Missing School Teacher Found Dead In Rio Grande

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Grace Wheeler Is Victim; No Verdict Given

Former Crosby Resident Last Seen Dec. 8

The body of Miss Grace Wheeler, 43-year-old school teacher of near Lorenzo, missing from Hot Springs, N. M., since Dec. 8, was found by searchers Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Rio Grande river, about five miles below the town where she had been teaching school.

Officers are investigating but no coroner's verdict had been announced today, according to reports reaching here.

Miss Wheeler was last seen about 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at her rooming house in Hot Springs. Her disappearance had caused a wide-spread search for the past two weeks. Searchers reported her body was clothed in a housecoat and overcoat.

DEATH BY DROWNING

HOT SPRINGS, N. M. (AP) — Police Chief W. E. Baldwin reported today that a coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by drowning but did not amplify its finding, in the case of Miss Grace Wheeler. Baldwin said there were no signs of foul play on the victim's body. Authorities are continuing further investigation.

Belongings In Order

She had made known plans to go home, near Lorenzo, during the Christmas holidays and all of her belongings were in order in her room when she disappeared.

Funeral services will be held at the Robertson Methodist church, near Lorenzo, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Robertson, a small community near Lorenzo, was the home of Miss Wheeler and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wheeler.

Other survivors include four brothers, Rex. of Crosbyton, Horace of Southland, Ralph of Ralls and Curtis Wheeler of Robertson; and four sisters, Mrs. Wilmer Smith of New Home, Mrs. R. L. Marks, Mrs. Marvin Aycock and Mrs. W. O. Lockwood, all of Robertson.

Lowered Water Level

Miss Wheeler had been a school teacher in West Texas since 1923. She had taught at several schools including Acuff, Friona, Miami and Plainview.

Lubbock officials had been informed a few hours before news of the body's recovery that Hot Springs' officers had ordered dragging of the seven-mile stretch of river between Hot Springs and Elephant Butte lake—after the water level had been lowered by diversion of the stream.

Another Cold Wave Is Due

(By The United Press)

There'll be no white Christmas in Texas, but the weatherman predicted today it would be cold—and dry, a relief for motorists who have had to battle dense fogs over North and East Texas during the past 24 hours.

A new cold wave moved into the state today in the wake of fresh to strong northerly winds and balmy temperatures in all but the Panhandle section were expected to give way to biting cold by tonight.

Cloudy Skies Forecast

Partly cloudy skies were forecast for the entire state this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow with possible rain in extreme East Texas and near the gulf coast this afternoon.

Minimum temperatures tonight were expected to range between 16 and 20 degrees in the Panhandle, 20-24 degrees in extreme northwest East Texas, 18-24 in the South Plains, 24-28 in northern East Texas, 26-32 elsewhere in West Texas except slightly above freezing in the Del Rio-Eagle Pass area and near 32 degrees in the west central portion of East Texas.

Continued cold is forecast for tomorrow for the entire state.

The heavy fog which blanketed

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Weather Report

WEST TEXAS — Partly cloudy and colder this afternoon and tonight. Low tonight 16-20 degrees in the Panhandle, 18-24 on South Plains and 26-32 elsewhere except slightly above freezing in the Del Rio-Eagle Pass area tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and continued cold.

EAST TEXAS — Partly cloudy with occasional rain near the coast and in extreme east portion this afternoon. Colder in interior tonight and in northwest and extreme west this afternoon. Low tonight 20-24 degrees in extreme northwest, 26-28 over remainder of the northwest and extreme north portions and near 32 in west central portions. Tuesday partly cloudy and colder. Fresh southerly winds becoming fresh to strong northerly tonight.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
(Readings recorded by West Texas Gas Company during past 24 hours).

1 p. m.	65	12 M.	53
2 p. m.	67	1 a. m.	54
3 p. m.	68	2 a. m.	53
4 p. m.	67	3 a. m.	48
5 p. m.	66	4 a. m.	47
6 p. m.	60	5 a. m.	47
7 p. m.	54	6 a. m.	46
8 p. m.	51	7 a. m.	44
9 p. m.	52	8 a. m.	45
10 p. m.	52	9 a. m.	49
11 p. m.	52	10 a. m.	54

'Twas The Night Before Christmas— When Out In The Nation Arose Such A Roar, That It Rattled The Hinges Right Off The Door

By ROBERT C. RUARK
Special Correspondent

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the sphere,
Loan hungry nations were cocking an ear,
Our Allies had hung up their stockings with care,
In the hope that our treasury soon would be there.

Four billion to this one—six billion to that,
The whole world is bankrupt, starved and broke flat.
The people who spend it give scarcely a damn,
For the permanent Santa Claus is our Uncle Sam.

John Citizen, in civvies, at home with his Nell,
Had cocked up his feet for a short breathing spell.
When out in the nation, arose such a roar,
That it rattled the hinges right off the door.

The racket, sufficient to drive a guy barmy,
Came from capital, labor, the Navy and Army.
And to fill in the lull of a short intermission,
There was always the topic of nuclear fission.

On all hands were drivers, both lively and quick,
Each passionately eager to get in his lick.
To the top of the North Pole, the top of the South,
Everybody who had one shot off his big mouth.

"Now Truman, now Stalin, now big C. DeGaulle!
"Molotov, Chiang and Jim Forrestal!
"On Reuther, on Wilson, be brutal and burly!
"Scream Patterson, Bilbo and Patrick J. Hurley!"

As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,
They took tooth for tooth and asked eye for eye!
Up to the capitol we must all go,
With fists full of brickbats for all hands to throw.

It seems that Pearl Harbor was something we saps
Dreamed up by ourselves—to annoy the Japs.
We finished the war—or thought we had done it,
But now it appears that we may not have won it.

The world's owed a big bill, and UNO will foot it,
But the big "if" in UNO is "Where shall we put it?"
The Navy is certain that Army plans reek,
But since Harry indorsed it the sailors can't speak.

Into the midst of this tumultous scene,
Blithely bestriding an infernal machine,
Charged a once-well known figure, to give the world pause
—But no mother would recognize him as S. Claus.

His eyes sad and sunken, his dimples had fled,
His cheeks were like ashes, his feet were like lead.
His junic was red — still the color of jelly,
But it barely concealed his be-wrinkled belly.

He spake not a word, but straightway to work,
He filled all the stockings with presents—the jerk!
He gave turmoil in China, and killing in Java,
He threatened the world with a stream of hot lava.

Trouble in Palestine, where Christmas began,
And the Russians make passes at parts of Iran.
No nylons, no radios, no clothes and no cars,
No houses, no sugar, no booze for the bars,

But plenty of hunger, illness, disgust,
And big bulging bag full of fear and distrust.
Small wonder that as, up the chimney he rose,
He waggled his fingers from the end of his nose.
He was heard to exclaim, as he drove out of sight,
"No matter what happens, serves you doggone well right!"

Christmas Message Sounded By Truman

(By The United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Truman, leading the nation's first peactime Christmas observance in five years, called on all the world today to follow the Christmas teaching of brotherly love if it would "find a solution for all its ills."

Mr. Truman voiced his plea in a Christmas eve address from the snow-covered south lawn of the White House. He spoke after lighting the national community Christmas tree in the first such Yuletide observance since Dec. 24, 1941, when the nation was only beginning to rally for World War II from the Pearl Harbor disaster of 17 days before.

Gloom Of War Fades

"This is the Christmas that a war-weary world has prayed for through long and awful years," Mr. Truman said in a nationally broadcast message. "With peace come joy and gladnes. The gloom of the war years fades as once more we light the national community Christmas tree."

It is fitting, the president said, that we remember that peace and love and charity are the spirit of Christmas. And we must never forget, he said, the appeal that sprang from the manger of Bethlehem — "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

"In love, which is of the very

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General Short Is A Patient In Hospital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (AP)—Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, U. S. A. retired, who was Army commander of the Hawaiian department when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, is a patient at Walter Reed hospital.

It was reported that General Short was threatened with pneumonia but the public relations officer at the hospital said he had not been given the diagnosis of the illness.

Seminole Youth Hurt In Freak Accident

SEMINOLE, Dec. 24. (UP)—Claude Dudney, 15, was the victim of a freak accident during the weekend.

He suffered first degree burns when a heavy truck crashed into the service station where he was working, starting a fire that did $5,000 damage.

The driver was charged with drunken driving.

Greetings—And A Statement To Readers

In keeping with the annual custom, Lubbock Evening Journal WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED on Christmas afternoon.

Due to the extreme shortage of newsprint, today's Journal and tomorrow's Morning Avalanche are being published in abbreviated form, without advertising.

The Avalanche - Journal takes this opportunity of thanking the merchants of Lubbock for their co-operation and understanding of our problem and for willingly foregoing their traditional "Merry Christmas" advertisements in this afternoon's Journal and tomorrow's Avalanche.

So, in place of the customary greetings by individual firms, Lubbock merchants, one and all, join The Avalanche-Journal in wishing you and yours a

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Big Three Session Near End

Reports Claim Atom Bomb Is Still Secret

Good News Being Expected After Parley Closes

(By The Associated Press)

MOSCOW, Dec. 24 — The end of the Big Three foreign ministers conference is in sight, informed sources said today, and good news may be expected to be announced.

