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President Heads For Key West, Two Weeks In Sun

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower flew out of Washington today headed for Key West, Fla., and about two weeks of the sun, rest and outdoor exercise his doctors have prescribed.

The presidential plane Columbine III took off at 9:15 a.m. I was due at Boca Chica airport, Key West, in something under four hours.

Physicians recommended warmer weather and more chance to get outdoors to help with Eisenhower's convalescence from his Sept. 24 heart attack. The time for the trip and the choice of Key West were announced only yesterday.

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, North Atlantic Treaty Organization com-

mander, was announced this morning as a late addition to the party but he was not aboard at takeoff. He may go to Key West later.

Eisenhower's stay could be a factor in the decision whether to seek another term. His doctors hope the trip will condition him for resumption of the full workload in about two weeks.

How his heart stands the test could tip the scales one way or the other so far as a re-election bid is concerned.

The Key West visit was announced late yesterday. Eisenhower will stay at the same naval base which was a favorite vacation spot of former President Truman.

He will occupy quarters which he used in 1949 when, as president of Columbia University, he recuperated at Key West from a gastrointestinal attack. The quarters which Truman occupied on several trips to Florida now have been subdivided and no longer are suitable for a presidential stay.

Mrs. Eisenhower is not going. The White House noted that her mother Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver is in Washington for the holiday season.

Another reason Mrs. Eisenhower is staying behind is the birth last week of a new granddaughter.

The baby and her mother Mrs. John S. Eisenhower still are in Walter Reed General Hospital. The President and his wife visited them late yesterday.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told newsmen (Continued on Page Four)

Urgency Marks Meeting After Swope's Death

SANTA FE (AP) — A note of urgency marked a special session of the State Penitentiary Board meeting to discuss a successor to Warden Edwin B. Swope, who died Monday in California.

The new 7½ million dollar prison is nearing completion 11 miles south of Santa Fe and is expected to be ready for occupancy by next spring. The task of transferring all the prisoners from the present institution to the new site makes it vital that the position of warden be filled at the earliest possible moment.

Swope died unexpectedly in San Francisco Monday.

The board met in closed session yesterday with Gov. John Simms and his administrative assistant, Richard Everett. At the close of the meeting, Chairman Howell Earnest said that the federal prison director had promised help in providing a qualified warden on a temporary basis.

Swope had held the position of warden since early this year after having held it a generation ago. He had, since 1934, been a federal warden and had served several successful years as warden at Leatriz.

The board chairman said members had expressed grief and a great sense of loss at the passing of Warden Swope and that all efforts would be made to find a highly qualified successor.

The board will also initiate a program of screening applications for the position of warden. Until the vacancy is filled, the board appointed Phillip Rinaldi, acting deputy warden, to remain in charge of the institution.

Board members told newsmen that the names of former Deputy Warden Andrew C. Warming; former Warden Morris Abram, and Douglas C. Rigg, associate warden of San Quentin Prison, Calif., had all been mentioned in the discussions.

W. E. Ragsdale Dies Suddenly At Office Here

W. E. Ragsdale, Artesia realtor and brother of City Clerk Tom Ragsdale, died suddenly this afternoon shortly after returning to his office at 509½ Main street. He apparently suffered a heart attack.

A resident of Artesia for about 51 years, Mr. Ragsdale came here from Arizona. He was a native of Hopkinsville, Ky. and was more than 80 years old. In his early days here Mr. Ragsdale was in the mercantile business.

He is survived by his wife Mary, who was only recently discharged from Artesia General Hospital; and one son W. E. Ragsdale, Jr., who resides in California.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Messages Indicate Famed Cartoonist Took Own Life

NEW YORK (AP) — Ham Fisher, creator of the popular comic strip hero Joe Palooka, was found dead last night in a friend's studio. Nearby were two notes indicating suicide, police reported.

Fisher, 54, whose full name was Hammond Edward Fisher, wrote in the notes of falling eyesight and a diabetic condition. He said that he had swallowed some pills. The body was discovered about 9 p. m. in the studio of Moe Leff, where Fisher had been working lately during his friend's absence. (Continued on Page Four)

Dempsey Completes Version Of National Road Building Plan

SANTA FE (AP) — Rep. John J. Dempsey (D-NM) today completed his version of a pay-as-you-go national highway program which would build about 40 billion dollars worth of roads over a 12-year period.

It would be financed by road user taxes. These taxes would include such levies as a tax on tires and a proposed one-cent a gallon tax on gasoline, diesel and motor fuel. The taxes would not, however, apply to non-highway users.

Dempsey is leaving by train Sunday for Washington. He plans to arrive at the capital Tuesday morning, three hours before the scheduled noon re-convening of Congress.

"I am completing today my version of what I consider to be a proper highway bill, which I plan to introduce Jan. 3 as soon as Congress again is in session," he said.

Dempsey said the long range plan first proposed by the admin-

istration last session would have cost 11 or 12 billion dollars in wasted interest by borrowing 21 billion dollars for a 30-year period.

He said another reason he opposed that kind of plan was that it would have committed funds to building roads for a 30-year period "and any sane person knows you can't build roads on a basis so far in advance."

"My plan is a pay-as-you-go plan which doesn't discriminate against anybody. In my opinion, these roads we propose are for the defense of the American people, and we all have to make some contribution to the program.

"Such a program as my bill envisions can reduce this nation's killing—it's simply murder—that is taking place on our highways every hour of every day and giving us a black eye with the entire world. And it can also reduce the terrible toll of one and a half mil-

lion persons injured in highway accidents every year."

Dempsey said he thought the bill could be passed by some time in February, adding he did not foresee any particular controversy and saying he thinks his bill "covers the ground thoroughly."

He said when it comes out of committee the measure probably will bear the name of Chairman Fallon (D-Md.) of the House Roads Committee. Dempsey ranks second to Fallon on the committee.

My version provides for roads to be completed in 10 years, with the payments to take as much as 12 or 13 years," Dempsey said. "But it will all be paid up and we will not be in debt. It provides for secondary, primary, urban and interstate construction."

The congressman said he had been doing more work on the highway legislation than on any other single subject since he has (Continued on page four)



A NEW STREET SWEEPER goes into operation on the streets of Artesia today after a prolonged delay in delivery. The sweeper finally arrived Saturday. A city crew learns to operate the new machine which differs from the old ones in that it has a rear tandem wheel as an aid in making sharp turns. (Advocate Photo)

Poll Shows Most Republican Leaders See Ike Running Again

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON (AP) — A big majority of Republican leaders now seem to be convinced President Eisenhower will run again.

The Associated Press today completed a poll of 134 Republican governors, state chairmen, national committeemen or national committeewomen.

Ranchers Watch Hopefully For Moisture Sign

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Farmers and ranchers kept an anxious eye on clouds which covered New Mexico today, hoping for rain or snow to ease the worsening winter moisture situation.

The Weather Bureau predicted some light showers from Albuquerque westward with possibly as much as 1.00 inch. The rest of the state was expected to receive increasing winds.

The condition of winter grains in the state has continued to decline in recent days because of dry weather and moderately strong winds. The Weather Bureau said that livestock has been removed from wheat pasture, and some fields are beginning to blow. Range grass, which is dry, and brittle has been damaged by the winds.

Moisture is badly needed in parts of the east side of New Mexico, where range forage is short and feeding of supplements to livestock is on the increase.

New Mexico could expect, the forecaster said, to get in only on the edges of a Pacific cold front moving eastward. Zuni received ¼ of an inch of rainfall last night. The cloud cover moved across the entire state, bringing with it warmer temperatures.

Coolest place reported overnight was Otto with 32. The Weather Bureau said much colder air from Canada should reach northeast New Mexico early tomorrow.

Capital Plumber "Blacked Out" After Being Shot, Police Told

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Wilfred Herrera, wounded during an altercation after which a Hobbs man was found dying, says he "blacked out" and remembers nothing after he was shot.

The 28-year-old Albuquerque plumber remained in custody, but was not being charged, Sheriff Harold Russell said.

Herrera told us he was not eliminating the possibility of suicide in the death of John Milton Simmons, a carload Hobbs plumber.

