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House Passes Aid Bill In Rare Dawn Session

Weather Is Topsy-Turvy In Texas

The weather was a little topsy-turvy Tuesday as Texas began warming up after a week-end of snow, ice and freezing rain.

Amarillo, located in the northern Panhandle and considered one of the coldest spots in Texas, had the highest pre-dawn reading in the state—36 degrees.

In contrast, Texarkana and Tyler in more moderate East Texas, had the overnight low of 15 degrees.

The freezing weather extended into the Lower Rio Grande Valley where citrus and vegetable growers were fearful that the low temperatures, if prolonged, could do serious damage.

Skies were fair over the entire state with clear and warmer weather predicted for both Tuesday and Wednesday.

Other pre-dawn readings included Longview 16, Lufkin 17, College Station and Dallas 22, El Paso, Mineral Wells, Fort Worth, Junction and Waco 23, Wink and Houston 24, San Antonio and Austin 25, Lubbock 26, Wichita Falls 27, McAllen 28, Corpus Christi 30, Maria and Brownsville 31, Laredo 32 and Dalhart 33.

Maximum readings Monday afternoon ranged from 31 degrees at Dallas to 51 at Laredo.

Churches To Celebrate Christmas

At least three Snyder churches will hold services this evening to celebrate the coming of the Christ child.

St. John's Episcopal will celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Alan B. Conley, vicar of All Saints Episcopal Church in Colorado City as celebrant and preacher.

At 11 p.m. candlelight services will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. John Gordon, pastor of the church will give a Christmas message.

At St. Elizabeth's Church the midnight Christmas mass will be held at 12 o'clock.

GOODFELLOWS

Table with 2 columns: Donations, Amount. Includes names like Maydelle Burns, Virginia Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Holladay, Paul Sizemore, Tom John, Robert, and Kathy Boren.

WEATHER

SNYDER TEMPERATURES: 41-59 Monday, 43 degrees; 50-51 degrees, Tuesday; 47-50 degrees, Wednesday; 45-50 degrees, Thursday; 43-50 degrees, Friday; 41-50 degrees, Saturday; 43-50 degrees, Sunday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an unprecedented Christmas Eve daybreak session, the House passed and sent to the Senate today a compromise \$3-billion foreign aid appropriation bill giving the President authority to guarantee credit for private wheat sales to Russia.

The roll-call vote that ended a long weekend of bickering over the bill was 189 to 159.

It was a victory for President Johnson and a defeat for House Republicans who once had beaten the proposal.

It came during the first Christmas Eve business session in modern congressional history—a session that convened at 7 a.m.

The action cleared the way for a general exodus of members for a recess until the next session on Jan. 7.

The Senate was expected to pass the foreign-aid money bill Friday. It was in session today, but with an agreement that no business be transacted.

The House will hold at least one perfunctory meeting later to complete action on a sine die adjournment resolution. Final adjournment tentatively is set for next Monday, but no legislation remains to be acted on by the House this year.

The authority given the President to negotiate sales of wheat

for other products to Communist nations would, in effect, take the risk out of private loans. It determines it to be in the national interest, to use Export-Import Bank finances to guarantee the loans. He would have to report any transactions to Congress within a month after they are made.

Although the amount of for-

eign aid approved—\$3 billion—was \$100 million less than the amount Johnson said would be a safe minimum, administration forces counted the outcome a victory because the President won the authority to permit the credit guarantee.

In pleading for this authority, Johnson had said he wanted it before Congress adjourned.

The House twice refused to grant it, once when it passed the bill originally Dec. 16 and again last Saturday when it turned down a compromise containing a provision conditioning the authority on a presidential finding that the national interest required its use. The Senate originally rejected the House bill.

On both occasions, the House action was instigated by Republicans and accomplished by the votes of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

A second try at a compromise Monday under procedure made by a two-thirds vote for success. It fell two votes short of that number. It had the support of all 195 Democrats present and 7 Republicans and the opposition of 106 Republicans.

Today's showdown will be determined by a majority vote of Republicans aiming to send the bill back to a compromise committee and the President's forces attempting to send it to the Senate, which won't do anything about it before Friday and probably not until Monday.

135 Missing In Disaster

By HAROLD K. MILKS

LISBON, Portugal (AP)—The British aircraft carrier Centaur and her planes searched today for 135 persons missing from the cruise ship Lakonia as rescue vessels raced to port with a reported 877 survivors of the burned-out Greek liner.

About 500 survivors were expected this morning at Funchal on Madeira Island, aboard the Argentine freighter Salta.

Other ships were taking rescued passengers and crew members to Casablanca and the Canary Islands.

There was no word on the cause of the fire that broke out aboard the 20,314-ton Lakonia just before midnight Sunday. She was 100 miles north of Madeira on a balmy Christmas hol-

iday cruise, carrying 651 passengers—most of them British or Irish—and a Greek and German crew of 365.

The fire raged through the 600-foot vessel, forcing passengers and crew into the inky Atlantic within an hour.

The abandoned Lakonia was still afloat, a ghost ship. Explosions had blown the steel plates from one third the length of her hull. She listed heavily to starboard and sent up smoke visible for miles.

Latest reports to the Greek Line put the number of those rescued by the mercy armada at 877. Twenty-four were known dead, and 135 were unaccounted for.

But as rescue ships began reports of shivering and exhausted survivors, some discrepancies appeared. It may take days to make an accurate accounting of those lost.

The Centaur's planes and helicopters scoured the calm Atlantic today, their pilots straining to spot signs of life among bobbing lifejackets and abandoned rafts.

Eisenhower's Long Visit Aided New Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson, in some personal revelations of life as chief executive, reports he got advice and suggestions in a long memo from former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Leading another of his impromptu and expansive goodwill tours of the White House Monday night, Johnson told a four-

some of women reporters that Eisenhower sat down for 2½ hours the day after John F. Kennedy's assassination to help Johnson with his ideas.

He said Eisenhower wrote him longhand on sheets of long yellow legal pad paper and then dictated in the Executive Office Building after having paid his respects with top officials who came to view Kennedy's coffin in the East Room of the White House.

"The things I said to the President in Congress," he suggested, Johnson said.

In a Christmas party mood, after entertaining members of Congress at the White House Monday night, Johnson called back the four reporters to pose for pictures with him and his wife on a curving marble staircase and then launched them on a 45-minute tour. It went through the Flower Room, the swimming pool where he said he tries to take twice-daily dips, and his oval office, where he said the president is called on to sign some 700 documents a day.

Although he said he had only one hour's sleep the night before, mulling over problems of his office, and had missed lunch except for a glass of diet drink, Johnson declared "I never felt better in my life."

He said he has trimmed down from 226 pounds to 205 and felt he was in "perfect condition."

Johnson, walking from the former's rooms of the White House, back to his office in the west wing, took the reporters H. A. Johnson, Jr., 47.00

signing much chit-chat about his new can know the full truth."

'Christmas Fun' Winners Picked

Mrs. D. L. Winburne, 439 Thirty-first Street, is the winner of the top prize in the final "Christmas Fun" event. Mrs. Winburne's name was drawn for the \$50 cash prize.

Winner of the second place \$25 prize is Mrs. D. L. Sheldahl, 212 Elm Street.

The \$5 winners are Mrs. E. Nemmo, 1907 Twentieth; Mrs. I. N. Hataway, A. A. H. Route; Mrs. C. L. Lee, Route 2, Box 301; W. J. Martin, 1104 Twentieth Street, and Richard Harlow, 2206 Hill Avenue.

During the "Christmas Fun" event \$300 in cash and scores of merchandise prizes have been awarded by participating merchants.

Winners of merchandise items in the final "Christmas Fun" contest are: a cassette from Whitfield's; Lillie Cantrell, 311 34th; \$5 gift certificate from Penney's; Mrs. Jack Crawley, 1509 Ave. K; shoe groomer from Rogers, Inc.; Mrs. Dene Beaver, P. O. Box 62, Fluvanna.

A canvas set from Goodyear Service Store; Mrs. Virgil Mobley, 106 Elm St.; a house from Justine's; Mrs. Joe Alexander, 2903 34th; bracelet and earring set from Williams Jewelry, Mrs. F. P. Pikes, 1310 7th; fur collar from Mrs. Moxley's; Mrs. Howard Ray, 3790 Dalton; three pairs of socks from Dad & Lad store; Mrs. Charles McArthur, 2107 42nd.

Drum from Holt Music Co.; Mrs. H. R. Arnold, Route 1 Snyder; two Mexican dinners from Carlos' Little Mexico Cafe; Betty Howard, Bel Air Village; lamp from Perry's; Rosa Kennedy, 102 Birch; box of candy from Snyder Drugs; Mrs. Norrine Woolsey, 1809 15th St.; handbag from The Fair Store.

Mrs. Vernon E. Browning, Route 1, Snyder; purse from Gray's; Mrs. J. C. White, 310 34th St.; \$3 gift certificate from Anthony's; J. P. Ward, 3200 Hill Ave.

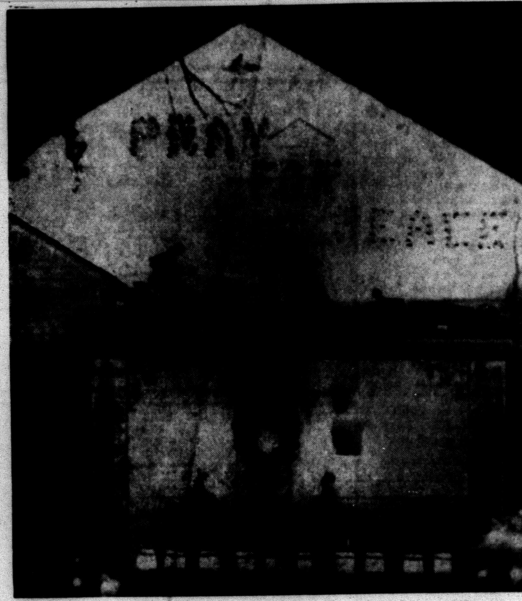
Clip and Dip set from Star Division; Mrs. H. W. Rodgers, 212 Elm; record album from M & M Electronics; Mrs. Homer Ganaway, Jr., Box 73; Hermleigh cook book from Bud's Office Supply; Verlene Arndt's, 310 34th; three pairs men's shoes from Thompson's Shoe Store; Frances Nelson, Route 1 Snyder.