The informants stated accomplishments had been achieved and probably would be announced simultaneously in Moscow, London and Washington.

Reaches Final Stage

Although the conference has reached its final stage, both U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will be in Moscow until Christmas morning at least, it was said.

Meanwhile, it was reliably reported that Russia had not been let in on any secrets about the atomic bomb, although the foreign ministers were said to have discussed the United States-British-Canadian policy on world control of atomic energy.

Atmosphere Of Optimism

An atmosphere of optimism continued to prevail today as the conference went into its ninth day. The three ministers twice displayed their cordiality publicly last night, at the Bolshoi theater, by arising and clasping hands above their heads.

It was understood that U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin have adhered to the policy set forth by President Truman, British Prime Minister Attlee and Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King for placing the control of atomic energy in the hands of a United Nations com-

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Stowaway Bride And Hubby Are Reunited

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. —Yvonne Goppert, 21-year-old British bride who stowed away on a glider for a forbidden honeymoon, was reunited with her American husband here yesterday for the first time in seven months.

Yvonne and Lt. Jean Goppert were married in England May 11 and seven days later he was ordered to France. She hid aboard his glider in a box 18 inches high, two feet wide and four and one-half feet long.

The couple spent two weeks in France before she was apprehended and sent back to England, where she was fined $100 for illegal exit. No action ever was taken against the husband.

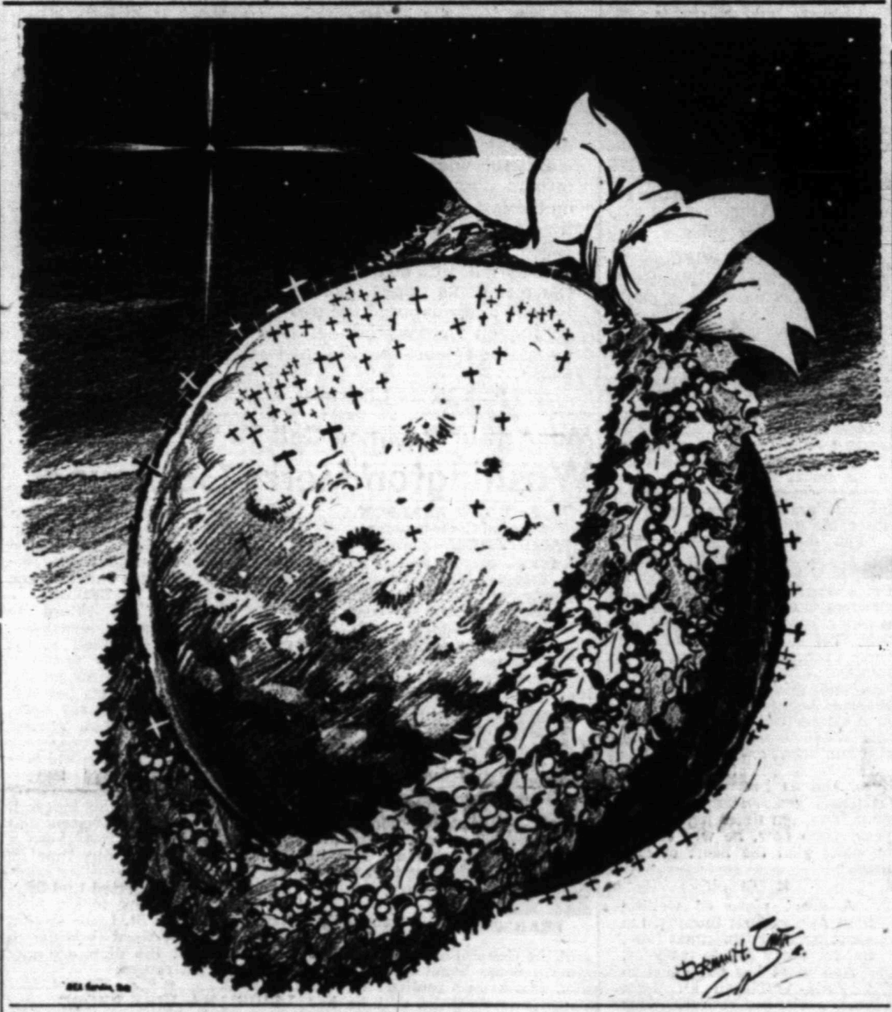
Lt. Goppert, on a 20-day leave, met his wife when she arrived by plane. They expect to spend his leave in New York and then go to the Air Forces proving ground command at Elgin Field, Fla., where he is to be stationed. The lieutenant's home is at Edna, Texas.

Kay Kyser Expects An Heir Next May

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24. (AP) — Kay Kyser told members of his band today that he will become a father "in the middle of May." Mrs. Kyser is Georgia Carroll, former model and singer with the Kyser band. This will be their first child.

Kay added that the band's Christmas present to him, a new washing machine, will now come in very handy.

"Glory To God In The Highest, And "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men"



Lubbock And South Plains In Quiet Christmas Observance

Salutes Rattle Against Skies As A Lone Bugler Sounds Taps In Farewell To General Patton

HAMM, Luxembourg, Dec. 24. (U.P.)—Gen. George S. Patton was buried on a bluff beneath windswept pines today, surrounded by white crosses above the graves of soldiers who fell along his Third Army's victory road.

Raw blasts of wind swirled across the U. S. military cemetery and snapped the khaki canvas canopy while the burial service was read before the open grave.

Three Rounds Of Salutes

Three rounds of salutes from a 12-man firing squad rattled against the leaden sky. Then a lone bugler, his back to the wind, sounded taps.

The general's wife, Beatrice, stood quietly through the committal service but almost broke down when Patton's negro orderly, Sgt. William G. Meeks, Junction City, Kans., handed her the American flag that had covered the casket.

There were tears in Meeks' eyes and his face was strained as he bowed slowly and handed her the

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Service Men Held On Coast By Rail Tieup

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. (AP) —The transportation dam over which only a comparative trickle of homeward bound service men is flowing will hold upwards of 170,000 veterans in Pacific coast ports over the Christmas holiday.

Generally inclined to accept their enforced stay on the coast with good humor because they are satisfied just to be "back in the states," a large number of the service men will be entertained in private homes while extensive plans have been made to provide holiday festivities for the remainder.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT

PARIS, Dec. 24 (AP) — Miss Henrietta Jean Cunningham of Sherman Oaks, Calif., American Red Cross worker at the Le Havre port of embarkation, was killed in a jeep accident Dec. 12, the Red Cross said today.

It is Christmas Eve — the eve before the world's first peacetime Christmas in five years.

Lights will flash early in countless Lubbock and South Plains houses in the morning — and little children will patter across cold floors. At long last they will be allowed to shake presents out of Yule trees and revel with license in a maze of ripped paper and snapped ribbons.

Adults Right There

Adults will be right on their heels, finding their pleasure in the joys of the little fellows and reflecting momentarily as they watch that perhaps, after all, there is a Santa Claus.

Churches will make their annual effort to invoke the deeper significance attaching to the holiday.

For countless families there will be mixed emotions compounded of pleasure at the return of those who recently wore Uncle Sam's uniform in a global war — and of the poignant throb that recognizes a void caused by the failure of some to get back.

Holiday Observed

In its superficial expressions, Christmas will be like Christmases usually are on the South Plains. Business and professional establishments will be closed, and labor will be at ease. There will be turkey or hen or another meat course, and with it what traditionally is supposed to be with it. If the weather holds warm there will be drives with family members or visiting in the homes of relatives or brief calls at the residences of friends, perhaps a round of golf.

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New Ceiling Asked For Insured Savings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (UP)—Congress was asked today to raise the present $5,000 ceiling on insurance coverage for savings accounts in banks.

The request was made by the Federal Deposit Insurance corp. in its annual report for 1944.

FDIC said that the growth in bank accounts in the past few years had made a protection of only $5,000 "increasingly inadequate." When Congress set that maximum in 1934, it said, total deposits of insured commercial banks were only $36,000,000,000 compared with $136,000,000,000 at the end of 1944.

"Believe It Or Not," Winchell Gives Ripley The Lowdown On Some:

Little Known Facts About Christmas!

By WALTER WINCHELL
The Widely Read Columnist

THINGS I Never Knew Before About Christmas: The origin of Christmas fixin's is as varied as the countenances of the hordes of street corner Santas. All ages and cultures—from the era of the Druids of ancient Gaul to the five and tens' synthetic trees and plastic ornaments—have contributed to the Christmas holly-day, which was not officially designated as the 25th of December until 336 A. D. by the Roman church.

Before this date, holly was hung as camouflage on the doors of the early Christians celebrating the birth of Christ. This was in order to avoid persecution, and they masked their gayety by garlanding their homes with the holly—the prevalent decoration used by the Romans at the pagan festival of Saturnalia, which occurred at the same time.

