

Germany Eye US Activities

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (AP)—An official spokesman of the German foreign office charged that Britain's minister of shipping was "inciting America to commit a warlike act" against the axis and, in carefully chosen words, added that the United States' action "is being awaited by Germany with extraordinary interest."

The occasion for this solemn and emotional statement was a press conference weighted with gravity; the reason, an interview given the American press in London yesterday by Ronald Cross, the British shipping minister, who suggested assignment to the British of the German and Italian ships which are tied up in neutral United States harbors.

Solons Voice Opposition To Ship Seizing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Congressional reaction to the idea that axis ships in American ports be turned over to Great Britain indicated today that any formal proposal of that nature would encounter determined opposition.

Ronald H. Cross, British minister of shipping, advanced the suggestion yesterday in London, asserting that he saw no hope of immediate replenishment to the British merchant marine except by action of this nature or addition of United States ships to the British service.

United States officials are known to be studying the possibility of acquiring some of the 140 foreign flag vessels tied up in American ports, although no definite announcement has been made. Among such vessels are two German and 27 Italian.

At the Capitol, many immediately criticized Cross' proposal which was denounced in Berlin as "inviting America to commit a warlike act."

Senator Capper (R-Kans.) said "legislation would be necessary before any such step could be taken, and I do not believe congress would enact it."

Senator Adams (D-Colo.) said, "we haven't any right to take foreign ships in time of peace for our own or anybody else's use. I don't think we ought to become maritime and oceanic ships of friendly nations."

Senator Bulow (D-SD) said "at first blush I think it would lead us two steps nearer war instead of one."

Christmas Letdown

PLAINVIEW, Dec. 21 (AP)—Sitting in her automobile, Wanda Adams, Wayland college student, suddenly remembered a Christmas gift she had forgotten at a Plainview store.

She opened the car door, stepped out, and was taken to a hospital for treatment of severe bruises.

She also had forgotten her car was parked on a hydraulic hoist while it was being greased at a service station.

Bombers End Yule Party In London

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—An undetermined number of Londoners who had been holding parties to celebrate the coming of Christmas were killed tonight in a tenement house smashed by a German bomb.

In the street outside lay bits of tinsel and a star from atop a Christmas tree. Amidst the rubble of furniture, bricks, children's toys and Christmas decorations lay bodies in their respectable "Sunday best."

Men and women who a little while before had been singing carols and exchanging Christmas puddings and candy stood dumbly about the ruins.

"It came like a hammer blow," one man said. "My wife and I were out in the kitchen fixing some food. Inside they were singing 'God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen' and laughing and shouting. Suddenly we heard that awful whoosh of a falling bomb. Thank God my kids are with their grandmother in the country."

"There's what's left of the party," he said with a gesture at the broken homes.

There had been parties all around the district, some in air raid shelters and others in homes. When the sirens sounded most of the people stayed in their houses, believing it would be just another "light night."

Then they were dead on the pavements or peering sadly into wrecked homes. The wounded had been taken to hospitals. Children still clutched cheap toys in the cold.

These three are Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, formerly of Asheville, N. C., a receptionist who recently was detained for several days by German military occupation authorities in Paris; Cecil M. P. Cross, first secretary and consul at the embassy and Leigh W. Hunt, a second secretary and consul.

The state department accepted the request. (In Washington, Secretary Hull said the three would be sent elsewhere; that the charges would be investigated, although a preliminary investigation does not support them. Hull declined to discuss the Ronald Cross affair.)

Chamber Has Busy Meeting Set Monday

Chamber of commerce directors will find a heavy docket of business Monday when they meet for their last session of the year.

They will complete plans for the annual banquet, tentatively set for Jan. 23.

Dr. George C. Hester, Georgetown, head of the government department at Southwestern University, has accepted an invitation to be principal speaker at the affair.

Dr. Hester has had a prominent part in drafting the West Texas chamber of commerce proposal for reconstituting the state's fiscal machinery for coordinated budget control.

Directors also will consider officers for 1941 and will hear a report on the Permian Basin association tax meeting here last week.

One of our most vivid recollections is that of a picture which used to hang in the old assembly room of the high school building many years ago. In it Christ was rising out of the muck and mire of World War I battlefield—and all was still. Somehow it seems the best Christmas wish we could make would be that the picture become a reality for World War II.

For how long can we continue to have Christmas if men rise up to strike one another down; if men breed hate instead of love; if men survive on greed instead of living on unselfishness? No, we cannot long have Christmas in an anti-Christian world.

It is good to drive over town and note Yule decorations, for they lend much to the spirit of the season. Big Spring has never quite gone in for this phase of the holiday.

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KNOW YOUR "LITTLE MERCHANT"

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Too, Wesley asks that folks on his route be reminded that his Annual Bargain Rate on yearly subscriptions lasts only until Dec. 31. (\$4.95 for 12 months).

Greeks Take New Position

ATHENS, Dec. 21 (AP)—Greek forces pushing deeper into Albania have captured new fortified heights in the Tepeleni-Klisura sector and have taken 300 prisoners and a quantity of war material, a government spokesman reported tonight.

He declared the Greeks also were continuing their advance in other sectors, especially in the coastal region toward Chimara.

Important Italian positions also were taken in the north beyond Pogradetz, the spokesman said.

"Fascist positions on the mountain heights naturally are strong and fortified also by concrete, but these machine-gun nests have been abandoned under the bayonets of charging Greeks."

British-Greek forces in close collaboration were reported to have struck sharply against Italy by land, sea and air.

British fliers participated in two of these, directly in their own attacks at Italy's home and Albanian bases and in support of Greek troops in the front lines.

By air—RAF bombers based in Greece were said to have bombed oil tanks and railways overnight at the Italian port of Brindisi, across the Adriatic sea from Albania, setting off "large fires" and "several explosions."

Also, the RAF reported attacks yesterday on Berat, at a vital road junction on the Albanian front, and on an Italian airfield.

By land—Greek infantrymen, hammering at the gates of Tepeleni and Klisura, were said to have taken two villages and two strategic heights in the Tepeleni area, overcoming cold, stubborn Italian resistance and strong barbed wire barriers. An Italian colonel and two battalions were said to have been captured in fierce fighting around Tepeleni.

By sea—a naval communique today said a Greek destroyer force preceded the British battleship-cruiser-destroyer armada which was reported yesterday to have pushed into the lower Adriatic.

Dec. 18 and 19, the Greek port of entry into southern Albania.

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British Move More Troops Into Libya

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 21 (AP)—The British moved more reinforcements today to Bardia, besieged Libyan port where the Italians are making their first real stand against Britain's 13-day-old North African campaign.

The town now has been cut off for two days with the best part of two Italian divisions inside and British guns turned on it from land and sea. Field forces are reported officially to be striking beyond that smoking stronghold toward the important fascist base of Tobruk, clearing areas to the west and northwest.

Whether Bardia's beleaguered Italians intend to fight to the finish or surrender is a question to which there was no answer so far from British military sources.

The fascists, it was pointed out, may have instructions to hold on as long as possible to give Marshal Rodolfo Graziani time to reorganize his scattered forces farther west—at Tobruk, for instance, which has strong defenses.

Court Term At Odessa Finished

Seventeenth district court concluded a short term at Odessa Saturday and prepared to conclude activities for the year with a one-week term at Stanton this week.

Judge Cecil Collins and District Attorney Martelle McDonald will go to Stanton Monday to impanel a grand jury and call the civil docket. Court will recess Wednesday for Christmas.

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Orphans Go To Temporary Homes Today

By the Associated Press A steady procession of Texans will drop by the state children's homes at Corsicana and Waco today to get a "son" or "daughter" for Christmas.

Governor O'Daniel announced last Sunday that his family would play host Christmas week to two youngsters from state homes for under-privileged children, and asked other families to make similar temporary "adoptions" if feasible.

Superintendent J. S. Halley said applications to the state orphan's home at Corsicana greatly exceeded the supply of children under 14 years old. Approximately 500 applications have been sent in, he said, and more than 250 children already have been assigned for the Christmas period.

This is the first time in the history of the local institution that children have been assigned to private homes for the holidays.

The O'Daniel family selected six-year-old Wanda Kilgore from the Corsicana home and four-year-old Charles Goodson from the Waco home to share Christmas festivities in the governor's mansion.

State highway patrolmen and local police will be called to handle traffic at Waco today at noon when the governor is expected to arrive for the Goodson lad. Many other Texans probably will reach Waco at about the same time to get their young Christmas guests.

Road To City Lake Opened

Big Spring and Howard county today had an all-weather road connecting the Moss Creek lake with the state highway.

Last of the paving on the five and a quarter miles from highway No. 1 east to the Moss Creek lake site was finished Saturday, and only incidental maintenance work remains to be done.

Thurston Oranbaum, county road engineer said that some equipment would remain on the job to keep topping rock dressed on the road for a few days and that bridge guards and other such material would be installed.

The project also includes connecting spurs with the old highway No. 1 and the new highway. It is now possible to go from Big Spring or Coahoma over either route to the lake on an all-paved road.

In addition to handling heavy traffic to the lake, which promises to be one of the most popular recreation spots in the area, the route also serves several ranchers who are now getting their first county road of any description.

On other county road works, crews continued drilling for a cut in the Coahoma-Vincent road and for caliche base to go on the road. The engineer announced that 1.7 miles of caliche had been placed on the red clay flat through the Vincent territory to make it passable during wet weather.

Weather Forecast

U. S. Weather Bureau WEST TEXAS—Fair, with variable high cloudiness Sunday and Monday, except increasing cloudiness in southeast portion, with occasional rains in that section late Sunday or Monday. Little change in temperature.

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy over north portion; cloudy over south portion with occasional rains over south and east portions. Not much change in temperature. Strong north winds along coast.

LOCAL WEATHER DATA: Highest Temp. Saturday..... 63.0 Lowest Temp. Saturday..... 32.0 Sunset today..... 4:46 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow..... 7:44 a. m.

British Think Invasion Near

DOVER, England, Dec. 21 (AP)—Searchlights from both sides of the Strait of Dover swept the starry sky tonight. Parachute flares gleamed over the French coast. Mist curtailed the waters of the English Channel off Calais and Cape Gris Nez.

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Expectation of a new, formidable threat of invasion from the air was widely supported tonight by responsible military and air sources who declared that Germany would send over an enlarged Luftwaffe and thousands of parachute troops in an attempt to beat Britain to her knees before spring.

The air correspondent of the well-informed Sunday Times said that the "new threat as forecast by Lord Beaverbrook comes more plainly from the air," an opinion backed by neutral and British air sources. Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, warned Britain this week against letting down her guard.

These sources suggested that the comparative immunity of night bombers over Britain probably may be encouraging the Germans to try landings by parachutists and aerial troop transports at night.

Observers remark hopefully that such landings, bringing naval aircraft to low altitudes, would put them within range of searchlights and short-range anti-aircraft guns. The Germans, they say, would suffer heavy casualties in the air, be spotted by searchlights and surrounded on landing.

The most probable line of attack was forecast by one well-informed observer as a "sudden and studied attempt" to destroy fighter aerodromes so that British Spitfires and Hurricanes would be unable to retain daylight mastery of the air over Britain and the channel.

After preliminary bombing of hangars, this source said, parachute troops might be dropped at as many as 50 fields at once to hold a landing area and light it for "pancake" landings of troop-carrying Junkers and Focke-Wulf transports.

Following the precedent of Norway and the Netherlands, he added, thousands of troops might be landed to attempt to hold out long enough to destroy all aircraft at air stations while a bridgehead was being established on the English coast free from fighter opposition.

DOVER, Eng., Dec. 21 (AP)—The big German guns of Cap Gris Nez opened fire across the Straits of Dover after 9 p. m. (2 p. m. C.S.T.), breaking a week's silence.

The shelling was heavy. Towns on the Kentish coast were shaken by the crash of the shells, coming at 3-minute intervals for a quarter of an hour.

There were no casualties.

Alien Confesses Illegal Entry; Finds It Legal

DALLAS, Dec. 21 (AP)—A man who didn't want to spend Christmas worrying over the alien registration law today told Inspector Carroll D. Paul he entered this country illegally.

"I've worried about it all for weeks," he said, adding he entered in May, 1936.

"Well if that's the case you did not enter illegally," Paul said. "The law on entering the United States was not passed until June, 1936."

The happy man said he would apply for citizenship.

A Letter To The REAL Santa:

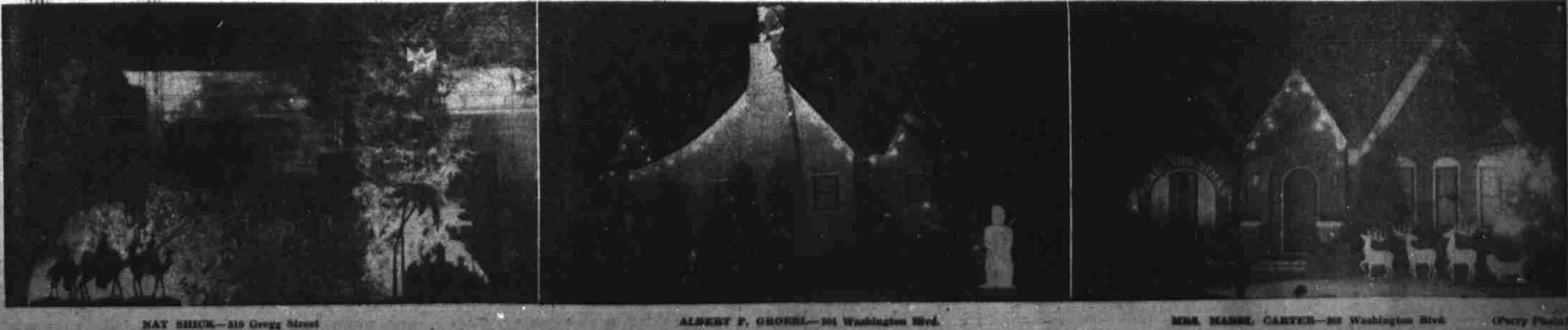
RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 21 (AP)—A letter addressed to "God, Heaven, U.S.A.", and signed "a little girl who says her prayers every night" was found in a mailbox here.

"Dear God," the childish scrawl beseeched, "forgive me for all the bad things I've done during the past and please make mother well because I am not happy when mother is sick."

"I wished mother and daddy lived together. But I guess if mother does not love daddy she can not live with him. I sorta think daddy still loves mother though."

"Well, I have to get my school work. A Merry Christmas to you and all angels."

These Brilliant Decorations Typify Big Spring Homes At Yuletide



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 - Winesap Apples 150 Size—Doz. 19c
 - Corn, Jack Sprat Vac. Pack, Lg. Can 10c
 - Cookies—Cello Large Bag 9c
 - Lettuce Large Head 3c
 - Coconut Lge. Shred. lb. Bag 19c
 - Peas, Trellis No. 2 Can 10c
 - Oleo New Maid 9c
 - Sugar 10 lb. 48c
 - Oxydol 25c Size 19c
 - Crackers 2 lb. Box 14c
 - Spuds 10 lbs. 15c
 - Cranberry Sauce, 2 Tall Cans 25c
 - Admiration Coffee, lb. 24c
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- Meat Department**
 - Armour's Baby Beef Roast, lb. 18c
 - Pork Roast Shoulder, Lean lb. 14c
 - Armour's Baby Beef Steak, Loin lb. 25c
 - Sliced Bacon Extra Lean lb. 25c
 - Fresh Ham 1/2 or Whole lb. 17c
 - Cured Ham 1/2 or Whole lb. 20c
 - Cheese, Loughora, lb. 19c

Administration Plans Means Of Combating Inflation

Spending For Defense Tends To Up Prices

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (AP)—Like firemen who purchase equipment for fighting a catastrophe, administration economists are devising methods of combatting inflation from the multi-billion dollar defense program, although saying they do not expect it.

Admittedly, the current situation, with the government putting unprecedented sums of money in circulation in the acquisition of weapons, contains elements tending to increase prices. After prolonged study, however, the professional economists in the government are of the opinion that there is no real threat of inflation.

In general, here are their tentative conclusions:

1. There will be slightly higher prices and greater mass spending power in terms of dollars (although those dollars may not buy as much as at present).
2. After a decade of depression, the country can stand such a mild inflation, if it can be called that; perhaps ought to have it.
3. If real inflation threatens, it can be checked.

Over-simplified, what causes inflation is this: When money is plentiful, a large number of would-be buyers bid against each other for a desired article and boost the price. The seller, naturally, will take all he can get.

One of the methods the economists have discussed for preventing this situation is government compulsion to force people to save part of their money instead of spending it. In England, this method is practically in operation already, except that moral and patriotic pressure has been substituted for government edicts in coercing the people to save.

Usually, this method has been defined as a law requiring citizens to put a portion of their earnings in the bank each week or month. One of the other ways figuring in Washington theorizing would simplify the plan further by requiring employers to pay part of the payroll in government bonds instead of cash.

