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WEST TEXAS: Fair tonight and Saturday, warmer in north Saturday.

FINNS LOSE ON ARCTIC, GAIN IN SOUTH

Oil Shutdown Abolition Is Seen Possible

Lon Smith Favors Change in February Except on Sundays

AUSTIN, Dec. 15. (AP). —Partial removal of shutdowns of Texas oil production became more of a possibility today. At the proration hearing, East Texas, Wichita and Archer county operators petitioned for lifting such closings and Railroad Commissioner Lon Smith, in a telegram from Dallas, said he favored cessation of shut-ins in February, except Sundays.

Previously Commissioner Jerry Sadler had announced he would recommend abolishing shut-downs and general readjustment of field allowables.

Presbyterians to Present Christmas Musical Programs

Seasonal music will be featured in services at the First Presbyterian church Sunday, with both morning and evening worship hours devoted to musical programs.

At 11 o'clock a volunteer choir, directed by Miss Jesse Scott Price, will present an hour of Christmas music along with the reading of the scripture from Luke concerning the nativity.

At 7 o'clock in the evening, a group of girls under the direction of Mrs. Maud Leonard will present a sacred cantata, "The Angel and the Star" by Ira Wilson. The evening service will be tri-fold, the first part consisting of reading from the Scriptures, prayer, a piano number, and offertory, the second part of the singing of Christmas carols, and the concluding part of cantata .

Mrs. A. M. McClure will be organist.

Garner Sure to Run, Says State Chairman

DALLAS, Dec. 15. (AP). — E. B. Germany, co-chairman of the national Garner For President Committee said last night Vice-President Garner "positively" would be a candiate for the 1940 Democratic presidential nomination regardless of what President Roosevelt does about a third term.

Speaking on a national radio hookup, Germany, chairman of the Texas Democratic party, said Garner supporters were proceeding on the theory President Roosevelt would not seek a third term.

"Mr. Garner will at the proper time make known his willingness to accept the nomination," Germany said. "I say this on my own responsibility but I say it with the positive knowledge that it is true.

"We have proceeded from the first on the natural assumption that Mr. Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term.

"Mr. Garner has never been a candidate, in the sense of seeking to obtain the office. He has always been a candidate in the sense that he is willing to serve whenever his leadership is sought and desired by the American people."

Oklahoma Pastor Will Preach Here

Rev. E. L. Miley, pastor of the First Christian church at Frederick, Okla., will be guest speaker at the Midland Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. John E. Pickering, pastor, has announced. Mr. Miley will preach on "The Model Sermon."

The Oklahoma minister, who is being transferred to Stephenville, Texas, the first of the year, is in Midland as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown. He was formerly pastor of the First Christian church at Cisco.

Pastor Will Read Program Continuity

Rev. H. D. Bruce, pastor, will read the continuity threading together the various musical selections when the Baptist choir presents a "sermon in song" at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Many old familiar hymns will be included in the program which will feature solos by Mrs. Joseph Mims and Miss Edith Conyers, a male quartet, and a soprano and tenor duet, in addition to chorus numbers. J. Boyd East, choir director, will be in charge.

Rehearsal for the program will be held at the church tonight at seven o'clock, Mr. East said.

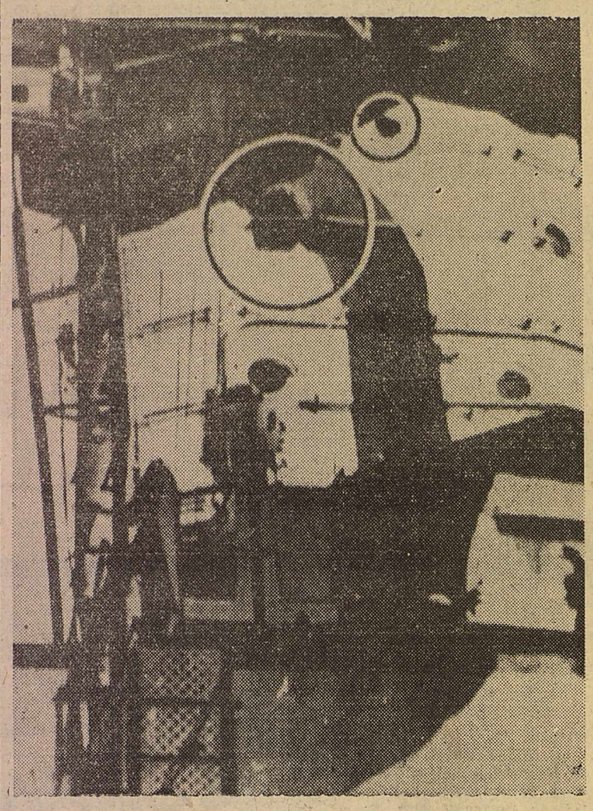
Chamberlain Visits His Troops in France

LONDON, Dec. 15. (AP). — The war office announced today that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain had arrived in France to spend a "few days" with the British expeditionary forces.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED.

Firemen were called to a vacant lot grass fire this morning in the 400 block of North D street. It was quickly extinguished with no damage done.

British Shell Did This to Graf Spee



(Acme Radio-Photo.)

Circles near the top of the fire control tower of Admiral Graf Spee, enclose gaping holes torn by British shells. This photo was radioed to New York, then telephotoed to Dallas.

First Wounded to Leave Graf Spee



(Acme Radio-Photo.)

Among the first wounded to leave Admiral Graf Spee, a lieutenant, his eye bandaged, is seen in an ambulance as he was rushed to a hospital at Montevideo, Uruguay, where the ship lay at anchor. This photo was flown by special plane to Buenos Aires, radioed to New York, and there telephotoed to Dallas.

Gala Christmas Party Attended by 150 Lions, Wives and Guests; Many Novel Gifts Shown

A brief visit by Santa Claus, who tarried long enough to distribute gifts to those present, the presentation of an interesting and entertaining program and the serving of an excellent turkey dinner featured the annual ladies night Christmas party of the Midland Lions club at the Methodist annex last night, a crowd of approximately 150 club members, their ladies and guests attending. President Claude O. Crane presided at the banquet session, with Secretary George Philippus being in charge of the program.

St. Nicholas, who arrived too late to partake of the tasty food, entered the banquet hall amid the shouts and cheers of the large crowd in attendance, with the pianist playing a snappy "Jingle Bells" tune. Santa Claus, in a brief address, brought greetings from the North Pole Lions Club and from the employes in the Kris Kringle workshop. The beloved old gentleman had lost considerable weight since his visit last year, due perhaps to overwork, and his bright red suit hung somewhat loosely. Santa, however, had lost none of his wit or gaiety and was in a most jovial humor. There were those present who commented on the similarity in voice and figure of the distinguished visitor and W. Clinton Lackey, Midland Rotary club member.

Highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Santa Claus of beautifully wrapped gifts to all in attendance. The gifts, some highly useful, some comical, were displayed by the receivers to the amusement of all. Santa Claus made his departure following the presentation of the gifts, promising to return on Christmas eve.

Featuring the musical part of the program were two vocal solos by Mrs. Jack Hawkins, a violin solo by Mrs. W. Lloyd Haseltine and two accordian solos by Miss Betty McDonald. Accompanying Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Haseltine at the piano was Miss Jesse Scott Price.

Several humorous stories by Dr. John B. Thomas and a very brief talk by Fred Wemple, former district governor of Rotary, were also enjoyed by the large crowd present. President S. A. Debnam, Secretary W. Ily Pratt and Fred Fromhold were among other Rotary club officials in attendance. All present introduced themselves and their guests, no man being permitted to sit next to his wife.

Following the conclusion of the banquet program, members of the group adjourned to the Midland Country Club where they were the guests of Bob Scruggs and Bill Holmes at a dance. The party was termed as the best ever given by the local Lions club.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the affair was com-

(See CHRISTMAS PARTY, page 6)

German Sailors Buried as Allied Fleet Stands By

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15. (AP). — Refueling of the Admiral Graf Spee began today amid growing expectation that she would put out to sea despite the increased strength of the British warships lying off Montevideo in wait for her.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 15. (AP).— Bodies of 36 German sailors, victims of the first major naval engagement of the European war, were buried here today. Their bodies in pine caskets, draped with the German flag, were carried from the shell-torn battleship Admiral Graf Spee through a lane of German civilians standing at the nazi salute.

The Uruguayan government permitted the 330 officers and crew members to come ashore and participate in the services.

Meanwhile, the Allies massed their naval strength off the Uruguayan coast to keep the dreaded raider entrapped. The 62 British seamen taken from nine merchantmen during the Admiral Graf Spee's nine weeks of raiding, were freed last night.

Finland Still Has Clean Credit Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP).—Finland paid $234,693 on its war debt today, despite her grim struggle against Russia.

Secretary Morgenthau told Finnish Minister Procope he would hold the money in a separate account in accordance with President Roosevelt's instruction, pending recommendation to congress that "this money be used for benefit of the Finnish people."

Yuletide Good Turn Object of Campaign By Area Boy Scouts

Scoutmasters of the Big Spring district met last night at dinner to discuss the Christmas Good Turn and plans for the camp to be held next summer in New Mexico. S. P. Gaskin, Council Executive, was present. At this time Jack Hodges was also announced as a member of the District Commissioners staff, serving with Walton Morrison. Mr. Gaskin has been in the district since Monday and will remain until Saturday, working with Scout leaders and district committees under the directoin of Carl Blomshield, Big Sspring chairman.
chairman.

Boy Scouts throughout the Buffalo Trail Council are completing plans for their Christmas good turn. In most towns the Scouts will gather old clothes and turn them over to other agencies for distribution. In other towns they will gather toys and in others each patrol will take Christmas baskets to needy families. It was not found practical to use the same plan in every town. The Scout Commissioner of each district center should be contacted by those desiring assistance. Commissioners throughout the council are: H. D. Reed, Sweetwater; Frank Farmer, Snyder, Monte Crawford, Colorado; Ike Newton, Rotan; Walton Morrison and Jack Hodges, Big Spring; Claude Crane, Midland; Audis Smith, Odessa; M. L. H. Baze, Monahans; Jim Durnal, Pecos; Lee Johnson, Wink, and Darold Wilson, Grand Falls.

Younger Bros. Move Offices From Wink

Offices of Younger Bros., Inc., oil well supply firm, have been opened in the John B. Thomas building, having transferred here from Wink. Dalas M. Dale, representative of the company, has lived at Midland for the past few years. Headquarters are in Dallas.

IS DISMISSED

Mrs. W. E. Hazlewood of Stanton was dismissed from a Midland hospital today. She had received medical treatment.

GIVE TO FINN RELIEF.

Additional contributions to the Finnish Relief funds, sent through the Reporter-Telegram, included today $1 each by W. D. Anderson and J. M. Armstrong. Funds sent in this manner will be forwarded to the state headquarters.

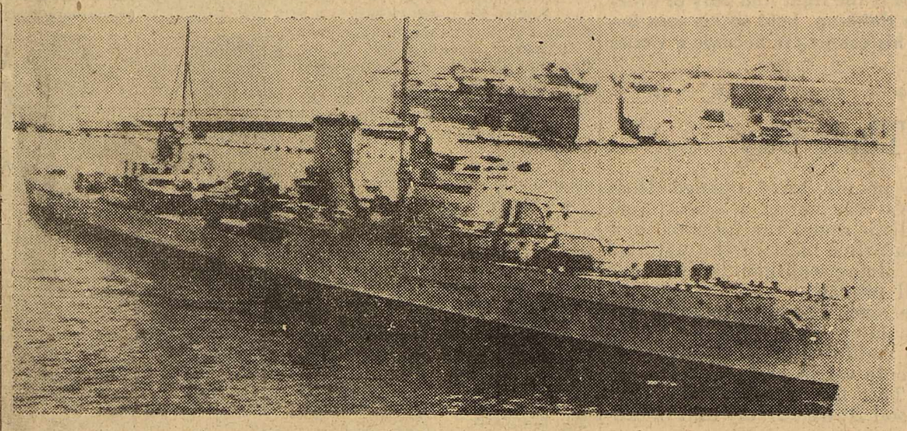
VISITED SPAULDING.

Mrs. Ben Allen and daughter, Shirley, of Abilene and Hoobs, stopped here yesterday for a visit with Mrs. Allen's father, W. H. Spaulding.

GINNINGS HIGHER HERE

Cotton ginnings to December 1, in Midland county, had reached 1,963 bales as compared to 1,094 at the same date last year, according to report of the census reporter, A. L. Houston of Stanton.