Herrera told us he blacked out after he was shot and doesn't remember a thing," Hubbell said. "However, we want more of a statement than that."

believe Eisenhower will run again?" This is their answer:

Yes	77
Yes, if	19
No	17
Don't know or no comment	21

The "yes, if" classification is for those who said yes, if he has recovered sufficiently from his heart attack of last September.

A follow-up question also was asked: "If not, whom do you consider most likely to win the GOP nomination?"

Since most of the politicians already had said they thought the President would run again, not many cared to speculate on what will happen if he doesn't.

Ten said they think Vice President Richard Nixon has the best chance if Eisenhower drops out. Other suggestions included:

Sen. William F. Knowland (Calif.), Chief Justice Earl Warren, Secretary of the Treasury (Continued on page four)

Most Stores To Remain Closed On January 2

Most stores in Artesia will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, which will be an official holiday, Paul Scott, Chamber of Commerce manager, said today.

City crews were to begin taking down Christmas street decorations sometime today, Scott said. So far there has been no damage to the decorations from high winds, and now that Christmas is over, Scott said the decorations will be taken down and stored before they become damaged.

Scott said that a second "program of work" meeting is planned for Chamber members, and is tentatively scheduled for the night of Jan. 16.

The meeting will be open to all helping formulate a program for Chamber members interested in the Chamber to carry out in the year ahead.

Hubbell talked with Simmons' wife, Lucy, who came here from Hobbs and who said her husband left there Saturday leaving behind a note which police said might imply suicidal intent.

The note, Hubbell said, contained the phrases: "Goodbye Mable and Merrill. Be sweet. Thanks to the Hobbs attorneys, the cops and especially my wife."

Mable and Merrill are Simmons' stepchildren. Mrs. Simmons said Hobbs Police Chief Earl Westfall said the note also said: "I can't make it. It's no use. I'm tired of everything." Westfall said Simmons, who had a police record, blamed police for his troubles.

Oklahoma records showed a John M. Simmons, 47, was sentenced to 10 years for manslaughter from Pontotoc County Sept. 28, 1936, and was released Sept. 25, 1941.



ABANDONED BY RESIDENTS, this is Guerneville, Cal., one of largest resort centers on Russian River. Mighty flood has forced thousands to flee to high ground. (International)

Fair Weather Lowers Threat; Deaths Rising

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Northern California faced the Herculean task of cleaning up after the worst floods in its history today as threats of further danger diminished before the first generally fair weather in two weeks.

But the rising toll of known deaths was up to 34 today, and no one could say how many more bodies might be found. Estimates of those missing and possibly dead ranged from 19 to 25 or more.

Heroic work of Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard men who manned boats, trucks, amphibians, helicopters and planes cut the loss of life by hundreds.

Damage estimates rose to 150 million dollars as receding flood waters permitted new assessments of the inundated areas. Army engineers said more than a million acres had been under water.

The Weather Bureau reported last night in its weekly summary that as much as 31 inches of rain fell last week in north coastal California and that floods from the Oregon line to Visalia 500 miles south were the worst the state had ever experienced.

The crews battling the still swollen rivers appeared to have surmounted the last major danger late yesterday. The high ocean tides which backed water up into the San Joaquin-Sacramento delta area east of San Francisco passed without additional flooding. Two of the rich delta islands— (Continued on Page Four)

Experts Forecast Another Death Record For New Year's Weekend

By WILLIAM J. CONWAY
CHICAGO (AP) — Experts who cast an all-time high traffic toll for the Christmas holidays now predict a record for the New Year's weekend.

The National Safety Council today estimated that 420 Americans will be killed on streets and roads during the New Year holiday celebration—unless there is a sharp improvement in the driving habits that shocked the nation last weekend.

The council predicted 560 motor vehicle fatalities for the three-day Christmas holiday. The number added up to 609.

The record for traffic deaths during the New Year holiday is 407. It was set during a four-day period at the end of 1952 and the start of 1953.

"The cold figures force us to the conclusion that 420 will die," Ned H. Dearborn, council president, set forth in a statement. "But we hope the terrible lesson of the Christmas holiday will be taken to heart by everyone."

Let's look at the "cold figures" of this year. Motor vehicle fatalities through October totaled 30,980. They show a gain of 7 per cent over the total for the corresponding period last year.

A former Artesia Compress worker, Luther Pearson, 22, found guilty in justice of the peace court here yesterday on a charge of carrying a deadly weapon, has been sentenced to a term of 60 days in the county jail.

Pearson was removed to Carlsbad late yesterday to begin serving his sentence.

Pearson was accused by Louis Hornbuckle, compress manager, of pulling a gun during an argument after Hornbuckle had fired him. Pearson denied that he had a gun in his possession at the time and claimed the object in his hand was a steering wheel knob. No gun was found on Pearson.

Judge Ellicott found Pearson guilty in the face of "overwhelming testimony that the object was a gun."

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Chiang Forces Increase Air, Naval Patrols

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The Chinese Nationalists have strengthened their air and naval patrols off Red China. They said the danger of a Communist assault on the Matsu Islands is increasing.

Official reports today said Formosa-based jets were taking part. The official Central News Agency quoted a general who had just visited the offshore islands as saying he was confident the Matsu defenders were capable of holding out against any onslaughts.

The general, who was not identified, was also quoted as saying that the Nationalist navy enjoyed "absolute supremacy" off Fukien, the mainland province opposite Formosa.

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Community Chest Workers Pick Up 80 Cards To Call

Representatives of the various organizations serving as volunteer workers for the Artesia Community Chest met at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church last night and picked up about 80 cards that have not been worked in the 1955 fund drive.

Mrs. Mildred Chipman, in charge of the Artesia Welfare Office, estimated that there were about 100 cards, representing contributors to last year's Community Chest which have not been worked in the current drive.

It is the object of the Council of Social Agencies, conducting the drive to wind it up this week and make way for other organizations which will soon begin their campaigns.

The Community Chest is still short almost \$4,000 of its \$12,000 budget.

Mrs. Chipman pointed out that most people do not realize the need for these funds.

"We see it here every day in our welfare work," Mrs. Chipman said.

The Rev. Orvan Gilstrap, president of the Council of Social Agencies, presided at last night's meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Girl Scouts, the Altrusa Club, and the welfare organizations. About 15 people were present at the meeting.

Quintuplet Denies Famous Girls Drifting From Family

MONTREAL (AP) — Yvonne Dionne, one of the four surviving quintuplets, denies that the famous sisters are "drifting" away from their family.

Olivia Dionne, the quint's father, said yesterday none of the four girls visited the family at their Callander, Ont., home or even sent cards at Christmas. It was the first Christmas the girls have spent away from home since they were born.

"We were not surprised when they did not come home," he said. "We have realized for some months that they have been drifting away from us. In fact, lately they have been treating their brothers and sisters almost with contempt."

Yvonne, a student nurse with her sister Cecile at a Montreal hospital, tearfully denied any rift.

Another of the 21-year-old sisters, Marie, left a Quebec convent last November and went to the

same hospital to be treated for over-fatigue. Annette, who was studying art at Nicolet, Que., joined Marie in November after a landslide closed the school.

Hospital officials said Yvonne and Cecile had decided to work through Christmas and have a three-day holiday at New Year's.

Marie and Annette left the hospital last week. A reporter checking a report that last night's meeting in a plush apartment in West Montreal was prevented from entering when the door was slammed in his face.

The fifth quint, Emilie, died in August, 1954, at St. Agathe, Que., from apoplexy after suffering during an epileptic attack.

Each of the four surviving sisters received more than \$200,000 when they became 21 last May 26. The father blamed "outsiders" he would not identify for the alleged rift with his daughters.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Rains returned home late Monday evening from McKinney, Texas, where they spent Christmas with his parents, brother and sister and their families. Mrs. Rains went to Dallas to visit Mrs. Ruth Joss, a former Artesia teacher, who is making her home in that city with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lamb and children returned home today from Lubbock, Texas, where they spent Christmas with his parents.

Brandon DeWilde Joins Ranks Of Retired Actors

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Add another to the list of retiring actors—Brandon DeWilde.

You may think it odd for a performer to retire at 13, but that's more or less what he's doing. "More or less" is correct. Announcements of actors' retirements are about as reliable as Radio Moscow and contradicted almost as often. Remember Fred Astaire, Hedy Lamarr, Betty Hutton, etc.?

