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11 Airmen Die In Bomber Crash

Son Of Baseball's Rogers Hornsby Is Listed As Crewman

DENISON, TEXAS—(P)—Lt. Rogers Hornsby, Jr., son of Rogers Hornsby of baseball fame, was among 11 airmen killed when a B-50 bomber crashed near Savannah, Ga., Thursday night. Young Hornsby was a veteran of 50 bombing missions during the war. He was born and reared in Denison.

SAVANNAH, GA.—(P)—A flaming Air Force B-50 bomber crashed in a dreary river marsh Thursday night, killing all 11 airmen aboard and scattering and burying bodies and wreckage in the muck.

The big bomber had just taken off for El Paso, Texas, from Chatham Air Force Base here when it went down on the bank of a branch of the muddy Savannah River. The crash occurred only seven miles above the city, but the site was so inaccessible it took rescue parties hours to reach it by boat.

The first persons to reach the scene were forced back by flaming gasoline, floating on the water. The flames were visible for miles.

Col. Frederic E. Glantsberg, commanding officer of Chatham Field, identified the plane. He said it took off at 8:12 p.m. and crashed about five minutes later.

Three Texans Aboard
Chatham Air Force Base announced this list of 11 airmen aboard the bomber:

Capt. George V. Swearingen, pilot, aircraft commander, Columbia, S. C.

Capt. Andrew G. Walker, pilot, Norfolk, Va.

First Lt. Rogers Hornsby, Jr., navigator, Denison, Texas.

First Lt. Robert W. Beckman, bombardier, Birmingham, Ala.

Capt. Anthony C. Colandro, radar navigator, Baltimore, Md.

First Lt. James W. Johnson, Jr., flight engineer, Welsh, W. Va.

First Lt. Leonard E. Hughes, flight engineer, Denison, Texas.

Sgt. Fred W. Cunningham, radio operator-gunner, New Orleans, La.

Sgt. Morgan L. Grogg, gunner, Meadow, Texas.

Sgt. Caswell W. Myers, gunner, Frankfort, Ind.

Sgt. Billy C. Bristol, gunner, Tucson, Ariz.

The plane had been in service about a year or a year and a half. The B-50, an improved version of the B-29 Superfortress, has a wingspread of 141 feet, is 99 feet long, and weighs 125,000 pounds. The Air Force describes it as a more powerful version of the B-29 which bombed Japan.

The crash site was less than two miles from Savannah, Ga.

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President To Stay At Home On Christmas

KANSAS CITY—(P)—President Truman flew in Friday for a white Christmas at the family home in nearby Independence, Mo.

His personal plane, the Independence, arrived at 11:42 a.m., four hours and five minutes after taking off in the rain from Washington, D. C.

Kansas City wore the traditional Christmas icing—three inches of snow that sparkled in the sun.

At Fairfax Airport to meet the President were Mrs. Truman, who arrived several days ago; his brother, J. Vivian Truman, and his sister, Mary Jane Truman.

Daughter Margaret accompanied the President.

Except for a short radio speech Saturday night extending Christmas greetings to the nation, and eating Christmas dinner at home, Truman plans to follow no fixed schedule while in Missouri. Customarily he spends most of his time visiting with kinfolk and old friends.

He is due back in Washington December 28 to face the usual heavy work load incident to the opening of Congress.

Thursday, Truman went over his State of the Union message and other business with his cabinet and held a news conference.

Opening the news conference, the President wished newsmen a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year and remarked that the vast majority of them have been as kind to him as he deserved.

Truman told newsmen: "I do not regard Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as a candidate for President, but agreed a lot of people have been trying to make him one ever since Eisenhower was elected."

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Santa's Helpers



Dan Vinson, center, real-life Santa Claus in Oklahoma City, Okla., talks with two of his helpers who are busy turning out stacks of cloth dolls to be distributed to needy children on Christmas. Rob Reubell, left, a building contractor, puts the dolls through a silk screen press to make faces on them, while Mrs. J. L. Sturgeon, a housewife, examines them for defects.

Texas Will Be Warmer Christmas

By The Associated Press
Texas warmed up under a bright sun Friday. The Weather Bureau said not a single cloud was reported from any Texas weather station.

Mid-morning temperatures still were below freezing in the Panhandle, South Plains and Upper Red River Valley but the latest cold wave had lost its strength. The Weather Bureau predicted Texas would have a brisk partly-cloudy Christmas Day. "We don't believe there will be any freeze in Texas Christmas," said the Dallas Weather Bureau. "No more cold waves are in sight."

Mid-morning temperatures Friday included: Amarillo 24, Lubbock 29, El Paso 25, Big Spring 30, Abilene 33, Dallas 33, Houston 41, Alice 43, Corpus Christi 49.

New Seasonal Lows
Much of Texas shivered earlier Friday in freezing weather but temperatures were above the freezing mark in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and along the Gulf Coast. The (Continued On Page 11)

Reporter-Telegram Will Publish Early

The Sunday Christmas greeting edition of The Reporter-Telegram, will be published Saturday evening and delivery will be completed before midnight. The publication hour was advanced so employees will not have to work on Christmas Day.

The Reporter-Telegram office will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday. Persons failing to receive their papers should phone No. 3600 during those hours.

The Reporter-Telegram also will publish early Monday, the official Christmas holiday.

Delinquent List Of Water Accounts Is Whittled To 25

The city expects to have all water accounts delinquent by four or more months settled by Friday night, City Manager W. H. Oswalt announced.

The "pay or cut-off" water collecting campaign resulted in the payment of more than 118 past-due accounts this week. City employees Thursday started discontinuing water service to users in the fourth-month delinquent class. The past-due list Friday noon had been whittled to 25 customers. The Thursday morning total was 114 accounts.

Oswalt estimated the collection of past-due accounts at \$5,000. He said the next step in the campaign is to issue cut-off notices to users whose accounts are delinquent by three months.

Midlander's Father Dies At San Antonio

M. F. Rhodes, 72, father of Ferd Rhodes of Midland, died at 10:30 p.m. Thursday in a San Antonio hospital. He had been ill 10 days.

Funeral arrangements were not complete Friday. Rites tentatively are scheduled Saturday afternoon at San Antonio.

Survivors include the son of Midland; Mrs. M. F. Rhodes of San Antonio; the widow; and another son, Don, of San Antonio.

Stranger To Love



(NEA Telephoto)
Although she has been married twice, Beverly Jean Turner, 19, of Los Angeles, told Gretna, La., police she is a "stranger" to love, because she didn't know her husband long enough. She is being held by Gretna police as a material witness in an arrest involving three desperadoes who are accused of a large number of robberies around Gretna. Beverly denied any knowledge of the hold-ups.

New 4-door steel letter file for Christmas; \$45. Howard Co., 114 S. Lorraine.—(Adv.)

Pioneer Reverses Stand On Midland Air Service

Pioneer Air Lines, Inc., has filed exceptions to 19 of the recommendations submitted recently to the Civil Aeronautics Board by its examiner, James M. Verner, including the failure of the examiner to recommend the suspension of American Airlines service at Midland.

American, in its exceptions to the examiner's report, supports the recommendations that its service to Midland be retained and that its service to Abilene and Big Spring be suspended for a period of five years. The concern, however, took exception to the failure of the examiner to find that continuation of American's service to Midland is required by the public convenience and necessity.

Copies of the Pioneer and American exceptions have been received by the Midland Chamber of Commerce, which intervened in the CAB hearing on Southwest airline case held last Summer in Austin. J. F. Bishop, public counsel, also voiced opposition to Verner's recommendations concerning American's service to Midland in his exceptions brief.

The CAB early this year asked American to "show cause" why it should not discontinue service to Midland for a five year period. American has objected to the power of the CAB to direct suspension of its Midland service. The airline had (Continued On Page 11)

Showdown On Slash In Excise Taxes Is Due Early In Session

WASHINGTON—(P)—A showdown on whether to cut excise taxes appears certain to come in the early days of the session of Congress which starts January 3.

The test is shaping up in the Senate where the first scheduled order of business is action on a House-passed bill to repeal the federal taxes on oleomargarine.

Pending in the Senate is a series of amendments which would slash or repeal the excise levies collected on such items as telephone bills, transportation tickets, jewelry, furs and cosmetics.

At the start the amendments were being pushed mainly by some dally state senators who are opposed to the oleomargarine repeal.

Truman Wavers
They figured President Truman would veto any bill which provided for a sizeable reduction of excise taxes. And they felt quite positive about it after Truman said he knew of no way to wipe out the federal deficit without a tax increase.

But just last week the President said the Treasury and the House Ways and Means Committee were at work, with his blessing, trying to find out whether some excise levies could be trimmed without too big a strain on the federal purse.

Any Administration decision to call for lower excises probably would be coupled with a request for offsetting higher taxes from other sources, including new ones.

At the last session, Democratic leaders in Congress were inclined to cold-shoulder proposals to trim excises. But support for the idea has been increasing and the prospects for a reduction now look fairly good.

Contributes \$5 To Boy's Christmas

Perhaps no other Christmas gift could bring more comfort and pleasure to the giver.

Friday, R. O. Brooks of Midland contributed \$5 toward making a Merry Christmas for little Roger Dean of Stanton.

The little boy has a silver tube in his throat.

Christmas Party Set For Negroes

The negro Chamber of Commerce of Midland will host to negro boys and girls Saturday at a free Christmas party.

The free movie is scheduled as a Christmas event. It will be held at the Ace Theater. Time is 10 a.m. Saturday.

All negro youngsters are invited.

Pope Pius Appeals For Church Unity On Eve Of Holy Year

VATICAN CITY—(P)—Pope Pius XII appealed Friday to all who believe in Jesus Christ to unite under the Roman Catholic Church in a solid front against militant advances of atheism.

The pope's address, his annual Christmas message, was addressed to the whole world on the eve of the 1950 Holy Year. "There seemed little doubt, the address was an invitation to all those professing different faiths to join with the Church of Rome.

"This coming Holy Year, the pontiff said, "must be decisive, especially for the longed-for religious renewal of the modern world."

"Oh that this Holy Year could welcome also to the great return to the one true church, awaited over the centuries, of so many who, though believing in Jesus Christ, are for various reasons separated from her," he said.

Atheism Advances
"With unspeakable groanings, the Spirit, who is in the hearts of good people, today cries out imploringly the same prayer of our Lord: That they may be one."

"With good reason, men are anxious about the enfronting with which the united front of militant atheism advances, and the old question is now voiced aloud: Why are there still separations? When will there be still separations?" (Continued On Page 11)

Christmas Seal Sale \$791 Short As Deadline Nears

With the Christmas Day deadline fast approaching, returns in the annual Christmas Seal sale Friday totaled \$5,409—\$791 short of the \$6,200 goal.

Leaders, urging persons who have not paid for their seals to do so NOW, stressed the fact Midland never has failed to exceed its sales quota.

They issued a final appeal for contributions to put the 1949 drive "over-the-top" by Sunday.

At the same time they expressed appreciation to those persons who have given generously in the campaign. They said the response has been most gratifying.

The main prize in the Christmas Seal Sale goes to the Midland County Tuberculosis Association to finance its 1950 operations. It is the sole financial support of the organization.

Sheets of the attractive Christmas Seals were mailed to almost 6,000 Midlanders late last month.

Who Wants To Play Santa Claus?

Who wants to play Santa Claus?
Irbly Weaver, blind operator of the newstand in the Midland Post Office, wants to go home for Christmas—and he needs a ride to El Paso.

He lives in Clint, and is planning to go home by bus at 7 p.m. Friday unless someone happens to be going out that way and will take him.

See Irbly at his stand in the post office if you are going to El Paso, or call Postmaster N. G. Oates and let him make the arrangements.

Most Retail Stores Set Early Closing

Many Midland retail stores will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, ending a record-breaking Christmas shopping season, Henry Murphy, chairman of the Retailers Committee of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, said Friday.

He said a majority of the merchants contacted are of the opinion most of the shopping will be completed by 6 p.m. Saturday. The early closing will allow employees to spend Christmas Eve with their families.

Most retail stores, city, county and government offices, professional firms and company offices will be closed Monday, Murphy added.

Midland Studio will be closed Christmas Eve. All work is finished. Please call it before 5:30 p.m. Friday.—(Adv.)

Plan To Halt Phone Strike Is Advanced

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—(P)—Gov. Forrest Smith came up Friday with a plan to stave off a threatened strike of 50,000 Southwest Bell Telephone Company workers.

He said he might be able to report late Friday whether his plan would work. He would not disclose what the proposal was.

Union leaders declined comment after an hour and a half session with the Missouri governor. They said they would confer with him again Friday afternoon.

One of them who declined to be quoted by name, said "He got tough." But he would not say what the governor had told the union delegation.

Smith said if his proposal is accepted a walkout would be averted and the dispute could be settled. Company Net Revenue
The union leaders at the meeting were James A. Davis, secretary of the State CIO Council; D. L. McCowan, president of Division 20, Communications Workers of America (CIO); Frank P. Longear, president of the Missouri Telephone Workers; and Delmond Garst, CIO regional director for Eastern Missouri.

The company was not represented at the closed door session. The walkout which leaders of the CIO Communications Workers say they are ready to call "at a time" would cripple communications in a six-state area.

If any strike deadline has been set, the union is keeping it secret.

Santa Will Attend Kids Show Saturday

Saturday is the day! The day for Midland youths to attend the big Free Kids Show at the Yucca Theater. Santa Claus will be there with gifts of fruit and candy for every youngster.

The feature will be "Anne of Green Gables," starring Anne Shirley. It will start at 10 a.m.

Don't forget kids! The Midland Theaters and the JayCees are giving this big free show just for you. Santa Claus will be looking for you at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Goodfellow Program To Take Care Of More Than 200 Families In County This Christmas

There will be no hungry families in Midland on Christmas Day if Goodfellows, JayCees, churches and clubs can help it.

By Friday, more than 200 families in Midland County are accounted for on Goodfellow lists to receive baskets Saturday, either from Goodfellows or one of the numerous churches, clubs and other social organizations cooperating in the project.

"It seems there is more interest this year than ever before," said Mrs. Iva Noyes, who is coordinating the basket distribution with Delbert Downing at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Goodfellows will provide Christmas dinners and toys for more than 150 families, and other organizations have accounted for an additional 50 or more. The Catholic Church has adopted 18 families from Goodfellow lists, and will provide full meals and toys. Fresh cakes and pies will be included in the baskets distributed by the church. The Eagles club has adopted four families, and other organizations, 20 or more.

Goodfellows will provide the perishable items on each menu. Eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables, potatoes and coffee are included in the baskets. Canned foods, collected at the annual Midland High School White Christmas voluntary collection, will fill out the menu. Toys, collected by Cub Scouts in a city-wide drive, from the toy machine given by Midland Theaters, and from numerous toy parties given by churches and social groups, will be allocated to each family, according to its size.

All damaged toys were repaired by the industrial education classes (Continued On Page 11)

Portable Typewriters for Christmas; 10 per cent discount. Howard Co., 114 S. Lorraine.—(Adv.)

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Dolly Goes To Church



After a little girl came to the vicar of St. Botolph's Church, Northfleet, England, and asked him to have her doll "christened," he thought it would be a good idea to hold a service especially for children and their dolls. Here is the first "Doll Sunday," with the dolls sitting sedately in the pews as their young mistresses pray.

Strong Arguments Certain To Develop On Red Recognition

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON —(AP)—Diplomacy may sound high-toned and nice but it's a tough, rough-and-tumble, coldblooded business.
And you'll get a chance to see how coldblooded in the next few months when the arguments get stronger about the question:
Should the United States recognize the new Communist government in China?
The U. S. now is withholding recognition. In the end it may give it, but probably not for months, and probably not before many others have done so.
The Communists have all but kicked the Nationalist government of Chiang Kai-Shek off the continent of Asia.
The Nationalists still cling to the claim that they're the real government although now they're holed up in the island of Formosa, off the China Coast.
Doesn't Mean Approval
Recognition of a new government simply means acknowledgment that it is the government in control, capable of doing business.
When one government is overthrown and a new one takes its place, Secretary of State Acheson has said, recognizing it is really only recognition of a reality, of a set of facts. It doesn't necessarily mean approval of the new government.
This country doesn't approve the suppression of civil liberties in the countries behind the iron curtain in Western Europe, for instance, but we recognize the governments have official representatives there. But what American interests do they protect by being there?
Mostly, they're helpful in keeping the U. S. informed on what's going on. They can send out full, unencensored reports since diplomatic mail can leave unopened. It's just about as cold as that.
Maybe what follows will give an idea of what recognition of the Chinese Communists might mean: right now it seems they're lined up with the Russian. The time may come when they're fed up on Russian dictation and want to break away, as Marshal Tito did in Yugoslavia. They might hesitate to do so, unless they could get assurance of help from us.
If we had an ambassador there, such a deal might be arranged.

