F. Z. Beanblossom and Sadie Hatfield have been named "Man and Woman of the Year in Texas Agriculture" by the Progressive Farmer magazine.

Both are members of the Texas A&M College extension service staff. Beanblossom is poultry marketing specialist and Miss Hatfield is specialist in homestead improvement.

Beanblossom has made big contributions to the poultry industry since he began working in Texas shortly after World War II. Seeing the greatest need was for improvement in poultry marketing, Beanblossom began working to improve quality. He talked with farmers, poultry dealers, hatcherymen, poultry breeders, feed salesmen and processors explaining that "consumers will buy quality products."

One result of his promotional work was in the field of graded eggs. Ten years ago, there were practically no eggs sold in Texas on a graded basis. In 1955, over 40 million dozen were sold on a graded basis and Texas egg producers were paid over 2 million dollars more for their product.

Beanblossom has sold the idea of quality from the farm to the table. He has pushed chicken of tomorrow contests for better broilers, processors for cleanliness and attractiveness of dressed turkeys and broilers, restaurants to serve more eggs and poultry meat, truckers to be more careful in handling, feed men for better feeds, handlers for more efficiency in their operations, etc. But whatever his job, you can be sure of one thing—he's trying to help Texas sell more Texas poultry.

Mrs. Hatfield has worked closely with the State Department of Health, Texas Forest Service, Texas Association of Nurserymen and Texas Garden Clubs. Hundreds of beautifully landscaped rural homes stand as testimonials of Sadie Hatfield's service.

Miss Hatfield extends her services further by training and rec-



SADIE HATFIELD

Many Ancient Yule Customs Still Survive

Many of the Christmas customs coming to us have been handed down from the mother country, and in England many of them survive to this good day, especially in the rural districts.

In some sections Christmas still lasts the 12 days of old, winding up on the Twelfth Night Shakespeare wrote about. During that season, villagers turn mummer to act out centuries-old plays and to frolic in the streets.

In Cornwall fisherfolk in coastal villages "guide dance" on street corners to the music of concertina and drum. The boys usually dress as girls and the girls as boys. Sometimes they assume historical characters, sometimes merely go in black-face.

In Hampshire ordinary serious farm laborers strangely array themselves in pseudo-Norman helmets and coats of mail, their faces concealed by strips of wall-paper. That is the prescribed costume in which the workers reenact the ancient mummings' play about St. George and the Dragon.

When New Year's night falls on Allendale two dozen quaintly-carved men with snags of blazing tar balanced on their heads, parade behind the village band to the marketplace where they touch off a bonfire.

At Burghhead they "burn the Clavie," the Clavie being a tar barrel filled with wood. It is demolished while still aflame and there is a mad rush for the glowing embers which are supposed to bring good luck.

Luck also is the underlying theme of wassailing in Carhampton, Somerset. Pans full of cider are carried into the orchards. Then each man dips his mug in and after draining part of his mug, throws the rest of the cider at the trees while he shouts to scare away any evil spirits which may be lurking in the branches.

At Hax in Lincolnshire, men from five rival hamlets gather there to play a 600-year-old game called "throwing the hood." The hood, a tightly rolled piece of sackcloth, is then tossed into the air and each player tries to get it and run for home. As a finale, the men lock in a scuffle and try to push each other down hill. Lady luck is supposed to favor the winners during the ensuing year.

Bear Was 'Chicken'

BLOOMSBURG, Pa. — Bears of this north central Pennsylvania region must have lost their taste for most "rover's" district game protector M. F. Hagenbuch. Hagenbuch said a bear broke the window of a chicken house, crawled inside and ate all of the feed mash in the poultry feeders. Not a chicken was touched.

Santa Claus Favorite Subject Of Christmas Card Designers

Santa Claus can shed his tasseled cap this year, and wear a king size crown instead. He's won new laurels—after a lifetime that spans more than 16 centuries.

This latest honor is a tribute from the Christmas card people. They report that jolly St. Nick, after countless seasons in a relatively lesser role, appears on more of the 1956 designs than any other single figure.

Santa's dramatic comeback, however, is but one side of the story. From coast to coast, Christmas card designs that recall Yuletide traditions have been in greater demand than ever. All the familiar signs of a hearty, century-old Christmas again were on parade.

And as this colorful panorama of yesteryear unfolded, Christmas by Christmas card, flaming poinsettias burst into bloom. Passengers journeyed "home for Christmas" by stagecoach. The Yule log blazed in a painted fireplace. Church bells chimed a silent but joyous "Noel."

Imaginative color schemes, vivid and gay, were used to recreate the nostalgic atmosphere of many generations ago. And in many instances, Christmas card designers achieved realistic effects by using unusual materials.

