

## LAST ACT OF DEFIANCE

# Tojo And Three Warlords Shout 'Banzai' On Gallows

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Hideki Tojo and three of his six war maker companions gave lusty "banzai" shouts before they were hanged in Sugamo Prison today.

The last act of defiance by the four of the seven old condemned men came in the little Buddhist Temple near the death house. Shinzo Hanayama, the priest who attended them, said.

The banzai cry—which means blood for the emperor—featured the last charges of many Japanese soldiers in the great war. Tojo and his companions also shouted for a greater Nippon before going to the gallows, the priest said.

Tojo, whose military clique plotted and ordered the infamous Pearl Harbor attack and plunged half the world into its greatest war, asked for a drink of sake before he went to his death. But he

had to be content with a glass of weak wine, the priest said.

The priest described Tojo and the other three of the first four hanged shortly after midnight as almost jaunty.

Tojo, said the priest, left a message for the world which he was forbidden by occupation authorities to make public.

The former premier also left a poem, which the priest translated roughly: "It is goodbye 'Over the mountains I go today 'To the bosom of Buddha. 'So happy am I."

All seven of the Japanese war leaders grasped wine glasses in their handcuffed hands and wiggled a hefty drink before marching to the gallows, the priest said in a press conference after the executions.

Gen. Seisjiro Itagaki, who was hanged for aggression against China, told the priest that he prayed "for the rise and prosperity of China and Korea."

Another of the doomed men, Koki Hirota, 70, the only civilian, asked the priest to tell his family that "I died silently and calmly."

Hanayama said that Tojo raised his Buddha rosary in his left hand above his head in a gesture of prayer when he was informed in the office of the Sugamo commandant yesterday that he would die this morning. Then, said the priest, Tojo mumbled to the commandant in English: "Okay, Okay."

Tojo asked the priest to thank prison officials for his treatment. He ordered a last meal of rice, soy bean soup, broiled fish, coffee

and meat and jam, the priest said. Hanayama said he had been forbidden to make public anything that happened in the prison except religious subjects.

But the priest revealed that Tojo had asked him specifically to thank prison officials for giving him 24 hours notice before his death.

"I thought they might get me suddenly, like out of bed," he quoted Tojo.

As news of the hangings spread through Japan temple bells tolled for world peace in village and town.

Peace prayers were offered by millions in Buddhist and Shinto temples. The Japanese people acted on the hint of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The general had expressed the wish that peace prayers would be offered on the day of the executions.

## Pre-Dawn Pact Ends Telephone Strike Threat

### Southwestern Division To Get \$3-\$6 Increase

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23. (AP)—A threatened Christmas holidays strike of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. union employees in five states was averted with a settlement in pre-dawn hours today.

The 50,000 members of the Southwestern division of the Communications Workers of America will receive \$3 to \$6 a week increase for an average aggregate increase of 10 1/2 cents.

The total cost of the increases to the telephone company is estimated at \$11 1/2 million. Of that amount \$750,000 is for adjustments of so-called fringe items.

Union and company spokesmen in announcing the settlement of negotiations which have been in progress for nine months, said details of the contract remain to be worked out.

The settlement was reached at 2 o'clock central standard time, four hours before a threatened walkout of union members in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Some company employees here were notified last night to stay away from their jobs today unless they were informed otherwise. Gus Cramer, general strike director for the union, was busy at union headquarters this morning sending notices to 12 regional strike directors that the strike alert should be called off.

In the tense hours preceding the settlement, there appeared to be little prospect of breaking the statement which had prompted union officials to predict a strike before Christmas.

Johnson earlier had announced the company's rejection of a compromise arbitration plan proposed by three federal conciliators.

The end came suddenly and unexpectedly. Said Cramer: "Everything was quiet and then all of a sudden everyone started running for telephones."

Terms of the new contract which runs for one year from Dec. 1, 1948, provide for restoration of certain seniority rights and service credit which some union members lost because they took part in a six week long strike in the spring of 1947.

The wage increases are retroactive to Dec. 1 of this year. Neither the company nor the union would disclose who suggested the proposal which brought about the settlement.

## Hero-Deserter Has Full Status Returned By Army

CAMP HOOD, Dec. 23. (AP)—Millard J. Allison, hero and deserter, has been restored to full status in the U. S. Army.

Allison, convicted of deserting a peacetime American Army to get into the fight with the Canadian forces, was in Fort Worth, on parole from the Camp Hood stockade, when the news reached him yesterday.

His case attracted widespread attention because he fought so valiantly for Canada that he won that country's highest medal.

Last week he was convicted by a general court martial here of deserting the U. S. Army in August, 1941, and remaining in desertion until apprehended in 1948.

Major Gen. James Christiansen, commanding the Second Armored Division at Camp Hood, announced yesterday that he had reviewed Allison's court martial sentence of six months, approved it, but remitted execution of it.

He informed U. S. Rep. Wingate Lucas at Fort Worth of his action. Lucas was chief defense attorney for Allison.

Allison was at home in his trailer with his wife and three daughters when he received the news. He said he planned to work on his discharge at once.

"It's a wonderful Christmas present," he added.

## Tiny Baby Found On River Bank In San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 23. (AP)—A one-day old baby girl, tucked in a tiny cardboard box, and found abandoned yesterday on the banks of the San Antonio River, today is known only as Rosa Del Rio—"Rose by the River."

She was so named by nurses at the Santa Rosa Hospital, Bexar County deputy sheriff, minutes after the infant's discovery in a "Moses in the bullrushes" setting. "Moses" had started a wide search in the vicinity of Berg's Mill for traces of the mother.

# Australia Demands U. N. Oust Holland Unless Attack Ends

## Hodgson Says Assault In Indonesia Is 'Deliberate' Charter Violation

PARIS, Dec. 23. (AP)—Australia demanded today that Holland be expelled from the United Nations unless she halts her attack on the Indonesian Republic.

Col. W. R. Hougson of Australia told the UN Security Council the Dutch assault on the Indonesians was "the first clear-cut deliberate violation of the UN Charter by a member."

He called the council's attention to article 25 of the charter which says "members of the United Nations agree to accept and carry out the decisions of the Security Council."

Dr. C. L. Hsia of China opened the second day of discussion of the Indonesian dispute in the Security Council. He declared China will support the resolution submitted by Dr. Philip C. Jessup of the United States yesterday.

The American resolution calls for an immediate halt to the fighting and orders the Dutch to withdraw to positions occupied before they began their so-called "police action" against Indonesia.

Colombia and Syria joined in supporting the American proposal yesterday, so China's decision brought to four the number of nations certain to support the resolution.

Hodgson joined the Chinese delegate in the Netherlands clearly had broken the Security Council's cease fire order of Aug. 1, 1947. He said they also had vio-

lated a "solemn undertaking" to observe that council resolution as well as later resolutions on the same subject.

He said the final Dutch communication to the Indonesian Republic was "an ultimatum calling for complete surrender on every point," which allowed only 17 1/2 hours for a reply.

The Australian rapped the council table as he declared: "This is worse than Hitler did to the Netherlands in 1940."

Article six of the UN Charter provides that a member "which has persistently violated the principles contained in the present charter" may be expelled by the Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. It has never been invoked.

Hodgson said that the Security Council's commission in Indonesia had reported the Dutch notified the Republican truce delegation of their repudiation of the truce only 15 minutes before they cut communications to the interior.

The Australian, who is not a council member, then took up the statement made yesterday by Dutch Delegate J. B. Van Royen. Van Royen said the Dutch had only two alternatives—surrender to the republic—or their current "police action."

"What an outrageous statement," Hodgson said. He added there was a third course—settlement by peaceful arbitration.

## U. N. Is Told Dutch Troops Kill Civilians

### Good Offices Committee Is Charge Source

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 23. (AP)—Reports that Dutch troops are killing Indonesian civilians were relayed to the United Nations Security Council today.

The UN Good Offices Committee cabled the charge after the return to Batavia of 18 of its personnel from Kallioerang, a mountain resort above Jogjakarta, where they had been isolated four days.

At the same time, UN observers emphasized indications of widespread use of the torch by Indonesian Republican forces to lay waste to areas they could not hold.

"This is the first general account from neutral sources of events within Republican territory to pass through Dutch censorship this week. The Dutch have barred newsmen from the area."

A feminine secretary of one of the GOC delegations said Dutch soldiers in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, told her heavy fighting developed at two central Java towns, Soerakarta and Magelang, and both were in flames when the Dutch entered.

T. K. Critchley, Australian member of the GOC, said Republican resistance was continuing even in Jogjakarta, though Dutch paratroopers and airborne troops captured it in the first few hours of the fighting Sunday.

The scope of the Dutch operations broadened. A communique announced today that Dutch troops, sweeping across the status quo line in western Java, had captured Balaradja, about 30 miles southwest of Batavia.

In central Java, a Marine brigade put ashore on the north coast at midnight Saturday was reported moving southward from Babat, 14 miles southeast of the port of Toeban, against no resistance.

Mopping up operations were reported continuing in the area of Bukittinggi (Fort De Kock), the Republic's Sumatran capital.

## Airlift Pilots To Get Turkey For Christmas

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (AP)—Americans flying the airlift will get turkey and all the trimmings Christmas day—but they'll have to grab it between flights to this blockaded city.

Round-the-clock flights are scheduled for operation vultures on Dec. 25, U. S. Air Force officials said today.

Berlin's aerial lifeline to the west, hard hit by fogs during most of November, can't shut down for holidays, Air Force officials pointed out.

But a sumptuous meal will be awaiting American officers and enlisted men as they pull their lumbering C-54s into Wiesbaden, Rhein-Main, Tegel, Gatow, Celle and Fassberg Airports. British airlift crews at Fassberg will eat Christmas dinner with the Americans.

The folks at home haven't forgotten the vultures crews, either. Air Force officials estimate they've received 80,000 Christmas cards from friends and relatives.

## FREE MOVIES

The Ritz theatre's annual gift to Big Spring youngsters—a free morning matinee on Christmas Eve—is scheduled for Friday morning at 10 a. m.

All children are welcome to see a motion picture program that includes eight comic color cartoons.



## Travelers Jam Transportation Facilities Here

### Approximately 3,500 People Come Or Leave

With only one full day remaining before Christmas, carriers groaned Thursday noon under the load of Yule traffic.

A check with bus, rail and air transports indicated that approximately 3,500 people are courting to and through here daily in the rush to be home on Christmas day.

Air lines were hanging out the "sold out" signs with space booked solidly in most instances right up to Christmas. Last minute cancellations and extra flights, however, were offering a ray of hope to some who wanted to make a flying trip home. Christmas day offered an entirely different picture, but from that point on until after Jan. 1 the pay load looked extremely heavy.

With an extra train, the T&P was handling its seasonal load, which matured this year later than last year (which was the first post-war year when people could easily travel at Yuletide). Pullman accommodations were booked solidly up to Christmas and immediately following. Long lines of chair cars were beginning to resemble the busy war-time activity. Mail and express volume appeared to be as heavy or heavier than usual.

Bus line had every piece of available equipment pressed into service and terminals were a beehive of activity Thursday. Wherever possible, double sections were being operated. A considerable amount of equipment has been employed in transporting Navy personnel home for Christmas leave.

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FOOD PRICES DROP FOURTH STRAIGHT MONTH

# Figures Disclose Continued Decline In Cost Of Living

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (AP)—Government figures today disclosed a continued decline in living costs in November.

The index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for mid-November was down 8-10ths of one per cent from a month earlier. The fall was due to a drop in food prices for the fourth consecutive month.

The first decline from a steady 1948 living cost climb came in mid-October. So today's figures recorded the second straight monthly decrease in cost of living.

The index measures the retail prices of goods and services purchased by moderate-income families

in large cities. Food is the major item in the index.

Food prices have continued to go down slightly since mid-November. That points to a third decline in the living cost index when figures for mid-December become available a month from now.

The index for mid-November was 172.2 per cent of the 1935-39 average of 100. At this level, living costs were 4.4 per cent above June, 1946 when wartime price controls were abandoned, and 74.6 per cent above August, 1939 when World War II began.

Goods alone dropped 1.9 per cent

from October to November. Clothing and house furnishings prices declined fractionally.

Foods in November were 2.4 per cent higher than a year ago but 42.5 per cent above the controlled price period of mid-1946.

Meats dropped most among the foods, but there were two per cent declines in dairy products, fruits and vegetables, and fats and oils. Egg prices rose two per cent and prices of sugar and sugar products advanced a bit.

The bureau said that butter prices at 75 cents a pound averaged lower than in any month since June 1947.

## Air Force Will Again Attempt Icecap Rescue

### Eleven Stranded Off Greenland For Two Weeks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (AP)—The Air Force poised three more rescue planes today for another crack at snatching 11 men off the 7,500-foot Greenland icecap where seven of them have been stranded for two weeks.

