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Spirit Of Yuletide Prevails Over City

Fair Weather In Prospect For Holiday

Less Fortunate Families Being Remembered

Sunlight was due to furnish the "white" for Christmas of 1946 in the Big Spring, area Wednesday as the weather man turned up rising temperatures to climax a record Yule season.

The weather forecast was clear with high scattered clouds and a probable maximum of 72 degrees—the Christmas forecast was most-ly merry.

Welfare agencies reported an unprecedented outpouring of gifts to unfortunate families. The Red Cross headquarters said the requests for names had been the greatest of any Christmas.

The Salvation Army, having staged its young people's dinner and party Monday evening, prepared for the annual Christmas party for underprivileged children—and that meant all such children regardless of race-creed or color—at 7:30 p. m. today at the Dora Roberts citadel.

On hand were nearly 1,000 toys given by the public and renovated by firemen. In addition, there were 800 garments donated by residents and put in good condition free of charge by local cleaners.

Part of these were for adults and the entire stock was due to be distributed during the day.

Applications for Christmas dinners for 307 people had been received Tuesday morning, said Capt. Oly Sheppard, in charge of the Salvation Army work. Santa was ready, too, with around 80 pair of new shoes for children in urgent need of them. These were provided for in \$480 raised on the Dime Board project. Kettles brought in \$178 for Christmas.

Scores of other organizations, principally Sunday school classes, churches, service units, packed bulging baskets for distribution today and Christmas morning.

Shopping, which had reached a peak for a majority of businesses on Saturday, tapered off some Monday and was, with the exception of sporadic rushes, declining rapidly toward a mild Christmas eve finale.

Until the east mail receipts were heavy, the T&P reported large amounts of mail dispatched here from Big Spring, Lamesa and San Angelo Tuesday morning. By the same token, the incoming mail was copious, so much so that No. 7 was two hours late from the east due to heavy mail and express demands.

Passenger traffic on the T&P was being handled comfortably, although trains were running at new capacity. When an important Southern Pacific connection was missed in El Paso Monday, the T&P ran a special train toward Dallas to accommodate homeward bound passengers, and Tuesday eastbound schedules were on time again.

Airlines had few, if any, vacant seats, and special sections were being maintained on several through flights. Reservations had been accommodated here, officials said.

Buses were bulging. Most Greyhounds ran double sections and some with as many as three and four. American Bus Lines had multiple sections, too, and Kerrville, to the south, had to double up on many of its runs as people hurried home for Christmas.



FIRST LOOK AT AMERICA—Mrs. Blanka Zwern and daughter Anna, get their first look at America from a porthole of Marine Marlin which docked in New York with refugees from American zones in Europe. The Zwerns are en route to Chicago. (AP Wire-photo.)

Japan Providing For Quake Relief

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Japanese government will appropriate 1,000,000,000 yen (\$66,666,667) for relief and rehabilitation of its earthquake and tidal wave stricken area, Kyodo New Agency said today.

Governors of the 10 hardest hit prefectures will meet Thursday at Osaka to discuss relief measures. The home, welfare, commerce and industry, agriculture, and communications ministers will attend.

Kyodo said the quake changed the topography in some places, chiefly near Muroto point in central eastern Shikoku, and near Kochi. The surface appeared to have sunk slightly near Kochi.

Nearly 5,000 acres of rich rice land around Kochi were inundated as Saturday's powerful tidal wave smashed a levee. The waters have not entirely receded, Kyodo reported.

Although the quake still was big news elsewhere, interest slackened here. Newspapers gave the story less prominence and space.

The home minister, Seichi Omura, revised casualty figures downward slightly. He told the House of Peers total casualties as of 11 p. m. last night were 2,318—1,061 dead, 165 missing and 1,092 injured. Earlier, he had given these figures for the same hour: 1,089 dead, 165 missing and 1,142 injured; total 2,395. He did not explain the revision.

Omura said 600 tons of sulphuric acid, spilled when the tidal wave smashed vats at a chemical plant in Ehime prefecture northwest of Kochi, mixed with the surging waters and added to the dangers in that area.

The U. S. Army said disease was under control, but shortages of medical supplies, water and electricity was creating a health menace in Shingu. An LST, manned by Japanese, was ordered to take food, clothing and medical supplies to that city.

Santa Claus came a little early at the Big Spring police department, and as a result members of the force said they were ready to "light up" for an enjoyable Yule observance.

Dozens of Big Spring business men sent their best wishes to the police accompanied with a quantity of cigars and cigarettes. "We have enough cigars here to insure a generous supply for each member of the force," Capt. Robt. Thompson said.

Zionists Spurn London Parley On Palestine

Limit On Jewish Immigration Condemned

BASEL, Switzerland, Dec. 24. (AP)—The World Zionist Congress today turned thumbs down on participation in the London conference on Palestine, but left the door open for reconsideration of its position should the British government denounce the 1936 white paper limiting Jewish immigration to the Holy Land.

By a vote of 171 to 154, the Congress—composed of delegates from 43 nations—voted against sending a representative to London "under existing circumstances."

However, the Congress agreed that "if a change should take place in the situation, the general council of the Zionist organization shall consider the matter and decide whether to participate in the conference or not."

Twenty-five of the delegates abstained from voting on the resolution, which was introduced by Rabbil A. H. Silver of Cleveland, Ohio, chairman of the Congress political commission.

A short time before approving Silver's resolution, the Congress unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the British white paper as "an obstacle to the rescue and rehabilitation of hundreds of thousands of the surviving Jews in Europe."

The Congress also unanimously approved another resolution demanding unrestricted immigration to the Holy Land and proclaiming "the inalienable right of every Jew in need of a home to seek salvation in Palestine." The Congress acclaimed "the continuous flow to Palestine of Jewish immigrants—men, women and children—who have braved every terror to reach the shores of their homeland."

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Calls For Probe Of Soviet Ultimatum

Calls For Early And Just Peace—

Pope Voices War Fears

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24. (AP)—Pope Pius XII declared today, on the eve of the second Christmas since World War II ended, that Europe stood in grave danger of new conflicts.

Addressing the resident members of the College of Cardinals, whose 95-year-old dean, Gennaro Cardinal Granillo Pignatelli de Belmonte, had just presented their Christmas greetings, the pontiff called for an early, just and definitive peace.

Otherwise, he said, the "constant agitation" of Europe's peoples, their "disillusionment and discontent" over the war's aftermath, might give rise "to the flames of new conflict."

The pontiff's address was broadcast by the Vatican's short wave station and re-broadcast over the Italian and Spanish long wave stations.

In "the gravity of the present hour," the pontiff invited the rulers of the world to base their policies on three considerations: 1. "To remove dangerous international tensions" and "end the present intolerable state of uncertainty," he urged "the advent of a definitive peace among all states."

2. "To the labor of peace, he pleaded, let the rulers apply 'the seal of a true justice, of a far-seeing wisdom, of a sincere service to the common inter-



POPE PIUS XII

ests of the entire human family." 3. Let them finally, he said, establish in their instruments of peace "a procedure clearly determined" for correcting them, so that the "voice of reason and equity" demanding modifications might be heeded.

There was emotion in the Pope's clear, strong voice as he lamented the fate of the Atlantic Charter in the years since President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill promulgated it. "All peoples listened," he said. "At last they could breathe."

"And what is now left of that message and of its provisions?" Speaking of the antagonism the church confronts today, the pontiff said that "no Christian has the right to abstain from the fight against the enemies of Christ."

No one, he said, must rest "with folded arms, with head bowed and wies knees weak." The church, the pontiff said, did not fear and today, as yesterday, remained solid against trials.

We're Too Easy On Russia, Says Sen. Stewart

State And Navy Departments Are Keeping Mum

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (AP)—Senator Stewart (D-Tenn.), declaring "We've been entirely too easy" with Russia, today urged a thorough investigation into the "verbal ultimatum" which forced an unarmed United States Navy ship to leave Dairen.

Stewart referred to the edict which sent the vessel, on a routine courier mission hurrying from the Manchurian port after receiving this warning from Russian military officers:

"Unless you leave within 30 minutes we will not be responsible for the consequences." Commenting on a Dairen dispatch in which Scripps-Howard reporter William H. Newton told of the incident for the combined World Press, the Tennessee Senator told a reporter:

"This is a matter which ought to be gone into thoroughly. I will be much interested to see what the State Department and the Navy have to say."

The State Department has been silent pending an official report from M. Merrill Benninghoff, the American Consul General at Dairen. A spokesman said that if the report is not received shortly, efforts will be made to speed it up.

The only Navy comment thus far has been an acknowledgment that the landing craft described in the Dairen dispatch had left there for a U. S. base in China last Friday, the day the ultimatum was issued.

"Russia ought not to have been allowed to enter Manchuria in the first place," Stewart declared. "They have done nothing but pillage that whole area."

The Tennessee contended that the Soviet Union "made no contribution of any consequence" to the war against Japan, since "the atom bomb already had been dropped" when Russia entered the Pacific war.

"We've been entirely too easy with them," Stewart said, "and this incident shows their attitude toward us."

GOP's Pondering Patronage Posts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—House Republican chiefs, hopeful their own leadership struggles will be resolved without former harsh words, turned their attention today to settling contests for choice patronage posts.

The four top ones to be filled with GOP members after long Democratic tenure are house clerk and sergeant-at-arms, at \$12,000 a year each, and doorkeeper and postmaster, at \$9,000.

The Republican caucus will make the selections on January 2, subject to virtually certain approval by the new House the next day. There is a scramble for dozens of other well-paying jobs that will be at Republican disposal after January 3 and for the handful of choice "minority" posts the Democrats will retain in the new Congress.

'Axis Sally' Freed

FRANKFURT, Dec. 24. (AP)—Mildred Gillars, American musician who became known as "Axis Sally" through her wartime radio broadcasts from Germany, has been released from a United States Army prison, Army officials disclosed today.

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Senate Faces New Filibuster On FEPC Bill

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Holiday Travelers Injured In Wreck

WAUBAY, S. D., Dec. 24. (AP)—A fast freight overshot a siding and rammed into the Milwaukee railroad's Olympian last night, injuring 61 of its 450 Christmas holiday travelers. Eleven were hospitalized.

The head-on collision occurred a mile east of Waubay, where the passenger train, eastbound for Chicago from Teoma, Wash., had

come to a virtual stop while waiting for a clear track. The freight was scheduled to enter a siding at that point but failed and rumbled on down the main line.

Both locomotives were derailed. A baggage car and four freight cars were overturned. The baggage car was crumpled and Dr. Faris Pfister, of Webster, S. D., said the fact that it absorbed most of the shock probably averted more serious casualties among the Olympian's passengers.

Dr. Pfister, with two other physicians who answered calls for doctors and ambulances, treated 50 passengers at the scene. Many were soldiers en route home on Christmas furlough from Army posts in Washington. Injuries consisted of sprains, cuts and bruises.

Eight of the 11 requiring hospital treatment were members of the dining car crew. Some were cut by flying glass and china. Several others were burned when the impact threw them against stoves.

Fs-R. Doud, superintendent of the road's Aberdeen division, said the locomotive crews leaped when they saw a collision was inevitable. They escaped with minor injuries. The coaches which remained on the tracks were taken to Webster, 12 miles west of here, to await clearing of the line.

Use Care Against Fires, Chief Urges

Fire Chief M. V. Crocker appealed to Big Spring residents not to "let this be a black Christmas" by carelessness.

Christmas, he pointed out, always is a dangerous time for fires. He cautioned people to keep gift wrappings, highly inflammable, gathered up constantly and away from open fires; to be especially careful of smoking; to not block exits with trees, etc. and not run the risk of using faulty light strings in decorations.

Efforts to keep households tidy even at the height of a joyful season will pay big dividends, he said.

High Mass Will Be Observed Tonight

Preceded by Christmas carols at 11:40 p. m., traditional high mass for Christmas will be observed at 12 midnight at the St. Thomas Catholic church with the Rev. Theo Francis as celebrant.

M. Loesch's Third Mass in C will be the offertory, Panis Angelicus for Communion, and the closing will be "Good Night, Sweet Jesus."

Sacred Heart church also will have high mass at midnight with Rev. Fred DeRoche as celebrant. St. Thomas will have mass at 8:30 a. m. and 10 a. m. Wednesday and the later with sermon in Spanish Sacred Heart at 9 a. m. and 10 a. m. by Rev. DeRoche.

Offered Home In Tex.

TYLER, Dec. 24. (AP)—The parents of the new Baltimore quadruplets have been offered a home in Texas.

Joseph M. and C. M. Haddod, Tyler brothers, have made the offer to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henn of Baltimore if they will move to Tyler.