Brandon was supposed to have retired when he was 12, but there have been some hitches. Last summer he canceled his Maine camping expedition to act in a movie, "Goodbye, My Lady." And last week he was here to appear on a Climax TV show.

His mother explained: "To all intents and purposes, Brandon is retired. The only time he acts is when there is a script which he especially wants to do. That was true of the movie last summer and the Climax play. But the rest of the time he is just going to be a schoolboy."

"Our reason for this is that it was an accident anyway. We had never planned to have a child actor in our family. It started when my husband Fritz was going to be stage manager for 'Member of the Wedding.' The casting director had interviewed all the blond 7-year-old actors in New York and hadn't found the right boy. She knew Brandon and asked to have him read for the part.

"It worked out very well. Fritz has been stage manager on the three plays Brandon has been in, and there were women's parts which I could understand. So we were all at the theater together."

Brandon appeared in three films, the film version of "Member of the Wedding," "Shane" and the unreleased "Goodbye, My Lady." He also did a season in TV with the "Jamie" show. He's in the eighth grade now, and his mother said he'll be at least semiretired through college.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Lamb, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bizzell.

Mr. and Mrs. Huck Kenny and children are expected home today from Colorado City, Texas, where they have been during the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goodwin.

Mrs. Maxie Worthington left on Tuesday for home in Clovis after spending the holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Worthington.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rogers and children, Bill Ray and Donna, and Glen's mother, Mrs. Louise Rogers, spent Christmas with Mrs. Glen Rogers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munson at Avis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Faron and daughter, Susan of Kansas City, Mo., are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Mill Loeoe and their daughter and family, 802 Carper drive.

Guests that arrived Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fisher were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Dickerson of Wellston, Okla., and her niece, Kathleen Dickerson, Amarillo, Texas. They will leave Friday.

Dr. Catherine Clarke and Dr. Laurence Clarke of Albuquerque, spent Christmas here with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Sr., and brother and family, Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Clarke, Jr.

Vernon Ekstrom and son, Jimmy of North Platte, Nebr., arrived early this morning to spend several days here visiting his mother, Mrs. Lela Ekstrom and sister, Miss Esther Ekstrom.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Othel Otsson and daughter, 1004 W. Dallas, Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carmichael and daughters, Elaine and Ila Fern of Carlsbad, and their son, Jim, of the U.S. Navy stationed in California; Mr. and Mrs. John Burkhardt and children, Roger, Linda and Rodney, Artesia; Mrs. Mary Burkhardt, Streator, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Hodges and children, Artesia. Mrs. Michael and Mrs. Burkhardt are sisters of Mrs. Olson, and Robertson is the brother.

TRAFFIC SURVEY SET
ALAMOGORDO (AP)—City fathers have met with state highway officials to discuss plans for a traffic survey in the city's downtown section. State Highway Engineer Lawrence D. Wilson, and Traffic Safety Director John Kennedy met with city planners on the survey, to start soon after Jan. 1.



NEW OFFICERS in the Order of Eastern Star. From the left: Mrs. Chester Mayes, Mrs. W. S. Hogsett, Prince O. Poe, Basil DeMars, Mrs. Earle McDorman, Mrs. George Akins, John Goodwin, Mrs. Alois Goodson, Mrs. Robert Whitted, Mrs. John Pentecost, Mrs. Helen Henson, Mrs. Ivan Herbert, Mrs. Leo Hicks, Mrs. Rufus Stinnett, Mrs. Rufus Waltrip. (Advocate Photo)

New Order Of Eastern Star Officers Installed Tuesday

Artesia Chapter No. 18 Order of Eastern Star held a public installation at the Masonic Temple Tuesday evening at 8 p. m.

Chapter was opened by the 1955 officers, with Worthy Matron Mrs. Earl Cox presiding. After opening chapter, these officers retired and the installing officers entered to take their places. They were installing Matron, Catherine Cox; installing Patron, Lena Hicks; installing Marshall, Lena Bynum; installing Chaplain, Winnie Hensley; installing Secretary, Ina Cole; installing Treasurer, Lola Roach; installing Organist, Helen Mayes; Soloist, Zanaida Cole; Tribute to the Bible was given by Ann Williams and June Burch.

Carolyn Cox and Jeanette Blackburn acted as candle lighters. Ushers were Rosemary Stinnett, Norma Jo Thigpen, Jackie McNeil and Sandra Hubbard.

The new officers installed were Worthy Matron; Helen Henson; Worthy Patron, John Goodwin; Associate Matron, Lucretia Akins; Associate Patron, Basil DeMars; Secretary, Helen Stinnett; Treasurer, Elva Hogsett, Conductress, Virginia Mayes; Asso. Conductress, Gertrude McDorman; Organist, Add Caskey; Chaplain, Dorothy Goodwin; Marshall, June Avery; Adah, Eunice Herbert; Ruth, Lela Waltrip; Esther, Alois Goodson; Martha, Florence Hicks; Electa, Jimmie Whitted; Warder, Myrtle Pentecost; and Sentinel, P. O. Poe. After the installing Marshall de-

clared all officers regularly installed, the new worthy matron gave a short talk in which she said her motto for the year is: "The Golden Key of service, love and friendship unlocks the golden door that leads to God." Her theme is "The best of life is the joy of service and the way we serve is the test of human worth." Her colors are shades of gold. Her flower the yellow rose.

The reason she chose gold as her color this year is that Artesia Chapter has attained the ripe age of 50, or half a century. And she dedicated this year to the charter members of Artesia Chapter, who are: Belle Porter, W. M.; Elizabeth Hodges, Louise Parke Emerson, Anna Pitts, Belle Dyer, Lillian Major, Luna Osborn, Eva Fisk, Floy Richey Hamilton, Lou M. Blair, Blanche Irene Major, A. M., Jack Fletcher Porter, Henry Nimitz, George Fisk, Leon W. Martin, Joseph Sidney Highsmith, Judson Genthner Osburn, Harry Whitten Hamilton, John Ross Blair, John Patterson Dyer.

The new worthy matron also introduced her family. They were her son, Charles; her mother, Mrs. C. Mann; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gettys and Ronny and Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffin and Zanaida Ruth.

Substitute officers for the year were also introduced, as was the new Rainbow Board.

Mrs. Fred Cole sang a solo, "The Golden Key," and the words por-

trayed the motto for the year in a lovely way. The new worthy patron was asked for a few words and he introduced his family, Mrs. Goodwin, who is the chaplain for this year, and their son, Jimmy, and daughter, Linda.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction Song by Mrs. Fred Cole and by all joining in the Mizpah benediction.

The meeting was followed by a reception in the dining room. Here the 50th Anniversary motif was beautifully carried out by a table laid with a gold cloth and gold and yellow appointments. Mrs. Earl Cox presided at the punch bowl, while Mrs. Earl Darst served the cake, which was also decorated in keeping with the 50th anniversary theme.

Top Atomic Leader Heads Speaker List

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—The nation's top atomic official heads a group of outstanding speakers expected for the winter convention of the New Mexico Press Assn.

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The convention will be held in Albuquerque Jan. 20-21. Kingsbury Smith, new chief of International News Service, has advised the association that he will accept an invitation to address the convention providing a planned European trip does not interfere.

He told convention program officials that if he is unable to attend in person, he will be represented on the program by a top INS executive or writer.

Managing Editor Walter Sprague of Parade Magazine also has been extended an invitation and has indicated he will accept next week if his schedule permits.

Berl Hutfman, director of the New Mexico Economic Development Commission is the fourth speaker planned for the annual winter session of the newsmen's group.

1955 Was Year Of Prosperity For Everybody And Everything

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—It is time to take a backward look at 1955 and figure what kind of a year it has been.

It was, above all, a year of prosperity for everybody and everything—from the common man to the common cold.

The nation earned its highest income in history, and loan officers did a land office business. Times were so good that inmates of an Alabama prison printing shop even began making their own money.

The price of pork fell, and every group ate higher on the hog except the farmers who raised the pork—and maybe the Republican party.

It was a year in which it became possible to win \$100,000 on a television quiz contest, and a fellow who bought a new Cadillac met the jeer: "What's the matter, couldn't you answer the \$64,000 question?"

It was a year in which the booming organ voice of Sir Winston Churchill was stilled in retirement, leaving a world still stirred with mighty echoes.

It was a year in which a new author, Harry S. Truman, made his first real bid for the Nobel literary prize.