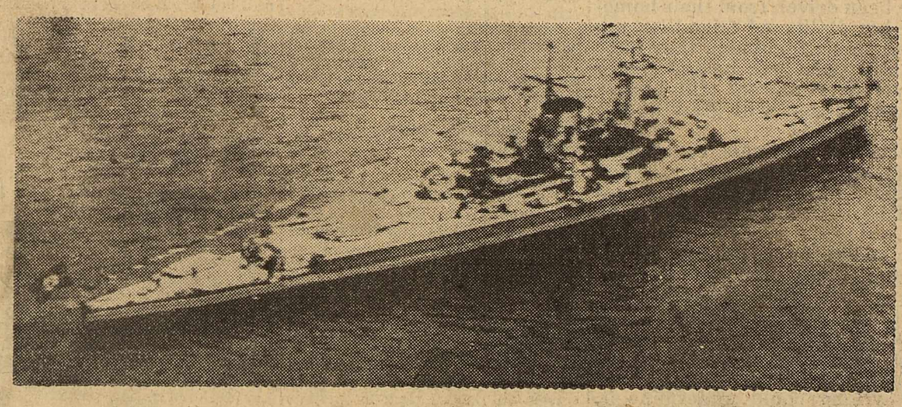
Speedy Cruisers Victors Over Nazi Ship



(Acme Radio-Photo.)

Taking full advantage of its superior speed, the British cruiser Achilles, pictured above, with two other British warships, the Ajax and the Exeter, triumphed in the biggest naval engagement of the war when the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, battered by the cruisers' fire, was forced to hunt safety in a Uruguayan port.

Death Watch Set Over Graf Spee



(Acme Radio-Photo.)

Shown is the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, loser in the war's first big naval battle when the warship, damaged by the fire of three British cruisers, was forced to run for the safety of the harbor of Montevideo, Uruguay.

British Ships Intensify Search For 2 German Pocket Battleships

LONDON, Dec. 15. (AP). — Great Britain's admiralty poured mighty men o' war into a redoubled hunt last night for the two German pocket battleships still at sea and counted out the troublesome raider Admiral Graf Spee, lying crippled in Montevideo harbor with a reinforced British warship patrol waiting watchfully outside.

The admiralty announced the two British light cruisers, Ajax and Achilles, which chased the Graf Spee into the neutral refuge late last night, had been "strongly reinforced." At the same time authoritative sources disclosed the battle cruiser Renown, mounting six 15-inch guns and twelve 4-inch guns and displacing around 37,000 tons fully loaded and the 22,000-ton aircraft carrier Ark Royal, had reached waters near Capetown to hunt the raiding German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

Renown Equipped.

The Renown is one of the few British warships deemed capable of "catching and killing" a German pocket battleship singlehanded. Her speed is 29 knots.

Patrols of British men o' war also were keeping a wary eye upon the North Atlantic for the Nazi pocket battleship Deutschland.

Morever, an intense 24-hour search for German warships and U-boats by British Royal Air Force squadrens over the North Sea and northwest German estuaries and islands was disclosed to have resulted in fierce air engagements over Helgoland Bight. Four German Messerschmidts and three British fighters were shot down, the air minister said.

Raidings Reported.

Raiding activities by the Admiral Scheer have been reported off South Africa. Naval sources, however, said the three pocket battleships, with identical specifications, had changed names frequently and that it was hard to distinguish between them.

The elation of British public, officials and press over "bottling up" of the Graf Spee overshadowed the loss of 120 men aboard the 1,375-ton British destroyer Duchess, which was sunk yesterday in a collision with another and unidentified warship. Only one officer and 22 men were saved.

The 202-ton British minesweeper William Hallett struck a mine today and sank with the loss of all but one of her crew of nine.

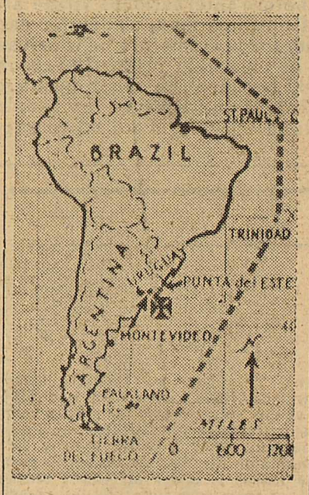
The 7,400-ton British tanker San Alberto was damaged "by enemy action" off the Southwest English coast.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, speaking in the House of Commons, called the feat of the two six-inch gun cruisers Achilles and Ajax in driving the Graf Spee to shelter a "gallant action."

Both the prime minister and the admiralty indignantly denied Nazi charges that the British cruisers had used mustard gas shells. Neither Chamberlain nor other officials, however, gave any information as to British casualties in the battle.

Chamberlain explained the sinking of the Duchess as "not a loss in action but an accident which one must expect as almost inevitable under conditions of darkness" prevailing on blacked-out sealanes.

Scene of Battle



(Acme Telephoto.)

This map shows the location of the war's greatest naval battle, when the German Graf Spee was forced to hunt safety in a Uruguayan port after an encounter with three British cruisers. The cross shows the battle zones. The dotted line shows the limit of the neutrality zone.

BULLETIN

LUBBOCK, Dec. 15. — The score was Lubbock 6, Sweetwater 0 in the third quarter of the state high school AA quarter final playoff this afternoon.

Lower Freight Rates For West Texas Asked

AUSTIN, Dec. 15. (AP). — A group of special commodity motor carriers in South and Southwest Texas Thursday petitioned the Railroad Commission to prescribe rates for livestock shipments in the territory south of Del Rio, Rock Springs, Austin, El Campo, and Palacious.

Objections were raised by the Panhandle Livestock Association, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Association and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, whose spokesmen said the proposed rates were higher than those being paid currently.

At present the commodity carriers themselves determine charges.

HOLSTER UNCHANGED

No change in the condition of D. E. Holster, Reporter-Telegram shop foreman, who underwent an operation at a Dallas hospital Thursday morning was reported today according to information wired by Mrs. Holster to her son, David, here. Mr. Holster was regared as being in serious condition.

Weiner, Farley et al to Deepen Ray Ranger Wildcat Southwest of Addis

BY FRANK GARDNER.

Ted Weiner of Fort Worth announced here today that he and Frank Farley, also of Fort Worth, are moving in machine from Chaves county, N. M. to deepen the old Ray Ranger No. 1 T. G. Hendrick, semi-wildcat over one-half mile southwest of the Addis or South Cowden pool in Ector county.

The Ranger test was abandoned approximately one year ago after spudding to 275 feet in red rock. It is 1,650 feet from the north and east lines of section 38, block 43, township 2 south, T. & P. survey. Weiner stated that he and associates plan to test the Addis pay in the wildcat but may carry hole deeper for a try at production in the Holt deep horizon northwest of the North Cowden pool in northern Ector should the shallower zone prove barren.

Unconfirmed top of anhydrite in Rhodes & Tompkins and Richmond Drilling Company No. 1 TXL, Ector wildcat southeast of the North Cowden pool, today was called at 1,760 feet, putting it 76 feet higher than Tide Water Associated Oil Company No. 1 Smith-Collins, producer a mile and a half to the northwest, which recently extended the south end of the pool one-half mile east. At last reports, No. 1 TXL was drilling ahead past 1,835 feet in anhydrite.

Sinclair-Prairie Oil Company No. 1-B Dora Johnson, test in the northwest extension to the Johnson area of Ector, is standing at 290 feet in red rock after cementing 9 5/8-inch casing at 276 with 150 sacks.

Sulphur Water in Yoakum Test.

Sulphur water amounting to about one bailer per hour was encountered from 5,120-25 feet, the total depth, by The Sloan & Zook Company and T. N. Sloan No. 1 Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald, northeastern Yoakum wild-

(See OIL NEWS, page 6)

Two Russian Regiments Are Driven Back

Retreat on Arctic Front Systematic as Mines Destroyed

HELSINKI, Dec. 15 (AP)—Finland told Russia today she was still open for peaceful negotiations but if Moscow's aim was "conquest of the whole country then the Finns will fight to the end."

Foreign Minister Vaino Tanner, in a radio broadcast to Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotoff, said the Finns were willing to suspend hostilities and resume negotiations.

HELSINKI, Dec. 15 (AP)—Finland's derenders retreated on the Arctic front today but held fast on the vital Karelian Isthmus and were reported during the Russians back North of Lake Ladoga.

The Arctic retreat, westward across Finland's corridor to the Arctic Ocean, was systematic, with the Finns destroying property potentially useful to the Russians, such as the nickel mines near Salmijarvi. The Russians were expected to reach Salmijarvi, on the Norwegian frontier, today.

Southward, above Lake Ladoga, the Finns reported a victorious counter attack. A communique said two Russian regiments were nearly annihilated when the Finns regained possession of Tolvajarvi, forty miles from the Russian frontier.

Germans, British Claim Victories In Air and on Sea

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Air Ministry announced today that British warplanes had bombed German seaplanes at Borkum, Norderney and Sylt. British fliers also were reported to have sighted nazi warships in the North Sea convoying a torpedoed German cruiser.

BERLIN, Dec. 1 (AP)—German warplanes shot down ten of twenty British attackers near the North Frisian islands, the high command reported today.

The communique acknowledged that one German plane was forced down in what it described as activity of British bombers throughout yesterday along the German North Sea coast.

GERMAN FREIGHTER IS SCUTTLED BY BRITISH

CAPETOWN, Union South Africa, Dec. 15 (AP)—The German freighter, Adolf Leonhardt, 2,989 tons was scuttled when intercepted by a British warship, it was announced officially today.

CONDITION ABOUT SAME

Condition of Mrs. Sterling Hanks, in a Midland hospital suffering from gunshot wounds, was reported today to be about the same. Hospital officials said, however, that the patient is still not out of danger.

Christmas Carols

Through the Ages



LULLAY, THOU LITTLE TINY CHILD

"Lullay, Thou little tiny Child,
By, by, lully, lullay . . .
Herod hath charged his men of might
All children young to slay . . ."

This is the famous Coventry Carol, first used in 15th century Mystery Plays dealing with the life of Christ. It was sung by women of Bethlehem in the play, just before Herod's soldiers came in to slaughter their children.

7 *Shopping Days Till Christmas*

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Refugees Wait for Their Day

In every nation whose people have opened their gates, refugees from Europe's war zones are scattered. Some are depressed and fatalistic about the fates of their nations. A few are indifferent. But most of the political refugees are fortified by an almost sublime faith in the ancient axiom that right will prevail.

It has been a long time since the prospects of Europe's freedom and progress have been quite so black. Some folks say not since the medieval area. But it's not quite as bad as that. Th ewhole world looked pretty bedraggled back in 1914-18. This has not been the first time in recent history that blood flowed freely and butchery was rife.

The tragedy is not that civilization is being annihilated. It isn't. The disaster is rather that all the advancement that has been made in Europe is being suddenly halted. It takes a long time to achieve small gains; it takes only the time necessary to sign a decree to smash everything.

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But the people who have been driven from their homelands, forced to accept the hospitality of friendlier nations, will not soon forget the ideals for which they once struggled. The folks who have been left behind under the domination of greedy, stronger powers will harbor in their hearts a deep resentment that will grow as the days and years roll by.

Nations are pretty much like business companies. They must operate under the same set of ethics. They must be just as honest with their neighbors and their peoples as a business man must be with his customers if he wants to remain in business.

Occasionally the system of ethics cracks up. A few nations may decide that competition must be crushed, monopolies established, the people given whatever the state wants to give them in the way of freedom and civil liberties. That happens in business sometimes, too. It happened to a certain Chicagoan by the name of Samuel Insull, whose commercial empire had become so vast that it seemed impossible that anything could undermine it. But the Insull network collapsed with a mighty thud.

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A nation can't forever remain dishonest and get away with it. As the victims of its atrocities increase in numbers, as their resentment and rage against oppression rises, the rumblings of mass opposition will become more distinct, will finally end in a victorious putsch for freedom.

It may be a long time before international virtue asserts itself. Like a dishonest business man, a dictator can hold a people under his thumb for years before he is driven out. But eventually, he will be unseated, just as the crook in business is finally caught, because the other business men around him are not dishonest and because the people with whom he deals can stand only so much of corruption before they balk.

SO THEY SAY

Roll Call

(The Daily Texan.)

Applin. Not here.
Barnhill. Not here.
Bell. Not here.

No. These men are not present. They have not been for twenty years. There are other names, but why call them out? No one remembers them. They are not here. They have not been in class for twenty years.

But there is a roll, and the bright sunshine and the cold rains alike fall upon it down at Memorial Fountain. They were the men of 1917. Their names are on a bronze plaque and on the War Department records at Washington. The dust of these names is under unlettered crosses. Not for them were the bluebonnets of their own state but the poppies of another.

Where are Applin, Barnhill, and Bell? Where is all that class that might be writing books and music, trading in the market, tilling the soil, or teaching, or preaching, or governing? There was once a young scientist named Mosely, two poets called Brooke and Seeger, and a delightful teller of tales known as Saki. They were fit men, men fit to live. What kind of soldiers they made doesn't matter, but that is how they died.

The world needed Applin, Barnhill, and Bell; it needed Mosely, Brooke, Seeger, and Saki. But the world needed them with pen in hand, in the laboratory, in the classroom, in the office, in the machine shop, on the farm. But they were taken away. They absorbed war propaganda and went willingly away. They absorbed lead and went unwillingly away for good.

It is hard to see how they could believe that they could make the world safe for democracy, but if we do not watch ourselves we are liable to fall for something which the perspective of years is likely to show just as obviously foolish.

