

Permian Basin OIL & GAS LOG

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Oil Editor

Jordan Stakes Site For Scurry Wildcat

A wildcat test into the upper Permian of North Scurry County is to be started immediately by Jordan Drilling Company.

That concern staked location for its No. 1 Moore as 660 feet from north and east lines of the north-west quarter of section 483, block 97, H&TC survey.

That puts the drill site about 12 miles north of the town of Snyder.

The desired formation is expected to come in above 2,200 feet. Drilling is to be with cable tools.

Texaco Is Swabbing Midland Ellenburger

The Texas Company was attempting to make a commercial oil well and discovery from the West Midland County Ellenburger with its No. 1 Scharbauer, deep wildcat one mile south of the Midland Air Terminal.

Total depth is 13,374 feet in the deep zone. The top of the current horizon showed slight possibilities of production on drillstem tests.

Upon deepening in the Ellenburger with consecutive drillstem tests, the venture finally recovered salt water. Operator has now gone back to the upper section in an effort to develop the oil shows.

A string of 5 1/2-inch casing is cemented at 13,374 feet. Perforations were shot into the pipe at 13,190-220 feet, with 200 one-half-inch holes.

Operator ran two-inch tubing to 13,147 feet and began swabbing tests.

After three hours of swabbing, fluid was standing 4,500 feet from the top. Swabbing was continuing. Up to now, no new oil has been reported.

This possible pay opener is 690 feet from south and west lines of section 20, block 40, T-2-S, TP survey.

Humble Gets Slight Oil Shows In Upton

Humble Oil & Refining Company No. 1-B Barnett, East-Central Upton County wildcat, in the undeveloped area to the northwest of the Benedictum field, and 600 feet from north and west lines of section 39, block Y, TORR survey, took a 45-minute drillstem test at 10,565-585 feet in a lime and chert formation.

There was a weak blow of air for a part of the period. Recovery was 90 feet of drilling mud, with a rainbow show of oil. The prospector is making new hole below 10,723 feet in lime and chert.

Magnolia Drills Ahead In Upton Ellenburger

Magnolia Petroleum Company No. 1-A XL, 3 1/2 miles south of Midland, in North-Central Upton County, and 860 feet from north and west lines of section 31, block 40, TP survey, T-3-S, had drilled to 12,787 feet in Ellenburger lime, and was making mud logs.

Operator planned to continue to about 12,805 feet and take a drillstem test early Saturday.

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Amerada Gets Water; Pugs Gains Wildcat

Amerada Petroleum Corporation No. 1 Greg McCrummen, Northeast Gaines County wildcat, one and one-half miles from the town of Wray, took a 45-minute drillstem test at 10,565-585 feet in a lime and chert formation.

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"Kitty Hawk" Gets Official Welcome Back To America

WASHINGTON—(AP)—An official welcome home was arranged Friday for the clumsy craft which first propelled man into the air and changed the pace of peace and war.

The ceremony comes 45 years to the hour after Wilbur and Orville Wright went aloft in their "flier"—popularly known as the "Kitty Hawk" for the North Carolina town near which it flew.

Chief Justice Vinson was scheduled to accept the wood, wire and cloth biplane from Milton Wright of Dayton, Ohio, acting for the estate of his uncle, Orville Wright. Orville died last January 30—two decades after he had sent the plane to London because American authorities had been reluctant to give him and his brother full credit as discoverers of the principle of mechanical flight.

But Orville's papers disclosed he had asked the Science Museum of South Kensington to return the relic after his death for deposit in the Smithsonian Institution.

Closing out Toys, Games, Dolls at 1/2 price. Wilcox Hardware—next to Safeway.—(Adv.)

Probe Planned For Liquor Control Unit

AUSTIN—(AP)—A "complete investigation of the entire liquor control set-up" will be asked of the State Legislature, Rep. Blake Timmons of Amarillo said Friday.

The legislator said he is preparing a resolution for introduction when the Legislature convenes in January 11, demanding a "thorough investigation of the Texas Liquor Control Board from top to bottom."

He said a Fort Worth night club incident involving G. H. Little, state liquor control board member, was "the reason" for asking this investigation, but it is rather a focus attention on the matter.

Gov. Besford H. Jester was waiting for a report on the Fort Worth incident in which Little and Assistant Attorney General Jack Love of Fort Worth were charged with violation of the liquor curfew law and disturbing the peace at the Rockets Club. Little also was charged with being drunk.

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WEATHER
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Cardinal Spellman presents Christmas packages to youngsters from the New York Foundling Home during the annual Christmas party at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. He seems unaware that the tiny tyke on the left has picked himself an extra-special present. The little fellow is trying on Cardinal Spellman's biretta, perhaps just for size. (NEA Telephoto)

Reds Push Nearer To China's Capital

NANKING—(AP)—Supreme headquarters of Chiang Kai-Shek's East China Command Friday began withdrawing from threatened Pengpu to Chuhhsien, only 30 miles north of this uneasy capital.

Pengpu, 105 miles northwest of Nanking, was the anchor for the government's new Hwai River defense line. It became Nationalist headquarters after the abandonment of the stronghold of Suchow, 100 miles farther north.

The withdrawal coincided with reliable reports that the government's battered Twelfth Army Group, trapped by the Chinese Communists northwest of Pengpu for 18 days, has been wiped out.

Official dispatches reported the Twelfth was making a last stand with less than half its original force of 110,000 troops. They were described as compressed into an area of only three miles in circumference.

Associated Press Correspondent Seymour Topping reported from Pengpu that transports, which had been airlifting supplies to the encircled Twelfth, no longer could be seen.

Personnel and equipment of Gen. Liu Shih's East China Command headquarters began loading Thursday night and advance echelons took a southbound train Friday.

Railway officials in Nanking were informed that only a section of the headquarters presently was moving to Chuhhsien, which is about 75 miles southeast of Pengpu.

As headquarters troops began taking down telephone wires and loading trucks in the movement to the railway yards, panic began spreading among Pengpu's 300,000 population, Topping reported.

Free Enterprise In Danger, All-Civic Speaker Points Out

"Free enterprise is in danger, in jeopardy, as long as there is a hungry child in the world," Russell Birdwell told members of Midland's civic clubs at a luncheon meeting Friday in the Scharbauer Hotel, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He spoke in no uncertain terms.

Birdwell is the distinguished public relations counselor and author who stirred the nation with his strong article "Where The Hell Are We Going." He quoted this writing frequently in his talk to Midlanders.

A crusader against Communism, Birdwell lashed out with strong words against it. He said not one European country could stand against Russia 48 hours if the Red decided to roll. He said America has no friends in the world except those we woo with dollars. He said Great Britain is a cold-blooded police state. "China is gone," he said.

Predicts Dire Things

Birdwell accused this country of courting Franco of Spain, a mistress, for at least one base in Europe.

He said the newspaper accounts of now will bear out his statements that Communism reaches to the highest levels of our government. "Hiss, what a wonderful name for that guy!"

"I predicted dire things. I still predict them," Birdwell stated. "Status quo is shot to hell."

"It is peaceful in Midland. God has been good to Texas. But there are those working against our free enterprise with more devotion than we ever exercised for these good things," warned the speaker.

Delbert Downing of the Chamber of Commerce introduced Birdwell. Riley Parr, president of the Jay-Cees, presided as leader of the host organization. Various civic unit leaders and members were recognized.

Permian Building Is Picked As New Name For Office Structure

The name of the Chapple Building at the corner of Texas and Big Spring Streets will be changed to Permian Building when work of enlarging the structure from two to six stories is completed next summer, Jack Wilkinson, owner, announced Friday.

The Wilkinson Building Corporation purchased the attractive office building from Dr. James H. Chapple last October, and immediately announced plans for its enlargement.

The two-story structure was completed early last year.

The construction program now is underway and sufficient steel for the project will be on hand by January 1, Wilkinson said. All other materials have been received. The same general style of architecture will be carried out in the additional floors. Construction will be of steel, concrete and brick. David S. Castle of Abilene is the architect and David L. Harmon is the contractor. All Space Leased

Wilkinson said Friday all space in the enlarged building has been leased.

The Phillips Petroleum Company, which now occupies the second floor, also will occupy the third and fourth floors. Cities Service Oil Company and several independent maintain offices on the first floor. "Other oil companies will occupy the fifth and sixth floors."

The building will be completely modern in every respect and an elevator will be installed. The structure will be air-conditioned.

Wilkinson, prominent Midland rancher and oil operator, is part-owner of the new six-story Wilkinson-Foster Building on North Colorado Street, the two-story Wilkinson Building at the corner of Main and Wall Streets, and the Stanford Furniture building at the corner of Texas and Colorado Streets.

Reds Claim Capture Of Peiping Airfield

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—The Chinese Communists reported Friday they captured Peiping's South Airfield, but several hours later Associated Press Correspondent Harold K. Mills landed there from Nanking.

In a short radio dispatch from Peiping, Mills said mortar and artillery shells were striking within a few hundred yards of the field seven miles south of Peiping but were not hitting the field itself.

★ LATE NEWS FLASHES ★

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL — (AP) — More than 300 are known dead, hundreds are missing and thousands are homeless in two states of Brazil Friday in the wake of heavy rains which sent torrential floods over wide areas.

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL — (AP) — Israel denied Friday Egyptian charges that Israeli forces attacked Egyptian troops in the Faluja trap Thursday.

ST. LOUIS — (AP) — Threatened with a strike before Christmas, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was to give its answer late Friday to a union proposal that a fact-finding board be appointed to investigate the company's ability to grant wage increases.

\$3 Crude Becomes All But Memory As Phillips Cuts Price

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—(AP)—Three dollar-a-barrel crude oil—something mid-continent oil producers hadn't enjoyed since World War I—was all but a memory Friday as the Phillips Petroleum Company cut its price 35 cents, back to the \$2 65 level of September 28.

The lower price schedule, on all grades of crude, was effective at 7 a. m. Friday.

Sinclair Prairie Oil Company, the only major which followed Phillips' lead, early Friday announced it had reduced its posting for crude oil by 35 cents per barrel, effective at the same hour as the Phillips cutback. A handful of small independent purchasers were expected to follow shortly.

Failure of a substantial portion of the major oil companies to go along with the price increase was responsible for the retrenchment, according to K. S. Adams, Phillips president.

It brought about a disparity that obviously couldn't continue, he said, between Phillips crude costs and those of its competitors.

