

Toy Gun Wielder Arrested In Stratford

Charles Hudson Bluma, age 29, who gave his address as the Rainbow Hotel, Amarillo, Texas, was taken into custody here Sunday evening after commandeering an Amarillo City Cab at the point of what later appeared to be a toy pistol. Chief of Police L. T. Stevens made the arrest after being notified by Joe Cleveland that a man on the highway who acted peculiarly had attempted to grab his car. Turning on the receiving set of his car radio, Stevens received the call from Amarillo for the stolen cab which had been parked by the Handy Drive-In Cafe.

Bluma was being taken to the Sherman County jail at the time pursuing officers arrived in Stratford.

Upon a tip from children playing near the Lowe & Billington granary on U. S. 287, officers searched the grounds. They found a toy pistol which fitted the description of the hold-up gun.

H. S. Martin, the Amarillo cab driver, who drove at the point of a gun, in what he considers his wildest ride, gave the following account of the accident:

"I was parked in front of the Coney Island on East Fourth waiting for a radio call when this big fellow came up and asked me if I knew where he could find a beer joint. I told him it was Sunday and Christmas and there weren't any open in town.

"He then asked me to take him out north of town to a beer joint. As we approached a place in Pleasant Valley he pulled a gun, I think it was a .38 caliber pistol, from an inside overcoat pocket and told me to keep driving.

"After he got in the car I noticed he had been drinking. Well, I tried to stop at a couple of beer joints but he decided against it, he asked how much money I had and I told him between \$5 and \$6. He then asked me how much gas I had. When I told him 6 or 7 gallons he remarked that with the money he had and what I had he could buy a lot of gasoline.

"After we got out of Pleasant Valley he decided to take the wheel. He told me to walk around in front of the car and not to pull anything or he'd kill me.

"Then began the wildest ride I ever took. He put the foot feed on the floor board of that nearby new Kaiser and the speedometer needle hovered between 80 and 95 miles an hour all the way into Dumas where he nearly ran over several people while trying to stop at a red light.

"We rolled through Dumas and when we came in sight of the Log Cabin Service Station at the intersection of the Sunray road he said he was going to hi-jack the station. Well, we stopped for gas and while the attendant was filling the tank, he tried to find the little push button that opens the door. That was when I jumped out and ran.

"I went around the back of the building and across a field to a pile of road material where I fell from exhaustion. Suddenly I heard the roar of a car and looked up to see my cab heading north toward Stratford.

"I saw a white house nearby and walked there. I told the man what had happened and he told me he was the sheriff's son. He got his car and took me to Dumas where I told the highway patrol boys and deputies my story. They went into action like greased lightning. They notified state highway patrol headquarters in Amarillo, and then started out after the man in my cab."

In the sheriff's office were Deputies Lloyd Smith and Grady Brown and Patrolman Billy Ballinger and William Ball. Deputy Ben Terrell at Etter was notified and he also joined in the chase.

When the officers arrived in Stratford they found Bluma in the custody of Chief of Police Stephens. Bluma was not armed at the time of his arrest.

The arrested man was taken to the Potter County jail after a complaint, charging theft with firearms had been filed.

Patrolman Ballinger and Ball said they were stopped several times between Dumas and Stratford by motorists who reported a taxi cab had forced them off the pavement.

Mr. Martin, who is 67 years old, has lived in Aarillo 14 years. He drove trucks for several years before taking a less strenuous job driving a taxi. He has been with the City Cab Company for about three years.

McMahon And Cummings To Head C. Of C.

H. L. McMahon will head the Stratford Chamber of Commerce as president with Delbert Cummings vice-president of the organization during 1950. McMahon and Cummings were elected to the respective offices at the meeting of the chamber of commerce Tuesday at noon.

Harold Leonard, Chester Plunk, Clifford Byrd, H. L. Harbour, Earl Bond, Ernest Lovelace and F. L. Yates were elected members of the Board of Directors.

F. L. Yates, retiring president, expressed his appreciation of the cooperation of the members of the organization in working at the tasks attempted by the organization during the year.

Upon a motion by Delbert Cummings, seconded by Earl Bond, and passed unanimously, the offices of secretary and treasurer were combined and made an appointive office. Amendments to the motion carried a provision for a salary of \$25.00 a month to be paid for the services of this member of the organization.

Regular meetings of the Chamber of Commerce are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the noon hour in the private dining room of Omaloy's Cafe.

Elaborate plans are being made for the annual chamber of commerce banquet at which time the new officers will be installed.

Two Cars Damaged On Slippery Roads

Two cars are in local shops for repairs as the result of slippery roads during the snow storm Wednesday of last week. Thomas K. Armstrong, a resident of Colorado, had the experience of literally wrapping his Packard around a tree in the yard of Mrs. J. W. Elliot when the wheels of his car struck an ice covered stretch of road on U. S. 287. The car skidded into the tree and turned around facing the direction from which it was traveling with the tree deeply imbedded in the car just back of the right front wheel.

A Boise City car was damaged near Texhoma. Although the owner did not state how the accident occurred the car had the appearance of sliding underneath a truck.

Occupants of neither car were injured.

New 1950 Dodge Will Be Shown January 4th

Lovelace-Woods announce the new 1950 Dodge cars will be on display at their place of business Wednesday, January 4. The new models are said to feature comfort, safety, economy, and beauty.

Two or more models are expected for the formal showing of the 1950 Dodge, Lovelace and Woods announce.

Firemen Keep Phone On Christmas

Members of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department remained at the fire station phone at the Consumers Company while the business was closed during the Christmas holiday.

Folsom Is Surgical Patient

Roscoe Folsom was admitted to the Amarillo Ostopathic Hospital for a minor operation scheduled for Tuesday morning. Arthur Folsom accompanied his son to Amarillo Monday night.

"I never thought it could happen to me," Mr. Martin said. That fellow drove all the way with one hand, holding the gun in the other. He never did take my money."

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Tilley-Alexander Marriage Vows Read Dec. 21

Miss Betty Charlene Tilley of Spearman and John Robert Alexander, Jr., of Gruver exchanged nuptial vows December 21 at 2:00 o'clock in the First Methodist Church at Spearman. Rev. H. A. Nichols of Stratford read the service.

Mrs. Bob Schnell, organist, played the traditional wedding marches and accompanied Mrs. John Berry in singing "Because," "I Love You Truly," and the "Lord's Prayer."

The bride was attired in a white satin gown, designed with a fitted bodice, yoke of illusion bordered in seed pearls and full skirt with formal train. Her veil fell from a tiara of seed pearls. She carried a single orchid encircled with stephanotis and showered with satin streamers.

Miss Margarette Wilbanks attended the bride as maid-of-honor, wearing, an aqua gown and corsage of roses. Bridesmaids were Misses Juanita Beck and Martha Cayton. They wore blue and yellow gowns, respectively with rose corsages.

C. A. Davis of Gruver was best man. Ushers were Nick Holt, Pat Holt and Bob Cluck of Gruver, and Jack Vincent of Stratford, cousin of the groom. Jack Vincent and Pat Holt served as candlelighters.

Miss Susan Sheets, flower girl, scattered rose petals on the bridal aisle. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlors of the church. Laid with a lace cloth, the serving table was centered with a bell shaped wedding cake, flanked by a garland of roses. Appointments were in crystal and silver. Mrs. Helen Fisher, Mrs. Altha Townsend, Mrs. Alvin Richardson and Mrs. Bruce Sheets comprised the house party.

For the wedding trip to Oklahoma City, Mrs. Alexander wore a brown sharkskin suit with winter white accessories and an orchid corsage. The couple is to be at home on their ranch north of Gruver.

Mrs. Alexander will continue work at Gruver High School and Mr. Alexander will resume his studies at Panhandle A. & M. College at Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Prior to the wedding Mrs. Dan Shradler and Mrs. Jack Tabor complimented the bride with a miscellaneous shower at Gruver.

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American Legion Benefit Dance Saturday Night

A dance sponsored by the American Legion will be held in the legion hall Saturday night. Music by Bobby Burr's orchestra will commence at 9:00 P. M.

New Year's novelties will be added attraction for the New Year's eve dance.

Miss Kerley Succumbs In Chillicothe

Miss Lillie Edna Kerley passed away at the family home in Chillicothe, Texas December 23 at the age of 84 years. Survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Ione Taylor and Mrs. Osa Gamble. The surviving sisters were with Miss Kerley at the time of her passing.

Funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church at Chillicothe Monday where burial was made.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Gamble attended the funeral, returning home Tuesday and bringing Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Gamble to their home in Stratford.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the flowers, cards, and words of sympathy during the illness and death of our sister.

Mrs. Ione Taylor, Mrs. Osa Gamble.

17 Basketball Teams Compose NPAA League

Seventeen independent basketball teams composed the North Plains Athletic Association League. In order to provide better balanced competition with less miles of travel for the games the league has been divided into three divisional leagues. In the Canadian League are Stratford, Spearman, Dalhart Faculty, Cactus Cowboys, Klein Construction and Gruver. Keyes, Dumas Knights, Texhoma, Cactus Yearlings, Boise City, and Dalhart Independents, compose the Plains League. Perico, Channing, Cactus Blue Shirts, Dumas Independents, and Sunray are members of the Western League.

Cactus Yearlings, Perico, and Channing were dropped from the Canadian League to the other two leagues. Gruver has been placed in the Canadian League and will pick up the schedule of the Cactus Yearlings and play it out. The two games which the Yearlings have already played will be disregarded and Gruver will re-schedule these games with the respective teams. With the exception of dropping the Perico and Channing games and the transfer of the Yearlings games to Gruver the Canadian League schedule will remain the same.

The announcement of the re-arrangement of the Canadian League was made last week by J. W. Standifer, secretary of the association.

Odds 4 To 1 You Have Had Polio Virus

If you are over 15 years of age the chances are four out of five that you have already been infected with the polio virus. This statement, startling, as it may seem, is based on prevailing scientific opinion, according to H. L. McMahon, chairman of the Sherman County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In a review of a recent research report from national headquarters, Mr. McMahon revealed that March of Dimes scientist came to this conclusion after completing sample surveys to detect polio antibodies in the blood of normal persons. The presence of polio antibodies in the blood stream result from some previous contact with the polio virus. Fully 80% of normal adults tested showed the presence of polio antibodies in their blood streams. Scientists now believe polio is much more widespread than actual reported number of cases would indicate.

In most individuals tested, there was no known previous history of polio. Scientists feel that the majority of these infections were of the unrecognizable, subclinical type which produces no symptoms at all or symptoms so mild that they cannot be diagnosed. Scientists believe that these subclinical polio infections are fortunate inasmuch as it is this type of repeated exposure which can build up strong resistance to the disease. Without such protection polio would be an even greater tragedy than it is now. He added that more than \$11,000,000 in March of Dimes funds have already been spent in seeking a preventative to the disease and to minimize its crippling after effects.

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Mrs. Foster Will Open Tax Office

Mrs. Loraine Foster announces she will open an income tax office in the American Legion building during the first two weeks in January. Her office hours will be from 9:00 A. M. until 9:00 P. M. except January 4, 5, and 6, when the office will not open until 5:00 P. M.

The mouth of the Rhine river is in the Netherlands.

Mrs. Lee Laid To Rest Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Louis N. Lee were conducted at the Baptist Church Monday afternoon by Rev. M. E. Upchurch. The pioneer mother succumbed in Loretto Hospital Saturday. She had been in failing health for about three years.

Mrs. Lee moved to Stratford with her husband from Missouri about 40 years ago. She devoted her time to the care of her family and was an active worker in the Baptist Church.

