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Accident Near Inadale Fatal To Oklahoman

Lonzo Echols, about 50, of Oklahoma City, died at 8:30 o'clock last night of injuries sustained a short time earlier when a pick-up truck in which he was riding overturned at Inadale.

The driver of the truck, Ollie F. Dumas, 42, of Sweetwater, also was injured in the accident, which occurred about 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

E. W. Green, highway patrolman who investigated the accident, said Dumas evidently lost control of the vehicle, running off the highway and overturning.

Green said the truck was traveling northwest on U. S. Highway 84, having just passed through Inadale, when it overturned several times near the Pyron road about 600 feet this side of the small town. Both men were thrown from the vehicle, a 1950 Ford. They were taken to the Young Hospital in Roscoe.

Hospital officials there said this morning that Dumas was recovering from a broken collar bone and multiple bruises but that his condition was not regarded as serious. Dumas is a welder and has been working in Snyder.

A charge of driving while intoxicated was filed in county court here this morning against Dumas.

The death of Echols brought to 14 the number of traffic fatalities in the county outside the Snyder city limits. The number of fatalities from traffic accidents in the county this year, including those in the city, is now 17.

Wildcat Test Of Ellenburger Staked in Kent

Seaboard Oil Co. of Delaware No. 1 Hattie Connell is to be an 8,000-foot prospector in Southwest Kent County to explore the Ellenburger.

Location is to be at the center of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 54, block 5, H&GN survey. That makes it five miles northwest of the town of Polar and one location due north of Star Oil Co. No. 1 Blanche Young, discovery well of the Polar North Ellenburger field.

That well was completed for a 24-hour potential of 1,476.72 barrels of oil per day and no water, flowing through a three-quarter inch choke. The production came from Ellenburger pay at 7,780-7,822 feet, which had been treated with 1,500 gallons of acid.

Drilling on the Seaboard exploration is to start at once.

SALT WATER

Operator is drilling below 6,905 feet in lime and shale while waiting on orders at General American Oil Co. No. 1 Mary Chalk wildcat in North-Central [illegible] County.

The prospector developed sulphur water and top of the reef at 6,720-6,838 feet.

After a two and one half hour drillstem test of that interval, recovery was 2,070 feet of drilling mud and 4,100 feet of sulphur water.

The reef was topped at 6,720 feet. Elevation is 2,121 feet. That gives it a datum of minus 4,599 feet.

Location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 19, block 1, H&GN survey.

ELLENBURGER PAY

More Ellenburger pay has been found at a new depth discovery in Southeast Upton County.

Cities Service Oil Co. and Continental Oil Co. No. 1-AH University, eight miles east of Rankin and 1,980 feet from east and 860 feet from south lines of section 29, block 3, University survey, flowed 252.7 barrels of clean oil in two hours and 17 minutes during a drillstem test in the Ellenburger 10,710-755 feet.

The oil flow came after the tester had been opened for 13 muintes. There was no water in the fluid which came to the top.

Operators were pulling the tester at last report.

This wildcat previously flowed 156.96 barrels of oil in two hours from the Ellenburger section at 10,710-755 feet.

Top of the Ellenburger is at 10,723 feet. Elevation is 2,752 feet.

The project also showed as a flowing discovery from the Spraberry sand at 7,128-85 feet. The project flowed at the estimated rate of 10 to 12 barrels of oil per hour naturally from that zone.

As soon as the full thickness of the Ellenburger is determined, the new field opener will be completed.

The Vickers Petroleum Co., Inc. and Norwood Drilling Co. No. 1-P Canning, offset to the same concerns' No. 1-A Canning, discovery from the Wolfcamp in Southeast Borden County, has been plugged and abandoned.

The prospector drilled to the Ellenburger without finding a commercial production.

The No. 1-B Canning was plugged back to re-test the upper zones and after they failed to produce the venture was abandoned.

Equipment Saved At Hungnam



Evidence that UN forces brought out much of their fighting equipment in their historic retreat from Changjin reservoir is here in this line of heavy tanks awaiting loading at Hungnam, Northeast Korean port now being evacuated. Jim Pringle, Associated Press Staff photographer, took this picture December 13, Korean time.

Truman May Slap Controls On Materials for A-Bomb Project

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (AP)—Top atomic leaders were called to the White House today amid speculation that President Truman may order controls over the critical materials needed for the nation's rapidly expanding A-bomb program.

The speculation arose when it was learned that three atomic officials would attend the meeting arranged for Mr. Truman with — among others — the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Senate and House Banking Committees. These committees have jurisdiction over controls legislation.

AEC REPRESENTATIVES

Representing the atomic program will be Chairman Gordon Dean of the Atomic Energy Commission; Chairman McMahon (D-Conn) of the Senate-House Atomic Committee, and Rep. Elston (R-Ohio), a member of the committee.

Elston told a reporter he did not know what the meeting was about, but assumed it was another in the series of meetings the President is holding with congressional leaders on the present emergncy.

McMahon told the Senate yesterday Congress should speedily approve as a matter of the "utmost urgency" the AEC's request for $1,050,000,000 to carry out the third phase of its expansion program.

IN BILL

The request is contained in a $17,850,000,000 supplemental defense money bill now under study by the appropriations committees of both houses.

McMahon said the new program would (A) enable an increase in stocks of avaialable uranium —the ore which provides the explosive material for the A-bomb; (B) add "huge new plants" for using products of the ore, and (C) produce new weapons production and sterage facilities.

Increase For Draft Quotas

AUSTIN, Dec. 14. (AP) — Selective Service today called on Texas to increase its combined January-February draft quota by 80 per cent.

The adjusted January-February call is for 8,279 men. The origina January-February call was for 4,596.

Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield state selective service director said the Texas increase followed action by the Department of Defense increasing the national call from 90,000 to 160,000 for the two months.

PREPARE CALLS

Selective service headquarters is preparing adjusted calls to local draft boards for January, Wakefield said. Calls to the local boards for February will not be sent out until Janaury.

"Texas is in good position to fill these adjusted calls without running short of examined and acceptable men," Gen. Wakefield said. "We had a lot of men examined during August, September and October."

The state draft director said Texas "must step up physical examinations for the months ahead."

IN CONTACT

"Our headquarters already has been in conference with Army examining officials to get the job done," Wakefield said.

Gen. Wakefield said that "only a few hundred men were examined in November and a similar amoun scheduled in December." He revealed that about 4,000 men are being called for examination after Christmas, this decision being made after increased calls for January and February were received.

Physical examinations to be made in January, originally planned for 7,500 men, have been increased to almost 13,000. Local boards will receive adjusted calls later. No decisions have been made in regard to physical examinations for February.

Jury Dismissed When Cases Called Found Not Ready for Trial

When district court opened this morning and no attorneys appeared to try cases on the docket Judge A. S. Mauzey discharged the jury for term.

There are scores of cases pending, but none were ready for jury trial. It was pointed out by court officials that it would take more than a year, with the court sitting every day, to try the cases already filed in district court.

Judge Mauzey said he would be available for non-jury cases the balance of this week and through most of next week.

The next regular term of court after the termination of this session, will be the third Monday in March.

Quake Felt In Sierra Region

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14. (AP) An earthquake described as violen w residents was felt in the isolated Donner Summit area of the Sierra at 5:25 a.m. (7:25 a.m. CST) today.

There was no report of damage, however.

The quake was felt mildly as far as Sacramento, Calif., to the wes and Reno, Nev., to the east.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14. (AP) — A strong earthquake shook Mexico City shortly after 8 o'clock this morning but caused only minor damage. There were no reports of personal injuries in the city itself.

The epicenter was estimated at being near the town of Putla in Oaxaca State, 190 miles southeast of Mexico City.

Joint Red Command Is Said Highly Possible

HONG KONG, Dec. 14. (AP) — Informed quarters said today they regarded as "highly possible" reports that Russia, Red China and North Korea had set up joint military headquarters somewhere in Manchuria.

However, they said they could not confirm the reports.

A rumor of the joint military setup has been circulating here.

Greek Ship Sends Out Distress Call From The Bay Of Biscay

LONDON, Dec. 14. (AP) — The British admiralty said it received a distress signal early today from a Greek cargo ship wallowing in heavy seas in the Bay of Biscay, south of Brest, France.

The American Freighter Beaver State later radioed that she had sighted the Greek vessel, the 3,658-ton Agios Spyridon, and was standing by. The Norwegian Tanker Salamis reported she also was heading for the scene.

The admiralty said it had heard nothing to support reports from New York that the 7,000-ton Beaver State and Agios Spyridon had collided.

President Will GetAutographs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (AP) — President Truman, a famous father of a famous daughter, knows what he's going to get for Christmas. He's going to get the autographs of more than 200 daughters of members of the National Press Club.

Mr. Truman asked for them himself.

He and Margaret were guests at the club's annual father-daughter dinner last night. All through the meal the girls kept up a steady parade to Mr. Truman's table, getting his autograph.

At the end of the program, Mr. Truman got up and said:

"As usual, it's been a wonderful evening." He then ran through the entertainers ,who ineluded everyone from the comedian, Jimmy Savo, to a bunch of kids, "Juvenile Jury." He said he liked them all. "It was well worth the price of admission," he said, "and it didn't cost me anything."

Then he had a special message for the youngsters:

"I want every one of you young ladies to send me a Christmas card, and I want you to write on it, 'I was at the Press Club father-daughter dinner—here's my autograph.'"

UN Forces Pulling Back More As Reds Drive On

Industry Feeling Effects Of The Spreading Railroad Strike

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. (AP) — A sudden, crippling railroad strike spread from Chicago to Washington today despite a federal court order to end the walkout.

The yardworkers' work stoppage curtailed passenger service on eight rail lines serving the nation's capital. A similar walkout has tied up considerable freight and hit some passenger traffic in Chicago, rail crossroads of the nation.

There had been a hint from chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods that the strike might spread. The first walkout, in Chicago, took 10,000 men out of the yards yesterday.

ORDERS END

A federal judge last night ordered the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen to end the one-day strike.

The walkout, which the union termed unauthorized, virtually halted freight movement. It caused some passenger train cancellations and disrupted other industries. Continuation of the stoppage threatened a major delay in the Christmas mails in Chicago, which is a major transfer point for transcontinental mails.

STEEL HIT

The steel industry was hit almost immediately. Some blast furnaces were banked. There were shutdowns and curtailment of operations throughout the Chicago industrial area.

A railroad spokesman said the strike appeared to be an attempt to force settlement of the dispute before any wage freeze or presidential declaration of a war emergency. The union seeks a 40-hour work week at 48 hours pay for its yard workers. The dispute has been before Steelman and the National (railway) Mediation Board for more than four months.

Controls Urged By Top Leaders

By MARVIN ARROWSMITH

(Associated Press Staff)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Truman discussed home front mobilization with a second congressional group today and was urged by several of the legislators to go ahead with wage-price controls.

There was no word as to whether Mr. Truman had made up his mind about that, but Sen. Maybank (D-SC), said he was "hopeful" the President will declare a national emergency and put into effect swiftly "whatever wage-price controls can be administratively handled."

ALL THE WAY

Sen. Tobey (R-NH) told reporters he had advised "all out" controls.

"This is one of the darkest hours in the history of this nation and the world," Tobey said.

Maybank is chairman of the Senate Banking Committee which handles controls legislation. Tobey is the top Republican on the committee.