Heavy Daily Losses

In Tulsa, Paul Hedrick, oil editor of The Tulsa World, estimated Phillips was losing \$18,000 to \$20,000 daily paying the 35-cent bonus for oil and that Sinclair Prairie's loss was between \$5,000 and \$60,000 a day.

Only an unusual combination of circumstances during the last few weeks brought the supply-demand picture back into balance, Adams said, stressing that sharply increased oil imports was one of the most important factors.

He used the occasion to pass along this warning:

"If deprived of the more than 500,000 barrels daily of imports, this country would face an unprecedented oil shortage."

Slender Security Thread

"A foreign oil supply thousands of miles away is a slender thread on which to hang our national security in these days of strained international affairs."

"Higher prices are necessary to cover increased costs that are impeding the industry's efforts to fulfill its long term obligations to its customers and the country."

Independent producers agreed. Their spokesman, C. E. Buchner, executive manager of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, said at Tulsa the price decrease was "quite a blow to the small producer."

Radio Berlin Back On Air Again Friday

BERLIN—(AP)—Radio Berlin was doing business at the same old stand again Friday. Russia's most powerful propaganda voice in Germany went back on the air only 12 hours after the French had blown up its giant transmission towers.

Soviet Commentator Heinz Schmidt began broadcasting again Thursday night on the same wave length and apparently with the same broadcasting power, even though the station's two tall transmitting towers lay shattered in the French sector.

Reprisals Hinted

Radio Berlin's personnel refused to say how they managed it. German engineers said they might be using another tower at Potsdam. Schmidt declared in his broadcast that an "order from Washington," not the French, had been responsible for the dynamiting.

Taeigliche Rundschau, official Soviet Army newspaper, hinted at reprisals.

Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, the Russian commander in Berlin, protested the French action.

Fred Shield Urges Encouragement For U. S. Wildcaters

Fred W. Shield of San Antonio, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, Thursday night urged encouragement to wildcaters to assure national security, and opposed programs to increase imports of crude oil and curtail production in the United States.

He addressed a meeting of approximately 150 Permian Basin oil operators who honored him with a birthday banquet in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer.

Shield, an independent operator, criticized the attitude of some persons in the federal government and in the oil business who assert that domestic production should be curtailed and imports of crude oil be increased as a national defense measure.

"Our nation's security and well-being depend on a strong, healthy, competitive oil business in the United States and the independent is essential to that business," Shield declared.

Claims Disputed

Shield said the United States is running out of oil were disputed by the IPAA president, who pointed to increases which have been made in the domestic production since the end of World War II, and to the new and deeper discoveries made, particularly in the Permian Basin, in support of his assertion.

He said alarmists started claiming less than 20 years ago that the United States was running out of oil, and that similar statements still are being made by persons who are not acquainted with the facts, or who have ulterior motives.

Feists Increases

He pointed out that in 1928 the total production of oil in the Permian Basin was approximately 1,000,000 barrels for the entire year, and that now the same area is producing almost 900,000 barrels per day.

Shield asserted this development is a fair example of what the oil business can do if it is left free of too much governmental interference. If it is taxed equitably, if imports are kept reasonable, if sound conservation is practiced, and if the free enterprise system allowed to operate.

Short talks were made by Congressman Ken Egan and James E. Noland of Midland and Harold B. Fell of Ardmore, Okla., executive vice president of the IPAA.

C. V. (Bob) Lyman was toastmaster. Captain L. Wood, of Midland, vice president of the association for West Texas, introduced Shield.

Visitors were present from many Permian Basin towns and cities.

Several bankers, public officials, merchants and professional men also attended the banquet.

Rain Expected To Blanket Whole State

By The Associated Press

A large part of Texas was receiving light showers Friday and by Saturday the rainfall, was expected to blanket the state.

The Weather Bureau said the panhandle and South Plains were outside the rain belt Friday but that showers were expected to fall there Friday night or Saturday.

Among points reporting light showers or drizzle Friday morning were Midland, Waco, Bryan, Lubbock, Abilene, Corpus Christi, Abilene, Dallas, Mineral Wells, Fort Worth and San Angelo.

An easterly circulation of air is bringing the rain into Central and West Texas from the Southern states. A cold front which passed through the state Thursday has become stationary in the Corpus Christi-Brownsville area and is causing the rain there.

Midlander Hurt Seriously In Car Wreck At Odessa

Melvin D. Hagar, about 50 of Midland remained under treatment in an Odessa hospital Friday for serious injuries received in an automobile-truck collision Wednesday night in Odessa. He reportedly suffers serious head lacerations and chest injuries and possible internal injuries.

According to reports, the accident occurred about 9 p. m. Wednesday at the intersection of West Second Street and County Road in Odessa. Hagar's 1939 coupe struck a truck driven by William G. Kilgo of Odessa. The Hagar machine was demolished.

Kilgo was not injured.

Hagar formerly lived at 211 North Fort Worth Street in Midland and was employed as a carpenter by Gene Brown, contractor.

Brown said Friday Hagar drew his pay Wednesday and was leaving for an unknown destination. He had worked for Brown about four months.

Mrs. Hagar and a young son are on a trip to the state of New York.

Give a portable typewriter for Christmas. Baker Office Equipment Co., 511 W. Texas, Phone 2524.—(Adv.)

Denies Guilt

Alger Hiss, former State Department official, enters his apartment in New York City after a federal grand jury indicted him on charges of perjury. Hiss pleaded innocent to the charges, and his hearing has been scheduled January 24.

(NEA Telephoto)

Franklin Bank Case Prisoner Maintains He Violated No Law

FRANKLIN—(AP)—Investigation continued Friday in Franklin, McAllen, Austin and "maybe in Waco" over the loss of \$81,000 by the First State Bank of Franklin through a series of worthless check transactions.

Meanwhile, S. E. Jones, a 47-year-old Hearne man being questioned in connection with the loss, said: "I have at no time violated any criminal laws."

Jones is charged formally with passing a forged instrument. His attorney, J. J. Collins of Lubbock, said Thursday Jones would be released on bond within 48 hours.

Admits "Serious Mistake"

In his first statement to the press since he was arrested Tuesday in Mexico, Jones said:

"I have made some serious mistakes in my dealings with others in the recent past, but I have at no time violated any criminal laws or had any intent to cheat or defraud anyone."

Thursday, Jones told The Associated Press: "Others who are involved in these transactions will be named by me at the proper time."

While Jones was being questioned in Austin, county officials told reporters Jones' signed statement "implicated several prominent citizens of Robertson County, an employee of an Austin bank, and several employees of a McAllen bank."

Admits Killing

Cleve Jones, 32-year-old convict from McLennan County, serving a 10-year sentence for burglary, admitted killing Clarence William Redwine, 38, of Harris County, another convict. Jones despatched Redwine with a case knife during supper at Retive Prison Farm near Houston.

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UN Council Rejects Bid Of Israeli

PARIS—(AP)—Israel's bid for membership in the United Nations failed to win Security Council approval Friday.

Five nations voted to admit Israel. Five abstained and one voted against the new state. An affirmative vote of seven is needed for approval by the 11-nation council.

Syria, one of the Arab nations at war with Israel, voted against the application.

Voting for Israel were the United States, Russia, the Soviet Union, Argentina and Colombia. Palestine, abstaining were Britain, China, France, Canada and Belgium.

Earlier, the Council side-tracked for the day an Egyptian protest that Israel attacked trapped Egyptian forces Thursday at Faluja in the Negev Desert of Southern Palestine. Only Belgium voted with Syria on the Syrian motion. All the others abstained.

Seal Sale Returns At \$4,500 Mark

With a week yet to go before the campaign ends, returns in the Christmas Seal Sale here Friday totaled \$4,531.50, approximately \$1,000 short of the \$5,500 goal. Jack Wicker, chairman, said. He expected the drive will exceed its quota by the end of next week.

Reminder notices have been mailed by the Midland County Tuberculosis Association to residents who have not paid for their seal.

The sale of Christmas seals were placed on sale in the following business establishments: Midland Drug, Hotel Drug, Palace Drug, City Drug, Service Drug, Cameron Drug, Petroleum Drug, South Side Drug, Tull Drug, Dunlap's, Ranch House, Terminal Cash Grocery Store, White's Auto Store, Leggett Building Cigar Stand, Scharbauer Coffee Shop, Crawford Coffee Shop, S&S Cigars, Agnes Cafe, and Midland Mercantile Company.

States' Righters To Open Capital Office

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—(AP)—State's Rights Democrats have decided to continue their fight against extension of federal powers by creation of a "public opinion" headquarters in Washington.

Gov. Ben L. Mize of Arkansas was chairman of a steering committee that took the action Thursday.

The stated purpose of the Washington office will be creation of "nationwide informed public opinion" on questions involving "the reserved powers of the state." It will be established under the name of State's Rights Institute.

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David Rizzo, murdered favorite of Mary Queen of Scots, entered her service as a musician—a bass singer—and later became her valet de chambre and foreign secretary.

★ WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLET
NEA Staff Writer



"I don't have any children on my Christmas list this year, and it doesn't seem quite right," an expensively-dressed woman shopper remarked to a clerk who saw her wistfully examining some playthings.

How could any grownup face Christmas without a child on her shopping list?

And why should anyone ever have to? Suppose there aren't any children in one's immediate family? The world is full of children—the children and grandchildren of friends. The neighbors' children, the children on "needy family" lists who have to depend on strangers for their Christmas toys, children in hospitals, children in orphans' homes.

And a grownup doesn't need to know a child well or even at all to offer a Christmas gift.

Fix The List

No children on your Christmas list? Then put at least one child there—right at the very top.

Of all the presents grownups buy, the ones they choose for children are the most Christmasy.

Cost isn't important—the child won't know or care what the present cost. Taste doesn't enter in—only "Will he have fun with this?"

And there's none of that business of "exchanging" gifts. What you give to a child you really give, expecting nothing in return but the child's pleasure and your own.

No wonder a Christmas list without a child on it is a dreary thing.

Read the Classifieds.

SOCIETY

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Guest Coffee With Exchange Of Gifts Is Yucca Club Yule Party

Santa's pack held the gift packages which were exchanged by Yucca Garden Club members at their Christmas coffee Thursday morning in Mrs. M. S. Dickerson's home, with Mrs. R. E. Gillespie as co-hostess.

Colored slides were projected as the program feature, showing views of club members and their gardens as photographed during the year by Mrs. Dickerson. In a Christmas game, Mrs. J. C. McMillan received the prize. Mrs. R. K. White was in charge of music, and played recorded Christmas songs during the coffee hour.