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IN HOLLYWOOD

When Mama O'Brien Tells All Fans May Back Up Margaret

By ERSKINE JOHNSON
NEA Staff Correspondent
HOLLYWOOD — Margaret O'Brien and her mother, I hear, will be off the hot seat when Mrs. O'Brien's divorce suit against Don Sylvio goes to trial here soon.
Mama will tell all—and after she's told all—public opinion may swing back on Margaret's side. The divorce hearing will put a stop to such nonsense as Margaret being stopped recently in a Chicago department store by a middle-aged woman.
The woman stuck a finger under Margaret's nose and hissed: "You little brat—how dare you interfere with your mother's marriage?"
It also will put a stop, I hope, to Sylvio billing himself as "Margaret O'Brien's Stepmother"—1949's height of bad taste.

You-can't-escape-Texas department: On his last night in Hollywood, the Shah of Iran drove up to Ciro's in a big, black limousine—with Texas license plates! But don't ask me "How come?" I don't know.
Love Fred Allen's crack: "These days the PRICE of coffee will keep you awake."

The Brothers Warner, who have shut their eyes in hopes television, like the smog, will go away, are red-faced over one of their big films, "Meet John Doe," turning up on TV.
The film co-stars Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck and was filmed in 1939. It "debuts" on video here Christmas day. The explanation is that it was an independent film, produced for Warners, by Frank Capra. The rights recently reverted to Capra, who then sold them to TV.
Black Sheep Bogie
The publicity boys have given up Humphrey Bogart as an incorrigible but I still love him. The press boys, according to Variety, went to his defense when the Hollywood Women's Press Club nominated him as one of the most unco-operative actors of the year. When he heard it, Bogie blew his lid, saying:
"I hope I win it. I've been in the business long enough to get some kind of an award and I think this is it."
Bogie then added that his wife, Lauren Bacall, was nominated by the same group several years ago and lost out simply because she "didn't work hard enough for it."

How did Crosby get that new game, "Hollywood Producer," away from Hope? Bob had it all sewed up but now it's on the market under the Crosby banner. Hope is unhappy about the whole thing. Crosby just smiles and says nothing.
Horse's life in Hollywood: Roy Rogers just ordered a custom-built, 35-foot, air-conditioned trailer for his horse, Trigger.
Parke Levy wrote nine pages of pantomime for Marie Wilson in the forthcoming "My Friend Irma Goes West." Marie heard about it and expressed concern. She said:
"Gee, do you think I'll go over with six minutes of saying nothing on the screen?"
"Honey," said Parke, "The Statue of Liberty hasn't said a word in a hundred years and they love her even in St. Joe." And I might add that Marie is built on much better lines.

Drew A Lough
Mario Lanza was responsible for that wonderful rib of M-G-M's brass hats on a recent airshow.
Mario, as the guest star, chatted with a waiter, bus boy and janitor named Pasternak, Mayer and Freed.
Hollywood is talking about motion picture attendance for the third quarter of 1949 up over the same period for last year. Weekly attendance for the quarter is estimated at \$3,800,000, up \$60,000 from a year ago.
Kirk Douglas and his wife, Diana, back under the same roof but admitting they haven't reconciled.
Burt Lancaster penciled in for the lead in "The Life Story of Jim Thorpe."
Columbia has announced a new version of "Captain Blood," titled, "Fortunes of Captain Blood." The theme is so old it could use a transfusion.

+Wink News+

WINK — Delbert Olgood from Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois is visiting friends in Wink and Kermit.
H. C. (Pop) Foster has returned home after undergoing surgery in a Monahan hospital.
Richard Brannon of Seattle, Wash., and R. J. Brannon of Coleman visited their sister, Mrs. Robert Emmert, and family last weekend.
Mrs. George Baker of South Wink received first and second degree burns recently when her clothing caught fire from a stove.
Wink schools closed Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. They will reopen January 2.
The junior and senior high school Glee Club presented their annual Christmas pageant Tuesday night before the high school auditorium.
Home For Christmas
Wanda Whitten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Whitten, has arrived home from Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., to spend the holidays with her family.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stroder, who have lived in Wink 13 years, have moved to Snyder. Stroder is with the Lion Oil Company.
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lee and daughter, Elizabeth Ann, have gone to Delmar, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lee's mother and other relatives and friends.
Robert and Andrew Fisher Dittler, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. George Dittler, have arrived from McMurry College in Abilene to spend the holidays with their parents.
W. P. Ammons, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ammons, who is a student at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, has arrived home for the holidays.

Dear Santa Claus:
"Will you bring me a baby doll that coos and opens her eyes. Bring me a baton and a game set. Bring Jimmy, my little brother, a cowboy suit and boots and a football. Some guns and a sister and spurs."
We love you, Santa,
Patricia and Jimmy Aday.
Dear Santa Claus:
"We are little twin boys that will be two years old, December 28. We have been good boys. Please bring us some Panda bears and footballs, wagon and some toys."
Ronnie and Donnie Aday.
Dear Santa Claus:
"I want you to bring me a doll, cradle, baton, and for my brother Jimmy, a cowboy suit and a dog."
Judy Aday.
Dear Santa Claus:
"Bow and arrow, BB gun, Indian suit, cars, boxing gloves, George the drummer boy, truck and steam shovel, steel auto transporter, Coca Cola truck, military style jeep, giant racer and jeep truck."
Jody Givens
Dear Santa Claus:
"Bow and arrow set, ball point pen, cowboy guns with holsters, skates, sled, basketball, new football, lots of candy, Cub Scout ring, linker toys, Donald Duck watch, cars, Keystone service station, climbing tractor, wagons, cowboy suit and boxing gloves."
Layne Givens
Dear Santa:
"I want a tricycle and a boat. My brother wants a set of books and a horse with saddle and bridle."
Love,
Mike Rudd

Texas Gets Support In Fight To Maintain School Segregation

AUSTIN —(AP)—Texas will be supported by North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Louisiana in its Supreme Court fight to maintain separate schools for negroes and whites, State Attorney General Price Daniel reported Thursday.
North Carolina Attorney General Harry McMullan notified him the four states would file supporting briefs when oral arguments are heard in the United States Supreme Court January 30.
In the suit before the Supreme Court, Heman Marion Sweatt of Houston will ask that Texas' segregated system be declared discriminatory and unconstitutional.
Sweatt argued during the progress of his suit through the state courts that such segregation is unconstitutional even if the negro schools are equal to those for whites.
The northernmost point of the U. S. is located in Minnesota.

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Conflict Of Cold Fronts Saves Vast Areas Of Texas From Sub-Freezing Temperatures

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
Associated Press Staff
Two big cold fronts fought a gigantic battle along the Red River Wednesday. The result saved a vast area of Texas from bitter temperatures.
A. J. Knarr, chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, gave us the inside dope on the conflict between the two great air masses. "I like to think of cold fronts as armies on the march," said he. "It was a real battle."
Read all about it:
One of the cold waves—the colder of the two—came straight from the Arctic. The other, probably from Siberia, came to the U. S. by a long, slow route. It crossed the Pacific and was warmed somewhat by the Pacific's waters.
Last Monday, the Arctic front, which had been stationary over Montana, started moving southward, over the Dakotas and Wyoming. At the same time the Siberian front rolled eastward across the states of the Pacific Northwest.
Giants Collide
By Tuesday morning, the Arctic front had moved down across Northwestern Kansas and Northeastern Colorado. It had left temperatures of 25 degrees below zero in Montana. At the same time, the Siberian front had moved southeastward to Western Colorado and Eastern Arizona.
Wednesday the Arctic front, with its stinging temperatures, whistled into the Texas Panhandle and into Northern and Western Oklahoma. Panhandle temperatures dropped to 15 and 20 degrees above zero.
The same morning, the Siberian front blew into Fort Worth, headed eastward.
"The two big fronts collided along the Red River."
"The armies came together," said Knarr.
Outcome Foreseen
They formed a big, cold, low pressure area which started moving off toward the Northeast.
And as a result of the battle, only warmed-up portions of the Arctic cold blast swept on southward from the Red River.
So a great area of Texas, from Fort Worth-Dallas southward, was saved from frigid temperatures.
Knarr said the Fort Worth Weather Bureau, which predicts weather for the airways of Texas, successfully predicted the battle of the cold waves and the outcome.
The Weather Bureau said Fort Worth's temperature would drop to "about 30 degrees" Thursday morning. The lowest temperature recorded was 27 degrees.
"If the Arctic front hadn't been in the fight," said Knarr, "the mercury would have dropped to 15 degrees in Fort Worth, at least."

Veteran West Texas College Dean Dies

CANYON —(AP)—Dr. D. A. Shirley, 67, retired dean of West Texas State College, died Thursday afternoon at his home.
He retired more than a year ago because of poor health, ending 35 years of association with the college.
BULLET FROM 'UNLOADED' GUN KILLS DALLAS MAN
DALLAS —(AP)—Anton Karl Hamel, 21, was shot and killed with an automatic pistol here Thursday night.
Police were questioning a 24-year-old companion who said he pulled the trigger, but thought the gun was not loaded.

Soviet Passport

The Rev. John A. O. Brassard of Worcester, Mass., examines the passport visa and travel permit which he has obtained from the Soviet government to permit him to go to Moscow. There he will serve the American colony. At a press conference in Washington the father said he would leave next month.

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Family Telephone Manners Can Stand Some Polishing

By RUTH MILLETT
NEA Staff Writer

All over the country business firms are making an effort to improve the telephone manners of their employees.

Now if we just could carry the crusade into the home wouldn't it be a blessing?

Almost any family's telephone manners could stand a little polishing.

Clark Gable, Bride Sail For Honolulu

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Looking fresh and fit and flashing his famous broad grin, Clark Gable and his bride sailed aboard the S.S. Lurline early Friday for a Honolulu honeymoon.

The new Mrs. Gable, slim, blonde and young looking, is the former Sylvia Hawkes Ashley Fairbanks Stanley.

A large crowd thronged the Lurline decks before it sailed and hundreds more jammed the dock.

The Gables had to squeeze their way through packed passageways to reach their cabin.

Women squealed and shouted "There he goes. Oh, I saw him."

The Hollywood movie star was dressed in a grey plaid suit, his bride in a grey crepe dress under a three-quarter mink coat.

They had motored here in a chauffeured car from Gable's Encino Ranch near Hollywood. They got off a half hour late, taking the time to pose for pictures in the actor's orange grove.

The Gables were married on a ranch near Santa Barbara Tuesday in a surprise ceremony. Gable gave his age as 48, his bride as 39. It was the fourth marriage for each.

It may be easy for the member of the family who answers the telephone to shout "Mom, telephone. Some woman wants you." But it doesn't sound very gracious when the shouted remark is overheard by the caller.

How To Lose Friends
Calling friends at the dinner hour may be a sure way of catching them at home—but it's a little hard on them, especially if the caller is in a chatty mood.

Wrong numbers are a nuisance, but at least the caller can say "I'm sorry" and the one who answers can be pleased about saying "I'm afraid you have the wrong number," instead of banging up the receiver with a snarled "Nobody here by that name."

And though the telephone often rings at inconvenient moments—still we can keep our voices pleasant and cordial when we answer. A dead-pair voice over the telephone is as bad as a dead-pair face.

We would pay a lot more attention to our telephone manners than we do if we ever stopped to realize that the way a home telephone is answered is a picture of what the home is like. (All rights reserved, NEA Service, Inc.)

Hodges Entertain Theater Employes

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Hodges entertained employes of Midland theaters and their guests with a dinner party in the Manhattan Drive-In and Restaurant Wednesday night.

The party room was decorated in a Christmas theme and gifts were exchanged around a lighted tree.

The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Aday, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Overfield, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Matteson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Higdon, Anna Bee Carden, Beatrice Allison, Faye Montgomery, Myrnell Smith, Lou Alma Wells, Robbie Jo Brown, Betty Leftwich, Geraldine Whitake, Matilda Treadway.

Mamie Lee Abbott, Mozelle Vaughan, Mary Alice Tidwell, June Higdon, Beulah Armstrong, Marguerite Lee, Bob Thacker, Cecil Wilson, James Wilson, George James, John Raitcliff, Buddy Stovall, Charles Hajek, David Rae, Billy Thompson, T. R. Abbott, Corey Rambo, Johnny McMurray and Joe King.

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Christmas in the Churches

Christmas Eve services will be conducted in several Midland churches Saturday night as a prelude to the Sunday worship hours which are being emphasized in the Junior Chamber of Commerce campaign to "Pack the Pews on Christmas Day."

The traditional midnight mass in St. Ann's Catholic Church will follow a service of carols beginning at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, and the Christmas Eve communion service in the Trinity Episcopal Church will begin with carols at 10:30 and end at midnight.

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Dancing Is Holiday Diversion For Members Of Three Groups

Dancing, favorite Christmas entertainment, has become more popular as Christmas Day nears and will continue through the closing week of the year. Guests were invited to dance Thursday night with members of the Midland Shrine Club, the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority and the Midland Youth Center.

Scheduled Friday night is the annual Military Ball of the Midland Officers Club, a dinner-dance with the Junior Woman's Wednesday Club as hostess, and a dance for the younger crowd given by the Senior Girl Scout troops.

Students at home from colleges for the holidays were guests at the Youth Center building, most of them former center members.

Tally Hostess Club Has Holiday Party

A miniature Christmas tree with a small red candle burning on top was the centerpiece of each table at the Tally Hostess Club Christmas party Tuesday in the Ranch House.

The trees were standing in cotton, which was covered with Christmas candles. Mrs. Clyde Davidson and Mrs. John K. Massey of Odessa were the hostesses.

Mrs. R. E. Morgan won high score prize and Mrs. A. J. Gravett, a guest, second high. Mrs. A. L. Ataway won the traveling prize.

Mrs. L. H. Daniel, Mrs. Dell Taylor and Mrs. W. A. McFadden were other guests. Other members who attended the party were Mrs. M. A. Murphree, Mrs. W. E. Lyle, Jr., Mrs. Jack M. Moore, Mrs. H. L. Huffman, Mrs. Clarence Symes, Mrs. V. Hardwick, Mrs. J. C. Williamson and Mrs. Perry Gill.

Twice a year club members entertain their husbands. Their Winter cocktail party was held recently in the home of H. L. Huffman.

A white linen cloth covered the serving table, which was decorated with Christmas candles. An arrangement of pyracantha was used on the mantel.

Mrs. House Hostess With Buffet Supper

McCAMEY—Teachers and officers of the Primary Department in the First Baptist Church were entertained by the superintendent, Mrs. N. C. House, in her home Monday. A buffet supper was served and gifts were distributed with Mrs. Lee Shipman acting for Santa Claus.

Mrs. Joe Hudson and Mrs. W. E. Walker were special guests. Mrs. Hudson was surprised with birthday gifts. Each guest was given a Christmas corsage.

Others present were Mrs. H. C. Mabry, Mrs. A. J. Tisdale, Mrs. Fush Patterson, Mrs. Ralph Brown, Mrs. Marion Crow, Mrs. Lloyd Bowden and Eileen House.

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New Members Welcomed By Forty-Niners

New members were welcomed and guests were entertained Thursday night when the Forty-Niners Square Dance Club had its Christmas dance in the Midland Officers Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conine and Mrs. Louise Bohn were welcomed as new members of the club. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gaines and Mrs. G. W. Wecker were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McClesky, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Nance and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McDonald were the hosts and McClesky acted as master of ceremonies for the "give-away show" during the intermission when gifts were distributed. The group also sang songs.