It was a year in which Senator Claus met a formidable competitor in philanthropy Santa Claus, and the Peabody Foundation took care of the private colleges and hospitals.

It was a year in which parents learned why Johnny can't read but nobody took the trouble to discover just how many parents themselves still remember how to read.

It was the year in which Russian leaders graduated with honors from the Geneva Club School, then forgot their lesson and went right on back to act like Russians again.

It was a year when man finally localized his major wars down to riots, rebellions and revolutions; but Mother Nature ran wild with floods, hurricanes, droughts and tornados.

It was a year in which Notre Dame lost a football game to the New York Yankees last World Series.

Here are a few nominations for 1955:

Biggest surprise of the year: The French overturned another cabinet or was it four cabinets?

Most popular industrialist: Heinz Nordhoff, president of West German auto firm, who is upholding a six-day work week.

Most people live only to work themselves. For them, another week without work would increase the emptiness and social solateness, caused by idling spare time.

Most publicized wedding: The AFL-CIO marriage. But who was the bride?

Scientific advance least likely to succeed: A British love machine which seeks to tell measuring the brain waves of boy and girl whether they ought to marry each other.

Most far-reaching development in government: The decision of the British post office, once for all, to quit supplying food to drunks who wish to mail their selves home.

All in all, 1955 has been quite a year, one with less fear and more prosperity and laughs than we have known for a long time.

Plane Of Future Disclosed By Famed Designer

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)—Details of research work on an aircraft-of-the-future, known as an "aerodyne," have been disclosed by the designer, Dr. A. M. Lippisch.

Dr. Lippisch, famed as the originator of the Delta wing and as the designer of the German Messerschmitt 163, already has flown models of the wingless aerodyne. He stresses that the aerodyne is not an airplane but a new concept of flight.

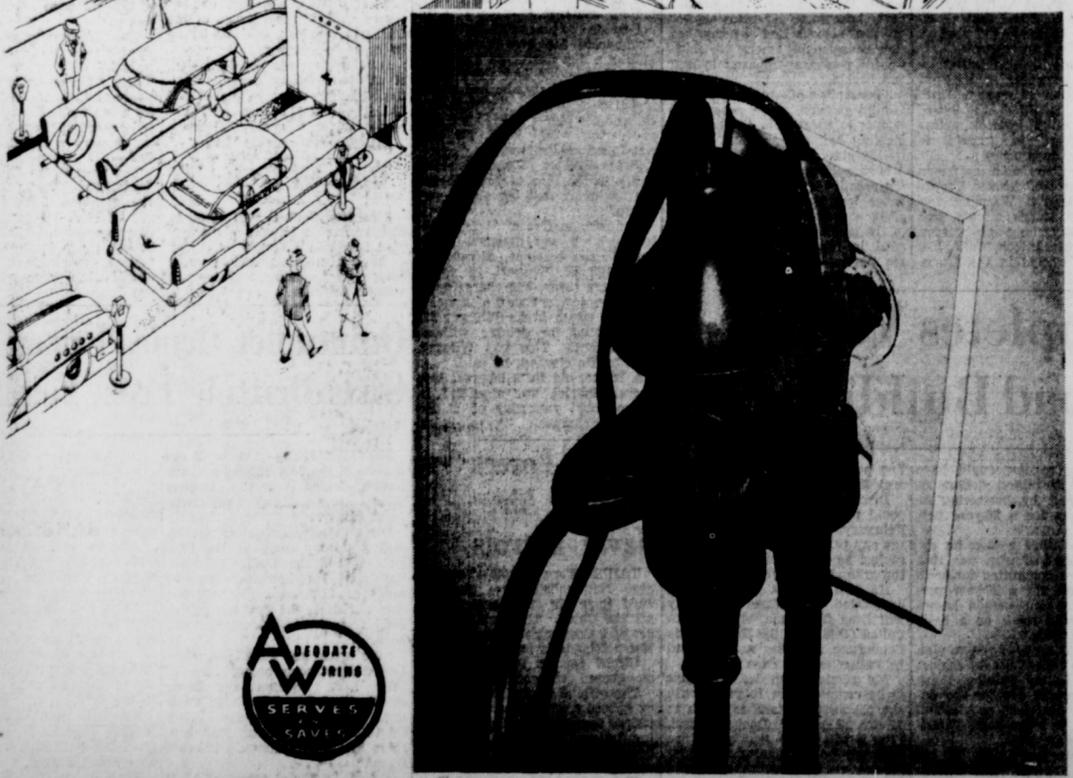
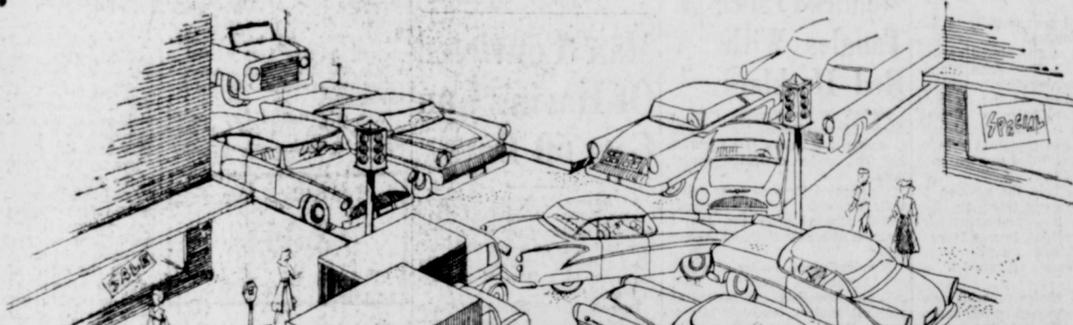
The scientist is now director of aeronautical research at the Collins Radio Co. here. His aerodyne research project has been financed by funds from the Navy.

Dr. Lippisch has built and flown aerodyne models here since 1952. Work now is under way on a full-size experimental model.

The wingless, tailless craft is, in effect, a flying fuselage. It rises and is propelled by an internal lift-inducing propulsion system.

Dr. Lippisch said there is no reason to believe that airplanes of today—which he calls basically the same "powered glider" type of craft flown by the Wright brothers—are the most efficient means of flight.

The aerodyne, Dr. Lippisch said, will be able to rise and descend vertically without use of propellers and with the craft remaining in a horizontal flight position. Ground speed will range from zero to a supersonic maximum limited only by the power of its jet turbine engines.



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Social Whirl Over For MSU, Work Resumes

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Michigan State's Rose Bowl squad was leg weary today, more from a busy week of sightseeing than from football workouts.

The social whirl has halted, however, and the squad will settle down to concentrate on football. "I want them to be tired at this stage of the game," said Coach Duffy Daugherty. "It's a good thing to have them dragging a little and the outside stuff out of their systems."

"We planned these organized hours so they wouldn't be chasing around in cars on their own. They'll be getting a steady diet of football from now on."

The only remaining extra curricular activity for the squad is the Big Ten dinner Friday night. UCLA knocked off entirely yesterday. Coach Red Sanders said the team's layoff was decided on because of a muddy practice field and also to give some minor injuries a chance to heal.

Both teams scheduled afternoon practices from now on. The MSU squad mowed its uniforms in a two-hour morning drill yesterday. The players were hitting the dummies with a solid whack but coaches didn't regard it as too good.

"I don't want them too sharp at this point," Daugherty said. "If they were, they would be stale before the game."

Former Aggie Great Dies At Veteran Hospital

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—One of Texas A&M's greatest all-around athletes, Robert William (Ditter) Henderson, died yesterday in Veterans Hospital of multiple sclerosis. He was 36.

Henderson, a former state legislator, had been ill for nearly two years of the disease which is related to that which killed the New York Yankee baseball star, Lou Gehrig, in 1941.

Henderson won 14 letters in major sports as well as medals in boxing and handball at A&M. He won four varsity letters during each of his last two years as a cadet.

He was heavyweight boxing champion of the school, lettered in swimming and was voted the most valuable Aggie in baseball and track. He also won all-conference honors in football and basketball while a teammate of three other great Aggies, John Kimbrough, Jim Thomason and Joy Boyd.

Henderson was graduated in 1943 with a bachelor of science degree. He will be remembered in Ageland for his most famous athletic performance in a football game against Rice in 1940 when he caught eight successive forward passes to lead A&M to a 24-0 victory.

