SUNSET TONIGHT — 5:32
SUNRISE TOMORROW — 7:38

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Bitter Cold Wave Strikes; Mercury Hits Season Low

By United Press

A bitter cold wave drove slowly, but relentlessly, into Texas today to plummet temperatures to the lowest point of the season in the Panhandle and promise freezing weather by tomorrow morning everywhere except in the extreme south.

Although running behind the original schedule mapped out for it by the U. S. Weather Bureau, the mass of frigid air was nonetheless potent.

It tumbled the mercury to four degrees above zero at Dalhart at daybreak and left the entire Panhandle shivering in temperatures of 18 degrees or less as skies remained partly cloudy.

Elsewhere, however, cloudy skies brought threats of freezing rain or sleet as the mercury reached the freezing mark.

The freezing point of the front passed Wichita Falls shortly before dawn bringing some light sleet. It was expected to reach the Dallas-Fort Worth area by nightfall and penetrate deep into the interior by tomorrow morning.

Forecasts called for the following low temperatures tonight:

Panhandle: 8 to 14 degrees.

South plains: 14-18 degrees.

West Texas except Del Rio-Eagle Pass area—19-26 degrees.

Del Rio-Eagle Pass area: 26-32 degrees.

Extreme northwest East Texas: 16-22 degrees.

North and west-central East Texas: 23-32 degrees.

Interior of East Texas: 30-34 degrees.

Occasional rain was predicted for West, East and South Texas with some snow flurries in the Upper Red River Valley section this afternoon.

More rain was seen for the east and south portions tonight with some freezing rain likely in the West-Central and extreme northeast portions.

Slowly rising temperatures could be expected in West Texas tomorrow, but East Texas was expected to remain rather cold with occasional rain in the southeast portion.

Other 6:30 a. m. readings included 14 degrees at Amarillo, 18 at Clarendon, 23 at Lubbock and Childress, 25 at Guadalupe Pass, 28 at Midland, 29 at Wink, 30 at Wichita Falls and 33 at El Paso.

In contrast, Beaumont had 70 degrees, Corpus Christi, Alice and Houston 71 degrees and Brownsville 73.

By 8:30 a. m., Amarillo had 13 degrees and Wichita Falls 29. Dallas had shown signs of the cold front reaching there by that time, reporting a drop of four degrees from 49 degrees recorded at 6:30 a. m.

Yesteday's maximums ranged from Guadalupe Pass' 36 degrees to an almost sizzling 88 degrees at Del Rio. Childress' high hit 55.

Mrs. B. T. Williams Dies Here Sunday

Mrs. B. T. Williams, 89, one of the earliest Childress residents, died at the family residence at 2:25 yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow by Revs. E. E. White, W. H. Colson and Frank Crow at the First Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Childress Cemetery by the side of her husband who died in 1929. The Newberry Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Williams, born October 10, 1860, at Montecello, Ill., travelled in a covered wagon from Georgetown, Tex., in 1886 with her husband and four small children—the youngest but 9 months old. Their trip was about 500 miles and took one month.

It was a Sunday on October 1, 1886, two years before Childress was established as a city, that they arrived at a point just west of the present city. They were followed by the wagon of Mr. Gid H. Crews, and their first act was to set up some protection from the West Texas wind and hold church.

Making a 14x20 foot dugout to live in, the pioneers immediately started to work. Mr. Williams produced the first corn crop in the county, then later planted the first fruit orchard, brought the first lister used in the county from Kansas, and also the first thresher.

Mrs. Williams is survived by four sons, Kit Williams of Carey, Earl Williams of Amarillo, Wilbur and George Williams of Childress; three daughters, Mrs. Bessie Cain of Miles City, Mont., and Mrs. Mattie Caradine and Mrs. Daisey Hollingsworth of Childress; 33 grandchildren; 51 great grand children; and three great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Martin Crews, Howard Harrison, Ernst Davis, C. V. Jones, Tom Preston, J. B. Johnson, C. A. Williams and Tack Klutts.

The flower committee will be composed of Mmes. Lillie Castleberry, Leo Preston, C. V. Jones, Frank Taylor, Edwin Givens, Dora Diggs, Carrie Hardin, Ruby Bush and Hal Price.

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER FORECASTS
By United Press

CHILDRESS — Partly cloudy and cold this afternoon and tonight. Tuesday increasing cloudiness, continued cold. Lowest tonight near 16.

WEST TEXAS — Partly cloudy in Panhandle, mostly cloudy elsewhere with occasional rain this afternoon and early tonight. Colder in all except Panhandle tonight. Low temperatures 8-14 in Panhandle, 14-18 in South Plains and 19-26 elsewhere except 26-32 in Del Rio-Eagle Pass area. Tuesday partly cloudy, warmer in the afternoon.

LOOK WHO'S HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fishburn of Indianapolis have announced the birth of a daughter, Paula Jo. Mrs. Fishburn is the former Ruth Law, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Law of Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. David Young are the parents of a son born yesterday in the Childress General Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dodson, Jr., of Amarillo are the parents of a son born yesterday in the Childress General Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Both are former local residents. Mrs. Dodson was Jo Evelyn Beal.

HERE AND THERE

Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Preslar spent the week end visiting in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sherwood visited yesterday in Shamrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Jones and Shirley of High Point visited with

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Square Dance Group Is Formed

Formation of a group to be known as the Greenbelt Square Dance Association was held in the City Hall Friday night, M. K. Buddy Wilcoxcon, said this morning.

The group is to include dancers from Paducah, Qaunah, Chillicothe, Hollis, Okla., Dodson, Shamrock, Wellington, Memphis and Childress, he said.

Dances will be held once each month, rotating between the member towns, he added. The first dance will be held January 19 at the Officers' Club and Childress Airfield.

Present at the organization meeting were W. O. Jones and Hubert Lee of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vantine of Quanah, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Sager of Chillicothe, A. B. Clark and G. R. Lawrence of Hollis, and Oscar Stewart, Earl McMinn, T. A. Russell, and Wilcoxson of Childress.

Farmers And Sportsmen Will Meet Wednesday

Sportsmen and farmers will meet at 7 p. m. Wednesday night to discuss the game bird situation and the coming cotton marketing election, it was announced today.

Dr. Raymond Hander, elected temporary chairman of a group to investigate the game bird problem in the county, said his group had been given permission to open the cotton meeting with a short discussion.

G. P. "Slim" Davis, district game warden, and a representative from Turkey where a farmer-sportsman group is operating, will address the farmers, Hander said.

Hander's committee is composed of Martin Crews, John Glover, Anderson Mitchell, Roy Philpott, J. A. Steed, Boone Simpson, Alvin Caldwell, Ben Hardison, H. W. Bremer and J. L. Sanders.

Two-Story Wood Building Burns Here Yesterday

A two-story wood house being used as a storage space by Roy Philpott burned to the ground around 4:30 yesterday afternoon on the Philpott farm about 13 miles northeast of town.

Except for 200 bushels of wheat which had just been stored, and house was vacant, firemen reported.

Origin of the fire was unknown today. The Childress Fire Department received the alarm only after the fire was well underway, but they prevented the burning of other buildings, which were endangered by existing high winds.

Chillicothe Man Dies In Altus Hospital

ALTUS, Okla., Dec. 12 (UP)—C. B. Tuley, 34, of Chillicothe, Tex., died in an Altus hospital yesterday of injuries suffered in a highway accident seven miles south of here Saturday.

His car apparently ran out of control and overturned. A passing motorist found Tuley pinned beneath the car. He never regained consciousness.

VFW AND LEGION CALL JOINT MEET TOMORROW

A joint meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will be held at 7:30 tomorrow night in the Veterans Building, it was announced this morning. The meeting was called because the third Tuesday, usually the regular meeting time, has been set aside for a Christmas party.

PYTHIAN SISTERS TO MEET

Pythian Sisters will meet at 7:30 tonight at the KP Hall.

Cotton Growers Said Set To Vote Heavily In Favor Of A Referendum

ATLANTA, Dec. 12 (UP)—Cotton growers in 20 states will vote heavily in favor of acreage quotas for 1950 in a referendum on Thursday, but not because they like them, farm observers said today.

Farmers will give acreage controls the necessary two-thirds majority because they want the guarantee of 90 per cent of parity prices that goes along with them, observers predicted.

As one farmer put it, "I'll vote for quotas because I don't want to go back to six-cent cotton."

About 1 million farmers are expected to vote on the yes or no question of whether the Department or Agriculture shall put the controls into effect.

Controls on cotton have been approved by the growers on six previous ballots. But this year the farmers are protesting bitterly over inequalities in the quota system.

Farmers' spokesmen will ask Congress this week to overhaul the system of assigning allotments by counties rather than by individual growers.

Production and marketing administrator Ralph S. Trigg will meet with the House Agriculture Committee in Washington to discuss the problem.

Trigg acknowledged that there are inequalities in the present system but said there is no way to remedy them under the present law, "which we are administering exactly as it is written."

The forecast in every cotton-growing state was for approval of quotas.

If controls are approved, farmers will be guaranteed 90 per cent of parity prices. If not, farmers who conform voluntarily to acreage allotments will be guaranteed 50 per cent of parity prices. Those who don't conform would have no guarantee.

The 1950 acreage for cotton has been fixed by Agriculture Secretary Charles F. Brannan at 21 million under the quota system. That is 5 million 300 thousand acres less cotton than was grown this year.

Only those who had land in cotton in the years 1945 through 1948 are eligible to vote.



TRIBUTE TO A GREAT NEWSPAPERMAN—A portrait of the late Ernie Pyle, famous Scripps-Howard newspaper correspondent, is hung at the Press Box, a New York restaurant. His is the first of a series of paintings of famous newspapermen to be displayed in the restaurant's Hall of Fame. On hand at the unveiling were: William Donovan, wartime head of the Office of Strategic Services; John Shelton, artist who painted the portrait, and Henry Castello, co-owner and manager of the restaurant.

"Black-Out" Game Results In Death Of College Coed At Hands Of Escort

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 12 (UP)—A University of Iowa senior has admitted he "must have" strangled his dark-blonde campus sweetheart while playing "black-out" during an intimate candlelight party in his rooming house, coroner George D. Callahan said today.

"I must have done it; I was the only one there," Callahan quoted Robert Bednasek, 24, a student of abnormal psychology from Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Callahan said "That's all we've been able to get him to say" in the death of Margaret "Gee Gee" Jackson, 20, found dead early yesterday with finger marks on her throat.

