

Texas Wrecks Fatal To 28

National Holiday Accident Toll Approaches 400 Mark

By The Associated Press
Texas counted 28 deaths from holiday accidents, one of the heaviest tolls in the nation. Rains made many highways hazardous. Twenty-four of the deaths were from traffic accidents.

Forsan Child Dies In Wreck Near Eastland

FORSAN, Dec. 26 (Sp)—Word has been received here that Eva Nell, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Park of Forsan, was killed in an automobile accident near Eastland Wednesday night. Details of the accident were not learned, nor were funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Steck's Funeral Set

Mrs. Inamay Steck, wife of Harold Steck, Big Spring insurance man, died at 3:30 o'clock Christmas afternoon in a hospital here. Funeral will be held at Eberley chapel at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon with the Rev. J. O. Haynes, pastor of First Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be made in the city cemetery.

Mrs. Steck was born in Russellville, Ark., August 20, 1910. She came here with her husband first three years ago when he was associated with the U. S. Border Patrol. After eight months he was transferred, but they returned here five months later when he entered state business.

US Gets Credit For British Wins

ROME, Dec. 26 (AP)—The United States was given credit for the British victory over the Italians in North Africa today by the Italian news weekly Tempo.

The article said the war had become a conflict between all Europe and the "Anglo-Saxon world," in which England continued to exist only because America was supporting her.

Belgians Called To Arms By Consul

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—All Belgians between the ages of 19 and 25 in addition to reserve officers—have been "called to arms" by Charles Hallaert, Belgian consul-general, it was announced today.

Affected by the decree were all Belgians born between January 1, 1915 and December 31, 1921.

"Volunteers between the ages of 19 and 24 will be accepted," said the decree. "Armed Belgian units are now being formed in England."

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Although Hitler Sends Troops In Opposite Direction British Double Channel Guard

Tom Ashley Succumbs In Minnesota

Prominent Citizen Of Big Spring Dies After Long-Time Illness

A long battle against illness ended in death at Rochester, Minn., at 5:30 a. m. Thursday for Thomas William Ashley, 54, long time resident and civic worker of Big Spring.

Mr. Ashley succumbed following a major surgery. Members of his immediate family were at the bedside.

Since 1910, some three years after he came to Big Spring, he had been consigned for the Texas company and was nearing time for retirement. He had been in failing health in recent years.

For many years he was active in civic matters, having served as an official of the chamber of commerce and in Boy Scout work. In the latter field he made an outstanding contribution, both in raising funds for the work and in serving as head of a troop committee. At his own expense he frequently saw to it that the troop (No. 1) carried on a well-rounded program of camping.

As chamber of commerce president in 1932 and an official at other times, he engaged in many campaigns for the betterment of the city. Mr. Ashley also was active in the Rotary club, having served as president of the organization 1936-37.

Mr. Ashley was recognized as a man of progressive spirit and had a wide circle of friends. In recent years he had become interested in farming and had one of the best improved places in the south in the Elbow area.

Mr. Ashley was born April 23, 1886 in Clinton, Ky., and came to Big Spring in 1907. In 1913 he was married to Miss Lula Belle Throppe here and she and two daughters, Mrs. Cora T. Houser of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mrs. Lula Landers of Amarillo, survive him.

He also leaves one grandson, Thomas Ashley Connell, Big Spring; three sisters, Mrs. J. E. Moon, Big Spring, Mrs. Norma McKenzie, Big Spring, and Mrs. Eva Gregory, Long Beach, Calif.; one brother, W. O. Ashley, Fontana, Calif.; a niece, Mrs. Ruth E. McDowell; and nephews, R. A. Roberts, Denver, Colo., Frantz Ashley, Henryetta, Okla., and Dudley Greene, Columbia Falls, Mont.

The body was expected here Saturday, but funeral arrangements were pending arrival of the family. It was presumed that interment would be in a local cemetery.

By The Associated Press
A holiday toll of at least 391 violent deaths was recorded today in reports of the nation's observance of Christmas.

Traffic accidents accounted for 273 fatalities Christmas Eve and Christmas day, while 109 other reported violent deaths swelled the total from coast to coast to more than half the three-day weekend toll of 675 last Christmas.

Lives were claimed in the latter group by suicides, fires, poisonings, explosions, drownings, stabbings and asphyxiations.

Of the 48 states and the District of Columbia, New York led with 41 deaths followed by California with 30, Ohio with 29 and Illinois with 28. Pennsylvania had 24 and Texas 23.

Registration Of Aliens At Deadline
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—A four-months program to register and fingerprint every alien in the United States and its possessions ends at midnight tonight.

Every non-citizen, with the exception of foreign government officials and their immediate families, who fail to register will be subject to a \$1,000 fine and six months imprisonment.

More than 4,200,000 registrations have been received at headquarters here—compared with an early estimate of 3,600,000 aliens in the United States—and several hundred thousand more are expected before the rolls are closed.

Aliens in Howard county had their last chance to register today. Some were making inquiry at the postoffice where 687 persons have registered as aliens to date.

Young Roosevelt Gets New Job

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., is slated for a \$2,100 job as a clerk in a Wall Street law firm.

Announcement that the 28-year-old son of the president would join the firm of Wright, Gordon, Zachary and Parlin Jan. 6 was made last night by Wallace P. Zachary.

CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE

A blazing Christmas tree Thursday morning sent firemen hurrying to a NW5th St. home, a bucket brigade had the fire whipped when firemen arrived.



TOM ASHLEY

Army Schools Of Aviation Reorganized

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 26 (AP)—Reaching out toward a goal of 12,000 trained pilots a year, army officials here today announced a reorganization of the gulf coast training area.

Under the new setup to become effective soon after Jan. 1, Brooks and Kelly fields here are to become twin-motored advanced flying schools. A school for observers will also be opened at Brooks field for trainees selected from other branches of the service.

Until now Randolph field has been the only primary school in the gulf coast training center. Two classes, approximately 450 pilots each, occupied the field.

Today it was announced that a second primary school would be established at San Angelo. Originally the San Angelo field was to have been for advanced students. Besides the advanced schools at Brooks and Kelly fields, primary school graduates will be sent to Ellington field in Houston and to a fourth field not yet announced.

Ellington field will be used for training of flight specialists, including bomb crews, navigators and bombardiers. The fourth school, location not announced, will be used for the advanced training of pursuit pilots.

The advanced students will be detailed as follows: Kelly field 138; Brooks field 100; Ellington field 140; unannounced field 135.

First students will be sent to the new San Angelo primary school about Feb. 15. Ellington field will be opened to advanced students about April 26 and the fourth advanced field about July 1.

Lions Study '41 Program

Lions club members, meeting a day late because Christmas fell on the regular meeting time, looked forward to a program for 1941 in a Thursday luncheon.

Members also heard appeals for support of the county unit system of administering road matters. Reports on the Christmas party for Mexican children and the Lions Night party were heard.

Pascal Buckner, district deputy governor, spoke briefly, urging members to impress upon new Lions the service ideals of the organization.

A.&M. Exes Set For Annual Dance

Former students of Texas A.&M. college were all set for their annual dance this evening in the Settles ballroom.

Jack York will furnish the music and the affair is to be held from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m. Script is \$1.85 and others are invited to join in the event.

Sick Time Coming - - January Will Find Many Persons Missing Work

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Personnel directors of big industrial corporations today were preparing to keep work moving evenly during January—Worst month of the year from the standpoint of employee absences.

Colds and other respiratory ailments take a heavy toll in work-hours, especially among "white collar" workers, in the opening month of the year when both exercise and sun are at their lowest ebb.

"For the people who work at desks, January always has been the worst month of the year for absences," says one personnel man who has been watching trends in his company for 25 years.

"I'm no doctor, but over the years I've worked out my own theories on why people get sick in January," he continued. "One is that people get less sun and get down on exercise. January is usually a colder month than the other two and as a result people get less fresh air than in any other month."

"There's too much artificial living. People don't eat the right food. Their resistance to colds is lowest in January when, if sense were used, efforts should be made to keep it the highest."

Wind Reaches Velocity Of Near 60 MPH

Temperature Remains Comparatively High. However, Low Was 46

There was more back than bite to the norther that swept into Big Spring early today.

Although the temperature remained high—never dropping below 46 degrees—the wind reached rare proportions to give the cold a penetrating quality.

The weather bureau reported after noon that the wind was being recorded as 39 miles per hour, with gusts ranging up to nearly 60 miles per hour.

From its low of 46 recorded about sunrise, the temperature rose to 55 at 1 p. m.

Meantime, other portions of Texas received considerable rainfall. Unusually low barometer readings were reported in north, east and south-central Texas, where light rainfall was general. Light rains were reported also from Waynoka, Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla. Heavy rains fell in Louisiana at Lake Charles and Alexandria, and southward along the Texas coast to Palacios.

No rain was reported from the lower Rio Grande valley or far west and northwest Texas points.

Pushing into the low pressure area was a high, bringing strong northwest and west winds, already moving into West Texas. It was expected to reach the coast tonight and the weather was expected to clear up as the low pressure area moved east northeast.

Fair and colder was the outlook for West Texas, and colder, partly cloudy, was expected for East Texas. The forecast for Oklahoma was for cloudy except fair in the north-west and extreme west tonight with light rain in the east and southwest. Fair and warmer was expected Friday.

Cooperative To Energize More Line This Week

Energization schedule for the Caprock Electric Co-Operative calls for completion of service facilities from Knott to the Leno-Rah community by Saturday, O. B. Bryan, manager of the program, announced Thursday. Opening of this section adds 52 subscribers to the REA project and 29 miles of power lines to the already energized 30 miles from Moore through Fairview to Knott.

The 27-mile section from Fairview to the Luther and Gayhill communities is almost completed, Bryan said, but will not be energized until next week.

By beginning of the new year, Bryan expects to have complete electrical service extending north of Big Spring to Knott, from where one line goes northeast to the Borden county line and the other runs west and south to Cottonwood.

Weather Forecast

U. S. Weather Bureau
WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight and Friday, colder tonight; considerably colder in southeast portion.

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy and colder, temperature near freezing in extreme northwest portion tonight; Friday partly cloudy, colder in east portion. Strong north-west winds on the coast tonight, diminishing Friday.

LOCAL WEATHER DATA

Highest temp. Wednesday, 64.8. Lowest temp. today, 46.8. Sunset today, 5:49 p. m. Sunrise Friday, 7:45 a. m. Trace of rain.

German Actions Pose New Mystery

By The Associated Press
British guards on the channel coast were doubled today against the possibility of a lightning German thrust through the mist covering the now calm Strait of Dover.

Picked troops armed with Bren guns (light machine-guns) and other automatic weapons combed the beaches and watched every cleft of the chalk cliffs of the Dover region.

Traffic along the coast was halted at barricades and drivers and passengers searched.

Even soldiers and sailors in uniform were required to show identification cards.

At the same time, Adolf Hitler posed the war's biggest mystery as the vanguard of 300,000 fresh German troops sped by train through Hungary into Rumania.

Speculation was rife in Balkan capitals that a showdown may be approaching between the Rome-Berlin axis and Soviet Russia over control of the strategically vital Danube river.

Observers also saw the possibility of Nazi action against Greece—or even Turkey and the Near East in a German "drang nach Osten" (drive to the east).

Some quarters viewed the mass German troop movement into Rumania as a feint to throw Britain off guard on her home front, setting the stage for a lightning invasion of the island kingdom.