Gold paces from Dyden's Shoes; Mrs. Howard Ray, 3790 Dalton; Hi-Protein permanent from Jessie's Beauty College; Mrs. Kenneth Terral, Route 2 Snyder; steak knives from McDow Home Appliance; Mrs. Earl Chetty, 417 33rd St.; after shave set from Hall Drug; George Watts, East Highway.

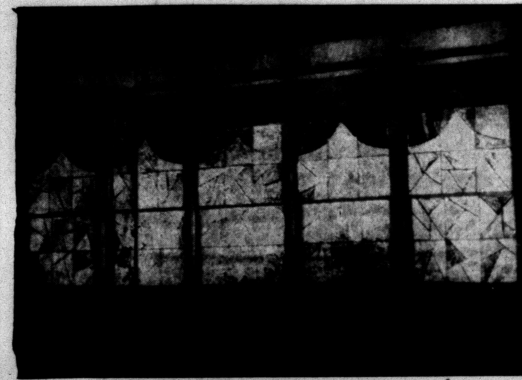
Two stein dinners from Charles Grilly; Mrs. Dan Teague, 112 Canyon; bulletin board from Bennett's; Mrs. Hugh Birdwell, 2611 32nd; steak knives from Mixon's; Hazel White, 2707 26th; door panel from Montgomery Ward; Rena McCright, Route 3; Snyder; planter from White's; Ruby Store; Eddie Ramsey, 2901 Ave. W; and six months subscription to Snyder News; Bernice Childress, 2314 26th St.

Honest Santa Claus Receives Reward

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A young shopping center Santa Claus, who recently returned a wallet containing \$43 in Christmas savings to the woman who had lost it in a parking lot, received \$100 from a Philadelphia man.



FIRST PLACE WINNER in the Jaycee-sponsored outdoor lighting contest was Mrs. Billy Greenfield, 2608 Avenue U. Second place was taken by Mrs. Josephine Randals, 3003 Thirty-third Street. Honorable mentions were given Joe Ellington, 2217 Fortieth Street and Bill Zimmerman, 2802 Denison.



FIRST PLACE in the Religious decoration of doors or windows was won by John H. Boren, 1807 Thirty-eighth Street. Second prize was won by the Rev. Harry Vanderpool, 3005 Thirty-third Street.



THIRD PLACE in the Religious division of the lighting contest went to Ralph Wesson for this window at 3726 Austin Avenue.

Continued Life Is Girl's Yule Gift

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Barbara Staten is a pigtailed orphan who paid with pain for her Christmas present—life itself.

The 9-year-old child clung to life for 47 days while battling burns suffered in the Halloween explosion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum.

Added to the physical drain of third-degree burns over 35 per cent of her body was a stunning emotional shock. The explosion took 72 dead, including her mother, father, grandmother and brother. All that remains of the family is Barbara and her 15-year-old brother, John.

One of John's last pre-Christmas visits to Barbara's hospital room was to watch a television performance of Holiday on Ice—the same show which played at the Coliseum Oct. 31.

The Staten family was sitting in box seat Section 13, which was hurried into the air by the explosion in a concession room under the concrete arena.

Killed outright were Dr. Jesse C. Staten, 50, Barbara's father, and a General Motors Corp. plant physician here: his wife, Mary, 46, and his mother, Mrs. Lena Staten, 70, Greenslade.

Barbara, John and David Staten, 14, were injured — and

David died 24 hours later.

Last Tuesday Barbara was taken off the critical list at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Barbara was told Dec. 9 that her parents won't be waiting when she goes home from the hospital.

Mrs. Dorothy Olinger, a private nurse, said the little girl cried for about an hour after she was told her parents were dead "but now she's accepted it."

Snyder Girl's Heart Surgery Said Success

Kayla Arnold, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Arnold, 2901 Avenue W., is reported in good condition following surgery in a Corpus Christi hospital.

A suspected heart defect was definitely diagnosed as a "hole" in her heart, and open heart surgery to be performed as soon as possible was prescribed.

The operation was performed Tuesday morning, and took two and one-half hours to complete.

Friends in Snyder were told this morning that Kayla had been returned from the recovery room to her regular room, and that her condition is satisfactory.

Kayla is in room 323 of Texas Children's Hospital.

South's Snow Heaviest Of Century

A fast-moving early winter storm which dumped the heaviest snowfalls of the century in some Southern states swept across broad areas in the eastern section of the nation today.

The pre-Christmas storm, fanned by gusty winds, disrupted air and highway travel, created hazardous driving conditions and inconvenienced millions.

The storm, on the first full day of winter, left amounts up to 16 inches in western and 8 inches in the New York metropolitan area. It hammered most of the northern half of the Atlantic coastal region and other Eastern areas after sweeping across Southern states.

The snow, followed by sleet and freezing rain in many Eastern areas, was blamed for at least 15 deaths, mostly in traffic accidents on icy and snow-covered highways, exposure from cold and heart attacks induced by over-exertion.

Cold air dipped deep into parts of the Southland, notably across the snow-covered regions in Tennessee and Kentucky.

The mercury plunged to 12 below zero in Memphis, Tenn., a record low for the city, which is covered by 15 inches of snow, the heaviest amount of the century.

Highway travel in the South was extremely dangerous on ice-covered highways. State troopers allowed only vehicles with snow tires and chains to travel on highways between Alabama and Tennessee, north Georgia and north Mississippi.

A white Christmas was assured for vast areas in the eastern two-thirds of the nation.

The snow, after whipping across the South and Midwest sections Sunday, swept northward along the Atlantic Coast, into New England and inward to the eastern Great Lakes region.

Dear Abby...

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: You would do a real service if you advised girls with children to let their mothers have some peace. We have a number of such young mothers on our street, including my own daughter. They couldn't get out fast enough to live their own lives, but they are back every day with their children for you to feed and look after. It's always a new excuse. Their apartment is cold. Or it's hot. Or it's too cramped.

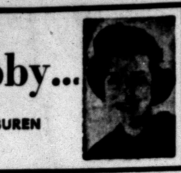
The kids haven't been taught manners and they wreck the house. My husband isn't young any more and he can't take the racket and yelling. When I raised my children, my mother visited me once a week. I never took my kids to her house.

What's the matter with the young mothers today? TIREDD GRANDMOTHER DEAR TIREDD: It could be that some were poorly prepared for motherhood. In any event, grandparents will feel imposed upon should say, "I'm willing to help in an emergency, but don't overdo it."

DEAR ABBY: Is it normal for a young unmarried girl to pal around with a married woman 20 years her senior? Neither seems to have any other friends. I am wondering if it is wise for a fellow even to attempt to get acquainted with this girl. She is very intelligent and attractive, but I don't know if she would have any interest in me. What is your advice?

A FELLOW DEAR FELLOW: There is only one way to find out. Ask her.

DEAR ABBY: About three months ago my husband and I and another couple (our best friends) went to an anniversary party at the home of mutual friends. We all had a few drinks and were feeling pretty good. We played kissing games, and my husband kissed my best girl friend. I'll admit he put everything he had into it, and so did she, but I was willing to let it go. Her husband made a big fuss about it and, as a result, we aren't seeing this couple any more. I know it never would have happened under any other



interested in any other couple we know. We used to have such good times. Should we try to make up with them? If so, how should we go about it? SAD AT HEART DEAR SAD: Yes. Since it was the man who made the fuss, have your husband call him and ask if he wants to bury the hatchet. Your husband will know by his reply if he wants to bury it—and where. Lots of luck. MERRY CHRISTMAS! ABBY

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WHEN SANTA VISITED the Presbyterian Church last week, Karen Gordon, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Gordon, wasn't a bit bashful in telling him what she wanted for Christmas. Karen's expecting Santa tonight, because he told her he'd be here.

Modern Day Pilgrims Flock To Place Of Christ's Birth

Thousands of pilgrims flocked to the grotto of Christ's birth in Bethlehem today as Christians prepared to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Christians will observe the Nativity with midnight religious services, family reunions and feasting. Pope Paul VI in his first Christmas message pleaded for peace and unity on earth.

But scattered around the world were stark reminders of the differences that divide mankind—war in South Viet Nam, communal shooting in Cyprus, U.S. troops on patrol on the bleak, freezing hills dividing North and South Korea, the Communist wall through Berlin.

Thousands of pilgrims from around the world flocked to Bethlehem. Two hundred Jordanian police were assigned to

special duty with army desert troops to preserve order—and to enforce a recent peace agreement among Christian denominations whose bickering over the 1,600-year-old Church of the Nativity has upset Christmas processions in the past.

In Berlin, Communists were allowing West Berliners to cross into East Berlin for Christmas-time family reunions for the first time since they built their hated wall in August 1961.

Thousands clutched galaxy-wrapped gifts, have crossed over for tearful one-day reunions since last Friday. The agreement ends Jan. 5.

Even as families gathered happily together again, East German border guards shot down an East Berliner trying to flee to the West Monday.

In Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, gun battles continued for the fourth straight day between Greek and Turkish Cypriots whose recurrent enmity was sparked by a dispute over constitutional amendments. Officials said eight persons had been killed up to Monday night, but unkilld sources counted at least twice as many dead.

A white Christmas was in store for large sections of the United States. A storm dumped the heaviest snowfalls of the century on some Southern states, then swept across broad areas of the East. The storm disrupted air and highway travel and inconvenienced millions.

