

Einstein Believes Theory Calls For Years Of Study

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)—Prof. Albert Einstein believes it may be many years before his new theory on the forces of nature is proved correct and put to work, sources close to him said today.

The white-haired super mathematician resting in his modest, white frame dwelling in Princeton, N. J., knows of the hullabaloo caused in scientific circles by announcement of his new theory which relates gravity to electromagnetism. But shy and modest as he is, the man who made the atom bomb possible declines to comment.

To reporters who asked him for an explanation of his theory he sent out word:

"Come back and see me in 20 years."

It was learned, however, that Einstein was amused over some of the interpretations on the announce-

ment that he at last—after 30 years toil—found a formula which he believes to be a "unified field theory"—a hypothesis that will explain the phenomena of gravitation and electromagnetism as they are related to each other.

In 1905, Einstein, then a young man, announced his special theory of relativity, and in 1916 he announced his general theory of relativity. It took years for most scientists to understand what the great scientist was trying to tell them.

They did learn, however, as world history records, on that day in 1945 on a New Mexico desert when the first atom bomb exploded. It was Einstein's theory that showed there was tremendous energy locked up inside the atom.

His new theory, according to the best interpretations possible at the moment, will unlock more secrets of the atom, and in turn, of the universe.

Lucile Shaw Wins First Prize In Index Contest

Lucile Shaw, 406 Avenue B, Northwest, is the winner of the \$10 Childress Index prize for naming the ten men who made the greatest impact on history in the last 50 years—closest to the list published by the United Press.

Close behind Miss Shaw were Clarence Blackburn, Dan Davis, Jr., and Rosalie Carter—who finished in that order.

Each of the top four listed seven persons on his list which appeared in the United Press list. The winner was chosen by including in her list more of the favorites in the UP list than did the other three. Miss Shaw listed FDR, Wright Bros., Hitler, Gandhi, Churchill, Lenin, Edison, Woodrow Wilson, Stalin and Duke of Windsor.

It was not necessary for Childresses to list the ten persons in order. To gain a winner for the single prize, however, the United Press list was weighted in the order in which it presented the names. In this way, the UP noted the FDR made the greatest impact, with Hitler running second. The UP list appears in today's issue.

Mrs. W. E. Davis, 309 Avenue D, Southeast, picked the first five men on the UP list, but fell down from there. Mrs. Bert Hargrave came right after Mrs. Davis. Most of the other entries included at least four or five persons on their lists which appeared on the UP list. Some had only two of the UP winners.

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER FORECAST

By United Press
CHILDRESS—Generally fair with slightly higher temperatures this afternoon, tonight and Thursday, lowest tonight near 34.
WEST TEXAS—Fair with no important temperature change this afternoon, tonight and Thursday.

LOOK WHO'S HERE

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Patterson are the parents of a daughter born early this morning in the Childress General Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. D. Hurt of El Paso returned home yesterday after visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cheatham.

Donald Joe McBrayer has been ill at the home of his parents, it was reported.

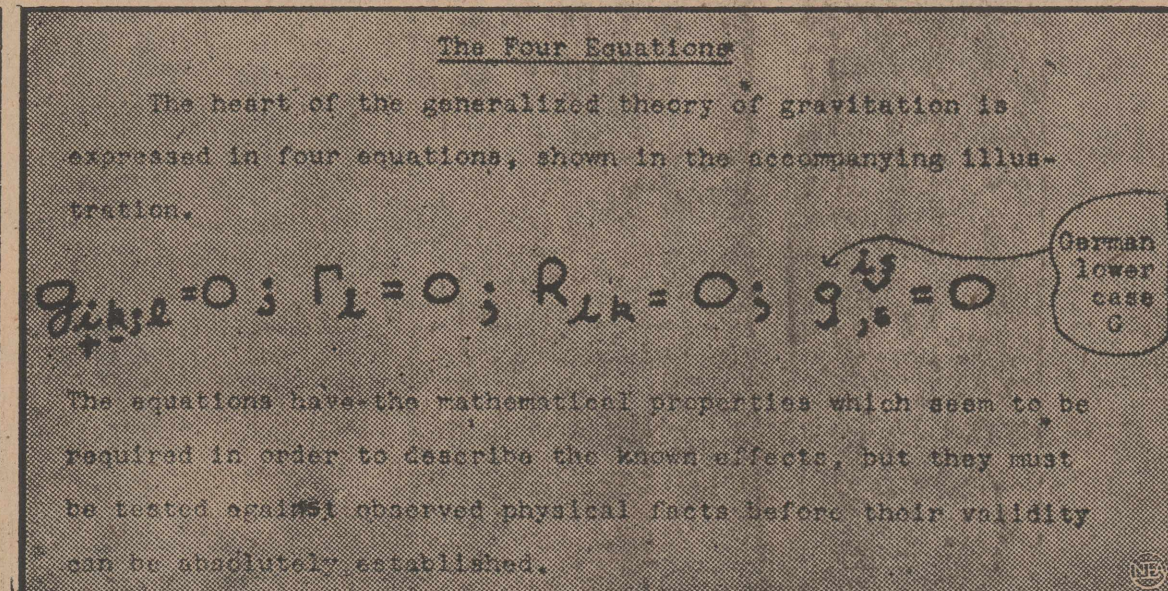
Guests in the home of the C. A. Prices during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Egerton and sons A. J. and Ted from Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Egerton and son Tommie Lee of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and children of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Turner of Ogallala, Neb., Mr. and Mrs. Pete Propp of Borger.

Choice Pansy Plants. Childress Greenhouse, Phone 173.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardin, Jr., and children Kay and Tommy returned to Fort Worth after visiting his parents here. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Palangio of Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan and son Dell returned home yesterday to Fort Worth after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morgan.

Mrs. S. A. Walling of Oklahoma City is visiting with relatives. (Continued on page two)



NEW EINSTEIN THEORY—Though the laymen's reaction will probably be "It's Greek to me," this is a new "Generalized Theory of Gravitation," developed by physicist Albert Einstein, author of the theory of relativity. The theory attempts to interrelate all known physical phenomena. The new theory may well rank with the original publication of relativity as a milestone of scientific achievement. Intended to bring relativity and the quantum theory into a single system, it is impossible to say certainly at this time whether the theory is successful. Preliminary indications are favorable. (NEA Telephoto.)

CHS Grad James Hilburn To Play 'Macbeth' Here

By Dave Lewis
James Hilburn is back in town again—and he's brought Shakespeare with him.

The son of Postmaster and Mrs. J. A. Hilburn, 305 Fourth Street, Northeast, will assume the leading role in "Macbeth" when the National Classic Theater group, directed by Clare Tree Major, comes here the night of January 3 in Childress High School auditorium as a Town Hall program.

Hilburn and his troupe pulled into Childress for a two-week re-

spite, their first in a two-year tour which will carry them some 3000 miles over 33 states.

Since graduating from Childress High School in 1937, Hilburn has made sizeable strides in the Theatrical world.

Briefly, he's stuck out four years with the U. S. Marine Corps, started and abandoned a musical career, and finally, become a stage artist of great promise.

The marines came first, back in 1941, and Hilburn leathernecked it through Bougainville, Guam and

Two Jima as an artilleryman in the hell-for-leather Third Marine Division.

Then he traded khaki for college—Sherman School of Music in Chicago. Music was all right, but after a couple of years Hilburn felt his real niche was in the theater. So he entered and graduated from the National Academy of Dramatic Arts.

He did a short stint with the Canterbury players of Chicago, a semi-professional group, before joining the National Classic Theater group.

His present troupe, a non-profit institution chartered by the state of New York, has produced such outstanding talent as Vincent Price and Bette Davis, among others.

Miss Major's troupe specializes in three classics—"The Taming of the Shrew," "Macbeth," and "She Stoops to Conquer."

For his performance in the former at Texas A&M earlier this year, Hilburn drew the following critic's eulogy: "Hilburn is an actor of considerable verve and commendable diction, with as deft a comic touch as may be displayed by any one player of his years and experience today."

Hilburn takes such praise in stride. On stage, as other reviews point out, he is poised, eloquent and forceful. Off stage he is natural and devoid of theatrical airs.

The troupe plays mostly at colleges and universities over the country, and is classed primarily as an educational rather than entertainment medium.

Hilburn takes his work seriously and will praise Miss Major's at-
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Childress Negress Charged Today With Intent To Murder Negro Man

County Veterans Hear VA Warning

January 1, 1950, is the deadline for disabled veterans of World War II to make application for reinstatement of lapsed policies, L. T. Vance of the Veterans Administration office warned Childress ex-servicemen today.

Veterans may be disqualified for life insurance because of disabilities unless they apply before January 1, Vance said.

Veterans may also apply for new insurance up to \$10,000 before January 1, and any disabilities which were a result of military service will not bar the veteran from reinstatement or getting a new policy, Vance said. The total amount of government insurance a veteran may own is \$10,000.

Vance reminded veterans who wish to reinstate lapsed policies or take out new insurance to get applications in the mail before midnight, December 31.

Veterans who need assistance were urged to come to the VA office in the basement of the Childress County Courthouse. The office is open from 8 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon Monday through Friday.

AMARILLO GROWS

AMARILLO, Dec. 28 (UP)—Amarillo is bigger today by 2163.48 acres and 1300 residents. The city yesterday annexed five outlying areas at a final reading of a city ordinance. There was no protest.

Childress County's first baby of 1950, and his parents, will receive gifts of merchandise and service from at least 22 Childress firms.

The annual baby derby, sponsored by the firms and The Childress Index, is due to get underway at midnight Saturday.

Rules of the contest are simple—the baby must be white, and born in Childress County. The time of birth, names of the parents and the attending physician must be reported to The Index as soon as possible after the birth.

A certificate will be issued to the

parents or their representative by The Index, and must be presented to the sponsors to receive the prizes.

Firms already entered are Prather-Williams Drug, Cobb's Shoe Store, Roberson - Eubank Drug, Fairview Floral.

A. L. Harp Drug, J. C. Penney Co., Jackson Tire Store, White Auto Store, Saied's Department Store.

Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store, Western Auto Store, First National
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Texas Rebuffs Efforts By Churches In Sweatt Case

AUSTIN, Dec. 28 (UP)—Texas today rebuffed attempts by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ to intervene in the Heman Marion Sweatt case unless attorneys for the religious organization show in their brief that the member churches practice segregation in "Texas and 14 other southern states."

The council's proposed brief would support Sweatt, a Houston Negro, in his plea that the United States Supreme Court declare segregated state schools uncon-

stitutional even if the separate facilities are equal.

Attorney General Price Daniel set out Texas' views in a letter to Charles H. Tuttle, New York attorney representing the federal council of churches.

The largest denominations represented by the council in Texas are the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. The Presbyterian church declined to join in the council's brief.

Sweatt sued the state three years ago to require his admission

to the University of Texas law school, alleging the lack of an equal law school for Negroes. In the meantime, the Texas Legislature established in Austin a separate law school for Negroes.

Texas courts held that the separate school furnished Sweatt equal opportunities, but the Houston Negro made his plea to the Supreme Court to declare segregated schools unconstitutional even if equal.

The case has been set for argument before the high court on January 30.

Daniel said that in his answer to Tuttle "a full disclosure of the actual practice of the council's member churches in Texas should be made so the court will have Continued On Page Two

American Relief Official Gets Release From Hungarians, 'Reds'

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 28 (UP)—Israel Jacobson, American relief official who was expelled from Hungary and then detained by Russian authorities at the Austrian border, finally was released today and arrived in Vienna.

A Soviet officer accompanied Jacobson through the Soviet zone of Austria from the border town of Nickelsdorf, where he had been stopped by Russian authorities on grounds his papers were not in order.

