

British Pour Shells Into Italian Port

O. B. Holt Dies Suddenly Today In Hotel Room

Body Found In Odessa Hotel By Porter Early Friday Morning
O. B. Holt, 37, member of a prominent West Texas ranching family, was found dead at 4:30 a. m. today in an Odessa hotel. Physicians said he died of a heart ailment.

New England Has Mild Earthquake

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—An earthquake centering in New England and felt from southern New Jersey to Montreal, Canada, early today shook heavy buildings, caused slight damage and three thousands of persons into panic.

Rainey Sees Great Future For Texas

DALLAS, Dec. 20 (AP).—Predicting Dallas and Houston would be the Chicago and Cleveland of a new American era, Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, told the Dallas Citizens Council today Texas must take advantage of its natural advantages to promote its well-being.

Jaycees Talk Plans For Membership Drive

The Junior Chamber of Commerce today discussed ways and means of adding interest to its activities, and announced a drive for memberships would be made.

Geologists Complete Plans For Big Party

Arrangements were completed today for the tenth annual Christmas party of the Midland Geological Society for business and professional men.

Wildcatting Activity On The Upswing As Three Tests Started In Widely Separated Areas Of Permian Basin

Midland Men To Drill North Of Colorado City In Mitchell; Magnolia Stakes Test In Abell Area And Forest Seeks Douro Spread
Spurt in West Texas wildcatting was seen today as three important tests were started in widely separated areas.

Federal Agents Beat Extortion Plot On Family

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Dec. 20 (AP).—The wealthy, socially prominent parents of three-year-old Marc De Tristan, Jr.,—recent victim of a sensational kidnaping for ransom—have been singled out once again by an extortionist seeking money as the price for safety of their child.

It was learned on reliable authority today that FBI agents, working secretly through a letter sent the Count and Countess De Tristan through the Santa Rosa postoffice, frustrated the scheme and barely missed capturing the extortionist in a trap set in a cabbage patch near Santa Rosa.

British Forces Pounding Bardia

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (AP).—By land sea and air the British reported their forces kept up a remorseless pounding of Bardia today with Italian trapped in that beleaguered Libyan port battling fiercely to break through their blocked line of retreat to the west.

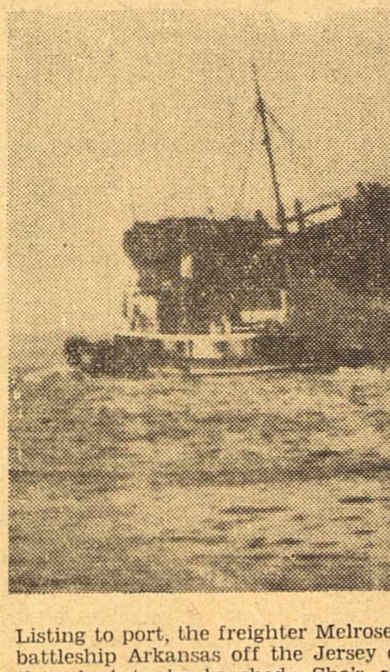
Waco Man Shot After Automobile Stolen

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 20 (AP)—Officers here today were waiting word from Denton before deciding disposition of a 29-year-old Waco man who was shot late yesterday near here after he had stolen an automobile, stabbed a Arlington youth and had been involved in an automobile collision.

Franklin Is Ill

J. C. Franklin was admitted for medical attention to Ryan Hospital last night.

Freighter Aground After Collision With Battleship



Listing to port, the freighter Melrose lies aground in a shallows off Brooklyn after a collision with the U. S. battleship Arkansas off the Jersey coast.

Sixty-five Attend Boy Scouts Court

Boy Scout leaders of the Midland district of the Buffalo Trail Council last night presented designated and special awards, and introduced new district committeemen at a court of honor in the Baptist Church educational building.

Judge Christmas Decorations Tonight

Midland homes will be judged tonight in a home decoration and lighting contest.

A Goodfellow Story

If you could have been with your reporter on some visits into homes which the Goodfellows will distribute a basket of food at Christmas time, you too, would have made a voluntary contribution.

Midland Merchants Differ On Staying Open For Shopping

Midland merchants are divided on operating business after 6 p. m. during this Christmas buying season.

United States Soldiers Go to Newfoundland

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—A detachment of United States soldiers had orders today to sail for Newfoundland early in January to garrison the nation's newly acquired North Atlantic outpost.

LATEST NEWS FLASHES

Dempsey To Invest In Seagraves Area. SEAGRAVES, Dec. 20 (Special).—Jack Dempsey, ex-heavyweight champion, has authorized four business men here to assemble leases in the wildcat territory between the Wasson and Seminole fields to drill several tests, an informant talking here with Dempsey said today.
SOS From Greek Freighter. RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 20 (AP).—The Greek freighter Potaro sent an SOS today from a position about 750 miles east of Porto Alegre, Brazil.
German Raiders Again Visit London. LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP).—German raiders caused a small number of casualties and damaged some buildings in daylight attacks on London today.

Germany Believes Group Is Formed To Oppose Nazis

By Louis P. Lochner. BERLIN, Dec. 20 (AP).—The French cabinet shakeup of last Saturday, known here as "the Putsch of Vichy," has taught the German government one great lesson, men in the know here say.

Goodfellows Need More Aid Quickly

The Goodfellows fund in Midland totaled \$390.62 today as sponsors urged citizens to contribute before the week-end to enable estimates for baskets to be made.

Kissing Bandit Is Freed From Prison

JEFFERSON, CITY, Dec. 20 (AP).—Edna Murray—Kansas City's notorious "kissing bandit" of the early 20's—was freed by parole today from the Missouri penitentiary where she was given a 27-year penalty for robbery and breaking prison.

On Holiday Trip

A. C. Woods and family left today to spend the Christmas holidays in Lubbock and Amarillo.

United States Now Owes More Than \$45,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—The treasury disclosed today the debt had passed \$45,000,000,000, the former statutory limit which many persons thought would be a permanent ceiling for federal obligations.

British Sink Italian Ships

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP).—A British submarine has sunk a heavily laden Italian supply ship and a large Italian tanker south of Italy during the last week, the Admiralty announced today.

Table listing donors and amounts for the Goodfellows fund, including names like Edna Murray, Percy Mims, and Mrs. Phil Scharbauer.

Four Students Killed In Auto-Bus Crash

EFFINGHAM, Ill., Dec. 20 (AP).—Four Greenville high school students, all about 16, were killed when the automobile in which they were returning to Greenville after a basketball game here last night collided with a bus near Altamont.

TUNNEY GETS COMMISSION IN UNITED STATES NAVY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—James J. Tunney, former heavyweight champion and once a private in the Marine Corps, was commissioned today as a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve.