The idea is to keep people from bidding up prices by depriving them of the cash used in the process.

Others in prominent places think that taxes and special price and material controls can be used to strike at individual price inflation.

Not the least of the restrictive methods contemplated is moral suasion. There's no law against raising prices, but people who do it are apt to hear from some important people about it.

As perhaps a final resort, the economists said, inflation could be made impossible by law, as is done in Germany, where the government sets prices and wages.

SANTA GIANT-KILLER

BY SIGRID ARNE

THE STORY SO FAR: Eric, a fisherman's son, to prove that he is brave enough to be king, has defeated three giants. Now he sets out to help three brothers who had been under the spell of the giants.

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**Chapter Eighteen
TWO MORE PRINCES
GIVEN FREEDOM**

The young men flew to the Iron Mountain quicker than it takes to tell. And there in the entrance, half way up the side, they could see another handsome young man waving his red cap from side to side to attract their attention.

Eric reined in his flying horse so that they settled down easily to the narrow ledge where the young man stood.

Eric's friend leaped out of the saddle with one move and threw his arms about the second young man. They both shouted, "Brother."

Eric grinned happily at their pleasure. Then the two turned around and said, "A thousand thanks to you."

"But now how shall I tell you apart?" said Eric.

The two youths laughed. The one Eric had found inside the circle of fire bowed and said, "I am Harald of Thuringia, heir to the throne."

The second lad bowed and said, "And I am Peter, his brother, second in line."

"Now the troll in the castle behind the East Wind must be your other brother," said Eric. "Let us hurry there."



SUDDENLY A GREAT CIRCLE OF FIRE CREEPT AROUND THE CITY.

street there was a wall of flame. One by one the snakes were burned. And then Eric whispered to his winged horse to set them down in the square.

The three brothers dashed in and out of the houses. But everywhere they went there was the same desolation. They didn't find a soul in the city.

TOMORROW: The people return.

CLAIMANTS REACH 1,700 FOR \$1,870,000 ESTATE

ST. LOUIS (UP)— Court attaches estimate that 1,700 persons are claiming shares to the \$1,870,000 estate of Hazlett Kyle Campbell, 80-year-old bachelor reclus who died intestate in 1938.

Nine volumes, each two and one-half inches thick, contain the pleadings of claimants, many of them living in foreign countries and particularly Ireland, John J. Nangle, special master in the case, already has held hearings in Ireland.

RADIO LOG

- 7:00 News.
- 7:15 Organ Melodies.
- 7:30 Jaco Quartet.
- 7:45 Uncle Dudley.
- 8:00 Melodies for Sunday.
- 8:30 Governor W. Lee O'Daniel.
- 9:00 Morning Melodies.
- 9:30 The Smart Set.
- 9:45 Men's Bible Class.
- 10:15 Reviewing Stand.
- 10:30 Sonata Recital.
- 11:00 First Presbyterian Church.
- 12:00 Concert Miniatures.
- Sunday Afternoon**
- 12:15 News.
- 12:30 Drama of Food.
- 12:45 Assembly of God.
- 1:00 This is Fort Dix.
- 1:30 Texas Hall of Fame.
- 2:00 Hall of Rest.
- 2:30 Marvin Dale Orch.
- 2:45 Ink Spots.
- 3:00 Texas Pharmaceutical Program.
- 3:30 The Lutheran Hour.
- 4:00 Off the Record.
- 4:30 The Shadow.
- Sunday Evening**
- 5:00 Double or Nothing.
- 5:30 The Show of the Week.
- 6:00 Russel Bennett's Notebook.
- 6:30 Bertin: Sigrid Schultz.
- 6:40 Musical Impressions.
- 6:45 News.
- 7:00 American Forum.
- 7:45 Dorothy Thompson.
- 8:00 We, the Students Speak.
- 8:15 Two Keyboards.
- 8:30 Sacred Songs.
- 8:45 Evening Meditations.
- 9:00 Old Fashioned Revival.
- 10:00 Goodnight.
- Monday Morning**
- 7:00 The Daybreakers.
- 7:30 Star Reporter.
- 7:45 Morning Devotions.
- 8:00 News.
- 8:05 Piano Moods.
- 8:15 Musical Impressions.
- 8:30 Keep Fit to Music.
- 8:45 What's Doing in Big Spring.
- 9:00 Organ Melodies.
- 9:15 Margaret Johnson, Piano.
- 9:30 Backstage Wife.
- 9:45 Easy Aces.
- 10:00 Neighbors.
- 10:15 Our Gal Sunday.
- 10:30 Songs of Carol Leighton.
- 10:45 Sweetest Love Songs Ever Sung.
- 11:00 News.
- 11:05 Dr. Amos R. Wood.
- 11:10 Musical Interlude.
- 11:15 Farno and Ranch.
- 11:30 "11:30 Inc."
- 12:00 Singin' Sam.
- Monday Afternoon**
- 12:15 Curbatone Reporter.
- 12:30 Vaughn's Doughboys.
- 12:45 Carols at Christmas Time.
- 1:00 Cedric Foster.
- 1:15 Gall North.
- 1:30 Radio Garden Club.
- 1:45 Sterling Young Orch.
- 2:00 Junior McGuire Orch.
- 2:15 Sam Koki Hawaiians.
- 2:30 El Pasco Troubadores.
- 2:45 George Fisher.
- 2:00 News.
- 3:15 All Request Program.
- 3:45 The Johnson Family.
- 4:00 Harold Stokes Orch.
- 4:15 Crime and Death.
- 4:30 Rome News.
- 4:45 American Family Robinson.
- 5:00 University of Texas.
- Sunday Evening**
- 5:30 Lowry Kohler, Songs.
- 5:45 Gus Arnheim Orch.
- 6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 6:15 Tommy Tucker Time.
- 6:30 Sports Spotlight.
- 6:45 News.
- 7:00 The Recorder.
- 7:45 The Song Spinners.
- 8:00 Songs of Billie Davis.
- 8:15 Geneva Davis, Soprano.
- 8:30 George Underwood Orch.
- 8:45 The Charlotiers.
- 9:00 Raymond Gram Swing.
- 9:15 News: Low Diamond Orch.
- 9:30 Lone Ranger.
- 9:30 News.
- 10:15 Goodnight.

Police Signals Crossed In Spanning Continent

McKEESPORT, Pa. (UP)—McKeesport police are working closely with police in Long Beach, Calif., nowadays—in fact, much more closely than they would wish.

The local police radio system operates on the same frequency as the Long Beach hookup, and the forces are continually getting their signals crossed.

Calls from the McKeesport radio have been picked up in Melbourne, Australia, London and Scotland.

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Activity Up In Mitchell County Pool

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 21 (SpI)—Activity in the Dockery & Robbins field of northwestern Mitchell county seemed to be one the increase this week as the first year of drilling in that locality was rounded out.

Guy Anderson's No. 1 Mills, located in the northwest quarter of C. A. O'Keefe subdivision 10 of the J. P. Smith survey, was to be shot Friday from 1,585 to 1,680 with 400 quarts.

Art Wagner's No. 1 Fuller on subdivision 9 of the Geo. J. Reiger survey, was pulling 8-inch casing and preparing to test this week. It is bottomed at 1,750 feet and has flowed several times.

K. A. Ehman No. 2 Crawford, located in the northwest 46 acres of C. A. O'Keefe subdivision 13 of the Geo. J. Reiger survey, was running 10-inch casing at 417 feet. Gibson Oil company's No. 1 Mills was drilling at 1,015 feet. It is 330 feet from the north and west lines of section 196-3, H&G.N.

Cree & Hoover were setting pump jack for establishing the railroad commission potential on their No. 1 Strain, located 330 feet from the south and east lines of the northwest quarter of section 64-97, H&T.C. Madeline H. Green No. 1 Mills, having cemented casing at 1,550 feet, was ready to drill into the pay.

Staley Oil company of Wichita Falls has bought C. A. O'Keefe subdivisions 11 and 12 of the Geo. J. Reiger survey and is reported to be planning to start drilling in the near future.

Local Business School Under New Management

Big Spring Business college is now operating under new management.

In charge of the school now are Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Beacham, who came here two months ago from the Burns business school in Dallas, where they were students and teachers. The local school is affiliated with the Dallas institution.

"We are going to try to build up a college that Big Spring and this area of West Texas will be proud of," said Beacham. "We will need the cooperation of business and the public, however."

The college is located at 105 1-1/2 East Second. Courses taught include shorthand, typing, accounting and Monroe calculator operation.

"In addition to giving this technical training, we also attempt to develop a personality and character in the student that will make him successful in business life," Beacham pointed out.

Lamesa Improves Water System

LAMESA, Dec. 21 (SpI)—A Lubbock engineer, H. N. Roberts, has been engaged by the Lamesa city commission to map out plans for the extension and improvement of the city water supply.

Roberts proposed that the city drill five new wells. According to Mayor Marr, two wells are to be completed soon. The others will be cased and put on pump as they are needed. Bids will be taken next week. A new water tower is to be built and new water mains laid.

Houston Takes Building Lead

By the Associated Press

A \$750,000 permit for Continental refinery improvements gave Wichita Falls the lead in Texas building this week.

Building permit totals for the past seven days and for thus far during the year from various representative Texas cities, included: Week Year

Wichita Falls	\$894,350	\$2,197,832
Houston	388,625	22,034,755
Dallas	213,310	10,320,638
Austin	102,806	7,308,374
Corpus Christi	69,680	8,044,330
Fort Worth	66,358	4,796,449
Lubbock	16,810	4,117,715
Galveston	15,889	2,052,244
Pampa	15,000	721,876
Amarillo	14,240	2,475,602
Midland	12,500	804,755

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Cornhuskers Get Fancy Drill Field

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 21. (AP)—The North Phoenix high school stadium was being screened today with canvas to assure the Nebras-

ka Cornhuskers of strict privacy in their workouts for the Rose Bowl game with Stanford.

Coach L. M. Jones and his 25 Nebraska players are scheduled to arrive at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow for an eight-day stay in Phoenix.

Dawson County Man Is Buried

LAMESA, Dec. 21 (Sp.).—Funeral for Urban H. Martin of Union com-

munity was held in Higginbotham Funeral chapel Friday afternoon, with the Rev. Rodney Glascock officiating.

Mr. Martin, 46, a veteran of the World war, died in the veterans' hospital at Amarillo Wednesday.

He was born in Fannin county March 8, 1894. He served in France in the 309th cavalry, and had lived in Dawson county since 1924.

Members of the Allen-Houston post of the American Legion col-

ducted a service at the grave. Survivors include the widow and five children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Martin of Union; and two brothers, Frank Martin of Higginbotham and Cliff Martin of McCarty.

AAA CHECKS ARRIVE COLORADO CITY, Dec. 21 (Sp.) First of the 1940 range conservation checks under the AAA arrived in Mitchell county during the past week. There were 21 of the checks covering 29 contracts and amount-

ing to \$6,819.48. Parity and conservation payments to cotton producers have reached a total of \$908,974.48.

Sugar accounts for half of the Philippine Islands' public revenues.



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Temple And Amarillo Enter State Finals

Corpus Takes 28-0 Licking On Home Grid

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 21 (AP)—Temple's Wildcats crashed into the state schoolboy football finals by brushing aside the Corpus Christi Buccaneers 28-0 here today before a crowd that threatened weather cut from an anticipated 12,000 to 7,000.

Next week the "Comback Kids" of the 1940 race will meet Amarillo for the title, marking Temple's first appearance in the championship game.

Held in their own territory during most of the first quarter in which Corpus Christi made its only excursion into Temple's part of the field, Temple roared into action with a crushing ground attack and timely passes that produced one touchdown in the second period, two in the third and one in the last minute of the game.

Spearhead of the ground offense was Ed Dusek, 185-pound halfback who scored two touchdowns and converted three points afterward.

An 80-yard drive brought the first tally, with Dusek powering forward, the Wildcats moved from their own 20 to the Buc 44 as the first period closed. On the second play of the next quarter, Dotty McLerran faded and hurled a long pass that Theibert Hardt, tall end, took on his finger tips on the Corpus Christi 30 and went on across Dusek kicked the point.

Temple scored again on the second play after the kickoff that started the third quarter. With the ball on the Wildcat 30, a big hole was opened in the middle of the line for Dusek as he raced 70 yards for the tally, then added the extra point.

A Corpus Christi flat zone pass that boomeranged gave the visitors their third touchdown in the same period. With the ball on the Buc 28, Quarterback Joe Clark tossed this aerial intended for Halfback Trenton Fowler, but Dusek intercepted and ran it back 52 yards for the score. Again Dusek kicked the extra point.

Just before the game ended, Temple, in running plays, moved from the Buc 40 to the 29, and then Lefty Byers tossed to E. Morris, who in turn lateraled to H. E. Lagrone, who traveled 15 yards for the corner. A pass from Myers to E. Morris produced the extra point.

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Fistic Training To Gain Speed

Golden Glove activity in Big Spring has fallen off somewhat due to the impending Christmas holidays, but a flurry of leather-pushing is slated to start January 1. Boxing hopefuls who are out to make a real showing are urged to get in the saddle for a series of ring workouts at ABC park before the Big Spring district Golden Gloves tournament on the nights of January 20-21.

Bob Stinnett, Roy Sice, and Kid Whittington are putting the lids through their paces every night except Wednesday and Saturday.

Up to date, Marshall Hamilton, featherweight, and Sonny Peach are showing the most promise. Peach, now hitting the scales at 148 pounds, is hoping to move into the middleweight class before time for district finals.

Mike Carr, Big Spring butcher boy, takes the nod as outstanding heavyweight, although he is a boy without previous fighting experience. Comparatively speedy for a lad his weight, 190 pounds, Carr is steadily developing into one of Big Spring's leading contenders for all-state honors.

On the slow side with follow-through punches, he has a wallop that can stop the roughest of them. His main difficulty appears to be putting his full weight on his punches. When the kinks are ironed out, Stinnett expects Carr to be one of the best Big Springers in the meet.

On the surface, Peach is hardly what one would call a vicious slugger, but his blows, thrown with a deadly accuracy, should make an evening of boxing interesting for his opponents as well as the paying customers. The wispy-looking battler comes under the classification of scientific boxer rather than knock-down and drag-out fighter.

Perhaps the one best qualified to be placed in the slugger ranks is Hamilton. As a general rule, boxers in his weight place more dependence on pure skill to cop bouts, but Hamilton mixes his tactics, part skill and part brawl. Carrying a potent wallop in each fist, the little scrapper is touted to turn in good performances during the Herald-sponsored Golden Glove tournament.

There seems to be some confusion about the territory covered by Big Spring's district. A Colorado City lad, Leroy Fredenburg, sent his application to headquarters of the Fort Worth district, from where the entry was forwarded to Big Spring. Prospective Golden Glovers in Colorado City, Forts. Lamesa, Taboka, Stanton, Westbrook, Askew, and possibly Midland are urged to send their entries blank to the Herald, Big Spring.

Dr. M. H. Bennett and Dr. Frank Boyle have been appointed medical examiners for the Howard county selective service draft board, according to notice received from state headquarters at Austin.

Friday afternoon the board met and classified 30 men for service, returning an eligible list of 27, including the 11 who had already volunteered. This leaves a one-man margin above the expected call for 26 trainees on January 28.

Bruce Frazier, secretary of the board, announced Saturday that Christmas holidays would be observed by the body, starting noon Saturday, December 21, and extending to Monday, December 30.

Masonic Wins Moral Victory In 14-7 Loss

FORT WORTH, Dec. 21 (AP)—Amarillo and Corpus Christi school officials will meet here tomorrow to decide the site of the state schoolboy football championship game.

While nothing official has been said, indications were that Fort Worth was the leading contender.

AMARILLO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Those amazing football boys of Masonic Home engaged the Golden Sandstorm of Amarillo here today and fought the most stirring battle against odds ever seen on Butler Field before going down, 14 to 7.

A crowd of 10,000 was stunned by the Masons' ability to withstand the terrific pounding.

While it was apparent from the start the Masons had little chance to overcome the Sandstorm, they made such a gallant stand that the partisan throng was happy when they finally scored in the last minute of play.

The Sandstorm, still the hard-punching crew it has been through its undefeated and untied season, scored near the end of the first period, a pass interception setting up the touchdown. M. T. Johnson, 150-pound field general, ran back a Masonic Home pass 41 yards, Sealey, the Masons' safety, bringing him down on the four.

On his second try, Johnson lunged over tackle and Boone Baker added the extra point.

The second and third periods were a dog-fight with the Masons rising to heights each time their goal line was threatened.

In the fourth, the Sandstorm completed a 54-yard march begun in the third quarter and led the contest when Otto Payne, fullback, plunged over from the four-yard line.

The Masons, who used only two substitutions expected to be worn out by this time. But they held off two Sandstorm threats and launched an aerial attack to score.