He got his nickname because of his ability on the dance floor during his college days. Henderson entered the insurance business in Houston after World War II. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1952 but illness forced him to resign in 1954. He entered a Galveston hospital a month later.

His widow and three children survive. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Texas Tech Made Six-Point Sun Bowl Favorite

EL PASO (AP)—Texas Tech's Red Raiders were made 6-point favorites yesterday to beat the Wyoming Cowboys in the Sun Bowl here Jan. 1.

The Red Raiders of Lubbock hold a slight edge on the basis of a slightly over-all season record of 7-2-1. Included in the victory column is a win over the University of Texas.

Tech will be representing the Border Conference while Wyoming will represent the Skyline Conference.

The Cowboys from Laramie, Wyo., are a team that failed by a margin of only four points spread over two games to win its conference title.

Wyoming lost to Colorado A&M 14-13 and in a much disputed game, 6-3, with Denver. Both teams scored on the Cowboys in the final 10 seconds of the game. Tech will have an advantage of some 12 pounds per man in the line and 25 pounds in the backfield.

GOLF TOURNEY OPENS JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Defending champion Dan Sikes of Jacksonville and Dynamite Goodloe Jr. of Valdosta, Ga., headed a field of 140 opening play today in the third annual Gator Bowl Invitational Golf Tournament. Other favorites in the 54-hole event included Pete Cooper of Birmingham, Mich., and Lt. Ray Terry of the U. S. Air Force, the all-service handicapper.

SPORTS

Oklahoma Aggies May Be On Way Back To Top Of Cage Heap

By JOE REICHLER The Associated Press

Hank Iba's Oklahoma Aggies, once a powerhouse in the national college basketball picture, may be headed back toward the top.

The once-beaten Cowboys from Oklahoma made it seven victories in a row last night when they recovered from a 13-point deficit to whip Texas Tech 65-47 in the first round of the All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City. Mack Carter was high man for the victors with 25 points.

The Aggies, who have captured the All-College championship 11 times during the last 19 years, meet an old rival, Oklahoma City, the nation's 10th-ranked team, in half of the semifinals tonight. Oklahoma City, paced by Lyndon Lee, who scored 22 points, was pushed by a surprisingly tough Pennsylvania team before winning 71-62.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

RACING MIAMI, Fla.—Bobby Ussery rode three winners, to replace the idle Willie Hartack as the leading rider at Tropical Park. Ring King (13-10) won the feature.

NEW ORLEANS—Big Heart (\$440) scored her fourth straight victory with a half length margin in the Golden Meadows Purse at the Fair Grounds.

FIGHTS HOLYOKE, Mass.—Bobby Courchesne, 130, Holyoke, outpointed Joe Wilkinson, 126, Washington, 10.

Blue-Gray Coaches Have Settled Offense, Defense Units For Tilt

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—With the big game only two days away, rival coaches have settled on their offensive and defensive teams for the 18th annual Blue-Gray football game here Saturday.

Art Davis, talented Mississippi State halfback, and Bob Hardy, Kentucky's passing wizard, were elected co-captains of the Gray team yesterday. They're on the offensive squad.

LSU's power-packed fullback, O. K. Ferguson and North Carolina's Ken Keller, round out the offensive backfield for the South. Offensively the Gray forewill will be made up of LSU's Joe Tuminello and Howard Schellenberger of Kentucky at ends; Jim Baron of Mississippi State and North Carolina's Bill Koman, tackles; Scott Suber of Mississippi State, guards; and Jack Prater of VPI, center.

The Gray defensive team shapes up with two Alabama stars, Curtis Lynch and Nick Germanos, ends; Eddie Rayburn of Rice and Don Goss of SMU, tackles; Jack Maulsby of North Carolina and Tony Sardisco of Tulane, guards, Wingo Avery of Clemson and Burleigh Arnecke of SMU, linebackers;

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Coach Jim Tatum of Maryland took his squad behind the concrete curtain of the Miami baseball stadium and admitted only his "home" press from Maryland.

Tatum said he installed a new play for the Orange Bowl game with Oklahoma two years ago and he strongly suspects that someone tipped off Wilkinson because "as soon as we called the play, Oklahoma immediately went into a defense they had never used before."

BIG CLUB SOLD

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Club has purchased the Commonwealth Country Club in Newton, about six miles from downtown Boston for approximately \$600,000. Benjamin White, head of the Boston Club, said nearly a million dollars will be spent to improve the golf course and to install two swimming pools, a skating rink and an additional ski tow.

TANGERINE DRILLS START

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Missouri Valley and Juniata College football players were reported in fine shape today as they began two-day drills for Monday's Tangerine Bowl game. The squads arrived tonight, greeted by mid-60 temperatures, which delighted both coaches.

Chuck Johns of LSU and Dick Moloney of Kentucky, halfbacks. Offensive starters for the Yankees are Jack Hecker of Bowling Green and Harold Burnine of Missouri or Leonard Zyda of Purdue, ends; Ken Panfil of Purdue and Al Portnow of Missouri, tackles; Dave Weaver of Ohio State and Mike Falls of Minnesota, guards and Allen Baumgart of Detroit, center.

Jim Haluska, a sure-shot passer from Wisconsin, will be at quarterback when the Blues have the ball, with halfbacks Lou Baldacci of Michigan, Joe Marconi of West Virginia and Roger Weigmann of Iowa in the fullback slot.

The starting defensive unit for the Blues will consist of Franz Koenke of Minnesota and Joe Pappetti of West Virginia at ends; Roger Swedberg of Iowa and Ed Meads of Michigan at tackles; Jack O'Toole of Wichita and Sam Selerno of Colorado at guards; with "Duke" Karnoseak of Colorado and Gary Glick of Colorado A&M at linebacker; and backs Doug Roether of Kansas State, Ed Albright of Syracuse, and Jerry Zaleska of Colorado A&M and Jerry Harkrader of Ohio State.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR—By Alan Maver



TEXAS CHRISTIAN DEFENSE HOPES TO HALT EAGLE DAY

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—Texas Christian's defense admittedly will be aimed at stopping Eagle Day, the Mississippi quarterback, in the Cotton Bowl because he does so many things. But here's a hint to TCU: This fabled Day can adjust himself to a situation at a moment's notice.

Day for two seasons was known as the Babe Ruth of Mississippi football, because he went for the long one—the pass that covered a lot of yards and made the touchdowns easy. He had scored strikes from 50 to 69 yards in his record. But his fame as the home run passer caused the opposition to build defenses especially designed to take care of it.

So what? Day suddenly switched to the short passes—the "Willie Keeler" type—and went right on throwing touchdown strikes. He has had eight touchdown passes this campaign and his longest has been only 26 yards.

The Eagle, a quarter Cherokee Indian, played little as a freshman and didn't get into Mississippi's 1953 Sugar Bowl game with Georgia Tech. He played a great deal in 1953 but not too much in the latter part of the season as Lea Pasley took over. Last year he was a co-quarter with Houston Patton.

But this season Day has been the No. 1 man and has been the heart of the ball club. That's why Abe Martin, coach of Texas Christian, has called the Mississippi passing attack its strongest weapon. Martin has spoken particularly of the Rebel rollout pass which Day executes so skillfully.

In three seasons Day has thrown 14 touchdown passes with his favorite receiver this year being Billy Kinard, who has caught 23. When he was the "Home Run King," Earl Blair, a sprinter in track, was a chronic target. Blair nabbed 12 of his throws last season and it was to him that Day whipped the long ones—69 and 68 yards. The previous season he had one 62-yard throw to Blair, who also caught a 52-yard pass from Pasley.

After Mississippi beat Georgia 26-13 Wally Butts, coach of Georgia said: "I have never seen a finer all-around triple threat exhibition than the one Eagle Day turned in. His running and passing were terrific. But his precision punting—particularly in the second half—was amazing."

In this game Day had punts handled on the Georgia 2 and 4-yard lines and he kicked out of bounds on the 1 and 3-yard lines. This has been much the pattern of Day's play all season.

Rebel Coach Johnny Vaught calls him "a remarkable football player, a quarterback who has made the difference in at least a half a dozen games for us this season."