Miss Florence Mae Harris was born May 13, 1872 in Missouri. March 31 of 1890 she was married to L. N. Lee. She is survived by her husband; four sons, Henry, Albert, and Walter of Stratford, and Dick Lee of Gruver; three daughters, Mrs. J. P. Cameron, Stratford, Mrs. Earl Carter and Mrs. Wendell Moreman of Dalhart; 20 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Billy Lee of Gruver, Johnny Lee of Spearman, McKay Moreman of Key West, Florida, James Divelbliss of Evergreen, Colorado, Lee Reece of Milan, Missouri, and Baskin Brown of Stratford.

Burial was made in the Stratford Cemetery under the supervision of Wilson Funeral Directors.

CARD OF THANKS We gratefully acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many courtesies which were shown us during the illness and passing of our wife and mother.

L. N. Lee
And Children

Baptist Workers Win Banner

Delegates of the First Baptist Church attending the Baptist Workers Conference held in the Baptist Church at Sunray Tuesday night were presented with the attendance banner for the second time in succession for having the largest representation present.

Those attending the conference were Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. O. H. Ingham, Mrs. V. M. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. John Steel, Johnny and Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lavake, and Mrs. Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Halle, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Upchurch and Susan.

New Arrivals

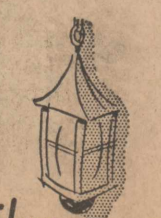
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brooks are the parents of a 6 pound 9/16 ounce son, Ronald Harvey, born Christmas day in Loretto Hospital in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stump, Texhoma, are the parents of a nine and one-half pound son, born in Guyton Monday. Mrs. Stump is the former Miss Ruth Ellis, daughter of Mrs. W. D. Ellis.

CARD OF THANKS I wish to express my appreciation of the cards and flowers you sent me while I was in the hospital.

S. J. Lavake

Let's hope you strike it rich this year.



1949 Economic Situation Is Reviewed

(By Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer)

The year 1949 was one of high level economic activity. The gross national product, which measures the total market value of goods and services, amounted to an estimated total of \$259 billion, less than two percent below the all-time high of 1948. The pace of economic activity was not uniform throughout 1949. During the first half of the year the trend was moderately downward, but subsequently there was a general firming in activity with industrial production and construction recovering.

The major change in the components of the gross national product was in business inventories. In 1948, inventories were rising to meet postwar requirements, but by the end of that year the need for further accumulation of stocks had subsided. In the year just ended there was a moderate decline.

Excluding these changes in business inventories, total demand for the Nation's output was higher in 1949 than in 1948, in both a dollar and a real sense.

Purchases of more automobiles, personal services, houses, and government goods and services more than offset reduced demand for clothing, producer's plant and equipment, and a privately financed net exports of goods and services. The decline in business inventories, in contrast with the rise in 1948, however, resulted in a moderately lower volume of industrial production and employment.

Significant in relation to the economy's well-being in 1949 was the maintenance of personal income at the 1948 level of \$212 billion. With lower personal tax rates in effect in 1949, plus refunds in 1948 tax payments, disposable personal income was actually higher than in 1948. As a consequence, consumers were able to save somewhat more than they did the previous year and at the same time were enabled to maintain the volume of their expenditures on goods and services at virtually the same level as in 1948.

Figures now available for the year 1949 are necessarily preliminary. They may be cited, however, in summarizing the major patterns of business activity during the year.

The national income, as distinguished from gross product, declined from \$226 billion in 1948 to an estimated \$222 billion in 1949 — or a drop of less than two percent. It is interesting to note that this small reduction is accounted for by price declines during the year. Price reductions reflected the increase in supply made possible by the expanded capacity to produce, the increasing competition in most markets, the diminished urgency of requirements for many types of goods including the demand from abroad, and the cessation of inventory building characteristic of 1948.

Total wage and salaries were higher in 1949 than in 1948, both in dollar and in purchasing power, as higher wage rates more than offset the small reduction in the total number employed. Earnings of corporations and of farm proprietors, however, were lower than in the record year 1948. In the case of farmers, declining prices were responsible for the drop in their incomes. Lower prices as well as a smaller volume of industrial output affected the incomes of corporations.

Total employment in 1949 averaged 53.5 million, two percent below 1948. This, along with the rise in the work force during the year, resulted in unemployment averaging about 3 1/2 million in 1949, compared with the minimum level of 2 million in the previous year.

The weakest sector of the economy — and the center of the moderate unemployment during the year — was industrial production. This was the sector most directly affected by the reduced needs for inventory rebuilding. Production was moderately below 1948 in almost all major segments. Most nondurable goods industries showed moderately declining production trends during the year. In some durable goods industries — such as non-ferrous metals, railroad freight cars, and certain electrical appliances — the decline was substantial. The automobile indus-

Taylor-Ward Wedding Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor announce the marriage of their daughter, Angie, to Truman Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ward of Marlow, Oklahoma.

The marriage took place Monday night in Clayton, New Mexico with Rev. Paul Hively, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating.

The bride was attired in a blue sapphire satin dress. Her accessories were black.

Mrs. Dave Taylor, mother of the bride, accompanied the couple to Clayton.

Christmas Eve Gifts Presented

Christmas gifts were presented in Stratford by two business firms.

At Richard's Cash Grocery, Paul Aduddell was presented with a bicycle, and Mrs. T. D. Chisum and Ralph Salesman each were presented with \$10.00 in groceries.

At the Bonar Pharmacy, a 5-piece place setting of sterling silver went to Ray McNeal, a 5-piece place setting of china to William Price, an electric lamp to L. F. Denney, a pen set to Arthur Ross, a pottery set to Mrs. Martha Harrison, crystal goblet set to Earl Phelps, a toiletry set to Mrs. W. C. Martin, an electric iron to Charlie Watson, a first aid ensemble to Ralph Harding and a box of candy to Mrs. Brown Ross.

ry, on the other hand, established a new record output of more than 6 million cars and trucks.

In contrast with industrial production was the strong showing of construction activity. The total value of construction put in place, both private and public, exceeded \$19 billion, and topped the 1948 record by 3 percent. A rise in publicly financed building activity in 1949 more than offset a decline in private commercial and industrial construction. Nonfarm residential building maintained last year's high volume of somewhat more than \$7 billion. The number of nonfarm dwelling units started during the year, however, reached the one million mark, exceeding the previous high established in 1925.

Farm production was also large in 1949, and this heavy output, following the bumper crops of 1948, accounted in large part for the decline in farm prices from the postwar peak. An additional factor was the less urgent requirements in foreign countries. The downward drift of farm prices would have been much sharper were it not for the large volume of agricultural commodities removed from the market through government loans and price support purchases.

While business opportunities continued favorable during the year, the sharp postwar growth in the number of business establishments was arrested. In 1949, business discontinuances exceeded business births, by a small amount, for the first time since the end of the war. At the end of the year the total number of firms in operation was close to 3.9 million, about 15 percent above the prewar level.

An important demand factor through the year was the substantial rise in expenditures of government — including Federal as well as State and local. Principal increases were in military expenditures and the foreign aid programs. Public works expenditures for schools, hospitals, roadways, bridges and other structures continued to increase.

At the end of the year business activity was moderately below the postwar high reached at the close of 1948. Consumer demands continued at the high rates prevailing throughout the year. Residential construction, which had rebounded from the lows in the early part of the year, was at peak rates. Government expenditures were rising with the insurance dividend payment to the GI's in the offing. Business demand for plant and equipment and foreign demand for our goods, on the other hand, were declining. Thus, the new year will start with a volume business activity not materially different from the high rate which prevailed in the second half of 1949.

Army Engineers Set Out To Tame Everglades

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Army engineers set out to tame the Everglades, a treacherous, broad

river of grass and jungle into an area safe from disastrous floods, muck fires and drought is part of a program which will cost \$208,000,000. But the complete program will do more than make the Everglades more habitable.

It also will prevent floods and drought over an area of 15,570 square miles in central and southern Florida, a region comprising one fourth of the state and larger than the combined areas of three New England states.

The engineers' battle with the Everglades is the continuation of a century-old effort by the people of Florida to control that broad 40-mile wide river of grass.

Control Job Difficult
Unique characteristics of geography are what make the job of controlling the water in southern and central Florida so difficult.

The region is divided into five drainage areas, of which the Everglades is one. Nature has broken these large areas into smaller basins. From the standpoint of water control, all the parts are dependent, one on the other, separated only by indistinguishable flat divides of land.

The Corps of Engineers has made an intensive study of the peculiarities of the region with an eye toward taking advantage of every break nature offers them.

By doing that they have reached a compromise between two patterns of life; the Everglades of the Seminole and the canoe, and the Everglades of the farmers and the tractor.

To Control Water
The plan to let the water follow its ancient drainage courses will accomplish the first objective of the program. The second objective will be attained by building a gigantic system of flood control works which will hold a certain amount of water in natural reservoirs, during periods of heavy rainfall, to be released in time of drought for the benefit of the urban, farm, and and wildlife population of the entire region.

Thus the the project is designed to combat drought as well as flood. Previous projects have been concerned only with an excess amount of water and, consequently, contributed to drought conditions.

In time of drought, the muck land oxidizes — that is chemically changes to a harmless gas that disappears in the air. It is a burning process. An average of six feet of rich Everglades muck was destroyed that way from 1914 to 1943.

In addition, the dry muck burns in the same manner as forest fires. That was what happened in 1949. Thousands of acres of muck went up as acid suffocating smoke and cast a stifling pall over the cities and towns.

Floods Devastating
During that time canals dried up. Gold Coast cities went on short water rations. Salt sea water invaded the land.

Even more devastating are the frequent floods. Col. A. G. Matthews, chief engineers of the Florida division of water survey and research, estimated the damage of the flood in the fall of 1947 at \$90,000,-

000. After a summer of extremely heavy rainfall, two hurricanes poured additional tons of water over 2,400 square miles of the Everglades alone.

All of south Florida was a vast sheet of water. Roads and bridges were out. Farmland dikes and levees were destroyed. Thousands of cattle starved or drowned. Thousands of farms did not produce in 1947-48.

Urban areas along the Gold Coast still were inundated in midwinter. One-third of Ft. Lauderdale, including the business district, was under water for weeks. In all 20 coastal cities were damaged by high water.

Everyone Approves
Floridians feel that the Corps of Engineers' plan to dike, levee, dam, and canalize the entire area from Kissimmee to below the Tamiami Trail is the answer.

It has been endorsed by virtually every civic group, newspaper and public official in the state. The state legislature gave unanimous approval to the program.

The Army engineers estimate that completion of the project will mean an annual addition of about \$25,000,000 in agricultural, business and tax returns.

There are many who feel that figure is far too conservative. Matthews for instance, predicts the project will bring an additional \$100,000,000 annual return to farmers in the Everglades alone.

New Railway Train May Revolutionize Travel
NEW YORK.—A new train described as presenting "a challenge that possibly may revolutionize the entire passenger carrying field" was demonstrated by the American Car & Foundry Co., its builder.

Most startling concept in the design is that the train is composed of 20-foot units, each supported by two wheels at the rear and coupled to the unit ahead somewhat like an automobile truck trailer.

Aside from this, the train is low-slung—passengers sit with their feet only 18 inches above the rails. The center of gravity on each unit is said to be 40 inches above the rails compared with 64 inches on the standard passenger car.

And it is light in weight. Extensive use of aluminum, along with saving of materials in normal undercarriages, results in a weight estimated by A.C.F. at less than one-fourth present railroad equipment.

A.C.F. spokesmen said the low center of gravity and short-unit construction makes for exceptional stability and reduces the normal sway experienced on curves.

In addition, the light weight reduces the size of motive power required, with savings in initial cost and in fuel economy. Because of its lightness, the train is capable of fast acceleration.

Camels humps are composed of fat—the backbone is straight. A dog's tongue is the only part of its anatomy that can perspire.

Liberty-Loving Osceola Can't Find Resting Place
CHARLESTON, S. C.—Osceola, who fought for Indian living space in Florida during his lifetime, still hasn't found a final resting place in his homeland 111 years after his death.

