

## CAA To Spend \$150,000 On Airport

### British Surround Three Italian Divisions Big Spring Shares In Huge Program

#### British Minister Dies In America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Lord Lothian, the British ambassador to the United States, died today. Lothian, 58, had been indisposed several days. He cancelled an appearance last night before the American Farm Bureau Federation in Baltimore and the speech he had prepared for delivery before the federation was read for him. His embassy made this announcement on the death of the man who had represented Britain's interests in the United States since four days before his country declared war on Germany.



LORD LOTHIAN

"Lord Lothian was taken ill on Sunday night and although he continued to improve during Monday and Tuesday, he suffered a relapse last night. "The cause of death was a uremic infection." The six-foot envoy, who succeeded Sir Ronald Lindsay as the British ambassador here, had won a high place in the esteem of members of the diplomatic set. As early as 1916 he took an important place in the British government. In that year he became secretary to Prime Minister Lloyd George. He was known as Lloyd George's "Col. House," and was credited with having written many sections of the Versailles treaty. He received his title of marquess in 1930 on the death of a cousin. Besides being the Marquess of Lothian, he is Lord Newburgh, Earl of Lothian, Baron Kerr of Ancrum, Baron Jeddburgh, Earl of Ancrum, Baron Kerr of Nisbet, Baron Long-Newton and "Dolphington, Viscount of Brien, Baron Kerr of Newbattle and Baron Kerr.

Lord Lothian was a Christian Scientist and had written much about that faith. When he arrived here in August 1939 it was his fifteenth journey to the United States. As secretary of the Rhodes trust, he had visited 44 of the states and prided himself on knowing something about American public opinion. Lord Lothian once believed that Adolf Hitler was "earnestly" desirous of peace, and he advocated an Anglo-German pact. He even suggested that Germany's colonies be restored to her. Then came Munich and Hitler's seizure, first of the Sudetenland, and then of all of Czechoslovakia. From that time on, Lothian was convinced that the only way to deal with Hitler and Mussolini was through superior power. Lord Lothian returned only recently from a visit in London and started public discussion of financial aid to Great Britain by declaring that country's finances were running low.

#### NYA Center May Open By End Of Year

There were evidences Thursday that the NYA resident center for Big Spring might be opened before the end of the year. Most materials needed in improving the city park community center buildings for occupancy by NYA enrollees had been received, and virtually everything was ship shape except erection of a flag pole. In addition, at least one work project was shaping up for the youths, to be assigned here from a 28-county area, as lines for the city airport terminal building were staked. Location for permanent buildings for the resident center had been staked earlier on a tract acquired by the city in a trade with the local school district. The center is to be set up for 50 boys at first, with plans allowing for expansion to 100 youths. They would erect shop buildings, dining hall, kitchen, recreation hall and administration building. The original project is set up for little less than \$100,000.

#### Airline Flights Stopped Here

Two flights of American Airlines were held at the municipal airport temporarily Thursday morning as cargoes and passengers of both ships were changed. The two liners were stocked with gasoline as a safety measure against weather with foggy tendencies to the east, whence the ships were bound. W. H. Scott, American Airlines terminal manager, said that both ships took off shortly after noon after being held here for more than an hour and a half for the change. Early morning fog here had cleared so that the liners had no difficulty in landing.

#### Many To Ask Sheriff Job

Members of the new commissioners court face the prospect of a flood of applications for the vacancy which will occur after Jan. 1 due to death of Rowan Settles, sheriff-elect, here last week. W. B. Morrison, county judge-elect, said that there was reasonable success for 15 to 18 applications, however not that many have filed applications in writing. One commissioner-elect said he knew of nine applicants for the post. The policy of having applicants file written applications is being adopted, and from this list the new court may appoint a person to fill the term to which Settles is elected. The appointment cannot be made until Jan. 1 when a vacancy actually occurs.

#### South Texas Storm Injures Two Persons

KATY, Dec. 12 (AP)—Two persons were injured seriously and two houses destroyed today when a twister struck a mile north of here.

#### 20,000 Men Captured In Desert Fight

English Continue Pursuing Romans Across Hot Sands

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP)—With the British claiming more than 20,000 prisoners and reports to London of a general Italian retreat, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told commons today it would not be surprising if at least the best part of three Italian divisions were trapped in the Egyptian desert.

A communique from Cairo said "the latest estimate of prisoners taken exceeds 20,000 with tanks, guns and equipment of all types." Thus was summoned up briefly the British view of the results of the four-day British offensive which carried their mechanized forces to the Mediterranean coast and into the Italian base at Sidi Barrani, advance Egyptian post of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's forces.

Churchill, cheered wildly as he spoke, said 7,000 Italian prisoners already had reacted Matruh, the British camp at the railroad of the line running eastward across the coast to Alexandria.

"It would not be surprising," he said, "if numerous Black-shirt formations had been either destroyed or captured."

The prime minister said the British were still pursuing the Italians westward, with the Royal Air Force supporting the attack and the navy shelling the principal road open to the fascist forces.

The three Italian divisions to which he referred may number from 42,000 to 51,000 men.)

A Reuters, British news agency, dispatch from Egypt said the latest RAF reconnaissance flight data indicated a general Italian retreat was developing.