In addition to the exchange of gifts, each member received a gift of a small bulb from J. M. Ratcliff, and each was given a Christmas corsage.

Mrs. Carl Westlund poured coffee at a table laid with a white linen, network cloth over red, with a miniature lighted tree in the center. Mrs. Ralph Lowe was in charge of refreshments for the party.

The hostesses greeted guests at the front door, where the holiday motif was set with a cluster of pine cones and red ribbons. Mrs. W. H. Black was at the table where each registered with green ink on a scroll. A Santa Claus candle was burning on the registry table.

In the living room a tall tree stood in one corner. Poinsettias were placed on one side of the fireplace, where a wood fire was burning. Red stockings were hanging from the mantel, which held an evergreen branch decorated with Christmas balls and lights, and a single big red candle. Red letters across the mantel spelled "Merry Christmas."

At one end of the living room was a Winter Ming tree and a Santa Claus figure on skis, lighted in red. The coffee table held an arrangement made by Mrs. J. A. Koeplinger of a snow scene with a miniature pond and the figure of a girl whose skates had cut the words "Merry Christmas" on the ice.

Candles On Buffet

The buffet in the dining room held an organ arrangement of varicolored candles, the base banked with evergreens, and a Santa Claus figure. Christmas bells and wreaths hung in all the rooms.

Guests of the club were Mrs. Olive V. Conder of Dallas, Mrs. Paul McHargue, Mrs. James G. White, Mrs. P. E. Sadler, Mrs. T. S. Edgington, Mrs. J. A. Tuttle, Mrs. Ruth Blackmon, Mrs. A. P. Shively, Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith, Mrs. J. B. Bain, Mrs. Kenneth Slough and Mrs. W. N. Little.

Members present, in addition to those in the house party, were Mrs. R. E. Patton, Mrs. W. H. Rhodes, Mrs. C. E. Nelson, Mrs. Henry F. Oliver, Mrs. B. R. Mathews, Mrs. E. W. Halfast, Mrs. T. P. Tarwater, Mrs. L. Otis Baggett, Mrs. Zeb Wilkins, Mrs. James E. Sprinkle, Mrs. Ernest Neill, Mrs. Clint Dunsagan, Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. Robert Donnell, Mrs. Dewitt C. Haskins and Mrs. Nelson Puett.

GULF EMPLOYEES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

CRANE—The Gulf recreation hall was the scene of the Gulf pipeline Christmas party Tuesday evening.

Order of the program was a baked chicken dinner, the Christmas tree and entertainment.

Dinner was served buffet style from a long table decorated in seasonal colors. The centerpiece was a milk glass console set with fruit in the bowl.

Santa paid his visit to distribute the gifts from the tree. Carols and a quiz game were further entertainment. E. N. Beane was quizmaster.

Kay Crownover Observes Birthday

CRANE—Kay Crownover observed her sixth birthday Tuesday by having several children in for a party in the afternoon.

A candied birthday cake stressed the Christmas theme, carried out further in tree candles, candies, and napkins. A lace cloth was used on the table. Soft drinks were served with the cake and flash pictures were made.

Guests were Jimmy Leo, Billy Hogsett, Carol Jean and Gary Birdsong, Sharon Thorp, Glennette Jones, Ronny Crownover, Mrs. Glenn Jones, W. E. Hogsett and Kay and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crownover.

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All-Midland Chorus And Soloists To Give First Performance Of 'Messiah' Friday

Musical history in Midland will be made Friday night when a city-wide chorus and local soloists present the most complete version of Handel's "The Messiah" ever heard in the city.

The program of Christmas music will begin at 7:30 p. m. in the First Methodist Church auditorium under the baton of Don Moore. Selections from Parts I and II of the oratorio make up the program, with predominance given to Part I, which narrates the prophecies of a messiah's birth and events of the nativity.

Two performances are scheduled, the second at 5 p. m. Sunday in the same auditorium.

Sponsored by the Civic Music Club, the performances will be given by singers not only from the club but from other choruses and church choirs of the city, and individuals.

Local Voices Only

Many cities the approximate size of Midland present "The Messiah" as Christmas or Easter music, but usually with soloists coming from larger cities. Moore found his soloists, all four voices, in Midland. Some are comparative newcomers to the city, while others have been heard in . . . on many occasions.

A resident for the shortest time is Elizabeth Cope, alto, who began her duties as music co-ordinator in the Midland public schools in September. She has been a guest soloist on a Civic Music Club program and in churches here, and is known as a director of the high school chorus.

Mrs. Thomas Hill, soprano, has been in Midland slightly more than a year and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church choir in which she has appeared as a soloist. Her education in music was with private teachers in Chicago, her former home, and she sang with an opera company there.

Experience Soloists

Midland audiences have heard Ralph Smith, tenor, as a soloist and quartet member on a number of programs during his two years in the city, and he has sung in the First Methodist Church choir. He studied with a private teacher in high school days, then attended the University of Missouri with a public school music minor in preparation for teaching music in schools of Missouri and Oklahoma. That experience included directing choruses and bands. He sang in the Plymouth Congregational choir of Des Moines, Iowa. While he was a student in the university, he took part in a presentation of "The Messiah," but as a member of the chorus instead of a soloist.

Fred Gordon Middleton, baritone, sang in school programs while he was growing up in Midland and has continued to sing in church choirs and on various occasions as a soloist or with groups. He studied in the Chicago Conservatory of Music before World War II, but turned to business administration as a major subject at Texas Christian University afterward, keeping his singing as a hobby.

Women on American farms each work an average of 64 hours a week, with some of them working as many as 77 hours.

Kitchen Shower Is Given Bride-Elect

Complimenting Molly Hinds, whose marriage to Joe P. England of Monahan has been announced for December 28, a kitchen shower was given Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Curtis Rogers, 2011 West Missouri Street.

Hostesses were Leita Moore, Charlene Cook and Emelle Long. The rooms were decorated for Christmas, and after games and the presentation of gifts to the bride-elect, the guests were served spiced tea, canapes and cookies.

Present were Mrs. Marivena Kemp, Mrs. Woodrow Wickman, Mrs. Edwin Boggs, Mrs. Gus Peters, Mrs. Merritt Borton, Virginia Gurney, Jackie Fields, the honoree and the hostesses.

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Bridge-Luncheon In Holiday Motif Is Club Entertainment

Mrs. J. R. Martin, Jr., was hostess in the Midland Country Club with a Christmas bridge-luncheon Thursday for a group of bridge enthusiasts who have been playing together for some time and recently decided to name themselves the Deal Club.

Red candles and holly centered the luncheon table, and place cards were bridge talies with Christmas decorations. Mrs. John McKinley told an original Christmas story after luncheon, and gifts were exchanged.

In the games, Mrs. McKinley scored high and Mrs. Carl Covington second high. Others playing were a guest, Mrs. Tom Curtis, and Mrs. Allen Flaherty, Mrs. Oliver Haag, Mrs. Merwin Haag, Mrs. W. H. Greshaw and Mrs. Norman Dawson.

The club will not meet again until January 13, when Mrs. Oliver Haag is to be hostess.

Five Initiated To Order Of Rainbow

Initiation for five members was conducted by the Order of Rainbow for Girls at a meeting in the Masonic Hall Thursday afternoon. The group will not meet again until after the holidays.

Girls initiated to membership were Eddie Darnell, Tina Williams, Jo Ann Montgomery, Lady Tidwell and Mary Lynn Manning. In addition to members, guests for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones of Iran, uncle and aunt of Miss Manning.

Family Party Slated For VFW, Auxiliary

Plans for a family Christmas party Wednesday night were made in a meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Thursday night in the VFW and their families are invited.

The program is to begin at 7:30 p. m. A tree which the auxiliary members will decorate Sunday afternoon will be used for a gift exchange at which Santa Claus will be present to officiate. Each person is to bring a gift for the exchange. The adults will give theirs afterward to a collection which will be contributed to needy families of the city. The tree will also be given to a family.

The hall will be decorated Sunday by VFW members, who are to be hosts there Thursday night at a Christmas dance.

Willing Workers Of Calvary Church Have Christmas Party

Carols, games and a gift exchange featured the Christmas party of the Willing Workers Class of Calvary Baptist Church Thursday in the home of Mrs. Fred Brashears, 906 West Florida Street.

After a devotional talk by Mrs. G. C. Brazeele, the group enjoyed games and a gift exchange. Others present were Mrs. Allen Heard, Mrs. Ulys Barber, Mrs. J. B. Lowery, Mrs. D. B. Leaton and Mrs. Roy Long.

Episcopal Church To Have Family Service

A family day Christmas service is planned in the Trinity Episcopal Church for the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning, the Rev. R. J. Snell, rector, announces.

The junior choir, directed by Mrs. Benton Howell, will sing with the adult choir. They will present an anthem, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

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Tejas Garden Club Has Yule Gift Exchange

Mrs. Roy Minear and Mrs. Sam Preston were hostesses to the Tejas Garden Club and guests with a coffee and Christmas gift exchange Thursday morning in Mrs. Minear's home. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the season.

Mrs. Preston poured coffee at a table with a centerpiece of antique Sheffield silver and a miniature Christmas tree.

Christmas music was supplied by Mrs. Joe Mims, pianist. She and Mrs. M. M. Spiars were special guests.

Members present were Mrs. Duncan Aldridge, Mrs. Floyd O. Boles, Mrs. F. A. Crockett, Mrs. J. D. Dillard, Mrs. Roy Douglas, Mrs. G. W. Herndon, Mrs. Vann Ligon, Mrs. N. A. Lancaster, Mrs. W. C. Murphy, Mrs. Elliott H. Fox, Mrs. E. N. Spiars, Mrs. John L. Smith, Mrs. J. O. Vance, Mrs. James C. Velvin, Mrs. Fred Wycoff, Mrs. G. W. Lynch, Mrs. M. R. Conn, Mrs. W. D. Lane, Mrs. R. J. Maberry and Mrs. Harold Shanks.

Youth Center Will Have Parties, Open Hours For Holidays

A holiday program for the Midland Youth Center has been announced by Bill Engle, director, including two parties and a schedule of open hours during the vacation period.

The center will be open from 2 to 5:30 p. m. and from 7:30 to 11 p. m. on weekdays, and from 2 to 6 p. m. on Sundays.