JOE GIARDELLO SETS COMEBACK

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Middleweight Joe Giardello, in training since his release from Holmesburg Prison a month ago on an assault charge, will start his fistic comeback on January 10 against an opponent yet to be named, a spokesman said today.

Giardello, who was the No. 1 challenger for the middleweight title before his trouble with the law, has been sparring with lightweight Joe Rowan, Jimmy Beacham, Fred Terry and lightweight champion Bud Smith.

Giardello will perform in Los Angeles one week after Smith boxes one week after that bout. Smith will return to Philadelphia to train for a 10 rounder with former welterweight champion Tony DeMarco in Boston.

Rowan is training for a return bout with Willie Pastrano in New Orleans Feb. 19.

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Rice, Southern Methodist Share Favorite Role As Tourney Opens

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Rice was to close the first round at 9 p.m. by meeting Texas A&M (2-4).

Other first round games paired a surprising Texas team (4-3) against Texas Christian (1-8) at 4 p.m. and Southern California (3-3) against Baylor (1-7) at 7:30 p.m.

Both Rice and Southern Methodist have well balanced teams, although Rice is short on experience with a starting five that includes one senior, two juniors and two sophomores. The Methodist start three seniors and two juniors, including four of the top 10 scorers in the conference.

The pivots, Jim Krebs, a Methodist junior, and Temple Tucker, a Rice sophomore, have averaged 21 points in early games. Four fine guards—Bobby Mills and Ronnie Morris of SMU and Gerry Thomas and Dale Ball of Rice—have added balance to the attacks by averaging 10 points a game.

Texas returns with Raymond Downs, a 195-pound junior whose 27 point average in seven games leads the conference. Downs' ambidextrous shots paced Texas to the Blue-Gray championship at Montgomery. Texas took an 83-76 victory from Auburn, a team Rice defeated 82-80 only after coming from behind in two overtime periods.

Sharing the dark horse role with Texas was guest Southern California, which entered the tournament with the best defensive record, a 54-point average in six games. The Trojans lost to San Francisco, the nation's No. 1 team, but held the Dons to a 58-42 score.

Texas Christian returns with Dick O'Neal, the 6-7 junior center who led the Horned Frogs to the tournament championship a year ago. O'Neal has seen his Frogs win only one game this season but has averaged 24 points in nine games, compared to a 28-point average for 24 games as a sophomore. Downs hit for 18 points a game as a sophomore.

Texas has scored at a rate of 75 points a game but has given up a 76 average.

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Messrs. J. C. Gage and D. W. Runyan this week bought the Woods farm at Hope, one of the best places on the Pecos.

20 Years Ago
Fred Clayton, now attending the New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell, spent Christmas at home with his folks in Artesia.

20 Years Ago
P. R. Love, of Carlsbad, spent Christmas Day in Artesia with his son, Robt. M., the enterprising proprietor of Rose Lawn.

20 Years Ago
Mrs. J. E. Robertson and son, James of Santa Fe, are expected Sunday for the holidays with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Paris and family. Mr. Robertson will join them on Saturday.

20 Years Ago
Mrs. L. P. Evans entertained the Contract Study club at the Artesia Hotel Tuesday afternoon.

20 Years Ago
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Garner and family, accompanied by his brothers, Elbert and Walter to Dardenville, Ark., to spend the holidays with relatives.

10 Years Ago
Mrs. Florence Hill entertained with a turkey dinner at the Van Welch residence Sunday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Company and son, Andy Jr., Mrs. Ella Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Worthington and son, Bobby, Mrs. Maxie Worthington of Clovis, and Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Ashton, Jr.

Rep. Dempsey —

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been in New Mexico in the interim period between the sessions of this Congress.

While discussing roads, he also said he opposes the bypassing of New Mexico communities.

"If you want to put a truck route around a town, okay, but not a passenger route," he said. "If you bypass some of these towns, you practically put them out of business. With new highway bringing more and more tourists and potential citizens to our state, I cannot see the wisdom of shooting them around our towns and cities in such a manner that they never see what we have here."

Although the bypass matter is not mentioned specifically in his bill, Dempsey said the draft contains a requirement that any rule or regulation promulgated by the Bureau of Public Roads must have the approval of the Public Works Committee.

"They won't like that, but they have become so arrogant in some instances, I feel some restriction is essential," he said.

Message Indicates—

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from town. The discovery was made by another friend, Morris Weiss of Englewood, N. J., whom Fisher's wife Marilyn had called after becoming alarmed over not hearing from her husband.

Police said Fisher's mother had received a call from him, her only child, early in the afternoon. He spoke at length with sentiment and feeling. The time of death was set at about four hours later around 5 p. m.

The World Today

NAACP-Backed Revision May Block Federal School Aid

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON — Don't be surprised if federal aid to education is blocked in Congress in 1956 over a fight to prevent any of the money from going to states which maintain racial segregation in public schools.

Many Democrats and Republicans say they favor providing federal money for new school buildings. But the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People would do its best to have something to say about it.

This is the NAACP's position: 1. When government money for educational purposes is given to states which do not comply with the Supreme Court's decision of May 1954 to end segregation, then the government is in effect helping support segregation.

2. Therefore, if a federal aid to education law is passed the NAACP wants tacked on to it a ban against giving any of the funds to states which it says "defy the court."

The NAACP will have some support in Congress. Just how much is not clear. Most Southern Democrats will certainly vote against any federal aid bill which contains the kind of amendment urged by the NAACP. Last year a federal aid bill was left high and dry in Congress.

There was a fight then over such an amendment. Rep. Powell (D-NY), a Negro, proposed it in the House. It was killed but not before Powell had a fist fight with Rep. Bailey (D-WVa) over the subject. In the end, the House never did vote on the bill itself.

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Educators Expressing Concern Over Coming Shortage Of High School Teachers In State

By JOHN B. CURTIS
AP State Capital Correspondent
SANTA FE — Educators are expressing concern over what they view as a threatened shortage of high school teachers one of these days.

They are already taking steps to try to counteract the trend, which is tabbed as a problem not only in New Mexico but in the nation as well.

In a letter asking cooperation of all school principals, Donald C. Roush, field service secretary of the New Mexico Education Assn., recently said:

"Unless there is a 'you' in teacher recruitment, we may discover within the very near future that teachers will not be available for some of our New Mexico high schools."

The booming birth rate and an apparent slackening of interest in the field of teaching seem to be the two major factors contributing to the situation.

The National Education Assn. has predicted gloomily that by 1959 every high school with an enrollment of 600 students will be short seven teachers; said the number of students training for high school teachers dropped 41.7 per cent in 1954; and added that of 48,000 teachers graduated in 1954, only 27,000 actually accepted teaching positions.

Research Director Tom Wiley of the NMEA says the number of new high school teachers that could have been used in New Mexico

this school years was 331, but the supply was only 198, leaving a deficit of 133.

Roush says the demand for new grade and high school teachers in New Mexico this year was 849, against a supply of 306.

One of the phases of the campaign to combat the shortage is establishment of youth groups comparable to 4-H or Future Farmers organizations. These are called Future Teacher Assns. More

Poll Shows —

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George Humphreys, Rep. Joe Martin (Mass), Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (Mass), Sen. Everett Dirksen (Ill), Gov. Christian Herter (Mass), Gov. William G. Stratton (Ill), former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey (NY), United Nations representative Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., and Harold Stassen, a special assistant to the President.

But, mostly, the Republicans pinned their hopes on Eisenhower running again.

Some sample quotes: Mrs. Kathryn K. Meloney, Wyoming national committeewoman: "I'm confident he'll run again. He won't let the nation down."

Perry Compton, Missouri state chairman: "He will run and will win re-election handsily. He is too good a soldier not to continue assisting his country when it needs help."

L. Judson Morhouse, New York state chairman: "Eisenhower will be re-elected by the greatest margin of states since 1936" when Franklin D. Roosevelt rolled over Alf Landon.

Some conceded their predictions were based on little more than a hunch.

Mrs. Raymond W. Wheeler, Massachusetts committeewoman, said: "Yes, on a guess, because Leonard Hall the GOP national chairman looks so happy."

Others felt it still is too early for predictions. "Anyone who tries to answer those questions at this time," Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington said, "is entering God's realm, and I don't care to speculate."

If any of the politicians felt that some voters may hesitate to vote for a man who has had a heart attack, they didn't mention it. And Gov. Joseph B. Johnson of Vermont said he was sure it wouldn't make any difference.