Attending today's White House conference were the leaders of the Senate and House Banking Committees, the Senate-House Economic Committee, and the Atomic Committee. Key administration officials concerned with economic matters also were present.

SECOND MEET

It was the second such meeting that Mr. Truman has held preliminary to reporting to the American people in a radio address at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow night on what steps the government will take to meet the world crisis and the increasing threat of World War III.

Democratic and Republican congressional leaders met with him yesterday.

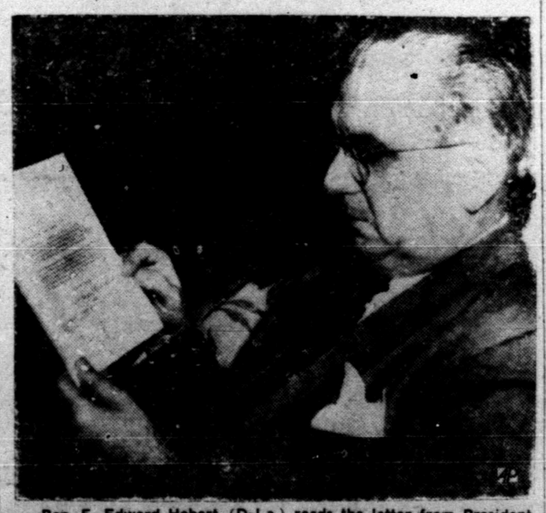
After that meeting the White House said there appeared to be unanimous agreement among the conferees that "our military strength should be built up with the utmost speed."

Cooler Temperatures Are Recorded Here

The temperature inched up to a bare 60-degree maximum yesterday, falling off considerably from the 70 to 75-degree high readings recorded on previous days by Mrs. D. P. Strayhorn, weather observer.

The minimum reading of 22 degrees was also slightly lower than on the two mornings just before today.

Reads Truman Blast



Rep. F. Edward Hebert (D-La.) reads the letter from President Truman in New Orleans in which the chief executive criticized the "low" state of politics in the recent campaign in Louisiana and other states. President Truman's letter was in reply to a suggestion by Hebert that the president appoint a day of prayer for divine guidance of officials in the present world crisis.

Korean War In Brief

(By The Associated Press)

FIGHTING front — U. S. Third Division abandons Oro in critical allied Northeast Korea beachhead. Engineers blow bridges, forces pull back toward Hamhung. An estimated 100,000 Chinese Reds menace bridgenead. In biggest aerial oogfight of war four American jets tangle with 24 Soviet-built jets over Sinuiju. One enemy plane reported hit. General MacArthur's headquarters says 8 to 12 North Korean divisions now back in the war. Only small engagements reported on Eighth Army's west front.

DIPLOMATIC front — United Nations General Assembly expected to approve today a cease-fire proposal over Russia's objection.

UN Approves Korean Truce Despite Reds

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (AP) — The United Nations Assembly today approved an Asian-Arab plan for a Korean cease-fire despite Soviet bloc warnings that this would not end the fighting.

The vote was 52 to 5 with Nationalist China abstaining. The Soviet bloc countries cast the negative votes.

The proposal creates a three-man committee, headed by Assembly President Nasrollah Entexam of Iran, and directs it to seek a basis for a truce. Entexam deferred naming the committee.

Russia's Jacob A. Malik vigorously opposed it as a move to give the United States and Britain a chance to prepare a new attack.

Polish Delegate Stefan Wierblowski told the assembly the cease-fire proposal would not stop the Korean fighting. This had been assumed by most delegates as a result of the Soviet bloc opposition, but some had clung to a slender hope that the Chinese Communists still might agree to a truce.

The 60-nation UN Political Committee adopted the measure yesterday 51 to 5, after a flood of gloomy predictions that World War III threatens unless the Chinese Communists heed the world organization.

Russia's Jacob A. Malik fought desperately to defeat the measure sponsored by India and 12 other Asian and Middle East countries.

He even half-promised that Chinese troops would quit Korea if all foreign troops—the United Nations forces—pulled out in accord with a Soviet proposal still awaiting committee action.

More Russian and Soviet bloc arguments were expected to delay a final assembly vote until late today.

The Indian delegation has never received an answer, either from Peiping or from its representative, Wu Hsiu-Chuan, in New York, on the Asia-Arab plea for Communist forces to stop at the 38th Parallel.

Wu has remained silent here ever since the cease-fire proposal came up.

No Evacuation From Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 14. (AP) — The U. S. Army today issued a statement denying a news agency report that plans are being made for evacuation of American woman and children from Germany.

Army headquarters in Heidelberg said there has been no "change" in the current policy as regards dependents.

It is generally known that military plans to provide for evacuation of American families in the event of war's outbreak have been in existence for several years.

Army officials call this "routine planning."

The Army denied, however, the news agency report that there was a conference of U. S. troop commanders in Stuttgart recently to consider evacuation plans. Headquarters said the meeting was a routine conference of the commanders of the newly created Seventh Army.

Mail Crippled By Rail Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (AP)—The Post Office Department today considered a partial embargo on parcel post mailings in view of the spreading strike among railroad yard employes.

Asst. Postmaster Gen. John Redling told a news conference that the railway walkouts at strategic centers across the country "effectively cripple the mail distribution system."

He said department officials must decide within the next few hours whether to order post offices to stop accepting package mailings for transcontinental delivery, and movement between the north and south.

The interruption has occurred as the Christmas mailing season is approaching its peak.

Redding also said the department has under study a plan for shifting first class surface mail to the air lines.

Emergency arrangements set up yesterday to get transcontinental Christmas packages routed around Chicago, where the walkouts started, have now been cancelled because of the spread of the strike to other points.

Takes Over New Job

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 14. (AP) — Clarence E. Meyer, former vice president of Standard Vacuum Oil, today took over as director of the Economic Co-operation Administration mission in Korea. He was named Nov. 11.

Woman Dies Of Burns

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 14. (AP) — Mrs. May Staggs Maurer, 71, succumbed last night to burns suffered Tuesday when her clothing became ignited while burning leaves at her home.

Communist Air Activity Is Highest Yet

Evacuating Troops Are Blowing Bridges As They Give Up Ground

(By The Associated Press)

TOKYO, Dec. 14. — Allied forces pulled deeper into their Northeast Korea beachhead today before the menace of an estimated 100,000 Chinese Reds massed on an arc around them.

Across the peninsula in the northwest near Manchuria the biggest jet-against-jet air battles ever fought were waged during the day.

The jet dogfights rendered no clear-cut decisions.

In Washington, an Air Force spokesman said the growing Red jet fighter activities indicated the Communist Air Force is starting to wage an all-out air war in Korea.

"The pattern now unfolded may reveal a steady increasing tempo of air activity as additional aircraft become available from Communist China or the Soviet Union," the spokesman added.)

ORO ABANDONED

On the northeast beachhead the U. S. Third Division abandoned the town of Oro, six miles north of Hamhung, and withdrew into the slender perimeter strip extending another six miles to the east coast port of Hungnam.

It is the United Nations' last toehold in the northeast.

Puerto Rican troops attached to the Third Division dynamited three spans of a 500-foot concrete bridge over the Songchon River after Oro was abandoned. A railroad bridge and two other spans on the outer defense perimeter also were blasted.

These were the first reported large demolitions on the outskirts of the beachhead. Oro was in flames from pre-dawn fighting. This was believed to be the scene of a light Chinese probing attack reported earlier but not pinpointed. Enemy reconnaissance planes scouted the beachhead Wednesday night.

Th tense beachhead was quiet Thursday. Riflemen and machine-gunners, testing their weapons in the dock area, caused one flurry of excitement.

A Red convoy of 100 machines was reported moving south from the Manchurian border toward the Chosin Reservoir, where thousands of allied troops now at the beachhead recently smashed through Red traps.

A briefing officer said the convoy was believed to be carrying supplies for the Reds massed around Hamhung and Hungnam.

In the far northwest, another threat appeared in the growing strength of Red jet fighter planes streaking into action from Manchuria.

Twenty-four Russian-made MIG-85s tangled with four American F-80 shooting stars in the biggest aerial dogfight of the war thus far.

The flashing battle was waged for nearly a half hour on Tov the Sinuiju area on the Korean side of the Red Manchurian border. Pilots reported one hit on a MIG and no damage to their own planes.

Earlier in the day 14 to 16 MIGs —the largest number to appear fighting in a single formation up to then, engaged U. S. jets in a brief clash in the same area. That fight was broken off without damage to the eight American jets involved.

Farther south, the UN northwest front was generally quiet.

A security blackout settled over the general picture in the critical Hamhung-Hungnam area of northeast Korea. But a U. S. 10th Corps spokesman there estimated that 10 Chinese divisions were putting pressure on the slender beachhead from three directions.

AP Correspondent Stan Swinton reported two light ground attacks on the perimeter, which embraces Hamhung and its Hungnam port on the Sea of Japan coast.

Both attacks were repulsed. Chinese in company strength wore captured American uniforms in the first probing attack.

The perimeter is manned by elements of three American and two South Korean divisions plus British and Puerto Rico units.

Purchasers Ask Same Number Producing Days

AUSTIN, Dec. 14. (AP) — Oil purchasers indicated today they generally would be satisfied in January with the same number of producing days that Texas has had this month.

The proration hearing was envened by railroad commissioner Olin Culberson's charge that an Austin attorney's statements cast a reflection on the commission.



Weather

WEST TEXAS: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Friday. No important temperature changes.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Cooler tonight portion tonight. Gentle to moderate variable winds on the coast.

All-Tournament Basketballers



Max Coffee, second from right, was selected as one of the six all-tournament players in a basketball tournament held at Lakeview high school, San Angelo, last week end. Players are shown with trophies awarded in the tournament. Snyder high school won fourth place in the tournament. Other players in the picture are, from left, Wayne Mathews, Jack Lackey, John McClure of Lakeview, tournament winner, Coffee, and Max Wolverton of Winters. Jimmy Melton of Roby, not pictured, was also on the all-tournament team.

'A' Tigers Defeat Lakeview 27 to 24

The Snyder basketball teams won both their "A" and "B" games with Lakeview played here last night.

The "A" game played last was a see-saw affair with the Tigers coming from behind in the last half to eke-out a 27-24 win, while the "B" game was never questioned. The "B" Tigers had the edge all the way and maintained a safe margin from the opening moments to the final bell. At the end of the game the "B" Tigers led by nine points, 27-18.

Last night's "A" team win over Lakeview was the Tigers first meeting this season with that team, but all advance dope on the Lakeview Indians showed them to be a better ball club than the Snyder boys. But that paperhandicap was blasted by Coach Ernest Kinney's boys in the closing minutes of play.

Lakeview started scoring with a free-point made by Wayne Mathews, chosen last week as one of the three Lakeview men on the all-tournament team.

Jackie Lackey for Lakeview followed with a field goal that put the Indians 3-0 early in the first quarter.

Bad passing on the part of the Tigers early in the game was their most noticable characteristic, but Grant Teaff made a free - throw to put the Tigers on the scoreboard, 3-1.

Underwood for the Tigers made a field goal to tie the score at 3-3 then followed immediately with another for a 5-3 lead.

BEARDED PLAYER.

Mathews, colorful player for Lakeview that has sprouted a youthful Prince Albert and says that he is not going to shave until this year, came back with a free throw to cut down the Tiger lead to 5-4. After a Tiger time-out the Indians went ahead 6-5 and ended the first quarter.