Admiralty Reports Warships Burst One Hundred Tons At Vital Valona While Bardia Area Has Heavy Fire

British Tighten Trap On Fascists In Egypt And Light Naval Units Sink Supply Vessels, RAF Fliers Attack Targets In Ruhr Sectors
In the unceasing air war between England and Germany, RAF bombers flew through bad weather during the night to attack "several targets" in the rich industrial Ruhr and in Western Germany, the London air ministry announced.

Votes Program Of Tax Control For Permian Sectors

Permian Basin Association officials said today that the organization's executive and central committee voted to carry a program of tax control to taxpayers through use of home groups.

Bomb Ruhr Again

The British admiralty said that light naval units sank three Italian supply ships off Bardia and that "extensive fires have been burning in the town since Dec. 15," assuming "very large proportions" under bombardment by land and sea.

FDR Informs Press Nothing Decided On Changes In Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP).—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that nothing had been decided yet about revising the set up of the defense commission.

Submarines Attack Two Ships Off Irish Coast

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP).—Two ships were attacked by submarines about 450 miles west of the Irish coast today in what appeared to be the second attack on a convoy in three days.

Shopping Days Till Christmas

IS XANTHIPPE, SOCRATES' WIFE, HER TONGUE, HISTORY SAYS, WAS SHARP AS A KNIFE, BUT POSSIBLY DISCORD WAS NATURAL, IF THEY—DELAYED CHRISTMAS SHOPPING UNTIL THE LAST DAY...



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Youths Of Midland To Enroll Soon At NYA Work Center

Preliminary plans have been completed for setting up a full-time boys resident center at Big Spring, which the NYA will train area youth in radio and shop work. Midland young men are eligible to enroll and will apply at the welfare office, County Judge E. H. Barron said.

Fifty boys, ages 17-23, will be selected. They will enroll for a minimum of three months work and experience, with a choice of remaining a full year.

The first group of boys will be housed in former GCG barracks. A new dormitory and dining hall will be built by the boys. Each youth will make \$30 per month, of which a part goes toward room and board. Medical care and facilities will be provided.

Youths will build a recreation room, administration building and furniture for the buildings.

Youths will be taken from 29 West Texas counties. Selection will be based on merit.

Successes At Sea May Prove Factor In Isles Defense

By DeWitt MacKenzie
The allied victories over Mussolini in the Mediterranean theater should prove a godsend to Britain as defensive preparation for the expected Nazi attempt to invade England.

This threat of invasion is described by British Premier Churchill as his country's "supreme danger." There can be no doubt of the accuracy of that characterization.

Britain probably is facing her greatest trial by sword since the war began. It will be inaugurated by a cloud-burst of Nazi bombing such as we haven't seen before. German success could mean little less than the death of England and the establishment of Hitler's German-ruled "new order."

The Italian debacles in the Egyptian and Greco-Albanian fighting, however, have strengthened Britain's hand. Herr Hitler has in all likelihood been deprived of any worthwhile support from Mussolini during the critical period of the invasion effort. By that same token the British will be able to withdraw warships and warplanes from the Mediterranean if necessary for protection of the mother country.

Help which Hitler is reported today to be giving his partner in the Albanian mess can hardly alter the position greatly before the time of the attempted invasion. The damage cannot be repaired quickly. And the more aid the Nazi chief gives his unhappy colleague, the better for Britain, since the Fuehrer needs every ounce of strength he can muster for his dangerous experiment on the English Channel.

Blow To Hitler.
The collapse of the Italian offensives must be a grievous blow to Herr Hitler. Without doubt he had been banking that while he was making his supreme effort to hurl an army up onto English soil out of the channel, Il Duce would be tying the British in knots in the Mediterranean area. The icy gales off the Greco-Albanian mountains and the hot winds of the Sahara have carried those hopes away.

The allies will continue their effort to knock Mussolini clean out of the war. Complete defeat of Italy isn't impossible, though the time is short before Hitler will strike, and he may be expected to hurry his drive in order to divert the allies from the chase.

An important and dramatic feature of the whole situation is that at long last little Emperor Haile Selassie has got a rebellion started in his Ethiopian kingdom against his Italian masters.

The British are aiding the Negus and say that the revolution appears to be making progress.

One shudders to think of the revenge which may be exacted on the Italian troops if the wild tribesmen of the mountains win. Retribution in Ethiopia can take very terrible forms.

Exhorts Troops Toss Italians Into Ocean

By The Associated Press
ATHENS, Dec. 20 (AP)—Blazing ruins were left in the new assaults on the Albanian ports of Valona and Krionero, the RAF command announced today, while Greek troops were reported battling up the coast from Palermo Bay toward Chimara and tightening their lines around the inland towns of Kilsura and Tepelene.

A government spokesman said last night that Fascist forces and abandoned Palermo Bay, on which the town of Palermo is situated, in their withdrawal toward Chimara, 10 miles up the coast. He added that the Italians had been pushed back to the outskirts of Tepelene and that Kilsura was under Greek fire.

Forces Disbanded.
The Greek commander-in-chief, General Alexander Papagos, had informed his fighting men in a general order that "your blows have placed him (the enemy) in a very difficult position. A large part of his forces are almost disbanded and without morale."
"x x x Our enemy is shaken on the front before you and in Africa before the English. He is shaken internally. Winter is accelerating his disintegration."
"Persist in your efforts that we may crush him completely and throw him into the sea. Victory will then be ours, the best victory in our history, and it will be due to you."

Average American Family Is Smaller

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—For the first time in history the average American family now numbers less than four persons.

The Census Bureau, analyzing the results of the 1940 census, reported today that the contemporary household has an average of 3.8 persons.

NEGRO ARRESTED ON COMPLAINT OF ASSAULT

A negro was held in county jail today on complaint from a 16-year-old negro that he held a knife at her throat and attacked her.

The complaint was filed yesterday in justice court, and charged the assault took place yesterday here.

Bank Customer Shot By Young Robbers

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (AP)—A customer was seriously wounded today by one of two shots fired by four young robbers who attempted to hold up the Marian bank at Fourth Street and Fairmount Avenue. The bandits fled without any money.

The wounded man, Mathias H. Noll, 50, was taken to a hospital.

RETURNS HOME.

E. W. Watlington, who has been in a Big Spring hospital for several days following a hand injury received in an accident while boating, returned to his home here yesterday.

Arrest Three Youths For Slaying Woman

BETHEL, Vt., Dec. 20 (AP)—Police today held three boys—two 11 and one 15 years old—in connection with the bludgeoning slaying Sunday of Miss Jennie Kendall, 73, and because of the trio's youth, were confronted with a problem as to what action to take.