Again war stalks Europe. Blood and lead have been supplemented for meat and bread. We do not want another bronze plaque down around Memorial Fountain to serve us as a reminder that another class of sons has perished uselessly.

Applin, Barnhill, Bell—come back and tell them about the futility of it all, the pain, the blood, and the dirt, and that you know that no political ideology is perfect and sufficient for all time, and that none of them is worth doing battle over.

But Applin, Barnhill, and Bell, and all those who went with them to die for vague abstractions in the guise of trade and greed are not here.

Applin. Not here.
Barnhill. Not here.
Bell. Not here.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON. — If you want an exact picture of the average American, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics can fix you up.

Bureau field workers recently made a sample census in 54 cities and invented a mythical "Mr. and Mrs. Middleton" to express their findings.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton are the average Americans. They're right in the middle: half of the people in America have higher incomes; half, lower.

And what are they like?

HOW REAL MIDDLE CLASS FOLKS LIVE

WELL, they have an income of $1160 a year, are parents of two children, live in a rented house (pay about $19 a month) and spend all but a few dollars of their income on food, shelter and clothing. They spend about $465 a year on food; this will buy an adequate diet, if they follow the tips of the Bureau of Home Economics—a pint of milk a day apiece, dessert once a day, and enough meats and vegetables to keep them healthy.

They can lay by $46 a year for medical care, which means that if

Reich Has Neither Credit Nor "Peacetime Goods" To Pay for War Imports, Writes John T. Flynn

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The war in Europe becomes a test of economic strength. How this peculiar struggle is going, after three months, is described in three revelatory articles written for The Reporter-Telegram by John T. Flynn, America's outstanding writer on economic and financial topics.

BY JOHN T. FLYNN.
NEA Service Staff Writer.

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GERMANY faces foes who have been determined to wall her in from the supplies she needs to carry on a protracted war. Can they succeed?

Germany's weakness lies in the fact that she must get a great deal that she needs from the outside. This is further aggravated by the fact that to get what she needs she must pay for it with either goods or money.

Her access to the goods of many countries is cut off by the British blockade. Many products are cut off that way altogether. Other products are made so costly that they are prohibitive. The risk of shipping goods to Germany raises the price. The roundabout route they must take makes another addition to the price.

To pay for these imported goods she needs money or merchandise. She has not the money. The only money good in international trade is gold and her supply is hopelessly in adequate.

As for other goods, there she faces two obstacles.

First of all the production of war materials, along with the demands for men in the army, makes it difficult for her to operate her peace-time product factories. She is not, therefore, able to supply exports as payment for what she needs on as large a scale as necessary.

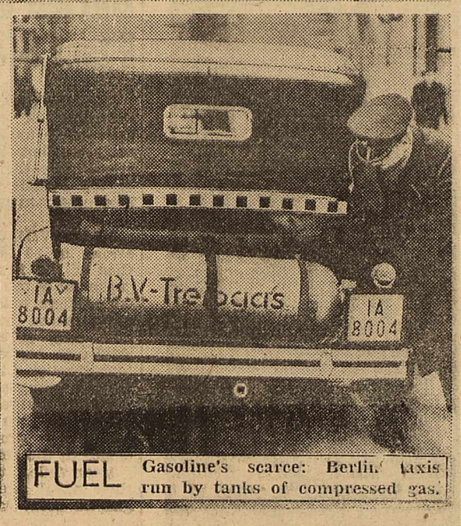
In the next place, whatever credits she has abroad she consumes in the purchase of war necessities, like oil and iron. Much of her iron comes from outside Germany and must be paid for with external credits.



BLOCKADE Sentinels of the sea . . . British warships halt Germany-bound cargo vessels.



FOOD How long will Nazis smile at receiving ration cards?



FUEL Gasoline's scarce: Berlin taxis run by tanks of compressed gas.

GEAT GERMAN NEED IS FOR GASOLINE.

ALREADY we hear of Germany's difficulty in getting oil from Romania. Romania is not too eager to supply it. And England and other countries have focused their buying on countries upon which Germany must rely in order to cut down her available resources. Finally now we are informed that Germany is having difficulty in paying for what she can actually get in Romonia.

This weakness in oil may prove her undoing. The modern army travels on its gas tank as well as its stomach.

Germany is building large plants for the production of gasoline from coal but it will be six months before her present construction will offer any supplies, and a year and a half before it is finished. And this is an enormously expensive type of gasoline. It is difficult to see much light for Germany in these facts.

FOOD ESSENTIALS ARE RATIONED.

ON the daily necessity side, the picture is a little less clear. Certainly drastic rationing has gone into effect. Everybody carries his meagre ration card.

While this is so, some observers insist that with this system Germany can last for a long time—she has large reserves and is thus conserving them. Goering declared brightly that Russia's great stores were opened to Germany and Dr. Ley declared ration portions would soon increase. But Russia will send nothing to Germany save what Germany can pay for. And this greatly limits that hope.

But there is another side to this. How long will the German people hold out under these conditions? Will not this affect the political situation?

VISUALIZE VAST UNDERGROUND DISCONTENT.

MANY men insist that the great Catholic population, the conservative business men who have seen all swept away by taxes and enforced loans, the immense and once powerful liberal groups in Germany remain unconquered but subjected to forced silence. They say that these sacrifices grow, the discontent will spread.

Hitler's mighty threats to France have so far proved empty. His surrender to Russia—his abandonment of the role of Anti-bolshevist No. One—is regarded as an evidence of known weakness.

All this induces many observers to conclude that three possibilities loom ahead:

(1) Hitler will try clandestinely to bring about peace this winter.

(2) There will be a left-wing revolt in Germany with the aid of Russia, and Germany will fall into the hands of the communists.

(3) There will be an economic collapse followed by a struggle between the right and left-wing forces amounting to a revolution. France and England will take advantage of this to maneuver a dismemberment of Germany.

Germany, on other other hand, believes that Britain, a capitalist economic unit, cannot stand the strain of a long war and will crack up before Germany does. The prospect of this is extremely light.

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TOMORROW: The Allied side of the economic front.

Real Wages Said by Babson to Be Highest in History of America

BY ROGER W. BABSON,
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CHARLOTTE, N. C. Dec. 15. — Factory workers in this and practically every other industrial town who have jobs are better off today than they ever have been. Their wages, measured by the amount of food and clothing their pay envelopes will buy, are the highest in history. The working generation of 1939 gets far more for its dollar than that of 1929. Only disadvantage facing the employee of today is the fact that a fourth of his income must go for taxes, relief, and graft.

In remembering the late 1920's as a period of unbridled prosperity, we often forget that many changes have taken place which benefit the wage earner and salary worker of 1939. Living costs have plummeted while wage rates have skyrocketed. The cost of living, as estimated by authorities today, is off a seventh from 1929. This means that a man who is receiving the same wage today that he was 10 years ago, actually has been given a 16 per cent pay boost. The worker who today gets 14 per cent less in his pay envelope than in 1929 can buy just as much as he could then.

FOOD AND CLOTHING CHEAPER.

Major savings in the average family's living costs today are in the weekly market basket. Food now is almost a third cheaper than in 1929. There is not much saving in rent or the cost of building. If you want to build a house today it will cost you about as much as it did 10 years ago. You can not rent a desirable apartment or single house much cheaper than you could then. Clothing, however, costs a lot less. Today $75 will buy as many suits, dresses, hats, and shoes as $100 bought 10 years ago.

Taxes are a different story. Back in 1929, 15 cents was sucked out of every wage worker's dollar by local, state, and federal government costs. Today, taxes take 25 cents out of a working man's dollar. Moreover, if taxes were high enough to pay all our public bills as we go along, instead of borrowing part of the money, government costs would take even a greater portion of the worker's income. The average wage earner does not realize this because most taxes he pays are hidden. It would be committing political hari-kari to let consumers know how much cheaper their food, clothing and rents would be if public spending had been kept within bounds in the past 10 years.

TAXES OFFSET EFFICIENCY.

That living expenses would be less

(See BABSON, page 4)

Dr. H. C. Wright, foot specialist of Lubbock, will be at the Scharbauer Hotel in January. Watch for exact date. (Adv.)





The Town Quack

I heard about a plumber in Philadelphia who bets on the ponies. (Now, don't correct me, as I insist it was in Philadelphia). When he lost he hocked his car and when he won he ransomed it. On last count, the car had changed hands 26 times.

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We want to thank the readers who have come to our assistance with the Christmas editorial we requested. Besides Mr. Russell Conkling and Mr. Boyd East, we have had offers from Mrs. Ray Gwyn and Mrs. John McGrew. The editorial Mr. East had in his scrap book was not the same one but it is so good that we are going to publish it in the Sunday paper, December 17. The other one, copied from Mrs. Conkling's "Treasure Chest of Memories," by Chapple, will appear in the Sunday, December 24, paper.

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Courtney Cowden, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Cowden, who has followed the footsteps of his brother, Franklin, by making the varsity polo team at New Mexico Military Institute has gone with the team to Tucson, Ariz., for a tournament with the University of Arizona team, to be played before Christmas.

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A Junior High boy asks if you know why cowboys want to die with their boots on. The answer is: So it won't hurt when they kick the bucket.

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The Junior High News is back in the Friday paper today. Last week we got it crowded out and carried it over to Sunday. These youngsters are doing some nice journalistic work.

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The boys and girls must have had a gay time at the Lions Club Christmas party. I heard Dr. Thomas and Bill Harkrider were forming a partnership, as the doctor got a WPA "Chick Sales" type of building and Bill got a Sears & Roebuck catalogue.

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Pleasures never cease. In this morning' mail I got a letter from Mabel Bishop Kimble, society editor of the Odessa News-Times, enclosing a copy of the Christmas editorial we had requested. She took the trouble to copy it and wrote the following note:

"You have another reader and it is Ralph Shuffler's Soc editor. I have kept a copy of this entire column for years and am glad to pass it on to you. You may keep this one, since I have on that is in a collection of such things published in 1908."

Thanks very much, Mrs. Kimble. I had thought the entire staff of the News-Times was hard hearted like Ralph.

anything really serious hits them they can't pay for it. They spend slightly less than a dollar a week on recreation (including newspapers, movies and smokes) and about $11 a year on gifts. They spend around $110 a year on clothing, and their sons don't get to college unless they work their way through or win scholarships.

The Bureau points out that share-the-wealth plans wouldn't help the Middletons much. Current earned income in the nation is $60,000,000,000; divided equally, it would bring each family $31 a week—just $9 more than the Middletons now have.

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EDUCATION ANSWER TO TRADE BARRIERS

NO new federal legislation and very few new lawsuits are apt to come out of the activities of the new Interdepartmental Committee on Interstate Trade Barriers, which has just rolled up its sleeves and gone to work. The chairman, Paul T. Truitt of the Commerce Department, sees the committee's job as pretty largely educational.

The states, in other words, must be persuaded that in the long run

Scotch Foursome to Be Played on Links Sunday

Golf enthusiasts of Midland will have opportunity to engage in or witness a "Sotch Foursome" on the Midland Country Club links Sunday afternoon, starting at one o'clock. It will be a mixed affair, each pair including a woman and a man golfer.

An Odessa group will be here to compete, it was announced today by club leaders. All Country Club members are urged to be out for the novelty which will be a handicap affair. In a Scotch Foursome, only two balls are used by each foursome.

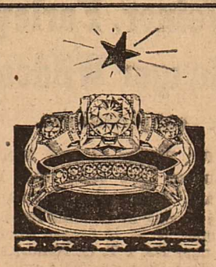
Coach Jimmy Kitts Is Relieved at Rice

HOUSTON, Dec. 15. (AP). — Jimmy Kitts has been relieved of his duties as football coach at Rice Institute, J. T. McCant, chairman of the committee on outdoor sports, annuonced today. The committee will meet in the near future to discuss naming a successor.

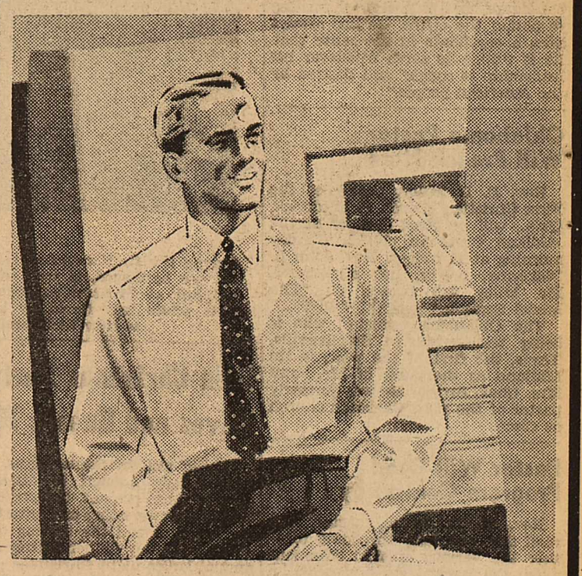
VISITS SON HERE.

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Thursday Night Bridge Club Has Christmas Luncheon

Thursday Night Bridge Club held its first Christmas party in the form of a covered-dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Custer, 1703 W Kentucky, Thursday afternoon at one o'clock.