The brothers said they had sent a telegram to Henn after hearing him say in a radio interview that he had no home for his family upon their discharge from the hospital.

Plane Crashes At Rio, 20 Die

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 24. (AP)—The Rio de Janeiro fire department announced today that 20 persons were killed and one injured when an air transport of the Argentine FAMA line, en route from London to Buenos Aires, crashed yesterday near this city.

The sole survivor was identified at Claudio Mendonca Rios, 27, a technician of the Peruvian Air Force. A doctor said Rios' general condition was good.

Unusual clinging mists were blamed for the crash of the plane against the Pico do Papagaio (Parrot's Peak) about 30 miles from downtown Rio de Janeiro.

In London, FAMA airline officials said two of the crewmen, Pilot James and Navigator Crabtree, were British, and that the plane carried three British passengers, Richard Pearce, his wife, Dorothy, and Miss Agnes Johnson.

(Airline officials in Buenos Aires said Arturo Fassio, Argentine Minister to Lisbon, was among the passengers.)

Tough For Teacher

ADA, Okla., Dec. 24. (AP)—It was embarrassing enough to Hugh Transou, instructor at East Central State College, to redeliver the newspapers his 2-year-old son, Rocky, gathered up in the wake of a newsboy. But to add to his discomfort, most of the persons who missed their papers also were his students.

It appeared aimed at breaking the log-jam of multitudinous cases in denazification courts so that full attention could be directed to bringing major offenders to justice more quickly.

Approximately 11,000,000 Germans have been required to fill out denazification questionnaires and about 3,000,000 of that number have been found chargeable under the law.

Thousands Of Nazis Given Amnesty

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 24. (AP)—Approximately 800,000 "Little Nazis" in the American zone of occupation were granted amnesty today—the day before Christmas—by proclamation of Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, US commander in Europe.

By the amnesty the number of Germans in the American zone liable to prosecution under denazification laws is reduced from approximately 3,000,000 to about 2,000,000.

The announcement, while coming virtually on Christmas eve, was not regarded so much as a holiday present, but as a major change in American policy.

NO PAPER WEDNESDAY

The Herald will suspend publication tomorrow, for its traditional observance of Christmas Day. Next regular issue will be Thursday afternoon.

Town Hums With Christmas Activity As Residents Welcome Holiday Guests

Big Spring hums with activity today! There's preparations a-plen for the traditional holiday tomorrow, and already out-of-town guests have arrived to spend the yuletide holidays with friends and relatives.

College students home for their Christmas vacations and local families off on holiday trips also highlight the news.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. C. C. Ballard and Shirley Ann of Baltimore, Md., arrived over the weekend by plane to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Culpepper and Jack. They were met by Mrs. Culpepper and Mrs. W. G. Wilson Jr.

Melba Dean Anderson, freshman student at Southwestern university is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Anderson. Miss Anderson was elected Zeta Tau Alpha beauty, and was a football princess. Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Carruthers of Bloomington, Ind., are holiday guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birt Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Thompson Sr. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary when the family gathers at Christmas time for dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Laws. Those who will attend the affair will be Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Thompson Jr., Robert Wayne, Clarence Earl and Mary Lee, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bunker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tidwell, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Thompson and Kenneth, the Laws, Lynn and Monette. Jimmy Jenkins, a student at Price College in Amarillo, is spending the Yule holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jenkins.

William Perry, a student at St. John's seminary in San Antonio, is spending the holidays here. Rose Eleanor Williams of the University of Texas, is visiting here with her mother, Mrs. Kay Williams.

Martin Dehlinger Jr., who attends College of Mines in El Paso, has arrived for the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pickle and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pickle will travel to Lubbock to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Randall Pickle.

During the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pierce will journey to Brownwood for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Newton, from there they will go to Baird to visit with the Joe Pierces, his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Pitzer will have as their guests for Christmas

Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pace of O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Ravens are spending the holidays in Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parks will spend the holiday season in Dallas with Mrs. Claude Sommers and in Amarillo with Mrs. Alene White.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis Jr. plan to spend Christmas day in Lamesa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hurley.

At the W. G. Orenbaum home for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Brown Sr. of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Brown Jr. of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker.

The Douglas Ormes will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier, during Christmas.

Mrs. Rollie Sharp of Odessa is visiting Mrs. H. H. Padgett and Mrs. Helen Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams will spend Christmas in San Angelo.

Mrs. W. E. Bates and Billie Jo Bates of the University of Texas in Austin, have arrived to spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNamara and J. B. Jr., left last week for Mount Sterling, Ky., to spend the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Florence McNamara. After the holidays he will enter college in Kentucky.

Jimmy Shaffer of Texas A&M is spending winter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shaffer.

Mrs. Nellie Lawson of O'Brien is a holiday guest in the home of Mr. Harold Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parker are the parents of a daughter born Friday at 7 a.m. at the Cowper-Sanders hospital.

The infant weighed six pounds, three ounces at birth and has been named Linda Ann.

Mrs. Charles Canterbury of Stanton is the maternal grandmother and Mrs. Fannie Parker is the paternal grandmother.

A family reunion has been planned in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosley Christmas day, and those attending will be Shirley, Alta and Joe Mosley, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rogers and children, Curtis, Eddie, Merie and Doyle; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robinson and children, Edward and Bill of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Tex Thurman of Midland.

Mrs. W. V. Rose is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. R. Stephens, in Abilene.

W. S. Ross is spending Christmas with his son, Hubert Ross, in Arlington.

Home for Christmas with their parents are Dorothy Sue Rowe, student at TWC in Fort Worth and Tablor Rowe, who is attending Kansas University. During the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tabor and son of McKinney will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe.

Jack Murdock, student at Kansas University, is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. A. Murdock.

James and Fred Sawtelle of Houston were expected here for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Sawtelle.

Spending the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Irwin in Knott will be Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sewell and children, Bill, Joanna and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Neil Irwin and children of Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Irwin of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. George Haston and Mr. and Mrs. George Anders of Big Spring.

Having Christmas dinner with Mrs. T. E. O'Keefe will be Mrs. A. W. Shaefer, Louise Shaefer and Mrs. O'Keefe's daughter, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ruth-erford of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. H. T. Sherrel is planning a Christmas supper at her home and present will be Hubert Sheats, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sheats and sons of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sheats.

Mrs. W. C. Barnett and daughter, Janette of Fort Worth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ken Barnett during the holidays.

Gil Barnett, Jr., who is stationed with the army intelligence at Fort Bragg, N. C., is home for the holidays.

YI-C Dick Clifton, who has been stationed at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. T. B. Clifton. Also visiting in the Clifton home is Miss Boone Hebert of Breauux Bridge, La.

Visiting with Mrs. Roy Rickner and Mrs. Mary J. Edwards have been Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moriarty of East Longmeadow, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips of Lamesa will spend Christmas day in Lamesa with her mother, Mrs. W. C. Lane. Mrs. Phillips' nephew, Ware Phillips, and family of Longview will spend his winter vacation here as her guest.

Holiday guests in the J. B. Pickle home will be Mr. and Mrs. James J. (Jake) Pickle and Peggy Jane of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Harris and Jimmy of Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagner have as guests, Wagner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wagner of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Jene Wagner of Dallas and Clancy Baldrige of San Angelo.

Visiting with Mrs. W. E. Smith during the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verner of Odessa, Merle Smith of Colorado City; Sgt. and Mrs. Edmond Smith of San Antonio. Also home for Christmas is David Smith, recently discharged from the navy. Smith spent last Christmas on the high seas and was discharged Nov. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. South will spend Christmas day with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas South. Other guests in the South home will include Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray, Sr., L. J. Gray Jr., of Novice and Mrs. Rebekah Curry of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carothers, students at Indiana University, arrived from Bloomington, Ind., this past weekend for a visit with Mrs. Carothers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birt Stevens.

Visiting with Mrs. L. H. Wheeler are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Link, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willhoit and family of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. David Musser and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor and family of Lamesa.

Celebrating the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stewart and son, Jimmy, will be Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stewart, Mrs. Ella Hampton and R. J. Hampton.

Henry Strauss, student at Texas University, is spending his Christmas vacation with Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Strauss, who also have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Strauss and children of Waco and Mrs. H. J. Strauss of Hallettsville.

Holiday guests who will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strom and daughter, Gloria, are Bill Dameron of Hereford and Gene Aune of Havre, Mont.

Walter Stroup, student at Hardin-Simmons University, and Mrs. Stroup are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clant Higginbotham and Mrs. Mattie Lou Stroup.

Having dinner in the Stroup home Wednesday will be Mr. and

and Alex Kennis of Westfield, Mass. Christmas guests here to see Mrs. Rickner and Mrs. Edwards are the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest McCoy and children, Lowell Dean and Lafon Dereene of Lubbock.

Frank Glenn Sholte, sophomore student at Texas University, is spending the holidays here.

Clifford Clark, student at the Howard County Junior College, is spending the Christmas holidays in Phoenix, Ariz., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Clark.

Home for Christmas with their mother, Mrs. G. W. Sikes, are J. E. Sikes of Phoenix, Ariz.; Charles Ray Sikes, student at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene; and Mrs. O. A. Bearden of Fort Worth; and Mrs. Lillian Gilmer and children, Billy and Tommy of Seminole. Visiting their mother, Mrs. Tenna Lee Rigby and their grandmother, Mrs. Sikes are Shirley and Betty Sue Riday students at St. Joseph's Academy in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Thorp of San Saba are visiting with their daughter, Mrs. A. H. Shroyer.

Observing the holiday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Petty will be Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson of Santa Fe, N. M., Mrs. Anderson Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boatler, Mr. and Mrs. Al Aton, and daughter, Sherry, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Halbrook and daughter, Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Bailey and Clarice Petty.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Jr. are spending Christmas in Lamesa with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hurley. Pre-holiday holiday guests in the Davis home were Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale Davis and children, Joyce and Dean of Ralls.

Rev. P. Marion Simms, graduate student of Yale Divinity School, is home from New Haven, Conn., visiting with his mother, Mrs. P. Marion Simms, Sr.

Mrs. Paul Sledge and Eva Lee Sledge are in Royce City visiting with Mrs. Charley Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith are in Rule visiting with Smith's parents.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Nobles is their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hubbs and son, John David, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gideon are visiting in Eudorado, Kansas, with Mrs. Gideon's parents.

Miss Mabelle Bradley will spend the Christmas holidays in Miles with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradley.

A. W. Curlee is in Waco visiting his mother, Mrs. C. R. Curlee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Connally are in San Antonio visiting Connally's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Davis of Dimmitt are spending Christmas here with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith.

Austin Smith and children, Hal Calvin and Gus are visiting in El Paso with Smith's mother, Mrs. Austin Smith, Sr.

Spending Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Y. Smith and daughter, Jacqueline, are Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Birt Field celebrated Christmas early when a family reunion was held at their home this past week-end. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Field and children, Henry Birt, Betty Lou and Sam Terrell of Crane; Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Schuessler of Odessa; their son, Johnnie Schuessler, student at A & M College; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hammond and son, Robert; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Field.

Dinner guests at the I. B. Cauble home Christmas will include Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Hull and Mrs. Melva Baugh and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Shine Phillips' guests during the holidays will include their daughter, Nancy Phillips of Austin and Champe Phillips of San Francisco, Calif., Bar-bly Wood of Annapolis, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Esell of Abilene.

Visiting with Ralph Cathey during the holidays will be Lt. and Mrs. William D. Bumsted, now stationed in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coleman will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith.

Coming from Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crews, F. T. and Paul will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Patterson Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pearce and Jean will go to Gail for Christmas dinner with his parents, Judge and Mrs. L. A. Pearce.

Jewel F. Flanagan, student at Texas A&M, is visiting in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Worth Peeler. Also a guest in the Peeler home will be her father, W. K. Roberts of Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peoples will spend Christmas in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Urban Cee of Lamesa. Also they will visit with her father

Large Crowd Sees Sub-Debs Presented At Formal Dance In Hotel Ballroom

Some 200 people saw the formal presentation of eight pledges of the Sub-Debs when they became members of the club Monday evening in the ball room of the Settles hotel before a white setting.

The presentation rostrum was draped with a curtain of white metallic cloth which extended the width of the room. The pledges decended a group of circular steps from which the curtain had been drawn away in a half drape. Baskets of mixed flowers and fern were set at the stairway and on either side of the curtain.

Helen Duley played a medley of popular themes and Christmas selections as a prelude to the presentation, and Helon Blount, wearing a red formal gown, sang "Beautiful Lady" to begin the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. South will spend Christmas day with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas South. Other guests in the South home will include Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray, Sr., L. J. Gray Jr., of Novice and Mrs. Rebekah Curry of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carothers, students at Indiana University, arrived from Bloomington, Ind., this past weekend for a visit with Mrs. Carothers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birt Stevens.