But efforts are under way to return his bones to Collier county, Florida, where 500 survivors of the once-mighty Seminole nation revere Osceola as the George Washington of his people.

Under a weathered slab in a weedy plot the famous Indian warrior lies on a spit of sand reaching into the Atlantic near Charles.

Around his grave rise the crumbling earthworks of Fort Moultrie, Osceola died in the fortress in 1838, a year after his capture by Gen. Thomas Jessup, who violated a truce to take his prize.

Osceola's protagonists—historians are divided on whether he was a great warrior or an unprincipled savage—say he died of a broken heart.

Economic Highlights
Do you want to know how to make an atom bomb? In the December issue of Harper's Magazine, Dr. J. Arthur Campbell, assistant professor of chemistry at Oberlin College, who worked from 1943 on Manhattan Project research, tells you how, and in a very few pages.

However, don't get excited in the belief that Dr. Campbell has come out in a magazine of general circulation with the most "top secret" information conceivable. That he hasn't is the point of his article. For what he gives is an outline of a method, starting with the ore and ending with the explosion, which is known to physicists everywhere. The "secrets" of the bomb, he argues, are not in the method or the

materials. Rather, to use his own words, they "are in the minds of thousands of men who have worked on the bomb project, the men who personally accomplish the myriad small steps leading to the final explosion." Later on, he offers this contribution to an extremely controversial question: "There is a very real question—whether further tightening of secrecy regulations will not merely result in the discovery of fewer secrets, and thus weaken, rather than strengthen, the security of the United States."

Be that as it may, the country has been stirred by allegations, started by a very popular radio commentator, to the effect that during the war atomic materials and much valuable information were given to the Russians, and that some very high government officials insisted that they be given it. There has been a series of denials, charges and countercharges. No one knows at this writing what the truth is. But, regardless of these developments, it is now generally believed that Russia, through in-

finite effort and with the aid of captured German scientists, has the bomb, has exploded at least one, and is producing bombs. When this was first learned it came as a shock—many American experts had learned with happy confidence on the idea that Russia couldn't make the bomb before about 1957 at the earliest. Now there seems to be a similar kind of confidence which holds that, even though this forecast proved as wrong as wrong could be, Russian technology is in so low a stage of development that she can't produce enough bombs, or good enough bombs, to stay in the same league with us. No one can prove whether that view is correct or not. But it takes no expert to understand that it could be suicidal to depend on it. A good general always considers the worst possible eventuality when he plans his campaign.

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Income Tax Service

Mrs. Lorraine Foster is again offering her services to the public in Income Tax Work. She is taking one week of her vacation at this time and is opening an office in the American Legion Building for the first two weeks of January beginning Saturday, Dec. 31st through the 14th of January. Her hours will be from 9:00 A. M. till 9:00 P. M. week days with the exception of Jan. 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th when she will be working at her regular job with the Southwestern Public Service Company until 5:00 P. M. She asks, please, that no one contact her at her employers on these four days from 8:00 A. M. till 5:00 P. M. as her income tax service is independent of her regular job. Phone numbers will be 3251 American Legion Building or 4226 Residence.

It's the New Year Again...

Whatever your 1950 New Year's resolutions may be, we know they were made in the high spirit of hope and ambition. Success to all of you.

NATIONALLY ADVERTISED BRANDS FOR LESS At Richards

Mrs. Tuckers	3 Pound Can		
Shortening		65	
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Dog Food		25	
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White Russet	10 Pound Bag	Country Style	2 Lb. Bag
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CHEESE	79	SPREADS	21
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Richard's Cash Grocery

Prices Right! Morning, Noon and Night

WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY JANUARY 2 FOR INVENTORY

We add our voice to the chorus of those hoping that 1950 will be a year of joy and satisfaction for everyone in our town.

TOC Motor Co.

STUDEBAKER CARS and TRUCKS

4 YEAR OLD BOY WAS WASTING AWAY

My son Bobby Jean, 4, had been suffering from vomiting spells. Each attack sent him to bed with fever for 2 or 3 days. We tried all kinds of medicines but he continued to lose weight and grow pale and weak. We started giving him HADACOL and since the first dose he has never had a vomiting spell or fever. He gained 4 pounds in 2 weeks and is full of pep and energy. It is really remarkable how HADACOL has helped my child.

Mrs. Joseph Prejean
RFD No. 2, Box 212D
Beaumont, Texas

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No, there is nothing miraculous or mysterious about HADACOL. The potent health-giving benefits of HADACOL are based on a proven scientific fact: Lack of sufficient vitamins and minerals in most diets leaves the door WIDE OPEN to diseases and weaknesses of all kinds. HADACOL, the scientifically balanced dietary supplement, helps to CLOSE that door and KEEP it closed.

BOBBY JEAN JUST ONE OF THOUSANDS!

Had is not been for HADACOL, the story of Mrs. Prejean's little boy, as told in her letter above, might have had a tragic ending. His system was run down to the danger point. Medicines and treatments didn't help. What he really needed was a supply of "building materials" for his poor little wasted body—and that's what he got from HADACOL. Today, like thousands of others, he is healthy again!

WHO SHOULD TAKE HADACOL?

HADACOL is not a medicine. It is a concentrated FOOD formula containing all the important vitamins in the B Complex group as well as these vital minerals: iron, calcium, phosphorus and manganese. If you are not getting your full daily quota of these essential dietary components, you may be heading straight into danger—weakness, loss of appetite, and then disease!

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At your drug store or by mail order.

Help yourself to HEALTH with . . . HADACOL.

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NEW YEAR CHEER

The old cares and worries have passed. May the year be full of joy.

Alma Lee's Beauty Shop

New Year Greetings '50

Here's success in doing what you have to do and a sincere wish for a Happy New Year.

Palace Cafe

A New Year Greeting

We commend the New Year to you as an opportunity to embrace twelve months of happy achievement.

Bill's Service Station

A NEW YEAR Greeting

The New Year rising from the ashes of the old, is a time for true rejoicing. Happy 1950 to you.

Leonard's Jewelry

Announce Results Cattle Feeding Experiments

COLLEGE STATION. — The results of recently completed cattle feeding experiments at the Big Spring Field Station should

be of interest to cattle feeders in West Texas. The 1948 - 49 experiments were a continuation of the research work that has been underway at the Station for several years and was a study of the influence of mineral supplements in grain sorghum rations for fattening steer calves. J. M. Jones, professor of animal Experiment Station; N. R. Ellis

and W. H. Black (deceased) both of the USDA Bureau of Animal Industry; and F. E. Keating, superintendent of the Big Spring Field Station, conducted the research work.

Six lots of steers, with 6 steers to the lot, were used in the experiments and were fed similar rations for 182 days. Lot one received no mineral supplement and was the check or control group and the other five groups received varying amounts of mineral supplements, bone meal and limestone flour.

The best performing group was the one that received 200 grams of bone meal per day as a supplement to their ration of ground threshed milo, cottonseed meal, sudan sorghum silage and salt. This was the same ration that was fed to all lots. This lot had the highest daily gain, the lowest feed cost per hundred pounds gain and the best net return per head when they sold, says Jones.

Normally sorghum silage contains enough carotene to take care of the vitamin A requirements but the silage used in these tests was low in carotene due to the drouthy conditions and the late harvests that prevailed in the Big Spring area in 1947 and 1948. A number of the steers developed marked symptoms of vitamin A deficiency during the latter part of the feeding period but fully recovered after three treatments of 2 ounces per head of a commercial cod liver oil containing 2,000 units of vitamin A per gram was administered. Jones recommends the feeding of good alfalfa hay or the cod liver oil treatment for steers that are being fed on silage or roughage from sorghum crops that were produced under drouthy conditions and harvested late.

None of the steers in the 1948

- 49 feeding test at any time displayed any outward symptoms urinary calculi trouble.

Jones says that the results of the feeding tests at Big Spring over a period of years indicate that the feeding of 200 grams of bone meal per head per day is a good practice for feeders to follow. It tends to hold down the urinary calculi trouble, cattle make slightly higher gains and have a better finish than those not getting the bone meal supplement. The increased income per animal will more than pay for the cost of the bone meal, says Jones and the other benefits go in for good measure.

Woman Has Medicine Bill Reaching \$60 Per Day

LOUISVILLE. — Physicians reported the birth of a baby here to a mother suffering from Addison's disease.

She is Mrs. Morgan Davis, 33. Physicians said the rare disease, which causes a deficiency in the adrenal gland, almost always causes sterility as well.

Mrs. Davis said she had been suffering from the disease more than three years. The baby, John Morgan Lamar Davis, was born February 1. He was born prematurely, but appears to be healthy and normal in every respect, physicians said.

Davis, a chemical operator for a Louisville industrial plant, said his wife must take large quantities of medicine to combat the disease. The medicine used to cost him \$30 a week but since the birth of the baby Davis said the larger amounts cost \$100 a week and then the cost jumped to \$60 a day.

Physicians say if the supply of medicine, an extract of the adrenal gland, is cut off, Mrs. Davis will die. She will live indefinitely, the doctors say, as long as the supply is continued.

Fellow workers and fellow members of his church and lodge have been contributing to the cost but Davis said "they can't keep it up forever." The hospital staff where Mrs. Davis gave birth to the baby also has started a "Davis fund" to aid the stricken mother.

He shall inspect all new construction and remodeling and see that it meets the fire zone ordinance and other building codes of the city. He shall investigate the cause of all fires and in case of any indication of arson he has the power to take testimony under oath of any person or persons that may have knowledge or information concerning such case or cases, and shall pass such information to the proper authorities. He shall have the power and authority to issue orders to correct any fire hazard which he may find on his inspection and any person or persons, firm or corporation failing to comply with the order shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of, not to exceed \$100.00

Sec. 2. The fire marshal shall be responsible for making of all reports of the fire marshal's office to the state fire insurance commission and any and all other records required by the city council in the maintenance of his office. He shall work with the city fire department and shall have the cooperation of the same in any and all of his duties in connection with fire prevention in the city of Stratford, Texas.

Sec. 3. He shall enforce all city ordinances, and state and federal laws in so far as they concern fires and fire prevention in the city of Stratford, Texas.

Inspection shall be made for the purpose of reporting and correction of the following special hazards pertaining to buildings and other occupancies: (A) Lack of repairs; (B) Age and dilapidated condition; (C) Faulty or unapproved construction; (D) Lack of sufficient fire escapes or means of egress; (E) Lack of automatic or other reliable fire alarm apparatus; (F) Lack of fire extinguishing equipment; (G) Materials and buildings especially susceptible to fire; (H) Conditions endangering property or occupants; (I) Any and all other fire hazards, dangerous to life and property.

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to run over any unprotected fire hose. It shall be unlawful to in any way interfere with any fireman or any firemen in fighting a fire or in performance of his duty.

Sec. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons driving a motor vehicle to follow any fire truck or other vehicle carrying firemen or fire fighting equipment at a distance close enough so as to interfere in any way with the free operation of any fire truck, laying of water hose, or in any way hindering or obstructing the free movement of firemen and their equipment.

Any person violating any section of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$100.00. Passed and approved this the 1st day of December, 1949. VAN B. BOSTON, Mayor. W. P. FOREMAN, City Clerk.



Bring to the birthday of the year all the happiness you are able and it will repay in kind throughout its life.

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and Throat
Dalhart — Texas

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sherman.)

TO THOSE HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY A. RENNER, Deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Renner, deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by the Hon. L. F. Hunter, Judge of the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 28th day of November, A. D., 1949, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence in Sherman County, Texas, his postoffice address being Texhoma, Oklahoma.

DATED this 5th day of December, A. D., 1949.
N. F. RENNER,
Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Renner, deceased.
(pub. 12/8-15-22-29.)