The fast-paced second quarter saw the teams swaping field goals and free throws ending with Lakeview leading 15-13. Bill Hanks for the Tigers made two field goals for four points, and Underwood made one field goal and one free throw in that period.

John McClure for the Indians led that quarters scoring with two field-goals and one free point for five points.

After the half, Lakeview widened their lead to 18-13 and held the lead most of the quarter, however the Tigers seemed to improve their ball handling and especially passing after a pep-talk during the half-time. Max Coffee Tiger chosen on the all-tournament team at Lakeview, began a series of fast breaks with the ball that led to field goals.

The quarter ended with the Tigmaking use of time-outs, the Tigers managed to keep the ball most of the time during the last two periods.

With the end of the game approaching Lakeview made a valiant attempt to recover the lost lead, but the Tigers kept their eye on the clock as well as the ball and managed to pass it back-and-forth between themselves and only attempted shots when they could get a clear chance.

Scoring in the game was dominated by Coffee who made all his 11 points in the last half. Lakeviews McClure followed with 10 Underwood and Hanks for the Tigers had eight and seven points each respectively.

"B" TEAM WINS

In the "B" game, the Tigers dominated play from the leading gong. At the end of the first quarter they led 5-1. By the half-time the "B" Tigers had widened their lead to a score of 12-5, and managed to trade goals with the "B" Indians during the last two periods to end with a nine-point lead, 27-18.

A substitute for Lakeview that came in after the half, Louie Edelmon, was high point man in the game with eight. Joe Cargile for the Tigers followed closely with seven, and John Gary and Crook each had six points. Bill Cain scored five points and Deany Floyd three for the Tigers. For Lakeview, Nathan Dyer made one point, James Houston four, Curtis Nixon one, Douglas Wells four and Edelmon eight.

Coach Hal Battles' boys seemed to play with assurance and showed a confidence on the court that didn't appear in the "A" game until after the first half when the "A" team relaxed and started watching their passes.

Ruling by Police on Traffic Fatality; Meeting on By-Pass

Trucking companies, drillers and oil field supply houses here held a meeting Monday afternoon to voice again their opinion that a by-pass is a desperately needed civic improvement.

The meeting followed the death Monday morning of Mrs. D. F. Wilson, 67-year-old Snyder woman who was run over by a truck.

The meeting of truckers and the accident prompted some discussion of a by-pass at Monday night's city council meeting, but no definite action was taken although future consideration was indicated.

NOT AT FAULT

Police Chief Chester Bairrington said yesterday that the driver of the McClatchy Brother's truck which killed Mrs. Wilson was not at fault.

"From the testimony of a number of witnesses, we could see no reason for holding the driver or for making any charges against him," Bairrington said.

"James R. McIver, driver of the truck, was licensed to operate that type vehicle, and the truck was evidently in perfect operating condition," Bairrington said. "The horn and brakes were working perfectly and were used as well as possible in an attempt to avoid the accident.

"McIver even pulled completely off the pavement in his attempt to miss the woman.

"Testimony of witnesses also indicated that the truck was traveling at a slow rate of speed."

It appeared that the woman, who was crossing at a place where pedestrian crossing is not authorized, heard the horn on the truck and thought it was that of a car approaching from the other direction, Bairrington continued.

"Witnesses said the woman was watching the car and did not see the truck," he said, "and she must have jumped to the path of the truck thinking she was about to be hit by the car coming from the other direction."

Mr. and Mrs. John Tatum, Snyder residents, have a new son born yesterday morning at the Snyder Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 10 ounces at birth.

Chamber of Commerce Elects Six Directors

Six directors of the Chamber of Commerce were declared elected last night when votes of chamber members in a recent election were counted.

Directors elected to serve for the next two years are Nolan Watson, president of the West Texas State Bank; Jake Springer, manager of Anthony's; G. Edward Bolger of the Bolger-Barnes Funeral Home; Ralph Geisenhoner, vice-president of the Snyder National Bank; Walter Dabbs, superintendent of the Humble Oil & Refining Co. camp here; and J. H. Mixon, manager of Penney's.

Hold - over directors include James Rosser, J. E. Blakey, Al Lieb, Sterling Williams, R. A. Schooling, and Edward H. Harte.

El Paso Man Named To Represent Lincoln Insurance Co. Here

Louis E. Long, Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. representative, has been appointed district manager for Scurry County.

Long has represented the company here for the past two months and worked for the company in El Paso for about three years before moving here. He is a World War II veteran, having held the rank of major in the air corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Long and their sons, Billy, 6, and Marty, two and a half, now live at 124 Twentieth Place in the Parkway addition.

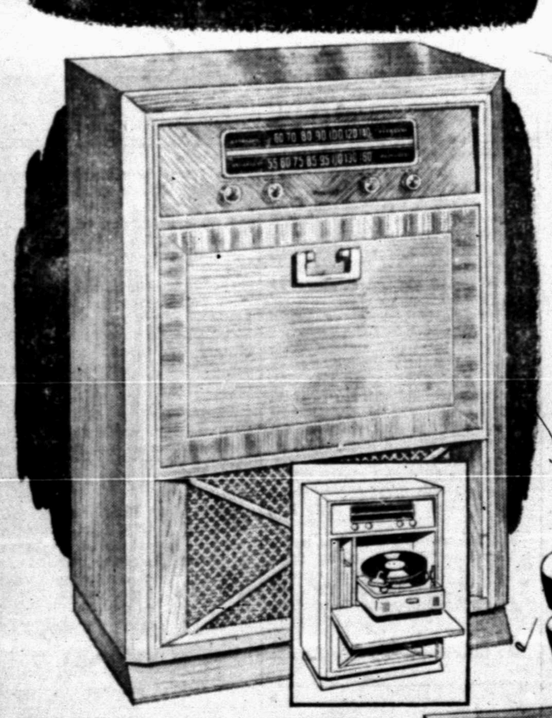
R. M. Phillips will be associated with Long in insurance work for the Lincoln company here.

Extension Director Is Junior Chamber Guest

Cliff Perkins of Sweetwater, state extension director, was a guest at the Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday evening.

In the business session which followed the dinner meeting, program plans for the Christmas party Dec. 21 were discussed. It was also voted to cancel club meetings scheduled for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, with regular meetings to be resumed after that date in January.

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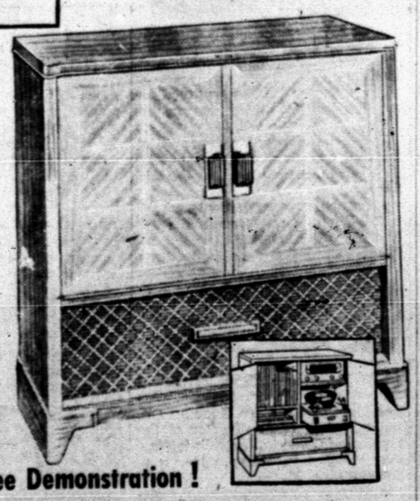
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Two men in the cab of this truck escaped with m inor bruises and slight cuts Friday night when the one-way steel bridge across Deep Creek on Twe nty-seventh Street collapsed beneath the truck and semi-trailer, loaded with an oil field tank. The driv er was Joe Doyle Cunningham, 23, and the passenger was Osse Wilkerson, Jr. Both were from Odessa. The truck has been removed.—(LaWayne Hulse photograph).

Senior Class Play Friday

Comedy involving the characters from a girls' boarding school and the bewildered gentleman who inherits it resolves itself into "Charm School," to be presented by the senior class of Snyder high schoo' Friday evening.

Austin Bevins, played by Otis Sneed, is the inheritor of the girls' school. He tackles the problem bravely enough with the aid of two friends, portrayed by Hubert Strom and Neal Woods.

Other characters in the story include twins, played by Earnest Sneed and Lowell Bynum, who like the same girl, played by Patsy Pogue. Elsie Benedotti, played by Wanda Jean Rainwater, is president of the senior class at the school and promptly becomes infatuated by Austin. She has competition however, from other members of the class, played by Shirley Blakely, Janet Saffel, Patsy Woolever and Ann Grubb.

Charlene Stewart is cast as Miss Hays, who resents taking orders from a man who has the impression that girls should be charming. Kay Weber as the timid Miss Curtis, who tries always to think of the good of the class, brings ur some really humorous incidents. Steve Parks as Homer Johns, Miss Hays' suitor, adds to the hilarious incidents.

Tickets for the senior class presentation are now being sold by members of the senior class. They will also be on sale at the auditorium the night of the performance, which is to start at 7:45 o'clock.

Funeral Services Set This Afternoon For Mrs. Mary C. Livingston

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary C. Livingston, 604 Avenue S, were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Bolger Barnes Funeral Home chapel.

Mrs. Livingston, 87 years of age died at her home Monday following a long period of illness.

The Rev. E. K. Shepherd, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is to officiate at the services. He will be assisted by Lyman Wren.

Mrs. Livingston was born Dec 16, 1863, in Tennessee. She has lived here for about 40 years. Her husband, the late Will Livingston, died about 10 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Galyean had made their home with her during recent years.

Shotgun Blast Kills Youth In Local Garage

Harold W. Cozad, 19 years old, who came to Snyder from Pomona, Calif., less than a month ago was accidentally killed by a blast from a 410-gauge shotgun last night in downtown Snyder.

Cozad was pronounced dead a few minutes after arrival at Snyder Hospital where he was taken by a Bolger Barnes Funeral Home ambulance.

Chester Bairrington, chief of police said Charles Coons, 15-year-old son of E. J. Coons, 2203 Twenty-sixth Street, was cleaning the gun in his fathers garage at Twenty-fifth Street and Avenue T when it was discharged, accidentally killing Cozad.

E. J. Coons said that as he was crossing the street to another building, Cozad entered the garage. Before Coons reached the other side of the street he heard a gun shot and returned to find Cozad on the floor. Charles Coons suffered severe shock following the incident.

Cozad lived in Snyder at Avenue I and Twenty-eighth Street with three other men from Pomona.

Survivors include his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cozad of Pomona.

Arrangements for shipping the body to California had not been completed late this morning, Bolger-Barnes Funeral Home announced. They said his body would be shipped to the parent's home as soon as arrangements were completed.

Ed Bassinger, assistant chief of police, said this morning that earlier yesterday the 410-gauge shotgun had been left at Pete's garage, owned by Coons, as security for a bill owed to the garage for car repairs.

Charles Coons was cleaning the gun while he was alone at the garage. Cozad and the senior Coons had left the shop earlier and had just returned when the accident occurred.

Charles Coons told Bassinger that he was alone standing facing the rear door to the shop, cleaning the gun and that before he knew what happened Cozad came up behind him and playfully grabbed him by the shoulders and spun him around. He said that he didn't know just what caused the gun to go off because everything happened so fast, but that the gun was discharged at point blank range, striking Cozad in the abdomen.

Union Area Landowners To Name Supervisor For Soil Conservation Unit

A meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday at Union to elect a supervisor in subdivision No. 2 of the Scurry County soil conservation district, according to Nolan von Roeder, secretary.

The meeting will be held in the Baptist Church at Union.

All land owners in the subdivision, which includes that portion of Scurry County west of the Round Top road and Lubbock Highway, are urged to participate in the election.