Bednasek faced arraignment today on first degree murder charges.

Miss Jackson's body was clad in a strapless white evening gown. It lay on a bed near a table bearing the stump end of a taper and the remains of a lobster-and burgundy dinner the couple had enjoyed in the secluded room.

The victim was the daughter of W. E. Jackson, one of Iowa's most prominent attorneys and a member of the state parole board. The family lived at Burlington, Ia., where Jackson formerly was a prosecutor and judge.

The strange case broke about 2 a. m. Sunday when Bednasek burst out of the room, dressed in an undershirt, evening trousers and topcoat, and ran two blocks to a police station for help.

He told incoherently of how the girl "stopped breathing" while they were "playing sort of a game of blackout."

Johnson County Sheriff Albert Murphy said Bednasek told him he did not intend to kill the pretty coed, a popular member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

However, Coroner George Callahan announced that the girl had been strangled and that he believed the slaying was motivated by jealousy. He ruled out any sexual motive.

Prison Sentence Given Here In District Court

Mike Delozier was given a two-year penitentiary sentence in Judge Luther Gribble's 100th District Court today after being found guilty for knowingly passing a forged instrument.

Delozier, who pleded not guilty, passed a check at the Western Auto Supply store here. On recommendation of the jury, the imprisonment is to date from May 27, 1949, when Delozier was first jailed.

The theft case of Joe Boles was to be held this afternoon.

Tomorrow, Tommie Rogers, Negro, will appear before Judge Gribble on the charge of rape.

The trial of Leodies Shedd, 23, Negro, was charged with the .22 caliber rifle murder of Henry James Fields, 34, in the Tell community November 13, was postponed until Wednesday as the court convened this morning.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PRESENT PROGRAM

A choral assembly will be held at 2:45 p. m. tomorrow at high school, directed by Mrs. Joe A. Gibson. Pat Sherwood will accompany the chorus, and John Baker will be announcer. The public is invited to attend.

FRIDAY REPORT SEES TEST WELL AT 3842 FEET

Drilling had reached a depth of 3842 feet at the Steve Owens oil test well by Friday, it was reported today. Constructal depth for the wildcat is 7500 feet.

Rent Control Law Upheld In Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP)—The Supreme Court today upheld the validity of the 1949 rent control law.

The action was taken in a brief order without an opinion.

The rent control law in question is now in effect, but will expire next June 30.

Lower federal courts had disagreed on the constitutionality of the law. In a Chicago case, federal Judge Elwyn R. Shaw ruled last July 26 that the statute was unconstitutional. In another case, federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich of Los Angeles upheld the validity of the law.

Amarillo Trial Witness Beaten

AMARILLO, Dec., 12 (UP)—A key witness in the murder trial of Dwight Hoskins, former all-state high school football player, was in a critical condition today after being beaten severely yesterday.

Police found Wornie T. Kelly near death on an Amarillo street. He also had suffered considerable loss of blood.

However police said there was no connection between the brutal beating of Kelly and the slaying of Charles Freeman in a $31 robbery attempt last October 6. Kelly was the operator of an Amarillo service station owned by Freeman.

Hoskins' trial was scheduled to start today but it was not known whether it would proceed in view of the condition of the state's star witness.

Kelly regained consciousness long enough to tell officers he had attended a banquet at the hall of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Saturday night, but didn't remember what had happened to him after midnight.

Michigan Blast Kills Five Persons

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., Dec. 12—Five persons were killed and four others injured last night a gas explosion ripped through an antique shop here, a few minutes after authorities arrived to check a reported leak.

The blast levelled the two-story frame building, knocking out windows for blocks and rattling dishes in a three-mile circle around the mother and son antique shop.

Five bodies were taken to two funeral homes. Moritician Manley said three of them were burned so badly "I wouldn't recognize my own mother if she was one of them."

One of those known killed fire inspector Lee Carroll, who had gone into the shop to investigate the reported gas leak. One woman was blown through the wall of the shop.

Two policemen called to the scene before the blast were slightly injured. A passenger in a passing car was cut by flying glass. Only the chimney withstood the blast.

Delay Refused In Murder Trial

BEAUMONT, Dec. 12 (UP)—A defense motion for continuance in the murder trial of Louis F. Bertrand was overruled today by Judge Owen M. Lord, and the selection of a jury was begun.

At noon the jury commission had failed to qualify a single venireman. A panel of 150 men had been summoned for the trial.

Defense Counsel Wyatt Baldwin asked Judge Lord for the continuance on grounds that a defense witness, identified as Voorhies Viator, had not appeared.

Baldwin explained that he had hoped Viator's testimony would shed some light on the presence of the pistol at a poker party after which Homer C. Edgerly was shot to death.

Safe Robber Confesses

Troy Lowery, Jr., 22, of Sallisaw, Okla., signed a statement before local officers yesterday confessing theft of a safe from the Kirkland depot on Sunday, December 4.

Lowery said in effect that he, Cecil Hoover, 19, of Muldrow, Okla., and Herbert H. Free, of Rio Vist, Calif., stole the safe from the depot early in the morning, dropped it over a bridge about 10 miles north of Kirkland, and took what little cash was in the safe.

Charges against Wanda Lowery, 19, the defendant's sister who was originally implicated in the robbery, have been dropped, and she was released.

Free, who at first told officers he "had loaned" the suspects his car on the night of the robbery, has admitted to officers that he drove the car during the robbery. Officers said charges would be brought against Free as soon as possible.

All of the men, and Lowery's sister, were working as cotton pullers on a farm about six miles north of town.

All three men are being held in county jail, with Lowery and Hoover under $5000 bond. Bond will be set on Free as soon as charges are completed, officers said.

Lowery's signed statement and Free's oral admittance coincide, officers said. Both men said they committed the felony because "they needed the money real bad."

Children's Xmas Party

Sponsored by the American Legion, VFW, DOKK, Knights of Pythias, Disabled Vets, 40 and 8, and Elks Club.

Previously received.....$53
Union Flat Sunday School $5
E. M. Morgan $1

Pilot Breaks Down When Testifying On Fatal Crash

DALLAS, Dec. 12 (UP)—Capt. Laurens Claude, greying veteran in command of the ill-fated plane, broke down today as he testified at a public hearing on the American Airlines DC-6 crash that killed 28 persons at Love Field 13 days ago.

A recess was called in the hearing to permit Claude, a husky, six-footer, to regain his composure. He was unable to continue his narrative as he reached the point where he told Civil Aeronautics Board examiners about the big luxury liner's final seconds.

"My last recollection was that the nose of the ship was going down to the left," he said, and his voice broke off into sobs.

Earlier evidence showed that the same DC-6 had mechinical trouble of seven varieites, all of them considered relatively minor, on a Tulsa-New York flight on November 27. The plane crashed at Dallas on November 29. Claude was one of the 18 survivors.

In detail, he recounted feathering the propellor on the outside left engine as the plane was over Tennessee. That engine was backfiring every 20 seconds, he said, and he switched on the wing light and noted "a definite thrust of the motor in its cell everytime it backfired."

He said it feathered normally, "and it is my opinion, personally, that the motor was mal-functioning because of carburetor trouble." The plane performed routinely on the remainder of the night flight to Dallas, and was reacting normally even as he brought it down a quarter of a mile away from the main southwest-northeast runway.

As he lined up for the approach at 1000 to 1200 feet, Claude said "I thought I had run over about

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U. S. Consul And Party Board Ship For Trip Home

Tells Reporters Of Difficult Experiences

ABOARD LAKELAND VICTORY, Dec. 12 (UP)—Consul General Angus Ward, his wife and 18 others from the Mukden consulate boarded this rescue ship today, safe at last after 13 months

The 56-year-old Ward, his red

The 56-yearlold Ward, his red beard turned white and his clothes sagging from loss of weight of 25 pounds, described his experiences as "hellish."

He said that during the month Communists held him in a Mukden jail on trumped up charges of beating a Chinese employe he was kept in solitary confinement on a diet of bread and water.

The consul and his party boarded the ship only after an hour long wrangle with Communist guards.

Ward boarded the Lakeland Victory at 7:20 a. m. from the Chinese tug Chien Lung, which had brought the party out to Taku Bar in Chihli Gulf from Tientsin during the night.

A Chinese Communist guard armed with American tommyguns and Browning automatic rifles permitted Ward to go aboard the Lakeland Victory with Tientsin Vice Consul Philip Manhard, of Los Angeles, but refused to free the others until Ward signed a release.

The Communists insisted that Ward sign a certificate to the effect that all 20 persons in the party had been delivered safely aboard the Lakeland Victory.

Ward refused. He told the Communist police that "I can not, and shall not" sign the certificate until all members of the party and their baggage were safely aboard the ship.

Manhard acted as interpreter while the argument continued on the frigid deck of the Lakeland. The other members of the party, cold and sleepy, were held under

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Spur Fire Kills Three Members Of Same Family

SPUR, Dec. 12 (UP)—Three members of a Pasadena, Tex., family were burned to death yesterday when fire destroyed a farm house eight miles northwest of this West Texas community.

The dead were Mrs. Viola Marie Phillips, 24, and two of her three children, Ronald Eugene, 2, and Barbara Ann, 6 months old. The third child, Janice Marie, 3, was not burned.

The father, John Phillips, 20, suffered third degree burns about the face, hands and arms but was expected to be released from the Nichols General Hospital today to return to Pasadena to arrange funeral services.

John's uncle, Jesse Phillips, suffered slight burns. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips and their two children, James Amos, 5, and Ada Laverne, 15 months old, shared the house with the Pasadena family.

John Phillips had brought his family here three weeks ago to work on the W. N. Calvert farm.

The blaze was believed to have started from a kerosene stove.

ELKS TO HOLD FORMAL DANCE DECEMBER 31

The Elks Club will hold a formal dance on New Year's Eve beginning at 8:30 p. m. at the club. A local, eight-piece band will provide the music, and refreshments will be served.

BENNETT PROMOTED IN RESERVE UNIT

Sgt. Billy J. Bennett, 107 Sixth Street, Northwest, has been promoted to sergeant first class in the 4848th Adjutant General reserve unit in Childress.

Nancy Eddy's Name Is Omitted From Roll

Nancy Eddy's name was omitted from the A honor roll announced last week from junior high school, it was learned today. Miss Eddy is in the eighth grade.

Smithwick Lawyers Get Continuance Of His Murder Trial To January

BELTON, Dec. 12 (UP)—Counsel for Sam Smithwick, former Jim Wells county deputy sheriff accused of the pistol slaying of Bill Mason, crusading Alice newscaster, won a trial continuance today to January 16.