But officials went ahead with arrangements to drop Christmas dinner to the little settlement—just in case.

They said, however, they are sure that glider pickups—which failed in a previous rescue attempt—eventually will do the trick.

A radio message from Goose Bay, Labrador, late yesterday said all the men are in good shape. They are living in snow huts, fending off the severe cold with heating equipment dropped by parachute. Temperatures down to 40 degrees below zero were reported.

Bad weather and bad breaks have hampered rescue attempts since the first seven men cracked up their C-47 transport on the icecap Dec. 9.

The two-man B-17 crew which tried to pick them up four days later joined the marooned men when their plane ran into trouble in a glider. Two more men landed a glider on the ice four days after that and were themselves stranded when a snapped cable thwarted an attempted plane-glider "snatch."

Howard county 4-H clubs have entered five Herefords in the fat steer open classes, and eight in the boys' livestock show for the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show in Fort Worth Jan. 28 through Feb. 6.

Among those due to enter animals are Perry Walker, Wayne White, Reppy Guitler, Marilyn Guitler, Repps Guitler, Sr., Alvin Walker, Jack Wolf, Donald Lay, Ralph White, Vernon Wolf, James Cauble, Pearl Cauble, James Fryar, R. V. Fryar, Ronnie Davidson, Delbert Davidson, and L. J. Davidson. County Agent Durward Lewter will assist in the showing.

Saturday, Jan. 29, will be 4-H and FFA day at the exposition, and two special events have been arranged. One is a grass judging contest, first to be offered by the exposition, and a special rodeo to be presented that morning at a special rate.

City Hall Will Be Closed Friday Ngon

Offices in the city hall will be closed at noon Friday and municipal employees will begin their holiday weekend with their annual Christmas party scheduled for 1 p. m. in the fire station.

Program at the Christmas party will include group singing, brief ceremonies at a Christmas tree where employees will exchange gifts and refreshments and a program of novelty recordings.

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# HCJC Hawks Still Unbeaten In Junior College Circles

Return To Play Here Jan. 7th

Still unbeaten in junior college competition, the Howard County Junior college basketball Jayhawks are marking time for the opening of Western Zone JC conference competition.

The Big Springers have won five decisions in seven starts this season. One of their losses was to the Hardin-Simmons university frosh, the other to Wayland of Plainview, a senior school.

Coach Harold Davis' continued has beaten Cisco JC, San Angelo JC, Odessa JC, Weatherford JC and Clifton JC. Two of the victories were registered in the Ranger tournament last weekend.

In all, the Hawks have rolled up the respectable total of 394 for an average of 56. The opposition has scored 355 for an average of 51. Bill Fletcher has been the flashiest Hawk basket threat to date.

The former Sunset (Dallas) star has maintained a 16 point average in the seven games and last week was named to the all-tournament team at Ranger. His point aggregate is 113.

The local collegians have connected 65 times in 137 attempts from the foul line while the opposition has come up with 64 gratis pitches in 126 tries.

HCJC returns to action Jan. 7, meeting a darkhorse Amarillo outfit here in a Western Zone game. Amarillo won two games from the Hawks last season but lost most of their starters.

Scoring records:

PLAYER	PG	FT	FTA	PP	FP
Fletcher	40	15	21	15	13
Rankin	23	9	18	18	15
Turner	24	12	23	15	10
Clark	21	10	21	15	10
Lewis	21	4	10	10	10
Dunn	7	4	9	11	10
Burnett	3	0	0	0	0
Kennamer	3	0	0	0	0
DeBarge	3	0	0	0	0
Fachal	2	0	0	0	0
Blaser	2	0	0	0	0
YEAR RECORDS	PG	FT	FTA	PP	FP
HCJC	187	60	137	108	254
OPP.	146	54	136	107	250

## VINCE BORYLA TOPS SCORERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Vince Boryla, of Denver, is the nation's top major collegiate individual basketball scorer.

The former Notre Dame star has compiled an average of 25.8 for the four games he has played through Dec. 18 to lead Ernie Vandeweghe, of Colgate. Vandeweghe is credited with an average of 24.3 for three games.

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## Ortilleo Bosch, Bronc Infielder, Purchased By Abilene Blue Sox

Ortilleo Bosch, who played third base for the Big Spring baseball Broncs last season, has been sold outright to the Abilene Blue Sox of the WT-NM league. Manager Pat Stacey announced Wednesday.

Bosch opened the 1948 season with the Vernon Dusters but was traded to Big Spring for Pitcher Larry Shaw on June 19.

Bosch, who broke into professional baseball with the Dusters in 1947, after first seeking a tryout here, hit Longhorn league pitching for .247 in 130 games last season. He scored 91 runs, collected 136 hits, 22 doubles, six triples, four home runs, stole 36 sacks, drove home 71 tallies and walked 61 times during the campaign.

As a third baseman, he fielded .883.

Ortilleo, who lives in Havana, Cuba, during the off season, is the third member of the 1948 Big Spring club to be sold to Abilene, the sixth whose contract has been transferred since the season ended.

Gerry Rodriguez, pitcher, and Second Baseman George Lopez also have been purchased by Abilene. Freddy Rodriguez, pitcher goes to Dallas of the Texas league. Jimmy Perez, left handed tosser,

has been bought by Abbeville of the Evangeline league while Catcher Tony Traspueto reports to Charlotte in the spring.

Stacey said he may sell several other members of the team before spring training gets underway.



ORTILLEO BOSCH  
... Sixth To Go

## LOOKING 'EM OVER

With TOMMY HART

Oriando Moreno, the best third baseman the Longhorn baseball league ever saw, is now in Panama participating with the Cervocera team in the Canal Zone league. Activity during that way got underway Tuesday and will continue up until spring training starts in Organized baseball in the USA.

The former Big Spring hot-corner custodian spent last season with the Havana club in the Florida International league, will probably play there again in 1949.

Havana, by the way, may eventually become a member of the Class AA Southern Association. The city now has better than one million people and more baseball fans per square block than any city in America.

### SPORTS BOUGHT FAHR ON GANN'S RECOMMENDATION

Credit Bill Gann, the manager of the Sweetwater Sports last year, with influencing the Shreveport Sports' purchase of Gerald Fahr, the Vernon hurler. The Sports shelled out \$6,000 for the tall right-hander but the Sports most certainly would not have gone that high had not Gann given him an A-1 recommendation. (Gann is Shreveport chattel, pitched there before taking the Sweetwater job).

Larry Drake, the former Big Spring flycatcher (1941), has been sold by Chattanooga to Atlanta. Larry had a tryout with Washington a couple of springs ago. He's AA material.

### MANTARAS HAS BETTER ARM THAN TRASPUESTO

Members of the 1948 Big Spring Bronc baseball club who saw him play insist Manuel (Jole) Mantaras, the Hosse's new catcher, has a better throwing arm than did Tony Traspueto, the regular backstop here for the past seasons. That we'll have to see.

Incidentally, when the Charlotte club reported the purchase of Traspueto from Big Spring, it listed his last name as Picot.

LARGE BALL PARK PLANNED FOR CORPUS CHRISTI  
George Schepps, the new operator of the Corpus Christi club in the South Texas league, says a park seating 6,000 persons will be built there before April.

Furthermore, Schepps tells the press down that way, he's hopeful Corpus can land a Texas league franchise before too many years have passed.

Pat Stacey, the skipper of the Big Spring Broncs, says the box seats at Steer park next year will be priced according to their location.

Last season, all reserved pews sold for the same rate.

Bias Monaco, the Indian lad who played in Big Spring many times as a member of the Wink WT-NM league entry, will fill the second base slot for the Dallas Rebels in the Texas league wars in 1949.

Bias hit .288 for the Kansas City Blues the past campaign.

JOE L. BROWN TRYING TO GET BACK IN BASEBALL  
They say Joe L. Brown, son of the movie comic, Joe E. Brown, a regular Big Spring visitor at the time he was business manager of the Lubbock WT-NM league Hubbers before the war, is anxious to get back in baseball.

Brown is in the writing end of the cinema business in Hollywood.

Norman St. George, reserve catcher for the local professional nine in 1948, has been sold by Lincoln of the Western Carolina league to Raleigh of the Carolina league.

## Mack Observes 86th Birthday

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Connie Mack, the grand old gentleman of baseball, observed his 86th birthday today.

And the nicest present anyone could offer him would be an outfielder who could swat the ball like a couple of gents Connie had on his clubs in the past.

"But you don't get anything for nothing," Mr. Mack observed with the assurance of a man who has been trying to get something and give up little for 48 years.

Lacking the present he wants most, Connie is making his birthday celebration a quiet one with little fanfare. His family and club associates were with him to whomp it up in a small way, but it was baseball as usual.

Almost any other man would have quit many years ago the active life of coaching ball players, handling financial transactions, directing strategy from the dugout and staying up until all hours at night games.

But not Connie Mack. He loves baseball.

## Griffin Upsets Cabbie Keglers

Griffin Nash made full use of a 99-pin handicap to defeat the Yellow Cab company quintet in Automobile Bowling league play here Tuesday night. Griffin took two games.

Only two Nash keglers managed to gather in better than 400 points but the winners were about as warm throughout as the Cabbies. In other matches, McEwen won two close games from McDonald Motor after a shaky start while Jones Motor was taking two of three from Marvin Hull. The deciding game in that one was won by one pin.

Merrill of Jones Motor was the hottest bowler of the evening with 561 pins.

## Newcomers Get Garden Chance

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Harry Markson's search for new talent to bolster sickly fight gates at Madison Square Garden has resulted in an all-star show for Jan. 14 featuring three brilliant newcomers—Vince Foster of Omaha, Roland La Starza of New York and Lil Arthur King of Toronto.

Foster, La Starza and King scored terrific hits in semi-finals on the last three Garden shows. Markson rewarded all three by moving them into an all-star show.

Foster, a good-looking kid with a sock, impressed fans recently by battering Tony Mistovich of Youngstown, Ohio. Now he meets tough Tony Pellone of New York in the 10-round star bout.

La Starza, unbeaten in 28 pro fights, "arrived" Dec. 10 when he got up off the floor twice to stop Gene Gentry, Seminole, Okla., heavyweight.

Markson has paired 21-year-old La Starza with Jimmy Evans in a six-rounder at the Garden late in 1947.

King, only 22, is the best looking prospect to show here in many a year. He polished off Tony La Bus of Ozone Park N. Y. with a third round knockout recently.

King has been matched with Willie Beltram, a toughie from Brooklyn, in another eight on the Jan. 14 show.

## Tulane Pushes Cats But Loses

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Mighty Kentucky turned back last night another challenge to its collegiate basketball supremacy. This time it was previously unbeaten Tulane which had pointed nearly a year for its meeting with the NCAA champs. The score was Kentucky 51 Tulane 47.

Unbeaten Purdue, Minnesota and Bradley all kept their records clean. Purdue trimmed Drake, 54-47; Minnesota trampled St. Marys of California, 52-42; and Bradley whipped Los Angeles Loyola, 60-50.

Iowa nosed out Texas Christian, 47-46, in an overtime struggle at Iowa City, Ia.

Other scores included: Texas Tech 65, Marshall (WVA) 54; Texas Aggies 80, Southwestern Okla Tech 30; St. Marys (Tex.) 44, Oklahoma Baptist 43; Texas Wesleyan 61, Eastern New Mexico 63.

## Ruel Lauds Tribe's Pitching Depth

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23 (AP)—A fellow who should know, says the World Champion Cleveland Indians have the greatest depth in pitching he has ever seen.

Herold (Muddy) Ruel, former bullpen coach who now is a member of the Tribe's farm organization, maintains that no team he can recall possessed the potential pitching strength the Indians have with Bob Feller, Bob Lemon, Gene Bearden, Early Wynn, Steve Grodek, Sam Zoidak, Frank Pappish and Satchel Paige.



THE SUL ROSS State College Lobos, thirty-five in number, and their coaches Red Pierce and Jack Perryman are Tangerine Bowl bound where they will play the Thorobreds of Murray State Teachers College, Murray, Kentucky, on January 1 in a night game which promises all the color of a major bowl game.

In this season of ten games the Lobos have piled up 431 points to their opponents 113, to win the New Mexico Conference championship for the second consecutive time. While accomplishing this unusual record, they have developed the top scoring man in the nation according to an Associated Press report out of New York dated December 1. He is 147-pound scab-back Ted Scow, a sophomore from Monahans, Texas. Ted's speed and long-scoring runs add flash to all Lobo contests.

The Thorobreds of Murray State have also made an outstanding record this season having won nine out of ten games against strong opposition by a total score of 289-65. The squad of 59 white-

ciad lads of Kentucky is rated "one of the best teams with one of the toughest schedules in the history of the college."