If so, Britain was not deceived. Picket troops armed with Bren light machine-guns combed the beaches and kept watch from the white cliffs of Dover.

In the puzzling Balkan situation, Budapest dispatches quoted travelers from Germany as saying rail traffic in the eastern reich was being disrupted by the passage of Nazi troops toward the soviet frontier and into Slovakia.

Disclosure of the Nazi troop movements followed closely the news that German, Russian, Italian and Rumanian experts who had been negotiating in Bucharest two months had departed for home after failing to agree on which nation or group of nations should control the Danube delta.

Informal sources said the Russians had insisted flatly they should control the area.

Britain and Germany were free from bomb attacks over Christmas but the Greek island of Corfu in the Ionian sea was said by the Greek high command to have been bombed by Italian fliers Christmas Day. Fifteen persons were reported killed. One German airplane was shot down over the Orkney Islands.

Intense cold curtailed action in the war in Albania, but a Greek army bulletin said several Italian fortified positions along the northern front had been captured.

The siege of Bardia entered its 10th day with the Italian garrison facing steadily-increasing pressure. Premier Mussolini's high command reported "lively actions by enemy artillery batteries opposed by our batteries" at Bardia, and said fascist planes had strafed British troops and naval forces besieging the desert port with "intense bombardment." A British warship was hit, the communique said.

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Britain's Meat Ration To Drop

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Britain's meat ration is likely to be reduced from that purchasable for one shilling (about 37 cents) per week to purchases of one shilling (about 30 cents) per week per person early in January, it was reported reliably today.

(Britain rations meat by price rather than weight. The one shilling (about a pound and a half of beef) ration allows a pound of beef, pork, tripe, kidneys, liver and sausages, which hitherto have not been rationed, now may be part of the ration.)

British Down 39 Italian Planes

LONDON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Italy lost at least 39 aircraft to nine British losses in operations in the Greek-Italian conflict from Nov. 7 to Dec. 21, the air ministry news service reported today in giving details of Royal Air Force activities in support of the Greeks.

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Group Asks President To Defeat Axis

Prominent Citizens Tell Executive To Spare No Facilities
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—The White House said today that more than 150 prominent American citizens had urged President Roosevelt to "make it the settled policy of this country to do everything that may be necessary to insure the defeat of the axis powers."

The group, comprising editors, lawyers, authors, educators, actors, and religious and labor leaders, set forth their appeal in a letter.

They urged that all possible be done to promote "resistance to the plausible but fatal arguments of appeasement."

Evidently for the purpose of informing the president what they think a large section of the American people would like to hear in the chief executive's Sunday night radio speech, the group said: "We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth, that the materials of war and the military and naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can now produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the axis powers, so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting, but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in the future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

Among the signers of the letter were Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of Foreign Affairs; Herbert Agar, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal; Frank Alschul, New York banker; Henry Breakenridge, New York lawyer; John Stewart Bryan, president of the college of William and Mary; and Lewis W. Douglas, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company and former new deal budget director.

Earlier a White House secretary said that President Roosevelt would be "very specific" about war aid to Britain in his radio address, but would give no figures on any phase that might be helpful to any other nation.

Paylor Rites Set Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca Paylor, 83, mother of the late Tobey Paylor, were to be held at the Eberley chapel Friday at 4:30 p. m.

Mrs. Paylor succumbed at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Stulkin, at 1826 Elizabeth street, in Wichita Falls. She had been residing with Mrs. Stulkin since 1926.

Mrs. Paylor, a relative of Dan Painter of this city, leaves one son, Harvey Paylor of Louisiana, and two daughters, Mrs. Wilton Parton, Amarillo, and Mrs. Stulkin. Interment was to be in the local cemetery.

Volunteers Will Fill Draft Quota

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 26 (Sp)—Second quota for Mitchell county under the selective service phase of the national defense program will be filled with volunteers on January 28, it was announced this week by the county draft board after the quota had been received.

Fourteen white men are to report from this county. One negro will report on January 18. The negro will also be a volunteer, Louis Johnson.

Names of the volunteers who will fill the county quota will be announced by the draft board in the near future.

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Runner Will Attempt Four Minute Mile

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26 (UP)—Walter Mehl, an earnest young man who set an American 1,500-meter record the last time he ran a race, believes that in 1941 or 1942 he will achieve that shining goal of the middle distance—a four-minute mile.

The only reason it hasn't been done already, he declared today is that no other runner has thought it possible, and therefore hasn't really tried it. The fastest mile ever recorded was four minutes, four seconds by Glenn Cunningham.

"I've been studying this thing for several years," said the blond former Wisconsin athlete who will run the mile in the Sugar Bowl meet here Sunday.

"I think I can do it this coming season, or next."

"I don't mean I'm necessarily the chosen one, as there are others who could do it, but I'm definitely counting on it."

Big Year In Golf Closes

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26 (UP)—It was a corking year in big time golf with the professional experts shooting at \$152,000 in prize money—but the 1940 campaign was not without its oddities and disappointments.

Fred J. Corcoran, tournament bureau manager for the Professional Golfers association, delved into his memories of the dizzy business for a flock of superlatives.

Most controversial incident—Ed Oliver's disqualification after coming early to tee in the national open. Remember how Oliver teed off before his designated time, then played out his disallowed final round for a 287 that would have tied for the title?

Lowest 72-hole score—Craig Wood's 64-68-68-66—264 for a world record over a championship course to win the Metropolitan open by 11 strokes.

Greatest comeback—Gene Sarazen, after all these years, by tying in the national open. (Lawson Little won the playoff with 70 to Sarazen's 73).

Outstanding performer—Ben Hogan, who won the most money, \$16,655, and captured the Vardon trophy with an 18-hole average of 70.53 for 75 rounds.

Funniest incident—Clayton Heafner climbing a tree to find his ball after hitting a wild shot in the Oakland open.

Greatest shot—Henry Picard's 165-yard tee shot within ten inches of the cup under tremendous pressure as defending champion in the P. G. A. tournament. Three down to Sarazen with three holes to go, Picard finished with three birdies but lost when Sarazen sank a 15-foot putt for a half.

Lowest 18-hole score—Ed Dudley's eight-under-par 63 in Philadelphia sectional qualifying for the P. G. A. championship.

Best match—Byron Nelson's one up victory over Sam Snead in the P. G. A. finals.

Greatest finish—Lawson Little's final 65 to win the Los Angeles open after trailing by five strokes entering the last round.

Toughest luck player—Clayton Heafner, who just missed winning three tournaments, losing by a stroke each time.

Midget Hurt In Fall At Rodeo

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26 (UP)—Brownie Rogers, 58-pound midget, appearing with a rodeo-circus here, was in Swedish hospital today with a possible basal skull fracture and a broken left leg suffered when he was thrown from a wild buffalo which he was riding back last night.

Rogers, 46 inches tall and 27 years old, has been riding buffaloes bare-back for 10 years. Three years ago, while appearing in Madison Square Garden, he was thrown and stepped on by a buffalo and spent three months in a hospital.

The midget's real name is Roger Ben Brown and his home is in Pollock, Okla. He was born on Will Rogers' ranch at Tahlequah, Okla., and learned to rope, ride and shoot from the late Rogers.

Plan Benefit Game

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (UP)—Plans for a benefit gridiron contest here January 3 between a western and an eastern team, including Tom Harmon, Michigan's outstanding player, were announced today by film actor Alan Mowbray, head of a British war relief committee.

1940 The Year In Sports Roundup

AP Feature Service
NEW YORK—Hitting the year's sports high spots from A to Z: **AUTO RACING**—Wilbur Shaw won the 500-mile Indianapolis speedway race for the second straight year.

BASKETBALL—Championships were won by: Phillips 66 of Oklahoma, National A. A. U.; Tarkio (Mo.) College, Kansas City national intercollegiate; Colorado, New York invitation; Indiana, N. C. A. A.

FOOTBALL—Tommy Harmon of Michigan, who bettered Red Grange's scoring records, was football's man-of-the-year. Minnesota was voted No. 1 team in AP poll.

BASEBALL—Stanford, Tennessee and Boston College were major unbeaten teams. Dartmouth's victory over Cornell, after the "fifth down" episode, and Texas' triumph over Texas A & M were perhaps the biggest upsets.

ICE HOCKEY—New York Rangers won the Stanley Cup, Boston Bruins captured the National hockey league championship.

MARATHON—Gerard Cote won the Boston Marathon in record time of 2 hours, 28 minutes and 28.6 seconds.

MOTORBOATS—Sidney Allen's Hotzy-Totzy won the Gold Cup, Herbert Mendelson's Notre Dame took the President's Cup, and Jack Cooper's Topsy III captured the National sweepstakes. Clayton Bishop won the Albany-New York outboard race.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE BRIDGES
NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP)—Semi-final five-star special for this season (may be some dope on the bowl games later) is California to beat Georgia Tech Saturday. . . . And before some of our pals in Atlanta start writing asbestos letters, we'll explain those Bears were getting better and better every game and Tech wasn't. . . . We won't try to pick the winner of the Blue-Gray fuss but wish we could be there. . . . They may put on bigger programs and fancier parades some other places, but at Montgomery they're running a fox hunt as an added attraction and in our neck of the woods that's considered tops in real fun.

Out at Kansas State Teachers college at Pittsburg Charley Morgan is head football coach and his sons, Bill and Jack, are first and second string quarterbacks. . . . John Lance, Jr., and Ray Lance play guards on the basketball team coached by John Lance, Sr., and Blair and Pat Chapman make up a pretty fair doubles team for their dad who doubles himself as chemistry prof and tennis coach.

Our informant hastens to add that it's all on the up and up, as Bill Morgan is a first string basketball player and brother Jack and John Lance, Jr., are track men.

It wasn't the age of Shibe park who claimed the first hundred years are the hardest. . . . From the way Connie Mack looked and talked when he celebrated his 78th birthday the other day, he'll still be trying to win pennants with the Athletics when he has a good start on the second hundred. . . . So we'll add our timid tribute: Oh, Connie Mack is seventy-eight. And some folks think that's pretty late.

To start right from the bottom, But Connie still thinks baseball's fun; He'll keep the A's all on the run Till baseball ends next Autumn.

Michigan Reduces WPA
DETROIT (UP)—Fourteen thousand Michigan WPA workers have returned to jobs in the state's expanding private industries during the past 90 days, state administrator Abner E. Larned has reported.

Civilians To Coach Army

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 26 (UP)—For the first time since the early days of football at West Point, Army's team will be directed by civilian coaches next fall.

The defense program has brought about the change.

Earl (Red) Blaik, former Army player and coach who is quite familiar with the Army system and regulations, will return from Dartmouth, where he has been head coach since 1934, and bring his entire staff of assistants.

The staff includes Harry O. (Fats) Ellinger, Army guard in the early 1920's, and Frank Moore, trained by Captain "Biff" Jones, former Army head coach, so there would be a complete break with the Army tradition of graduate coaching.

Others coming from Dartmouth are Andy Gustafson, backfield coach, and Averell Daniell, assistant line coach, both University of Pittsburgh graduates.

Trainer Rollins Bevans also will make the change.

In announcing the break in the policy of having officer-coached teams, Brigadier General Robert L. Elcheberger, military academy superintendent, said yesterday, "the uncertainty of being able to secure the desired army officer football coaches during the existing national emergency was one factor considered in making the change."

The coaching shift was indicated recently when Captain Bill Wood, who coached the unsuccessful 1940 team, was assigned to active duty.