State's Attorney Henry F. Black said the boys confessed they entered the woman's home with robbery as a motive and that they beat her when she discovered them.

COUNTY AGENT WORKS ON HIS ANNUAL REPORT
County Agent V. G. Young worked today on an annual report of the year's work. He expected to mail copies of the report to the state and national offices of agricultural work tonight.

McCAMEY POSTOFFICE PROJECT IS DELAYED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Included in projects held up with a presidential decision to curtail non-defense expenditures is that of the McCamey \$70,000 postoffice.

Thin Ghost Of An Eaglet's Shadow

Europe never breaks with its past. Always the dead hand of the horrors and the glories of the past are on the continent's shoulder.

A healthy sense of the past is good, but there is something morbid in the news from Germany that the remains of the Duke of Reichstadt, Napoleon's pitiful little son, have been removed from the gloomy old Capuehin mausoleum in Vienna and reburied in Paris.

In Heaven's name, why this all-too-literal rustling of the dead bones of the past? What price has France paid that the dust of the bones of L'Aiglon, the eaglet, should return to the Paris where he was born? Why should German authorities wish to encourage this symbol of French nationalism? The more one thinks of it the madder it seems.

This little son of Napoleon and Marie-Louise of Austria had a strange, ill-starred, unreal life which, short as it was, became the stuff of drama. He was born in the Tuileries Palace in Paris in 1811, when his father was master of Europe and the most powerful man in the world. He was a baby of two (though decked with the title, King of Rome) when his father's empire fell.

He was three during the Hundred Days, and was being reared as an Austrian princeling when his father died on lonely St. Helena.

His existence was used as a pawn in European politics for 15 years, but the frail Duke himself led the life of a lap-dog until he died at 21, probably the victim of pneumonia, though wild tales were not lacking that he had been poisoned.

There has always been a cult of Napoleon-worshippers in France. In fact, it has been said that the return of the body of Napoleon I to Paris provided the spiritual background for establishment of the brummagem empire of Napoleon III. Perhaps, the Republic having fallen, Napoleon-worship has resurrected itself in France; perhaps there are those who were willing to trade something to Hitler for this pitiful symbol.

Unhappy and restless in life, the little Duke could not be allowed to sleep in his Hapsburg catacomb. A pawn while breath was in him, his very dust would seem now again to be used in some obscure move on the European checkerboard.

Could they not have let you rest, Eaglet, who found no rest in life?

Cattlemen To Meet In Odessa Jan. 4

The Cattlemen's Protective Association of Midland, Ector, and Andrews counties will meet at the courthouse in Odessa at 10 a. m. Jan. 4 to elect 1941 officers, it was announced today.

A barbecue for members of the association and their families will be held at noon. Reports of 1940's activities will be read.

Midland citizens are officers in the area association. H. C. Bedford is president; Judge E. H. Barron, secretary; and Aldredge Estes, inspector.

A. G. Bohannon, John M. Gist, George Glass, and George Ratliff are directors.

Courtney Sophomores Have Christmas Party

COURTNEY, Dec. 20 (Special)—Miniature figures of Santa Claus were used as party favors when the sophomore class of Courtney high school held a Christmas party Tuesday evening at the school cafeteria.

Christmas games were played and refreshments were served to the following class members and guests: Virginia Stewart, Wanda Lou Wren, Vance Smith, Rosa Lula Cross, Anna Lee Hull, Ben Schaffer, Marshall Louder, Billy Mims, Clyde White, Lavern Bush, Lynora Livingston, Curtis Powell, Pauline Price, Junior Wise, Raymond Lawson, Whitfield Lawson, Jim C. Hazlewood, Leon Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Ode Hazlewood, Brenda Hazlewood, Mrs. Raymond Louder, and the class sponsor, Miss Lavoyce Boswell.

SHARPSBURG, Md., Dec. 20 (AP)—For years John Eichelberger carried a silver dollar as a "lucky piece."

Then "tired of carrying it," he gave it to a friend one night. Eichelberger was found dead in bed next morning.

TRAIN DERAILED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—A 16-car Southern Pacific combination freight and passenger train, Los Angeles bound, was derailed near Palmdale early today, the company said, and the locomotive and the first eight cars overturned.

HAS ENGINEERING POSITION

S. C. Dougherty, resident engineer for the State Highway Dept., has accepted an engineering position on the construction of the Army Camp at Abilene, Texas. Dougherty will continue to maintain his residence in Midland.

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Orders For Bombers To Acquaint Plants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Arming America called on the automobile industry today to swing into test production of parts for a powerful fleet of long-range bombers.

An estimated \$20,000,000 worth of initial "educational orders," decided upon by the war department and defense commission, was expected to familiarize automobile plant managers with the manufacture of the intricate parts they will be called upon to supply.

As presently visualized, motor car plants will be geared to help produce annually some 3,800 two and four motor bombers, costing at current prices nearly \$1,000,000,000.

Current negotiations with the Buick and Studebaker companies for the manufacture of engines were said to be a part of the scheme to assure a future aerial striking force for this country and perhaps Britain.

Taylor White To Take Office On Birthday

Taylor White, state representative-elect from this district, will take the oath of office at Austin on his 49th birthday, January 14, when new members of the legislature take their seats.

BUCKNER RELEASED FROM FEDERAL PRISON

LEWISBURG, Pa., Dec. 20 (AP)—William P. Buckner, 32-year-old Broadway playboy, was released from federal penitentiary on parole today.

Buckner served nine months of a two-year sentence on fraud and conspiracy charges in connection with the manipulation of defaulted Philippine Railway bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leech and children of Quemado, New Mexico, visited her sister, Mrs. S. C. Dougherty this week.

Local Topics

Mrs. Carter Lockard of Hillsboro is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Hallman.

Billie Joe Hall, student in John Tarleton Agricultural College at Stephenville, is expected to arrive Saturday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Hall.

Mrs. Paul Martin returned Thursday night from Abilene, bringing home her daughter, Martha Jane, student in Hardin-Simmons University, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mary Lou Hoskins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoskins, will arrive Saturday from San Marcos Academy at San Marcos to spend the Christmas vacation at home.

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Group Of Sunday School Class Parties Among Holiday Celebrations Filling The Social Calendar Here Yesterday

Among the Christmas parties which made Thursday a busy day for Midland women were numbered Sunday School class parties including those for the Evangels and Lois classes of the Baptist Church and the Friendly Builders Class of the Methodist Church and the Baptist T. E. L. Class.