Red candles burned on the luncheon table which was centered with an arrangement of holly and fruit. Favors were clever marshmallow dolls dressed in red crepe paper. They were made by Mrs. L. H. Tiffin.

After the luncheon, two tables of games were played. First bingo prize went to Mrs. C. A. Roark and second bingo prize to Mrs. M. H. Crawford.

Gifts were distributed by Mrs. Custer from a silver Christmas tree decorated in blue.

Club members present were: Mesdames Kyle Cross, Emil Stuter, B. W. Recer, N. J. Bingman, Roark, Crawford, Tiffin, and the hostess.

Buffet Supper Is Christmas Festivity For Club and Guests

Celebrating its annual Christmas social, Junior Woman's Wednesday club members and guests met for a buffet supper in the private dining room of Hotel Scharbauer Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Red flowers centered the supper table, with red and silver featured in decorations. Ivy was banked on the piano.

Bridge formed the chief diversion for the evening, after the service hour.

Present were: Mmes. and Messrs. Ben Black, W. M. Blevins, W. M. Holmes, Frank Miller, Donald Oliver, Hugh West ,Miss Lucile Thomas, H. M. Bayer, Mrs. Marian Reese, Mrs. Nancy Maloney, Jick Wilkinson.

Arrangements for the party were in charge of Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Reese, and Mrs. Miller.

Classy And Glassy



Glamor in glass: New York model Lillian Eggers wears a beach and bathing suit made of a new plastic product which combines the components of safety glass.

Thees Lupe! She Ees No Slave to Ze Dressmakairs! Designs Own Clothes

BY LUCIE NEVILLE
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

HOLLYWOOD.—Nobody in Hollywood ever has seen Lupe Velez wearing a copy of some other star's costume. But it isn't because she is the pet client of an exclusive designer. It's because she knows exactly what she should wear to keep her a distinct type, and pay no attention to what "they" are buying this season.

She shops like a thrifty Parisienne, selectively and from specialists—shoes at one shop, slacks at another, tailored jackets at a third, and tells a dressmaker how to turn out her spectacular evening gowns and colorful day dresses. And like the Parisienne, she is proud — not reticent—about remodeling a frock or making one inexpensively.

"For the furs and jewels I pay," said Miss Velez. "They last and I get only the best—sable, ermine, chinchilla. But the dresses—no! Why should I pay two honderd feefty dollair for a dress, then find I look like ever-bodee else?

"So I design my clothes for me. Look at thees—one dollar a yard, pure seelk, and sooch colors! We have enough for a hood, too. My dressmaker, she hunts for bargains. For one dollar more we buy the beeg soap-bubbles of jewelry and I fasten some in my hair. They go nize weeth my diamons, huh?

When she really likes the lines of a dress she has it made in several colors. One tri-color frock of crepey sheer has a crayon blue skirt, a corslet waist of deep red and a chartreuse top. Its twin uses dark and light grays for skirt and bodice. Another version is in two identical dresses of linen-weave cotton, both with short-sleeved white tops and with the same printed-pattern skirt but one in turquoise, the other in grape.



A startling expanse of mid-riff shows between the fan-pleated skirt and bolero-bodice of Lupe Velez' evening gown of white sheer crepe. Long streamers, tie, twist, and tie again in front. Rhinestone embroidery, its sunburst pattern accenting the broad padded shoulders, is repeated on the back of the bodice. The fiery star never submits to the dictates of one designer, shops for her clothes like a thrifty Parisienne, picking one item here, another there. So she won't look like "ever'body else," she designs her own clothes.

FIGHT FAN LUPE ENDANGERS NEIGHBORS' HATS

THESE frocks have separate hoods to match, as do most of her outfits. She even matches all her sweaters with them, or with snug pillboxes covered with the same wool or boucle-cotton. And she has dozens of sweaters in pastel shades, to top her tailored slacks for wear under hand-tailored jackets — all slim-waisted, wide-shouldered and longer than most suit coats.

Fond of hats, especially the turbans that are principally enormous bows, she says they're no good to wear to the Friday night fights. And she would sooner miss a paycheck than a good bout. There sometimes is a question whether Miss Velez is on the fight-card or not because she unconsciously imitates every blow, and is likely to ruin her own hat and that of anybody else within range. So she wears hoods.

Mrs. John House Hostess to Party For Bien Amigos

All club members except one were present when Bien Amigos club met for a dessert-bridge at the home of Mrs. John House, 910 W Kansas, Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Christmas tallies were used in the bridge games at three tables and a Christmas dessert-course was served.

Winners in the games were Mrs. Pat Ruckman, holder of high score, and Mrs. C. A. Mix, holder of second high.

Present were: Mmes. Preston Bridgewater, Jas. H. Chapple, W. B. Harkrider, J. M. Haygood, C. R. Inman, Elliott Miller, Mix, Joe Pyron, F. E. Weaver, F. F. Winger, Neilson Young, Ruckman, and the hostess.

Coming Events

SATURDAY

Midland University club will hold its Christmas dance in the Crystal ballroom of Hotel Scharbauer Saturday night from 10 o'clock until 2 o'clock. Jack Amlung and his orchestra from Mineral Wells will play. The dance will be informal and invitational.

Story Hour will be held in the children's library, at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

T.E.L. class will have a Christmas party Saturday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. Lena Wimberly hostess at her home, 617 W. Texas.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

Sans Souci Club Entertains With Christmas Party

The buffet supper table was lighted by red candles and red and green Christmas colors were featured in other house decorations when Sans Souci club members and their husbands met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Absher, 1909 Holloway, for a Christmas dinner Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Following dinner, bridge was played with high score for women going to Mrs. Walter Cowden and high score for men to Roy Downey.

Present were: Mmes. and Messrs. L. A. Tullos, B. W. Stevens, A. E. Horst, R. T. Mobley, Walter Cowden, Roy Downey, Frank Williamson, L. W. Short, Bates Hoffer, W. P. Thurmon, and the host and hostess.

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Economy Move Shamed.

HUGO, Okla. (U.P.) — When county commissioners put a pay telephone in the sheriff's office, they started something. A news story about the situation — "Pay Telephone in Sheriff's Office. Costs Him Nickel to Call Wife" — caused so many comments against the economy move that the regular telephone was reinstalled.

See the RCA Victrola superb automatic record-changing combination at Ever-Ready Auto Service. The superb Christmas Gift. (Adv.)

Red-and-Silver Theme Featured At Octet Party

Red roses as room flowers and red candles in silver holders aided a decorated Christmas tree in supplying the holiday mood in party rooms when Mrs. M. L. Weatherall was hostess to the Christmas luncheon party of the Octet club at her home, 1611 W Illinois, Thursday afternoon at one o'clock.

The luncheon menu was in keeping with the Christmas season.

After the service hours, two tables of bridge were played, the tallies and score pads again featuring the red and silver of Christmas colors. Prizes for high score went to Mrs. Geo. Bennett and cut to Mrs. Ed Prichard.

Gifts were distributed from a tree at the close of the afternoon.

Present were all members of the club including: Mmes. Bennett, W. L. Crothers, H. D. Dickson, Roy Downey, S. M. Erskine, L. L. Payne, Prichard, and the hostess.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Guy Eiland and children and Mrs. W. W. Eiland of Stanton were visitors in Midland Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Coats of Odessa were in Midland Wednesday.

Mrs. W. M. Greer and Mrs. Orville Stump were in Midland from Monahans Thursday afternoon.

Two Are Honored At Neighbors' Club Party on Thursday

Mrs. Dick Ethridge and Mrs. Fred Klatt were honored with a birthday party at the meeting of the Neighbors' club with Mrs. Bill Carson, 300 S Mineola, Thursday afternoon.

Green candles burned on the birthday cake and the honorees were presented with gifts from a Christmas tree.

Plans were made for a Christmas 42 party with which club members will entertain their husbands at the home of Mrs. Fred Klatt, 710 W. Florida, Saturday night.

Mrs. Raymond Stevens was a guest.

Present were: Mmes. Geo. Hardin, Ethridge, Klatt, A. M. Teague, and the hostess.

Members of the club are holding their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. M. Teague this afternoon.

Odessa Couple Is Married Here

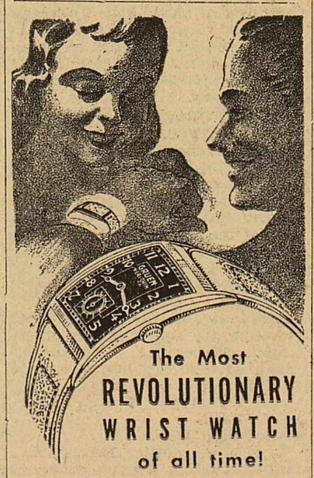
Miss Evelyn McVey and Roy Flowers were quietly married in the parlor of the First Christian Church here Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. John E. Pickering, pastor, read the ceremony.

The couple had no attendants.

Mr. Flowers, who is employed on a ranch near Odessa, formerly lived here. Mrs. Flowers is also from Odessa.

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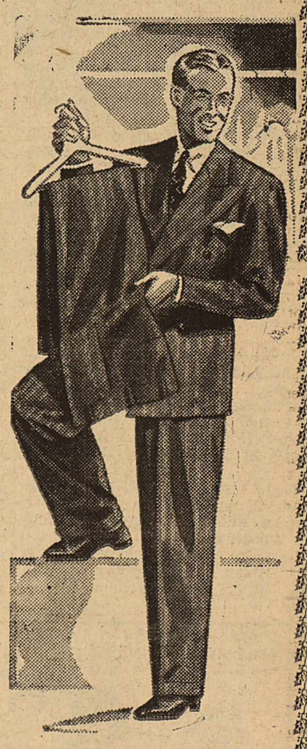

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Bulldogs to Meet Strong Fabens Club Here Tonight at 8 o'Clock

The Midland Bulldogs will play their third game of basketball of the season tonight when they meet the strong Fabens team in the gymnasium here.

The game will start promptly at eight o'clock and tickets are being sold for only 25 cents to adults and 15 cents to students.

The Midland team, after being eliminated in the first round of the Rankin tournament last week, bounced back Wednesday night against Big Lake and looked like an altogether different team in hanging up a a 30-19 victory.

The Fabens team, with several Mexican boys in the line-up, is generally admitted to be one of the toughest teams in the El Paso district and has already played several games. They wil lbe favored over the Midland team tonight mainly because of the fact they will probably be in much better shape. The charges of Bob Myer did not start working out until after the football season ended, most of the boys being on the grid squad. Since then, they have been working out daily but have not yet reached top form.

Tomorow night, the junior high team will meet the Odessa junior high team at the gymnasium. The game wil start at 7:30 and tickets are being sold for ten cents.

Schoolboy Sidelines

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF,
Associated Press Staff.

The Texas schoolboy football race, after a couple of upsets, is in the quarter-finals. I had not expected Lubbock to defeat Electra and was inclined toward Masonic Home to "take" Woodrow Wilson . . . Lubbock and Woodrow Wilson came through . . . The other games went according to form . . . This week Waco and Woodrow Wilson should win, but the Lubbock-Sweetwater and Austin (Houston) - Austin High games are tossups . . . If I had to choose I would take Sweetwater and Austin (Houston) but if the games go either way they should not be considered upsets.

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The Little Rascals still are the Interscholastic League's "color team" . . . More than 20,000 turned out to see Masonic Home play Woodrow Wilson and even though the Masons lost they gave the crowd its money's worth and more . . . It was the first time this writer ever saw a Masonic home team drop passes behind the opposition's goal line . . . Strange as it may sound, in speaking of a 21-0 defeat, the Masons were still in the ball game until the middle of the fourth period . . . Their passes were clicking so well you expected any minute to see one go for a touchdown . . . The Masons had several chances to score . . . Woodrow Wilson's defense against their passes was not so good but then neither was Masonic Home against Woodrow's pitches top notch . . . Both had passing attacks hard for any team to stop.

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Temple High claims the leading scorer for the season . . . Temple, however, was not a member of the Interscholastic League class AA division so it wouldn't be official . . . Anyway Tommy Carlile, Wildcat back, ran up 141 points in 10 games . . . He also passed for four more touchdowns. . . Note to the district opposition next season: Temple will return to the league with prospects of having a real team . . . About a dozen lettermen will be back.

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All-State nomination continue to roll in . . . Ballots for the selection go out this week to sports writers and coaches in every section . . . . Johnny Lyons of the Houston Post waxes enthusiastic over Harold Stockbridge, Austin (Houston) end . . . "He is as great a high school wingman as I have seen, if not the greatest," says Johnny. "Very fast and rugged, Stockbridge can do everything including running with the ball better than any back on the team. His specialities besides great defensive play are end around plays and pass catching. Weighs 164, is about 5 feet 11 inches. He is unquestionably an all-state man." . . . Quite a boy and we'll take Johnny's word for it because Lyons has seen a lot of school boy stars.