Crinkled cellophane was inserted to simulate frosted window panes on one cut-out card shaped like a 19th century street lantern. The engraved gold foil border around a wintry farmhouse scene was embossed to resemble an antique picture frame.

There are several designs on which Santa's beard was made of

fluffy white feathers, and his work-suit of red, suede-like material. Santa himself is pictured harnessing his reindeer, soaring over picturesque villages, and sliding down snow-covered chimneys.

Not since 1822, when Clement C. Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas," has he been characterized in so intimate and revealing a fashion. What's more, one of the many Santa Claus cards actually is a cleverly illustrated replica of that beloved poem beginning, "Twas the night before Christmas..."

Earlier generations, incidentally, did not think of Santa as a "jolly old elf." They described him as tall, thin and riding a white horse—like the real St. Nicholas, a kindly bishop who lived in Asia Minor during the 4th century A.D. Both his name and appearance were gradually Americanized by early Dutch colonialists at New Amsterdam.

Many another Christmas card illustration also originated in ancient times. There have been scores of colorful designs this year which pictured gaily ornamented Christmas trees—a custom begun by Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation, over 400 odd years ago.

Against a misty background of twilight and falling snow, one card revealed three warmly-clad youngsters singing Christmas carols on street corner—just as the wandering minstrels of Merrie England did back in the Middle Ages.

Church bells and flickering candles always rank among the most popular Christmas card symbols. Yet, the curious myths once told



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Superstitious

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — The George Van Zandt returned from vacation to find a superstitious burglar had stolen six cue-sticks and 16 pool balls, everything except the eight-ball.

Thieves Could Spoil Holiday

There may be someone dropping in besides Santa unless extra precautions are taken over the holiday season, Police Chief Conrad L. Rogers advises.

Warning local folks against openly flaunting their Christmas packages without taking proper steps to protect them, Chief Rogers said that the holiday time was an opportune one for burglars.

"If you leave your home for any length of time," he said, "it is a good idea to lock it up tight. Burglars are on the prowl constantly, watching for just a slight advantage. We are doubling our vigilance and we ask that everyone cooperate as much as possible."

The chief also pointed out that carelessness with leaving packages in unlocked cars amounts to asking for a thief to make off with them.

Chief Rogers said just a few common sense precautions taken can prevent a lot of grief and enable every one to have a merry Christmas.

and Peace lay upon the land



May the love and kindness we feel in our hearts today live forever in the hearts of all men... May fear and hate be banished... May we all, in our own way, help make this a better world, and, in so doing, find the happiness and peace we have so long been seeking...

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Nations Of World Linked By Yuletide

Christmas has more pulling power than the United Nations when it comes to linking the world internationally.

This is not only an international celebration but a midwinter holiday that dips back to antiquity. With internationalism the hope and prayer of all of us, whatever our political faith, it is particularly stirring to think of the internationalism of our Christmas. It is not only an international celebration but the midwinter holiday is one that man has commemorated since long before the Christmas era almost as far back as we can trace his story.

At first the midwinter holiday was a celebration of joy that the gathering darkening of the days had stopped and that the days were growing lighter and longer again. Early man had a terrible fear that there might come a time when there was no light left on earth.

The Christian era likewise ushered in with a symbolism of light in a dark world and so the celebration of Christ's birthday was set at this midwinter time in the fourth century A. D.

But the church regarded as heathen the use of lights and evergreens to decorate for Christmas festivities. A vigorous effort was made to suppress their use and Tertullian writes: "Let the heathen kindle lamps—they who have no light. Let them fix to the door post laurel branches to be burned, but thou, oh Christian, are a light in the world, a tree that is evergreen. Make not a pagan temple of thy own house door."

for evergreens even to symbolize his new faith, persisted and during early American times, efforts to suppress the idea were still being made. Massachusetts in the 17th century enacted a bill reading: "Anybody who is found observing by abstinence from labor, feasting or in any other way, any such day as Christmas Day, shall pay for every such offense five shillings."

But eventually the evergreens and the lights were accepted as a part of the Christian celebration of Christmas and they even acquired a Christian symbolism. The holly berries came to represent the drops of Christ's blood, the leaves his crown of thorns, while the mistletoe berries became symbols of Mary's tears.

The gay home customs of Christmas are likewise an accumulation of many lands and many cultures. The American Santa Clause developed from Holland's St. Nicolaes while our Christmas tree came from Germany. England gave us the tradition of the flaming plum pudding and many of our most beloved carols. Mexico is the homeland of the poinsettia, and the Latin countries of Europe gave us the creche and many of the loveliest of the religious pictures that we like best on Christmas cards.