In Washington, President Johnson prepared to fly to Texas to spend the Christmas

holiday with his family at his ranch.

Mrs. John F. Kennedy is observing Christmas with her late husband's family in Palm Beach, Fla. Late Monday, she took her two children—Caroline, 6, and John Jr., 3—Christmas shopping. But they had to cut short their outing because of the crowd that formed after they were recognized.

Pope Paul invited members of the Roman Catholic Sacred College of Cardinals to a traditional papal audience today to receive his Christmas greetings.

The Pope, in his first Christmas message Monday, called on world leaders to negotiate for peace free of arms races and propaganda and a peace with confidence in the United Nations.

In Cuba, Christmas is being celebrated with a conspicuous lack of religious theme. In Havana, a huge sign proclaims: "Joy, gaiety and warmth in our Cuban and Socialist Christmas."

The government of Fidel Castro decreed an additional quota

Mrs. Fish Dies Monday

Funeral services will be held Thursday in Ranger for Mrs. Ora Belle Fish, former Snyder resident.

Mrs. Fish, 70, widow of the late Tom Fish, died Monday afternoon in Ranger General Hospital following a long illness.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Ranger, with the Rev. J. E. Lamb, pastor of the Pentecostal Church, and the Rev. Lonzo Sides officiating.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Merritt, 213 Thirty-fifth Street, are the parents of a 6 lb. 4.5 oz. baby girl born at 2:46 a.m. Dec. 23 at Cogdell Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moring, former residents of Snyder, are the parents of a baby girl born Dec. 21 in Levelland.

of food will be distributed—one pound of pork and two ounces of tomatoes per person—plus one chicken for every two persons.

HOSPITAL NOTES

COGDELL HOSPITAL

ADMISSIONS: Leclair Wirfston, 2700 Thirty-second; Delores Merritt, 213 Thirty-fifth; Tommy Forrest, Dermott; George Isbell, Rt. 3; Jean Long, Gail; Billie Wilson, Arak Rt.; Jimmy Willett, 2106 Muriel.

DISMISSALS: Mrs. Bob O'Day and baby girl; Daphne Short; Glenna Cohee; Myrtle Smyrl; Nelda Hardin; Elenora Esquivel; Tommy Forrest; Sidney Bell; Ray Costello; Keith Bryant.

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FEATURE NO. 2 "Quantrell Raiders" With Steve Cochran

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ATHENEUM SOCIAL — The Atheneum Study Club held their annual Christmas social Saturday night at the Snyder Country Club. A large group of members and guests attended. Pictured above from left, Mrs. Ellis Huddleston of Lubbock and Mrs. Herbert Reed, guests, are being greeted by Mrs. Richard Stoker, Atheneum Club president, Mrs. Dean Floyd, Mrs. A. C. Floyd Jr., and Mr. Floyd. Other hostesses not pictured were Mrs. Larry Hall and Mrs. Wiley Brice.

Sorority Meet Held

The Lambda Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their third pledge training meeting recently in the home of Pat Pate. Nine pledges attended with Gene Terrell as pledge advisor. The next pledge meeting will be held on Dec. 23th in the home of Betty Winkle, 3711 Highland Drive.

Refreshments of Cokes and cookies were served. The regular Lambda Kappa Chapter meeting was held Tuesday evening in the community room of Snyder Savings and Loan. The chapter visited the Snyder Museum owned by Mrs. Schütze and announced they were very impressed by the tour. During the business meeting the group discussed plans to

Gamma Upsilon Christmas Dinner Held

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha held their annual Christmas dinner recently in the home of Wanda Eicke. Husbands of the sorority members were guests for the evening. The group enjoyed a festive dinner and games were played. Gifts were exchanged by secret sisters and each husband was presented a gift. Members and their husbands present were: Wanda and J. N. Eicke, Annabell and Leo Schatell, Norma and Gene Thompson, Norma and John Book, Adrianna and Charlie Sparks, Ilasu and Rudy Minor, Charlene and Benny Sims, Jackie and Dwayne Norris, Carmen and Tommy Ivson, Lucille and Jimmy Kiker, Tommy and Gene Comers, Dean and Bill Blankenship, Charlie Roberson and Sonny Springer.

Donations For Family

ORANGE (AP)—Contributions totaling \$3,375 have been received for the family of game warden J. D. Murphree of Orange, slain Dec. 1 as he tried to arrest a game violator. Funds for the Murphree family were started in Orange, Beaumont and Vidor. The drive became statewide when the Sportsmen's Clubs of Texas, Inc. of Austin, sent out an appeal for donations from its members. Murphree, 33, father of three, was reported shot as he attempted to make an arrest in a Jasper County back-water duck roost.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Bynum, 1909 Fifteenth, have returned from a short trip to Fortales N. M., where they attended the annual Christmas party at the Christian Children's Home. Gladys and Debra DeBusk, of the home, returned with the Bynums and will spend the holidays with them. The girls are 7 and 8 years old.

Altrurians Have Meetings

Sixteen members of the Altrurian Club, Mrs. D. M. Cogdell, honorary member, and Mrs. Harry Mace of Mancos, Colo., met Friday, Dec. 20, in the home of Mrs. C. C. Miller. Mrs. Mace was the guest of Mrs. Alvie Dolen. Mrs. Florence Leftwich, president, waived the usual business meeting, and introduced Mrs. Travis Rhodes after giving a brief summary of Mrs. Rhodes' unusual accomplishments. Mrs. Rhodes showed a number of color slides, most of which were taken around the small village of Oberammergau, Germany. Many of the slides dealt with the Passion Play which has become a tradition of that village.

Mrs. Rhodes reported that the actors in the Passion Play are so dedicated to their roles that their own lives are influenced by the character of the role they play. The colors used, and the posing of the actors made the slides seem to be paintings rather than pictures of real people, the viewers said. Mrs. Rhodes said that she and her group, which had gone to Oberammergau from Insubruk by special request, considered the trip a spiritual experience as well as one of deep interest.

Following the program gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. In a Dec. 6 meeting of the club, Mrs. C. T. McLaughlin was hostess at the Martha Ann Womens Clubhouse. Mrs. Ross Blanchard gave the program which was given over to preparation for Christmas. For roll call, each member responded with the showing of an arrangement which she had made, and described the material used. Mrs. Blanchard's program was given on interior decorating of this and other periods in history.

Custard Sauce

4 large eggs
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups milk, scalded in the top of a double boiler
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs just enough to combine yolks and whites. Add sugar and salt; beat enough to combine. At once stir in vigorously and gradually about one-quarter of the scalded milk; stir back into remaining scalded milk. Cook over simmering (not boiling) water, stirring constantly, just until custard coats a metal spoon. Place over cold water and ice cubes to cool and stir in vanilla; stir occasionally while cooling. Cover and chill. Makes about 3 cups. Serve with cut-up fresh fruit — bananas, oranges and seedless grapes are a good combination. Use 1/4 to 1-3 cup. Try filling the cavities of apples serving of custard sauce to a pie, ready for baking with 1/2 to 2-3 cup serving of the chopped fresh dates and nuts — pecans or walnuts.

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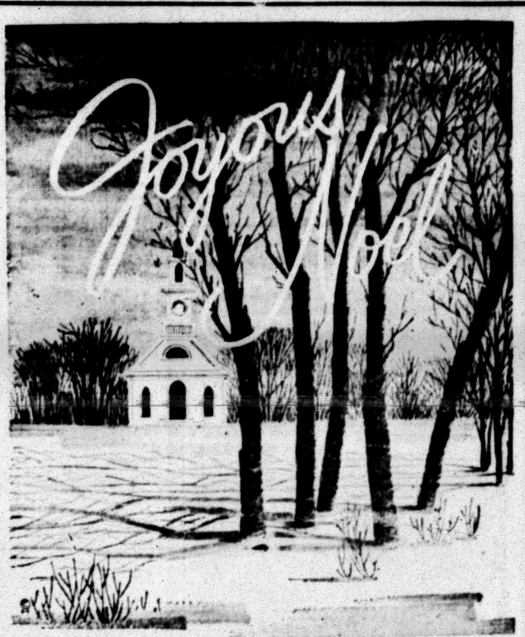
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PUBLIC RECORDS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED:
 James Martin Overman, Abilene, 18 and Linda Joyce England, 18.
 Carson Cyril Clayton, 25, and Betty Loy Brider, 20.
 W. B. Etheridge, Jr., Roscoe, 24, and Sharon Fayette Jones, 19.
 George Wayne Lee, 17, and Rita Carol Rooman, 17.
 Cecil Edward McDonald, 31, and Lillian Idella Wright, 31.
 Clyde Neal Martin, 37, and Opal Fay Palk, 30, both 42.

FILED IN CIVIL DISTRICT COURT:
 Roosevelt Aberry vs. Western Fire and Indemnity Co., compensation.
 Bobbie Harrison Conner vs. Johnny R. Conner, divorce.
ACTION IN CIVIL DISTRICT COURT:
 Leslie Gill vs. Naomi Gill, divorce granted.
 Blanche Grant vs. Johnny Grant, divorce granted.
 Jim H. Taylor vs. Texas Employers Insurance Assn., judgment.
 Patricia Jackson vs. Charles Henry Jackson, divorce granted.
 F. W. White et ux vs. C. A. Detrich et ux, dissolved.
WARRANTY DEEDS RECORDED:
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Page to Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Noble, lot 15 blk. 9 Highland Park, Addn., except minerals.
 Verdie O. Patrick to L. A. McClanahan, portion of lot 2 blk. 27 Grayson & Nelson Hts. Addn.
 James A. Clark to Mr. and Mrs. Marciano Morales, lot 7 blk. 4 Green Subdivision of Scarborough Addn., except minerals.
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Texas Solons Divided On Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—Texas congressmen divided 19-2 along party lines Monday on the roll call by which the House declined, 202-105, to consider foreign aid immediately. A two-thirds was needed for immediate consideration. A total of 195 Democrats and

seven Republicans voted for immediate consideration while 105 Republicans and 46 Democrats voted against the proposal which lacked eight votes of carrying. Voting for were Beckworth, Brooks, Burleson, Casey, Dowdy, Fisher, Gonzalez, Mahon, Patman, Poage, Pool, Purcell, Roberts, Rogers, Teague, Thomas, Thompson, Wright and Young, all Democrats. One Democrat, Kilgore, was absent. The state's two Republican congressmen, Alger and Foreman, voted against.