EVANGELS CLASS AT BOONE HOME

A decorated Christmas tree and a bright-flamed scented fire on the hearth made a festive setting for the Christmas party of the Evangels Class at the home of Mrs. Kenton S. Boone, 311 North F street, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Groups led by Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Leif Olson and Mrs. C. G. Murray were hostesses. Games were played under direction of Mrs. J. Howard Hodge with Mrs. Albert Clements and Mrs. Pearl Blair winning the prizes.

READING, MUSIC ON CLASS PROGRAM

Mrs. W. D. Brunson presented a reading from the Scriptures and Mrs. Cora Graham presented piano selections at the Christmas party which the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Arnett, Thursday.

FOURTEEN MEMBERS PRESENT AT PARTY

Fourteen members of the Lois Class of the Baptist Church attended the Christmas party at the home of Mrs. M. O. Prestidge, Thursday afternoon.

More Notaries For Midland Appointed

Six more Midland citizens have qualified as notaries public under emergency appointment, the county clerk's office announced today.

Church News

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH W. J. Coleman, Minister in Charge 9:45 a.m.—Church school. 11:00 a.m.—Sermon by the minister on "The Spirit of Christmas."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH W. C. Hinds, Pastor 9:45 a.m.—Church school. 11:00 a.m.—Worship service at the Ritz Theatre. Sermon by the pastor on "The Birth of Christ."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH John E. Pickering, Pastor 9:45 a.m.—Bible school. 10:50 a.m.—Preparation for the Lord's Supper.

TRINITY CHURCH (Protestant Episcopal) 10:00 a.m.—Sunday school. 5:00 p.m.—Vesper service program. No 11 o'clock Lay Readers service.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (South Side) Corner of S. Colorado and California streets. Services at 10:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD 510 S. Baird John Wharton, Pastor 10:00 a.m.—Sunday school. 11:00 a.m.—Church service. Sermon by the pastor.

MEN'S CLASS Teachers—Marvin Ulmer and W. I. Pratt. Meets at 9:45 a.m. Sunday in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer. It is non-denominational.

NAOMI CLASS Naomi class for women (inter-denominational) meets at 9:45 a.m. in private dining room, Hotel Scharbauer.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST Church—502 E. Illinois Chas. B. Hedges, Pastor 10:00 a.m.—Sunday school. 11:30 a.m.—Preaching service. 7:30 p.m.—Preaching service. 7:30 p.m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting. 7:30 p.m. Thursday—Gospel singing.

Mrs. Hugh Walker Hostess To Club Christmas Party

Members of La Reine de Coeur's met at the home of Mrs. Hugh Walker, 403 W. Storey, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for a Christmas party.

Tallies and score pads for the three tables of bridge were in Christmas theme, while prizes were packaged in silver and blue.

Awards went to Mrs. D. A. Pass for high score among guests, to Mrs. Walker for high score among members, and to Mrs. Clyde Martin for bingo.

Needlecraft Club Meets At Home Of Mrs. Watson

Three guests, Mrs. J. R. Clay of Odessa, Mrs. Harry Rockwell, Jr., of Forth Worth, and Mrs. W. C. Hinds joined members of the Needlecraft Club for the group's Christmas party at the home of Mrs. H. H. Watson, 1701 W. Holloway, Thursday afternoon.

House decorations were inspired by the Christmas season, with poinsettias and chrysanthemums favored in flower arrangements.

Catholic Children To Have Program, Tree A program and Christmas tree party for Catholic children of the parish will be held in the parish hall on E. Texas avenue tonight at 7 o'clock.

Two Are Hostesses For Christmas Party Of As You Like It

Mrs. Bob Baker and Mrs. Paul Smith were hostesses for a Christmas party of the As You Like It Club at the home of Mrs. Smith, 900 W. Kentucky, Thursday afternoon.

Christmas decorations formed a gay background for the gathering. A large silver tree was the highlight of attention in the living room where cranberry trees stood on red bases on the tables.

Two Couples Hosts At Bridge For Club STANTON, Dec. 20. (Special)—Old St. Nick paid an early visit to Stanton Tuesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. George Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall entertained members of the Thursday Night Bridge Club with a gala Christmas party.

Christmas Coffee Is Courtesy For Belmont Class This Morning The Baptist parsonage on N Main street, home of Mrs. H. D. Bruce, was the scene of the Christmas coffee for the Belmont Bible class this morning from 9:30 o'clock until 11.

Young Mothers Club Has Christmas Party STANTON, Dec. 20. (Special)—The Stanton Young Mothers Club met Tuesday afternoon for a Christmas program and party at the home of Mrs. Edmund Tom. Readings by children of the members were features of the program.

Bridge-Luncheon Is Christmas Courtesy For Club Group Poinsettias and cyclamens brought brilliant notes of color into party room decorations when Mrs. R. J. Kelly entertained the Colonial Card Club with a Christmas bridge-luncheon at her home, 1001 W. Kansas, Thursday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock.

Reports Papers Ordered Spanish Ships Attacked LONDON, Dec. 20. (AP)—The admiralty has made public what it claimed was a document found in an Italian submarine allegedly instructing Italian submarine captains to attack "certain Spanish merchant ships without warning."

Mrs. Cowden Hostess For Bridge Party Three tables were laid for games when the Wednesday Bridge Club met with Mrs. Wright Cowden, 1010 W. Louisiana, Wednesday afternoon.

Christmas Candy Martha Washington, Regular 2-lb. box for only \$1.00 King's 2-lb. Box for only \$1.00

Society Snow-Bound In Style A chic outfit for skiing consists of a hiplength jacket of supple white leather with red suede voke, cuffs and piping and streamlined downhill trousers of slate blue gabardine. The accessories include a red suede cap, red and white mittens and after-skiing boots of blue suede, edged in leather with white lamb fronts and pompons. Picard designed the ensemble.

Coming Events SATURDAY. University Club will hold its Christmas dance in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer, Saturday night from 9:30 o'clock until 1:30. Jack York and his orchestra from Lubbock will play.

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Duplicate—N. and S. vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♠	3 ♠	4 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	3 ♠	4 ♠
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Pass	2 ♠	3 ♠	4 ♠
Opening—♠ A. 20			

By Wm. E. McKenney
America's Card Authority.

Now that the national tournament is over and the players have returned to their homes, many local units of the American Contract Bridge League will be making preparations for the contest to send their local winners to the Southeastern Sectional Championships, which will be held at Coral Gables, Fla., March 13-16. This is a nice gift to win—a trip to Florida.

I enjoy the Southeastern Championships just to see the fun it gives J. Patrick Dunne, the blind bridge player of Miami. He usually plays in one of the events with Waldemar von Zedwitz of New York, and this year it would not be surprising to me to see them win one of the championship trophies.