The ball on their 36 after a punt out and with C. D. Sealey pitching strikes, Teague Roberts, halfback, swirled to Amarillo's 40. There Sealey faded back and heaved a long pass which Roberts caught on the Sandies' 10-yard line and was tackled only two yards short of the goal. Gordy Brown fullback, faked a smash at the middle and then aired out around Amarillo's left end for the score. Ray Coulter, end, place-kicked the extra point.

Aggie Seconds Beat First 11

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Texas A. & M. second team handed the first team a 9-6 lacing in a regulation length practice football game here today.

Coach Home Norton of the Aggies said he liked it.

"I've wanted two teams all my life, and now it looks like I'll be able to play a fresh team every quarter at Dallas New Year's day against Fordham."

Cotton Futures Gain Slightly

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Cotton futures traders today took the long-range view that administration efforts to hasten defense preparation would react favorably on the staple. Prices were boosted 3 to 4 points.

The list got off to a good start when southern mill interests bought about 6,000 bales of May and July cotton. This demand readily took care of Bombay and hedge offerings.

As prices moved up, however, prominent spot interests moved to the selling side and top marks were shaded a bit.

Exports Friday 54 bales; season so far 584,524. Port receipts 11,541. Port stocks 3,878,220.

STEER CAGE TEAM TO TACKLE VETERAN FOES AFTER HOLIDAYS

Thomason Likes Blocking Better Than Running

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 21 (AP)—"Old Percheron," the warped-legged lad who operated the traffic lights on the Texas Aggies' crunching drive to football glory, wouldn't have it any other way.

No, sir, Jim Thomason wouldn't trade his ripping body block "that you can just feel," for a 50-yard touchdown center. Unless, he grins, the Aggies needed the touchdown.

Retiring and genteel off the field, Jim Thomason is the impregnable shield for an offense that has carried the Aggies into the Cotton Bowl against Fordham on New Year's Day.

Finest combination line backer and blocking back in Southwest conference history in the minds of Southwest coaches, the tireless blind boy has been blocking out front of Jarrin' John Kimbrough and other Aggie kickers for three years.

Twice—all conference back, Jim finally got his highest recognition the other day. He was placed on the third Associated Press All-America team—just about as high as blocking backs climb in a game too crowded with stunning ball carriers who hog headlines.

Jim is the "stop-and-go" boy of the Aggie offense. His blocking is the difference between gains and losses.

"I get a tremendous kick out of blocking—more than I would out of carrying the ball. I really enjoy hitting 'em."

"And say, did you ever stop to think they're not looking me up—that I'm out looking them up? Nothing feels better than contact, the delivery of a good block."

"Too much has been said about me 'making' John Kimbrough. It isn't true. That boy can run, block or no blocking. If I've helped him along in spots—fine. But he is sort of a one-man gang himself, you know."

"Tommie won't tell you, but you know what Kimbrough says about Thomson?" asked Tommie Vaughn, center, who has been playing football with Thomson since junior high school days.

"That he's the greatest football player in the world today."

Anti-Scalping Law Proposed

DALLAS, Dec. 21 (AP)—Stringent legislation to curb "scalping" of tickets to football, baseball and other sporting events will be introduced in the 47th Texas legislature in January, State representative-elect Sam C. Hanna said today.

There is no Texas law prohibiting scalping of tickets, although the federal government exercises some jurisdiction—because each ticket bears a federal amusement tax, Hanna said.

He said that instances where scalpers are demanding \$15 each for \$3.50 tickets to the Cotton Bowl grid classic between Texas A. & M. and Fordham had been brought to his attention.

LOOKING 'EM OVER

With Jack Douglas

A little more than half the amount needed to send Big Spring's football squad to Dallas for the New Year's Day Aggie-Fordham game in the Cotton Bowl has been raised, Coach Pat Murphy announced Saturday.

The Steak House is coming through with what this department thinks is a bang-up way to divvy up with the Steers—for their trip to the Cotton Bowl—it is setting aside 10 percent of the proceeds from the place throughout the coming week as a contribution to the fund. Well Chef, clear off a place on the second table—we'll be having a meal or so with you.

1940's final football statistics in the Southwest conference brings out a few interesting items about the respective merit of each team involved. Texas University held the edge in net gains by rushing and passing with a 2,685 yards total in comparison to its nearest rival, Texas Aggies, in this part of the statistics. The Cadets marked up a net gain of 2,443 yards by the two routes. Furthermore, Texas led in both departments, clocking 1,234 yards by way of the ground and 1,181 yards by air. The Aggies accounted for 1,233 yards by rushing and 1,020 yards by the aerial route. But, for the Aggie side of the book, Texas opposition was able to take 1,094 yards by rushing and passing, while the Farmers allowed their opponents only 1,206 yards.

The Longhorns received the biggest dividends from aerial tactics, completing 91 passes out of 183. Rice was the least air-minded of Southwest crews, taking credit for only 26 completions out of 136 tried. Arkansas Razorbacks were the most optimistic as far as the

Big Spring high school's basketballers, after blasting through Stanton's cagers in their initial tilt of the current season, are taking a rest period during the Christmas holidays. Formal opening of Big Spring's district efforts will be on Tuesday night, January 7, when the Herd invades Sweetwater.

On the same date, San Angelo entertains Midland's quintet, and Lamesa moves

Lacking a supply of experienced material, Coach John Daniel and his Steers are starting from scratch against a string of conference foes who have retained a large portion of their last year's aggregations. Despite the scarcity of veterans on the roster, prospects of a smoothly working and dangerous crew is evidenced by Big Spring's 24 to 9 victory over a fairly potent Stanton five.

According to Daniels, luck played a large part in Big Spring's first, last, and only pre-district showing, but there were indications that the Herd, barring injuries, might develop into a conference threat, if not actual title contender.

Two things were brought out in the contest with Stanton that might need polishing before the loop struggle begins. One of these, over-anxiousness in handling the ball, is to be expected in an initial effort, and the other, an inconsistent ability to draw a bead on the backboard, is doubtlessly part of the first trouble.

Daniels is well pleased with his lads' maneuverings on the hardwood, but explains that they will have to learn to shoot for the basket and when to work for position before they can be considered as capable a crew of basketeers as they were last year.

Southwest's Stars Dimmer Than In '39

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Individual stars among a dozen "major" Southwest schools generally fell short of 1939 leadership figures in 1940 statistics being compiled by the American Football Statistical Bureau for its annual yearbook.

Individual statistical leaders, with 1939 leaders in parentheses: Total offense—Pete Layden, Texas A. & M., 1,005 yards (Eakin, Arkansas, 1,344).

Rushing offense—John Kimbrough, Texas A. & M., 611 yards (Black, Arizona, 630).

Passing offense—Ray Malloff, Southern Methodist, 54 completions (Eakin, Arkansas, 78).

Pass receiving—Phil Roach, Texas Christian, 29 (Looney, T. C. U., 29).

Kickoff returns—Joe Price, Rice, 230 yards (Bynum, Centenary, 287).

Punt returns—Bill Conaster, Texas A. & M., 238 yards (Moser, Texas A. & M., 404).

Interception returns—Jack Crain, Texas, 7 (Black, Arizona, 7).

Punting (15 or more)—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 48 per punt (Eakin, Arkansas, 38.25).

Scoring—Owen Price, Texas Mines, 60 (Kimbrough, Texas A. & M., 60).

Carol Rix, Odessa, is spending the holidays here with his cousins, Joan and Don Pickle.

Shute Shows Top Golfing Skill Here

Denny Shute, fresh from competing in the Miami, Fla., open, teamed with Obie Bristol here Friday afternoon to turn back E. B. Dozier, Midland, and Shirley Robbins, 3 and 1.

Shute, one of the nation's better golfers and a veteran traveler at the major open events, captured a 70 over the Country Club course before a sizeable gallery. His score was one under par. Other players came home with 72s.

Spectators witnessed some beautiful tee shots by Shute, most of them long and down the middle. Even when he did wobble off the tee, his recoveries were steady. Only his putting was at serious fault, and during the afternoon he was consistently falling short of the consistently

This, however, might be attributed to the fact that he had been playing on grass greens, and his appearance here was the first on sand greens since a tour of Kansas courses a few weeks ago.

Shute left for Lubbock where he was to appear Saturday afternoon in an exhibition before continuing to the west coast for a fling at the Pacific Open.

Fire Destroys Airport Inn

Fire, making a repeat performance, finally succeeded in destroying the Airport Inn west of here early Saturday morning.

Making a call about 2 a. m., firemen succeeded in quickly extinguishing the fire with water from the booster tanks.

After a close inspection yielded no sign of fire, they returned to the station. Half an hour later they had a second call. Arriving at the Inn, they found it almost burned to the ground.

Saturday morning a run was made to 808 San Jacinto street where a faulty flue had caused a roof to catch fire. Little damage resulted.

Soldiers At Camp Bowie Get Leaves

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 21 (AP)—Soldiers scattered from Camp Bowie today on Christmas leaves until revile Thursday when additional troops will begin arriving.

Headquarters of the 38th division announced the camp was 40 per cent complete, with facilities, including roads, 98 per cent ready for the 38th.

Work proceeded at full speed today although some mud persisted despite five days of sunshine. A total of 12,073 men drew \$325,442 in wages during the last week.

Texas Tech Gets New Building

FORT WORTH, Dec. 21 (AP)—Bids for construction of a \$75,000 press building on the campus of Texas Technological college were opened here today in the office of the architect, Wyatt C. Hedrick.

W. T. Gaston, business manager of the school, announced that the low bids on the various phases of construction aggregated \$75,233 and that he will report the results of the bids to the directors of the college on his return to Lubbock.

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New Defense High Command Rapidly Begins Work

Bright Prospects For 1941 Follow Good 1940 Farm Year

By Associated Press
Texas' most productive farm and ranch year in more than a decade ends with prospects bright for an even better one in 1941.
Ranchmen had marketed all the sheep and cattle they could spare. Those they held back grazed in most sections on the best range and wheat fields in years. Stock tanks were full. The largest and cheapest feed supply in the state's history filled barns and trench silos.
Exceptions to the generally excellent conditions included some areas of Northeast and Southeast Texas where soil was soggy from excessive rainfall and floods damaged lowlands.
The sheep country reported the smallest carryover of wool and mohair in Texas.
A bumper wheat crop was forecast for Northwest Texas, with the greatest underground water storage in ten years.
Optimistic bankers and farm

leaders expected Texas producers to benefit from the influx of soldiers and an increased purchasing power of consumers affected by the rearmament effort.
Sheep and cattle prices were satisfactory.
Fat yearlings brought 12 cents a pound at Fort Worth. Feeder sales ranged from 8 to 10 1/2 cents on an active market.
In the South Plains feeder calves sold from 9 to 11 cents a pound compared with 7 and 8 cents last year.
The hog market slumped but swine are a sideline with Texas farmers who raise them mostly for home consumption.
Between 3 and 4 million lambs left the sheep country on a market that opened at 6 cents and rose to a high of 8 cents a pound.
Fewer than 300,000 pounds of an 85-million pound wool clip were unsold. Top prices were 40 cents for 12 months and 32 cents around

for fall wool.
The dry Panhandle benefited most of rains which blanketed the state in November and early December. The ice storm which snapped communications lines brought slow moisture which soaked into the ground with a minimum of runoff and erosion.
Year-end comments included:
H. H. Wilkinson, Fort Worth banker and cattleman—"Farmers, and sheep and goat raisers have every reason to look to 1941 with optimism."
G. E. Stewart, Fort Worth grain man—"Wheat and oats are in better condition for the season than in any of the past ten years."
J. S. Bridwell, Wichita Falls ranchman—"Range lands are in better condition than usual and cattle are in good shape. Cattle prices have been very satisfactory."
Sam C. Arnett, Lubbock banker—"Best calf sales I have known in 40 years."

Knudsen Asks Diligent Work, Cooperation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The new defense high command today set as its goal maximum production "in every field which can contribute to victory" and asked for cooperation of "every element in the American community."
The expression of purpose was made by William S. Knudsen, director of the office for production management of the defense commission, in a statement at the close of a day which saw these concrete steps in the rearmament program:
Extension of the export control system to 15 additional items, including chemicals useful in production of war gases and gasoline.
Placing of navy orders totalling \$284,218,700 for submarine chasers and auxiliary vessels, included were four ships designed for placing anti-airplane nets at entrances to strategic harbors.
Selection of a site at Tulsa, Okla., for a plant which will assemble planes from parts made in automobile factories. Similar plants already have been allocated to Omaha, Neb., and Kansas City, Mo.
Award of a \$6,756,399 contract to the Hercules Powder company of Wilmington, Del., for operation and equipment of a powder bag loading plant near Pulaski, Va. This plant will operate in connection with the \$36,000,000 powder plant the same firm is building for the government at Radford, Va.
Knudsen asked the American people to recognize "the full gravity of the crisis" in the world and "figuratively to pull off their coats and roll up their sleeves and give their concentrated, undivided attention to one thing—the swiftest possible production of means of defense."
He said "the contest which produced this crisis is irreconcilable in character and cannot be terminated by any methods of appeasement."
The extension of the export control system by order of President Roosevelt took in cobalt, various plastic moulding and testing machines, equipment and plans for producing aviation lubricating oil, and bromine, ethylene, ethylene dibromide and methylamine.
The action does not automatically bar export of these products, but requires a government license before they can be sent from the country. Previously, the licensing system had been applied to 58 products including aviation gasoline and scrap iron.

Here 'n' There

Contrary to all established trends, the expected rush on the drivers license division of the state highway patrol failed to materialize here Saturday. Hardy Matthews, in charge of the work in this district, had only a handful of applications for duplicate and operators licenses. Usually, around a holiday season when much travel is to be done, the office is swamped. Matthews thought Christmas in the middle of the week was cutting down on traffic.
Police weren't sure a pair of women's shoes and housecoat in the car of David Drapes, Stinson, were meant for Christmas gifts, but if they were, Drapes probably will have to replace them. They were stolen from his car as it was parked near a north side cafe Friday night.
The weights division gave truckers a very merry time if not a merry Christmas during the week-end holidays. No one got into court for overloading. All entered guilty pleas and were fined \$14.
Plenty of local folks remember Lawrence Welk, who used to play at the old Casino a decade ago when he was getting started in the orchestra business. Now at the top of the heap, Lawrence and his band are due to be heard over the NBC hook-up this evening on the Fitch Bandwagon program.
In the current issue of War Cry, the official Salvation Army publication, is a lovely poem, "Candles," by Clara Hood Rigel, staff member of the Houston Chronicle. Quite a number of folks can remember when she was a teacher in the Big Spring schools. Also in the same issue is a poem by Grace N. Crowell, well known Texas poet who not long ago appeared here.
Buck Musgrove is receptive for a set of automobile tires. Thieves snatched his automobile shoes early Friday morning.
Rep. George Mahon, who visited here briefly Saturday, will attend the historic third-term presidential inaugural in typical Texas footwear—a pair of custom-made cowboy boots given him by postmasters of the 19th congressional district. When he was here earlier in the month he was fitted at a local shop, and today the boots were waiting for him. In addition, he picked up a hand-tooled belt. Cong. Mahon swears he is going to have them on at the inaugural.
H. C. Burrus, former Big Spring boy and member of the untied, undefeated and uninvited Hardin-Simmons Cowboy football team, is spending the weekend here. He was an outstanding athlete while in high school here.

Winter Brings Balmly Weather

Winter came to Big Spring officially Saturday, and with it one of the balmy days of the season. Temperature climbed to 62.1 degrees and even in the early morning it never went lower than 32. The day was clear and there was little or no wind. In short it looked more like summer than winter.
U. S. weather bureau gave the sunrise as 7:44 a. m. and the sunset as 5:46 p. m., giving the day the latest sunrise of the season. For several days the sun has been setting a little later, however. Saturday's sunlight was held to 10 hours and two seconds, the shortest in the year.

Philadelphia Burglar Loses Out In Name Calling Contest

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21 (AP)—West Philadelphia's unluckiest burglar has bungled another job. Last week, awakened by noise, Joseph Scott routed an intruder who answered his challenge by barking like a dog.
There is no dog in the Scott household.
Last night Hyman Sherman reported he too was awakened. Thinking his three young daughters may have been about, he called out "Miriam? Rose? Phyllis?" No one answered.
"You'd better say something or I'll shoot," he threatened.
That brought a meek, quavering reply:
"It's William."
There is no William in the Sherman family.
Sherman leaped from his bed, shouting "I'll kill you," but still nothing happened.
"Oh Adolph, Adolph," Sherman cried for reinforcements—and the intruder fled.
How could he have known there also was no Adolph in the family?