Jacobson, Budapest director for the American Joint Distribution Committee, was expelled from Hungary last night for "suspected espionage." He told a reporter at

Nickelsdorf that the charge was unfounded.

He said the Hungarians released him because they found out that "there are other people named Jacobson."

"I was the wrong one," he said. He had been arrested by the Hungarians 13 days ago when he drove across the frontier from Austria to resume his relief activities in Budapest after a vacation in the United States. He was held incommunicado in prison until his release last night.

Another American still is being held incommunicado in a Hungarian prison. He is Robert Vogeler, an assistant vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, who was arrested five weeks ago. Hungarian authorities announced last week end that Vogeler has signed a confession to espionage, economic sabotage and "criminal activities."

Rita's Premature Baby Is A Girl; Birth Was Normal

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec. 28 (UP)—Movie actress Rita Hayworth gave premature but normal birth today to a 5½-pound princess.

Prince Aly Khan, husband of the 30-year-old Rita, said she "had a very tough time of it" during a six-hour confinement in Montchoisi clinic but that she was feeling better. He said the baby girl would be named Princess Jasmine.

Aly said the birth, coming exactly seven months and one day after they were married last May 27, was seven weeks premature.

"I told you," he said to a reporter, "that premature babies run in my family."

Doctors had feared they would have to deliver the child by a Caesarean operation, but at 11:45 a. m. they announced it was a normal birth. They said both mother and child were doing well.

Aly said he spent a miserable time pacing the corridors before the doctor came out and told him "it's a girl." He said he then went in and sat with Rita for an hour.

"I wanted to be there when they came down and broke the news to her that it was a girl."

Aly, who has two sons by a previous marriage, said: "I am very happy. It is just what I wanted."

The child was born at 9:35 a. m. (3:35 a. m. EST), six hours and 15 minutes after Aly drove the thrice-married Rita from the Lausanne Palace Hotel to the clinic, outracing his police escort in his haste. Rita was dressed only in a mink coat thrown over her pajamas.

Dehavilland Is Named Top Star By Film Critics

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)—Olivia Dehavilland is the winner, for the second straight year, of the New York film critics' annual award for the best actress of the year.

Miss Dehavilland's performance in "The Heiress" won her this year's award. The critics picked her last year for her role in "Snake Pit."

The critics voted Broderick Crawford the best actor of the year for his role in "All the King's Men," which was voted the best picture of the year.

Two Britishers, Dame Edith Evans and Ralph Richardson, were runners-up for the best actress and best actor awards for their performances in "Dolwyn" and "The Fallen Idol."

Directing honors went to British director Carol Reed for "The Fallen Idol."

The critics voted "The Bicycle Thief," an Italian motion picture, directed by Vittorio De Sica, as the best foreign language film.

Hoy Downing, Carey Man, Dies At Home Last Night

Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Hoy H. Downing, 41, who died at the family residence last night in Carey.

Downing, a veteran of World War II, was an employee at the Arnold Grocery and station.

Survivors are his wife and one brother, Harold, of Houston.

Newberry Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Editors Pick FDR As Making Greatest Impact Since 1900

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt made the greatest impact on the first half of this century in the opinion of American newspaper and radio editors.

They voted in a United Press poll to choose the ten personalities whose careers affected the most persons and to the greatest extent.

Adolph Hitler ran a close second. One of the conditions of the poll was that the impact made by these persons could be for either good or evil. Hitler was followed by Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, Henry Ford, Nicolai Lenin, the Wright Brothers, Albert Einstein, Joseph Stalin, and Louis Pasteur.

Pasteur was the only one of the ten who did not live in this century. He died in 1895, but the editors felt that his work on the conquest of disease justified his inclusion in this list.

Women received many votes, but none got enough to make the first ten. There was heavy vot-

ing for Lise Meitner, the expert on nuclear fission; for Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science; and for Mme. Curie for her work on radium.

Mr. Roosevelt won first place over Hitler by only six points. The votes were tabulated by allotting ten points to first place, nine to second and so on down to one point for tenth place. Here are the first ten with the number of points they received:

Roosevelt	882
Hitler	876
Edison	686
Churchill	617
Ford	572
Lenin	530
The Wright Brothers	525
Einstein	511
Stalin	417
Pasteur	396

The editors were asked to state reasons for their choices. The following summarizes the reasons most frequently given:

Franklin D. Roosevelt—Because he came to political power at the depths of a world depression and

in a single speech ("We have nothing to fear but fear itself") lifted the hopes of the United States and the world; because his New Deal made such radical changes in the economic life of America that it affected millionaire and laborer alike; because he probably was the worst hated and best loved American President since Lincoln; because he held the world's most powerful elective office longer than any other man; because he was among the first of the world's statesmen to recognize the menace of Nazism and because he threw the support of this country to the besieged democracies even before Pearl Harbor; and finally because he led the nation to victory in the world's worst war.

Adolph Hitler — Because he helped evolve and sponsor a vicious theory of race supremacy which resulted in the slaughter of millions of human beings; because he deluded most of the German people into believing they could conquer the world; because

he built one of the most powerful military machines of all time and stood briefly on the brink of world conquest; because he provided the spark that started the conflagration of World War II; and finally because he sent the western world into its worst nightmare since the Barbarians came out of Asia.

Thomas A. Edison—Because he was the genius of applied science—the technique of making theories useful; because he invented the bulb that lights the world; because his work contributed to the development of the telephone and almost all other means of communication; and finally because besides his best known inventions he was responsible for more than 1000 other developments which affect the lives of all people every day.

Winston Churchill—Because for years before Munich he sounded the alarm against Nazism and was a prophet without honor in his own country; because he was one of the architects of victory in World War I; because he stands

among the great writers and orators of this century; because even after he was voted out of office after the war he returned to Parliament and continued to work for the things in which he believes; and finally because he kept alive Britain's bulldog spirit when he stood alone after the fall of France and rallied the nation in its darkest—and finest—hour.

Henry Ford—Because indirectly he is responsible for the great network of paved roads that stretches across the United States; because he was an economic individualist and once startled the nation by announcing he would pay his workers \$5 a day; because he set forth the theory that the way to make profits was to cut prices and sell to persons who otherwise could not afford an automobile; and finally because he developed the assembly line and mass production techniques that helped make the American standard of living the highest in the world.

Nicolai Lenin—Because he is

the best known revolutionary of this century; because he preached the theories of Karl Marx in exile for years before he had a chance to implement them in Russia; because he showed political courage and skill in establishing a stable Bolshevik government in the midst of the turmoil of the Russian revolution; because to Communists he has achieved the status of sainthood in a Godless land; and finally because if he had not made his dramatic journey across Germany in a sealed train and seized power in St. Petersburg one third of the world's population might not be living under communism today.

Orville and Wilbur Wright—Because they persevered in their experiments with heavier than air machines in the face of almost universal ridicule; because, unwittingly, they invented a weapon that made World War II the worst of all time; because they gave the peoples of the world a better understanding of one another.

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Speeders To Get Uniform Fines In Childress Court

Speeding motorists will be writing their own tickets after the first of the year.

No, it's not an honor system, Judge G. F. (Cowboy) Sanders says, it's a new system for fining speeders.

Under the new plan, which Sanders says has worked well in other parts of Texas, violators will be fined \$1 for every mile over the speed limit—plus court costs.

The court costs will run \$5 for county attorney fee and \$4 for witness fee—plus \$5 extra if the sheriff hauls you into court.

Speed limits on the highway are 60 mph in the day and 55 mph at night, Sanders warned. The limit in the city on the highway is 30 mph, and 20 mph elsewhere. "This way there'll be no exception to the rule," Sanders said.

Fine Weather Grooms Texans Over The State

By United Press

Pleasant weather greeted Texans from East to West today.

Temperatures were still cold in the Northwest, but were milder than in recent days as winter did a temporary fadeout in favor of conditions that generally were more like Indian summer.

Early morning lows today ranged from 16 at Salt Flat to 61 at Brownsville. Yesterday afternoon's maximum range was from 49 at Dalhart to 74 at Laredo. Childress' high was 55.

Skies were clear over virtually the entire state this morning, as light, low-hanging fog and cloud banks were dissipated over the coastal sections with the coming of dawn.

There was some scattered rainfall in the past 24 hours, but official weather reports showed none in heavy quantity. Beaumont's 39-inch was the heaviest. Galveston had 30-inch and Houston and Victoria each recorded less than one-tenth of an inch.

Besides the low of 16 at Salt Flat, some other morning lows included: 20 at Dalhart and Wink, 22 at Lubbock, 25 at Amarillo, 27 at Childress, 30 at Wichita Falls, 31 at Dallas and Texarkana, 32 at Fort Worth, 35 at Tyler, 44 at San Antonio, and 49 at Houston.

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County Hospital Opening Set Back

Opening of the new wing of the Childress County General Hospital will probably be postponed until around January 15 because hospital beds have not arrived on time, Superintendent Clyde Lynn said today.

Originally due to have formal opening January 1, Lynn said about one week would be required to install beds and other room furniture after it arrives.

X-ray equipment, which came last week, will be installed sometime this week.

Meanwhile, redecoration of the old wing continues, Lynn said. Lynn plans to paint the basement in ivory, with light gray floors, and use pastel colors for the second and third floors, following the pattern of the new hospital wing.

The operating room in the old section will be used for a delivery room, Lynn said. A new delivery table will be installed there, and the older table will be installed as an emergency delivery room.

Lynn plans an open-house ceremony for a formal opening of the new hospital wing.

THE AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE

...with amazing values in dresses,—be sure to drop by. You'll find values you can't afford to miss.



Wellington Pioneer Pair Has Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Loter, a pioneer Collingsworth County couple, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Wellington Saturday.

Friends who called during the afternoon were served tea from a beautifully appointed table decorated with gold and white flowers. Presiding over pouring were Mrs. A. V. Cocke and Carey Diers.

Mrs. Loter was a member of a pioneer family. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Diers who came to Wellington in 1889. Her husband also arrived in Collingsworth County in pioneer days where he lived in the Cotton Wood community. More than one year ago, they moved to their present home at 2007 East Avenue.

The couple has three girls and three boys. They are Alan Loter of Lubbock, John of Silver City, N. M., Wesley of Denver, and Mrs. Bob Harper of Oklahoma, Mrs. A. Z. Hayes of Abilene, and Mrs. Howard Landston of Albuquerque.

J. H. Garners Hold Reunion Over Holidays

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garner was the scene of a family reunion and dinner during the holidays.

Those present, included their children and families: Mr. and Mrs. Deward Henderson and daughters Patricia, Gail and Linda of Albuquerque; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Richards and children Al Don and Terry of Eunice, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Garner and daughter Charlotte of Olton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Garner and children Lajaina, T. L., and Lynn Don of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garner and children Patsy and Johnnie of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Garner and children Shirley and Edwin of Community Center. One daughter, Mrs. Maurine Dial of Los Angeles, could not be present.

Week Of Bible Study Will Begin At Calvary Baptist

A Bible study week for all ages will begin next Monday night at the Calvary Baptist Church, it was announced today.

Rev. Martin Averett, pastor, will teach the class which will study first the book of Acts. The class will be open to anyone, he said.

Each night session will begin at 7:30 p. m.

In Zululand, the atmosphere is so clear that objects can be seen by starlight for seven miles.

PASTOR OBSERVES BIRTHDAY AND 50TH YEAR AS PREACHER

Yesterday, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the growing Baptist Mission Church, observed his 70th birthday and his 50th year as a preacher.

The pastor was presented two gifts by the First Baptist Church and the Redford Baptist Association. "If I was starting over again, I'd spend those 50 years the same way—while I've been retired from the pastorate since 1945, I do as much preaching now as I formerly did and enjoy it just as much," he said.

He was ordained as pastor at the age of 22 in Round Rock, but had been trying to preach for the three years before as a licensed preacher.