Texas Bank Loans During 1940 Total Over 570 Million

NEW YORK—Twenty-one per cent of the commercial banks in Texas made more than \$24,000 loans totaling \$570,000,000 to business firms and individuals throughout the state during the first six months of 1940, according to the semi-annual survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers association.

The A. B. A. loan survey was participated in by 178 Texas banks, or 21.2 per cent of the 840 commercial banks in the state.

These 178 banks reported that they made between January 1 and June 30, 1940:

245,028 New loans totaling \$253,848,000

177,874 Renewals of loans totaling \$11,796,279

1,510 New mortgage loans totaling \$4,764,263

424,410 \$970,408,542

The survey showed that business firms in the state used only 39 per cent of the "confirmed open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of banks. A total of 37 banks in the larger centers of the state reported that they carried on their books \$49,819,000 in "open lines of credit" offered to and kept available for regular borrowers for use as needed by them.

Of this amount \$19,807,448 or 39.8 per cent was used.

The average number of new loans made per bank during the six months period under review was 1,577 and the average size of loan was \$1,038.

The average number of loans renewed per bank was 1,738.

The average number of new mortgage loans made per bank was eight and the average new mortgage made was for \$3,158.

Sports

The Big Spring Daily Herald

Big Spring, Texas,

'Georgetown Has Everything' Isn't Just Press Agent Talk

AP Feature Service
For a concise definition of Georgetown's football team you can't beat Coach Jack Hagerty's own comment: "Fine material working in perfect harmony."

The Hoyas had to go unbeaten for nearly three years before one of the post-season bowl committees woke up to the fact that Georgetown boasted one of the nation's strongest teams.

Ironically, a defeat virtually clinched them the invitation to play Mississippi State in Miami's Orange Bowl.

The Hoyas defeated all rivals in 1938. They tied Syracuse and won all their other contests in 1939. And when they faced Boston College, late in the 1940 campaign, Georgetown had a record of 22 straight undefeated games over a three-year stretch. In one of the hardest fought engagements of the grid program B. C. beat the Hoyas by one point, 19-18.

Joe McFadden, 185-pound quarterback, directs the Hoyas and is surrounded by a veritable set of backs. Julius Koshlap adds to the attack's deceptiveness by his ability to pass with either hand while on the dead run. Fullback Jim Castiglia, a 200-pounder, is fast enough to run the ends. Lou Ghecas is perhaps the best ball-carrier, but Jack Doonan is the fastest. This sophomore scooper is a former national interscholastic 90-yard sprint champion and once he gets in the open it's goodbye.

Top lineman is Augie Lio rated as one of the best guards of the year. Augie also kicks field goals and extra points. Part of the punting is done by Mike Kopcik, a fine pass-receiving end, and Joe Daniels, 200-pound tackle.

Perhaps the best known player on the squad is giant Al Blozis, who was graduated from the university in 1939.

This 6-foot-6, 260-pound tackle grabbed the headlines last spring by bettering American shot put records. Hagerty thinks he is a champion tackle, too.

Center Allen Matura was good enough as a junior to be chosen in the pro football draft by the Green Bay Packers, who thought he was playing his last college season.

Actually, there was a lot of truth in the slogan adopted by the "Hoyas" press agent this year: "The Hoyas have everything."

Southwest Stars Beat St. Mary's

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 26 (UP)—They had an air show here yesterday but it was with footballs and a Southern Methodist university product showed them all the tricks of the trade as the Southwest all-stars bounced the St. Mary's Raiders around 36-6 in a game played for the British war relief fund.

Ray Mallouf, the mighty Mustang, pitched three touchdown passes and his heaves also led to the other two counters.

St. Mary's scored via the airways, Mike Ball passing to Charles Cooney for 37 and to Curt Sandig for 27 yards and a touchdown.

The all-stars proceeded to score again with little wasted motion.

Lorado Taft Honored
CHAMPAIGN - URBANA, Ill. (UP)—The University of Illinois has honored Lorado Taft, the late sculptor and an alumnus of the school, by naming a new drive after him. The drive passes the architecture building which acquired the sculptor's collection of originals, casts and miniatures after his death. Taft was graduated from the university in 1879.

Big Spring's Poloists Win Over Lamesa

Big Spring's poloists hit their stride Christmas Day at Lamesa, and walloped riders from Lamesa's Black and White teams with a 7-to-3 score before an estimated crowd of 800 or 900.

The Big Spring quartet got in the first lick in the joust when Dr. M. H. Bennett cut loose with a melloco's finesse to chalk up a counter. Next in on the scoring list was Lloyd Wasson.

Jay Floyd, six-goaler with about 15 years of mallet-swinging experience on his record, rolled up a total of three tallies to take scoring honors. Pat Patterson and Lawrie Rix came through with a strike each.

The Lamesans threw their full force on the field, picked men out of the Black and White fours riding against the visitors.

Bennett rode in the number one slot for Big Spring, Patterson and Rix alternated at two. Floyd filled the third berth, and Lloyd Wasson galloped at the number four post.

Lamesa's roster included: Gus White, Gus, Jr., Sol Cleveland, Bill Boyd, T. B. Folkerson, Lyn Parkinson, and Eric Brown.

Next Sunday, Dec. 29, Big Spring entertains the Lamesans on the home pasture.

Londoner Sends Cheerful Cable

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26 (UP)—Mrs. George Fluke received this Christmas cablegram from her sister, Mrs. Helen Nick Tombasi, who lives in London: "Love cheers well confident."

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Sandies To Start South Tonight

DALLAS, Dec. 26 (UP)—The Amarillo Sandies, 27 strong, start tonight on their trek to Dallas to keep a date with the Temple Wildcats in the state schoolboy football final.

They will break the trip with a stop-off for a workout tomorrow afternoon at Fort Worth, also spending the night there.

Meantime, Temple remained at home for workouts today and tomorrow and Coach Les Cranfill said he was uncertain when to take the squad to Dallas but the Wildcats probably would arrive tomorrow night.



MRS. E. A. SAVAGE (Photo by Perry)

Candlelight Ceremony Unites Miss Bishop And Eddie Savage

Service Read At 6 o'clock Wednesday Night In The First Baptist Church

In a single ring ceremony, Edith Gail Bishop, daughter of C. G. Bishop of Oklahoma City, and Eddie Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Savage were married at 6 o'clock Wednesday night at the First Baptist church. The pastor, the Rev. C. E. Lancaster, read the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, W. D. Carnett, wore a white satin wedding gown made with a fitted bodice quilted with tiny hearts around the sweetheart neckline. The sleeves were long and pointed over the wrist. Her veil was of illusion and was finger-tip length. It was caught with a spray of babies breath wreath to form the top of her head.

For something old she carried her mother's gold watch in her hand and for something borrowed she carried the white lace wedding handkerchief of her sister, Mrs. W. D. Carnett. For something blue she wore a blue ring. Her bouquet was of tulle and roses.

The altar was flanked with baskets of pink gladioli and fern, and candles burned in candelabra on either side of the altar.

Her bridesmaids were dressed in net and tulle gowns and each had a shoulder corsage of pink gladioli. Lucille Carnett was maid of honor and wore a pink tulle gown with a blue lace jacket.

Bridesmaids were Marcelline Benson, who wore a pink net dress, Dorothy Smith, who dressed in blue marquisette, Betty Cravena, who wore pink tulle, and Jenn Elita Dodge, whose dress was of blue tulle.

George Bishop of Oklahoma City, brother of the bride, was best man. Ushers were John Fielder of Abilene, Neal Stanley, Lewis Alexander and Edward McEwen.

During the candlelighting ceremony performed by the ushers, Mrs. Anne Gibson Houser played Chopin's "Prelude." The processional was "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" by Wagner, and the recessional was "Wedding March" by Mendelssohn. During the wedding ceremony, Mrs. Houser played "Liebestraum."

Soloist was Sylvia Pond who sang "I Love You Truly."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for the bride party and members of both families in the W. D. Carnett home. The white wedding cake was served with punch.

The bride was graduated from Shawnee, Okla., high school and attended Oklahoma Baptist university at Shawnee where she took a business course. She came to Big Spring two years ago and is employed at Lone Star Chevrolet.

Savage was graduated from Big Spring high school in 1939 and is employed at Carnett's Radio Sales. The couple will be at home at 606 Lancaster.

The bride is a sister of Mrs. W. D. Carnett and has made her home with the Carnetts for the past two years.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGuire and two sons of Okla., C. G. Bishop of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Savage of Grayville, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. William Savage of Monahans, Richard Carnett from Lowry field, Denver.

Four County Singing Convention To Be Held December 29

Singers from different counties around Big Spring will take part in the four county singing convention, Sunday, Dec. 29 at the Tabernacle church, Benton and Fourth streets.

Singing begins at 11 o'clock a. m. and the public is invited to attend.

Hospital Notes

Big Spring Hospital
Norma Barker, Foran, entered the hospital for medical care Tuesday.

Mrs. P. M. Cunningham and Mrs. W. B. O'Kelly, both of Garden City, were dismissed Thursday from the hospital.

Mrs. Henry J. Edwards, 706 Main, was dismissed Thursday.

Italian Sailors Are In No Hurry

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 26 (AP)—Time apparently means nothing to one sailor aboard the Italian steamship Clara, which put in here at the beginning of the European war.

Offered a cigarette-rolling machine when he was seen making them by hand, the sailor declined, explaining: "That's too fast."

Germans Say Hospital Hit

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (AP)—DNE, official German news agency, reported today that during a British aerial bombardment of Lunenburg, southeast of Nancy, France, on Christmas Eve, a bomb hit a hospital, killing 20 Frenchmen.

An incendiary bomb dropped in the raid fired and destroyed a convent freshly prepared for Christmas, DNE asserted.

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1. Does not set dresses, does not irritate skin.
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Society

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Daily Calendar Of Week's Events

FRIDAY
WOODMEN CIRCLE will meet at 7:30 o'clock at the W.O.W. Hall.
A & M DANCE will be held at the Settles hotel.
SATURDAY
HYPERION CLUB will meet at 1 o'clock for a luncheon with Mrs. C. W. Cunningham, 1102 Scurry. White elephant gifts will be exchanged.
SUNDAY
JOE FLOCK'S Christmas party will be held at 7:30 o'clock at the Crawford.

Open House And Visiting - Mark Christmas Day

Christmas Day is a day to go visiting and calling on friends in town and it is a custom that Big Spring folks have always followed.

Yesterday, nearly everybody had company in for egg-nogg or other refreshment and folks visited all day with their friends.

One party that is an annual event in town is the affair given by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Edwards in their home. Over 205 guests called from 9 o'clock to 1 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McKinney entertained local guests who called throughout the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Seale had a Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jeffries and children, Margery and Bobby of Odessa. Many others entertained guests.

Mrs. R. L. Minter and daughter, Ruth, and son, Lee, Jr., of Fort Worth are visiting here with Mrs. J. L. Prichard over the holidays.

Lucille Carnett is spending a few days in Abilene in the John Fielder home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie McGlaun of Mabank are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hull.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe Woodward of Stanton are visiting here over the holidays.

Mrs. L. W. Jester has as her holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McWhorter of Baird.

Mrs. Mary Snell of San Antonio is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will P. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Friend of Fort Worth will arrive in Big Spring Saturday to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Edwards.

Tom Beasley, Austin, and Miss Ruth Beasley, Houston, left Thursday after spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Annie Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nall and children spent Christmas day with her grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Riley, who resides near Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Harris and son, Jimmie, returned to their home in Crane after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pickle.