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49ers Give Christiansen More Time

By JACK STEVENSON
Associated Press Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Jack Christiansen gets more time to pull the San Francisco 49ers out of the National Football League cellar.

Just how long they won't say, nor how much he'll receive for the rebuilding effort, but the 49ers did announce Monday that the 35-year-old former defense coach has been reappointed head coach.

Following the season, players were virtually unanimous in support of Christiansen's continuing as coach. President Vic Morabito said no one else was considered.

Chris took control when Red Hickey quit Sept. 30 after the 49ers had lost five exhibition games and their first three league battles. Under the interim coach, the club posted only a 2-9 record yet showed improvement though continually plagued with injuries.

Morabito said, "We feel Chris deserves a full opportunity to coach the club. He took over as interim coach early in the season under very adverse circumstances. We feel he merits the chance to develop the team."

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Oilers Out-Talk Colts For Trull

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Don Trull, a pass-happy quarterback from Baylor, who is throwing next year for Houston of the American Football League.

But neither Trull nor the Oilers will even hint at a salary bonus and terms of their contract—apparently one of the biggest in a series of rocketing pro pacts.

The Oilers out-talked the Baltimore Colts of a National Football League for Trull's services. Both clubs wanted the two-time national collegiate passing leader. A badly that improvement though continually plagued with injuries.

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Is Tittle Santa Claus?

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN
Associated Press Sports Writer
CHICAGO (AP) — "Daddy, is Tittle as old as Santa Claus?"

"Ha, ha. You ask the darndest questions, Junior."

"But, daddy, I heard you say at our Christmas party that old man Tittle could beat the Chicago Bears Sunday. If he is as old as Santa Claus, how can he do something like that?"

"I didn't mean Tittle—we all call him, Yat—can do it alone, Junior. I was trying to show

that he as Santa Claus of the New York Giants.

"He hasn't got whiskers, Junior. In fact he is bald. And he hasn't a round little belly that shakes like a bowl full of jelly."

"But sometimes he comes down the chimney with a sack full of touchdowns."

"Daddy, I don't know what . . ."

"Get up here on my knee, Junior, and let me explain. Now, we know that Santa Claus has quite an arm. He can crack that whip and send Donder, Dasher, Dancer and Blitzen running."

"Tittle also has an arm like that. We fellows who know football like to say he has a hot hand—just like that fast-draw cowboy you throw on TV."

"Well, he throws the ball thirty-six times that he has thrown it this season, it has gone for a touchdown. And nine times a lanky guy called Del Shofner, who has the build of those gun-

slingers you watch, has caught the ball and scored a touchdown."

"Del is sort of like Santa's Rudolph, the rednose reindeer who guides his sleigh. And he is good at catching what we call bombs—long passes for touchdowns."

"But, daddy, can't anybody stop Santa Tittle from doing all that?"

"Well, Junior, that's the big question the Bears must face. Now, the Bears can put a big rush on the old man—you know, charge at him when he is trying to throw, like a stampee. We call it red-dog, like the name of that saloon."

"But, Santa Tittle usually is protected by his partners who won't let the other guys get to him. If they do get to him, he is very slippery—like that fish that got away from us last summer."

"Let's say, daddy, that Santa Tittle does get a chance to throw. Does he always throw the right guy?"

"Ha, ha. That's a good question, Junior. The Bears have a gang to surround the guys that Santa Tittle is trying to hit."

"They are guys like Roosevelt Taylor, Richie Petitbon, Benny McRae and Davey Whit-

sell. These four have stolen 29 passes that were supposed to go to other guys this season."

"My, my, daddy, won't Santa Tittle be afraid to throw with those robbers out there?"

and \$30,000 annually on a three-year, no-cut arrangement. The 6-foot-1, 185-pounder completed 174 passes for 2,157 yards this year—both national records—and handed the ball a record 255 times. He also set nine Southwest Conference passing marks.

"The contract was satisfactory to both parties," said Trull, "and I wanted to stay and play in Texas."

"I feel like a native Texan since I went to Baylor and my wife is from Dallas." Trull is from Oklahoma City. Trull wouldn't say if the contract had a no-cut clause but did say he plans to wear Trull freestyle next year.

George Blanda, the Oilers quarterback, will be 36 next year. Ivy said Trull may not need the year normally required to learn plays and terminology since he played in a pro-type offense at Baylor.

Trull didn't seem sure he could step in as a starter, commenting, "It'll take a lot of work."

Trull is working at adjacent Baylor University with the West Shrine team and also has an all-star date in the Hula Bowl.

Houston simultaneously announced the signing of Baylor tackle Bob Crenshaw, also here for the Shrine game. Crenshaw, 255-pound No. 3 draft choice, will be used as offensive guard, said Ivy.

San Diego Leads In AFL Stats

NEW YORK (AP)—The San Diego Chargers, Western Division champions of the American Football League, claimed the total offense crown and finished second in total defense, league statistics showed today.

The Chargers, who'll meet either the Buffalo Bills or Boston Patriots for the league title, averaged a total of 5,160 yards, an average of 368.5 per game. The Chargers' defense allowed 3,964 yards runner-up to Boston's 3,715.

In Sunday's final game of the season, Oakland's Clem Daniels gained 158 yards to break the AFL rushing mark. Daniels needed 157 to break the standard of 1,096 set last season by Buffalo's Cookie Gilchrist. He wound up with 1,098.

Two individual records fell Fred Glick of Houston had 12 interceptions and Jim Fraser's 45.8 punting average for 78 kicks set the other marks.

Robin Bote of San Diego, the league's Most Valuable Player in an Associated Press poll, won the passing title and Lionel Taylor of Denver took the pass receiving crown for the fourth straight year.

Wilt Forges Ahead In NBA Scoring

NEW YORK (AP)—It was just a matter of time, but perennial scoring leader Wilt Chamberlain of the San Francisco Warriors finally has taken over as the No. 1 point-producer in the National Basketball Association.

The 7-foot-1 Stilt displaced Oscar Robertson of the Cincinnati Royals as the league's leading scorer this week according to figures released by the NBA today.

Chamberlain, who concentrated more on setting up Warrior baskets in the early weeks of the campaign, became the first player in the league to reach the thousand-point mark. The Big Dipper collected 142 points during the week for a season's output of 1,021.

Divided Opinion About Tittle Clash

By JACK HAND

Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Coaches of the four teams that have played both the Chicago Bears and the New York Giants are divided on the outcome of Sunday's National Football League title game at Wrigley Field. Two like the Giants, one favors the Bears and one straddles the fence.

Jack Christiansen, whose San Francisco 49ers were the only team to beat the Bears, thinks the Bears will win. "If it is from the Giants will win. The Giants' offense is a better, more sound one based on good running and just passing. I feel the defenses is just about the same. The offensive lines and linebackers are old pros, the secondary is rich a combination of experience and youth."

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Benge Nominated For Coach Of Year

HUNTSVILLE, Tex. (AP) —

Ray Benge, coach of Sam Houston State, is one of nine nominees for "Coach of the Year" by the Association of American Baseball Coaches.

The selection will be made at dinner in New York Jan. 5. Benge's Sam Houston team is NAIA national baseball champion, having won the tournament last June.

Sam Houston had a 26-8 record. Zenge has been coach of the Bearcats since 1956. He was a pitcher in professional baseball for 16 years, working with Houston of the minors and Cleveland, Philadelphia, Boston, Cincinnati and Brooklyn of the majors.

Jerry Rook Leads Southland Scoring

By The Associated Press
Jerry Rook of Arkansas State has taken over the lead in scoring in the Southland Conference basketball race.

Rook replaced Pete Ranucci of Trinity when he brought his total to 172 points in seven games for a 24.5 average.

Ranucci dropped to third with 163 while Bruce Tibbets of Arkansas State pulled into second with 170 points.

Tibbets held onto his lead in field goal percentage with 64.7 on 66 out of 102. Pat Agnew of Abilene Christian is second with 60.

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told me if Mr. Tittle is as old as Santa Claus."
"I don't think so, Junior. But I believe Papa Bear George Halas might be. But that's another story."
"Papa Bear is waiting for the best Christmas present of all. That would be the National Football League championship, sonny."

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Gospel Came Suddenly; Was Understood Slowly

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

AP Religion Writer

On each man, according to his place, light falls at a particular angle. To each, the view is different. Yet it is the same light.

Out of this interplay of sight and light, of subject and object, comes the iridescence of Christmas.

In its original telling, as handed down to the modern world, it is four stories. None is alike. Yet it is a single story, it is the same substance, clothed in sun-dry array; the same vision, from varied perspectives.

That is the way truth comes to man. And that is the way it is told in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the oldest records of the day of the Lord.

Each of the narrators sees separate facts, yet one event. Each sees a special set of scenes, actions and circumstances, yet one meaning. Each sees parts of one whole: distinctive portraits, yet one person—Jesus the Christ.

The stories are called the Gospels, but this plural designation is an anachronism. There is only one "gospel," which means the "good news" from God.

It came suddenly, but was understood slowly. That is characteristic of news and of mankind's assimilation of its significance. That is the manner in which the first chronicles of Christmas were put on paper.

They took form gradually, under the reverberating impact of the occasion, as minds and hearts absorbed it, experienced it, and increasingly grasped its implications.

In this way does history sharpen its gaze. Time is required to bring the burst of fact into focus.