RAF Raiders Bomb Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (AP)—British pilots struck twice overnight at Berlin in "a major raid," the Nazi high command announced today, flying over the center of the city and losing both explosive and fire bombs.
Six persons were killed and 17 injured, a communique reported, and the Dom (Protestant) cathedral was hit and damaged—to the extent of 1,500,000 marks (about \$600,000), said the reich church ministry.
Fires were set off in the suburbs in the first appearance of the British, said the high command, but on that occasion the raiders were held back by anti-aircraft fire.
They returned, however—"several" of them, it was stated—and moved over the heart of the metropolis. Their bombs were declared to have fallen "particularly" in the eastern part of the city, but with "no military or vital war damage."
It is an undertaking on our part that cannot be appraised, but we must realize that it is a cause to which all must contribute materially and spiritually, directly or indirectly," he said.
He also warned that the "very great money cost" x x x must come from higher taxes, and from borrowing against the future incomes of the American people. "Everyone will be called upon to pay his share x x x."

Accidental Deaths Show New Upturn Figures For 1940

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Statistics of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company estimated today that deaths by accident in 1940 would number 95,000 an "especially disappointing" record because it reversed a previous downward trend.
Accident fatalities, they said, would be nearly 5,500 greater than in 1939.
Automobile deaths rose during the year from 32,500 to 34,500. The greatest proportionate increase was in occupation accidents.

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Tension In Vichy Drops

VICHY, France, Dec. 21 (AP)—Despite continued silence about what clearly were parleys with Germany over collaboration, the impression grew tonight that tension, evident since the Laval incident, has relaxed.
A communique after a cabinet meeting made no mention of French-German relations and no more meetings were scheduled until the end of next week.
Informed circles expressed belief the government had taken the stand it was ready to continue the policy of collaboration with Germany with no further changes in the cabinet beyond the replacement of Pierre Laval, ousted foreign minister and vice-premier.
Indications also were that no precipitous action to upset the status quo was expected from Germany, either through total occupation of France or a request for permission to send troops through the unoccupied area.

The Week

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day observance, but a good start has been made this year. Perhaps it will be far better next season.
Perhaps most of our more unfortunate people will be remembered Christmas day. The Salvation Army is gradually raising funds for its Christmas baskets. The VFW joined last week and raised a substantial amount for baskets. Church units and other organizations are joining in the good turns. Firemen have repaired several hundred playthings for the occasion.
O. P. Griffin, one of the grand old men of the Texas A&M extension service, was honored last week by the national association of county agents. Besides being a progressive agent, Griffin possesses one of the best analytical minds in this section on agricultural matters.
Which reminds us that the AAA staff remembered us with a nice little present in their Christmas tree program Saturday. It wasn't a benefit check, but it's the spirit that counts.
Citizens of Big Spring would do well to study closely a proposal for issuance of \$25,000 in bonds to purchase additional land for the airport. If the city comes in for an approved CAA development program at the port, the land must be provided.
And another thing this column hopes folks and new officials will examine closely is the unit system of administering county road matters. We can't even see politics as a good reason for returning to the precinct system, for after all that was political dynamite to those in office.
Women talked less Saturday than any day in 1940, to quote one of our friends, who sagely added that it happened to be the shortest day of the year.
Welcome news is that a wildcat oil test is being contemplated for southeastern Borden county. We also hear that an offset to the famed airwell east of town is being planned, although it may be for power purposes rather than oil.
And if you are lucky enough to have a few shekels left after your Christmas shopping and giving you might invest it in a trip to the Cotton Bowl for the Big Spring football team.
To reverse the order of things, we close out by wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.
Manufacturing increased 49 percent in Texas between 1935 and 1937, U. S. Bureau of Commerce figures show. Oil refining, gasoline manufacture and production of carbon black accounted for most of the gain.

Italian Navy Shells Greece

ROME, Dec. 21 (AP)—Italy's high command declared today its fleet had gone into action against Greece.
"Our naval units bombarded enemy positions along the Ionian (southwest Greek) coast effectively, hitting pre-established targets," a communique stated.
(Presumably this action took place at about the same time that the British claim that their own fleet steamed up the Ionian sea and penetrated the Adriatic, shelling the Albanian port of Valona.)
The Italian high command said nothing about this claim, however, and gave no details of the action. The British had broadcast that their naval units sighted no Italian ships.
On the Albanian front, the Italians reported winning an "important position," not identified.

Damaged Ship Reaches Port

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Finnish freighter Carolina Thorden, pockmarked with the machine gun bullets of a Nazi warplane and carrying the rescued crew of the mined Greek freighter Dionissos Stathos, dropped anchor in the lower bay today.
Crew members said German authorities had given the Carolina Thorden permission to sail through the Kattegat, an arm of the North sea, on their way to the Atlantic from Gothenburg, Sweden.
Despite this assurance, the seamen said, a Nazi warplane splattered the ship with bullets.
Capt. Carl Gabrielson of the Finnish ship said that in one day in the North sea his wireless operator had picked up distress signals from 13 ships.

Escapes From Devil's Island Want To Fight

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 21 (AP)—Facing deportation next month to Martinique and fearful of death before a firing squad, seven escapeses from France's Devil Island prison renewed their pleas today for freedom and a chance to fight in the forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.
The men, with a companion who is in the U. S. hospital at Key West, made their way to Miami Aug. 24 in a 36-foot sloop after a perilous voyage through the Caribbean. They have been held in Dade county jail.
Yesterday they received the news that the coast guard cutter Unalga would take them some time in January, with 20 other escaped prisoners now in Puerto Rico, back to French-controlled Martinique.

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Bootleggers Give Officers Treat

ROXBORO, N. C., Dec. 21 (AP)—Sheriff W. T. Clayton and deputies surprised a trio distilling moonshine whisky—but mingled with the odors of alcohol was another odor, that of a cooking stew.
So the officers joined the distillers in a good old-fashioned outdoor feed before taking them to jail.

'Just Married' Sign Condoles Uncle Sam

COLUMBUS, O. (UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leister, newly married, claim honors for a unique "just married" sign attached to their honeymoon car by well-wishers.
Instead of the usual sign, this one read:
"Uncle Sam loses another good man! Just married."

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Ten Complete Adult Course

Ten men received certificates Friday night for successfully completing an adult evening school class in care and maintenance of interior home business.
A week ago 12 men at Coahoma qualified for awards in the same course. The Big Spring class was started Oct. 7 and met twice weekly with W. T. Wynn as instructor.
Out of the 15 enrolled, those qualifying were Austin Burch, F. R. Cunningham, James Eason, R. D. Hale, Otis Milam, J. F. Reidy, J. H. Shonta, Stanley Wheeler, Olan Wilkerson and J. W. Wood.

City Schools Are Given Recognition

Big Spring schools have been recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, according to an announcement from that body today.
J. W. O'Banion, chairman of the state executive committee, informed local school officials that the local high school was elected to membership in the association for the current year.
"The action of the membership committee of the association is significant in that your high school was again unanimously elected to membership without a single adverse criticism. This high rating of your high school is outstanding and emphasizes the constructive leadership of the public schools of your city," said O'Banion.

Lions Give Over 500 Gifts To Mexicans

For the seventh consecutive year, the Lions club staged its annual Christmas party for Mexican children and passed out more than 500 sacks of fruit, candy and nuts to smiling kiddies Friday night.
The program, under direction of J. O. Vineyard, drew a capacity crowd to the Kate Morrison school auditorium. Following a brief program of music, a Spanish speaking Santa Claus appeared to meet the clamoring children and directed distribution of the gift packages.
Vineyard said that 528 sacks were given away.

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Durbin Marriage Date Announced

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dorinda Durbin and Vaughn Paul, associate film producer, will be married in a church wedding June 7.
The announcement was made tonight by the singing star's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Durbin, at an engagement party for the couple attended by 250 guests.

Prustake Solves Postal Theft

DALLAS, Dec. 21 (AP)—A piece of Christmas fruit cake Inspector C. W. B. Long gave a youthful suspect helped solve a postal theft today.
After eating the cake the youth admitted the theft in Oklahoma City a year ago.
"I guess it was the fruit cake," he stammered. "It was just like I used to get at home."

NEW TAXES FOR SPAIN

MADRID, Dec. 21 (AP)—A new law boosting taxes for Spaniards in practically all fields and creating new taxes on the purchase of such articles as salt and soap will be published in the official bulletin tomorrow.

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Nation Experiences Best Christmas Business Since 1929

Spending For Defense Gives Business Aid

By The Associated Press

Big Christmas spending crowds rolled up substantial trade gains in a war-time shopping spurge at busy industrial centers, a nationwide survey showed.

Many merchants reported the best Christmas trade since 1929 as workers from defense-stimulated industries poured their extra pay into retail channels. Some said the buying broke all records.

Increased factory employment and over-time wages in the drive to speed defense output augmented the buying power of millions. Government figures indicated national income this year had climbed at least \$4,000,000,000 above the 1939 total.

Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones said the 1940 holiday retail business probably would "show all previous records."

He credited the defense program with stimulating the industrial upswing in recent months and noted 2,300,000 workers had been added to payrolls in non-farm jobs since February.

Latest reports indicated the rising trend of employment was still on as defense planners sought to quicken the productive pace of war plants.

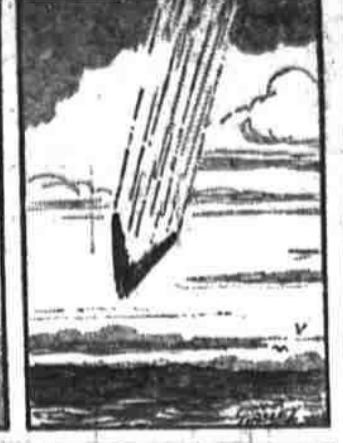
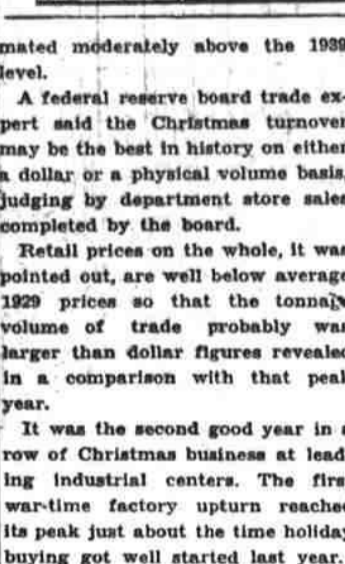
Huge unfilled orders for both U. S. and British account were held an assurance of high factory activity for months ahead, even without further boost in armament spending.

Retail trade improvement seemed to be widely distributed through the country but the most emphatic reports of year-to-year gains came from industrial and military training centers, where government payrolls infused new life into business.

Loss of foreign markets for farm products was rated a trade drawback in some rural areas, although farm income generally was estimated moderately above the 1939 level.

A federal reserve board trade expert said the Christmas turnover may be the best in history on either a dollar or a physical volume basis, judging by department store sales completed by the board.

Retail prices on the whole, it was pointed out, are well below average 1929 prices so that the tonnage volume of trade probably was larger than dollar figures revealed in a comparison with that peak year.



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. Drinking vessel, 2. Rodent, 3. Dry, 4. Leaf of the palmyra palm, 5. Kind of chess, 6. Central male character, 7. Top stone of an arch, 8. Acknowledge openly, 9. Plural ending, 10. Father or mother, 11. Tavern, 12. Rotate, 13. Nocturnal bird, 14. Turn, 15. Diversity, 16. High pointed hill.

Coahoma News

COAHOMA, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—Miss Dorothy O'Daniel of Hardin-Simmons is home for the holidays to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. O'Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hagler and Barbara left Wednesday for Los Angeles, Calif. to make their home. He will be employed in an airplane factory. He formerly operated a barber and tailor shop here.

R. L. Adams, who is attending college at Stephenville, is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunn will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunn of Henderson, Tenn.

Recreation Dept. Program Draws Good Crowd

Approximately 400 persons turned out Thursday evening to witness the Christmas play, "The Perfect Gift," presented by the City-WPA recreation department at the municipal auditorium.

Market Ends Shaky Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Sp)—Buying support came in for scattered favorites in today's stock market but the list, on the whole, finished a generally unsatisfactory week with inconclusive trends.

Brownsville Has Beard Contest

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 21 (Sp)—Brownsville's entire adult male population has been ordered by official proclamation of Mayor Royce Russell to grow beards between Christmas Day and February 20 or suffer the consequence.

Administration Studies Labor Angle In Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (Sp)—The administration was reported today to be studying means of compromising the one major controversy that has cropped up over national defense—whether armament contracts shall include a clause requiring compliance with labor laws.

Culbertson Takes Office January 2

AUSTIN, Dec. 21 (Sp)—Olin Culbertson, railroad commissioner-elect, said today he would take the oath of office January 2 at 2 p. m. in the senate chamber.

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Mahon Arrives For Holidays

Congressman George Mahon came home Saturday to spend the holidays, arriving in Big Spring by air and going on to Colorado City by automobile.

Mahon came to Big Spring in an army plane, escorted by Col. Lovell and piloted by Capt. Dolan, both of Brooks field, San Antonio. The West Texas congressman, who is on the military affairs sub-committee of the house appropriations committee, had made an informal inspection of army air facilities at San Antonio and San Angelo, and the officers brought him to Big Spring to conclude his trip.

Mahon was met here by Mrs. Mahon and Mrs. C. C. Thompson of Colorado City, and by Nat Shick and Ted Groehl of Big Spring. He said he would remain in West Texas until January 3, spending time in Colorado City and Lubbock, and possibly making another brief visit to Big Spring.



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Ginning Continues In Howard County

Howard county's cotton crop, generating into some of the worst samples produced here in years, struggled on to near the 16,000-bale mark Saturday.

Five Big Spring gins, handling little less than 47 per cent of the county's volume, reported a total of 7,462 bales handled to Saturday evening. This would make the county aggregate 15,750 bales and up.

Because weather for the past two weeks has been generally adverse, ginnings have been held in check and there is still considerable cotton out, possibly another 2,000 bales.

Ginners were agreed on one point—samples the latter part of the week were almost all either "terrible" or "awful." They had passed the spotted stage and were yielding almost solidly colored returns.

Picked bales could be numbered on the hands and even snags were growing scarce. Virtually everything was bollies, and some was of the "hickory nut" variety. Because the unopened bolls were full of moisture and snags were still wet in many cases, gin saws gummed frequently and woes of ginners were many.

Lint prices sagged sharply under samples, and six to seven cents was the spread. The few picked bales commanded up to eight, and there was nothing good enough to make the loan.

Seed, the redeeming feature of the crop, stayed at \$25, and one gin offered \$28. What feed prices were quoted placed maize at the constant \$10 a ton and bundles at three and one and a half cents.

Livestock

FORT WORTH

FORT WORTH, Dec. 21 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle salable 400; calves 150; market: today's trade nominal. For week: top mature beef steers 11.00; yearlings 10.50; heifers 10.25; cows 6.75; bulls 6.00; practical top killing calves 8.00; stock steer calves up to 10.75; stock heifer calves 9.50; yearling stock steers 9.00; stock cows 6.75.

Hogs salable 300; good and choice 185-300 lbs. 6.00-6.05; good 150 lbs. down to 5.25.

Sheep salable 100; today's trade nominal; for week: Choice fat lambs topped at 8.75; medium to good woolled lambs 8.00-8.50; woolled lambs 8.00-8.50; woolled yearlings 7.50-7.75; woolled 2-year-old wethers 6.75.

WRECK VICTIM DIES

ALVIN, Dec. 21 (AP)—Samuel N. Terral, 25, tank builder of Alexandria, La., died early today in a hospital here from burns and other injuries suffered in an automobile accident last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward R. Hall left Sunday morning to spend the day with her mother, Mrs. Isla Davis, and other relatives in Plainview, next day.



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Pigeon Appears Lazy, Enjoys Elevator Ride

SCRANTON, Pa. (UP)—There a lazy pigeon in Scranton, Edward Kobeski, elevator operator in local bank building, had a pigeon walk, not fly, into his elevator few days ago, so he took the bird up to the roof and released it. Evidently enjoying the ride, the bird repeated the performance the next day.

First Baptist Church Honors Youth Tonight

The First Baptist church will observe its annual student night program this evening at 7:30 o'clock, honoring college students home for the Christmas holidays.

Entire program for the evening service of the church is in the hands of young people. Mrs. Ora E. Johnson is directing arrangements and Ed McEwen will preside.

Music is to be in charge of Lillian Hurt, a former TSCW student, with DeAlva McAlister, Hardin-Simmons, directing the choir. Soloist will be Ruppert Phillips, McMurry.

Among others to have places on the program are Cornelia Douglass, TSCW, Annette Roberts, Vivian Avent, Charles R. Sikes, Howard Payne, Jeanetta Dodge, Texas Tech, Betty Reeves, and Edith Bishop, OBU. Dorothy Dean Sain is assisting in arrangements.

Following the services, students will be honored further at a reception in the church basement.