While Pat was in New York last summer, he won top score with von Zedwitz in one of our toughest duplicates. Pat told me about today's hand, which he thought was a "funny one."

"My partner's bid of two spades," said Pat, "looks queer, but you see the idea. A double of two diamonds may not pay, and two no trump without a heart stopper looks too bullish. He has already shown strength by the redouble, so now he can afford to go slowly."

"After holding the first trick, West looked around for some way to get his partner in. He laid down the ace of diamonds, and his partner's device looked like a discouraging card, especially as I dropped the king. So he shifted to the ace of hearts, and at that time his partner's seven looked like a come-on."

"Gleefully he continued with the three of hearts, but dummy played the nine and the queen fell under my king. Then I guessed West's trump holding, finessed the ten of spades, and wrapped up the rest."

KRLH PROGRAMS

- TODAY**
- 6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS
 - 6:15—To be Announced
 - 6:30—Sport Spotlight, TSN
 - 6:45—News, TSN
 - 7:00—Roger Busfield, TSN
 - 7:15—Hymns at Twilight, TSN
 - 7:30—Laugh & Learn, MBS
 - 8:00—Songs of Billy Davis, TSN
 - 8:15—Reminiscing in Rhythm, MBS
 - 8:30—I Want a Girl, MBS
 - 9:00—Raymond Gram Swing, MBS
 - 9:15—Selective Service, MBS
 - 9:30—This War, MBS
 - 9:45—The Lone Ranger, MBS
 - 10:00—News, TSN
 - 10:15—American Campus Speaks, TSN
 - 10:30—The Vacationer's Trail, MBS
- TOMORROW**
- 6:45—Morning Tunes
 - 7:00—"Smilin'" Ed McConnell
 - 7:15—Morning Tunes
 - 7:30—News, TSN
 - 7:45—Desert Drifters, TSN
 - 8:00—News, TSN
 - 8:15—Piano Moods, TSN
 - 8:30—Rhythm Wranglers, TSN
 - 8:45—Rainbow Trio, TSN
 - 9:15—What's Doing Around Midland
 - 9:30—Musical Interludes, TSN
 - 10:05—Conservation of vision, KBST
 - 11:12—It's Dance Time
 - 11:30—Eleven Thirty, Inc., TSN
 - 11:45—Man on the Street
 - 12:00—News, TSN
 - 12:15—Happy Roy Thomas, TSN
 - 12:30—Jimmie Rogers & Co., MBS
 - 12:45—Tin Pan Alley
 - 1:00—Bobby Petar's Orch., MBS
 - 1:15—Paul Penland's Orch., MBS
 - 1:30—Amarillo vs Masonic Home TSN
 - 4:15—Sammy Kaye's Orch., MBS
 - 4:30—Tea Time Tunes, TSN
 - 5:00—Sagmaster Coments, MBS
 - 5:15—Pappy & His Boys, MBS
 - 5:30—Manny Landers' Orch., MBS
 - 5:45—Marvin Dale's Orch., TSN
 - 6:00—Palmer House Orch., MBS
 - 6:15—Tiny Hills' Orch., MBS
 - 6:30—Sport Spotlight, TSN
 - 6:45—News, TSN
 - 7:00—Tropical Serenade, MBS
 - 7:15—Fire Prevention Program, TSN
 - 7:30—Herbie Holme's Orch., MBS
 - 8:00—News, TSN
 - 8:15—Art Knott's Orch., MBS
 - 8:30—Contact, MBS
 - 9:00—Raymond Scott's Orch., MBS
 - 9:15—South American Way
 - 9:30—Chi Theatre of the Air, MBS
 - 10:00—Prize Parade, TSN