Both teams are adept at using the T-formation and when they meet January 1, anything can happen.

From left to right: Coach Paul E. "Red" Pierce; Ted Scow, Monahans; Jack Belcher, McCamey; Mickey McDonald, Ranking John L. Higdon, Abilene; Joe Hayler, Fort Stockton; Dan Blocker, O'Donnell; Miers Johnson, Alpine; Dale Garner, Colorado City; (far back) Line Coach Jack Perryman; Charles Laffoon, Pampa; Bob Mathis, Crane; Lester Hood, Manager; (far back) Adrian Gernandt; Colorado City; Arthur Dawson, San Antonio; E. K. Taylor, Eagle Pass; D. D. White, Menard; Gene Sweet, Amarillo; (against bus) Thurman White, Big Lake; R. R. Walston, Menard; Jim Wilson, Pampa; Charles Kappelman, Del Rio; Otis Parks, Wink; J. M. Harrell, Sanderson; Frank Barton, Big Spring; Hal Bettle, Big Spring; James Cleveland, Monahans; and Charles Dennis, Wink.

## VAN BROCKLIN GREAT

# Oregon Will Be Rugged Opponent, Says Bell

DALLAS, Dec. 22 (AP)—All he knows is what he sees in the pictures, but Matty Bell, Southern Methodist coach, says on the basis of the Michigan game alone Oregon should be the favorite in the Cotton Bowl.

Michigan was the only team that beat the Webfoots during the season. The score was 14-0.

"But Oregon played a great game, had one touchdown called back and dropped one pass in the end zone," Bell declared. "By rights it should have been a tie at least and you know Michigan is No. 1 in the nation."

"Southern Methodist isn't any-

where near as good as Michigan. We didn't play any team like that. Why, we almost got beat by the weak sisters of the Southwest Conference."

Bell made his observation after viewing pictures of the Oregon-Michigan game. The SMU mentor and Coach Jim Aiken of Oregon have exchanged pictures in view of the fact that Bell was unable to scout the Webfoots. Aiken saw Southern Methodist against Texas Christian.

When informed that the oddsmakers were favoring Southern Methodist, Bell declared that "I don't set the odds on football

games but those guys are crazy. They're really going to take a financial licking if they don't watch out."

"The Cotton Bowl game will be between two versatile teams and there will be lots of action," Bell added.

He said "I wouldn't be surprised if touchdowns were about as numerous as first downs."

He avers that Oregon has a bigger line and a better defensive record than Southern Methodist. Oregon held 10 opponents to 148.5 yards rushing and 32.3 yards passing per game. Southern Methodist gave up 181.8 rushing and 86.9 passing.

Bell said Norm Van Brocklin, Oregon quarterback, was a great passer although he wouldn't grant that the Webfoots star was better than his own Gil Johnson and he called halfback Johnny McKay of Oregon "a slicker"—a great break-away runner. "And Oregon sure has some swell pass-receivers," he added.

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## Pro Scouts Contact Sul Ross Players

ALPINE, Dec. 23 (AP)—Since 12 members of the Sul Ross State football squad will graduate next spring, several of them have been approached by professional football scouts.

Sul Ross was undefeated and untied during the past season and plays Murray State in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla., Jan. 1.

Among professional clubs contacting the Sul Ross seniors are: The New York Giants, Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Rams, Philadelphia Eagles and Detroit Lions.

Men of the squad who have been mentioned are John C. Waldrum, Frank Barton, J. L. Dodd, and John O. Parks. To date, however, none of the boys have signed contracts.

## All Grid Systems Will Be Employed In Shrine Battle

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (AP)—Football fans lucky enough to get tickets for the East-West Shrine game should get a look at practically all the football systems ever invented.

Coaches of both squads planned today to mix up their attacks in the New Year's Day classic.



BARBARA ANN SCOTT IN PROFESSIONAL DEBUT—Barbara Ann Scott, Olympic skating champion, leaves skates in the dressing room at the Roxy Theater in New York City before making her professional stage debut. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Scott, beams encouragement. The blond figure skating champion was voted Canada's outstanding female athlete of 1948 in a poll of Canadian sports writers. (AP Wirephoto.)

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### Major General Is Dead In Charleston

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23. (AP)—Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood, who was removed by the late President Roosevelt from command of the Eighth Corps Area with headquarters in San Antonio, died yesterday. The 75-year-old officer died at naval hospital here. Cause of death was unannounced. He retired from the U. S. Army in 1936. His removal from San Antonio followed a public statement in the early days of the new deal, referring to Works Progress Administration expenditures as "stage money."

### "Old at 40, 50, 60?" — Man, You're Crazy

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Dutch Miller's Back In Uniform

After ten days in the city, Dutch Miller is back in uniform. I don't mean Army khaki or Navy blue—but a different uniform, that's every bit as patriotic and American. Blue jeans and a denim shirt, for work around the yards and barns; stout boots for tramping through the fields; and a straw hat when the sun gets high—a uniform you see from Maine to Texas, Iowa to Alabama. It's the uniform of an army—the great army of American farmers who, by their productivity, are helping to keep this nation strong—bolstering the forces of democracy that guard our freedom. And in their way of life, too, they are champions of freedom. Temperate folk who enjoy a moderate glass of beer—but never quarrel with those who prefer cider. Tolerant people who fight to the bitter end against oppression and intolerance. From where I sit, a credit to America!

Joe Marsh

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### Soviet Writers Kick Themselves For Backwardness

MOSCOW, Dec. 23. (AP)—A group of Soviet authors have written a letter to Prime Minister Stalin. They told him Russian play and screen writing has become "insufferable in its backwardness" and promised to do better. The letter was sent by the 12th Plenum Board of Writers, which has just finished meeting. It said: "In order that literature fulfill its honorable educating role, we must do more. Especially insufferable is the backwardness of our playwrighting and scenario writing—these very active and mass types of art." The writers told Stalin they realized that only by following the decrees of the Communist Party on art (issued late in 1946) could there be a further flowering of art in the theatre and on the screen. "From all our hearts we wish you, dear leader and teacher long years of health," the writers said. Russian playwrights received a further going over today in Pravda, Communist Party organ.

### DOGS WILL HAVE GOOD CHRISTMAS

READING, Pa., Dec. 23. (AP)—Dog days are a little out of season in December—but the dogs had quite a day in Reading yesterday. It all started when a Reading newspaper published a photo of three dogs the humane society was giving away for Christmas. That apparently caught the eye of a lot of parents plagued with last minute Christmas shopping problems. They descended en masse on the city pound. All 25 dogs that were there yesterday are gone now. Christmas should be a howling success in plenty of Reading homes.

### Mrs. Chambers Is Acquitted Of Charge

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23. (AP)—Mrs. Whitaker Chambers has been acquitted of a charge of causing the death of Mrs. Maggie Thomas, 70, in a traffic accident last Friday. Mrs. Chambers, wife of a key figure in the Communist spy probe, said nothing during the proceedings before Magistrate Reuben Caplan yesterday.

### Man Killed When Car Misses Bridge

DALLAS, Dec. 23. (AP)—A Terrell man was killed here last night when his car missed a bridge approach and plunged 30 feet over an embankment. He was Louis Devirne Jacobs, 21, of Terrell. His brother, Marvin William Jacobs survived the spectacular smashup but was in a serious condition at a Dallas hospital.

### Borowy Happy Over Change

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23. (AP)—Hank Borowy let it be known today that he's mighty happy he was evicted from the Chicago Cub doghouse to become a tenant in the Philadelphia Phillies' pitching box. Hank was part of the four-player swap that brought Eddie Waitkus to the Phils and sent Dutch Leonard and Walt Dubiel to the Cubs this month. Borowy admits he "sulked a little" over the way Cub Manager Charley Grimm used him last season, but insists he is nowhere near finished as a winner despite a wretched record of five victories and 10 losses last season.

### Baylor Freshman Open Play Jan. 11

WACO, Dec. 23.—The Baylor Cubs will begin their basketball season Jan. 11, meeting SMU Colts in Waco. The two teams also meet the TCU Polliwogs, Texas Short-horns and Texas A & M Fish twice during the season. Six players from out of the state help make up the freshman squad of 19. The out-of-state boys are Norbert Linker, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Hovde, Wycocena, Wis.; Doug Johnson, Duncan, Okla.; Dal Bivins, Santa Paula, Cal.; Bobby Laster, Mansfield, Ark.; and Ardell Blythe, also from Mansfield.

### PUBLIC RECORDS

Building Permits  
Rev. T. O. McGe, to build frame and stucco house at 201 Richard street, \$600.  
Ed Robinson, to move frame building from outside city limits to 801 E. 2nd, \$140.  
W. G. Page, to demolish frame garage and build frame and stucco house at 205 E. 22nd, \$3,000.  
T. A. Welch to move frame building through city, \$1,200.  
Mrs. W. G. Ruchert, to build frame and stucco garage at 107 W. 8th, \$200.  
Mrs. Docie W. Cremons, to build frame addition to house at 404 Virginia, \$150.  
Jack C. James, to move frame building through city, \$750.  
Big Spring Hospital Corp., to build brick and tile addition to hospital and clinic building at 411 E. 9th.  
Marriage Licenses  
Eddie Hooper and Jeannette Smith, Big Spring.  
Warranty Deeds  
Miss R. Wood et ux to M. C. Grifflay Lot 2 Bix 6 Park Hill add. \$7,000.  
W. L. Tate et ux to P. O. Hughes s 1st Lot 1 2 Bix 47 Government Hts. add. \$2,000.

### Police Proud Of Their Roses

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23. (AP)—Roses were blooming in a small plot outside police headquarters today. Inside the building, policemen were blooming with pride—at their roses in December. Large blooms made their appearance on two of the six bushes nurtured by the patrolmen in the small plot. Not many yards away, snow from Sunday's six inch fall still lay in shaded areas.

## Defeated Senator Asks Scott To Quit As Chairman Of GOP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. (AP)—A defeated Republican senator today called on Rep. Hugh Scott (Pa) to resign as GOP national chairman. The suggestion came from Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky who also told a reporter he has been sounded out about taking over Scott's job. Cooper said he doesn't want it "even if I could have it." The Kentuckian lost his Senate seat to Rep. Virgil Chapman in the November election which gave the Democrats control of Congress and President Truman a new four-year lease on the White House. Cooper has bucked the Republican leadership on various issues in the Senate, but he has not been regarded as a party renegade. Cooper said he has nothing against Scott personally but feels the party ought to make "a fresh, clean start" under new leadership. Scott was picked for his job as Republican chairman by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York. The defeated GOP presidential nominee has not spoken out regarding Scott's future. But Scott himself was left no doubt that he will fight to retain his post. Cooper said: "The party chairman ought to be someone in no way identified with any candidate, or with defeat in the past." He added that a new chairman should set out to: 1. Find outstanding leaders in each state whose job would be to develop "truly unified organiza-

### Holiday Traffic Mishaps Expected To Kill 265 People

CHICAGO, Dec. 23. (AP)—The nation's death toll resulting from traffic accidents over the Christmas holiday may total 265, the National Safety Council estimated today. The council's estimate covered only immediate traffic deaths—those killed between 6 o'clock Friday evening and midnight Sunday. The final toll may exceed the 265 estimate, the council said, due to delayed fatalities not immediately reported. The estimate will be too high, the council said, if two things happen: (1) If drivers and pedestrians use extra caution, especially in mixing gasoline and alcohol, and (2) if the weather generally is so bad that drivers must use extreme caution or stay at home. "We are not trying to put a damper on Christmas cheer with this estimate," said Ned H. Dearborn, council president. "On the contrary we feel that if drivers and pedestrians understand what can happen, based on past experience, they will make sure it doesn't happen to them. We hope this estimate is far too high."

### Vichy Official Is 'Not Guilty'

PARIS, Dec. 23. (AP)—The French high court of justice, created to try former Vichy officials, returned its first verdict of not guilty last night. Marcel Bernard Peyrouton was acquitted of treason charges. The jury deliberated 46 minutes. Peyrouton, like most former Vichy ministers, was accused of "intelligence with the enemy" and therefore risked the firing squad. He had served from 1940 to 1942 as general secretary of police, interior minister and Vichy ambassador to Argentina. During Peyrouton's three-day trial many witnesses, including Gen. Maxime Weygand, testified in his favor. This ceremony was organized by the Germans under specific orders from Hitler. It was meant to be the beginning of a new era of collaboration. It failed completely, however, as Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, Vichy chief, did not go to Paris at the time and Laval could not leave, since he was under house arrest.

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# Lines Drawn For Finish Fight On Malignant Tideland Issue

The lines are being drawn for a last ditch fight on the tidelands case. U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark, a Texan, by the way, has filed suit, which, in effect, would extend the U. S. Supreme Court on the California case which declared the off shore, submerged lands federal property.