The British were reported to be still bombing and machine-gunning the Italians as they fell back from Sidi Barrani, advance Italian invasion base in Egypt, which fell to the British yesterday after a swift advance of their mechanized troops to the coast.

The admiralty, meanwhile, announced that the Royal Navy is continually harassing Italian communications "in an effort to 'disorganize the Italian retreat in North Africa.'"

#### Allotments For Cotton Released

On the eve of the day for community conventions for election of AAA community committeemen and selection of delegates to Saturday's county convention, cotton allotments were mailed to Howard county cotton producers Thursday. Allotment figures were posted to 963 producers, representing an aggregate allotment of 64,411 acres for the area. This was about 200 acres under last year, hence most individual allotments were down only a fraction of an acre in comparison with last year.

Friday at 2 p. m. in the district courtroom, community committeemen for the east and west districts will be chosen. Delegates named to the county convention will select a county committee Saturday. M. J. Birdwell, field auditor for the AAA in district No. 6, made a routine check of office records here Wednesday and found matters moving smoothly.

#### School Custodian Course Nears End

Closing a five-days' study of public school building custodianship under direction of the industrial division of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college extension service, Big Spring's school faculty and maintenance men will meet Friday at the school building. Members of the Stanton, Coahoma, Midway, and Forsan school systems are meeting with the local group to obtain information on how to conduct and maintain a school building upon conditions most healthful for students. Problems of building adaptability have been given consideration, with some emphasis placed on more modern construction. Cleaning and lighting features also came in for study in conjunction with general upkeep of school buildings.



GREKS SAY ITALIANS STILL FALLING BACK—Athens reports that Italians were falling back steadily for a possible new stand in heights around Chimara (1), almost half way up the Albanian coast from Porto Edda to Valona. A Greek spokesman said Italians also were withdrawing rapidly north of Argirocastro and London reports said Greeks had taken Kodre (2). Snows hampered operations on the northern front (3). Greeks said their penetrations (slant shading) of Albania now is almost twice as deep at both flanks as maximum Italian thrusts into Greece several weeks ago. Black areas indicate direction and location of the Italian thrusts, which never have been exactly defined.

#### Congress Must Okay Loans To Britain, Says Morgenthau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau declared today that the treasury would consider lending money to Great Britain only if congressional consent was obtained.

Joining Jesse H. Jones, the federal loan administrator, in defining this policy, Morgenthau said at a press conference:

"Irrespective of any interpretations any lawyers might give of the treasury's powers to lend money without the specific consent of congress, I certainly would not be a party to any loan to Great Britain or any other country coming under the Johnson act, without the direction of congress."

Jones had first publicly declared the policy of congressional consent at a press conference yesterday.

On another aspect of international finance, Morgenthau was asked whether he would seek an extension for the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund, the statutory life of which will expire next June 30. "That's a couple of lifetimes away, at the pace we're living now," he replied. Some speculation has arisen that this fund might figure in financial aid to Britain.

#### 'Reservation' Fixed For Petain And Staff

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 12 (AP)—French officials in the Paris area, helped by German forces of occupation, are fencing off Versailles, the forest of Versailles and the adjacent villages of Chesney and Roquancourt as a "reservation" for Premier Chief of State Philippe Petain and certain other officers of the Vichy government.

#### Strike Threatens Katy Railroad

DENISON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Mediation efforts are under way at Washington in the threatened strike by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers of the Katy railroad system. Charles McKenny of Denison, general chairman of the firemen, said that they had voted overwhelmingly in favor of striking unless their demands are met. McKenny has gone to Washington to join international brotherhood officials in attempts to compose the differences. The strike threat is an aftermath of a three-year-old dispute, in which the firemen have contended that the Katy management is violating an agreement in its regulation of working lists and promotion or demotion of firemen and from engineer service.

#### Cold Weather Moves South Across Texas

Light Snow Begins Falling In North Panhandle Area

By The Associated Press Freezing, wet weather advanced on Oklahoma and Texas today. Berger, in the Texas Panhandle, reported a light mist-snow already was falling there. The temperature at 7 a. m. was 34.

Snow was forecast for tonight in Oklahoma and in much of North Texas. Hard freezes were expected tomorrow or tomorrow night.

In Big Spring, temperature was in the forties today, but colder was predicted for tonight. The local weather bureau said it "might freeze tonight or might stay a little above freezing, but that freezing weather is due Friday."

The weatherman at Amarillo said that the Texas Panhandle was due for another shot of ice tonight but it probably would be light because the mist would turn to snow before much ice formed. An ice storm a short time ago did tremendous damage.

Precipitation was reported today from widely separated Oklahoma and Texas cities.

Two and twenty-hundredths inches of rain were recorded at the Stinson Field station, San Antonio. The accompanying electrical storm caused some damage.

A heavy mist dripped all last night over the South Plains area of Texas and clung lightly this morning. The minimum temperature was 41. Midland reported fog and mist and Corsicana mist.

Rainfall included: Corsicana 1.27 inches; Houston, 63; Austin, 1.29; Navasota, 1.91; Waco, .52; Belton, 2.65 Fort Worth, .50; Dallas, .80; Wichita Falls, .24; Ardmore, Okla., .22 and Oklahoma City, .10.