The former missionary to Brazil was born in Waco at the old Waco University, now Baylor University, and was reared by Baptist parents. His father was a Baptist pastor.

Rev. Parrack has served more years than any other preacher in the Redford Association, and began his service in the local church with a membership of approximately 25. The Mission's roll now numbers about 135, he said.

Before coming to Childress, he served in the Merkel and Chillicothe churches for 15 years.

"I don't think any old preacher has found himself treated better by the local church and pastor than myself," he said.

WELLINGTON NEWS

Effie Lee Richards
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Morgan spent the week at Altus on business.

Lenna Lou Colman, Sue Margaret Whitson and Mary Carol Whitson are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Wellington.

John Lee who is attending school at Canyon is spending his Christmas vacation with his wife Mrs. Faye Lee of Wellington.

Louise Beam of Hardin Simmons is spending a few days with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Squires of Reed, Okla. visited with relatives and friends here the beginning of the week.

G. O. Dobbins of Wellington plan to spend the Christmas vacation with friends and relatives in Childress.

Miss Billie Dickens left Thursday for Winesburg to spend Christmas with relatives.

Coach John Bray left for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with his mother.

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A. C. Davis left Wednesday for Oklahoma City to spend Christmas with relatives.

Benny Karnes of NTSTC is spending Christmas with friends and relatives.

Teddy Joe James and Eddie Hill of McMurry College in Abilene are here for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. A. C. Boverie, Jack, and Fort Worth visiting relatives.

Bob Phillips who is attending school in Canyon is home for Christmas.

Ansel McDowell, Jr., and V. C. Saied who are attending school at Texas University are spending the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Walter Fritts spent Thursday in Wellington on business.

SMU student Sue Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Anderson, is spending Christmas here.

Mrs. C. Heigh spent Thursday in Wellington visiting friends.

'49 Miss America Breaks Contract, Weds Sweetheart

LITCHFIELD PARK, Ariz., Dec. 28 (UP)—Miss America's impulsive marriage to her handsome childhood sweetheart may cost her the title but she was so happy on her honeymoon today that she didn't care.

Jacque Mercer, the beautiful 18-year-old winner of the 1949 title, married 20-year-old Douglas Cook yesterday, more than six months before their scheduled wedding.

She explained her tradition-shattering marriage was arranged on the spur of the moment because she "couldn't bear" to see Cook return to the University of Chicago to finish his junior year.

The custom of Miss Americas remaining spinsters during their reign was a long-standing at the Atlantic City, N. J., contest itself. And Miss Mercer's contract with the Miss America Pageant committee specifically required her to stay single until it expires in June.

Committee Chairman Park W. Haversick said in Atlantic City that her surprise marriage caused "an unusual situation." It called for a directors' meeting, he said, at which possible action against the new Mrs. Cook would be discussed.

The petite brunette said she intended to make all scheduled appearances during her reign.

"But I want to be Mrs. Doug Cook right now," she added.

Miss Mercer said she and her husband soon would move to Hollywood, where she has movie aspirations. Cook will enter a Los Angeles art school in January instead of returning to Chicago.

Their departure for an undisclosed Arizona resort last night followed a brief wedding dinner at a local dude ranch.

Even the couple's parents were caught off guard when Jacque and her one-time leading man in high school theatricals announced they would be married immediately.

Only last Friday Miss Mercer announced her engagement and set July 4, her parents' 22nd wedding anniversary, as her own wedding day.

Hollywood Gets Fourth Year Of High Prosperity

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28 (UP)—Hollywood rolled up its sleeves in 1949 and bent itself to turning a precarious prosperity into business-as-usual.

For the fourth consecutive year, movie box offices took in more dollars than in any year before 1946. Major studios squeezed an estimated 25 per cent out of inflated production costs, escaping the dilemma of astronomical expenses and shaded income which had given Hollywood panicky jitters the year before.

Estimated profits of the seven major companies for the year was \$55 million about the same as in 1948.

Low ebb in the postwar adjustment came shortly after the year began. One week Hollywood had but 22 pictures showing. But by Thanksgiving the figure was 48, and employment rose according.

Television remained an uncertain quantity to the picture business. Experimenters such as Hal Roach found that most films made for TV cost more than the traffic would bear, and settled back to await more sponsor money. Old movies took an important place in TV programming, and Bill (Hopalong Cassidy) Boyd became a top idol of the nation's youth.

Competition of television with theaters was felt in TV centers, but failed to show seriously in national box office totals. Most industry leaders continued to think that, sooner or later, television will become big business for the movie companies. But they did not know when or how.

\$1000 Car Thing Of Past, Automobile President Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP)—President Charles E. Wilson of General Motors Corp. believes the less-than-\$1000 automobile is a thing of the past.

In a copyrighted interview in U. S. News and World Report, a news-magazine published here, Wilson said that "people don't want the kind of car you would have to make in order to price it under \$1000."

SOCIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY
The Ladies Auxiliary of Burlington Lines will hold a called meeting at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. George Robertson. Officers will be hostess.

School Girl Fashion Class



A teen-ager's know-how can expand a wardrobe and ease the pinch on her pocketbook. Contest winner Judy Tyler's fur-print skirt (left) serves many wardrobe uses. A flat beret when puffed out with tissue paper becomes a "bumper" that takes a veil. Daytime velvet beret when embellished (right)



BUSY, BUSY, BUSY—Never a wasted moment for Susan Gail, nine-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Katz in Chicago. Susan juggles and guzzles at the same time, presenting a picture of perfect contentment.

Ex-Senator Blasts Deficit Spending As Greater Menace Than Communism

TOPEKA, Kans. — Government red ink is a bigger menace to the United States than the Red armies of Russia, says Arthur Capper, former Senator from Kansas. Writing in the January issue of Capper's Farmer, he declares that deficit spending can be as devastating as an atomic bomb explosion.

"Red ink is being spread on Treasury Department books at the rate of nearly 5½ billion dollars this fiscal year," Capper points out. "The federal government is proposing a spending program far greater than the one causing today's heavy red ink entries. It is talking of bigger subsidies, bigger pensions, more billions for Europe, more money for nearly every government activity."

"The federal government is infecting the states with the same unsound and dangerous economic philosophy," the article continues. "The states are figuring out more ways of spending money and either borrowing to spend or increasing taxes. And city and government units are following suit."

"The idea of the planners today is to call on the Treasury for sufficient funds to provide for the welfare or security of every individual. This kind of social security plan was well described by General Dwight Eisenhower when he commented that 'the best example of perfect security is a man serving a life term in prison.'"

Capper declares that the government is not going to secure the blessings of liberty for our posterity, perhaps not even for ourselves, when one dollar out of every four goes for taxation. Generally, he writes, governments that tax their citizens like this have found it necessary to treat them as subjects without many, if any, of the blessings of liberty.

Bidault Asks For Confidence Vote

PARIS, Dec. 28 (UP)—Premier Georges Bidault asked the National Assembly today for a vote of confidence on two major articles in his record \$6½ billion budget for 1950.

The government will fall if defeated in this vote, since Bidault called for a "constitutional" rather than an informal vote of confidence on the first issue.

The vote probably will be taken on Friday. Bidault was expected to call for confidence motions on two more issues later today.

It was Bidault's second request within a week for a vote of confidence. Last Saturday he got by with a narrow six-vote margin in an appeal to take up discussion of the government budget instead of a mutilated version presented by the Assembly Finance Commission.

The budget, which contains 50 articles, was read to the assembly in a session which lasted throughout the night, and the government was defeated on three secondary budget clauses.

Hospital Notes

Admitted:
Blossom May Banks, last night.
Mrs. Willie Hughes, last night.

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Employers Pay Most Income Tax To U. S. Treasury

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP)—Employers pour nearly one-third of the government's entire revenue directly into the Treasury without employees ever seeing the money.

Internal revenue bureau figures showed today that income tax deductions, social security payments and federal unemployment taxes last year accounted for \$12-531,614,546 or 30.9 per cent of the total revenue collections of \$40-463,125,018.

Since July 1, through December 22 all receipts of the government totaled \$17,052,713,174 of which \$5,816,909,411, or more than 34 per cent has been sent directly to the Treasury by employers. This percentage will be trimmed slightly before the end of the fiscal year, next June 30, however, with direct income tax payments by individuals.

Income tax payments withheld by the employer accounts for the biggest part of these payments. Last year employers withheld \$10,055,501,785 of the total \$17-051,821,917 income tax receipts. That was more than 55 per cent. The social security and unemployment benefit payments totaled \$2,476,112,761.

TEMPERATURE

The lowest temperature for the past 24 hours was 27 degrees at 7 this morning. The highest temperature was 55 degrees at 3 and 5 p. m. yesterday.

Temperatures follow:

Hour	Temperature	Hour	Temperature
12 Noon	51	12 Midnight	35
1	51	1	33
2	53	2	33
3	55	3	32
4	54	4	31
5	55	5	30
6	50	6	32
7	41	7	27
8	40	8	30
9	36	9	32
10	33	10	38
11	34	11	46
12	33	12	51

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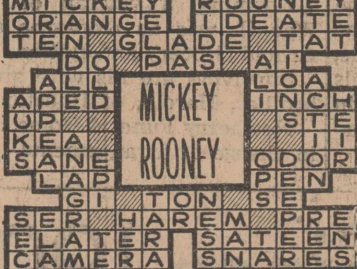
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HOOD'S NEWS

Shrew-Like Mammal

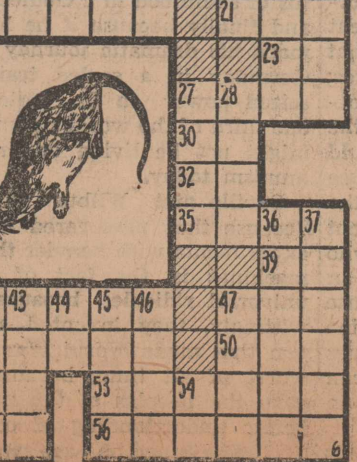
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 - 19 Fruit drink
 - 20 Sign of zodiac
 - 21 Compass point
 - 22 Earth goddess
 - 23 Plural suffix
 - 24 Domestic slave
 - 27 Final
 - 29 Boy's nickname
 - 30 Comparative suffix
 - 31 Silver (symbol)
 - 32 Giant king of Bashan
 - 33 Price
 - 35 Ark builder
 - 36 Not (prefix)
 - 39 Accomplish
 - 40 Turf
 - 42 Watery fluid
 - 47 Peruse
 - 48 Courtesy title
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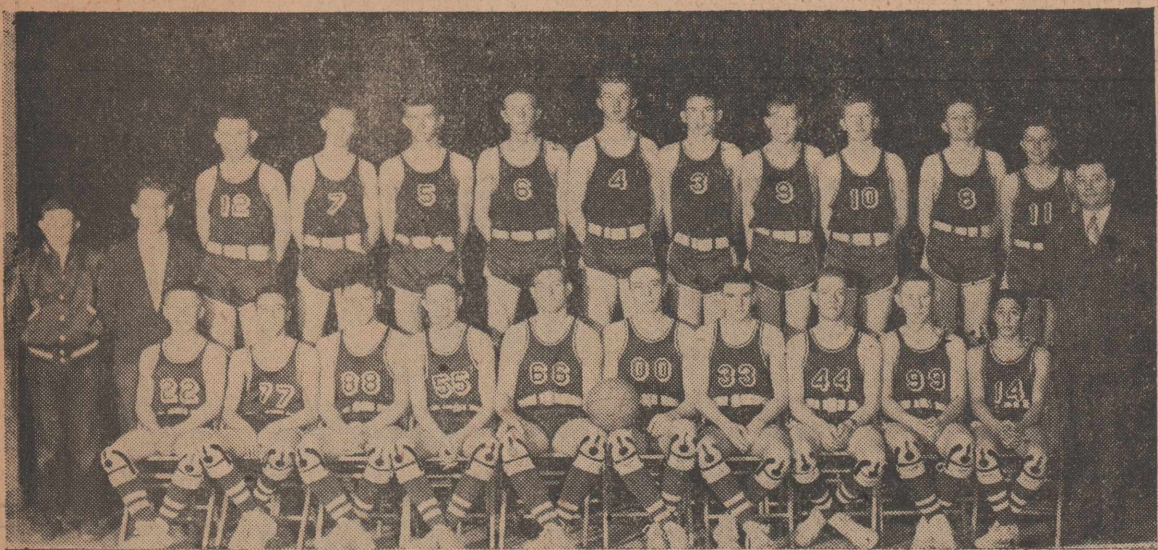
Answer to Previous Puzzle



33 It is found in
34 Oil
35 Workshops
36 Truthful
41 Beat
42 Southsayer
43 Icelandic tales

44 "Smallest State" (ab.)
45 Arm bone
46 Repeat
47 Roman writer
52 Sun god
54 New Mexico (ab.)