In this state, the action has touched off a wave of name calling, and some are intimating that the attorney general is a Texas-turncoat. This will not add to the issue or accomplish anything. It is more sensible to allow the attorney general the benefit of what he deems to be his duty, but to still disagree to the utmost with him.

Application of the California case, in light of previous decisions, amounts to the promulgation of a doctrine of confiscation without due process of law. And in this respect Texas and other state officials are correct in pointing out that it is

a dangerous step because the implications it bears to all natural resources. Thus, if the federal government can arbitrarily take over the submerged lands because they are removed from the shore, what ultimately would be the barrier to seizure of all because it was produced beyond a certain number of feet from beneath the surface? Far-fetched? Yes, but so was the tidelands grab not so terribly long ago.

Texas has a greater foundation on which to stand than some of her sister coastal states. Under terms of the Lone Star state's admission to the union, lands three leagues from the shore were reserved as a condition of annexation. Here is involved the question of whether a court decision can abrogate and supplant a solemn treaty made in good faith. We trust that a vigorous fight will uphold the sanctity of contracts and bridle a malignant intrusion of states' provinces.

# Charity For The Minority Areas Can Be Doubly-Blessed Giving

One resident tells of how she went to the Negro section of the city on a routine mission of mercy.

Well, she emptied her purse before she left, and had she possessed many, many dollars more it could have been used to good advantage to provide the necessities of life, let alone those plus items of good cheer.

What can be said of these people can be said also of some of our Latin-American population, right in the same quarter of the city. It is difficult for the average person in the more fortunate parts of the

city to imagine the squalor and privation of which some of these poor beings are subjected by circumstances.

If you want to give from the heart at this season of the year, either go to that area yourself or else make a gift to some recognized area and earmark it for distribution to the poor of the minority areas.

Submerged and forgotten, they certainly qualify as "one of the least of these." For charity that knows no bounds or race or creed, we recommend that you not forget them.



Washington Merry-Go-Round — Drew Pearson

# President Truman's Economic Advisors Are Studying Anti-Deflation Program

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WASHINGTON—President Truman's council of economic advisers is keeping it very quiet but they are now studying an anti-deflation program as well as an anti-inflation program.

The President's advisers have been bombarded during the past four weeks with confidential memoranda revealing that business is down in many parts of the country. Department stores in some areas report business off as much as 18 per cent. The appliance industry also complains that the demand for radios, refrigerators, electric ranges, vacuum cleaners and other produce has slumped.

Layoffs have been growing and employment has dipped below the 60 million mark for the first time in close to a year. This, of course, is still an extremely high figure and one we never expected to attain before the war.

The council also has memoranda which show that savings in the lower income brackets have been nearly wiped out by higher prices. In 1946, 63 per cent of America's families owned U. S. Savings Bonds. This year only 48 per cent of the families own bonds.

This is why some members of the economic council believe a deflationary spiral may be under way and a recession actually here. As a result, they are taking an entirely fresh look at the whole economic picture before drafting the report on which President Truman will base his state of the union address.

NOTE—The big question the council has been unable to get an answer to is: How much money will the military men in the Pentagon need next year. If the Pentagon is held to the 15-billion-dollar limit President Truman has set, then, council members feel, the deflationary spiral may continue. But if the brass hats succeed in jacking up the budget several billion dollars, the council believes inflation will still be a danger.

ANNAPOLIS RACE RIOTS — Serious friction has developed between white and Negro enlisted men who do the housekeeping around the Naval Academy. Last summer the situation got so bad that President Truman sent the skipper of his presidential yacht, Capt. Charles Freeman, to straighten things out. More trouble, however, broke out at a recent dance, where three white sailors were slashed with knives, and one Negro sailor, Thaddeus Kent, subsequently was sentenced to five years in the brig. Trouble is still rumbling sub rosa.

BERLIN UNEMPLOYMENT GROWS — Gen. Clay is worried over the fact that the airlift has been unable to keep Berlin industry active. Unemployment due to lack of coal is growing. Clay's advisers predict half a million unemployed by February. Meanwhile the Russians have a whole crew of agents ready to move into western Berlin and stir up food and coal riots when the weather gets really bad.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION SHUTOUT — Rampageous Sen. Langer of North Dakota has called 17 leading manufacturers on the carpet to explain why Rural Electrification Administration Co-Operative aren't getting enough electrical equipment. The companies called to Washington for hearings Dec. 29 include: General Electric, Westinghouse, the Aluminum Corporation, Anacon-

da and Phelps-Dodge. Langer charges that these firms have been delivering scarce equipment to private power companies while cold-shouldering REA Co-Ops.

POLISH PURGE — American intelligence has reported to the Army Department that a big purge of the Communist Party is going on in Poland on direct orders from Moscow. More than 20,000 Polish Communists already have been kicked out of the party on the suspicion they might not be 100 per cent loyal in case of war with the United States. Official excuse for the purge: those fired are "habitual drunkards, tricksters, capitalists, profiteers and a disgrace to the party."

MRS. DIXIECRAT — While Gov. Talmadge of Georgia plots new ways to prevent Negroes from voting, a group of whites and Negroes gathered in the small town of Due West, S. C., to honor the town's No. 1 citizen—Dr. W. L. Pressly, recently named "family doctor of the year." One distinguished guest was Mrs. Strom Thurmond, wife of the Dixiecrat candidate for president who sat on the platform not far from a Negro preacher, The Rev. Naggie Voss. Of the 400 people admitted to the small hall to pay honor to Dr. Pressly, who has administered to colored patients as well as white, 150 were Negroes.

SMALL BUSINESS SUFFERS — The Marshall Plan is proving a lush windfall to American big

business, but not to American small-business-men. They complain that the recovery program is hurting instead of helping.

European countries are so hard up for U. S. dollars that they have agreed to buy as much from each other as possible, saving dollars to buy only essential American items.

As a result, they have cut off trade with small U. S. exporters wherever the goods can be obtained within Europe. Meanwhile, trade has gone largely to big U. S. concerns with European branch offices and representatives. The little companies which can't afford foreign branches are losing out even on normal trade.

DIPLOMATIC POUCH — Ambassador Bedell Smith will return from Moscow in about three weeks—probably for the last time. There are some very red faces among officials of the International Bank. Last month they loaned half a million dollars each to the supposedly peaceful countries of Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Now it appears that some of this money is being used to finance war and revolution—at least in Nicaragua. U. S. Ambassador Caffery in Paris has cabled an interesting prediction to the State Department. He predicts that Gen. De Gaulle will come to power—"legally or illegally"—by May 15. (That's the ambassador's prediction, not mine.)

## Hollywood — Bob Thomas

# Edwards Shudders At 'Stepchildren'

HOLLYWOOD — Ralph Edwards, parent of the giveaway program, surveyed the radio situation and shuddered. "are these my stepchildren?"

Edwards is the man (did you say culprit?) who touched off the epidemic of radio shows which give contestants everything but MGM studios and the Pentagon. Here's his comment:

"There are too many giveaway shows on the air. The listening public is getting too much of this type of show. The situation has gotten out of hand."

This wouldn't have happened, added Edwards, if the National Association of Broadcasters had taken action.

"Instead of passing regulations about giveaways," said the marvel of Merino, Colo. "The N. A. B. should do something to protect the 'creator' of air show ideas."

"I spent years perfecting the idea for the 'Truth or Consequences' show. It was patterned after 'Information Please' and 'Prof. Quiz,' but it was the first successful show in which the contestant participated in the fun. Although he has no kind words for his competitors, the 35-year-old toupee quizzier upholds the giveaway show against the onslaughts of critics. Edgar Bergen and Fred Allen, who have faced 'Stop the Music' competition, have claimed the giveaways are not entertainment.

## Oil Hearing Set

AUSTIN, Dec. 23. — The Railroad Commission has set hearing for Feb. 9 on the application of the Humble Oil and Refining Co. for a discovery allowable for its Morgan Berry Well No. 4, Odell field, Wilbarger County.

## WORD-A-DAY

By BACH

## AGENDA

(a-jen-da) NOUN. A RECORD OF THINGS TO BE DONE; A PROGRAM OF BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING; PAPERS TO BE READ OR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION



# This Is A Story Of Heaven, Of Loving And Of Giving

This is a story of heaven, far beyond the earth, the stars and even the light of the sun. The light there comes from God and there never is any night because God's always there with his light to care for the angels and those who have been brought from earth.

The streets are paved with gold and there are many mansions. The story is mostly about what God considered and did because, being all-knowing and all-powerful, He just thought things out and gave orders.

God, you will remember, made Adam and Eve and placed them in a wonderful place on the earth called the Garden of Eden. He loved them very much, but He knew that they couldn't love Him unless there was a choice, so He put a tree with forbidden fruit on it within their reach.

If Adam and Eve ever wanted to reject God's love and all He had given them, they could choose the tree. By turning away from it, they could show God how much they did care for Him and appreciate His wonderful gifts.

And they chose the tree. How sad God was. With all His power and knowledge, He still knew the same longing for joy of love that we know.

What shall I do now, said God. Adam and Eve have brought all of the knowledge of rejection, weakness and imperfection into the world.

Other people can't escape it because they are forced to see it and come in contact with it and their children will, too. With this terrible thing on the earth, the people must have an example to guide

them if they are to subdue the planet as I want them to do.

They must learn that happiness and peace can come only when they ignore things around them that are wrong and give love to Me and to each other.

I'll give my Son, who has been with Me since before I created the world, God said. I'll let Him take on human form. I'll let Him live the perfect life so that they will have a supreme example for all time of giving and of love.

Then to all who will accept My Gift, I will give eternal life and they shall bring that peace and happiness to Me and to the earth.

And those who reject Me, I must eventually destroy, for even a subdued earth cannot be completely happy as long as they exist.

So, God sent His son as He decided. And many saw the light of truth, the keys to happiness. They followed the example turning as best they could from the imperfections.

The children of God spread His ways. They conquered the seas and the air, restored the soil, harnessed the rivers, eased pain, lengthened life, provided great comforts.

And those who have not followed God through His Great Example are living today just as they were when His Revelation was made.

But the earth will be subdued, and all will have a chance to know God through His Gift, which we commemorate Saturday by giving to others and loving others. —ADRIAN VAUGHAN

## Notebook — Hal Boyle

# Lost, Strayed Or Stolen: One Old-Fashioned Christmas

NEW YORK, (AP)—"LOST, STRAYED OR stolen—one good old-fashioned Christmas. Finder please return."

But I suppose no one will ever bring it back. That Christmas is covered up with the years. It is laid away with childhood, in that vanished time when being a child was more simple than it is today.

And Christmas was simple then, too. Everything was simpler. Dad brought home a four-bit tree and set it up in the living room. The base was made by knocking one end out of a fruit box. There weren't any fancy metal gadgets.

It didn't take half a week's income to decorate the tree. We put on a few spangled candle holders, a star, and rope after rope of cranberries and popcorn strung on thread from mom's sewing kit. It was a beautiful tree, simple and satisfying. Everyone in the family got a special pleasure out of it because he had done something himself to make it prettier.

THERE WAS ALWAYS AN ORANGE in each stocking, and it was a big treat

then. What would a modern child think of Santa Claus today for leaving him a common thing like an orange?

The presents were few but well chosen. There was something to wear — a new sweater or a stocking cap. But there was always something to play with, too. One year of golden memory it was a real flexible flyer sled, and by nightfall the four small brothers who shared this varnished wonder nearly had worn the runners off.

What ever happened to that old-fashioned Christmas? I was talking to a friend about it the other day, and he said: "I paid \$5 for a Christmas tree this year, and the tinsel garbage we bought to throw on it cost me more than my father earned the week he married my mother. When we were through we didn't have a Christmas tree—we had a Hollywood production. And that's exactly what it looked like: All tinsel and no warmth. There wasn't a homemade thing on it."

Whatever happened to the old-fashioned Christmas, when Santa Claus backed a bag—instead of a sandbag?"

## Nation Today — James Marlow

# Death Seems To Be Hovering Over Sensational Spy Case

WASHINGTON, (AP)—IF YOU'VE EVER read a Greek tragedy, you'll remember how it was. . . .

Death hovered over it. You could almost feel the chill breeze from its slow, circling wings. Then it pounced.

In the Washington spy case death has swooped twice and has even struck along the edges.

It began its slow circling on Friday, Aug. 13. . . .

That was the day Harry Dexter sat down in the hearing room of the House Un-American Activities Committee to try to clear his name.

He had taught at Harvard, worked for the government 13 years, been assistant secretary of the treasury. He hadn't been convicted of anything. No one had proved anything against him. But. . . .

