



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:46

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Truman Looks To Cheerful Christmas With His Family

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 24 (UP)—President Truman relaxed today and looked forward to a snowy, peaceful Christmas with his family and friends here in his Missouri home.

Although the man with the toughest job in the world had a full program on Christmas Eve, it called only for pleasant things. The emphasis was on Yuletide fellowship.

Mr. Truman was scheduled to broadcast his annual Christmas message to the country at 5 p. m. (EST) while giving the signal to light the national community Christmas tree on the White House lawn more than a thousand miles away.

He was to go to a party this morning given by the Independ-

ence Truman Democratic Club at Kansas City's Hotel Muehlebach, his Midwest political headquarters. Club President Thomas J. Galvin asked 200 persons to attend.

Mrs. Truman was to sing in the choir at midnight services at Trinity Episcopal Church here and there was speculation that the President might go to listen to his favorite soprano.

In addition, there were old friends and relatives to visit throughout Jackson County and the finishing touches still had to be put on the Truman Christmas tree.

Most of the ornaments were to have gone on last night, at the end on a busy day that started in Washington for Mr. Truman.

He flew here with his staff in the morning, in his four motored plane, the Independence.

En route to Kansas City from Washington his plane crew gave the President a huge, frosted cake so big they couldn't even get it into his private cabin.

Looking cheerful, tanned and well-rested after a Florida trip that included pleasure as well as business, the President was greeted at the Kansas City Airport by Mrs. Truman and more than 100 friends. The first lady preceded him here to make the holiday preparations.

More friends and scores of neighbors met Mr. Truman at the Little White House in Independence.

A holly wreath hung on the door and the lawn was covered with three inches of snow that fell early this week to assure the chief Executive a white Christmas. The weather bureau predicted more snow by nightfall or Christmas morning.

Mr. Truman spent a few hours with his immediate family and then started the customary round of visits to friends and relatives. Among others, during a three-hour tour, he saw his sister, Mary Jane Truman, and his brother, J. Vivian Truman.

After a quiet family dinner the Trumans were serenaded by groups of children singing Christmas carols. There will be more singing tonight in the street outside the President's window.

Fat Stock Show Tickets Made Available Here

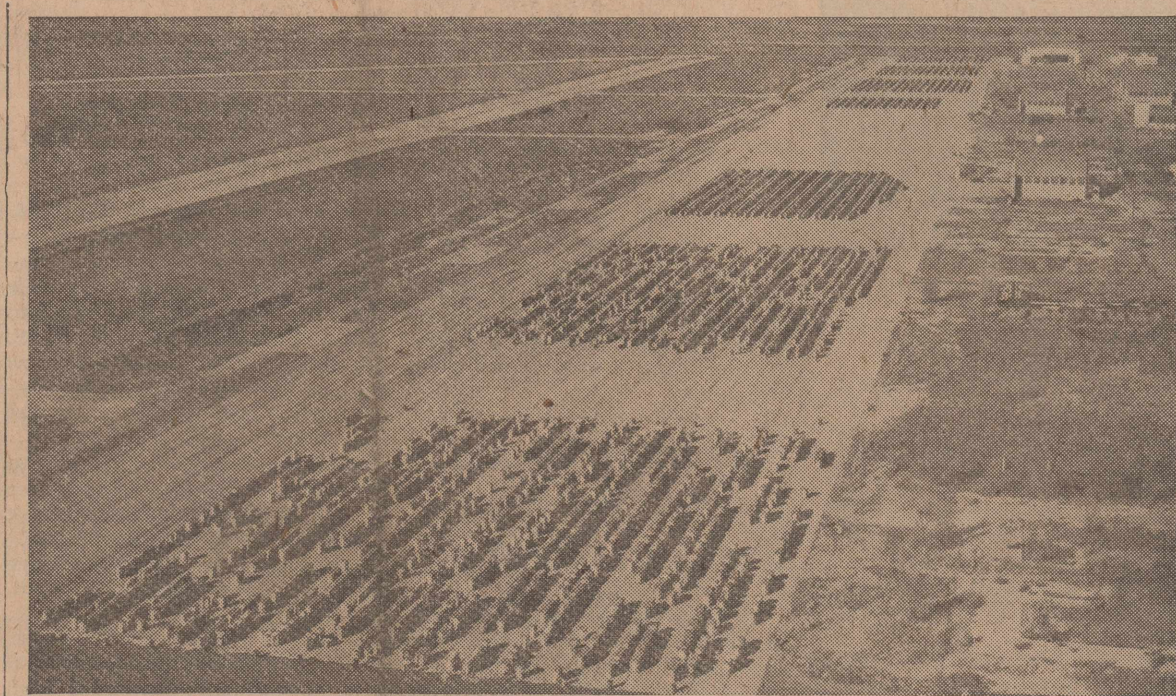
Tickets for Christmas Day at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show January 28, will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office Tuesday.

About 120 tickets, which sell for \$3 each, will go on sale. Admission to the grounds is included in the ticket cost.

BIDAULT WINS SLIGHT VOTE OF CONFIDENCE
PARIS, Dec. 24 (UP)—Premier Georges Bidault won a vote of confidence by a six-vote margin in the national assembly early today.

The 303 to 297 victory for Bidault's coalition government was based on a weeks-long squabble over the government's record 1950 budget.

No prevue at theaters tonight.



The above view of the concrete ramp at Childress Airfield shows a part of the overflow of cotton bales being gathered by the Panhandle Compress and Warehouse Co., Inc., at Childress.

On the ramp, 24,700 bales are lined up, with an additional 3600 visible at upper right off the concrete ramp and in the lower right-hand corner (not visible).

The compress has received 65,000 bales so far—double the figure this time last year—and expects to go over 90,000 before the season ends, V. C. Visor, compress manager, reports.

Owned by A. S. Underwood of Lubbock, the Childress compress is one of but 19 owned by Underwood in this area.

Cotton is brought from Childress and Cottle Counties and some from Hall's, Okla., to this compress. After being compressed, it is shipped to all foreign countries and to numerous states as well.

Visor expects it will be March before he completes handling all the bales he has stored here and in other plots, plus what will be picked during the remainder of the season.

Roy Lee Blake, Wife, And Three Children Killed; Amarilloan Killed

The five members of the Roy Lee Blake family of Estelline were wiped out in a flaming car-truck accident Friday night, and a sixth man from Amarillo died Saturday morning from burns as a result of the accident five miles west of Carey on Highway 287 about 8:30 p. m.

Imprisoned, crushed, and burned to death in their car were:

Roy Lee Blake, 32.
His wife, Louise, 29.
Their three children, Vivian 9, Hoyt 6, and Nelda 3.
Amarillo truck driver Carl Leatherman, 32, 4200 East 14th Street, died at 2:25 Saturday morning in Childress County General Hospital as a result of burns.

As reconstructed by highway patrolmen Noel Calloway and Herman Moore, who investigated the wreck, the Blake family was traveling toward Estelline to their home about three miles this side of Estelline. They had been visiting Mrs. Blake's mother, Mrs. A. H. Grimes of Carey, and were returning.

Blake, who was believed to be driving, apparently turned left across the highway to go into a side road toward his home when the heavy gasoline truck and trailer, driven by Leatherman and coming from behind, struck the Blake 1941 Ford coupe.

Just before hitting, Leatherman attempted to cramp his wheels to the right to go around the Blake car, but it was too late. The momentum of his truck shoved the Blake car into the bar ditch on the south side of the highway, where the heavy truck overturned, crushed the Blake car completely, then rolled on about 20 or 30 feet and stopped with its wheels in the air.

The heavy load of gasoline dumped and immediately ignited, enveloping the entire area along with the two vehicles in flames. Effectively imprisoned, Blake, his wife, and three children had no chance to escape even had they not been killed by the terrific collision. They probably never knew what hit them.

Leatherman, suffering burns over most of his body, jumped out of his truck and was later found lying in the ditch. He was taken by passing motorists to the Childress hospital. He died about six hours later.

G. A. Robinson, who lives near Carey, saw the blazing cars. He rushed to the scene and helped take Leatherman to the hospital.

The Childress fire department, and the Newberry and Stewart-Carter Funeral Homes ambulances, were called to the scene. The firemen extinguished the blaze. Stewart-Carter took the bodies of the Blake family to the Markham Funeral Home in Memphis, and were preparing the body of Leatherman for transport to Amarillo Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services for the Blake family will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday in the Childress Cemetery by the Markham Funeral Home of Memphis and the Stewart-Carter Funeral Home here. The bodies were to be brought from Memphis here by Stewart-Carter Saturday afternoon.

Roy Lee Blake, 32, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blake of Tell; four brothers, Herman, Weldon, and Pat of Childress, and Claude of Tell; and three sisters, Leona, and Texa Blake of (Continued on page two)

Attempted Theft Puts Houston Man In County Jail

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24 (UP)—A 21-year-old Houston man will spend a regretful Christmas in the Bexar County jail — if he gets out of the hospital in time — after picking on the wrong victims for an attempted holdup last night.

The man entered a south side liquor store shortly after closing time, pulled out a .38 revolver and demanded the cash from the cash register.

As he was reaching for the cash, Mrs. Jerry Sullivan, one of the store attendants, screamed. The robber turned and as he did, Mr. Sullivan struck him on the head with a whiskey bottle, causing him to fire the gun three times before it fell to the floor.

The Houstonian was prepared, however. He whipped out another gun, a German luger, and fired unsuccessfully at Mrs. Sullivan.

By that time a third employee entered the picture and a lively tussle ensued with the attendants wielding broomsticks and fists as well as whiskey bottles to subdue the gunman.