Many Are Carry-Overs

Many of the Christmas customs were carry-overs from pre-Christian celebrations. Hanging gifts on trees is supposed to stem from the tree worship of the Druids and the belief that the tree was the giver of all good things. The Druids are also partly responsible for the use of mistletoe at Christmas time. They regarded the mistletoe as sacred, made certain that it never touched the ground, and dedicated it to the Goddess of Love, which explains the kissing that goes on under it. Kissing under the mistletoe is a simplified routine in this streamlined age. Originally, when boy kissed girl, he plucked a berry from the cluster and presented it to her. When the berries were gone, so were the kisses.

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THE burning of the Yule log comes from the Scandinavians, who long before the birth of Christ celebrated the two great turning points of the sun's course through the sky and burned wood fires as a sacrifice. The burning at the winter solstice was called the Yule log, but centuries later the tradition of pouring wine and oil on the log to form a beacon while carols are sung was added. In America, the Yule log celebration was most popular in the Southern states, where the Virginia Reel would wind up the celebration.

Not all of America was joyous at Christmas time. In Colonial times, a Massachusetts law forbade any gayety at Christmas.

The Irish gave us the custom of putting lights in the window, influenced by the story of Joseph and Mary. The beam of light

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Traffic Toll Is Sixteen; Seven Are Murdered

56 Auto Thefts, 21 Robberies In State Reported

(By The United Press)

Texas' violent death toll for the long Christmas holiday week end mounted to 24 today, 16 of them resulting from traffic accidents, as state police warned that the previous high of 18 would be surpassed unless drivers took extra added precautions between now and tomorrow midnight.

In addition to the 16 traffic fatalities, six persons were reported shot to death, one stabbed and one killed in an explosion of air compressors.

Crimes Are Reported

State police reported a total of 56 auto thefts since Friday midnight, 29 of them recovered; 21 robberies and 69 drunken driving arrests.

Highway patrolmen arrested a drunk driver near Breckenridge and discovered that he was an ex-convict wanted for swindling in Young county.

Although not counted in the weekend toll, the body of Francisco Martinez was found shot to death on the O'Keefe ranch, 17 miles south of Laredo. Officers said he had been dead about three days. He was last seen alive Dec. 8 when he was paid off at the ranch. Two men were held for investigation.

The Traffic Toll

The traffic toll included:

Blas Gonzales, 65, instantly killed in Gonzales when he stepped from behind a parked car and was struck by another driven by a Cuero youth.

Nick Martinez, 27, of Wichita Falls, killed when he was struck by a car as he attempted to flag it down to ask for a push for his stalled car, 10 miles northwest of Wichita Falls.

Samuel Robert Dickey, 53, Bay City, who drowned when his car plunged off a bridge across Caney creek in Bay City.

Bermard Brown, 44, Kirbyville, former Orange county commissioner, killed in a head-on collision near Vidor.

Luciano Garcia, 53, Somerset, victim of a hit-and-run driver 20 miles south of San Antonio.

Killed Near Amarillo

Bessie Fern Rea, Bushland (Potter county), killed in a head-on collision one mile west of Amarillo.

Maximo Bosquez, Beeville, killed near Beeville when struck by a car. Sheriff Vail Ennis said fog and wet roads contributed to the accident.

Nany Maud Bean, 8, San Saba,

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Theft Charges Name Janitor

A 49-year-old negro, Fred Ross, was charged this morning with theft over $5 in connection with police investigation into the removal of costly merchandise from Hanna Pope & Co., where he had been janitor several months.

Officials indicated there would be several other charges to file, and announced they were continuing a search for additional goods.

Several Investigations

There were several investigations into pilfering from automobiles, and reports of attempts to burglarize residences.

Wilson Dickson of 2103 Ninth said clothing, a cosmetics bag, five boxes of .22 rifle ammunition and two sets of ovenware were taken from his car. Two bags containing clothing and a watch, the total valued at $250, were reported taken here from the car of Johnnie Tadlock of Houston.

Residence Is Entered

Mrs. W. H. Melton of 1724 Twenty-eighth said someone cut a screen over a window, entered her residence and took costume jewelry, three cigarette lighters and a penny bank. She said her loss was approximately $20. O. W. McLeod of 1901 Thirty-third reported someone had ripped lattice work from a servant's house there in an attempted break-in. A residence at 2010 Broadway was entered, presumably with a key, but nothing was believed taken.

Ten dollars in quarters wa

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Truman Orders Quota Immigration Resumed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP) — The United States held out a promise today of merrier Christmases to come for thousands of Europe's homeless war refugees.

In a weekend directive, President Truman cleared the way for 39,000 of them a year to be admitted to this country. He ordered the resumption of normal quota immigration, saying the action by applying to displaced persons of Europe provides an "opportunity for America to set an example for the rest of the world in cooperation toward alleviating human misery."

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WAY back in 1897, three months before Christmas that year, an 8-year old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon was told by schoolmates in New York City that "there isn't any Santa Claus."

Childlike, Virginia was puzzled and took the story home with her. There she unfolded it to her father.

Mr. O'Hanlon was up a stump when it came to an answer. Then he was struck by the germ of an idea.

"Write a letter," he said, "to the editor of the New York Sun. Ask him if there's a Santa Claus, and whatever he says will be true."



'DEAR VIRGINIA' . . .
Dr. Laura V. Dougla

Virginia followed her Dad's advice—and there was born the basis for the most frequently reprinted editorial in the history of American journalism.

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Virginia's letter didn't get to the editor of the Sun — the great Charles A. Dana. But it did get to one of Mr. Dana's assistants, a young fellow named Francis Pharcellus Church, up to that time just one of the thousands of unknown, unsung newspapermen in the land.

Mr. Church pondered the letter; saw it's possibilities—and, although he didn't know it at the time, it was his springboard to fame. His answer to Virginia O'Hanlon made him known throughout the balance of his life; until this good day, and probably as long as this nation celebrates Christmas.

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ON September 21, 1897, Virginia's letter and Mr. Church's answer appeared in the Sun. As has been The Plainsman's custom for a decade and a half—and in keeping with the desires of many South Plains readers who annually request it—wereproduce the famous article just as it originally appeared in New York and as it has been reprinted upon thousands of occasions since in American newspapers, large and small, from border to border and coast to coast.

Mr. Church writing:

"We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus prominently, the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

" 'Dear Editor:

" 'I am 8 years old.

" 'Some of my little friends say there is no Santa C laus.

" 'Papa says 'if you see it in The Sun, it's so.'

" 'Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

" 'Virginia O'Hanlon,

" '115 W. 95th St.'

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"Virginia, (wrote Church) your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

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NOT believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but tha's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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A great piece of writing that. And a great thought, too —not only for Christmas time, but for every day in the year.

And what has happened to Virginia O'Hanlon all these years while her childish letter has been marching down the corridors of time?

Well, Virginia, is still around; still in New York and a very lovely lady, too.

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THE Virginia O'Hanlon of 1897 is now Dr. Laura V. Douglas, whose picture you see at the top of this item. Now 56 and three times a grandmother, Doctor Douglas looks just like you'd expect a grown-up Virginia to look; a fairy godmother type with soft white hair, laughing crinkles around her blue eyes and a generous, soft smile. She is assistant principal of a New York school.

When she was a little girl, Dr. Douglas recalls, 8-year-olds were much younger than they are now.

"My daughter started worrying about Santa when she was 7," she says, "and wanted to know why Santa had to use reindeer when an automobile or airplane would get him around much faster."

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Virginia remembers now that the whole affair of the letter put her in line for quite a lot of teasing. Of course, whenever the question about Santa came up, she could always point to Francis P. Church's editorial and prove there was a Santa. But her friends twitted her about it, and for quite a while, 8-year-old Virginia didn't appreciate what it said. . . .

Santa exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. . . . Thank God, he lives, and lives forever."

Now, many years later, the grown up Virginia understands.

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SO there, once more, is a fitting climax to another Christmas season. And as he has done upon each of more than a score of Yuletides in Lubbock—for the twenty-second time, to be exact—The Plainsman closes with a sincere expression of peace on earth, goodwill to all men, on these Plains of ours and everywhere.

In the never-to-be-forgotten words of Tiny Tim, we mean it when we say: "God bless you, every one!"

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Feminine Viewpoint

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MILLETT

FOUR Australian brides, returning to their own country after trying out American life, say it is just too hectic over here with everybody rushing around and trying to get at the top of the heap. What we call American initiative and get-up-and-get, they see as "an absolute bedlam."

It is too bad they didn't stick it out until the servicemen are back in the country.

For then they might find congenial friends among service couples who have done some re-evaluating as to what is important and what not in daily living.

Unless the men forget the lessons they have learned while living in foreign lands, many of them are going to lead more leisurely lives than they have in the past.

At least that is what many of them have been planning.

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PLAN NEW WAY OF LIFE

THE separation of war gave many men time to realize that they actually hadn't been getting much out of life — that they had, as civilians, gone at such a pace in their eagerness to get ahead that they had neglected their families and failed to enjoy home life.

And many of them have sworn that they are going to do a better job of living — if not a better job of earning a living — when they are civilians once more.

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DEPENDS ON THE WIFE

WHETHER they do or not will, of course, depend a lot on the attitude of their wives. The wife who is determined to keep up with the Joneses isn't going to give her husband time to live leisurely.

But there is really no reason why Americans can't find time for living — if it is important enough to them. That is, if it is more important than a big car, an impressive house, and keeping in the social swim.