Yet the primitive accounts of the coming of Christ were largely compiled in its immediate aftermath. Thus each sees only parts of the totality.

The material was assembled as collections of contemporary reports and observations for a contemporary audience.

They were the documentation of an affair that had staggered men's logic and thrilled their souls.

Writing was limited and laborious in those days. Most information and learning was passed on by word of mouth, from generation to generation and from community to community.

At first, the advent of Jesus and his message were circulated in that fashion.

In homes and synagogues, in

market places and tents of travelers, little groups met to recall incidents and share memories.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he spoke, saying . . ." they would relate.

He was then expected to return soon, and no pressing need was seen initially for committing the details to writing.

The expectancy rang in their words. "Maran atha—our Lord come!" Yet he had said, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons."

As time went by, and roving evangelists spread the news of his sojourn on earth from country to country, it became apparent that the unwritten testimony should be recorded, lest it be forgotten or mistold.

Fanciful tales and exaggerations had arisen, mingling with the authentic story. To guard against them and to assure a reliable account of what happened, the men who knew best about drawing up their summaries.

Presumably, in some cases they wrote by hand, speaking their words aloud to themselves; as they shaped the letters, since communication then was more by ear than by eye.

As an alternative, they may have dictated to an amanuensis, or professional scribe.

In either case, in order to multiply and disseminate the accounts, it was up to others to make handwritten duplicate copies, since there were then no mechanical means for doing it.

None of the existing manuscripts bears a date, and the precise time and place of composition cannot be definitely established. However, early tradition provides many pointers.

Journals of various church fathers of the first 150 years after Christ, quoted by the ecclesiastical historian of the 3rd Century, Eusebius, offer many details.

Modern scholarship also has shed further light on the circumstances, by analyzing the language, the usages, the indications of instances of borrowing material from one another, and by comparing contents to external events.

The clues suggest that additions and revisions occurred, in some cases, before all the books reached their present finished form.

The process may not have been completed until around the end of the first century. But the original documents, on which the final versions are based, clearly came much earlier.

while Christ's apostles still lived. Mark's account generally is considered the oldest in its present form, and apparently underwent little editing after it first was composed in apostolic times. However, the ancient journals say Matthew wrote first.

Assuming this is so, scholarly studies indicate that later renditions of his book, as it now stands, also incorporated material from Mark, while retaining distinctive qualities of its own.

Luke also may have drawn his sojourn on earth from country to country, it became apparent that the unwritten testimony should be recorded, lest it be forgotten or mistold.

Matthew and John were among the 12 apostles, with firsthand information. Luke, a gentle physician drawn into the movement by the great missionary Paul, did wide-scale research and interviews to gather his report.

Mark, a rich young scion of Jerusalem, was a young lad in Jesus' time, but got his material from the Apostle Peter.

Their accounts differ in content and tenor. John's terse, weighty sentences and short sentences explore the mystery and grandeur of the event. He is more concerned with meaning than incident.

Matthew, in orderly, methodical style, concentrates on ethical implications, recounting 21 parables and the eloquent Sermon on the Mount. Mark is a book of crisp, fast-moving action. He pauses only for four parables, in the hurrying tempo of deeds.

Neither he nor John refers to the genealogy or birth of Jesus, nor to the visiting wise men, the star, the manger, or the shepherds, but plunges immediately into the consequences. It is Luke who uncovers the most graphic scene of the nativity.

The writers worked in a time of turmoil. Israel smoldered with fires of revolution. Preaching about Christ was alternately outlawed or suspect as seditious. Fear of reprisal had silenced many.

The land seethed with clandestine societies, some of them fanatically violent, and the Roman militia trooped the countryside to hunt out and crush the dissident. Forbidden manifestos circulated from hand to hand. Posters offered rewards for conspirators.

The way of Christ had become

a dire offense. Men trod it at their peril. In this atmosphere, those who were among the first to know the gift of Christmas set about putting it into a form that could be handed on to the generations up to now, and yet to come.

Grain Futures React To Red Sales

By GIL MAYO

AP Business News Writer

CHICAGO (AP)—A prolonged drought and prospects of huge grain shipments to Russia boosted futures transactions on the Board of Trade in 1963 to the largest volume in 38 years.

In value it was the largest of record, estimated at \$5 billion, compared with \$3.5 billion 1962 and \$4.5 billion in 1961.

Brokers handled an estimated 24.1 billion bushels of wheat, soybeans, corn, oats and rye in the futures pits, almost 8 billion more than in 1962. The 1961 total was 19.8 billion. The record volume of 26.8 billion was handled in 1925.

As they have for the past several years, soybeans attracted by far the largest trade volume largely because they never have been in burdensome supply despite steadily increasing production.

Transactions in soybeans alone accounted for approximately 70 per cent of the total in all pits, often exceeding 60 million bushels a day.

A drought which began last winter in most of the Midwest and extended into July became a strong bullish influence in the market, particularly for corn and soybeans. It drove soybeans from a low of \$2.53 1/2 a bushel in March to a peak of \$2.81 in the first few days of July. After the heavy general rainfall at that time prices dropped back to their springtime level.

In the same period, corn ranged from \$1.15 to \$1.31 and back. Weather ceased to be of much consideration when Russia opened negotiations in late September, presumably for about 150 million bushels of wheat and perhaps other agricultural products.

That set off another heavy burst of speculative trading which added about 30 cents a bushel to wheat prices at the extreme. However, the Soviets balked at some of the conditions of sale and negotiations dragged on into December with nothing actually booked.

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By GEORGE W. CORNELL

AP Religion Writer

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Matthew Hurried To Write Story Of Christ's Birth

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

His time shortened. Pursuers and informers closed about him. He could abide no longer in these parts. Yet he could not leave these hearthens of the tannest without some instruction to steady them.

Matthew tamped more soot in the saucer, dripping water over it, and took up his red pen again. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way." The lantern light flickered on the papyrus sheet and insects whirled about his ears.

Other leading apostles already had fled Jerusalem under the terror of Herod Agrippa, the puppet king, for the Roman Emperor Caligula. James had been beheaded. Peter had been cast in a dungeon, but had escaped and departed the city.

Yet he could not abandon those who would learn of Jesus without right knowledge of him. The apostle traced the words. "When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit."

It was a disturbing affair, even then. "Her husband, Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly." In those days, Matthew had been overseer of toll collections on the Damascus Road in Galilee, not far from Nazareth.

How bewilderingly things had changed since then—for him and many more, beginning with the old wood-worker, Joseph.

Behold, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew paused, listening. Cries of the sentries in the wall towers sounded the last watch of night. He blew on his hands to warm them.

From the start, slings and storm had surrounded those who called upon the name. Stephen had been stoned to death. Others were imprisoned. The Sanhedrin had forbidden them to speak, on pain of death. Yet, a constant embrace held them fast.

Matthew took up his pen again recording how it all started, beginning with that whispered word from on high to Joseph about his bride.

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

With his penchant for record-

keeping, acquired in his days in Galilee, Matthew had gathered extensive notes during his days with Jesus about his life, birth and genealogy. He would tuck the notes in a metal tube hung on his neck, depositing them at a friend's house for safekeeping.

Now, in the post-resurrection period with all Judea teeming with unrest, he sought to put his notes into written order.

The Gospel according to Matthew, as it finally emerged, has been called the most important, influential book in the world, the most nearly complete account of Jesus, and the most popular book in the Bible.

It is one of the four basic stories of Christmas. Ancient church writings say it was compiled before he left Palestine 15 years after the resurrection—about 44 A.D. Papias, bishop of Hierapolis in 124 A.D., says: "Matthew composed the logia in the Hebrew—Aramaic—language, and everyone interpreted them as they were able."

However, no Aramaic version has survived. Scholars say the Greek manuscripts seem to have been composed originally in that language, with the contents drawn from at least three separate bodies of material, copies of which became lost.

One is called Q, for the German *quelle*, meaning *source*, which apparently was used in compiling Matthew and Luke. Another, M, contains data exclusive to Matthew. Mark's gospel also is generally considered a partial source both of Luke and Matthew.

Considering the various evidence, it can be deduced that Matthew was the author of M and perhaps also Q, which later were collated, together with Marcan material, to form the present Matthew.

It is possible that Matthew, the most educated and literary of the apostles, wrote part of his gospel in Jerusalem, and another portion elsewhere or later. Scholars find evidence that portions were written in Antioch, after 50 or 60 A.D.

For a while after the resurrection, the apostles had their headquarters in a spacious Jerusalem house provided by Mark's mother, a rich widow. But the intensifying blows of the suppression forced them to scatter.

Matthew, after the others had fled in the wake of the series of arrests and persecutions of 42 A.D., may have retreated to the shadowy, labyrinthine passages of the old King David's Wall, shelter of many poor and hunted men.

There, in some dim and dank niche, he supposedly bent over

his *tabulae*, transposing his notes and memories to a scroll of papyrus, in four 3-inch columns across the sheet, each about 30 lines long.

Then, with ink dried, he would roll the written portion on one stick, unrolling blank paper from another, and start a new rank of columns.

In the cavernous chambers of the wall, dark forms stirred on the stone floor, shuffled to their feet, mumbling. Gradually, as usual, a group gathered about Matthew, bringing barley-bread, cheese and skins of watered wine.

In their stress and longing, deep affection bound them together. "My brother in the Lord," they would greet each other, with kisses of peace. "My sister," "What news has thou?" "Good cheer your heart."

After blessings over the bread and drink, they ate and sang a quiet hymn.

At some crucial juncture, a warning reached the apostle. He slipped out of the city in darkness, leaving the unfinished scroll to be copied and circulated.

In Antioch, perhaps, the queen city of the East, with its temples to Apollo and Artemis, he may have set down further information about Jesus' coming.

He tells nothing of the angel's announcement to Mary, nor of the reason why the birthplace was in Bethlehem instead of Nazareth, nor the shepherds, but he had information

of governmental affairs, in his days as tax agent, when another Herod ruled.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who is born king of the Jews?' For we have seen His star," he wrote.