Lot Of Licenses

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—There were 6,721,409 driver's licenses in California as of mid-1956. Of the total 6,309,372 were operators' licenses and 412,037 were chauffeurs' permits.

'Moddra Nigh' Is Old English For Christmas

The oldest English name for Christmas is Moddra Nigh, or Mother's Night.

In the early days, when our Saxon forefathers had just settled down in the country that was to be England, the day of December 25th was given up to games and feasting, but the night was dedicated to the special honor of mothers. They occupied the seats of honor, and everyone brought them gifts. Sons and daughters who had gone out into the world strove to be at home on that one night in the year.

A little later the name Yule was given to Christmas and the rejoicings of the day were prolonged into night, when men sang and told stories sitting around the cheerful blaze of the Yule log. The old customs of Mothers' Night gradually died out, though they still survive in a few parts of the country. Its place has been taken to some extent by Mothering Sunday in the North of England. On that day everyone who can do so still makes a pilgrimage homeward and the mother receives the homage of her family.

Most Know Of Mistletoe

Mistletoe and a pretty girl at Christmas time! Most people, at least most men, know what that means at the Yule season, but few know that this old custom had its origin in an old superstition.

The lore of primitive days contains many references to mistletoe. According to an ancient Norse legend, the sun god was slain by an arrow fashioned from the mistletoe plant. He was resurrected by his mother's tears, which falling upon the plant, were crystallized into pearly berries. Because of this magical healing, it was ordained that mistletoe should grow neither on heaven or earth, but suspended between. That is the reason, runs the legend, that mistletoe is found growing on trees.

Mistletoe was of special significance to the Druids, ancient pagan priests of England, who cut it off trees with a golden knife used only for the purpose. They believed it possessed wonderful powers of healing and acted as a protection from witchcraft. During the December religious rites, it was bestowed upon individuals as a special mark of honor.

Because of its supposed salutary properties, mistletoe was often hung over the doors of primitive houses as a sign of good-will. Belief in magic has disappeared, but this custom still remains. And a kiss under the mistletoe still has beneficent effects. Try it and see for yourself.

Rural Christmas Is Changed, Too

Christmas, like the old gray mule, is not what it used to be down on the farm. Nor out on the ranch, for that matter.

Rural observance of Christmas lost some of its kick when it lost the gray mule, and the introduction of mechanized methods of farming and good roads have brought the Christmas celebration in the country right up to snuff with the city.

Santa doesn't find many chimneys to pop down into nowadays. That's because most rural homes are heated with gas or oil and the old-time chimney and glowing hearth are few and far between. The old mantle boards above open fire places used to be strung with stockings, hung handily for Old Santa to stuff with toys, dolls, fruits, candies and nuts when he came down the chimney.

Christmas trees, just like in the city, have replaced the old stocking-hanging custom in most farm and ranch homes.

The chimneys are about all gone and so are the stockings. Children wear socks nowadays — at least, the boys do — just like grown-ups and they wouldn't be deep enough to hold what the old black knit stockings held. Those same long stockings served more than one purpose. They kept the legs warm, provided something for Santa to stuff with gifts and, when holes came in them in the spring, they were unraveled and made into balls for baseball loving youngsters.

Rural women don't work as hard before Christmas as they once did. Grandmas used to begin saving the eggs in November and would start Christmas baking early in December. When she was finished, just about every shelf in the house would be lined with cakes and pies.

All this cooking was for two reasons. One was that sweets and fruits were not available every month of the year down on the farm, so the housewife splurged during Christmas to fill a lot of sweet teeth. Another reason was because of visiting friends and relatives, many of whom would arrive about Christmas and stay until the New Year celebration.

Availability of fruits and sweets all the year around and the introduction of good roads and fast automobiles have taken the drudgery out of Christmas for most farm women.

Close relatives still visit during the holiday season, but their visits usually are short and many of them take along part of the food they eat during their visits.

And there are not as many children to cook for. Farm families are smaller than they used to be. That means less cooking, less preparation and less work for the busy housewife. It also means more money to spend for fewer gifts.

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BUZ SAWYER

YOU'RE FALLING LIKE A SPENT BULLET, SHAWBY! MAKE UP YOUR MIND, QUICK!
DUMP YOUR FUEL AND TRY TO GUIDE HOME...
OR FLIP THOSE ROCKET SWITCHES AND TRY TO CARRY OUT YOUR FLIGHT PLAN.
MAYBE THE ROCKETS WILL FIRE OKAY. MAYBE THEY'LL EXPLODE AND BLOW ME TO SMITHERS...
OH, HECK, LET'S TRY IT.
BUZ HITS THE FIRST ROCKET SWITCH... NOTHING HAPPENS...
A SECONDS OF PANIC! THEN, SLAM! SHE FIRES!... NUMBER TWO SLAMS IN... THE THREE... AND FOUR... THE SKY WITH SHARPS CUTS... CLIMBS WITH A ROAR INTO THE BLUE.
HOORAY! I'M OFF!