Today's Journal Editorial

THOGHTS ON THIS CHRISTMAS EVE

"Peace on Earth" this year is new—and it is precarious.

In many parts of the globe men still are shooting at and killing each other; in other parts there are indications that trouble of a serious nature may erupt at any moment.

Here in our own country, men are not far from being at each others throats in an economic battle which may or may not correctly be characterized as "a natural aftermath of war."

No, all is not quiet in the world today. The good will men express toward men definitely is limited at the moment.

Yet, even so, this is the best and most promising Christmas humans have seen in too many years. It should be a Merry Christmas for most of us and this should not be a year in which the holiday season is celebrated with reservations, for there are too many who deserve to celebrate the big day with whole-hearted joy.

If there are any who have a happy holiday with accrued interest coming to them, it's the kids who have had to put up with a lot from a badly managed adult world these last few years.

Wartime Christmases have been particularly trying for the older generation of small fry whose memories go back beyond Pearl Harbor. They remember days when bicycles, skates and electric trains, and study metal trucks and fire engines, all of them new and shining, were to be found beneath the tree. They have been remarkably patient with ersatz substitutes and it's time they had something better, even though Santa Claus hasn't been able to reconvert completely to peacetime production.

Wartime Christmases must have been incomplete and bewildering to thousands of the smaller youngsters. They've needed a father around holiday time who was something more than a picture on the table, or a vaguely remembered person who was too far away and too busy fighting the war even to hook a ride with Santa and arrive on Christmas Eve. And needless to say it has been tough on their absent fathers, and on the mothers who tried to do double parental duty with half a heart.

But the wartime Christmases are past. Many of those fathers already are home, and many more even now are on the last lap of the journey that will bring them back in time for the reunion that is the best and most treasured gift of all.

They will find no quarrel with the day's perfection, and the rest of us might take our cue from them. There is trouble and sorrow in the world, as always. But, concerned though we may be, our concern should not intrude upon this celebration crowned at last with victory and peace.

And so, a Merry Christmas to all.

MacArthur Declined Call To Washington

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON
Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Only a handful of people know it, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur is about the only man who ever declined a presidential order to come to Washington ot confer with the President of the United States.

The incident occurred about two months ago when Washington and MacArthur were having trouble over the carrying out of directives and at the time when under Secretary of State Dean Acheson rebuffed MacArthur with the reminder that he was to carry out policy, not make it.



PEARSON

At about that time, Truman sent the General a message asking him to come home for consultation. MacArthur replied to the Commander-in-Chief that he had a great deal to do in Japan and respectfully asked if he could defer the trip uniti spring.

The President did not make an issue of the matter, but sent Assistant Secretary of War McCloy to Tokyo to straighten out the snarled problems. Since then relations have greatly improved.

However, MacArthur is still the only general who causes the War department to maintain a special office for "the drafting of polite messages." Whereas routine orders are sent to most generals in the field, every communication to MacArthur is first sent to a special office to be rewritten into careful diplomatic language.

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STORM OVER SYNDER

NOT since the turbulent days when Jesse Jones was battling it out with FDR has so much inner-circle criticism been heaped on the head of one man in government—in this case semi-somnolent John Snyder of St. Louis, the alleged reconversion czar.

Almost every man close to Truman has urged the President to give Snyder the gate. Even Bob Hannegan, who also comes from St. Louis, is bitterly critical of his fellow townsman and has told Truman that if real progress is to be made in reconversion, Snyder must go.

Unfortunate fact is that almost every important economic step taken by the government toward reconversion must clear through Snyder. He is the bottleneck. And many of the policies he sets boomerang into woeful mistakes.

It was Snyder, for instance, who, with the support of Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, urged the termination of the War Labor board. Secretary of the Treasury Vinson vigorously opposed this. He urged that after the war, labor problems would be more difficult than ever and an agency such as the War Labor board, trusted by both labor and management, was absolutely necessary.

Snyder and Schwellenbach, however, wanted to go back to old-fashioned collective bargaining. They won. Result: Truman later begged and implored the War Labor board to remain. And today he is trying to get Congress to pass a bill setting up fact-finding commissions, which actually will be the old War Labor board under another name.

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SNYDER BUMBLES

AGAIN it was the bumbling Snyder who took the controls off housing, despite strong advice to the contrary from Secretary Vinson. Instead, Snyder brought in Hugh Potter, former president of the National Association of Real Estate boards and one of the nation's largest speculative buildings. Potter is now known in Washington as a "90-day wonder," because, during the 90 days he served as a government adviser, he secured the removal of building controls, one of the biggest boons to his industry, but now recognized as a major mistake and rceently reversed by Truman.

No president can afford to make so many major mistakes—even though he is green at the game. Naturally every president has to rely on others for advice, but when an adviser gets him into constant hot water—to say nothing of the nation—that adviser should go.

This is what Hannegan and other Truman advisers have been telling the President so constantly that he is tired of the subject. Privately, the President feels that Snyder realizes he has been a failure, and that in due time he will bow out.

Note—It was reported that Snyder was going back to his First National bank in St. Louis around Jan. 1, but now word comes from St. Louis that the directors may not relish his return.

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LOUISIANA JURY PROBE

DOWN in Louisiana, which likes its politics raw, red and juicy, politicoes have been watching a Treasury-Justice department investigation of the income-tax case against William Burton, big-shot oil man, who was twice tried for tax evasion and twice had a hung jury.

Now, Treasury agents think they have uncovered evidences of jury bribing. In following up their clues, they discovered that one of the jurors, Henry Goldman, had a safe-deposit box in conjunction with Joe Astoria, head steward of the Roosevelt hotel. The box contained $19,000, some of which was put in the box at about the time of the Burton trial.

Questioned as to where he got so much money, Joe Astoria said it came from kickbacks from New Orleans grocers and fish-dealers who paid him on the side for purchases he made from them for the Roosevelt hotel.

Told about this, Seymour Weiss, owner of the hotel, remarked:

"That was foolish of Joe to say that. They'll check up on him and find out it wasn't true."

However, agents did check and found that it was true. And now, Seymour Weiss, owner of the hotel, has "suspended" his chief steward.

Note—It is suspected that a lot of politics is mixed up in the Burton jury probe. Certain anti-Roosevelt newspaper interests are reported anxious to put certain pro-Roosevelt radio interests out of business.

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UNDER THE DOME

ONE reason for the exit of Professor Rexford Guy Tugwell as Governor of Puerto Rico is a good offer from the University of Chicago to become head of its new planning department. In addition, Tugwell was on the outs with Luis Munoz-Marin, the big Puerto Rican boss . . . Another Roosevelt braintruster who may join academic ranks is Archibald MacLeish, now being urged to become president of Vassar college . . . Capitol reporters were discussing the functions of young Rep. Charles Helleck of Indiana as chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign committee. "Charlie does an excellent job of passing the hat in campaign years," declared newsman Dan Kidney, a fellow Hoosier. "He knows where all the fur-bearing aristocrats are located."

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3-RING CIRCUS

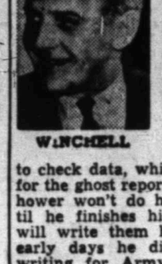
THE Senate has been holding a rash of exciting inquiries in the last few days—Pearl Harbor, Hurley and the atomic bomb.

One venerable senator who enjoys the excitement is Rhode Island's Spry Democratic Theodore Francis Green, who conscientiously tries to take in everything. Green was stopped in the hall recently and asked why he was hurrying.

"This is a three-ring circus," replied the Rhode Island senator, "and I'm trying to watch all the rings at the same time."

Walter Winchell

ON BROADWAY
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WINCHELL

NOTES of an Innocent Bystander—The Intelligenstia: Mrs. Roosevelt turned down mimic Arthur Blake's request for permission to imitate her with this memo: "I do not like impersonations simply because I do not like myself that much!" . . Her publishers insist that Shirley Temple's autoblog was not ghosted — that a researcher was engaged to check data, which may account for the ghost report. . . Gen. Eisenhower won't do his memoirs until he finishes his tour, and he will write them himself. In his early days he did much ghost-writing for Army higher-ups in the War dept.

The First-Nights: "The French Touch," a farce, was rated more blah-blah than ohh-la-la, especially by one reviewer, who reported in part: "Except for one or two briefly amusing scenes it is pretty feeble." This is the one that brought back Brian Aherne, one of movietown's capables. . . The second entry of the week. "Brighten the Corner," did not amuse the aisle men, although Chas. Butterworth's capering is the giggle-bait. . . Maurice Evans returned in M. Todd's streamlined "Hamlet." This 16-cylinder version of the classic is sparked by the star's brilliant histrionics. . . . Ward Morehouse enthused: " 'Hamlet' has rhythm, beauty and vitality, and Maurice Evans is magnificent." . . The week's last entry was "Dream Girl." It was hugged like a sweetheart. The author is Elmer Rice. Here is humor on its best behavior; every punchline a haymaker. Betty Field's superb performing, they report, makes her a girl worth dreaming about.