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Note to Paul Tyson of Waco High: That Rugged Riverside (Ft. Worth) lineman, Bill Hudspeth, who played such a great game against your Tigers that you asked for an introduction, has left high school and gone to Kilgore Junior College. . . His coach, Judy Truelson, said Billy planned to spend two years at Kilgore, one finishing high school and one in college classes, and then return to Fort Worth and enter TCU as the "roughest and toughest lineman Mike Brumbelow ever had" . . . Tyson told the 198-pound youngster he was the best high school lineman he ever saw, and Paul has seen a flock of them in his 27 years as coach.

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Another Fort Worth schoolboy is being boomed for the All-State team . . . He's Arrel Roberts, the North Side guard, who, according to Frank Tolbert, Fort Worth Sports writer, threw the opposition for 150 yards in losses during the season.

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Right now the All-State backfield probably would shape up like this: Francis Pulattie of Waco; Red Maley of Woodrow Wilson; Travis Raven of Austin; Walton Roberts of Tyler . . . About Roberts, Floyd Aten of the Tyler Courier-Times writes: "His record stands on its own. Anybody who can get a first down every two times he carries the ball from scrimmage, has a pass completion percentage of .659 and can do a little punting on the side in addition to leading the district 11-AA scoring with 79 points, is worth my money" . . . Amen, says we.

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Rusty Russell, the Masonic Home coach, called the turn on the game with Woodrow Wilson . . . He wrote that "if there is any team in the state that can beat them (Woodrow Wilson) I haven't seen it" . . . He added: "My comments may sound a bit doleful, but after all, facts are facts, and we are by no means a miracle team. I think you sports writers and the fans should realize this and understand that if we get licked it will not be that the team has folded up or in any way failed to give its best throughout the game. We can only have hopes of an unusual upset." Amen again . . . If the Masons folded up in that thrilling game then the Civil War was a pink tea.

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More about Francis Pulattie: Frank Tolbert says because of the 18-year rule, effective next season, Pulattie will not be back for the Tiger team . . . The youngster will still be in high school but his eighteenth birthday comes just two days before Sept. 1, 1940, and that makes him ineligible for next year's eleven.

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Is "Uncle Ezra" downhearted? . . . "Uncle Ezra" is the non de plume of that prolific sports writer of the Gainesville Register, A. W. Wells . . . He noted the comments of this column which used Gainesville and Sherman as an example of how dizzy Texas schoolboy football can be, and then said: "Just to show Mr. Ratliff that we don't mind stickin' our neck out, we'll try to pick the winners" . . . And he took Electra, Sulphur Springs, Tyler, Waco, Sweetwater, Woodrow Wilson, Austin (Houston) and Austin to win the bi-district games, winning seven out of eight . . . Commenting on the defeat of Gainesville by Sherman in the district race—one of the year's outstanding upsets—Uncle Ezra avers: "Just one of those accidents that rarely occur, Harold. We could let the Cats and Leopards play each Friday for six months, wager two to one on the Leopards and come out with enough cash to pad a wrestlin' mat."

Traffic Safety Records Cited

AUSTIN, Dec. 15. — Texas cities with outstanding traffic safety records for 1939 will be accorded signal honors at the annual convention of the Texas Safety Association slated for Austin in the early spring, Col Nat S. Perrine, managing director, announced.

Awards of merit will be presented to cities with the lowest number of traffic deaths for the year in three major population classifications. All cities with a population of 98,000 and over have been placed in group one; those of 48,000 to 98,000 in group two, and those of 10,000 to 48,000 in group three. Population estimates of the Texas Almanac for 1939 were used in classification assignment. Traffic death records as reported to the Department of Public Safety will be the factor in determining the final standings on the basis of deaths per 50,000 population.

Results for the first ten months show Dallas leading in group one with Fort Worth close behind. El Paso, Houston and San Antonio follow in the order named.

In group two Amarillo leads with Beaumont treading closely on its heels. Corpus Christi, Port Arthur, Wichita Falls, Waco, Galveston and Austin follow.

Fourteen "deathless" cities were out in front in the smaller population bracket. They were Texarkana, Corsicana, Temple, Harlingen, Brownwood, Greenville, McAllen, Highland Park, Odessa, San Benito Denton, Vernon, Victoria, Gainesville.

The difference in percentage separating several of the cities in the various groups was so small that one or two traffic deaths during the final two months of the year could send them from the top to the bottom of the column, it was pointed out.

Deaths occurring up to January 15, 1940, from injuries received prior to December 31 will be counted against the 1939 record, the committee on awards has announced.

Yea, A. & M.—we want a touchdown . . . you'll get all the big games New Year's Day with an RCA VICTOR Radio. Buy now. Ever-Ready Auto Service. (Adv.)

Aggie Rivalry With Tulane Dates Back To 1902; Score 7-4

COLLEGE STATION, Texas. Dec. 15.—Playing the Tulane Green Wave in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day will be something new for a Texas Aggie football team, but it will not be the first time the teams have met, for the two schools have a rivalry dating back to 1902 when the fathers of the present players were mere infants.

So far the score stands at 7-4 for the Aggies and the last time they played was in 1933 at New Orleans, and the game was won by A&M, 13-6.

Here is the all-time record:

Year	Aggies	Tulane
1902	17	5
1906	18	0
1907	18	6
1910	17	0
1912	41	0
1917	35	0
1929	10	13
1930	9	19
1931	0	7
1932	14	26
1933	13	6

Texas Longhorns Meet Red Raiders In 2-Game Series

AUSTIN. — The Texas Longhorns, defending basketball champions of the Southwest Conference, expect their first severe test of the practice sason when they encounter Texas Tech Red Raiders here Friday and Saturday nights.

An interesting individual duel impends between Marshall Brown, Tech's great forward who scored 284 points in the Border Conference last season, and Texas' Capt. Oran Spears, veteran defensive star.

The Raiders appear by far the toughest opposition on the calendar before the Longhorns entrain Dec. 23 for an Eastern holiday jaunt. They will play Manhattan at Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 26 and Temple at Philadelphia Dec. 29.

Southwest Texas Teachers of San Marcos will come here Dec. 19 and North Texas Teachers of Denton will visit Dec. 21 and 22. These last two games were recently added to Texas' pre-holiday schedule.

The Longhorns were not extended in their first two practice tiffs with Lone Star Conference teams. They walloped Sam Houston Teachers of Huntsville, 57-37, in their opener and then trounced Southwest Texas, 52-28, with reserves playing the last half.

Leading point makers have been Thurman "Slue" Hull, '39 regular who caged 18 against Sam Houston, and Elmer "Seabiscuit" Finley, swift senior who made 14 at San Marcos. Bounding Bobby Moers was in good form both nights, dribbling and passing the ball in his '39 all-conference form.

Moers, Spears, Hull, Chester Granville and Denton Cooley probably will start against Texas Tech Friday night. A battle is going on between Cooley and W. D. Houpt, towering junior letterman, for a starting berth.

Only '39 Yearling who appears ready to be ranked with the seven lettermen is Leslie Croucher, a slender long-shot artist from Houston. Otherwise, Coach Jack Gray is depending on the team that won the Southwest title last season, from which he lost one man—Capt. Willie Tate, center.



Prager Beer.

Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
B. Prothro	190	126	144	460
J. Prothro	147	184	187	518
Mallonee	133	176	134	443
Mitchell	177	191	125	493
Payne	135	193	157	485
	782	870	747	2474
Team average				800

Mead-White Motor.

Players	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.
Farley	129	156	189	474
Gray	139	133	194	466
Bauce	157	154	190	501
Prichard	196	180	138	514
Eddy	170	221	189	580
	791	844	900	2535
Team average				845

CLEVELAND, O. B(U.P) — A device which will ring a bell when carbon monoxide gas in garages becomes to concentrated was shown at the American Conference on Occupational Diseases and Industrial Hygiene here.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Written by students of John M. Cowden Junior High School, under direction of Miss Louise Latham

CHRISTMAS AT OUR HOUSE

Well, Christmas will be here soon and all of the Junior High kids have certainly got the spirit too. We are decorating our rooms with all of the Christmas decorations that we can find. Someone will bring a tree, and then the fun begins. After school is the only time we have to decorate and hang wreaths. Oh boy! maybe ten days or two weeks for the holidays too.

It is the custom to draw names in the rooms and exchange presents. The presents are not to cost over fifteen or twenty cents. Many Christmas cards are distributed too. But in all the rush we really don't forget that it is Christ's birthday. Even though we love gifts, we realize that it is the spirit of giving that counts.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE ERROR

We realy wish to extend a sincere apology to Mr. Ned Watson for failing to mention the part of the Estrellita Orchestra on the Thanksgiving program. It seems almost an unpardonable oversight as their number was on of the best on the program. Not only was each selection beautif ully and capably rendered, but the Spanish costumes afforded just the artistic coloring to intensify the atmosphere that the orchestra wished to create.

We are always glad to have members of the Watson School of Music on our program. The students perform exactly in line with their good training, and we appreciate both Miss and Mr. Watson's cooperation.

FACULTY MEETING

The regular faculty meeting was held at Junior High last Wednesday. The first thing in the meeting was a sort of round-table discussion in which all teachers might discuss school problems and offer suggestions for the betterment of our school.

Then Mr. Gilbreth gave a very interesting talk on "Professional Competition." This subject certainly should interest and concern every public school teacher. Today, efficiency is the watchword of every profession. And it is the duty of teachers as well as other professions to keep up with the standards of the times.

MUSIC COLUMN

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SHARY AND FLAT

The music clubs are working hard to have a good Christmas cantata this year. We are planning to have choir robes. If the seniors perform as they plan to you will be glad you came to our program. It will be something you will not forget for quite a while. We extend a cordial invitation to you to our Christman Cantata.

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JR. HI. SCHOOL BAND NEWS

The Junior High Band has thirty-two members. Orilla Mae Osburn plays the flute, a very hard instrument to play. Jack Bryan, Tommy Carter, Nora Fae Long, Mickey Joan McDonald, and Jack Shelton play the clarienets; Betty Chanslor, Billy Ponder and Joyce Rosenbaum play the saxophones; Odell Collier, Bobby Conkling, Jack Frye, Gene Hays, James Hill, Robert Lloyd, Donald Gracy, Harold Vestal, Dale Mickey, and Marvin Prager play the cornets; Stanley Blackman, Copper Daugherty, James Frye, James Kerr, James Moore and Bill Raburn play trombones; Billy Wolber plays the baritone, and Charles Reader and Raymond Mann play bass horns; Nellie Elkin Brunson plays the bassoon, also a very difficult instrument; Doyle De Arman plays the bass drum, Johnny Perkins and Bob McDonald play the snare drums. Several members of the band are already members of the senior band also. We are all working hard to get into the senior band.

WHAT WE THINK

It looks like Russia has one foe that she can't lick, and that is Finland's snowstorms. The newspapers reported that a squadron of Russian bombers flying over Finland were lost in a snowstorm and crashed in the treetops. I wonder if Stalin will try to fight back at the snowstorms?

Yeah, I believe they've done it. Italy has apparently turned against Russia and Germany. You read about 1000 Italian students marching up and down the streets in Rome and Milan yelling "Viva Finland" and "down wtih Russia." Maybe Mussolini isn't such a bad fellow after all.

We Americans feel deeply for our fellowmen in Europe. It's going to be a sad Christmas for millions of boys and girls. Let's not forget them, fellows, when we thank our Creator for our many blessings. Ask Him also to scatter a few blessings among our European friends. And don't forget to express some thanks for the privilege of being an American Citizen.

SOCIETY

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

Allyne Kelly was hostess at her home to her Sunday School class December 7. Mary Kathryn Taylor was in charge of the games, as she is chairman of the reception committee. Many games were played. Then refreshments were served.

Those who were prsent were Mary Kathryn Taylor, Margaret Mims, Jimmie Kendrick, Ann Vannaman, Jean Schottlander, Erline Roberts, Marie Barber, Nellie Elkin Brunson, Louise Pittman, H. G. Bedford, Bill Wells, William McReynolds, Guy Tom Cowden, Richard Barsh, L. C. Neatherlin, Max Allen, Charles Roripaugh, and the hostess.

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JOAN STANLEY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Joan Stanley was honored with a birthday party last Saturday. The guests grabbed for the hats, and then marched around the table. Then they played all kinds of games.

For favors there were stockings filled with candy and glass Santa Clauses and dolls. And what a cake! It was so large that there was quite a bit left after twenty-nine people had a piece. Joan received three boxes of candy. Everyone had a grand time.

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PATSY RILEY'S BIRTHDAY

Patsy Riley of 5A also had a birthday party this week. Monday she was ten whole years old. The favors were paper cups filled with candy, with a balloon attached to each. There were fortunes wrapped in paper, telling each his future. The games played were bingo and many others. Patsy received lots of presents. Three boxes of candy, one weighing five pounds! Her best boy friend, her dad, gave it to her. She also received three boxes of stationery, three manicure sets, and many other nice things. The good thing about it was she passed the candy around to seventeen guests. It didn't last long.

Patsy says that it was the happiest birthday party she ever had.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

Well, Santa I think it's about time for someone to get a little serious and ask for something really worth asking for.