There was \$600 in cash scattered over the store during the tussle, but it was all accounted for by the time police arrived.

No prevue at theaters tonight.

L. W. McClendons Given Grand Prize In Garden Club Lighting Contest

Mayor and Mrs. L. W. McClendon, 511 Avenue E, Northwest, were awarded the grand prize, a floor lamp, by the Garden Club, sponsors of the annual Christmas lighting contest.

The nativity scene in one large window of their home, the lighted tree in another, and front porch decoration won the grand prize for the McClendons. The lamp was donated by West Texas Utilities.

First prize winners in northwest were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bland of 1010 Avenue K who received a potted plant from the Fairview Floral Company. First prize in northeast went to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Merrick, 201 Fourth Street. Their prize was a table lamp purchased with cash donations.

Mrs. Bertha Crawford, 204 South

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER FORECAST
By United Press

CHILDRESS — Partly cloudy, slightly warmer this afternoon, tonight and Sunday. Lowest tonight near 38.

WEST TEXAS — Fair this afternoon and tonight. Warmer tonight. Sunday partly cloudy. Colder in the Panhandle Sunday afternoon or night.

HERE AND THERE

Visitors to the Orville Halls are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hall of Dallas, and his aunt, Mrs. W. H. Warde of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Evans and Jackie Lela of Clovis, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Ober McAdams and family of Henrietta are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watkins during the holidays.

Ray Pardue, students at NTSC, Denton, and Mr. and Mrs. Pardue, Jr. of Vernon are spending the holidays with parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pardue.

A carload of Christmas Studebakers has just arrived at the Sikes Motor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adkins of Abilene are visiting here with the Jake Swaffords and family. Other visitors in the Swafford home are Mr. and Mrs. George Freudiger and daughter Linda Kay of Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson of Carlsbad, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cheatham are visiting in Dumas.

Mrs. V. F. Jones of Quanah is visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sanders and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson are visiting in San Angelo, it was reported, and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Russell are spending the holidays with relatives in Abilene.

Mrs. Bertha Nave plans to spend the holidays with her daughter, Melvina, in Perryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Kelley are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Bovina. Professor Bill Turner, Mrs. Turner and children are visiting in the home of their mother, Mrs. Homer Rigby.

No prevue at theaters tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green of Midland arrived here last night to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Pryor.

Men sometimes rebuy the same style of clothes, but not women. (Continued on page Six)

Million Faithfuls Kneel In Prayer As Pope Pius Begins Holy Year

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (UP)—Pope Pius XII began the 1950 Holy Year of the Roman Catholic Church today by opening the holy doors of St. Peter's Cathedral while 1 million of the faithful knelt in prayer in and around Rome's four basilicas.

During the ceremonies a group of 125 landless peasants were arrested when they attempted to stage a rally at the nearby Communist-led Rome Labor Chamber. The chamber proclaimed an immediate general strike in the capital.

The strike order was withdrawn 30 minutes later when Interior Minister Mario Scelba said the peasants would be released soon after the religious ceremonies were completed.

The quick withdrawal was attributed to the Communist-controlled National Labor Federation, which advised the Rome labor chamber to withdraw the strike call because it was "ill advised."

The holy doors swung open at 10:39 a. m. (4:39 a. m. EST), ushering in the year-long 25th jubilee of the church which the Pontiff, in his Christmas message yesterday, dedicated to the fight against communism and atheism.

The ceremony at St. Peter's, with the Pope officiating, was the main one. Simultaneously the same ritual was performed at St. Mary Major, St. John in Lateran and St. Paul's outside the walls.

For the 1 million witnesses to the ceremony, and for millions more Catholics the world over, it

was the beginning of a year during which they can, by performing prescribed acts of devotion, obtain a "plenary indulgence" or full pardon for punishment due for sins.

The opening of the doors signified the opening of the 25th jubilee year of the church. The last one—the Holy Year falling at the quarter century mark—occurred in 1925. The special jubilee of 1933-34 was called in extraordinary manner in celebration of the 1900th anniversary of the crucifixion of Jesus in the year 33 A. D.

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Convicts Paroled

By United Press

Freedom, wrapped in holly paper, was handed out to dozens of convicts this Christmas Eve.

Many states granted special holiday paroles to prisoners who had made outstanding conduct records or otherwise brought themselves to the attention of authorities.

A little white-haired man walked out of Sing Sing Prison in New York, released after 18 years of a life term because he exchanged his blood with that of a girl afflicted by leukemia, a cancerous condition of the blood.

Louis Boy, 50, who was convicted of complicity in a 1931 murder, sobbed with joy as he greeted his son, brother and sister.

"It's a Merry Christmas," he said, "a wonderful merry Christ-

mas.

A full pardon was granted at Columbus, O., to Ralph Eaches, 36. He had served 13 months of a 10-to-25 year sentence for a holdup which later was confessed by a condemned slayer in Kentucky.

Gov. Earl Long of Louisiana granted Christmas holiday furloughs to 11 convicts. They were being released to the custody of interested persons.

Christmas furloughs are customary in Louisiana, but the governor said "If I gave furloughs to all who want them, the penitentiary would be empty."

Mississippi authorities said about 300 inmates or state prison farms qualified for 10-day Christmas furloughs. Inmates who have perfect conduct records for the

year are freed in groups of 30. Some of the convicts won't get their furloughs until February or March.

"The men return from the visit with relatives and friends knowing it is possible for them to resume a place in society when their terms have been served," prison farm superintendent M. E. Wiggins said.

Gov. Okey Patteson of West Virginia commuted the sentences of three life termers and paroled 40 others as Christmas gifts for exemplary conduct.

Alabama paroled 29, including three murderers. South Dakota pardoned seven and paroled one. Vermont pardoned three and New Hampshire one.

A Minnesota prisoner scheduled for release December 29 was freed today so he could join his family for Christmas.

Massachusetts authorities paroled 10 lifers sentenced for second degree murder. They also commuted two sentences, but withdrew one when they learned the prisoner involved had one of the longest criminal records in the state's history.

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Santa Claus Has Had His Escapades

By United Press

Twice the day before Christmas all over the land,

But in many places Santa already was on hand.

He got in hot water wherever he turned.

Trying to deliver toys for which everyone yearned.

In the past few days Santa Claus has been on the spot more than once according to the following dispatches.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—Santa arrived in the middle of a labor dispute at the United Steel and Wire Company. Nearly 500 employees walked out, but Santa de-

fied picket lines and went on handing out gifts to 850 children at the firm's annual Christmas party.

HARTFORD, Conn.—Santa had to turn his job over to one of his helpers here. Thomas O. McSweeney, a department store Santa Claus, came to town in a stolen car instead of reindeer, according to police who arrested him.

WATKINS Glen, N. Y.—The round of pre-season parties was too much for the kind old heart of John Crawford, 70. After portraying Santa Claus at the Watkins Glen High School's Christmas party, Crawford left for a simi-

lar affair at Penn Yan. Enroute, he died of a heart attack.

OSKALOOSA, Ia.—St. Nick still is searching for Linda Joyce Shafer's Christmas gift. The 10-year-old girl wants her mother, who disappeared in 1944 after leaving Linda with her grandparents. She wrote a letter to Santa in Texas, and the note found its way back here. Now state social workers are trying to locate Mrs. Osa Shafer—maybe by tomorrow morning.

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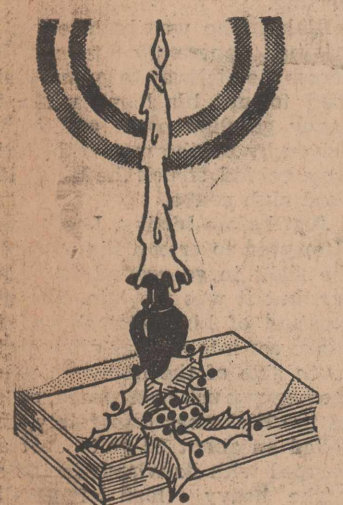
Through the days and months of the year we are deeply grateful for the way you have shown your devotion to Helen's Shoppe and Childress Greenhouse.

At the return of the Christmas Season it is a pleasure to pause in the rush and hurry of business, to take this opportunity to tell you how very much we appreciate our many friends and customers.

May the coming holidays bring to you and yours, good health, happiness and a full share of those things which make this world a better place in which to live.

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MRS. LUCY AUSTIN

MRS. AUSTIN IS LADIES DAY HONOR GUEST

A long-time resident of Childress County—from 1919 to 1943—Mrs. Lucy Austin was honor guest on the "Ladies Day" television show over KFI-TV in Los Angeles recently.

She was presented a huge floral bouquet for being the "champion grandmother" of the day.

The 82-year-old Mrs. Austin told Bill Sull, "Ladies Day" master of ceremonies, that she now has 37 living grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren, "with more expected soon." The honoree expressed her appreciation to everyone, especially to her own children and their children who made the presentation possible, then, taking Sull's arm, led in a parade across the stage followed by 30 other grandmothers to the organ strains of "Here Comes The Bride." Bob Mitchell was the accompanist at the organ.

Mrs. Austin's descendants who are residing in this area are Mrs. Beadie Hardison, Mrs. W. J. Cobb and Mrs. J. R. Stockstill, her daughters; and the following grandchildren: W. J. Farrah, Mrs. Howard Preston, Ray, Ruby, and Don Whiteside of High Point and Mrs. R. V. Funderburk.

The grandmother now resides in California with another granddaughter, Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Jr., also formerly of Childress. She is a member of the South-west Church of Christ, 1347 West 64th Street, in Los Angeles.