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The Cinemagicians: "Adventure for Two" is an expertly tailored drama knitted with Laurence Olivier's stylish acting. . . The gunplay is the thing in "Frontier Gal." The sagebrush saga is loaded with Yvonne De Carlo, a pretty person and a pretty good player. . . "Prison Ship" is one of those Jap mellers wherein the feeble script dies in action. . . "South of the Rio Grande" is embellished with a few charmfuls. But the tepid tale makes them seem glamatuerish. . . "House on 92nd St." won the blue ribbon for Nov. from Nat'l Screen Council. . . The runnersup were: "Weekend at the Waldorf," "Mildred Pierce," "Kiss and Tell," "Dolly Sisters" and "Spanish Main."

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THE Radio: British Broadcasting says it never mentioned the GIs in Europe with 70 points "not being able to come home because they are criminals, etc." We trust the Wardep't will help crush what obviously is enemy planted propaganda to divide the Allies. . . Fannie Brice's fun seems funnier than ever on CBSabbaths. . . H. V. Kaltenborn won the commentators' poll by a movie publication. He nosed out Swing. Neither of them is listed in the Hooper's First Fifteen or on the Crossley big-time circuit. . . A comedian claims he has discovered an absolutely worthless joke: Too funny for radio and not old enough for Bennett Cerf.

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The Story Tellers: Chas. Jackson's next book, "The Fall of Valor," will surprise those who found his "Lost Weekend" daring. The name of the hero (Don Birnam) of "Lost Weekend" no doubt came from the line in Macbeth—"Birnam Wood shall come to Dunsinane, etc." Birnam Wood is a forest and Dunsinane is Macbeth's castle. . . Dutton's paid off an author with $6,000 rather than publish "Treason's Peace." The pressure by cartelists (exposed in it) did it. . . H. L. Mencken, author of "The American Language," memos: "I am filing the fact in my archives at once. . . It is certainly good news that 'to Renovate' (meaning divorce) is entering into the official legal phraseology of the republic. It will be remembered in your favor when you get to the death house. Yours, H. L. M."

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Quotation Marksmanship: John W. Raper: Success has made failures of many men. . . Anon: One man with courage names a majority. . . Doris Keane: Romance and marriage are two different things. . . Voltaire: Satire lies about literary men while they live and eulogy lies about them when they die. . . Alan Sands: He's one of those in-the-nobodies. . . Wilson Mizner: There is something about a closet that makes a skeleton terribly restless. . . Helen Sims: Unplanned as a hiccup. . . G. Santayana: Dying is something ghastly as being born is something ridiculous. . . Kay Boyle: A face scarred by arrogance. . . G. Shaw: In Heaven an angel is nobody in particular. . . Anon: Imagination is something that sits up with a woman when her husband comes home late.

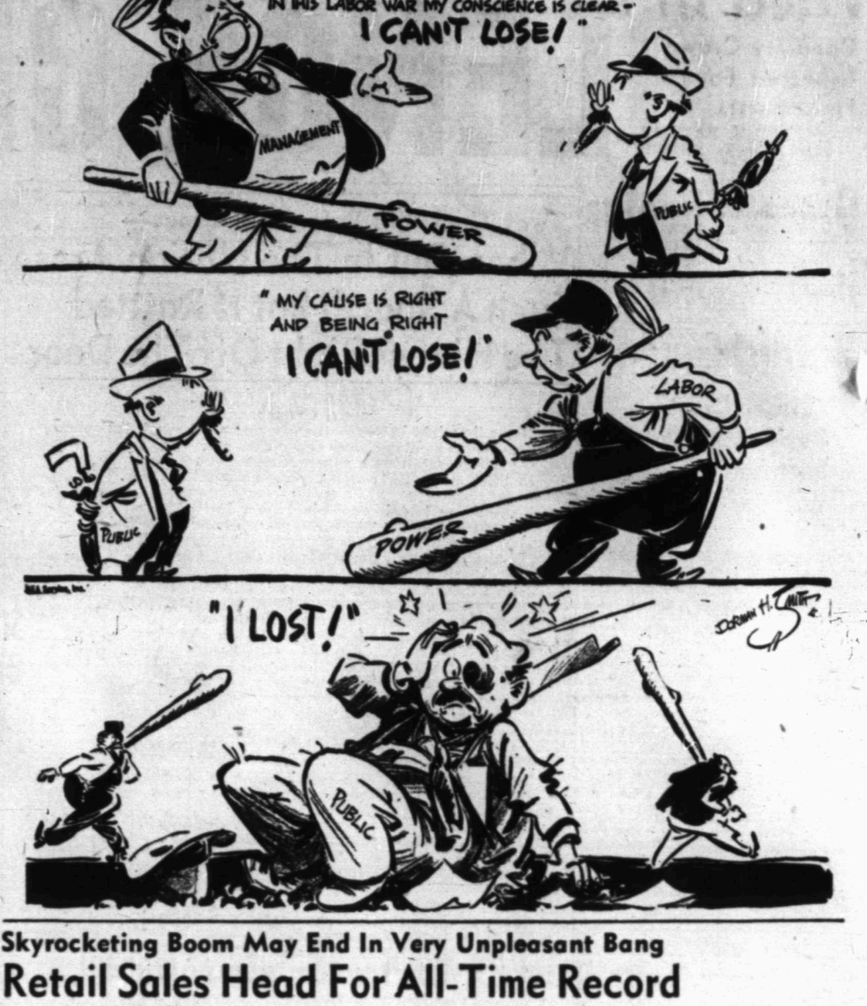
Today's Thought

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.—Psalms 89:48.

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Whatever crazy sorrow saith,
No life that breathes with human breath
Has ever truly long'd for death.
—Tennyson.

Well, Someone Has To Lose



Skyrocketing Boom May End In Very Unpleasant Bang

Retail Sales Head For All-Time Record

By MARQUIS CHILDS
Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — As the stores continue to be jammed from morning to night, there seems to be no doubt but that an all-time retail sales records will be broken this year.

People seem determined to spend their money. If they can't find what they want, they take whatever there is to buy. Frantic salespeople have been unable to keep up with the rush of buyers who grab things off the shelves and plead to be waited on.



CHILDS

The Department of Commerce estimates that total retail sales for 1945 will be $74,000,000,000 which compares with $69,484,000,000 for last year and with $46,388,000,000 for 1940. The total for the current year is nearly twice that for 1938 when the figure was $38,053,000,000.

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Dollar Value Jumps

Part of this increase represents, of course, a jump not in the volume of goods sold but in the dollar value of prices. In fact, that may account for a very large proportion of the increase of 1945 over 1944.

In order to get around price controls, manufacturers have turned to higher priced lines. In this era of uncritical spending they have been able to get away with it. Buyers have taken the higher cost merchandise even when it was fairly obvious that the quality was not there. The hidden inflation of inferior quality is not reflected in the official figures that show the cost of living in cities up 27.9 per cent since January of 1941.

Despite strikes in some areas, reports indicate that the record-breaking sales are nation-wide with almost no exceptions. What makes this all the more remarkable is that the volume of sales includes almost no durable goods such as automobiles, washing machines and radios.

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THERE are beautiful models in the show windows but for the most part they are merely samples. Orders are taken for future delivery with no indication of when the products will materialize.

Such once popular gifts as cameras and bicycles are exceedingly hard to come by. Instead, apparently, Americans itching to spend their money are buying jewelry, furs and fancy high priced clothing. Sales of jewelry are up about 6 per cent over 1944. Sales of furniture and home furnishings are up 7 per cent even though the supply, especially in the low-priced lines, is very limited.

Consumers dollars are pouring into the filling stations. Filling station sales in the fourth quarter are estimated to be about 20 per cent higher than in the previous year. According to the Department of Commerce, this is well above the sales in the last month before gasoline rationing went into effect and only about 10 per cent below the peak of January, 1942.

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Warns Of Fuel Shortage

Mayor LaGuardia warned the other day that an acute shortage of fuel oil is likely to develop because manufacturers have found it more profitable to concentrate on gasoline. He urged that OPA lower the price of gasoline and raise the price of fuel oil in order to get production of the latter.

Here again the question comes up as to whether or not controls were removed too quickly. Possibly this period of adjustment was inevitable. Perhaps it would have come whenever the lid was taken off. Yet if the administration had waited until civilian production had had more of a chance to get restarted, the competition would not have been so fierce nor the pressure on prices so great.

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WHAT has been happening during this fourth quarter shows, it seems to me, the danger of a short skyrocketing boom that could end with a very unpleasant bang. As prices are bid up higher and higher, people will tend to get out of the market.

The situation in the building industry is becoming fantastic. The prices asked for making even the most minor repairs are already sky high.

The consumer has learned to do without during the war. If he carries this lesson over into peacetime, in the face of mounting prices and shortages, the effect on our economy may be very serious. There is a vast volume of savings carried over from the war. But if consumers feel they are being taken in by high prices and poor merchandise, they will keep their money in the bank.