Bill Zafanotis, former resident who has been in Alabama for several months, is here for the holidays.

Dr. P. M. Bristow and son, Prentice, of Stanton were with friends and relatives here Christmas.

Miss 'Laneous Notes

By MARY WHALEY

The day you looked forward to for so long has finally come and gone. All there is left is to wait for the bills to come in January 1st.

In spite of the fact that you got things you'll never wear and articles you'll never use, it still was fun.

After the unwrapping and a glowing over gifts and a morning of excitement, then came the turkey dinner, several hours later than your regular dinner.

And anybody that consumed his dinner in less than an hour and a half, didn't do justice to the holiday meal. But following dinner, there was a three hour period of coma. When the family collapsed in various parts of the house or gazed glassy-eyed at each other.

Toward nightfall, most could begin to move again, although with difficulty. Maybe you did go someplace in the evening but the bloom had begun to wear off.

The Christmas tree drooped a little and the turkey was just a skeleton. The angel children suddenly became human again and argued over toys. Occasionally, they may have hopped each other over the head with a doll or a train.

But despite the let-down feeling, the bills yet to come, and the upset digestion, it was a Merry Christmas in every way.



Coffee Given On Christmas By Two Hostesses

Janet and Doris Bankson entertained with a coffee from 8 o'clock to 9 o'clock Christmas morning in their home.

English Ivy decorated the rooms and centered the coffee table. Guests included friends and girls home from college.

Attending were Lillian Hurt, Helen Hurt, Reta Mae Bigony, Sue Walker, Dorothy Bain, Marie Gray, Sylvia Pond, Mrs. D. C. Johnson, Ruth Thomas.

Peggy Thomas, Emma Ruth Stripling, Rebecca Thomas, Frances Tingle and the hostesses.

Party Given In Home Of The McGlothlins

Mr. and Mrs. Louise McGlothlin entertained with a Christmas party in their home Monday evening and guests exchanged gifts from the Christmas tree.

A Yule theme was carried out in the home decorations and refreshments were served.

Following the party, the group shot fireworks on scenic mountain. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCusick, Max Westernman, Daisy Kerrigan, Jack Guiley, Roxie Cross, Dan Scott and John Thomas.

Parents Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Monroe are the parents of a daughter born Thursday morning at the Big Spring hospital.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
By the Associated Press
Dec. 26, 1915—Russians destroy Brest-Litovsk.

Several Weddings Take Place On Christmas Day In Big Spring

Miss Squyres And Griffin Marry At Baptist Church

Louise Squyres, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Squyres, and Hawley Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Griffin, were married Wednesday night at the First Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Lancaster.

The ceremony was read by candlelight and the bride's attendants were her sister, Flora Belle Engle, and Marie Griffin. Ted Cornell of Midland was the bridegroom's attendant.

The church was decorated with pink gladioli. Mrs. Griffin, for something old, wore a locket given to her mother by her father with his picture inside. For something borrowed and blue she carried a blue handkerchief belonging to Marie Griffin.

The bride wore an old rose dress with matching coat trimmed with natural-colored wolf fur collar. Her accessories were black and

Miss Muirhead Weds Wednesday Evening Here

At 8 o'clock Christmas night, Margie Muirhead became the bride of Robert A. Kerley in a ceremony read at the Church of Christ parsonage. Melvin J. Wise, minister, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Muirhead and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Winterwood. Kerley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kerley.

The bride wore a fitted, solid blue velvet street-length dress and a black velvet pompadour. Her accessories were of black tulle.

For something old she wore a bracelet belonging to her great aunt, Mrs. L. B. Hall.

Kerley is employed by the Southland Oil company in Corsicana where the couple will make their home.

Mrs. Kerley was graduated from high school in Kilgore and later attended Kilgore junior college. She has been working recently at Cecil Long pharmacy.

Out-Of-Town Couple Weds Here At East 4th St. Church

Lois Lucille Huff of Odessa and William Wayne Petty of Crane were married Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the East Fourth Baptist parsonage with the Rev. R. E. Dunham, pastor, reading the single ring ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Crane where Petty is employed in the oil fields.

W. H. Cardwell Give Christmas Dinner For Children In Home

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cardwell, Sr. entertained their children in their home with Christmas Day dinner Wednesday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anglin of Roswell, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hogue of Carlsbad, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and Carl, Jr., of Balinger, Mrs. Nan Bearden and son, Dan, Mrs. Tom Abbe, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Meyers and son, Billy, and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Cardwell.

Red Cross Headquarters Asks For Garments To Be Completed Soon

Half-finished garments are needed to be completed and brought to the Red Cross headquarters for shipment the first of January, according to Mrs. G. G. Sawtelle, knitting instructor.

Mrs. Sawtelle has asked the women to complete the sweaters and dresses and other articles begun by the women in order that they might be included in this January shipment.

THIS IS ONE SALE I'M NOT GOING TO MISS!

WARDS FAMOUS ANNUAL After Christmas DRESS SALE

EVERY DRESS IS REGULARLY \$1

You've never seen such values in your life! Fine-quality percales, poplins and slub-popolins... many of them in styles identical with nationally-sold 1.98 dresses! Strictly tailored shirtwaists, dressy styles—with pleated all-around skirts! With new "mitten" pockets! Lace, or-gandy, pique collars! Tie-backs, zippers! Sizes 12-22!

Easy-to-get-in zipper dress with new slash pockets. Tie-back style.

Slenderizing, becoming to women. Pretty yoke.

New! Clever "mitten" pockets on a fresh design print. Flattering colors.

Wraparound with full skirt, women's sizes.

Trim-fitting zipper style, misses' sizes.

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WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SPORTS OR DRESS COATS, PRICED FOR IMMEDIATE CLEARANCE

Just 14 Women's 14.98 Coats—Many with luxurious furs you never expected to find at this price! Sizes 12 to 44.	11.50
Only 7 Women's 9.98 Coats—Warm tweeds and fleeces, smart, dressy fabrics of wool-and-rayon. Sizes from 12 to 44.	6.50
9 Only! Girls' 9.98 Coats—Some with real fur! Mostly all-wool fabrics, some with rayon. Sizes from 1 to 14.	4.50

Montgomery Ward

SALE! HOUSECOATS OF FAMOUS PACIFIC MILLS "TAMAWIST" FABRIC!

This nationally-famous fabric has never before been used in housecoats under 1.98! There are wraparound styles with sweeping skirts... others with American-made "Jewel"-brand zippers, advertised in Vogue! And every one carries a Pacific Mills "factag", telling you exactly how to wash and iron your coat so you'll get maximum wear! Sizes 14-20, 38-44.

Montgomery Ward

Old Doctor's Bill Paid, Both Principals Dead

LOCKPORT, N. Y. (UP)—A 58-year-old doctor bill amounting to \$5 has been paid, long after the deaths of both the patient and the physician.

C. Rhoads Palmer, junior chamber of commerce director, was sitting in his office when accosted by a stranger.

"Are you the grandson of Doc Palmer?" the stranger asked.

Palmer answered affirmatively, and was handed \$5.

"That's in full payment of a bill your grandfather sent to my grandfather for services 25 years ago," the stranger explained. "The bill was originally \$11, but my grandfather paid three one-dollar payments before he died. My grandmother intended to pay the money, she died the other day, but before she passed away she asked that the bill be paid up out of her estate."

TOTAL DEFENSE FAILS, AS INTRUDER FLEES

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Yvonne Brady, 19, believes in total defense—but in her case it didn't work.

Miss Brady's precautions against intruders make a list worthy of the national defense coordinators. It included:

1—A lock, bolt and chain on the inside of her bedroom door.

2—A police whistle beside her bed.

3—A telephone beside the police whistle.

4—A husky, healthy pair of lungs which Miss Brady knows how to use.

Despite the precautions, Miss Brady was awakened by an intruder. She telephoned police, blew the whistle shrilly, went to the window and screamed.

Police arrived; so did the whole neighborhood. The intruder, however, escaped by a rear window.

Tree Returns Good Deed

OMAHA, Neb. (UP)—O. A. Lerdahl, "wouldn't take anything" for an ancient maple tree in his yard now, although when he treated it for a rotting limb a year ago, he wondered if it was worth the effort. It was. When a runaway milk truck bore down on four boys playing in the yard, they ducked behind the tree and the truck crashed into it.

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Second Prize (\$40.00)
Mrs. Philip E. Campbell, Rising Star, Tex.
Third Prize (\$20.00)
Mrs. E. R. Kilgore, Groesbeck, Tex.

Next 20 Prizes (\$2.00 Each)
Mrs. Bonnie Branch, 602 North Jackson Street, Altus, Okla.
Mrs. Marie Blum, 609 East Elm, Hillsboro, Tex.
Mrs. W. O. Craven, 1086 West Market Street, Honey Grove, Tex.
Mrs. M. L. Criswell, Thrall, Tex.
Mrs. E. B. Darby, Anton, Tex.
Mrs. Paul Duncan, 601 North Healds Street, Seguin, Tex.
Miss Viola Gilbert, Tivoli, Tex.
Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, Box 105, Sinton, Tex.
Mrs. H. W. Hooper, 217 Short Street, McKinney, Tex.
Mrs. R. L. Hubbard, Leakey, Tex.
Mrs. C. A. Maxwell, Las Palomas, New Mexico.
Mrs. H. H. McCoy, 6034 Findlay Street, Houston, Tex.
Mrs. F. Miller, Route 4, Box 152E, Waco, Tex.
Mrs. Woodson Patrick, 915 Walnut, Georgetown, Tex.
Mrs. A. W. Paulton, Box 568, Naacoches, Tex.
Mrs. C. C. Pland, Route 1, Box 14, Nixon, Tex.
Mrs. J. A. Shufflett, Box 483, Gladewater, Tex.
Mrs. C. W. Terry, Jr., 504 Forrest Street, Victoria, Tex.
Mrs. Henry C. Tawest, 829 Fairview, Shreveport, La.
Mrs. Capella Whitley, Box 315, Greenville, Tex.

Ninth Contest Closed Dec. 14
Dealer's Prize (\$50.00)
B & J Sales Company, Terrell, Tex.
Dealer's Prize (\$20.00)
B & B Cash Grocery, Rising Star, Tex.
Dealer's Prize (\$10.00)
Thompson's Grocery, Groesbeck, Tex.

Next 20 Dealer's Prizes (\$2.00 ea.)
Duckworth Food Market, Altus, Okla.
Hills Grocery, No. 1, Hillsboro, Tex.
West Side Grocery, Honey Grove, Tex.
H & H Food Store, Odessa, Tex.
Eugene Yeager Grocery, Littlefield, Tex.
Waco's Grocery, Seguin, Tex.
Wearden's Cash Grocery, Tivoli, Tex.
J. Ward Crow Grocery, Sinton, Tex.
P. H. Westmoreland Grocery, McKinney, Tex.
W. G. Leistikow Grocery, Leakey, Tex.
H & B Market, Hot Springs, New Mexico.
Goodman's Grocery, Houston, Tex.
Brickman's Grocery, Waco, Tex.
Piggly Wiggly, Georgetown, Tex.
Novel Bright Grocery, Naacoches, Tex.
T. D. Mansford, Smiley, Tex.
"M" System, Gladewater, Tex.
Alkek Brothers Grocery, Victoria, Tex.
Community Store No. 12, Shreveport, La.
Lee Street Food Store, Greenville, Tex.