#### Charge Filed In Kermit Slugging

KERMIT, Dec. 12 (AP)—A charge of murder was filed today against Pete Barnett, 31, oil company employee here, in connection with the death yesterday of Charles C. Watson, 50, a gauger.

Officers said said an autopsy showed that Watson's death resulted from head wounds inflicted with a blunt instrument. He was discovered, dying, on the earthen bank of a slush pit near Kermit.

Apparently slugged unconscious and thrown into the pit, Watson managed to crawl to the earthen bank. Evidences of a struggle were found on the ground nearby. Barnett is married and has three children.

#### Weather Forecast U. S. Weather Bureau

WEST TEXAS—Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday with rain over south portion and snow over north portion. Much colder tonight with temperatures below freezing except over extreme southeast portion.

EAST TEXAS—Cloudy with local rains in south, rain in north changing to snow in extreme north portion, colder tonight. Friday rain and snow in north portion, local rains in south portion, colder, cold wave in north and central portions with hard freeze Friday or Friday night. Strong northerly winds over north portion by Friday.

LOCAL WEATHER DATA Highest temp. Wednesday, 46.9. Lowest temp. today, 43.8. Sunset today, 5:42. Sunrise Friday, 7:38. Rainfall: trace.

#### Public Urged To Enter Yule Light Contest

Big Spring was included today as one of 15 Texas cities to share in a \$40,000,000 Civil Aeronautics Administration airport development program, advises from Washington disclosed.

Improvements, confined by CAA to actual takeoff and landing facilities, for the local port would amount to \$150,000, well above the \$106,000 originally mapped for the first unit of a multiple-unit project proposed for Big Spring. According to the announcement in Washington by Col. Donald H. Connolly, administrator of Civil Aeronautics, work contemplated immediately for Big Spring would include the opening of a new runway, extension of three existing landing areas, installation of additional lighting facilities and fencing the field.

Specifically, funds were set up for clearing, grading, drainage and paving of a new north-southwest runway, 150 feet wide and 5,460 feet long. The east-west runway, now about 3,900 feet long and 100 feet wide, would be widened by 50 feet and extended to 5,460 feet. The north-south runway and the northwest-southwest runways, ranging from 4,400 to 4,900 feet now, would be extended to 5,460 feet.

In addition a beacon, code beacon, control panel, boundary, range and obstruction lights were included along with fencing for the entire field.

The city's contribution to the expansion program would be to provide additional land—possibly 250 to 300 acres, and to complete its part of a current \$18,000 WPA airport project. Improvements costing \$190,000 were approved for Sweetwater municipal airport. Work will include grading, drainage and fencing of the entire field, installation of beacon, code beacon, control panel, boundary, range and obstruction lights, and paving of the north-south runway 150 by 4,900 feet.

Other projects approved: Corpus Christi, \$184,000; Galveston, \$205,000; Waco municipal, \$184,000; Waco, proposed new airport, \$218,000; Brownwood, \$133,000; College Station, \$75,000; Del Rio, \$129,000; Eagle Pass, \$75,000.

"None of our funds are being used for buildings, hangars or other facilities not actually a part of the landing field," said Col. Connolly. However, Big Spring has an approved NYA project for a new terminal building, to cost in excess of \$30,000, and lines were staked for it Wednesday.

B. J. McDaniel, city engineer, said center lines for the structure were run Wednesday, and that NYA supervisors were running other lines for the bitudobe structure Thursday. E. V. Spence, city (Continued On Page 6)

#### Sheep, Goat Men Throng San Angelo

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 12 (AP)—With flims to a "glided" year about to be written, men and women of the Texas sheep and goat empire packed San Angelo today and set humming the machinery of the convention marking their silver jubilee.

Four hundred persons were here for the 25th anniversary meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers association. A picture of the wool growers' national front was to be brought to the convention this afternoon by Earl Marshall of Salt Lake City, Utah, secretary of the National Wool Growers association, and Byron Wilson, secretary of the Wyoming wool growers. The two long have been prominent in Washington battles for the grower.

C. B. Wardlaw of Del Rio, president of the national wool growers, was among those in attendance. The late Bob Martin, member of the Texas livestock sanitary commission, was eulogized by I. J. Wardlaw of Fort Worth, a member of the board.

#### Tornado Strikes Louisiana Town

NAPOLÉONVILLE, La., Dec. 12 (AP)—An early morning tornado today damaged eleven buildings in Napoleonville but no one was injured. City officials estimated the damage at between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and the roar of the storm evidently gave sleeping residents sufficient warning to flee.

#### Medina Lake Fills

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 12 (AP)—After a prolonged period during which the water level was at the lowest mark it has been for several years, Medina lake today was rising to an overflow stage due to waters from the Medina river. Several cabins in the area were threatened, according to reports here.