Mrs. Beulah Carnrike left Saturday for Dallas to be guest of her son, Harry Wheelon, and family during the holidays.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE OIL FIELD COMMUNITIES

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Baker and family will spend Christmas with relatives in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kropp and daughter, Sammie Lee, will visit in Lamesa Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Long, Cross Plains, are expected Wednesday for a visit with the J. J. Pattersons. Mrs. Long and Mrs. Patterson are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Knightstep of Big Spring will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Anderson on Christmas.

Freddie Hobbs is ill this week. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Grison left Friday for Abilene to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Shaw and family will spend Christmas in Toledo, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lucas will have as guests Mrs. Lucas' sister, Mrs. W. G. Luce, and Mr. Luce of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Walker of Comanche will arrive this week to spend Christmas with Mrs. Walker's sister, Mrs. P. F. Sheedy, and Mr. Sheedy at their home in the Superior camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rippy will go to Abilene to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Huddleston and daughter, Mary Ann, are spending the holidays in Oklahoma.

Kenneth Butler of San Angelo is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Butler, in the Sun camp.

Bosay Scudday of Austin is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scudday, of the Superior lease.

C. V. Wash is ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dunn were San Angelo visitors Sunday. Mrs. W. E. Caldwell of Sonoma met Mrs. Dunn there. The Dunns will spend Christmas day with the Caldwelles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner were business visitors in Abilene Friday.

Mrs. A. P. Ogleby is ill in a Big Spring hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon, Mrs. Erda Lewis, Leon Lewis and Alvin Long will spend Christmas in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner and son, James, are spending part of the holidays in Dallas.

Dr. J. T. O'Barr is reported on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson will have as holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carlson of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson of Monahans.

C. L. West returned home Thursday from Legion.

Continental Workers Meet

Continental Oil company's supervisory employees held their annual banquet Saturday night, following a business meeting at the Big Spring district office during the afternoon when a general discussion of company policy was had.

Twenty-seven men, from Big Spring, Santa Rita, Ector county, and McCamey, attended the dinner.

Included in the Big Spring group were Superintendent R. L. Carpenter, T. E. Yarbro, M. H. Dubrow, H. D. Williams, J. H. Spratt, Foster Harmon, Harry Miller, D. F. Yarbro, F. G. Klahr, J. D. Leonard, J. D. Gilmore and O. A. Ruffin.

Attending from Santa Rita were G. F. Duncan, Frank Allen, Frank Jacobs, E. D. Williams, Walter Gooch, and W. F. Goepfinger.

Ector county was represented by R. L. Shelton, C. J. Reed and F. Z. Kellerman.

C. H. Poyner, E. A. Asher, F. S. Conway, T. M. Tolle, S. L. Jones and E. O. Schubert attended from McCamey.

Big Spring Ranks Seventh In Safety

Six Texas cities of the 10,000-25,000 bracket have better traffic accident records for the first 11 months of 1940 than Big Spring.

Denison, Corsicana, University Park, Pampa, Bryan and Sweetwater have been free of traffic deaths during the period, to make a six-way tie for first place.

Big Spring has had one traffic fatality, to give it a rate of 7.93 deaths per 100,000 population, according to department of public safety statistics.

Hounds Pursue Officer's Killer

RINGGOLD, Ga., Dec. 21 (AP)—Bloodhounds and a posse followed a trail through mountainous Georgia and Tennessee today in search of a fugitive motorist who last night shot and killed Corporal W. F. Black of the Georgia highway patrol when stopped for reckless driving.

Public Safety Commissioner Lon Sullivan of Georgia said traces of blood were found on leaves and rocks, indicating the fugitive had been wounded by Black's fellow officer, Patrolman H. R. Barr as he disappeared in underbrush alongside the road.

Public Records

Building Permits
Cuca Sanchez to build a house at 408 NW 6th street, cost \$100.
Mrs. Essie Enloe to build a cafe at 510 W. 3rd street, cost \$500.

Marriage Licenses
M. R. Koger and Mary Louise Inkman, both of Big Spring.
W. T. Gobel and Velma Smith, both of Big Spring.
Grover Simpkins, Burnett, and Imogene Savell, Knott.

In the 70th District Court
C. T. Berrier and George T. Thomas versus W. M. C. T., J. C. L. G. and J. O. McCauley, suit for partition of property.
W. D. Leonard versus G. T. Hall and M. H. Bennett, suit for damages.

New Cars
F. E. and E. B. Holcomb, Oldsmobile sedan.
Virgil Smith, Oldsmobile coupe.
H. C. Thomas, Chevrolet sedan.
Dr. G. T. Hall, Ford coupe.
W. T. Edwards, Plymouth station wagon.
J. W. Walsh, Long Beach, Calif. Chrysler sedan.
Robert Wildman, Long Beach, Calif. Chrysler coupe.
W. V. Wildman, Long Beach, Calif. Chrysler coupe.
E. W. Potter, Chrysler sedan.
Dick Madison, Kermit, Ford sedan.
Virgil Green, Fordan, Ford tudor.
J. E. Fort, Ford sedan.
B. A. Farmer, Ford coupe.

State Capital Dome Loses 12-Inch Tree
HARRISBURG, Pa. (UP)—Planted by the birds and nourished by warm air seeping up through the capitol dome, a 12-inch tree growing out of the capitol dome lost its fight for life here when the tree trimmers uprooted it.

The tree, hardly visible to passersby, took root in a granite cornice midway up the outer east side of the dome.

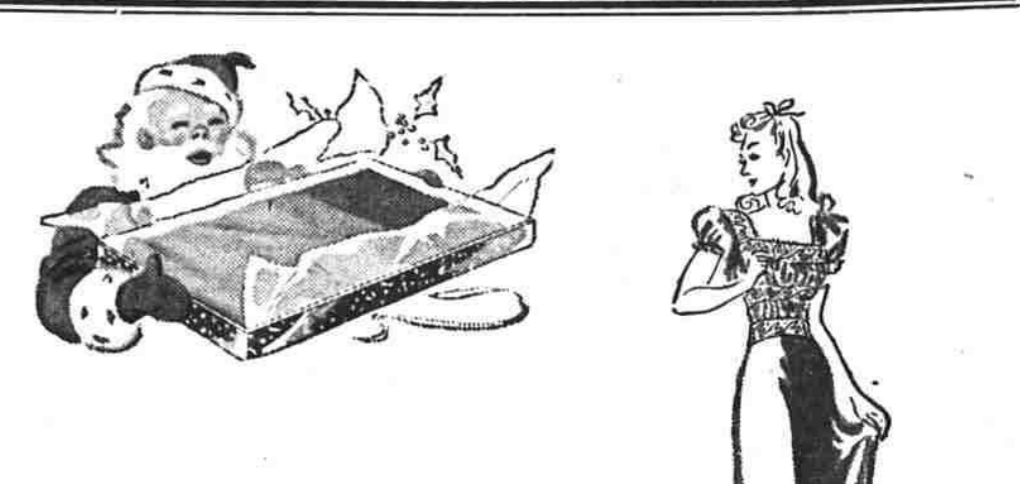
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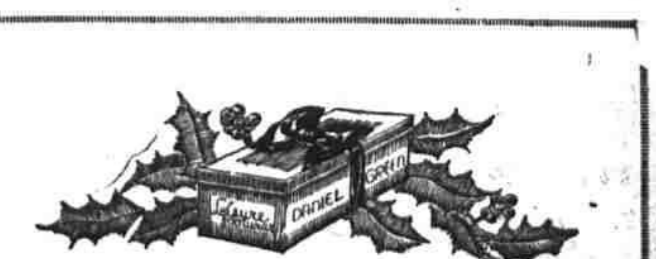
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M'Donald-Eddy Voices Blend For Fourth Time In 'Bitter Sweet'



NICELY DONE—Onlookers give approval as Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy do a bit of romancing in this scene from "Bitter Sweet." Their fourth film musical together, "Bitter Sweet" is from the pen of Noel Coward, and combines romance with melody. The picture is at the Ritz today and Monday.

Noel Coward Picture At Ritz Today And Monday

Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy and Director W. S. Van Dyke II, the trio responsible for three of the most successful musicals of screen history, "Naughty Marietta," "Rose Marie" and "Sweethearts," join forces a fourth time with the picture of Noel Coward's "Bitter Sweet," which headlines the Ritz theatre's program for today and Monday.

A story of London and Vienna in the late Victorian period, filmed in Technicolor, "Bitter Sweet" presents Miss MacDonald in the role of Sarah Millick, London belle, which Peggy Wood created on the London stage and which Evelyn Laye played in the Broadway production. On the eve of her wedding, Sarah runs away with her music teacher, Carl Linden, enacted by Eddy, and spends an idyllic time with him in Vienna until an officer of the Imperial cavalry, Baron von Tranch, begins paying her attention.

George Sanders, portrayer of "The Saint" in the series by that name, is seen as Von Tranch, with Ian Hunter as his gambling opponent, Lord Shayne, who befriends the two principals. Included also in the impressive cast are Edward Ashley as Harry Davenport, Sarah's original fiancé; Felix Bressart and Curt Bois as Max and Ernst, penniless musician-friends of Carl Linden; Fay Holden as Sarah's mother; Diana Lewis as Jane, who eventually marries Harry; Lynne Carver as Dolly, friend who aids Sarah's elopement; Sig Rumann as Herr Schlick, cafe owner, and Janet Beecher as Lady Davenport, Archie's mother.

The original Noel Coward music is retained intact in the screen version of "Bitter Sweet," with Herbert Stohart arranging the orchestration. The stars are heard in the following numbers: "I'll See You Again," "The Call of Life," "If You Could Only Come With Me," "What Is Love," "Tokay," "Ladies of the Town," "Love in Any Language," "Our Little Cafe," "Zig-zag," "If Love Were All" and "Serenade in Vienna."

British Minister Praises Aid Offer

LONDON, Dec. 21. (UP)—Minister of Labor Ernest Bevin declared today that "President Roosevelt's great idea of paying for goods by goods will not only help to win the war but take us out of the hands of speculators at the end of the war."

In a luncheon address to the foreign press association, Bevin added: "It is an indication that the president accepts the view that the greatest contribution to international stabilization at the end of the war is labor and effort and not speculation and manipulation of currency."

Mother Goes To College, Too KINGSTON, R. I. (UP)—Frederick Mac Fawn and his sister Frances have no opportunity to cut classes at Rhode Island State College. Their mother is taking a course for a degree at the college, too.

Race Track Drama Shows At Queen

Lloyd Nolan, Lynn Bari Featured In 'Charter Pilot'

The East Side Kids are off to the races in their latest Monogram picture, "That Gang of Mine," playing today and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

This picture, featuring those juvenile toughies, Bobby Jordan, Leo and David Goey, Donald Haines and Sunshine Sammy, finds the kids initiated into race track life.

When old negro Ben needs backers for his thoroughbred race horse, Blue Knight, the kids finally get Algy Wilkes, a wealthy friend to persuade his father to put up the money. This gives Leo Goey, in the role of Muggs, his chance to become a jockey, but although he tries hard, an uncontrollable fear prevents him from bringing Blue Knight in.

The horse is a real winner, however, and Mr. Wilkes gives Blue Knight another chance. He offers to engage an experienced jockey, but Muggs refuses to let him. In the meantime, some crooks find out that Blue Knight is a winner and try to prevent his running in the big race.

First they try to bribe Knuckles, older brother of the boys, and when this doesn't work, they try to burn Blue Knight's stable. Muggs saves the horse and old Ben just in time.

The day of the race comes, and nobody is enthusiastic, because they know Muggs can't ride well enough to win the race. Then, at the last minute, Muggs decides to sacrifice his own inclinations in the matter and let the other jockey ride. Blue Knight comes in the winner and old Ben has gotten his wish.

Supporting the East Side Kids in this action film are Dave O'Brien as Knuckles, and Joyce Bryant as his fiancée, who tries to keep Dave from betting on Blue Knight without success. Clarence Muse, who has produced and written many of his own stage plays, takes the sympathetic portrayal of old negro Ben, owner of Blue Knight. Eugene Frances is familiar as Algy Wilkes, and Milton Kibbee portrays his liberal father.

Control Of Maritime Communists Sought

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (UP)—Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.) proposed Friday that the new congress act to remove communists from the ranks of labor in the maritime service.

He said congress might "federalize" the work by placing the sailors in the same category with men in the navy, or might deny subsidies to operators employing known communists.

Youth's Yearning Results In Making Fine Guitar

PRESTON, Wash. (UP)—All his life 25-year-old Charles W. Bakovich had wanted a fine guitar—but he couldn't afford to buy one. So he made it himself—and within 11 months had produced an instrument which might sell for \$400. It's a far cry from the cigar-box variety.

Free Christmas Show Scheduled Tuesday At Ritz

The local R&R theatres are following custom this year, with another free matinee for children as a "Christmas present" for the younger generation.

The annual free Christmas matinee will be offered Tuesday morning, December 24, at 10 a. m. at the Ritz. All children in the Big Spring area are invited to attend.

A Laurel and Hardy comedy, "Flying Dutch," is the featured attraction, and there will be novelties of entertainment to the children.

Auto Industry To Make Planes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (UP)—Arming America called on the automobile industry today to swing into test production of parts for a powerful fleet of long-range bombers.

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

As presently visualized, motor car plants will be geared to help produce annually some 3,600 two and four motor bombers, costing at current prices nearly \$1,000,000,000.

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

Four large assembly plants have been projected, west of the Mississippi, to be operated by experienced aircraft manufacturers. Sites already have been selected at Kansas City and Omaha for plants to assemble two-motor bombers, and behind the scenes numerous western cities are bidding for two other plants.

Small Launch Becomes Birthplace Of Girl

EASTPORT, Maine. (UP)—When Mr. and Mrs. Ray Leslie's daughter grows up she can point to the Atlantic Ocean as her birthplace.

The couple set out from their Deer Island home for Eastport in their 30-foot motor launch and the daughter was born just as the boat docked at Mabee's Wharf.

Christmas Changes Film Bookings; 'Arizona' To Be Shown At The Ritz

Christmas brings a change in booking at Big Spring's theatres this week, so that Wednesday, Christmas Day, will mark the opening of featured runs.

The holiday offering at the Ritz will be "Arizona," newest and among the most pretentious of the western sagas, based on the popular magazine serial by Clarence Budington Kelland. Popular Jean Arthur is starred, with William Holden and Warren Williams in featured roles.

The Lyric offers the Dead End Kids in "Give Us Wings," while

Action Mixed With Laughs In Air Drama

East Side Kids Are Featured In "That Gang Of Mine"

With Lloyd Nolan and lovely Lynn Bari, those ever-scraping screen sweethearts on hand to battle not only each other but sabotage in the skies, "Charter Pilot" promises fast and funny entertainment for patrons of the Lyric theatre as it plays today and Monday. Nolan is starred in the new 20th Century-Fox film while Lynn heads a fine featured cast including Arleen Whelan and George Montgomery.

"Charter Pilot" has Nolan as a wise-cracking flying ace and Lynn as his radio-queen girl friend who dramatizes his adventures on the air. Sparked with snappy dialogue and crammed with spine-tingling action revolving around the exploits of the daredevil aviator, "Charter Pilot" was marked by preview audiences as one of the standout romance-thrillers of the season.

Highlighting the action film is the spectacular and suspenseful climax set in Honduras. Nolan and Lynn quit their scrapping when they discover that a saboteur has put poison gas in the oxygen tanks of a plane already in flight.

And with Nolan winging to the rescue in another plane and Lynn broadcasting the drama to 20,000,000 listeners, "Charter Pilot" speeds into a pulsating finish.

So well did Lloyd Nolan perform in three previous 20th Century-Fox pictures, "Johnny Apollo," "The Man Who Wouldn't Talk" and "Pier 13" that studio executives were prompted to sign him to a new contract calling for three pictures a year.

Film fans need no introduction to Lynn Bari, beautiful Boston lass. Lynn's newest role calls for a deft combination of comedy, drama and quick repartee.

Executive Producer Sol M. Wurtzel assisted Paul Mantz, Hollywood's most famous stunt pilot, to provide aerial thrills for "Charter Pilot."

Eugene Forde directed "Charter Pilot." The screen play by Stanley Rauh and Lester Ziffren was based on a story by J. Robert Bren and Norman Houston.

The presence of oil in Texas was first reported in 1543 by survivors of the De Soto expedition.



SCRAPPY ROMANCE—Lloyd Nolan, in a new type role, and Lynn Bari, are the scrapping sweethearts of "Charter Pilot," a gay and breezy piece which has aviation as the background, and which is offered today and Monday at the Lyric.

LYRIC TODAY AND MONDAY

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THE WEEK'S PLAYBILL

SUNDAY-MONDAY

RITZ—"Bitter Sweet," with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy.

LYRIC—"Charter Pilot," with Lloyd Nolan and Lynn Bari.

QUEEN—"That Gang of Mine," with Bobby Jordan and Leo Goercey.