Crossword Puzzle

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Aged Woman Lost In Deep East Texas

GROESBECK, Dec. 26 (AP)—Scores of volunteers joined officers today in a search of the heavily-timbered Moss Springs country east of Koss for Mrs. Susie Rogers, 77, who disappeared there while en route from the home of one grandson to another's.

The aged woman was walking. Her shoes were found in the woods yesterday. Rain complicated today's search.

Fewer Suicides of Negroes
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UP)—Six times as many white persons commit suicide in Alabama as negroes. A survey of the state health department discloses that only 19 negroes killed themselves in this state last year, as against 218 white persons.



AGAINST WAR—Verne Marshall (above), Cedar Rapids, Ia., editor, heads "No Foreign War Committee" newly announced in New York. Committee's aim is to represent Americans opposed to "direct physical involvement in present war."

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

NEW YORK
STOCKS—Irregular; defense specialties bought.
BONDS—Mixed; rails improve.
FOREIGN EXCHANGE—Quiet; generally unchanged.
COTTON—Steady; trade support, lighting hedging.
SUGAR—Narrow; trade covering absorbed liquidation.
METALS—Dull; brass and copper products advanced 1-4 cent.
WOOL TOPS—Improved; trade and commission house buying.

CHICAGO
WHEAT—Firm; scattered mill buying.
CORN—About steady; shipping demand light.
CATTLE—Steady to lower; demand slower.

Here 'n' There

Downright mean thieves kept up their pre-Christmas trades right until the last, reports showed Thursday. Mrs. J. E. Fort reported to officers that her car had been entered, two overcoats stolen along with a purse containing around \$5 in cash and other valuables. Right in the same vicinity, thieves took an overcoat from the car of L. G. Ivey.

A. B. Cook, Garden City, had a different angle to report. Someone had left two pairs of socks in his car by mistake. Officer Buck Hull had ascertained that the owner was a man from Tarzan.

The sheriff's department had on hand what would amount to a good Christmas present to someone. Deputy Sheriff Denver Dunn said Thursday that a 100-pound sack of sugar, apparently lost from a car, had been found and was at the office awaiting identification by the person who lost it.

Lane Hudson had two wheels and tires stolen from his trailer and the Monterey cafe missed several cartons of cigarettes following a pre-Christmas burglary.

Back at work Thursday following a three-week enforced absence from his office on advice of doctors was J. H. "Jimmie" Greene, chamber of commerce manager. He appeared recovered from his illness and ready to ease back into the harness.

Sergeant J. C. Flynn, chief clerk of the USA El Paso recruiting district, is expected in Big Spring today for a routine inspection of the local recruiting office. Sgt. Flynn is making a tour of offices as he returns from a holiday visit to his home in East Texas.

Livestock

FORT WORTH, Dec. 26 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle, mailable and total 1,000; calves, salable 400, total 450; all cattle fully steady, calves strong; common and medium slaughter steers and yearlings 6.00-8.50; two loads steers 9.15 and two loads 9.25; other good feed steers and yearlings 9.25-10.00, load two-year-old steers 10.50; beef cows 4.50-4.80; canners and cutters 3.25-4.50; bulls 4.50-6.00; bulk killing calves 5.50-8.00, few higher, culls 4.50-5.50; stockers scarce.

Hogs, salable 800, total 1,050; market opened steady to 15c higher than Tuesday's average, later sales 15-35c higher; top 6.75; most good and choice 150-300 lb. 6.35-6.50; good and choice 150-185 lb. 5.60-6.30; pigs steady, 3.75 down; packing sows 5.25-6.00, or steady.

Sheep, salable and total 200; receipts mostly lambs selling steady; good woolled fat lambs 8.50; woolled and shorn lambs mixed 8.00, few shorn yearlings 6.00; wethers and feeders scarce.

Rat Terrier Is Terror To All Kinds Of Snakes

CLANTON, Ala. (UP)—Peggy has become the wonder of this Alabama town.

The little rat terrier, since last May, has pounced on and killed 48 snakes, all accounted for by her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker. They say it hunts for snakes like a bird dog for quail.

BIRTH ANNOUNCED

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hull at Big Spring hospital Thursday morning. She was named Roberta Lynette. The child weighed 8 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces.

GETS MEDICAL CARE

T. P. (Buck) Musgrove, 1013 Johnson, entered Cowper Clinic for medical care Wednesday.

Arm Fractures In Series

LAWRENCE, Mass. (UP)—Three times within three months Clyde P. Roberts, 16, suffered a broken left arm while at play. Despite his misfortune, he hasn't missed a session at Lawrence high school where he is a third-year student.



BOWL-UP—There's probably a better day ahead but right now William Nelson, 18 months, doesn't know it—which accounts for his heartbreak. When his mother didn't return from a shopping trip in Chicago, he was taken to an orphanage.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Benson, Jr., of Lawton, Okla., spent Christmas in Big Spring with his sister, Marcelline Benson.

Young People Return From College To Vacation In Colorado City

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Enlivening the Christmas and holiday season in Colorado City and vicinity are several scores of college and university young people home for the holidays.

Home from the University of Texas are Nancy Price, Lucille and Louise Dockery, Beaman Dockery, Doris Flo Doss, Shirley Kiker, Cora Mae Bodine, Robert Kirschbaum and Mary Ellen Lambeth.

Amelia Black is home from the Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee.

Here from Texas Technological college, Lubbock, are: Ernest Smith, Bob Robertson, Earl Neal, Robert Lacey, Dick Jones, Ed Morrison, Sue Simons, Catherine Shigel, Sam Richardson, Jimmy Harrison, Harvey Hicks, Harvey Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wulfin, Don Wallace, Margie Hamilton, J. C. Angel, J. T. Williamson, Doris Montgomery, Ines Rogers and Ruth Griffith.

Jean Morrison is home from Texas Christian university, Fort Worth.

Aleene Bodine and Princess Martin are home from North Texas State Teachers college, Denton.

Home from Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, are Frances Meri Cooper and Tommy Chadwick.

Jimmie Talbot is here from Central college, Fayette, Mo.

McMurry college, Abilene, students home are Edna Kate Fry, Adeen Fry, Gerald Montgomery and Minnie Lee Strain.

Texas A. & M. students came home early because of an epidemic at the college. This group includes Marion Harrison, Homer Bodine, O. C. Cox, Jr., J. L. Galey, Corley Rogers, Norris Porter, Raymond Fuller, Jack Herrington, Mike Burt and Weyman Mosely.

Also released early were Baylor university students from Waco, Virginia Whipkey and Rebecca Smoot attend Baylor university from here. They came home last Thursday night.

Home from John Tarleton college, Stephenville, are Rudell Glover, Ross Glover, P. B. Hunter, Duff Chesney, Ruth Harrison, Nina Katherine Quinney, Basil McQuerry, Douglas Earl Bibby, LeRoy Thompson, Oleta Dockery and Jack Smith.

Ted Hale and Jo Walding are

Public Records

Marriage Licenses

William Wayne Petty, Crane, and Lois Lucile Huff, Odessa.
Joe Franklin and Jo Nell Cox, both of Big Spring.
Edgar Earl Edens, Jr., and Mildred Pauline Ellett, both of Big Spring.
H. R. Griffin, Lubbock, and Louise Squires, Big Spring.
Y. A. Watts and Iona Musick, both of Lamesa.
New Cars
Will P. Edwards, Oldsmobile sedan.
Henry Fisherman, Dodge coupe.
Jimmie Little, Ford tudor.
L. S. Patterson, Studebaker sedan.

home from Abilene Christian college, Abilene.
Here from Texas State college for Women at Denton are Willie Grace Doss, Mary Ellen Trickey, Bernice Trickey, Nina Laura Smith, Virginia Gurney, Ruth Ellett, Frances Elliott and Jane Machin.

O. B. Turlock, Jr., is here from Paris Junior college at Paris.

Freddie Watson is home from Howard Payne college, Brownwood.

Ann Astell is home from Oklahoma State College for Women.

Rebecca Epps is home from Southwestern university, Georgetown.

Joy Heath is home from East Texas State Teachers college, Commerce.

Sara Gular is home from Brookhaven, Miss., where she is a student at Whitworth college.

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Puddings 3 Pkgs. 10c	Garden of Eatin' Peas 3 16 oz. Cans 25c	Blue-3 Bars Palmolive Free Super Suds 24 oz. Pkg. 22c
Crackers 2 Lb. Box 13c	Van Camps Pork & Beans 3 16 oz. Cans 17c	Lux Flakes Small Pkg. 10c
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A Few "Don'ts" To Observe When The Flu Hits Your Family

- Don't wait until night to call your doctor when you have been sick all day. Your doctor may be one of these doctors who need sleep—
- Don't take a prescription that your physician wrote for a neighbor. Your neighbor may have to have stronger medicine than you have and it's a bad policy—
- Don't fall to stay in bed until your physician can get around to see you—if you are sick enough to have a temperature—you are certainly sick enough to stay in bed—
- Don't take everything that you hear about—your stomach isn't a chemical laboratory and your physician is the only one who has had training and experience to treat and diagnose diseases—
- Don't phone your doctor and expect him to jump out the window to run up to your house. Ask him what to do when you phone him and he will tell you how to treat the patient until he can get around to your house.
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Editorial

The old problem of combining liberty with order is suggested in the American Youth commission's report on Civilian Conservation camps. There are two levels of citizenship, the commission says, "conforming" citizenship and "contributing" citizenship.

Conforming citizenship is essential in any society, democratic or no. It includes the ordinary manners and morals and disciplines necessary to keep an individual from being a burden or a nuisance—health habits and ability to earn a living, get along with others, and take orders when coordinated action is urgent. Fortunately these old-fashioned virtues are comparatively easy to inculcate.

But in a successful democracy, contributing citizenship is also necessary. This includes "ability to take responsibility in accordance with one's capacity for leadership; respect for the opinions and civil rights of others; awareness of the concept of the general welfare and a disposition to be guided by it; ability to participate effectively

We Must Have Both

in the activities of a variety of self-governing groups; familiarity with major social problems and issues which must ultimately be solved through informed public opinion; a sound working knowledge of the operation of government in relation to the duties and obligations of citizenship; and, finally, an understanding of the basic principles of democracy and a deep loyalty to it, both in principle and in practice."

These are much harder to achieve. They need the background of the conforming virtues.

But crude methods of teaching conformity conflict with the teaching of contributory citizenship. That is why people with their eyes on conforming virtues scoff at the "coddling" and "aimlessness" of those who try to teach contributory virtues. That is also why people mainly interested in the contributory virtues sometimes lose sight of the necessary foundation of conformity.

Both are necessary, and the conflict has to be resolved in a successful democracy.

Washington Daybook

By Jack Stinnett

(This is the second of three articles on Education and National Defense.)

WASHINGTON—From college beanery to post-graduate seminar, higher education is giving attention to national defense.

At Wellesley, one of the best known colleges for women, the defense education theme runs like this: "Whatever the present war's outcome, food will be a major problem the world over." Working from this thesis, a committee from six college departments planned a conference that would acquaint undergraduates with all phases of the problems concerned with food. Emphasis was upon giving students an intensive survey of food problems, such as production, conservation, nutrition, transportation and marketing.

New York university is offering research classes in "Defense aid." A series of night lectures is being given by industrial executives, faculty and National Research Council members in "research laboratory management" with emphasis on national defense problems.