The present board of supervisors of the Scurry district are Charlie Hunnicut, Nolan von Roeder, Mat Bavousett, John Zalman, and Clifton Thomas.

Entertainment in the form of soil conservation films will be provided by members of the Snyder office, Ed Seay, conservationist said.

Films to be shown are "In Common Cause," "Soil and Water Conservation," and "Rain on the Plains."

Information of Needy Veterans Asked by Post

The American Legion wants every war veteran and his family to have a good Christmas, and if anyone knows of a veteran who is not able to provide for himself and his family this Christmas, he is urged to get in touch with Hilton Lambert, telephone 455-W.

"Post No. 181 is on record to see that no needy veteran family in this area will be forgotten on Christmas, and if the name is given to the above phone number, we will see that everything is taken care of," Lambert said.

Jail Sentence Imposed In Driving Violation

Mrs. Nina Mae Chaney, 23 years old, Trailer Town, was sentenced this morning to 30 days in jail and fined $50 by a county court jury which found her guilty of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Mrs. Chaney was charged with the offense after a pick-up truck she was driving collided Nov. 5 with a car driven by Antone Burt LaPour, 53, of Hermleigh. With LaPour at the time were his wife and two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. LaPour were both injured and hospitalized.

Insurance Adjustors See Accident — From Drivers' Point of View

Two insurance adjusters were involved in a collision at the intersection of Twenty-fifth Street and U. S. Highway 180 in East Snyder about noon yesterday.

Damage to both cars was considered by investigating officers to be only slight.

Louis E. Long, Jr., 34 years old, 2707 Avenue D, was driver of a 1950 Nash sedan that collided with the rear of a 1941 Nash sedan driven by Stanley Giles Lindell, 27 years old, Lubbock. Occupation of both was listed on the police accident report was "insurance adjuster."

Commissioners Court Wants Charity Cases Investigated

The commissioners court Monday afternoon agreed to request the aid of Harold Bennett, manager of the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce, in hiring a person as investigator of charity cases requiring hospitalization.

The decision came after a request by Dr. W. R. Newton, owner of the Snyder Hospital, that the court work out a system by which the county would aid in the payment of hospital bills for charity patients.

No system for the payment of charity bills was made in the court's session, but the commissioners tentatively agreed to hire an investigator full time to look into all cases claimed to be charity and determine the abilities of the patients or their near relatives to pay the bills.

FIRE TRUCK

A motion was made by F. I Chapman, seconded by T. B Knight, that the county buy a fire truck with a 400-gallon water tank, a 200-gallon pump with a power take-off, hand fire extinguishers, and other accessories provided such a purchase were found lawful. The motion died when opposed by the other two commissioners, Dovie Parmer and Ted Haney.

Parmer said he was in favor of the purchase of such equipment but that he did not believe the county should agree to buy the truck until learning first whether the purchase were allowed by law.

The request to purchase the truck was made by N. W. Autry, chief of the Snyder Fire Department, who explained that about 30 per cent of the fire calls answered by the department were outside the city limits.

"Our department has always tried to help everyone, regardless of residence, and we will continue to answer calls outside the city limits as long as I am chief of the department," Autry said.

Autry explained that the truck which he estimated would cost between $5,000 and $6,500, would be used primarily for fires outside the city and most often in places not likely to have sufficient water for fighting blazes. Many of the rural homes have no water available to fight fires with, he added.

The purchase of such a truck would allow the department to make calls outside of town without jeopardizing the city by removal of one of its regular trucks.

Most of the commissioners commented that they would be willing to reconsider the request after looking into the law if they found such a purchase would be lawful.

BONDED PATROL

The court voted to authorize the sheriff, Lloyd H. Merritt, to revoke the deputyship of George Wall and L. B. Camp, operators of the Bonded Patrol. The men were recently deputized by Merritt after authorization of the commissioners court to operate the patrol organization without pay from the county.

The court's decision yesterday followed a motion by Haney, seconded by Parmer.

The court agreed also yesterday to appoint three persons to investigate the farm properties of Miss Hanna Steele and Lloyd Ainsworth both of Fluvanna, and try to work out a solution agreeable to both of them regarding the construction of a road to Miss Steel's property.

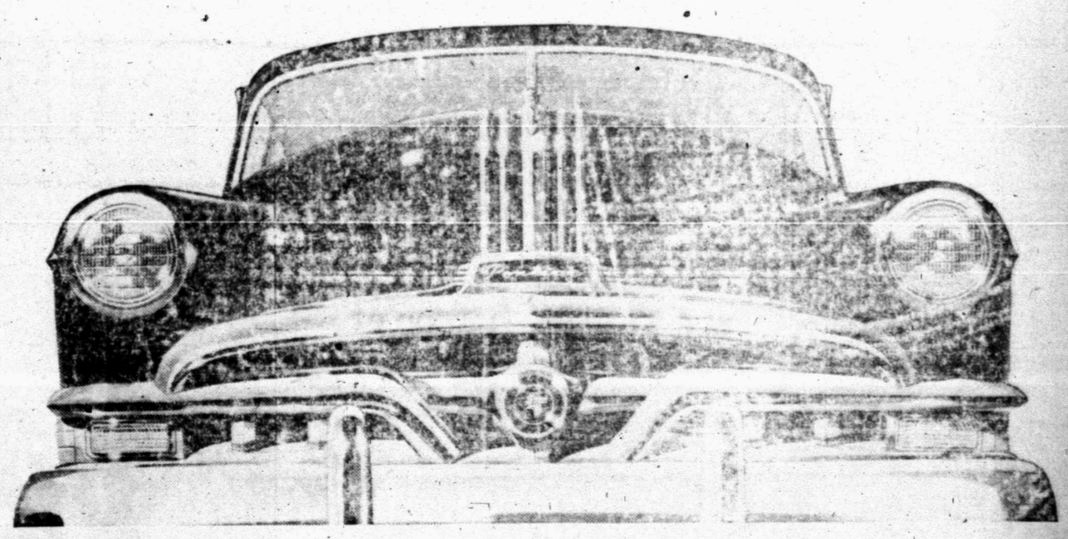
Miss Steele requested the court by a petition signed by 27 Fluvanna persons to construct a public road across Ainsworth's farm to her land. Ainsworth requested the court not to build such a road contending that her property was adjacent to a section line at another point and that a road could be constructed there.





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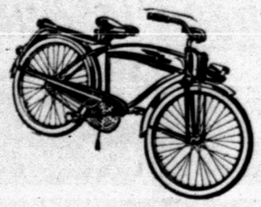
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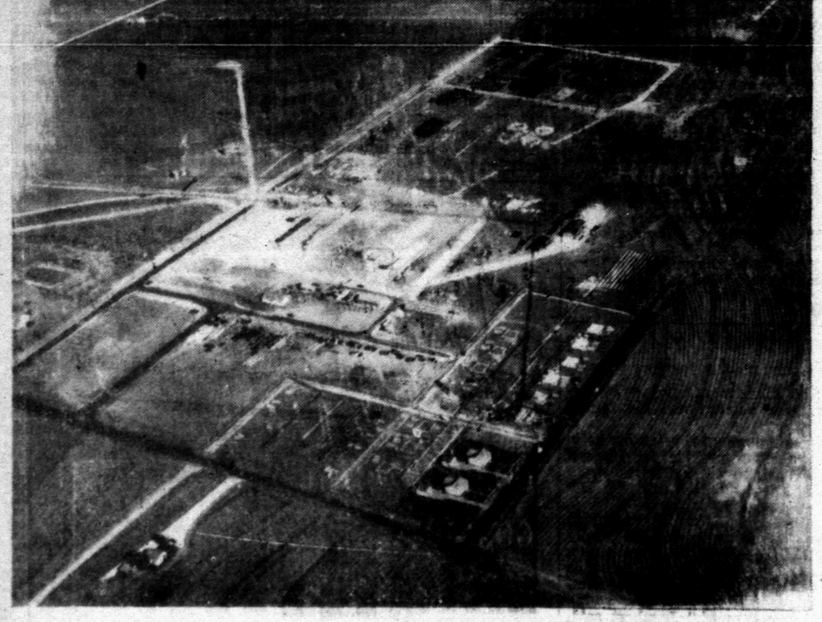
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The aerial view above shows the 70-acre plant site of the new $6,800,000 Sunray Oil Co. plant which is now being built three miles northwest of Snyder. When completed about May 1, 1951, the plant will process natural gas now being wasted in flares for sale as natural gas, natural gasoline, propane, butane, and isobutane. In the lower left corner two of the plant's proposed 20-employee residences are completed, with foundation work being done on others.



Some of the 36-inch pipe line that will gather flare-gas from about 900 oil wells in this area for processing at the Sunray plant three miles northwest of Snyder, is shown above. A total of 138 miles of pipe line varying in size from two-inch up to the mammoth steel tubing above is being laid by Vaughn and Taylor Construction Co., Inc.—(Photographs by E. J. Mills, Sunray plant superintendent).

Work on the multi-million dollar natural gas conservation plant being built by the Sunray Oil Corp. and 26 other oil companies three miles northwest of Snyder is progressing rapidly.

Seven huge natural gas burning engines to power the $6,800,000 plant has been moved in and placed on their foundations. Each of the engines develops 1,350 horse-power and weighs 50 tons.

FLARE GAS

Work on the 138-mile pipe line gathering system that will tap flare-gas on about 900 wells in this area and bring the gas to the plant for processing also is going speedily. Most of the 36-inch main lines in the system have been laid and work has started on smaller feeder lines.

The Gulf Coast Pipe Coating Co., coating pipe for the project completed their work on the larger pipe and are now coating pipe for the feeder lines.

When completed some time next spring the plant will have three 3,000 barrel spherical storage tanks similar to ones used at large refineries on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

Fifty vessels will be constructed at the plant to process flare gas into propane, butane, isobutane, natural gas, and natural gasoline, E. J. Mills, plant superintendent said.

Six fractional towers eight feet in diameter and approximately 125 feet high will be an intergal part of the plant when completed Mills said. Each of the towers weighs 287,000 pounds, and will have to be built in California, and shipped here on three flat cars. One of the fractionating towers will be 150 feet tall.

When the plant is completed the entire 70 acre tract of land purchased from Nolan von Roeder will be in use either by the plant itself or as space for storage tanks for the plant, Mills said.

Construction of the pipeline project is expected to be complete by May 5, 1951, D. D. Vaughn, president of Vaughn and Taylor, contractors for the lines construction, said.

The Sunray plant will be completed by early next summer, Mills said.

When completed the plant will process 70-million cubic feet of natural gas daily and will have a liquid production capacity of 570,000 gallons per day, Mills said. This production will be from natural gas now being wasted in flares in Scurry County oil fields.

Natural gas production of the plant will be sold to gas pipe line companies for distribution to users, Mills said

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mullins, 1704 Seventeenth Street, had as guest this week Mr. Mullins sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pilley and son of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Clements, 3005 Avenue U, and Mrs. T. L. Lollar, have returned from three weeks spent in Brownsville, Tex, where they fished in the Gulf waters.



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Scouts Help Rebuild Toys For Christmas

Boy Scout Troop No. 27 under the leadership of Jack Bartell, is assisting the Kiwanis Club in its work to repair toys for the underprivileged children, it was announced today by Dr. Woodrow W. Mikeska, committee chairman.