Visiting with Mrs. L. H. Wheeler are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Link, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Willhoit and family of Tahoka, Mr. and Mrs. David Musser and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor and family of Lamesa.

Celebrating the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stewart and son, Jimmy, will be Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stewart, Mrs. Ella Hampton and R. J. Hampton.

Henry Strauss, student at Texas University, is spending his Christmas vacation with Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Strauss, who also have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Strauss and children of Waco and Mrs. H. J. Strauss of Hallettsville.

Holiday guests who will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strom and daughter, Gloria, are Bill Dameron of Hereford and Gene Aune of Havre, Mont.

Walter Stroup, student at Hardin-Simmons University, and Mrs. Stroup are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clant Higginbotham and Mrs. Mattie Lou Stroup.

Having dinner in the Stroup home Wednesday will be Mr. and

The ceremony opened with the presentation of the 1946 Sub-Debs. Wearing a black dress embroidered with black sequins, Beverley Stulting was escorted by Wendell Strahan. Billie Jean Younger, attired in frock of pink net with a bodice of pink satin, was attended by Neil Fryar.

Escorted by B. B. Lees, Patsy Tompkins wore a formal dress of white net designed with a single black velvet shoulder strap. Dorothy Satterwhite wore a black frock with ambassador stripes of red, green and yellow. She was escorted by David Flatt. Choosing a frock of white lace and net, embroidered with sequins and wearing matching lace mitts, Mary Louise Davis was attended by George Worrell.

Patsy Sue McDaniel wore a frock combining a black velvet basque with a net skirt. Her escort was Ernie Ache. Betty Sue Sweeney was unable to attend.

As each pledge decended the steps she was met by her escort who presented her with a colonial nosegay of pastel flowers tied with silver ribbons.

Dot Cauble, wearing a frock of white net accepted with hands of blue satin at the waist and in the skirt, was escorted by Eddie Houser. For her presentation frock Ann Currie selected an off-shoulder frock of pink satin with pink net. Her escort was Billy Satterwhite.

Selecting a white strapless frock with the net skirt caught into points, Betty Lou Hewett was presented by Pat McDaniel. Escorted by Roy Lee Pool, Rose Nelle Parks wore a gown of white net with a design of silver sequins. Jean Pearce wore a dress of blue net with shoulder interest in a narrow ruffle. Her attendant was Harold Berry.

Wearing a white frock fashioned along classic lines, Mattie Jean Queen was escorted by Ralph Brooks. Jane Strippling selected a frock of light blue net with an embroidered design of red sequins at each shoulder, with a band of the sequins at the low waistline. Her escort was Harold Jones.

Dorothy Wasson's gown was of white net with trim of silver sequins, and fashioned with a deep neckline. Her escort was Horace Rankin.

Following the presentation the girls, both new and old members, joined in the singing of club songs as a spotlight played over the scene.

Dancing followed the presentation of pledges, with music furnished by the Don Juans.

St. Thomas Catholic Church Has Party

Members of St. Thomas Catholic church were honored at a Christmas party Sunday evening in the church hall.

Santa Claus presented gifts of fruit, candy and presents to the children of the parish. Members of the choir and the altar boys also were presented with gifts. Ramona Sneed read the Christmas story from the Bible and accompanying slides were shown.

The room was decorated with Yule ornaments, and with a large Christmas tree. The room was decorated by girls of the church.

Refreshments were served following the program.

Approximately 150 people attended and also present were Rev. Theo Francis and Rev. De Roache.

Duke A Bit Rusty On The Fox Trot

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP) — The pretty debutantes at the Debutante Cotillion and Christmas dance at the Waldorf-Astoria last night crowded eagerly about the smiling man and asked him to dance.

"I'm awfully sorry," he said, "but I just can't remember all the intricacies of the fox-trot."

With that, the Duke of Windsor, who was accompanied by his duchess, turned back to his conversation with friends.

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Army Recruiters Stagger Holidays

Members of the US Army recruiting force here worked out a schedule of staggered holiday leaves so that a skeleton crew could keep the office open through Christmas.

Lt. and Mrs. George Kesselring departed Saturday for Guthrie Center, Iowa, and were to return this week. They were accompanied as far as Oklahoma City by Sgt. Emmett McGee, who planned to be back on the job Thursday.

M-Sgt. David Lillard leaves tomorrow for Waco, where he'll spend three days. Cpl. Kenneth Lewton was to start for Houston some time today.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Oliver Goodman planned to wait until New Year's Day to take advantage of a 72-hour pass. They will spend Jan. 1 with her people in Stamford.

Brazil has 4,000 miles of coastline, or more ocean frontage than the United States has with both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

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Europeans Who Can Pay Find Christmas Gaiety

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—There will be Christmas gaiety and even plenty in Europe for those who can pay. But for Europe's hungry, destitute multitudes there is no room in the inn.

Though the shadow of war has lifted, the dreariness of cold hearths and bare cupboards remains. And for the have-nots of the have-not and defeated nations Christmas will be just another day.

For those who are not deprived by war, whose purses still are intact, Christmas promises to be what it always has been—a day of festivity.

The markets of the continental cities are bulging with luxuries that seem out of place to the wage earner but are shopping heavens to the Nouveau Riche. But costs are equivalent to boom-time Christmas bonuses.

In Paris, windows are stuffed with appealing scarves, purses, jewels, silken underthings, fur coats, perfumes and other rich gifts, but prices are fantastic.

Paris foodshops, too, are burdened with delicacies—silver-wrapped Pate De Foi Gras, at \$9 to \$14 a

pound; turkeys and geese at up to \$30; and champagne at prices which are not even mentioned out loud.

Rome presents the paradox of stores bursting with luxury goods, while most of the capital's masses would be content with an extra ration of spaghetti. Italians fortunate enough to have lire can buy, but prices go up and the lire goes the other way.

The scarcity of fuel in Holland has all but blacked out shop windows where expensive and indifferently made toys are displayed. Even potatoes, fish, vegetables and game, which is unrationed, are more expensive than before the war. Turkey costs about \$2 a pound.

Thanks to the occupation forces, Christmas for German children will be a little more on the merry side this year.

The Americans are making available 290 tons of processed fruits and fruit juices for children and the British are contributing 145 tons of sweets for a Merry Christmas in Berlin.

For those who can afford it in Czechoslovakia there will be the traditional carp dinner, with caraway seed cakes, followed up by the supper of goose with red cabbage and Bohemian dumplings.

There won't be much cheer in once-gay Vienna, but church bells will ring and Austrians will pray for return of their prisoners of war, still being held in camps.

In Budapest, there's plenty to buy—but nothing to buy it with. Because of import restrictions Danish shops cannot offer the pre-war variety of goods, and even if one finds a place to buy a little luxury the price is high and the quality poor.

In Belgium, most of a month's earnings will have to be spent if a generations-old tradition is to be followed. Food and luxuries are plentiful, but citizens will have to tighten their belts to the last wartime notch after the strain of Christmas shopping.

In Britain the outlook was for continued austerity, but Englishmen could look forward to sharing about 11,500 tons of turkey, puddings, sweets and imported fruits. Rationing still is severe, but largely respected, so that everyone gets his share, little though it may be. Prices are four times higher than in prewar days and there's a 100 per cent tax on luxuries.

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Cotton Prices On Uptrend

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24 (AP).—The southern cotton industry appears to have substantially recovered from the shock of October's \$50-per-bale price break, and everyone from farmer to broker expects 1947 to bring a slowly but steadily rising market.

Brokers quote some impressive figures on supply and demand to stress the comparative soundness of today's market, and point to a drastic reduction in speculation since the October tumble which caused temporary closing of the major exchanges.

Many producers, particularly large planters, are reported still holding onto unsold cotton in expectation of higher prices.

The consensus was expressed in a recent letter by a leading brokerage firm: "the cotton situation generally suggests that as the season progresses, higher prices are in store."

The market has recovered nearly half the October losses. The average price of middling spot cotton, which dropped from 38.93 to 29.20 cents a pound in October, was 33.05 at Saturday's close.

A "great increase in speculative activity" was blamed by Secre-

tary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson for the October break.

The amount of loss inflicted upon farmers by the price drop is indeterminate. The Farm Credit Administration in New Orleans reports payments on loans have declined since October, but they can't estimate how much is attributable to loss from the market bust.

NEW FM STATION
WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 24 (AP) Frequency modulation broadcasting was introduced to the Wichita Falls area Monday with formal opening of station KTRN, owned by the Times Publishing Company of Wichita Falls.

Colors of the commercial sponge, when alive, range from yellowish gray to coal black.

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- I. I believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- II. I believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- III. I believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
- IV. I believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also that spiritual death which is separation from God; and shall that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and in the case of those who reach the age of accountability, become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
- V. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and all that believe in Him are justified on the single ground of His shed blood and given repentance unto life and forgiveness of sins.
- VI. I believe that the Holy Spirit is a Person who convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; who regenerates and baptizes all believers into the Body of Christ which is the Church; and who indwells, enlightens, and guides the individual believer.
- VII. I believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us as High Priest and Advocate.
- VIII. I believe in the personal, visible, imminent, and glorious return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- IX. I believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God, and are the recipients of everlasting life.
- X. I believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting, conscious punishment of the lost.
- XI. I believe that all Christians are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices to joyous service for the Lord.
- XII. I believe in the obligation of all Christians to witness by word and deed to these truths and to proclaim the Gospel to all the world.

We wish for you and yours, c
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR"



Greetings

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year to one and all. With our Yuletide greetings and best wishes go our heartfelt thanks for your friendship of the past - for your continued friendship in the future.

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Despite important recent gains in the fight against tuberculosis, more than 50,000 people die of the disease in the United States every year.

Official British reports speak of Egypt as being in the Middle East. The U. S. State Department refers to it as being in the Near East.

600-Mile Plane 'Guinea Pig' For Robot Weapons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics disclosed tonight it is using a 600-mile an hour rocket-powered missile as a "flying pig" for future robot weapons.

Known as the "Tiamat," the device was described as "the first guided missile to be flown successfully through a predetermined program of maneuvers." It is 14 feet long and weighs about 600 pounds. Since its job is research aimed at developing basic information for application to all guided missiles, the "Tiamat" is loaded with instruments which record its speed, control movements, roll, and rate of acceleration. This data is transmitted to the ground by radio. In addition the missile is tracked by radar and optical equipment from the launching site.

The "Tiamat" is a "step" rocket—that is, it has a rocket booster assembly mounted on its tail which provides 7,200 pounds of thrust for 3 1/2 seconds, at which time the 600 miles an hour flying speed is attained. The booster assembly then drops off and an internal rocket engine provides 200 pounds of thrust for 45 seconds. The missile design was begun in 1944 at the suggestion of Robert T. Jones, NACA Aerodynamicist. Models were tested at the committee's laboratory at Langley, Va.

The name "Tiamat" is that of a goddess in Assyrian-Babylonian mythology whose emblem was a winged dragon.

To Ask Legislation So Cities May Own Airports Jointly

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP).—The State Aeronautics Commission will urge the 50th Legislature to pass a law permitting two or more municipalities to join in ownership of airports, executive director A. W. Meadows said.

He was commenting on an opinion from the attorney general which said that the cities of Mission, McAllen and Edinburg may not legally own, operate and maintain an airport jointly.

The attorney general said they could not because there is no law now specifically giving municipalities such authority, nor permitting a county and a city to so join efforts.

Industry-For-War Plans Mapped

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Army and Navy munitions board expects to complete by next fall its two-year job of drafting the government's detailed plan to mobilize industry in the event of an atomic war.

Richard R. Deupree, the board's civilian chairman, said, however, the precautionary blueprint is being sketched in the light of World War II experience and hence will be subject to continual revision.

It contemplates creation of another war production board or similar agency under civilian control but streamlined to avoid some of the loose play that marked the early stages of the American war effort after Pearl Harbor.

The Netherlands East Indies extend over a distance of more than 3,000 miles.



May this be a Joyous Christmas for you and yours. And the New Year bring you happiness and contentment.

Walter Grice
Justice of Peace

Mother Zinn, Past Century Mark, Anticipates More Christmases

"I've spent many a happy Christmas in the 100 years, three months and 18 days I've been on this earth and I feel that I'll be here for several more" chuckles Mother Mary Zinn, Big Spring's oldest citizen who is planning a quiet observance this season.

It's difficult for the average person to remember just what he did last Christmas but not Mother Zinn, who gives a vivid description of the first Christmas she remembers 90 years ago with nearly all others in between.