CENTER HIGH BASKETEERS—who will meet the Childress Bobcats here Thursday night at 8 in Bobcat Gym. Front row, left to right: D. Bemenderfer, F. Garcia, B. Felmelee, G. Edwards, K. Edwards, L. White, D. Mees, A. Mees, R. Giltner, M. Sanchez; Back row, left to right, Tom Alley, manager, W. Anderson, G. Stewart, R. Fox, B. Sharp, B. Scott, J. Fallis, H. Skoglund, R. Alley, H. Sullivan, B. Henrie, Coach F. J. Witherspoon.

Bobcats Hustle Through Final Drill For Tilt With Center Thursday Night

Childress cagemen went through a last intensive court drill this morning for their game with Center High School tomorrow night at 8 in Bobcat Gym.

Coach Vernon Johnson stressed ball handling and defensive patterns in the morning session, with emphasis on how to stop Center's 6 foot 4 inch center, L. White.

R. D. Bradshaw, willowy Bobcat forward who has grabbed high-point honors in several games to date, seemed to be finding the scoring range in holiday rehearsals, and may carry the Childress offensive brunt.

Johnson plans to use the same starting lineup which started all three games in the Wayland College tourney in Plainview recently.

That means Bradshaw and Joe Powell will open at forwards, Captain Bill Woods and Carl Pearcey at guards, and Jim Carter at center.

"Toots" Walker, diminutive Bobcat guard who turned in such a creditable performance in the Bobcats' only home stand against Pampa earlier this year, has also been listed as a possible starter.

Oklahoma A&M Determined To Win Seventh All-College Cage Tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 28 (UP)—Oklahoma A&M's Aggies, determined to win their seventh straight All-College Basketball Tournament, will face ambitious Oklahoma City University tonight in the featured second-round game of the 14th annual playoff.

The Aggies extricated themselves from a perilous situation last night by sinking a field goal in the final three seconds to shade Vanderbilt, 62-61, in an opening round thriller.

Oklahoma City whipped Baylor's Bears in the opener, 43-32, as a partisan hometown crowd cheered lustily.

In other opening round games, Wyoming University's Cowboys riddled the University of Texas defense to win easily, 44-35, and Arkansas's Razorbacks made a second-half comeback to nudge Alabama, 41-33.

Arkansas, the Southwest Conference's only hope for victory, had to overcome a five-point half-time deficit to beat Alabama. Forward Jim Catchcart, the Razorback's high man with 16 points, put Arkansas in front, 25-24, midway in the second period. From then on, the Porkers devoted themselves to widening the margin.

Wyoming's height and the presence of guard John Pilch and forward Loy Doty were factors which gave the Cowboys advantage over the Texas Longhorns. Pilch hit the hoop for 12 points, while Doty bottled up Texas sharpshooters throughout the contest.

Individual high scorer of the opening round was center Jack Shelton of A&M, who netted 20 points. Teammate Don Johnson pressed him for the honor with 19.

TCU Gets Hot In Taking Wichita

FORT WORTH, Dec. 28 (UP)—The hot-and-cold Texas Christian University Horned Frogs waxed exceedingly warm last night and defeated previously unbeaten Wichita University, 54 to 42.

Wichita, victorious in six straight games before embarking on a road swing through Texas, will try to get back on the winning trail tonight against Rice Institute at Houston.

TCU lost to Wichita, 65 to 48, in the teams' first meeting of the season at Wichita, December 20, and the Frogs appeared well on their way to another loss in the opening minutes of last night's game.

The Wheatshockers grabbed an early 8-to-1 lead, only to see TCU move ahead, 13 to 12, midway through the first half. The lead was swapped three times in the next 10 minutes, with TCU leading, 25 to 20, at the half.

Pacing TCU to its sixth victory in 10 starts was Tommy Taylor with 13 points. Tied for runner-up honors were Hank Hemingway of Wichita and Gene Schmidt of TCU, each with 12 points.

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N. C. State Gets Nod In Raleigh Cage Tournament

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 28 (UP)—North Carolina State's "Rebels from Indiana" were favored today as the Dixie classic basketball tournament got underway with four games in N. C. State's brand-new 12,000 seat coliseum.

Eight teams are entered in the tourney, designed as an annual affair to make this Southern Conference city an important spot on the basketball map. Four of the teams are from the conference, the other four invited guests.

N. C. State, three times in a row champion of the conference, was matched against Rhode Island State in its opening game and was a solid choice.

The other games on today are Georgia Tech vs. Wake Forest, West Virginia vs. North Carolina, and Duke vs. Penn State. Winners will play winners and losers will play losers after this first round until the champion is decided in the final game on Friday night.

N. C. State, whose lineup is loaded with ace players from Indiana and other northern states, has won five games and lost one this season.

Big-Seven Cage Meet Continues

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28 (UP)—Kansas State College and the University of Oklahoma today took an early lead in the Big Seven Conference basketball tournament.

Kansas State turned on its power in the final half of their first-round game last night to overwhelm rival University of Kansas, 58 to 48, before a crowd of 9500.

Oklahoma trailed Iowa State early in the tournament opener, but then started hitting the basket consistently to win, 66 to 57. Nebraska will meet Colorado tonight and Missouri will tap off against Michigan, a visitor from the Big 10 Conference.

Arizona's Five Extends Home-Court Streak

TUSCON, Dec. 28 (UP)—The University of Arizona Wildcats' home court winning streak was extended to 55 straight today with the defeat of Texas A&M in an interconference basketball game.

Arizona set the Aggies down, 59-48, here last night behind the shooting of Leon Blevins. All-Border Conference forward. The defending Border champs took a 5-4 lead in the first three minutes and remained ahead throughout the night.

The Aggies missed numerous shots, but swished the basket enough times to hold Arizona to a 27-24 halftime lead.

Toughs Charged In Theater Fight

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)—Eight teen-age toughs were charged today with seriously injuring a theater usher in a free-for-all on the main staircase of the Paramount Theater on Broadway.

About 500 ticketholders waiting in the lobby to see the featured movie "Samson and Delilah" watched as several ushers battled the zoot-suited youths. Usher Lawrence Russi, 22, was beaten and kicked and thrown down the stairs, suffering a brain concussion and a possible skull fracture. Theater manager Robert Shapiro said the youths, ranging in age from 16 to 18, deliberately started trouble so they would be thrown out of the theater and could claim a refund on their tickets.

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Minor Leaguers To Vote Again On Bonus Rule

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28 (UP)—Baseball's controversial bonus rule, already kicked around more often than a football, today landed in the laps of the minor leagues who will vote a second time upon whether to keep it or scrap it.

Ballots were mailed yesterday to the 455 affiliated clubs of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. The 59 minor leagues previously voted 32 to 26 to repeal the rule but that tally actually amounted to a vote for retention since a necessary three-fourths majority was lacking.

The minor leagues' current mail ballot was made necessary earlier this month when the major leagues, in a hotly-contested issue, voted to repeal the rule. Baseball Commissioner Albert B. Chandler cast the deciding vote during the major league meetings at New York.

The results will not be known for at least 10 days, and possibly 15 days if the balloting is close. Each of the 59 minor league presidents must contact his member clubs and then vote himself.

Chief objection against the minor leagues against repeal of the rule is that they would not be able to pay the freight if the "sky once again becomes the limit."

Those minor league clubs without major league backing insist that the club with the most money inevitably would, obtain the best players.

"Prince" Otto Is Doomed For Jail Despite Injunction

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28 (UP)—"Prince" Otto Wilhelm Hohenzollern probably will remain in jail at least two months despite a provisional injunction prohibiting his deportation, legal sources said today.

The American wife of the self-styled aristocrat was trying every possible way to have her 26-year-old husband released from jail where he has been held incommunicado on an immigration charge since December 21.

His bride, the 36-year-old New Orleans socialite, Virginia Kirk, obtained the injunction yesterday in an attempt to keep her husband from being thrown out of the country. She charged immigration officials were holding him "without motive."

The writ ordered the interior ministry and offices of the immigration department not to deport the "prince" until his case has been examined. Legal sources said it is quite possible that a judge will not rule on the merits of the "prince's" arrest until February 23, until which time he probably will remain in jail.

The "prince," whom American newspapers have identified as Rico David Tancous who was indicted for theft in Washington, D. C., entered Mexico on an American tourist card last month but announced after his arrival that he was a German citizen and a son of the late Kaiser Wilhelm.

Radar Tests Are Started On Coast

AUSTIN, Dec. 28 (UP)—New radar tests which University of Texas scientists hope will reveal secrets of the air's moisture content were started today by a field crew on the Gulf Coast.

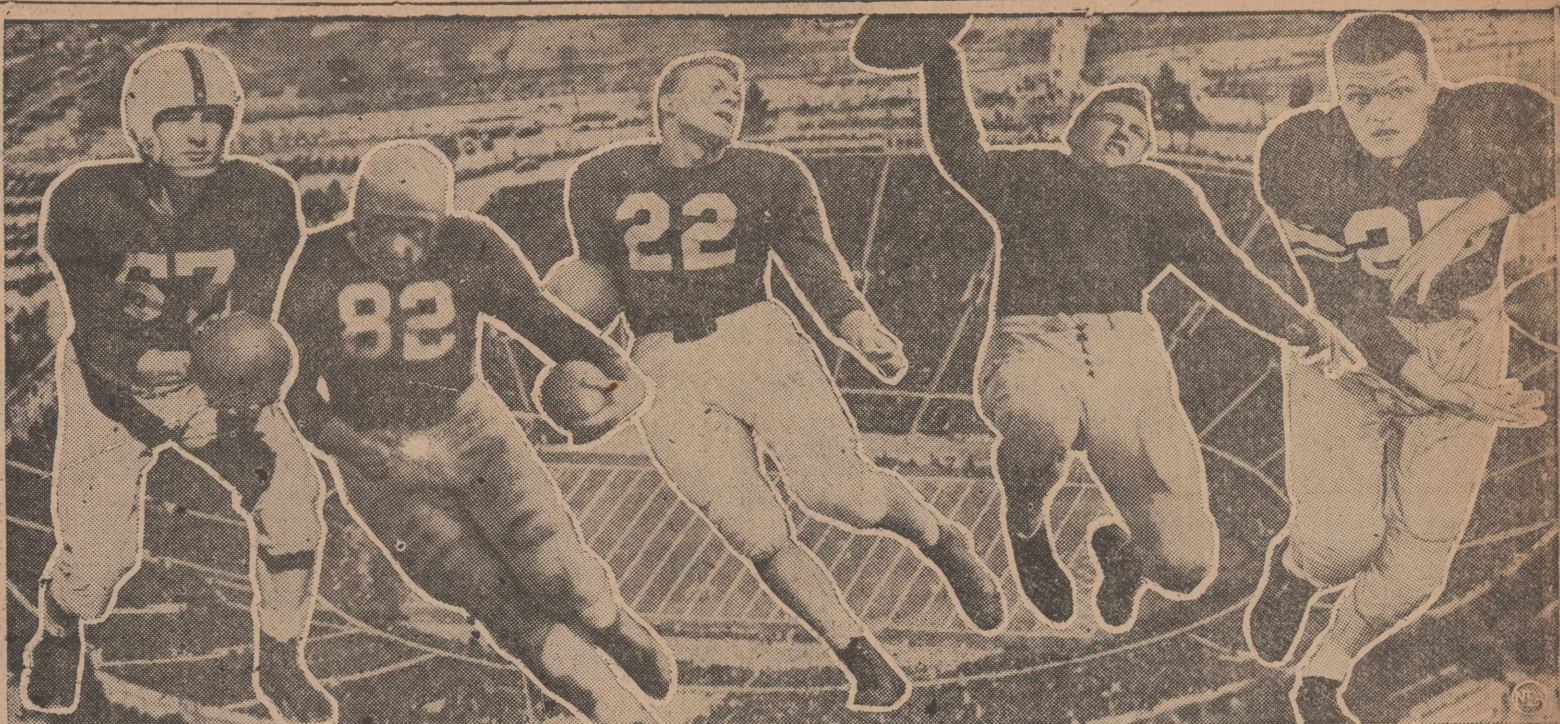
The crew, led by Dr. A. W. Straiton of the university's electrical engineering research laboratory, was to continue experiments along the lines of some begun last summer.