The Scouts met last night at the workshop, donated by Dean Cochran, at Avenue Q and Seventeenth Street, and aided Harold Grant and other Kiwanians, in sorting out four pickup loads of discarded toys.

These toys will be repaired and painted and later go into the Christmas basket for some needy child in this area. The Scouts worked from 7:30 to 10:30 last night, and most of them are expected to report to the same place for additional work through Wednesday of next week, said Grant.

The Scouts are being given credit for this work by their leader.

The workshop at the Mathews Furniture store and at the home of H. D. Moreland also are being utilized for the renovation of toys Dr. Mikeska said.

Names of underprivileged children in this area still are being sought by the Kiwanians.

Anyone wishing to give old toys and clothing is asked to telephone 1722 or 389-R for pickup service.

Musical Program Given At Lions Club Meeting

A group of 4-H club boys and girls from Snyder junior high school presented the program at yesterday's Lion's Club luncheon.

The vocal program was arranged by Jake Greene, and was given under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Sparks, home demonstration agent.

The Rev. W. W. Adcock, zone chairman, told members to be preparing for the Melvin Jones Membership campaign in January. Each member who brings two new members to the club will be awarded a prize, and members getting the greatest number of new members will be awarded other prizes, Adcock said.

Three songs and oral readings were given by the guest entertainers. "Silent Night," opened the program, followed by "I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas," and "Sing Your Way Home." Guest entertainers were: Gloria Sheldon, Doris Hataway, Sue Trumble, Meta Wilson, Earlene Tuel, Don Stewart, Sidney Johnson, and Borden Reeder.

Other guests at the luncheon were J. Lawrence Devers and Ross Hemphill.

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New High School at Hermleigh



Hermleigh's new high school building, shown abo ve, has just been completed and will soon be ready for use, according to Orville Paty, superintendent of schools there. The building includes four classrooms, a combined auditorium and cafeteria, kitchen, a com bined study hall and library, and three administration offices.

50 YEARS AGO TODAY

Taken from the files of THE COMING WEST of Dec. 13, 1900.

W. A. Jones has been leveling up his lot on the east side of the square preparatory to putting up a wagon yard in connection with his livery stable which he is preparing to open up.

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Mr. Jones now has his passenger and express hack between here and Colorado in operation daily and is prepared to accommodate the public. He meets the west bound passenger train at Colorado every day and then comes to Snyder on good time.

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John Runyan and partners, carpenters from Colorado, arrived Monday and began the erection of Sheriff Darby's new residence in the east part of town. These gentlemen are said to be first class workmen and express a willingness to locate here if sufficient work is furnished them.

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Mrs. T. F. Baker, assisted by her class of music, will give a Music Recital at the Kidd building on the west side of the square Dec. 15. To cover expenses of the recital the small admission fee of 25 cents for reserved seats, 15 cents for general admission and 10 cents for children will be charged.

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P. M. Wellborn says that Riley Manry and F. J. Graynum could not stand the noise of the city of Dallas over night and left him, Riley returning home on the first train and Mr. Graynum going to a suburban village to keep from being disturbed by the noise of the cars.

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J. C. Crockett was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. Mr. Crockett is a neweomer in this section, but is starting off right by planting shade trees and otherwise beautifying his new home.

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Dr. Scarborough is improving his residence this week by the addition of a room and portico.

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Miss Annie Ellis is quite sick this week. Her many friends will be glad to see her up again.

A. H. Thornton was elected noble grand of the Snyder Masonic Lodge last Friday night. Other officers are W. H. Wilson, T. J. Ellis, Dr. A. G. Person and J. S Jones.

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A. S. Henry, of the firm of Henry & Aucutt, has been here several days the past week from Colorado assisting his firm in arranging for their grand holiday display.

Low Water Crossing Expected to Open Soon

Opening of the widened bridge over Deep Creek at Twenty-sixth Street should be possible by Christmas, W. J. Ramsey, city superintendent, said today.

Concrete on the south extension was poured last week, and the north extension pour was made Monday, he said.

A curing period of about 10 days is required before traffic can be routed over the bridge, he said.

Placing of steel banisters on the bridge may take some time but temporary banisters can be built of wood so that traffic may use it, he said.

Ray C. Bennigsen, president of the Chicago Cardinals pro football team, also is general manager of Hawthorne Race Track and a director of Sportsmans Park Race Track.

Tea Friday Honors Miss Betty Gatlin

Miss Betty Lynn Gatlin will be honoree at a bridal gift tea to be given by Mrs. R. J. Randals at Randals Ranch, Friday, Dec. 22.

Miss Gatlin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gatlin, 710 Twenty-fifth Street, will marry Bill Arnold Campbell Dec. 24 at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Randals, who will mail her engraved invitations this week, will begin receiving guests at 7 p.m. for the one hour tea party.

Hostesses who will assist Mrs. Randals are Mrs. Mable Brock, Mrs. M. E. Stanfield, Mrs. A. D. Erwin, Mrs. Lucille Daugherty, and Mrs. T. C. Goss.

WHO'S NEW

A native West Texan who got transplanted to Louisiana is among the Snyder newcomers this week.

He is J. W. Phillips, who, with his brother, Morris Phillips, has purchased the former Carter-Vicars Hardware Store here. They have re-named the store the Phillips Brothers Hardware Store.

Both the brothers were orginally from Abilene, and still have relatives living there. J. W. Phillips has been living in Shreveport, where he was chief of the vocational rehabilitation and educational division for the regional office of the Veterans Administration. Morris Phillips has recently been living in Paris, Tex., and worked in hardware there.

Mrs. Phillips and their two children, Cherie, 6, and Cynthia, 1 are still in Shreveport, and will move here as soon as arrangements can be made. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips and their children, Barbara, 4, and Robert 2, have bought a home at 2336 Sunset Avenue in the Highland

Miss LeClaire is also registered nurse, but gave up that profession in favor of working in the floral business. She was working Park addition.

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Another new business owner here is Miss Alpha LeClaire, who has recently purchased the City Floral Co.
in a flower shop in Weatherford before moving here, and studied floral arrangement at the Ben Kaiser school in Dallas.

She is enthusiastic about the shop here, and is concentrating on Christmas arrangements and decorations now. Mrs. Eleanor O'Hara will continue to assist Miss LeClaire in the operation of the shop. They are planning to hold open house there during the week before Christmas to display special arrangements and give Miss LeClaire an opportunity to meet customers.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thomas, 2401 Avenue M, are former residents of Kermit. They moved here Dec. 1, when Mr. Thomas accepted a position with the Vaughn & Taylor Construction Co.

Although both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were originally from Roscoe, they made their home in Key West, Fla., and North Carolina for about four years before moving to Kermit. They were at Key West when Mr. Thomas was discharged from service, and elected to remain there instead of returning to Texas. Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cooper of Roscoe, have been in ill health recently however, and they preferred to be nearer them.

"It's nice to be back in West Texas," Mrs. Thomas said. She was favorably impressed with the friendliness of Snyder, and amazed at its growth in the years she was away.

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Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Hamilton, 611 Thirtieth Street, have been here long enough to almost be classified as long - time residents. They moved here almost four months ago from Fairfield, Ill.

They and the other newcomers were welcomed to Snyder by Mrs. Harvey Burk's greeter service.

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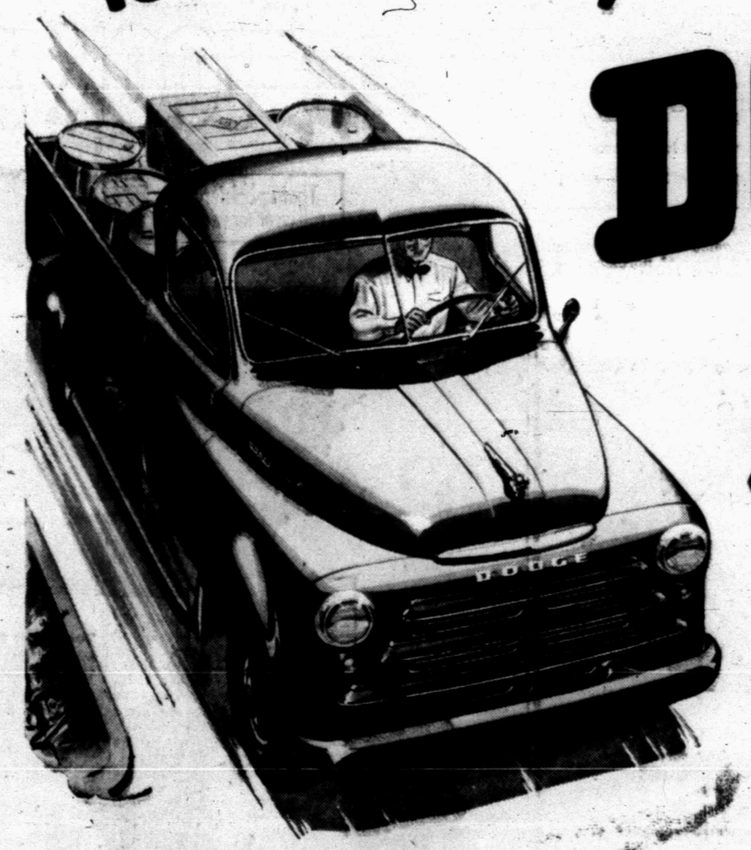
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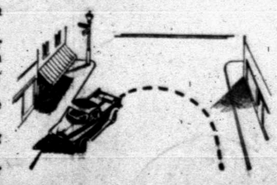
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Gen. MacArthur In Hamhung



Gen. MacArthur (left) leaves the operations building at Yongpo airfield, Hungnam, with Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, 10th Corps commander, during th e United Nations' commander's secret visit to the Korean war front. Hungnam, on the Northeast Korean coast, may become the evacuation port if it is decided to take out the Marines who fought their way out of a Chinese Communist trap in the Changjin reservoir area to the north.

Former City Manager of Big Spring Heads Water District

BIG SPRING, Dec. 13 — Appointment of E. V. Spence as general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water district was announced here today.

R. T. Piner, president of the district, said that Spence had been elected to the position by the district board of directors, effective Jan. 1, 1951, or as soon thereafter as possible.

RESIGNS POST

Simultaneously, Spence tendered his resignation to Gov. Allan Shivers as interstate water compact commissioner, a position he has held since 1949.

In his new position, Spence will be the general administrative officer for the district which is committed to furnish Big Spring and Odessa with an abundant water supply. There is prospect that Snyder will be in the district soon. Spence's salary will be $9,000 a year, Piner announced.

Neither West Texas nor the water district will be new to Spence. He served Big Spring for 10 years as city manager, resigning to enter military service on Oct. 2, 1941. Prior to that he had been city manager at San Angelo four years and had been in business there for two years.

Upon separation from service as a lieutenant-colonel with the U. S. Corps of Engineers in 1945, he was commissioned a member of the state board of water engineers by former Gov. Coke R. Stevenson. Subsequently he was made chairman of the board and recommissioned by the late Gov. Beauford Jester before drawing the assignment as compact commissioner for the Canadian, Sabine and Red Rivers.

It was during his tenure as a member of the water board that first hearings on the multi-city water supply proposal were heard and water permits were granted. From time to time he had been invited to be an observer at the meetings and to offer suggestions

Spence long had contended that the remaining available source of long-range supply to the area was take on the upper Colorado River.