Paducah Couple Are Married In Recent Ceremony

The recent marriage of Miss Tommye Payne, daughter of Mrs. L. C. Payne, and R. D. Wall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wall, of Paducah, has been announced.

The single-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. I. E. Biggs, pastor of the First Methodist Church last Sunday.

Mrs. Wall chose a wedding suit of light blue gabardine, white blouse, winter-white hat and other palmolive brown suede accessories. She wore white carnations.

Miss Bobbie Payne, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a pale green wool-jersey dress and black suede accessories. Donald Blout was best man.

Mrs. Wall is a graduate of Paducah High School and for the past five years has been employed as bookkeeper at the Goodwin-Crump Gin Co. Her husband graduated from Valley View High School.

The newlyweds are making their home in Paducah where he is engaged in farming.

Former Quana Girl Will Be Married In California

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mathews of Barstow, Calif., formerly of Quana, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Fay Dean, to Douglas J. Harley, son of H. Harley of Barstow.

The wedding ceremony will be performed at Barstow Monday, January 23, the announcement said.

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PFC. DENTON IS HONOREE FOR DINNER

Pfc. James Denton, on leave from Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill., was honored guest at an informal chicken-dinner given Friday evening at the E. L. Wilson home for a group of young people.

Miss Wynonah Wilson, hostess, was assisted by her mother in serving, the candle-light dinner.

White lace clothes covered the head table and one table for four, and each was centered with red and white candles in crystal holders.

The dinner menu consisted of fried chicken, creamed potatoes, English peas, vegetable salad, cranberry sauce, hot rolls and butter, creamed gravy, and coffee, tea or milk, apple pie and pecan pie.

Recorded music was played throughout the party hours.

Places were marked for the honoree, Pauline Laningham, the hostess, James Hartwell of Estelline, Louise Moon, Bob Rushing of Northfield, Mary Laningham, Jack Temple from TCU. Patsy Holman, Nelson Biddy of Paducah, and Morgan Wilson, "Toots" Walker, Delbert Adams, Jim Campbell, student at A&M, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. James Laningham and Lynn.

Kirkland Group Enjoys Party Early In Week

A group of young people of Kirkland met in the A. B. Clements home recently for an exchange of presents and singing. Refreshments of punch, homemade candies, popcorn balls and cookies were served.

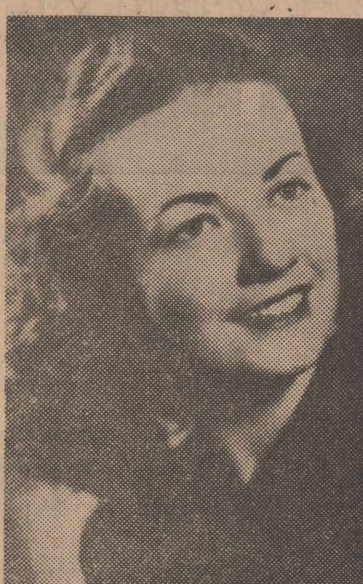
Afterwards, the group went caroling at various homes in the neighborhood.

The party assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sanders in Childress where they were entertained with a movie film and enjoyed home-made candy.

Those present were Richard Wayne of Annetta, Proffitt, C. W. and Franklin Moore, John Dodgen, James Hackler, Billie Hardin, Shirley Lois and Edith West, Billy and Alice Weightman, Colene Manual, Zona Beth Clements, Mary Ann Cartledge, Robbie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Herman West, George West, Mrs. Holliman, Mrs. Weightman, Mrs. Ora Huggins and Mrs. A. B. Clements.

Before emerging for their short two or three weeks of life as bugs, June bugs spend three years under the ground as grubs.

EX-RESIDENT



Mrs. Charlie C. Adams

Ex-Childress Girl's Wedding Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Sheffield, Sr., of Fresno, Calif., and Former Childress residents, announce the marriage of their daughter, La Juana Jean, to T/Sgt. Charlie C. Adams, U. S. Air Force. The ceremony was read by Rev. John O. Scott, missionary of the Southern Baptist convention.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, before a fireplace banked by baskets of white stock and greenery in the Scott home.

Attendants for the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sheffield, Jr., While a resident of Childress, Mrs. Adams attended Wilson grammar school and junior high school, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is the sister of Alton B. Sheffield, Jr., Jurhee Sheffield of Fresno, and Midshipman Hughie Don Sheffield of Corpus Christi. The bride is also a granddaughter of Mrs. Fred Baily and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Belva Baily of Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are making their home in San Rafael, Calif. Where he is stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base.

L. W. Mc-

(Continued from Page One) Charles Boyd, all in northwest; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Harp, in northeast.

Mrs. George Spear was general chairman of the contest, Mrs. Clyde Martin was publicity chairman, and Mrs. LeRoy Gaines was prize chairman. Impartial judges were selected to judge the many yards and windows, Mrs. Martin said.

Wellington Rebekahs Elect 1950 Officers

Officers for the ensuing year were elected recently by the Wellington Rebekah Lodge No. 55 in a short session with Lula Faye Burkhalter, Noble Grand, presiding.

Others on the official list are Margaret Fuson, Noble Grand; Lena Miller, Vice-Grand; Nellie Kelly, recording secretary; Lula Burkhalter, financial secretary; and Florence Hughs, treasurer. Ruby A. Smith was recommended as district deputy president.

Another meeting was set for January 2, at which time officers will be installed.

Estelline-

(Continued from Page One)

Childress and Naomi Blake of Tell. Mrs. Louise Blake, 29, is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Grimes of Carey; three brothers, Lehoty, Howard, and Russell all of Carey; one sister, Mrs. Bobbie Posey of Roaring Springs; and a grandmother, Mrs. Alma Bailey of Hennessey, Okla.

Carl Leatherman, 32, is survived by his wife and three small children, Mrs. Leatherman and Peggy, 13, Thomas 11 and Patsy 9. Mrs. Leatherman and Peggy are invalids.

The Blakes were tenant cotton farmers. They had moved from Tell to the farm just this side of Estelline about three years ago.

The oil truck driven by Leatherman was owned by the Ferguson-Steele Transport Company of Amarillo—a large oil and gas transport company servicing the Southwest. Mrs. Leatherman was here last night, and returned to Amarillo this morning.

The list of 24 pallbearers for the service was still incomplete Saturday afternoon. A flower committee is composed of Mmes. Ella Shubert, Bobby Shubert, Florence McWhorter, Ruth Richardson, Buster Halford, Lawson Halford, J. B. Goodson,

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A Cordial Welcome To Everyone

Coyotes Edge Austin High, 14-13, Take State Crown

By Ed Fite
United Press Sports Writer

The finely-poised Wichita Falls Coyotes held the 1949 state-class AA schoolboy football championship today, but Coach Joe Goldings' lads had the closest call of their 14-game season history before knocking off Austin 14-13 in yesterday's finals at Fort Worth.

Only the unerring toe of a 157-pound end, Jerry Fouts, who booted both vital extra points, scored one touchdown and helped set up the other, saved the North Texans from emerging with a co-championship instead of their second

full-fledged title in eight years. They won it last in 1941.

That crucial extra point fully exemplified the difference between the two teams which kept 17,000 chilled spectators thrilled with a brilliant offensive show in Texas Christian University Stadium.

There was little to choose between them, offensively or defensively, but the victorious Coyotes did display a bit the better blocking and tackling and better all-around team play.

Statistically, Austin had the better rushing record — 202 yards to

193 — but on passing the Coyotes held the edge, 87 yards to 30.

And, in another vital matter — penalties — the Coyotes had the edge. They drew only 15 yards in penalties. Austin drew 30 yards. And two of those came at moments that really hurt the game Maroons' chances.

One nullified a play that would have given them a first down on the Wichita Falls three-yard line and an almost sure touchdown. The other enabled Wichita Falls to keep the ball late in the game when otherwise they probably would have punted on fourth down and given Austin's Bobby Warren a chance to strut with his nimble feet in a desperation drive.

Wichita Falls got the jump 10 minutes into the first quarter, moving from their own 35 yard line to the Austin 45 where, on third down Billy Waggoner tossed the scoring pass.

Austin bounced right back and from the Wichita Falls 49 scored in 11 plays, the last one being a 21-yarder from southpaw Morris Nelson to end Bobby Frederick in the clear in the end zone.

But, then came the telling blow for Austin. Reserve back Robert Smith's placement try was wide to leave the Maroons behind 7-6.

The Coyotes wasted no time putting on what proved to be the clincher as they marched the ensuing kickoff 63 yards to a second score. Fouts set up the scoring play with a 14-yard end around play to the five, from where Waggoner slid off left tackle untouched for the touchdown.

Fouts then kicked his 11th straight playoff conversion and his 30th in 34 tries this season to seal Austin's doom.

Austin's final tally came after Warren, injured on the first play of the game, re-entered the contest. He personally accounted for 61 yards of a 93-yard surge that stuck to the ground. Included was his final drive from the six. This time Smith converted.

There are more than 6000 public libraries in the United States, containing a total of more than 100,000,000 volumes.

A coulee is a steep-walled, trench-like valley.

Trojans Outlast Inspired Depaul In 57-52 Thriller

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (UP)—Basketball's brand-new — and much scorned — "two minute rule" was handed the supreme insult today by Southern California and Depaul.

The Trojans from the Pacific Coast beat Depaul, 57 to 52, last night at Chicago in a game that went right down to wire — without the two-minute rule causing any furor in the final minutes. They just ignored the rule entirely.

Going into the final two minutes of play, Southern California found its 11-point lead whittled down to two points by an inspired Depaul team.