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#### Old Favorites Remain, But - - Santa Stocks Up On War Implement Toys

Even Santa Claus had to take notice of booming guns and roaring airplanes, for his holiday store of toys, now flooding shelves of Big Spring merchants, includes a generous supply of defense weapons. A complete line of the implements of battle are being seen, thus carrying out the national defense motif. Forts, fitted with guns and soldiers, have recently been put on Big Spring's toy counters. A miniature coastal defense unit is completely equipped with two planes that can be launched from a catapult, guns that fire a wooden shell, searchlights, and cardboard battleships for target work. Guns that throw a flame and roar take care of heavy artillery demands in toyland. Loaded with a charge of carbide and water and fired with a flint, these midget blasters add a realistic atmosphere to a warlike scene. Toy war tanks and trucks carry out the motorization now needed in warfare. No longer need the backyard generals ride herd over a bunch of poorly equipped tin soldiers. Tasks of mercy are not forgotten in all this fighting material. Field hospital ambulances are even being offered in sizes large enough to carry a youngster. Army nurses and stretcher bearers are found in the ranks of tin fighting men. But, all is not war in toyland. Electric trains still clatter around tracks, builder sets take a leading role on the counters, dolls continue to yell for mamma, and little girls' tea sets are as gaudy as ever. Kids still gaze at types of things that got silent, entranced stares from their mothers and fathers. Wheeled goods, according to Big Spring merchants, are attracting the usual amount of attention. Games that can be played by all members of the family are gaining prominence. One of these deals with the buying and selling of oil leases, operating somewhat like the once-popular monopoly. Taken as a whole, this Christmas' toy offerings have more warlike aspects than in former years, but the old standards are holding their own.

# First Section Of Howard-Martin Rural Line Gets Current

## Electricity Replaces Oil In 37 Homes

Mr. and Mrs. Dick King shoved their kerosene lamps aside last night and pulled a cord for their light.

It was as simple as that, this delivery of electrical energy to a typical Howard county farm home. In fact, it was so simple that Mr. and Mrs. King, along with 36 other consumers on a 12-mile stretch of REA line, were taken completely by surprise and had to acquire light bulbs.

What occasioned this development was the energizing of the first section of line for the Caprock Electric Cooperative Wednesday afternoon. After 16 months of doubting, most patrons along the section were caught without facilities to utilize the power.

After several days of telegraphing and a long distance call by Orlaf Anderson, REA field engineer, permission was granted Wednesday in Washington for energizing of the first section of a 180-mile "A" project for the cooperative.

At 4:30 p. m. George Davis, Texas Electric Service lineman, kicked in the last of six automatic fuses. There was a spitting flash, and electrical energy surged around the circuit. Down on the ground approximately 40 people watched the performance, which signalled first fruits of a two-year campaign for electricity in rural areas of Howard and Martin counties.

"It's the first time in five years we've had real light out here," said Mrs. King, who resides three miles north on highway No. 9. "People who have never lived in town may not know what it's like to live without electric light. But we've missed them."

O. B. Bryan, district supervisor for the cooperative, was on hand to witness the energizing of the first stretch. Zelma Farris, CEC secretary, was happy over it, too, for "tomorrow I can tell them that it's on the way. They've asked plenty if there ever would be any juice on the line."

Bryan said that as quickly as other sections of the project were completed, permission would be sought to energize the line and give service to consumers.

However, he was not hopeful of getting power over the entire 180-mile job for many weeks yet, for at least two more carloads of wire are needed and deliveries at best are slow. Between 250 and 400 patrons will be served. Those given service by the initial energization Wednesday were in the Moore and Fairview communities.

The campaign for rural electrification began more than two years ago among a group of Howard and Martin county farmers. Riggs Shubert, Courtney school superintendent, took the lead and eventually a project was worked up. Then followed months of waiting, with prospective consumers dubious about their meter fees, until an allotment of \$140,000 was announced. Bryan was hired as supervisor and eventually contract let to R. W. McKinney Construction Co. Now farm homes are in for a bit of city convenience.

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## Silence From Mysterious Kremlin So Heavy You Can Almost Hear It

MOSCOW, (UP)—The masters of the Kremlin, ruling the neutral Soviet state of the world, are wearing their most inscrutable mask in the grim game of power politics being played as a side attraction of the war.

Newspapers for talkativeness, the Kremlin men now have become as uncommunicative as the sodden, gray clouds of winter over the golden Byzantine domes of their citadel.

Joseph Stalin, chief of them all, has not spoken since the March, 1939, congress of the Communist party, of which he is secretary-general.

Vyacheslav Molotov, premier, foreign commissar and general right-hand man, who usually does the talking for Stalin, has not spoken publicly since the Supreme Soviet session last Aug. 1.

Parliamentary debate, public statements and press conferences—all the normal channels through which a government usually informs its people of what it is doing—have been closed.

The Soviet press remains virtually the only source of information in Russia, and even that is running dry. Most war news is given in official communiques from Berlin and London. Diplomatic news usually comes in New York dispatches, quoting American newspapers about what is happening in Europe and the Far East.

Only in events of extreme importance, like conclusion of the German-Italian-Japanese pact, is there any editorial reaction.

Still friendly. Then Pravda, Communist party organ, lays down the law; Izvestia, government organ, echoes it the next day, and the rest of the newspapers repeat their comment for days afterward.

Denials published by Tass, official Soviet news agency, also give some clues to the trend of Kremlin opinion.