An informal pre-Christmas party is planned for Saturday night of this week, with dancing and an exchange of humorous gifts on the program. There will be a semi-formal dance on New Year's Eve.

Lucky 13 Club Is Entertained With Christmas Dinner

A turkey dinner was served to members of the Lucky 13 Club at their holiday party Thursday night in the H. S. Collins home, 511 West Louisiana Street. Santa appeared afterward to distribute colorfully-wrapped packages in a gift exchange.

Seasonal decorations in the rooms featured real holly and the gaily lighted tree.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hays, Mrs. James L. Daugherty, Cooper Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Sikes of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hudman.

Youth Not Seriously Injured In Collision

Police reported that Joe Williams, 14-year-old Midland youth, received only slight injuries in an automobile collision on East Highway 80 Thursday. He received a cut on the chin and was treated at a hospital.

Officers said cars of James Reinhardt, 15, and Yairo Ogin collided as one car pulled out of a service station on the highway.

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OES Has Annual Holiday Party In J. J. Johnson Home

A lighted Christmas tree outside the door of the J. J. Johnson home, 2601 West Brunson Street, extended holiday greetings to Order of Eastern Star members who met there for their annual Christmas party Thursday night.

Another tree in the living room, and red candles and poinsettias carried holiday color through the house. In the center of the candle-lighted table was a large cake with a tree traced on the icing and the inscription, "Merry Christmas, OES."

Mrs. J. B. McCoy served red punch with star-shaped cookies iced in the order's star-point colors, and candies in the same colors.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Parr, worthy matron and worthy patron of the chapter, were presented a radio as a gift from members, and each also received a maple gavel. Their gifts to the members were white leather shopping bags for the women and gold and white key-holders for the men, each bearing the Eastern Star emblem.

Jimmy Johnson impersonated Santa Claus to distribute gifts from the tree. Mrs. Caroline Keisinger read a Christmas story, "Rudy the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and Mrs. Parr gave a Christmas monolog. Pictures of the group were taken by James Johnson.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Spangler, Mrs. Paul H. Bowman, Mrs. J. T. Klinger, Mrs. W. C. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Keisinger, Mrs. J. O. Hyde, Mrs. Fred Wycoff, Mrs. Wayne Campbell, Ginger Gentry, Mrs. John Ficke, Mr. and Mrs. Parr.

Biblical Christmas Story On Program

The Bible story of the nativity will be told at the Story Hour in the Children's Room of the Midland County Library Saturday at 10:30 a. m., Mrs. Lucille Carroll, librarian, said Friday.

Also on the program are Christmas carols and the poem, "The Night Before Christmas."

Girl Scouts Send Christmas Gifts To Children's Hospital

Gifts from Girl Scouts of Midland to children in the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium near San Angelo were delivered Thursday by Mrs. R. R. O'Neal. The gifts were collected earlier this week in the home of Mrs. I. A. Searles.

Members who had a part in the Christmas gift were from Senior Troop 12, Intermediate Troops 4, 13 and 26, and Brownie Troops 2, 6, 9, 11, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 38.

Included in the collection were clothing for both girls and boys, books, magazines, comic books, color books, dolls, toys for children of all ages, games and materials for handicraft.

The gifts were delivered to J. B. Stricklin, principal of the Children's Hospital School, to be distributed for Christmas.

Read the Classifieds.

Midland Pair Exchange Vows

Dorothy Scoggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Scoggins, became the bride of Cloyd V. Wallace, son of Mrs. Lillie Wallace, Wednesday night in the home of the bridegroom's brother, Melvin Wallace, 400 West Hart Street.

The bride wore a pale blue gabardine suit with beige and grey accessories. Her flowers were a pink carnation corsage.

The Rev. Charles Hedges, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, officiated.

The couple will reside at 400 West Hart Street. Both attended Midland schools and Wallace is employed by Safeway Food Store.

Present for the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Arch Scoggins, Mildred Holley, Jed Friday of Odessa, Bobby Howell, Edward Scoggins, Melvin Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rogers, Margaret Green, Elsie Pearl Friday and Eva Rogers.

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Eliminate The Sadness

Each Summer we hear and read a lot about safe driving on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. We are urged to be careful by newspapers, police, automobile associations and others. There are similar timely warnings to New Year's Eve motorists. But it seems there has been one important omission.

According to the National Safety Council, motor vehicle accidents on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are two or three times the annual daily average. The whole month of December, in fact, is bad. Icy roads, early dusk and other periods of bad visibility make highway travel particularly hazardous. Last year, for example, the total of pedestrian deaths in December was 42 per cent higher than the average for the first 11 months.

Many victims of these unhappy statistics are youngsters of high school and college age. Drivers between the ages of 18 and 24 were involved in 27 per cent of all fatal accidents last year. And that figure is misleadingly low, since the yearly mileage driven by this age group is relatively small. National Safety Council figures also show that the use of automobiles by persons under 25 is at its peak during the Christmas season.

In an effort to cut the holiday toll this year, the Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company, in cooperation with the Safety Council, is conducting a safe-driving contest in college newspapers. Prizes totaling \$2,000 will be given to the papers doing the best safety-crusing job, and to the individuals submitting the best news stories, features, editorials and cartoons on the subject. Newspapermen will be the judges. And the sponsors report that a majority of college publications are enlisted in the campaign.

These college students, and others in the 18-24 group, should be our best drivers, according to eye-hand coordination tests. But they aren't. A recent nationwide survey by the Safety Council revealed that the three main causes of accidents involving students were speeding, day-dreaming and clowning, in that order.

There are only nine prizes offered in this contest. But hundreds of, it may be hoped, thousands will take a crack at them. This means that they will be sitting down to some serious thinking about highway accidents and their own driving habits in particular. And it is possible that some, among the many who win no award, will receive the infinitely more valuable consolation prize of escape from death or injury through the extra caution that resulted from this serious thinking.

That consolation prize is available to drivers of all ages. Safe driving can eliminate a lot of sadness from what most of us feel should be the happiest season of the year.

Sound Your A

The times, it seems, are not only out of joint but out of tune. Nobody is observing the standard pitch of A at 435 cycles a second, says Dr. Herman Zeissl. And, as head of Austria's UNESCO delegation, he wants that UN group to do something about restoring the internationally agreed-on pitch at its general conference in Beirut, Lebanon.

We understand that a lot of instruments now are tuned to a 440-cycle A, or thereabouts, which to the sensitive ear gives tone a more brilliant, or maybe shriller, quality. There are also a lot of old pianos that are way below the 435 mark. In between are off-key singers and fiddlers. Maybe they all add to the discord of these high-pitched times.

Dr. Zeissl says the tuning fork used to set the standard international pitch in 1885 is still in Vienna, ready to put the world back on the tonal beam. Maybe it's a good idea. Most of us wouldn't want to go back to the leisurely tempo of 60 years ago, even if we could. But what's wrong with trying to restore the mellow pitch of that happy, peaceful era?

French President crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words.

Where Do You Think You're Going?



WASHINGTON COLUMN

Early-Bird Congressmen Start Outlining 81st Congress Plans

By PETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent WASHINGTON—Senators and representatives blown back into office by the recent elections have been homing on Washington early, in order to sound off on what big things they are going to do next year.

The result is that they have now outlined for the 81st Congress a program that is every bit as definite as what ever may be proposed by President Truman in his State of the Union, Budget and Economic Report messages. Congressional forecasts also give some idea of how the President's proposals will be received.

Biggest issues are probably labor, farm prices, housing, congressional reorganization, civil rights, inflation and taxes. Rep. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, co-author of the LaFollette-Monroney Congressional Reorganization Act of 1946, wants to revise this measure further. He would curb the power of the House Rules Committee and have the Senate ratify the bill by requiring all speakers to confine their remarks to the question under consideration instead of being allowed to ramble on endlessly.

Senators who dote on their sacred rights won't like that. Senator Francis J. Myers of Pennsylvania has an idea for putting all bills on a timetable, to be revised every 30 days. He thinks this would prevent legislative log jams at the end of the session.

Bi-Partisan Support Revision of Senate rules to do away with filibusters will have bi-partisan support. If the Republicans had retained control of the Senate, a Republican committee under Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio had intended to force limitation of debate by simple majority, instead of the two-thirds vote now required. The only reason the LaFollette-Monroney bill was permitted to pass in 1946 was that the reorganizers agreed to make no change in House rules. Rep. Alvin Ford of Rhode Island has an idea of enlarging House Rules Committee membership from 12 to 15. This would break up the six-to-six tie that snarled up so many measures in the last Congress. It would permit the Democrats to name three more members to the committee, to provide a safe working majority favorable to President Truman's program.

The President himself probably will consider these matters as problems for Congress to decide. Both will probably have to be settled, however, before any action can be taken on the President's civil rights bills. No one has yet stepped forward to say he will be the hero in passing civil rights legislation. Republicans are for it, and the Democratic platform promised it. The votes are there to pass it. But a number of Southern statesmen have announced they intend to modify the original proposals. Headed For Fight New Agriculture Committee chairman—Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma and Rep. Harold Cooley of North Carolina—have sounded off against flexible price support provisions of the long-range farm bill passed by the 80th Congress. Both want to keep high farm prices, particularly on cotton. But when the 80th Congress passed its farm bill, the thing looked good politically because it promised a little relief in lower prices. The issue is headed for a fight because the Truman administration has promised (a) to keep farm prices high and (b) to cut prices for consumers.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, who will be chairman of the Joint Committee on Economics, has a lot of ideas he wants to put over. They include stand-by price and rationing controls, government allocation of scarce materials and a return to excess profits taxes. All these were proposed by President Truman to the last Congress. Vice President-elect Barkley has pre-

McKenney on Bridge advertisement featuring a photo of Drew Pearson and the title 'The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND'.

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority Written for NEA Service If the boys in St. Paul, Minn., have their way, the Winter Carnival Tournament, which will be held there Feb. 11-14, will be one of the largest in the country. In addition to the bridge tournament, St. Paul gives visitors a real show. There is a castle built of thousands of ice blocks, a beauty pageant with the most attractive girls of the great northwest competing for the title of Snow Queen, and a new King Boreas is crowned each year.

Harry N. Dayboch of St. Paul sent me today's hand, which was played in a rubber bridge game at St. Paul Dispatch - Pioneer Press Grand Slam Club. It is an example of the type of bridge that easterners will find when they go out to St. Paul in February.

On the opening lead of the king of spades, East played the nine-spot. West knew that the nine could not be a doubleton, otherwise South would have bid spades. Therefore, West led the ten of spades, which East won with the queen.