STUDY BOMB SHELTERS

At Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, they are studying bomb shelters. There's a class in camouflage and emplacements. There are other courses in military construction for both architectural and outside students.

The University of Chicago has set up a "defense council" and is offering courses on "Documents of American Democracy," meteorology, assignments in the army, navy, weather bureau and air corps (all backed by \$1,000 fellowships); and the study of Portuguese.

Brown university has added about a dozen defense courses, including naval science and tactics, and a history of Hispanic America.

University of Pennsylvania has named a group of school officials to coordinate the school's activities for "any emergency" and act as a liaison with government agencies.

Are you about convinced? Take another deep breath, for this revolution in higher education goes on and on. To continue the U. S. Office of Education survey:

Yale is directing its research toward national defense; its study of medicine toward public health; its philosophy toward a tangible ideology to which students and public might attach themselves.

Russell Sage college now has "an institute for the defense of democratic principles among women;" an increased enrollment in courses for nurses, food experts, laboratory technicians, interpreters; health and recreation leaders; classes for education of women capable of "effective volunteer services in time of war."

COURSES CUT TO FIT

Out in Oregon, every college man is forewarned that the state institutions of higher education (there are six) offer courses which meet the consideration that "the range of special abilities required by the army and navy is almost as wide as that found in civil life" and "it is almost true that any student may go ahead with his college program as originally planned and still acquire qualifications which will lead to recognition in some special field when and as he may be called to service."

In Kansas university every dean has redesigned his school "with courses built around various political, social, psychological and military aspects of national defense."

Nobody is far behind Kansas either in proposals for new curricula or in changes already made. What higher education will produce in national defense men and women remains to be seen, but this can be said now: In the winter of 1940-41 the colleges were on the march.

(Next: The forces behind education's national defense drive.)

Man About Manhattan

By George Tucker

NEW YORK—For some unaccountable reason our present day dramatists seem to have better luck when they create their own characters than when they dramatize the lives of great men. Of a score of plays dealing with the challenging characters of history in the last seven or eight years, only a few—maybe three or four—have been successful. Off hand I can think of only three—"Victoria Regina," "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," and "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," with maybe "Valley Forge" thrown in. But outside of these there remain a long and dreary list who have died tragic deaths in the playwright's script, although they achieved much in history.

Poe, Wagner, Byron, Napoleon, Marie Antoinette, Disraeli, Andrew Jackson, and now Charles Dickens have been brought to the stage in dramas that were doomed to abrupt failures.

The newest of these was "Romantic Mr. Dickens" which bowed in a few weeks ago, and bowed out almost immediately. Why this situation should exist I am unable to explain. As a man there was surely plenty of meat on Dickens' bones. Almost single-handedly he killed the debtor's prison in England. His novels are classics and have been translated into all civilized languages. He lived an interesting, if at times, off-color life and should have been good copy for a dramatist. Perhaps the fault was the author's, and not the subject's. But somehow I doubt this. There have been too many wasted efforts by dramatists of proved mettle to explain this way as purely bad writing.

It may be that when a man builds a play around the bones of an immortal, he subconsciously becomes more concerned with history than with building convincing situations for his characters. Take Byron for instance. There is a chapter in his life that touches a forbidden subject. Many and dark are the legends that circulate around his memory. If you explored these charges in a drama you would not necessarily risk a lawsuit, but you would most certainly be assailed by the champions and the admirers of the poet.

I once asked the late William Howard, who was tragically killed by a tractor on his farm a couple of summers ago, about this, and he replied: "You encounter mental barriers when you write about characters from history. When you make up your characters you can do with them as you please, and you have no inhibitions, because then you are responsible to no one but yourself."

Maybe this is it. Certainly it is true that the heroes of history have been a sorry lot, as shown to us by the playwrights. Almost without exception they have been dull and unbelievable individuals who have transported themselves in dreary dramas that should never have been written.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robbin Coons

HOLLYWOOD Modern fable: A calculating swain decided to say it with flowers. He walked into the meadows and fields and gathered a bouquet in the lady's favorite colors. Only he didn't know much about flowers—or the lady, for that matter.

"Here, my fair one," he proffered his gift, "all or you."

She recoiled. "Fiddle!" she cried. "Cockle-burrs! Polka ivy!"

The swain, whom we shall call Hollywood, is trying again. The lady, whom we shall call the South American movie market, still can be wooed and won. Hollywood is sure of that, or at least is gambling on it. The lavish "good neighbor" pictures are going ahead, despite the several indications from down Argentine way that the first big one, "Down Argentine Way," did little to increase Argentine love for Hollywood.

Twentieth Century-Fox, regretting its social-cinematic errors as regards the Argentine, has taken extra care to avoid a repetition for its "Road to Rio," which has a Brazilian background. The studio took pains, though Argentina may doubt it, with its first big South American musical. And yet the picture featured an Argentine gigo, exalted the rumba (which is Cuban), slighted the tango, and otherwise offended the good neighbors it was intended to please.

For "Road to Rio" the studio submitted the script to the Brazilian embassy in Washington,

had it returned with minor changes — among them the suggestion that Carmen Miranda be given less dialogue in English slang, more in correct English.

Working on the script with Samuel Hoffenstein, the screen playwright, was Zacharias Yacoubi, native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and specialist in making foreign-language versions of films for Brazilian and Portuguese markets.

Gilbert Souto and Dante Orgalini, newspapermen from Brazil in Hollywood, are other technical advisers, watching accents, the projection of Brazilian customs, manners in the film.

Lou Brock, producing "They Met in Argentina" at RKO, professes no alarm whatever over his film's prospects in the Argentine. By contrast with 20th's apparent jitters, Brock seems almost complacent.

"I've done a lot of traveling," he says, "and I've spent a year and a half down there." Besides, I made "Flying Down to Rio" seven years ago—and the picture is still playing in Brazil. That ought to mean something."

In Brock's musical the accent question is handled most simply. Alberto Vila, the Argentine singer, speaks with his natural accent. James Ellison and Maureen O'Hara speak in their natural voices, in characters requiring no Latin accents.

So perhaps the lady, before the fable is played out, will yet exclaim, "What lovely roses, Senor, you bring this time!"

A Night On A Flophouse Floor - -

Wanderers' Inn View Gives New Insight

Wanderers' Inn is an overnight concentration point maintained by the police department for transient men, and during the past, several thousand from all over the nation have been obliged to spend the night there. The Herald assigned a staff member to see what goes on there, and this is his story.—Ed.

By JACK DOUGLAS

Ever spend a night on a flophouse floor? Try it sometime and get rid of that what's-the-use feeling in one quick, violent treatment.

Chief of Police J. T. Thornton and two patrolmen escorted the writer to Wanderers' Inn and saw to it that the checking in done right—or rather that J. T. Choate, who keeps the Inn, didn't queer the deal with his usual line of close questioning.

And to be consigned to a night

of rather enlightening conversation with gentlemen of the road and a bed of newspapers.

It's not a particularly pleasant sight at Wanderers' Inn. A row of turned-up toes—bare ones, big ones, wrinkled ones and dirty ones meet the eye. Carl Webb of Colville, Okla., as the writer gave his name, moved over to the front stove to survey the surroundings.

With heads against the wall, feet pointing to the center, a line of men tried to sleep. Two cots, with paper mattresses, flanked the room. They were occupied by older men. One man was sewing tips in his tattered clothes. Another was just staring.

One curious thing about this motley crew was the geographical distinction. Most of the older men were from the east, but the young fellows were mid-westerners. One old knight of the track was

from Pennsylvania, but had been driven out by cold weather. He was heading for California in hopes a niece might have a place for him. Two boys, dirty and half-starved, were pointing for the west coast looking for work in the orchards, so they said.

Attempts at conversation met sullenly blank stares, but after exchanges about the weather, the ice is broken. They talk about accommodations of the Inn—not always complimentary—about feeding and traveling prospects.

They go easy on the country. Odd as it seems, the nation and things for which it stands meets approval of practically every "bo" in the crowd. They are not vicious men, but derelicts who missed out somewhere down the line. They proclaim to high heaven that they have been gyped out of their just dues, but even more stoutly maintain they prefer the 100 per

cent American brand of gyping. Chances of being drafted worries them not one whit. They possess a spirit of resignation on this point.

As for Christmas, bitterness and disillusionment is in their voices. One fellow did say he wanted to be in San Diego in time for a charity Christmas dinner. Mostly, they just scoffed at Christmas.

Work? Too many people working now and getting a job is an impossibility, according to the elders. But youngsters were full of hope, already riddled by doubts.

Queer, but among the so-called go-goods, there is a comparative scarcity of profanity. The arbitrary better class man uses more swearing in an hour than most of these did in the entire night.

When they have had their say, they attempt to get a few winks. All through the night, one bum

shattered the stillness with violent snorts and groans. Near the hour of awakening, another went through the evolutions of a bona fide nightmare.

They are not without their chivalry. Those on cots are supposed to sweep out next morning. Instead, a burly fellow took over the oldest man's cot and gruffly helped him on with his coat.

Mr. Choate takes a fatherly interest in the men, asking regularly during the night if the fire ought to be raised or lowered and suggests one fellow might be warmer nearer the stove.

Early in the morning, he shakes the men, and they know it's time for a rattler. They clear out, making room for another crop of wanderers—anywhere from 10 to 30 of them—to occupy the Inn. They are off to only God knows where.

Bright Prospects For 1941 Follow Good 1940 Farm Year

By Associated Press

Texas' most productive farm and ranch year in more than a decade ended with prospects bright for an even better one in 1941.

Ranchmen had marketed all the sheep and cattle they could spare. Those they held back grazed in most sections on the best range and wheat fields in years. Stock tanks were full. The largest and cheapest feed supply in the state's history filled barns and trench silos.

Exceptions to the generally excellent conditions included some areas of Northeast and Southeast Texas where soil was soggy from excessive rainfall and floods damaged lowlands.

The sheep country reported the smallest carryover of wool and mohair in Texas.

A bumper wheat crop was forecast for Northwest Texas, with the greatest underground water storage in ten years.

Optimistic bankers and farm leaders expected Texas producers to benefit from the influx of soldiers and an increased purchasing power of consumers affected by the rearmament effort. Sheep and cattle prices were satisfactory.

Fat yearlings brought 12 cents a pound at Fort Worth. Feeder sales

ranged from 8 to 10 1-2 cents on an active market.

In the South Plains feeder calves sold from 9 to 11 cents a pound compared with 7 and 8 cents last year.

The hog market slumped, but swine are a sideline with Texas farmers who raise them mostly for home consumption.

Between 3 and 4 million lambs left the sheep country on a market that opened at 6 cents and rose to a high of 8 cents a pound.

Fewer than 300,000 pounds of an 85-mil top pound wool clip were unsold. Top prices were 40 cents for 12 months and 32 cents around for fall wool.

The dry Panhandle benefited most of rains which blanketed the state in November and early December. The ice storm which snapped communications lines brought slow moisture which soaked into the ground with a minimum of runoff and erosion.

Year-end comments included: H. H. Wilkinson, Fort Worth banker and cattleman—"Farmers, and sheep and goat raisers have every reason to look to 1941 with optimism."

G. E. Blewett, Fort Worth grain man—"Wheat and oats are in better condition for the season than

in any of the past ten years."

J. S. Bridwell, Wichita Falls ranchman—"Range lands are in better condition than usual and cattle prices have been very satisfactory."

Sam C. Arnett, Lubbock banker—"Best calf sales I have known in 40 years."