The defense motion for a continuance was entered by Henry Taylor, one of three attorneys defending Smithwick.

District Judge Wesley Dice granted the motion after a brief recess on the grounds a key witness, Juan F. Sainz, was missing.

Sainz was with Mason when he was shot to death last July 29 at Alice. The defense said Sainz was the "only witness who could testify there was a scuffle between Smithwick and Mason prior to the shooting."

The state had protested the delay, saying it was ready for trial.

The squat, 61-year-old Smithwick will be tried at the next term of district court at 10 a. m. on January 16. A new venire will be selected the court announced.

The defense asked the court to take Sainz into technical custody to assure his presence for the January trial. Taylor said Sainz had been served with a subpena November 14 but hadn't been seen since.

The state agreed that Sainz, also one of its key witnesses, should be placed in technical custody for the trial and the court so ordered.

Smithwick then was arraigned, a technicality since he previously had been arraigned, and entered a formal plea of not guilty. His two words were barely audible.

The ex-deputy's wife and two of his sons were with him in the courtroom today. The trial had been moved here from Jim Wells County on a change of venue.

In making its plea for a postponement, the defense also said it had an apepal for a rehearing before the Court of Criminal Appeals to obtain Smithwick's freedom on bond. On November 30, the appellate court at Austin had sustained the lower court in denying the request.

The trial of Smithwick opened here October 24 but was delayed until today upon motion of the defense. Smithwick's counsel then pleaded the same motion it offered today—that certain witnesses were missing.

The carolers on Christmas Eve may be fine songsters, but there's cheer in this gift Package from Helen's Shoppe for the teenage Miss when she sees the beautiful Pajama set in lucious colors of Aqua and Mellon or Pink with shocking. Pretty tailored Fajamas with a contrasting quilted, shortie coat makes a gift that's pretty asleep or awake and at such a dainty price—ONLY $22.95.

Helen's Shoppe
AIR CONDITIONED FOR YOUR COMFORT



The shepherds set out for Bethlehem, "to see this thing which is come to pass."



"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." (Luke 2:16.)



"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." (Luke 2:17.)

Christmas Story Highlights B&PW Annual Luncheon

An impressive story of the birth of Jesus was told with songs and colored slides as the program for the Business and Professional Women's holiday luncheon yesterday. The meal was served in the dining hall of Hotel Childress.

The hostess committee was composed of Alyeen Ater, chairman, assisted by Mary Jane Krigbaum, Louise Bowers, Frances Ballew and Clara Issacks. In charge of the story-telling were Rev. W. H. Colson, and Misses Chleo and Chloie Larmon, guests.

The head table held a miniature nativity scene as centerpiece, and other tables were decorated with pine, red streamers, berries and lighted candles to carry out the red and green theme.

Other special guests were Mrs. Pearl Haynes of Vernon, district B&PW director, Frank Dakil, and little Carol Ruth Cannon, the club's mascot.

To complete the program, Dakil spoke on the different way of celebrating Christmas here and in the Holy Land. Afterwards, Santa appeared to assist with the exchange of gifts. The members brought food to make up a basket for a needy family.

About 45 members and guests enjoyed the dinner-program.

High Point Club Enjoys Yuletide Party Saturday

Mrs. F. L. Decker was hostess Saturday afternoon to the High Point Home Demonstration Club for its annual yuletide party. Party rooms were decorated with Christmas greens for the occasion.

A bright, red cloth covered the refreshment table which held a center arrangement of large white candles in a nest of red bulbs and "angel's hair" on a reflector. Refreshments were hot, spiced cider, fruit cake, and salted nuts. Mrs. R. B. Austin presided over the silver service.

No program was planned, but the group enjoyed a sing-song of Christmas carols and exchanged gifts.

Guests were Mmes. W. E. Andrews and Bobby, C. R. Austin, W. H. Alexander, J. F. Crawford, Cecil Gardner, W. E. Garrison, R. L. Hodges and Frances, Joe West, Lillie McLeod, and Misses Jimmie Lou Wainscott and Ann Austin.



The ever popular
ROSEPOINT
Cambridge
Crystal
For Christmas, give a piece of stemware or an odd piece from open stock.

LORETTA'S Gift Shop

Birthday Party Honors Carey Woman Recently

Mrs. W. C. Redwine of Carey, who celebrated her 65th birthday Thursday, was honored with a surprise party at her home.

Her children presented a large beautifully decorated cake and many lovely gifts. Cake was served with coffee to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Spurlock and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Redwine and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Own S. Redwine and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Faulk and son, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Moran and children. E. O. Redwine, and Travis E. Redwine, a nephew from Amarillo.

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relatives here yesterday.

Haskel Spear is a medical patient in the Quanah Memorial Hospital, it was reported today.

Hal Courtney of Northfield spent the week end here.

Bob Rushing and Leo Archer of Northfield and Matador, respectively, were visiting here today.

Dean Johnson left yesterday, enroute to Lubbock, after visiting here with his mother, Mrs. C. L. Smith and Mr. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Taylor and children Forest and Glenn, and Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard spent the week end in Cee Vee with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stephenson.

Janella Woods left last week for a visit in Canyon with Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Turner, her sister and husband. The Turners returned with her for a week-end visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Woods and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Turner and friends.

Wayne Freeman attended funeral services for Cornelia Griffin, daughter of Mrs. E. L. Howard, in Goodlett yesterday.

Mrs. Ray Grimes, who is a medical patient in the local hospital, is reported improved.

Earl Jerman of Wellington visited here during the week end.

Mrs. C. H. Warren of Olney was a visitor and shopper here Saturday.

Ellison Cummings of Wellington was here on business during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans and family of Lindsey, Okla., and B. F. Evans of Wellington visited here with Mrs. James Madison, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allison were business visitors to Vernon Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Ricks spent yesterday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Simmons, in Union Flat.

T. N. Montgomery of Athens was a business visitor Saturday.

Hargrave A. Long of Chicago is visiting this week in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Q. S. Barrett and family. Long is a contracting officer of the Chicago field office, U. S. Air Force.

R. R. Lee, vice-president of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company, visited here yesterday and last night with the M. K. Wilcoxson family. He was accompanied by Joe Martin, branch manager from Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Woods and Bobbie Lance returned last night from a visit in Huchinson Kan., with Mona Scanlon.

Mr. and Mrs A. L. Lankford and family of San Antonio are visiting here with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Graham, enroute to Amarillo to visit his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Key nad daughter of Lubbock spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Key.

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guard in the dingy cabin of the tug while the Communists insisted that Ward sign the release first.

"If we are going back to Eientsin, let's do it now," Ward finally snapped. After an hour of bitter debate the Americans finally won and the Communists permitted others in the party to board the Lakeland Victory.

When he came aboard ship, Ward was dressed in a fur-lined parka, fur hat and felt boots. He appeared harried and tense. Asked how it felt to be aboard an American ship, he smiled and said:

"Just imagine how you will feel the day old St. Peter lets you in . . . We have not moved, except under the cover of an armed guard, since November 20, 1948."

Discharge and loading of cargo will delay the sailing of the Lakeland Victory for Japan until tomorrow morning. The ship will sail for Kobe, Japan, making one stop at Fusan in South Korea. Ward and the other Americans in his party plan to sail for the Unite States aboard the liner President Wilson on December 21.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

MONDAY

The Sherwood Music Club will hold its Christmas party at 6:30 p. m. at the Diggs Studio.

The Business and Professional Women's Circle of the First Baptist Church will meet at 7 p. m. at the church for a book review.

TUESDAY

The Annie Houston Circle will meet at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Emory Sager, with Mrs. Reid Scott as co-hostess. Members will bring donations for the children's home in Amarillo.

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church will meet at 3:30 p. m. at the church for a special Christmas program.

A WDC executive meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. at the club building, preceding the program at 3 p. m. Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins of Eastland will be guest speaker.

WEDNESDAY

The MacDowell Music Club will hold its holiday party at 5 p. m. at Diggs Studio.

The Junior Sherwood Club will hold its party at 6:30 p. m. at Diggs Studio.

The Wilson-East Ward PTA executive meeting will be held at 3 p. m. at the Wilson School, and the regular meeting at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Wilson Cole will be speaker, and fifth grade pupils will be on the program.

THURSDAY

Ralph Smith will present a free concert by his band at 8 p. m. at high school. Some unusual arrangements of favorite Christmas musics will be given. Everyone is invited.

The Book Review Club will hold a meeting at 4 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. M. Crews. Mrs. James Allen will be co-hostess and Miss Nellie Agnes Kennedy will be reviewer.

Sunshine Sewing Club members and their families are invited to a holiday party at 7 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Silver Stewart.

The Home Economics Club I will stage its Christmas party at 7:30 p. m. at the WDC Building.

Mrs. Ward Boyce will present her students in a song and dance holiday program at 7:30 p. m. at Hotel Childress. The public is invited to attend.

FRIDAY

The Home Arts Club will meet at 3 p. m. at the WDC Building for a Christmas program. Mmes. J. B. Johnson and Rush Record will be hostesses.

SATURDAY

The High Point Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. F. L. Taylor for its Christmas party.

Steel Oil Derrick Steps Crush Wichita Falls Man

ARCHER CITY, Dec. 12 (UP)—Steel steps being hoisted into place on an oil derrick yesterday and crushed to death Ernest S. Colbert, Jr., 28, of Wichita Falls.

Colbert, an employe on the Henry oil lease in Archer in Archer County, was standing under the steps as a catline lifted them to the derrick floor. The catline loosened and the steps landed on Colbert. He was dead upon arrival at a hospital.

Among the consulate employees to board the Lakeland Victory were Mary E. Braden, 28, Dysart, Ia., Elben B. Erickson, 30, Concordia, Kan.; and Walter S. Norman, 25, Sealy, Tex.

One of Ward's first statements to the corps of newsmen aboard the Lakeland was a flat denial of the Communist accusations which led to his trial on what the State Department described as "trumped up" charges of beating a Chinese consular employe.

"We still don't know why we were tried," he said.

He added that there was "absolutely no basis" for the spy charges brought by the Chinese Communist authorities against the consulate.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 8 years old.

I always try to be good at home and school. Sometimes I make a hundred on my school work.

I'd like a bicycle for Christmas and Santa, don't forget mother and daddy and the other boys and girls. Be seeing you at Christmas.