If the two-minute rule had been in effect, Southern Cal could have effectively "frozen the ball." If the Trojans were fouled by the desperate Demons, they would try the free throw and keep possession, folks would have left the stadium wondering whether Depaul could have overtaken the Trojans.

But that didn't happen because Coach Sam Barry of Southern Cal and Ray Meyer of Depaul agreed in advance to ignore the rule this time.

And the Trojans went on to prove that they really were Depaul's superior. They controlled the ball with deft ball-handling rather than a legal technicality, and Bob Boyde notched three more points for them to ice the game.

Grinning, Greying Gable Given Giggling Gamut

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (UP)—Clark Gable, a graying veteran of the war and four marriages, said he was "very happy" as he escorted his bride of two days aboard the Matson luxury liner Lurline which carried them away today for a honeymoon in romantic Hawaii.

Gable and his bride, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, had to press through a multitude of giggling well-wishers to board the ship last night.

Beaming like 16-year-olds, the couple came up the baggage gangway an hour before the ship sailed to take them on their two-week wedding trip.

Choo-Choo Charlie Justice Looks For First Bowl Victory In Dallas

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24 (UP) team. Choo-Choo Charlie Justice, who has carried North Carolina to three post-season dates in four years, will try to run and pass his way in the Cotton Bowl through Rice and the double whammy which has kept him from a bowl victory.

Halfback Justice and his great battery-mate, aerial artist Art Weiner, All-American end, will be playing their last game in North Carolina's light blue jerseys. They would like to end their four fabulous years with a win.

It will be only Weiner's second bowl game. He dropped off the team before Georgia beat it in the 1947 Sugar Bowl, and re-enlisted later. But Justice played in that game, as well as in the licking by Oklahoma last New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl. After those Sugar Bowl blues, a switch to the Dallas Cotton Bowl might change their luck.

Chilly Charlie, a level-headed lightning bolt on the field and a likeable young family man after working hours, won't play professional ball.

Weiner, a rangy giant with hands the size of pie plates, was drafted by the Green Bay Packers before the pro league merger threw his future in doubt. He's married to a pretty Chapel Hill girl.

But the Cotton Bowl won't be their last game together. Both are scheduled to play in the Senior Bowl in Florida on the South

team. Justice, hobbling on an injured ankle late in the season, proved he still was dangerous with everything you can do with a football. He ran for eight touchdowns this year and passed for six. His punts averaged 44 yards this year — the same as last year when he set a new national record. And he often decoyed his bedazzled foes to let others gain.

Off the field, Justice is quiet, informal, courteous and not impressed with himself. He's popular on the campus and a young demigod to Tar Heel fans.

Weiner, less articulate than Justice with strangers, is another fine team player. In the final game, against Virginia, he caught his 52nd pass of the year, tying Barney Poole's old national record but falling one short of the 53 mark set two days earlier by Cliff Coggins of Mississippi Southern.

His teammates were dismayed when they heard about it after the game. They could have pitched more to Art. But Weiner, intent on a team victory, hadn't told them he was close to the record.

They'll hang up Justice's jersey after the Cotton Bowl, and no North Carolina player will ever wear Number 22 again.

After all, they figure, they probably won't get another halfback like him — 5054 yards in total offense in four years, a passing percentage of 49.5, and 39 touchdowns so far in his career.

whom pitched 10 complete games.

For the second straight season Cleveland's pitchers registered the best earned run average, 3.36, while at the other end of the scale were St. Louis hurlers with 5.21. Yankee pitchers were the wildest with 812 walks but also struck out the most batters, 671.

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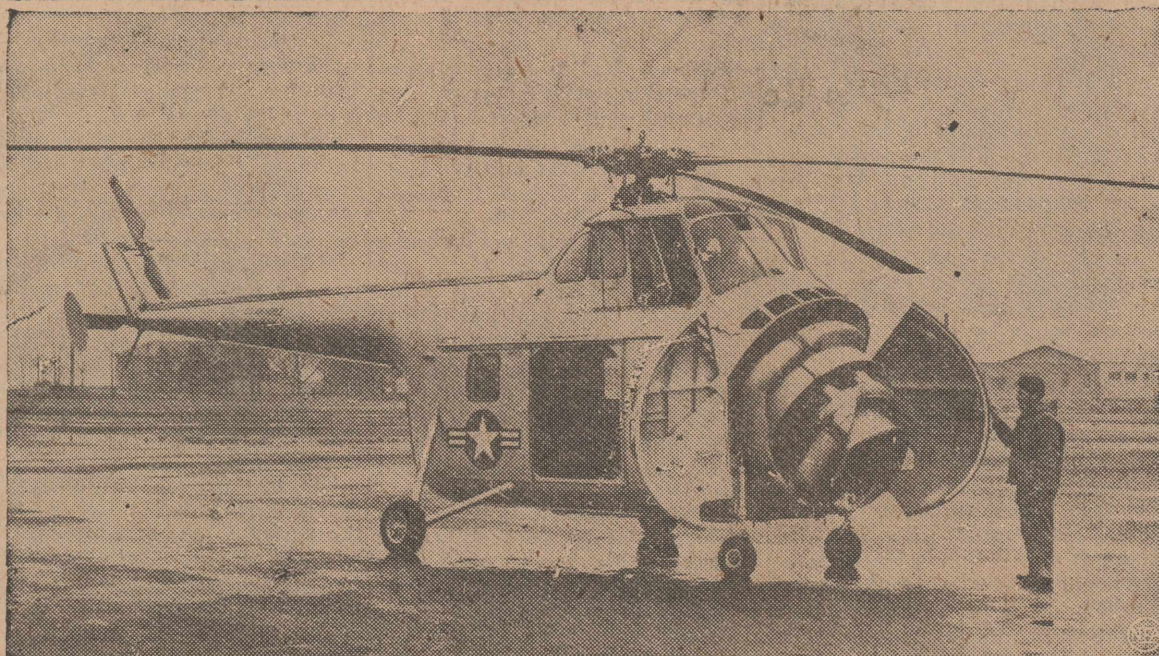
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AIR FORCE TESTS NEW LITTER-BEARER—Clam-shell doors swing open to show the engine of the new H-19 Sikorsky helicopter just flight-tested successfully by the Air Force at Bridgeport, Conn. Transfer of motor from behind pilot to the 'copter's nose gives more passenger and cargo room to the craft, which was designed for search, rescue and liaison work. The H-19 can carry eight litters and one attendant, or 10 passengers.

Cold Air Mass Heads East, South

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 (UP)—A cold air mass leaped the Appalachians and pushed East and South across the Atlantic seaboard today, chased by a new blast from the Arctic that promised much of the Midwest a cold white Christmas.

The front-running wave of cold air was pushing seaward a warm air blanket which gave the eastern third of the nation unseasonably mild weather while the remainder of the country suffered in ice, snow and cold.

New cold wave warnings, issued for western Nebraska and South Dakota today, threatened to prolong the wintry spell in the Midwest and prevent the ice glaze that sheeted many communities from melting before Christmas.

The U. S. Weather Bureau at Chicago said the cold front was moderating as it shoved toward New England and Florida, and temperature drops were expected to be less marked as the front moved East and South.

Temperatures plunged to 21-degrees below zero early today at Pembina, N. D., and International Falls, Minn.

Hogs: compared last Friday: butchers 25 lower, sows steady, feeder pigs strong to 1.00 higher. Week's tops: butchers 16.25, sows 13.50. Feeder pigs 13.00. Closures 18.00-19.00, medium and good slaughter ewes 10.50-12.50, cull and common slaughter ewes 8.00-10.00 medium and good feeder lambs 19.00-21.25.

er calves up to 23.00.

Sheep: compared last Friday: slaughter lambs weak to 50 lower, other classes steady. Week's tops: slaughter lambs 22.00, slaughter yearlings 19.00, slaughter weathers 13.50, slaughter ewes 12.50, feeder lambs 21.25. Bulk prices, Good and choice woolled and shorn slaughter lambs 20.00-21.50, medium and good slaughter yearlings 18.00-19.00, medium and good slaughter ewes 10.50-12.50, cull and common slaughter ewes 8.00-10.00 medium and good feeder lambs 19.00-21.25.

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Construction Work Is Up \$20 Million In Texas For '49

By United Press

Construction awards in Texas through December 23 total are running \$20 million more than those for a similar period last year, the Texas Contractor reported Saturday.

Its weekly survey revealed the accumulative total for 1949 was \$924,372,689 compared with \$904,323,997 during a comparable part of 1948.

Awards for all of 1948 in Texas were \$948,714,456. The trade journal believed this figure would be exceeded but hopes for a billion dollar year faded when construction dropped in the latter part of the year.

Awards let for the week ending December 23 totaled \$22,658,349. This compared with \$13,964,059 for the previous week.

Among the awards were 1767 one-family units including 1000 small homes at Houston. Cost of all the residential building was \$12,088,970.

Awards were let for a total of 1612 small homes to cost a total of \$10,774,480; 54 homes costing more \$7000 at a total cost of \$740,690; 89 apartments to cost \$499,800 and 12 duplexes to cost \$74,000.

Non-residential building for the week ending December 23 totaled \$9,998,065, up more than \$4 million from the previous week. Business buildings paced this field with awards of \$6,382,268, then came schools, \$2,506,821; churches and theaters, \$1,042,000; public buildings, \$34,975 and hospitals and hotels \$32,000.

There wasn't much activity in the engineering field, the total for the week being only \$571,315. Of this sum, \$371,619 was earmarked for waterworks and sewers; \$175,192 for highways and streets and \$24,504 for irrigation and channel work.