DIXIE DUGAN

WHY SHOULD I BUY A TREE FOR A GUY WHO COULD BUY THE WHOLE GOLF DANG NORTH POLE??
I HAVE A HUNCH IT WILL CHECK HIM UP.
NOEL NOEL
WE DON'T WANT ANY

NANCY

LET'S CUT THROUGH HERE
BE POLITE-- LADIES FIRST
OKAY
SPLAT!
I DON'T NEED MY HORSE! ???!

L'I' ABNER

ONE KICK-AN-AND BE THE LATE LIL ABNER!
DON'T WORRY SON, YOU IS GOIN' DOWN THAR 'TSAVE ALL DOGATCH!
-AN' NO ONE WOULD BE INSANE 'NUFF I KICK THEM SUPPORTS DOWN!
CRACK!

BLONDIE

ELEANOR'S HUSBAND SUGGESTS MAD AT HER TONIGHT
HOW COME?
SHE TOOK THEIR CAR OUT TODAY AFTER HE TOLD HER NOT TO
HOW DID HE FIND OUT SHE HAD THE CAR?
SHE ACCIDENTALLY RAN OVER HIM

ANNIE ROONEY

EVEN THOUGH I DON'T THINK MUCH OF THIS CAPER, BIX, I MUST ADMIT YOU SOUNDED VERY CONVINCING. I BEGAN TO THINK I REALLY WAS LITTLE ANNIE'S RIGHTFUL MOTHER--
IT'S IN THE BAG, MAZIE! THAT J.K. FLING ISN'T SO SMART AFTER ALL--
WELL, J.K., HOW DOES IT LOOK TO YOU? EVERYTHING THIS BIXBY ROONEY SAYS SEEMS TO ADD UP. HOW WOULD HE KNOW ABOUT MRS. MEANY'S SCHOOL IF HE WENT ON THE LEVEL?
YEAH, SHADRE, IT LOOKS GOOD, BUT I'M NOT BUYING YET--
IT'S FUNNY, ZERO, BUT I'VE GOT A KIND OF LONESOME FEELING TODAY. I DUNNO WHY I SHOULD FEEL MORE ALONE THAN USUAL-- BUT I DO!

SNUFFY SMITH

JUGHAID-- I'LL GIVE YE A NICKEL IF YELL SHEET DOWN TO TH' STORE AN' CHARGE ME A PULG OF CHAW-- TERBACKY--
IT'S A DEAL, LUVK, SNUFFY
THAR YE BE!!
SAKES ALIVE!! YE PULLED IT RIGHT OUT OF TH' DRAWER LIKE MAGIC
TH' LAST TIME YE SENT ME FER A PLUG I CHARGED TWO-- NOW FORK OVER MY NICKEL
LOWEEZY!! RUN GIT TH' SHERIFF!! I CRAVE TO SWEAR OUT A WARRANT--

GRANDMA

MY BUT IT'S WORK CLEAN' UP AFTER TH' KIDS WHEN THEY PLAY GAMES IN TH' HOUSE!!
WELL, IF I WERE YOU, WHEN THEY STARTED TO PLAY, I'D SAY NO!
WELL, HECK, I DO SAY NO!!
BUT I JUST CAN'T MAKE 'EM BELIEVE I MEAN IT!!

DONALD DUCK

HOW COME WE'RE GOING TO THE RITZ?
BECAUSE I CALLED AND GOT RESERVATIONS. THAT'S WHY.
WAIT... LET'S GET WEIGHED!
WELL, OKAY BUT I KNOW WHAT I WEIGH!
OH, GRACIOUS!
(A LETTUCE SALAD AND A CUP OF TEA)

JOE PALOOKA

IT'S A REAL THRILL TALKIN' TO TH' MANAGER OF TH' WORLD'S HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMP. CAN YOU GET JOE TO COME TO OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY?
HUR! POSITIVELY! SCUSE ME... I GOTTA MAKE A CALL!!
SWELL, JOEY... I KNOW YA COULD DO IT... SEE YA T'NIGHT!
THERE HE IS, KID?
LOOK WHO'S WITH HIM!
IT'S JOE PALOOKA!
YIPPEE! IT'S BOB HOPE!
MERRY CHRISTMAS