FIRE MARSHALL CITY ORDINANCE 131

The office of fire marshal of the city of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, is hereby created and established. The Fire marshal shall be selected by the city council and shall be properly qualified for his office and shall be removable for good cause. His compensation shall be fixed by the city council as they may determine from time to time.

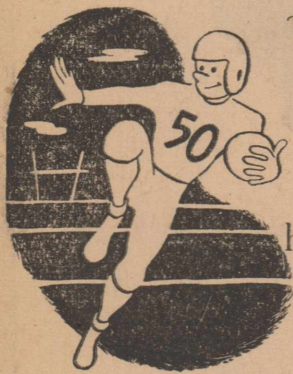
Sec. 1. The fire marshal shall have charge and be responsible for all inspection work and the furthering of fire prevention within the city of Stratford.

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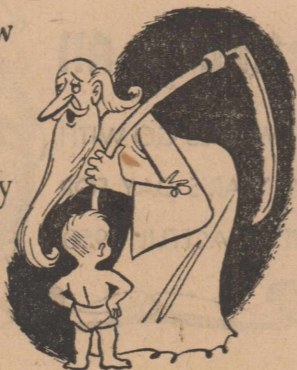
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For there is a New Year upon us, bright and unspoiled. May it remain so for you.



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May the grand sense of freshness that accompanies the arrival of a New Year stay with you right on through the decade that is opening before us. We



wish for you not only a Happy New Year, but a happy 1950 to 1960.

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Joe A. Duby

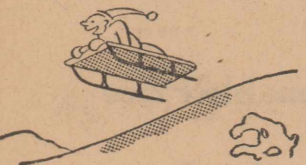
Stratford, Texas FRIGIDAIRE Dial 3431

There is no rhyming word for orange.

Our alphabet was introduced into Europe by the Phoenicians.



LOTS OF LUCK TO YOU FOR THE WHOLE YEAR AHEAD.



FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH
LUMBER COMPANY

Truman Backs Agricultural Program

Communism breeds on misery and despair. Short term efforts to alleviate these conditions throughout the world can only succeed in creating the kind of insecurity which makes a police state and terror appear the lesser of two evils.

President Truman has long recognized this basic fact. This principle was the basis of the Marshall Plan. It was the basis of the aid to Greece and Turkey.

It is the essential element of the four point program of technological assistance to backward areas first enunciated by the President in his inaugural speech last January.

Industrial and agricultural stability are the greatest bulwark against Communism.

Last week before the food and agricultural organization of the United Nations meeting in Washington, President Truman once more pointed to the necessity for the world to help itself. In doing so he accented the aid which the United States can afford in helping backward areas become self-sustaining. He declared: "The Food and Agricultural Organization has an inspiring task, for you are working to increase the food supply of the people of the world. That task is central to the whole broad effort to raise the living standards and achieve greater freedom for

all mankind. All the work of the United Nations is important in building a peaceful world, but none is of greater significance than yours.

"If by working together in this organization we can create an abundance of food for all countries, we shall bring better health, longer lives and greater happiness to mankind everywhere.

"We have all learned in recent years that if we are to achieve peace we must have a positive, forward-looking program to satisfy the physical needs and spiritual aspirations of mankind."

The president pointed to the progress made during the war years to increase agricultural production in the United States, stating that our high farm production had been made much greater through an "agricultural revolution."

"If this can be done in our country, think of what can be done to increase production in those parts of the world where modern methods and modern machinery are relatively unknown. This is one of the great opportunities toward which I pointed in my inaugural address last January when I spoke of the need for a bold new program for making the benefits of our scientific advance and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of under-developed areas."

Turning to the problem of food surpluses in some areas of the world and starvation and want in others the President said:

"Because your organization is concerned with raising the living standards of people throughout the world, you are properly concerned not only with production but also with the distribution of food and agricultural commodities. You understand the imperative necessity that the nations work together toward a system of international trade which will contribute to an expanding world economy."

The President listed as one of the important steps in this direction the European Recovery Program as "an effort to restore Western Europe as a vital force in progressive world economy."

The President hailed the International Wheat Agreement, ratified by the United States Senate during the first session of the 81st Congress as a "practical means for achieving better distribution of world wheat supplies."

He pointed out that most nations have joined agreements to reduce world trade barriers and expressed hope that as "the nations regain the productive capacity destroyed during the war, and as new productive capacity is added by the growth of underdeveloped areas, we should find it easier to develop lasting patterns for the international exchange of goods and services."

Ancient Jewish high priests confessed the sins of the people over the head of a goat, after which it was released into the wilderness. Hence the modern term "scapegoat."

Sports Afield

(By Ted Kesting)

Our wild sheep herds are not in very healthy shape from the standpoint of numbers. After years of protection, their numbers still decrease. Game management men are puzzled about what to do. It is a grand animal, living among grand surroundings, and we hope someone finds the solution soon.

The Rocky Mountain bighorn ranges through the Rockies, from British Columbia and Alberta, Wyoming and into the Colorado Rockies and New Mexico. Subspecies of the bighorn-type sheep extend into Mexico; these include several kinds of so-called desert sheep.

The true Rocky Mountain bighorn is a sturdily built animal, sure-footed, fleet — even in places where a man must pick

A pig is the nearest relative to a hippopotamus.

Only at certain seasons is the hair of the ermine white.

his way with care — keen of sight, hearing and smell. He is wary, but not quite enough, or his numbers would not be dwindling.

He is still found in good abundance in British Columbia and Alberta, and it is there that the hunter must go to experience the supreme thrill of bighorn hunting. A few are still hunted in Wyoming, but only under special permits.

They will eat about any kind of vegetation. In the summer they feed on the short grass and mosses of the high slopes; in the winter they retire to the valleys and meadows. Here mountain lions, wolves and coyotes prey on them, and in the summer when they are on the high peaks, eagles are said to take their toll of the young lambs. This last is disputed by some naturalists, but wildlife artist and hunter Walter J. Willwerding writes this:

"All I can say is wherever I have found flocks of bighorn ewes and lambs, I have also seen eagles soaring close overhead. It is hard to believe that

with hungry young in a nest, a golden eagle will pass up a lamb to go hunting further for marmots and ground squirrels."

The lambs, often twins, are born on the most awful and precipitous peaks, usually from the middle of May to late June. Rarely will you find a ram with the ewes and lambs. Usually they band together and roam

by themselves, wanting nothing to do with nursery troubles.

The wild sheep's life is said to be about 12 years. If a ram succeeds in keeping his head that long, his horns will grow into a double spiral, which is rarely seen these days. The growth rings on the horns are quite distinct, and accurately show his age.



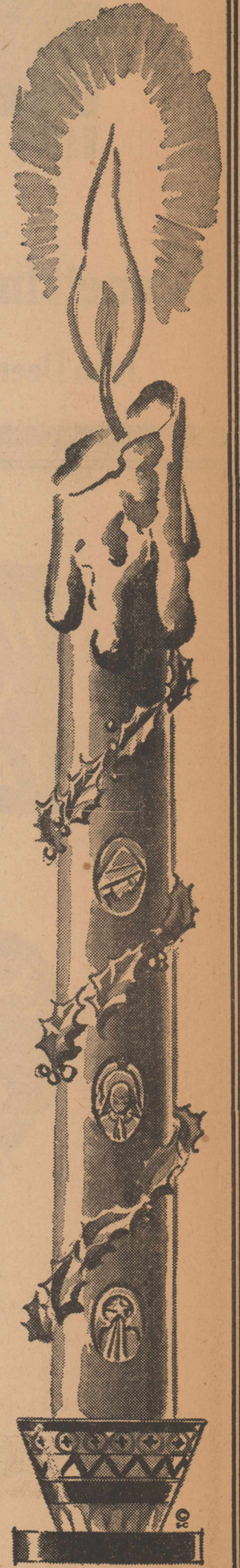
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Happy New Year

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New Year Greetings to All

OUR HEARTIEST WISHES GO WITH YOU THIS NEW YEAR'S DAY FOR A BRIGHT AND PEACEFUL 1950.

We Invite You To See
The New
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Jan. 4th

The Fourth Place Car has Comfort, Safety, Economy, and is a real Driving Pleasure.

All These Are Yours In The 1950
DODGE
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Happy
1950
New Year!



We wish you the best kind of a year, with no bad falls

Wilson Funeral Directors

Stratford Grain Co.

1,691 Perish In Texas Traffic

Statistics compiled the latter part of November show that 1,691 citizens lost their lives in Texas motor vehicle accidents during the first 11 months of 1949. The amount is nine per cent less than the record of 1948 although it is estimated that the reduction in fatal accidents in Texas will drop about seven percent with

the death toll during December. The death rate for each 100 million miles traveled in the state is 6.9 as compared to 8.2 during 1948.

Otto Edward, Prince von Bismarck, was called the Iron Chancellor of Germany.

"Just Before the Battle Mother" was a popular song during the Civil War.

Woodrow Wilson issued the first Mother's Day proclamation.

There are eight furlongs in a mile.



Dorothy Boys Kilian

THE CLOCK struck nine as Nola hung the last bauble on the fragrant green Christmas tree. Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illumined a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet village!

When she had written Jim two months before that she was being evicted from their apartment in Chicago he had answered, "I'm hoping against hope to be home from occupation duty in time for Christmas, and I can't think of any place more perfect than Pineville to spend the holidays and my terminal leave. Remember my telling you what happy summers I spent there as a child, and how I'd always wanted to see it in winter? Do investigate this, as a Christmas present for me, Nola darling."

So she had come here and found a house. But somehow she felt that the villagers had ignored her as an outsider.

And now it was Christmas Eve. "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had landed at San Francisco three days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.



"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. My wife thought I'd better take you over."

The telephone rang. "There's a telegram just come for you, Mrs. West, down here at the drug store. Very important."

"Yes?" Nola breathed. "Chicago, 8 P.M. Am catching train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P.M. love Jim." Nola leaned heavily against the wall and stared at the phone.

"Mrs. West, are you there?" Mr. Trotter, the druggist, sounded anxious. "Listen, you go out in the garage and get your car motor to warming up. My wife'll be up there in five minutes to stay with your little boy. Hurry now."

In joyful haste Nola peeked at at Jimmy—"Santa Claus is bringing you your Daddy, honey!"—powdered her nose and put on her fur coat and boots.

The garage door stuck in its icy groove although she bent her whole weight against it. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a voice called.

"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. I'm so used to driving out in all kinds of weather, my wife thought I'd better take you over."

"Dr. Ryan, I didn't realize 'til just now how I dreaded that trip alone."

A train whistle shrilled through the cold thin air as they drove up to the little depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried exultingly. "Come on." She held open the door.

But Doc muttered, "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine roared past, slowed down and slid to a stop. A coach vestibule door opened, and before the conductor could step down, a khaki-clad figure leaped onto the platform.

"Oh, darling, darling, darling," Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the thrilling warmth of Jim's arms around her.

"Nola!" Jim said everything in that word.

A few moments later as they walked to the car a voice boomed from within, "Glad you made it."

"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like you who made me want Nola to come to Pineville to wait for me."

"Get in and close the door. You're freezing me out." Doc grinned as he raced the motor.

"Christmas Eve," Jim said softly as they squeezed in with Doc.

"You beside me, our baby just a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't you love it there, darling?"

Nola glanced at Doc, thought of Mrs. Trotter and the others. "Yes, Jim, I do," she whispered. "I surely do."

Russians Claim Soviet Invented First 'Phone

LONDON.—The name of the man who really invented the telephone, according to the Soviet news agency Tass, is Pavel Schilling, not Alexander Graham Bell.

Tass, reporting on a scientific meeting in Leningrad, said Schilling contrived his telephone in Russia in 1832, just 44 years before Bell put his together in the United States.

Schilling also was credited with inventing the first submarine cable and with devising the first system for stringing telegraph wires on poles.