Wanda Jo White
Tell, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a tool box, a cash register, a toy studebaker. Please bring brother Wayne a BB-gun.

I've been a pretty good boy and I'd like some fruit and nuts, too.

Yours truly,
Billy Cook
601 Avenue C, Southwest

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 6 years old. I have tried to be a nice little girl. I would like you to bring me an "Amos Andra" doll and wardrobe, and a colonial doll house with all the furniture. Also some fruits, nuts and candies. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend.
Carole Nan Spurlock,
203 Avenue G, Northwest

Dear Santa,

I want a gun and a holster and cuffs and spurs. And a tricycle. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Dean Cheatheam
1002 Avenue E, Northwest

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the first grade in school. I have a little sister named Speedy. Mr brother is named Dickie. I help my mother by picking up my clothes.

Would you please bring me a carriage and a "Sparkle Plenty" doll? My little sister wants a "Sparkle Plenty" doll also with some clothes. Dickie has been asking for a "choo-choo train."

Thanking you a lot.

Your Friend,
Raymonda Hander
Speedy Hander
Dickie Hander
1005 Avenue D, Northwest

Dear Santa Claus,

I am seven years old.

Would you please bring me a big doll, an electric train, some roller skates and a pair of house shoes.

I have been a good girl.

Love,
Linda Sue Smith
1604 Avenue E Northwest

Houston Again Faces Bus Strike

HOUSTON, Dec. 12 (UP)—A city-wide bus strike may hamper thousands of Christmas shoppers by the end of the week, a CIO spokesman for 1500 Houston transit Co. employes announced today.

The announcement, by Clayton G. Stone, president of Local 280, Transport Workers of America, emphasized a statement last week that union drivers and mechanics were dissatisfied with certain unspecified clauses in the new work contract.

Stone said the main point for argument was the company plan to stop a $5 monthly safe driving bonus to bus drivers.

"Drivers are in an uproar over the issue," Stone said. "We plan to meet Thursday to decide what action to take. If the vote is to strike, it probably would be called by the end of the week."

With the safety bonus in abeyance, the new contract still has not been signed. It was negotiated to end a 14-hour walkout last month that tied up city traffic and affected 300,000 daily bus riders.

L. M. Coates, Jr., Houston transit Co. vice president, said the union was notified last November 3 that the new wage scale of $1.30 an hour would "include all payments." Coates said he left union officials with the understanding "that this meant the end of the bonus."

Future Is Bright For "Dale" With Adoption Prospect

MEXIA, Dec. 12 (UP)—The future looked pretty bright today for little "Dale somebody," a 19-month-old boy whose father is dead and whose mother can't provide a home.

More than 200 couples--in all parts of the United States—want to take the baby as their own.

The Rev. A. W. Deguire, Limestone County Red Cross chairman, said telephoned and telegraphed inquiries had swamped him.

The identity of Dale's mother is a guarded secret. So is the identiy of the five-member committee which will screen the applications and decide which couple is to become Dale's family by adoption.

In the interim, the baby is being cared for by relatives. When he gets his new parents, they will receive the same anonymity that that has covered Dale's mother and the committee that will give him away.

The Rev. Deguire has told the public only that Dale is 19-months-old, curly-haired, hazel-eyed and healthy. That was enough to create strong public demand for the baby, whose mother decided she is neither physically nor financially able to rear him.

Man Claims He Found Baby On Street Corner

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (UP)—Ted Sokolowski, 24, opened a box and showed doctors and nurses a tiny baby, only a few hours old, swathed in a blanket.

"I found the baby in the box on a street corner," he said.

But it was raining outside and the box was dry. A suspicious nurse wrote down Sokolowski's auto license as he drove away.

Police seized him and he admitted that he was the baby's father. He said the mother was Mrs. Mary Wickert, 29, a divorcee and mother of three other children. She told police she gave birth to the child unattended early yesterday and telephoned Sokolowski to dispose of it.

Pope Pius Voices Hope For Better Holy Year In '50

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 12 (UP)—Pope Pius XII today expressed the hope that the 1950 church holy year would bring a new era of justice, holiness and happiness to the world.

He spoke in Latin to 15 cardinals who gathered at a solemn consistory in the long consistory hall of the Vatican palace for an hour-long ceremony.

He also named three papal legates who will open the holy doors of patriarchal basilicas in Rome to signal the start of the holy year on Christmas eve. He said he himself would open the holy doors of St. Peter's basilica in keeping with holy year tradition.

Expressing the hope that the holy year would see the return of schismatics and dissidents to the Catholic Church, the Pontiff said:

"Yes, we will see a great spectacle—and not only we, not only the Romans, but also all those who in whatever country are guided by honesty and thought and of justice," the Pope said.

The Pope prayed that "during the course of the holy year there will arise for all the great human family a new era, more just, more holy and happier—and grant us finally that 'all the peoples, wounded and torn asunder by sin, may return united in citizenship to his gentlest empire.'"

"LOVE BURGLAR'S" TRIAL SET BACK TO JANUARY 16

DALLAS, Dec. 12 (UP)—The trial of Fred Felix Adair, charged in three rape and three burglary cases and accused of being the Dallas "love burglar," has been postponed until January 16.

Adair was originally scheduled to go to trial today on the first of the rape charges. The delay was agreed to by both prosecution and defense attorneys.

Republicans Flout Plan To Survey Family Finances

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP)—Twenty-three Republican congressmen protested today that plans to survey family finances in the 1950 census are a "raw injustice" to low-income persons.

In a joint statement, they said the Truman administration is not only flouting the Constitution but is also "perpetrating an outrageous discrimination against small income people."

Their statement endorsed the sharp protest lodged with the census bureau over the week end by Rep. Clarence Brown, R., O.

Brown complained after the bureau announced that its census-takers would ask every fifth person to disclose his annual income. The bureau said the "sampling" is needed to improve economic statistics. Anyone who refused to answer could face penalties of up to 60 days in jail and a $100 fine, or both.

They noted that the bureau will seek detailed information only from those earning under $10,000 a year. The others, they said, merely must say their income is is above $10,000 "and the census taker is to be satisfied."

MAN SHOT TO DEATH IN BRAWL OF GLASS OF BEER

DALLAS, Dec. 12 (UP)—A man identified by the sheriff's office as Lee Bowen, 31, of Waxahachie was shot to death in a Dallas County tavern early yesterday.

Sheriff Bill Decker arrested the tavern operator, who said the shooting followed an argument over whether the man was to be sold a glass of beer after curfew.

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Michigan Pair Die In Houston

HOUSTON, Dec. 12 (UP)—The bodies of a Michigan couple who died of burns were sent by train today to Detroit for burial.

Dead were Eugene Hill, 32, and his 28-year-old wife, Cassie. They were trapped Saturday in their tourist court cabin on Humble Road when a gas heater exploded.

Hill died in a hospital here at 2 a. m. Sunday, and his wife died seven hours later. The couple had no children.

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College Football Gets Investigated Concerning The Paying Of Players

By Oscar Fraley

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (UP)—College football was under the fire of just about everybody except the G. A. R. today but the only items chronicled conclusively were that there still are hungry halfbacks and California should beat Ohio State in the Rose Bowl game.

All in all, it was a mess. The Big Ten, which in the past has been one of the leading pointers of allegedly spotless fingers, revealed rather reluctantly that football players with jobs had been investigated—and by former G-men. That was tantamount to admitting that they didn't believe football players worked.

The heat was on so heavy that 16 Ohio State players will be dropped from the state payroll while they are at Pasadena; Avery Burndage, president of the American Olympic Committee, asserted that in the future those with athletic scholarships would not be considered amateurs, and Jim Rhodes, retiring president of the AAU, blasted right back that they would.

Nobody knew who had the ball. Investigators were being investigated and everybody walked around like the villiain in a real old-fashioned mellerdrammer.

It all started when Tug Wilson, Big Ten commissioner, admitted that his investigators had looked into the situation at Ohio State, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, among others. Two of the Michigan stars given dry cleaning were Chuck Ortmann and Leo Koceski. Wilson admitted that there were about 12 investigated at each school—and I'll bet you're surprised to learn they were football players.

"The most any athelete was receiving was $84 per month," Wilson reported.

Which isn't quite so, at that. For the Ohio State Public Works and Taxation Department heads revealed the remuneration earned by their employes who coincidentally play football at Ohio State. Of 16, just half make less than $84 a month. Eight earn more—but the proof is there that they really earn it.

Disagreeing for a moment, we come to the apparent reasons for California's favoritism in the impending Rose Bowl battle. Consider Pandel Savic, who is supposed to be some shakes as a quarterback. He earns only $67 a month. Fullback Chuck Gandee gets only $78 and George Toneff, one of the best guards in the conference, earns only $81.15.

The best back must be Jerry Krall, who is top man at $115 a month as a highway department tire inspector. And don't worry about your son if he insists that he wants to play center. Jack Linginger is earning $100 a month, second highest of the 16 Ohio State footballers on the state payroll.

But, if that's all top flight football players are worth in the Big Ten, it's small wonder that California is favored .

Seriously, though, the Big Ten apparently is out to make certain that its own skirts are absolutely clean before it leads the NCAA drive to enforce the sanity code. There aren't any pigskin Pollyannas who believe that all in the Big Ten are lily white, rich alumni still being rich alumni. But you've got to give them E for effort even if the trap turned up empty.

However, pigskin puritans aside, it doesn't seem just right that those 16 kids trying to work their way through college should lose half of their month's pay by making money for the school. They played to 382,136 people in five home games this year, grossing the college some $1,524,544. The Big Ten gets another slice from the Rose Bowl game.

I know one character intimately who can't get along without eating, so it's logical to assume those lads are no different. It's just a thought, but what would happen if 10 minutes before the Rose Bowl kickoff, with 93,000 fans in the stands and the cash in the pokey, the Ohio State squad refused to take the field until those absentee wages were kicked through?

It's odds-on that all those pretty principles would take a beating.

Cross-wind landings by an airplane require careful use of controls until the plane stops rolling.

Golfer Ben Hogan Returns To Links After Long Illness

FORT WORTH, Dec. 12 (UP)—Bantam Ben Hogan is back on the golf course, taking a full swing with the clubs for the first time since he nearly lost his life in a highway accident ten months ago.

Hogan and Fort Worth pro Raymond Gafford played 18 holes Saturday, and Sunday Hogan went around Colonial Country Club's tough layout for another 18.

His scores weren't sensational—for Hogan — but what duffer wouldn't be proud of a 71 and 72 over one of the roughest par 70 courses in the nation.