"It begins to look lately as though Eisenhower will run again," Johnson said. "If he decides to run again, I don't think the American people will consider his heart condition as a liability. The voters will accept the President's word that he is well enough to handle the job."

Most of the 17 who don't think Eisenhower will run again preferred to remain anonymous.

Among those who didn't mind having their names used was Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah, an outspoken critic of the administration. Lee said he doesn't think Ike will run, and that he favors Knowland.

N. Bryant James, chairman of the Louisiana State Central Committee, said: "As much as I would like to see him run, I don't think Eisenhower will run again." He picks Nixon as the most likely candidate.

Of those who don't know, Rep. Clarence Brown of Ohio pretty well sums up the sentiment: "Will you know? Right now I don't think even the President does."

Experts Forecast — President Heads —

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pending months of 1954. Statisticians figure the year's toll won't come up to the record of 39,696 set in 1941, but it may approach 38,000.

The blakest of the "cold figures" were recorded this year on holidays. During the five 1955 holiday periods traffic accidents cost 2,119 lives and the overall total — including deaths from all accidental causes — was 3,156.

And the loss of life during the 1955 holidays broke four records. Here are this year's holiday tolls with traffic deaths listed first and deaths from all accidental causes second.

New Year—296 and 362. Memorial Day—369, traffic record for that holiday, and 596, overall record for that holiday.

Independence Day—407 and 805, an over-all record for any holiday period.

Labor Day—438 and 611. Christmas—609, a traffic record for any holiday, and 782.

The New Year holiday period was two days, the others three. Even on safe driving day—a 24-hour period dedicated to cautious and courteous driving—1955 failed to match the showing of 1954.

The S-D day toll last year was only 51. This year it was 69.

it is unlikely Eisenhower will return to Washington for the opening of Congress next Tuesday. Hagerly called such a return unnecessary.

The President's annual State of the Union message, outlining the administration's 1956 legislative program, will be sent to Congress Jan. 5—two days after the lawmakers convene.

Selection of Key West for Eisenhower's visit came as a surprise. For that matter, his decision to go South at this time did too.

Only last week, in replying to an invitation from Key West, Eisenhower said he doubted he would be able to leave Washington with Congress about to convene. He added that if he did leave he probably would travel no further than Georgia, where he has vacationed in the past.

There was speculation that the President's doctors overrode any inclination on his part against a Southern trip, and that they specifically recommended Florida.

Hagerly said a check showed the temperature at Augusta, Ga., where Eisenhower has often visited, had been running in the mid-50s this week—about 20 degrees cooler than at Key West. Hagerly said that was a factor in picking Key West.

Mendes-France —

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called for he balloting five months ahead of the constitutional schedule over the opposition of the ex-Premier and several other potent political leaders.

Red hecklers shouting "popular front" and "unity" interrupted Mendes-France for as much as 10 minutes at a time. But he pulled open his tie and collar and shouted into the loud-speaker system that he and the Socialists allied with him wanted none of the Reds or their program.

He was particularly critical of the Red demand that the French quit Algeria, torn by nationalist violence. Such a withdrawal, he said, would only result in the massacre of the million Frenchmen living there.

Instead he advocated elections after six months in the North African territory, with the interim "used to create a new psychological climate, to persuade the Algerian people that a peaceful solution is possible and that we can seek it together."

Ducloux in reply charged the fighting in Algeria had started during Mendes-France's premiership. He declared: "Three months after the end of the war in Indochina, you started the war in Algeria."

Trials of

CHICAGO — Judge Julius J. Hoffman of Federal Court had a full docket of cases to be settled and few jurors to hear them.

He ordered marshals to button-hole passersby when only 89 veniremen reported for duty. One recruit taken before the judge said he was a French horn player and was urgently needed at a theatre. The judge let him go.

The problem was solved when attorneys agreed in all cases to juries of only eight members instead of 12.

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- 12:59 Sign On
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- 2:00 Petticoat Profiles, Part I
- 2:15 First Love - Dramatic
- 2:30 The World of Mr. Sweeney - Drama
- 2:45 Petticoat Profiles, Part II
- 3:00 Pinky Lee, Children's Show
- 3:30 Howdy Doody - Children's Show
- 4:00 Western Playhouse - "Raiders of the Border"
- 4:35 Crusader Rabbit
- 5:00 The Big Picture - Authentic Army Pictorial
- 5:30 Weather Story
- 5:45 News Caravan - John Cameron Swayze
- 6:00 Star Time
- 6:15 Coke Time with Eddie Fisher
- 6:30 Amos 'n' Andy - omedy
- 7:00 The Falcon - Detective Mystery
- 7:30 Arthur Godfrey and His Friends
- 8:00 The Star and the Story
- 8:30 The Phil Silvers Show - Army Comedy
- 9:00 Channel Eight News
- 9:10 Sports Desk
- 9:25 Trader's Time
- 9:30 You Asked for It
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Fair Weather —

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Emoire Tract and Quimby Island — were flooded Monday night when soggy loaves caved in. It had been feared that others might dilapidate.

Last night in Eureka, Val Peterson, U. S. civil defense director, told state, county and federal officials that within the next few days representatives of "all appropriate agencies" will move into the flood areas to take up the federal part of the rehabilitation job.

Gov. Goodwin Knight yesterday ordered 300 more National Guardsmen to duty and sent them to Yuba City and Marysville, where it was feared that looting and sanitation might become serious problems as water receded from the evacuated cities.

The Southern Pacific Railroad resumed direct transcontinental rail service from northern California over the Sierra yesterday and said that its service to Portland and through the valleys was back to normal.

The \$15,000 Phoenix Open golf tournament will be held at the Phoenix Country Club, Feb. 25. It will be sponsored by the Thunderbirds, a special events group.

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- 12:30 Local News
- 12:35 Noon Day Forum
- 12:50 Siesta Time
- 1:25 News
- 1:00 Platter Palace
- 1:55 News
- 2:00 Stand By, Bob and Ray
- 2:50 News
- 3:00 Radio Playhouse
- 3:30 Adventures in Listening
- 4:45 KSVP Devotional
- 5:00 News
- 5:05 New Neighbor Time
- 5:15 Hiway Hi Lites
- 5:30 Local News
- 5:45 Designed for Listening
- 5:50 Harry Wismer
- 5:55 News
- 6:00 Gabriel Heater
- 6:15 Front Page Exclusive
- 6:30 Fulton Lewis Jr.
- 6:45 Stand By for Music
- 7:00 Lyle Vann News
- 7:05 World of Sports
- 7:15 Success Story
- 7:30 Gangbusters
- 8:00 Designed for Listening
- 8:15 Blue Ribbon Fights
- 9:00 Horacio Bernal
- 9:15 Mexico Canta
- 10:00 Mostly Music
- 10:30 Meet the Classics
- 10:55 News
- 11:00 Sign Off

THURSDAY A. M.

- 5:59 Sign On
- 6:00 Sunrise News
- 6:05 Synopacted Clock
- 6:45 Early Morning Headlines
- 7:00 Robert Hurligh
- 7:15 Button Box
- 7:35 Local News
- 7:40 State News Digest
- 7:45 Button Box
- 8:00 World News
- 8:05 Button Box
- 8:30 News
- 8:35 Coffee Concert
- 8:40 Second Spring
- 9:00 News
- 9:05 Story Time
- 9:30 Queen for a Day
- 10:00 News
- 10:05 Here's Hollywood
- 10:10 Instrumentally Yours
- 10:15 Swap Shop
- 10:30 Musical Cookbook
- 10:40 Local News
- 10:45 Plan with Ann
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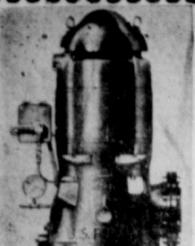
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Businessmen Amazed At Totals Produced And Sold During Year

NEW YORK. (AP)—Businessmen busily totting up their final accounts this week still act a little amazed at how much they produced and sold this year.

Merchants closing their books on a fat Christmas report dollar sales this season topping last year's sometimes by as much as a fifth. The national average will be a much more modest gain, but

Russian Budget For 1956 Said Given Approval

LONDON. (AP)—Moscow radio reported that both houses of the Soviet Parliament today approved the 1956 government budget promising a cut in defense spending.