SCORCHY SMITH

OKAY, SON-- LET ME HAVE THAT RIFLE... YOU MIGHT HURT--
GOSH!
BANG
SCORCHY! I'VE GOT LUCK COVERED!
JEEPERS! I ALMOST KILLED HIM-- GOT TO SEE IT THROUGH
OKAY-- OKAY-- KEEP THE GUN, JAY, I--

OAKY DOAKS

WHILE ON HIS WAY TO DELIVER SOME MONEY TO KING CORBY, OAKY HAS MET A STRANGE KNIGHT...
YOU MEAN YOU'LL TRY TO STOP ME FROM GOING TO THE ROYAL CASTLE?
I WILL STOP YOU, SIR OAKY!
THIS MEANS A FIGHT, SIR TERWILLIGER!
THEN MOUNT YOUR HORSE AND FIGHT!
I DON'T NEED MY HORSE! ???!

POGO

HALLOO! IT'S FOUR A.M. I WAKE UP-- TIME FOR CHRISTMAS JOY
YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT I MASTERED FUDGE-MAKING THIS LAST JULY 12-- AND I SAID YOU 21-- BE FOR JUST SUCH A OCCASION AS THIS
HELP YOURSELF-- ALSO IN THERE IS A FLOWER FROM A BUNCH I WAS GONNA GIVE MISS MANSFIELD ON FLAG DAY-- BUT I THOUGHT BETTER OFF-- SHE MIGHT OF GOT CARRIED AWAY-- BY YOURS.
WELL, THAT BLOWS THE WAD-- BUT CHRISTMAS ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR-- SOME FOLKS WOULD'T GIE YOU A SIMPLE GOOD MORNIN'-- BUT I LIKE TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITION--

DICKIE DARE

WITH TRITON SUNK, OUR FRIENDS WERE CASTAWAYS UNTIL A MYSTERIOUS MIDGET SUBMARINE TOOK THEM IN TOW--
LAWA FLAT-- SUSH, A BIG SUB SURFACIN'! IS IT A U.S. JOB, CADET DARE?
I DON'T RECOGNIZE THE TYPE, COOK-- BUT WE'LL HAVE THE FULL STORY IN A MOMENT!
ABOARD THE SUBMARINE... WHAT CRAFT IS THAT?
WHAT IS YOUR NATIONALITY?
STRANGE THAT THEY DON'T ANSWER... COULD WE HAVE JUMPED OUT OF THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE?

LITTLE SPORT

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Register
- Poem
- Maple genus
- So. African warriors
- Play on words
- Had on
- Clean
- Handle
- For
- Scrap
- Saltpeper
- Russian
- Quote
- Epistle: abbr.
- Gasoline
- Harden
- Military cap
- Electrified particle
- Cessel for heating liquids
- Blunder
- Consult
- Forward
- Black
- Of an arm bone
- Quivering
- Biblical king
- Town in New Guinea
- Vegetable
- Very bright
- Poet
- Jap. statesman
- Peruvian Indian
- God of war
- Put on
- Reward

DOWN

- Speak imperfectly
- Faulty
- Table implement
- Small singing bird
- Method of functioning
- Fine dirt
- Abstract being
- Expect
- Competition
- Gaule
- Raise
- Theater box
- Nothing
- Final
- Jumble
- Augment
- King Arthur's
- Ace
- Philippine peasant
- Make ready
- Sea eagle
- Burn
- Ardor
- Curves
- Straighten
- Father
- Sing
- Sing voice
- Old oath
- Irrite
- Palet

Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

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BUZ SAWYER

DIXIE DUGAN

NANCY

MARY CHRISTMAS, LITTLE NOODNIK!

L'L' ABNER

BLONDIE

ANNIE ROONEY

SNUFFY SMITH

GRANDMA

DONALD DUCK

EDITORS NOTICE

4. Small singing bird
5. Method of functioning
6. Fine dirt
7. Abstract being
8. Expect
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42. Father
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48. Inverte
49. Feast

BUZ SAWYER

WITH ROCKETS ROARING, THE SKY WITCH HURTTLES TOWARD OUTER SPACE.

GREAT SCOTT! THE POWER! THE CLIMB! FEELS LIKE SHE'S GOING CLEAR OUT THE TOP.

FIFTY THOUSAND... SIXTY... SEVENTY... AND STILL CLIMBING!

MEANWHILE: CHASE PLANE, THIS IS OPERATIONS. DO YOU STILL HAVE SAWYER IN SIGHT?

NEGATIVE, EVEN VAPOR TRAILS HAVE DISAPPEARED. BY NOW HE OUGHT TO BE CLOSE TO 100,000 FEET.

DIXIE DUGAN

SCREAM!

WAAH-YA HEARD WHAT TH' MAN SAID? NOT QUITE.