East realized that his partner had made a desperate effort to get him in the lead, and the lead of the ten of spades by West asked for the return of the higher suit not trump. Therefore, East returned the three of diamonds. West trumped the trick with the three of hearts. Now East and West had their book.

West reasoned that if East held three hearts to the queen, declarer would be able to finesse East out of the heart trick. To guard against that, West laid down the ace of hearts. Declarer had to trump in dummy with the deuce of hearts, and now there was no way that he could finesse East out of the queen of hearts.

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I don't see how a family can be a true family without family council meetings, and the important thing is not that each shall try to have his own way but that talking and working together they create a new way. —Dr. Regina H. Wescott, family consultant.

Peace-loving peoples all over the earth view with great misgiving the encirclement of the Soviet Union by countless American air and naval bases. —Dr. Hewlett Johnson, "Red Dean of Canterbury."

Cattlemen Directors Meet in San Angelo SAN ANGELO—(AP)—The third quarterly directors meeting of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association opened here Friday.

About 100 ranchmen representing the Southwest's cattle producing country were expected to attend. President Bryant Edwards of Henrietta was to make his quarterly report.

Behind the long, gleaming front three young girls and the harassed "wade-jerker" worked like mad to provide cocones, malteds and weird concoctions of several varieties of ice cream, nuts and fruits such as are beloved of the very young.

And as they faced the daily mad scramble they earned for 6 cents when, like a covey of jright-winged, clamorous birds, the teen-age gang would sweep out and a blessed, cherished quiet would descend upon the Sweet Shoppe. It would last until after the first show at the neighborhood movie, when it would start all over again.

As if by some divine right, Merry Carson's own particular gang captured the two favorite booths. Built to accommodate four, each booth was jam-packed with six to eight young people, practically standing on each other's shoulders. And Merry, a knowledgeable leader of this particular gang, partly because she had been voted "cutest" of her class, partly because of the awe-inspiring "Tip Kennedy, captain of the 'oot-ball team, admittedly the best Fulton High had ever had, was her "steady date," looked contentedly from one bright, flushed, excited face to the other.

WARM and contented and happy, she loved them all. Life was wonderful; the gang was wonderful; her new formal for the prom was "trantic" (a year ago everything had been "super" but the gang had dropped "super" in favor of "tronic"). School was wonderful; she was going to make a good scholastic record this semester. Tip was wonderful. He was in rigid training and he had to keep up his studies in order to be allowed sufficient time for training and working out with the squad; and therefore he had permitted her to help him. So they did homework together on school nights and she was humbly grateful to him for letting her help.

She was going to be 17 in the summer, she reminded herself happily. Sixteen and a half was an exciting age. The big games were coming up. The basketball game had been a "washover" because Fulton High's team was sands ahead of their opponents.

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MERRY, who knew just as well as anyone with a mirror could know such a thing that she was not nearly as pretty as Penny, felt her heart drop. She shook back the gleaming mop of sunshiny brown hair that framed her vivid gamine face and asked soberly, "Could she even have you, Tip, if she'd pull in her claws?"

Tip shot her a swift glance. "Crimes sake, Merry, by your age. You know darned well that she'd pull in her claws. But she could have me 'while you're around,' he growled at her. And to Merry, Charles Boyer, Gregory Peck and Cary Grant all rolled into one couldn't have been more romantic. "Fact is, I've been wanting to talk to you, Merry."

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Beware of Romance advertisement by Roberta Courtland, distributed by NEA Service, Inc.



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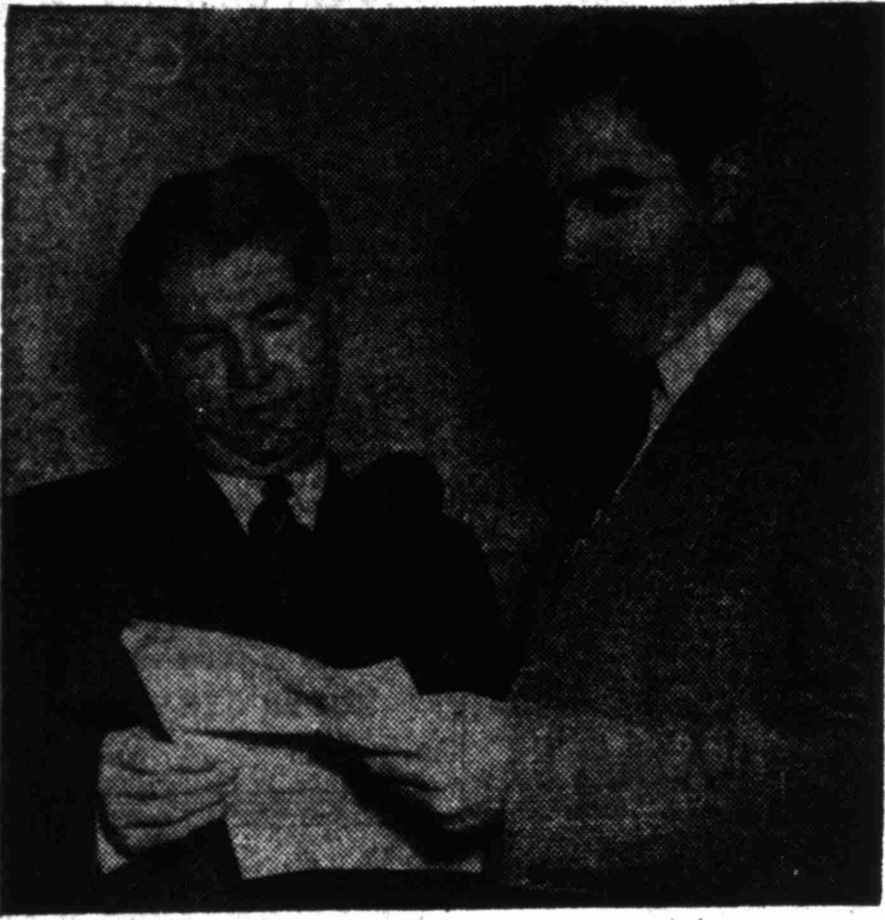
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THE DOCTOR SAYS World Is Still At Mercy Of The Dreaded 'Flu' Virus

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M. D. Written for NEA Service One of the great scourges of mankind is influenza or the dread "flu." On many occasions in history this disease has spread over the earth causing a train of disaster worse than that of any other disease.

The last great epidemic of this disease occurred in 1917-1918, about the end of World War I. At that time, it caused more than 500,000 deaths in the United States alone, and many millions in other parts of the world. There was some reason to believe that it might appear again in a similar manner during World War II, but for some reason the world was spared this added trial.

Confers With Attorney



(NEA Photo)
Art Shires, left, former major league baseball player, confers with his attorney, Burt Barr, as Shires appeared in Justice of Peace W. L. Sterrett's Dallas courtroom. Shires was charged with murder December 7 in the death of W. H. Erwin of Dallas, also a former baseball player and umpire.

Mustangs To Eat Blackeyed Peas

ATHENS, TEXAS—(P)—There is a legend dating back to Civil War days that anyone who eats black-eyed peas on New Year's Day will have good luck the rest of the year.

For instance, President Truman had them last New Year's Day and look what happened to Dewey.

So the boys around the drug store here, who fight their football games over each week, are determined to

reinforce Doak Walker's prowess as well as his teammates on the Southern Methodist University team.

Thus, a case of East Texas black-eyed peas is going forward to Coach Matty Bell of SMU with instructions not to share them with the Oregon Webfoots, whom Southern Methodist plays in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

The Methodists will be in big-time company, too, for similar shipments are going to President Truman, Governor Beauford Jester of Texas and the governors of all adjoining states.

Down SPORTSLANE
—With TANNER LAINE

If we knew who the school board is going to hire as head football coach at MHS—we would tell. But we don't. And we will betcha the board members themselves don't know at the moment.

There will be the ever-present rumors about the situation. But nothing tangible is apt to break on the deal for quite some time.

At every change of coach there are those who contend Midland must get a "name" coach. And it is so that when Midland hired a coach about three years ago, Walter Roach of TCU was considered. He was in Midland and he did confer with board members. We understand Midland couldn't reach salary terms. And that is apt to be the case of any "name" coach applicant here. Otto Thier, ex-TCU star, was pushed by some here for the job three years ago. We know backers here of Pat Gerald, Sweetwater's fine coach.

There is always the possibility a coach will be named from the present staff—an assistant moving up. If this proves to be the guiding instinct of the board, then we would say Jack Mashburn would get the job. Jack is a great leader and wonderful with boys. He knows football well. Jack may be the answer here. And it couldn't happen to a finer fellow or a more deserving one.

Many have the idea Midland should go to the Class A ranks and pick a successful coach, move him up and see what he could do for us. We know one of this category and he is at Seminole. He is Gordon Wood, who had such fine teams at Roscoe not so long back. His Seminole teams have been A-1. There are a couple of good coaches at Class A installations. No doubt one or any of them might make it here in Class AA. Who knows? Irving in Class A has a cracker-jack young coach. Whether he is available or not, we don't know.

Midland will have applicants and plenty. There is always a lure about coaching a Class AA ball club. Besides, Midland is growing and a feeder system is going to start paying off one of these days. The possibility here is not without its attraction—to many. There are numerous boys of the coaching ranks, who always believe, "I could do it."

Assistant coaches of neighboring schools and other schools over the country may be interested in a head coaching post at Midland. It is natural that men desire to go up in their profession and a head coach's job beats an assistant's any day.

A crop of fine athletes will graduate from colleges and universities this June and included will be those who plan to coach. Ambitious newcomers to the coaching ranks are apt to make application here.

As we see it, whoever Midland hires, he should be of the "Dutch Meyer" type—gets the most out of the material at hand. Midland has but a modest high school enroll-

ment compared with most schools in its district and we notably never draw many boys from the rural areas. So it behooves our coach, from wherever he comes, to be able to get the "maximum." Midland had about 33 boys from which to pick a starting eleven last season. That's small compared to any school of Class AA classification.

Make no mistake, by "dreaming" Midland's new coach has a job before him. Let's help him.