Soviet science previously had claimed, among other things, the invention of the airplane, the radio, the electric light, the parachute, the transformer, and discovery of penicillin and the electrical nature of lighting.

Want Ads

FOR SALE: Alfalfa Hay, 5,000 bales of 4 different cuttings. Please call or write Raymon Dunham, Phone 578, Box 302, Cherokee, Oklahoma. 12-6tc.

LOST, Three greyhounds, two yellow and one white, finder, please notify Chuck Smith, Rural Route, Sunray, Texas. 12-4tp.

RANCH BARGAIN: 15 sections deeded, 960 acres state leased, Eastern Colorado, good country. Two sets very good improvements, plenty farming land, 360 acres cultivated. Fine buffalo and grama grasses, some sand hills, abundance shallow water. Good roads, mail and school service. Price reduced by recent death of owner. \$11.50 acre, possession, terms, will divide into two ranches. — W. L. Parton, 620 Barfield Bldg., Amarillo, Texas. 12-2tc.

FOR RENT: Two room apartment 1 1/2 blocks east of Post Office. — Mrs. M. Keenan. 12-2tc.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Five sections of wheat land near Limon, Colorado, 2,000 acres in wheat, highly improved. — Charley Dysart, Clayton, New Mexico. 12-3tp.

FOR SALE: My home, unfurnished or furnished, with new garage, cement storm cellar, fenced back yard and other buildings. — E. L. Walden, 612 Wall Street. 12-tfc.

ATTENTION LADIES: For Personal skin analysis and make up, see or call your Beauty Counselor Sales lady, Mrs. Lena E. Keenan, Phone 3781. 9-tfc.

WILL REPAIR and refinish your old and new furniture. Call for and deliver. Phone 3941. — Bill Parsons. 9-4tp.

CLOSING OUT SALE: dissolving partnership, complete stock of used cars, 1947 liberty house trailer 27 foot long in good condition, body and painting equipment. — Like & Backus Auto Sales, Phone 699, Dalhart, Texas. 9-tfc.

FOR SALE: All metal coil spring bunk beds, Simmons springs, cotton mattresses. Inquire at Leonard's Jewelry. 3tc.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 6 room and bath on pavement on Fulton Street. Front and back lawn (play area). Priced reasonably. — Wright Davis. 47-tfc.

WE HAVE the new Tappan Gas ranges with chrome oven and usual light oven doors. — Van B. Boston. 28-tfc.

FOR RENT: New floor sander and edger, by the hour or the day. — Van B. Boston. 51-tfc.

FOR SALE: 1,000 Gallon Propane tank, almost new, with approximately 400 gallons of propane. — W. J. Lowe. 7-tfc.

WANTED: House with two bed rooms for school teacher. — C. D. Holmes. 44-tfc.

SERVEL Refrigerators, silent in operation, guaranteed for 14 years, no moving parts, operate the cheapest of any on the market, available for immediate delivery. — Van B. Boston. 26-tfc.

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January 3

Secret Garden

Margaret O'Brien

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Holiday Affair

Robert Mitchum

January 6 and 7

Stratton Story

With James Stewart And

June Allyson

ing. Years of service your guarantee of satisfaction. — Bruce & Son Transfer & Storage Agents, North American Van Lines, Inc., Phone 192, Borger, Texas. 29-tfc.

FOR SALE: 3,000 Watt Fairbanks Morris home lighting plant, and a John Deere Hammermill feed grinder. — F. M. Keener. 8-tfc.

FOR SALE A good bicycle with speedometer, directional signals, basket and carrier. Also, new basketball goal with backboard. See Jerry Walden. 11-tfc.

FOR SALE: 7-Foot Frigidaire, 3 year guarantee. Gas Range, used 1 1/2 years; Chrome dinette set with 4 chairs. Call 3936, Mrs. Johnny Townsend, Box 625. 11-tfc.

FOR SALE: New Phillips 66 8-foot Home Freezer. — T. N. Beard, Phillips 66 distributor. 11-4tc.

FOR SALE: Half Trucks, parts and repairs; parts for GI Trucks, 1 JXD Hercules Motor, 1 IUD IHC engine. — V. I. Martin, Phone

33032, Amarillo. 11-4tp. SLEEPING ROOM for rent, 1 block west of post office, North 3rd and Chestnut St. — See Mrs. Maude McDaniel. 11-tfc.

FOR SALE: Three room residence with bath, on two lots, priced to sell. — See J. B. Burgess. 11-tfc.

WANTED: Between 500 and

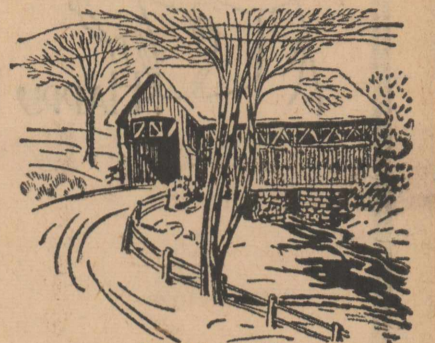
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Optometrist
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1,000 gallon Propane tank. Must be worth the money. — Bill Allen, Box 391, Station 1, Canyon, Texas. 11-4tp.

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Grain Drills
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Supply
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TO BE

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Greetings
1950

Our services will be conducted in such a
manner as to make possible this wish through
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Happy
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We'll be
thinking well of you
when the
midnight bells peal
in the glad
New Year.

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1950

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie spent last week end visiting relatives in Lubbock, Odessa and Sweetwater. Misses Almota and Louise Wall and their brother, Terry Wall, Odessa, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie home for a visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Morris and daughters spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Arnold at Bushland. Dorothy Jean Arnold remained for the week in Bushland.

Bill Ross was a visitor in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lovelace

are visiting with Rev. and Mrs. Troy Plunk in Beaumont, Texas.

Mrs. Marcella Winningham, Amarillo, Boyd McWilliams, Amarillo, Gene Keenan and Kirk McWilliams, Las Animas, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirkwood and children, Mrs. M. Keenan, Miss Jesse Wilson, and Mrs. Eunice Buster were Christmas day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McWilliams.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whitaker spent Christmas day with her parents in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Conda Salmon, Hico, Texas were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Etheridge, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray and daughter, of Spearman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgel Chisum, Happy, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker, Amarillo were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman and family had as guests last weekend, her brother, Mr. Dale Nelson, wife and two children, Fairview, Oklahoma; their daughter, Mrs. Hardy Gaylord, Mr. Gaylord and baby, Selling, Oklahoma. In addition to the above, Christmas dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bolster and Beverly Rae, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith.

Mrs. W. D. Ellis had as guests Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. George Ferguson and Misses Velma and Carol Smith, Texhoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albert and baby daughter, Sandra, and Mrs. H. M. Brown were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert in Lubbock Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harding and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cummings and children were visitors in Oklahoma City the first of the week.

Mrs. Odell Brown, Nashville, Tennessee is visiting in the home of her brother, Harry Sears and Mrs. Sears.

Mrs. Agnes Foster was a Christmas visitor in the home of her son, Sheldon Foster, Mrs. Foster and daughter Peggy, in Hot Springs, New Mexico. In addition to Mrs. Foster those enjoying the lovely Christmas dinner in the Foster home which was beautifully decorated with evergreens and poinsettias, were: Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, and two daughters, Bess and Ann, El Paso, Bill Buckles and Harry Ingham, Stratford, and the hosts. S. L. Foster brought his mother home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dickson spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dickson, and his brother, B. T. Dickson, in Olton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frizzell and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McDaniel of Boise City were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDaniel Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mullican and daughters were Christmas day guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bradley in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bond spent the holidays with relatives in Canyon.

Mrs. Ed Lavake had thirty-two guests at her Christmas day dinner. They included children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. All but two of her children were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faris and daughter, Charlotte, spent the holidays with relatives in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frizzell and Dee Chappell were Christmas day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Frizzell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Koch and Mrs. Ella Holland, Dalhart, were Christmas day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sloan.

Captain and Mrs. R. C. Williamson and children who have just returned from Kyoto, Japan, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sears. Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Sears are sisters.

Russell Boney, a college student at Denton, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lelah Boney.

Robert Ferguson spent the holidays with his parents in Eastland, Texas.

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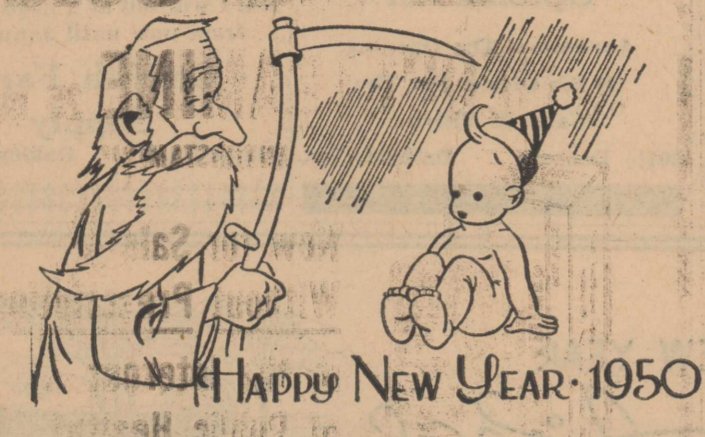
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and family, in Pueblo, Colorado. Boney near Gruver, Wednesday.

Mrs. Hattie Flores, Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon and Timmie Williams were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton W. Taylor and family Dallas, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Ione Taylor and aunt, Mrs. Osa Gamble.

Christmas dinner guests in the Arthur Ross home were her sister, Mrs. L. B. Steel and Mr. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. Lon McCrory, Dalhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Ross and Jean Anne, and Jim Bowling.



Here's a sincere hope that this will be the best year of your life.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee
Bendix Laundry



We repeat
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The New Year is like a re-birth of time itself, offering all the promises of a new world.

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Happiness ceases to be merely a word and again becomes a sincere wish.

Yates Drug

Local News

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Robinson and Chucko last week end were his sons and daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robinson and son, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie James and daughters, Eads, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Robinson and family, Boise City; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells and son, of Wellington; and Mr. Robinson's sister, Mrs. Flo Sterling, Amarillo.

Bob Taylor, Dallas who visited in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor Christmas returned to his work in Dallas. Mrs. Taylor and children will leave the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson and

guests, their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. James Powell and little daughter Jamie Louise Bryan, Texas were visitors in Dalhart Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Beard are visiting his relatives in Coushatta, Louisiana.

Mrs. H. J. Cooper went to Dalhart with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kendall Monday night for a visit in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie have as guests this week, their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Guthrie Lubbock.

Mrs. Earl Smith was a visitor in Amarillo Wednesday.

Don Riffe, SMU student of Dallas, is spending the holidays

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe. He has as his guest, John Hendry of New Jersey, who is also a student at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koeinger and daughter, Lucille, of Hedley, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Armstrong Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wisdom and children were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy and children spent the holidays with her mother and sister in Oklahoma City, returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crutchfield and daughter of Lubbock spent the holidays with the Crutchfield families in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Watkins, El Campo, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crowe, Tucumcari, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, Conway, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Weatherford, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Knapp, Conway, Texas, were Christmas day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steel and daughter, Dalhart, were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mason, Copeland, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald O'Farrell, who recently returned to the states from Germany where he has been in naval service, were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin. Mrs. O'Farrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Denner, Austin, are holiday guests in the home of Mrs. C. R. Bonar.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones, Brownfield, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cooper and daughter, Barbara, of Ness City, Kansas, Henry Yates, Guymon, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kendall, Dalhart, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates were Christmas day guests of Mrs. H. J. Cooper and Miss Evelyn Cooper.