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU ???

NANCY

I'M GLAD I DIDN'T SEND ANY CARDS THIS YEAR --- NOBODY SENT ME ANY

ER--- THANKS, EVERYBODY

MARY CHRISTMAS, LITTLE NOODNIK!

YOU GOT IT HE'VE EVERYTHING A LITTLE KIT COULD WANT--- A TELEVISION SET, A BICYCLE, A HOURLY BOARD MOTOR, A DRUM, A FOOTBALL, A MODEL HAIRPLANE, A BAT, A BASEBALL, AND A GLOVE.

BUT IS HALL MADE OF HICE!

NOTCHERLY!! WHAT ELSE IS THERE IN LOWER SLOBOVIA?

BLONDIE

POOR MR. DITHERS... HE HAS SO MANY BUSINESS WORIES THESE DAYS HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING

I'M GOING TO STEP OUT FOR LUNCH, EDDIE

DAGWOOD WAS I JUST GOING INTO THIS RESTAURANT OR COMING OUT OF IT AS YOU CAME ALONG?

YOU WERE COMING OUT MR. DITHERS

GOOD... THEN I'VE HAD MY LUNCH

ANNIE ROONEY

THIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR LITTLE ANNIE LOOKS GENUINE... BUT WE CAN'T VERIFY IT, BECAUSE THE TOWN IT WAS WRITTEN ON WAS COMPLETELY WASHED OUT BY A FLOOD TWO YEARS AGO. THAT'S TOO BAD, SHARPE.

MR. BIXBY ROONEY'S STORY ABOUT LEAVING LITTLE ANNIE WITH MRS. MEANY WHO LATER DISAPPEARED WITH THE CHILD SOUNDS REASONABLE - BUT - WE SHALL CHECK UPON MR. ROONEY WITH THE F.B.I. AND ALL SUCH AGENCIES. SEE IF HE HAS A RECORD -

YES, I HAD THAT CHECKED.

I'LL DO IT AT ONCE, J.K.

BE VERY QUIET, ZERO, 'CAUSE HARVEY IS TALKING ON THE PHONE.

--- AND YOU STARTED THE DEAL ROLLING TODAY, BIX !! OH-OH - I'LL CALL YOU BACK!

SNUFFY SMITH

PAW!! THAR'S A GOV'MINT MAN ON TH' FRONT DOOR STOOP AN--

SHHH!! I'LL GIT MY SHOOTIN' ARN AN--

BUT, PAW!! HE AINT NO REVENOGER!! HE'S WIF TH' FORESTRY SERVICE

THEY BOTH WORK FER TH' SAME OUTFIT, DON'T THEY?

GRANDMA

STUFFY YOU EMPTY EVERY ONE O' YOUR POCKETS!

H-M!! JUST AS I THOUGHT! ENOUGH NAILS, BOLTS AN' THINGS T' SINK A SHIP!

GOLLY, ALL O' THAT EXTRA WEIGHT MIGHT MAKE YOU BREAK THROUGH TH' ICE...

... AN' RUIN ALL OUR NICE SKATIN'!!

DONALD DUCK

UNCA DONALD!

UNCA DONALD!

(UNCA DONALD, GUESS WHAT...)

WE'RE HAVING A THAM!

JOE PALOOKA

I'M SURE ALL YOU FELLAS KNOW BOB HOPE?

I WOULD'VE BROUGHT MY GRANDPA BING... BUT HE'S ENTERTAINING AT ANOTHER VET HOSPITAL?

I SAH BOB IN NOKRA.

HE PUT ON A GREAT SHOW FOR US IN ALASKA!

LOOK! IT'S SID CAESAR AN' JIMET BLAIR... IN 3-POISSON!

THERE'S LAWRENCE WELK!

WITH HIS ENTIRE BAND!

THEY PLAY CHAMP-AYN MUSIC... WITH TH' BUBBLES!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WOWE? THEY'RE TH' GREATEST!

SCORCHY SMITH

COME UP SCORCHY, I'VE GOT ROWDY!

GOT TO WORK FAST - THE KIDS OFF GUARD!

OW!

JAV! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

MRIP-L-LIKE! GOT AWAY! SCORCHY!

OAKY DOAKS

IT'S CHRISTMAS MORNING, AND KING CORNY FINDS HE DIDN'T GET WHAT HE WANTED...

DING BLAST IT! I WAS SURE OAKY WOULD BRING THAT FIFTY THOUSAND SMACKERS FROM THE DUKE OF DEADHAM AND PUT IT IN MY SOCK!!

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POGO

God bless the Master of this house, the Mistywey bless also.