Refreshments were served from a table covered with a red and white cloth. The centerpiece was of evergreens and red candles. A lighted Christmas tree was on one end.

Jay Johnston was the caller and other members attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Auguston, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Brewer, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Gaines, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Galloup, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gillett, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richerson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wecker.

Vets' Families Are Legion Party Guests

McCAMEY—Members of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary had as guests at their annual Christmas party other war veterans and their families.

The party was given in the Legion Hall Tuesday night, 47 persons present. Dominoes and card games were played, a buffet supper was served, gifts were exchanged and each one received a bag of Christmas candy and fruit.

A committee headed by Gertrude Stephens, president of the Auxiliary, and Leonard St. John, adjutant of the Legion, was in charge of the party arrangements.

GUESTS FROM DALLAS
Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eubank, 1909 West Michigan Street, were Mr. and Mrs. Al Tompleton of Dallas. The Eubanks entertained for the visitors with a buffet supper Saturday night, with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Burton, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dillard, Miles Hall, Fred Thomas, Mrs. Fay Cowden and Bob Boydston as other guests.

Children on the program will be grouped by departments. In the beginners groups are Kay Bowden, Carol Bodenman, Rush Bailey, Diane Hartman, Laurence Kriegel, Doris Jean Shorck, Sandra Voge and Bill Fether.

Primary children are Bertha Ann Baumann, Martha Bowden, Ann Bodenman, Eddie Dickey, Eddie Haase, Arnold Kriegel, Barbara Jean Teinert, Carolyn Teinert and April Lyn Scott.

In the junior group are John Haase, Raymond Teinert, John Meyer, Tommy Dickey, Bobbie Fischer, Shirley Ann McCroy and Pete McCroy. Intermediate and senior members are Doris Haase, Dharma Harms, Patricia Johnston, Ada Haase Meissner, Dorothy Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, Fred Haase, Shirley Roberson, Gary Roberson, Roddy Braun and R. A. Weinkauff.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rood have as their guests for the Christmas holidays their son, Victor, who is a student at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., and Mrs. Rood's sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wight and daughter, Jean, from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Shriners who enjoyed the annual Christmas dance in the American Legion Hall Thursday night contributed to the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation. The Shrine Club's Entertainment Committee, with A. A. Jones as chairman, was in charge of the dance.

As dancing ended, J. H. Wallace invited the entire party to be his guests at the Ranch House for bacon and eggs.

Music for the dance was by the Jack Free Orchestra. Guests sat at tables which had candles in the shape of snowmen, Christmas trees and Santa Claus in centerpieces, and sprigs of holly scattered over the cloths. In front of the stage was a small tree, flanked with poinsettias on tall standards. Wreaths of greenery hung in the doorways.

Native Scotsman Practices Thrift, Even During Yule

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — (AP) — James MacLaren and A. J. Cave never have trouble deciding what Christmas card to send to each other—they've been sending the same one back and forth for 17 years.

This year it's MacLaren's turn. A native of Scotland now living in nearby Warren township, MacLaren bought the card for 15 cents back in 1932. Cave lives in Red Bank, N. J.

The card has a little window in it, and each year the sender changes the cherry message in the window.

The canny Scotsman several years ago thought of a way to save the cost of a stamp every other year.

The two men work near each other in New York City. Now the sender of the card each year walks to the other's office and delivers it in person.

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Haverstock on the birth Friday morning of a daughter, Linda Gayle, weighing six pounds, three ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Atwater on the birth Thursday of a son, not yet named, weighing six pounds, eight ounces.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Stracener for Christmas weekend are her mother, Mrs. A. C. Flemister, and her brother, John Flemister, of Brownwood. They are former residents of Midland.

Family Party Given By VFW, Auxiliary As Christmas Event

Motion pictures and slides, including a movie version of "The Night Before Christmas," entertained adults and children alike at the family Christmas party of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxiliary Thursday night.

A large crowd was present in the VFW Hall, where the films were shown by Johnny Carter and Leonard Miller.

Appearance of Santa Claus was the high point of the party for the children. He distributed gifts from a decorated tree which was mounted on the bandstand and surrounded by red and green roping.

Refreshments were served with Mrs. C. B. Tauton and Mrs. Russell Bennett forming the refreshment committee.

Charlemagne is said to have had an asbestos table cloth and to have astonished his guests by throwing it into the fire where it did not burn.

Lynn Family Visits Here For Holidays

Dr. and Mrs. R. Matthew Lynn have as their holiday guests his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. Ross Lynn; his sister, Elizabeth Lynn, and brother, Ross M. Lynn. They will remain here through Christmas.

Dr. L. Ross Lynn is president emeritus of the Thornwell Orphanage in Clinton, S. C. Miss Lynn is assistant dean of Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., and Ross M. Lynn is a professor at Dartington School for Boys in Rome, Ga.

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Eisenhower's Work Cut Out

Friends of President Truman say he views Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as an active bidder for the presidency in 1952.

They do not say so, but presumably he sees the general as a candidate for the Republican nomination.

Eisenhower himself of course is denying his candidacy with almost as much regularity as he did in the campaign year 1948.

Moreover, a clear pattern of thinking is emerging from his statements. He resolutely is opposed to the welfare state, to bigness in government, to emphasis upon security at the expense of self-reliance.

Ike's recent "hot dogs and beer" speech, in which he advised the average man to scale down his dreams from the champagne level, is said to have convinced Truman the general is trying to build up strength for entry into the political arena.

The President's intimates add that despite his great admiration for the general as a soldier he regards him as strictly an amateur in politics.

An old political axiom has it that no one ever wins a party presidential nomination without working like a Trojan for it.

Assuming that ambition, we'll soon see how much of an amateur he is. His present heavy round of speech-making may indeed be the first step along the road.

But there is much more to it than keeping in the public eye and outlining one's views. In the very process of telling where he stands, Eisenhower is bound to lose some of that huge reservoir of popular esteem he has enjoyed since World War II ended.

So long as he was silent, any citizen could imagine the general stood with him. Now many must know he does not. Inevitably that will impair his vote-getting appeal.

Furthermore, Eisenhower is a political outsider. Although the general hunch is that he is a Republican, he never has said so.

This is what lies ahead of Eisenhower if he actually has set out to capture the GOP nomination, as Truman suspects.

If, on the other hand, he still means it when he says he isn't a candidate, then all this speculation is a pipe-dream and Eisenhower just is availing himself of the happy American privilege of saying what he thinks about his government.

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"The dirty rustler stole one of Shorty's songs!"

'But I Tell Yuh There Ain't No Such Animal'



The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

(Copyright, 1949, By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.) Drew Pearson says: The mystery behind General Groves' change of mind; Walter Winchell outranks Vice President Barkley in Miami; Senator Gillette investigates coffee shenanigans on New York Exchange.

WASHINGTON—Friends of Gen. Leslie Groves planted a story in Newsweek that Groves was all set "to give credence by innuendo to Fulton Lewis' charges" that Henry Wallace urged shipments of atom material to Russia.

Another factor in the price rise, of course, has been hoarding by jittery housewives, which has reduced stocks in retail stores.

When Groves took the stand, his first words were about the "directive" which he said enjoined him to discuss personnel before a congressional committee.

Down at Miami the other day honeymooning Vice President Barkley remarked to vacationing Senators and Secretary Leslie Biffle that he needed a haircut.

Scientists at the National Bureau of Standards, working with the atomic bomb, have discovered a method for producing artificial mica—one of the most strategic materials in the world.

Finally Biffle remarked in an undertone to his barber: "Do you know who that is in the next chair? That's the vice president of the United States."

It was Walter Winchell, coffee price finagling Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa, who has been doing a good job of probing the room in coffee prices, also is checking on some shenanigans of the New York Coffee Exchange, apparently aimed at keeping prices pegged high.

Some American brokers don't like the smell of the foreign-trustee in the coffee exchange and have refused to handle the accounts of Brazilian traders, numbering 40 or 50 in all.

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McKenney on Bridge

By WILLIAM F. MCKENNEY America's Card Authority Written for NEA Service I recently saw Julius L. Rosenblum, one of the outstanding players of the South, participating in the Metropolitan Tournament.

Bridge score table with columns for North, South, West, East and various card counts.

Mr. Rosenblum South West North East 1 2 4 N.T. Pass 5 6 Pass 6 7 Pass Opening—♥K 23

first time I have seen a person play a slam contract with only three trumps in his hand, still I think it always makes good reading for bridge players.

Plane Crash Kills One Texan, Hurts Another Critically

CANEY, OKLA.—(P)—Robert Jesse Frick, 38, of Dallas was killed and a companion injured critically in a light plane crash near here Thursday.

Officers called papers in the plane and the two men were on their way to Dallas from a business trip to Tulsa in a plane owned by Air Associates of Dallas.

I Love My Doctor

By Evelyn Barkins

THE STORY: After John and I stepped and found a 6-room apartment to serve as both office and home. Next we started reading John's first patient.

THAT very night, however, as I tried to reinforce our waning courage, we came wonderfully close to the McCoy.

Women don't dress to please men. They dress to displease other women.

Pythagoras first announced the belief that the world is round.

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WASHINGTON COLUMN

See Future 'Garrison State' Imperiling Civil Liberties

By FETER EDSON NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The Committee for Economic Development has raised a new worry here. It's about the kind of country the United States is going to be for the next generation, assuming the "cold war" lasts that long.

A new policy statement made by the CED says in one place that the United States in this coming period may be a "garrison state."

The Committee for Economic Development started worrying about this problem some 18 months ago. CED, it should be remembered is not a government alphabet agency.

Questions and Answers

Q—Is wire-tapping in the United States legal under federal law? A—No. It is illegal under the Federal Communications Act of 1934.

Q—How many popular votes did the Prohibition candidate receive in the last presidential election? A—Claude Watson, the Prohibition candidate for president in 1948, received 95,075 popular votes.

Q—Does the Forest Service rent sites on the national forests for Summer homes? A—Sites for Summer homes may be rented from the Forest Service on most national forests.

Q—Is the original charter granted to William Penn still in existence? A—The original charter of Charles II to William Penn is in the archives of the Pennsylvania State Museum at Harrisburg, Pa.

SPEARMAN HOME FIRE CLAIMS THIRD VICTIM AMARILLO (P)—Donna Fay Easley, eight, died Thursday of burns received Tuesday morning in a fire that destroyed the Leon Easley home in Spearman.

you'd like, though," he finished hopefully, looking at the nasty scratch bite the boy had shown.

I might have forgiven him anything had he at least consented to that, but the boy hurriedly shook his head and began backing out.

At first I was shocked at the brutal idea. Then I said: "But Freda, we wouldn't take any money from you in any case."

Of course not," she laughed at my ignorance. "When my old man gets hurt—and I don't make him do it, but he's always bound to twist his back shoveling coal or slip when clearing the ice, nothing serious you see—well it's always a compensation case."

Then our first very live patient turned up, very, very early the next morning and it was, of all things, an emergency.

Come to Church Christmas



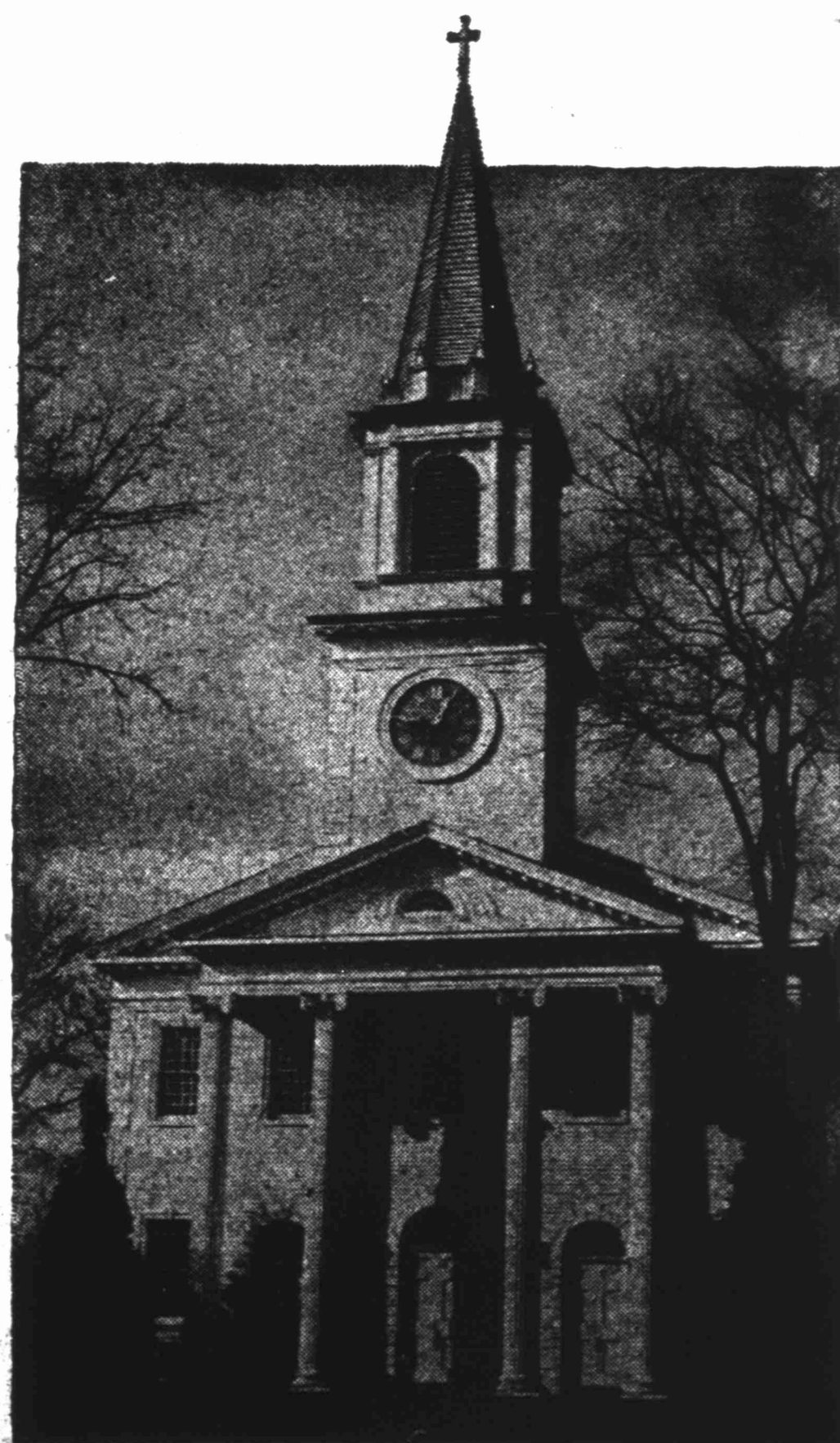
Christmas is a light. We open our eyes and hearts to a spiritual glow that is warm and friendly. We see His truth and rejoice in it. The shadows of the past are lost and we discover hope for the future. It is in this hope, that a world of divided ways will become one band of brothers, for which we kneel and pray. It is the hope of people of all faiths. Come to the church of your faith on Christmas day, and follow the light of the Christ Child. It is his gift for all men . . . for all time.

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THE STORY OF THE SAVIOR



"The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28.)



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And Jesus healed the sick: "At even ere the sun was set, The sick, O Lord, around thee lay: O, with what divers pains they met; O, with what joy they went away."



To save mankind, He died on the cross.

—By William E. Gilroy, D.D.

Taproom Cooperates With Santa Claus

OAKLYN, N. J.—(P)—A bar in Oaklyn Friday displayed this sign: "This taproom will be closed at 9 p.m. Christmas Eve—Go home and give your children a break."

To score meat you make light cuts on the surface, usually in a criss-cross fashion. Thin slices of round steak are sometimes scored when it is to be pan-fried to make it more tender.

Has To Take His Own Medicine

ORANGE, TEXAS — (P) — Jimmy Conn, Orange businessman, was proud of the Christmas cards he sent. They were jigsaw puzzle greetings which recipients had to put together to read.

Thursday he received a check from one of his customers. The check had been pasted over a piece of cardboard and carved into 50 jigsaw puzzle pieces.