The book relates how the magi went on to adore the child and offer their gifts, how Herod ascertained the birthplace and sent troops to slay all babies in the city, but Joseph, forewarned, had fled to Egypt with the infant Jesus.

In Bethlehem, there was slaughter and lamentation. The birth of that child had involved pain, flight and peril then, as it did later for Him and his apostles. It did not bring exemption from suffering, but placed Jesus in the midst of its worst, then—and thereafter, investing those who endured it with a love surpassing it.

Thus the faith was forged in the fires of danger, hardship and devotion, just as it began on that first Christmas, and just as Matthew experienced it and wrote it.

Tradition has it that he labored in Syria, and in Macedonia, Persia, Parthia, Ethiopia and elsewhere. He may have died a natural death. Legend says he was burned or beheaded in Ethiopia.

But as he learned from that

child of Christmas, and wrote: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Off To South Pole

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York left Christchurch by Navy plane Monday to spend Christmas Day at the South Pole.

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Mark Heard Christ's Story From The Old Fisherman

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

Listening to the stalwart old fisherman, Simon Peter, it sometimes was hard to tell the exact sequence of events. Mark desired to set them down in rightful order, as truly as he could.

Yet much remained strange and overwhelming. Whither the end? And how the beginning? "My son," the aging apostle said, spreading his arms like twin spurs on a mast, "once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy." His eyes glowed in his wrinkled, wind-surfed face.

Mark sat on a three-legged stool, with a waxed tablet on his lap, a stylus motionless in his hand, waiting for Peter to continue.

"We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," he said stoutly. "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

The scene was in Rome, in the time of the Emperor Nero. "Do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that comes," Peter said, "if one suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed."

Mark realized that ominous words were abroad. Already many believers had died or were imprisoned simply for the name's sake. It was this, in part, that gave urgency to completion of the book.

Elders and deacons of various congregations, when he had been in Antioch and Corinth and now in Rome, had besought him as assistant to Peter, to record the chief apostle's own account of the time of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter himself lacked patience or training for the task, but none knew so well the astounding, amazing manifestations. He was a great talker with a sharp memory, but no writer.

It fell to Mark to set down these remembrances for the "followers of the way." Yet a question beset Mark's work—what were the origins of Jesus? From whence did he come?

Peter dwelt on the resultant action, but not on background or explanations.

And Mark shunned any conjectures. An elder of the per-

iod is quoted in an ancient document: "Mark, having become interpreter to Peter kept a single view in aim, not to omit anything of what he heard, or to state anything falsely."

Surely Peter must have known the derivation of it all. And yet—

The old apostle nodded enigmatically. "God was with him." He rose abruptly to his feet, a great hulk of a man with un-trimmed beard, obviously intent on starting his rounds, still muttering aloud. "He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed..."

Mark followed Peter to the street. Always, it seemed, they were on the move.

That was the character and habit of Peter, of "Cephus the rock." Impulsive, blunt, demonstrative, a man of tumultuous action—the man who denounced our Lord Jesus Christ, the man stoutly, "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

The year now was in the middle of the first century. While Mark's Gospel may have been compiled as early as 40 A.D., about 10 years after the Crucifixion and Resurrection, the predominant evidence puts it between 50 and 67 A.D.

Nero had become emperor in 54 A. D. after his mother, Agrippina, plotted the poisoning of his predecessor, Claudius. Thereafter, the vain, erratic Nero had her and various other members of his family murdered.

Dirge reckoning stalked those who mocked the "Christiano-ani" or "the third race," naming manifestations. He was a sharp wordster was yet to come.

The Apostle Paul had been stoned, flogged and kept in chains for two years at the foot of the Caesian Hill. Even before the Apostle James was beheaded in Palestine; Stephen was fatally stoned; Jesus' kinsman, another James, was hurled from a temple wall and clubbed to death. Peter had broken jail. Yet the tidings spread, penetrating even the imperial house-

hold and legions, among freedmen and slaves.

Now Peter, approaching 70, visited tirelessly among the brethren in Rome, strengthening them with his assurance, accompanied by Mark.

"An inheritance which is imperishable," Peter exulted repeatedly.

Mark himself had not been among the close circle around Jesus, but Mark's mother, Mary Bath-Nabas, a wealthy Jerusa-

lem widow, had provided her large house as a meeting place for the disciples. Mark had been a boy then.

He recalled the suspenseful hours of his visits, especially that night of the Last Supper, when he followed them to the lonely garden of Gethsemane, invaded suddenly by flaring lights, curt voices and Roman constabulary.

Peter had drawn his sword, whacked off an official's ear. Mark had fled terrified, losing his coat to a soldier who lunged for him.

Later, in manhood, he traveled as an evangelist with Paul and his uncle, Bar-Nabas. His resolute will made him known as "The Lion." At one time, he forsook Paul in protest

against accepting non-Jewish converts.

They eventually became reconciled, however, after Peter also yielded to Paul's view that Christ came for all men equally, Jew and Gentile, slave and free.

"Truly," Peter now affirmed, "God shows no partiality."

Mark, even with his years of labor for the cause, still depended on Peter for his first-hand narrative of the divine visitation.

The two weaved unheeded through Rome's crowded streets. Here and there, they slipped into a humble abode, a quiet synagogue, or climbed a hill to a private grotto, for talk, hymns

and prayer. "Grace be unto you," Peter would sing out to the little flocks. Whatever the circumstance, Mark added to his notes.

The apostle spoke almost exclusively of deeds, rather than analysis. "Straightway we went—" he would begin some episode. Incident would follow incident, healings, storms at sea, children, multitudes, hunger, Jesus' anger, grief, tears. "Straightway, he departed—" a strenuous succession of activity.

Yet something seemed missing. Should not the memoirs include some indication of Jesus' antecedents, some explanation of his being?

At length, Mark was dispatched to Alexandria, bidding farewell to Peter and other workers in Rome—Luke, Silvanus, Timothy. Not long thence, in the wake of the great fire of July, 64 A. D., Nero unleashed his massive violence against Christians.

Hundreds were thrown to wild beasts, impaled on horns of bulls, dragged by horses, doused with oil and publicly burned. Peter was crucified, head downward, at his request, in honor of his Lord. Paul was beheaded on the Ostian Way.

In Alexandria, tradition tells, Mark was dragged through the streets and killed in 62 or 63 A.D.

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Man's Sign Not Specific Enough

WINDSOR, N.Y. (AP) — A Windsor man who posted a sign in his barn saying "Please do not ask permission to hunt," returned from work in nearby Binghamton to find several hunters in his woods.

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Luke Talked With Mary; And She Told Of Her Son

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

Of the women, little was known. And he, behind the watchfulness of their eyes and the stillness of their lips, lay untold secrets. Luke would seek to learn them.

Therefore, none of the disciples had sought to do so. It was a notable omission.

To Luke, a cultured, urbane Greek physician, there could not be sufficient understanding of Jesus without inquiring into what the women knew of it. In every design, women fill a part.

Luke purposed to discover it. He strode along the road. From time to time, trains of traders passed, woadbuyers returning to Tyre or Sidon with packed mules; camels laden with wine casks from Cyprus.

By foot it was about a three-day journey from Caesarea to Jerusalem, but it had taken him five. Several times he had stopped to treat the afflicted.

Beside the vials and instruments he carried with him, a quiver of quills hung at his side, and a pouch of folded papyrus. He already had been in Galilee, gathering facts for his book, and he now proceeded into Judea.

As he later stated in his introduction, he set down information "delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses." It included material about Christ's coming and revealed in any other document.

Of particular note was what he ascertained from women, to whom most scholars in those days paid scant heed.

Luke, a Gentile heathen converted to Christianity, had become an associate of the missionary Paul, who had been arrested for sedition in 58 A. D., and was in Roman custody in Caesarea. He was kept in jail there for two years.

During that period, it is feasible that Luke made his investigations. Most of those who had known Jesus, in the flesh, still lived.

Luke had taken the coastal road, avoiding the interior which was torn with raids, pillage, executions and Roman patrols. Arrests and massacres multiplied, and insurrection smoldered.

At Joppa, he had turned eastward through the hill country to the Holy City, teeming now with soldiers, spies and gladiators brought there by the procurator, Festus, and also with hidden hostilities and cabals, including the dread daggersmen, the Sicarii.

Luke learned that the Apostle John had sold his property in Galilee and purchased a house on Mount Olivet for Mary, the mother of Jesus.

There, Luke must have found her and talked with her, for the account he gives could have come from no other source.

Mary was a humble woman, of calm and grace, in her final days. She welcomed him warmly. "Blessed be your coming." They sat in the garden, as tradition has it, and Luke, a painter by avocation, did her portrait, while marking her reminiscences.

It was a deeply personal account, how the angel had come to her, frightening her. "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you." She had been just a girl quiver of quills hung at his side, and a pouch of folded papyrus.

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partly because his friend and teacher, Paul, customarily advised them to keep silent. Doing otherwise, Luke elicited their help and brought unknown details to light.

He also uncovered the boyhood episode, when Jesus disappeared, from a family caravan returning to Nazareth, and after a frantic search by his parents was found at the temple talking with learned rabbis.

Through his inquiries in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, coupled with what he had heard in Galilee, Luke also determined the historical circumstances that had caused Joseph to take his bride away from home in her pregnancy.

"In those days," Luke learned "a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city."

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child."

"And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Luke stood inside the limestone grotto, which inhabitants thereabouts had pointed out to him as the place. There, still, he could see the hollowed-out rock food trough for oxen where the child had lain.

There, the gentle woman had washed him with salt water, warmed by Joseph over an open fire. There she had wrapped him around and around with long strips of muslin to hold his body firm and stimulate breathing through his nostrils.