The holiday was spent with her family at their country home in Pettus county, Mo. "We knitted our own stockings and those we hung up on Christmas eve were extra long, I'll tell you," she confides.

"Children's toys were home made, what few they had. It was

rather different then because we looked forward more to Christmas dinner than to gifts we found on Christmas morning. We had rag dolls stuffed with cotton and Mother painted their faces. Fruit and nuts went into our stockings and they were as wonderful as any Christmas gift."

Dinner was cooked in the fire place and the meal consisted of turkey, duck or chicken, dressing, several kinds of vegetables and breads and pumpkin, potatoe or fruit pies."

According to the four-foot, nine inch little woman, the corner grocery was in the smoke house and cellar, and abundant winter food supplies were seldom a problem. "As for remembering the Christmas when I was ten years old, I even remember the day my baby sister fell into the fire while Mother

er was out in the yard, and I was only 18 months old" she laughs.

The hale and hearty lady has great fun remembering she stops now and then, strokes her chin and comes up naming the dates of the four wars she has lived through with the dates of each and how long they lasted.

She remembers her first Christmas in Big Spring which was in 1883. "I was 23 when I married, but don't think I hadn't been asked. My husband was the seventh to ask my hand in marriage and a good thing too, for I'd set my cap for the handsome Texan. We were married in 1873 and came to Big Spring 10 years later to find two dry goods stores and two hotels. Bless you, though, there were nine saloons," she laughs.

"We had dinner at home and it was really a meal. Mr. Zinn believed in providing for a good dinner and that was usually his gift to me, an abundance of Christmas goodies. The day was spent at home with neighbors dropping in for an afternoon visit. By that time toys could be bought in stores, and when Santa brought gifts to our children, there were dolls for the girls and metal animals for the boys."

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Govt. Workers Asking Santa For More Room

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—

Heads of government agencies, scribbling their Christmas letters, nearly all begged for the same thing.

"Dear Santa," these poor fellows panted, "Please send us room enough to turn around in."

This city is crammed with government buildings. There are fancy marble buildings, fancy brick buildings, squat buildings, temporary wood buildings.

But apparently there aren't enough buildings. Nearly every government agency is scattered all over town.

"Even with some government agencies going out of business, there's no quick solution for Uncle Sam's housing shortage."

That's because government is chiefly paper work. Even after you fire the stenographer, you still have her well-stuffed filing cases.

A check of government agencies today disclosed the State Department has the best chance to get more room.

The State Department headquarters are now next door to the White House, in an ugly old chunk of masonry that would make an ideal rest home for weary witches.

In addition to this ancient establishment, the State Department has slopped over into 37 other buildings.

Donald Russell, Assistant Secretary of State, told a reporter the statesmen hope to move into the so-called new War Department building within the next six months.

This was built before the Army got pentagon ideas, and has been occupied by the atom bomb planners, among others.

It's new, modern and air-conditioned. With some adjacent buildings, Russell thinks, the State Department can be quite comfy.

Best point: it has facilities for an up-to-date communications system.

There's no hope of relief for another cramped Washingtonian—a fellow by the name of Harry Truman.

Last January the president said he wanted a two-story wing on the White House, things were so crowded.

But Congress wasn't impressed.

Farm Income Due To Set A Record
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—Agriculture Department economists predicted today this year's farm income from marketings will set a new record.

Latest surveys indicate, they said, a farm income for the first 11 months of \$21,600,000,000 or 14 percent more than in the same period last year.

The total 1945 income from marketings was \$21,552,000,000.



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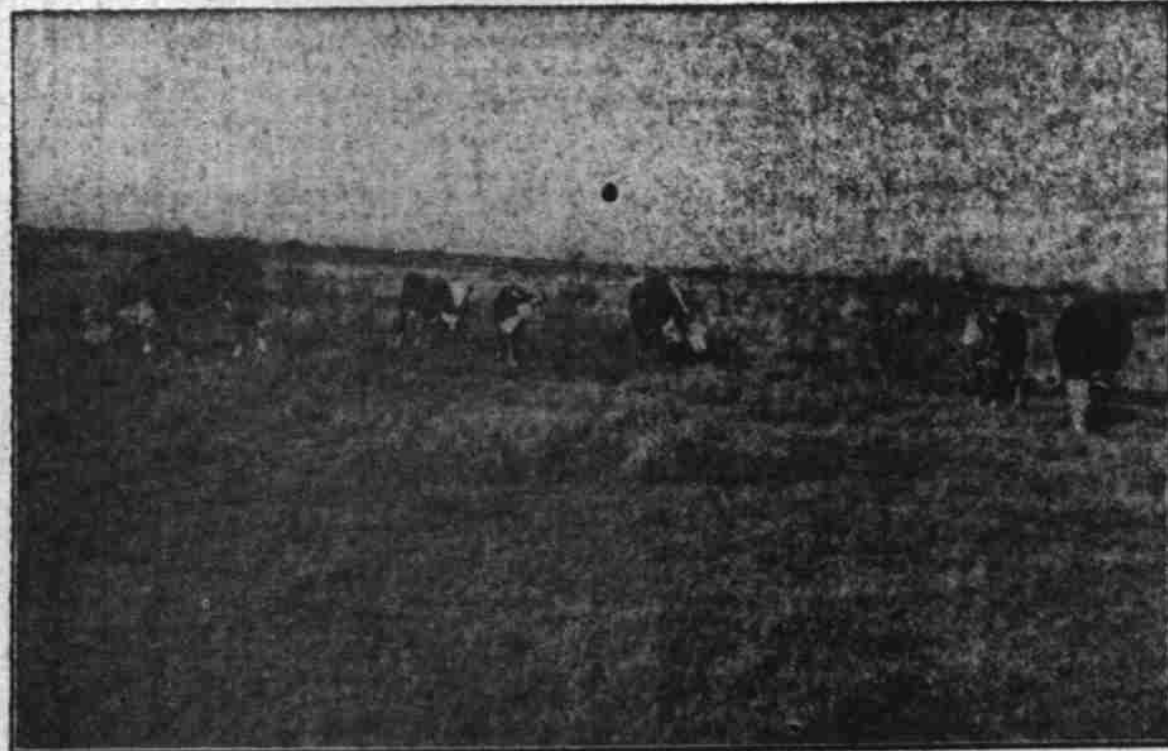
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Land owners and operators of the Martin-Howard Soil Conservation district are rapidly joining a national movement by planning a land-use program which will put an end to further waste of their soil resources.

Through the movement, farmers and ranchers are working out their own problems, administering their own program based on local conditions and receiving technical assistance from the SCS in applying and maintaining the program on their land.

Good soil management on both farm and grassland is the key to the program, according to the Board of Supervisors. The importance of contour planting, terracing and other mechanical features are not minimized but the first step is soil management if high yields are to prevail, the board further reveals.

To date, over 750,000 acres or 40 percent of the total area of the district have been planned.

The combined coordinated program includes improvement of 473,000 acres of range land, 88 farm and ranch ponds, 35,000 acres of cover crops, 135,000 acres of crop residue management, 1,500 miles of terraces constructed that have a cross section of 24-feet base-width, 15 inches high and a 4 foot crown width, 10 irrigation systems have been installed and trial plantings of introduced and native grasses have been made on 50 acres.

New crops, such as Hairy Vetch, Abruzzi rye, Balboa rye, windtex barley, sweet sudan, alfalfa, hubam clover and Austrian winter peas are being tried this year in an effort to find adapted crops to all soil types which will improve soil fertility, control wind and water erosion and make possible better land use and sustained economic returns.

Many new tillage practices are likewise being tried by district co-operators. Many farmers are interested in trash farming prac-

tices, which will leave an abundance of organic matter on or near the soil surface to afford protection against the pounding of raindrops, will control wind erosion and makes the soil more freely permeable and controls excessive soil temperatures.

Oscar Awards Set For Next March 13

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24 (AP).—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced today it will conduct its 19th annual presentation of awards March 13. The scene shifts this spring to the Shrine Auditorium, where 3,200 seats will be reserved for movie folk and 3,500 will be sold to the public. Increased attendance caused the move from a theater.

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Small Share Of Vets Use 52-20 Rights

(AP) Newsfeatures
WASHINGTON — Only 51,000 veterans of World War II have drawn their full quotas of the \$20 a week readjustment allowance provided under the GI Bill of Rights.

Under the law, veterans who served ten or more months pay draw the allowance for the maximum 52 weeks. Veterans who served less than ten months but more than 90 days may draw the allowance (sometimes called unemployment pay) a proportionately shorter length of time.

The 51,000 who have already exhausted their R. A. benefits are only about four-tenths of one percent of the more than 14,000,000 World War II veterans, almost all of whom are eligible. Of those who actually began drawing allowances—soon enough to have exhausted them—they are 2.2 percent.

Actually few of the 14,000,000 could have exhausted their right to the allowance. The demobilization program was just getting underway a year ago and didn't reach its peak until midwinter. Other veterans may now be well on the way toward using up their benefits.

To date the readjustment allowance program has cost taxpayers 1 3/4 billion dollars. That's almost half as much as the total cost of the World War I veterans' bonus. Last summer well over \$100,000,000 every month was paid unemployed veterans.

To be eligible a veteran must be out of work, looking for work and able and willing to take any "suitable" job offered him. California has the lowest percentage of used-up benefits. Only slightly more than one out of ev-

ery hundred veterans discharged a year ago have drawn the full-duration allowance.

Tennessee has the highest state percentage. Almost five out of every hundred Tennesseans who were veterans a year ago have used up the works.

But the record shows that Tennessee is far behind Puerto Rico. More than 40 percent of Puerto Rican veterans who have been out a year have used up their allowance. Low wage scales in Puerto Rico are given as one reason.

Largest single month's expenditure in the program occurred in April, when unemployed veterans received \$160,071,000. During the first week in November the number actually drawing the allowance fell below the million mark. Effects of the coal strike and consequent work stoppages may reverse the downward trend.

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Lakeview's supplies of all kinds of fruits are of the most perfect quality and the stocks are still plentiful. To fill the toe of the sock, there are nuts of all varieties including walnuts, almonds and pecans. For the sweet tooth there are those candies which all ways are synonymous with the Yule season.

After the socks have been emptied and the presents have been unwrapped the family can settle down to the serious business of the Christmas dinner, which tradition-

ally features a roast turkey. Lakeview can supply the birds—by order only—for the basis for the best Christmas dinner in years.

To bring out the true flavor of the turkey there must be complementary dishes, including the ever popular cranberry sauce and vegetables. Lakeview's vegetable displays offer a variety which provide a fresh vegetable for every taste, as well as the popular Irish potato and the southern favorite, the yam.

For those who do not prefer turkey Lakeview has a choice selection of hams for baking, and to make the Christmas breakfast perfect, there are supplies of flavorful sliced bacon.

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The firm offers residents of the Big Spring area a service that has proved itself in popularity and continues to gain public approval day by day.

People everywhere have become more conscious of good mattresses, and purchasing tastes now are a far cry from "the good old days" when ornate beds and bedding were preferred over comfort. However, the modern construction of mattresses gives current purchasers a maximum amount of comfort as well as style.

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National Guard Wanting Officers

Lieut. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commanding general of the Texas National Guard, has requested the city's assistance in locating officers for the headquarters and headquarters battery, eight motorized field artillery group, which are to be located in Big Spring.

In a letter to City Manager B. J. McDaniel, Gen. Walker said the National Guard needed a lieutenant colonel to be assigned as executive officer, three majors, six captains, and three first lieutenants. Two of the captains are needed to furnish a motor officer and a battery commander and communications officer, while first lieutenants are needed to fill the posts of chaplain, dental officer and communications.

Age minimum for lieutenant colonels is 51, majors 46, captains 41, and first lieutenants 34. They also must have served in the armed forces for at least six months after Dec. 7, 1941.

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When the concern was obliged to move with acquisition of its site as a part of the veterans hospital tract, Burnett became owner and re-established the business on the east highway.

An experienced craftsman in machine work, repair and power unit rebuilding, he is now serving the needs of the area in precision machine tooling and emergency replacement of vital parts. In addition his staff continues to specialize in rebuilding of heavy mobile and stationary power units.

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DENTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The \$1,000 Carr P. Collins award for the best Texas prose publication, written by a Texas writer, will again be offered this year through the Texas Institute of Letters, according to an announcement by Dr. L. H. Hubbard, president of TIL.
The award will be made next fall at the annual meeting of the Institute of Letters. Winners of the first award, made this year, was Green Peyton, San Antonio, for his book, "San Antonio, City in the Sun."