Lamesa Improves Water System

LAMESA, Dec. 21 (Sp1)—A Lubbock engineer, H. N. Roberts, has been engaged by the Lamesa city commission to map out plans for the extension and improvement of the city water supply.

Roberts proposed that the city drill five new wells. According to Mayor Marr, two wells are to be completed soon. The others will be cased and put on pump as they are needed. Bids will be taken next week. A new water tower is to be built and new water mains laid.

Harvard Gets Page's Letters CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (UP)—The letters and notes of Walter Hines Page, United States ambassador to Great Britain during the World war, have been presented to Harvard university library by his son, Arthur W. Page of New York City.

Road To City Lake Opened

Big Spring and Howard county today had an all-weather road connecting the Moss Creek lake with the state highway.

Last of the paving on the five and a quarter miles from highway No. 1 east to the Moss Creek lake site was finished Saturday, and only incidental maintenance work remains to be done.

Thurston Orenbaum, county road engineer said that some equipment would remain on the job to keep topping rock dressed on the road for a few days and that bridge guards and other such material would be installed.

The project also includes connecting spurs with the old highway No. 1 and the new highway. It is now possible to go from Big Spring or Coahoma over either route to the lake on an all-paved road.

In addition to handling heavy traffic to the lake, which promises to be one of the most popular recreational spots in the area, the route also serves several ranchers who are now getting their first county road of any description.

On other county road works, crews continued drilling for a cut in the Coahoma-Vincent road and for caliche base to go on the road. The engineer announced that 1.7 miles of caliche had been placed

on the red clay flat through the Vincent territory to make it passable during wet weather.

Court Term At Odessa Finished

Seventieth district court concluded a short term at Odessa Saturday and prepared to conclude activities for the year with a one-week term at Stanton this week.

Judge Cecil Collings and District Attorney Martelle McDonald will go to Stanton Monday to impanel a grand jury and call the civil docket. Court will recess Wednesday for Christmas.

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Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

DEATH DROPS IN
ON A HOUSEPARTY

By MEDORA FIELD

Chapter 24

"You are sure this is Mrs. Ambler's handwriting?" the lieutenant asked.

"I had been sure enough at the time I took the note and examined it again. Yes, it is Aunt Maggie's writing. You are certain as one can reasonably be."

Lieutenant Gregory went into the routine questions as to whether Aunt Maggie had any enemies and whether she had cause to suspect the servants or any of our guests. The answer, of course, was no in both cases.

At this point his sandy-haired assistant began to fidget. "What is it, Roberts?" Lieutenant Gregory asked. "Oh, I see. Motives." Then turning to Bill, Mrs. Ambler was a wealthy woman?

"She was quite comfortably fixed," Bill admitted.

"You know of no one who might have tried to blackmail her?"

"No."

"Who will profit by her death?"

"Profit?" Bill and I repeated like stupid pupils.

"Who inherits her money?" he elucidated.

"Oh," said Bill. "My wife. Unless Aunt Maggie recently changed her will. Our family lawyer is on the way out. He would know."

While Lieutenant Gregory's expression remained inscrutable, I could feel that Roberts was pleased. I was not at all surprised if he had said, "Now we are getting somewhere."

But however agreeable Patrolman Roberts' thoughts may have been, they were interrupted by a loud and peremptory knocking at the door. Lieutenant Gregory frowned, but nodded in answer to Roberts' questioning look, and the latter, disapprovingly eloquent in every movement, arose and stalked over to answer.

Standing outside was our lawyer, Mr. Thomas Marshall, and another man whom I did not recognize. Mr. Marshall's arrival at that precise moment seemed more than mere coincidence to me. I was willing to set it down as a good omen, foreshadowing a speedy disposition of our difficulties.

Bill arose hastily and went to meet the newcomers. "This is Coroner Dodson," Mr. Marshall explained as they shook hands, and I drew my breath quickly, remembering the coroner is blind. I should not have guessed it from his appearance, for he is confident in bearing, vital and alert looking, and though a little heavy in the middle, his time clean-cut in features and physique.

I asked Mr. Dodson to come as a special favor to me," explained Mr. Marshall, whose bald head and shaggy eyebrows look as though they needed a good manicure. But under those ferocious brows are the large, kind brown eyes of a faithful Gordon setter, which were now turned anxiously in my direction. "I was never so glad to see you, I told him sincerely."

Mr. Dodson's duties as coroner do not require him to make an investigation in person," Mr. Marshall continued. "All he has to do as a preside at the inquest, as no doubt will be necessary in this case. But we have known each other for a number of years. In fact, we play chess together and have a great respect for his ability and his powers of deduction. So, after your telephone call, I got in touch with him and although, as I said, he is not required to make these visits he is making an exception in this case."

"Very glad to do so," said Mr. Dodson, in his deep, resonant voice, as Bill and I expressed our appreciation. "Ah," he added, "I see you have Lieutenant Gregory on the job."

The officer, who had done no more than voice a low remark to his assistant, now came forward, smiling, to shake hands with the blind coroner who had recognized a voice.

"And isn't that Roberts with you, too, come to pay his respects?" a little impetuous someone, smiled the coroner, as he took hands with Roberts, "but Gregory you made a good man, so I suppose it is all right."

"Have to work hard to put things over on the coroner," said Lieutenant Gregory, with a noteworthy attempt at lightness.

"You are right, it is hard to put anything over on him," agreed Mr. Marshall, who explained that his purpose in bringing Mr. Dodson was to have him look the situation over and sit in on the questioning.

"He hears more in the human voice than the rest of us do," Mr. Marshall declared.

"Oh, I don't know," Mr. Dodson, speculated modestly, but with a serious twist to his sensitive smile. "Maybe I just listen more carefully. It is one of the things I learn to do when you cannot see entirely upon sight."

I remembered hearing my father say that Mr. Marshall, while not the most brilliant member of the profession, was always smart enough to dig up the right person to do the right thing in his stead. Obviously that was his purpose in bringing Mr. Dodson, and it did not surprise me that he should have such confidence in Fulton County's coroner, for Mr. Dodson is a man of being a celebrity and is often in the newspapers.

He is a practicing attorney in addition to his duties as coroner. He goes to baseball and football games, bowls, uses a typewriter and not only dials his own telephone numbers but, by listening when someone else dials, is able to call the number indicated. Because of his traits as a memory wizard,

his skill as a pianist and charm as a public speaker, he is constantly in demand as an honor guest at businessmen's luncheons and dinners. But chess and fishing and symphony orchestras are known to be his great hobbies.

I wondered if it was merely listening in on testimony he was able to detect guilt where someone else might fail to do so. Evidently Mr. Marshall believed something of the sort.

"Mr. Marshall," said Lieutenant Gregory, when everyone was seated, "Mr. Stuart says you can tell us about Mrs. Ambler's will."

"What would you like to know?" asked Mr. Marshall, with customary legal caution.

"Who is the chief beneficiary of that will?"

"Ah," said Mr. Marshall, stroking his chin. "Mrs. Ambler was generous, most generous to a number of charities. She also left a fund to both our state and city libraries to use in the—er—furtherance of departments of genealogy. There are small legacies to both librarians, who have been of great help to her in matters of genealogical research. Mrs. Ambler's faithful servants were also remembered generously. After the distribution of these direct bequests, the residue of her estate accrues to her great-niece and namesake, Mrs. Stuart."

"This is a residue, what would it amount to?"

"I could not say exactly. You will understand there will be considerable red tape to go through in settling up the estate. There will also be the customary inheritance taxes."

"But roughly speaking, would you say there would still be a considerable sum?"

"That depends upon what you mean by a considerable sum."

"Say, several hundred thousand dollars?"

Mr. Marshall looked very judicious as he pondered his reply. "It is difficult to be definite about real estate," he said, "without a business property. But to securities alone, I should say we might safely count on something approximating a hundred thousand dollars."

"Thank you," said Lieutenant Gregory dryly, apparently glad enough to abandon the subject after having finally wrung something concrete from Mr. Marshall's polite evasions.

"Shouldn't we explain the situation first to Mr. Marshall and Mr. Dodson?" Bill asked. "I gave Mr. Marshall only the briefest outline over the telephone."

But Mr. Dodson insisted that he did not wish to delay things and that they could catch up on the details later. "Just where were you when we interrupted?"

Lieutenant Gregory looked at Roberts, who read aloud from his notebook: "Who profits by Mrs. Ambler's death?"

The coroner smiled. "So it was not really an interruption?"

Mr. Marshall coughed apologetically. "I should like to advise Mr. and Mrs. Stuart," he said, "that they are not compelled to answer questions which—er—"

"May I speak against them, then?" Lieutenant Gregory finished for him. "Right. I was only going to ask—er turned to Bill—"whether you or Mrs. Stuart have enemies of your own?"

"Enemies?" Bill echoed. "Why—why, I don't know. It never occurred to me to think so. If I do have, I don't know it."

"And you, Mrs. Stuart?"

"I shock my head. If I have any, I don't know it."

"You can't think of anyone who might try to get back at you for something? Revenge, you know?"

I had an all-gone feeling in the pit of my stomach. "Oh, no!" I cried, more in protest than denial.

"Lieutenant," said my husband, as his voice had grown suddenly harsh, "don't you think this is going a little farther than is necessary?"

"Now, now," the lieutenant soothed, casting an anxious look in Mr. Dodson's direction. "I only asked if you thought there was a possibility somebody might try to make things look bad for either of you."

"But you don't think it looks as though I could have killed her, do you?" I asked, still pretty well overcome with horror at the thought. It had never occurred to me that anyone might think that.

"Just on the face of it, no," agreed the officer. "It would take a pretty strong woman to strangle another to death, even though the victim was a much older woman."

"Mrs. Stuart is city tennis champion," said Roberts.

Outraged, both Bill and I turned on him at once.

To be continued.

Chapter 25

Eve was still inclined to be airy in manner. "Are they trying to be hard-boiled?" she inquired. "Just wait until I take a hand with them."

"If you really know anything about what happened last night," I said, "for heaven's sake, now is the time to speak up."

But when it came her turn to answer questions as to name, address, occupation and whether or not she could shed any light on the events of the evening before, Eve wrenched no more in her replies than the strict letter of the law required. Her main concern seemed to be that the police should be properly impressed with her impersonation of the Lady Vere d'Ve.

"How terrible," she shuddered, suddenly, when Officer Hendricks announced that we would all

have to be fingerprinted as soon as somebody arrived with the proper equipment.

When the names of the servants were given and the fact came out that Linda was missing, Thomas was ordered to produce her pronto.

"She's probably the one that did it," Patrolman Adams announced to me in a cheerful aside.

It didn't seem at all likely to me. Still, there was the fact that Thomas certainly had got himself tangled up when asked about the time Linda left home.

"I'm going to have to ask you all to stay right here until somebody gets here from town," said Patrolman Hendricks. "Well, maybe not right in this room," as a wave of protest swept over him, "but don't go out of the house."

"Suppose you are willing to vouch for everybody?"

"Certainly," Bill answered, "but I hope we can get it all over as soon as possible."

Well, that was out of his hands. Officer Hendricks observed, but someone would be along shortly, and meanwhile he would question the servants in the kitchen. I suggested that they use the breakfast room and instructed Andrew to serve the two officers hot coffee and cigarettes.

Eventually the second police car arrived, bringing Lieutenant Jim Gregory; his assistant, Patrolman Roberts; and a fingerprint expert, named Anderson. Lieutenant Gregory immediately went into a huddle with Patrolman Hendricks and Adams and looked very disgusted when he learned they had discovered practically nothing.