The silence does not mean un-



The Kremlin: It has absolutely NOTHING to say.

friendliness. The foreign press department of the foreign office gives correspondents a cordial reception even though "No" may be the answer to most requests.

Don't Mention Reich. Diplomats also enjoy warm relations with government officials.

When United States Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt returned from a four-month visit to America last summer, Molotov received him at the Kremlin by slapping him on the back, putting both hands on his shoulders and expressing pleasure at seeing him again.

One curious note detected by European diplomats in these talks is that Soviet officials do not mention Germany in speaking of the entry of German forces in Rumania and passage through Finland. They speak simply of the presence of "troops" in those countries.

The reason for the cautious silence is easy to find. Soviet policy throughout the war has been one of neutrality and friendship with neighboring powers to keep Russia out of the conflict, while driving ahead on a campaign of internal reinforcement.

If a shift in the balance of power should make a change of policy advisable, surprise would play a large part in the effect.

## Officers Quiz Negro Suspect In Assault Cast

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 12. (UP)—A negro chauffeur-butler, who, Assistant Prosecutor Archibald H. Tunick said, confessed twice assaulting a comely Greenwich society matron and later hurling her into a lonely reservoir, faced further grilling today after arraignment on a rape charge.

Tunick said that when the servant, Joseph Spell, 31, was presented in town court and his ball set he would ask for a continuance to check all angles of the case, including one of possible kidnaping which brought FBI agents into the investigation.

Detective Sergeant Martin H. Nee, after visiting Mrs. John K. Strubing, Jr., 32, at a White Plains, N. Y. hospital, said she accused Spell of forcing her to write a \$5,000 "ransome note," in addition to attacking her three times in her mansion Tuesday night, and several hours later throwing her with her feet bound into Kenisco reservoir, nine miles away in Westchester county, New York.

Mrs. Strubing, Nee reported, related that Spell, threatening her with a knife, first attacked her in her bedroom after she emerged scantly clad from a shower bath. After she was thrown into the reservoir, Nee said the woman told him, the butler stoned her until "I decided to float as if I were dead." She later struggled ashore, and was taken to the hospital by a truck driver and policeman.

"Biggest Beet" Exhibited. WORLAND, Wyo. (UP)—A bank exhibited a sugar beet which is a leading contender for the "Biggest Rocky Mountain Beet of 1940." It weighs 23 pounds and 13 ounces, is 23 inches long, and 9 1/2 inches wide.

## First Soldiers Reach Camp Bowie

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 12. (UP)—While construction projects at Camp Bowie were being rushed to completion the first contingent of Texas National Guard troops ordered here settled down to quarters.

Forty-seven officers and 467 men of the 111th quartermaster regiment of Austin, moving in on schedule at 11:35 a. m. yesterday, found camp grounds muddy because of a half inch rain.

Remaining units of the 36th division, Texas National Guard, will reach Camp Bowie Saturday, next Tuesday, and next Wednesday.

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## Recreation News

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Outstanding players in athletics for Mexican Plaza are: basketball—Alfonso Mander, Enrique Hernandez, and Lupo "Coco" Cruz; football—Tony Fierro, David Gomez, and Meryjido Fierro; horse shoes—Carlos Roman, Martin Paredes; volleyball—Felix Willis, Alfredo Salgado; jackstones—Margarita Lopez, Fay Lujan; checkers—Kosasa Lopez, Santos Duron; pick-up-sticks—Carlos Gonzalez and David Leyva.

East Side girls organized a volleyball team the past week with Wanda Evelyn Lee, Janette Harris, Jean Harrison, Olan Lee, Tommie Staton, and Billy Boulware, team captain, participating.

The community night program was held at Hartwells Friday. About forty people took part in the numerous games. A radio program was presented by the Hartwells recreation group last Friday over Station KBST, featuring Delmer Deen Davis, Odell Joiner, Mary Francis Burchett, Charles Copeland, Pauline Joiner, accompanied at piano by Zylphia Neely, and vocal by Hartwells choral group.

A "lolly pop land" party was given at Birdwell park Friday afternoon. Social games were introduced and lolly pops were given as favors. Zoberta Warren won honorable mention for outstanding work in arts and crafts, and Gene Green and Billy McClendon in football.

Instructions on light and heavy bag workout given at ABC park Thursday night included roping, jumping and boxing. The following boys took part in the activities: Ben Kirkland, Joe Kirkland, Don Richardson, DeWayne Hooper, George Wienkauf and Elton Hamby.

Attendance has increased at the Moore playground the past week. Several tournaments were held with the following boys receiving honorable mention: Bobby Nell Burchett, Murphy Lee Daniels, and Freddie Phillips.

A donkey basketball game has been scheduled for Tuesday night January 7, at the Moore playground.

The music department began rehearsal of the Christmas play last Thursday night. There are sixty-six members in the cast.

The "Sunset Serenaders" presented a fifteen minute program at the Christmas program Friday. Music classes continue to increase with four new pupils enrolled the past week. The following pupils did outstanding work in music: Bob Killion, violin; Betty Killion, Francis Malone and Alma Walton, piano.

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Howard Co. Men Listed In Order Of Draft Numbers

Table listing Howard County men in order of draft numbers, including names and addresses. Columns include name, address, and draft number.

Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

By MEDORA FIELD

Main text of the story 'Who Killed Aunt Maggie?'. It begins with 'The clue of the secret room was...' and continues through a detailed investigation of a murder case.

Midway Beats Chalk Teams

Midway boys and girls made a clean sweep of a series with Chalk school at Midway Monday afternoon. The games were part of the rural league schedule.

Mitchell Farmers Receive \$300,000

COLONIA CITY, Dec. 5 (Sp) Cotton parity and soil conservation payments to Mitchell county producers under the 1940 AAA program had passed the \$300,000 mark this week, according to information obtained through the county AAA office.

Chapter 13 STEALTHY FOOTSTEPS It looked like nothing so much as the tailgait of an automobile sweeping around the curve of the road beyond that section now under repair.

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Editorial

There is little sound basis for an argument over governmental policy that goes against a record showing conclusively more efficient and more economical operation.

For the record, which does show more efficient and more economical operation, speaks loudly for the unit system. It, in fact, ought to be regarded as one of the major achievements of the Charles Sullivan administration, which has prevailed for the past four years.

The unit system could have shown even a stronger record in its own behalf, we believe, if it had been in operation longer.

The county records show that 12 1/2 miles of new road have been constructed in that nine-

The Record Speaks

month period; 18 1/2 miles in nine months as against only 18 miles of permanent road in all the years preceding! The records show further that the county has effected a saving in its road program under the unit system, of more than \$6,000.

If we are to have improved lateral roads—and The Herald has taken the position time and again that these are as important to the county as a whole, as are designated highways—we can build only on a county-wide plan to get maximum benefit.

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Washington Daybook

By Jack Stinnott

WASHINGTON—Ten or more states (and it could happen to all 48) now can get ready for the Battle of the Decade that has been cropping up every decade but one since 1790.

The Census Bureau has sent to the president the 1940 census figures, with computations of the number of representatives to congress each state will be allowed. By law, the president must pass these figures along to congress within a week after the new congress convenes January 3.

Here's the way it works: If the house of representatives is to continue with 435 members (and consequently, the same electoral votes and presidential convention delegations), then (by the method of major fractions) ten states will lose one representative each.

California would gain three representatives and the following states would gain one each: Arizona, Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Tennessee.

If the "method of equal proportions" is used, the results will be the same except that Michigan and Arkansas will retain the same numbers of representatives as they now have.

MAY IGNORE REDISTRICTING

I'm not going to get involved with the explanation of these two mathematical theories of representation. Except to some budding Einstein, they wouldn't mean anything.

Man About Manhattan

By George Tucker

NEW YORK—There was a tea for W. Somerset Maugham and Bette Davis, and it was an interesting first meeting for so distinguished an author and so able an actress.

Gazing about the room I recognized Lion Feuchtwanger, who was talking to Fannie Hurst, and across the way one recognized Sherwood Anderson, the novelist, in close conversation with Pierre Van Paassen.

Later, in Maugham's rooms, I was able to note the titles of more than 50 books that he had brought with him.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robbin Coons

HOLLYWOOD—They have filmed the big ballet sequence for "No, No, Nanette" but the story behind it is yet to be told.

Herbert Wilcox, the director-producer, had his doubts about ballet in its relation to the general movie public.

Anna Neagle and 24 other dancers were to do this ballet which would symbolize the struggle in an artist's soul between commercialism and serious art.

He talked it over with Aida Broadbent, who creates ballets and dances for the movies.

Aida Broadbent said she thought anyone with an ounce of imagination, the slightest sense of tone and rhythm, could interpret the average ballet.

So they staged an informal lunchtime matinee on a sound stage. The audience included some 30 secretaries and office workers from

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Unit Road System Defended In Talk

A staunch argument in behalf of Howard county's unit system of lateral road construction, improvement and maintenance—a system inaugurated some 15 months ago with resultant savings to the county and increased road construction—was laid before Big Spring chamber of commerce directors Monday by County Judge Charles Sullivan, who urged the civic organization to work for continuance of the program.

Directors turned the case over to their highway committee, called for an investigation of the program and an ensuing report upon which future policy will be based.

Howard county—largely through the efforts of Judge Sullivan, who is retiring from office January 1—adopted the unit system on road development in September of last year.

The program included abolition of precinct lines, so that all road work was put on a county basis; the use of road machinery in place of the "pony drag" system which had been employed on a localized basis; the purchase of gasoline and lubricants at wholesale; the erection of a warehouse and other facilities for storage and care of the county's equipment.

After several months devoted to reorganization of the system, the unit plan produced—in nine months—12 1/2 miles of new, permanent road, Judge Sullivan said the C-C board.

Sullivan emphasized—and County Auditor Claude Wolf verified his figures—that the county has shown a direct saving of over \$6,000 under the unit system, while extending the mileage on improvements and new construction; and that, at the first of January, the road and bridge fund will have a larger balance on hand than at any time in the past four years.

"Howard county has about \$80,000 per year to spend on lateral roads," the judge said. "We have felt that this is too large a sum not to be expended in the most practical and economical manner. We think we have shown that the unit system is the best. We hope it will be continued, and we hope the citizens and taxpayers of the county will work for its continuance."