"We learned from experiments last summer," Straiton said, "... that a radar signal changes in intensity with time, and part of that fluctuation is thought to be caused by irregularities in the air's moisture content."

Models Make List Of Most Eligible Bachelors

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)—Five-hundred Barizon models, undaunted by 1949's rash of marriages, today chose the 10 most eligible bachelors of 1950.

In order of eligibility, they



OVERFLOWING BOWLS—Superimposed on the Pasadena Rose Bowl are Babe Parilli, Leon Hart, Choo Choo Justice, Bob Celeri and George Thomas, left to right, name players in Bowl Games. Parilli directs Kentucky's attack against Santa Clara in the Miami Orange Bowl, Jan. 2. Hart carries on end-round plays for the East in the Shrine East-West Game at San Francisco's Kezar Stadium, Dec. 31. Justice plans to roll for North Carolina against Rice in the Dallas Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day. Bob Celeri passes and does just about everything else for California against Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Thomas is Oklahoma's biggest threat against Louisiana State in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl.

Yankee Owner Said "Going All Out" For Another American League Crown

By Jack Cuddy

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)—A visit to New York Yankee headquarters today disclosed that Dan Topping's staff is "going all out" to groom the club for a repeat championship, be it miraculous or mundane.

In addition to winning another world title, the staff also aims at influencing another 2 million fans to attend home games — for the fifth straight season.

Sleek, young, black-haired Topping presides — usually in shirt-sleeves — over the busy downtown offices that are the dynamic center of the world's richest baseball empire.

And no one knows better than President Dan that this year's pennant and World-Series victories were regarded by many experts as "miraculous", because the club had been somewhat lightly rated in training and because it had triumphed over an unprecedented 72 injuries during the campaign.

Topping grinned wryly across his desk today as he said: "but, regardless of our terrific struggle this year, the attitude of other clubowners — when we attempt to make deals with them — would indicate they thought we already had an option on the 1950 pennant. They'd rather deal with anybody else than the Yanks."

Everyone in the Yanks' office expects another bitter battle against such clubs as the Red Sox, Indians and Tigers for next season's flag. And they know that a very strong team must be fielded to repay the fans for their loyalty. More than 9 million have attended games at the Stadium during the past four years — an all-time record for any club.

In appreciation of that loyalty, the Yanks will spend more than \$200,000 on Stadium improvements before the season opens.

Topping did not disclose what deals his staff had in mind. However, he admitted they were looking for another pitcher. General Manager George Weiss has offered an outfielder, an infielder and

agent. Meanwhile, the Yanks staff of more than 100 full-time, off-the-field personnel is keeping for the first time a weekly check on the conditions of all Yank players who were injured last season.

Arthur (Red) Patterson, director of publicity, said: "We are delighted to learn that Joe DiMaggio is in excellent health. His heel no longer bothers him, nor is he suffering from any other

ailment. It seems like a sure shot that he'll be ready to start the season."

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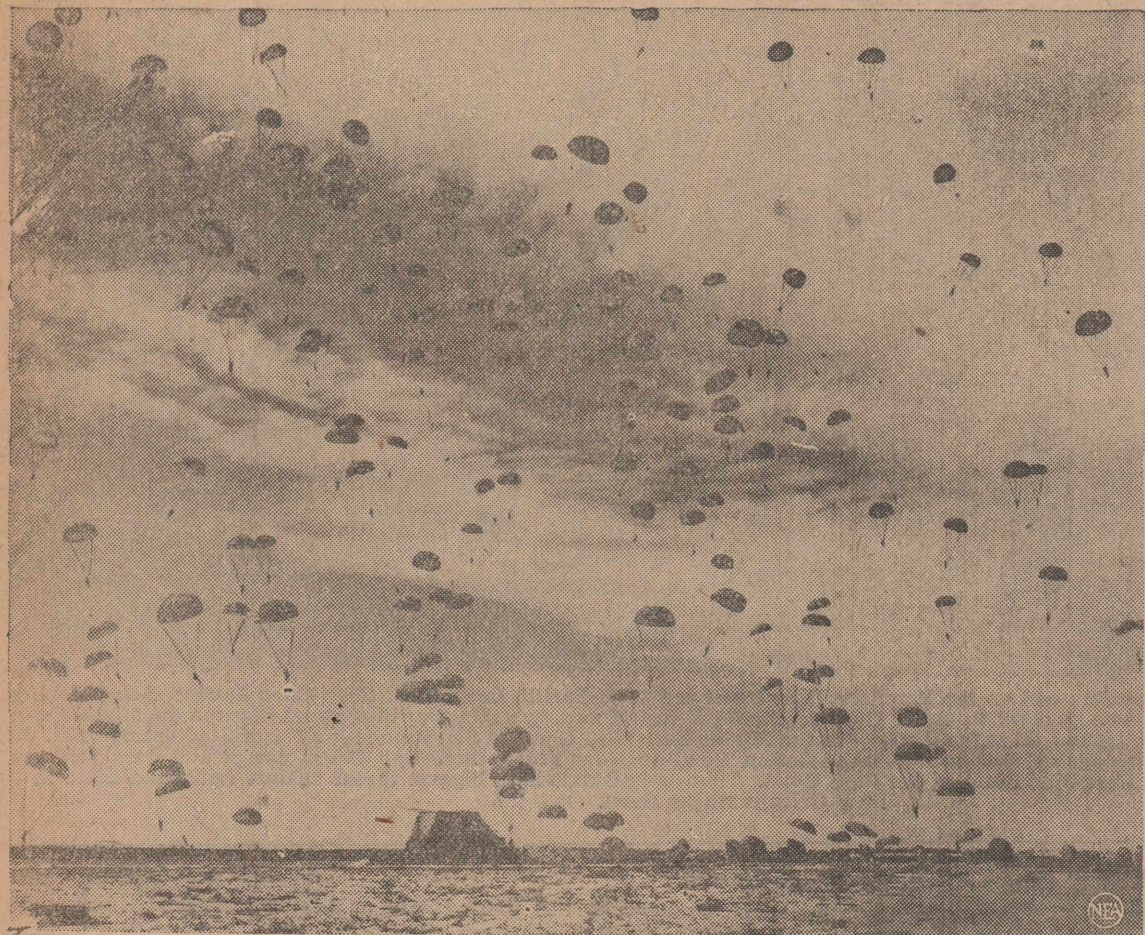
Approximately 630 theater-type seats, located in Building No. T-14-1 (Theater Building) located at the Childress Air Field. This property may be inspected at the above described site, and the sale must be made in accordance with all the provisions contained in the release of the property from the Civil Aeronautics Administration to the City of Childress. Written, sealed bids will be received at the City Hall until 5:00 o'clock p. m., Monday, January 9, 1950. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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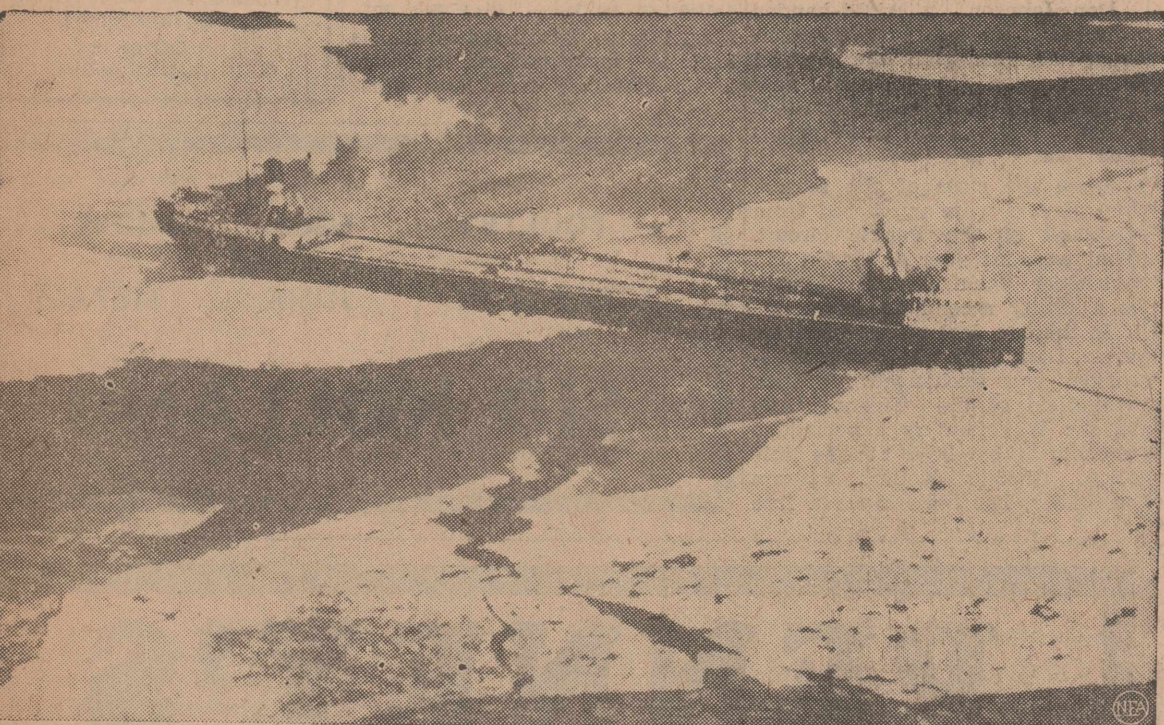
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Lady to work in retail store. One who can do gift wrapping. Must be fast. Prefer married lady about 38 years old. This is a job, not a position, six and a half days each and every week. The hours are long, the work is hard and the pay is small. However, if you can prove your worth, if you have the ability to produce and can assume responsibility your efforts will be rewarded.