His name had been brought into the spy case by Elizabeth T. Bentley and Whitaker Chambers.

They are both ex-Communists who said they had been messengers for a Communist underground among government officials.

Neither said White was a Communist. But Miss Bentley said he had been part of a group set up to give Communists inside government information. Chambers said White had been closely tied in with the Communists.

So White asked for a hearing, for a chance to defend himself publicly.

On that Aug. 13 when he faced the committee he was 56 years old, and very ill. He had had a heart attack some time before.

He denied ever being a Communist or close to being one; ever knowing Miss Bentley or Chambers. He protested his loyalty to the United States. The questioning began. . . .

Shocked when he heard of Duggan's death, Sumner Welles, former undersecretary of state, said of him:

"He was one of the most brilliant, most devoted, and most patriotic public servants I have ever known."

But his name, too, had been brought into the spy case in a mixed up way with no charge ever made against him.

The records of the Un-American Activities Committee show that Isaac Don Levine, a friend of Chambers, told the committee this:

"That Chambers once had mentioned Duggan as one of six people in the state department who 'had passed confidential information along.'"

Levine told that to the committee a couple of weeks ago.

But yesterday Chambers denied he had ever said what Levine said he had said; that Duggan gave out information.

In fact, Chambers said, he had never met Duggan. He added: "He was a gentle and sensitive man from what I heard about him and he was devoted to his family."

Last week Chambers' wife, who hasn't been involved in the case at all, was charged in the automobile death of a woman on a Maryland road.

Mrs. Chambers was driving to the station to pick up Chambers who had been testifying before a New York grand jury which was investigating the spy case, too.

## Today's Birthday—

CORNELIUS MCGILLICUDDY (CONNIE MACK), born Dec. 22-23, 1862, in East Brookfield, Mass. After celebrating 75 birthdays on Dec. 23, "Mr. Basell" discovered he was born on Dec. 22, but let the old date stand in "Who's Who" and elsewhere. He shortened his name to fit on a scoreboard and batted .500 with Newark as a boy. His Athletics have won nine pennants, five world series and finished 16 times in the cellar.

A disastrous fire in Delft, Holland, helped transform that city from a brewing center of Europe's city tile capital. Eighteenth-century tile makers selected sites of Delft's razed breweries for their factories.

## Affairs Of The World — DeWitt MacKenzie

# Joe Stalin Is Doing Better Than All Right In Thinking

AN AP NEWSFEATURE

A MAN IS AS OLD AS HIS ABILITY TO think. On that basis Joseph Stalin is doing better than all right as he passes the 69 year mark.

There have been many reports that communism's head man wasn't well. However, news dispatches from Moscow say that all available evidence indicates he is in good health.

In any event, the generalissimo remains the big boss whose word is law. This means his ability to think fast is unimpaired. You can't remain dictator of a world power and make mistakes in judgment. There are too many ambitious underlings after your job. And just as Stalin is generalissimo in the Soviet Union, so he is commander in chief of Communist revolutionaries the world over. His is the voice of Moscow.

THUS WHEN BULGARIAN PREMIER Georgi Dimitroff—one of communism's powerful leaders—predicts an extension of the Red revolution in the Orient, we may be sure it's Stalin speaking. Dimitroff made this forecast in addressing the Bulgarian

Communist Party, and representatives of 18 foreign Communist parties, in Sofia. He also declared that what he termed the British-American bloc cannot endure.

Dimitroff said the "peoples of Indonesia, Viet-Nam, Burma and other colonial countries" are struggling for independence. And he emphasized the importance of the Chinese Communist victories.

Well now, these upheavals in Asia aren't all isolated manifestations which have just "happened." True, some were spontaneous, but Moscow inspired others and is co-ordinating the whole of them into the great new Red offensive which is sweeping the Orient.

MOSCOW'S PURPOSE OF COURSE IS to divide the resources of the West by this attack on both sides of the globe. And when we are talking of resources in terms of "ready money," we have our Uncle Sam in mind—as who doesn't?

The devilish cunning of this Moscow strategy lies in the fact that Russia is getting others to fight her battles for her. It isn't Russians who are fighting in China and Viet-Nam and Burma and where not.

## Broadway — By Jack O'Brien

# Dizzy Doodles Weaver Has Decided To Settle Down

NEW YORK (AP)—Doodles Weaver has decided to settle down into a dignified social pattern, which I find to be a highly suspect announcement if all the things I hear about Doodle's old days are correct.

Doodles is one of the stars with Spike Jones and his City Slickers of a radio show called The Spotlight Revue. This alone would make him musically suspect, but if he simply manages to stay strictly to Spike Jones' style of musical mayhem, that would be, for Doodles, the gentle life.

My friend Collie Small, who writes things for Collier's Magazine, being an editor thereof, says Doodles was the dizziest thing ever to happen to Stanford University. "When I'm introduced nowadays," says Doodles with apparent pride, "I just shake hands and say 'How do you do like anyone else.' Doodles' fans, collegiate and radio, shouldn't get the idea the Weaver future will be a dull one.

Doodles is the completely typical son of a typical well-to-do Los Angeles businessman. Once when the folks were a little mystified at Doodles' refusal to accompany them to Europe, they discovered why in swift order. A few days after they left they received horrified cable shrieks of rage from their neighbors, announcing that Doodles had immediately converted the old homestead into a roadhouse, complete with neon sign, in front and midge!

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# "Sub-Deb Review Of 1948" Staged At Settles Hotel Wednesday Night

Something new in presentations was "The Sub-Deb Review of 1948" held at the Settles Hotel Wednesday night. Honoring post-debs, the review commemorated the beginning of the Sub-Deb Club in Big Spring and introduced to the spectators Sub-Debs of the years from the organization of the club in 1934 through 1948.

Sub-Debs entered the ball room through the silver pages of a beautiful blue book placed on a background of silver. On the cover of the book was the Sub-Deb emblem.

Mrs. Willard Hendrick, Sub-Deb sponsor, introduced the Sub-Debs and Peggy Isaacs, Sub-Deb of 1956, turned the pages of the book. Mrs. Don Seale is also a Sub-Deb sponsor.

## Visitation Pace Brisk At Forsan As Holiday Season Hits Climax

FORSAN, Dec. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pike have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pike and family from California.

Green, Horace Holcomb and R. H. Godwin were on the deer hunting list for the past weekend.

## Lina Jane Wolfe Is Party Honoree

Lina Jane Wolfe, bride-elect of Robert Stuart Freeburg, was named honoree at a tea in the home of Mrs. Lee Hanson, 1401 Runnels, Wednesday afternoon.

Sub-Debs of 1948 were the first to be introduced and they included: Jane Stripling, who wore a sea-foam green formal; Betta Lou Hewett, wearing a white gown trimmed in green; Ann Curry, attired in a heather-colored dress with green net stole; June Cook, dressed in green and white plaid taffeta; Jean Pearce, wearing a black and plaid trimmed taffeta; Marietta Staples in a fuchsia taffeta; Sue Wasson, attired in a pink net featuring navy velvet trim; Vevagene Apple, who chose a multi-colored striped taffeta; Rose Nell Parks, dressed in a lavender taffeta; and Shirley Wenter, who chose a white taffeta and chifon gown trimmed with rhinestones.

## Parties, Visiting Set Seasonal Pace In Garden City

GARDEN CITY, Dec. 22—The Brownie troop here entertained Monday afternoon with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Marshall Cook.

The Brownie troop was given, followed by carol singing. After the Christmas trees, Christmas refreshments were served to Deanna Marie Watkins, Helen Claire Gray, Marceline Gill, Sue Ellen White, Barbara Ann Hilger, Betty Irene Robinson, Veva Ann McCortney, Lynda Ann Mahler, Lynda Ruth Ballinger, Judy Huff, Sue Ann Bender, Mary Ruth Asbill, Barbara Ann Byrley, Betty Coomer, and the leader, Mrs. Cook.

## Winners Named In Lighting Contest Sponsored By Local Garden Club

Seven winners were chosen in the Big Spring Garden Club lighting contest which closed Wednesday night. There were four divisions in the contest, three sponsored by the Garden Club and a special artistic division sponsored by the Texas Electric Company.

Winners included: door, Ross Boykin, 101 Jefferson, first prize; Zolie Boykin, 529 Hillside, second prize; window, E. B. McCormick, 708 W. 17th, first; E. M. Conley, 802 W. 18th, second; out-door, Obie Bristow, 554 Hillside, first, and Elmer Cravens, 1801 Runnels second. Nat Shick, 510 Gregg, won the artistic division. Prize money, \$25 given by the Garden Club and \$25 by the Chamber of Commerce, was used to buy certificates from a local nursery which will be mailed to the winners. Texas Electric Company furnished an electric clock as the prize for the artistic division. First prize is valued at \$10 and second prize, \$6.

Thirty entries were judged, compared to the fifteen entries last year. Judges praised the effectiveness of the general lighting of a number of homes, which did not receive prizes and expressed their appreciation for the cooperation received during the contest.

## Garden Club Congregates

Mrs. Gordon Bristow acted as hostess at the annual Christmas party of the Garden Club in her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. B. L. LeFever presided at the silver service. Christmas decorations were used throughout the party rooms. The mantle decoration comprised a large tumbledew, trimmed with red berries and a large red bow. Gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree.

## Club Groups Are Feted At Parties

FORSAN, Dec. 22—Mrs. Frank Theime, sponsor of the Forsan 4-H girls club, entertained with a Christmas party Monday in her home.

Christmas decorations were used through the party rooms. "Carols were sung and games played and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served to Lela Mae Fletcher, Mary Ann Fairchild, Mary Lou McElrath, Mary Lavell Fletcher, Madge Anderson, Ona Mae McElreath, Vivian Green, Barbara Dean, Barbara Green and Janice Anderson, a guest.

## Shoe Store Employees Honored With Party

Employees of the J and K shoe store were honored with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones, 603 W. 17th Wednesday evening.

Members of the 1937 club included: Mrs. Tom Harris, the former Clarinda Mary Sanders, who chose a black crepe with sequin and lace trim; Mrs. James Edwards, wearing a white satin gown with bustle effect; Mrs. L. D. Chrane, the former Maurine Rowe, dressed in creme-colored net.

Members of the 1937 club included: Mrs. Tom Harris, the former Clarinda Mary Sanders, who chose a black crepe with sequin and lace trim; Mrs. James Edwards, wearing a white satin gown with bustle effect; Mrs. L. D. Chrane, the former Maurine Rowe, dressed in creme-colored net.

Anita Calverly and Juanita Ratliff, students at Sul Ross, came home Monday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Basil Kethley finished his classes Tuesday at Tech and will be with his mother for the holidays. Durwood Ratliff and Luther Rainwater came in Tuesday from Tech. Durwood will be with his parents and Luther will spend the holidays with Mrs. Lemmons and daughter, Eiva Sue.

Mrs. Walter Teels returned during the week-end from Rochester, Minn. where she had been for a check-up at the Mayo clinic. She plans to return in about six months. Barbara Harris, who attends school in Odessa is here to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jarris, during Christmas.

## Young People Are Party Honorees

KNOTT, Dec. 23—Mrs. T. M. Robinson entertained the Baptist young people with a Christmas party Monday night. Games were played and gifts exchanged.

## State Street Baptist Church Holds Social

Members of the State Street Missionary Baptist church were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Worthan on Tuesday evening for a Christmas social.

Attention was called by the committee to various civic sponsored decorations such as those at the high school, city hall, veteran's hospital, Presbyterian church, Malone and Hogan Hospital and the lighted tree at the court house.

## To Have Tree

There will be a Christmas tree for the First Presbyterian Sunday School at the church at 7 o'clock tonight, according to an announcement made by the Rev. Gage Lloyd, pastor.

## Ladies Pack Boxes For Orphans' Home

Members of the Ladies Bible class of the Church of Christ, corner 14th and Main, packed boxes of candy and cookies for shipment to the Boles orphan home in Quinlan, at the Wednesday afternoon meeting.

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Stars of 1944 included: Mary Nell Cook, who wore a dark pink taffeta; Mrs. D. D. Douglass, the former Melba Dean Anderson, wearing a cyclamen pink taffeta; Luan Ware, attired in a multi-colored silk with lace mits and Anna Claire Waters, who chose a gold metallic taffeta.

## St. Mary's Will Hold Traditional Christmas Rites

St. Mary's Episcopal church will observe its traditional Christmas eve services at 11:15 p. m. Friday in the church auditorium.

## Baptists Hold Yule Function At Forsan

FORSAN, Dec. 22—The Baptist Sunday school and adult training union had a Christmas party Monday evening in the high school gymnasium.

## Assembly Of God Will Give Christmas Pageant

Announcement is made that the Assembly of God Christmas pageant will be presented at 7:30 p. m. Thursday evening, Dec. 23, at the church.