In his letter to the governor, he said that his decision to resign the compact post had not been easy, being torn between a desire to "serve the people of Texas — and my desire to assist the people of West Texas, that is the Big Spring and Odessa area, in their most laudable determination to solve their major problem — that of water supply. Through and by their own efforts, without outside assistance, and with full and complete control and freedom of action in the development and utilization of their water resources this project will be accomplished." He added that his remuneration as water district general manager would be considerably greater than as compact commissioner, this fact alone "did not control my decision to accept the position."

WORK FOR STATE

The board in electing Spence had made it clear that it would permit him to devote such time as might be necessary or useful to the state in its water problems Only last week he succeeded in negotiating a compact with New Mexico and Oklahoma representatives on distribution of the Canadian waters.

Spence was graduated from San Diego high school in 1907 and from Texas A. & M. four years later with his BS degree. He practiced general engineering until 1917 when he volunteered for military service in World War I and served until 1921 as a captain in the field artillery.

Returning from service, he practiced engineering at Alice and served as mayor of that city. This interested him in municipal problems and he attended A. & M. in 1924-25, specializing in city management. Upon receiving his master of science degree in civil engineering, he accepted the city manager's post at San Angelo. He came to Big Spring in the summer of 1931 and resigned to re-enter military service. Currently he is a colonel in the U. S. Army Reserves and holds several citations for outstanding service as post engineering officer at Camp Swift. He is married, is a member of the Episcopal Church, the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Legion, Reserve Officers association, and International City Manager's association.

Since resigning his managerial post here in 1941, Spence has continued to maintain his legal residence in Big Spring. He said he had considered West Texas as home.

Oil Field Service Firm To Move Office Here From Colorado City

Lane Well Co., on field service house which now has offices in Colorado City, is planning to move their offices here about the middle of February, W. A. Smallwood, sub-district superintendent said today.

New offices for the company are to be built about four miles west of Snyder on the Lamesa highway. Ground work for the buildings has already begun, although no contracts for actual construction have been let, Smallwood said.

Lane Wells has been operating from Colorado City since March, 1949, and now employs about 21 persons there. The firm specializes in oil field service work.

The move is planned to put the company offices nearer the working area, Smallwood said. The company was unable to locate here in 1949 because it was not possible to get housing for company employees.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stanfell of Fluvanna are the parents of a seven pound, two ounce son born Tuesday morning at the Snyder Hospital.

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5 Locations In Scurry's Reef Fields

Locations for five new projects have been staked for immediate drilling in Scurry County.

Three of these new explorations are the Cogdell field of Central-North Scurry.

NO. 118 FULLER

The Texas Co. No. 118 Fuller, 7,150 - foot rotary test will be drilled 667 feet from east and 1,988 feet from south lines of section 614, block 97, H&TC survey. That makes it 15 miles north of Snyder.

DORA CUNNINGHAM

Texaco spotted its No. 9 Dora E. Cunningham eight miles north of Snyder and 1,927 feet from north and 2,131 feet from west lines of section 613, block 97, H&TC survey.

Rotary tools will be used to drill the project to 7,200 feet.

Thirteen miles north of Snyder and in the Cogdell field, Texaco has staked its No. 120 P. L. Fuller. Drillsite is 662 feet from south and 2,002 feet from west lines of section 551, block 97, H&TC survey.

Rotary tools will be used in drilling to 7,150 feet.

NO. 3 BEARDEN

Phillips Petroleum Co. No. 3 Bearden will be a new site in the Kelley - Snyder field of Scurry County and about four miles west of Snyder.

Location of No. 3 Bearden is 467 feet from north and east lines of section 212, block 97, H&TC survey. Projected depth is 7,000 feet and rotary tools will be used to drill.

NO. 4 BEARDEN

Another new location in the Kelley - Snyder field is Phillips No 4 Bearden, projected to drill to 7,000 feet with rotary tools.

It is located 467 feet from south and east lines of northeast quarter of section 212, block 97, H&TC survey.

Christmas Party For B. & P. W. Club Held

Business and Professional Womens Club members exchanged gifts at their Christmas party last night at The Village restaurant.

More than 40 businesswomen were present. Pastel holiday effects were achieved by the silver and coral tree, the centerpieces of the same coloring.

Miss Winnie Garner, president occupied the head table, with Mrs E. P. Ketner in charge of affairs. Mrs. June Sparks discussed a project the club is promoting to raise funds for the Youth Center. Mrs Forrest Beavers spoke of the senior play at the high school Friday night.

The group will meet again in January.

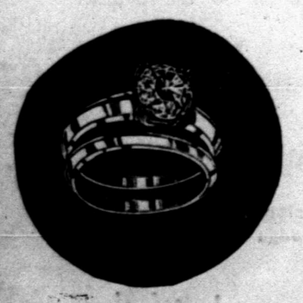
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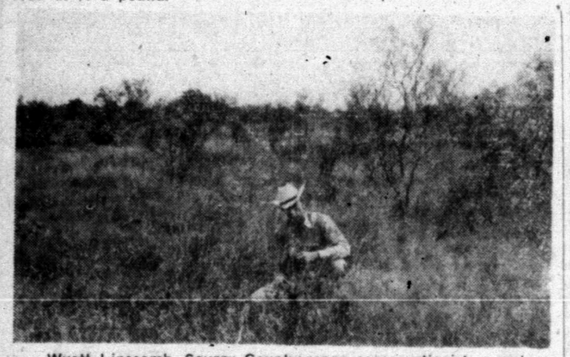
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Area Is Restored to Land Of Tall Grasses by Conservation



Four and one-fifth acres of blue panic grass on the Raymond Smith farm five miles east of Snyder made about 1,400 pounds of seed this year. Smith has already contracted to sell about 850 pounds of the seed at $1 a pound.



Wyatt Lipscomb, Scurry County range conservationist, examines grasses on land owned by Mrs. Lilly Van Winkle, seven miles northwest of Snyder. Reducing the amount of stock grazed on the land has resulted in the land's now being classified as high good. The same land in 1942 was classified as very poor. —(Soil Conservation Service photograph).

Good range management is paying off all over Scurry and Borden Counties, Wyatt Lipscomb, range conservationist with the soil conservation service, said yesterday.

"Early explorers in West Texas wrote that in many cases their progress was slow because the grass was so tall and thick their horses tired quickly from walking in it," he said.

"It is hard to believe that could have been true in this country until you see a small pasture which belongs to Dee Pylant," he said.

SEA OF GRASS

"One does not walk across this place—he wades across in grass boot top high. Not tobasa grass, either. It's buffalo grass, white triodia, sliver bluestem, bermuda, sideoats grama, and blue grama grasses," Lipscomb continued.

"Along creek banks there is grass as tall as a man—Indian grass and Sand bluestem grass which produce a large amount of forage."

Water which falls in such a grass coverage is utilized. It does not run down the creek to be carried off. The falling drops of water hit this heavy mat of grass and run down the stems to the ground. There the water is soaked into the ground to be used in producing more such grass. The sun does not bake the moisture from the ground here either as the old grass forms a muich to hold the moisture, Lipscomb said.

"This kind of pasture with its heavy cover of good grasses can provide year - round feed for many cows or sheep," he said.

Many other landowners in the county who have improved their pastures by good management have had a similar improvement in the quality of animals produced.

John Voss, five miles southwest of Snyder, has produced a great increase in the amount of sideoats grama, one of the most desirable natural pasture grasses, on both flats and hills on his place, Lipscomb said.

DONALDSON RANCH

After resting pasture this summer, the Donaldson Ranch, five miles south of Snyder has had a showing of the more desirable range grasses, he said.

Other ranch owners in the area that have improved the amount and quality of grasses on their land through good management practices are: Hugh Taylor, seven miles northwest of Snyder; Clyde South, Camp Spring; W. E. Murphy, Knapp; and R. J. Randals, west of Snyder.

These are only a few of the ranges that have been improved by owners who have found that "you can't starve a profit out of an animal," Lipscomb says.

Lewis Brooks, a sheep raiser in Nolan County south of Sweetwater increased his lamb crop about 20 per cent and the average weight of his lambs from about 65 pounds to about 85 pounds at sale time in just two years of good management practice.

"By managing his pastures in such a way as to bring back the more desirable grasses, and by resting his pastures so that he always had good fresh pasture for his ewes at breeding and lambing time, Brooks was able to make this kind of improvement in his lamb crop," Lipscomb said.

Miss Riley, Mr. Burrow Married

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Burrow were married last week in a simple service in the parsonage of the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Burrow is the former Miss Barbara Riley, the daughter of Mrs. Gus Young of Killeen, Tex. Mr. Burrow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Burrow, 811 Twenty eighth Street.

The bride's only attendant at the ceremony was her sister, Mrs Paul Castiglione. Joe Rue Burney served as best man.

Mrs. Burrow chose a navy blue suit, pink caccessories, and a pink tinted gardenia corsage. Her attendant wore a gray suit, navy accessories and a pink shoulder corsage of carnations.

Wedding guests included Mrs. Gus Young, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Burrow, Mrs. Mattie Fisher, Mrs R. S. Burrow, Miss Manky Burrow, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rea Mrs. Fred Shafer, Daryl Castiglione, Paul Castiglione and David Castiglione.

The couple will be at home at the Sand Hill apartments, Snyder. Mrs. Burrow until this week has been employed with the West Texas State Bank. Mr. Burrow is in the plumbing business. They plan to live here permanently.

Altrurians Hear Songs At Meeting

Mrs. J. C. Dorward was assisted by Mrs. D. M. Cogdell and Mrs H. P Brown when she entertained with a Christmas party for the Altrurian Club last Friday.

The group heard a selection of songs by Clinta Barbara Blackard, Shelby Smith, Donna Holms, and Margo Ashley, students of Mrs E. H. Hall.

Mrs. Orville Dodson, a guest, described the performance of the Passion Play she saw while on her travels. Mrs. Dodson highlighted her talk with pictures brought from the setting of this religious play.

A sextet of club members sang "The Holy City" and "There's A Song In the Air," and the fine arts committee gave a short picture study of the famous Rapheal Madonnas.

The welfare basket was filled, and a social hour followed with an exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Dorward had arranged a holiday motif for the tea table. Her daughter, Mrs. Ophelia Blackard, poured for the 25 persons present.

Truck Strikes And Collapses Steel Bridge

Two Odessa men had a narrow escape from death Friday night when the one-way steel bridge at Avenue T and Twenty-seventh Street collapsed as they were passed over it in a truck and loaded trailer. The accident occurred about 8:30 Friday night.

Police said Joe Doyle Cunningham, 23, of Odessa, was the driver and Osse Wilkerson Jr., also of Odessa, was a passenger.

STRUCK BEAM

According to police, the 1947 International truck was west bound on Twenty-seventh Street. The 40-year-old bridge failed when a large oil field tank being hauled on the trailer struck a beam at the top of the bridge. The tank was empty.

The entire bridge fell to the creek bottom 20 feet below, the truck turned over, and the steel superstructure of the bridge caved in around the vehicle.

Workers with acetylene torches yesterday afternoon were cutting the twisted wreckage of the bridge away from the truck and trailer.

Neither Cunningham nor Wilkerson were seriously injured. They were treated for cuts and bruises at the Snyder Hospital and were released.

Police said the weight of the truck and trailer, owned by the O. H. McAlister Trucking Co. of Big Spring, was 18,000 pounds.