Hogan complained of feeling "a little tired" after his rounds and said "I wasn't hitting very well" after Saturday's 18. Gafford disagreed with him, and yesterday Ben admitted he thought his swing and shots were "fairly good."

It was the first round for Hogan since last February 2, when his automobile and a Greyhound bus collided near Van Horn, Tex. There was fear that Hogan might not ever again be able to take a full swing with the clubs that made him rich and famous.

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Port Arthur And Mexia Are Rated State Favorites

By United Press

Port Arthur and Mexia rated favorites today to join Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio as the best of the 1949 Texas schoolboy football teams.

The San Antonio Mustangs took home the big City Conference title Saturday with a convincing 31-13 victory over Sunset of Dallas. Arlington Heights of Fort Worth won last year's crown.

Port Arthur won a semifinal berth in Class AA with a 13-0 victory over Marshall last Friday night. Its semifinal opponent will be Austin. The game is scheduled for 2 p. m. Friday at Port Arthur. Austin entered the semifinals with a 28-7 triumph over Alice, Saturday.

Highland Park, which nailed Abilene 20-6, meets Wichita Falls, a 58-6 winner over Austin of El Paso, in Wichita Falls at 2 p. m. Saturday. Highland Park's only loss the past season was to Wichita Falls.

Mexia rolled over New Braunfel, a season-long favorite, 26-6 last Friday night to get into the Class A semifinals, and Uvalde, its playoff opponent, buried El Campo, 33-13. The game will be played at 2 p. m. Friday on neutral ground in Austin.

The other Class A semifinal games will match Garland against Littlefield, also on neutral ground, at Vernon at 2:30 p. m. Friday. Garland, although tied 7-7 by Mineola in the quarterfinals, won on penetrations, 4-1. Littlefield had little trouble winning over Ballinger, 34-6.

Of the eight semifinal teams, only Port Arthur and Wichita Falls in Class AA and Mexia boast untied and undefeated records.

Trinity Runs Into Tough Schedule

By United Press

Trinity's pace-setting Tigers in the Gulf Coast Conference run into their toughest opposition of the young basketball season this week and may find it troublesome to keep their unblendished record that way.

After defeating Texas Tech and Southwest Texas in their only starts, the Tigers tackle West Texas State, Hardin-Simmons, Texas A&M and Texas in a busy week of play at home.

Of the other league members, only University of Houston has managed a .500 record. The Cougars, however, have played the toughest slate, including five intersectional foes. They lost to Bradley and Beloit last week while tripping Loras.

Special glands on the bodies of fish keep them slippery with lubrication to minimize friction with surrounding water.

Baylor And TCU Will Be Tested By Midwest Fives

Two Southwest Conference basketball teams which have been bowling over not-so-tough opposition will be tested this week on road trips against non-conference opposition in the Mid-West.

Baylor's experienced senior quintet and Texas Christian's young sophomore alone remained undefeated as the loop begins its third week of pre-conference competition.

TCU boasts four victories in a row—nice going considering it has won but nine games out of 71 over the past three seasons. Baylor has three victories to its credit.

Among other conference clubs, Southern Methodist, Arkansas and Texas each has won two and lost two; Rice has won two out of five and Texas A & M has lost four straight games, but to top-flight opponents.

TCU plays Missouri twice this week, then meets Bradley and St. Louis; Arkansas tackles Illinois and Indiana and Baylor meets Kansas State and Nebraska on the road to highlight a 20-game schedule.

SMU meets Colorado at Boulder and A&M and Texas oppose Arizona at San Antonio in other intersectional games.

Rice's Joe McDermott pulled into the individual scoring lead after having played one more game with his nearest competitor, Jack Brown of SMU. McDermott had scored 69 points, Brown 65.

Trailing the leaders were George McLeod, TCU's sophomore flash, at 55 points, and General Hudspeth of Arkansas, Jewell McDowell of A&M and Tom Hamilton of Texas with 54 points each.

Antonio Romano, Brooklyn, N. Y., built an exact miniature of the liner Rex, although he never saw the steamship.

Zoos save money on food bills during the summer months, when rations to the animals are decreased.

Pruning Of Fruit Trees Vital To Next Year's Crop

COLLEG ESTATION, Dec. 12—Pruning the fruit trees is a job that comes around regularly about this time of the year and it should not be neglected, says J. F. Rosborough, extension horticulturist of Texas A. & M. College, for next year's fruit crop depends to a large degree on the care you give the trees during the dormant season.

He says now is a good time to check your pruning equipment so it will all be ready when you start the job. Sharp tools, he says, are necessary if you expect to do the job right. You should have a pair of long-handled pruning shears, a 14-inch briar tooth saw and a pair of hand pruning shears in your kit.

According to Rosborough, fruit trees are pruned to stimulate new growth for next year's fruit to grow on. Pruning also keeps the trees down to handling dimensions. It is much easier to harvest the fruit crop from properly pruned trees and he points out that fruit needs sunlight to ripen as it should, and pruning will allow the sunlight to reach the ripening fruit.

He says it is a good idea to prune the trees that you will be setting out now or a little later. It is necessary that they have a strong body and framework of branches for producing large fruit crops. Pruning, he says, also gives the orchard owner a chance to remove dead or diseased limbs and branches from the trees and while the pruning job is being done a close and thorough check can be made for insects and diseases that might otherwise go unnoticed until they had caused a lot of trouble.

Texas Conference Teams Face Eleven-Game Slate

ABILENE, Dec. 12 (UP)—Texas Conference basketball teams, defeated in 17 out of 19 non-conference games, face an 11-game slate this week including Southwest Conference opponents.

Texas A&I's 61-47 triumph over St. Mary's and Abilene Christian's 68-62 victory over San Angelo Checker Cab are the conference's only victories to date.

Defending champion ACC plays Texas A&M tonight and tomorrow night and Howard Payne meets Southern Methodist at Dallas Wednesday night. ACC meets Missouri Valley College at Abilene Friday night.

Sweet foods and drink are tasted with the tip of the tongue; bitter things with the back of the tongue.

Truman Gets A Burro Tied In His Shower Stall

KEY WEST, Dec. 12 (UP)—While President Truman talked taxes with Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder today, the navy here tried to figure out what to do with a burro that turned up mysteriously yesterday.

The burro was found tied securely to Mr. Truman's shower stall at the section of strand dubbed "Truman Beach" by personnel at Key West Naval Station.

Even the marine guard didn't know how it got there. Capt. C. C. Adell, commanding officer of the base, promised a thorough questioning today of the guard and anybody who ought to know something about the beast's appearance.

Navy investigators thought they had the answer yesterday when they learned there was a burro here, owned by a Mrs. Weaver. But she told them her burro was killed by an automobile several days ago.

When the President heard about the burro's presence, he said, "Let him stay there? I don't give a darn." But secret service men brought into the probe hustled the amiable beast to nearby Fort Taylor.

The burro's appearance didn't interrupt Mr. Truman's talks with Snyder, who flew here yesterday morning from Washington.

FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH, Dec. 12 (UP)—(USDA)—Livestock:

Cattle 3000. Most classes fully steady, some cows and bulls stronger. Medium slaughtr steers good and choice yearlings 23.00-26.50, cutter and common 14.00-16.50. Most beef cows 14.50-16.00, load good cows 17.00, canners and cutters 10.14.00, load cutters 14.25. Medium and good sausage bulls 15.50-16.50, few 17.00, cutter nad common 13.00-15.00. Medium to choice stocker and feeder 18.00-23.00. Medium and good stocker cows 15.00-17.00.

Calves 2000. Steady. Good and choice slaughter calves 20.00-24.00, common and medium 15.00 19.00, culls 12.50-14.50. Good and choice stocker calves 20.00-23.50.

Hogs 1600. Butcher hogs and sows fairly active 25-50 higher than Friday, feeder pigs mostly steady, spots higher. Good and choice 200-270 lbs 15.50 to mostly 15.75, good and choice 160-190 lbs 14.75-15.50, sows 13.50-14.50. Feeder pigs mostly 12.00-14.00, a few 14.50.

Sheep 2300. Receipts mostly slaughter yearlings. All classes steady. Few good and choice slaughter lambs 21.00-22.00. Medium to good shorn cull ewes down to 7.50. Feeder lambs 18.00-20.50. Feeder yearlings 17.00.

Sam Houston's Collins Tops Lone Star Cagers

By United Press

J. Collins of Sam Houston State leads Lone Star Conference basketball scorers with 59 points thus far in the young season.

With the conference season yet ahead, the Lone Star teams have had tough sledding with interconference foes, winning but seven games while losing eight. Only Southwest Texas State, with three victories in four game, has better than a .500 average.

Birds are descendants of reptiles; the crocodile is their nearest relative among present-day reptiles.

TEMPERATURE

The highest temperature recorded since noon Saturday was 63 degrees at 5 p. m. Saturday. The lowest was 23 degrees about 5:30 this morning.

Temperatures follow:

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2	57	2	53
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5	63	5	51
6	60	6	49
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8	53	8	44
9	53	9	42
10	51	10	39
11	48	11	37
12	49	12	37
Midnight Saturday		Midnight Sunday	
1	50	1	36
2	50	2	33
3	50	3	28
4	52	4	26
5	50	5	25
6	49	6	24
7	48	7	25
8	47	8	25
9	46	9	25
10	47	10	26
11	48	11	28
12	50	12	31

BURGLARS TAKE MONEY AND THE SAFE DOOR, TOO

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 12 (UP)—Burglars got $4,355 in cash and checks from the safe of a surburban grocery store yesterday. Not only did they take the money, store manager J. B. Pope said, but the burglars also carried away the safe door.