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Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Whittenburg, and Glenda Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Masters and Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Suttles, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chanslor, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Hood Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Buri Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theime, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Overton, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Kennedy, Mrs. Sammie Porter, Mrs. C. H. McCluskey, Laura Whittenburg and Deryl Miller.

## Mrs. Tommy Lovelace Methodist Women's Society Hostess

Mrs. Tommy Lovelace was hostess to the Christmas party and meeting of the Wesley Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service in her home Tuesday afternoon.

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### Arizona Players Demand That \$10,000 From Bowl Game Go To Charity Fund

By HUGH FULLERTON, Jr. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Some of the local hockey experts seem to believe it was a disagreement between Lester Patrick and Frank Boucher that caused Frank to be relieved as manager of the Rangers. Still we can't help recalling that Patrick's remark a few weeks ago: "I'm retired, but it's hard to sit here (right across a desk from Business Manager Tommy Lockhart) and not do any second guessing." ...Could be that Leo Durocher's celebrated remark about these guys wasn't too far wrong. If there are any nicer guys in the sports business than Boucher and Mel Ott, we don't know them. But neither one ever got quite as good results from his athletes as some managers who aren't quite so nice.

### Amateur Radio Club's Transmitter, Disaster Guard, Almost Complete

Transmitter for the Big Spring Amateur Radio club is almost complete, members have been informed. As soon as license has been obtained and the power supply is provided, regulate traffic will be handled from the club emergency power has not yet been arranged, but the club hopes that this will be ready for disaster communication. It will function in cooperation with the Red Cross chapter disaster committee in event of catastrophe. The club secretary pointed out that any amateur is happy to transmit messages for any part of the United States for any person, but that messages to foreign countries are not encouraged inasmuch as such have to be cleared through the state department. Some amateur stations are members of a regular traffic network, and the club here hopes that such procedure can be instituted here. Following the regular business session at the Monday evening meeting, four films (two of a radio technical nature and others dealing with aviation and meteorology) were projected. More films will be shown at subsequent meetings. Regular meeting time of the club has been changed from its bi-monthly status to every other Monday with the next meeting set for Jan. 3, 1949. At the meeting, nine members and two visitors were present.

### Jack Gill Death Report Is Error, His Brother Killed

The report of the death of Jack Gill, former resident, received here Wednesday, was in error, friends of the family learned today. It was not Jack Gill, but his brother, Howard Gill, who was fatally hurt in a car mishap Tuesday night. The accident occurred near Freeport. Reports received from relatives here Wednesday from the fact that Jack Gill, former manager of Borden's, had been the victim. He is in Freeport with the body of his brother. No details on last rites have been received.

### Barney Poole Will Captain Dixie 11

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 23 (AP)—North and South teams are all set for their inter-sectional gridiron battle in the Orange Bowl Christmas light. The South unanimously elected Mississippi's great Barney Poole to captain them in the Mahl Shrine set-to.

### Sharon Seals Has Seventh Birthday

Sharon Seals was honored on her seventh birthday anniversary with a party in the home of her mother, Mrs. Bill Seals, 809 W. 16th, Wednesday afternoon acted as co-hostess at the affair. Patricia Dillon directed the games and Christmas baskets of candy and balloons were presented as party favors. Refreshments were served to Roland and Kenneth Brademeyer, George Peacock, Karon Williams, Dale and Lynn Stanaland, Bobby and Bill Dillon, Jimmy Wheeler, Joe and Robert Dawes, Bobo and Charlotte Barnaby, Larry and Marie Neece, Harrison, Jimmy and Martha Haynes, Larry Seals, the hostesses and the honoree.

### Garden City Women Have Yule Affair

GARDEN CITY, Dec. 23—The Garden City chapter of the Future Homemakers had its annual Christmas party at the H. L. Lovell home Tuesday. The program chairman, Frances Robinson, conducted the games. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to the following girls: Fred Christie, Emma Cline, Bonetta Cox, Martha Gillespie, Helen Hightower, Lue Low, Pat Mason, Johnny Fay McHenry, Wilma O'Brannon, Ruby Venable Wanda Wilkerson.

### China

(Continued From Page 11) watchposts along the eastern reaches of the Yangtze. There was little military action immediately north of here. The quiet was taken in some quarters to mean that peace feelers had been put out to the Communists by members of Premier Sun Fo's newly formed cabinet. But there was no official word from any source. At least two of the cabinet ministers are known to favor a quick peace with the Reds, who have overrun Premier Sun described the cabinet members as men who would "fight on until we can secure an honorable peace." This was widely taken to mean the government is warm to a dicker with the Communists despite their insistence a peace can be achieved only if President Chiang Kai-Shek steps out. However, Chiang has not so much as hinted he will move aside.

### Teachers Scatter For The Holidays

STANTON, Dec. 23—Teachers have scattered in various directions, homeward bound for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ellmore Johnson and family are going to Amherst and Turkey. Mrs. O. D. Robinson and family to Denton; Mrs. Joe Gray and family to Santa Anna; Carrie Alvis to Big Spring; Genevieve Middleton, Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Batton to a ranch, Guadalupe and Comanche; Mrs. Fred Deerfield and son to join her husband in Stephenville, Mary McClesky, Van Horn. In the high school, Mr. and Mrs. Goodby are going to the lower Rio Grande valley, and will also visit in Commerce, Abilene and Brownwood. Principal Stephenson will remain in Stanton where he and Mrs. Stephenson have a new daughter; Mrs. Carter is going by plane to Florida; J. M. Kayser will go to Weatherford; James Fitts to Groesback; Mrs. Rendell to Crane; Mrs. Oren and family to Merkel; Coach Fields and family to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Towery left Sunday for Brownwood and will go to Santa Anna for Christmas day and be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gray, all of Stanton. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson are the parents of a daughter born at the Stanton Memorial hospital. Wayne Church is in Stanton Memorial hospital after receiving an eye injury at the basketball tournament Saturday. Elyonne Blocker has been discharged from Stanton Memorial hospital after an appendectomy. Dan Saunders has begun work at the First National bank. Billie Bolder, Monahans, spent the weekend with Mrs. D. C. Saunders. Mrs. George Shelburn and Mrs. Lizzie Thomason have returned from Hatchell, where they were called by the illness and death of their mother. Several of the classrooms at the Stanton school had special programs before dismissal for the holidays. There were songs, readings and singing of carols as well as exchange of gifts.

### Cattle Sales Brisk Here

Despite the impending holidays, which usually influences a slump in the market, the Big Spring Livestock Auction company's cattle sale was brisk Wednesday. A 'good run of good cattle' resulted, according to A. L. Cooper, one of the owners. Fat bulls brought up to 21.00, fat cows ranged from 17.00 to 20.00. Feeder cows sold from 15.00 to 17.00 and fat calves up to 25.00. Stocker steers were bringing 25.00 while hogs lured offers up to 21.00. The auction handled from 650 to 700 cattle, Cooper estimated.

### Modern Bridge Club Has Yule Gathering

Members of the Modern Bridge club were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. R. W. Halbrook Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Al Atton won high score during the afternoon and Mrs. Escol Compton and Mrs. Hershell Petty binged. Gifts were exchanged. Those attending were Mrs. Elvis McCrary, Mrs. Joe Fowler Brooks, Mrs. Compton, Mrs. John Brinner, Mrs. Petty, Mrs. Atton, Mrs. L. B. Edwards and the hostess, Mrs. Halbrook.

### MARKETS

LOCAL MARKETS No. 2 Milo \$2.15 cwt., FOB Big Spring. Coffee and mixed grades \$1.25 cwt. Eggs candled 50 cents dozen, cash market; sour cream 88 cents lb; friers 40 cents lb; hens 26 cents lb; roosters 18 cents lb. COTTON NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—Prices were 25 cents a bale higher to 55 cents lower than the previous close. March 23.14, May 21.94 and July 21.03. WHEAT NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (AP)—The stock market today stayed on the same narrow path which it has followed throughout the month. Gains and losses, mostly fractional, were pretty well divided, with perhaps a slight tendency to the plus side. A moderate amount of business was done but traders evidently were in no mood to start anything. Texas Gulf Sulphur, which dropped 3-4 yesterday, rallied more than a point. A block of the stock was distributed as a special dividend yesterday by Gulf Oil and it was believed that sales of some of those shares depressed the price. LIVERSTOCK PORT WORTH, Dec. 23 (AP)—Cattle slaughter steady and restlings in meager supply, few common and medium grades 17.00-20.00; plain and medium butcher cows 1.00-18.50; good kind lacking; medium and good sausage bulls 18.50-20.50; common light bulls downward to 18.00; plain and medium calves 17.00-21.00; culls 15.00-17.00; stockers and feeders scarce; Stocker calves 18.00-21.00. Hogs 300; butchers steady to 50 cents below Wednesday's average; ones and pigs steady; top 21.00 paid for good and choice 100-125 lb hogs; good and choice 18.00-19.00; 15-20 lb feeder pigs 18.00 down. Sheep 500; receipts mostly shorn slaughter lambs selling fully steady; medium to good shorn lambs, No. 2 pelts, 30.00-50.00; few milk fed lambs 22.50; medium grade ewes 23.50.

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### Expression Pupils Honored At Party At First Baptist

Mrs. J. C. Pickle told the Christmas story, "Granny Glittens and Her Amazing Mittens, at the party honoring her expression pupils in the First Baptist church Tuesday. Nita Jean Jones presented, "Christmas Morning" and "Lost Hours"; Rosalie DeVaney gave "Merry Christmas" and "Somersaults"; Carolyn Sewell delivered, "Santa in His Airplane" and "Poor Sick Dolly" and Leroy LeFever spoke on "Santa's Little Boy" and "Nerves." Others on the program included Sharon Creighton, who gave "A Christmas Possibility" a 3 d "Naughty Claude"; Luan Phillips recited "A Present for Mother" and "A Rabbit"; Anna Belle Lane rendered "A Christmas" and "Stocking"; Ronald Wooten presented "Christmas Presents" and "Getting Washed"; while Sybil Fulmer gave "On the Street Car" and "Five Little Words." The refreshment table was covered with a white cloth and centered with a brass bowl of mistletoe surrounded by Christmas ornaments and flanked by branched brass candelabra holding red tapers. Other brass candelabra containing lighted red tapers and a lighted Christmas tree completed the decorative theme. Approximately ten persons attended the party.

### PUBLIC RECORDS

Warra, J Deeds Clyde Turley et ux to T. P. Cross Lot 13, Blk 1 Hayden add. \$10. J. E. Parker et ux to Floyd R. Mays, Lot 11, Blk 2, 28 Blk 2, J. T. Price add. \$4,500. Lillian Gary Bivings to T. L. Griffin Lot 21, 22, 24, 26 Blk 2, J. T. Price add. \$4,500. Frances West vs Alfred West, suit for divorce. Barbara June Majors vs Clyde Majors, suit for divorce. Bobby Gene Latty, application for removal of disability granted. Goldie Leonard vs Aubrie Leonard, divorce granted. Custody of two minor children to plaintiff. Juliana Mata Olivas et al vs George M. Hearn et al, suit for damages \$4,000 agreed judgment to plaintiff.

### WEATHER

WEST TEXAS: Considerable cloudiness, occasional rain this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Rain turning to snow north portion Panhandle tonight. Colder Friday. Lowest temperatures 24 to 29 in Panhandle tonight. EAST TEXAS: Considerable cloudiness this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Occasional rain Friday and in extreme west portion this afternoon and tonight. Colder northwest portion Friday. Moderate east to southeast on the coast. BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Cloudy, occasional rain this afternoon, tonight, Friday colder. High today 66, low tonight 50, high tomorrow 56. Highest temperature this date, 81 in 1923; lowest this date, 12 in 1920; maximum rainfall this date, 1.29 in 1922. TEMPERATURES CITY Max Min Abilene 61 50 Amarillo 60 39 BIG SPRING 60 49 Chicago 37 24 Denver 29 17 El Paso 66 47 Fort Worth 61 47 Galveston 77 62 New York 41 36 St. Louis 46 36 Sun sets today at 5:47 p. m., rises Friday at 7:44 a. m.