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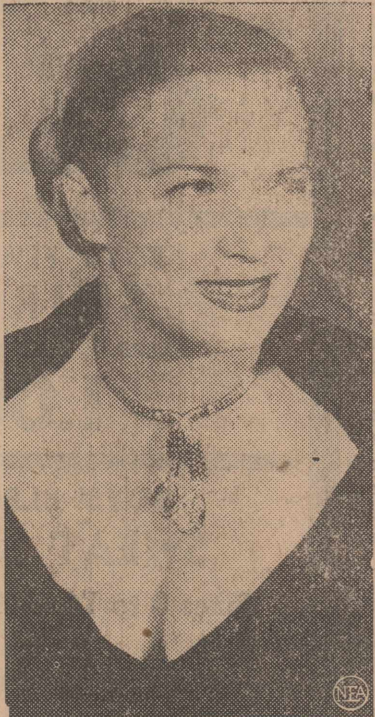
SILKEN SHOWER—This spectacular picture of a mass parachute jump was taken at the paratrooper training center, Fort Benning, Ga. Only nine years ago at Ft. Benning, 50 men volunteered as the first test unit in airborne operations. Since then, more than 124,111 men have qualified as airborne soldiers and more than 850,000 parachute jumps have been made over the training area.



CAUGHT IN WINTER'S GRIP—Symbolic of the new icy grip winter has on a large part of the United States is the freighter George F. Rand, grounded while bucking ice in Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron. An ever-thickening field of ice closes in on the 532-foot ship, loaded with 8000 tons of coal, threatening to imprison it for the winter.



MILK AND A HONEY—Who cares about the New York water shortage? Not this comely Gothamite who gives the city's "bathless Friday" edict a big ha-ha as she resorts to an age-old beauty rite—a milk bath.



TWIN GEMS—Film actress Denise Darcel wears the largest perfectly matched pear-shaped diamonds in the world, the Indore twins, as she visits the United Hospital Fund's "Court of Jewels" at Rockefeller Center, New York. About \$10,000,000 worth of jewels were shown in the exhibit.



IN PLACE OF DER FUEHRER—Pictures of Wilhelm Pieck, president of the Communist-dominated East Germany, are taking the place of Hitler portraits in the schools, in accordance with official orders. Students above, at a school in Mecklenburg, look over the Pieck portrait hanging in a prominent place. The province of Mecklenburg was first to report that every classroom has a portrait of the "father of the German Republic" on display.



COP GETS "BUCK FEVER"—After "Stumpy," the deer, broke his leg, patrolman Thomas Flaherty of Pittsburgh was ordered to shoot him. Flaherty took one look at the helpless animal, called a veterinarian and had the broken leg set. Here, Stumpy's friend shows his appreciation with a kiss for Patrolman Flaherty.



MOM'S A MITE SURPRISED—Mrs. Theresa McKenna of New York, right, registers shock as she learns from nurse Marilyn Dies that her newborn son, Dennis, weighs only 27 ounces. The tiny babe's father, Francis, fainted on hearing the news.

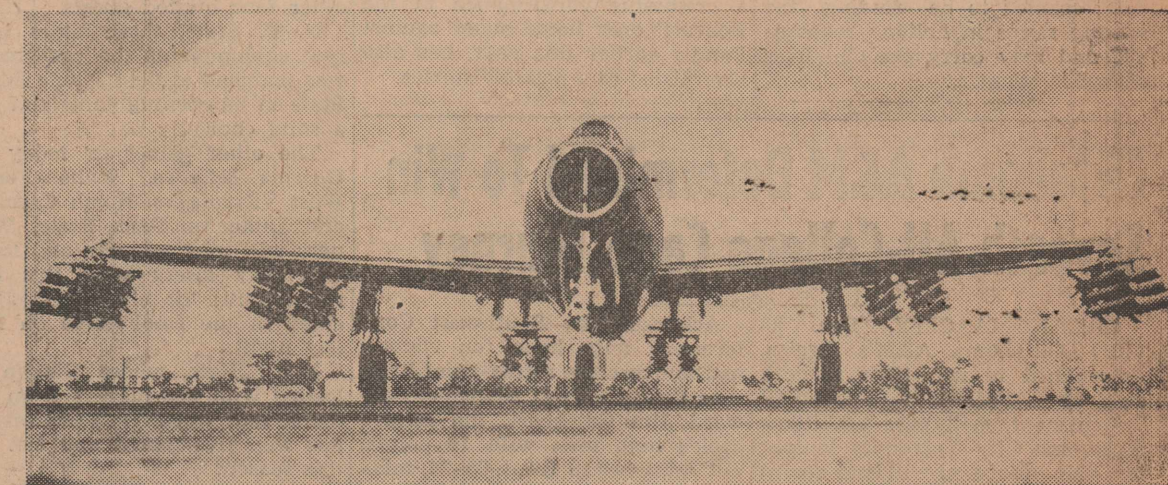


Paint Performs

NEW paints can do almost everything!

With but a stroke of her brush any housewife can paint frosting on glass, chrome finishes on fixtures, de-skid a walk and fake a hand-rubbed gloss on furniture. This housewife (upper left) brushes new frosting paint on her clear glass bath windows to make their transparency opaque for privacy. A cheese cloth pad will mottle the surface so that when the simple paint-job is dry it will pass for expensive frosted glass. Chrome-effect paint is applied to old bathroom fixtures (lower left) to make these accessories look spanking new. Shiny new "chrome" will dry waterproof and washable. More strokes of the paintbrush dipped into another type of paint eliminate the hazard of slippery steps around the kitchen (right). Housewife uses a bright floor enamel containing new non-skid compound which she can also use on her cellar floors. Her table (center left) bought unfinished, takes on a hand-rubbed lacquer finish with two coats of a new paint application that produces a satin lustre without sandpaper or waxing.

—By MARJORIE SCILKEN, NEA Staff Writer



PACKED WITH POWER—Loaded like a fireworks factory, the new Republic F-84-E Thunderjet, high-speed, long-range fighter prepares to go into action in air-ground maneuvers at Elgin Air Force Base, Fla. The 600-mile-per-hour plane—the Air Force's first jet propelled fighter bomber—carries clusters of 32 five-inch high-velocity aircraft rockets, giving it unprecedented power. Its fixed armament consists of six .50-caliber machine guns.



SHUTTERBUG—Roger, the official zoo cameraman at Colorado Springs, Colo., has more fun than the people who stare through the bars at him. Looking in on Roger today, we find him all done up like a press photographer, ready to snap a couple of fast ones.



IT'S NOT UNFAIR, IT JUST SMELLS—If these pickets outside a varnish factory in Los Angeles win their battle it will be by a nose. Their complaint is that "this joint stinks." The teamsters' union members donned gas masks and took up picket signs to demand that the smog control board "do something" about the stench created by the plant.



RECORD CORN CROP—Albert Haley of Midland, Mich., stands beside a crib holding some of the record corn crop his farm yielded. The harvest averaged 163 bushels per acre, compared to an average yield of 46 bushels per acre in the state. Yields like this are helping put the skids under the price of pork chops.



INVENTS "BULB SNATCHER"—Johnny C. Williams of Fayette, Ala., looks over the ingenious machine that he designed to process gladiolus bulbs. The "bulb snatcher" counts the bulbs, sprays them with DDT and grades them for market. The 16-year-old farm boy is hailed by his neighbors as an electrical wizard because of many similar labor-saving devices he has built. Johnny is one of six winners in Westinghouse's 4-H "Better Methods" contest.



CHAMP "PURRSIAN"—Screen star Yvonne De Carlo holds the Blue Persian, "Champion Masterpiece," who is getting set to defend his title in the Hollywood cat show. With Yvonne on his side, the champ looks plenty confident.



HEADSTAND—That No. 13 may be responsible for the jockey's upside-down position on his mount's head. Catapulted out of the saddle, he is forced to do an unrehearsed headstand in the air three fences from home in the Oxted Novices' Chase at Lingfield, Eng.

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FORT WORTH, Dec. 28 (UP)—(USDA)—Livestock:

Cattle 900. Steers weak, yearlings and cows steady, bulls strong to 50 higher, stockers strong. High medium and good slaughter steers and yearlings 21.00-25.00, common and medium 15.00-20.00. Most beef cows 14.50-16.00, odd head good 16.50, canners and cutters 10.00-14.25. Medium and good sausage bulls 16.00-17.50, cutter and common 13.50-15.50. Few medium and good stocker yearling steers 17.50-22.00, about three loads good 540 lb stocker

heifers 21.50. Medium and good stocker cows 15.50-18.00, load 709 lbs 20.00.

Calves 600. Active, strong to higher, around 50-1.00 above last week, good slaughter calves 21.00-23.00, few choice 23.50-24.50, common and medium 16.00-21.00, culks 15.00 down. Medium and good stocker calves 19.00-23.00, few choice to 24.00, some weighing up to 450 lbs 23.75.

Hogs 700. Butcher hogs mostly 25 higher than Tuesday, some sales 50 higher. Sows and pigs steady. Good and choice 200-270 lbs mostly 16.25, a few lots 16.50, good and choice 160-190 lbs and 285-350 lbs 15.00-16.00. Sows 13.00-14.00. Feeder pigs 10.00-13.00.