Mrs. S. R. Cone, Amarillo, was a guest of Mrs. May Placey over

the holidays. Mrs. J. B. Whitlow and son, Winters, Texas, were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Clay. Mrs. Clay's mother, Mrs. W. R. Ataway of Shamrock, was also a guest in the Clay home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Kirksey spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives and friends in Dallas, Tyler, Henderson, and Lufkin, Texas.

It's Whale Oil For Milady's Lips

WASHINGTON — "Whale oil for the lips of milady" could be the slogan of the 1949 whaling fleet now sailing in the Antarctic. Modern technology has found new uses for whale oil which lighted the lamps of the world a century ago.

Today the well-boiled extract of whale blubber may wind up in a tube of lipstick or a bottle of vitamin pills. It may be used in the manufacture of a host of other products, such as margarine, soap, or machine oil.

The new by-products of whale oil point up the streamlining and place in the old Yankee whaling enterprise. In early days an immense flotilla of high-masted whalers used to put out from Nantucket, and 'thar she blows' was the cry of the chase.

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the cry of the chase. **Mechanized Now** In the last half century the industry has become mechanized to the point where the whale just doesn't have a chance. Back in the days when men took to the long boats and rowed off in pursuit of the big mammal, it was not unusual for a whaler to be on the hunt for three years before it had filled the holds with barrels of whale oil. Nowadays, an expedition is only a few month's duration, with a final catch per ship far surpassing that of sailing days.

Flagship of the modern fleet is the large floating factory vessel, where the valuable whale oil is extracted, the meat cut up, and imported by-products prepared. First introduced in the 1920s, these ships carry tons of machinery and usually have such up-to-date equipment as radar and deep sea sounding devices.

For whale catchers, the expedition has smaller craft, about the size of trawlers. Manned by crews of 15 to 25 men, these "killer boats" fire the harpoons and tow the captured whales back to the factory ship, to be hauled aboard and processed.

Catches Bigger The modern age of whaling began about 1860, when Svend Foyn, a Norwegian, devised the harpoon firing cannon.

As long as the weapon was thrown by a harpooner poised in the bow of the whaleboat, the catch was confined to the smaller, slow-moving species of whales, known as sperm whales and right whales.

With Foyn's invention, it was

possible to hunt speedy and larger species, particularly the big fin whales, now found only in Antarctic waters. The pursuit of these fin whale in the south polar regions, however, is a recent development according to the National Geographic Society. Not until 1904 was the first land station opened there on South Georgia Island,

some 800 miles southeast of the Falkland group. But today the waters south of 40 degrees south latitude are the world's last remaining whaling grounds of major commercial importance.

Between Czechoslovakia and Poland are the Carpathian Mountains.

Should Acquaintance Be Forgotten... 1950



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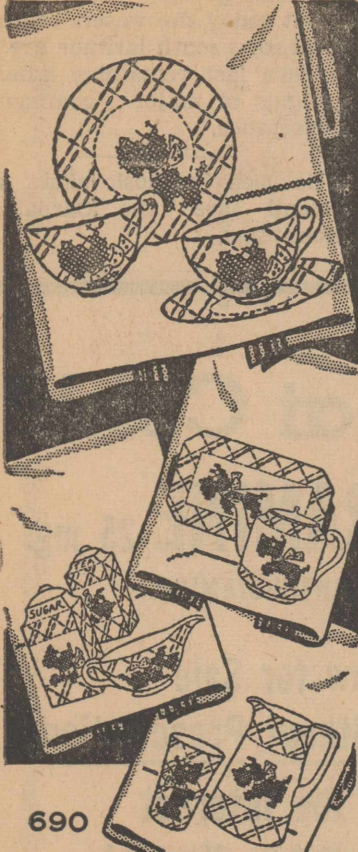
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Good Value PORK & BEANS	No. 2 1/2 Can	15	
Franco-American BEEF GRAVY	No. 1 Can 2 for	29	
Sweetest Maid Chocolate Covered WHIPPED CREAMS	1 Lb. Box	35	
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5 Pounds		42c	
10 Pounds		82c	
FRUITS & VEGETABLES			
FARM FRESH from store to you.			
Calif. Head LETTUCE	Head	13	
No. 1 TOMATOES	Pound	23	
Colorado Red McClures POTATOES	10 Pound Mesh Bag	37	
U. S. No. 1 Idaho Russets	10 Pound Mesh Bag	57	
DEWTASTE In Heavy Syrup Peaches	No. 2 1/2 Can 5 For	95	
Cal-Top Bartlett PEARS	No. 2 1/2 Can	24	
Good Value TOMATOES	No. 2 1/2 Can; 2 For	35	
Rainbow Early June PEAS	No. 2 Can	11	
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JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES

Calendar grid for January 16-31. Includes logo for THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS.

VIRGIL. "WHENEVER A NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IS USUALLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ASSISTING BUSINESS MEN NEXT DOOR."

By Len Kleis. Comics showing a boy at a 'GUM' machine and a 'CURRENCY EXCHANGE'.

The Once Over by H.I. Phillips. Illustration of a man with a magnifying glass.

STATUS OF THE BUSY BEE. RALEIGH, N.C., man who is expert in such things reports that it is impossible for a man to keep as busy as the busy bee.

By the year 1940 the idea of being 25 per cent as busy as a bee had become pretty thoroughly scuttled.

Elmer Twitchell, the eminent beekeeper, student of economics and bull-fiddle player, declared today that in another five years, if the trend keeps on, it will be illegal for anybody to be half of 1 per cent as energetic as a bee.

"Only a selfish interest will expect a man to be a quarter of 1 per cent as busy and the type of bee will be specified by congress," he declared.

"The retired type," said Mr. Twitchell. "The bee used in such comparisons will have to be fully retired and also a bee that was never very busy in the first place."

Elmer declared that from modern standards, the bee is a darned fool anyhow and always has been. "The bee is 100 per cent industrious," he explained.

Elmer declared that Isaac Watts, author of the famous poem, "How Doth The Little Busy Bee" should have been shot. "He sings of the bee improving each shining hour," said Twitchell.

And that line about gathering honey all the day and laboring hard to store it... Where does the poet get off with that kind of stuff? ... Who wants to store anything any more when all can be had from the government?

LOVE DEFINED. In a day when the two-year marriage is considered above par by many people and the divorce court kept ever busy, what beauty there is in the dialogue in "I Know My Love" between the Lunts.

And it is hard to match the following as the old couple sit and meditate on the past: He—Just now... at this moment... I feel a razor edge of awareness...

"The Fair Deal ain't what it's cracked up to be," says Elmer Twitchell, "or it would have outlawed the turkey neck."

A Tennessee wife wants a divorce on the ground her husband has taken only two baths in 21 years. Some women are so impatient with a man!

SUNNYSIDE. "MAM - WONDER WHERE JOHNNY IS THIS MORNING?"

ONE HALF HOUR LATER. "SAY, JOHNNY! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE AT NINE O'CLOCK!"

THE OLD GAFFER. "BASKETBALL TONITE! 7:30 P.M. SHARP."

By Clay Hunter. "WOULD YOU MIND MOVING OVER-SIR?"

BOUFORD. "MORE PEAS, BOUFORD?"

By MELLORS. "I DON'T LIKE A LOT OF DIBS AND DABS LEFT OVER IN THE ICE BOX. EAT!"

MUTT AND JEFF. "GOSH, MUTT'S STILL SLEEPING AND HE WENT TO BED EARLY LAST NIGHT!"

By Bud Fisher. "THREE O'CLOCK! WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP AT NOON?"

JITTER. "SURE, AN' WE FOUND THE LITTLE RASCAL! I'LL HOLD HIM HERE TILL YOU COME FOR HIM."

By Arthur Pointer. "WORSER THAT, CHIEF... THE MONK DROPPED A TEAR GAS BOMB!"

WYLDE AND WOOLY. "ECHO!"

By Bert Thomas. "PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? SORRY, BUD, I DON'T SPEAK FRENCH!"

CROSSTOWN. "WE DIDN'T COME TO SEE THE GAME. WE CAME TO WATCH OUR GRANDDAUGHTER LEAD THE CHEERING - AND WE CAN SEE NICELY FROM RIGHT HERE!"

BOBBY SOX. "I DON'T THINK I SHOULD STUDY TOO MUCH, MOM. MEN HATE INTELLIGENT WOMEN!"

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CHANGE OF LIFE? Are you going through the functional "middle age" period peculiar to women (35 to 50 yrs.)?

Gas Products Industry Booms In Texas

Cycling, a lusty young industry with nearly a quarter billion dollars plant investment located in Texas gas fields, was cited by Governor Allen Shivers Tuesday as an example of new wealth born of conservation practices enforced by the state governments.

By maintaining pressure within certain type gas reservoirs, the cycling plants extract the major portion of the liquid hydrocarbons such as natural gasoline, butane and propane, and return the "dry" gas back to the producing sands where it is stored for future demand.

At the Interstate Oil Compact meeting which began in New Orleans Monday, Governor Shivers pointed to cycling as an example of the increased recovery the states are enjoying from their natural resources as a re-

sult of state-sponsored conservation programs.

"We have proved that we, the states, can handle the problems incident to oil and gas production," Governor Shivers commented. "With this proof in our hands, I think we have the right to insist with all the vigor at our command that future development of our natural resources be conducted by private enterprise, subject to regulation by the state conservation bodies."

Governor Shivers said the capacity of cycling plants in the United States has grown 38 percent in the past year. Thirty-five of the nation's 48 cycling plants are in Texas.

The Governor cited figures which demonstrate the conservation aspects of cycling. Some 65 billion cubic feet of gas are cycled in Texas plants each month. After approximately 78 1/2 million gallons of natural gasoline and butane and propane is stripped from the gas each month, approximately 75 percent of the gas is put back in the sands for future use as fuel.

Producers, land and royalty owners, the general economy and the various local and state government agencies benefit from the enhanced value which the cycling plants give the gas, he said.

"During 1948 the recycled gas value for tax purposes amounted to about 20 cents per thousand cubic feet of input gas, four times the average market price of dry gas marketed during the same period," he said.

Cycling plants have increased the supply of motor fuel; they provide liquified petroleum gas for rural homes; they provide raw material for the great chemical plants located in the Gulf Coast region; and they give local communities a decided economic boost, the Governor said.

Uranium Find in Florida Subject of Study by U. S.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—The presence of uranium in the "land pebble" phosphate deposits of Florida has been the subject of study by a United States geological survey field party since 1947.

This was disclosed here by a United States geologist, J. B. Cathcart, who is stationed at Plant City, Fla.

Cathcart spoke at a symposium on southeastern mineral resources sponsored by the University of Tennessee. The three-day meeting was attended by geologists from India, the District of Columbia, and 15 southern states.

About 2,800 square miles are in-

cluded in the Florida phosphate deposits with which the uranium is associated, Mr. Cathcart said. The area includes Highlands, De Soto, Sarasota, Manatee, Hardee, Hillsborough and Polk counties.

Practical Styles Selected For Housework

The latest style in skirts may be long or short, tight or full, pleated, gathered or dressed up with trimmings, flaps or other fancy extras. But for work around the house or yard, the wise housewife will choose a skirt designed for safety, comfort and convenience. A skirt which is moderately wide but not full is safest for the homemaker, says Mary Routh, extension clothing specialist of the Texas A. & M. College.

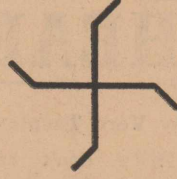
A gored skirt, says Miss Routh, may be cut wide enough around the bottom to allow for walking, for climbing or for stooping. It should be fitted about the hips so that it will stay in place and does not get in the way. In contrast, she says, a full skirt has a way of billowing out when you stoop over so that it may be stepped on when you are on a

ladder washing windows or bending to get to low shelves. Sashes, bows, flaps and fancy loose pockets are accident hazards, she says, because they may catch on door knobs, get tangled up in machinery that you may be using or caught in doors when they are slammed.