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Jap Heir-Apparent Called Talented Lad

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO, Dec. 24. (AP)—The chubby little boy who is scheduled some day to inherit the throne of Japan has won the "genuine affection" of his American teacher in the less than two months she has been on the job.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining of Philadelphia, first American and first woman ever to instruct a member of the Japanese Imperial Family, said in an interview that she had found considerable talent in little Crown Prince Akihito.

The heir-apparent to the Japanese crown observed his 14th birthday yesterday (Dec. 23). He will be 13, by the American system, but the Japanese count the date of birth as the first birthday.

As one of the prince's three English tutors, Mrs. Vining meets him twice a week in the chilly, barren schoolroom at picturesque Kogane, site of the new Peace school, several miles outside Tokyo.

She also teaches English to 127 other sons and daughters of Japan's nobility and says these youngsters seem much the same as children in other lands.

Mrs. Vining expects in time to give her students the full background of American history and customs and the principles of democracy which will after radical changes alter their lives.

Although she avoids comparisons, it is apparent that she regards the crown prince as her star pupil, but he had to earn that distinction without any special privileges because of rank.

"I am genuinely fond of him," she says simply. "He is alert, intent and has a good approach to his studies. He also has a sense of humor."

When Mrs. Vining arrived in Yokohama in mid-October, Japanese officials failed to meet her and she had to get an American friend to give her a ride to Tokyo.

Since then, however, she says she has been treated "wonderfully." There has been no evidence of unfriendliness by other teachers, nor, she says, has there been any resentment by her boy pupils, despite their early training in the belief that women were incompetent.

The tall widow with the sparkling eyes left her home in Germantown, Philadelphia, on three weeks' notice. Her new home is a comfortable two-story stuccoed house in the Tokyo suburbs. The Japanese government supplies her with household servants, a secretary and an automobile.

For her high-born pupils, Mrs. Vining has a school which is barely furnished and which has become increasingly "cold as winter advances."

"The children have an amazing resistance," she says. "Some days I have been quite chilly even with extra clothing, but the crown prince and the others don't seem to mind."

For one hour a week Akihito is a member of Mrs. Vining's regular English language class, which she says "is conducted along entirely democratic lines." For an additional hour she tutors the prince privately. They converse entirely in English, which she says necessarily is still "quite elementary."

Even so, Akihito is more advanced than his fellow-pupils as a result of this extra hour's instruction and the tutoring he gets from an Englishman and an English-speaking Japanese to broaden his "feel" for the language.

Mrs. Vining says all her students are particularly interested in picture-books which she brought from America. At present they are learning the English captions under a children's story of Lincoln.

Akihito lives in a special house provided for him at the school, but spends most of his time in the dormitory where he and the other boys are fed.

"I can see no special privileges given to him by the other students," she says. "The crown prince joins the other boys in their games and I think he is quite skillful in tennis and table tennis."

While Mrs. Vining, conscious of the responsibilities of her job, is careful to avoid anything which might be misconstrued, she says that she believes the Japanese have much to offer the western world, including "their love of beauty and simplicity of living."

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Thomas Retiring From AAA Post After 10 Years.

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Thomas also acted as head of the Howard County War board during the war years and he dedicated unlimited time and effort to both jobs gratuitously, despite the fact that he had his own interests to look after.

He also managed to find time to serve on the Transportation committee during the years of strife.

A resident of Howard county for many years, Thomas farmed in the vicinity of Vincent and Center Point prior to migrating to his present location near Moore.

He was not a candidate for reelection on last month's ballot. His successor will be Willis Winters, long time resident of Vincent.

Plenty Mistletoe At The Last Minute

If in your last-minute rush to attend to Christmas shopping, you have overlooked that sprig of mistletoe, do not despair.

Mistletoe abounds in this area, and there is enough in Howard county for a carload of Yuletide kisses.

A quick trip down any adjacent country lane traversed by draws and creek bottoms will yield a good supply. In general, mistletoe may be found in hackberry groves, and in some areas mesquite and other trees sport heavy growth of the leathery, green leaves and white berries.

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Salvation Army's Old Time Music Is Best-Liked

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (AP)—The Salvation Army has streamlined its street music with phonographs and amplifiers, but when the trumpets and trombones toot the dimes and quarters hit the metal drum a lot faster.

Major V. M. Sansyckie, 38-year veteran in the service explained on one of Dallas' busiest corners today that "These records run on and on, long after a man gets too tired to blow a horn but a real live Salvation Army band can still collect a lot more money."

That fact was demonstrated when Brigadier Charles H. Dodd, the army's state commander, walked up with a brass trombone. He was followed by Maj. Carl Cone who carried an accordion and Adjutant William Pyke and Robert Tritton, a layman, both of whom had cornets.

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The phonograph was turned off and Dodd and the other musicians swung into "Jingle Bells."

At the microphone Major Vansyckie explained that the Salvation Army is still the biggest bringer of good cheer in the world and that this Christmas will be its biggest ever.

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And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem. . . .

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them. Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

The Nation Today—James Marlow

Yule Buying Means More Taxes

By FANCIS M. LeMAY
Substituting for James Marlow

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Santa Claus and Uncle Sam are in cahoots in what may well be the nation's biggest buying spree.

Santa is spreading Christmas cheer. And Uncle Sam is rolling in the tax dollars, because the wartime excise rates still prevail.

For every dollar you spent on jewelry, furs, perfume or luggage for Christmas gifts, you paid 20 cents to the federal treasury.

If you set yourself or a friend up to a quart of liquor, your Uncle Sam got a dollar or more of what you paid for it, depending on the proof.

You and your friends who are Christmas visiting back to the old home town, on train, plane or bus, had 15 percent added to the ticket price, and this was forked over to the treasury.

If you telephone a Christmas greeting there the long distance toll gets 25 percent added for the tax kitty.

It just happens that Uncle Sam packs an extra wad of dough when Santa spreads the Christmas spirit, for the excise levies prevail the year round.

These taxes, affecting many other purchases and services, will yield billions of dollars this year. A lot of folk in and out of Congress would like to ease up on the high excises.

If the lawmakers decide to set a definite date for the cutbacks, as provided in the 1943 law, here's what would happen:

Liquor — the excise would drop from \$9 a gallon, to \$6.

Jewelry, furs, luggage and toilet preparations — a drop from 20 percent of the retail sales price to 10 percent.

Admissions — from 1 cent for each five cents to 1 cent for each 20 cents.

Cabarets — from 20 percent to 5 percent of take.

Long distance tolls — from 25 percent to 20; local telephone

bills — 15 percent to 10.
Transportation of persons — 15 percent to 10.

Hal Boyle's Notebook

A Wide-Open Letter

NEW YORK, (AP)—Dear Santa Claus,

If your best friends won't tell you, I will, old-timer. Get wise to yourself. Modernize. Shake off those unsanitary old whiskers. Climb out of that red flannel suit and buy yourself some dinner clothes. And quit whipping those reindeer. The S. P. C. A. doesn't like it. Buy yourself a supersonic jet chariot.

Most of all, get out of the peppermint candy business. You still have the kids sewed up, but you're sure losing out with grownups. You've got to take inventory and streamline your stock.

Give 'em something new for a change. For example, here's a gift list that will take you out of the kiddie car class, and win you more fans than Frank Sinatra:

Mohandas K. Gandhi—a pin-striped zoot suit.

John L. Lewis—an oil burning eyebrow warmer.

Ingrid Bergman—my telephone number—Gramery 7-8959.

The man with the hoe—a tractor.

Ladies in waiting—what they're waiting for—men.

Lana Turner—a suit of armor (no more sweaters, please).

Tommy Manville—a commutation ticket to Reno.

Hirohito—a copy of "Twilight of the Gods."

Doug MacArthur—a press pass and a new roll of gold braid.

Our war veterans—anything in the world they need.

The National Association of Manufacturers—an erector set.

Henry Ford—a new car.

But nobody around Capitol Hill can say for certain how or when these excises will be trimmed.

Henry Kaiser—any car.

Hollywood—criticism.
The radio—criticism.
My wife—patience.
My landlord (he's throwing me out)—a hair shirt.
A new landlord—me! me!
Harry Truman—earmuffs.
Joe Louis—some competition.
Joe Stalin—Ditto.
The high cost of living—a greased toboggan.
My mother—a nosegay of forget-me-nots—and an evergreen remembrance.
Happy Chandler—a Mexican bel-lie laugh.
Greta Garbo—lend her to me. She said she wants to be a loan.
And, no kidding on this one, Santa, for the people of this weary earth—mutual understanding and endless peace. They've got it coming.
Yours at the wishing well,
HAL BOYLE.

Radio Log

KBST — 1490 Kcs.

TUESDAY EVENING
6:00 Headline Edition
6:15 Elmer Davis
6:30 News
6:35 Sports News
6:40 Jazz Amboree
7:15 Serenade for You
7:30 Santa Claus Rides Again
8:00 Musical Manhattan
8:30 Christmas Carols
9:00 Serenade in Swingtime
9:30 Tomorrow's Headlines
10:13 The Gift of Little Shepherd
10:30 Christmas Calendar
11:00 News
11:05 Service from Cathedral of St. John the Divine
12:00 Sign Off

WEDNESDAY MORNING
6:00 Sign On
6:00 Hill Billy Music
6:30 Musical Clock
6:55 Westward Ho
7:00 Your Exchange
7:15 Religion in Life
7:30 News
7:45 Sons of Pioneers
8:00 Breakfast Club
8:00 My True Story
9:25 Hymns of All Churches
9:45 Listening Post
10:00 Breakfast in Hollywood
10:30 Kellogg Home Edition
10:45 Ted Malone
11:00 Kenny Baker Show
11:30 Dr. Swain
11:35 Downtown Shopper
11:55 Collins Drug Show

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
12:00 Man on Street
12:15 Bing Sings
12:30 Banner Headlines
12:45 Songs You Know and Love
1:00 Walter Kierman
1:15 Radio Bible Class
1:30 Art Baker
1:45 Coke Club
2:00 Ladies be Seated
2:15 Afternoon Varieties
2:30 Afternoon Devotional
2:45 Cugat Time
3:00 Thanksgiving This Christmas
3:15 Christmas Calendar
3:30 Christmas Carols
3:45 Platter Party
4:45 Christmas Carols
5:00 Terry and the Pirates
5:15 Sky King
5:30 Jack Armstrong
5:45 Christmas Carols

WEDNESDAY EVENING
6:00 Headline Edition
6:15 Raymond Swing
6:30 Southwestern News
6:35 Sportscast
6:40 Jazz Amboree
7:15 Carols around the World
7:30 Music of Manhattan
8:00 Ann Scotland
8:30 Pot of Gold
9:00 Bing Crosby
9:30 Serenade in Swingtime
10:00 Tomorrow's Headlines
10:15 Moonlight Mood
10:30 Gems for Thought
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11:00 News
11:05 Ted Weems
11:30 Dez Arnez Orch.
11:55 News
12:00 Sign Off.

BETHLEHEM



Broadway—Jack O'Brian

Gleason Is Funny

NEW YORK — Jackie Gleason has run a "strangely wide gamut of acting styles . . . at first an insulter with the old 18 Club White, Jackie was grabbed by films and turned into a gangster actor, returned to Broadway for the thoroughly low comedy lead in "Follow the Girls," was grabbed again by Hollywood and sat out his contract, well paid for doing nothing. . . . He returned to the bigger saloons as a high-salaried single act and now goes into Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe, marking a startling change in policy for the bantam Billy, who always has been known as a fellow who prefers low-falury acts to the upwards of four-falury weekly which he must pay the fat Jackie.

"I don't know what show will zoom him to stardom, but he's a cinch," said Billy, in commenting on his new comic. "He is funny in the good Broadway tradition."

Billy was just echoing what all Broadway has been saying for a good while. The hero-like Jackie, one of the best dressed fat men in the business, and a handsome fatter at that, is a clinch in my book too.

Several hundred bureaucrats—please Santa! Swipe the pruning knife of Rep. John Taber, chairman of the House Appropriations committee.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson—may all farm lobbyists go home for good.

Secretary of Commerce Harrison—may the anti-trust laws be repealed.

Bernard Baruch—if Santa would only send me the combination to Gromyko's mind and Molotov's brain!

Chester Bowles—a fair Democratic party primary in Connecticut.

Chief Justice Fred Vinson—528 delegates to the next Democratic convention.

Senator Bob Taft—bigger and

gular had some questionable conscience twinge, for he sent back the releases by mail — but no cash!

Arnold Reuben's new gustatory cathedral dedicated to the sandwich opens his month, seats more than 500 and will have retail departments as well as food service. . . . There'll also be a barber shop on the premises. . . . The entire cost was \$1,000,000 before opening, quite a venture for a gentleman who started with a sandwich.