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FBI Agents Check Records Of Medical Society At Beaumont

BEAUMONT—(P)—The records of Jefferson County Medical Society were examined Thursday by two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

Galen N. Willis, agent in charge of the FBI at Houston, said the investigation was made at the request of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice.

Dr. T. L. Pecora, president of the medical society, said the investigation was part of a nationwide anti-trust investigation of the American Medical Association and its affiliates.

The two examining agents declined comment.

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 - 34 Gaelic
 - 37 Monster
 - 38 Thoroughfare
 - 39 Correlative of either
 - 40 Clouds
 - 46 Mixed type
 - 47 Beverage
 - 49 Worship
 - 50 Decay
 - 51 Endeavor
 - 53 Singing voices
 - 55 Cloys
 - 56 Seed vessels
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Having feet
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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★ THE DOCTOR SAYS ★

Avoid Harm To Air Passage To Speed Cure Of Bronchitis



By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.
Written for NEA Service

The large breathing passageways which go to the lungs are called bronchi. When the lining of these tubes becomes irritated, the condition produced is spoken of as bronchitis.

If it comes on suddenly the symptoms at the start may seem to be just an ordinary cold. A feeling of heaviness over the chest and pains in the bones and back is common. In mild cases fever may be absent but in severe ones can be as high as 103. The most characteristic sign is a cough which comes on in paroxysms and causes great distress. At first the cough is dry but later the secretion becomes more and more abundant and is brought up with the coughing.

Fever Lasts A Week

The outcome of acute bronchitis depends on the condition which has caused it and whether it is mild or severe. As a rule the fever lasts only a week or so and then the cough becomes looser and greater relief is obtained from bringing up sputum.

Often bronchitis comes on more

THE DOCTOR ANSWERS
By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.

QUESTION: Would you advise the discontinuance of the use of a silver-covered copper baby cup which is quite worn?

ANSWER: Neither the copper nor the silver should do the baby any harm and it can be used safely.

slowly and is said to be "chronic." The causes of chronic bronchitis are much the same as those of the acute variety, that is, germs, viruses, irritating fumes and the like. The symptoms are also similar but not so severe.

Drugs are not too helpful in many cases of chronic bronchitis, though they may relieve the symptoms somewhat. The substance which causes the irritation should be removed, if possible. Every effort should be made to build up the patient into good health and avoid irritation to the air passage.

Change of climate, when it can be arranged, is an important part of treatment for many patients with chronic bronchitis. Often those who cannot seem to get over their chronic cough at home promptly improve when they go to a warm and mild climate, such as Southern California or Florida.

Christmas Is No One-Way Street Of Receiving Blessings

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK—(P)—Christmas is a swelling of the spirit, a thaw in the heart.

It is a warm time for most of us, but a hard time for many. At dusk the other day I was walking with an old friend. Ahead of us strolled a rather shabbily dressed family of five. The mother trudged along carrying her youngest child. The father was having some trouble keeping the other two children in tow. They were brother and sister, and they kept running excitedly up to the store windows and trotting back to tell the family what they had seen.

This rather depressed my friend. "It is awful to be poor at Christmas, and look into windows and see things you can never have," he said.

"I didn't feel that way, and I don't believe the two children did. The true curse of Christmas isn't poverty. It is to be alone and feel unloved.

Time Of Sharing

For above all Christmas is a time of sharing. Neither the giving nor the getting of presents is as significant as the realization people have at this season that they are important to each other.

That is the true meaning of Christmas. For the rest of the year we tend too much to act as if we all were busy little atoms bumping each other about irresponsibly in a search for a better orbit. "Who you shoving?" is our motto.

But come December we suddenly realize how lost we all would be without each other, how dark the world really would be if the human race really lived by the rule of fang and claw instead of the helping hand. It comes to us, often with the force of a hammer blow, that after all we have nothing in this life but one another—and the hope of something better in this life but one another—and the hope of something better together after this life.

The heart, indeed, is no hermit. Like any other pump it has to pour out as much as it takes in—or the darn thing won't work at all.

JayCettes Thanked By Santa Claus

Four Midland JayCettes have earned a big "Thank You" from Santa Claus for the assistance given him in preparing for the annual Free Kid's Show to be held at the Yucca Theatre Saturday morning.

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11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
The pastor will speak on the subject, "What Christmas Meant To Paul."
6:30 p.m.: Christmas family worship. The congregation will sing carols and the pastor will read the Christmas story. "A Star Is Born."
NORTH MIDLAND BAPTIST MISSION
Rev. Jim Goins, Pastor
1306 North Big Spring
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
6:30 p.m.: Training Union.
7:30 p.m.: Evening worship.
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Rev. Edward Murray, O. M. I., in charge of services
7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.: Sunday Masses.
7:00 p.m.: Rosary.
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 with the sermon, "The Star of Hope," by the pastor.
7:30 p.m.: NYPS.
There will be no regular evening worship service Christmas day.
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.: Prayer Meeting.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
303 South Terrell Street
10:30 a.m.: Morning worship.
7:30 p.m.: Evening service.
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.: Mid-week service.
VALLEY VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Leonard Leftwich, Pastor
Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10:30.
Morning worship at 11:30 and evening worship service at 7:00 are held every first and third Sunday of the month.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
407 North C Street
Saturday
11:30 a.m.: Radio program.
Sunday
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Church service. "Christian Science" will be the topic of the Lesson-Sermon.
The Golden Text is: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).
Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall be do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).
The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The time for the reappearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; and whosoever layeth his earthly all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of Christian healing" (page 55).
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Main Street and Illinois
Rev. Vernon Yearby, Pastor
Saturday
7:00 p.m.: Christmas program to be held in church auditorium.
Sunday
9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation over KCRS.
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
10:55 a.m.: Morning worship with the sermon by the pastor.
6:45 p.m.: Training Union.
8:00 p.m.: "Student Night at Christmas" will be the theme of the evening service. College students will be in charge of the program.
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10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
10:50 a.m.: Preaching and communion with the sermon by the minister.
8:30 p.m.: Young People's Service.
7:30 p.m.: Evening service.
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.: Women's Bible Class.
7:30 p.m.: Mid-week prayer service.
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Lorraine and Illinois Streets
Rev. Clyde Lindsey, Pastor
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship with the sermon, "Some Men And Christmas," by the pastor.
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11:00 a.m.: Morning service meeting.
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516 South Baird Street
Rev. Earl Rice, Pastor
9:45 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
8:15 p.m.: Christ Ambassadors service.
7:30 p.m.: Evening service.
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.: Mid-week service.
FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G. A. C. Hughes, Pastor
1000 South Illinois Street
Saturday
7:30 p.m.: Evening worship.
Sunday
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.: Morning worship.
7:30 p.m.: Evening worship.
Wednesday
7:30 p.m.: Mid-week prayer meeting.
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Rev. E. J. Snell, Rector
Saturday
10:30 p.m.: Carols.
11:00 p.m.: Choral celebration of communion.
There will be no Holy Communion service at 8 a.m.
The Sunday School will not meet.
11:00 a.m.: Holy Communion and baptism.

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

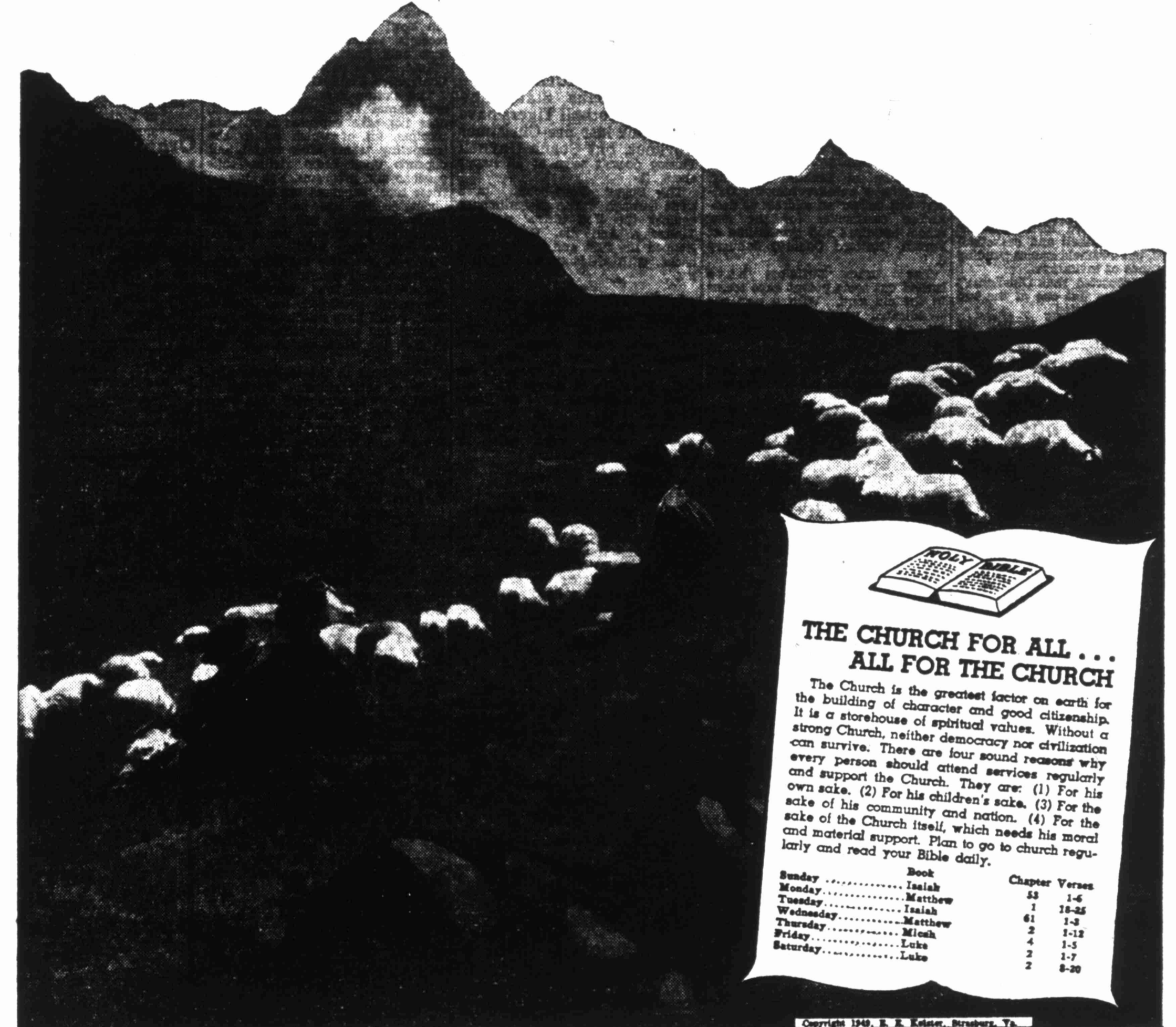
Bethlehem is a long way from the Pyrenees. And the Nativity was more than nineteen centuries ago. But shepherds have changed but little.

Shepherds are lonely men of the broad steeps. They have time to think and hope and pray. They learn to love the humble and helpless creatures of God. They are men of courage, yet men of mercy.

Perhaps that is why God chose the Shepherds to hear the Story first!

But as they hastened toward the little town to "see this thing which is come to pass" the glorious News could have meant no more to them than it can mean to every one of us.

And the King they worshipped in a humble stable, we may worship today—and always, in the churches of our community.



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Monday..... Matthew	1	18-25
Tuesday..... Isaiah	61	1-3
Wednesday..... Matthew	2	1-12
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Stranger Lewis picks up a couple of blondes, Hillary Brooke, left, and Lola Albright, in Hollywood. His commissioner, the long-time champion is making the first motion picture having to do with wrestling.

State Class AA Grid Clash Is On

PORT WORTH —(P)— Wichita Falls and Austin reached the end of the weary gridiron trail Friday as they battled for the Class AA schoolboy championship. Each was seeking its second straight state title but both could be denied it should they tie. A tie game would mean co-champions—there is no penetration rule in effect.

Wichita Falls was outweighed 16 pounds to the man in the line and 11 in the backfield but only on avardupolis was Austin granted an advantage. The most versatile Coyote defense was a 7 1/2-point count to knock down the comeback kids of Austin.

Beaten 7-6 in early season by an Arlington Heights (Port Worth) team that got nowhere, Austin thundered back when the chips really were on the line. The 20-14 defeat last week of highly favored Port Arthur was one of the big upsets of the year. Wichita Falls was undefeated and untied in 13 games.

Both teams have vicious ground attacks but neither has been particularly impressive in the air. Wichita Falls has looked best in passing—what it has done of it.

A crowd of 18,000 was expected to turn out with excellent weather predicted and a wide-open offensive battle promised.

Bill Waggoner, a great runner and kicker and a sharp passer, is key man of the Wichita Falls team.

Tommy Fields is the ace of the running attack. Bobby Warren, John Cavlier and Johnny Salver are big guns in the Austin offense.

St. Johns Defeats San Francisco In Show Of Cage Power

NEW YORK —(P)—St. Johns University of Brooklyn is back on the beam in college basketball.

The Redmen demonstrated Thursday night they once again are a power, beating San Francisco, last year's national invitation tourney winner, 60-44, at Madison Square Garden.

Dayton's 18-game winning streak was snapped by Chicago Loyola, 69-46.

Wichita won its sixth by whipping Creighton 70-53, and the Dukes chalked up No. 4 by tripping Fordham 75-61.

Kansas State, Illinois and Georgia Tech were victorious in other major inter-sectional games.

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SPORTS SLANTS

by SHORTY SHELburnE

Here's the best one we have had on sports writers in a long time. And much of it is on ourselves.

Mike Brumbelow, the guy who scouted Notre Dame well enough that SMU almost beat 'em, called up to ask the name of Santa Clara's head coach.

We didn't know off hand and started looking for it.

Tanner Laine also looked for it. But we couldn't find the name in our files.

Blondy Cross at San Angelo was contacted. He frankly admitted he didn't know. None of his staff could help us.

Then Harold V. Ratliff, Associated Press Sports Editor, was contacted. And he didn't know. Said he would find out.

By that time we had succeeded in learning the mentor's name is LEN CASANOVA (Len for Leonard).

Brumbelow already had found out. And a little later Ratliff telegraphed the name to us.

After the scramble, Delbert Downing, who was in on it, called up to give us this thought:

"If sports writers in Texas don't know the Santa Clara coach's name any better than that, Santa Clara needs a press agent badly."

Everybody knows where Matly Bell, Dutch Meyer, Blair Cherry, Jack Neely, Frank Leahy and "Pappy" Waldorf coach.

Speaking of Delbert Downing, he's quite a speaker himself. Delbert will deliver an address at dedication ceremonies for the new school buildings and gymnasium at Forsan (Howard County) January 6.

The Forsan Buffaloes have turned out some potent cage teams in the old gym. With a new one—dedicated with Downing speaking—no telling where they'll end up.

An amusing press release from Baton Rouge, La., hit the wire Friday.

"Louisiana State University is rather happy about the prospects of its defense standing up against Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl."

"The boys had their first post-season defensive scrimmage, and the Oklahoma brand of football, as played by the LSU scrub team, got nowhere fast."

Yeah, but Oklahoma won't be using a scrub team. On top of that, the Sooners are noted for going places, and fast.

Recent additions to our growing stack of Christmas cards are from two 1949 Bulldogs who will be back again in '50.

Pete English, a solid guard prospect, sends one.

The other came from hard-driving L. C. Thomas who led Bulldog scorers by a wide margin last season. He's a fullback.

Kent Miller, a standout both in football and basketball at MHS in 1948, is making the Southwestern University cage town as a freshman.

It's a credit to the school and to Kent that he is good enough on the hardwood to crash the squad his first year.

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Missouri 62, SMU 61. Oklahoma A&M 44, Arkansas 36. Colorado 64, Rice 51. St. Johns (Brooklyn) 60, San Francisco 44. Loyola 69, Dayton 46. Wichita 70, Creighton 53. Duke 75, Fordham 61. Kansas State 63, Wash. State 39. Illinois 69, St. Louis 47. Georgia Tech 68, Michigan State 60.