The budget outlined to the 1,400 delegates of the Supreme Soviet estimates next year's expenditures at 569 1/2 billion rubles, of which 102 1/2 billion is earmarked for defense.

The defense item is nearly 10 per cent below the 1955 estimate of 112 1/2 billion rubles.

Many defense items are hidden under other budget categories.

The budget anticipates 1956 revenue at 592 billion rubles.

Following approval of the budget, the Soviet was expected to move on quickly to the other major item of business listed for its special session—a report by Premier Bulganin and Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev on their recent South Asian tour.

Parliament also was told by Oil Minister A. Yevseenko that the Soviet Union produced 11 million more tons of oil last year than in 1954, an increase of almost 19 per cent over the 58 million metric tons at which production was estimated last year.

U. S. Oil — U. S. oil production in 1954 was 312 million metric tons.

Yevseenko said new oil producing centers had been developed in various sections of the country, particularly in the Ural Mountains and along the Volga River.

"The production of oil in these new districts has more than tripled during the past five years," he reported.

in almost all parts of the country Christmas trade was the best ever.

The railroads added sharply to their earnings in moving these goods around. The Association of American Railroads estimates the carriers will net 915 million dollars after taxes this year, a gain of 34 per cent.

Automobile production set a record and crowded the eight-million-car figure.

Steel mills turned out a staggering 116 million tons of the metal to beat its previous record in 1953 by 4 1/2 million tons.

The building industry reports Americans spent a record 42 billion dollars for construction of all types. Businessmen put out nearly 28 1/2 billion dollars for new plants and equipment, a gain of 1 1/2 billion. The National Machine Tool Builders Assn. reports 900 million dollars worth of new orders in that industry, compared with 560 million the previous year.

Electronics producers moved nearly 6 1/2 billion dollars worth of their goods of market. Aluminum mills shipped a record four billion pounds of the metal a gain of 36 per cent for the year. Americans consumed a record 1 1/2 million tons of rubber.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland rounds it up this way: "If the description of business activity in 1955 had to be limited to one word, the most fitting would be 'Tremendous'."

Magnolia Hits Rio Arriba Well

DENVER. (AP)—Magnolia Petroleum reports getting 24 barrels of oil in 18 hours at 7,305-20 feet after sand fracturing operations in its No. 1 Jicarilla "A" well in Rio Arriba County, N. M.

The well was drilled to 13,590 feet in granite before being plugged back.

Skelly Oil's McConnell well in the same county flowed 750,000 cubic feet of gas per day from 31,595-665 feet in the Pictured Cliffs formation.

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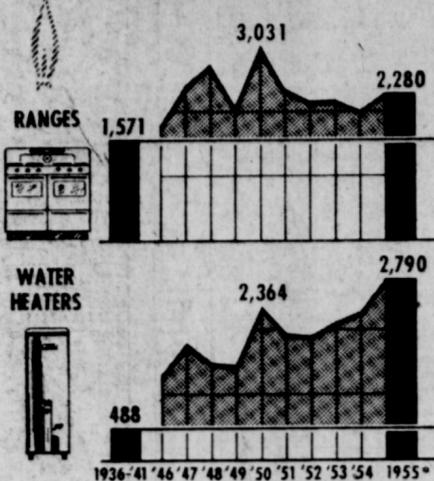
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New Year's Poses Question If Cost Of Living To Rise Again

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK. (AP)—The New Year poses one big question: Will the cost of living go higher?

On the face of it the pressures all add up to Yes. But offsetting the manufacturers raising prices and those eager to do so are an array of others cutting prices for competitive reasons, plus the prospects of food price stability.

Metals are cast in a double role. Rising prices of unprocessed metals push higher the prices of consumer goods, or at least the cost of making these goods out of metals. But, equally important, metal shortages threaten to put a more effective governor on the business boom that credit restraint has been able to do.

Metal shortages are world wide. Slowly rising production capacity hasn't been able, so far, to help much. The New Year promises better.



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Even the current slowing down of the car makers' breakneck pace hasn't done much more than take a little pressure off the steel mills' vice presidents in charge of deliveries. Backlogs of orders from other metal using industries keep the mills going at 98 per cent of capacity even in this holiday rattled week.

Shortages have pushed metal prices up slowly for months. Manufacturers, with their material costs up and their labor costs rising, say they should hike prices on the goods they sell the public. Some already have.

That others have hesitated can be traced to these factors: The business boom has boosted sales volume so high that the increased costs can be absorbed along the way from factory to store, and reduced markups still yield good total earnings; and competition among companies has reached a stage where raising prices to fit increased costs could mean a loss of sales that might prove disastrous.

An example is the home appliance field. Rising cost of materials has led to some price hikes of finished products. But in recent days, some of the major producers have cut prices as much as 30 per cent. Management cost control has been given much of the credit. The trade, however, suspects that increasing competition is just as important.

As long as there are metal shortages on one hand, and booming consumer demand for metallic products on the other, the pressure for price inflation will be a threat — probably for several months more. But many now question whether the expected increase in the price of metals early in the New Year necessarily will suck other commodities into a price-rising spiral.

Grants, Gifts To Universities Total Half Billion In Last Year

WASHINGTON. (AP)—Grants and gifts to American colleges and universities during the 1954-55 fiscal year have been estimated at 507 million dollars—168 millions more than three years ago when the last comparable estimate was made.

Health Service Releases More Polio Vaccine

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The Public Health Service today announced release of another 1,368,306 doses of Salk anti-polio vaccine.

This made a total of 3,414,213 cubic centimeters—or doses—released thus far in December, and raised to 29,961,831 c.c.'s the total of vaccine released since April 17 when six drug houses were licensed to make it.

The new supply included 279,900 c.c.'s made by Wyeth Laboratories, Marietta, Pa.—the first Wyeth vaccine released since Aug. 9. The remaining 1,688,406 were made by Eli Lilly & Co., Indianapolis.

A health service spokesman said the increased supply released this month after the low totals for October and November reflected a smoothing out in production procedures.

The health service allocated 1,355,814 c.c.'s of the new supply to the states, territories and the armed services for use under the voluntary control program. The other 12,492 were reserved for the free program of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

Federal Income Tax Forms Now Being Mailed

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Russell G. Harrington, Rhode Island commissioner of internal revenue, says new income tax forms are in the mails.

He told a testimonial dinner in his honor last night that "we think they are most understandable than any we have produced in recent years."

However, he said his office doesn't claim they are the simplified form, he suggested jokingly, would consist of the following four lines:

1. How much money did you make last year?
2. How much did you spend?
3. How much do you have left?
4. Mail it to the internal Revenue service.

Inventory Rise Blamed On Boost In Production

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The Commerce Department says business inventories have been increasing because production has outstripped consumption in recent weeks.

The department made the comment last night in announcing that the business boom, after slackening off somewhat in October, had resumed its upward climb in November and early December.

Construction outlays were said to have risen a little over the rate for the third quarter of the year, after adjustments for seasonal factors, even though there was a November drop of about 3 per cent in home construction. Building of other structures took up this slack, the department said.

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The latest calculation still fell about 100 million dollars short of the 608 million dollars which colleges and universities estimated last year as their need in each of the next 10 years.

It did not include a Ford Foundation grant of 210 millions made earlier this month.

Donations were estimated in a survey made public last night by the American College Public Relations Assn., Washington, and the Council for Financial Aid to Education, New York.

The figure was a projection of findings that covered 748 four-year institutions which have 70 per cent of the nation's four-year college students.

The latest study indicated that nonalumni friends were the largest single source of donations last year, accounted for 17.6 per cent of the total. Next were alumni, with 15.5 per cent, and general welfare foundations, with 14.96. Following in order were estates, religious denominations and businesses.

Mexico Offers Trucker Deal With Texans

MEXICO CITY. (AP)—The communications ministry said yesterday that if Texas eases its border truck license law, Mexico would promptly reciprocate. Officials said they welcomed negotiations.

The ministry said the law demanding that Texas trucks operating in Mexico must have special licenses is not a federal law, but applies only to Texas because Texas is the only border state demanding that Mexican trucks have special licenses when operating there.

Officials said that there has been no difficulty with California, Arizona or New Mexico.

Until Texas changes its law, however, Mexico will continue to require special plates for Texas trucks, it was emphasized.

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