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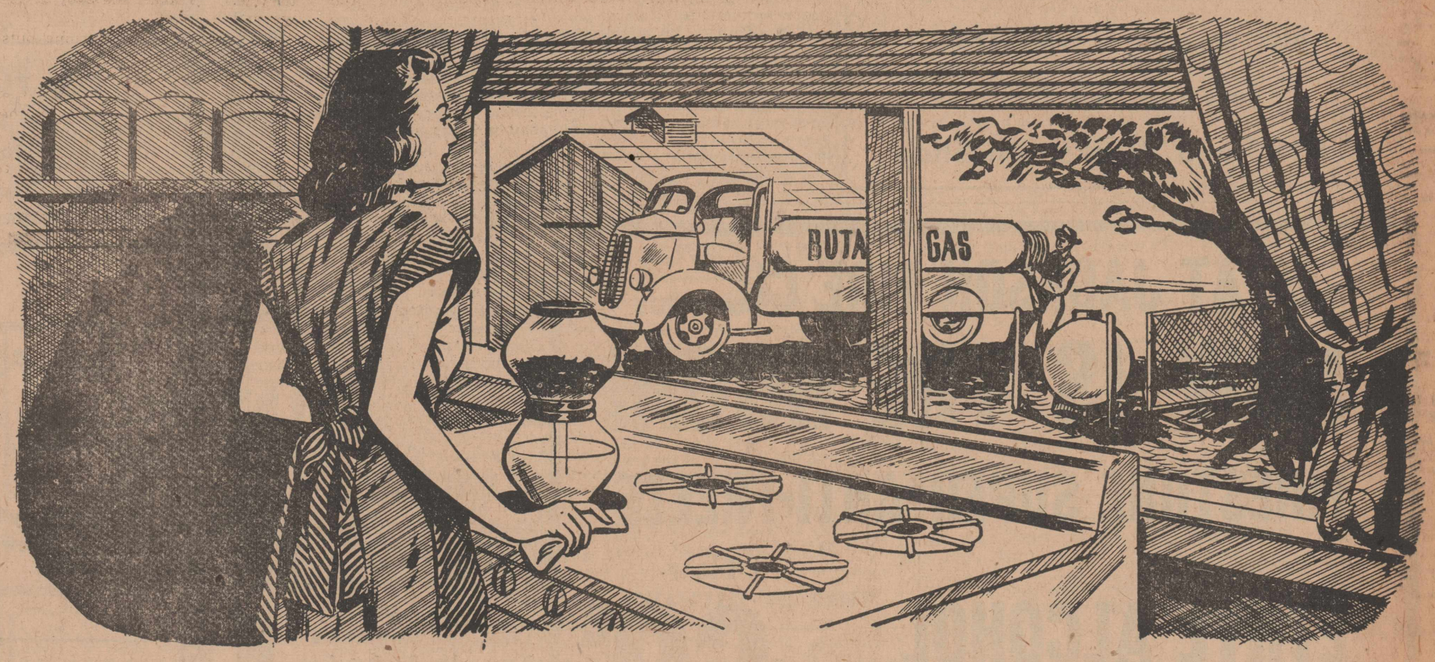
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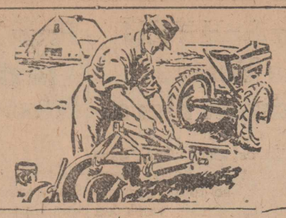
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'50 Acreage Cuts May Mean Planting Of Legumes, Grains, Forage Crops

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COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 12—Acreage reductions in 1950 of cash crops will probably result in larger plantings of soil-building legumes, small grains and forage crops. In many cases, it may mean the seeding of hay meadows and permanent pastures. The relatively favorable prices expected for livestock and livestock products should help to "cushion" this shift, provided farm operators plan wisely, says C. H. Bates, extension management specialist of Texas A. & M. College.

On many family-sized farms livestock can be used to help balance the production program for the farm. Bates points out that farm operators should plan to utilize all of their labor and machinery as well as the land previously planted to cash crops. The extra grain and forage production that is expected to result from the acreage reduction programs, believes Bates, should be used on the farm where it is produced.

He says even without favorable livestock prices over cash grain prices, farm profits can be increased when the extra grain and forage are sold in the form of meat, milk, and eggs. Feeding this extra production to farm livestock is sound business and he says farmers should not forget the extra dividend that they can derive from the manure when it is returned to the land.

Here are his suggestions on planning for profitable farm livestock production in 1950 and in the future. Plan to grow into the business as feed and pasture production are developed; select the phase of livestock production suited to the farm family and to the farm; produce quality products and provide fences, buildings and equipment needed to save labor and feed.

He points out that electric fences can be economically used for enclosing temporary pastures but says where permanent type fences are needed, it is better to build the sturdy, long-lifed ones. It is cheaper in the long run to build or purchase the best equipment and materials available, and Bates suggests that you check with your local county agent for plans and suggestions that might prove helpful in getting your livestock program underway.

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Texas Farm Cash Incomes Increase During October

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 —Texas farm cash income totaled $272,646,000 in October, for gains of 8 per cent over September and 5 per cent over October 1948, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Cotton was the greatest source of income, bringing Texas farmers $158,689,000 during the month. Cottonseed brought them $22,010,000; and rice, $11,058,000.

After adjustment for seasonal variation, the Bureau's index of farm cash income was 457 per cent of the 1935-39 base period.

Monthly crop reporting district increases were as follows: Southern High Plains, 337 per cent; Red Bed Plains, 160 per cent; Northern High Plains, 139 per cent; Trans-Pecos area, 94 per cent; Western Cross Timbers, 55 per cent; Edwards Plateau, 25 per cent; and South Texas Plains, 1 per cent.

Declines were: Lower Rio Grande Valley, 60 per cent; Southern Texas Prairies, 50 per cent; East Texas Timbered Plains, 43 per cent; Black and Grand Prairies, 42 per cent; and Coastal Prairies, 41 per cent.

For the first 10 months of 1949, farm cash income totaled $1,339,805,000, or 2 per cent below a like period of 1948. Increases varied from 24 per cent in Northern High Plains to 4 per cent in Coastal Prairies, and declines ranged from 24 per cent in South Texas Plains to 4 per cent in Black and Grand Prairies.



HERE'S HOW—Charlotte Farley, 18, of Montague, Mass., winner of a 4-H Club knitting contest in Chicago, shows her technique to W. J. Carroll, representative of a knitting company that awarded Charlotte a $300 scholarship.

Cottonseed Hulls Prove Efficient In Reducing Cost Of Feeding Steers

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Added proof that cottonseed hulls are efficient, economical roughage that will give good results when replacing more expensive roughages in steer fattening rations is contained in a recent report of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. These results confirm other earlier experiments and the experience of many cattle feeders.

The most recent of these official experiments was conducted by the Texas Experiment Station at the Ysleta Substation in the El Paso Valley. The results obtained there show that when cottonseed hulls replace up to 60 per cent of the alfalfa in steer fattening rations, equal or superior results are obtained at a lower feed cost.

As a result of this and three preceding experiments, the Texas Experiment Station stated that elimination of bloat and the lower cost of gains are advantages favoring the feeding of cottonseed hulls while maintaining the same rate of gain and degree of finish.

When hulls were used to replace 60 per cent of the alfalfa in the ration, daily gain and dressing percentage were both slightly higher and the cost per 100 pounds of gain was lower. Thus, cottonseed hulls favorably affected three of the most important factors in successful cattle feeding.

The average daily rations consumed by these steers shows that the steers receiving hulls to replace a part of the alfalfa ate more roughage and grain than did the steers receiving alfalfa as the only roughage. This fact proves that cottonseed hulls are highly palatable and that they encourage a larger consumption of fattening grain because they have a beneficial effect on digestion. Many experiments have proved that palatable and easily digested feeds encourage feeding efficiency and promote rapid gains.

The Texas Experiment Station, and other feeding authorities, recommend that some alfalfa hay or other vitamin A containing roughage be fed to avoid vitamin A deficiency. Usually, 2 to 4 pounds, daily per head, of legume or other bright hay will provide this needed quantity of vitamin A.

This report of successful feeding of cottonseed hulls to replace a portion of alfalfa in steer fattening rations confirms earlier conclusions made at the Texas and other experiment stations. In 1946 the Texas Station reported, "Steers fed cottonseed hulls to replace a portion of alfalfa hay, ate about two pounds more feed daily per head than steers receiving alfalfa as the only roughage. They also made the most gain, the highest yield, and had a slight advantage in carcass grade."

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FARM PROGRAM NEWS from the County Agricultural Conservation Committee

Date — December 15, 1949, all day.

Purpose—To see if farmers favor marketing quotas on 1950 crop. Two thirds of farmers voting must be in favor of quotas.

Farmers eligible to vote include those that were interested in a cotton crop in 1948 only. Wives of eligible farmers are also eligible to vote.

There will be no voting by proxy or mail except that an eligible farmer may secure a ballot before the election date and mail it to the county in which his farm is located. It must reach that office before the polls close.

If farmers vote for quotas, their allotments will be figured on a percentage of the cropland in the farm not to exceed the highest planted acreage that he had on the farm in either 1943, 1947, or 1948. Every farmer that plants within his allotment will be eligible for the 90 per cent support price on his crop.

Farmers not planting within their allotment will be penalized on the excess production.

If quotas do not carry, then the support price will be only 50 per cent of parity. However even then a farmer must stay within his allotment to be eligible for this 50 per cent support price.

It is hoped that each individual farm allotment will be mailed before the referendum.

Farmers that have not planted cotton in at least one of the years 1946, 1947, and 1948 will not get a cotton allotment.

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New Process For Producing Alpha Cellulose Studied

Texas University Has Conferences

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 —A new process for producing alpha cellulose from cotton linters, developed at the University of Texas has been the subject of December conferences.

"Alpha" is the designation for the best grade of cellulose which, in one form, is found in nature as cotton fibers and linters.

Dr. K. A. Kobe, University Bureau of Industrial Chemistry associate director, has conferred this week with officials of the Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Del., and the Du Pont chemical plant, Waynesboro, Va., on the production plan.

The process, worked out under Dr. Kobe's direction by Graduate Researcher Ralph Burdynski, New York, provides for cleaning and de-waxing cotton linters, and their transformation into alpha cellulose samples made from linters by the new production plan.

"Our process is not economically feasible yet," Dr. Kobe emphasized. "We're still in the talking and testing stage."

On his trip East Dr. Kobe also attended the American Institute of Chemical Engineers national meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a member of two institute committees.

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Livestock Shipments In Texas Up In October

AUSTIN, Dec. 12 —Texas livestock shipments totaled 8330 carloads in October, an increase of 46 per cent over September, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

September-to-October cattle shipments rose 78 per cent, and calves and hogs 25 and 10 per cent, respectively; but sheep shipments dropped 35 per cent.