Lloyd Mangrum To Compete At Tucson

TUCSON, ARIZ. —(P)— Lloyd Mangrum, out of golf competition since September, when he suffered a badly injured shoulder in an automobile accident, will play in the Tucson Open here February 2.

Mangrum has been given permission by his physician to participate, H. S. Corbett, chairman of the tournament committee, announced.

NORTH-SOUTH GRIDDEES MOVE TO MONTGOMERY. MONTGOMERY, ALA. —(P)— Rival squads for the twelfth annual Blue-Gray football game began checking into town Friday.

First workouts for both North and South players are on tap Saturday morning.

Sports

—THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM, MIDLAND, TEXAS, DEC. 23, 1949

Cotton Bowl Pie To Be Sliced In \$126,000 Pieces

DALLAS —(P)—Rice and North Carolina each will receive at least \$126,000 for playing in the Cotton Bowl game January 2, Dan Rogers, chairman of the board, said Friday, wondering if any other bowl game could match that figure.

Rogers said the increased amount (it paid \$108,000 last January) resulted from an enlarged bowl and the fact that there would be fewer student tickets than before.

Rice has a comparatively small student body; the distance from Chapel Hill, N. C., to Dallas will hold down the North Carolina student attendance. Student tickets are one-half price. All other tickets are \$4.80.

Rogers said he figured the Cotton Bowl would have \$300,000 net receipts (after federal tax) and that only rental on the stadium, \$45,000, would be taken out.

Conference Fund Growing. The Cotton Bowl, Director-General James H. Stewart explained, does not take expenses from gate receipts, all of which go to the competing teams after rental, but depends upon radio rights, concessions and programs. Not only do these meet expenses but a fund of about \$60,000 has been built up which eventually will go to the Southwest Conference, which sponsors the Cotton Bowl.

Rogers, speaking Thursday night at the annual dinner for committee chairmen, bowl officials and the press, predicted the Cotton Bowl would have no further trouble getting top teams—declaring that, in fact, the teams would seek the Cotton Bowl.

He pointed to the elaborate program of entertainment for Cotton Bowl week inaugurated this year. There will be basketball tournaments, ice hockey, skeet shoots, theater and musical entertainment, banquets, dinners and luncheons a dime a dozen, and entertainment for the football players in which theaters, night clubs and transportation facilities will be turned over to them.

Fried For Oklahoma. Rogers recounted the trials of the Cotton Bowl this year in landing the visiting team, declaring that he tried every way to get Oklahoma. He said Oklahoma was "wanted by popular demand," that he had talked to officials as many as 100 times and that he thought it would have come here but for wives of married players on the team. He said he thought Oklahoma actually could have been obtained after Tulane lost to Louisiana State and the latter got into the Sugar Bowl, but it was too late then. North Carolina, which Rogers had snubbed the Cotton Bowl last year, was enthusiastic at the start this time about coming here.

He revealed that Virginia never accepted an invitation to play in the bowl despite reports that the winner of the Virginia-North Carolina game had been offered the bid. In fact, he added, had Virginia won the game the Cotton Bowl would have been in a predicament.

Rogers said 10,000 tickets had gone to North Carolina for the game and none had been returned. The North Carolina squad will arrive by plane December 28 and Rice will come here by train January 1.

Three Baylor Bears To Start For South In All-Star Contest. MIAMI, FLA. —(P)— Yale's Coach Herman Hickman cut his workweek to one Friday and announced he will not use the two-piston system when his North squad meets a South squad in the Shrine College All-Star Football Game here Monday night.

The South squad planned two more workouts and Coach Andy Gustafson of Miami, handling the Southerners with Baylor's Bob Woodruff, named his seven linemen who will play offense.

John O'Quinn of Wake Forest and J. D. Ison of Baylor will be at ends, with Duke's Louis Allen and Vanderbilt's Carl Copp at tackles. Clay Matthews of Georgia Tech and Don Mouser of Baylor will be at guards. Virginia's Bill Walsh will be at center.

The South's starting backfield will have Adrian Burk of Baylor at quarterback, Forney Griffith of Kansas and Herb Rich of Vanderbilt at halfback, and Miami's Whitley Campbell at fullback.

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Negro Jailed For Attempted Sale Of Bogus Bowl Ducats. DALLAS —(P)— Dallas police think January 2 they'll find a case of too many people for too few seats.

They arrested a 23-year-old negro Thursday for trying to sell counterfeit tickets to the Rice-North Carolina Cotton Bowl game.

The tickets were narrower than the authentic ducats and had no sectional diagram on the back.

Detective E. R. Gaddy said the negro was booked at the city jail for swindling. "And we'll probably have to put a lot of people in jail for fighting when they find out other people have tickets to their seats," said Gaddy.

Jersey Joe Walcott To Fight In Philly. PHILADELPHIA —(P)— Harold Johnson, Philadelphia light-heavyweight beaten only once in 29 bouts, Thursday signed for his most important fight—a 10-rounder against heavyweight Jersey Joe Walcott.

The pair will meet at the Arena February 8 under the promotion of Harry Steinmann. Walcott will receive 40 per cent of the receipts and Johnson 20 per cent.

The fight originally was announced for February 15 but John (Ox) Gross, newly appointed to the State Athletic Commission, objected on the grounds that it was too near the proposed Sugar Ray Robinson-George Costner non-title fight date, tentatively set for February 22.

The Champion



James (June) McMahon, 37, won the national all-star individual match-game bowling championship with 44 1/2 victories against 19 1/2 defeats in Chicago. He averaged 214.18 in the finals. Formerly of Lodi, N. J., the titleholder now is an instructor in Chicago.

Is He Is Or Is He Ain't?—

Louis Does About Face

LOS ANGELES —(P)— Is he is or is he ain't? Will Joe Louis hit the comeback trail—if he isn't really on it already?

Well, yes, the "retired" champion, indicated in one interview Thursday. Then just a few hours later, on arrival here, he gave a flat "No" to the same question.

"I feel good. I'm punching good, but I've got to be sure," Louis was quoted by Tony Cordaro, Des Moines Tribune sports writer, in a telephone interview. He said it will take about three more months to reach a definite decision.

Whom would he fight? "If I fight, it will be Ezzard Charles, of course. He's the best heavyweight around and the match will draw the most money."

So ran the story from Des Moines. But there must have been something in the air between Salt Lake City, where Louis had toyed with two exhibition goes, and Los Angeles, where reporters were waiting to greet him. Joe came down a changed man.

Asked if he's coming back, Joe gave out with a loud, lone "No."

Orange School Wins Negro Grid Crown

ORANGE —(P)— The Wallace High School Dragons of Orange defeated the Gross High School Bumblebees of Victoria 34-13 for the state Class A negro football championship here Thursday night.

The Dragons previously had beaten the Lincoln High School of Port Arthur, which last Saturday tied Lincoln of Dallas for the AA negro title.

BRONCOS TAKE TO AIR. SANTA CLARA, CALIF. —(P)— Passing dominated the Santa Clara Broncos drill Thursday for their January 2 Orange Bowl football engagement with Kentucky in Miami.

Boxing Tournament Scheduled In Pecos

PECOS — A regional Golden Gloves Tournament will be held here this Winter under the sponsorship of the Pecos VFW Post, it has been announced.

Boys between the ages of 14 and 19 are eligible to enter. All weight divisions will be open.

Workouts for the Pecos team will be held in the National Guard Armory beginning December 30. All equipment will be furnished.

U. S. auto workers are paid from three to 10 times as much as similar workers in Europe.

Advertisement for Cushman Motor Scooters, featuring the text "When you think of Christmas think of Cushman Motor Scooters" and contact information for Cushman Scooter Sales.

Large advertisement for Wurlitzer pianos, featuring the brand name in large letters, a photograph of a young boy playing a piano, and promotional text including "Your Number One gift should bear the Number One name." and "Nothing you can give at Christmas fits the spirit of the occasion so perfectly as a piano."



(NEA Photo)

J. Howard Payne, left, Dallas postmaster, hands a package to an airline stewardess at Love Field for delivery to seven-year-old Sean O'Neill of Cork, Ireland. Sean wrote to Postmaster, Texas, USA, asking for a cowboy outfit. This package contains a complete outfit. American Airlines is expediting the shipment so it will arrive in Ireland before Christmas.

Science Contributes Many Miracles For Holiday Joy

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Editor
NEW YORK — We switched on the lights of the 40-foot Christmas tree.
My GI friend, who had done most of the work, mopped his face: "Whew! Whatta job. But that tree'll make a thousand kids happy."
"Scientifically correct," I said.
He whirled and spat: "Scientific! Nuts! What has science done for Christmas? Science makes A-bombs. Science can't even explain Santa Claus. Just cold, correct stuff."
"Wait, Joe," I said, "while I tell you what science does for Christmas."
Thousands of grandpas and grandmas who are going to see Christmas trees this year wouldn't even be here except for science.
It's only a year ago that these grandparents would have

known one in ten persons of their age was certain to die of pneumonia in January and February. Penicillin changed that.
Grandpa and grandma, who suffer the agonies of arthritis, won't hurt so much this Christmas. They still can't get the new 1949 hormones which miraculously stop pain, but they can look forward to relief—and for the first time.
Life To Babies, Mothers
There are 60,000 American babies who will see Christmas this year who never would have lived long enough to see Santa a few years ago. This year's death rate among the newborn dropped to a new low, and others were cured of infant diseases.
Thousands of mothers who will hold up 1949 babies to see Santa wouldn't have done it in 1948. They would have died in childbirth. Mother deaths in childbirth dropped to a new low in the United States this year. It's about one-quarter better than last year.
Science did this. Medical science was one reason. Others were better food, more of it due to scientific farming, and the rapid transportation that gets the food to the people who need it.
"But," said Joe, "what's the use of saving all these people when science is telling us how to kill more than it can save?"
That's where you are wrong, Joe. Take the hateful A-bomb. The energy which makes it was used this year for thousands of experiments in agriculture, to produce better and more food, with less labor. And for tens of thousands of other good works.

Lions Entertain Ladies At Annual Christmas Party

Santa Claus and the Midland Lions Club International Convention Yule Train Band teamed up to provide fun, fellowship and entertainment at the annual Christmas party for Lions Club members and their ladies Thursday night in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer.

President Roy Minear, president of the Asbury Methodist Church and a member of the club, delivered the Christmas message, speaking on "All This and Christmas Too." He commented on the customary activities and festivities of the holiday season, "all of which we have in addition to the real Christmas—the celebrating of the anniversary of the birth of Christ."

Christmas Music
A number of Christmas and novelty numbers were played by the Lions Band, with Duke Jimerson as master of ceremonies.
Larry Trimble entertained the gathering with his presentation of "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth."
C. Ed Prichard, vice president, presented a corsage to Mrs. L. V. Bassham, president of the Lion Tamers Club, and Ray Howard received a plaque for outstanding service to the club.

Santa Claus, who arrived as the band played "Here Comes Santa Claus," distributed gifts to the more than 100 persons in attendance. The gifts later were assembled and presented to the Goodfellows for distribution to children of unfortunate families.

MIDLANDERS TAKE PART IN CHRISTMAS CONCERT
LUBBOCK—Five Midland students at Texas Tech participated in the annual Christmas concert and caroling party sponsored by the Tech Music Department.
La Verne Estes and William Velvin are members of the Tech Choir. Jerry McDonald, Philip Thompson and W. L. Thompson are members of the Tech Concert band.

Johnny Now Is Firm Believer

MEDFORD, MASS.—(AP)—The voice of Santa Claus boomed from a rooftop.
"What do you mean I'm not real?"
A little tyke in the crowd gazing up at the spotlighted Santa winced. He had been telling his little friends "He ain't real—all he does is stand there."
The voice called out again:
"Johnny Williams, why do you tell your little friends such things. Of course Santa is real and he'll come to visit good boys."
That was the clincher. Johnny Williams now is a firm believer.
The voice was that of Alderman George G. Callahan thrown from his living room through a loud speaker rigged to Santa.
"My biggest problem now," says Santa, "is getting the kids to go home to bed."

Shivers Leaves For Christmas Holidays

AUSTIN—(AP)—Gov. Allan Shivers was scheduled to leave Friday for Mission, where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his family. He will return to his desk January 3.
Shivers said he would make a trip to Port Arthur, his legal residence, to pay his poll tax in January, go to Waco for a Junior Chamber of Commerce program January 14, and to Fort Worth January 27 for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.
The U. S. Navy's first submarine was stubby and cigar-shaped.



Little Lancer

Young Andrew Lawson Johnson, son of Lord and Lady Luke, is a tabloid editor of a British lancer as he compares his uniform with that of Sgt. P. T. O'Connell of the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers. Master Johnson and another lad, dressed in miniature uniforms, were pages at the recent London wedding of Maj. David Laurie, K. C., and Theresa Anne Gilroy.

McCamey News

McCAMEY—Tommy Fambrough, nine, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Fambrough of McCamey, is in a San Angelo hospital with polio, according to a report from Mrs. Fambrough. Tommy was admitted to the hospital Tuesday and his illness definitely was diagnosed as polio Thursday.
The Upton County Sheriff's Posses has announced the postponement of its dance, which was scheduled Friday in the Rankin Community Park Building. Conflict with other programs was blamed for the postponement.
Linda Diane Carr, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carr, died in a Dallas hospital Thursday. She had undergone major surgery 10 days ago. Funeral services were scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. W. I. Lee officiating. Interment was to be in a McCamey cemetery.
Mrs. Tom Lynch and daughter, Lorraine, spent last weekend in Merzon with Mrs. Lynch's parents. Her mother is seriously ill. The family will return to Merzon Friday to spend the holidays.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Floyd of McCamey are parents of a son, born December 17 in Cooper Hospital. He has been named Larry Dean.
Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Alderman are parents of a son, born December 17 in Cooper Hospital. He has been named Gary Lee.
Jess Haley of Sheffield was admitted to the hospital this week as a medical patient.
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Jones and children of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carr of Abilene were in McCamey Friday for the funeral services of Linda Diane Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are former residents of McCamey and Mrs. Jones is a sister of Jack Carr.

Bidault Challenges Foes By Demanding Vote Of Confidence

PARIS—(AP)—French Premier Georges Bidault Friday held the threat of new national elections over the heads of rebellious deputies who are balking at new taxes he proposes.
The leader of the coalition government Thursday night asked for a formal vote of confidence. This was considered a bold step since all of the nation's previous post-war premiers have resigned before such a vote was asked.
If Bidault loses in the vote, expected late Friday night, his cabinet will have to resign. But if his successor also is beaten, the Constitution provides for the calling of a new election without a special vote by Parliament.
This could prove a threat to many of Parliament's members, whose seats would then be risked in new balloting by the French people.
The critical issue arises out of the French budget and new taxes the government feels are necessary to meet it.



You arrive at a large party where you know the hostess but your husband does not.
WRONG WAY: Don't introduce him unless she mentions that she never has met him.
RIGHT WAY: Introduce him right away.
The penultimate day of the month is the next to the last day.

Texas Spokesmen Predict Stormy Congress Session

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Seven Texas Democratic representatives just back from home say they look for a turbulent session of Congress starting January 3.
They expect legislation affecting civil rights, labor, taxes and cotton to afford plenty of fireworks, they said in separate interviews Friday.
"I think the Administration is getting ready to give civil rights measures the priority over everything else," said Rep. Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls.
"That will endanger the success of all other legislation in this Congress. It is a political appeal to the prejudice of minority groups in the big industrial areas. They may get somewhere, but I'm against all such moves."
Rep. Frank Wilson of Dallas agrees that the civil rights issue will cause bitter fights.
Housing, Labor
He commented that this issue also likely will arise in regard to the federal housing program.
"This plan of barring federal financial aid for housing where deeds contain clauses as to who shall occupy a property could wreck building programs in the south," he added.
"A federal agency is trying to put into effect by its own regulations a basic policy that Congress turned down. We rejected amendments offered by Representative Marcantonio (AL-NY) and Representative Powell (D-NY) to put anti-segregation amendments into the housing and other legislation."
Rep. Wingate Lucas of Fort Worth and Grapevine said he expects hot arguments on labor bills. He added he believes the Taft-Hartley Act should be strengthened, if any change is made. The Administration seeks repeal of the law.
The new cotton crop control program has stirred resentment from scattered parts of the country as well as from Texas. A House Agriculture subcommittee recently proposed that remedial legislation be enacted.
Representative Teague of College Station said he will press for prompt passage of such measures but he foresees opposition from areas which fared well under the new law.
The Texans generally said they are inclined to support the move to repeal or at least reduce wartime excise taxes. They also said they don't like the idea of any tax boost.
Rep. Albert Thomas of Houston said both government spending and taxes should be reduced.
Reps. Paul Kilday of San Antonio and Eugene Worley of Shamrock expressed views generally similar to those of their colleagues.
And recently, Rep. John Lyle of Corpus Christi, who was here but went home for the holidays, predicted the new session would "see some of the bitterest debates" ever held in Congress. He said they would center around civil rights and taxes.