Butter and cheese are mentioned in the earliest records of human food products, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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Bonuses Given To Employees Of White's Auto Store

Christmas bonuses totaling more than \$22,000 have been given 446 employees of White's Auto Stores, W. Erle White, president of the firm, announced today. The bonuses were awarded as a tangible expression of appreciation held by the company for the faithful services of its employees.

The 446 employees represent families totaling more than 1700 individuals. All department heads were awarded the equivalent of two weeks' salary, while all other employees, who have been with the company six months or longer, were awarded the equivalent of one week's salary.

Employees associated with White's for less than six months participated in the distribution and were awarded \$15 each.

White's Auto Stores instituted the Christmas Bonus Plan at the outset of the company in 1939.

FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK

FORT WORTH, Dec. 24 (UP)—(USDA)—Weekly livestock:

Cattle: compared last Friday: beef steers and yearlings fully 50 lower, some yearling 1.00 lower, cows and bulls 50 lower, stockers and feeders steady. Week's tops: Beef Steers and yearlings 27.50, individuals to 30.00, cows 17.00, slaughter bulls 17.50, stocker yearlings 23.00, stocker cows 18.00. Week's bulks: medium slaughter steers and yearlings 17.00-22.50, good and choice 24.00-27.50, beef cows 14.00-16.50, canners and cutters 10.00-14.00, medium and good sausage lambs 15.50-17.00, medium and good stocker yearlings 17.50-21.50, medium and good stocker cows 15.00-17.50.

Calves: compared last Friday: slaughter calves 50 and more lower, stockers about steady, some medium kind lower. Good and choice slaughter offerings 20.50-23.00, few over 450 lbs 23.50-24.50, common and medium 15.00-20.00, culls 13.00-15.00, medium and good stocker steer calves 19.00-23.00, few over 450 lbs 23.50-24.50, common and medium 15.00-20.00, culls 13.00-15.00, medium and good stocker steer calves 19.00-23.00, choice to 24.00, choice stocker heifers

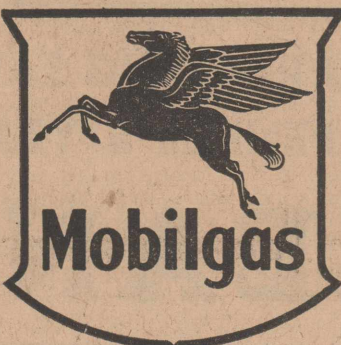


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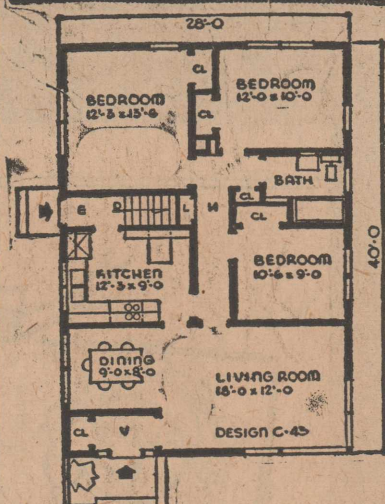
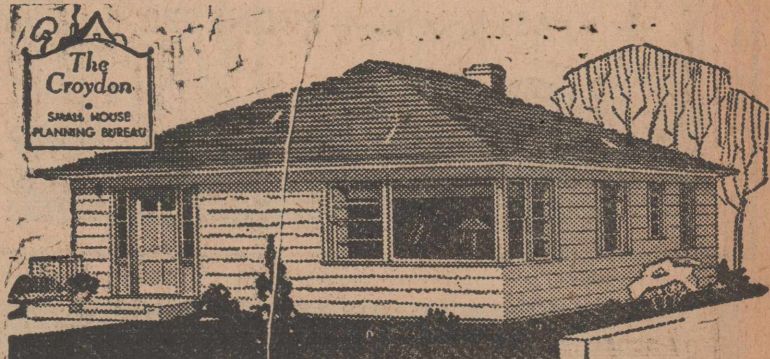
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is also dining space in the kitchen. Storage cabinets are above the table in the kitchen. The Croydon's side entrance leads directly to the full basement. All of The Croydon's rooms open into one hall. This hall has a general storage closet, a linen closet and a clothes chute. The bedrooms are equipped with double-door wardrobes that are arranged to give ceiling-high storage space.

The Croydon's plans call for frame construction with siding or shingle exterior walls and an asphalt shingle covered roof. Concrete masonry or brick veneer can easily be substituted for the exterior walls, if preferred.

Overall dimensions of The Croydon are 28 feet by 40 feet. The floor area is 1120 square feet and there is a volume of 21,280 cubic feet.

THE CROYDON is designed for a narrow lot. It has simple rectangular lines, a low roof and wide eaves. It features three bedrooms. The front entrance vestibule and coat closet from a dining alcove. This provides the living room with cross ventilation and light. There

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Black-Eyed Peas Not Popular At Air Force Base

DALLAS, Dec. 24 (UP)—Dry black-eyed peas failed to go over when served at Tinker Air Force base in Oklahoma City, but the vegetable's god-father indicated today the fight will go on.

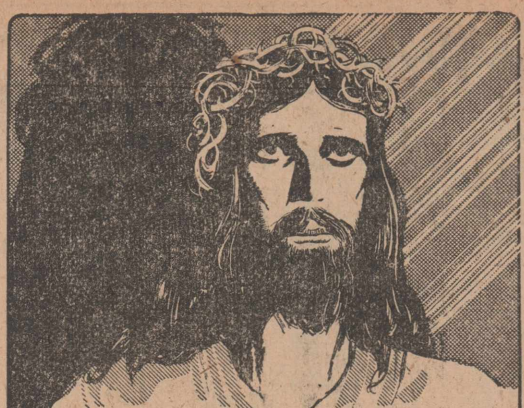
U. S. Rep. Lindley Beekworth, D., Tex., sent United Press a copy of a letter from Maj. Gen. F. S. Borum, commanding general for the Oklahoma City air materiel area, Tinker Air Force Base.

The Gladewater congressman had asked the general to make a survey of the acceptability of

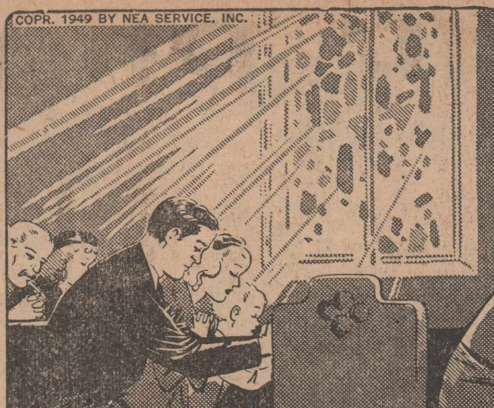
black-eyed peas with the thought in mind they might become a part of the regular menu.

The general, in polite terms, said: "This installation normally follows the master menu as prescribed through Department of the Air Force channels, and does not run surveys of food acceptability. However, in this instance we have deviated from normal policy and the results of a survey of acceptability of dry black-eyed peas made at the supper meal Monday, 5 December, follows:

"Number of personnel messing 512
"Number of personnel eating black-eyed peas 226
"Percentage of acceptability 44
The general then explained that it had been the practice in the



God's gift to man is "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23.) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)



Man responds in worship: "We love him because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19.)



The Christmas spirit and joy of giving are best expressed in the words of Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35.)



And the best gift of men to one another comes from Jesus also: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12.)

"As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold, As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee."

12-24



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Texans To Rescue Drouth-Stricken Brethern In East

AUSTIN, Dec. 23 (UP)—Texans came to the rescue today of their sons and daughters who live in water-parched New York City.

Two Texas newspapermen, Wick Fowler and Henry Fox, feared that Texans living in the big town might be suffering from the water shortage that had stricken the city.

They thought it was only fit and proper for the nation's largest state to come to the aid of the nation's largest city.

So they talked Robert P. York of Houston into donating a 3000-gallon, porcelain-lined tank truck to carry 100,000 cups of "pure Texas water" to New York.

The truck will leave here about Monday. Naturally, the first paper cup of water will go to a Texan who last week became the first lady of the big city — Mrs. William O'Dwyer, formerly Elizabeth Sloan Simpson of Dallas.

The next cup also will go to a Texan ... and the next and the next.

After the parched lips of all the transplanted Texans in New York have been moistened, native-born New Yorkers can have the rest.

Bob Armstrong, an Austin sportsman who sells automobiles when he isn't hunting or fishing, will travel ahead of the truck to warn all Texans that the tanker isn't a mirage.

Sportsman Armstrong, like York, is a friend of Fox and Fowler who publish the Highland Lake News. The News is a journal devoted to "fishing, boating and loafing," as well as bragging about Texas.

York was worried about cold weather along the way. He feared the water might freeze in the "wilderness" between Texas and New York.

But he was confident that some New Yorker would offer a solution—probably a former Texan.

Bataan Veteran Keeps Exploits Secret At Trial

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 24 (UP)—Court records revealed today that a disabled veteran of the Bataan death march, charged with grand larceny, kept his war experiences secret even as he faced a possible jail sentence.