Tune In: 1340 Kilocycles

KFYO Radio Offerings

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1945
Evening

6:00 Headline Edition.
6:15 Raymond Swing.
6:30 Theater Revue.
6:35 Texas News.
6:40 Musical Interlude.
6:45 Sketches in Ivory.
7:00 Music Box Revue.
7:15 Hedda Hopper.
7:30 Pacific Serenade.
8:00 Memo To America.
8:30 Musical Favorites.
8:55 News Summary.
9:00 Iron and Steel Program.
9:30 Hoosier Hop.
10:00 Newscast.
10:15 Paul Whiteman Christmas Party.
10:45 To Be Announced.
11:00 SIGN OFF.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1945
Morning

6:00 Musical Clock.
6:30 Newscast.
6:45 Trading Post
7:00 Martin Agronsky.
7:15 Musical Reveille.
7:25 Pick and Pat.
7:30 Newscast.
7:45 Smilin' Ed McConnell.
8:00 Sunshine Trio.
8:15 Newscast.
8:30 Breakfast Club.
9:00 My True Story.
9:25 News and Betty Crocker.
9:30 Newscast
9:45 Listening Post.
10:00 Breakfast In Hollywood
10:30 Home Edition of the News.
10:45 Ted Malone.
11:00 Glamour Manor.
11:30 Hymns of All Churches.
11:45 Star Reporter
Afternoon
12:00 Morton Downey
12:15 Newscast
12:30 Drugstore Cowboys.
12:45 Everlite Pioneers.
1:00 John B Kennedy
1:15 Snoop and Scoop.
1:20 Musical Interlude.
1:25 Guess Who
1:30 Club Matinee.
2:00 Song and Dance Parade.
2:30 Ladies Be Seated.
3:00 Newscast
3:15 Markets
3:20 Gems of Melody.
3:30 Turn Table Time.
3:45 Gaslight Gayeties.
4:00 Our Town and Social Security.
4:10 Afternoon Dance Session.
4:45 Hop Harrigan.
5:00 Terry and The Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy.
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Lum 'N Abner.
Evening
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6:15 Raymond Swing.
6:30 Theater Revue
6:35 Texas News
6:40 Musical Interlude.
6:45 Sketches in Ivory.
7:00 Music Box Revue.
7:15 Elmer Davis.
7:30 Alan Young show.
8:00 Guy Lombardo
8:30 Doctors Talk It Over
8:45 Wilfred Fleisher.
8:55 News Summary.
9:00 Concert Orchestra.
10:00 Newscast.
10:15 Charlie Chan
10:30 Gems for Thought.
10:35 Savoy Ballroom Orchestra.
11:00 SIGN OFF

Steelworkers Reject Company Wage Boost

HOUSTON, Dec. 24 (AP) — A company offer of 12½ per cent hourly pay increase was rejected by steelworkers at the Hughes Tool company here yesterday, Frank A. Hardesty, district director of the CIO United Steelworkers of America, announced.

In a unanimous vote by the membership, the counter-proposal offer to CIO demands for a 25-cent, across-the-board hourly pay boost, was spurned.

The steel plant employs some 5,600 workers, and is the largest steel plant in the Houston area.

"Buy A Victory Bond TODAY."

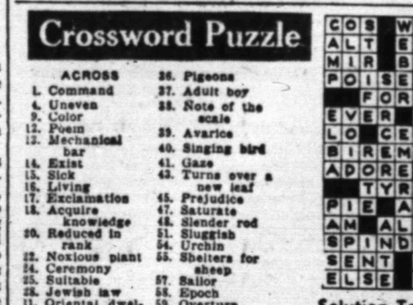
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Command
4. Uneven
9. Color
12. Poem
13. Mechanical bar
14. Exist
15. Sick
16. Living
17. Exclamation
18. Acquire knowledge
20. Reduced in rank
22. Noxious plant
24. Ceremony
25. Suitable
28. Jewish law
31. Oriental dwellings
32. Conflagrations
34. Behold
35. Salutation
36. Pigeons
37. Adult boy
38. Note of the scale
39. Avarice
40. Singing bird
41. Gaze
43. Turns over a new leaf
45. Prejudice
47. Saturate
48. Slender rod
51. Sluggish
54. Urchin
55. Shelters for sheep
57. Sailor
58. Epoch
59. Overturn
60. Period of time
61. Affirmative
62. Tipe
63. Period of light

DOWN

1. Seethe
2. Unoccupied
3. State of the Union
4. Bird of prey
5. Electrical unit
6. Roman poet
7. Part
8. Hermits
9. Beam
10. Great Lake
11. Act
19. Corded fabrics
21. American Indians
23. Author of "Robinson Crusoe"
25. Second President
26. Ship's crane
27. Submarine worker
29. Danger signal
30. Blows an automobile horn
33. Interprets: archaic
34. Terrible
37. Sold
39. Broad smile
40. That which is lent
42. Sojourns
44. Palms off
46. Incline
48. Remain
49. Boy attendant
50. Lohengrin's wife
52. So. American bird
53. Shallow receptacle
56. Lair



Solution To Friday's Puzzle

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AP Newsfeatures

Highland Park Favored Over Waco In Dallas On Saturday

Capacity Crowd Expected For Final Battle

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor

Highland Park of Dallas and Waco, whose season records indicate little if any difference in strength, will clash at Dallas Saturday in the twenty-sixth Texas schoolboy football championship game.

Even when these teams met in early season they were as close as a junior high school boy's first shave. Highland Park won 7-0 but the fans were not sure the Scotties were the better team.

Scotties Slight Favorite

Nothing else has happened during the campaign to denote that one is materially stronger than the other. Against mutual foes—Waxahachie and Marshall—they showed to be smart, hard-tackling, strong-blocking and balanced offensive outfits, each much on the order of the other.

Highland Park will be rated a paper edge favorite because it is undefeated, holds a victory over Waco and will be playing at home. But the points are due to be mighty close.

Dallas became the site of the state final game for the thirteenth time yesterday when the coaches—Eck Curtis of Highland Park and Harry Stiteler of Waco—met at Italy and flipped a coin. Stiteler called the toss and lost.

Roll Into Finals

Highland Park rolled into the finals Saturday by beating Wichita Falls 18-0. Waco got there by edging Goose Creek 7-0.

"Highland Park probably will beat us," said Stiteler, "but they will know they've been in a ball game."

Curtis smilingly agreed with a statement by Stiteler, a long-time friend, that "we won't beat them more than three touchdowns. Yes, we certainly won't."

Highland Park has won 12 games and tied one, adding up 461 points to 45 for the opposition. Waco has won 12 and lost one, scoring 343 points to 51.

Two Powerful Lines

Two powerful lines will clash at Ownby stadium at Southern Methodist university, site of the game expected to draw the 21,000 capacity of the field. Highland Park's forward wall averages 175½ pounds, Waco's 170.1. The Scot backfield outweighs Waco's materially, however, averaging 174 to 153.7. In the overall average Highland Park has a 175-pound team and Waco 164.1.

The price of admission will be $2.00 for reserved seats, $1.25 for general admission, 50 cents for students and $3.00 for boxes. The gate may equal that at Fort Worth Saturday when there was a gross of around $27,000—the largest take for a schoolboy football game in Texas history.

To Arrive Saturday

Coach Stiteler said he would arrive with his squad by bus Saturday morning. He announced that his team was in better physical condition than for the past two games with only one regular out with illness.

The 20-yard penetration rule will not be in effect in the title game. If the teams tie they will be co-champions.

Both coaches have had long careers tutoring high school teams. Curtis has been at it for 21 years—three at Anson, six at Ranger, one at Electra, 10 at Breckenridge and one at Highland Park. In that period Curtis has had one team in the quarter-finals, one in the semi-finals and now one in the finals. His Anson team won the state class B championship in 1926. Stiteler has been coaching 14 years—two at Bellville, four at Smithville, four at Corpus Christi and four at Waco. He had teams in the quarter-finals in 1938, 1940, 1943 and 1944, in the semi-finals in 1938, 1940 and this year. His 1938 Corpus Christi team won the championship.



YOUTHFUL KEGLER—Two-year-old Bobby Bomar tosses ball down the alley to open finals in national match game championship of the 19th annual all-star bowling tournament at Chicago, where his dad, Buddy Bomar, was defending champion.

Navy All Stars Win From Touring Club

HONOLULU, Dec. 24. (AP) — The Navy All Stars handed the touring USO-National league All Stars their third baseball defeat in five games with Hawaii-based service men, 8-7, last night.

The Navy jumped into a seven-run lead in the first two innings against Ralph Branca, Brooklyn Dodger thrower. A homer with two aboard in the second inning by Navy's Ken Keltner, former Cleveland Indian ace, topped the explosion.

The Nationals scored five runs in the seventh. Tom Brown, Brooklyn Dodger, sparked the rally with a homer.

No Wrestling To Be Staged This Week

Promoter Pete Hallas announced that there would be no wrestling card this week at the Lubbock Horse and Mule arena on the usual Wednesday night. In observance of the Christmas holidays, the program will be postponed.

The continuing of the grunt and groan cards will be started again soon, Hallas said, and the next card will be announced within a few days.

Bandit Shoots His Victim In Holdup

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—Four times, a pistol-packing bandit ordered Sam Scheiber, 42, to go into the ice box of his butcher shop and stay there.