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Shelburnes Buy Interest of Partner In Transfer Firm
Gene Shelburne announced Friday he and his son, Gene, Jr., have purchased the interest of a partner, Hugh Robinson, in the City Transfer and Storage Company here. The elder Shelburne and Robinson have operated the business the last two years. Gene, Jr., will join his father in the business next Spring when he finishes his studies at Hardin-Simmons University.
The business is located at 313 South Baird Street. It specializes in moving, crating and local hauling. Vans for long distance moving also are available.

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AT HOME FOR HOLIDAYS
Jessica Turpin, a student in the University of Texas, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Turpin.

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DIVIDEND NOTICE
The Board of Directors today declared a dividend of 32 cents per share on the Common Stock of the Company, payable December 30, 1949 to stockholders of record at the close of business December 21, 1949.
RICHARD BULLWINKLE
Secretary
December 16, 1949

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DADDY RINGTAIL • By Wesley Davis

Daddy Ringtail And The Christmas Tree

(Continued From Yesterday)
The miracle light was dim at first, and then it grew and spread around the head of the child that the brother and sister had befriended.

No longer was the night so bitterly cold. No longer was the snow unfriendly. The little hut was filled with warmth and cheer, while more and more became the light, greater and greater, ever of increasing brilliance.

The light would have blinded the eyes of anyone other than good. But the little boy and the little girl, those who had given the last of their bread to a certainty that a wall had been the Christ-Child. But now the brother and sister knew that according to the legend the Son of God was before them.

Quickly they slipped to their knees in prayer, each clasping the hand of the other. And then, amidst light like the brilliance of a million candles, amidst the glory of celestial voices singing, the Christ-Child touched his hand to an evergreen tree that grew through the snow.



Then and there the tree was blessed. It flashed and glittered with beautiful lights, and on its branches immediately grew the most wonderful gifts of food and clothes and toys and all the good things there are in the world. Never again were the brother and sister to be cold or hungry or lonely on the night before Christmas.

And other people heard of the Christmas tree, and always now every year we have it. It belongs to every Christmas, reminding us all that the Christ-Child comes to every home where the love of little children awaits Him.

Christmas, appearing briefly as a child who was hungry and cold. They recalled that only those people who were truly good would ever know of a certainty that a wall had been the Christ-Child. But now the brother and sister knew that according to the legend the Son of God was before them.

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Until tomorrow night,
Love,
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OH DEAR... OH DEAR... HOW EMBARRASSING!

WHAT'S ALL THE COMOTION?

MRS. BAIRD'S BREAD

STAYS FRESH LONGER

LAFFIT-OFF!

A policy for every knock Misfortune MAY have in her sock! That's why I smile," says Mr. L. "PROTECTION is what rings the bell!"

MRS. BAIRD'S BREAD

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RECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

HOT DOGS! WORKS!

SNOOPERS AT THE WINDOW! PULL THE CURTAIN, FRECK!

GOOD OLD BEAMIE! NOW I CAN TALK BUSINESS WITH MR. STUFFLEBEAM!

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING, GLORY TO...

WEEPERS! I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN WHAT'S NEARLY HERE!

ME, TOO! AND NO PRESENTS FOR THE CRUMPT HUT PARTY!

LET'S MAKE BEAMIE'S EVERYBODY!

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PRISCILLA'S POP

I'D LIKE TO BUY A RED NECKTIE FOR MY POP!

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

YES, HE WANTS A BLUE TIE! HE ASKS FOR IS A BLUE TIE!

IF HE EXPECTS A BLUE TIE, WHY BUY HIM A RED ONE?

I WANT IT TO BE A SURPRISE!

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HOMER HOOPEE

THANK YOU TOO MUCH FOR DOING MY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOR ME, MA!

WOOPEE'S SHOWING THE STRAIN OF BEING GOOD TILL CHRISTMAS!

EGBERT, DON'T YOU DO ANYTHING MORE TO MAKE HIM LOSE HIS TEMPER—

GAD, NO—I WOULD JUST AS SOON TRY WITH AN ATOMIC BOMB!

MY LOVE, WHERE ARE MY CHRISTMAS WRAPPINGS?

I USED SOME OF IT BUT I LEFT PLENTY FOR YOU—

WERE THOSE YOURS? I LIED THE REST TO WRAP MY GIFTS—

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DICKIE DARE

DEAD COOKS POISON NO CAPTAINS

HE KILLED DOCTOR BLOAT—HELP—MURDER

HELLO, DICKIE, WHAT ARE YOU IN SUCH A LATHER ABOUT—HAD A CLOSE SHAVE?

D-DAN, D-DON'T JOKE, THIS IS AWFUL

TH' WHOLE P-PIRATE IS S'SWARMIN' WITH ISLANDS!

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BUGS BUNNY

HURRY UP, BUGS! I'M TIRED!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, PETUNIA!

MY BACK HURTS, TOO!

JUST A COUPLE MORE BRUSH STROKES, AN' YA CN UNLAX!

IT'S FINISHED! TAKE A GANDER AT IT! IT BETTER BE GOOD!

MY MASTERPIECE!

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TH' GUY DRILLED A HOLE A LITTLE OFF AND THE JOKESTERS ARE TRYIN' TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE IT WAS SUCH A BIG BLUNDER THAT TH' HULL SHOP KNOWS IT IN FIVE MINUTES.

WELL, THEY'RE GETTIN' MORE INTELLECTUAL—THEY USED TO THINK IT WAS HILARIOUSLY FUNNY TO PUT CLIP GREASE ON TH' SWEEPER'S WHEELBARROW HANDLES!

UNCLE BULGY—I MEAN AMOS, WE JUST SPUN OUR SOARING AND SHOOK OUT AN IDEA—MAYBE ALVIN AND I CAN SAVE THE BALL GAME IF WE PEDDLE YOUR STOCKING-MUFFLERS AT CHRISTMAS TREE LOTS.

WE CAN SELL 'EM AT TWO PLACES OURSELVES, AN' SCATTER THE REST ON EVERY LOT IN TOWN!

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THAT'S THE GUY THAT SAW ME, ALL RIGHT—MONTE DE CARLO.

YOU AIN'T WORRIED, ARE YA, KID?

WHATCHA GONNA DO?

IN THE FIRST PLACE, I AIN'T GONNA LEAVE THIS DUMP FOR A WHILE. THE COPS ARE LOOKIN' FER GUYS LIKE ME.

IN THE SECOND PLACE, WE GOTTA GET RID OF THAT MONTE DE CARLO!

LEAVE IT TO US, KID. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, WON'T WE, EGGBEAD?

SURE! IT WON'T BE NO PROBLEM.

MARRIED A RICH WIDOW OUT IN RENO, IT SAYS HERE.

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YES, YOU HAVE SOMETHING HERE I COULD USE NICELY, MR. SMITH!

VIC FLINT

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WASH TUBBS

HOW'D YOU DO, MR. DICKEY. SO YOU'RE A BANKER TOO, EH?

YES...ON A BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY. AH, BUT THIS NOTE WILL EXPLAIN MY VISIT!

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RED RYDER

WHY IS IT WISE TO LISTEN TO REDHEAD LIKE OUR CHIEF?

I DISGUISED AS A CHIEF TO KEEP YOU FROM HANGIN' AIN'T YOU? YOUR EVIDENCE, RED?

...BUT WHERE'S YOUR EVIDENCE, RED?

THESE SAME INDIAN CLOTHES THAT KURT LIED TO ROB "AT STAGE IN" ALSO, I FOUND PART OF TH' LOOT IN HIS CABIN!

I RECKON TH' CHIEF WILL BE HANGED TO GIVE YOU HIS SEAT... IN JAIL... LET'S GO!

ALLEY OOP

I KNOW I LEFT IT SOMEWHERE IN THIS CLOSET.

IT'S JUST GOT TEE HERE—AH!

HIPPOLYTA'S GIRLDE... TH' MAGIC BELT!

NOW, BY GADREY, TH' WORLD IS MY OYSTER!

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

ROD, I THINK OUR TREE THIS YEAR IS BEAUTIFUL. MR. NICHOLAS—

YEAH, IT'S—

HEY, BOOTS! —ROD!

LOOK! THE DOOR TO MR. NICHOLAS'S ROOM WAS OPEN—AND ALL HIS THINGS ARE GONE! I FOUND THIS NOTE ON HIS BED!

OH, HE PROBABLY JUST SLIPPED OUT FOR A FEW MINUTES—

GREAT OL' GUY! BUT SOMETHING VERY MYSTERIOUS—

WHAT DOES THE NOTE SAY?

BUGS BUNNY

HURRY UP, BUGS! I'M TIRED!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, PETUNIA!

MY BACK HURTS, TOO!

JUST A COUPLE MORE BRUSH STROKES, AN' YA CN UNLAX!

IT'S FINISHED! TAKE A GANDER AT IT! IT BETTER BE GOOD!

MY MASTERPIECE!

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Pioneer—

(Continued From Page One)
asked permission to suspend service to Big Spring and Abilene. Smith Chances Tactics

Gen. Robert J. Smith, president of Pioneer Air Lines, said here today this year his company would remain neutral concerning the CAB proposal that American discontinue service in Midland. But Smith signed the exceptions statement filed several days ago protesting the recommendation that American service be continued here.

The CAB examiner, in his report, recommended that American service here be continued, but added that such service was not to be considered essential.

Final action on the recommendations will be taken by the CAB at a later date.

Pioneer's objection to the recommendation affecting American's Midland stop was worded "to the failure of the examiner to recommend the suspension at Midland, as well as at Big Spring and Abilene, when he found that the net effect on mail pay should be an appreciable reduction of Pioneer's mail pay needs."

Another exception to the failure of the examiner to take account of Pioneer's pending application for service between Midland and El Paso, via Pecos, which if granted, would provide Abilene and Big Spring with one carrier service to El Paso.

The airline further took exception to the conclusion of the examiner that the CAB "has not yet reached the point where it is willing to consider permanent certification of feeder or local service carriers." Pioneer originally had asked for a permanent operating certificate. It now operates under a temporary certificate, which Verner recommended be extended five years.

Policy conclusions and recommendations of the examiner concerning the company's service to certain other cities on its routes were certain exceptions made by Pioneer.

American cited two exceptions. Concerning the Midland stop, the exception was "to the failure of the examiner to find that continuation of American's service to Midland is required by the public convenience and necessity. The examiner's analysis of the traffic at Midland covers only the year 1948, and fails to consider that this was the first full year of American's service, so that the traffic totals do not adequately reflect the potential traffic, particularly long-haul traffic, at Midland.

Survey figures for March and September, 1949, now available to the board staff, reflect a substantial increase in the traffic carried by American to points to which it alone offers one-carrier service.

The other exception concerned a traffic analysis at Abilene.

209,000 METHODISTS JOIN 'BONE DRY' RANKS
DALLAS —(P)—Ray Nichols of Vernon, president of the General Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church, says 200,000 Methodists pledged last year not to drink alcoholic beverages.

He spoke Thursday at a seminar on alcohol. About 50 Methodist laymen and preachers from North, Central and Northwest Texas attended.

CHILI Best in the United States 65c pt. — \$1.25 qt. STEAMING TAMALES HOT (IN-SHUCKS) 50¢ Per Dozen 6 for \$1.00 You see, that's right! Hamburgers and Bar-B-Q Beefs (To take away only) CONEY ISLAND 6/75¢ DOGS Cecil King's Fine Foods 215 West Texas Phone 3229 Plans for quicker service.

Decoration Contest Judges To Announce Winners Sunday

Judges in the annual Home Decoration Contest are finding it difficult to pick winners from among so many beautifully decorated homes, according to Ray Gwyn, chairman of the JayCee Home Decoration Committee. The four prize winners will be announced Sunday.

After two nights of touring the town, judges still were undecided, but had found many outstanding decorating jobs included in the largest response ever made to the contest.

Gwyn said that judges drove through Midland Streets Monday from 7 p.m. until nearly 11 p.m. and went out again for the same period Thursday night. In attempting to decide, it was necessary to go back to the same houses four or five times, Gwyn said.

Four prizes are to be awarded. First prize will be \$25 for the best decorated home in the city. Three other prizes of \$15 each will be awarded to the best home in each of three zones which have been established.

Zone 1 includes Kentucky Street and everything south of it. Zone 2 includes A Street and everything west of it, north of Kentucky Street. Zone 3 includes everything east of A Street, north of Kentucky Street.

11 Airmen— (Continued From Page One) miles from U. S. Highway 17, which crosses the river just above Savannah. But it could be reached only by small boats guided by boatmen who knew the river.

Crash Site Inaccessible The Air Force waited until dawn to send a large crash boat with a score or more men, armed with shovels and ropes, to try to remove the bodies. They had to transfer to small flat-bottomed swamp boats to get to the wreckage.

Two planes took off from the air base to circle the crash scene and guide the rescue boats. High tide on the river was at about 11 a.m., and the rescue parties hoped to remove some of the bodies before then.

Sam Rahal, chairman of the Savannah Red Cross Disaster Committee, said the first search parties could not find a single large piece of wreckage, and that apparently even the engines were under water.

Like World On Fire He said he believed some of the bodies never may be recovered. Air base officials said the bomber probably carried between 7,000 and 8,000 gallons of gasoline when it took off.

J. A. Lyles, tender of one of the Highway 17 bridges across the Savannah River, said the plane passed directly over his riverside house as it headed into the marsh. He said he thought from the sound that it would land on the house.

When the crash came, "It looked like the whole world was on fire," he added.

The huge plane crashed into the middle of an old rice paddy that now is a part of the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

President— (Continued From Page One) lower left the army. He remarked that Eisenhower himself had disavowed presidential aspirations, and said that his word is good; that it always has been.

Coast Guardsmen Seek Three Men Missing In Skiff

GALVESTON —(P)—The Coast Guard Friday resumed its search for three men missing in Galveston Bay.

E. B. Hanson, a boat worker, reported to the Coast Guard Thursday night that the three men left the yacht basin here to go hunting on Pelican Spit, north of the Galveston ship channel.

The men left here in a 14-foot aluminum skiff with an outboard motor. They had not been heard from at 6 p.m. and Hanson notified the Coast Guard.

The men were identified as Elmer Dever, 23, a pipefitter living in Texas City; Albert B. Chimento, 19, Galveston, and Elmer Muehe, 25, Galveston.

Hanson said he warned the men about attempting to cross the bay in their light skiff. The choppy sea may have upset their boat.

A Coast Guard cutter searched the area around Pelican Spit Thursday night but quit about 10 p.m. because of poor visibility.

Two Duck Hunters Drown Near Dallas DENTON —(P)—The waters of Lake Dallas were being searched Friday for the bodies of two duck hunters.

The men were dumped into the water Thursday after high winds overturned their boat. A third man, Ralph J. Brothers, was found cold, wet and exhausted in a duck blind. The missing men were identified by Brothers as Monroe Crumford and Bob Elker. The three men were mechanics for Braniff Airways in Dallas.

Brothers said he last saw one of his companions clinging to the overturned boat, grasping a small puppy the three men had in their craft.

Hoof-Mouth Battle Success, Says Solon WASHINGTON —(P)—Representative Horan (R-Wash.) said Friday the joint United States-Mexico fight against the foot and mouth disease in cattle is progressing satisfactorily.