TUESDAY

RITZ—"We Who Are Young," with Lana Turner and John Shelton; also, "She Couldn't Say No," with Cliff Edwards and Eve Arden.

LYRIC—"The Lone Wolf Keeps A Date."

QUEEN—"Kit Carson," with Jon Hall and Lynn Bari.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

RITZ—"Arizona," with Jean Parker, William Holden and Warren William.

LYRIC—"Give Us Wings," with Dead End Kids.

QUEEN—"Friendly Neighbors," with the Weaver Bros. and Elvira.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

RITZ—"Seven Sinners," with Marlene Dietrich and John Wayne.

LYRIC—"Melody Ranch," with Gene Autry.

QUEEN—"Boss of Bullion City," with Johnny Mack Brown.

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Lamesa Girl And Cisco Man Wed At Parsonage

LAMESA, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—In a single ring ceremony read by the Rev. E. F. Cole in the Baptist parsonage at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Miss Connelly Ruth Snider became the bride of Edward L. Thomas of Cisco.

Mrs. Thomas wore a soldier blue street length dress. Her accessories were black and her corsage was of wine carnations. The couple left immediately for a short wedding trip to North Texas.

Mrs. Thomas is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Snider of McKinney. She was day superintendent of nurses in the Loveless hospital of Lamesa. She is a graduate of McKinney high school and McKinney city hospital school of nursing. Her post-graduate work was done at Boston hospital in Boston, Mass.

Thomas is a graduate of Edd C. Smith school of embalming in Dallas. He is now employed with Neil Lane's funeral home in Cisco.

The couple will make their home at 206 West Eighth street in Cisco.

Officers Entertained At Lunch, Lodge Holds Party At Hall

Officers of the Trainmen Ladies were entertained at a luncheon Friday noon at the W. O. W. hall by Mrs. W. W. McCormick, president.

The table was centered with a green cedar mound decorated with Christmas balls. Place cards were made by Mrs. McCormick and were different holly designs having a verse for each member.

Plate favors were Santas made of gum drops. Mrs. J. T. Allen assisted with the serving and Mrs. C. A. Schull was present as a guest.

Officers were Mrs. L. D. Jenkins, Mrs. A. J. Cain, Mrs. W. O. Wason, Mrs. W. E. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Hendricks, Mrs. M. C. Knowles, Mrs. B. N. Ralph, Mrs. J. P. Meador, Mrs. Herbert Fox, Mrs. Frank Powell.

The Trainmen Ladies Lodge met in the afternoon for installation of officers and those installed were Mrs. McCormick, president; Mrs. Frank Powell, secretary; Mrs. A. J. Cain, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Hendricks, conductress; Mrs. W. E.

Junior Music Club Has Party Friday Night

The Junior Music club of the recreation department met Friday afternoon at the hall for a party and games were played and gifts exchanged.

Refreshments were served to Dorothy Hodges, Marjorie Hodges, Charles Hodges, Billie Jean Butts, Frances Murphy, Carolyn Jackson, Ruby Lee Sharrod, Ethel Lee Potter, Elizabeth Brader, Ellen Lawdermilk, Evelyn Roger and C. R. Lawdermilk, Jr., and Robert Lawdermilk, new members.

Yule Decorations Are Used By Home Ec. Class

FORSAN, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—Yule decorations were used and gifts were exchanged when Miss Pauline McWilliams entertained her homemaking class with a party in the department Wednesday evening.

Games were played and refreshments served.

Those present included Reba Ratliff, Joyce Ratliff, Eleanor Williamson, Louise Croft, Wanda Nell Griffith, Maxine Joyce Skiles, Jo Ellen Parker, Lemodine Pike, Clyde Sewall, Mary Louise Sterling, Ruth Roberts, Gayle Green, Juanita Sewell, Betty Lamb, Neoma Echols, Doris Jean McElwath, Ozella Nell, Bobby Jean Peak, Sybil Jo Claxton, Hazel Gladden, Nita Lonford, Wanda Nell Gladden, Gladell Ragdell, Bobby Jo Grant, and Martha Southardland.

Catholic Church Has Annual Party For Parish Children

St. Thomas Catholic church entertained with a party for the children of the parish and 58 attended the affair Friday night.

Harry Weeg, Jr., and Charles Walter Willbanks gave readings and carols were sung. A Santa Claus brought gifts of fruit and candy.

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Holidays Provide Time For Trips For Teachers

FORSAN, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—Forsan school dismissed Friday to have two weeks holidays providing ample time for students and faculty to make long and extended trips during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Lewis and daughter, Jonnie, will visit relatives in Cleburne, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Connally will spend the holidays with parents in Mena, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Watkins and daughter, Deanna Marie, will visit Mrs. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson in Sterling City.

Luella Thomas left Friday for El Campo to spend the holidays with her mother and Pauline McWilliams will spend Christmas with her parents in McCombs.

In Bartlett left Friday for Lamesa and Margaret Jackson will be at home in Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Oliver and daughter, Carol Ann, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Oliver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gates, in Abilene.

The Barnett Hinds are going to Tye to visit his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Breedlove will go to Abilene for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunn will go to Sonora to visit Mrs. Dunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell. They will also visit his brother, Bristow Dunn, and Mrs. Dunn in Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conger, Jr., will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Brauer, and Mrs. Conger in Sterling City.

High Hat Club Given Social In Home Of Mrs. U. G. Powell

The High Hat club was given a Christmas party in the home of Alva and Joyce Powell with Mrs. U. G. Powell as hostess.

Games were played and carols sung. A Christmas story was given by D. Jeanne Powell and a song by Norma Rogers and Wanda Reece.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. Others present were Dorothy Moore and Edna Earle Sanders.

Room Mothers Give Party For Sixth Grade Pupils

FORSAN, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—Mrs. J. D. Gault, Mrs. Walter Gressett and Mrs. Paul Sheedy, room mothers, honored the sixth grade class with a Christmas banquet in the high school home economics dining room Friday and the class had its annual Christmas tree with Jessie Mae McCluskey and Roy Carter distributing the gifts.

The banquet table was centered with a mound of cherry popcorn balls.

The girls wore floor length dresses and Jackie Grant gave the invocation. Delos Gault was toastmaster.

Plate favors were cellophane stockings filled with fruits.

Those present included Dorothy Jean Gressett, Nadine Sheedy, Lovera Wilson, Joyce Jean Sewell, Jessie Mae McCluskey, Phillip Gressett, Jackie Grant, Earl Morgan, Delmar Klahr, Max Anderson, Nolan Shaw, Larry Williams, Roy Carter, Delos Gault, the room mothers and the teacher, Miss Margaret Jackson.

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will be featured as special music at the morning service.

East 4th St. Baptist
A Christmas cantata "The Supreme Gift" will be given Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the East 4th St. church and will be directed by Joe Fielder. Mrs. George O'Brien is the accompanist.

Over 40 voices will take part and Mrs. R. Elmer Dunham will be the reader. Herbert Logthry is the main soloist.

Logthry and Deveda Lee Moore will give a duet and a trio composed of La Verne Wilson, Deveda Lee and Dorothy Moore, will sing. A special quartet composed of Joe Fielder, Hollis Lloyd, R. Elmer Dunham, and Logthry will have a song with Fielder carrying the solo parts.

First Methodist
Sunday morning the First Methodist church will have special anthems, "Jesus, Babe of Bethlehem" by Gebel and "Christ Has Come, O Sing His Story," by Keating.

Sunday night the young people's choir will give "So Solemnly the Star Looked Down" by Spence. Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock the young people will have a program and Christmas party.

Last Sunday the First Baptist church presented the cantata, "The Greatest Gift" at the Sunday night service and the First Christian church gave "Christmas Joy" a cantata, at the evening service.

St. Thomas Catholic
Tuesday night at midnight, the St. Thomas Catholic church will have its Christmas Eve mass and a solo by Ruth Pruitt will be "O Holy Night."

"Mass in C" by Loesch will be given and the offertory will be "Adeste Fideles." Other soloists are Miss Pruitt, Frank Dule and Mrs. Gene Springer.

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thing old wore her great-grandmother's cameo pin.

Ushers were E. P. Driver, Morris Patterson, Bill Inkman, Jr., and Seth Boynton, Howard Schwarzenbach, and Harvey Hartgrove of San Antonio.

The couple left following the ceremony for Shamrock and on their return will be at home at 608 Runnels. For traveling the bride wore a blue wool suit with black accessories.

Mrs. Koger was graduated from the Big Spring high school in 1935 and received her B.S. degree at Texas Tech in 1939. For the past year she has been teaching English in the seventh grade and will continue to teach.

While at Tech she was a member of the DFD social club and the Alpha Phi Omega, speech fraternity. Koger was also graduated in 1939 from Tech and while there was a member of the Wrangler's club, a social organization. He is employed by Cosen Refinery.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Koger and Kenneth of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Behrens of Abilene and Mrs. J. H. Elders and Mary Elders of Midland.

Mrs. M. H. Bennett and Mrs. J. Y. Robb entertained the wedding party with a rehearsal dinner Friday night at the Settles hotel.

Study Club Has Party In Marshall Home

COAHOMA, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—The Coahoma study and civics club met this week in the home of Mrs. R. A. Marshall with Miss Pearl Forrester as hostesses for a party.

Mrs. J. O. Nickel was in charge of the program. The Christmas story was given by Elizabeth Coffee and Mrs. G. M. Boswell gave poems. Each person drew one letter of the words "Christmas Night." Then each went to the tree and received her gift according to the letters.

Refreshments were served and little Santas were plate favors. Those present were Mrs. G. M. Boswell, Mrs. D. S. Phillips, Mrs. W. J. Jackson, Mrs. J. O. Nickel, Mrs. Ethel Rives Byrd, Sibyl Myers, Pearl Forrester, Gretina Zos Weeks, Rita Watson, Nettie Lee Shelton, Faye Johnson, Mrs. Grady Acuff, and Elizabeth Coffee. Guests present were Mrs. R. A. Marshall and Miss Dell Johnson of Loraine.

Sorority Given Tea In Foster Harmon Home

FORSAN, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—The El Principle Cinco Sorority entertained with a tea Wednesday afternoon in the Foster Harmon home.

Mrs. C. C. Kent talked to the group about Christmas in Lithuania and Gayle Green told of Yule-tide celebrations in China.

Gladys Cardwell gave a similar talk on Mexico.

Guests included members and their mothers and gifts were exchanged after the program.

Others present were Mrs. Virgil Green, Mrs. Lillie Mae Johnson, Elouise Kent and Bebe Johnson.

Sisterhood To Use Funds From Pillow Sale For Welfare Work

Mrs. T. S. Currie received the hand-crocheted and embroidered pillow made by Mrs. B. Eckhaus that has been on display at J. & W. Fisher company for the past week. Funds will be used by the Temple Israel Sisterhood for welfare work.

Rebekahs Bring Gifts For Needy Families

Fifteen members of Rebekah lodge 284 met at the I. O. O. F. hall Friday night to bring gifts for needy families. Food, fruit and toys were brought.

Baptist Young People To Give Breakfast At Hotel Sunday

The First Baptist Young People's department will hold a breakfast at the Settles hotel at 9 o'clock Sunday morning and a Christmas program will follow the breakfast on the mezzanine floor.

Mrs. J. E. Hogan is in charge of the program and Vera Louise Whitton, Sue Haynes, Dorothy Bain are in charge of arrangements.

Toys are to be brought for children.

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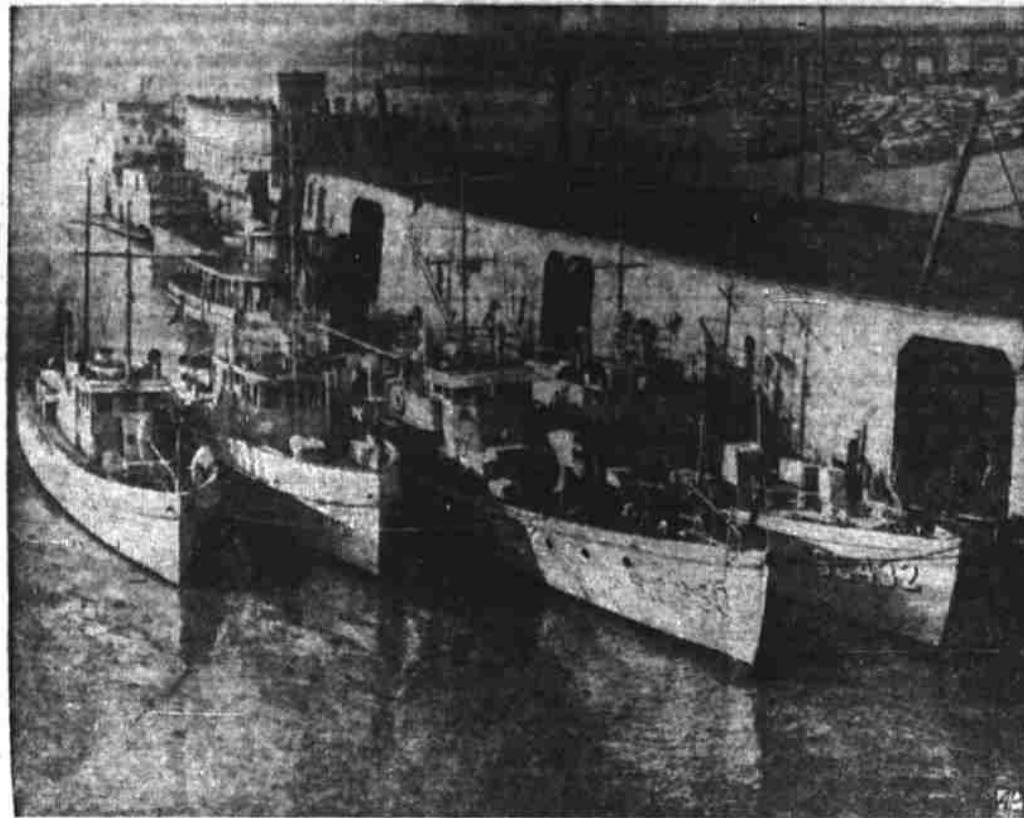
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HANDLED WITH CARE—With patient, steady hands Elizabeth Monterio attaches a gas mask face piece to a breathing valve at a Fall River, Mass., factory where army masks are being produced. About 300 girls are busy making masks there.



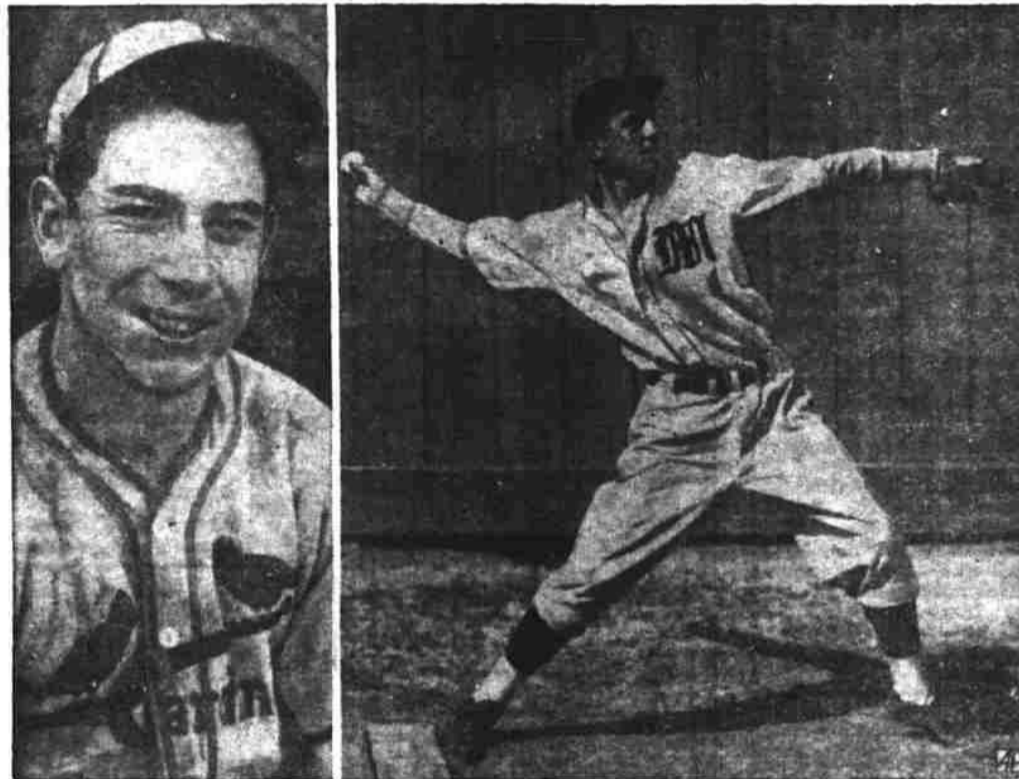
MORE RECRUITS FOR PATROL DUTY—Uncle Sam's trim new destroyers and naval craft might shame these veterans in a beauty contest, but these four wooden sub-chasers tied up in the Mississippi at St. Louis are heading for patrol duty in the Gulf of Mexico. They stopped in St. Louis while en route from the Great Lakes. In the upper left is the showboat, Golden Rod.