KELLY'S STABLE, which used to be a swing joint but now has become a center of insulating entertainment in the vein of the old 18 Club, has a new gimmick called a "Character Night." . . . It is similar to the celebrity nights in some of the other clubs, except that at the Stable, the guest of honor will not be chosen because of his prominence in the Broadway whirl, but for his inconsequence.

The first winner of this dubious honor was "Commodore Dutch," a gentleman renowned in Damon Runyon circles as a fellow who doesn't work, but maintains his state of existence by running an annual ball in his own honor.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. American senator
6. Public conveyance
9. Land measure
12. Cautious
13. Poem
14. Pertaining to one's birth
15. Tipping
16. Musical
17. Bind
18. Exits
19. Unsprung
20. Concomitant
21. Silk worm
22. Type of electric current
23. Baseball
24. Arboreal
25. Goddess of discord
26. Night before an event
27. Grafted heraldry
28. Transient
29. Heavenly body
30. Moves
31. Bird's home
32. Canadian province
33. abbr.
34. Regale
35. Alternative
36. Anger
37. Accumulate
38. Deportment
39. City in Florida
40. Self
41. Stripl bark
42. Biblical prophet

DOWN
1. Sleeping place
2. Chemical suffix
3. Assessment rating
4. Century plants
5. Capital of Montana
6. Light bed
7. Entrance
8. Accept as true
9. Tropical bird
10. Hindu queen
11. Urges
12. Cylindrical
13. Come in
14. Domestic employee
15. Golf clubs
16. Investigates
17. Mark of omission
18. Lake in the Panama Canal
19. Blissful abodes
20. Fish for car-tain fish
21. Wrench
22. Fish hawk
23. Occupying a language
24. Mexican dish
25. Asiatic
26. Portent
27. Fury
28. Ireland
29. Small quarrel
30. Fencing cry
31. Present time
32. Watch secretly

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Washington Merry-Go-Round—Drew Pearson

What They Want For Christmas

WASHINGTON.—After a careful check of highly reliable authorities, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is able to publish the following Christmas list. It reveals what the great and near great are hoping to get—or else should get—in their Christmas stockings.

Here's hoping Santa Claus is good to them!

Harry Truman—a note in his stocking asks for fewer strikes, full production, a four-year subscription of men's wear.

Eleanor Roosevelt—a 28-hour day.

Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder—that a certain columnist, Werd Nosraep, spelled backward, would get him for six months.

Secretary of Labor Lew Schwel-lenbach—oh, to be back in Spokane! After a year at hard labor, the laundry business looks good to Lou.

Secretary of War Bob Patterson—whispered to Santa that he wasn't choosy; there are nine jobs which interest him—all on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Republican Chairman Carroll Reece—a season pass to the Mayflower Hotel barber shop.

New speaker Joe Martin—two dozen unbreakable gavel and a good crystal ball.

Jimmy Byrnes—that Stalin would stop stalling, and that peace may come to stay.

Presidential Military Aide Harry Vaughan—Bourbon and Branch water.

Several hundred bureaucrats—please Santa! Swipe the pruning knife of Rep. John Taber, chairman of the House Appropriations committee.

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Senator Bob Taft—bigger and

better gallsups polls.

Senator John Bricker—"How can I keep my big mouth shut?"

The Garron Brothers—a hung jury.

Ambassador O. Max Gardner—some knee breeches (football legs should not be hidden).

Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma—bigger and better tips on the cotton market—for his wife's trading account, of course.

Senator Bob La Follette—Any old thing to keep a good brain busy.

Congressman John Rankin—A dozen slightly stale red herrings to draw across democracy's trail.

Economist Bob Nathan—A little anonymity.

Henry Kaiser—A few more cars off the assembly line at Willow Run.

Postmaster General Bob Hanning—another Roosevelt or a reasonably accurate facsimile thereof.

Ed Paul—Harold Ickes' scalp.

Harold Ickes—Ed Pauley's head on a silver platter.

Senator Vandenberg—permission to stay away from International conferences for at least six months.

Senator Theodore "the man" Bilbo—fewer probes and more dreamhouses.

Labor Leader Bill Green—A Cuban in Havana.

Generoso Pope—to find the New York cop who befriended him when he was a homeless waif in Manhattan 45 years ago.

Paul Porter—a simple Greek-American dictionary.

Leon Henderson—a million Havana cigars and a good rumba band.

Ed Pritchard—a wedding ring.

Secretary of the Interior Cap Krug—a chance to stug John L. Lewis.

Senator Tom Connally—"Take me home to the range."

Roy Howard—a pair of Adler's elevated shoes.

White House Jester George Allen—a few dozen industrial directorships and a tip on the horses at Hialeah.

Handsome Clark Clifford—a charge account at the town's leading tailor. He already knows a haberdasher well.

Reconverter John Steelman—Lew Schwel-lenbach's resignation.

Secretary of the Navy Jimmy Forrestal—any job Jimmy Byrnes isn't using.

Senator Alben Barkley from all of us—Years and years of good cheer.

Senator Cowboy Glen Taylor—a mortgage-free home 'neath the capitol dome.

Mike the doorman at the Mayflower—a few good tips on the stock market.

Senator Wherry of Nebraska—one newspaperman who would take him seriously.

Senator Curley Brooks of Illinois—a long life for Col. Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune—without whom, he would be nothing.

General Douglas MacArthur—a full-dress parade down Fifth Avenue.

Asst. Sec of State Bill Benton—to hear the Red Army chorus sing the Star Spangled Banner.

Sen. Jim Mead of New York—his old head, some way, somehow.

John L. Lewis—a few more lawyers. Seven weren't enough.

Attorney General Clark—a chance to send John Rogge to survey China.

Herbert Swope—a picture of the Duke of Windsor, so he'll recognize him next time.

Former Vice President Henry Wallace—a friendlier press and 100,000 more subscribers to the New Republic.

Asst. Postmaster General Gael Sullivan—the Mayorality of Chicago.

Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy—a wife.

Supreme Court Justice Bill Douglas—a roof over his head.

Senator Joe Ball of Minnesota—the friendship of labor and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce all at the same time.

The Republican Party—more power and less responsibility.

The Democratic Party—patience and victory in '48.

All of us—Peace, Prosperity and Happiness.

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Texas Today—

Something Good For The Holiday

By JACK RUTLEDGE
Associated Press Staff

Everywhere you turn—Christmas spirit!

Even in Houston's poorer section a Panhandler walked into a liquor store, carefully examined the available vintages, was asked by the shopkeeper if he wanted the usual potation.

"Now," said the Panhandler, "Give me something real good—about forty-nine cents a bottle."

A Denison woman returning home by train from Houston was talking. She said she'd like to have enough money to stand in a toy store and buy a toy for every kid that came in and just looked, but didn't have the money to buy.

A man sitting opposite her got up. He said he felt the same way. And handed her a \$100 bill.

"I have a little extra money. Take this and do what you said you'd like to do. Just say it's from an Oklahoma Santa Claus."

Christmas joy has come and gone for Robert Cherry of Denison. He got a brand new Ford sedan. He drove home, parked it in the garage, and the next morning

it was gone. Someone had stolen it. (Later it was found wrecked in Tennessee.)

The oldest Christmas tree ornaments in Llano are believed to be those belonging to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Norton. Some of the rare decorations are 44 years old, and have been used every year since 1902, when they were put up on

their daughter's first Christmas tree.

Cpl. Raymond Turner of San Antonio spent a lot of his spare time in Europe thinking about the Alamo City. He talked about it a lot. He bragged of course.

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WORD-A-DAY

By MICKEY BACH

JOYOUS NOEL

SWEET OR PLEASANT TO THE EAR; MELODIOUS; ALSO, SOOTHING OR AGREEABLE

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The rummy sessions Abbot and Costello play every second on the set when they're not before the camera, is now a three-game affair so they can win or lose faster. Anywhere from \$5 to \$55 a game.

Sonny Tufts' sking has been snowed under by Paramount which told him to lay off until he finishes "Blaze of Noon" . . . how would you like a chance to order your wife around? Hume Cronyn will direct Jessica Tandy in "Portrait of Madonna" at the actor's lab.

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS is nigh, and the world is filled with hope and expectations for Peace, Security, and Good Will for all. Old St. Nick is about, spreading his warm good cheer, and scattering his gifts to lighten your heart and brighten your spirits. Here's hoping that you get your full quota of his choicest tokens, to keep you happy throughout the New Year.

FARMERS GIN COMPANY
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All-Out Offensive Skirmish Is Foreseen In Houston Bowl

Herm Wedemeyer Gael's Threat

HOUSTON, Dec. 24. (AP)—The Engineers of Georgia Tech and Gallant Gaels of St. Mary's of California today were preparing to take quick looks at their Christmas gifts before heading for the southwest and Houston where the two highly rated offensive eleven will clash in the Oil Bowl classic New Year's Day.

Georgia Tech is to move into Houston Thursday to enable a full week of on-the-scene practice before meeting Herman Wedemeyer and company. The Gaels are to arrive Sunday morning.

Although Coach Bobby Dodd's golden tornado from Georgia evidently will go into the game as favorite, the records of the two teams on offense indicate a close battle — and a battle of high scoring variety for each club.

Tech averaged 24.3 points in ten contests during regular season, while St. Mary's averaged 26.2 in eight tilts. Each lost two games, Tech to Tennessee and Georgia and St. Mary's to UCLA and California.

Georgians ran up 243 points to their opponents 108. The Californians totaled 210 against 119.

With the Gaels possessing such a star as Wedemeyer and Georgia Tech having a group of steady backs headed by Dinkley Bowen at full and Frank Broyles at quarter, the strength of the lines of the two teams may be the determining factor for the winner.

In that connection, Tech has two linemen who have rated all-America selections this year.

Paul Duke, the center, has been selected on a majority of the All-Star teams, while tackle Robert Davis, a 225-pounder, was named on the New York Sun's all-America group.

The visiting players will have a taste of Texas hospitality as arranged by the sponsoring Quarterback Club of Houston. Included will be rodeos and tours of the oil, cotton and industrial wonders of the Houston area.

Eddie Dyer, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, will participate in the program at the Oil Bowl gridiron party after the game. Awards will be presented at the dinner, to be held at San Jacinto Inn on the battle ground where Texas won its independence.

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Kentucky Again Rules Southeast Cage Roost

ATLANTA, Dec. 24. (AP)—With Kentucky already occupying its perennial role of favorite, the other 11 Southeastern Conference basketball teams are getting set for their annual scrap over second place.

The Wildcats have won the title so many times—eight out of 13, including the last three—that the runner-up position has become quite a coveted honor.

It appeared for a time that Tulane, with several prewar stars back in action, including Alex Athas, who led the conference in scoring in 1944 and made the all-star team, would be a threat for the title. But the Wildcats and Tulane opened the league's schedule at Lexington Nov. 30 and the Wildcats won going away, 65-35.

Kentucky can start a team of players who made all-conference honors in past seasons and have several brilliant stars left over, including Jack Tingle, Ken Campbell, Bob Brannum, Ralph Beard, Wallace Jones. That quintet averages six feet three, and all made the all-star team in recent years.

Add to them, big Alex Groza, a six, seven center, who entered the Army in 1944 at the height of a brilliant season. All told, Coach Adolph Rupp has 15 veterans on hand, plus eight outstanding freshmen. Losses from last year's squad are negligible in view of the returning veterans — especially Groza and Brannum.

Louisiana State, with practically the same team which last year reached the finals against Kentucky in the annual tournament, appears an able contender. Alabama, aided by three stars from 1943, Jim Homer, Charley Erwin and J. F. Sharp, is also expected to make a creditable showing. Homer was second in scoring in the conference during 1943.

Georgia Tech also looms as a potential threat with a half dozen prewar stars back, including Dick Collier, who led the conference scoring in 1945; Frank Broyles, a star of 1944 and 1945, and Wes Paxon, all-conference in 1944. Broyles twice was chosen on the all-star second team.

Improvement all along the line is promised for every team, in view of the returning stars and enrollment of prep school standouts who went from the campus into armed service.

Most of the teams plan schedules of from 20 to 30 games, with about a dozen or more conference tilts included. The annual tournament is set for Louisville on Feb. 27-March 1.

Besides Tulane and Kentucky, Mississippi, Mississippi State, LSU, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky

LOOKING 'EM OVER

WITH TOMMY HART

If Big Spring fields a baseball team in the newly organized Longhorn baseball league next spring, it will have to start construction of its park by February 1. Directors of the circuit, in session at Sweetwater last Sunday, set that as an absolute deadline.