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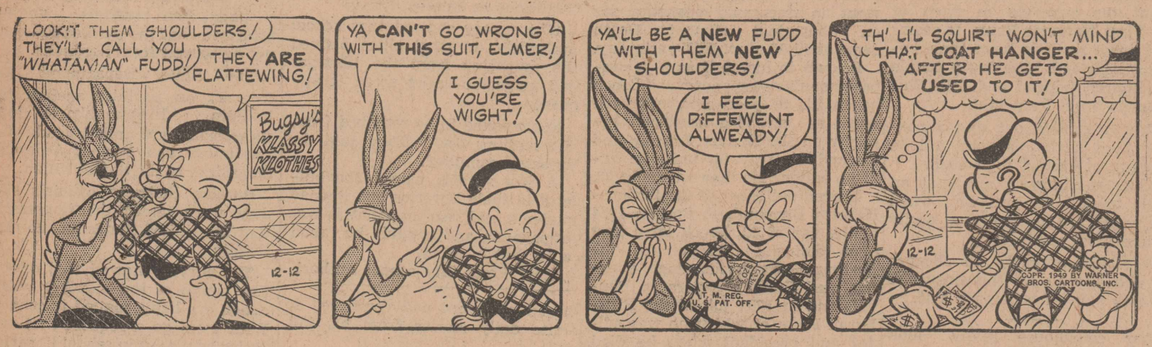
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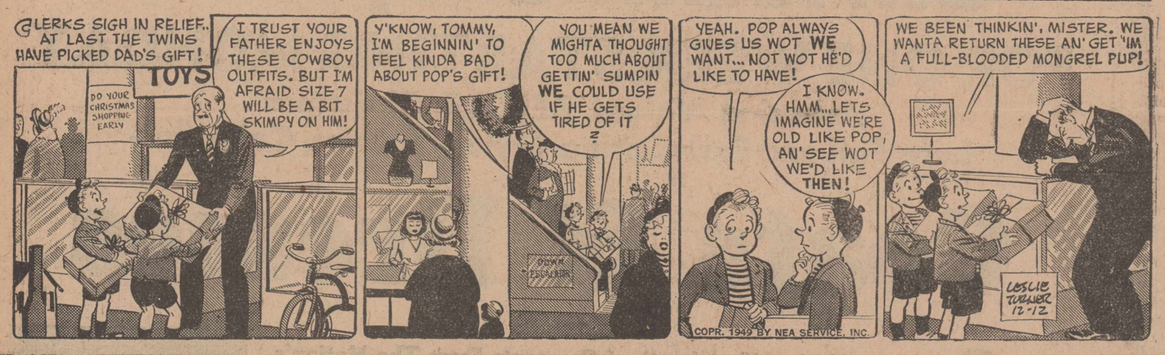
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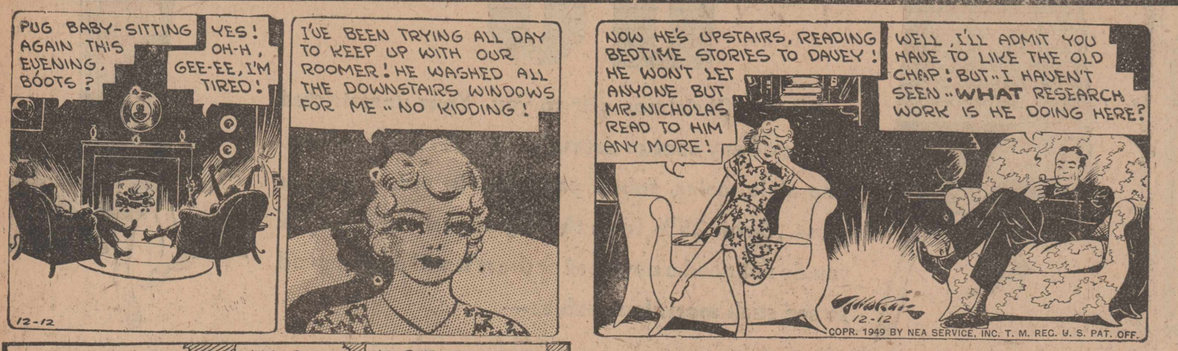
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Would-Be Tough Sandra Peterson Is Now An Adult

BRADY, Dec. 12 (UP)—Sandra Peterson was one day past her 18th birthday today and the state could prosecute her as an adult for murdering insurance man Lewis Patterson.

She has been in jail without bond since August 25 when she was arrested and charged with the murder.

Attractive and dark-haired Miss Peterson told officers then she was 23 years old. Records from her hometown, Somerville, Mass., showed that she was only 17, however, and thus was a juvenile under Texas law.

District Attorney Ralston P. Haun, apparently determined to try for a death penalty, delayed action on the case. Now that she is 18, she is liable for the death sentence if found guilty of the slaying.

The slim girl amazed even veteran officers with a barrage of profanity as she discussed the murder of Patterson, and her own life story, after her arrest.

Haun said she signed a statement admitting that she shot Patterson, robbed him of $50, dumped his body into a roadside ditch and fled in his automobile. She was arrested within a few hours after the slaying.

A 15-year-old Austin girl, Loretta Fae Mozingo, was hitchhiking with Miss Peterson at the time. She told authorities that the older girl did the shooting and then ordered her to take Patterson's wallet, which contained the $50.

The Mozingo girl said, "She laughed and said, "This is the kind of life I love'."

A McCulloch County grand jury was summoned a week later, but it took no action when Haun finally was convinced Miss Peterson was only 17.

Haun has not announced plans on the case but District Judge A. O. Newman at Brownwood said he had no request to call a special grand jury. The next regular term of the grand jury begins January 2.

Sheriff A. B. Willborn said yesterday, Miss Peterson's 18th birthday, apparently was just another day for the girl. There was no conversation, he said, to indicate that she was aware of the day's significance.

The Mozingo girl was held as a material witness in the same jail but in a cell apart from the one where Miss Peterson spends her time playing solitaire and chain smoking.

Young Brownwood Couple Are Killed In Plane Crash

LAMPASS, Dec. 12 (UP)—A young Brownwood couple, George and Annie Ruth Griffith, were killed Sunday when their light plane crashed and burned near her parents' farm home at nearby Lometa.

Mrs. Griffith was trapped, and died in the flaming wreckage. Her husband, piloting the plane, was thrown clear. He died an hour later in a Lampasas hospital

The plane fell from altitude of about 200 feet. It burned about 400 yards from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bristown, Mrs. Griffith's parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bristow witnessed the crash, which occurred shortly after the Griffiths took off for the return to Brownwood.

Griffith was 26; his wife, 23. The couple had two small children, left behind yesterday in a Brownwood nursery while the parents went flying.

Griffith was a Purple Heart veteran of World War II and worked at a Brownood flying service as an airplane mechanic. The plane in which he crashed, a Piper Cub, was his own property.

Ironically, three weeks ago, Griffith had been reported killed in an air crash. Actually, he made a forced landing then near Grosvenor, in northern Brown County, and walked away without a scratch.

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ROME, Dec. 12 (UP)—Three hundred peasants in the Rome area were charged by police today with "abusive occupation of private land and resistance to the authorities."

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Boys Used As Army Test Cases Still Want Hitch

By Richard Kleiner

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (NEA)—After one meal and four hous in the New Army, six underprivileged boys who served as a test case for disillusionment still want to be soldiers when they grow up. They were not disillusioned at all, even by curtains on the Mess Hall windows and food served on plates.

These particular six hail from the Children's Village at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., a home for "emotionally disorganized" boys. After tasting R. O. T. C., in which they made good records, they decided the Army was the future they wanted. Village authorities, not sure the idea wasn't mostly a boy's idea of romantic adventure, decided they ought to find out what the Army is really like.

The Army cooperated handsomely. Accompanied by a small brigade of Army publicity men, photographers and recruiting officers, the six were given a day at Fort Hamilton, a permanent post in Brooklyn.

Nobody tried to hide anything from the boys; a tough mess sergeant, for instance, showed them the ritual of KP, including the hand method of peeling potatoes. On the other hand, there was no attempt to discourage Army ambitions; the sergeant also exhibited the New Army's mechanical potato peeler.

First stop for the six was the Service Club, where Major S. E. Mear, the Post Information and Education Officer and the boys' guide, showed off the table tennis tables, hobby shop, comfortable chairs, snack bar and library.

The Mess Hall was the next port of call, and the six boys dove into a typical Army chow — roast pork, scalloped potatoes, corn and stewed plums.

"Gee, this is better than Sunday dinner at the Village," grinned one youngster. "Is the food this good every day?"



OLD ARMY KP, potato style, is demonstrated for Children's Village boys. Then the automatic peeler was unveiled.

A stern look from one of the Village authorities, who accompanied the boys, brought forth the qualification, "Well, I uess Sunday dinner at the Village is better; we usually have ice cream."

Then, Major Mear led the way to a Military Police headquarters, where an MP nomcom displayed the gun room, and let the boys handle rifles.

"I'm interested in the MP's," one of the boys—the smallest in cidentally—told the Major. "It's a rough job. I guess that's why I like it."

The motor pool was visited by the group, led by two eager lads who wanted to drive the big trucks.

"Motor pool! Boy, that's for me!" said one, as he raced toward the garage. They didn't get to do any driving, but the noncom in charge showed them how to autopsy a jeep with a dead motor.

On the way back to the Village, the boys stopped off at New York's recruiting headquarters, where a veteran Master Sergeant answered their questions.

As they left, with New Army stars and stripes in their eyes, the sergeant let them have a parting shot of Old Army. Coining a few phrases, he called: "You go to basic training for 13 weeks; you keep your nose to the grindstone and come through with flying colors—then, boys, the sky's the limit!"

Tornadoes Hit Into Two States

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., Dec. 12 (UP)—Tornadoes skipping through Missouri and Arkansas left at least nine persons dead today.

State Police at Little Rock, were checking reports of two additional fatalities caused by a twister which struck scattered communities yesterday.

Almost 40 persons were reported injured and authorities said property damage was extensive.

Six persons were killed and more than 10 hurt near Poplar Bluff.

The Arkansas twister struck first at Scotland in Van Buren County, then dipped northward between Clinton and Shirley. It cut back south-eastward, hitting Providence, Bradford and Floral.

Boy Goes Overboard For "Santa Claus"

TYLER, Dec. 12 (UP)—A little boy's faith in Santa Claus was shaken today.

When their 5-year-old son balked at taking a dose of castor oil, a Tyler couple arranged for Santa Claus to telephone and advise the boy to take his medicine.

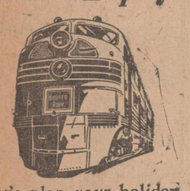
The youngster was impressed. He put down the telephone. bolted for the bathroom, grabbed the castor oil bottle -- and downed a halfpint.

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Texas Holiday Deaths Reach 25

By United Press

More than a score of Texans met death violently over the rainy weekend.