Do you mind if I make a few suggestions? In looking around I think some people ought to receive a very good sense of humor. For some of us are inclined to be a bitt dull. Then some of us should receive a bit of seriousness; for we are so witty we never take anything seriously.

Some boys and girls should get a stocking ful lof pep, ambition, and pride in order to make much better grades. Drop a few wounds of energy too Santa, so some can do something besides stand around with teeth in their mouths.

Of course there's always room for happiness and health. Too bad, Santa, that you can't make these. Many of use could share our happiness with others if we would. Perhaps you can fix this. I hope you do.

Be seeing you down the chimney.

Sincerely,
Merry Christmas.

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Dear Santa:

I don't have many requests on my personal list this year, but what I want to do is suggest a few things ing general. First of all will you please give the pe-squad leader part of Miss Latham's vocal cords. Give all the teachers a softer heart in grading because mid-term is just around the corner. Bring a few of the other teachers a part of Miss Farnham's pretty smile. And Santa, Kimbriel part of Mr. Freel's disposition.

I believe this place would be a little better if Mrs. Philippus didn't have all of the arithmetic talent as it seems that some of us are left without any at all. Miss Latham knows all the fine points of this technical grammar, but in talking she uses plain old West Texas language. And Santa, please don't change her speech. I didn't ask too much did I? If not, please grant all these things.

SPORTS

The Bullpups started their basket ball season with a loss in the first of the two games scheduled with Stanton. The score was 10-3. Lewis Batts, hot shot forward for the Pups, scored two of our three points. Mr. Kimbriel was pleased with the showing. The starting line-up was as follows: "Mussolini" Wheeler, center; "Smokey" Woods, Parrie Lee No. 1 guards.

The second game was hard fought all the way through, the score being 17-16 in our famor. "Willie" Wells paced the Pups in scoring ten points. "Willie" teamed up with Ivan Hall, and they both scored fourteen points together. John Perkins scored two, and Copper scored a lone point. H. G. Bedford threatened to score all night; but just couldn't hit the basket. Mr. Kimbriel was pleased a lot in the way the second bunch showed up.

The Pups meet the Odessa Jr. Colts here Saturday night. The game scheduled with them there Friday night was called off because they couldn't get the gym.

We are having 1000 tickets printed which are to be sold by the team members. They will cost 10c each. This money is to go toward equipment for the Junior High. So come out and show us your loyalty to the Pups.

Don't forget the 10c and the game Saturday night. So long.

6B GIVES PROGRAM

The 6B class gave the program last Friday with Charles Barron in charge. He first introduced his father Mr. Paul Barron, who talked on "Keep Your Hands Out of Your Pockets." He explained various ways of using our hands, such as being skillful in anything we undertake where we use our hands.

Sammie Lee Gard was next on our program. She did some very interesting tumbling acts, as she does on the football field. We are always thrilled to see her tumble.

Mickey Joan "Skeeter" McDonald gave two numbers on her accordian and received a big hand.

The last number on our program was a quartet sung by Frances Hill, Patsy Ruth Pope, Doris Nell Adams, and Helen Fae Shelton. If the girls will just keep up their good work, they may be great singers.

We didn't start practicing until Thursday, but we think we worked up a good program.

Several of our mothers were present. They are always welcome as it encourages us.

GOODFELLOW COLUMN

5A

For this week's goodfellow class 5A chooses blonde, Margie Matthews. Her pleasing personality makes her a favorite among both teachers and students. In games and classwork she ranks high in sportsmanship and leadership. Three cheers as well as Christmas cheer to our Margie.

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5B

As a send off we want to call Leroy Payne our goodfellow this week. We surely will miss him when he leaves. We all hope he will enjoy living in Houston. Leroy makes good grades, and he is a good sport too. We trust that he will establish himself in just as good standing in his new school as in Jr. High.

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5C

Stanley Hall is a very nice playfellow on the school ground, and outside of school. He always gets his lessons up, and the teacher never has to give him low grades on his work. We have different things to do to keep our room nice and clean. Stanley often serves in this monitor system, thus showing his dependabliity, this quality is enough to proclaim him our goodfellow for this week.

CLASS NEWS AND IDEAS

7A

Monday was quite an event in 7A. It was Mrs. Tolbert's birthday. She was one year younger than she was last year. We gave her a fruit and handkerchief shower. She received many other beautiful gifts also. Do I wish I were in her shoes? Oh Boy!

Otelia Flynt and her committee of interior decorators has made our room look like the land of Santa Claus.

Eugenia Holmes and Doris Mickey played the piano at a recital at the Cornelius Studio Thursday afternoon, December 7.

Patsy Tull reports a jinx of a Sunday. She started to Lubbock to see Santa Claus, and the car went haywire. She just wound up out at the sandhills rolling down them.

Miss Price bet Leon and Duck that they could not sit still and not say a word the whole time she was in their room. If they could, she would buy them a drink. Well, they won the bet.

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7B

H. G. Bedford and Bill Wells are the 7Ber's on the Junior High basketball team.

Charles Roripaugh took an airplane ride Friday afternoon. Well, might as well, the whole town has gone airplane mad.

All sorts of things look like Christmas. We were the first to get up our decorations. Really folks they're just beautiful. Such Christmas colors you have never seen.

L. C. Neatherlin brought us a new map Monday, and we surely appreciate it. It shows European states of today (perhaps up until last night).

Charles Sherwood came back Tuesday. It really did look good to see him again after two weeks. Better watch those "unloaded guns" Charles.

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7C

When we think of Christmas we think of fun, gifts and all. But did you ever realize what Christmas is? It is Christ's birthday. When we think of Christmas, we must think of this event.

7C has a new pupil this week, Billy Maher.

The rolling pin that Mrs. Kimbriel got in McKinney, Texas last June has been a mystery to her. The sender was unknown until last month. The truth was known when Roxie Ruth Friday admitted that she was in McKinney and was the guilty sender.

So says a new student, "Miss Lowry is the sweetest teacher I have ever known. She is so nice and has such a charming personality. She is always so thoughtful of others."

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7D

We have quite a few hunters in our rooms, they are: J. S. Pattan, Holis Woods, Alberta Lee, Howard Chambers and Wanda Wilson.

Wanda Wilson and Ike Fitzgerald were absent on account of illness this week.

We drew names for Christmas, and can hardly wait to see what we get.

We think Miss Latham, our English teacher, is about the best in school. She gets mad at us some times, but we like her just the same.

We are studying U. S. history and we find it very interesting. Right now we are studying religion and education of the early colonies.

Billy Pate spends most of his spare time drawing and fighting girls instead of studying. We think he should study.

George Edwards went to Odessa to visit his aunt and uncle over the weekend.

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6A

Santa Claus will probably bring 6A lots of Christmas joys because we have been selling lots of tickets and have been very good.

We all have an over amount of Christmas spirit. Our room looks as if it is Sant's headquarters. Ann Ulmer bought the tree for us. The whole room has helped in the decorations. We've made bells, trees, holly sprays, Santa's and everything.

Our new student, Jerry Jordan, is better than most children who have been with us in six years. He makes 100 on every paper.

Camille Jane Crawford made a trip to Hobbs last Sunday.

Bobby Hyatt was absent Monday morning.

Marjorie Ward has been absent

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Babson—

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today is not opinion, but fact. A comparison of 1939's raw material costs and retail prices with those of 1929 bears this out. Raw material prices are now 30 per cent lower than in 1929; but retail prices are only 20 per cent lower. Many raw commodities are actually selling today for less than it costs to produce them. The reason that a housewife has to pay as much as she does for a shirt or a loaf of bread is not because the cotton planter or the wheat farmer is being paid too much. In fact, the planters and farmers are getting little.

It is due to two reasons: (1) The workers who made the shirts and the bread have had a justifiable increase in pay; and (2) because the shirt manufacturer's and backer's taxes are about twice as big as they were in 1929. Hence, the savings in raw material costs through lower prices and in labor cost through increased efficiency of new machines have almost been eaten up by taxes. If government expenses had not gotten out of hand, these savings would have been passed on to consumers through lower prices. They, in turn, would be able to buy more goods of other kinds, thus providing new jobs for the workers displaced by the labor-saving stitching and baking machines.

WAGE RATES RISING STEADILY.

While living expenses have been held down during the 1933-39 business recovery (they are not much higher now than they were five years ago,) factory wage rates have been rapidly marked up. Since 1933, there has been an almost unbroken rise in hourly pay. Today the average factory wage of more than 70 cents per hour is the highest in the history of the country. At the same time, the work-week has been trimmed down drastically so that the factory worker's average weekly income may not be any higher today than it was in 1929—before the savings in living costs are figured in.

As to the immediate trend of living costs and wages, I see no important changes. Probably early 1940 will see some modest advance in food and clothing prices, but there will be no sharp mark-ups. Careful shoppers will be able to save a little money on post-Christmas bargain sales. Unless, however, goods are really marked down, I see little reason for housewives to stock up heavily in clearance sales this Januaryy. Meanwhile, wage rates will continue to rise gradually.

TAXATION STIFLING JOBS.

So, Yuletide of 1939 rolls around with the lot of the American jobholder making a striking comparison with that of labor in other lands. No rationed food, no soaring living costs, no cold and dark homes. Only point of similarity is the huge cut taxes take out of the weekly pay envelope. When I say that jobholders are better off in America today than anywhere else in the world I have not forgotten there are millions out of work. Faulty education and unwise taxation are behind this unemployment. Not until politics are rooted out of our schools and graft voted out of our local, state, and federal governments, can we ever hope to solve unemployment and end the threat to our liberty.

Bruce Catton—

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they lose by discriminatory laws.

It would probably be possible to get rid of most of the 2,000 laws which are classed as "barrier" laws through federal legislation and legal action, but Mr. Truitt figures there's about enough federal law on the books already.

LEAVE PROBLEM UP TO STATES.

This is not a federal-versus-state lobbying enterprise," he says. "We hope to point out the laws which act as trade barriers, and to stimulate the states to remove these barriers of their own accord."

It will be a slow process, any way you figure it. Only nine state legislatures are scheduled to meet next year. Committee plans to work with the Council of State Governments and with the interstate co-operative commissions which have already been set up in 33 states.

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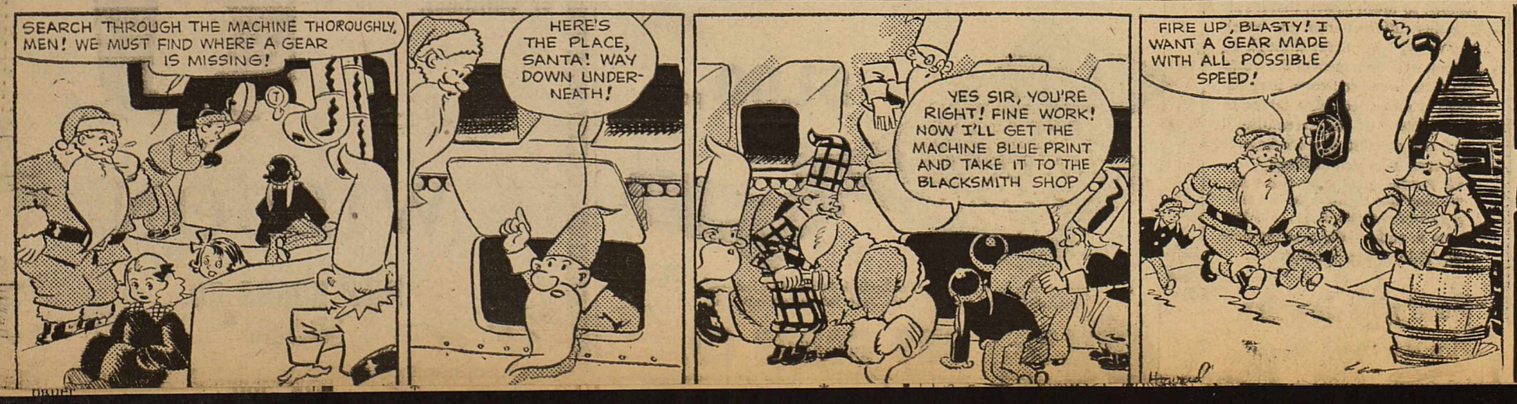
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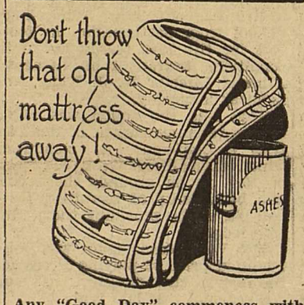
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WASHINGTON (UP).—Prof. Nelson C. Brown of the New York College of Forestry predicts that Germany will face a serious problem because it is over-cutting its forests and lacks foreign exchange for extensive purchases abroad.

Returning from Germany just as Hitler's armies were moving into Poland in early September, Brown pictured the situation as being already serious because of blockades, an increasing demand for wood because of the war and the fact that forests in the Reich are being over-cut by 50 per cent.

"The extent to which Germany will be able to draw upon its forests to help meet the demands of its war machine, on the one hand, and the needs of its new economy with increased populations, on the other, remains to be seen," he said. "The length of the war and the scope of Germany's new knowledge in respect to chemical and mechanical uses of wood may be determining factors."