TAKE A TIP FROM THE OLD MAESTRO

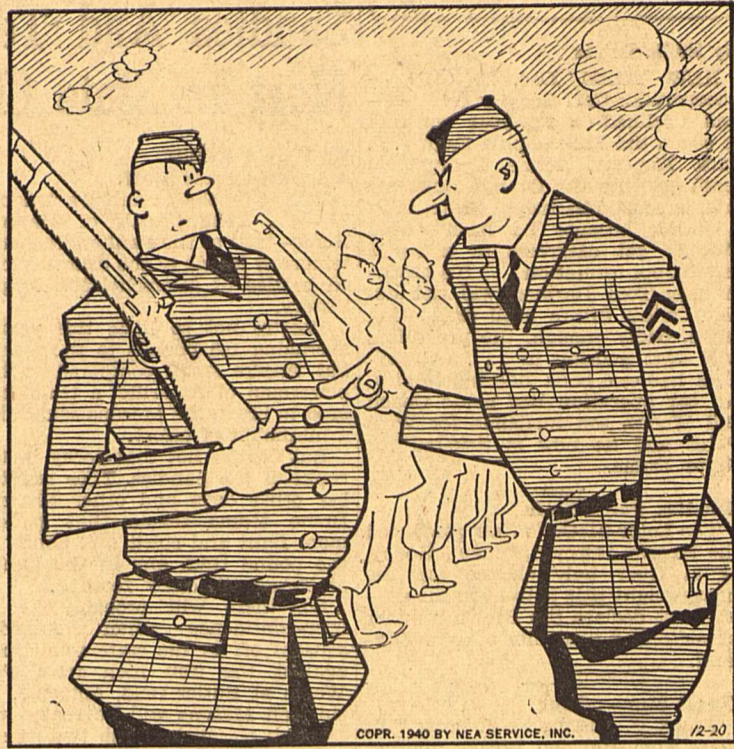


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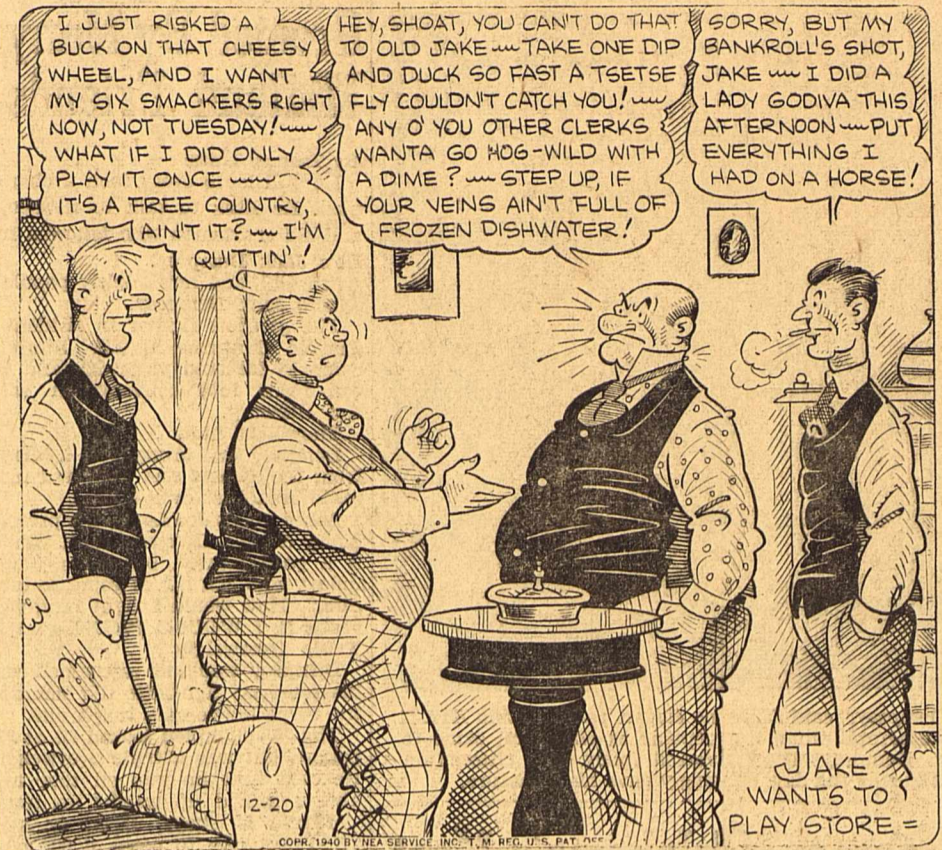


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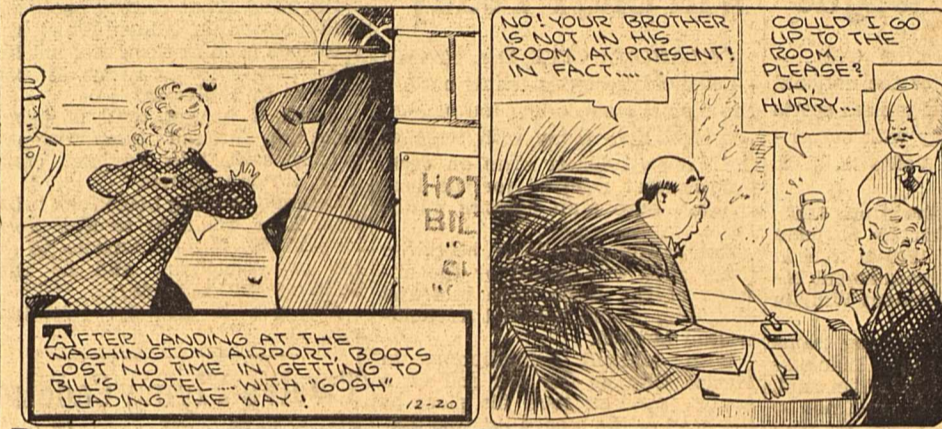
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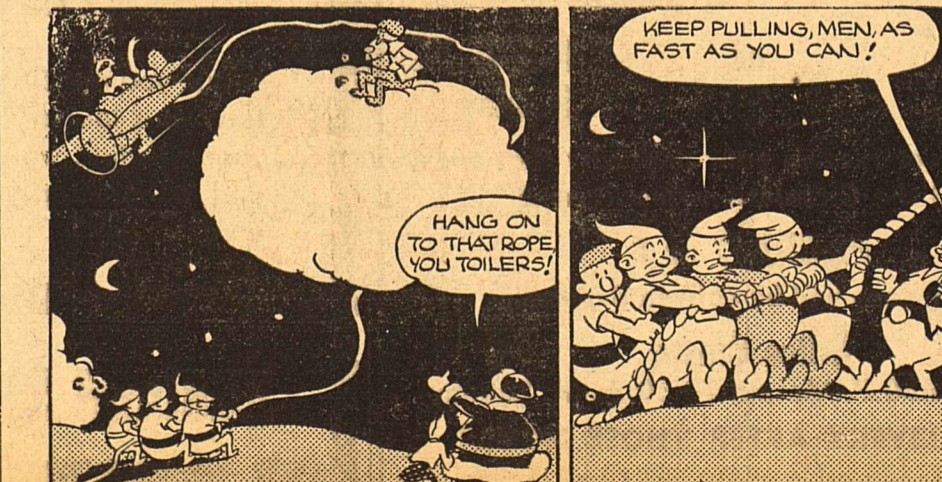
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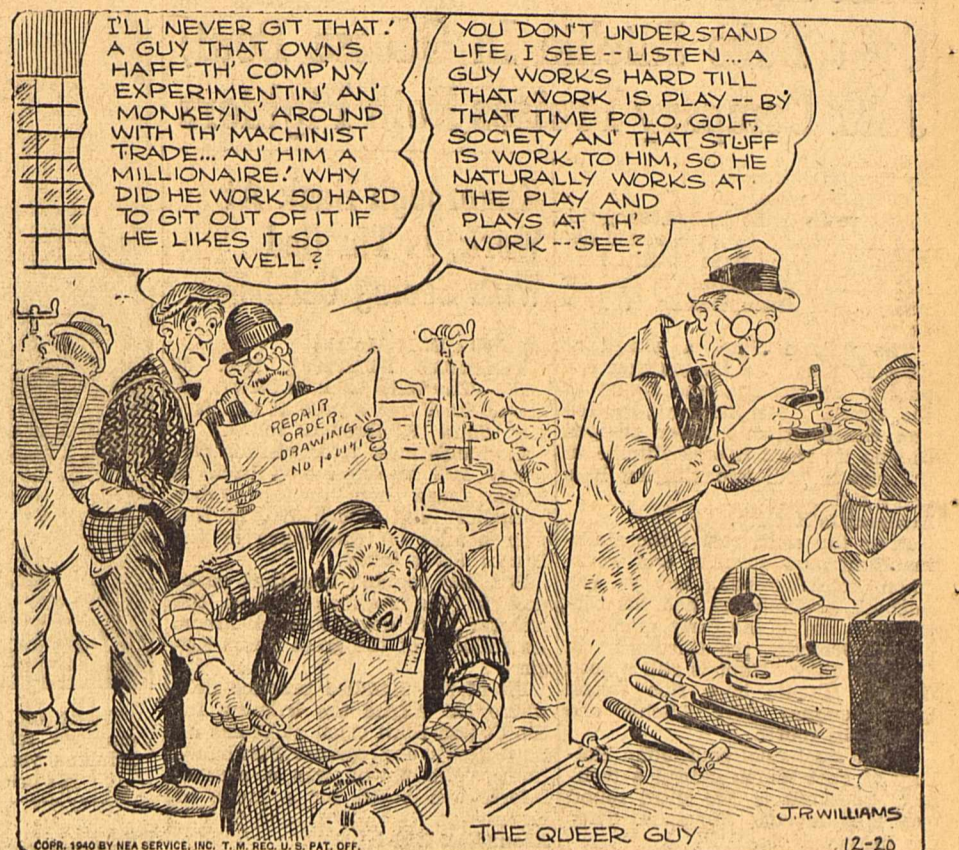