Things had been difficult then, as they still were for believers. Luke worked with caution in his interviews at the crowded Bethlehem inn and elsewhere, lest undue suspicion be aroused against him.

Along an outlying road Luke encountered a young lad crying for help. Luke was led by the youth to a shepherd's camp where an old man lay with a broken leg.

He had been hurt in a fall. Luke set the leg and was prevailed on to take supper with the shepherds. There, around the campfire, he gained other special remembrances for his book.

Luke did not finish his writing until later probably in Rome following the execution of Paul, after 65 or 70 A. D. Luke himself, tradition says, lived on until he was 74, and died a bachelor in Thebes.

But this cultivated doctor, with his consideration for women and his artistic touch, left the sole record of some of the most memorable scenes of Jesus.

Only Luke records the parables of the good Samaritan, the prodigal son; the lost sheep. He saw the human side of Jesus, his responsiveness not only to men but to women, customarily relegated to a secondary place in those times.

Indications are that Luke incorporated some items from Mark's book, and from the logia

Governor Can't Miss

COLUSA, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California couldn't miss on his weekend hunting trip with Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States.

"He got a goose with his first shot and after that, everything was a breeze," said a member of the party.

Brown, a Democrat, and Warren, former Republican governor of California, went duck hunting on a ranch near Colusa in the Sacramento Valley.

William Tecumseh Sherman, later one of the Union's top generals, was married in Blair House in Washington.

I would like to have a doll and a Beverly Hillbillies game. How are you? Are you going to be here the 25th? I want some fruit and nuts. Don't forget the other children on the other side of the world. I hope you can come.

Wilma Stirl
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Van Johnson To Have Surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Van Johnson says he will enter a New York City hospital Jan. 16 for surgery to remove lymph nodes from his groin.

Johnson described the operation as "purely precautionary."

A skin cancer was removed from Johnson's left thigh last March. The actor said doctors had assured him that operation was a success.

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John Told Of Jesus' Life; Meaning Of God's Love

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

The withered old patriarch sat in a stone seat in the courtyard of the academy at Ephesus. He was past 90 years of age, the skin shriveled on his bones and his beard a great cascade of white down his chest.

Yet, as he turned toward the students gathered at his feet, his eyes flashed piercingly and his voice cracked with an iron wisdom.

Only John, among the 12 apostles, still survived. He had come to the winter of his life, yet spring still sparkled in him. His memory swam with keen, rousing images that had shamed with the years.

"Tell us more, o venerable one, of the manifestation of our Lord."

Looking backward, the old firebrand pillar of the church could see it all more clearly and comprehensively. The many separate threads formed a pattern, a vivid mosaic, and he could read its meaning and import.

He said: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

So commences the most majestic, awesome and penetrating account of the first Christmas. It delves into the taproots and fountainhead of Christ, who is called the expressed "Word," or radiating force of the Almighty. The description asserts a strange, seldom noted quality about Him, that he coexisted with God always, from before the physical universe, and that He was the outstretching divine arm that created and vitalized all nature.

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men," John said. But men had strayed from it, even at the outset. "The light shines in the darkness." Yet darkness had become men's condition, despite the innate light.

That, as the aged apostle perceived it, was the backdrop, the shadowy situation before the new day blazed in human history.

Unlike other presentations of the Gospel, John looked behind its bare incidents to its stupendous, animating basis and its sweeping significance. True, it had unfolded among men, yet it had stemmed from beyond the far ramparts of the world.

John omits any reference to Jesus' birth, earthly parentage or infancy. These things had become common knowledge. Instead, out of the distillation of time, reflection and gradually clarifying insights into an overwhelming experience, John had reached an understanding of it, and sought to put it in full perspective.

Neither he nor the other apostles had grasped the implications at the time of Christ's physical companionship. He often had bewildered them. They had been baffled, incredulous, frightened and bumblingly foolish.

The shot-blooded young John had once urged Jesus to call down fire on an unfriendly village. Again, John had vied for first place in the coming "kingdom." On each occasion, he had been rebuked. He was dubbed a "son of thunder." Yet he was among Jesus' three most beloved confidantes.

Now, nearly 70 years later, presumably in the last decade before 100 A.D., the mellowness of age had assimilated and slowly brought into sharp graphic outline just what had happened in those stunning days.

Since then, he had undergone severe tests, and had abundant time to meditate, including a lonely period of exile on the barren island of Patmos, to which he had been banished by Roman authorities and where he had produced his mystical book of revelation, or the Apocalypse.

When he was being returned from exile, legend says he was shipwrecked, and had to swim for miles on a piece of floating cork to reach shore.

The ecclesia—those called into faith—remained under harsh strictures, suffering frequent violence. They were widely reviled as atheists because they refused to do homage at state altars. The brutal Domitianian reign as Roman emperor, unleashing sporadic persecutions,

A proconsul of the approximate era, Pliny, describes his practice: "I ask them if they are Christians. If they admit it, I repeat the question a second and third time, threatening capital punishment; if they persist, I sentence them to death. For I do not doubt that, whatever kind of crime it may be to which they have confessed, their pertinacity and inflexible obstinacy should certainly be punished."

The recurrent waves of oppression, against both Christians and Jews, had gone on since Christ's coming. Revolutionary Israel had been crushed in blood by Roman legions in 70 A.D., never to be a nation again until 1948.

Still, Christianity spread invincibly and a numerous, strong community persisted in Ephesus, capital of Asia Province, with its bustling raucous harbor, its steaming baths, its ornate temple to the mother goddess Diana, a site of wild brawling since no arrest could be made within a bowshot of it.

The church grew in that environment, and apparently even developed—a teaching cadre centered around the frail, old Apostle John. Ancient references to the "John" there sometimes are ambiguous, and scholars at one time tended to date his gospel later, by other authorship, but more modern findings support the arly tradition.

In his prologue, whether written by himself or dictated to a penman, John sums up the entire case of the divine thrust to mankind, and puts it in total

context. The rest of the book is a recital of specific evidence to support the opening conclusion.

John uses simple words and short sentences, almost like an ancient Hemingway, yet they are charged with lofty and powerful content. He offers no chronological account, but rather an array of selected, significant episodes, which stood out in his memory. He deals with only 29 days of Jesus' 1,000-day ministry. Yet the scenes abound with minute, close-up detail.

But what was the meaning of it all? Who was Christ? Where did He come from? And why? John starts out with a considered assessment. Always, he says, the light has shined "in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

But because of men's loss of contact with it and loss of their elemental bearings, "the true light that lightens every man was coming into the world." He has even been that, "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not."

Then came the climax, the most eloquent utterance of God: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth."

That was, and is, the phenomenon of Christmas. That is the sublime and amazing reach of

God for man. The working extension of Himself, the eternal conveyor of God's thought and energy took on the bones, blood, travail and frailties of man in order to stick with men, and by them, even in their defection.

It was, as John finally understood, love incarnate, loveburst forth in physical creaturehood, in behalf of all humanity. It was not some mystical spiritual action, as the learned Greeks in those days regarded the "Word" of God, but on the contrary, a plainly human, personal earthly event, showing God's interest in the very midst of the material world.

John, out of his long brooding, had achieved a crisp grasp of the whole transaction. He offered no theological speculation about it, but only the inescapable, full-blown reaction of a person to a person. "We have beheld His glory as the only Son from the Father. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made Him known."

The divine light, always perfect in itself but long obscure to mankind, had at last flamed on man's level. That all-competent, benignly laboring "Word" had injected Himself personally into the realm of every person, as friend and brother.

John did not try to enumerate every part of the story. If every-

thing Jesus did were "to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written," John's account concludes.

But he records the important things, the nub of it all. And he knew it was so. "This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things." He had lived what he wrote.

It is said that as he neared his death, the feeble old "son of thunder" was carried to meetings of worship in Ephesus on a pallet, and he would murmur to all who came near: "Little children, love one another." That, in short, was the heart of the matter: Love. Mankind through it, is Christmas.



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Gains Are Recorded By Steel Industry

By BOB VOELKER
PITTSBURGH (AP) — The steel industry slugged out some notable gains in 1963. New advances are forecast for 1964. Aided by a bustling national economy, steelmakers in 1963:

- 1—Pushed through two waves of price increases.
- 2—Rebounded from dismal profits in 1962.
- 3—Notched the first 100 million ton-plus production year since 1957.
- 4—Stepped up an already heavy flow of investment dollars for new plants and equipment.
- 5—Maintained a somewhat rocky relationship with the United Steelworkers Union.

But not all was well. Foreign

producers continued to carve new inroads into American markets and hit a new high in exports to this country.

Price boosts, particularly the first one in the spring, got the biggest steel headlines of 1963 and were probably the most cherished accomplishment in the minds of steelmen.

Wheeling Steel Corp., 11th biggest producer, started rolling April 15 with increases of \$6 a ton on plate and a few other selected items in strong and growing demand.

All eyes in the industry turned to Washington.

The question was: Would the late President John F. Kennedy oppose the increase as he did

the across-the-board hikes the year before?

Nearly 48 tense hours later, Kennedy announced he would fight an across-the-board increase but would keep hands off selective price hikes.

The gates were open.

Another small producer made selective increases April 14; two major companies, including third-ranked Republic, followed suit April 15; and the following day, four major producers, including No. 1 U.S. Steel Corp., joined the parade.

It was estimated the increases covered 35 per cent of all steel shipments.

In late September and early October, another wave of price boosts swept the industry. Again it was a selective affair, covering mainly small diameter pipe and steel bar in wide use.

The two increases covered an estimated 70 per cent of all steel shipments.

The profit picture brightened

considerably in 1963 with several companies reporting earnings gains of from 25 per cent to over 100 per cent in the first nine months.

A survey of companies producing 93 per cent of the nation's steel showed an earnings increase of 121 million in the first nine months, jumping from \$418 million to \$539 million. U. S. Steel earned \$149.6 million in the period, compared to \$122.3 million in the similar period of 1962.