Horan returned Thursday from a trip to Mexico to inspect the eradication work. He is a member of a House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture.

What he saw in the fight against the disease, he told a reporter, "was reassuring to me as a member of the subcommittee. The program appears to have been carried on successfully."

Warmer— (Continued From Page One) season's low of 22 was tied at Sherman Thursday night.

Dallas with five degrees was the coldest spot.

Two Persons, 28 Fingers



This man and his wife have seven fingers on each hand, but that's not unusual where they live. In their village of Cervera de Buistrage, Spain, a five-fingered person is a freak. Almost every one of the 300 inhabitants has at least six fingers on one or both hands. Some have as many as nine. Close intermarriage and village restrictions that keep out settlers with the normal number of fingers produced this odd situation.

Shrine Club Holds Christmas Dance The annual Christmas dance of the Midland Shrine Club, held Thursday night in the American Legion Hall, was termed one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the year. A large crowd of Shriners and their ladies attended.

Those present contributed \$350 as a Christmas gift to the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

Music for the dance was furnished by Brothers in Blue and his Orchestra of Abilene, and his Orchestra of Abilene.

A. A. (Poosty) Jones was in charge of the entertainment. J. M. McDonald is president of the Shrine Club.

Livestock PORT WORTH —(P)—Cattle 125; calves 75 very scarce, steady to weak; beef cows 14.00-16.00; canners and cutters 9.00-12.50; bulls 13.00-16.00; no steers or yearlings offered; medium to good slaughter calves 17.00-22.00; and common calves 13.00-15.00; stockers and feeders absent.

Hogs 100; steady on all weights and grades; good and choice 300-270 lb. butchers 15.50; good hog above and below that weight 14.50-15.25; sows 13.00-30; pigs 11.00-12.50. Sheep, none; no sales.

Truman Exchanges Greetings With Pope WASHINGTON —(P)—President Truman told Pope Pius XII in a Christmas message that the United States "gladly re-dedicates its efforts to the creation of a peaceful and advancing world order."

The pontiff said in reply: "We invoke the light, assistance and blessing of the Christ child upon your excellency's person and work, as well as upon all your fellow citizens, who courageously strive to find and follow the road leading to a peaceful future for mankind."

The White House Friday made public the exchange of messages.

COTTON NEW YORK —(P)—Friday noon cotton futures were 15 cents a bale lower to 10 cents higher than previous close. Market 30.41, May 30.37 and July 29.76.

Steal Is Right! BALTIMORE —(P)—The sign on the windshield of a used car labeled it "a steal." Somebody stole the car and disappeared from the lot Thursday night.

TEXAS WORKERS READY TO OBEY WALKOUT ORDER DALLAS —(P)—Union telephone employees in Texas are ready for a threatened strike state-wide.

R. W. Staley, Texas secretary of the CIO Communications Workers, said union employees of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company were "awaiting the signal from the bargaining committee."

Truck-Train Crash Is Reported Here A truck driven by Donald W. Deel of Midland was hit by a Texas Pacific freight train at the South Main Street crossing Thursday afternoon. No personal injuries were reported. Considerable damage was done to the truck. It was struck on the side near the rear.

RESIDENCE DAMAGED ON NORTH MARSHALL Midland firemen made two runs Thursday. A residence at 104 North Marshall Street was damaged when it caught fire in the roof. A minor blaze, causing no damage, was reported at 1409 West Tennessee Street.

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The drillsite is one mile west of the same operators No. 1 Masterson well, which drilled to total depth of 4,459 feet, and has been plugged and abandoned as a failure.

Have A Laugh

By BOYCE HOUSE Bob Taylor of Tennessee used to tell a yarn about Uncle Zeke, who killed a possum, baked it and then while it was cooling, he said, "Ah'll take a nap; maybe Ah'll dream about eatin' dat possum."

Then he saw the little stack of bones, discovered the grease on his fingers and mouth and then remarked, "Ah reckon Ah done eat dat possum while Ah was asleep—but Ah did, dat possum set de lights on mah stummick ob any possum Ah ever eat!"

Italian Film Termed Best Picture In '49 NEW YORK —(P)—A postwar Italian film is the best picture of 1949, says the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures.

Choice of the film, "The Bicycle Thief," was announced by the board's Committee on Exceptional Films.

Dear Santa— Dear Santa Claus: "We will be at grandmother's Christmas, if it isn't snowing."

Linda Sue Collier TWO KILLED, SIX HURT IN EASTERN TRAIN WRECK NEW YORK —(P)—Two railroad men were killed Thursday night in a train wreck that blocked rail service to Long Island for hours and stranded commuters in masses thousands at Pennsylvania Station.

Six trainmen were injured.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS Faye Shalburne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Shalburne, has arrived home from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla., to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Shalburne also have as guests their daughter, Lois, and son, Gene, Jr., and his wife, students at Harvard-Simmons University in Abilene.

OUT OF HOSPITAL R. E. Kimsey has been discharged from Western Clinic-Hospital, where he was a medical patient.

THREE FINES ASSESSED Justice of the Peace Joseph A. Seymour fined three negroes Thursday for illegal hunting. Two of the defendants were fined \$25 each and the other was fined \$50.

FIVE DIVORCES Five divorces were granted Thursday by Judge Paul Moss in a civil session of 70th District Court here.

TO DALLAS Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Oswald and family will spend Christmas in Dallas.

CHRISTMAS VISIT Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Legg were to leave Friday to spend the holidays with relatives in Kaufman, Texas.

FROM RUDDOSO Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Horton and daughter of Ruddoso, N. M., were to arrive Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Horton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Baker, here.

Hamm Will Drill Crockett Wildcat William Hamm, Jr., No. 1 Mary Sue Hunt is to be a 10,000-foot wildcat to explore the Ellenburger in Central Crockett County.

It is located 600 feet from south and west lines of section 8, block 3, G-2-S survey. That puts it in the Permian.

A previous report had credited Spardon Drilling Company with having contracted to drill a wildcat at this location as its No. 1 prospectory. That report was incorrect.

Hamm will drill Crockett Wildcat

Security Division Of AEC Is Headed By Ex-FBI Official

WASHINGTON —(P)—The Atomic Energy Commission has named a former FBI official to lead into its security division, which guards the nation's atomic secrets.

AEC General Manager Carroll Wilson said an advisory panel selected for the two-month job will be headed by John S. Bugas of Detroit. Bugas, vice president in charge of the Ford Motor Company's industrial relations and formerly headed the FBI's Detroit office.

With him will serve Dr. John Tate, chairman of the physics department of the University of Minnesota, and former president of the American Physical Society, and J. Arthur Mullen, president of Generalvite Products, Detroit. Served On Committee Tate served on the National Defense Research Committee in the last war, while Mullen formerly was Export-Import Bank and State Department official — with Army Intelligence.

Wilson said one or two more persons may be named to the panel, adding that the group also will be asked for new directives from Adm. John G. Edgar, who quit as atomic security director seven months ago.

The AEC official gave no reason for the survey of the security division. The division is responsible for protecting atomic installations, granting personnel security clearances, and guarding secret materials and information.

Auto Is Demolished In Highway Crash An automobile driven by B. A. Munger of Terminal was demolished late Thursday in a collision with a truck 13 miles west of Midland on U. S. Highway 17.

Munger was given first aid treatment for slight injuries. According to Highway Patrol investigators, Munger lost control of his auto when he ran off onto the shoulder to avoid hitting a car immediately ahead, which had suddenly slowed down.

On hitting the shoulder, the auto swerved back across the highway, colliding with a truck belonging to the Slater Transport Company of Wickett and driven by Oscar C. Cleveland.

The driver of a pickup truck was arrested as the wreckage was being cleared from the highway and fined \$10 and costs Friday and lost his license for reckless driving. The complaint charged that the pickup driver failed to slow down at the accident scene.

Goodfellows— (Continued From Page One) of the High School, under direction of Jack Mashburn.

Friday night, JayCees of the Goodfellows Band Committee, assisted by JayCees, will pack the baskets, at the John M. Cowden Junior High School cafeteria. Dr. Henry Schlichting is chairman of the JayCee committee, and will be assisted by Dr. R. E. Hubbard, The Alcoholism Foundation, James Mims, Goodrich Hall, Riley Parr and Clarence Kerth.

Mrs. Urline Trumble will head the JayCee-ette committee assisting. Others are Mrs. Howard Parks, Mrs. James Mims, Mrs. Tom Brown, Mrs. V. Johnson, Mrs. Dick McKnight and Mrs. Howard Ford.

Delivery will be made Saturday afternoon by JayCees, with Senior Boy Scouts helping out.

Dr. Schlichting announced that the committee needs cars or pickups to aid in delivery. "We are trying to get 20 cars and pickups for the job," he said, "and we would certainly appreciate it if people with cars would contact us. They can call me, at 1602, or call Mrs. Noyes at the Chamber of Commerce."

Delivery is slated to start at 1 p.m., from the junior high school.

Pope Pius— (Continued From Page One) all the forces of the spirit and of love be harmoniously united."

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NW Runnels County Gets New Venture
Operations have started at a shallow 5,000-foot well in North Runnels County. It is being drilled by William Hamm, Jr., and Fred M. Manning, Inc., at their No. 1 well.

Physician Dies In Auto-Train Collision
SAN ANTONIO —(P)—Dr. Ernest Keith Crain, 58, a retired obstetrician, was killed Wednesday afternoon when his car was struck by a Southern Pacific passenger train.

LEGAL NOTICES
NOTICE TO PLUMBING CONTRACTORS
Sealed proposals to be opened to the City Manager for changing water connections in Block 4, Elmwood Addition, from the main on Cumber Street to the alley North of Outhrife Street, will be received at the office of the City Secretary until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 1950, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

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Several items we want to get rid of at bargain prices. Fur coat, sheepskin jacket, portable typewriter, 1940 Chrysler, dining room suite, camp stove, air-conditioner.

FOR SALE RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT
Booths, boothsettes, linen top tables, chrome chairs and counter stool.

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I need hundreds of used suits, dresses, shoes, and etc. This week only.

OFFICE SUPPLIES
PORTABLE typewriters. New and rebuilt. 15% discount until Christmas.

WEARING APPAREL
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FOR SALE: Cleveland trencher, model 9-S, wheel type, 1/2 yard dig.

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- These Quality Used Units —
- 1948 Dodge 4-door, radio and heater, white tires.
 - 1947 Plymouth 4-door. Still has new car feel.
 - 1937 Buick 4-door. Original.
 - 1939 Ford 2-door. New motor, clean.
 - 1941 Buick 2-door. Loaded with accessories.
 - 1941 Ford coupe. Radio and heater \$300
 - 1940 Packard. Loaded with accessories.
 - 1941 Chrysler 4-door. Overdrive, radio and heater.
 - 1942 Dodge 4-door. Everything on it.
 - 1940 Dodge panel. Fine work car.

CALL OR SEE "PENNY" COOK
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We don't want a car on our lot January 1st!

- 1949 Ford club coupe, lots of extras. Only \$1,595
- 1948 Plymouth sedan. A beauty with radio & heater \$1,295
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- 1946 Chevrolet business coupe \$895
- 1942 Chevrolet Fleetline Aero \$595
- 1941 Dodge 2-door sedan. A honey for only \$495
- 1941 Pontiac 4-door sedan. A good car. Don't let the price fool you \$295
- 1940 Olds 4-door sedan. A nice clean car \$395
- 1941 Ford 4-door sedan \$395
- 1940 Ford 2-door sedan. An excellent car. Radio, heater ???
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- 1941 Chevrolet sedan. A good running car \$495
- 1948 Jeep. Bargain, extra clean \$695
- 1947 Ford cab, over 1 1/2 ton, LWB cab and chassis \$695
- 1942 Chevrolet LWB 1 1/2 ton, cab and chassis \$395
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CHECK OUR WINTER SPECIALS

- 1948 Nash Ambassador club coupe, custom. Two-tone brown
- 1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster 4-door, loaded.
- 1947 Chevrolet Stylemaster 4-door, radio and heater.
- 1947 Packard 4-door Clipper "8," overdrive.
- 1946 Ford 2-door. Loaded, super deluxe.
- 1941 Nash Ambassador 4-door. Completely overhauled by us.
- 1940 Pontiac 2-door. New paint, good shape.
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- 1940 Plymouth sedan, extra clean.
- 1940 Nash sedan. Heater and overdrive. Good transportation. OPEN SUNDAY

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1948 Oldsmobile 4-door sedan. Radio, heater, seat covers, hydromatic drive, white wall tires. \$500 down, balance monthly. 23,000 actual miles. Phone 2941-W

1947 Ford two-door sedan. 48 motor, newly overhauled. Call Jim Woodall at 3000

1947 Super Buick, blue, radio and heater. Detachable, good tires. \$1,250. Phone 2365-W

1941 Chevrolet, 1948 Plymouth, 1938 Plymouth. Priced to sell. 506 W. California. Phone 1755-M

1938 Ford coupe, good tires, new radiator, heater, radio, 2700 North Big Spring. See anytime. Phone 2917-W

FOR SALE: 1942 Chevrolet 2-door sedan. Motor and body in good condition. \$575. Phone 3032-J

1942 4-door Lincoln sedan, good condition. Phone 200 115 S. Big Spring

HOUSES FOR SALE

Doing an about face, the typical American home, gradually is turning around in its tracks.

The contemporary home is being oriented toward the rear or Garden Section of the lot, instead of the front yard.

See these new homes now being built in LOMA LINDA
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Leonard Miller REALTOR

No more phone calls please, on the \$2,450 house or the one I had at \$4,950, both are sold.

Have 2 left that are under \$5,000, one at \$3,250, four rooms and one at \$4,850, four rooms.

Home in West end, 2306 W. Holloway. Pay \$2,320.00 down, take up GI loan and move in. Must be sold by Saturday, December 24.

Lots on Lamesa Road.

SWAP OR TRADE WHY NOT TRADE YOUR HOME FOR ANOTHER?

LEONARD MILLER REALTOR
 201 E. Wall Phone 2757

Adjoins Grafaland

Brick, 2 bedrooms, with space for den or bedroom, fireplace with large mirror, floor furnace, venetian blinds, large closets, tile in bath with shower, unusual tile snack bar in kitchen. This home is well arranged and unusual in design. Corner lot with large garage, and large room for office or servants quarters. Huge barbecue pit in fenced yard with excellent landscaping. Call us for an appointment.

3 acres on Andrews Highway. 4-room home, 2 water wells, excellent landscaping, large fruit-bearing orchard, arranged for 3 lots, 75x250. Facing West Kansas. Triangle on corner of Andrews Highway and Kansas Street. 410x250. This is excellent residential property. Total price, \$18,000.

3 bedrooms, stucco, one bath, living room, dining room and kitchen, double-car garage with apartment in rear. Air-conditioned, 2 floor furnace, paved street, 3 blocks of high school and ward school. \$3,750 down payment.

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2 bedroom homes, 100% GI financed, plus closing fee . . . minimum down payment to non-veterans.

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2-bedroom furnished brick veneer, with furnished garage. Rental units. 1410 W. Texas. Priced to sell.

Two-bedroom frame, over 1100 square feet, spacious garage, living room and dining room, closet space galore. Located on exceedingly large lot. 1811 North Main—Shown by appointment only.

5 1/2 room home, close in, on North Big Spring. Will carry GI, FHA or Conventional loan. Excellent buy. \$9500.

2 bedrooms, over 1000 sq. ft., suburban, on Andrews Highway. Natural gas. Priced to sell this week.

Houses under construction for sale that qualify for VA or FHA. Loans priced from \$5,250 up.

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Check with NEELY AGENCY BEFORE YOU BUY

Nice two-bedroom frame stucco, air conditioned. Located on paved street between High School and North Elementary.

Nice three bedroom rock veneer located on corner lot. Paved street on both sides. Detached garage \$3500.00 cash will handle.

Very nice two-bedroom brick veneer located just 1/2 block off pavement. Located in Cowden Addition. Will carry a nice loan.

We will build and finance your home according to your plans and specifications. See us today.