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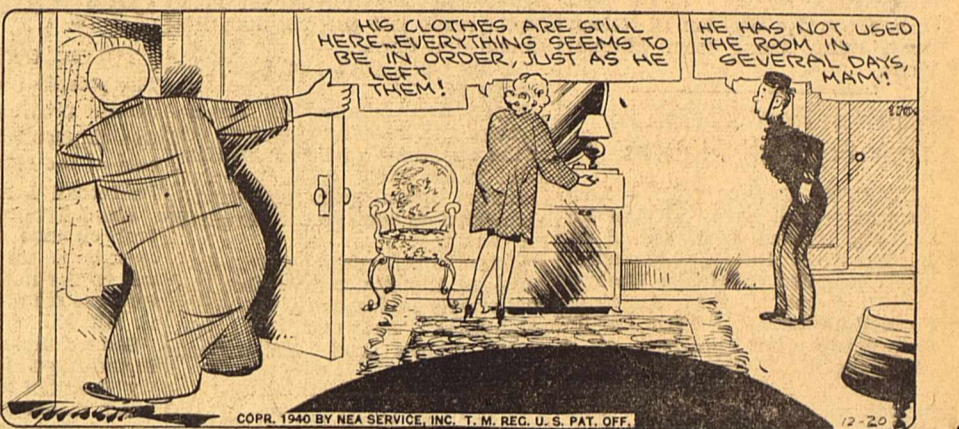


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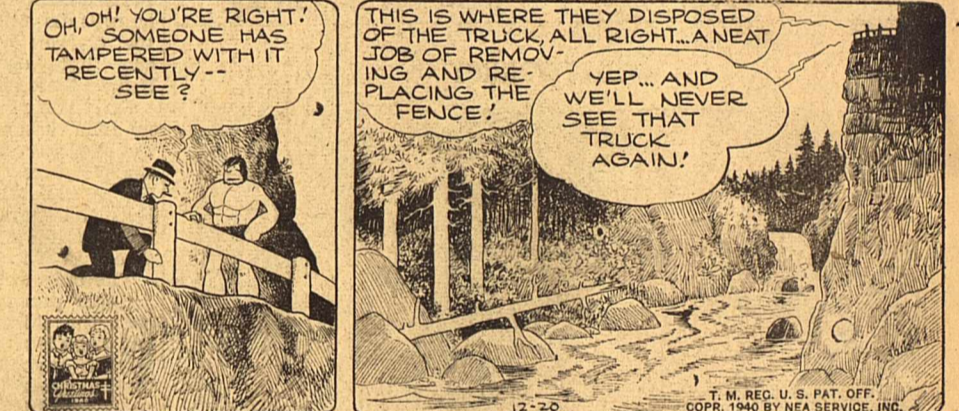
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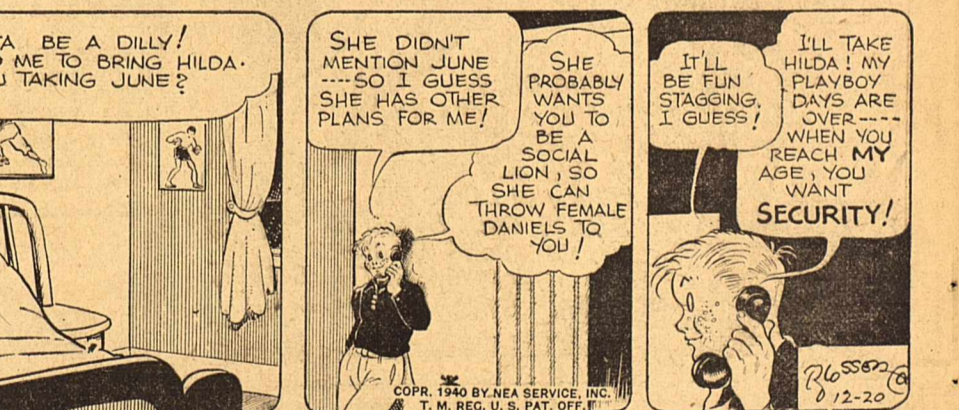
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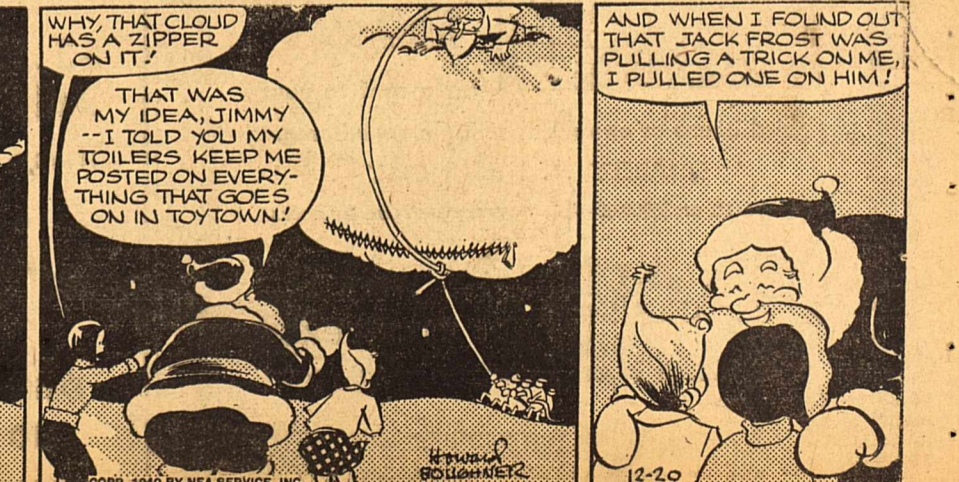
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All About Jane and Jimmy's Magic Merry Christmas



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THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM

Honor Bulldogs At Banquet



Faculty members, parents and students turned out in large numbers last night to attend the annual high school football banquet in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer. Approximately 250 were present. Attendants honored a team playing its last year for Coach L. W. (Bud) Taylor, resigned.

Midland Football Team Is Honored At Big Banquet

The Midland Bulldogs, who under the tutelage of Coach L. W. (Bud) Taylor finished second last season in District 3-AA, were honored last night for their successes at the annual football banquet at Hotel Scharbauer, attended by approximately 250 persons.