Four times Scheiber came out, ignoring the gun, but the fourth time, the holdup man shot the butcher in the abdomen. Scheiber fell to the floor, critically wounded. The bandit and two accomplices fled with between $500 and $600 from the cash register.

SAILOR BEING HELD

DENISON, Dec. 24 (AP) — Funeral services are planned tomorrow for Marion Norman Turman, 31, of Denison, who was shot to death here yesterday. Denison police said they were holding a sailor in connection with the slaying.

Four Dead In New Mexico

(By The United Press)

Holiday week-end traffic accidents in New Mexico claimed the lives of four persons, and five others were injured in motoring mishaps.

Those killed included a Marine who was struck down at Albuquerque, a Santa Fe telephone operator, and a woman and her daughter, who were killed in a crash involving a bus and two automobiles 20 miles west of Las Cruses, N. M.

Car Without Lights

The Marine, Pfc. Wilbur Smith of Bainbridge, Md., was struck down while crossing an Albuquerque street. Sheriff's officers said the driver of the death car was Eubaldo Anaya Garcia of Los Suranes.

According to Sheriff Harold Hubbell, Garcia's car was without lights at the time of the accident. Pfc. Smith died on the way to a hospital.

Also at Albuquerque, Mrs. Mabel Lynn and Pfc. Stewart Manning, were seriously injured in an accident involving three automobiles.

At Santa Fe, the death of Miss Ruth Anderson, 25, a telephone operator, was reported.

Miss Anderson was killed early Sunday when the car in which she was riding plunged over a 50-foot embankment three miles south of Pilar, N. M.

Two persons were killed and three injured 20 miles west of Las Cruces, N. M., following an accident that involved a Greyhound bus and two automobiles.

Mrs. W. G. MacArthur and her daughter, Shirley Anne, 12, were killed in the crash, and the husband and father, W. G. MacArthur, was seriously injured.

Others injured in the accident were Ollie Albright and his sister, Mrs. Sadie Thorne, of Harrisburg, Ark., who were enroute to California.

State police reported the bus struck the rear of the MacArthur automobile, causing it to crash into the Thorne car. The MacArthur family was enroute to Oklahoma from Lomita, Cal.

Santa's Visits Far Apart For Nubbins

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24. (AP) —It's been more than 13 months since Santa Claus paid a heralded visit to Forest (Nubbins) Hoffman, so the four-year-old asks patiently, "How many more days to Christmas?"

Nubbins had his celebration November 19 last year because a bladder ailment seemed likely to take his life before December 25. He underwent an operation later and now he is "just feeling swell," says his mother, Mrs. Marshall Hoffman.

Fall Proves Fatal To Pioneer Woman

SAN AUGUSTINE, Tex., Dec. 24 (AP) — Funeral services were planned here today for Mrs. J. W. Richey, sr., 76, a pioneer Texas resident.

Mrs. Richey was the last direct descendent of Col. Alexander Horton, aide de camp to Sam Houston. She died at her home here yesterday as the result of a fall.

Survivors include her husband, three sons and two daughters.

Weather Stops Rail Shipments To Valley

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 24. (AP)—A refrigerator car shortage is due to become increasingly critical, reports from the Lower Rio Grande valley indicated today.

Bad weather held up 77 cars of seed potatoes in the Dakotas destined for planting on valley farms, an announcement said.

Texas Cagers Are In Action

(By The Associated Press)

Five of the seven Southwest conference basketball teams will be in action this week, four of them playing in the all-college tournament in Oklahoma City.

Texas and Baylor, leading the practice race with seven and six victories apiece against no defeats, will swing into the Oklahoma City tournament against Pepperdine and Oklahoma A. and M. respectively Wednesday.

Rice Meets Kansas

Rice, defending conference champion, will clash with Kansas and Texas Christian tackles Oklahoma in other opening games of the all-college meet.

Texas A. and M. goes to San Antonio for four games against service teams Wednesday through Saturday.

Arkansas and Southern Methodist rest this week. Arkansas had planned to play at Oklahoma City but withdrew due to squad injuries and was replaced by Baylor.

Rice took a licking last week in something of an upset, losing to East Texas State 52-44. The Owls had gone through 17 straight games without a defeat until they met the Teachers. They got revenge the next night by toppling East Texas 49-46.

Stars To Entertain GIs Christmas Day

BY BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Staff Writer

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24 — Some show people will give up Christmas day at home to fulfill an obligation they feel to the country's servicemen. Because of transportation pileups, thousands of G.I.'s are stranded at Los Angeles harbor without a chance to get home. So a troupe of famous entertainers has been dispatched.

A four-hour show will be presented for the homesick boys tomorrow afternoon on the harbor docks. Entertaining will be Shirley Temple, Jimmy Durante, Janet Blair, Jack Haley, Bill Demarest, Jane Powell, Kay Kyser, Margaret O'Brien and many others.

Another group, headed by Chill Wills and Marjorie Main, has been sent to Seattle.

Christmas Tinsel

Robert Alda is giving his nine-year-old son 12 rabbits. By Easter he'll have an industry . . . Humphrey and Lauren Bogart will celebrate the holiday aboard their boat at Balboa. It's his birthday too . . . Constance Moore is getting blueprints for a new house from husband Johnny Maschio . . . June Allyson will have expensive feet. Dick Powell is giving her a pair of diamond shoe buckles, he says . . . John Weissmuller will play Santa for all the tenants of his apartment house . . . Jimmy Lydon (Henry Aldrich) will spend Christmas with his three brothers for the first time in five years . . . Bill Gargan is entertaining six Marines from Mare island hospital . . . Mrs. Mickey Rooney and her son arrived to spend the holiday with Mickey's mother . . . Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Red Skelton, Ginny Simms, Arthur Rubenstein and Gen. Omar Bradley will be on a two-hour broadcast tomorrow.

Margaret O'Brien solved the tree ornament shortage by fashioning ones of brightly colored paper . . . Ingrid Bergman got time to stop when the studio gave her two days off work because of Laryngitis. Merry Christmas.

Christmas In Belgium A Year Ago Looked Like Bleak Affair Until Santa Arrived In The Person Of Tough Supply Sergeant

By HAL BOYLE
Associated Press Staff Writer

ABOARD U. S. S. SIBONEY, Manila Harbor, Dec. 24 — Uncle Sam is trying hard to give his dwindling legions of soldiers and sailors overseas the merriest kind of a Christmas this sunny season—but a year ago in Belgium we had to look hard to find Santa Claus.

He turned out to be a tough-talking supply sergeant from Chicago—with a heart as wide as a double E Army shoe.

There was little enough on the surface to be gay about. Germany had broken through our lines more than a week before, in their last hope of victory, and the American counter-tide in the "Battle of the Bulge" hadn't yet flung them back.

Panzers Were Driving

Panzers had driven to within three miles of our little resort village at the edge of the Ardennes mountains.

To escape entrapment, the American First Army headquarters had pulled out and retreated through Liege and across the river Meuse, leaving the village streets deserted.

Ice crisped every branch and made a glassy wonderland of every tree. Occasionally a German shell whined into the outskirts. Each day swastika-marked planes whipped down, but rarely dropped bombs.

Because it had been our home, and because it gave us a central place from which to operate, several war correspondents kept our billets in the Hotel Portugal, a hospitable little place with a well-stocked bar, run by a plump, middle-aged Frenchwoman known as "mama the manager."

Christmas Looked Bleak

She did what she could for us, but farmers weren't coming into town and food was low. Christmas looked bleak as a counterfeit dollar bill in a Manhattan night club.

Then in walked Santa Claus—a supply sergeant for an anti-tank battalion thoughtfully stationed nearby to discourage any further German thrusts.

"Merry Christmas," he said.

"On k-rations and cold water?" chorused two of the scrounginest photographers on the Western front, Life magazine's Johnny Florea and Associated Press' Pete Carroll. (Schrounger: one who picks up supplies where there aren't any . . .)

They broke this strong, tough sergeant's heart with our woe—and he went away with his truck and came back with three turkeys, cranberries, vegetables, candy and enough honest American coffee to fill a sandbag.

Mama Managed

"Mama" began to manage. Alice, the elderly chambermaid who hated to disturb dust in our rooms, went into the kitchen and steamed the best Christmas dinner ever cooked in Belgium. Our Santa Claus sat down at the head of the table in his oil-stained tank clothes.

"Mama" set out bottle after bottle of her best wine—chateau-something-or-other. If she put it on our bill later—well, at least she didn't tell us about it at the time.

The neighbors must have thought: "Those crazy Americans—they revel on the edge of the abyss!"

It ended in a sound sleep, and the German guns muttered distantly in the night. These were the guns that by 1945 the Nazis were hauling back into Germany in wintry defeat.

Keaton Returns As Howard Payne Coach

BROWNWOOD, Dec. 24. (AP) — Howard Payne college officials announced the return of McAdoo Keaton as head coach and athletic director.

Keaton is expected to resume his duties Jan. 1 after an absence of three years during which the college here discontinued athletics. He has been an assistant coach since last year at Southern Methodist university at Dallas.

Lubbock Leads Area In 1945 Ginnings

Cotton ginned prior to Dec. 1, in 15 South Plains counties totalled 83,070 bales, as compared to 348,650 for the same period last year, according to a report by the Department of Commerce, bureau of census.