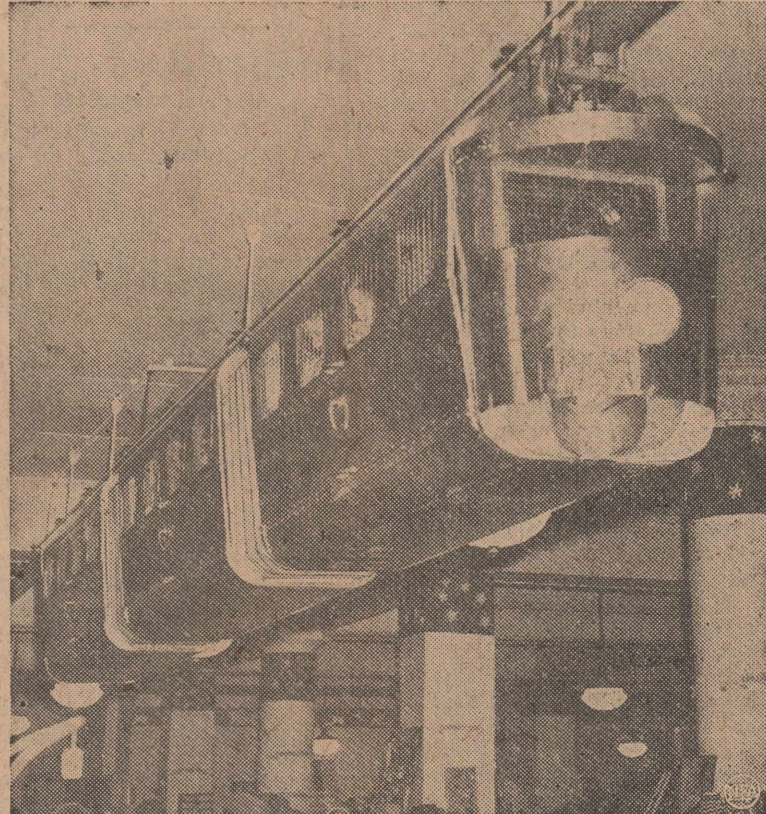
Only when a letter was read in court, telling of the part George L. Dycus, 37, of Dallas, took in the death march did he admit he had been in the army 14 years. The letter was written by a woman friend in Oklahoma.

After County Judge William E. J. O'Connor read the letter yesterday, Dycus pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing an automobile and two rifles several months ago. Upon recommendation of District Attorney Thomas P. Kennedy, O'Connor suspended sentence.

O'Connor advised Dycus to enter a veterans' hospital and told him to go to New York City immediately for treatment. Dycus consented.

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Woman, 48, Faces Murder Charge In Shotgun Slaying

WAXAHACHIE, Dec. 24 (UP)—A 48-year-old woman, Bobby Cantrell, faced a murder charge today in connection with the shotgun slaying yesterday of Johnny de Vaughn on the Jim Hawkins farm a mile west of Byrd in Ellis County.

Officers called to the farm found De Vaughn, a tenant farmer, with the top of his head blasted off by a 12-gauge shotgun charge. The woman was taken in custody at the scene, De Vaughn's house.

A 14-year-old son of De Vaughn, told Ellis County officials he witnessed the shooting. In a written statement, he said that his father and the woman quarreled bitterly Thursday night.

De Vaughn was estranged from his wife, who lives at Dallas with two other children of the couple. He formerly was a city of Dallas employee.

The woman was charged at Waxahachie and lodged in the Ellis County jail.

Court Action May Curb Wastage Of Texas 'Flare Gas'

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (UP)—Wastage of "flare gas" apparently was a thing of the past in 14 oil fields today.

District Judge Charles O. Betts dissolved temporary injunctions which restrained the Texas Railroad Commission from enforcing "flare gas" conservation orders in the Seminole field, owned by the Amerada Petroleum Company.

The court action was taken on a motion by Attorney General Price Daniel because all operators in the Gaines County field now are utilizing casinghead gas which previously had been flared.

Legal action has been settled in 14 of the 16 fields affected by the commission's original anti-flaring order.

Bodies Of Two Dallas Men Found

DENTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—A grimly successful conclusion was marked up today to a search for two Dallas men who drowned Thursday while duck hunting in Lake Dallas.

The body of Bob Elcher, 30, was recovered first yesterday. Searchers found the body of Monroe Guesendorf, 27, late in the afternoon.

The two drowning victims were in a small boat which capsized in choppy waters. A third member of the hunting party, Ralph J. Brothers, 27, of Dallas, swam to safety.

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What Means Christmas?

On the face of it, we may seem to be among the few. Actually, under the surface, we rather imagine our abode could be quite crowded.

We speak of Christmas—what it means to us and to others. The day is in honor of the birth of the human who made clearer to muddled humanity the omnipresence and omnipotence of God. December 25 may not have been his birthday—probably wasn't—but it has been accepted in the Christian world.

How many of us, though, make the conscious effort to hallow the day for what it is intended? If the 25th did not fall on Sunday, how many of us would give much thought to worship?

Today's Christmas, principally, is the season for gift giving and receiving. Children, especially, are taught from their infancy that if they are good, Santa Claus will bring them a doll or a train or a drum. Without making a survey, it probably wouldn't be far from wrong to say that the majority of the children first think of Santa, and then—if at all—think of Jesus when Christmas is mentioned.

Parents, in many cases, are as uninformed. We learned of the mother, when her small daughter asked her what it was that "Came upon a midnight clear," blithely answered, "Why, Santa Claus, of course, my dear."

Such a parent may have a vague notion of the birth of the Saviour, but she expressed precious little of it. Her child is headed for the same ignorance.

On the face of it, as we said, our anti-commercial ideas probably find us in the minority. But if it weren't "the thing to do," we feel more of the majority would substitute, for the usual hilarity, a bit more reverence for him whose birth is being lauded.

"We even feel this group is growing each year, and that eventually, perhaps not as far off as some may think, "the earth will be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea."

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Christmas Sees Many Needy Persons Being Helped By American CROP

This Christmas, there are needy persons all over the world—those who know no peace and receive no goodwill from anyone—who will stay alive in 1950 because in the 1949 harvest season Americans in this and 34 other states helped them through the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP).

CROP is the cooperative church project through which bulk farm commodities are contributed for distribution overseas by church agencies to the neediest, regardless of race or creed.

As 1949 draws to a close at Christmas time, participants in CROP—contributors to the Friendship Food Trains, solicitors and staff personnel—viewed the year's work, for which total contributions have not been compiled yet, as a worthy expression of Christian brotherhood by America.

There were the 48 school children in the small town of Vail, Ia., who wanted to contribute to CROP so war orphans overseas could eat. Under the guidance of Rev. Frank Turnbull, of Vail, the children picked up 5500 pounds of fallen popcorn on the farm of Guy Nelson and Lacy North, shelled, packaged and sold it to make a \$1000 CROP gift for the purchase of exportable commodities.

The Children's Home Farm in Randolph, N. Y., gave a pig to CROP, the sale of which swelled CROP's milk fund. A Sunday School class of eight small children in York, Pa., collected four bushels of apples for CROP.

There were thousands of other children across the country, in Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Carolina, California and the other states who picked corn, cotton and other crops, who gave their pennies for CROP and who solicited adults for contributions to the brotherhood program.

There were many donations, but not as many nor as large as in previous drives. CROP workers found that many persons were not fully aware of the need abroad. Local church support was lacking in some areas. Many people were "too busy." Crops were bad in other sections.

"It is our earnest hope," William Z. Cline, national field director, said, "that CROP's intensive December climax drive will result in total contributions for the year that truly represent America's potential."

"But we are worried—worried that the 1949 totals will not reflect the true spirit of Christmas in America, the spirit of Christian brotherhood that means we make a living by what we get and we make a life by what we give."

LOCAL NEWS

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They're going Studebaker. Louise Elliott and wife of Amarillo are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wharton of Fort Worth is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. W. J. Redwine are visiting here during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Price and family. She is the former Darryl Price.

Bill Long, student at A&M, arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with his mother and family. Paul Johnson of Bunkie, La., is spending the holidays with his sister-in-law, and with a brother-in-law, Henry King.

Bobbie Davis is spending the holidays with her daughter, Bobbie Robinson, in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bain are visiting their daughter in Allison. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alexander and daughter Kathryn are visiting in Allison with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hudnell are spending the holidays in East Texas with relatives.

C. B. Sikes has just received a new carload of Studebakers. Why not thrill the family with one now?

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wright of Spearman, enroute to Floydada, visited here the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Whelchel and family of Pampa are spending the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. John Cannon and La Verna.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Hamilton of Dallas are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson.

Stanley Crone, who is stationed in the navy at Corpus Christi, and Mrs. Roy Adkins and daughter of Carlsbad, N. M., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Dollie Crone.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard and Mr. and Mrs. "Chick" Williams and children are visiting in Rawls with relatives.

Mrs. Teulah Hughes of Fort Worth is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grimes of Tell.

Visitors with the Jim Martin-daes the latter part of the week were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pate and daughter of Dallas, Mrs. Coy Da-

TEMPERATURE

The lowest temperature for the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday was 28 degrees at 5 p. m. Friday. The highest was 28 degrees at 8 yesterday morning.

Temperatures follow:

Noon	Midnight
Friday	Friday
1 44	1 33
2 48	2 30
3 50	3 29
4 51	4 31
5 52	5 30
6 50	6 30
7 39	7 29
8 40	8 28
9 37	9 30
10 38	10 35
11 35	11 39
12 35	12 43

Mother And-

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day had completed re-painting the home which he owned, the girl said.

She said the family Christmas tree was in the same room with the stove where Andrea, Yolanda and Alicia were asleep. The presents, however, were "hidden somewhere" in the house.

A search of the records indicated the 2:30 a. m. tragedy was the worst residential fire toll in the history of the city. Four persons were burned to death here November 18 when fire destroyed another home in the south section of the city.

vis of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Terry and son of Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fromm are visiting with the Martin-daes.

Mrs. Kay Doshier was ill at her home Friday and yesterday, it was reported by friends.