### More Wind Erosion Seen In This Area

FORT WORTH, Dec. 23.—The getting good results from cover crops, crop residue and windbreaks. Bright spot in Texas was at Perryton where winter wheat is doing well with soil moisture reported at 27 inches. Louis P. Merrill, regional conservator for the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, said acreage blowing on Dec. 15 had doubled in a two-week period and had grown by five times in a month. In Texas 2,629,000 acres are blowing, Merrill reported. Addition of 568,000 acres in the Sandy Cross timbers of Central West Texas helped the figure jump, he said. Fields protected by a cover of sorghum stubble or a cover of small grain drilled in cotton in sorghums are holding in most sections, Merrill reported. Farmers are taking temporary measures such as chiseling and deep plowing to halt soil movement but permanent results cannot be expected from this, the conservator said. A true dust storm, moving heavy particles, was reported from Lubbock this year. In Big Spring area more wind erosion damage is expected. Vetch and rye have been killed in the Jacksboro area by a December wind storm. Crops on land which was stripped with sorghum weren't killed, District Conservator J. C. Porter reported. Farmers in the Vernon section are deep-tilling bare fields and are

### Mrs. J. L. Collings Funeral Is Held Here This Morning

Simple, solemn rites were held here Thursday morning for Mrs. J. L. Collings, 66, mother of Judge Cecil C. Collings. She died Wednesday following a long illness. Elder B. R. Howze, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church, and Dr. F. D. Brim, First Baptist pastor, officiated at the Nalley chapel, reading favorite passages. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Beam sang. The remains were to be taken to Abilene, where her husband, Elder J. L. Collings has been the Primitive Baptist pastor for more than a decade, for final services at 10 a. m. Immediate survivors are her husband and son, Mr. and Mrs. Collings had observed their Golden Wedding anniversary on Oct. 3 of this year. One daughter, Mrs. Birdie Boice, succumbed 12 years ago.

Out-of-town attorneys here for the rites were Judge Raymond Stoker, Bill Kerr and Robert Turpin of Chicago. Fellow members of the bar and colleagues of Judge Collings on the board of deacons of the First Baptist church attended in a body.

### Annual Kiwanis Party Staged

The annual Kiwanis Christmas party was held at noon today at the West Side park. Some 75 children of the locality and members of the club ate

Christmas dinner together in the park barracks. The meal was prepared and served by the Kiwanis Queens. Following the meal, the group retired to the grounds and there greeted Santa Claus, who arrived in horse and buggy with a bagfull of presents for the kids. Packages and candy were distributed to all the children.

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# Texans Are Seething Over Tidelands Suit

By The Associated Press  
Texas fumed with indignation today over the latest government move to take away its tidelands.

State Atty. Gen. Price Daniel sounded the pitch: "Texas will fight this caused with the same spirit that caused our predecessors to win these lands by blood and valor at San Jacinto."  
This is what the fuss is about: Yesterday, U. S. Atty. Gen. Tom Clark asked the Supreme Court of the United States to rule that the federal government has jurisdiction over the tidelands off the coasts of Texas and Louisiana.

# Angleton Man Tries To Settle Senate Problem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (AP)—State Sen. Jimmy Phillips of Angleton, made a flying trip to Washington this week in an effort to settle the fuss among Texas Democrats over National Committeeman Wright Morrow of Houston, Tex.  
He conferred Monday with various Democratic leaders.  
Phillips is understood to have come here primarily to talk with National Chairman J. Howard McGrath on Morrow's behalf, but McGrath was out of the city.  
McGrath returned to Washington yesterday but declined to comment on the Texas controversy except to repeat that the matter is for consideration by the Democratic national committee.

# Marilyn Martin Entertains Club At Social Meet

Marilyn Martin entertained the members of the Nu Phi Mu chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi at a Christmas social and business meeting in her home Tuesday evening.  
Final plans were completed for the New Year's ve masquerade ball. Beverly King, program chairman, presented the part, "Purpose of the Service Committee."  
It was announced that the society will support one international service, one national organization and as many local charities as is possible.  
Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.  
Following the party, members went caroling and presented toys to children of needy families.  
Those attending were Evelyn Anderson, Mille Balch, Martha Bearden, LaVerne Casey, Muriel Floyd, Bobbie Green, Nancy Hooper, Beverly King, Joyce Howard, Gertrude Hall, Johnnie Kennon, Dorothy Purser, Wilma Rudelsel, Dolores Sanderson, Billie Sims, Doris Tyler, Francys Weir, Theresa Crabtree, Evelyn Arnold, a guest and Marilyn Martin, the hostess.

# Nativity Story Told To Lions

Chronology of the birth of Christ was detailed for Lions Wednesday by Sewell Jones, minister of the Church of Christ.  
He explained how Joseph and Mary came to be in Bethlehem, because the records of their tribe were kept there, and to comply with a census decree from Caesar, they had gone. Conventional lodging houses were filled and they were obliged to stay in a place that might correspond roughly to early-day wagon yards. At any rate, when Jesus was born, he was laid in a manger. It was there, he said, that the shepherds came to visit him.  
Later, probably weeks later the wise men, having come a great distance, came and found them in a house. As a matter of fact, Jones said Jesus possibly was a year or slightly older when his parents fled with him to Egypt to avoid him falling victim to Herod's decree to slay all male children under two years of age. After some time there, the child and parents returned to Nazareth.  
On behalf of the club, Jack Y. Smith paid a brief tribute to Helen Duley, accompanist and club sweetheart, and presented her with a gift. Jane Stripling, accompanied by Miss Duley, sang two selections. Avery Falkner, vice-president, announced Jack Smith and Jess Thornton as team captains for the Melvin Jones birthday month in January. George Melear reported on successful Christmas parties for the Latin-American children and for the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the club.

# Morgan Creek Dam Approved By State

The state board of water engineers Tuesday approved the application of Texas Electric Service company to build a dam across Morgan creek below Colorado City.  
Designed to furnish water for a steam generating plant and also for domestic purposes for Colorado City, the dam would be located at the juncture of Morgan creek and the Colorado River, six miles southwest of Colorado City.  
Support for the application came from Colorado City, which has been given assurances of 2,000,000 gallons per day for domestic purposes. J. B. Thomas, president of TESCO, made it plain that this was for domestic purposes, which meant that it would not take into account industrial demands. Only surplus water—water not required by TESCO or Colorado City—would be used for that purpose. Coltex Refinery has been mentioned as a market for any surplus water.  
L. T. Youngblood of the Upper Colorado River Authority joined in the petition by saying that "we simply are here to support the permit of the Texas Electric Service company."  
H. W. Whitney, Big Spring city manager added that "we support the application in view of assurances it will not endanger the UCRA program, and in anticipation of the additional electric power it will supply."  
Sen. Pat Bullock closed the case by pointing out that West Texas must have water to continue its rapid growth. Frank Kelly, Del Barber and others had testified for Colorado City.  
Thomas told the board that the dam would impound some 30,200 acre feet of water; that if offered a means for Colorado City to develop a supply beyond her financial means. TESCO is adding a generating plant, he said, because one load in this particular area has grown from 20,000 KWH in 1938 to 80,000 now. He said it would be 140,000 by 1952 at the current rate of expansion.  
Work is due to start soon on preliminary construction steps. Options have been secured on most of the affected lake sites. TESCO hopes to complete the project in 1949.

# President Off To Missouri To Spend Christmas At Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (AP)—President Truman left by plane today for Independence, Mo., to spend Christmas.  
Accompanying him were a secretary and his personal physician, Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham; Mrs. Graham and the two Graham children.  
The presidential plane, "Independence," took off at 9:07 o'clock. Ordinarily it is a four-hour flight to Kansas City, but airport officials said that the plane would be bucking 70-mile-an-hour headwinds today. From Kansas City, the presidential party will drive to Independence.  
Mr. Truman left in a holiday mood. Just before boarding the plane, he waved to reporters and the crowd seeing him off and said: "I hope Santa Claus brings you everything you want."  
The President plans to return to Washington Dec. 29. He was not able to put away the cares of office entirely for his holiday. Along with presents for his family, he took with him a briefcase full of work for himself.  
The paper work includes a three-page memorandum of the current economic situation, left with him

yesterday by Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.  
The briefcase also contains material for his state of the union message to the new Congress. He will work on some phases of that message during his stay in Missouri and complete the draft after his return to Washington, probably next Wednesday.  
Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret are awaiting the chief executive at the home on Delaware St. where he has spent every Christmas except one since he became President in 1945.

# Scuddays Hosts To Shell Party

GARDEN CITY, Dec. 22.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Scudday was the scene of the Shell dinner and Christmas tree Monday evening at the Shell station southwest of here.  
The traditional turkey dinner was served buffet style. After presentation of gifts, 42 was enjoyed. At midnight gifts and coffee were served.  
Attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Spencer and Glenda, Butch and Keith; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Rich and Tommy, George Lee; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Haynes and Lue; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Gillispie and Ralph, Phillip, Martha, Don and Paul; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Love, Jim Moore, Doc Moore, Bob Hightower, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Scudday and Connie and Kerney Sue.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Cox and family of San Angelo are visiting relatives and friends in Garden City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee Watkins and children were in Sterling City Sunday for a family Christmas dinner.  
Miss Marian Jackson of Deluth, Minn. is visiting in the J. W. Cox home.

# Baptist Circle Has Christmas Party Tuesday

Members of the Mary Martha Circle of the East Fourth Baptist church were entertained with a Christmas party and Missionary program at the church Tuesday afternoon.  
Mrs. Delton Johnston and Mrs. Joe Coleman acted as co-hostesses for the affair.  
Christmas decorations were used throughout the church parlor and in the refreshments.  
Mrs. Joe Chapman brought the devotional from Luke 2, telling "The Story of the Birth of Jesus." Mrs. R. H. Harter led the mission study.  
Prayers were offered by Mrs. Lee Nuckles and Mrs. A. W. Page.  
Gifts were exchanged.  
Those attending were Mrs. Lee Nuckles, Mrs. R. H. Harter, Mrs. Joe Chapman, Mrs. J. C. Lowe, Mrs. Fritz Crump, Mrs. Dick W. Rigby, Mrs. A. W. Page and the hostesses, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Chapman.

# VA To Control Navy Hospital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (AP)—The Veterans Administration said today it will take over the Navy's 1,000-bed hospital at Houston, Tex.  
The agency said it has cancelled plans to build its own 1,000-bed neuropsychiatric hospital in that city.  
Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., said transfer of the naval hospital to veterans use will:  
1. Save \$21,000,000 in construction costs.  
2. Avoid operation of two large neuropsychiatric hospitals in the same community.  
3. Enable the veterans administration to meet a critical need for beds for mentally ill veterans of the Houston area two years earlier than would otherwise have been possible.  
The Veterans Administration has been using facilities of the naval hospital since its completion in 1946, Gray said. Of 530 patients currently under treatment, 330 are veterans.  
The hospital has a capacity of 500 beds in permanent-type buildings and 500 beds in buildings of high class, semi-permanent type.

# Weatherman Won't Type This Winter

By The Associated Press  
Winter has come to Texas—will it be hot or cold, wet or dry?  
And here's the official reply from the U. S. Weather Bureau:  
"We aren't sticking our necks out on that one."  
A. M. Hamrick, chief of the Dallas bureau, today said he is getting a lot of calls from people who want him to make a long-range prediction—"Especially those anti-freeze folks."  
"But the best I can do," said Hamrick, "is to give these people the average temperatures and rainfalls over a long period.  
What you have to remember is that averages are made up of extremes. You take a real cold winter and a real warm winter and get the average, and it adds up to a pretty decent winter.  
"Nature has a way of balancing the books. You get a spell of drought and then you have rains. We've had some very dry months—the driest on record—and some folks believe that this winter, for that reason, will be wet.  
"Well maybe it will be wet this winter. But then again, maybe next winter will be the wet one."  
Hamrick, a thin and humorous man, advised citizens who want long-range predictions to "go to the goose-bump forecasters."  
"The goose bump forecasters," he explained, "inspect the breastbone of a goose. If they find an unusual number of dark specks on it, they figure the winter will be cold. Some of the other animal lore prognosticators watch the squirrels. If the squirrels lay up big amounts of nuts, they say it'll be a severe winter. My personal opinion is that maybe the squirrels just find a lot of nuts.  
"The goose bump boys have it on us. If they're wrong on a prediction, they just crawl in a hole until it's forgotten. But you can't hide the U. S. Weather Bureau in a hole."  
Hamrick laughed "Forecasting Texas weather 24 hours in advance is tough enough," said he. "Anything more than that would be murder."

# Bogart Dogs Pull Boner

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 22. (AP)—The Humphrey Bogart's busy boxer dogs just wanted to show their masters they finally have triumphed over Benedict Canyon wild life—and raised quite a stink doing it.  
A couple of months ago one of the pets of the actor and his actress wife, Lauren Bacall, was bitten by a rattlesnake and the other was scratched by a wildcat.  
Yesterday both dogs barked triumphantly into the Bogart house, dragging an animal with them. They killed it on the hallway carpet, right next to the living room, then looked up, expecting words of praise.  
They saw their master leave the house as fast as they had entered it.  
Bogart yelled, or words to that effect, "A skunk! That was an unhealthy skunk, scram, baby, scram!"  
Social note: The Bogarts are spending Christmas with friends.