ROUNDUP UP THE STRAYS . . . The weatherman permitting, Texas A&M begins "Spring" football practice February 4 with 80 candidates expected . . . The Associated Press is polling Texas high schools on largest attendance at single game during the 1948 season of football . . . Midland reported 6,083 paid admission at Odessa game here Thanksgiving Day with 4,600 total attendance . . . The Rose Bowl pact between the Pacific Coast Conference and Big Nine is expected to last through 1956 . . . It has been proposed that the various bowl games around the nation be made to stand for something—a championship determining title . . . Citation's hurt is described as a green osseous, or growth of new bone from a hurt . . . This knocked the great horse out of the \$100,000 Maturity at Santa Anita and other winter racing . . . Four Texas A&M footballers will undergo knee operations this winter . . . We predict Paul Brown will get the UCLA coaching job . . . Oklahoma A&M uses the slower "control" style of basketball and often wins from the "firehouse" style teams . . . Frank Leahy, Notre Dame, will be principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Sam Houston Area of Boy Scouts at Houston January 11 . . . Ike Williams, world champion lightweight boxer, has been awarded the Edward J. McNeil Trophy as contributing the most for the sport during the past year . . . Dick Harris of Texas, labeled the "crippled threat" of the SWC, says North Carolina was the most fired up team he ever faced . . . So not believing the Tar Heels can do it very many times, he picked Oklahoma in the Sugar . . . KORS of Midland is one of 22 radio stations slated to carry the Amarillo-Denison semi-finals football game Saturday . . . Broadcast time is 1:45 p. m. . . Leading point-marks for the Baylor Bears in the 1948 season was End Hank Dickerson, who kicked 15 extra points and two field goals, for a total of 31 points . . . He made no TDs . . . Baylor, incidentally, will play in Kelly Field with the white pants in the Dixie Bowl game . . . Thirty-four out of 37 is the extra point kicking score of Hardin-Simmons' Paul Bailey and Dean Henninger for this football season . . . Bailey is a tackle . . . Henninger comes in only to hold for Bailey's kicks . . . They claim "absolute teamwork" is the answer . . . College football became more "touchdown happy" during 1948 and went in for flashier and trickier attacking maneuvers, is the consensus of the nation's sports writers participating in the AP's poll . . . Defense became an abandoned baby as the teams went for taller and taller scores . . . One writer said: "The wide open play that seemed once to have been the baby of the Southwest has invaded the nation at large" . . . Clarence Hollman ex-Midland coach and now an oil man, is another of us who don't believe Don Thompson of Odessa is an all-state tackle . . . We heard several scouts point out that Thompson has a tendency to raise up in the defensive line . . . A good blocker can cut him to pieces . . . We predict Abilene's long dynasty in this district in basketball will end this season . . . Lamesa's coach Polis sure gets excited when his cagers are in action . . . He should learn to stay seated at least . . . Babe Curfman, ex-Texas Tech grid star who works for an Abilene sporting goods firm, visits Midland frequently . . . Note to Ranch House ranglers: The Southwest state schoolboy football final was played in San Antonio, home site of the state champ Brackenridge Eagles . . . 30 for strays, strummin' on me old "geetar."

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THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM, MIDLAND, TEXAS, DEC. 17, 1948-5

AP Scribe Picks
New London Over
Monahans Lobos

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor

Four undefeated, untied teams are the choices to edge their way through semi-finals of Texas schoolboy football this weekend.

The start of the penultimate round comes Friday night as New Braunfels risks its spotless record against unbeaten, battling Falfurrias at San Antonio in the Class A division.

Saturday there will be three games with Amarillo tackling Denison at Denison and Waco and Port Arthur getting together at Austin in Class AA and Monahans and New London clashing at Brownwood in the other semi-final of Class A.

Favorites are New Braunfels, Amarillo, Port Arthur and New London, all with undefeated, untied records. Waco and Monahans could win and preserve the list of teams with perfect records going into next week's finals but victory by Falfurrias or Denison would ruin that picture.

The biggest crowd is expected at Austin for the Port Arthur-Waco game with 15,000 expected to turn out. This is the feature battle of the state, matching two teams that have been heavy favorites since the season started. Critics think this is the real championship struggle, not giving either Amarillo or Denison much chance to stop Port Arthur or Waco in the finals.

New Braunfels favored Friday night's Falfurrias - New Braunfels tilt is due to draw the second top crowd, with 9,000 expected to be in Alamo Stadium at San Antonio.

New Braunfels, second high scoring team of the state with 327 points, is a top-heavy favorite over the battling Jerseys, who weren't even supposed to be in the quarter-finals much less semi-finals—that is, if form as laid down by the critics were followed.

The Monahans-New London game at Brownwood should be one of the classiest of the season. New London is the high-scoring eleven of the state with its 528 points while giving the opposition only 62 points in 13 games. Monahans has hummed a steady touchdown tune itself with 357 points in 13 contests.

Denison's stand against Amarillo is the "color-snatcher" of the weekend. Denison, crippled and embattled, was staging a major upset by trimming the high and mighty Amarillo Sandies. Denison, however, has been in this boat before. Anyway, Coach Les Cranfill showed he was after the championship and not the cash when he turned down \$10,000 to play the game in Amarillo. Don't sell Denison short.

There's nothing certain about the assumption Denison will fall out this week. The Yellow Jackets were supposed to do that last week against Breckenridge. They did lose their big star, however, when Marvin Vincent, Denison would appear in dire straits.

Here's how they look this week

(anticipated crowds in parentheses):
Friday night—Falfurrias vs New Braunfels at San Antonio, 8 p. m. (9,000); Looks like the end of the road for a fighting football team; New Braunfels by two touchdowns.
Saturday—Amarillo vs Denison at Denison, 2 p. m. (7,500); The cards say Amarillo in a romp; we see a great battle and wouldn't be surprised if Denison edged through.
Waco vs Port Arthur at Austin, 2 p. m. (15,000); Port Arthur will win this one but boy, will the Yellowjackets be tired when it's over! Monahans vs New London at Brownwood, 2 p. m. (5,000); A vote for New London to win by three touchdowns.

Bulldogs To Meet
"Suprise" Broncos

Midland High's Bulldog basketball team is scheduled to invade Odessa Friday night. Any kind of a Midland-Odessa contest is stoutly fought and this 3-A basketball game is expected to be no exception. A B game warmup tilt precedes the varsity encounter.

Odessa surprised the district's cage circles with a solid victory over Sweetwater in the Bronchos' opening conference ball. Sweetwater was supposed to have "it" this year.

The Bronchos feature a sharp-shooter by the name of Roth, who can really "can 'em." Midland will retaliate with Larry Messersmith, its only veteran player.

Midland lost its first district game to Lamesa here last Tuesday.

The Bulldog B outfit is expected to take the Broncho B unit largely because of Mickey McGee and Phillips Oliver.

MHS Has Freshman,
Sophomore Teams

Midland freshmen and sophomore basketball teams are working hard under the tutelage of Coach Joe Atkins.

The young hoopsters will meet teams from Seminole after the Christmas holidays.

The two quintets have played one game each so far this season. The Frosh lost to Andrews 16-15 and the Sophs dropped a 31-15 decision to Andrews. The games were played at Midland.

On Canadian farms are a total of 3,950,500 swine.

Midland To
Have Golden
Gloves Meet

Date for the second annual district Golden Gloves tournament for Midland has been announced. It will be held January 7 at night. The Midland VFW post-4s sponsoring the tourney.

As last year, the tournament will be conducted in the spacious recreation hall hangar of the VFW at Midland Air Terminal.

All boys of Midland interested in entering the tournament should contact Coach Tommy McMullan at telephone number 1358-W. Several ring candidates already are working out.

Midland had a good tournament last year, thanks to the VFW sponsorship and fine work by Tommy and Pat McMullan who tutored the boxers.

Winners here qualify for the regional tournament to be held in Odessa.

Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

Baylor 45, Missouri 44.
Arkansas 79, Pittsburgh (Kan) 53.
West Texas 63, Arizona State (Tempe) 44.
Houston U. 58, New Orleans Loyola 45.
Hardin-Simmons 52, Howard Payne 35.
Southwest Texas 59, Southwestern 43.
McMurry 59, St. Edwards 57.

WHARTON JC WINS

CONROE, TEXAS—(P)—In the first annual Dime Bowl here Thursday night, Wharton Junior College blanked Henderson Junior College 49 to 0.

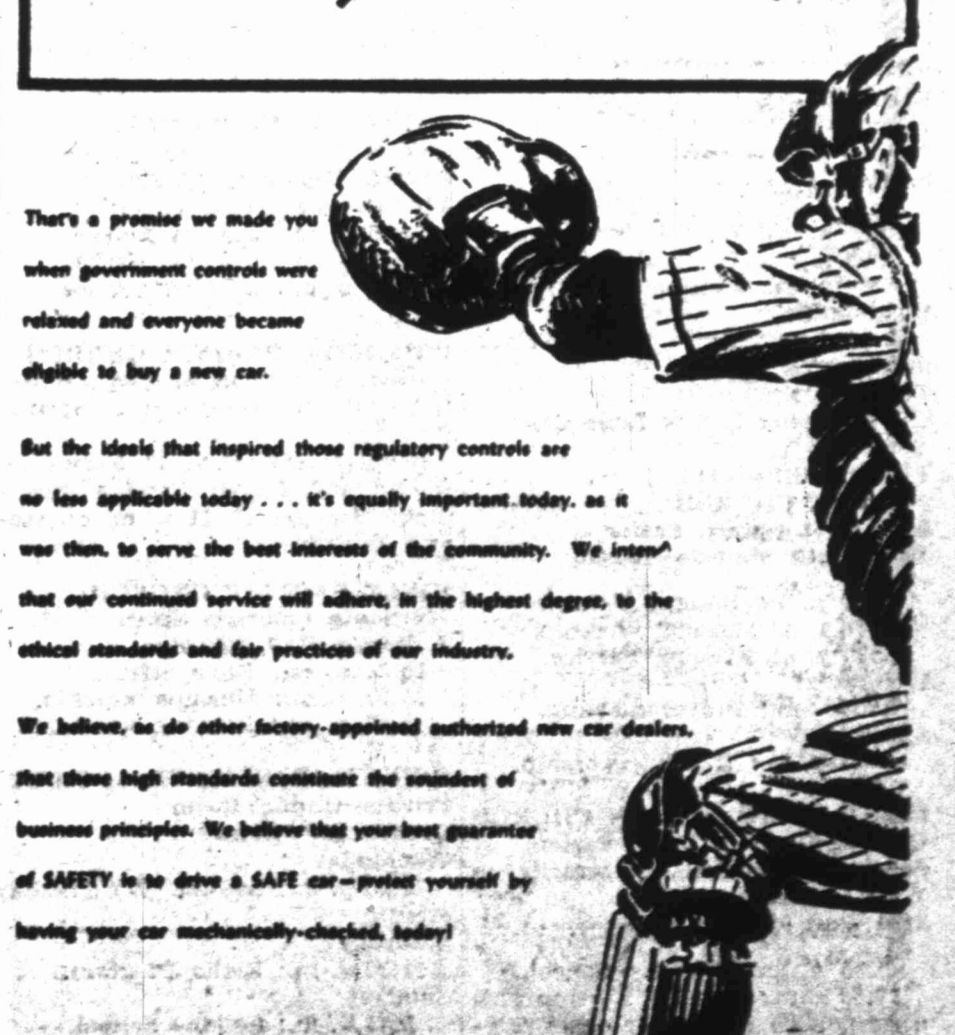
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+ Rankin News +

RANKIN—Little Duwain Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Moore, is ill with pneumonia in a San Angelo hospital the last week.