Mrs. Velvia Hardison is visiting in Olton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Bennett.

Donald Woody of Albuquerque is home for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Woody.

MOSTLY FEMALES

Among the corineal insects, used as a source of dye, there are 150 to 200 times as many females as males, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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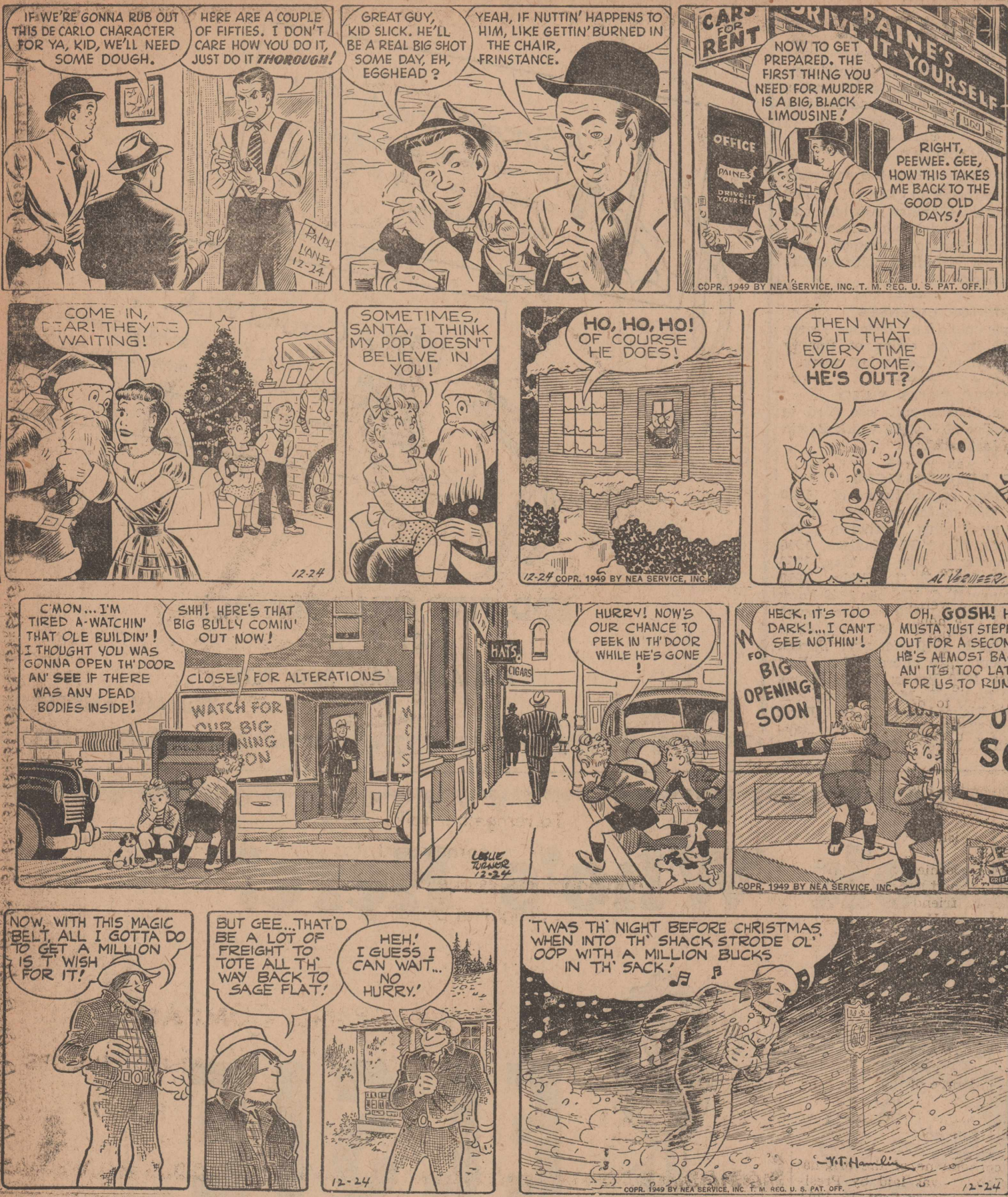
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Dear Santa,
I would like to have a train and a wagon. I am 6 years old and I am in the first grade. My little sister, Jan, wants a doll and a cradle for it. We have been good.
We love you
Jack and Jan Wyatt
Northfield Route, Tell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a baton, dishes, red pocketbook and a doll. I am in the fourth grade and I am 8 years old. Don't forget Bob and L. T. and I would like to have some candy if you could bring it to me. And when you come, don't forget to go in at the front door cause it has a design on it, and I want you to see it. Don't forget about the other children.
Your Friend,
Nila Joyce Hightower

Estelline News

Mrs. E. F. Kennedy

'Tis the week before Christmas in Estelline and there is a bustle everywhere. Lighted Christmas trees shine through the windows of many homes and most of the business houses. Spreading good cheer are the outdoor lighted trees of Cobles Magnolia Station, Christmas carols being played over Reverend Greene's loudspeaker by Rabb Holland at the Post Office, the Christmas tree and treats provided by the 1932 Culture Club for the colored school, and many other things. It's a Merry Christmas in Estelline.

Reverend and Mrs. W. B. Greene, Reverend and Mrs. A. F. Lotin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morrison, and Mrs. Agnes Bailey, Zeno Zint, and Bessie Coppedge attended the Baptist Workers Conference in Leslie on last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Raines, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gowan of Jackboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Labay of Plainview visited in Estelline last weekend.

Allene Russell underwent dental surgery in Amarillo on Monday.

Ed Kennedy and Duane were brought home from a Memphis hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Darby visited in Pampa last Sunday.

J. M. Robinson and Wallace Joutett visited relatives in Hugoton, Kansas, last week end.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pat McLean and Patricia left for Los Angeles California on Tuesday night to spend the holidays with relatives.
Reverend and Mrs. W. B. Greene and boys leave Thursday to spend the holidays with his mother in Knoxville, Tenn.

Patti Sloan is home from NTSTC for the holidays.
C. L. Sloan, III came in from Chicago, Ill., where he is stationed at Chanute Field, on Wednesday, to be with his parents for 10 days.

Collie Orcutt, who is a member of the U. S. Navy, stationed in Boston, came in on Tuesday for a visit with his parents.

The glee club from Lakeview, under the direction of Mrs. Guy Killian, gave a Christmas Carol Concert at the Baptist Church Monday evening. The WMU had a short meeting following this and gifts were left to be sent to the Mexican Orphans Home.

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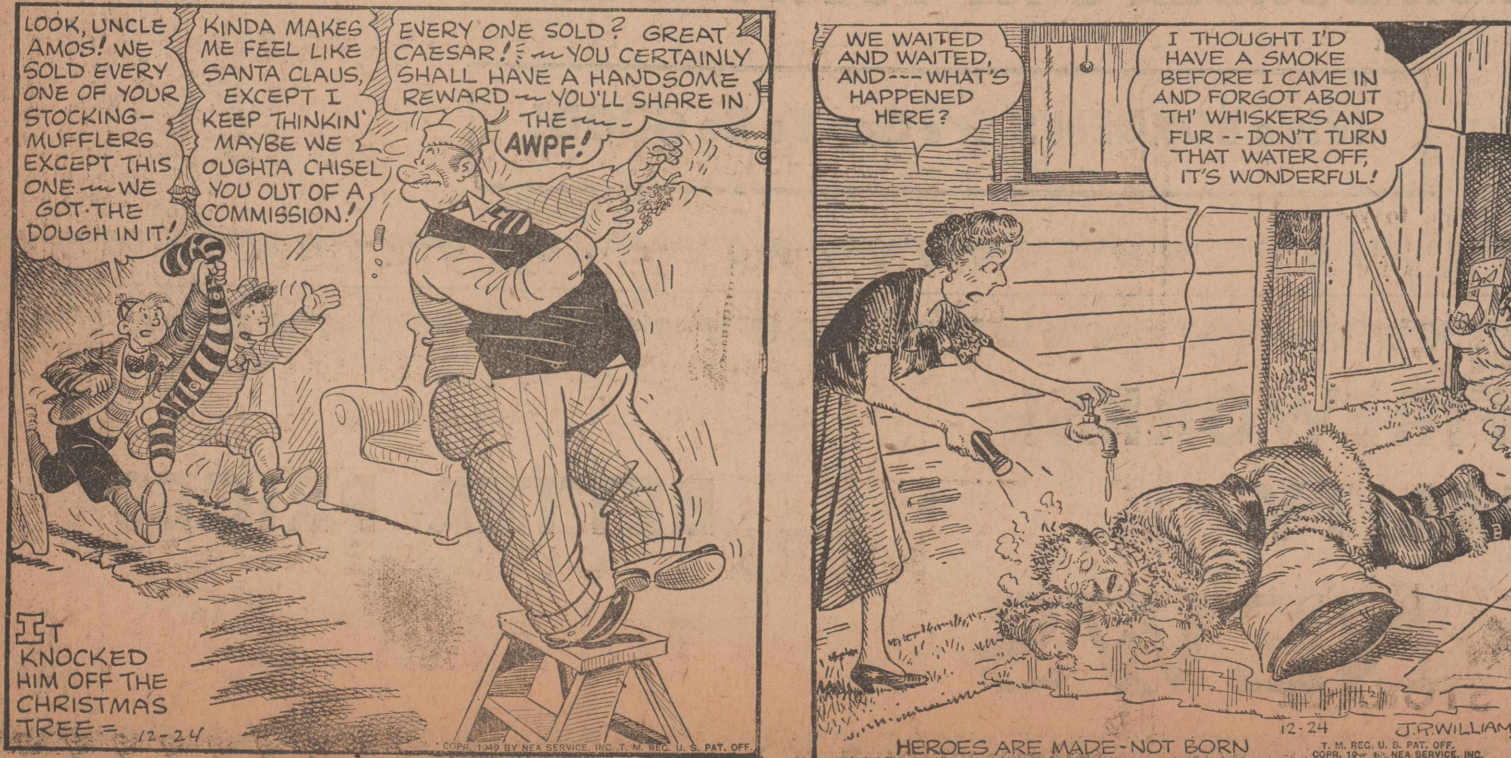
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Gov. Shivers, Free Of Political Bids, Sees 1950 As Chance To Show Worth

AUSTIN, Dec. 24 (UP)—Gov. Allan Shivers, 42 and free of the political reins of a predecessor, will ride into 1950 fresh for new fields to conquer and hopeful of at least three full years in office.