And all the little children that round the table go--

DICKIE DARE

LOOK - THEY'RE HOSTING THE MIDGET SUB ABOARD THE BIG ONE

--- AN' THERE'S A GUY MOTIONING US UP THE LADDER - LEAVE ME TELL HIM OFF, DOC!

LISSEN, BUD, BEFORE WE STEP ABOARD THAT SCOW, YOU'RE GONNA TELL US WHO YOU ARE. I'M FROM BROOKLYN, N.Y. AND...

HE'S HOLDING A GUN ON US, COOK! I-ER- SUGGEST WE PLAY ALONG...

LITTLE SPORT

Merry Christmas

Life's Darkest Moment

TEN O'CLOCK! WHEN I WAS A KID I GOT UP AT SIX AND BY SIX-FIFTEEN I'D LOOKED AT ALL MY PRESENTS

THEY WERE AT A DANCE LAST NIGHT, SO I DON'T SUPPOSE THEY'LL SHOW UP BEFORE NOON

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Hall
- Algonquian Indian
- Distant
- Mingle
- Bellow
- Italian river
- Behave
- Church
- Gr. province
- 3-legged stand
- Steps over a fence
- Gave temporarily
- Herring / sauce
- Presses
- Cook in fat
25. Yellow bugle
28. Ventilates
29. Cravat
30. Stale
31. Doleful
32. Outfit
33. Sudden blaze
34. Pastoral poem
35. Native of Crete
37. Light boat
38. Fr. conjurer
40. Spoken
41. Slam
42. Strange
44. Deep mad
45. Searched
46. Negative
47. Barks
48. Implement
49. That girl

DOWN

- Chalice
- English queen
- Exceptional
- Longs for
- Bound
- Direction
- Before
8. Mountain ridge
9. Congratulations
10. Indigo plant
11. Flower
18. Taverns
20. Crafty
21. Geological division
22. Exist
24. Tropical fruit
26. Pizazz
27. So be it
28. Sesame
30. Vehicle on runners
32. Cereal grass
33. Thrift
38. Gives out sparingly
36. African river
37. Hindering implement
38. Vocal solo
39. Circle of light
41. Flying mammal
42. Stain

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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Humble Pastor 'Out Of Date,' But Found Glory On Christmas

(Editor's Note: John W. Dunning, a Michigan minister, wrote this story just before Christmas, 1950. The story was published in the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company's journal at Kalamazoo, Mich. The day after Christmas, Dunning was stricken and died a few days later. Arcadia was a sleepy, unkempt village that belied its glamorous name. Rows of frame houses with wide yards fronted Main Street. They needed paint, and only here and there a flower of some neglected perennial poked its stunted bloom through a riot of undergrowth.

Two outstanding buildings relieved the dreary thoroughfare. One was an old post-road tavern, now called The Inn. The other was the church. It stood well back from the street, a relic of remote grandeur. Its tall steeple pointed heavenward. The edifice and the manse next door were of the earthy type.

The minister was an old man. He had been its pastor for 40 years. He knew he was out of date. Rumors had reached him of clamor for a younger, more progressive man. People complained that always he was looking after some outcast, or visiting the rift - rattling his parish and preparing interesting sermons.

He often had thought of resigning, but somehow could not force himself to do it. "I am no good any more," he often mused. He lived in a single room of the manse, doing his own housework and cooking his meals.

It was Christmas Eve and he had come to the study in the church to write his Christmas sermon. It was cold and he wore his old overcoat against the chill. He had had a busy day. There had been the funeral of the drunk who had staggered across the tracks in front of The Flyer, and the sick child he had gone to see in a squalid home. Also he had been called to settle a family quarrel, and there had been a discouraging meeting of the church board. No money, and they were two months behind on his small salary. He was late with his sermon and it must be ready by Christmas morning. He had hoped to have something new to say, but he decided to use the old story about the shepherds. From his worn Testament he read Luke's tale of it. He wrote the text at the top of a sheet of paper, using all seven of the thrilling verses. But he could get no pen or pencil help. Something else was there in his subconscious mind other than a sermon.

NOTE UNDER DOOR

Then he remembered! A note had been under his door when he had come in that afternoon. It asked him to come and see a sick old lady who was dying. So the note said. He had forgotten. It was not yet too late! It was only ten o'clock. He lighted his lantern and went outdoors. A strong wind was blowing and it was getting cold. Biting snow crystals cut his face. He found the house-on-the-far

rest. But thoughts would not come. He felt a strange weakness and his mind would not work. He was very, very tired. He put his head down on the desk and pondered his text.