Lou Baker, who represented Our Town at the confab, says he favors calling a meeting of the village's fans as quickly after the first of the year as possible. The size and quality of the plant would be discussed at that parley.

Joe Langston, who'll run the front office of the local club—if it functions—went ahead with plans to set up shop here. He ordered uniforms for the team, after being informed that it would take at least two months to get delivery on them.

Vernon representatives at the Sunday conclave revealed that the city has shouldered the task of providing a stadium there. Bill Moore, enthusiastic Ballinger sponsor, says he will close the contract for construction of his park sometime this week, that actual work should begin within in the near future.

An Amarillo party put up Odessa's franchise guarantee with League President Howard Green but indications are Jim Payne, a former Big Spring, will run the team if plans materialize there.

Midland city dads haven't made any move toward getting the house trailers of the park property there but sources say that will be a minor problem. Only a skeleton of the Midland grandstand remains. Extensive work will have to be done on the seats before they can be used.

Incidentally, Langston decided to cast his lot with the Big Spring club after being assured by Abilene parties that the city would give him all-out support.

Joe hails from Sopchoppy, Florida, which is in Wakulla county just south of Tallahassee, the commonwealth's capital. The youngster has been in baseball quite a spell. One of his first bosses was Steve O'Neill, the man who now directs the destinies of the Detroit Tigers.

Langston at present is a student in McMurry college, Abilene. He's a sophomore—his classroom work was interrupted by the war—and is aiming for a degree in Physical Education.

Pressure was exerted by some 3AA schools last week to toss out the previous decision to settle the district baseball title by tournament. They wanted to determine the gonfalon on strictly a schedule basis, it seems.

Coaches in other schools, however—leary of some strong home-flavored officiating—managed to stave off a complete rout by insisting on a partial tournament, among the top four quintets.

They figure that officiating is more apt to be impartial on a tournament basis.

SMU Theology School Receives Two Gifts

DALLAS, Dec. 24. (AP)—Ruel B. Gilbert, retired businessman and philanthropist of St. Petersburg, Fla., has presented a gift of \$100,000 to the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Bishop John M. Moore of the Methodist church has announced.

It is the second large gift received by the school this year. In February Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Perkins of Wichita Falls increased a 1945 gift of \$1,350,000 to \$2,000,000.

Bishop Moore said the Gilbert gift probably will be used as a scholarship fund.

SANTA HAD A MASK, BUSHY TAIL

PERU, Nebr., Dec. 24. (AP)—Members of the L. G. Tear family at first thought Santa Claus got his dates mixed.

They were startled from their sleep last night when they heard a clatter caused by a falling fireplace screen.

But it wasn't Santa. A neighbor's pet raccoon had come down the chimney.

Bronchos Leave For Austin Bout Wednesday Nite

By the Associated Press

Thomas Jefferson's Mustangs of San Antonio and Odessa's Bronchos had heavy workouts on schedule today as they continued preparations for Saturday's state schoolboy football championship tilt at Austin.

Both coaches promised long sessions this afternoon and Coach Barlow (Bones) Irvin of Jefferson had skull practice on schedule this morning.

Coach Joe Coleman of Odessa indicated the Bronchos will be permitted to have Christmas dinner at home tomorrow with an early afternoon workout to follow. Present plans call for the team to depart by bus for Austin late tomorrow with Christmas night to be spent in San Angelo. The team would arrive in Austin in time for an afternoon workout Thursday.

Coleman reported several of his players nursing bruises and sore muscles following Saturday's semifinal victory over Highland Park of Dallas. None of the injuries appeared serious enough to cause lineup changes.

Byron Townsend, great Broncho fullback, and Wayne Jones, tackle, received knee injuries.

At San Antonio, however, Irvin announced that a severe kidney injury will prevent Harold Johnson, substitute guard, from participating in the championship game. Johnson was injured in last week's Lufkin game. Otherwise the Mustangs were considered in excellent physical condition.

The Jefferson team is not expected to leave for Austin until Saturday morning.

Bears Give Cats 1st Half Score

By the Associated Press

Southwest conference basketball teams today were preparing for quick Christmas celebrations before returning to the hardwood.

The pre-Christmas schedule was completed last night as the Baylor Bears, defending conference champions, bowed to the mighty Kentucky Wildcats, 75-34, at Lexington, Ky., but only after giving a first half scare to the nation's number one cage team.

Kentucky led 29-21 at halftime and the Bears reduced the margin to four points early in the second half before the Wildcats found the range of the basket. In the last nine minutes of play Kentucky scored 25 points to two for the Bears.

Christmas will be brief for six of seven southwest teams, however, in that five will resume competition Thursday and another, Texas A. and M., on Friday.

Texas, Rice and Baylor enter the Oklahoma City tournament Thursday, while Southern Methodist and Texas Christian begin midwest tours. The Aggies play Louisiana State and the University of Houston in Houston on Friday and Saturday. Arkansas will remain idle.

INDIANS WIN, 18-7

HONOLULU, Dec. 24. (AP)—Stanford's Indians, thanks largely to halfback Bobby Anderson, proved the better mudders and plowed to an 18-7 football victory over University of Miami last night.

Rote Labeled As Greatest Player In History Of Schoolboy League

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24. (AP)—Kyle Rote had to be a top-flight broken field runner in self-defense.

In the first place, Thomas Jefferson High School needed a fellow who could scat with the oval in order to get into the state schoolboy football finals for the first time.

In the second place, Rote needs to be quite a side-stepper to evade the college scouts long enough to put in full time with the team.

Kyle has done well in the first but only average in the latter. It has simmered to two colleges and they say Southern Methodist has the inside track with Rice still a possibility.

Old-timers are labeling Rote the greatest all-around player in Texas interscholastic League history. That means the class of approximately 200,000. Others say they will reserve judgment until Saturday when Thomas Jefferson plays undefeated, untied Odessa at Austin for the twenty-seventh annual schoolboy title.

But all agree that he's a rhythm of the gridiron any college would be glad to have on its touchdown hit parade.

Rote weighs 172 pounds, is play-

ing his fourth year of high school football, has averaged six yards per try running with the ball, has completed six of every ten passes, attempted and has averaged 42 yards punting. But his defensive ability is as valuable as his offense. If a pass has been completed in his territory this season no one recalls it.

They term him a "psychological runner." Well, what is better psychology in football than to take the opening kick-off to a touchdown? Against John Reagan of Houston he raced 100 yards only to have the play called back because Jefferson was off-side. But it unnerved Reagan plenty. Score: Jefferson 40, Reagan 0, against Brackenridge he sped 90 yards. Score: Jefferson 39, Brackenridge 6. Last week against Lufkin he took the opening kick-off back 90 yards for a touchdown. Lufkin, favored to win the game, never could recover. Score: Jefferson 13, Lufkin 0 (Rote made all the points).

Sports writers don't talk much about Jefferson. It's whether the other team can beat Rote. But this hasn't caused dissension among the Mustangs. They say he's the reason they're where they are today. Perhaps this incident explains why there is no jealousy:

The first string came out of a game that was safely in the bag. Rote was out first and somebody pitched him a wet towel. He met all the other regulars as they came off the field and swabbed their faces. When all were safely on the bench he wiped his own face.

Others may say Jefferson is a one-man ball club but Kyle Rote doesn't think so.

Innkeepers Lose Ground In Fight For Classic Title

Fox's Cafe quintet made giant strides in their bid for second place in the Classic Bowling league standings by sweeping a three game set from the State Druggists.

The Douglass Innkeepers subdued the Wasson Haberdashers twice in three tries but lost a game of their lead to Nathan's Jewelers, who shut out HiWay Package, 3-0.

In the other match, Texas Electric jumped into a deadlock for fifth place by whitewashing the Big Spring Neon team in three games.

G. G. Runyan's 217 and 616 paced the individual scoring for the evening while Texas Electric posted a 2595 for game high.

Standings:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Douglass	29	13	.690
Nathan	26	16	.619
Fox	23	19	.548
State	23	19	.548
Wasson	18	24	.429
TES	18	24	.429
BS Neon	16	26	.381
HiWay	14	28	.333

Negro Grid Title On Line Wednesday

DALLAS, Dec. 24. (AP)—A crowd of 10,000 is expected here Christmas day when Southern University of Baton Rouge, undefeated, untied champion of the southwest colored conference, meets powerful Tuskegee Institute of Alabama in the first annual Yam Bowl game.

The game, being played at Dal-Hi Stadium, is being billed as for the title of Dixie.

Tuskegee has won ten games and lost one this season; scoring 300 points to 70 for the opposition. The lone defeat was to Arkansas State—9-7. Southern has rolled up 322 points to 88.

Both teams are due to arrive in Dallas late today.



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106 W. 3rd

Christmas greetings

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It is this sentiment that forms the background of our thinking of you at this glad time of the year. We want you to know that when we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS," we include our thankfulness for all past favors. The best of everything to each of you.

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Announcements LOST: strayed or stolen; small bay mare with small white blaze on forehead.

Personals CONSULT Estelle, the Reader. Heffernan Hotel, 305 Gregg, Room 2.

Lodges STATED Convocation Big Spring Chapter every third Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Public Notices MY show will be closed from Christmas to January 16.

Business Service RADIOS Serviced and Repaired. Kinard Radio Service, 1119 W. 4th.

Check Here For Items - Services AUTO & FIRE INSURANCE See J. D. O'Barr 105 1/2 East 2nd St.

BATTERY & GARAGE SERVICE Willard batteries for all makes cars. McCracker Garage & Battery Service.

MATTRESSES Call 1764 for Mattress renovating and Sterilizing. Big Spring Mattress Factory, 811 W. 3rd St.

Announcements Business Service We Pick Up All Unkilled DEAD ANIMALS. Phone 153 (Collect).

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Announcements Woman's Column IRONING done reasonable; satisfaction guaranteed; Edna Perkins, 404 Donley.

Announcements Employment Male or Female FIRMLY-ESTABLISHED Big Spring business institution needs an experienced bookkeeper.

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Announcements Employment Male or Female WANTED: Housekeeper, unmarried white woman between 35 and 50 years of age.

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For Sale Pets TWO Jersey milk cows; one fresh; the other fresh soon.

For Sale Pets FOR Christmas: sheet music, musical instruments; radios; record players.

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For Sale Miscellaneous OFFICIAL top grain leather football; nylon sewn; special \$8.95.

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Real Estate 1. Very pretty large six room brick home on Washington Blvd.

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Real Estate 5. Nice home: 5 rooms and bath on Scurry St.

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Real Estate 7. Very modern Spanish style, 7 rooms and two baths.

Real Estate 8. Good suburban grocery store with complete living quarters.

Real Estate 9. Nice modern four room and bath on East 18th St.

Real Estate 10. A real nice home on Rannels St.: 5 rooms and bath.

Real Estate 11. Nice home: 4 rooms and bath; very modern; south part of town.

Real Estate 12. Very modern Spanish style, 7 rooms and two baths.

Real Estate 13. Nice 5-room and bath; near South Ward school; very reasonable.

Real Estate 14. Nice home, very modern, 5 large rooms and bath.

Real Estate 15. Modern home, 4 rooms and bath in south part of town.

Real Estate 16. Beautiful brick home: 5 rooms and bath; brick garage.

Real Estate 17. Very modern 2-room and bath; to be moved.

Real Estate 18. 3 good lots; water well and windmill in South part of town.

Real Estate Houses For Sale Large house and small house very close in, good income property.

Real Estate Houses For Sale Good six room brick veneer with double garage apartment.

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Real Estate Houses For Sale Large brick veneer home, good condition, double stucco garage.

Real Estate Houses For Sale New five room tile and plastered home in Washington Place.

Real Estate Houses For Sale Three acres and three houses just outside the city limits.

Real Estate Houses For Sale REAL good large modern 6-room house and garage.

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Fidels Class Has Progressive Dinner Party

The Fidels Sunday School class of the First Baptist church entertained with a progressive dinner Monday evening.

The group met at the home of Wynelle Todd for the first course of the meal, which was served appetizers from a table decorated with Christmas tapers and sprays of evergreen.

A salad course was served at the home of Dorothy Sain and fruit molds topped with whipped cream resembled decorated Christmas trees.

Mrs. H. M. Jarrett, teacher for the class, was hostess for the main course of the dinner. The entertaining rooms carried out the chosen motif and dinner was served by candlelight.

The final course was served in the home of Lillian Hurt where the class held a Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and carols sung.

Those attending were Mrs. Jarrett, Miss Todd, Miss Sain, Miss Hurt, Lamoyne Williams, Mozelle Bradley, Helen Hurt and Julia Cooran.

It'll Be Turkey For Prisoners

Prisoners of the county jail will feast on turkey and the trimmings Christmas day, if the city's restaurants can obtain the ingredients for such a menu.