AL SMITH LEARNS TO DIP—Former Governor Alfred E. Smith (right) of New York tries his hand at dipping candles during Christmas sale of articles made by the blind, in New York. Two Smith-made candles brought \$6.00 at auction. His instructor, Paul Esemplare, 28 (left), who is blind, judges each candle by the weight of the wax as he dips.



NO DISGUISE NEEDED—Those "speca" and that tiny skull cap didn't hide the identity of this miss, who watched a New York prize fight. She's Brenda Frasier, debutante glamor girl, seen with John "Shipwreck" Kelly, her reported beau.



SWAP SEASON ON IN BASEBALL—With an eye on next year's pennant, the Brooklyn Dodgers have acquired Catcher Mickey Owen (left) from the St. Louis Cardinals in exchange for "ookie Pitcher John Pizarro (right), Catcher Gus Mancuso (not shown), and money estimated at from \$65,000 to \$75,000. A defensive star, Owen is 23 years old, batted .265 last season.



LOOK OUT BELOW!—An eight-story concrete building comes tumbling down in Philadelphia under the heavy blows of a swinging steel ball. Engineers used the ball, hung from a 70-foot crane boom and swung like a clock's pendulum, to raze the building for a new housing project. In this "angle" shot, a workman watches results.



SACRIFICIAL GOAT—"Duke," the pet goat of Richard (left) and Robert Delaloy, had to be auctioned in Missouri along with other St. Charles county, Mo., possessions being cleared out to permit building of an \$11,000,000 TNT defense plant.



IT'S ALL IN YOUR SYSTEM—Fie on atmosphere balloons and meteorological devices, thinks Cosion Franklin Whitaker, 59, who's been weather forecasting for 50 years, chiefly by means of a skyward squint of his eyes. He forecasts at Memphis, claims to be right nine times out of ten. He recommends that vegetables always be planted in the dark of the moon.



SENATOR—Named by Nevada's governor to succeed the late Sen. Key Pittman, Berkeley L. Bunker (above), 34, state assemblyman from Las Vegas, will fill out a term ending early in 1941. He's a bishop in the Latter Day Saints church.



ROYAL ONCE-OVER—The Duchess of Windsor seems to be looking on anxiously as her royal husband, the former King Edward who's now governor of the Bahamas, inspects war relief articles produced at the Red Cross center in Nassau.



THE 'BIG FOUR' IN MOSCOW—Russia has been described as a "besieged fortress" covering one-sixth of the world by Michael Kalinin (second from left), who adds that "the other five-sixths of the world are our irreconcilable enemies on principle." This photo, made during a Moscow review celebrating 23rd anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, shows, left to right: Josef Stalin, Kalinin, head of all-Russian central executive committee; Army Marshal Voroshilov, and Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov.

HOW BUSINESS MOVED LAST MONTH (NOV.—DEC.)

	% NET CHANGE FROM	
	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
GENERAL SPENDING	+6.0	+14.0
STOCK MARKET	-4.0	-12.0
INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY	+2.3	+9.1
RAW MATERIAL PRICES	+3	+3.7
FOOD PRICES	+3.3	+3.1



THE MAIL GOES THROUGH—Lish, an 8-year-old British dog-of-war, is training in England, worms her way through barbed wire with a message (in the tin can). Her trainer, Leslie Oliver, claims dogs are "as good as humans"—and better at some jobs. Lish wears a gas mask over her snout. Barbed wire would have taken a man with clippers several tedious minutes to cut.

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Firms Give Employes Parties And Bonus Checks During The Week

Turkey Dinners And Socials Are Held

Friday night was employe night in Big Spring, or so it seemed, with many of the firms giving their workers parties, bonus checks, and entertainment of some kind.

Cliff Wiley entertained the employes of the Lone Star Chevrolet company and their families with a party in the showroom. It was the fourth annual affair. Acting as master of ceremonies, Wiley introduced new employes and their families and special guests. The Rev. H. W. Halslip gave a prayer and a short talk on "Acres of Diamonds" by Cowell.

Wiley talked on the progress made by the firm since its beginning and showed the additions of homes and savings accounts of his employes.

Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts and candy to all attendants. A Christmas tree was in one corner of the room and more than 65 persons attended.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Holdaway entertained for the employes of the Big Spring Laundry in their home Friday night and more than 40 persons attended.

Bonus checks were given to employes and gifts were exchanged. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Max Welch and Havis, and Erwin Hardy. A Christmas tree decorated the room and refreshments were served.

The First National Bank entertained its employes with a buffet turkey dinner Friday night at the Settles hotel and officers, directors, employes and their families and guests were present.

Ira Thurman and Bob Piner were presented with gifts and I. Q. games were entertainment for the 52 persons present. The table was centered with a turkey. Employes received bonus checks from the bank the first of the week.

Several other firms have held parties for employes during the week. Waiters entertained for more than 10 employes, families and guests Friday night at the Elks Hall from 9:30 o'clock to 12 o'clock. The annual Christmas affair featured games and dancing and bonus checks for the largest \$5.00 sales were presented to Mrs. Lavelle Marion and Mrs. Nellie E. McGuire. Gifts were distributed from a tree and opened before the group.

Latin-Americans Honored At Texas

AUSTIN, Dec. 21. (AP)—Latin America furnishes five of this year's bachelorettes at the University of Texas. The campus beauties, 278 in all, will be presented at the spring homecoming.

Nominees from south of the border include Leonor Giussani of Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mercedes Margaret Schoener and Mrs. Mary Ann Lambé Velasco, Mexico City; Helen Marie Baxter and Consuelo Elizabeth Derby, Monterrey, Mex.

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AT THE CHURCHES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
D. F. McConnell, D. D., Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Subject, "In the Fullness of Time."
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
The Senior choir will present a special "Christmas Cantata" at the morning hour and this service will be broadcast over KBBT.
At the evening hour the Junior choir will present their annual pageant and cantata, "His Natal Day." You are most cordially invited to worship with us and to enjoy these special Christmas numbers.

FIRST BAPTIST
The pastor will bring a Christmas meditation. The evening service will continue emphasizing today as Christmas Sunday. The entire program will be in the hands of the young people. Theme will be, "Conquering With Christ."
The regular hours will be observed, church school at 9:45 a. m.; worship at 11; training union at 8:30 and evening worship at 7:30.

FIRST METHODIST
Church school, 9:40 a. m.; morning worship, 11 o'clock, with pastor speaking on "If Christ Had Not Come."
Young people's meeting, 8:30 p. m.; pastor's message, 7:30 p. m.
After the church service, young people will gather in the basement for their "Howdy Hour."

ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC
Rev. C. J. Duffy
Mass, Sunday, 8:30 a. m.
Rosary, sermon and benediction, 7:30 p. m. Sunday.
Mass Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 a. m.; Wednesday 8:30 and 9 a. m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC
Mass, Sunday 10 a. m.
Mass, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 a. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fourteenth and Main Street
Melvin J. Wise, Minister.
Bible study, 9:45 a. m.
Worship and sermon, 10:45 a. m.
Sermon topic, "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give."
Worship and sermon, 7:30 p. m.
Sermon topic, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

MAIN ST. CHURCH OF GOD
The revival closes Sunday.
Services Sunday as follows: Sunday school 9:45; morning worship at 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. Loudermilk; young people's service at 7 o'clock, and the final evangelistic service for this series of meetings at 7:30.
Special Christmas Prayer Meeting Wednesday night.

EAST 4TH ST. BAPTIST
Across Nolan Street From City Auditorium
R. Elmer Dunham, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Training union, 6:30 p. m.
Preaching services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Castle or Cattle Stall for Christ?" Choir will sing McKinney's "Glory Be To God."
At the evening hour the choir will give Jacobus' cantata, "The Gift Supreme," with Joe Fielder directing.

NORTH NOLAN MISSION
Of East Fourth Baptist Church
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching services, 11 a. m.
Special Christmas program at close of morning service.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Scurry at Fifth
Homer W. Halslip, Pastor
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:45 a. m., The Lord's Family around the Lord's Table.
11 a. m., "Wise Men From the East" will be the subject for the pastor's sermon. A Christmas cantata, "The Lord Is Come," will be presented by the choir. Herschel Summerlin is director of music.
6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship will meet to practice carols, go caroling after the evening service, then meet at the home of Mary Evelyn Lawrence, 711 Ayfield, for a social.
7:00 p. m., "The Story of Christmas" will be the pastor's sermon.

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MODEST MAIDENS



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subject Sunday night. A pageant, "White Gifts for the King" will be presented by the children and the congregation. Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in this service by bringing their gifts. Later, baskets of food and toys will be delivered to families, who would not have the joy of Christmas unless others remembered them.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
501 N. Gregg
T. H. Graalmann, Pastor
9:45, Sunday school and Bible class.
10:30, Morning service.
On Christmas Eve the children of the Sunday school will present a special Christmas program. This service will begin at 7:30 p. m.
On Dec. 25, at 10:30 a. m., special Christmas services will be held. Lutheran Hour every Sunday at 3:30 p. m. over KBBT.

Cradle Roll Department Of Baptist Church Is Entertained At Forsan

FORSAN, Dec. 21. (Spl.)—The Alfred Thieme home was the setting for the cradle roll party of the Baptist church Friday afternoon.
Mrs. L. S. Camp and Mrs. John Butler assisted Mrs. Thieme.
A Christmas tree was added to the decorations and the children exchanged gifts.
Refreshments were served to Jimmie Heatherington, Durwood Heatherington, Lynda Sue Heatherington, Ona Mae and Donald McElreath, Kerney Sue and Connie Scudday, John Marvin Leech, Byron Lee Calcote, Patsy Chambers, Phyllis Chambers, Treva Dee Johnson, Keith Simmons, Barbara Jean Green, Mary Ann Green, Jo Ann Butler, Madge Evelyn Thieme, Ethel Alice Thieme, Nannie Faye Camp, Mrs. J. E. Calcote, Mrs. Edgar Chambers, Mrs. D. A. Heatherington, Mrs. Dewey McElreath, Mrs. John Marvin Leech, Mrs. Jeff Green, Mrs. Virgil Simmons.

Thieves Give Cops Personal Motive

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 21. (AP)—City police today went about their preparations for Christmas with an ominous gleam in their eyes.
The reason is that a bold thief walked into police headquarters and looted the vault of all the decorations the police had saved to trim their tree.
Governor's Dignity Ignored
SACRAMENTO, (UP)—Stephen Zunatz of Los Angeles solicited the assistance of Gov. Cuthbert Olson in collecting fees to obtain signatures on political petitions. The petitions seek the recall of Olson.

Kill Kare Klub Has Party In Winslow Home

Holly carolers were given as favors by Mrs. Arthur Winslow when she entertained her club in her home Friday night.
The club members voted to name the organization the Kill Kare Klub and Mrs. Tommy Jordan was elected reporter.

A lighted Christmas tree was room decoration and gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served by candlelight and favors were silver bells tied with red ribbon.
The house was decorated in Christmas colors and the windows were decorated with cedar sprays and silver and red foliage tied with red cellophane bows. A snow man was on the door.

A table was centered with silver bells and red foliage and flanked with snow men. Individual tables were centered with Christmas trees.
The guests included Mrs. Herbert Hatch of Denver City, who won high score, Mrs. John Ray Dillard, who was second high, and Mrs. Robert Satterwhite, who binged. Others were Mrs. Roy Tidwell, Mrs. Tommy Jordan, Mrs. Ollie Anderson, Mrs. Elvia McCrary, Mrs. Watson Hammond, Mrs. Joe Black, Mrs. Jack Rinehart, Mrs. Escal Compton.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. (UP)
The high rock wall around Salt Lake City's famed Temple Block, site of the Mormon temple and tabernacle, will be covered soon was ordered by L. D. S. authorities in line with a general beautification program.

First Grade Pupils Have Annual Affair

FORSAN, Dec. 21. (Spl.)—Mrs. W. B. Dunn entertained her first grade with an annual party Friday afternoon.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to Mary Ann Huddleston, Zane Branham, Bobbie Jo Roberts, Betty Lyn Oglesby, Weldon McElreath, Billy Lynch, Alfred Thieme Jr., Johnnie Mark

Williamson, Donald Pyles, Stanek McClusky, Gene Patterson, Lela Ray Craft, Mrs. Pete Huddleston, Mrs. Alfred Thieme, Mrs. A. P. Oglesby, Mrs. Jessie McElreath, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. J. J. Patterson.
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Editorial

Citizens of Big Spring are called upon to make an important decision on January 8, date fixed by the city commission for an election on the proposed issuance of \$25,000 in bonds to finance the municipality's required part in a proposed airport improvement program.

We are following a pattern, and it is important for the taxpayers to determine whether we should continue to do this, as long as economic and social uncertainty exists. The pattern is that Big Spring has assumed obligations before, in order to participate in a federal project. We followed such a course to get school buildings, to get a new waterworks system, and followed a similar course for the state hospital.

There seems to be no indication of regret on this past policy. Citizens felt in these cases, no doubt, that the ultimate benefit justified the local cost. It is up to the same citizens to see if the same holds good with regard to the airport. And while \$25,000 is not a huge sum as far as municipal bond issues go, it is not an item to be tossed off lightly when the city must continue operations on a funded debt that is something over \$300,000. The responsibility of the voters is not to be taken lightly, and The Herald advocates a

thorough study of the proposition before positions are taken and statements made publicly. The money from the bonds will go to purchase additional land for airport, a necessity if an improvement program as approved by the government is carried out. Initial phase of this program is said to call for expenditures of \$100,000 through the CAA, with an eventual \$462,000 expenditure contemplated.

The people of Big Spring have spent a great deal on their aviation facilities, but in so doing have been able to keep in the air picture as have few towns this size. We have done better, in fact, than many larger places. One must be able to grasp future development of commercial aviation as well as military air force expansion to appreciate the need of further major outlays at this time.

One thing should be considered: the probability that Big Spring's best opportunity to share in the defense undertakings is through its airport. The chances are remote of getting an "army camp" or such major project as receives wide publicity. We stand the better chance of developing an air center. We may get it for \$25,000 more. It calls for some serious thinking on the part of the people who pay the bill, and who reap the ultimate benefits.

Corpus Christi Is Perennial Boom Town

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 21. (AP)—Corpus Christi is a busy city which has grown so phenomenally its present population of approximately 60,000 is more than double that of ten years ago.

On one of its bluffs is rising a great United States naval air training station—a recent development which is spurring the town's business and population expansion.

Probably the biggest single factor in the growth of Corpus Christi has been the production of oil in its territory. There are more than 150 oil fields in the Corpus Christi area, producing more than 300,000 barrels daily.

Oil was struck in the Sacket field south of the city in 1930, and by 1935, wells were drilled in the western city limits. In 1938, Neuces county had 16 producing fields.

More than 85,000,000 (millions) barrels of oil have been shipped from the port of Corpus Christi in a single year, much of it refined by the city's dozen refineries.

Despite the importance of oil, civic leaders are quick to assert the business structure of the section is such that a complete withdrawal of oil activities would not impair seriously the city's progress.

Neuces county's agricultural income practically equals the oil income, the tourist attraction always will remain; its port serves approximately one-third of Texas, and its industrial future is considered bright.

The port—fifth among Texas' 14 deep-water ports—is still young. In 1926, its birth year, only 67 vessels called. About three a day drop in now. Not many years ago less than 100,000 tons of cargo moved over the docks. Last year more than 7,500,000 tons were handled.

Despite the war in Europe and the drop in

exports, the port approached its all-time high in October, when 80 ships handled 709,186 tons of cargo.

The intracoastal canal, which will be completed to Corpus Christi next year, will give the city an inland waterway connection with the vast area traversed by the Mississippi system.

Raw materials abound in the Corpus Christi area. Cotton, fresh vegetables, cattle. Mountains of sand, almost pure silica. Southward is the nation's greatest deposit of crystalline gypsum.

Volcanic ash, suitable for abrasives, is near, and oyster shell for lime, chicken scratch feeds, etc., covers the floors of Corpus Christi and Neuces bays.

Building permits have soared into the millions; the record figure \$6,586,979 in 1939, was surpassed in the first ten months of this year.

Homes are going up at the rate of 1,900 a year. Still there is not room enough for the population. Approximately 7,500 workers are laboring on the \$28,000,000 naval station. Some commute from other towns, some sleep in trailers, some in cars, some on the beach.

When the station begins operating, 12,200 officers, cadets, enlisted men and civilian employees will have to be housed. Some will be taken care of in the navy's construction program, but thousands will live in Corpus Christi.

For instance, the city will need 400 units for married officers who will live away from the station.

Corpus has enough business establishments to handle the boom but the housing shortage has become acute.