Shivers — as lieutenant governor — became Texas' chief executive last July 11 when Beauford H. Jester died suddenly, alone and unattended, in a pullman berth at Houston.

As the successor to Jester, Shivers moved into office with the statement that political commitments would be carried out. Major policies, so far as possible, would not be changed.

The end of 1949 finds Shivers virtually "clear of all 'ghost ties'" but one.

That is a special session, a certainty with the start of the new year.

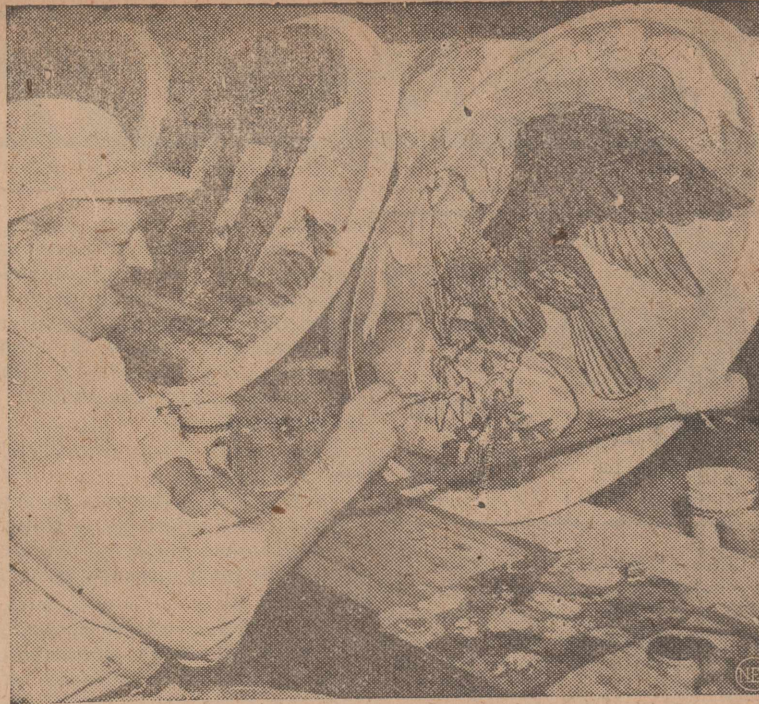
Appointments, agreed to earlier by Jester, have been made faithfully by Shivers. Politically, he's on his own with no binding ties of previous commitments.

The special session, inherited with the office of governor, became a certainty when Jester necessarily vetoed a \$17½ million appropriation for the state's eleemosynary institutions.

Shivers has already laid down his policy on that front.

He will, he said, limit his call to to revenue-raising legislation to provide for the multi-million dollar eleemosynary reform program. The governor will finish 1949 with something like five months and 20 days in office.

He is assured of at least one more year — the unexpired term of the late governor. And he has



BRUSH-UP FOR STATE SEALS—The Alabama state seal gets a going over by Sumner Perry as part of the painting and redecorating program in the nation's capitol. The seals of all the states and territories will be placed in the House chambers again after painting.

already announced that he will seek re-election for the term beginning in 1951.

Thus far, Shivers has faced no great crisis.

Political tumult that shook the Democratic Party in Texas in 1948 subsided, issues and controversial legislation that thundered about Jester were resolved as Shivers took office.

The governor, although he had won two statewide races, was personally known to comparatively few Texans.

To counteract this, he since has traveled extensively. Enough so, that some criticism has been leveled at his office.

Aides say that Shivers is paying his own way, footing the expenses of travel whether on state business or personal pleasure.

Either way, he has met — and been seen by — thousands of people.

Automatically, he is rated the number one contender in the race for governor in 1950.

Back of him in 1949 is a period of comparative calm.

Ahead, waiting somewhere in 1950, is his first real test of governorship — a test that some observers believe might come with the special session of the Legislature, probably late in January.

JUST THINKING

BY FRANK HATT

Louis G. Raney has a believe it or not, and he has witnesses to prove his story.

Louis was standing in front of his office yesterday afternoon talking to Mr. and Mrs. Henry King when he saw John O. McMinn walk down the sidewalk.

Louis saw a bill fall from John's pocket, saw it was only a one and shouted to John that he had dropped the money. John came back to get his buck.

At that exact moment Mrs. Donald Black and daughter came across the street and Mrs. Black handed Louis a 50 cent piece.

You won't believe this part but Mrs. Black said she saw Louis drop the money in Help-Selfy store.

So while Louis was giving the buck that John dropped he was getting back the half-buck he had dropped himself.

I am not responsible for the veracity of this story, but I can't see how Louis could afford to make it up in the face of so many witnesses.

My conclusion is that there must be a lot of honest people in Childress (at least where small amounts are involved and we hope large amounts too).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all The Index readers a most enjoyable Christmas. May you enjoy the good things of life and have much happiness.

For ourselves, we at The Index want, more than anything else, your continued good will and sincere friendship.

We really try to give you the kind of paper you want and expect. That we make mistakes goes without saying. But we keep trying to improve.

A rare week end holiday will be observed by The Index. We will not publish until Tuesday. See you then.

JUSTICE COURT

A total of \$390 in fines was assessed in Justice Court last week. Seven of the fines were for highway overloading six for highway violations, three for drunkenness, one for no driver's license, and one for reckless driving.

COUNTY COURT

Two fines each of \$50 and costs were assessed in District Court last week. Clarence Albright was fined for driving while intoxicated and Preston Christoph was fined for swindling with worthless check.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Four marriage licenses were issued in the office of County Clerk Jimmie Leslie last week.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

One divorce suit was filed in the office of District Clerk Edwin Cato last week.

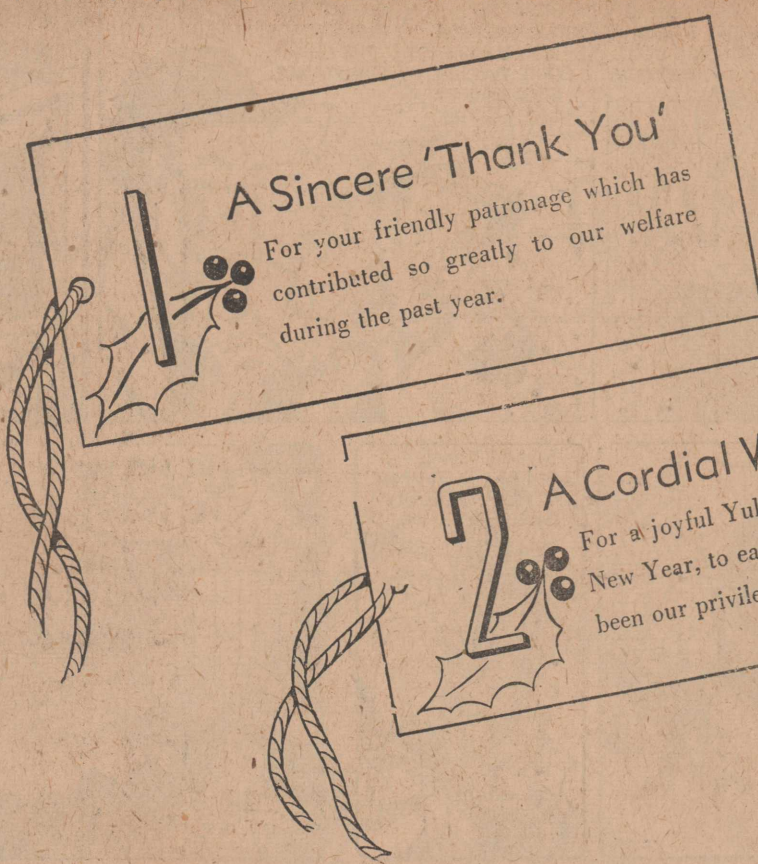
CAR REGISTRATIONS

Fifteen registrations of 1949 and 1950 model cars were noted last week: Gus Leftwich, 1949 DeSoto; Floyd W. Madison, 1949 Plymouth; George W. May, 1950 Studebaker; R. C. Gibbs, 1950 Mercury; R. C. Nichols, 1949 Ford; David Nelson, 1949 Pontiac; Arvon McSpadden, 1950 Mercury; John W. Smith, 1950 Mercury; Warren Sanders, 1950 Ford; Van Earl Sams, 1950 Buick; W. F. House, 1949 Dodge; L. M. Timmons, 1950 Ford; Richard E. Nall, 1940 Ford; W. O. Slaton, 1950 Mercury; Raymond L. Lorey, 1950 Ford.

PUBLIC RECORDS

CORPORATION COURT

A total of \$264.50 was assessed in Corporation Court last week. Eighteen fines were imposed for drunkenness, seven for overparking, four for running red lights and one for fighting.



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