Following a time-honored tradition, the bastille's cook will be given a full holiday tomorrow. The turn-key orders the food from downtown eating establishments.

An alloy of tin and copper has the appearance of silver when used to plate metals.

American Air Lines Host Yule Party

A Christmas party for kiddies, complete with a Santa Claus to distribute gifts, was held at the Settles hotel Monday evening under the sponsorship of American Air Lines, and was followed by a Yuletide get-together for personnel connected with aviation in Big Spring.

Around 50 persons attended the affair which was held in a party room at the hotel. Attending were crew members of local air lines and personnel of the weather bureau, CAA tower, CAA communications, Continental Air Lines, U & S Flying Service, Big Spring Flying School, American Air Lines and airport manager's office.

Ackerly Choirs Present Program

ACKERLY, Dec. 23. — A large crowd Sunday evening heard three choirs — children, young people and adults — of the First Methodist church give a Christmas program.

Mrs. Bill Hambrick and Mrs. G. E. Criswell, were accompanists. Cast for "The First Christmas," a pageant, included Mozella Rhea, J. C. Ingram, Alfred Cluck, Hub Rogers, and Forest Criswell.

Darrell Smith, who lives east of Ackerly, has purchased the Ditto home in Ackerly and his family, now visiting in Colorado City, will move in after the holidays.

The Ackerly Rodeo Club has purchased recently 6,000 bundles of feed at Brownfield and is hauling it hauled to Ackerly.

Employees Feted At Yule Party

Employees of the Big Spring Hardware were entertained with a Christmas banquet at the Settles hotel Monday evening.

The party marked the fourth annual celebration sponsored by the company, and the traditional yuletide motif was featured in table and room decorations. Red tapers and miniature trees were placed down the center of the U-shaped table, and gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree.

Humorous gifts were found in each guest's chair, and employees read aloud notes attached to each. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tompkins, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Burke Plant, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shive, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Daylong, Mrs. H. E. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Winans, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shursen, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Vinson and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Turney.

Toys, Clothing Going Out To Poor Families

Many toys which have experienced hours of play and usefulness were ready today to begin another life under new ownership, most of them in sparkling new colors, as Big Spring firemen prepared to transfer the last of the contributions to their collection drive to the Salvation Army.

In addition, several boxes of used clothing will be turned over to the Salvation Army. The articles of clothing and toys have been collected at the fire station for several weeks.

Many of the toys received were broken or in bad repair, but they firemen welcomed them all. They operated a work bench which functioned with assembly-line efficiency during the drive, and broken or worn items were restored to a useful state.

There were no estimates on the number of articles contributed, but the figure advanced well into the hundreds. More were expected to be added to the collection tonight at the last minute, as several local merchants were making plans to contribute articles which survived the Christmas rush.

Final distribution of the toys and clothing will be made tonight by the Salvation Army. The contributions will be given to underprivileged families, who have been listed by that organization.

HURT IN WRECK
TEXARKANA, Dec. 24. (AP)—Mrs. Art Washensky, 19, of 1216 South Tyler street Dallas received serious injuries yesterday in an automobile accident near Maud, Texas. She is in a Texarkana hospital. Her husband received minor injuries.

Firemen Aid The Need With Yule Baskets

Christmas probably will be a happier occasion for some 20 families in Big Spring due to the efforts of the firemen's Sunday School class.

The class, which is composed of members of the fire department, with George O'Brien serving as teacher, meets as regularly as any Sunday School group in the city churches, and brightening the Christmas holiday season for the underprivileged is not a new experience for them.

This year the class consulted ministers and welfare organizations of the city and compiled a list of 20 families who need assistance. Twenty baskets have been prepared and they will be distributed by the firemen tonight. Each basket contains items and ingredients necessary for preparation of a balanced meal, with a sprinkling of "trimmings" and extras. Fire Chief H. V. Crocker estimates that market value of each basket is about \$12.50. However, through cooperation of several local merchants, the firemen were not required to purchase all articles. Several business firms contributed enough of certain items for all baskets.

In addition to flour, canned goods, corn meal and other staple groceries, a choice beef roast, packages of cookies, candies, fruits etc. are included in each basket. Most of the families on the list have children, Crocker said, some of them six or more.

Main-Third Store Is Involved In Possession Suit

A suit for possession and damages was filed against Alfred R. Collins in district court Monday by Lois Lester McCue.

In addition to asking the court to force the Collins-operated drug store to vacate the Lester properties at Third and Main streets, Mrs. Lester is seeking \$4,000 in damages she alleges the property has suffered since possession.

Mr. McCue claimed that the reasonable land-rental value of the property amounted to about \$5,000 annually.

Charge Filed For Arrest Interference

A charge of unlawfully interfering with the arrest of another person was lodged against Neel Barnaby in county court Monday afternoon.

Barnaby was arrested on a downtown street Saturday evening by members of the city police force. His bond was to be set sometime today.

ASSESSED \$75 FINE

Joe Senkirk, stopped by city policemen Sunday, was fined \$75 plus costs in county court Monday afternoon after his plea of guilty to the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants had been accepted.

His Wish For Christmas: Two Eyes To See With

Cpl. Chester R. Perkins, a patient in the Valley Forge hospital for the past 21 months, recently wrote his first letter to Santa Claus.

"If God chooses," he said, "let me find beneath my Christmas tree two bright, shiny blue eyes x x x so that the memory of the last Christmas I saw may be blotted forever from my mind."

His letter, copyrighted by the Indianapolis News, recalled how "as a small child, I can remember wanting playthings and candy; as a teen-aged youth I wanted smart clothing and athletic equipment; now, I want something entirely different. It's not as childish as a playing, or as temporary as a piece of candy; nor is it as ostentatious as smart clothing, or as energetic as athletic equipment."

"It is practical. Most people would think it is a necessity. It isn't. Only the person who doesn't have it can understand that. He knows, it is a god-given luxury."

Instantaneously, the world had flashed and then gone dark. Im-

penetrably dark for Cpl. Perkins. After many examinations, a doctor asked:

"Soldier, do you want it straight?"

"That's the way I want it," Perkins replied.

"You'll never see again."

The last Christmas? Screaming shells, rumble of tanks, tramping of weary feet; filthy, smelly mud of battle; drawn faces of dying men.

"I have said already that it is God-given," wrote Cpl. Perkins. "He gave it to me once before, when I was born, but I lost it. I have missed it so much and would like to have it back again. x x x If, on Christmas morn, I should not find them there, I won't really mind, and I will still be grateful to God, for haven't I still a good mind, a strong body, friends who love me, and a desire to justify the reason for my existence. After all, aren't these the important things in life?"

WHAT PARENTS WANT CHRISTMAS

Here's what one Big Spring mother wants for this and all Christmases.

"The assurance of other Christmases to come, that our sons and daughters will be at family gatherings, not on a battlefield.

"That our gifts to them on His day, can be given in person and not in care of PM, NY or San Francisco; to have sons and daughters home on this day—the birthday of our Saviour.

"That Mothers and Dads can watch their small sons and daughters growing up without the anxiety and dread of another war; that they may have the privilege to raise their children to the best of their ability, and to be able to send them out into the world as Christian men and women—with a chance for life and the happiness they deserve.

"This is what Mothers and Dads want, Peace on earth, good will toward men—always."—Edith L. Webb.

'Merry Christmas' Said Hold-Up Man

CHICAGO, Dec. 24. (AP)—A pretty girl's tears and the spirit of Christmas halted a dapper bandit from going through with his holdup of a north side lingerie shop last night.

As Ruth Fagan prepared to close shop, she told Town Hall police, a neatly dressed, handsome young man entered. He put \$40 on the counter and began selecting several articles he said he wanted to purchase.

Suddenly he drew a revolver from a newspaper under his arm and told Miss Fagan: "Give me all the money in your cash register."

As Miss Fagan handed him \$11 she sobbed, "that's all I took in today."

The bandit hesitated, then told her: "take it back, you need it worse than I do. And dry your tears and go home."

Then he backed out the door, tipped his hat and shouted: "Merry Christmas."

Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy, not much change in temperature. Expected high today, 70 degrees; low tonight 25, high tomorrow 72.

WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy this afternoon tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES
City Max. Min.
Amarillo 69 35
BIG SPRING 70 35
Chicago 40 23
Denver 83 32
El Paso 83 32
Fort Worth 71 31
Galveston 72 34
New York 43 28
St. Louis 62 28
Local sunset today, 7:47 p.m.; sunrise tomorrow, 7:45 a.m.

UTE INDIANS MAY CASH IN ON THE ATOMIC AGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (AP)—The Ute Indians of Utah and western Colorado may cash in on the atomic age.

They also may get a slice of new-found wealth in Colorado's rangely oil field.

It comes about this way: In 1880 the Utes ceded 4,472,508 acres in western Colorado to the government with the understanding the land would be sold and the money given to the Utes. The land wasn't sold and in 1928 Congress said it was "absolute property" of the government. The Utes brought suit and in 1943 a court of claims ruled they are entitled to recovery. Appraisals now are under way to determine the value.

Ernest L. Wilkinson, Ute attorney, said there is no estimate yet on the final value but that mineral deposit will play a part in the final reckoning.

And these minerals, he said, include uranium (atom bomb ingredient), oil and coal.

Joins Chronicle

GALVESTON, Dec. 24. (AP)—E. L. Wall has resigned as managing editor of the Galveston News and Tribune to become a member of the Austin staff of the Houston Chronicle, it was announced today.

Wall has been connected with the News for 26 years and has served as managing editor of the two papers since November, 1943.

Brian Spinks, editor of the News, will serve as acting managing editor pending selection of Wall's successor.

PLEADS GUILTY

Charles H. Johnson, picked up Sunday evening by members of the constable's office, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of drunkenness in justice court Monday afternoon and was fined \$25 plus costs.

Curran Resigns His Joint Maritime Post

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime union, an-

nounced today he had submitted his resignation as co-chairman of the committee for maritime unity, an organization of CIO seamen's unions formed to present a common front in negotiations with ship-owners on both coasts.

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Compensation Rates Show An Advance

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (AP).—A general increase of 2.6 per cent in the rate level for workman's compensation insurance was announced today by J. P. Gibbs, State Casualty Insurance Commissioner.

The increase will be effective Feb. 1. Some classifications received decreases and others increases, but the net result was the over-all jump of 2.6 per cent, Gibbs said.

This was the first time since May 1, 1938, that the Board of Insurance Commissioners has found it necessary to increase workman's compensation rates, Gibbs said.

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Prevention Is Seen In Serum

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—A University of Texas scientist Dr. C. M. Pomeroy, joined with Prof. A. I. Serebrov of Russia yesterday in reporting on the use of a serum as a possible preventive of cancer.

The two told the American-Soviet Medical Society that the serum, a Russian development, was used to raise bodily defenses and increase resistance to malignant growths. The agent is known as anti-reticular cytotoxic serum and called acs for short.

Dr. Pomeroy said the serum was particularly valuable in diseases in which connective tissues were damaged. It seemed to reduce pain and prevent spread of the disease, he said.



BOWL QUEEN — Miss Kahl Garvin, U. of Arkansas student and daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Crump Garvin, Fort McPherson, Ga., has been named in election conducted by the university students as queen of the Cotton Bowl game between Arkansas U. and Louisiana State U. at Dallas, Jan. 1. (AP Wire-photo.)

Over 2,000,000 In U. S. Colleges

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24 (AP).—The year 1946 draws to a close with "well over 2,000,000" young men and women enrolled in the nation's schools of higher learning, reports Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati.

He said his 27th annual survey of 668 universities for "school and society," a weekly educational publication, showed total enrollment of 1,718,862 students, including 714,477 war veterans, on Nov. 1.

In addition, he added, reports from other sources showed another 350,000, including 150,000 veterans, enrolled in 650 junior colleges and other thousands "in several hundred institutions not on the 'school and society' list which would bring the national total to well over 2,000,000, of whom slightly over half are veterans.

Because of a paper shortage during World War II, students at Yenan University in the Chinese Communist capital often took notes on the back of Japanese propaganda sheets.

Although Japanese conquests during World War II included many of the important tin mines of the world, production in other areas was stepped up until annual production available to the Allies was greater than before the war (244,000 tons compared with 172,325 tons).

Free Matinee Given Children By Ritz

The R & R Theatres came through with their annual Christmas gift to local kiddies, when they sponsored a free picture party at the Ritz theatre early today.

For the past 30 years the management has thrown open the doors on Christmas eve, and invited local youngsters to see a movie 'on the house.'

Shown at 9:30 a.m., the program included an hour and one half of cartoons and comedies.

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