Mrs. Aubrey Ward has been a pneumonia patient in a San Angelo hospital the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hurst were San Angelo visitors Tuesday.

The Fidelity Matrons Class of the First Baptist Sunday School was entertained Tuesday night in the home of their teacher, Mrs. M. J. Edwards. A Christmas exchange, in which the class "Polyannas" for the last three months were revealed.

Read the Classifieds.

Open House Slated At New Church Home

Open house will be observed Sunday, January 2, at the new parsonage of the First Methodist Church on North Main Street, the Rev. Howard Hollowell, pastor, said Friday.

The Hollowell family this week occupied the recently completed home.

SOUTH DAKOTAN DIES IN CRASH NEAR SNYDER

SNYDER—(AP)—Van W. Woods of Bison, S. D., was killed and B. E. Thompson, also of Bison, was injured seriously Thursday when their car overturned and caught fire seven miles west of here. Woods was driving. Thompson was taken to a Snyder hospital.

State Seeks Early Hearing Of Appeal On College Building

AUSTIN—(AP)—Quick Supreme Court action on the closing phase of the college building amendment controversy was asked Thursday by the state.

Executive Assistant Attorney General Joe Greenhill filed a motion to advance hearing on the cause. He told the court the program was being delayed and the purchasing power of funds appropriated under it was shrinking.

Opponents of the building plan lost in the lower courts and have an appeal before the Supreme Court in two suits. One, against Attorney General Price Daniel, seeks to prevent his approval of the \$60,000,000 in bonds authorized by the amendment.

The other, against Secretary of State Paul Brown, claims the election is invalid because proper notice was not given of the election at which it was adopted.

The suits were brought by Clarence W. Whiteside, Spencer A. Wells and Homer Maxey of Lubbock, and H. E. Speer of Dallas.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hitchcock, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. J. L. McCrary of Odessa, returned Wednesday from a two-week trip to California. They visited in San Diego, Los Angeles and other cities in the southern part of the state. Mrs. Hitchcock felt the earth tremor that was reported recently from the California coast, but Mr. Hitchcock and Mrs. McCrary had gone to Mexico that day and the shock did not extend that far.

Read the Classifieds.

Armed Forces Gain 15,258 In November

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Armed Forces picked up 15,258 men in November, bringing their total strength to 1,583,411.

The Army gained 12,702 for an estimated total of 567,769, including 7,610 draftees. An official said all Selective Service figures were not in when the list was made up.

They set the Army's gain in volunteers at slightly over 5,000, compared to the October figure of 10,000.

The Navy gained 3,483 for a December total of 429,917, and the Marine Corps gained ten men for a

Bobby Trimble Has Party On Birthday

Bobby Trimble was the birthday honoree Wednesday when his mother, Mrs. R. L. Trimble, entertained at their home, 2308 West Kentucky Street, assisted by Mrs. Charles Sherwood. Bobby is three years old.

Guests who shared the party were Mary Cassidy, David and Larry Pine, Bobby and Connie Shambien, Kathy and Mary Lee McClure, Jerry Witte, Michael Madden and Linda Lou Fine.

total of 85,425.

Expanding enlistments, meanwhile, cut Air Force strength almost 1,000, from 410,327 on November 1 to 409,300 at the end of the month, including 17,477 new men.

Church Calendar

- ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**
2900 West Texas Street
Father Frank Triggs, Pastor
Rev. Raymond Miller, O.M.I., Associate Pastor
8:30 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.: Sunday Masses.
7:00 p. m.: Rosary and Novena.
- ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (Latin-American)**
Father Frank Triggs, Pastor
Rev. Raymond Miller, O.M.I., Associate Pastor
8:00 a. m. and 10:00 a. m.: Sunday Masses.
- TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH**
Fort Worth and Tennessee
Rev. C. B. Hodges, Pastor
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Corner Narta A and Tennessee
J. Woodie Holden, Evangelist
Sunday
10:00 a. m.: Bible Study
10:30 a. m.: Preaching and Communion.
6:30 p. m.: Young People's Service.
7:30 p. m.: Preaching
Monday
7:30 p. m.: Men's Meeting.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.: Midweek prayer service.
- TERMINAL BAPTIST CHURCH**
Building T-1, Air Terminal
Rev. Curtis Rogers, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School
11:15 a. m.: Church Service
6:30 p. m.: Training Union.
7:30 p. m.: Evening Worship.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.: Prayer Meeting.
- FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH**
Corner West Indiana and South B Streets.
Pastors: The Revs. Alberta Johnson, Cecil Penny and Esther Haaland.
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship.
8:00 p. m.: Crusaders' meeting.
7:30 p. m.: Evangelistic service.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Bible Study and prayer meeting.
- FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
Loraine and Illinois Streets
Rev. Clyde Lindsey, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship with a sermon by the Rev. A. G. Abbott.
7:00 p. m.: Christmas Pageant and White Christmas service.
- VALLEY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. Leonard Lettowich, Pastor
10:30 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Preaching service.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Rev. C. A. Holt
West Pennsylvania and Loraine
Saturday Services:
10:00 a. m.: Sabbath School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning service meeting.
- THE HOLINESS MISSION**
East Pennsylvania and South Terrell
R. S. Jones, Pastor
10:00 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Preaching.
7:45 p. m.: Evening service.
Tuesday
8:00 p. m.: Young People's Meeting.
Thursday
8:00 p. m.: Prayer Meeting.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**
510 South Baird Street
Rev. Earl Rice, Pastor
Sunday
10:00 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship.
8:00 p. m.: Christ Ambassadors.
7:30 p. m.: Evangelistic Services.
Tuesday
7:30 p. m.: W.M.C.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.: Christmas program.
- SOUTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST**
110 South Baird Street
J. V. Davis, Minister
Sunday
9:45 a. m.: Bible Study.
10:30 a. m.: Worship Service.
7:00 p. m.: Youth Training.
7:30 p. m.: Evening Service.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.: Mid-week Bible Study.
Thursday
7:30 p. m.: Ladies Bible Class.
- FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. F. D. Spratt, Pastor
1000 South Mineola Street
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.: Prayer meeting.
Saturday
7:30 p. m.: Evening worship.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Rev. E. Matthew Lynn, Pastor
Services scheduled temporarily in West Elementary School
2100 West Missouri Street
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship with a sermon by the pastor on "Everywhere Tomorrow."
8:30 p. m.: Junior Fellowship and choir at the home, 1210 West Missouri.
8:30 p. m.: Senior Young People Fellowship to meet with young people of the Trinity Episcopal Church. There will be no evening service.
- MEXICAN BAPTIST MISSION**
Washington and Midland Streets
Rev. E. Lara, Pastor
- GREENWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**
Route 1, Midland
Rev. Lee Bailey, Pastor
10:00 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning Worship.
7:30 p. m.: Training Union.
Wednesday
8:00 p. m.: Midweek prayer service.
- CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
Indiana and Big Spring Streets
Rev. F. W. Rogers, Pastor
10:00 a. m.: Sunday School
11:00 a. m.: Morning Worship
7:15 p. m.: NYPS.
7:45 p. m.: Evening Worship
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.: Prayer service.
- CHURCH OF GOD**
200 South Dallas Street
Rev. J. H. Moore, Minister
10:00 a. m.: Sunday School
11:00 a. m.: Morning Worship
7:30 p. m.: Evangelistic service.
Tuesday
7:30 p. m.: Young People's service.
Friday
7:30 p. m.: Prayer Service
- CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
1001 South Main Street
Rev. A. L. Teaff, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
10:55 a. m.: Morning worship.
6:30 p. m.: Training Unions.
7:30 p. m.: Evening service.
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Main Street and Illinois
Rev. Vernon Tesby, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
10:55 a. m.: Morning Worship with sermon by the pastor.
6:45 p. m.: Training Unions.
8:00 p. m.: Evening service.
- ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH**
South Loraine at West Dakota
Rev. J. Lennel Hester, Pastor.
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
10:30 a. m.: Morning worship with a sermon by the pastor on "The Jesus Came."
6:00 p. m.: MYF. Theme, "Keeping Christmas Christian."
There will be no evening service.
Wednesday
7:15 p. m.: Choir practice.
8:00 p. m.: Bible Study.
- FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**
200 North Main Street
Rev. Howard E. Hollowell, Pastor
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
10:30 a. m.: Morning worship with a sermon by the pastor on "Our Gifts To Him."
5:30 p. m.: "The Messiah" will be presented.
7:00 p. m.: Methodist Youth Fellowship and Young Adult Fellowship will meet after "The Messiah."
There will be no evening service.
- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Wall and J Streets
Rev. G. Becker, Pastor
Sunday
10:00 a. m.: Sunday School and Bible Class.
11:00 a. m.: Divine worship with a sermon by the pastor on "The Voice Crying In The Wilderness," based on John 1:19-28.
7:00 p. m. Sunday evening Bible Hour.
Friday
7:30 p. m.: Christmas Eve service.
Saturday
11:00 a. m.: Christmas morning service.
- TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
H and Illinois Streets
Rev. E. J. Snel, Rector
7:30 a. m.: Holy Communion.
9:30 a. m.: Church School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship with a sermon by the pastor on "The Yearly Remembrance."
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
903 South Terrell Street
10:30 a. m. Sunday: Morning worship
7:30 p. m. Sunday: Evening service.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday: Midweek service.
- COTTON FLAT BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rankin Highway
Rev. Bob Campbell, Pastor
10:30 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:30 a. m.: Morning Service.
7:30 p. m.: Evening Service
- PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**
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- BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**
712 South Colorado Street
J. Marion Hull, Minister
10:30 a. m.: Bible School.
11:00 a. m.: Morning worship.
6:30 p. m.: Evening worship.
- CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**
Schwarbauer Hotel
Wednesday
8:00 p. m.: Second Wednesday evening.
Saturday
11:30 a. m.: Radio Program.
Sunday
9:45 a. m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.: Church services.
- PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS TABERNACLE**
200 South Colorado Street
O. W. Roberts, Pastor
11:00 a. m.: Preaching.
7:45 p. m.: Preaching.
Wednesday
8:00 p. m.: Bible Study
Thursday
8:00 p. m.: Preaching.