They held their conference in the office. Bill and I, waiting in the breakfast room, heard Lieutenant Gregory answer with a skeptical expression when Patrolman Adams confessed that we "seemed like real nice folks, just as plain as an old shoe." Then the door closed, and we smiled at each other, a little comforted by this homely compliment, even though it seemed to make no impression on Patrolman Adams' superior officer.

Lieutenant Gregory looked more like an athlete than a policeman. He was about thirty-five years old, I should say, quite tall in his well-fitted blue uniform, and had dark hair and piercing dark eyes.

"Gentlemen," said Bill, when the office door opened again, "you've come a long way through the cold. I suggest you have some coffee before we try to get down to business."

Lieutenant Gregory looked a little reluctant. But it was cold outside and he had come a long way. Besides, his two companions were plainly more than willing to take this little recess. "Perhaps, it wouldn't be a bad idea," he agreed.

Later he and his retinue and Bill went into the drawing room, where they stayed for quite a while. When they came out, I heard him tell Patrolman Roberts to order an ambulance. Then he went back into the room alone, after which he and the other two officers went out to inspect the back passage.

Following a final consultation with Hendricks and Adams, the latter were dismissed and told they could go back on patrol duty. Anderson was instructed to assemble fingerprints, make photographs and gather up any evidence he might discover.

"And now," said Lieutenant Gregory to my husband, with Roberts hovering behind him like an anxious shadow, "I should like to talk to you and Mrs. Stuart. Later we can take the guests and servants to town."

We settled ourselves in the office, behind closed doors, a fairly small room furnished somewhat after the manner of the library, except that my grandfather's desk and my grandmother's sewing table gave it a more intimate air. And the books are newer.

Roberts found himself a chair and his superior officer and took out a notebook and fountain pen. Then Lieutenant Gregory said something which struck me at the time as being quite tactful, but which I later recognized as merely a part of his technique.

"In cases like this," he began, "my uniform has the unfortunate effect of making people think I am a policeman. Now, you won't mind if I mean that the connection is not pleasant. On the other hand, the most innocent person often looks guilty when being questioned. Because of this, I have learned to discount a lot that looks suspicious. But I would get to the truth a lot quicker and we could clear things up with less trouble for everybody, if people didn't think the law was ready to fight."

"Either you apologize for that, or get out of this house," Bill ordered.

"Apologize," Lieutenant Gregory growled to his subordinate, "and then keep out of this."

"Sorry," Roberts mumbled, red to the roots of his sandy hair. "I just—"

"That'll do," Lieutenant Gregory cut him short. "Now, let's all try to keep our shirts on," he said. "I tried to explain at the start that some of the questions I have to ask may sound—er—as though I was trying to set a trap, but this is not the case. I have drawn no conclusions about anybody and am only interested in clearing things up. But in order to do this, I am going to need everybody's help."

"You see," he went on, "we've got to get something, somehow, to work on. Frankly, from the situation as a whole, the inconceivable of the place, it looks like an inside job. Yes, I know Mrs. Stuart thinks she saw the tail light of a car last night. But that was long after the murder was committed, and you say you had searched the place several times. Mrs. Stuart can't see anybody in the hall, but in the dark it could have been anybody. What about your guests, Mr. Stuart?"

"Do you mean, do I think I ran into one of them? Because, of course, I wouldn't know positively, but I don't think it was one of our

guests. I thought she had fainted or had fallen down the stairs."

"But looking back, what do you think?"

"I—I saw nothing to indicate that she had been dragged or carried. I mean her clothes looked as if I imagine they would have if she had fallen or had been allowed to fall."

"That was your opinion, Mr. Stuart?"

"She looked to me as though she had fallen," said Bill, resolutely patient. I knew he thought this was all a waste of time.

"Where were you at the time of her death?"

"On the second floor. I had gone upstairs shortly before to bring down some ping-pong rackets for the game room. In fact, I came from the basement, passed the place where a few minutes later we found Aunt Maggie, went up the back stairs to the second floor, and was there, rummaging around, when Andrew came for me."

Lieutenant Gregory leaned forward toward my husband. "You mean you were on the spot, say five minutes before she was killed, but saw nothing to arouse your suspicions?"

"That is right," said Bill, giving him a look for look. "Of course, I can't be positive about the exact number of minutes. But there was certainly nothing to see."

"And when you came out just a few minutes after your husband had gone upstairs," he asked, "did you see anything?"

"No," said Bill. "I saw nothing either, Mr. Stuart."

"No."

"And you have no idea of the murderer's identity?" Lieutenant Gregory looked hard at me, then focused his gaze on Bill.

"No," we both said. "Except," Bill added, "some funny things did happen."

"Funny?"

"Yes, odd. Things we couldn't explain. And Bill told him about the telephone call to Andrew."

"What else happened that seemed suspicious?"

"These," I said, extracting the scraps of green paper and the bit of silk from my pocket.

Lieutenant Gregory looked at the notes for a long time. He and Roberts exchanged glances and it seemed to me there was a gleam of excitement in their eyes.

"Odd they should use that paper," Lieutenant Gregory murmured just above his breath.

"That's what I thought, too," I answered.

"How do you mean that's what you thought?" he asked quickly.

"Wrapping paper from a department store," I explained.

"Oh, that?"

"Wasn't that what you meant?" I asked.

Again the two officers exchanged glances. "Suppose we go on to this piece of cloth," Lieutenant Gregory suggested.

I explained that it was undoubtedly torn from the new silver-colored comfort brought out for Aunt Maggie's room and that although it was seen on her bed after the murder, it was mysteriously missing this morning.

"Anything else?" he asked.

We told him about the red light, about the door which Kirk and I saw open and close, about Bill's collision in the hall. He listened silently and Roberts kept busy with his pen.

"Can you make any sense out of it?" I asked.

"I'd rather not say just yet," he answered, with something that was as near a smile as I suppose he ever allows himself while on duty. "What's all this about a secret room?"

I told him of Aunt Maggie's conversation the evening before and of how I had come to believe that her murder was in some way connected with the secret room. "The trouble is the only clue we found was a note made by Aunt Maggie, which obviously refers to the silver storage closet in the kitchen."

"That note, where is it?"

Bill produced it from his pocket.

Chapter 26

I was wounded to the quick that anyone should seem so anxious to make me out a criminal, and my red-headed husband was ready to fight. "Either you apologize for that, or get out of this house," Bill ordered.

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guests."

"Have you cause to suspect any of them?"

"No," said Bill.

Lieutenant Gregory turned to me. "And you, Mrs. Stuart?"

"I have never had what is known as a poker face and I felt myself flush. But I said, 'No, I have no real cause to suspect anyone.'"

A lot of things went through my mind as Lieutenant Gregory held my gaze with those probing black eyes. Eve's conversation with Aunt Maggie. The man on the walk whom I had mistaken for Kirk. The nocturnal perambulations of Eve and Alice. Bob's excessive drinking. The opening of the front door and Kirk's unexplained absence.

"Isn't there something you are not quite sure about, Mrs. Stuart?" the lieutenant asked politely.

"We'll get to the bottom of this a lot quicker if everyone will put his cards on the table."

"Bill," I said, "you know everything about that I do. Do you think we have left out anything which Lieutenant Gregory should be told?"

Bill looked thoughtful for a moment. "What about your visit to the driveway?"

"Oh, yes," I said, "when I was taking things out of the car in the back yard, I heard someone on the walk at the side of the house. I went over to see who it might be and a man was running away. At first I thought—"

I stopped, realizing I had gone further than I meant to.

"Yes," asked Lieutenant Gregory.

I looked at Bill, who nodded. "I thought it was someone I knew, but when I called him he only ran faster, so, of course, I knew I had been mistaken."

"Are you sure now?"

"Yes, Oh, yes," I said.

"Just the same, I should like to have you name that person," he insisted. "The person you thought you recognized."

Mutely my eyes sought Bill's again. "It couldn't have been," he said.

"Lieutenant Gregory," I asked, "may I wait until you have finished questioning the others? Then if you still feel that it is necessary, I will give you the name. I am so firmly convinced that I am mistaken that I should not like to feel I had created any false impression in your mind."

"So," said Lieutenant Gregory, and his eyes took on an extra gleam.

"So what?" asked Bill, a bit belittlingly.

"So it was one of your guests?"

"I fell back weakly in my chair. "I only said I thought I recognized the person," I pointed out. "I could not possibly swear to his identity."

"I'm not asking you to swear to anything," the officer reminded me. Then, changing his tactics, he asked Bill whether there had been much drinking the night before.

"No one got drunk, if that's what you want to know," Bill told him shortly. "I was glad Bill had not seen Bob take all those extra drinks."

"This party," said Lieutenant Gregory, "I judge it had not been planned very long in advance?"

I wanted to ask, "And how did you get that idea?" But after all, it would have been easy enough to find out from the servants, or probably the question had already been asked. Bill by the first two patrolmen. So I only said, "No."

"How did you happen to come out on such short notice?"

"Oh," I said, knowing how futile I sounded, "we very often do things like that. One of my guests, Claire Harper, suggested that it would be fun to come out here. I had expected to open the house next week, anyway."

"Then it was just an impulse?"

"I suppose you could call it that."

"But I did not and said so. I don't see what difference any of that can make," I told him. "Anyway, nobody knew Aunt Maggie was coming. That is, none of the other guests knew. I was really the only person who knew in advance, except her servants, for she came at her own suggestion."

"You mean you didn't really care to have her come?"

"I felt myself flushing again. "It hadn't occurred to me to ask her. She was free to come if she wanted to."

"Thank you," said Lieutenant Gregory noncommittally, adding that I might take a recess if I cared to.

I went out of the room in more of a fog than ever.

Enter Linda

As I entered the dining room, Andrew stopped his table setting to tell me that Linda was in the kitchen and very anxious to see me privately.

"Send her in," I said, and as we'd opened the door of the butler's pantry the sound of high-pitched voices came from the kitchen, in marked contrast to the usual chatter and laughter which to the housewife is such a pleasant evidence of domestic harmony.

But with the police in the office and Anderson wandering around, poking into every nook and corner, why should I expect harmony anywhere in the house?

Then the door of the butler's pantry opened again and Linda, a rather slight, dark woman of about thirty, flounced in, her black eyes shining. "You go on back," she commanded Thomas, who was right on her heels.

"But they ain't no sense in yo' botherin' Miss Sally," he argued, stubbornly following her into the room.

"Now, what's all this about?" I asked firmly, resolved that I would make short work of any marital misadventure I might be called upon to mediate.

"Miss Sally—" they both began. "Suppose we let Linda have her say first," I suggested.

"Ain't no use in botherin' Miss Sally," Thomas repeated doggedly. "Eotherin' hump," snorted Linda.

"Miss Sally, Thomas done got me here on account of them police. He says they thinks it's funny 'cause I run off last night. But I ain't gonna stay home and get in no trouble. Now he say I can't tell 'em why I leave home, but I ain't goin' to no jail on account of that no-count Eph of his."

"I thought Thomas said you left Friday," I said, somewhat reluctantly.

"That's just another one of his tales, Miss Sally. I never left till yesterday evenin'." That no-count Eph come around and I ain't goin' stay home and get in no trouble."

"But who on earth is Eph?"

"Eph's my son Ephraim," said Thomas. "And Eph ain't no bad boy, Miss Sally, don't you remember Eph? He's been gone away from home a long time."

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