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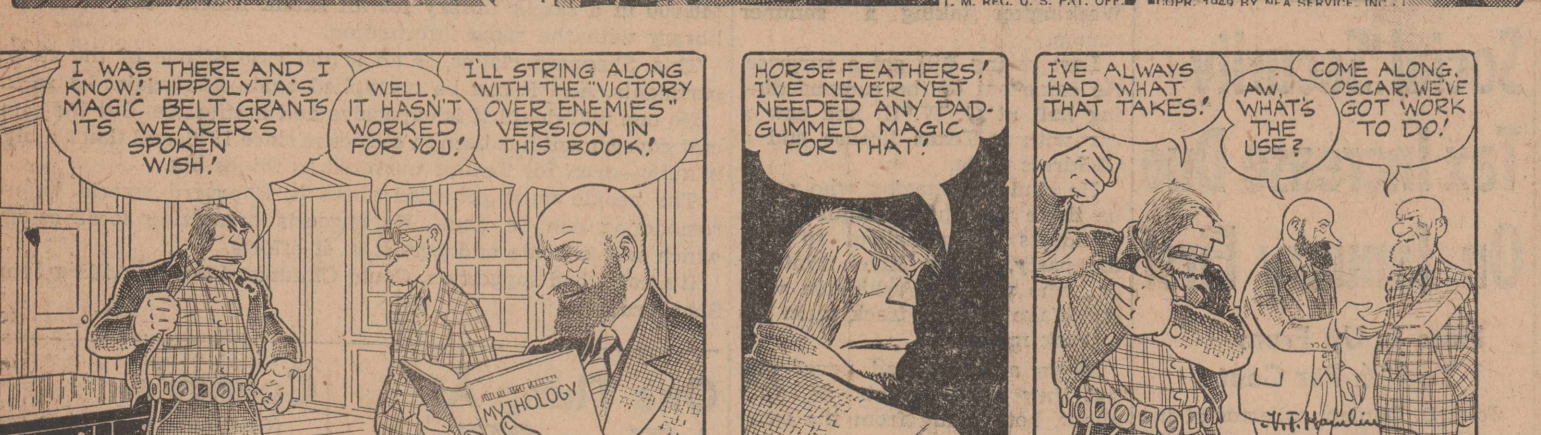
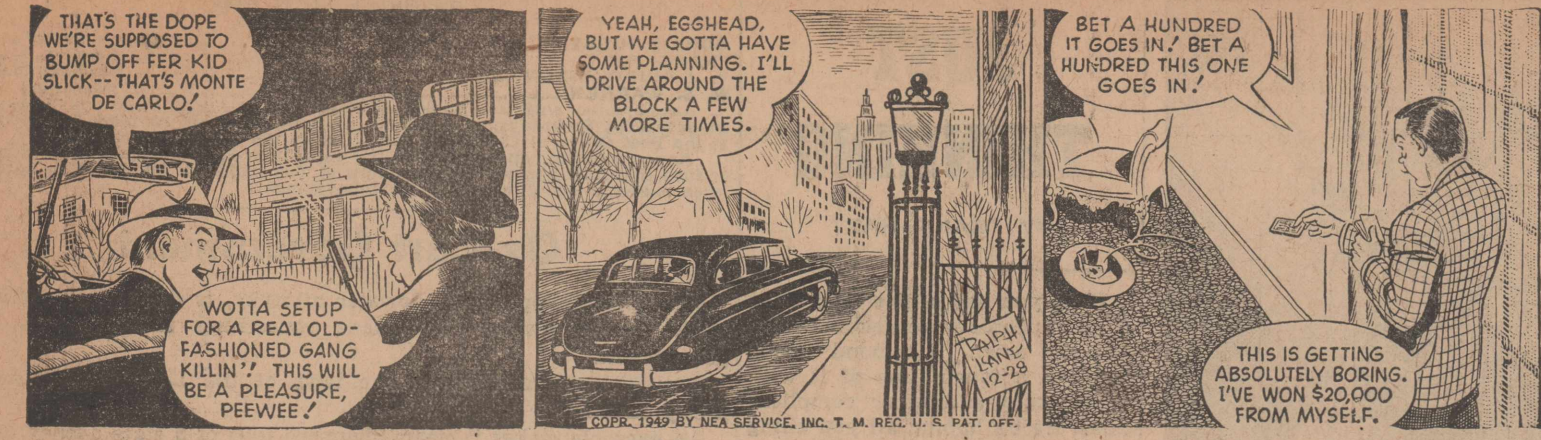
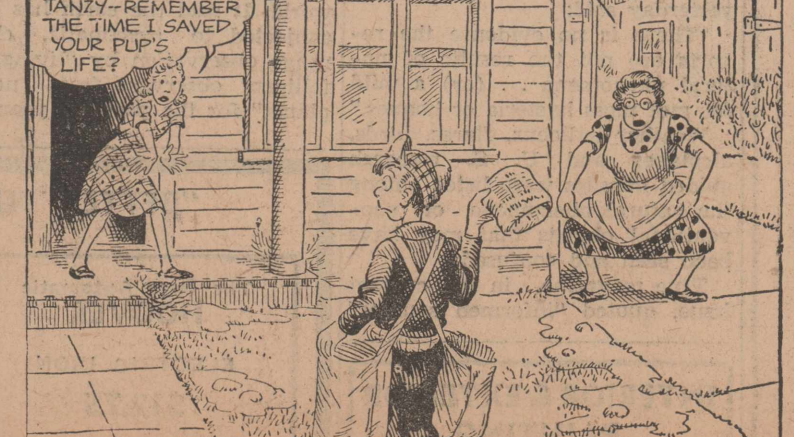
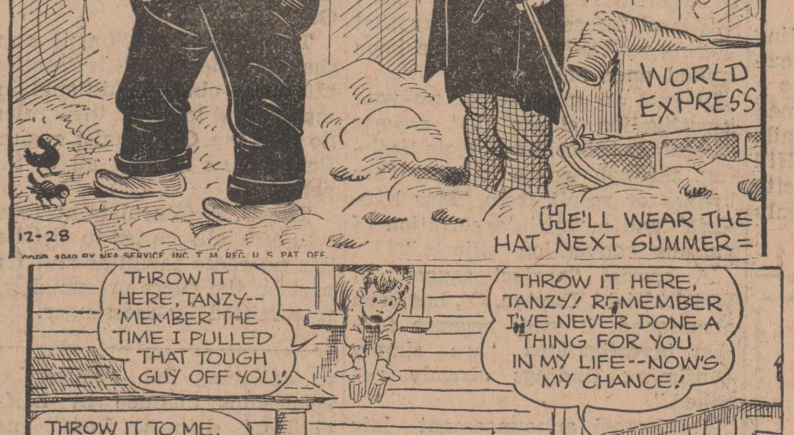
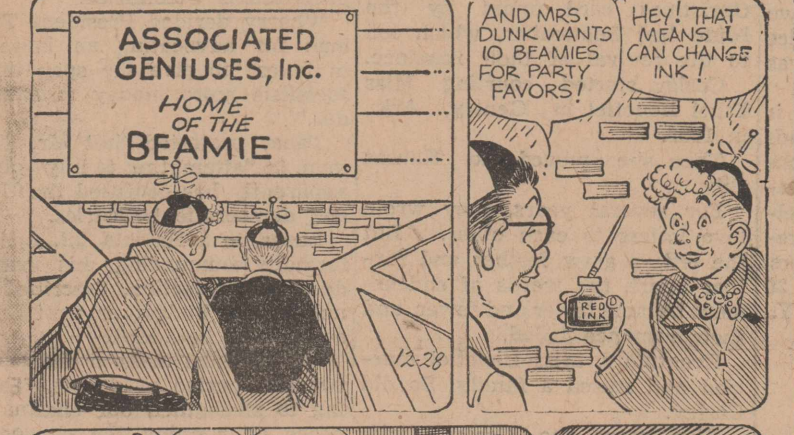
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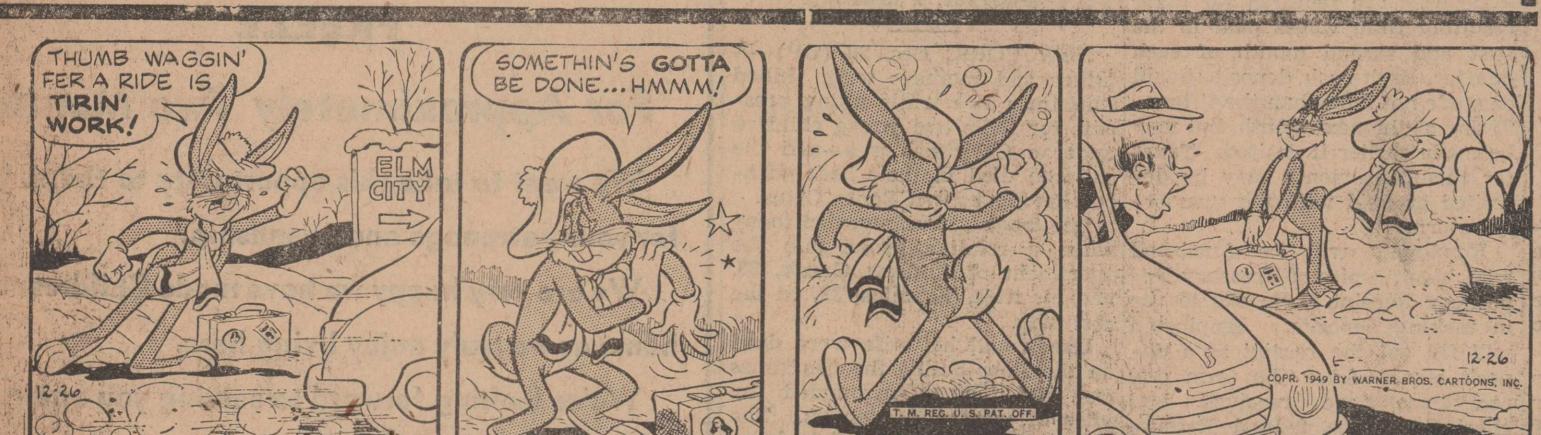
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Macy Store Vice-President Has State Department Job, And Pay Cut

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP)—If you want to learn how to take an 80 per cent pay cut and enjoy it, your man is John E. O'Gara, vice-president-on-leave of R. H. Macy and Co., New York department store.

O'Gara has been a deputy assistant secretary of state for two months now, and the old drive that kept Macy's going through many a profitable year is beginning to percolate through his strata of the staid and un-Macy-like State Department. He is unique in that he is the only high department official who might be described accurately as a "big business" man.

Although his job is on the economic side of foreign policy, O'Gara's initial impact has been particularly felt in the field of public relations—a field, where, in many observers' think the department has fallen behind the times.

O'Gara thinks the government ought to take more vigorous steps to "sell" the American people on its foreign policy—just like Macy's, or any other big business outfit, goes all out to convince the public that its merchandise is the best.

"It should be the biggest public relations job in the world," O'Gara said in an interview.

O'Gara thinks the business world might contribute reinforcements. But this idea presents problems. The "brains" of the national advertising and public relations industry—the type of men O'Gara is thinking about—get terrific salaries just for having ideas on how to sell soap, pins and needles and two-weeks-at-the-sea. Some of them get more than the President of the United States.

Of course, Uncle Sam can't pay that kind of salary. But, according to O'Gara, Uncle Sam needs "stimulating ideas" on how to sell the public on such things as the international trade organization and the President's point four program, for example.

What's the answer? O'Gara suggests:

"If we can't pay for it, the thing to do is get it free. I think we ought to call in small panels of hot idea men from the field of business, put our problems before them, and pick their brains. They know the score and should be willing to do it as a public service."

O'Gara is convinced more businessmen ought to be willing to help the government with its foreign policy problems because of the economic aspects.

To qualified businessmen, O'Gara suggests—"they could do the same thing I'm doing."

The "same thing I'm doing" in O'Gara's case meant throwing up his job as Macy's vice president and general manager—a post he'd held since 1935—to come and work for the State Department at \$10,500 per year.

He won't say what Macy paid him except that it was "one hell of a lot more." His friends say it was "more than five times what he gets here." But he is enthusiastic about his new job.

Last Rites Set Today For Former TCU Head

FORT WORTH, Dec. 28 (UP)—Funeral services were scheduled today for Dr. E. M. Waits, president-emeritus of Texas Christian University credited with leading the school to its greatest growth.

Dr. Waits died Sunday night after years of ill health. A heart ailment was listed as immediate cause of the 78-year-old educator's death.

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MacArthur Cites CARE For Efforts Toward Freedoms

NEW YORK — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme commander for the Allied powers in Japan, has cited CARE as a means through which Americans can demonstrate democracy to the people of Asia.

In a letter released recently by Paul Comly French, executive director, at CARE's New York headquarters, MacArthur urged Americans to continue sending CARE food and textile packages to Japan and other CARE countries in that area.

Writing to French, the general expressed gratification that CARE's food, blankets, woollens and cottons are sent "not by any compulsion or edict" but voluntarily by individual Americans "who want to assist their fellow men in time of need."

"We, who are helping to build a democratic Japan," MacArthur declared, "can point to CARE as an example of how the single individual living in a democratic state can help to spread the ideals of peace and international goodwill through his own efforts."

Extension of CARE service from Europe to Japan, Korea and the Philippines "is a matter of greatest import if we are to continue to live in a free and democratic world," he stressed.

"I highly recommend the work of CARE," he concluded, "and urge its continued support by all Americans."

Since CARE began service to Japan in June, 1948, more than 50,000 CARE food and textile packages, priced at \$5.50 to \$10, have been delivered there. Many of the parcels have been designated by the American donors for children and victims of the two atomic bombs. CARE service to Korea and the Philippines was opened just last October.

Delivery of all packages is guaranteed to designated friends and relatives or to needy persons chosen by overseas representatives of CARE's 25 member welfare agencies, according to preferences expressed by the donors. Orders can be sent to CARE, 20 Broad Street, New York 5, N. Y., or any local CARE office.

Rites For Dallas Mobster Held By Ex-Con Preacher

DALLAS, Dec. 28 (UP)—If an epitaph is chiseled into the tombstone of slain mobster Delois (Lois) Green, it should be attributed to an ex-convict who turned to religion.

"He was respected in his own world," said the Rev. Al Palmer yesterday at the brief funeral for the murdered kingpin of the Dallas underworld.

Palmer, who was ordained after serving part of a term in a federal prison for mail fraud, spoke only 15 minutes to a dry-eyed assortment of police characters. Green was shot to death outside a Dallas night club on Christmas Eve by an unknown gunman.

His funeral was conducted in the same chapel where final words were said over the body of Bonnie Parker, the cigar-smoking gun moll who was slain with public enemy Clyde Barrow by police in the 1930's.