Brown believes that Americans have been led to believe that German forests provide all that is needed in the Reich for all purposes.

"This is not true," he said, "as Germany produces only two-thirds of its requirements. The balance must come from Russia, Finland and Sweden."

Brown said methods of extracting sugar for both human and animal consumption from wood have been developed in Germany and many different chemicals, plastics and forms of plywood are being made from German forest products to overcome deficiencies.

"Scientific developments are designed not only to help relieve the import situation," he said, "but to release the strain on other resources.

"One of the most interesting attempts to devise means of substituting materials that must be important is the use of wood and charcoal to supplant gasoline. Various forms of alcohol extracted from wood, grapes, potatoes, and sugar beets are being mixed with imported gasoline for motor fuel."

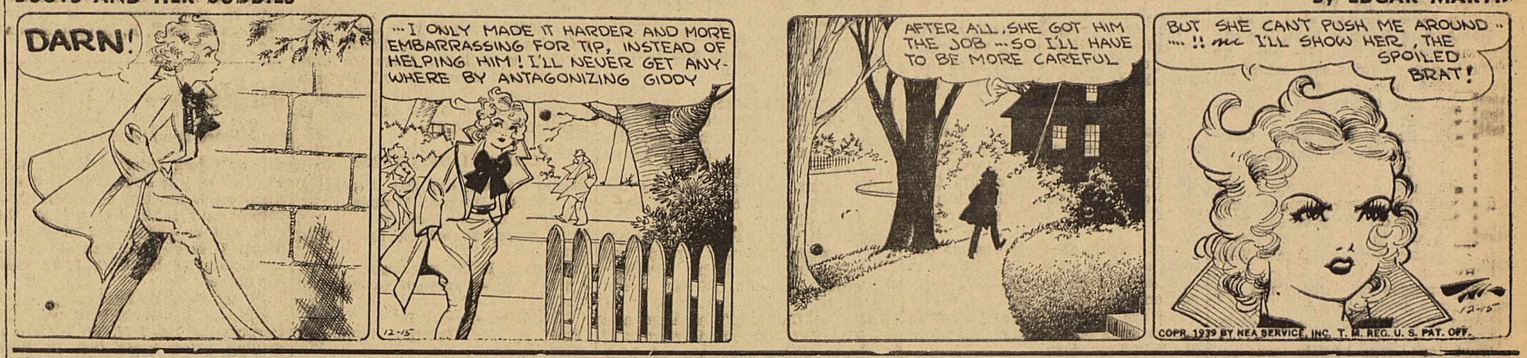
Brown said that "considering its unsound monetary system, its difficulty in paying for much-needed raw materials, the insufficiency of its domestic production and the serious over-cutting of its forest, there seems little doubt but that Germany is facing a most serious economic problem."

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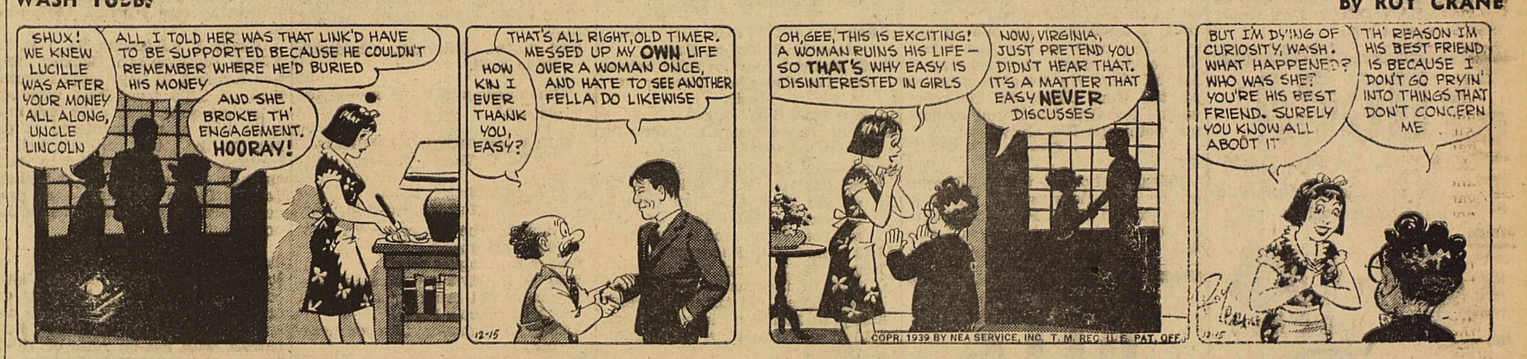
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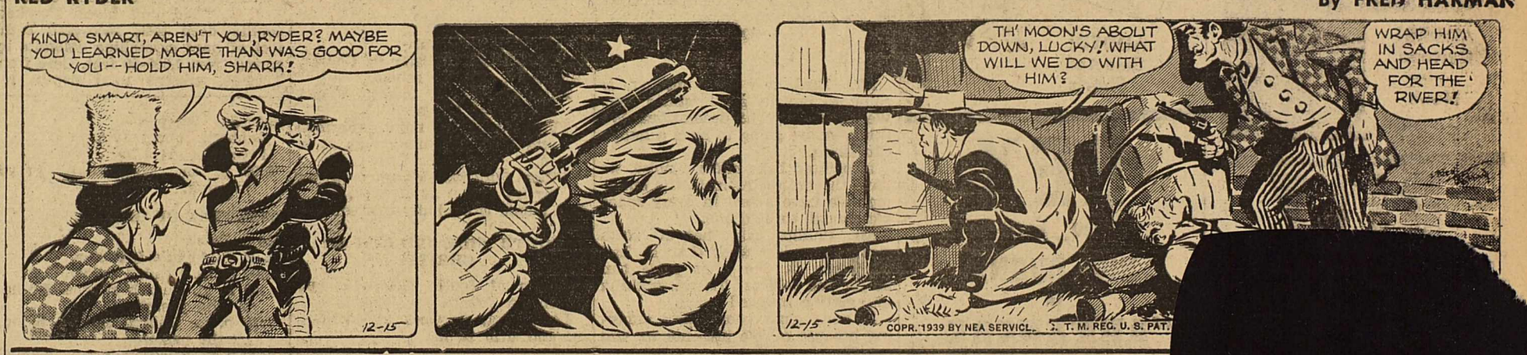
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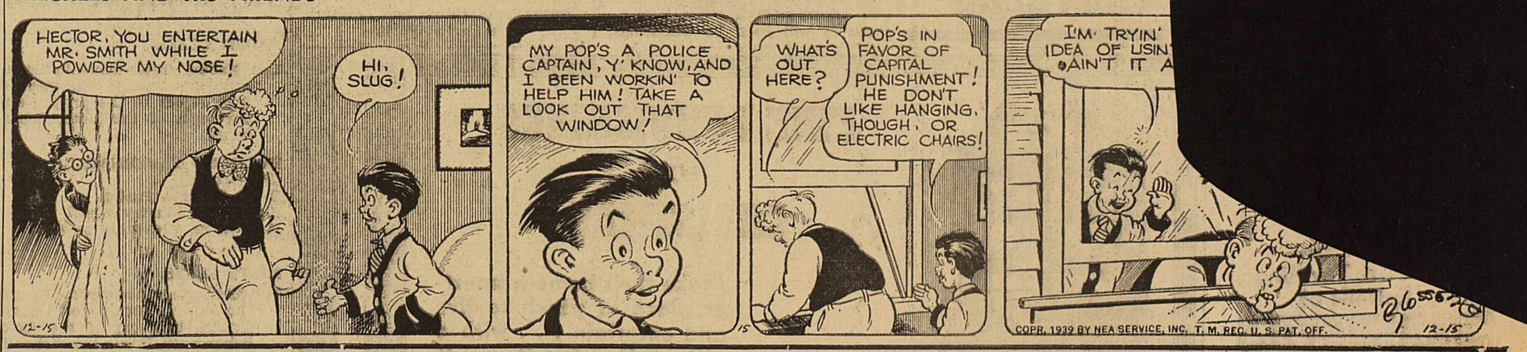
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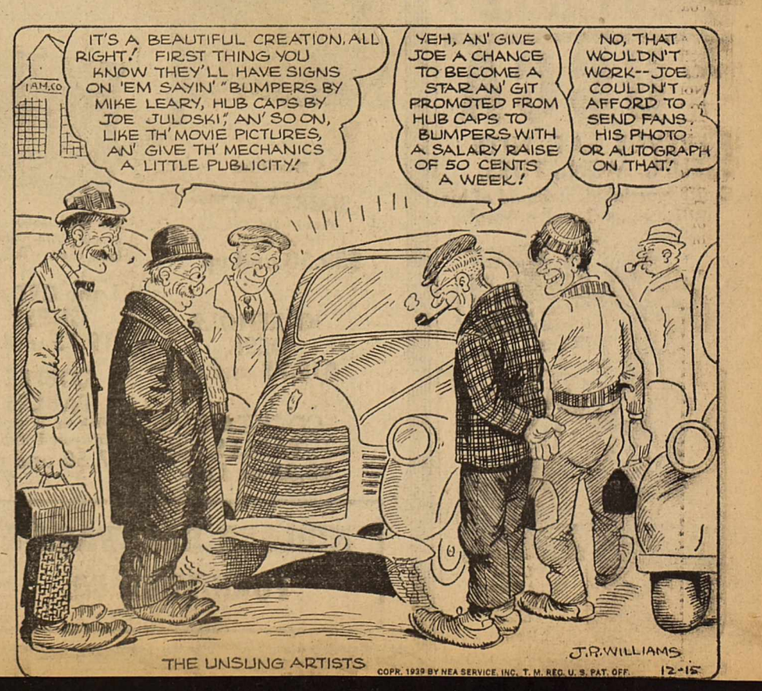
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



OUR BOARDING HOUSE with MAJOR HOOPLE



OUT OUR WAY — By J. R. WILLIAMS



School News—

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several days. Marjorie lives so far that we can't check up on her very well. Imagine the energy and ambition it takes to come twenty miles to school every day. Well Marjorie has it to do.

Carol Jeanne Bull's curiosity is getting the best of her. She says she can't wait to see what's in that red box.

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6B

Fritz Schottlander says if 6B's Christmas is as big as our own tree that we're going to have a whale of a Christmas. John Casselman bought the tree. You know John's pretty "hefty." Guess he wanted a tree that he would feel at ease around.

Homer Lee Hensley is telling the biggest hunting tale. He said he went hunting Friday and killed an eight point buck. Guess Homer Lee shot him with a pop gun after his dad killed it.

Donald Gracy and Billy Gene Bruce's team played Saturday at the North Ward. It was a tie 12-12.

Our room sent Mr. Barron a letter telling him how much we enjoyed his talk on our program. Mrs. Barron is sick in the hospital but is getting better. We hope she will be well soon.

The trappers club reports a big catch—one lone cotton tail.

Sammie Lee Gard says the stage fright on the football field is nothing compared to the jitters she gets on the stage when 6B stages a program.

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H5

We're surely getting in some good practice to listen for Santa Claus, that is if it takes "quiet" to hear him. Miss Latham makes us act like a bunch of mice. Doesn't she realize that we're too full of Christmas spirit to be so quiet.

Jo Nell Binyon spent the weekend in San Angelo with her sister. And when she got back to the ranch Sunday, she had a surprise—a horse for a Christmas present.

H5 has five absent this week. They are C. W. Currier, Edith Weldon, Coy Bishop, and Joyce Heidleberg. Hope they are not ill with Christmas so near.

We drew names Monday. The boys always "gripe" about the names they get. They always say that they don't know what to get for a girl.

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5A

Thanks to Bob Blair, Bert Spivey, and Von Cummings! They selected and bought our Christmas tree. Van was the measuring stick, and they chose one six inches taller than he is; so we really have a man-size tree.

Santa made an early visit to our room and left us a picture for the wall. Miss Price was Santa's early messenger.

We are sending Mildred Brinson a Christmas box to cheer her up in her "shut-in" days.

We will soon know if there is anything to that old saying "a third time is a charm." No one in our room has been on the first honor list yet, but surely we can't miss it a third time. We are getting better all the time. Three in the room missed the first honor roll by just one point the last six weeks.

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5B

Folks, I thought they had gone off on a sit-down strike, but they have started again. Poor Miss Latham, one week she gives them a pep talk on news. Then they get in plenty of it. The next week she doesn't talk to us, and everyone just stops.

But perhaps the only thing we can tell you is that we are bubbling over with Christmas spirit. We too have everything in line for Santa's chimney entry. We hope all of you have just as happy a Christmas as we are planning to have.

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5C

Mrs. Bird, our room mother, is going to buy us a Christmas tree. We are to buy the decorations. We think we are going to have a happy Christmas.

If painted bells make a noise, we have the noisest room in the building. We have a bell in every space big enough to hold one.

Mr. Phillips said that 5C room was cleaner last week than he had ever seen it. See what pride can do for you fellows? There's nothing like getting bragged on.

In our room we don't mind studying because of the presents we will get Christmas if we are good.