A tight skirt which is close around the bottom restricts free movement when you walk and may catch and pull uncomfortably and unsafely, especially when you are in a hurry. She says your work clothing can be neat and attractive and at the same time safe and practical for the everyday jobs that homemakers must perform.

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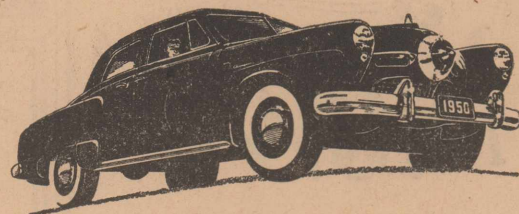
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"A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR"

Economic Highlights

The Saturday Evening Post recently published a series of re-

vealing articles by Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith dealing with his experiences when he was U. S. Ambassador to Russia. One of them concerns "Housekeeping Headaches in a Police State," and it provides an

authoritative and amusing commentary on living conditions in that nation. When General Smith first arrived, the Soviet government was running a food store for diplomats only, which offered a fairly adequate supply of rationed goods at reasonable prices. Subsequently, rationing was abandoned and this store was closed, so the embassy had to buy either from the government-operated commercial stores, or in the open market where peasants were allowed to sell for whatever they could get any excess products they had after meeting their quota.

The stores were the cheapest. Even so, the prices charged were shocking by American standards. Here are a few from a long list cited by General Smith, on the basis of the price per kilo, which equals 2.2 pounds: Butter, \$8.50 and up; poultry, as much as \$6.25; ham, over \$8.00; apples \$2.25; prunes \$4.12, macaroni, \$1.87. On top of such prices, many items which are commonplace in the American diet were in very short supply.

General Smith found the embassy could save money by operating a commissary which bought goods from America, even though transportation and insurance charges were very high and there was much loss through pilferage. However, the Russians soon cracked down on this scheme, and forced the Americans to buy food locally.

In the matter of other commodities, General Smith quotes from a guide map made up for future appointees to the Moscow post. It reads: "Two general ideas should govern what is brought to the Soviet Union. (1) NOTHING is obtainable there, and (2) it is cold, both indoors and out, a good deal of the year." This same report lists dozens of articles which are unobtainable in Moscow, including radios, and other electrical equipment; fountain pens, lighter fluid, moth-balls, shoeshine kits, needles, matches, first-aid kits, dark glasses, ash trays, watch straps, bulbs and seeds, clothes hangers, etc., etc. As the General puts it, "Americans with their corner drugstores, supermarkets and five- and ten-cent stores can hardly imagine the life of foreign-

ers in Moscow." The point is, of course, that Russian consumer industry is unbelievably small for a country of its size, population, and natural resources. The masses of the Russian people live on a subsistence level that would be intolerable to us.

to the door, singing lustily and slightly off-key. "Let every heart prepare him room . . ." The oldest caroler was scarcely twelve. He rattled a box full of coins. Mr. Adams snatched the donation box from him, ceremoniously deposited nine pennies, and passed from guest to guest, bowing after each donation. Everyone put in nickels and dimes. Jim put in a five-dollar bill and everyone shouted "Show-off!" Laura was annoyed but kept still. Laura and Jim's little girl, Bonny, was out caroling too, but her group covered a different neighborhood.

No one noticed much when the telephone rang later in the evening and Jim went to answer it. But they noticed Jim's face when he returned to the living-room—it was white and twitched unpleasantly. Laura walked over to him. "Who was it, dear?"

"It was Ben—he called to apologize for not coming tonight." "His daughter's been in Children's Hospital for the past month, you know."

Adams broke in. "Say, that's right—Ben said she was pulling out of it—that was last week I believe. How's she doing, did he say?" "She died this afternoon."

Nobody seemed to have anything more to say after that. The party broke up within the next half-hour. Just as the Adamases were leaving, Bonny came in from caroling. She was flushed with happiness and excitement. Laura clutched her in her arms convulsively.

"Did your group make a big haul tonight, Bonny?"

"Did we!" she gasped. "We got more than any other group I bet! And Mom, we sang for that Mr. Ben at Daddy's office, and—"

"Oh but you shouldn't have!" Laura looked at Jim with alarm. "Why not, Mom? He asked us to sing 'Silent Night,' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies, and gee, they're nice! And I told them hello from you and Daddy, and you know what? She cried! Isn't that funny, mother?"

Jim looked at his stricken wife and wanted to take her in his arms, but Mr. and Mrs. Adams were standing there with their mouths open, so he merely grasped her hand firmly. Bonny babbled on happily.

"And you know what else? Mr. Ben asked me what the donations went for, and when I told him he took all the money out of his wallet and put it in our box, can you imagine? And then I asked him if he had any boys or girls like us and would they like to go caroling with us and he said no. And then she started crying again and we left. Wasn't that funny?"

Mr. Adams cleared his throat. "By the way, Bonny, just what were those donations for anyway? I forgot to notice when they came around here."

"Why, for the Children's Hospital fund—or something like that—it was all printed on the box."


Letters of marque were licensed to fit out armed vessels and employ them in capturing enemy merchant shipping.

A mansard roof is an almost vertical one whose lower section is pierced with windows thus permitting an additional story.

And the best of the New Year is happiness for all of you



Paul Allison Grain Co.
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MAY THERE ALWAYS BE A SONG IN YOUR HEART AS YOU MEET EACH SUCCEEDING DAY OF THE NEW YEAR.

Stratford Motor Co.

Let EVERY HEART



By Vera Tarpley

"BUT THEY don't believe in Christmas, Jim—you know that." Laura wished she hadn't spoken quite so loudly; her remark had stopped in midstream three rapid-running conversations. Her guests studied the rug pattern. Jim merely looked at his wife in silence.

"I mean, after all," she went on, "it's not their religion. . . so I assumed it would be embarrassing—to them—to invite them to our Christmas party." She swallowed uncomfortably.

"And I assumed that this party was for all the fellows in our office, including Ben." He smiled then, but didn't soften the accusation. Everyone in the room knew of the close friendship between Jim and Ben—they only guessed at his wife's resentment of the friendship.



"He asked us to sing 'Silent Night' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies."

Mr. Adams, office manager, broke the silence next. "I wouldn't worry about it too much, Jim. After all, Christmas is . . ." He emptied his glass and returned it to the coffee-table. "And we all feel a little differently about the holidays than they do."

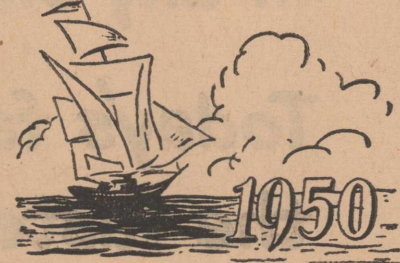
About nine o'clock carolers came

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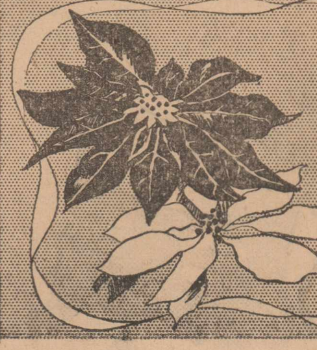
1950 Joy to all

May the New Year bring you and yours the brightest treasure of your dreams.

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Season's Greetings 1950



Here's a hope that the days of 1950 will be brimming with contentment for all of you. A very Happy New Year.

Stratford Tractor Co.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Supreme Court Decision Declares 'Home Rule' Rent Controls Valid; Five Million Receiving Public Aid

EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.

RENT CURBS:

The 'home rule' rent control law which allows states and cities to decontrol their own areas...

The LAW was enacted last summer by congress and is due to expire June 30, 1950...

Tight Wood and the justice department by-passed intermediate courts and appealed the finding directly to the high court.

In ONE INSTANCE, a Kentucky county area had restored rent curbs after lifting them had resulted in what was termed "unreasonable" rent increases.

However, short private building had fallen of its goals, there was no argument that the housing shortage had eased somewhat...

But in view of what had happened in some isolated areas in rental charges, congress might leave the way open for restoration of controls wherever landlords displayed a tendency to gouge tenants.

PUBLIC AID:

Cost Enormous In a country as powerful and prosperous as the United States it seemed an ironical paradox...

JOHN L. THURSTON, acting security administrator, cited those figures at the opening of a 10-day congressional inquiry into the problems of the nation's low-income families.

Thurston, himself, saw the contradiction in the situation as he indicated when he said: "This seems to some people an astonishing phenomenon..."

"It is not at all astonishing, however, in relation to the large number of families with no earner, or a low-income earner, and in view of inadequacies of our social insurance program."

Then Thurston used the occasion to get in a few licks for President Truman's "Fair Deal" program...

WAR VETS:

More Benefits Slated for delivery after January 1 were increases in benefits for disabled U.S. war veterans, dependents and widows.

The LARGEST GROUPS to receive increases, the V.A. said, included nearly two million veterans with service-connected disabilities from 10 to 100 per cent.

This group includes World War I and II veterans disabled in service and other veterans disabled in peacetime service since July 15, 1903.

The old rates of payment range from \$13.80 to \$138 a month for war service, and from \$11.04 to \$110.40 for peacetime service.

The NEW RATES are 8.7 per cent higher—respectively, \$15 to \$150 and \$12 to \$120.

About 58,000 widows receiving compensation because of the service-connected death of a veteran and who have one or more children also will get increases.

JOBLESS BENEFITS

Security Payments Continue to Increase

Officials in the federal labor department's bureau of employment security were expressing concern over the increase in the number of U.S. citizens exhausting their jobless benefit rights.

According to latest figures in the department, more than a half million ran out of their rights to further employment compensation payments during the July-Septem-

Off to Prison



Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, sentenced to 6 to 18 months in prison and fined \$10,000 for salary kick-backs...

ECONOMY:

Over a Barrel

More than 500 national leaders, talking of the need of economy in operation of the federal government...

It was a real cracker barrel, bearing the legend "citizens committee for the Hoover report..."

DELEGATES HEARD Herbert Hoover, chairman of the committee appointed to study means of streamlining the government...

After pointing out that federal expenditures of more than 43 billion dollars and a deficit of more than five billion have been announced for the current fiscal year, he declared:

"I believe it may be much greater in the next fiscal year. We may be turning two Frankensteins loose in the land. Their terrifying names are 'higher taxes' and 'inflation'."

HOOPER POINTED OUT that six months have passed since the commission he headed finished its reports on congress, and on economic and improvements in the executive branch, and, in the meantime, the "recommendations have had a magnificent support by the press and public."

All of which was true. The rub seemed to be in getting congress and the President to go all the way suggested by the Hoover commission in effecting more government economy and efficiency.

LABORITES:

Ousted by Aussies

For the second time within 11 days proponents of socialism in the British commonwealth had been ousted by the voters.

WERE THESE IMPORTANT portents or did they signify nothing? If one chose to place the events alongside the current difficulties experienced by the British Labor government, and attempt to evaluate them correctly, the answer would be that socialism appeared to be on its way out in the British commonwealth.

On the other hand, the foes of the free enterprise system everywhere, would doggedly stand on Labor's claimed progress over the years, and attempt to take the stand that those voting out were doing so simply because they did not know what was best for themselves.

ROBERT GORDON MENZIES, Australian Liberal leader who will now be restored to the prime ministry he held from 1939 to 1941, called the turn in an earlier comment on the Australian situation:

"The Socialists were brought to power in New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain in that order. The dramatic (New Zealand) result seems a happy omen that they will go out in the same order."



TIME MARCHES ON... Just on the off chance that anyone is wondering what a 1951 calendar looked like, here is an example, albeit partially obscured by a young lady in a bathing suit that definitely is not 1951 style...