# Texas Drouth Isn't Broken

AUSTIN, Dec. 22. (AP)—The recent rains were some help to Texas crops and ranges, but the drouth was not broken, the U. S. Department of Agriculture said today.  
In survey of farm and ranch conditions for the week ended Dec. 20 gave this official picture:  
Prospects for small grains, cover crops and pastures improved over most of the eastern half of the state by light to moderate rains. More rain still needed.  
Wheat crop holding out well in northern high plains counties, but rain needed badly in the southern high plains and low rolling plains.  
Progress of hardy vegetables satisfactory in most areas. Surface moisture inadequate in non-irrigated coastal bend.  
Winter pastures improved in eastern Texas. Good rains in central blackland and some northeast ern counties brought run-off and partial replenishment of stock water.  
Meanwhile, the United States Geological Survey's water map for November showed normal stream runoff only in a small section of Southeast Texas. Elsewhere streams ran only from 18 to 57 per cent of normal for this time of year.

# DRIVER FAVORS YARDS OVER STREETS - UNTIL HE COLLIDES WITH A HOUSE

A motorist who apparently favored the yards and lawns over city streets as a thoroughfare abandoned his machine in the kitchen of a dwelling after causing a flurry of excitement in the south part of town this morning.  
Police who investigated the incident said the driver was tentatively identified as a resident of Lubbock. He reportedly leaped from his 1947 Buick and hastened away after the machine crashed into the kitchen of an apartment at 2109 Scurry, but a group of bystanders wrestled him to the ground and held him until officers arrived. Occupants of the apartment, who were not at home at the time of the crash, were not immediately identified.  
Report of the crash climaxed a series of calls to the police station from excited residents. First call to headquarters simply advised that "a crazy man" was driving a car down Scurry street. Then two other calls were received in rapid order, reporting that an automobile was cutting across yards and lawns on Main street. The same vehicle also attracted attention near the College Heights school.  
The driver, who apparently was unhurt in the crash, was carried to a hospital, and police planned to transfer him to city jail later today. Officers who traced the pre-crash course of the car reported that the vehicle blazed its trail by bowling over mail boxes and shrubbery and by marking lawns and yards.  
Shortly after the crash, W. F. Armstrong, who lives on the Ackerly route, reported that the same machine had bumped into the rear of his pickup truck near the state hospital a short time earlier.

# New York Central Rewards Youth For Saving Train

CANASTOTA, N. Y., Dec. 22. (AP)—An 11-year-old boy gets the first part of his reward today for warning the New York Central about loose plates and couplings on the track that carries the crack Empire State Express through here.  
In 1938, Jimmy Colclough may have had the second part—a job with the railroad if he wants it.  
The first part of the reward includes a party at Jimmy's home at nearby Beeches' Bridge.  
The railroad provided a Christmas tree, a holiday dinner, and as a gift—an electric train. The Central already has had Jimmy's farm home wired so he can operate the train.

# Locker Plant Is Scene Of Party

Jim Kinsey and Marvin Sewell, owners of the Big Spring Locker Plant, were hosts to a Christmas party held for employes and their families at the plant Tuesday night. Christmas decorations included a tree.  
After supper was served, gifts were exchanged.  
Approximately 50 persons were present.

# Northside WMS Studies Mission Book On Tuesday

Northside Baptist WMS members met at the church Tuesday for a mission study taken from a book by Dr. Lee Lockett and taught by Mrs. J. W. Webb.  
After the meeting opened with the song, "O For A Thousand Tongues," and a prayer by Mrs. G. W. Webb, Mrs. G. W. Palmer led the group in the watchword for the year and Mrs. Brandon Currie gave a short missionary message.  
Those present were: Mrs. G. W. Palmer, Mrs. G. W. Webb, Mrs. Brandon Currie, Mrs. R. A. Humble, Mrs. Lloyd Moss, Mrs. L. Griffin, and Mrs. W. N. Wood.

# Governor Told Old Age Checks May Be Slashed

AUSTIN, Dec. 22. (AP)—Possible decrease in individual old age assistance checks was forecast here today.  
The state department of public welfare told Gov. Beauford H. Jester that decreases will come if the number getting aid continues to climb while appropriations for pensions remain static.  
Texas is now spending the maximum for welfare allowed by the constitution. This is 35 million annually in state money. It is matched with federal funds.  
The department of public welfare's annual report to the Governor, for the fiscal year ended Sept. 1, said that a new record high in the number of needy aged has been reached each month since May, 1946. Annual expenditures for old age assistance ranged upward from 44.7 million dollars in 1944 to 73.9 million in 1948.

# Hero, Deserter Home For Noel

FORT WORTH, Dec. 22. (AP)—Millard J. Allison, hero and deserter, is home for Christmas, on parole.  
One daughter, six-year-old Sandra, has measles. That's how her father got the parole—until Jan. 4—from Camp Hood. The Red Cross requested it because of Sandra's illness.  
Last week Allison was convicted by a general court martial of deserting the U. S. Army in August, 1941, and remaining in desertion until apprehended in 1943. His sentence was set at six months, with a recommendation for clemency.  
During his absence from the U. S. Army, he served the Canadian army so well that he won Canada's highest military decoration. He is credited with killing 30 Germans in one afternoon of combat.

# Mrs. J. L. Collings Claimed By Death After Long Illness

Mrs. Lou Ellen Collings, 68, wife of J. L. Collings, elder and pastor of the Primitive Baptist church in Abilene, died here Wednesday at 10:10 a. m. at the home of her son, Judge Cecil C. Collings.  
Mrs. Collings had experienced a lingering illness and had been at the Collings home here for several weeks.  
Services will be held here at 10 a. m. Thursday in the Nalley chapel with the Rev. P. D. O'Brien, First Baptist pastor, and B. R. Howze, Primitive Baptist elder, officiating. The body will be taken overland to Abilene where final rites will be said at the Elliott chapel at 10 a. m. Friday. Burial will be in the Abilene cemetery.  
Born in Chalk Mountain, Erath county, Feb. 3, 1880, she was married to Elder Collings on Oct. 16, 1898. She had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church for 43 years and she and her husband had made their home in Abilene for the past 12 years.  
Besides her husband and son, she leaves three brothers, George Hamlic, Chalk Mountain, Charles Hamlic, Cleburne; and Will Hamlic, Snyder; one sister, Mrs. Annie West, Celeste; two granddaughters Lou Belle and Anne Lucile Boice, Tucson, Ariz; and several nephews and nieces. One daughter, Mrs. Birdie Boice, preceded her in death 12 years ago.  
Three of the six National Hockey League teams are being led on the ice this season by new captains. Gaye Stewart is heading Chicago, Butch Bouchard, Montreal and Ted Kennedy is captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Milt Schmidt of Boston, Neil Colville of New York and Sid Abel of Detroit are

# Quick Christmas Cookies Will Add To Season's Joy

One of the last-minute things you may want to do before Christmas is to make a batch of cookies to have in the house. Here's a quick-mixed drop cookie recipe, made in a jiffy. Won't take you long, either, to make the variations.  
Master Drop Cookies  
Ingredients: 1 1/2 cups sifted enriched flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 3/4 teaspoon salt, 3/4 cup sugar, 1/3 cup shortening (it must be at room temperature), 1/3 cup milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 eggs.  
Method: Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar into mixing bowl. Add shortening, milk, vanilla and eggs. Beat until smooth about 2 minutes. Drop from a teaspoon onto greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate (375F.) oven for 12 to 15 minutes.  
Variations  
Butterscotch: Substitute dark brown sugar for granulated.  
Nut: Add 3/4 cup chopped walnuts, pecans or peanuts to batter.  
Coconut: Add 1/2 cup shredded coconut and 1 teaspoon grated orange peel.

# Rebekahs Make Christmas Plans

Plans were completed and Velma Cain was appointed chairman of the committee to give a basket of food to a needy family for Christmas, when the John A. Kee Rebekah Lodge met in the WOW Hall. Josie McDaniel presided during the business session.  
Jean Harris and Beatrice Vierge will assist Miss Cain in the Christmas preparations.  
Approximately 15 members attended.

# Tom Green County Convict Escapes From Retrieve

ANGLETON, Dec. 22. (AP)—Retrieve Prison Farm officials today said Lee Walker, serving a five-year term from Tom Green County on charges of passing forged instruments, escaped early today.  
J. C. Roberts, chief of the prison's records bureau at Huntsville, said Walker was received at Retrieve Sept. 3 last year.  
He said the inmate escaped while squawking with an early morning squawk feeding and harnessing horses.

# Sugar Notch May Change Its Name, Honor Roosevelt

SUGAR NOTCH, Pa., Dec. 22. (AP)—The residents of Sugar Notch, which considers FDR its leading adopted citizen, today considered a plan to change the town's name to Roosevelt.  
The name of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was placed first among citizens who "gave their lives for their country" on a war memorial monument unveiled here last summer. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt attended the ceremony.  
John A. Riley, Democratic county chairman and head of the Sugar Notch Memorial Society, said the move to change the name now awaits submission of proof to the county courts that the town of Roosevelt would not confuse its financial obligations, property identification and related matters.  
Sugar Notch is a mining town of 2,500 in the hard coal belt of eastern Pennsylvania.

# Telephone Office Is Party Scene

Approximately 100 guests attended the Telephone office Christmas party Tuesday evening.  
Recorded carols were played during the receiving hours and bridge was entertainment.  
Gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree.  
Table decorations included a centerpiece composed of a miniature Christmas tree, banked with snow, several Santa Claus and an assortment of gifts. The table was laid with a white cloth and crystal and silver completed the table appointments.

# Fined \$100, Costs On Liquor Charge

Domingo C. Reyes has been fined \$100 and expenses in county court on a charge of possession of intoxicants for purpose of sale without a permit.  
When Reyes was stopped by members of the Texas Liquor Control board Tuesday, he allegedly had 37 cases of beer in his possession.

# Army Sergeant Shot To Death

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 22. (AP)—S-Sgt. Glen A. Jones, a member of the Fourth Army Criminal Investigation Division, was found shot to death here early today.  
Identification was established by two CID agents.  
Jones was shot at close range police stated.

# Car Mishap Kills Former Resident

Friends here were advised today of the death of Jack Gill, formerly of Big Spring, in a car mishap near Alvarado Tuesday night.  
Details of the tragedy were not known immediately. His sister, Mrs. W. H. Peterson, vice-president of the Fort Worth National vice-president, had visited here frequently and was known to many local people. Gill was for more than a year manager of the Borden company creamery plant, resigning several months ago to accept a position with another concern.

# Man Is Arrested At Bus Station

Bill Knowlton was arrested at a local bus station Tuesday on a charge of burglary. Knowlton is wanted by Crane police, who tipped local officers that he was headed this way.  
Knowlton left a bus here, checked in at a local hotel and had returned to the bus station to get his luggage when he was taken into custody.

# Murray Refuses To Obey Subpoena

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (AP)—Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.) said today he was referring to the Justice Department the refusal by CIO President Philip Murray to obey a subpoena from him.  
The subpoena directed that Murray appear before Hoffman, sitting as a one-man House labor subcommittee, at 9 a. m. (CST) today. Murray did not show up. The CIO president had made public last night a letter advising Hoffman that he would not be there and challenging Hoffman's right to issue the subpoena.

# Scouts Receive Christmas Gifts

Boy Scouts of Troop No. 7 received individual first aid kits as gifts at their Christmas party Tuesday night at the Kate Morrison school.  
The gifts were presented by the Big Spring Lions club, sponsor of the troop.  
Thirty-four of the 38 troop members attended the session and six new candidates presented themselves for registration. Lions representative who attended included Jack Y. Smith, committee chairman, George Melear, institutional representative and Dr. C. W. Deats, committee member. Murph Thorp, Jr. was a guest.  
Al Bettley is Scoutmaster for the troop.

# Garden City WSCS Has Christmas Mee

GARDEN CITY, Dec. 22.—The WSCS met Monday afternoon at the church for their Christmas program.  
Topic was "They Offered Him Gifts." Mrs. A. T. Asbill brought the devotional, and the group sang "Silent Night." Mrs. H. L. Lovell and Mrs. D. W. Parker gave the program.  
Attending were Mrs. Asbill, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. Chas. Cox.

# Vermont Man Is Beaten And Robbed

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 22. (AP)—Badly beaten and robbed of \$600, Laurent S. Le Roche, 40, of Burlington, Vt., was found lying semi-conscious in a park here late last night.  
Le Roche told police officer Ray L. Byler he was attacked by two men.

# Fire Damages House

A house located approximately a mile west of town on US 90 was damaged slightly by fire at 10:20 p. m. Tuesday, city firemen reported.  
The house is occupied by C. A. Vaughn.