Taylor announced names of varsity players recommended for letters, which will be approved later by the athletic council. Windell Williams, graduating star backfield ace, addressed the school board and board members, R. C. Conkling, W. A. Yeager, and P. F. Bridgewater, replied. A football skit by Misses Dorothy Sue Miles, Marthann Theis, Edyth Louise Lemley, and Mary Sue Cowden, featured the program, and an impromptu speech by Mrs. J. M. White, whose three sons played on Bulldog teams in the past, was given.

Christmas carols were sung by Jack Hurt, Leslie Wood, James Mims and J. M. White. Banquet decorations were arranged by Miss Merle Smith, mathematics instructor.

FACULTY GIVES RADIO TO SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Faculty members of Midland schools presented W. W. Lackey, superintendent, today with a radio in an assembly as a Christmas present.

IS IMPROVED.

Troy Randolph, small son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Randolph, who is in Ryan's Hospital for treatment of pneumonia, is reported improved.

Crash Injuries Fatal To Amarillo Ranchman

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 20 (AP) — R. H. Muir, 70, Amarillo ranchman and livestock broker, died today of injuries suffered in an automobile accident near here last Saturday. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow at San Angelo.

A native of Wisconsin, Muir lived subsequently at Clarendon and had been a resident of Amarillo for 14 years. Survivors are the widow, a son, R. H. Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. H. J. McLeelan of Tyler and Mrs. John Craig of Santa Monica, Calif.

1941 Cotton Ginnings Total 11,443,304 Bales

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — The Census Bureau reported today that cotton of this year's crop ginned to Dec. 13 totaled 11,433,304 running bales, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, compared with 11,276,225 a year ago, and 11,412,139 two years ago.

YUCCA SATURDAY ONLY MATINEE AND NITE • NO ADVANCE IN PRICES. On the STAGE! Sallie Childs PRESENTS "FEMMES 'N FUN" The MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA TWO CONTINENTS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR. Featuring: Archer & Boyce, Young Kate Smith, Ray & Arthur, Baron Bros., Woolsey & Claire, 4 Novelteers. ON THE SCREEN FRANK MORGAN NAN GREY in "HULLABALOO" LAST TIMES "BLONDIE PLAYS CUPID" ARTHUR LAKE PENNY SINGLETON TODAY

Today's Markets

Wool BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP, U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Fine and one half blood territory wools had outlets for limited quantities today. A few buyers were willing to pay \$1.03-1.05 scoured basis for good French combing length, and \$1-1.02, scoured basis, short to average French combing, fine territory wools in original bags. Mixed fine and half blood original bag territory wools had a limited demand at prices ranging 95 cents to \$1, scoured basis. Mixed original clips containing three eighths and one quarter blood grades, in addition to the finer wools, were difficult to sell without grading.

LIVESTOCK FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 20 (AP, U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle, salable and total 1,000; calves, salable 800, total 900; most classes about steady; medium yearlings and calves slow; Bulk common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings 5.50-8.50, good offerings 9.00-75; load heifers 10.00; beef cows 4.50-6.50 canners and cutters 3.25-4.50; bulls 4.50-6.00; only a few calves upward from 8.00, bulk 5.50-7.75; culls 4.50-5.50; stockers in light supply. Hogs, salable 1,500, total 2,000 market steady to 10c lower than Thursday's average on good butchers; most common and medium grades 10-25c lower; top 6.15 paid for most good and choice 190-300 lb. averages; city butchers not operating; good and choice 150-185 lb. 5.20-6.10; pigs weak to unevenly lower, mostly 4.00 down; packing sows steady to 25c lower, 5.00-25.

Sheep, salable and total 2,500; all classes around steady; woolled fat lambs 8.25-50; woolled yearlings 7.50-75; fall shorn yearlings 5.75-6.50; good woolled 2-year-old wethers up to 6.75, aged woolled wethers 5.00 down, fall shorn ewes 3.50; feeder lambs 6.50-7.50.

Stocks NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP) — Closing prices of the 15 most active stocks today: Std Oil NJ 33 1/4, Int Tel & Tel 2 3/4, US Steel 67 7/8, Socony Vac 3 1/4, Int Nickel 23, Gen Elec 32 5/8, Gen Motors 49 3/8, Comwilt & Sou 3/4, Beht Steel 84 3/4, Packard 3, North Am Co 16 1/4, Cons Edis 21 3/4, Radio 4 1/2, Am Rad Std San 6 3/8, Woolworth 30 5/8.

Cotton NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP). — Cotton futures closed unchanged to 1 lower. COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES PLANE PLANT SABOTAGE WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP). — The Dies committee heard two witnesses behind closed doors today in an investigation of possible sabotage in airplane plants in Southern California.

YUCCA PREV. SAT. NIGHT SUN., MON., TUES. LET'S GET DOWN TO MIRTH! Strike up the Band with PAUL WHITE and his ORCHESTRA June PREISSER - William TRACY

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Selected Stocks Turn Toward Rallying Area NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP). — Selected stocks turned toward rallying territory in today's market but progress for the majority was far from spectacular and many issues remained in a rut. Around mid-day, steels, shipbuildings, coppers, rails, and specialties showed gains of fractions to a point or more. Transfers were in the neighborhood of 800,000 shares. U. S. Treasuries dipped in the bond department and corporation loans were irregular. Commodities were mixed.

Dr. Winans Addresses Medical Society Dr. Henry M. Winans, professor of medicine at Baylor University Medical College in Dallas, was guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Six-County Medical Society at Hotel Scharbauer, Thursday evening. He read a paper on "Pneumonia." Sixteen members were present, including from Midlands Drs. W. E. Ryan, W. G. Whitehouse, Kurt Lekisch, Jas. H. Chapple, Tom C. Bobo, L. A. Absher, R. R. Jones, L. W. Leggett.

FROM EXTENDED TRIP. Mrs. W. P. Collins has returned from a visit of several weeks with children in California and Arizona. She was away about two and a half months, having visited briefly in Mineral Wells before traveling west.

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Cuties In "Femmes 'n Fun" Beauty, talent, rusic and glamour will combine to make "Femmes 'n Fun" showing on the stage at the Yucca Saturday, one of the year's outstanding stage presentations here. There are 42,06 miles of rail-ways within the boundaries of pre-war Germany. Will Seek Amendments To Wagner Labor Act WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — A majority of the House committee investigating the Wagner Act and the Labor Board probably will ask to enact many amendments to the statute and will recommend additional changes in the board personnel. Music Teacher Has Party For Class Mrs. Maud Leonard entertained her piano and voice class with a Christmas party at her studio, 710 W Ohio, Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. She presented the students with cellulose Christmas stockings of fruit, candy, and nuts and pupils exchanged gifts. Christmas carols were sung.