The toll mounted to 24 today, with 16 perishing on the state's rainswept highways.

Two accidents claimed seven lives during the two-day period marked by showers and fog which made roads slick and visibility poor.

Mrs. James Tutt of New Boston, Tex., her two young daughters and Cecil Stanton of Maud, Bowie County, were killed in a head-on collision Saturday near Maud. Only Mrs. Tutt's husband survived the mishap which occurred in a heavy rainstorm.

Another head-on crash on the Jacksboro highway in Fort Worth proved fatal to Mrs. Margaret Summers, 73, W. H. Patterson, 32, and Beatrice Walhaver, all of Fort Worth.

Lee Roy Combs, Shreveport, La., and Patrick W. O'Brien, Detroit, were killed when their automobile collided with another car near Mineral Wells. A truck-car collission near Waco caused two fatalities — Arthur Creasy, Jr., of Waco and Oran Clawson, Jr., of Flat, Coryell County.

Mrs. P. M. Hutchins of Sweetwater died in a two-car collision near the Lubbock city limits Sunday. Her husband and the driver of the other car involved in the collision escaped without injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith, a young Brownwood couple, suffered fatal injuries yesterday when their small plane crashed and burned near Lometa.

Pinned under his overturned car in south Dallas, Lowell E. Gardner, 21, of Itasca, died later of injuries. At Arlington, an automobile struck and killed Frank W. McGregor, about 60, a pedestrian on U. S. Highway 80. Eddie Klovinski, 20, of Houston, died near Galveston when his car left the highway and crashed into a ditch. D. O. Bailey's automobile rammed the rear of a parked truck at Belton, killing him.

Fire which wrecked a farm house near the West Texas town of Spur took the lives of three members of a Pasadena, Tex., family. Dead were Mrs. Viola Marie Phillips, 24, and two of her three children, Ronald Eugene, 2, and Barbara Ann, 6 months old.

Ernest S. Colbert, Jr., 28, Wichita Falls oilfield worker, was crushed to death when steel steps fell on him as a catline raised them to a derrick floor. Dallas County authorities identified as Lee Bowen, 31, of Waxahachie, a man shot to death in a tavern during an alleged argument concerning the sale of beer after hours.

Henaro Gonzales, a Brady cotton picker, was shot to death in a Levelland street Sunday. Hockly County Sheriff Charley Bullock charged Albert Herrera, 28, with murder with malice folowing the shooting.

Eugene Fuller, 50, a Fort Worth printer, was killed Sunday in a traffic mishap. A taxicab struck him down as he crossed a street to buy a package of cigarets.

Pilot--

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10 degrees, so I S-turned back . . to realign."

All pre-landing checks were made, and then he brought the ship down at a descent rate of about 300 feet a minute.

"As we approached the wires on Denton Drive (telephone and power lines along the airport's west side) the ship felt like it needed more power," Claude said.

"I advanced the throttle. The air speed was an indicated 120 or 125 miles per hour. . .as we crossed the power lines, at about 75 feet, the ship felt like it was 'squatting'.

"At this time the flight engineer told me the fuel pressure was gone on engine Number 4 (outside right). I called for booster pumps and they were turned on.

". . . the engine (number 4) kicked in with a terrific surge. Everything happened then. The left wing dropped--and Good will have to tell you what happened then. I don't know."

He was fighting for composure, talking slowly and haltingly.

"When the wing dropped, the plane went into a left turn, and I fully expected the wing to hit the ground. The rudder was full," Claude said, without making clear in what direction. He said reduced power on the right wing engines, and turned the inside left one up full, and called for the landing gear to be raised, intending to try to get up for another landing approach.

". . .in a split second decision. I didn't think I had room enough to ditch (belly-land the plane, and I though I could clear the hangar in front of me on three engines," he said.

"But it didn't."

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Second-Place Essay In Contest On "Democracy Beats Communism"

(EDITOR'S NOTE The following essay, written by Childress High School sophomore Ann McFarland, won second place in the "Democracy Beats Communism" contest sponsored by the American Legion. The first-place essay appeared yesterday, and third place winner will be printed tomorrow.

By ANN McFARLAND

America? Demoracy? To me these are the two most wonderful words in the whole world. To me they mean all the freedom and individuality a person could dream of.

No one HAS to be just like I am. I don't HAVE to be just like any one else. I am free and I'm my own boss and my own judge until I break some of the laws which my parents and I have set up to govern and discipline me; then I must pay the penalty mentally or physically.

In America I'm as much a person as the guy next to me. I can go to school and learn and develop my talents. I can become acquainted with people and I can just plain live!

When I become the right age to vote, I can choose the person I would like to speak for me in state, country and world affairs. No one can tell me what kind of work I must do, or how it must be done, or that I must give my profit to some cause or person, or which God I may worship and how to worship him.

But wait, what is this different kind of government and living communism? No freedom of speech nor religion; all personal profit from individual enterprises goes to the person at the head of the government; no public schools; a non-representative form of government; no individual rights whatsoever.

To me it seems like a negative or "no" kind of living.

No, thank you; I'll stay here in the United States where I can truly know the meaning of and live in the great "American Democracy."

Vic Damone Voted "Most Eligible" Bachelor In Land

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12 (UP)—Crooner Vic Damone's "boyish quality that makes you want to mother him" today made him America's most eligible bachelor in the eyes of 1716 models.

Other eligible single men on the American Models Congress' list were movie producer Howard Hughes "because he has untold millions;" baseball star Joe Di Maggio "because he seldom strikes out;" actor Howard Duff "because he's ruggedly masculine;" and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover "because if he can protect a country, he can protect a woman."

The models also picked actor Montgomery Clift "because he's hard-to-get;" Cary Grant "because he's so handsome;" author John Steinbeck "because his intellect is an inspiration;" steamship magnate Ed Luckenbach "because he has only a few less million than Hughes," and football star Glenn Davis "because he's the All-American boy."

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JUST THINKING

BY FRANK HATT

Complaints have come to me about the sidewalk in front of the First National Bank. It seems that some sections have sunk below others and Saturday a couple of children tripped and fell. This happens often I am told.

It was pointed out that a person could have a serious fall be tripping at such a high curb.

Also the sidewalk slants at an angle toward the curb and when the walks are icy a person easily sustain a serious injury.

It would probably be cheaper for the city to fix the sidewalks than to pay off a damage suit.

Our courthouse really look "Christmasy" these nights. It has been decorated better than ever before.

I am told it is the best decorated courthouse between Amarillo and Fort Worth, including those two places.

A lot of motorists pass up and down the highway these nights and is good advertising for Childress to have the courthouse so well lighted. A pat on the pack for the person who did it.

Sometimes the weather forecasts are right, sometimes they are wrong. This morning the cold weather was really here and the chickens' water was frozen solid.

This time they hit it on the nose and we are beginning to get a taste of the weather they are having all the way from Chicago to California.

Icebergs make a noise. They are made of glacial ice, which sizzles as it melts.

Forthright Editor Edward Leech Dies In Mercy Hospital

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12 (UP)—Edward T. Leech, editor of the Pittsburgh Press and senior editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, died in Mercy Hospital yesterday after a short illness.

The 57-year-old editor, twice jailed for contempt of court for his forthright editorials, was stricken while at work Dec. 6. Hospitalized the following day, he underwent an emergency operation for an abdominal ailment. Death came at 11:05 a. m. EST yesterday.

Known to his staff as a "newspaperman's newspaperman," Leech began his 37-year-newspaper career as an $8-a-week-cub reporter on the Denver Express and worked his way up until he became editor. He then was only 23.

Named publisher of the Scripps-Howard Birmingham Post in 1924 at the age of 32, Leech later took over editorial direction of the Scripps-Howard morning, evening, and Sunday papers in Denver, and in 1931 joined the Pittsburgh Press of which he was editor and president when he died.

Survivors were his widow, the former Rose Roche, of Denver; two daughters, Kathleen Patricia and Johanna May; and two sons, Edward Palmer Leech, of Cleveland, and Robert Henry Leech, of San Francisco. All were at his bedside when he died.

Leech gained world-wide recognition as a newspaperman. Last summer he went to Great Britain for Scripps-Howard and wrote a series of 12-articles on British socialism entitled "Utopia On The Rocks."

The articles provoked sharp reaction both here and in the British press and political circles.

Perhaps the most celebrated battle in his rough-and-tumble newspaper career was his campaign against boss E. H. Crump of Memphis, Tenn., while he was editor of the Scripps Howard Press, now the Scripps-Howard Press-Scimitar. Sent to jail for 10 days on contempt of court charges, he never denied he harbored contempt and continued to write daily stories from his jail cell.

On his release from prison, friends held a party in his honor in a public park at which C. P. J. Mooney, editor of the opposition newspaper praised "the caliber of this man who has just spent 10 days in jail for publishing what he thought he had the right to publish and standing for the things in which he believes."

Soviet Propaganda Publication Showing Up In U. S. High Schools

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 (UP)—A slick-paper Soviet propaganda publication is showing up in the mail at schools in socres of U. S. cities, but it is getting the cold shoulder from most educators, a United Press survey showed today.

The "Soviet Information Bulletin," published by the Russian Embassy at Washington, appeared to be going chiefly to public high schools and some colleges. Officials said it pictures utopian-like conditions in Russia.

The survey showed that school authorities in most cities banned the magazine from the libraries and magazine racks when it appeared.

Some asked to be removed from the mailing list. They said the embassy complied.

A few schools placed the bulletin in their libraries but warned students and teachers that it was propaganda and should be read with that in mind.

New York City school authorities said some teachers read excerpts to students. They termed the bulletin an "excellent weapon to combat communism."

The spot check was made after Rep. George M. Mahon, D., Tex., protected bitterly to the U. S. Office of Education against appearance of the bulletin in Lubbock high schools.

Mahon was told that local school authorities must decide whether the propaganda literature is to be withheld from students. He was informed that the publication cannot be barred from the mails.

The State Department has frowned on protests against the bulletin. Presumably it feels supression here might lead to a retaliatory ban against American magazines in the Soviet Union.

Russian Embassy officials said they were under the impression that the United States has no censorship.

The survey showed that one or two copies of the monthly publication are being mailed to schools. With them go a request that the copies be placed in school libraries.

Arthur Dodineau, superintendent of Detroit schools, commented that it "never gets beyond the principal's office."

"Our principals have been instructed to throw them in the wastebasket," said Dr. W. W. Theisen, acting superintendent of Milwaukee schools.



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