THAT Lucky NEW YEAR

Omens of good and bad luck always have been associated with the New Year, all founded more or less on the supposition that supreme power was vested in an unseen deity who could bring good luck if properly appeased...

Among the old superstitions are many quaint customs that have been observed for centuries and have come down almost to this day and age. They include: To bring good luck, one must wear something new on the first day of the year...

In some parts of England and Scotland it is believed to be unlucky to leave the house on New Year's Day until some outsider has entered in.



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New Year Is Age-Old Rite

The history of the celebration of New Year's Day takes one far back into antiquity, and encompasses many peoples, lands and customs. It is only in relatively recent times that the New Year has been ushered in on January 1.

This holiday has been a mobile one and various races have marked it at various seasons. For example, the ancient Persians and Egyptians celebrated New Year's September 22 at the autumnal equinox, while the Greeks did so at the winter solstice on December 21.

The famous Pope Gregory, in 1582, instituted what has since been known as the Gregorian calendar. Europe during the middle ages had observed New Year's on March 25, but with the advent of Gregory's far-reaching time-recording system the day adopted for the beginning of a new twelve-months was January 1.

All countries did not adopt the change at once, but the Christian world accepted it generally in 1752 when the British Parliament finally established New Year's Day as January 1.

New Year's customs always have had a joyful theme. Few tears mark the death of the old year. The Druids celebrated the New Year on the shortest day of the year, the time, in their belief, when the sun which had turned away in winter then turned homeward, bringing with it light, warmth and good cheer.

Everybody Works -FOR 52 DAYS

New Year's Day ushers in for Americans an average of only 52 working days. No, that's not a misprint. The figure 52 is right, for all the rest of the days are holidays somewhere in the nation.

For after you leave out the Sundays and legal holidays which will occur during the year, there remain 52 days on which no one can find any excuse—except laziness—for not working.

Unlike almost every other country, the United States has no national legal holidays. All the public holidays in the various states have been declared so by state legislatures.

The President's Thanksgiving Day proclamation, for instance, makes the day he designates a legal holiday everywhere in the U.S. and its territories simply because every state and all the territories have passed local laws declaring that whatever day the President designates as Thanksgiving Day shall be observed.

All over the world January 1 is celebrated as New Year's Day except in England, Northern Ireland, Wales, in the Mohammedan countries of Hejaz, and in China.

Founding Fathers Joined In Spirit of New Year's

New Year's Day long has been celebrated enthusiastically in the United States, and from colonial times to the present it has been a day of great significance.

The spacious days of colonial America made an especially vigorous and zestful setting for the celebration of New Year's Day and the founding fathers were not behind hard in entering into the spirit of the occasion.

Nations Have Own New Year Customs

Almost every nation on earth has welcomed the New Year with some form of ceremony, not however, on the same date or in the same way.

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INTERNATIONAL UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Praying into Tomorrow

Lesson for January 1, 1950

FOR THE BENEFIT of those who may not be familiar with this column, and perhaps of some who are, a little explanation may be helpful.

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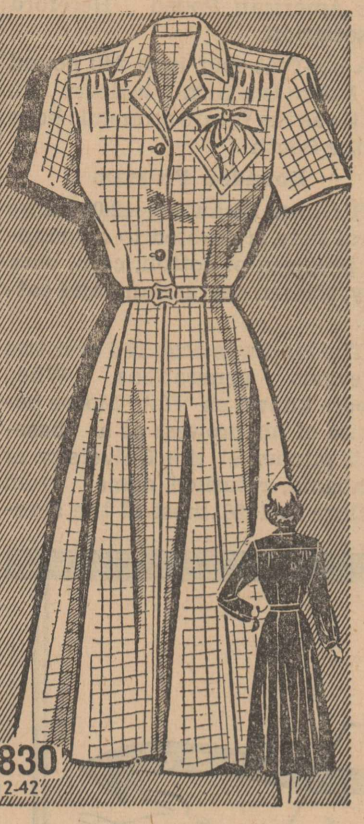
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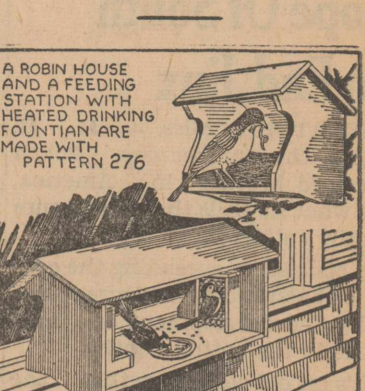
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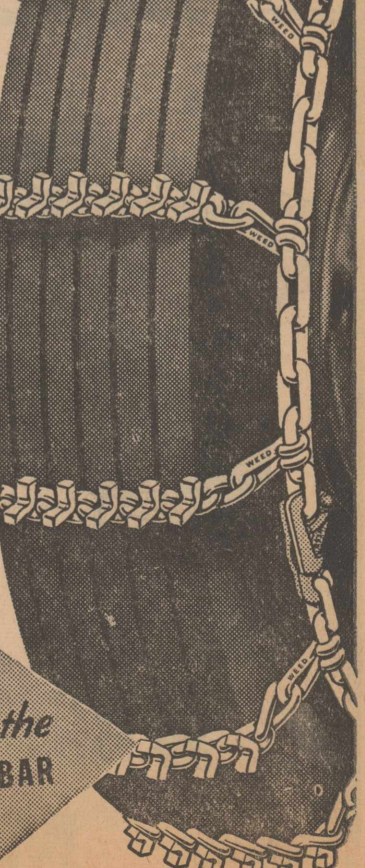


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Use it in steam... Rub it on, too!



Cattle Called Hope Of South To End Jinx

SENATOBIA, Miss. — M. B. Moore, the number one Polish Hereford breeder in America, has what he calls the "cattle cure for the cotton jinx."

It consists in spreading the gospel of balanced agriculture, especially the development of beef cattle in the cotton South.

It's an old story now that the South has moved a long way from the days of "taters, pone and crinoline ladies. Industry has moved in and wages have gone up. But for Moore there's a greater

future in cattle.

In the past year, he traveled through 35 states as president of the American Polled Hereford Association.

A six-foot four inch 240 pounder, Moore is a firm believer in cattle as the future economic hope of the South.

Rounded Program

His own sprawling 12,000 acre farm here is devoted to a rounded program of cotton, corn, oats, hay, timber, pastureland and cattle.

The land was acquired over two previous generations. When Moore known as "Hot" Moore because of his prowess as a baseball pitcher at the University of Alabama, returned home from college in 1926, most of the acre-

age was devoted to cotton. There was no sound planned program in effect.

At a family council, his father and grandfather told Moore to go ahead with his plans for cattle-raising. He said it was a question of beef or dairy animals, and he decided on beef.

"Like everyone else at the time," Moore said, "I didn't know a thing about cattle. I was typical of the cotton South. But I learned.

He started his now world-famous herd that year when he bought 10 commercial heifers and one registered bull. He kept on at a modest pace until 1933, when he bought 11 registered females and two bull calves to raise his own bulls and set up a commercial operation.

On Right Track

Farmers bought every bull calf produced in the five-year period up to 1938, convincing him that he definitely was on the right track.

In fact, an aunt of his once fainted when he paid \$3,550 for a Polled Hereford heifer. But she lived to see him prove the wisdom of his investment.

Moore's Circle M. Ranch since then has produced more champions than any other herd. And that's no small distinction, since the Polled Hereford Association, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., has more than 3,900 members.

This year's national show and sale at Memphis, Tenn., had 65 herds from 20 states entered, and of those, 20 herds had Circle M. blood lines.

cotton, wheat, rice, peanuts and peanut products, cottonseed products, corn, grain sorghums, black-eyed peas, wool and mohair.

CROP is church sponsored and collects and assembles commodities in bulk for the distribution overseas to the needy by established church relief agencies.

Atomic Propulsion Plans Being Pushed by America

WASHINGTON.—A huge research program aimed at perfecting atomic power for surface ships and submarines within five or six years is being launched, Senator McMahon (D., Conn.) has disclosed.

Atomic propulsion, it is expected, would enable ships to range the world without refueling. It thus would be a long step in freeing navies from their dependence on bases and refueling stations.

McMahon said the commission will spend about \$500,000,000 at a new research project to be located at an as yet undetermined site in the West.

"At the end of this research, we are hopeful we can demonstrate that mobile (atomic) power plants not only are feasible but are here," he told newsmen after a meeting of the congressional atomic energy committee which he heads.

He said there is a "certain amount of uncertainty" to such research as there is in all scientific research.

But he added: "There is reasonable expectancy the result will be accomplished."

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The 1949 collection campaign period for the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) in Texas has been extended until January 31, 1950.

In making the announcement, Daniel Russell of College Station, Chairman of the Texas CROP Committee, said that it was being extended by National CROP to allow all states ample time to complete their campaigns.

The Texas program according to reports received by the State Office in Taylor has already received the equivalent of 22 carloads in commodities and money. This report includes contributions from only 44 counties.

Commodities included in the gifts made by rural Texans are



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1 Group Men's Hats \$5

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS
Were \$3.95 and \$4.50
\$1.95



Boy's Corduroy PANTS 1-2 Price

Men's Robes
Wool, Rayon and Silk
Were \$12.95 to \$42.50
\$9.95

Men's OVERCOATS
Were \$37.50
\$9.95



Men's Leather JACKETS
Values to \$29.95
\$9.95

Boy's Flannel SHIRTS
Were \$1.89
98c



Ladies BLOUSES 1-4 Off

Entire Stock Piece Goods 1-2 Price

Sheet BLANKETS
Regular \$2.25
\$1.75

Birds Eye DIAPERS
30x30 Reg. \$3.95 Per Dozen
\$2.95 Dozen

1 Group DRESSES 1-4 Off

Ladies PANTIES 2 Pair \$1

100% Nylon Crepe SLIPS \$3.95

Nylon Hose 45 and 51 Gage 69c

Brassiers 2 For \$1

Ladies Balbriggan Gowns and Pajamas
Regular \$3.95
\$2.95

Rayon Hose 6 Pair \$1

McIntosh Dry Goods

You won't believe your EYES WHEN YOU SEE OUR LOW PRICES IN 1950

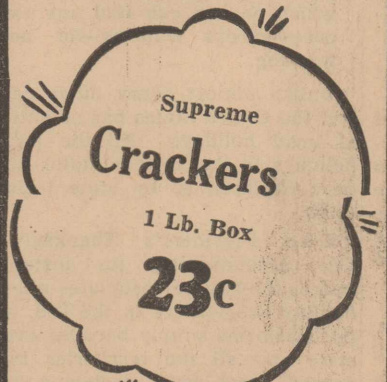
Star Kist Bite Size TUNA FISH	6 1/2 Oz. Can	39
Clabber Girl Baking Powder	25 Oz. Can	23
Niblets Whole Kernel CORN	14 Oz. Can	17
Armour's MILK	Tall Can	10
Northern Toilet Tissue	2 Rolls	15
Stokely's Tomato Juice	46 Oz. Can	27
Brimfull Blackeye Peas	No. 2 Can	11



In 1950 we are going to give you high quality foods at the lowest possible prices. Make our store your headquarters, and SAVE!

MEATS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Gold Crown Sliced Bacon	Pound	39
Pork Loin ROAST	Pound	39
Fancy Beef ROAST	Pound	39
DIXIE Bacon Squares	Pound	27
Armour's Star Corned Beef	12 Oz. Can	45
Brick Chili	Pound	43



FRUITS - VEGETABLES					
Firm, Ripe Tomatoes	Pound	19	Iceberg Lettuce	Pound	10
Porto Rican GOLDEN Yams	Pound	10	Fancy Anjou Pears	Lb.	15
			FRESH COCONUTS	Pound	10
			STRICTLY U. S. NO. 1 WHITE POTATOES	POUND	5

Will Be Closed Monday January 2

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