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NEW TWO-BEDROOM BRICK

Hardwood floors, aluminum sash throughout, floor furnace, insulated overhead, ceramic tile bath and cabinet top, aluminum tile wainscots around kitchen, attached brick garage with extra length for storage or laundry. About \$1500.00 down, balance about \$75.00 per month to GI purchaser.

4026 business building. Well located for automotive repair or body shop. Excellent masonry business building 2350 sq ft. Close in. No information by telephone.

Duplex, one side furnished, good loan No cash cost. \$3300 cash and balance monthly

Building lots, good restrictions, North side, all utilities

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 508 West Texas Phone 1818

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GI Immediate Occupancy

A two-bedroom, 100% GI financed home complete, ready to move into. Immediate occupancy can be arranged for GI with good credit. Background and income sufficient to justify a loan. No down payment.

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Modern 4-room House
 For sale to Latin American. Will take cash in down payment. Good terms.
 Phone 2757 or 2460

SEASON'S GREETINGS

R. M. King Construction Co.
 Pioneer Housing Corp.
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LARRY BURNSIDE MANY NEW HOMES IN PARKLEA PLACE

Located West of The Indian Ball Park

The public has been waiting five years for this addition to be developed.

Ten new FHA and GI homes have already been built and sold to the public on 100% GI basis and less than \$1000.00 down payment on a FHA basis. Some 37 homes are to be started immediately, 10 of which will be completed within the next 45 days.

We suggest that if you are interested in buying one of these homes that you drive out and see for yourself the kind of home you can buy with a very small down payment.

The purchaser has the privilege of choosing their location and the privilege of selecting their own color scheme and linoleum patterns.

For your home with a small down payment and decorated according to your ideas, drive out today and look this sub - division over. Field office is located on the premises.

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Two-bedroom, den, playroom. Carpeted living room, floor furnace, garage, enclosed yard, paved street, lots of shrubbery and trees, shown by appointment only. About \$5000.00 cash, balance monthly.

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NEW BRICK HOME

Picture window, large bedroom, tile bath and rear in kitchen. Can be completed by Christmas. Interior ready to be finished. You may select your own colors. About \$3500.00 down, balance less than rent.

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 Close in on Missouri.
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BY OWNER 4 Room and Bath
 Furnished or Unfurnished.
 Being Newly Painted.
 2005 W. Washington

FOR SALE Small new house to be moved. Best offer this week take it. Corner South Marshall and East Dakota Streets. H. E. Rittenour.

LOTS FOR SALE 77
 FOR SALE by owner: 2 lots 30x140, north side Reasonable. Inquire 2016 W. Martenfield or call 3331-W

RANCHES FOR SALE 78
 10,000 acre ranch, with 3 sets of fair improvements, some other and smaller ones. 6 sections fenced. 800-acre river bottom, balance in tame and wild grass and 10,000,000 feet oak, pine, and walnut timber on it. River through it. 3 miles clear water and springs and ponds for water. Price, \$15 per acre. Will sell outright or separate tracts, enough for two good ranches. Write, wire, call or see Walter C. Johnson, Alton, Missouri. Phone 142.

REAL ESTATE WANTED 84
 I NEED SEVERAL 4 or 3 bedroom homes which have been built for several years in Elgin School Addition, West End Addition, Elmwood Addition and Ridgely Addition. FOR SALE CALL

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Income Or Homes

4-unit furnished apartments in College Heights Addition. \$17,500.

5 unit furnished apartments on North Colorado, on edge of business district. \$11,000 down.

4-room brick veneer, one block from Northeast Elementary to be built. \$8,000.

3-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, brick veneer on West Michigan. \$13,000.

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NEW home completely furnished, carpeted throughout, floor furnace, venetian blinds, draperies in fact ready to move into immediately. One of the prettiest little homes in the city. Financed under FHA. Priced to sell this week. \$2000.00 cash, balance monthly. Call Mr. Belcher at 3233 or 106

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NEW HOME COMPLETELY FURNISHED

2-bedroom, FHA - built, Noble Street. Immediate possession. Good loan. Only \$9,950.

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Pre-war 2-bedroom FHA, W. Kentucky Street, good loan, only \$7,000.

Nice 2-bedroom, W. Washington St., full GI loan. Only \$6,250.

New 2-bedroom, S. Big Spring St., full GI loan. Only \$6,850.

2-bedroom, double garage, S. Big Spring St. Full GI loan. Only \$4,850.

Large 2-bedroom, brick veneer, double garage, W. Kansas Street, good loan. Only \$12,000.

3-bedroom, 2 bath, 2 blocks of school, good loan. Only \$12,500.

Extra large 3-bedroom, 2 bath, brick veneer, Andrews Highway.

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To Thirsty Texans
In New York City

AUSTIN—(AP)—Help is coming, you poor Texans in New York. Your fellow Lone Star Staters are sending you a whole truck load of pure Texas water. On account of your drought, you know. The project was hatched by the Highland Lakes News, a weekly newspaper that plugs hunting, fishing and loafing on the Texas Colorado River Lakes in this region. The news this week announced that the water is intended primarily for Texans "perishing in the big city with hardly a drop to drink." The water, of course, will be drawn from the Colorado River lakes. Wick Fowler, one of the editors, said the exact date of departure of the porcelain-lined tank truck will be set next week. "Why the thousands of Texans now perishing in New York's downtown desert ever left the Highland Lakes in the first place is still a puzzle," the newspaper said. "But since they are there, it is our duty to see that their thirst is quenched."

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Many of us wouldn't own our own homes without the aid of a mortgage... that's good. But the families of some of us, if we die, won't be able to keep their homes because of the mortgage. That's not so good. Yes, if you die, there should be money to pay off the mortgage so the family home can remain the family home. An Occidental low-cost Mortgage Insurance Plan will do the trick: Just call
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Christmas Feast
Is Slightly Cheaper

By The Associated Press
Turkey prices declined two to six cents a pound in most places this last week before Christmas... Cranberries were mostly unchanged from Thanksgiving time. And holiday menu planners looking for something besides turkey for the main course found hams, pork loin roasts and rib beef roasts costing about the same as a week ago. Prices of many fresh vegetables for the menu side dishes were a little lower. Nuts Are Plentiful
Nuts for turkey stuffing, fruit cakes, mince pies and the nut bowl were so abundant that the Agriculture Department included them, among the most-plentiful foods for the pre-Christmas week. Oranges were being featured widely for a holiday fare—with some California varieties as much as 15 cents a dozen cheaper than a year ago. Top grade eggs continued their long seasonal price slide this week, dropping two to 10 cents a dozen as production continued high. Retail coffee prices edged slightly higher in some stores. The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index this week declined one cent from a week ago to \$5.73 and compared with \$6.23 a year ago. The figure represents the total wholesale cost of a pound each of 21 general use foods.

Band Practices
Canceled Here

Band Director Jerry Hoffman Friday announced no band practices will be held until Tuesday due to the band hall being without heat. Practices will resume Tuesday at 9 a.m.

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Gable And Bride



Popular Clark Gable and his bride, the former Lady Sylvia Stanley, widow of the late Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., are in a happy mood following their wedding at Solvang, Calif. The couple was married at the ranch home of a friend.

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus

Back in 1897, little Virginia O'Hanion wrote the following letter to the editor of the New York Sun: "I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?' The editor wrote a newspaper and literary classic in reply to this childish plea. It is reprinted here:
"Yes, indeed!
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age—they do not believe except what they see—they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.
"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.
"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.
"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childish faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal lights with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.
"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus—the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.
"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there—nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.
"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond.
"Is it real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.
"No Santa Claus! Thank God!—he lives, and he lives forever a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Two Latin Americans
Killed In Truck Crash

SAN ANGELO—(AP)—Two Latin Americans were killed and three injured Thursday in the collision of two trucks on a bridge near here. One truck was carrying cotton pickers back to South Texas. Those killed, riding in the back of the truck, were Chano Luna, 44, Segun, and Josefa Hernandez, 18, Mathis. The injured were Guadalupe Luna, 16, son of the dead man; Leivino Vargas, 31, Hobstown, and Maria Perez, four, San Antonio. The other truck, carrying oil field equipment, was driven by James Richard Flowers, 40, Seminole. The cotton picker truck was driven by Benjamin Serna, 24, Poth.

MIDLANDER INITIATED
BY ALPHA PHI OMEGA

LUBBOCK—Richard Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clarke, 510 West Kansas Street, Midland, was one of 19 freshmen men at Texas Technological College initiated recently into Alpha Phi Omega, national honorary service fraternity. The fraternity is affiliated with the National Boy Scouts organization and is open to former Boy Scouts.

On Job Again



(NEA Telephoto)
Arthur Vandenberg, recuperating from a recent lung operation, discusses international affairs with reporters at his office following his return to Washington from Grand Rapids, Mich. Vandenberg told the newsmen he does not believe the Communist government of China "now qualifies for recognition."

Boyle Recalls
Christmas In
Foreign Lands

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—The heart turns back at Christmastide. The Christmas that most grown-ups remember best is some Christmas as a child at home, when our faith was as bright as Santa's beard and a bright new sled under a popcorn-decked tree filled with a joy almost too tremendous to bear. For Christmas wasn't just fun when you were young and got what you asked for—it was ecstasy. Remember?
But many a land-locked heart this season isn't merely voyaging back to childhood Christmases at home. It's ranging in memory overseas to wartime Christmases abroad.
There are three I like to remember—in Algiers, in Belgium, in Manila.
It was in Algiers in 1942 that I learned how the war had divided the loyalties of countrymen as well as countries. A fellow correspondent and I were invited to have Christmas dinner with a young Frenchman, Paul Million, his wife and their two children.
Looking down at us from the wall was a portrait of Marshal Petain. This seemed odd as the old hero of Verdun was even then widely regarded as a German puppet. But Paul wouldn't take the picture down.
"We simply cannot believe all they say about the old marshal," he said. And you couldn't help but admire him for his faith, however misplaced.
Spooky Occasion
The spookiest Christmas I ever spent was in Spa, Belgium, in 1944. The little town had been evacuated by the American First Army Headquarters in the first days of the Battle of the Bulge. It looked like a drab Christmas for a few correspondents who had elected to remain in the Hotel Portugal.
Then a strange Santa Claus in a begrimmed, stubble-bearded supply sergeant for an anti-tank company dug up three turkeys, cranberries, potatoes—and the hotel provided wine, cognac and the other trimmings. While German guns boomed across the hills we sat down to a merry banquet presided over by Madame Beaucoup, the hotel proprietor. We called her "Madame Beaucoup" because her bills for cognac were always "beaucoup big."
Remember a 1945 Christmas eve dinner in Manila because it was the first Christmas season of peace. We were guests of Mrs. Siaron, a Filipino woman, and her family.
Message Of Peace
Outside firecrackers popped and the gecko lizards sang a serenade. A famous telegram of Jesus, hung in the living room, and a flickering light beneath it lit these words:
"I will bless the homes in which the image of my sacred heart shall be honored and exposed... somehow it seemed like a message of a peace that would be lasting.
Dear Mrs. Siaron, dear Madame Beaucoup, good Paul Million—to you and the millions like you in many lands who took American strangers into your homes and made them happy—a merry, merry Christmas, in remembrance of things past!"

Girl With Infected
Hand Will Spend
Yuletide At Home

BOSTON—(AP)—Plucky Betty Lou Maury will be home for Christmas.
But the winsome 10-year-old Brownsville, Tenn., girl won't know for some time whether her infected right hand will have to be amputated. The child, whose appeal for prayers for her recovery moved the nation, was examined Thursday by tumor experts at the Boston Children's Hospital.
They said it would take some time to decide whether Southern doctors were right in their belief that the hand will have to be amputated.
They agreed, however, that it would be perfectly all right for her to go home for the holidays. She left Friday accompanied by her father, Clay Maury, a carpenter-farmer.
Betty's trip to the famed hospital was financed by a wealthy New Yorker who heard of a letter she wrote to a Memphis newspaper asking the public to pray for her.
The letter related that her doctor feared her hand would have to be amputated.
"I want those who read this letter, if it is published, to pray that I may completely recover," she said. "I believe the Lord will answer their prayers."
The girl, who captured the hearts of the experts who examined her, by her sunny disposition and magnificent courage, rested comfortably during the night.
The hospital said the child was showing the same "unaffected posture" she has displayed since she was stricken with the malady. Her temperature is satisfactory and she has been eating well.

January 31 Hinted
As Opening Date
Of Special Session

AUSTIN—(AP)—January 31 looks like a good bet for the date of the special session of the Legislature.
Gov. Allan Shivers Thursday told reporters if they wanted to make a guess, that date would be "fairly accurate." Then he added: "You wouldn't miss it over a day, if that much."
The session's primary purpose is to provide for eleemosynary support and buildings. Shivers reiterated he would try to limit the session call to that, and not open up the entire question of second year appropriations.
He said again he favored a broad base tax to meet an anticipated shortage of funds, but said he wasn't able to say yet how much would be needed.

Murder Victim



(NEA Telephoto)
Marilyn Forston, a sophomore at Texas Wesleyan College, Fort Worth, was killed at Covington, Texas, by a 19-year-old Fort Worth youth, George Clements. Clements met Miss Forston in a hardware store, pumped three shots into her body and then turned the gun on himself. Clements died from his self-inflicted wound.

Employees Of Duncan
Coffee Company Get
Christmas Bonuses

HOUSTON—For the thirty-first consecutive year, employees of the Duncan Coffee Company, roasters of Admiration, Maryland Club, and Bright & Early Coffees, have been given Christmas bonuses, Herschel M. Duncan, president, announced. Each employee's bonus this year amounted to 10 per cent of his wages or salary for the year. This bonus was given to employees at all Duncan plants, including two in Houston and one in Corpus Christi.
At the Christmas season each year, the 453 employees of the company are presented their bonus gifts by the president and his brother, Charles W. Duncan, vice president. In addition to this bonus, a regular service bonus is awarded to all employees along with their monthly pay. This amounts to one per cent additional income for each full year of employment with the company. The monthly service bonus amounts to as much as 20 per cent above regular earnings for some employees.

Two Young Boys Die
Under Dirt, Debris
From 'Dozer Blade

WICHITA FALLS—(AP)—Two tiny boys—both five—died late Thursday under dirt and debris apparently pushed over them by a bulldozer as they played in a shallow gully.
A forlorn dog, playmate of the boys, led to the discovery of Billy Rogers and Donnie Tolton and ended a search by hundreds along the banks of the Wichita River.
The two little boys had been sought five hours.
The bulldozer was owned by Billy's father. It was being used in a leveling job being performed by his construction company.
Sheriff Hammet Vance said the boys apparently were covered by the bulldozer. They were believed to have been covered about 3:30 or 4 p.m.
Billy's body was found under a foot of dirt at 9:50 p.m.
At 10:10 p.m., Donnie was found under two feet of earth.
The bodies were found about 15 feet apart, approximately a block and a half from Billy's home.
Volunteers Join Search
The boys had been playing with their dog along the river, near the Rogers Construction Company.
At 5 p.m. their parents began to worry and asked for help in finding them. Hundreds of volunteers, police, firemen and Air Force men from Sheppard Field took part in the search.
It was H. W. Newman, a volunteer, who noticed the dog—hanging around a little gully just off the river.
Then Bulldozer Operator Leon Trice remembered that the boys had been playing nearby as he leveled uneven ground above the gully. He said he warned them away, telling them they might get hurt.
Lloyd Bell of Iowa Park found brown-haired Billy.
S. E. Whitlock, a fireman, discovered Donnie, a slight, blond boy.
Dr. James Lee said the boys had been dead of suffocation for several hours.

Polio Patients Fly
Home For Christmas

GONZALES—(AP)—Sixty polio patients Friday were to fly home for Christmas.
The airlift began at 10 a.m. from the San Marcos Air Field.
Another 60 patients from the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation will be driven to their homes in ambulances.
The fleet of planes flying the polio patients home were loaned for the purpose by various companies and individuals. Pilots and other crew members are donating their time and services.
Last year, 38 patients were flown to their homes.
Youngest patient to get the Christmas vacation is Loretta Henk of New Braunfels, four months old. The oldest is Mrs. Ruth Ford of Carrizo Springs. She is 28.
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