Sullivan pointed out that under the old precinct division, equal amounts of money went to

Martin County HD Agent Resigns

STANTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Mrs. Elsie Glikerson, home demonstration agent of Martin county, will become agent in Nolan county January 1.

Succeeding her in Martin county will be Fannie Luckie, who is now teaching home economics at Garden City. She attended San Marcos Teachers college and has had 12 years experience teaching home economics.

Mrs. Glikerson organized eight home demonstration and nine 4-H clubs during her three and a half years as Martin county agent.

more roads, have saved money in so doing. We think the unit system ought to be continued."

C. of C. directors, at the conclusion of Sullivan's talk, voted a formal resolution of commendation for his services to the county during his four years as county judge.

Workers Told To Get Social Security Cards

Robert M. Mayne, manager of the Big Spring office of the Social Security Board, today urged all persons who contemplate temporary employment during the Christmas holidays to secure social numbers if they have not done so already and have not worked before.

Practically all employers now require social security numbers before a worker enters the firm's employment, Mayne explained. Lost Security cards may be replaced through the board office, 300 Petroleum building, he said.

Seasonal employment and part-time work are covered by the federal old-age and survivors law, Mayne stated, since the fact that workers are employed on a temporary basis in covered employment does not exclude them from participation in the program.

Employers should request all employees to obtain account numbers promptly and make a record of them since employers are required to report at the end of each three-month period the name of each worker, his account number, and the amount of wages paid him," Mayne said.

Account number forms may be obtained from the board's Big Spring office and from post offices in other localities.

Oil Men Say Crude Price Cut Localized

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 11 (AP)—Some oil men expressed the belief today that a recent price cut in crude in the Texas Gulf coast area would be localized.

They declared that so far there appeared little indication that it would spread immediately.

The Texas railroad commission soon after the price reduction of from one to 20 cents a barrel was announced called a state-wide ratification hearing today in Austin.

Tanker rates increased 400 per cent above normal for Atlantic coastal shipping were said by one marketer to be a great contributing factor to the crude price cut.

The high tanker rate has put the output of the Gulf coast area at a competitive disadvantage with other crudes in seaboard markets, he asserted.

Airport

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manager, received a satisfactory report on materials tests for the building Thursday morning.

Back from attending the international asphalt parley at Dallas, Spence said it was likely that Maj. A. B. McMullen of the CAA office in Washington and A. E. Dyatta, Fort Worth regional paving engineer for CAA, would come here this week to view the local port.

CAA laboratory staff members are due over the weekend to make exhaustive soil tests in view of projected developments.

In a number of cases, said Col. Connelly, "our funds will be used to extend or expand improvement work already being undertaken by the WPA under the jurisdiction of that agency. In some cases we can provide types of improvement not feasible on work-relief projects. But in no case will we permit our funds to be used in lieu of local contributions pledged by the sponsors of WPA projects."

It was understood that CAA would direct the program after the city concludes its current WPA program and that work might be started soon. Previously pledging cooperation, city commissioners already have options on needed land.

Other ports down for improvement were at Austin, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Waco (two ports), Brownwood, College Station, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Houston, San Antonio and Sweetwater.

Thieves Get Big Loot Of Foods

Thieves almost left R. W. Ramsey's cupboard bare Friday night.

He reported to police that the truck he drives for Wilson Packing Co. had been relieved of virtually all its contents, including approximately 300 pounds of sliced bacon, a case of canned meat, a couple of hotted hams, a side of smoked bacon, a quantity of brick chill. They left the truck.

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### Supervisors Soil District Resume Work

STANTON, Dec. 21 (Sp)—Anxious to complete their plan of work in order to start receiving applications or agreements from farm operators early in 1941, the board of supervisors for the Martin-Howard soil conservation district will resume their labors Tuesday at the Gordon Stone farm in northern Glasscock county.

Work on the program was launched last Monday at a meeting of the supervisors, who decided then to visit a farm and actually plan the installation of the conservation program on the ground. In this way, board members said, To relieve **COLDS** Mixture of **LIQUID TABLETS SALVE** **666 NOSE DROPS** COUGH DROPS Try "Rub-My-Tam"—a Wonderful Liniment

### Highest Court Takes Up Oil Control Suit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The supreme court took up today the knotty problem of oil proration orders issued by the Texas railroad commission applicable to the great 133,000 acre East Texas field.

### Man Finally Gets Best Of Sparrows

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo., Dec. 12 (AP)—Gerald Smith, proprietor of a shoe repair store, has found that small-headed nails spaced exactly 13-16 of an inch apart will keep sparrows from roosting on top of his sidewalk sign.

Enforcement of the orders, limiting total production in the field at 600,000 barrels of oil daily, was enjoined by a three judge federal court at Houston. The railroad commission appealed to the high court from both adverse decisions.

Humble Oil, which owns leases containing more than 14,000 acres, contended in its brief that it owned approximately 14 per cent of the oil in the field and therefore should be permitted to produce a daily amount equal to 14 per cent allowable under proration orders.



NEW MEMORIES FOR A MEMORIAL—British sources identify this bomb-spilled fallen aerial created on a lion as part of a memorial to Colin Campbell in Waterloo Place, London

Rowan and Nichols contended it had already lost by drainage, as a result of the proration orders, more than 200,000 barrels and "would continue to lose more."