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Sunday Mass—8 a. m. (Spanish Speaking).
10 a. m. (English Speaking).
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Week-day Mass—7:30 a. m.
Monday — 7:30 p. m. Miraculous Medal perpetual Novena.
Confessions — Saturday 4:30 p. m. — 8:00 p. m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
T. H. Gaalmann, Pastor.

Services are held every second and fourth Sunday at the Midland Seventh-Day Adventist church, West Pennsylvania and Loraine streets, at 2 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. J. Coleman, Minister in Charge.

9:45 a. m.—Church school. Good departments and efficient teachers for every grade.
11:00 a. m. Sacred music by the church choir. Miss Jesse Scott Price directing.
6:00 p. m. Young People's meeting: Kingdom Highway group, Bill Ferguson, president; Pioneer group, Suzanne LaForce, president.
7:00 p. m. Cantata, "The Angel and The Star," presented by group of girls under direction of Mrs. Maude Leonard.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
John E. Pickering, Pastor.
H. G. Bedford, Supt. of Bible School
Mrs. Lee Cornelius, Director of Music.

9:45 a. m.—Bible school
10:50 a. m.—Preparation for the Lord's Supper
11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by Rev. E. L. Miley, pastor of the First Christian church, Frederick, Oklahoma, on the subject, "The Model Sermon."
6:00 p. m. Senior Endeavor.
7:00 p. m. Evening worship. Sermon by the pastor on the subject "Does God Answer Prayer?"
3:30 p. m. Monday. Circle meetings.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Choir practice.
7:30 p. m. Thursday. Special "white gift" Christmas service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force? is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 17.

The Golden Text is: "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power" (Psalms 145:10, 11).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible:

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are no seen are eternal" (II Cormthians 4:18).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

"God is infinite, therefore ever present, and there is no other power nor presence. Hence the spirituality of the universe is the only fact of creation" (page 471).

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner North A and San Angelo St.
C. C. Morgan, Minister.

10:00 a. m.—Bible study.
10:50 a. m. Preaching and Communion.
3:00 p. m. Radio broadcast.
6:45 p. m. — Young People's Bible study.
7:30 p. m.—Preaching.
2:00 p. m. Tuesday. Women's Bible class.
730 p. m. Tuesday. Men's Bible class
7:30 p. m. — Wednesday — Bible study.
9:00 a. m. Saturday. Children's Bible Drill.

"Come now, and let us reason together."

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.
W. C. Hinds, Pastor.

9:45 a. m.—Church school
11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor on "A Joyous Christmas."
6:00 p. m. Leagues meet.
7:00 p. m. Evening worship. The pastor will bring a message on "A Christmas Party."
7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting.
7:15 p. m. Thursday. Choir practice.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
H. D. Bruce, Pastor.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
10:55 a. m. Morning worship. The pastor will bring a message on "When Jesus Saves."
6:15 p. m. Training union. J. Boyd East, director.
7:30 p. m. Evening worship hour. The church choir will present a "sermon in song" under direction of J. Boyd East.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH.
502 E. Illinois.
Chas. B. Hedges, Pastor.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Preaching service.
7:15 p. m. Preaching service.
7:15 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting. The public is invited.

TRINITY CHURCH
(Protestant Episcopal)
Oliver C. Cox, Minister in Charge.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
First Sunday in month—Vesper services at 5 p. m.
Third Sunday in month—Sermon and Holy Communion at 11 a. m.
Other Sundays—Morning prayer by lay reader at 11 a. m.
The public is cordially invited.

SOUTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Corner of South Colorado and California streets.
Lord's Day services at 10:30 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
West Pennsylvania and Loraine
Lee Carter, Pastor

Saturday Services—
Sabbath School, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Prayer meeting.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
510 S. Baird
M. E. Stubblefield, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Church service. Sermon by the pastor.
7:30 p. m. Church service. Sermon by the pastor.
7:30 p. m. Tuesday. Young People's meeting.
7:30 p. m. Friday. Prayer meeting.

NAOMI CLASS.

The Naomi (inter-denominational) class for women will meet at 9:45 o'clock in the private dining room of the Hotel Scharbauer.

HOLINESS TABERNACLE
(Pentecostal)
O. W. Roberts, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Preaching service.

MEN'S CLASS.

The Men's class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock in the Crystal ballroom of the Hotel Scharbauer. It is a non-denominational class and every man who does not attend services elsewhere is cordially invited to attend.

The teachers are Marvin Ulmer and W. I. Pratt. There is a singing service of fifteen minutes prior to the speaking.

Needlecraft Club Meets at Home of Mrs. Geo. Phillips

Needlecraft club will have its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. A. B. Jonnson next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced at the weekly session of the group at the home of Mrs. Geo. Phillips, 200 South I street, Thursday afternoon.

Christmas decorations in the Phillips home contributed to the gaiety of the afternoon which was spent in needlework and conversation.

At the tea hour, a party plate was served to: Mmes. A. W. Wyatt, M. L. Wyatt, Johnson, John Dunagan, H. H. Watson, O. R. Jeffers, Wallace M. Ford, B. C. Girdley, and the hostess.

Oil News—

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cat, operators reported today. Bailing test now is being run to determine exact amount of water. Operators said it is likely that the well will be abandoned at present depth. It is in the southeast corner of section 22, block D, J. H. Gibson survey.

In the Wasson-Bennett pool of Yoakum, Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation No. 1 N. W. Willard is drilling below 4,602 feet in lime, while Plymouth Oil Company No. 1-B Bennett had reached 4,857, also in lime.

George P. Livermore No. 1 R. D. Glimp, southwestern Hockley test was reported to have topped brown lime at 3,860 feet. First trace of gray lime came in at 4,170 feet, and main lime was encountered at 4,210. On the latter call, the well is running about 20 feet lower than Gulf Oil Corporation No. 1 Mallett Land & Cattle Company, small producer now plugged, two miles to the northwest.

Skelly Oil Company No. 1 N. H. Tarver, in the Duggan pool of southeastern Cochran county, flowed 91.80 barrels of 30.4-gravity oil on six-hour proration gauge to arrive at 24-hour potential of 367.20 barrels, with gas-oil ratio of 770-1. Flow was through 1-inch choke on 2-inch tubing. The well logged pay from 5,010-50 feet; total depth, and was acidized with 7,000 gallons.

In the Cedar Lake pool, northeastern Gaines county, Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 T. S. Riley, prospective three and one-half miles northwest extension test, was showing nothing as it bailed drilling mud 200 feet off bottom. Total depth is 4,864 feet in lime.

Lehn Well Completed.

Rockdale Oil Company No. 2 A. Sullivan, in the northeast extension to the Lehn pool of Pecos county, flowed 126 barrels of 33.4-gravity oil on 24-hour test, with gas in the ratio of 520-1, after shooting with 130 quarts. It topped pay at 1,662 feet and is bottomed at 1,735.

Olson-McCandless No. 1 Crockett, northern Pecos Ordovician wildcat, is drilling below 3,973 feet in hard lime.

Continental Oil Company et al No. 1 J. S. Todd unit block, Crockett county deep test, recovered eight feet of hard crystalline dolomite by coring from 7,000-09 feet. Core from 7,009-10, present total depth, returned eight inches of Ellenberger dolomite showing some siliceous or flintlike material. Core heads were worn out taking both cores. Operators today are reaming hole to bottom preparatory to running Schlumberger survey. They then will run tubing, unload hole, and test.

A shallow Permian test in the same section, Todd unit No. 5 community, is running 5 1/2-inch casing, bottomed at 1,180 feet in lime. It logged showing of gas at 1,020, with increase to an estimated 1,000,000 feet daily at 1,090 feet.

Zay Kimberlin of Midland No. 1 J. W. Robbins et al, northwestern Crockett wildcat, plugged back 32 inches from total depth of 1,880 feet in lime by driving 200 pounds of steel cuttings and an equal amount of lead wool. Operators will re-run tubing today to test shut-off of water encountered in crevice immediately below a promising showing of oil.

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Military Planes Lead in Landings

Military planes have led in landings at the Midland Municipal Airport recently. Landings for today included: An O-47, flown by Major Knapp, who came from Kelly Field and went to Roswell, N. M.; an SOC-3, navy observation plane flown by Lieut. Newman, which came from Hensley Field, Dallas, and went to El Paso; a B-12, flown by Capt. Johnston, which came from El Paso and went to Barksdale Field, Shreveport; a B-10-B, flown by Lieut .H. B. Young, enroute from El Paso to Shreveport, La.

Col. Pursley arrived from Brooks Field, San Antonio, in an O-38-F. He went on to Amarillo but plans to return here for an overnight stay.

Other recent landings included: A Spartan of the Olsen Drilling company, with Russell Reeves as pilo, arrived here Thursday from Tulsa, Okla.; a Lockheed of the Humble company with Pilot Schweizer at the controls which yesterday came from Houston, went on to Hobbs, N. M., and returned to Houston; two navy planes, O3U-3's, with Pilot Powell leading, which came from El Paso and went to Hensley Field, Dallas; and an A-17, flown by Capt. White, which came from Barksdale Field, La., and went to El Paso.

Suspension of Wink Is Upheld by League

AUSTIN, Dec. 15. (AP). — The State Interscholastic League committee has suspended Wink High School from participation in football for the 1940 season "or until conditions warrant reinstatement," Athletic Director R. J. Kidd announced Thursday.

Kidd said the action was taken on the recommendation of the District 7, Conference A, committee which disqualified Wink the week of Nov. 26 on grounds the school had been guilty of recruiting football players by providing them with free lodging.

The West Texas team was disqualified prior to playing Pecos for the district championship. It won the regional title last year.

Hardin-Simmons Men Confer on Game Here

Gib Sandefer, business manager, Hershell Schooley, publicity director, and Coach Frank Kimbrough of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, stopped in Midland early this morning, enroute to a Border Conference meeting in El Paso, to confer with Thad Steele, chairman of the sports committee of the junior chamber of commerce, J. L. Greene, school board president, and chamber of commerce manager Bill Collyns relative to Midland's bid for a football game between Hardin-Simmons and School of Mines on Lackey Field here next fall. The game here would be sponsored by the Midland Junior Chamber of Commerce. Steele said that cash guarantees had been offered both schools to play the game in Midland. Site of the tilt will likely be decided upon in El Paso this evening or tomorrow, he said. Odessa is also bidding for the game.

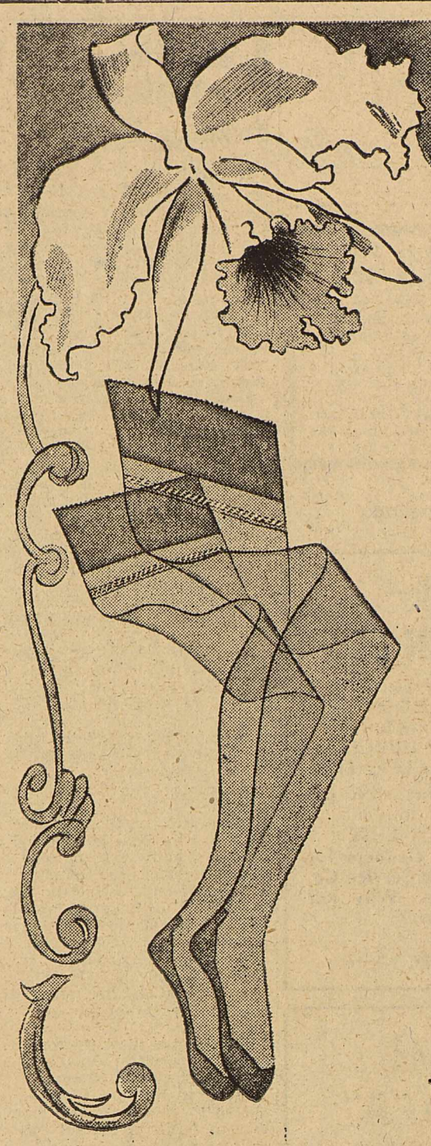
Christmas Party—

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posed of George Philippus, chairman, Ellis Conner, D. E. Gabbert, Bob Scruggs and Bill Holmes.

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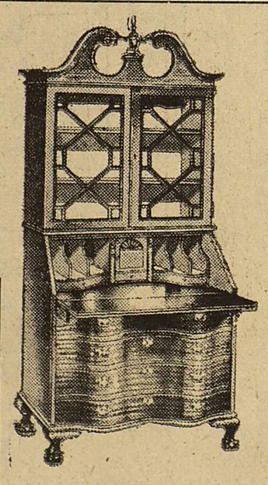
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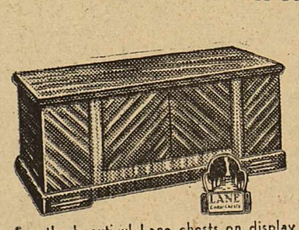
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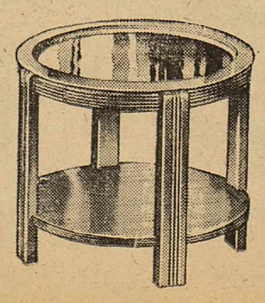
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