There is something different in the air around Christmas time. A greater spirit of generosity fills us all. Voices seem happier, neighbors more friendly; excited children foretell an event of unusual importance. A more universal feeling of fellowship and joy has suddenly sprung up among us, and we decorate our homes, our streets, our churches with the most beautiful ornaments we can find. All this we do to express a feeling that only Christmas seems to bring.

But what is Christmas? What has caused such a holiday to be celebrated? It all happened many years ago when angels came down from heaven to sing about the birth of a baby boy.

Christmas is a birthday, the birthday of our Lord. It marks the beginning of a religion that has brought love, hope, and charity to the world.

And every year for many generations men have recalled this great event with song, story, and decoration. Again and again the story has been told, the scene has been recreated.

At this time especially we should go with our children and our friends to the House of the Lord. Only at Church can the full beauty of Christmas be found.

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Sunday Romans 12:9-21
Monday Hebrews 11:1-16
Tuesday John 2:16-21
Wednesday Romans 8:31-39
Thursday John 14:25-31
Friday Romans 12:1-8
Saturday John 3:31-36

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Daddy Ringtail

Daddy Ringtail And The Whistling Skink

By WESLEY DAVIS

Mother Ringtail had gone to a party. All the animal mothers were going to be there. It was a birthday party for the Whistling Skink, who had just come to live in the Great Forest.

Back at the monkey house, Daddy Ringtail was taking care of the animal babies. He had never seen as many children in one house. There was a baby bird, soft and fluffy, and very pretty. There was a fat little kitten with long whiskers. There was a puppy with black spots, and he was pretty too. And there

her baby down!" Daddy Ringtail turned around to get the baby who was maybe a Whistling Skink, but—"Oh me! Oh my!" Daddy Ringtail said. "Only the baby lizard is left! Somebody has gone home with the baby that belongs to the Whistling Skink!" But he picked the lizard up anyway, and hurried down to the ground.

"There's my fine baby!" the Whistling Skink said, when she saw the little lizard, because she was a lizard too, and a Whistling Skink was the kind of lizard she was.

So a mother always loves her baby—doesn't she? No matter how ugly the baby is. And a mother is a happy, happy thing to have. Happy Day!

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LETTERS from SANTA

The North Pole

Dear Children, Mother Claus will certainly be surprised on Christmas morning. She thinks maybe she had better not hang up her stockings this year as we have been too busy in the toy shop to make presents for ourselves. But I've fooled her. Down in the reindeer barn all covered with the brown, green yellow and red suits. The Grandmother Elves make their own clothes as they know just how their wide, full aprons should be.

And for Mother Claus's stockings we have a pile of bright colored knitting yarn and a new set of silver knitting needles. Won't that be a colorful array as the different colors spill over the sides of the long, black stockings. Mother Claus just loves to knit. Once she knitted me a sweater. Mostly, she knits gay stockings for the Elves to keep them extra warm up here at the North Pole.

SANTA CLAUS

IN VOLCANIC CRATER Crater Lake is a lake of extraordinary blue water in the crater of an extinct volcano in Southwestern Oregon. The lake was made a national park in 1902.

McNeal Paint And Supply Located At 509 South Loraine

The McNeal Paint and Supply Company is located at 509 South Loraine Street rather than on North D Street as was reported in a business review story in Wednesday's Reporter-Telegram. The firm occupied its new building at the South Loraine Street address several months ago.

The company handles a complete line of paints and painters supplies. The telephone number is 860.

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WIFE OF BAYLOR U. PRESIDENT SUCUMBES

HOUSTON —(P)— Mrs. Edna V. White, the 55-year-old wife of the president of Baylor University, died late Thursday in a Houston hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Waco.

Lubbock Baby In Good Condition After Flight And Operation

DALLAS —(P)— Three-month-old Bobby Ray Ferguson was reported in good condition Friday after a delicate operation, which followed an emergency plane flight from Lubbock.

The infant, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson of the Beeton community, 20 miles northeast of Lubbock, had sucked a piece of metal into his lungs. An operation was performed at Lubbock Thursday, but it was discovered that because of a growth in the child's throat, delicate surgical equipment not available there was needed.

After a second operation at Baylor Hospital here Thursday night, the surgeon said the child's condition was good. Hospital attendants said his condition was unchanged Friday morning.

Cotton

NEW YORK —(P)— Cotton futures at noon Friday were 15 to 80 cents a bale higher than the previous close. March 32.12, May 31.89 and July 30.97.

Bafdera Cowboy Wins Ozona Roping Event

OZONA—A calf roper from the Bafdera hill country, Buddy Gross, won the roping championship of the Joe Davidson Roping Show here Thursday on his two-day average of 28.5 seconds. John D. Holleyman of Ozona was second with 28.9. Dan Taylor of Odessa has the best single time of the show—12.5 seconds.

Stanolind Worker Dies In Accident

BROWNFIELD—(P)—An employee of the Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, Archie B. Karr, 27, of Brownfield, was killed Thursday 26 miles south of Brownfield in Gaines County.

Karr was working alone in the power plant at the company's Cedar Lake station and apparently came in contact with high voltage wires.

Explorer Scouts Will Assist Goodfellows

Members of Boy Scout Explorer Post No. 85, sponsored by the Lions Club, will assist the JayCees in distributing the Goodfellow baskets to deserving but unfortunate families next week. Goodfellow officials said Friday. Ralph Smith is the explorer post leader.

The Altruism Club will furnish cookies for baskets going to shut-ins. They also will assist in the delivery.

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY \$6 PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDEND

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.10 per share on \$6 preferred stock outstanding was declared by the Board of Directors Dec. 14, payable Jan. 3, 1949, to stockholders of record at the close of business Dec. 21, 1948.

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Currier Services Held At Abilene

ABILENE—Funeral services for W. D. Currier, 85, pioneer West Texan, were held here Friday morning, with the Rev. Harlie Woolard, assisted by Dr. J. E. McKlasick, officiating. The body was forwarded to Fort Worth for interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Currier died early Thursday at the home of a daughter here. He was born November 10, 1860, in Oxford, Ala., and came to Texas 56 years ago. He lived in Fort Worth until 1937 when he came to Abilene.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. J. Homer Epley of Midland, Mrs. J. E. DeSpain of Abilene, Mrs. Jane Hill of Fort Worth, and Mrs. J. O. Wallace of Chattanooga, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Naval Petroleum Unit Meets Saturday Night

Members of the Naval Petroleum Unit 8-1 will meet at 8 p. m. Saturday in the officers club at Midland Airpark. W. W. Studdert said Friday. All members are urged to attend.

Members of the Naval Reserve who are not affiliated with the petroleum unit also are invited, Studdert said.

Health Unit To Have Christmas Party

The Midland-Ector-Howard County Health Unit Christmas Party will be Saturday evening in the City-County Auditorium. Dr. F. E. Sadler, director, said Friday.

Personnel of the unit from Midland, Big Spring and Odessa will be present. Children of the unit employees will present a special Christmas pageant and Buck Kirtsey, magician, will perform. A Christmas dinner will be served.

\$2,000 LETTERS AND CARDS MAILED IN TWO DAYS

Postmaster N. G. Oates said Friday 41,000 Christmas cards and letters were mailed at the Midland post office both on Wednesday and Thursday.

This number is approximately 1,000 more than the busiest day last year, he said. There is no way of knowing how many letters are received at the Midland office.

Livestock

PORT WORTH —(P)— Cattle 500; calves 500; about steady; small lots common and medium slaughter yearlings 17.00-22.00; common and medium cows 17.00-18.50; sausage bulls 15.00-20.50; good and choice slaughter calves 22.00-25.00; common and medium 17.00-21.50; culls 15.00-17.00; few medium and good stocker cows 15.00-18.00; few common to good stocker calves 18.00-24.00.

Hogs 300; hogs and sows steady; feeder pigs 1.00 lower; top 21.00 paid for good and choice 190-275 pound butchers; good and choice 150-185 pounds 18.50-20.75; sows 16.50-17.50; common to good feeder pigs 12.00-18.00.

Sheep 300; few slaughter lambs and ewes steady; medium and good wooled slaughter lambs 22.00; little offered.

Read the Classifieds.

Oil-Gas Log—

(Continued From Page 1) one-half miles east of the Adair field, and 990 feet from north and east lines of the northeast quarter of section 15, block C-31, psi survey, has been plugged and abandoned on a total depth of 4,885 feet in the San Andres-Permian line. It ran a four-hour drillstem test at 4,935-85 feet. Recovery was 1,020 feet of sulphur water. There were no shows of oil or gas in that section or in any other zone which was penetrated.

Howard Venture Is Dry And Abandoned

Southern Minerals Corporation plugged and abandoned its No. 1 H. Noble Reed, East-Central Howard County wildcat, five miles northeast of Coahoma. The venture drilled to 4,175 feet, encountered no possibilities of production and was left on that depth. The dry hole is 330 feet from north and east lines of section 21, block 30, T-1-N, TP survey.

White Eagle Plugs Failure In Ellenburger

After recovering salt water on a drillstem test in the Ellenburger of Northeast Reagan County, White Eagle Oil Company has abandoned its No. 1 Ringo on a total depth of 12,007 feet. The deep wildcat topped the Ellenburger on 11,794 feet. That horizon showed no oil or gas.

Location is 600 feet from north and east lines of section 8, block H, L&SV survey, about eight miles northeast of the Benedum area.

Gin Rummy Finals Slated Saturday

The championship of the first annual gin rummy tournament of the Midland Petroleum Club will be decided Saturday afternoon when Don Sivalls and Bill Chancellor meet in the finals.

Sivalls defeated B. Dykstra and Chancellor beat R. V. Fitting, Jr., to advance to the finals.

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