### Sub Credited In Sinking 3 Ships

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (AP)—A German submarine was reported today to have ferreted out a British convoy and sunk four ships totaling 30,000 tons.

A Nazi dive bomber also was credited by DNE, official German news agency, with sinking a 2,000-ton ship with two direct hits southeast of Clacton-on-Sea, and a tanker heading for the Thames was reported bombed and sunk.

A third ship of 1,500 tons was damaged by German planes and left sinking, DNE declared.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12 (AP)—Several jurors wept in Judge Robert M. Jones' court as Frank Kombol, 36, made an impassioned plea as his own attorney for acquittal on a second degree burglary charge.

The original circumnavigation of the globe by Magellan's fleet took 1,083 days.

The United States produces more petroleum than all other countries combined.

### Drafted Men Show Better Ratings

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 12 (AP)—Army classification tests given at Dodd field reception center indicate that selective service men should do better than the average army recruit and such has been the result so far obtained, according to reports from the training center.

taking the tests should fall in the top class with "very superior" ratings: 24 per cent in grade 2, rated as "superior;" 33 per cent, grade 3, "average;" 24 per cent, fourth class, "inferior," and 7 per cent "very inferior."

### Farmers Hear British Plea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—British plea for assistance from the United States on the seas posed a major "aid-short-of-war" question today for President Roosevelt's decision upon his return from the Caribbean.

The need now for such assistance to maintain the vital food and supply lines to the beleaguered British Isles was emphasized by Lord Lofthian, the British ambassador (who died today) in a speech read for him last night before the American Farm Bureau Federation in Baltimore.

### RAF Attacks Invasion Ports

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Royal Air Force bombers attacked "invasion ports" on the French channel coast and German airfields in occupied territory last night, losing one plane in the assault, the air ministry reported today.

Assaults also were launched, a communique said, against power stations, inland docks and railway yards in western Germany.

### HAPPY RELIEF FROM PAINFUL BACKACHE

Many of these gnawing, crawling, aching backaches people blame on colds or strains or often caused by tired kidneys—and may be relieved when treated in the right way. The kidneys are Nature's chief way of taking excess acids and poisonous waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 2 pints a day.

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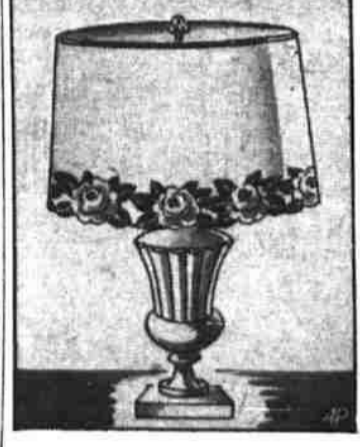
One of the nicest home gifts of all... an electric coffee maker. Heat-proof glass with smooth black wood handle. Complete with measuring spoon, serving cover. Just \$2.95... it will make "her" famous for delicious coffee. A. C. or D. C. complete with cord.



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"Universal" Electric griddle for table use. Toasts sandwiches, pancakes, etc. Chrome plated, walnut handles, large tray base with Waffle Plates \$9.95



HERE'S A LAMP SHADE you can make for someone's room. Smart appearance will come from careful measurement, selection of a light-fusing fabric, bias-cut for better fit, and bias tape to cover the wire strips of the frame. You can cut the border from chintz. Hand stitch the simple seam joining the ends of the cover after it is pulled taut over the frame. You can use a zig-zagger for sewing the border, and a corder for professional top finish.



YOUR DAUGHTER'S dressing table may provide the inspiration for a Christmas gift you would like to make yourself. An attractive drawer-deep valance, finished with broken scallop design and picot-edged ruffling, can be turned out on your sewing machine while Christmas cakes are baking. Inexpensive theatrical pause can be shirred to provide the beautiful gathered folds of the skirt. If your daughter likes a period touch in her room, and a lot of girls do, the valance will lend an 18th century atmosphere.

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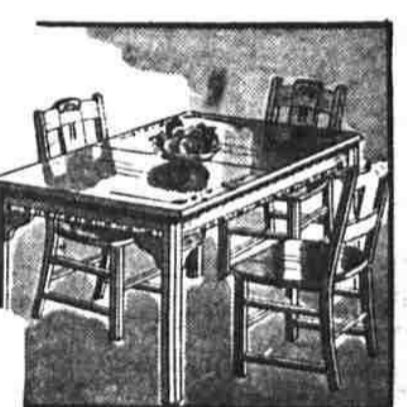


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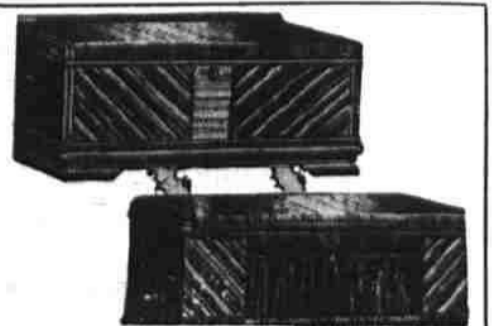
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