TO BUILD BRIDGE

A new bridge is planned for the crossing and will be begun soon by Harry Newton, Inc., of Graham, a construction firm which holds a city contract for repair of three bridges and building of two new ones.

The city council at its meeting last Monday awarded to the Snyder Iron & Metal Co. the contract for removal of the one-way steel bridge on Twenty-seventh Street to make way for a new 36-foot, six-span bridge similar to the one on Avenue S near the county jail.

The old bridge is now almost totally demolished, and W. J. Ramsey, city superintendent, estimated the loss at $30,000.

Built about 1909, the one-way bridge was washed down Deep Creek during the 1939 flood. It was struck by the veterans clubhouse, which was washed down the creek on the crest of the flood waters. The impact of the clubhouse moved the bridge off its piers and carried it downstream.

Cotton Ginning Total In Mitchell County

Cotton ginning in Mitchell County for the 1950-51 season has now reached 33,189 bales, with a possibility that the figure will have increased to 34,000 or 35,000 bales by the time the official government totals are released early in March.

Small Vote Is Polled In Bond Election Here

School bonds totalling $3,500,000 for three new schools here were approved yesterday by a vote of 150 to 17. Only 167 persons voted in the big bond issue election.

It is expected that work will be given as soon as possible on a new 18-room elementary school on a 12-acre tract in Southeast Snyder, four blocks south of the Phillips "66" super station.

Shortly thereafter, an identical 18-room building will be begun in Southwest Snyder. Both elementary schools will be similar to the 18-room northwest elementary school building recently completed near the Lubbock highway.

The biggest structure to be built on the bond issue money will be a $2,500,000 high school in Southwest Snyder, between Highland Park and the Humble Oil & Refining Co. camp on Thirty-seventh Street.

Built to accommodate 1,000 students, it will have an auditorium gymnasium, cafeteria, shop, and modern classroom facilities. It is believed that on the completion of the new high school, Snyder will have one of the state's most modern school systems.

The vast building program, undertaken with the encouragement of the oil companies having interests in Scurry County, is aimed to accommodate Snyder's rising student enrollment. Last week the enrollment total stood at 3,408. It was expected that within 10 years there will be more than 5,000 students in the public schools here. At the close of school last June there were 2,525 students.

It is not expected that the big bond issue will increase school taxes because valuations in the Snyder independent school district have soared due to the oil boom. Valuations this year were based on 300 oil wells in the district, while those next year will be based on about 1,500 wells.

Mrs. D. S. Bodie Is Hostess for Bridge

Mrs. D. S. Bodie entertained Thursday afternoon in her home. Assisting her in hostess duties was Mrs. V. V. McGrew.

Mrs. J. E. Bucy won high socre prize; Mrs. Myron Hubbard, second high score prize; Mrs. W. B. Bass, bingo prize, and Mrs. C. B. Keever, traveling prize.

Mrs. Bodie served pie and coffee to the following other guests: Mrs. William Banks, Mrs. E. H. Mulhbach, Mrs. Jim Reed, and Mrs. Lyle Galbraith.

The next meeting of the club will be Jan 11 in the home of Mrs. Bass, Highland Park.

Birthday Party Given At Hickman Residence

Mrs. E. B. Hickman entertained friends of her daughter, Freda Lois Hickman, on her fifth birthday Tuesday.

Assisting Mrs. Hickman was Mrs. Wade Davis and Mrs. J. F Hickman.

Pastel - iced cake was served with hot chocolate, topped with colored marshmallows.

The children played games and listened to Christmas records.

Present were: Michael Cross, Sharon Oakes Lynn Caperton, Deborah Caperton, Bobbie Lieb Charles Lieb, Ginger Austin, Cynthia Davis, Jack Harold Allen, Ross Wise, Jeanette Hickman and Carroll Bicknell.

Cogdell Ranch Is Scene Of Sunday School Party

The D. M. Cogdell ranch was the scene Monday night of a Christmas party held by the Nancy Caton Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Cogdell, teacher of the class had arranged beautifully laid tables throughout her rooms from which the guests dined on a covered dish supper. The food was served from a long buffet table the silver and china complimenting a cutwork cloth. Ivy grew profusely throughout the house and there were Christmas decorations.

Each member present brought food for the needy Christmas baskets.

Mrs. R. E. Gray gave a humorous reading about Christmas understanding, and the group sang carols.

Present were Mrs. Wayne Boren Mrs. William Atwood, Mrs. R. C Miller, Jr., Mrs. Frances Blow Mrs. Edward Bolger, Mrs. Homer Graham, Mrs. Weldon Johnson, Mrs. P. W. Cloud, Mrs. Harry L. Lee, Mrs. J. P. Nelson, Mrs Oscar Webers, Mrs L. A. Scott, Miss Neomi Strayhorn, Mrs. V. K. Benson, Mrs. Ophelia Blackard.

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No Serious Injuries In Two-Car Collision

Two Snyder women suffered slight injuries, and five Hermleigh youths were hurt but not seriously in a two-car collision Monday night about four and half miles southeast of Snyder on U. S. Highway 84.

Most seriously injured were Mrs. Alice Womack Dennis, 49 of 809 Avenue Q and Mrs. J. Lawrence Devers, 35, of 2808 Avenue Q, both suffering bruises and lacerations.

Investigating the accident, which occurred about 8:25 o'clock, was E. W. Green, highway patrolman, who said Mrs. Dennis was driving her car, a new Chevrolet, with Mrs. Devers when a 1949 Lincoln driven by Bobby Joe Nachlinger, 21, of Hermleigh, struck it from behind.

With Nachlinger was the owner of the car; Homer Reuben Gannaway, 19; Seaman Rudnall, 20; Jeanette Coan, 15; and Wanda Verson, 16, all of Hermleigh. These were given first aid at the Snyder Hospital and released. Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Devers were treated at the hospital, then removed to their homes.

A justice court charge was filed this morning against Nachlinger, accusing him of failing to pass to the left of a vehicle being overtaken.

Damage to each of the cars was estimated at $1,000, Green said.

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Three Ways To Pay Contracts On Paving Program Reported

Pay contracts have been signed on about five units in the city's 200 block paving program between property owners and Brown & Root paving contractors for the project Wier Washam, contract representative of the firm said Saturday.

A sufficient number of contracts have been signed for the company to move in equipment and start the project whenever they can finish present projects, Washam said.

He added that some contractees who do not understand the terms of the contract are reluctant to sign, but that most had signed willingly when the terms were explained.

Under the contract a property owner may pay his part of the paving costs in five installments spread over a four-year period following completion of the paving.

Another alternative is that within 30 days after the city's acceptance of the paving the property owner may pay the full amount of the contracted cost and never be charged any interest what soever by the company, Washam said.

Still another procedure is that property owner, without signing any contract, may place the money to pay his part of the costs in escrow, to be paid to Brown & Root when the city has accepted the paving in front of the property concerned. If the job is never done, or if done unsatisfactorily and never accepted by the city, the money is returned to the owner's personal account with no cost to him, Washam said.



Mayor Forest G. Sears signs his pay contract while Wier Washam, contract representative of Brown & Root, paving contractors, looks on. A property owner has three choices in paying his portion of paving costs on streets that front his property.

Commissioners To Consider Salary Changes

The commissioners court at noon today voted unanimously to consider possible changes in salaries for county and district officials at its first regular meeting of 1951, Jan 8

The decision came after the matter had been before the court for discussion most of the morning being presented early by Edgar Taylor, county judge, presiding over the session.

An early motion to call the hearing Jan. 8 was made by Doyle Parmer, commissioner for precinct No. 4, but the motion died for lack of a second The matter was discussed after Parmer's motion by Jones Chapman, of precinct No. 2, who favored the proposal, and Ted Haney, precinct No. 3, who spoke against the motion in the could not draw more money than they are now paid until another law is passed He also said that he believed that to raise the salaries of officers would also raise the salaries of the clerical help above that of the commissioners.

C. M. Smith, bond investment man from Plainview, later explained to the court that the commissioners could by law draw more salary than they are paid now and also that before any legal change could be made, the court would have to publish notice of the meeting three weeks prior to the date set for the session.

Smith further explained that calling a session to consider the matter of changing salaries would not bind the court to make any changes. The court could, if it wanted to, decrease officers' salaries in such a meeting, he said.

Chapman then made a motion that the meeting be called, and the motion carried unanimously after a second by Parmer.

T. B. Knight, commissioner for Precinct No. 1, was also present at the session. Knight has been in a Dallas hospital about two weeks for treatment of a blood clot.

Members of Christian Church Plan Gifts For Home for Aged, Dallas

Members of the First Christian Church will be asked to draw individual names of those in the Fowler Homes for Children and Aged in Dallas. Persons drawing names will be requested to get wo gifts for their "Home Friend" before the time of the church Christmas Tree, Dec. 20.

All the gifts will be sent in to Dallas for distribution at Christmas. In addition, a special offering will be taken in the church, Dec. 17 for the support of the Homes.

The local program is under the direction of Mrs. Hugh Taylor membership chairman, and Bernard Gordon, missions chairman.



Grey as the Christmas decorations in this slik scarf, large enough to cover the head against winter winds or brighten a tailored suit.

Former Snyder Man Killed In Korean Action

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Morris, 1802 Twenty-eighth Street, have received word of the death of their grandson, 1st Lieut. Wayland Johnson, who was killed in action in Korea.

Notice was sent to his mother, Mrs. Audra Johnson in San Antonio, by the War Department. No further information on his death has yet been sent her.

Lieutenant Johnson, 27 years of age, was born in Snyder. He moved with his family to San Antonio, and they made their home there in recent years. He was a veteran of World War II, and re-entered the air corps in May, 1948. He had been in Tokyo until the outbreak of the Korean war and was then assigned to the Seventh Division as a liaison officer.

Survivors include two brothers, M. L. Johnson of Alice and Billy Johnson of San Antonio, his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Johnson of Hermleigh and an uncle, Olen Johnson, Hermleigh, in addition to his mother and maternal grandparents.

Crusaders Hold Annual Dinner In Methodist Church

Fifty five persons attended the annual Christmas dinner and party of the Crusaders Sunday school class held Monday night at the First Methodist Church.

A Christmas tree was the center of attention in the room, with a miniature lighted tree used as a centerpiece on the speakers' table Other tables were centered with Santa Claus and his reindeer, and the piano held an arrangement of candles and bright berries.

Mrs. Sid Worrell, class president, directed a short busines meeting, during which the class voted to send funds to Methodist homes in memory of two members of the class who have died recently. "Secret Pals" were also revealed at that time.

The program for the evening was opened by Mrs. W. W. Adcock with a reading. A short skit based on "The Night Before Christmas" was directed by Mrs. O. D. Jordan. The group then exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols to close the meeting.

Homer Grahams Give Christmas Party In Their Home Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Graham, 3110 Avenue U, entertained friends at a Christmas party Saturday night.

Mrs. Graham's living room was decorated with a silver Christmas tree. In the hallway were red and green magnolia leaves, and she centered her dining table with a small, gayly decorated tree.

A buffet of ham and many trimmings were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bolger, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fish Mr. and Mrs. William Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Dodson, Harris Sisson, E. V. Brooks, and others who dropped in.

If you're making an angel cake with a cup of egg whites you'll need a tube pan 9 inches in diameter. For 1 ½ cups of egg whites you'll need a 10 inch pan that's four inches deep.