Palmer, who said he will spend the rest of his life trying to bring religion to criminals, based his short sermon on the thesis of human respect.

Then pallbearers, including three ex-convicts, carried the expensive stainless steel casket to a black hearse. Three uniformed policemen escorted the half-mile long procession to Grove Hill Cemetery where Green's pretty 25-year-old widow was the only one to show signs of grief.



WATER-LIFT TO THIRSTING NEW YORKERS—This group of prominent Texans, responsible for the water lift from Austin to New York City, wave and give cheers as the truck prepares to leave on its long trip. The water-lift was an idea of the Lake Highlands News, edited by Wick Fowler. (NEA Telephoto.)

Christmas Card Brings Belated Marriage Vows

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28 (UP)—Two happy lovers, whose romance was revived by a faded Christmas card, started out today on a honeymoon postponed by fate for nearly half a century. Ben F. Corley, 64, and his bride, the former Mrs. Ethel Thompson, 63, headed for a holiday in Long Beach, Calif., after saying their "I do's" in a quiet little ceremony here last night.

"It seems like it was meant to be," Corley beamed after the ceremony in the home of one of his five sons by his first marriage. Mrs. Corley blushingly nodded in agreement.

They were thinking of the Christmas card, found by the bride last September, which led to the revival of their romance. Corley started courting Miss Ethel Benefiel in Gentry, Ark., in 1903.

Then she moved to Kansas City.

For several years, they wrote love letters to each other. But the letters grew farther and farther apart, the words of endearment became fewer and fewer, and their romance faded.

Eventually, Miss Benefiel married and raised a family. So did Corley.

Five years ago, Corley's wife died. A year later, Mrs. Thompson's husband passed away.

Mrs. Thompson, who had moved to Long Beach, found the old Christmas card among her souvenirs last September. It brought back memories.

She wondered what had happened to her old sweetheart during two world wars and the depression.

Putting her question into writing, she mailed a letter to Corley in care of General Delivery, Gentry, Ark.

Corley had moved away from Gentry in 1906, but a sister who still lives there received the letter. She forwarded it to Corley, who now operates a restaurant in St. Joseph, Mo.

The former sweethearts picked up their correspondence. In October, Mrs. Thompson came to Kansas City to visit Gentry, and he popped the question.

Air Force Says Flying Saucer Tales All Bunk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP)—The air force hoped today that "flying saucer" stories have been spiked once and for all.

It said an exhaustive two-year investigation shows that reports of strange, disc-like objects flashing through space either were hoaxes or result from "Mas hysteria" and a "misinterpretation of various convention objects."

A special "project saucer" at Wright Field, Dayton, O., has been abandoned, it said, because further investigations "are simply confirming findings already reached."

Its formal announcement late yesterday said: "There is no evidence the reports are not the results of natural phenomena . . . (or) a mild form of mass hysteria or hoaxes." Weather balloons, flares, birds, airplanes and U. S. research guided missiles were listed among the natural phenomena or conventional objects that may have been seen and confused.

True magazine, in its current issue, quoted "informed sources"

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Party Partisans Open Fire Over Nation's Spending

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP)—Democrats and Republicans in Congress squared off today for the 1950 battle of the budget.

Their preliminary sparring erased all doubt that federal spending and the \$2 billion \$70 million deficit piled up to date will be a chief partisan issue at the new session starting next Tuesday.

Senate Democratic leader Scott W. Lucas, Ill., faced by GOP demands for an end to "slap-happy fiscal policies," conceded that deficits are a "terrible evil" but said they are a cold war aid to world peace.

The Republican broadside was fired by Senate GOP leader Kenneth S. Wherry, N.D., and Rep. John Taber, N. Y., ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Wherry derided President Truman for advocating an increase in taxes "to give the spendthrift socialists more money to squander."

Taber protested that Mr. Truman, in "attempting to buy votes," apparently has confused the U. S. and democratic treasuries.

Lucas, in a Havana, Ill., speech formally announcing his candidacy for reelection, described an unbalanced budget as "a terrible evil." But he added:

"If we must make a choice between a period of deficit financing to strengthen our chance for peace or running the chance of engaging in an atomic war, I will declare right now that I prefer the risk of deficit financing."

Wherry said in a formal statement that he found during the congressional recess that the people back home want a drastic cut in the cost of government and a balanced budget.

Seized U. S. Fliers Said Safe At Base Near Tsingtao

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP)—The two American fliers who were seized by the Chinese Communists more than a year ago, are "safe and well" in a Red military base near Tsingtao.

The State Department said yesterday that Chinese officials notified the U. S. Consulate there "during the first week in December" that they were holding Elmer C. Bender of Chicago and Cincinnati and William C. Smith of Long Beach, Calif.

It was the first time the Reds admitted they arrested the fliers since the two disappeared on a routine training flight over Communist-held Chinese territory on October 19, 1948.

The State Department assured their families that it is "continuing efforts to obtain additional information and to effect their release." So far, the Communist regime at Peiping has ignored all U. S. appeals.

The U. S. Consulate at Tsingtao was officially closed in October. It has no radio facilities and its report on the fliers presumably was transmitted by messenger.

As believing the "saucers" are spacecrafts manned by half-pint civilized beings from another world. It said the earth has been subjected to systematic, close-range observation by "living, intelligent observers from another planet" for the past 175 years.

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Social Security Tax Increase Due On January First

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John B. Dunlap, collector of internal revenue, today reminded employers and employees of the Second Texas District that the Federal Insurance Contributions Act provides for an increase in the tax rate under that act to 1½ per cent on employees and 1½ per cent on employers, based on all taxable wages paid on and after January 1, 1950.

Ever since the beginning of the Social Security program, of which these taxes are a part, these rates have been 1 per cent each on employees and employers, and Collector Dunlap called attention to the change in order to prevent confusion in preparing January payrolls.

This change does not affect the rates of income tax withholding from wages, which are the same as they were in 1949.

Employers were also reminded, however, that new regulations will be effective January 1 regarding the depositing and reporting of both the F.I.C.A. taxes and income tax withheld from wages.

Starting with wages paid in January, employers who are liable for more than \$100 of these taxes in one month are required to deposit them in either a federal reserve bank or a commercial bank authorized to receive such deposits for transmittal to the federal reserve bank.

Deposits are required for taxes resulting from wages paid in the first and second month of each quarter. Each such deposit should be made not later than the fifteenth day of the next month, but may be made earlier if desired. Taxes for the third month may be deposited or paid with the quarterly return.

Employers will be furnished with blank copies of Treasury Depositary Receipt Form 450 to use in making deposits. Employers will fill out the receipt as a deposit slip. After the form and remittance are received and checked by the federal Reserve bank, and deposit receipt will be validated and mailed back to the employer for attachment to his quarterly return.

The year 1950 also will mark the nationwide adoption of a combined form for quarterly reporting by employers of income tax withheld and the employer and employee F. I. C. A. taxes. The new form, Form 941, and detailed instructions will be mailed to employers late in March, in ample time for use in making the return for the first quarter of the year. This return, covering wages paid in January, February, and March, is due by April 30.

This type of combined form was tested in the Maryland district for more than a year was found to effect substantial savings to both Collectors' offices and employers.

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JUST THINKING

BY FRANK HATT

Hope you had a nice Christmas. A lot of people were sick and some still are down. Raymond Hood has had a tough time of it with a bad cold and other complications. Here's hoping all you ailing people get better right soon.

Bill Ivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ivey is spending the holidays here.

Bill, who helped his dad put in the Seven Up bottling plant here has been attending George Washington University in Washington, D. C. He is majoring in foreign affairs and hopes to finish next summer after completing his studies in Constitutional Law and Diplomatic History.

Bill hasn't been here for a year and a half, having spent last Christmas in Georgia where he was raised and last summer in Washington taking a summer course.

Last spring Bill got a surprise. He came out of the campus dining hall at G. W. U. and saw a car with a Texas license and a Childress plate.

He couldn't imagine who could be there on the campus from Childress so set about to find the party. It was Elven Watkins Jr., who was in Washington with the Wake Forest track team for a track meet.

Elven and Bill had never met but they still had lots to talk about, both being from the same town.

Bill expects to return to Washington in a few days to complete his senior year.

We overlooked mentioning the Christmas lighting on C. B. Gloar's home on highway 287 west of town.

Red and green lights silhouetted the entire house and a large star was mounted on the windmill.

There's no telling how many visitors commented on its excellence as they passed by Childress.

Sonny Ehrle made a fine speech at the Lions Club yesterday. He's a cadet from Kemper Military Academy in Missouri.

Sonny had a well thought-out speech and delivered it nicely. I'll predict big things for that boy.

We at The Index feel a little proud of Sonny, for he's one of ex-carrier boys and worked one summer in our editorial department. Congratulations, Sonny and best of luck!

Family Killed On Christmas Eve Is Found Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (UP)—A father and mother were killed Christmas Eve while piling presents for their two young children under a Christmas tree—and the children died in their beds without having known Santa Claus.

The tragedy was revealed today when a relative broke into the apartment of Andrew Gazak, 33, and his wife, Veronica, 32, on the east side.

Gazak and his wife were dead on the floor beside the Christmas tree which was surrounded by piles of unopened presents. The bodies of Veronica, 5, and Andrew, Jr., 3, were found in their beds.

Police said all had been dead since Christmas Eve. Investigation showed that fumes leaking from a faulty refrigerator had exhausted the oxygen in the apartment.

Mrs. Mary Fabsik, the relative,

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Ox-Cart Government

John Ben Shepperd, Gladewater attorney, is doing some effective work toward awakening Texans concerning their antique state government.

According to his figures, the laws of the Lone Star State are pretty chaotic.

An example makes it clear. Shepperd tells of a state agency, which for demonstration purposes he labels the skunk-killers department. Afraid Louisiana skunk killers would crowd into Texas, the Texas skunk killers kicked in \$5 apiece to raise a slush fund, hire a lobbyist, and get some legal protection.

The lobbyist bought a lot of steak for legislators, convinced them the skunk killers needed protection and got the protective law passed. New Texas skunk killers had to pay a \$50 fee plus \$5 annual dues before they could kill skunks, and the old members had to do it in each year for the privilege of killing them, too.

Money poured in. In fact it wasn't long before \$40,000 lay idle in the skunk killers' fund—but no one could touch it.

A senator, needing some cash to help another department, suggested the \$40,000 be used. The skunk killers' executive secretary heard about it, had all the skunk killers and their friends set the senator straight through telegrams. The \$40,000 remained untouched. Later, in case any one else got ideas, the skunk killers set up the \$40,000 in a skunk library for all skunk killers—despite an existing library with the same information.

This, Shepperd claims, is an actual case of one of the state's departments. And it can be multiplied again and again, he adds.

No one will doubt it is expensive and ineffective. But the same ox-cart government has been in existence since 1876, and that's a big hunk of time—even for Texans nurtured in things big.

The people must get riled about it, Shepperd asserts, before any remodeling can be done. He suggests organizing local committees which will educate and persist in its efforts.

It's not a bad suggestion. Could Childress have a budding John Ben Shepperd?

One Thing At A Time, Officer

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (UP)—After Milton W. Gill, 18, kissed his girl friend goodnight, he returned to his parked car and got in. The auto rolled 400 feet down the hill and hit another car.

"Were your brakes set?" asked policeman Joseph Anzini.

"I don't remember."

"Was your car in gear?"

"I don't remember."

"Were your wheels turned to the curb?"

"I don't remember. But I remember kissing my girl friend good night."

Officer Anzini handed Gill a ticket so he'd remember not to park illegally again.

He thought the family had gone to the country for the Christmas week end. When she called at their apartment this morning, she smelled the fumes.

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