Civic leaders are not worried, however. They are getting used to this boom business. After all, life has been just one boom after another in Corpus Christi.

The Herald's Serial Story

Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

By Medora Field

Chapter 25

Evidently Andrew had talked a good deal, or maybe the news had just got around. For Mr. Jamieson knew of the fake telephone call and the fact that the rest of us did not arrive until late afternoon. He described the man as being dark-haired and dark-eyed and said that he believed he would recognize him. Unfortunately he did not take the license number. Mr. Jamieson seemed all too willing to continue the conversation, hoping, no doubt, to learn further details of the morning's events, but I thanked him and hung up.

The description fitted Kirk, even to the convertible coupe. Though, of course, there are plenty of dark-haired and dark-eyed men and convertible coupes.

I called Dr. Grace and, after offering his services in any way that they might be needed, he gave me the telephone number of his young assistant, Dr. Martin Bates. But this gentleman was not at home and his wife had no idea when he would return. He was on an obstetrical case out in the country, she said, and there was no near-by telephone, but she promised to have him call as soon as she heard from him.

Next I called my own home in town. I wanted to ask Bill's mother, who had come over to spend the week end with little Sally and the nurse, whether she had talked to anyone who might have called on the telephone Saturday morning. But Julia, the nurse, had taken all calls, she told me, and Julia was accordingly put on the wire.

"Yes," Julia remembered. "They was a man called He wanted to know where you was and I told him you was going to the Bitumors to get your hair fixed and he said he would call you there. No, I didn't recognize his voice. Andrew most generally answers the telephone and he might know."

But since Andrew had not been at home to take the call, this naturally did not get us very far. "Were there any other calls?"

"A lady wanted to know where you was, too, and I told her, but she didn't give no name."

"Do you think you would recognize the voices if you heard them again?"

"I couldn't say for sure, Miss Sally. I might remember the lady she talk in a sort of dress-up way."

Eve, of course, talking to a servant after what she imagined to be the manner of a great lady. But who could the other call have come from?

Bill's mother had already notified the servants at Aunt Maggie's house of what had happened the night before. I waited on the line

while Minnie, her maid, went to make sure about the pearls. "Yes," she reported. "Miss Maggie always said it was bad luck when she forgot 'em. Oh, Miss Sally, seems like I can't stand it with Miss Maggie gone."

Then Andrew was at my shoulder, saying, "Miss Sally, the dead wagon, I mean the ambulance, done come from Miss Maggie."

I forgot all about the piece of wire and left it hanging on the telephone.

Eve At Her Worst Whatever else had happened or might happen, the lunch gong sounded the same. I sat down at the table, wondering whether I had been taken in too easily by Thomas and his story of Ephraim's illness. How did I know Ephraim was as sick as Thomas made out? Even now he might be making good his escape.

If I had only been able to reach Dr. Bates by telephone. If I had only had an opportunity to speak to Bill, who now sat the length of the table away from me, separated

by the flickering flames of the candles which had been lit because of the all-pervading gloom of the weather. There were candles burning on the sideboards too, with their silver dishes of food, but Andrew would not be there to pass these dishes. Lieutenant Gregory had asked if he and his assistants might be served separately in the breakfast room. "This will give us time to check up on where we stand," he said, "and I can question the servants. I'd like to start with the butler. After lunch I'll interview the guests individually."

I thought it a little unfortunate that he should choose this particular time to put Andrew through the third degree. Andrew was not only needed elsewhere, but goodness knew what might happen to my cherished old Spode if Lieutenant Gregory tried to be too casual in his questioning.

As Thomas bumbled around the table, I strained my ears for the sound of the telephone bell, knowing all the time it was far too soon to be expecting a call

from Dr. Bates. Then I remembered the telephone wire. What on earth had I done with it? Oh, yes, the telephone closet.

"Lindy," I said, as she passed hot Sally Lunn muffins which were only a shade too brown on top, "ask Bessie to step in here when she can."

Bessie came, and as I whispered instructions about the telephone wire her skittish glances at Eve made it all too plain that here was her choice as number one candidate for the electric chair. I wondered if she could be right.

If Eve, now being so conspicuously charming to Mr. Dodson, really possessed guilty knowledge, as she had hinted. And if that knowledge involved someone else now seated at this table.

With these thoughts in mind, I was more than a little startled when Mr. Dodson, seated on my left, asked in a low tone if all our guests were assembled in the dining room.

"Yes," I told him, "that's as you know, is Eve Benedict on your left. On her other side is Bob Dunbar and just below Bob is Claire Harper, seated on the right of my husband, who is at the end. On Bill's left is Kirk Pierce and between Kirk and Mr. Marshall is Alice Dunbar, Bob's sister."

"Thank you," he murmured, "that will help to give me a little preliminary line-up on the situation."

"Line-up, indeed," caroled Eve, who apparently had overheard Mr. Dodson's remark. "He is the most amazing man, Sally. Do you know, he just now told me the color of my hair and eyes!"

Mr. Dodson chuckled. "That is fairly simple," he declared. "I don't always hit, of course. But radio tests, for instance, have shown that the voice has a great deal to do with personality and coloring. In one of these tests listeners were asked to describe speakers they had never seen, and a majority of the descriptions were fairly accurate. As I recall, listeners have also identified photographs by voices, with a fair average on the credit side."

By way of making conversation when Eve turned again to Bob, I asked Mr. Dodson. "In a case such as this, would ordinary table talk be what shall I say—revealing?"

I had not really sought information and the gravity of his reply rather gave me pause. "Yes," he said, "sometimes."

"But how?" I asked, my entire attention now engaged, and I lowered my voice quite unnecessarily, for Eve was being vicious for the benefit of the table at large. "Is it a note in the voice? Fright, desperation, defiance—what is it?"

"Ah, but that I cannot tell you. It may be something that is said. Some statement, you know. It may

be a laugh. It may be no more than a nuance—an overture, perhaps. There may be nothing at all. One can only listen and hope. One can only encourage conversation."

Strained Situation So I sat and tried to listen with ears attuned differently from my usual bent. Tried to listen as I imagined Mr. Dodson was listening. Tried to see myself and my guests as he was seeing us, without the aid of eyesight and from sound alone.

Eve, it appeared, was being charming to everyone. I thought it a pity Mr. Dodson could not see her in her sly black crepe and pearls, since she was so obviously putting herself out for his benefit. She herself had chosen to sit next to him, but perhaps that was only because Bob was on her other side.

Quite unnecessarily, she was arranging Mr. Dodson's food for him, making sandwiches and serving his plate for when it pleased her to take thought of others she must have her way. Under cover of conversation ostensibly general, she was using Claire and Bob as targets, leaving them now and then to return to Mr. Dodson, as though his welfare and interest were her chief concern.

He was plainly flattered, as any man is when a woman exerts herself to be attractive to him, but it was also plain from the half-smile that hovered around his mouth that he was in no way taken in.

All the men looked a little grim, but it seemed to me there was reason enough for this, aside from the murder. Bill, with his black eye resulting from that hit-and-run encounter in the dark hall. The two triangles raying out from the engagement of Claire and Bob. Although I was certain Bob did not consider Kirk an actual rival, I knew he was none too easy in his mind about Eve. How much claim Eve had, I could not guess, nor how much it meant to Bob.

Everyone seemed to be making a desperate effort to talk without mentioning the things uppermost in everybody's mind. Someone had struck on food as a safe subject. Kirk, bent on helping along the makeshift conversation, was saying that the best place to lose all your illusions about Southern cooking is in the South.

To be continued.

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Man About Manhattan

By George Tucker

NEW YORK—There is a little dip in the shore line of the East River at the foot of Murray Hill. This is known as Kip's Bay. It is probably 100 feet wide. There are steel piers and life steamers and buoys, and all the baggage of a river waterfront in evidence, which doesn't mean much, probably, to anyone except people who like the waterfront and who find pleasure in contemplating its history.

But Kip's Bay has a history all its own. It goes back to the Revolutionary war, when the British drove the Continental army off Long Island, and later, took Manhattan itself. Kip's Bay was the point of entry to the island for Howe's scarlet-coated troops. They say five British men of war, all nearly in a row, anchored there during the night that Manhattan island, without resistance, was taken.

You couldn't get a decent sized destroyer in Kip's Bay today. But then there were no paved roads, no rumbling trucks. It was a land of wooden knolls and grassy slopes. Half a mile or so up the river stood the Blue Goose tavern. That's where Major Andre was hanged. And half a mile west, where the stone lions of the public library lie brooding over 5th avenue, there was a corn field. Later, in the war a bloody battle was fought there. Some historians claim that Washington was so discouraged at the conduct of his troops that he tried to commit suicide by falling into the advancing ranks of the redcoats. It doesn't seem possible, when you stand at crowded 5th avenue today, with its bustling traffic and its garrulous traffic cops, to think that men fell and died there, or that, perhaps, when the wind died and the sun went down the doves

came there to feed and coo.

There is an old, old brocade that says there's a broken heart for every light on Broadway. This was invented in the goofy days when movie subtitles were things like "Came the Dawn." But there is a pinch of truth to it.

I have in mind a show girl, a dancer, of the not-so-long ago Zeigfeld era—the days of the Folies and the Scandals and the Vanities. Jimmy Walker was mayor then, and we had prohibition, and Hoover was president.

This girl made a lot of money and became much sought after by the admiring swains. She became a little reckless, not only with her money but also with the friends she chose. There was a big scandal which involved the mysterious disappearance at sea of a wealthy manufacturer.

This girl was questioned in the case, and she got her full share of the attendant publicity. It ruined her career. She used to wear orchids and once she told reporters "this bracelet set me back \$25,000."

Well, today, she takes men's hats and sells cigarettes in a night club. With her salary and her tips she probably earns \$50 a week. But that is as much as she can ever hope to earn on Broadway. Once you get the wrong sort of publicity, you are through. The all-time classic example of this is the case of the late Frank Tinney, who died in poverty and bitterness a few weeks ago. Once he was Broadway's leading comic. In a sordid affair that involved a suit in court and page-one publicity, he lost fame, friends, his family, his money, and his career. His come-back efforts all failed. Somehow, they always fail. That is Broadway.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robbin Coons

HOLLYWOOD—"The Philadelphia Story." Screenplay by Donald Ogden Stewart from Philip Barry's play. Directed by George Cukor. Principals: Katharine Hepburn, Cary Grant, James Stewart, Ruth Hussey, John Howard, John Halliday, Roland Young, Mary Nash, Virginia Weilder.

Made from the play in which the persistent Miss Hepburn confounded her Broadway critics, this is the movie which now has Hollywood humming over itself for the Hepburn favor.

It's a rare piece of movie, besides—an abundance of "box-office cast" in a "big" picture not conscious of its bigness, in a "smart" comedy not too smart to be human, in a picture (in short) that is just about the year's most satisfying piece of entertainment.

"The Philadelphia Story"—the one that Reporter Stewart and Photographer Hussey of "Spy Magazine" crash Hepburn's main line Society home to get—concerns the coming second marriage of the resolutely opinionated young woman who doesn't know that she's the occupant of a mental ivory tower.

Abetting the crash is Grant, the first husband wanting—by ivory tower standards. By the fade-out, Hepburn has climbed down from her tower on a chain of complications, always amusing and frequently hilarious, always embroidered pleasantly with keen, bright Barry dialogue.

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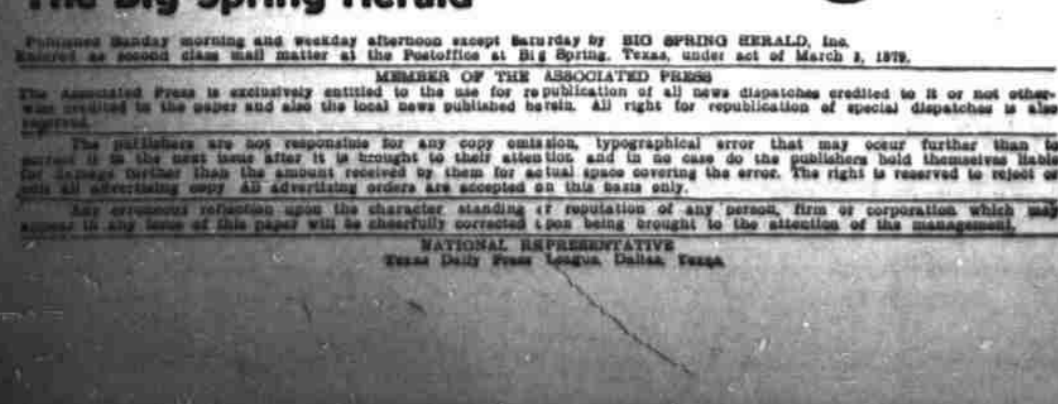
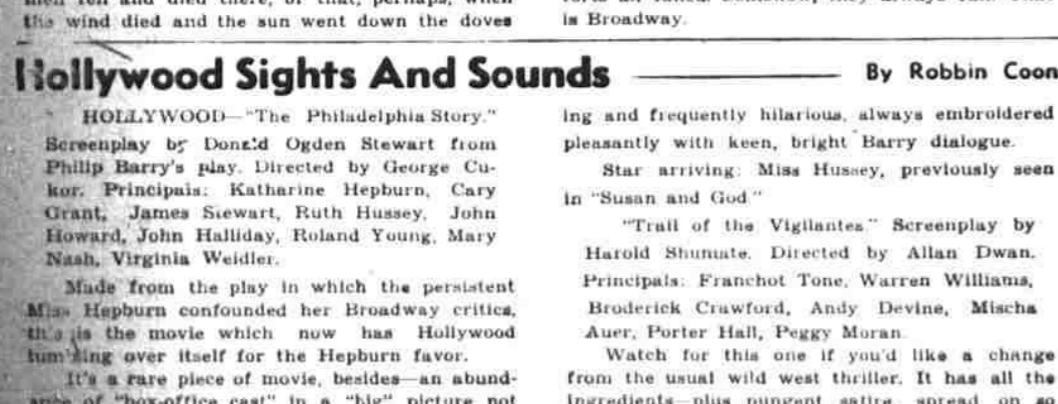
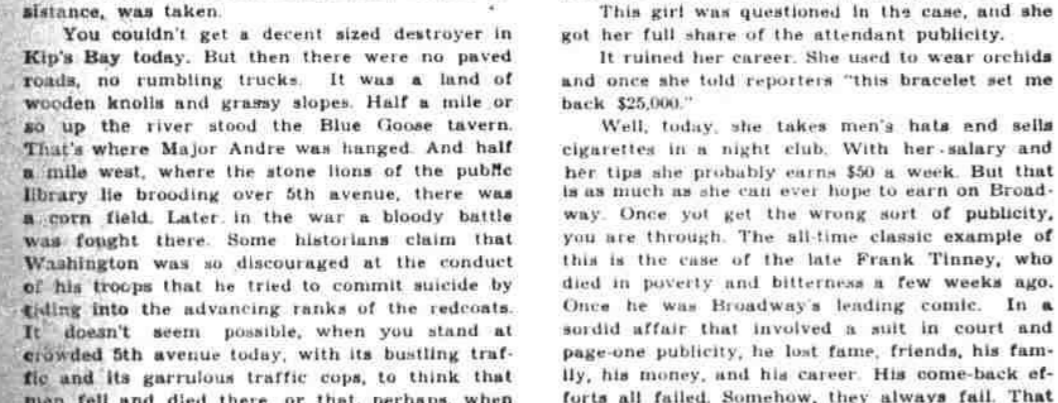
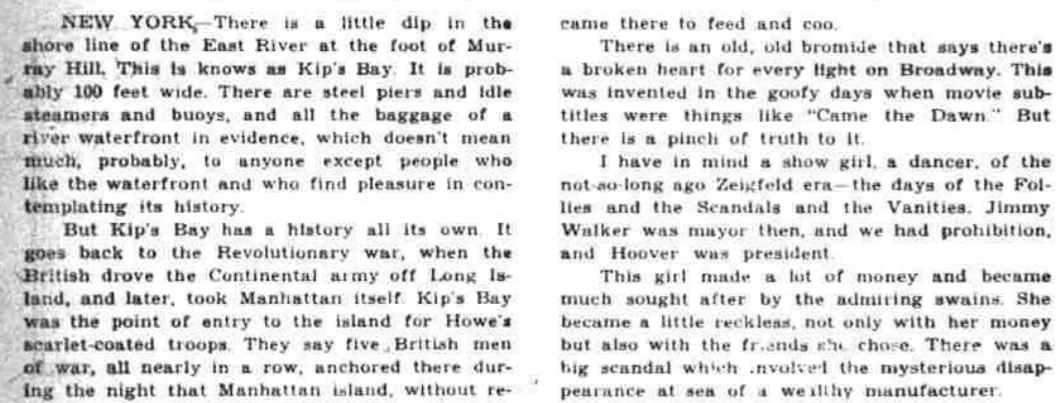
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