As for production, 1963 was the best steel year since 1957 when 112 million tons were poured. With late-year figures still to be tabulated, it appeared the year's total would approach 108 million tons, compared to 98.8 million tons in 1962.

2 Students Are On TV

ALPINE — Two Snyder area students are members of the Sul Ross State College choir which will be presented on television this week. They are Judy Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Thomas, Snyder, and Jann Griggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Halladay, Colorado City.

The choir, 46 members strong, will present a 30-minute program at 7:30 p.m. Christmas night on Odessa Station KOSA-TV.

Included in the concert will be a number of well-known Christmas selections, as well as

several lesser-known numbers.

Director of the choir is Dr. Robert Calder.

Accompanying the group to Odessa, where the program was recorded on video tape Wednesday night, were Dr. Calder, and Mr. Glenn Davis, chairman of the department of music at Sul Ross.

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off. But then he heard a small voice crying: "Wait. Please wait." It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart. "Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure. "What's this? What's this?" grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded." "It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand. "It is the angel of peace," explained Cluny. "Why Cluny!" said Santa. "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land." And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-ticky kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air. "Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sleigh began sliding through the snow. Faster. . . faster. . . faster — and then they were off the ground night, if you go to bed, he will come to your house, wherever Santa was on his way. And to you are.

All Clear Sounds And Santa's Off!

(EDITOR'S NOTE) "Will Santa Claus really come to our house?" is the most anxious question in America today. It is answered in the following column, written for parents to read aloud to their children. Since its first appearance in 1948, it has become a scrapbook favorite in many homes.

By HAL BOYLE
NORTH POLE (AP) — He's off! Santa Claus is on his way at last. The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight. The Northern Lights switched on to a clear, steady green — the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

reindeer laughed too. Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper. "You almost forgot your list of good children," she said. "Never mind," replied Santa. "I don't need it. This year I'm going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. I'll make them try harder to be good next year." "That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Claus, who likes to play bridge. "But it does make sense, you old sofie." Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be

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THERE WERE SMILES all around at the City Christmas party when Santa visited there. Some of Santa's little friends were most interested in the fact that Santa's boots still had snow on them.



SANTA CLAUS AND LEESA LEE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, had a lot to talk about at the City Christmas party. You can bet that Santa was paying attention and will remember everything that Leesa said when he comes to her house tonight.


Snyderite Is Officer

PLAINVIEW. — Cecil M. Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Osborne, 2910 Ave. F., has been elected sergeant-at-arms of Chi Omicron, men's service club newly organized at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview. Approved by WBC administration for organization in October, the 27 charter members

have planned activities which include a Pledge Party in January and a banquet in February, as well as monthly parties. Requirements of 12 hours of work completed at Wayland and an overall grade point average of 1.0 must be met by all prospective pledges. Osborne is a senior majoring in speech at Wayland. Active in campus affairs, he is vice-president of Student Government Association, and Alpha Psi Omega, drama fraternity.

Dear Abby...

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I work together. There was a good-looking policeman who used to talk to us on our break, and my girl friend fell in love with this man. He is married and has several children. He and his family are moving out of the city, and now my girl friend is planning to quit her job and try to find one where he is going. She says she realizes that he is not free to marry her, but she can't live without being near him. I am trying to talk her out of it but am not having very much luck. I hate to see her hurt. If I send you her address, will you write to her and tell her she is heading for trouble?

A FRIEND DEAR FRIEND: If she won't listen to you, she won't listen to me. Some people have to learn the hard way. And the tragedy of this kind of learning is that so many innocent people

must pay the tuition. **DEAR ABBY:** I married a man who had a 14-year-old daughter. (His wife died two years before.) We've been married a year and this girl addresses me as "my STEPmother." With the most emphatic and insulting accent on the "step" that you could ever imagine. When she speaks of me to others, she refers to me as "my father's wife." Please tell me how I am supposed to feel. I have bent over backwards trying to be a good mother.

HURT DEAR HURT: Small wonder you are "hurt." The girl's hostilities are running out of her mouth. She probably would resent any woman who married her father, so don't take it personally. Continue to be the best mother possible, and ask your husband's advice on this thorny problem.



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DEAR ABBY: I am sitting home again tonight while my husband is at his garage, five miles away, overhauling his hot rod. He works every night until two and three in the morning. He won't let me go to the garage with him because he says "the boys" come over and we love each other very much. He would just rather work on his hot rod than be with me. He's not a teen-ager. He is 26 and I am 21. What should I do?

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What's on your mind? For most of the time he doesn't come home for dinner and I never get to see him. We get along fine when we're together and we love each other very much. He would just rather work on his hot rod than be with me. He's not a teen-ager. He is 26 and I am 21. What should I do?

For Abby's booklet, "How To Have A Lovely Wedding," send 50 cents to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a dish with my name on it. And a choo choo bag and a Barbie wedding dress. And please bring my brother a car that he can ride. And some building blocks. Remember all the other boys and girls around the world.

Suzanne Peak



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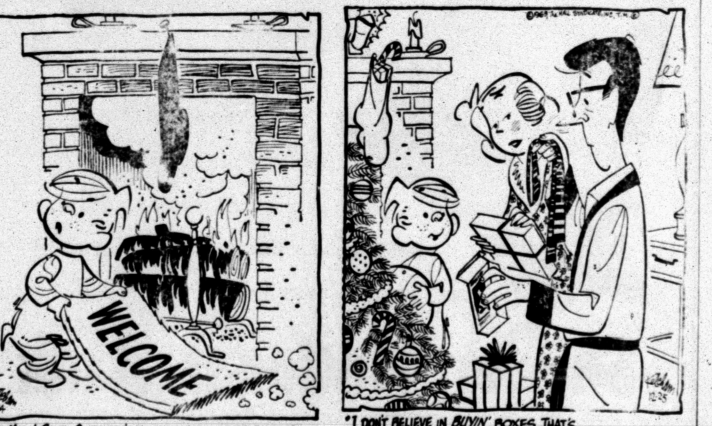
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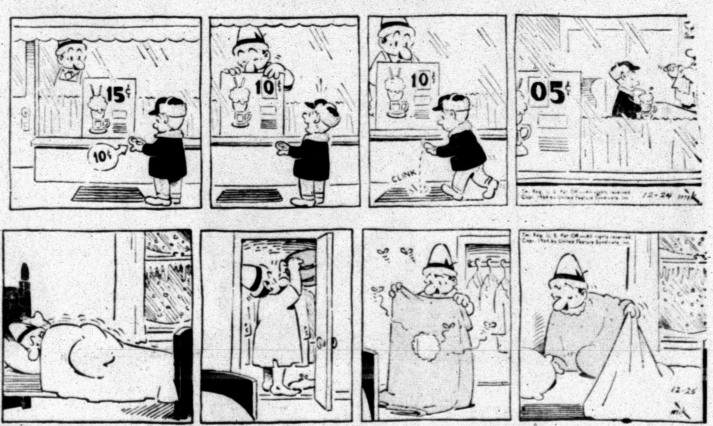


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 1. Neat & clean 2 bdrms. & den, double garage, carpet & drapes; West, \$8,750.
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 3 bedroom brick homes in West Snyder. 278 acres with good irrigation possibilities in Scurry Co. 700 in cultivation. Lease rights & 1/2 royalty goes with sale. 3 producers on it. Priced to sell.
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CAROLERS—These members were the first members of Lucky 13 Club who gathered at the home of Susan Lamb Sunday night to go Christmas caroling for shut-ins. The annual caroling is just one of the projects of the club to bring happiness to those unable to get out during the holiday season. Seated from left, Carolyn Ann Young, Janis Fowler and Lyn Holt, (kneeling) Susan Miller and Susan Lamb. Standing are Empress McFarland and Lesa Bowden who is holding the Lamb's favorite pet "Chester".

Dear Santa:
For Christmas I would like to have a red wagon to put my dog in. Are you coming to Hermleigh, Tex., Christmas? My sister said she would say hello. I want you to stop at our home so I can say hello to you. Are you all right? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? If I have some Cokes I will give you a Coke and please give me the bear game.
Timmy Ince
Hermleigh, Tex.

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Mercury Drops In Lower Valley

By BOB M. GASSAWAY
MCALEN (AP) — Freezing temperatures and frost blanketed the Lower Rio Grande Valley early today, and the air was heavy with smoke from smudge pots and old tires used to heat fields of tender vegetation. The mercury dropped to 26 degrees in the middle valley at 6:30 a. m. An unofficial 24 degrees was reported at Rio Grande City in the upper Valley. Some relief was forecast tonight with the low temperature set at 32 in the upper valley, 35 low was 27 degrees. in the mid section and 37 in the

lower end of the semi-tropical valley. Brownsville, frequently the warmest wintertime spot in the state reported an official low of 30 degrees. The mercury dropped to the freezing range at 10:15 last night, and varied between 30 and 31 degrees until daybreak. An unofficial report put the temperature at 27.5 degrees in Harlingen. At San Juan a farmer said his thermometer read 25.5 degrees. In McAllen the official low was 27 degrees. Citrus farmers were optimistic that their crops had suffered only minor leaf tip damage, but vegetable farmers feared more extensive damage to their tender late fall crops and early winter vegetables. The farmers said a through damage evaluation would not be available until later in the day.

Counterfeit Passers Freed On Bond
ABILENE, Tex. (AP) — Two men were free on bond today after being charged with possessing counterfeit \$20 bills. Lloyd B. Moore, about 45, an Abilene printer and an unsuccessful candidate for the city commission in 1956, was charged with making and possessing \$20 counterfeit Federal Reserve notes. He was released on bond after being arraigned about midnight.

GIFT OF GIFTS

Mary gives to us her Son... May He bless you, every one!

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Ian And Edward Bolger
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Thursday Dec. 26th

is Exchange Day

at Penney's

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OUR CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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