Nurses Here Region Hosts At Meeting

Snyder consolidated Independent school nurses were hostesses last Friday afternoon to all school nurses of the South plains area. This was the first meeting of the school nurses, a group provided for by the Gilmer-Aiken bill of 1948.

T. D. Wiman principal of the high school, presided at the meeting, giving the welcome address. Snyder will be the meeting place for the February meeting, also, to which additional achools will be invited to participate.

It was pointed out at the meeting that each of the schools carries out much the same type of health program and so share many of the same problems. Included in most health programs are screening of the eyes with the Massachusetts Vision Test Chart, testing ears with the Maco Auditometer, the giving of health talks in the classrooms, tuberculosis tests, and carrying out of immunization programs.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Dorothy Andres of Anson; Mrs. Eulala Ault, Baird; Mrs. Jaella Thomas, Coleman; Mrs. Ruth B. Logan, Coleman; Mrs. Dorothy Peugh, Odessa; Mrs. Elizabeth Markham, Stamford; Mrs. H. S. Whitmire, Odessa; Mrs. Robert Owen, Midland; Mrs. Cecil Anders, Coleman; Mrs. T. P. Henderson Hermleigh; Mrs. Mike Hammons, Colorado City; Mrs. Raymond Williams, Snyder, Miss Kay Davis Snyder, and Miss Leah Davis, Snyder.

Christmas Party For Girl Scouts

Mrs. Floyd Boston, leader of the Cotton Blossoms, the fifth grade girl scouts, will entertain with a Christmas party Tuesday, December 19, in her home, 911 Twenty-seventh Street.

Assistant leaders who will help give the party are Mrs. Bob Sides and Mrs. Ben. Pennington. This group of scouts is also known as Troop 5.

Together with the Christmas party, a court of awards will be held at which the 15 members of the group will receive girl scout pins, their first earned award.

On display at the scout party will be work they have done, which will include gifts for their parents. The girls made the invitations which were sent out to their parents also.

All of the girls' mothers are urged to attend, according to Mrs. Boston.

Miss Betty Lynn Gatlin Will Wed Here In December

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Gatlin, 2506 Avenue H, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Betty Lynn Gatlin, to William Campbell.

Mr. Campbell is the son of A. J. Campbell and Mrs. H. P. Kellner of Oakland, Calif.

The nuptials will take place December 24 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. W. W. Adcock will perform the ceremony at the First Methodist Church.

Miss Gatlin is a student in McMurry College, Abilene. After her marriage, she will continue her studies until her graduation next June.

Mr. Campbell, a teacher in the public schools at Sterling City, expects to be inducted into the armed services in February.

Visiting Salesman Carries His Gospel Message Into Prisons

Pinch-hitting for the church to bring the gospel into jails throughout the Southwest is Charles H. Wilson, Dallas, a traveling salesman who visited Snyder recently.

Wilson is not an ordained minister, but is an active worker in the Church of Christ. He served as chaplain for the Texas prison system farms for three years. Many of the prisoners whom he converted during those years have returned to society to lead successful, Christian lives, he told officers here.

VISITS JAILS

Wilson is given an hour in the Scurry County jail and another hour in the city jail to speak to the prisoners. He is admitted inside the cells, and his talks here have been received without opposition.

"In my travels over the country, I have found that pastors of churches are often too busy to visit the inmates of jails," Wilson said, "and inasmuch as I love teaching the gospel, I decided to fill that gap left vacant by the churches."

He spoke to an audience of about 28 persons at his last visit to the Scurry County jail, and said they were apparently glad to have someone to talk to them. Several seemed definitely interested in the message, he added, and indicated they planned to devote more time to religion upon their release.

Wilson does his evangelistic work without compensation from any group, and does it between calls on his regular job. He often gives personal advice to those with whom he speaks, and renders other services to the prisoners.

"I've always tried to be kind to my fellow man," Wilson said simply of his work.

Wilson's work was commended by Lloyd Merritt, sheriff, and Chief of Police Chester Bairrington. Merritt added that he was welcome to the county jail.

For a quick holiday sweet, melt a package of semi-sweet chocolate pieces and stir in a cup of condensed sweetened milk. Blend the two ingredients together well and drop by spoonfuls onto waxed paper; press a piece of candied cherry in the top of each chocolate drop. In making these by sure to melt the chocolate over hot water.

Eddies thrown off by the Gulf Stream are found well to the north near Nova Scotia.

Echoes From the Past

A cowboy Christmas ball depicted in a ballad by William Lawrence Chittenden will be re-enacted in Anson on Dec., 20-23.

The original ball, held in 1885, was in the Star Hotel. It created such an impression on Chittenden, who was visiting there, that he wrote a ballad about it. From his descriptions a commemorative ball is held there each year.

A regulation of the modern day event requires that all participants wear costumes of the 80's and 90's, with long full skirts, hoops, polonaise and overskirts for the women and Texas cowboy attire for the men. The Grand March is led by descendants of pioneer settlers, and the whole community joins in the folk dances which follow.

The square dances will be held in Pioneer Hall, starting at 8 o'clock each night. Every attempt is made to re-create the original atmosphere, Fred Harper, cowboy association secretary, said, and all visitors are cordially welcomed.

Water Election Is Authorized By State Board This Morning

AUSTIN, Dec. 11. (Spl.) — An election in which voters of Snyder will decide upon annexation to the Colorado River Municipal Water District was authorized today by the State Board of Water Engineers.

No date for the referendum however, was set by the board. This will be fixed subsequently at the pleasure of the city and the district. It will permit proposed contracts to be submitted to Snyder and to be voted upon simultaneously with the annexation proposal.

Board action came promptly after Mayor Forest Sears, Snyder, and others had testified that participation in the district would benefit Snyder. S. W. Freese, Fort Worth, engineer for the CRMWD, testified that the supply would be ample for Snyder as well as Big Spring and Odessa, present district members.

George White, Big Spring CRMWD director, and Charles Perry, Odessa, CRMWD vice president, told the board that the district had approved the annexation of Snyder. John D. McCall, Dallas, district counsel pointed out that Snyder was included in the original permit on the Colorado river, a source from which Snyder would obtain its supply from the district.

As to quality, Freese testified the lake afforded even better water than originally thought. Total chlorides stood at 31.1 parts per million, against U. S. Public Health allowable of 250; and total dissolved solids of 245 against an allowable of 500. "In other words," he said, "it all adds up to much softer water than even our original studies showed."

Mayor Sears said that Snyder was depending upon 24 wells with a capacity of about three million gallons per day. In summer, these did not furnish an adequate supply, he said. And Snyder has about exhausted the possibility of underground water. Sears said that in the past two years a total of 1268 customers had been added.

C. T. McLaughlin, James Rosser, M. R. Estes, Harold Bennett and Ed Harte appeared for Snyder. They said that there apparently was no opposition to the proposal.

Hearing the application were Board Members A. A. Beckwith, A. P. Rollins and James Guleke.

Football Banquet Held Last Night

Candles and Christmas wreathes at each table Monday night made the Junior High school football banquet a gala party.

Over 110 persons dined on turkey and the trimmings at Sage and Sand Restaurant at this, the annual get-together of football players, their dates, and coaches.

Coach Ernest Kinney performed as toastmaster; Jack Youree delivered the invocation; Miss Doris Hataway gave the welcome; Stephen Blair gave the response; Miss Olive Ann Sumlin sang a solo; and Coach James Moffett gave the principle address.

Trucker, Injured Here, Is Taken To Houston

R. H. Buchannan, Houston truck foreman who was injured on the Sun Oil Co. lease near here Monday, has been sent to Houston for specialized treatment.

Buchannan suffered a compound fracture of the leg and a broken foot. He will be under the care of an orthopedic surgeon in Houston.

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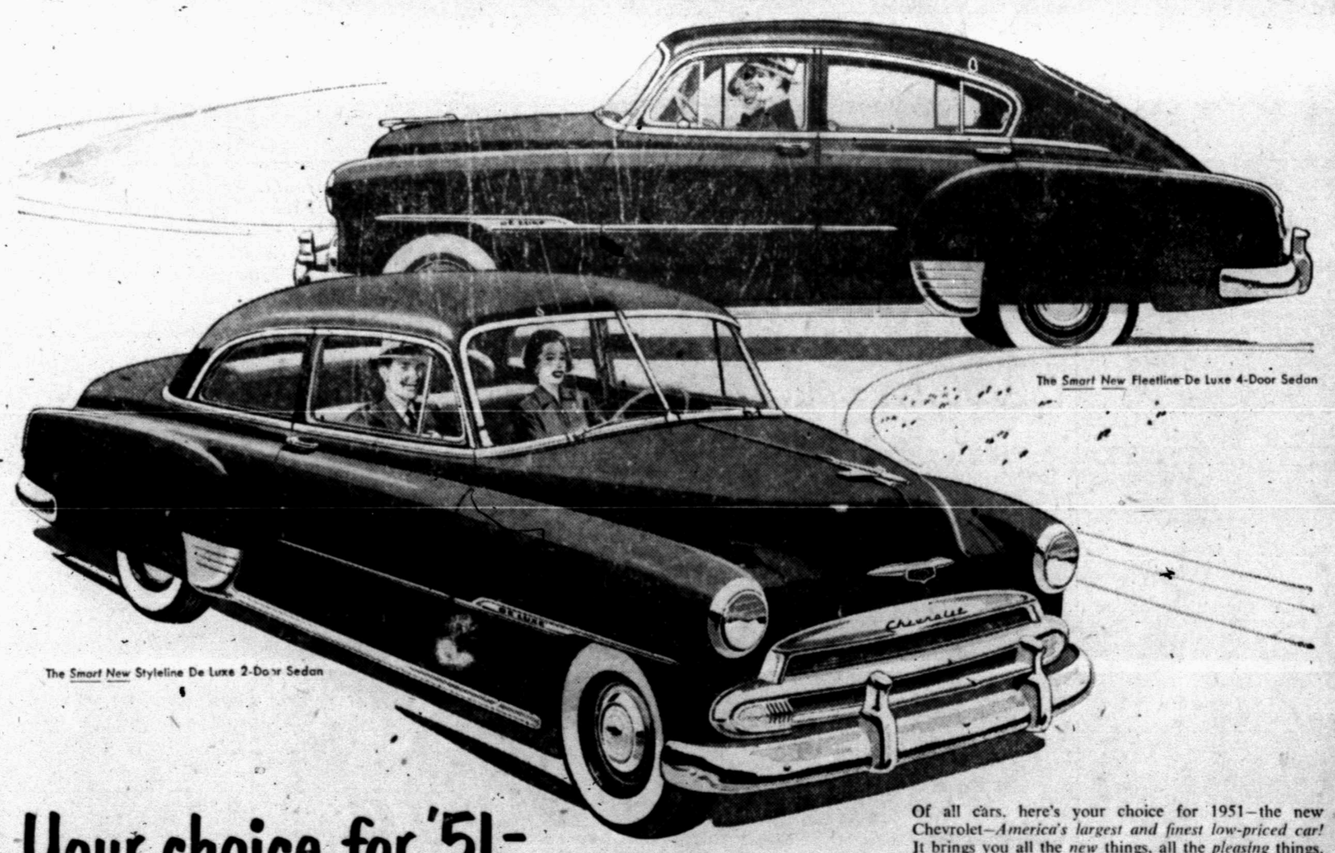
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