What was he going to say about the shepherds? Oh, yes! It was a dark, snowy night and they were watching their flocks on the Bethlehem hillside. It seemed as if he, himself, were there among them watching. He lifted his head. Everything seemed to be getting bright. It could not yet be dawn. Again he leaned his head upon his arms on the desk. The night seemed to be growing brighter all the

while. He was out on the hills again. There were shadows on the hillside and there was a star in the sky he had not seen before.

What was that? Singing! And a voice saying not to be afraid. Something wonderful was happening! Angels! And they were telling of a child born in a manger down in the village. Oh, yes! It was the Christ Child. Yes, there he was and his mother. He was beside them now. They looked strangely familiar. He had seen their faces somewhere before. He was all confused. Where was he? In Arcadia or in Bethlehem? He could not understand it all. But his heart was

glad, very glad. His spirit exulted! When the milkman came through the snow to the manse on Christmas morning, he entered the minister's unlocked room, as always he had done, to leave milk in the icebox. But the minister was not there. Instead, a strange sight! A young woman fast asleep in the pastor's big chair, a tiny baby cuddled in her arms.

Later they found the old man in the study of the church. His head was resting on his arms spread out upon his desk. His eyes were closed, but on his face was a gleam of joyous, hallowed ecstasy, as though he had seen something

beautiful or had been listening to sweet music.

His arms and face were resting on a sheet of white paper at the top of which was written:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring you

good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

Decorations Change, But Purpose Stays The Same

The ritual of "decking the halls with boughs of holly" has been considerably since feudal days or whenever it was this custom was first started.

But the purpose behind it of making the house show the holiday mood of the family remains the same.

Through the years the means and mode of decoration have been

elaborated on and expanded. Our great-grandmothers used popovers extensively—for chains and huge balls. Ornaments were another favorite as were red berries, mistletoe pine cones and red candles.

Today many of these traditional decorations are still used.

But the advent of electricity made the decorating job easier and safer.

In the stores today Christmas lights of all shapes, sizes and designs wink brightly—waiting to adorn someone's Christmas tree.

The tinsel icicles of the past are still available but this year you can get them six feet long too.

And a new twist on this decoration is the plastic icicle that looks like the real thing—you know the one that forms when water freezes outdoors.

Plastic snow is also available this year. It looks much more like the real stuff than anything available in the past and to carry out the wintry theme white cotton to blanket the "ground" around the tree is also available in both the plain and "glitter" varieties.

Snow that glows in the dark can add a pleasant touch to a child's room and if you want color, don't overlook the fact that agnel hair is now available in red and green as well as white.

Garlands and wreaths of every variety, size, and design are just waiting to decorate windows and doorways.

Also available for window decoration are "snow phantoms" that from the street will look like there is an artist in the family who painted the windows for the holiday.

Of course, the traditional balls or bulbs for the tree are now being made in enough sizes, shapes, designs, colors and varieties to tax the imagination.

The huge wax candles for decorating tables, mantel and almost anything else you can think of are as big and fat and Christmas-looking as ever.

The trend today in Christmas decoration is not to stop with just a tree and doorway but to decorate the whole house.

Some families are arranging the Christmas cards on wires or strings and making them the central decoration around a doorway on a wall.

Others don't overlook the possibility offered by pennants or mistletoe.

And though this can't strictly be called a decoration, figurines for a nativity scene are also available along with stables, sheep, shepherds, wise men and angels.

Cards Deserve A Better Fate

With so much sentiment attached to the Christmas greeting cards we receive to toss them on a desk or store them in a box, is like slamming the door in the face of a friend they deserve a better fate.

Inevitably the question arises: "How then may Christmas cards be displayed to the best advantage?" Each year it must be answered anew. What made a solution last year should not be repeated this year — unless you want to be thought of as lacking in originality.

It takes a well-laid plan of course. But it's surprisingly easy to create a real holiday-at-home atmosphere, with only Christmas cards and a few accessories.

Christmas greetings on your front door, for example, may sound strange at first. Yet nothing arouses the spirit of Christmas so well as a warmhearted welcome when visitors drop in for a holiday get-together.

Imagine their surprise and delight to find a cheery Christmas card peeping out at them from the holly wreath lodged on your door. If a more elaborate display is desired tie a big red ribbon bow with a half dozen or more long-ribbon streamers suspended from it. Then place little branches of evergreen into the bow and begin pinning your Christmas cards to the streamers as they arrive.

Apartment-dwellers may find decorations such as these look better on the wall adjacent to their doorway. In fact, any arrangement that you decide upon will be influenced by the way your home is furnished — if you're a wise interior decorator.

Another idea is to exhibit Christmas cards under the glass top of a coffee table. There they can be admired and compared, without being disarranged or damaged by careless handling.



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