Lubbock county with 19,021 led the group in bales ginned this year, compared to the county's 66,554 at the same time in 1944. Gaines county trailed the list with only 340 bales this year, compared to 4,722 last year.

The counties and their total bales, with 1945 figures first and 1944 ginning last, are: Bailey, 788, 15,594; Cochran, 529, 11,721; Crosby, 10,378, 12,185; Dawson, 5,810, 36,741; Dickens, 10,799, 11,386; Floyd, 3,932, 4,816; Gaines, 340, 4,722; Garza, 632, 6,237; Hale, 4,694, 10,497; Hockley, 7,307, 44,283; Lamb, 6,796, 32,713; Lubbock, 19,021, 66,554; Lynn, 5,311, 58,666; Motley, 3,354, 5,834; Terry, 3,379, 26,701.

Man Held In Fatal Shooting Of Youth

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 24 (AP) —Sheriff John B. Harney today is holding a man in connection with the fatal shooting of John D. Casey, 17.

Harney said that Casey was shot to death nine miles west of Corpus Christi yesterday.

COAL PRODUCTION

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP) — Bituminous coal production in the United States this year will total approximately 570,000,000 tons — more than the production of all the rest of the world combined — the bituminous coal institute said yesterday in its annual review.

Thief Abandons Car, Leaves Money, Note

DALLAS, Dec. 24. (AP) — Robert C. Martin of Littlefield received an unexpected Christmas gift from an unexpected source. His car was taken from a Dallas parking lot, was later found abandoned at Hearne.

Pinned to the steering wheel were two five dollar bills and a note saying, "Please don't think hard of me. This will help get you back."

Martin, dumbfounded, told police to heck with the car, rush me the $10.

Christmas At Home! Every GI's Dream

It Was Hard To Believe In Old Santa Claus In German Prison

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story by a student of Texas Christian university at Ft. Worth who served overseas and was a prisoner of war expresses the thoughts of all ex-service men this Christmas season).

BY AN EX-GI
Written For The Associated Press

Christmas at home!

How many times during the past few years have I pushed that thought out of my mind. I was afraid to think too much of what it really meant.

The first Christmas, in 1941, there were only a few of us. I was confused and disappointed. My holiday furlough had been cancelled. The newspapers were full of foreboding headlines, the radios rocked with startling words.

Christmas In Africa

In 1942 I spent Christmas in sandy, dirty, hot Africa — or in the bleak, bitter cold of the Aleutians, or on a ship at sea, or in a training camp.

Then came Christmas of 1943. It was hard to believe in Santa Claus in a prison camp in the middle of Germany. There was no Christmas cheer in the slimy cold mud of Italy either, or on a baking hot little island in the Pacific.

England was no different — just another day to fly a mission. I worked on planes all day in some desolate airfield, coaxing tired motors for another trip over the hump.

No Time To Stop

Came Christmas 1944. I was on the European continent that year, but there was no time to stop for Christmas. I was on the move in France, toward Holland, toward Belgium, and more important, toward Germany.

I was desperately driving big trucks loaded to capacity with gasoline, equipment, troops up to the front line. I was inside a noisy tank, or maybe in the infantry, bedded down in an icy foxhole in the bitter European cold.

I was on the seas, too. I was in a submarine below, stalking the enemy, or on a warship in the midst of a crashing sea battle.

Now it is Christmas 1945. Guns have stopped firing, tanks have stopped rolling, and I have come out of my foxhole. For the most part, I'm back home where I belong; back on the campus, meeting classes that I dropped so many reveilles ago.

When the holidays began Dec. 21, I went home for Christmas—yes, that's right, home for Christmas! The folks and I will go to church Christmas eve, and when the choir sings "Noel, Noel," no heart will be fuller than mine.

French Cabinet May Drop Value Of Franc

PARIS, Dec. 24 (AP)—Foreigners in France were besieged with black market money exchange offers today as word spread that the cabinet had voted last night to devaluate the franc.

Action yesterday of the finance committee of the constituent assembly in ratifying the Bretton Woods monetary stabilization agreement cleared the way for devaluation.

Both the constituent assembly and the Paris Bourse are closed for the holidays, through Tuesday. Prior to reopening Wednesday, a special edition of the government's official journal is expected to announce the devaluation and set new rates at least double the present exchange of 50 francs to the dollar and 200 to the pound sterling, informed sources said.

"Buy A Victory Bond TODAY."

JOE PALOOKA — PULL OVER — BY HAM FISHER



WASH TUBBS — DON'T TELL LILY — BY TURNER



RECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS — AH, ROMANCE — BY BLOSSER



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES — WELL, YES — BY MARTIN



ALLEY OOP — EASY THERE, BESS — BY HAMLIN



THE LONE RANGER — THE LONE PEUESTRIAN — BY FRAN STRIKER



DONALD DUCK — WELL, WE CAN DREAM, CAN'T WE? — BY WALT DISNEY



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Social News Centers Around Weddings, Visitors In City

The marriage of Miss Jane O'Neall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. O'Neall, 1406 Ave. Q, to Lewis Chamberlain of Fort Stockton was solemnized Thursday in a candlelight ceremony at the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods at Texas State College for Women, Denton. Rev. Bob McKee, pastor of the Irving Presbyterian church of Dallas, officiated.

Misses Margaret McGough, organist, and Shirley Voelkel, TSCW classmates of the bride, furnished traditional wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Meredith P. Gentry. Her cream-colored satin wedding gown was an heirloom, worn first by Mr. Gentry's aunt in 1869. The veil was made in Belgium and first worn in 1847. The bride carried a white muff topped with a white orchid.

In Bridal Party

Miss Elizabeth O'Neall of Lubbock attended her sister as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Mahala Menefee of Houston and Pat O'Neall of Salida, Col. Frederick W. Westphal of the TSCW music faculty acted as best man for the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the TSCW tearoom, where Misses Beverly Clark and Vellene Sanders acted as hostesses and Miss Katherine Scott of TSCW presided at the bride's book.

After a wedding trip the couple will be at home January 2 in Fort Stockton, where the bridegroom is a supervisor of music in the public schools.

At the time of her marriage the bride was a student at TSCW, majoring in costume design and clothing. She is a member of the Chaparral club and last year was named a Redbud Princess. She is a 1943 graduate of Lubbock High school.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Vandercook School of Music and has worked on his master's degree at the American Conservatory of Music and Baylor university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Chamberlain of Clarendon.

The marriage of Miss Allie Louise Bain, daughter of Mrs. Allie Bain of Centerville, and Harry James Shaw,, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Shaw of Fort Worth, former Lubbock residents, took place Sunday at 6 o'clock in the evening at Centerville. Rev. J. Frank Wallace, pastor of the Centerville Methodist church, read a double ring service.

Pine branches, holly leaves and berries, ivy and mistletoe formed a background for the potted poinsettias that decorated the altar.

Wedding music was played by Mrs. Charles McMeakin and Mrs. J. P. Holman of Brownwood sang.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white bridal dress with satin brocaded bodice and ruffled insertion in the square-necked yoke. She wore a finger-tip length net veil and carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and cascaded with stephanotis.

Dr. Bain Is Attendant

Dr. Ruth M. Bain of Austin, maid of honor, wore a Burma rose frock and carried a bouquet of Talisman roses. Miss Jan Raun and Miss Opal Hendershot of Denton and Miss Merle Hendershot of Malakoff were bridesmaids. Anita Corrigan and Nancy Sullivan of Centerville were flower girls. Alvin Eppes of San Angelo served as best man and ushers were Joe D. Bain of Houston and John H. Bain and Molton Carrigan of Centerville.

A reception was held at the Sullivan hotel in Centerville and later the couple left for a trip to Fort Worth and New Orleans. The bride's traveling costume was a lime green suit with brown printed blouse, brown accessories, dusty yellow gloves and she wore a white orchid corsage.

After January 2, the couple will be at home in Paris where Mr. Shaw is a salesman for Krafts Foods company. He is a graduate of Texas Technological college where he was a member of the Kemas club and he is a Mason.

The bride was graduated from Texas State College for Women last summer.

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Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Overton, 2523 Twenty-first, are hosts to a number of relatives this Christmas. They include three sons, Dr. Marvin C. Overton, jr., Beeville, Phil Overton of Austin and Robert Overton of Miami, Fla., and their families, and Dr. Overton's sisters, Misses Mary B. and Sue L. Overton, of Dallas.

Miss Ruth Overton, who is a hostess on Pan-American Airlines and is stationed at Brownsville, left last week after a short visit with her parents. She is leaving soon for a vacation trip by air to Panama.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cox, 2820 Twenty-third, have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkinson and sons of El Paso.

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Miss Greta Marie Elmore, teacher in the Edinburg school, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Elmore. C. M. Elmore, jr., is at home after receiving his discharge from the service Dec. 17. He is planning to attend Texas Technological college next semester.

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The marriage of Miss Wynelle Cotten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cotten, and William Lawrence Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Spencer, all of Lamesa, took place Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church with Rev. Clarence A. Morton, reading a double ring ceremony.

The altar was decorated with greenery and baskets of gladioli and lighted with tall cathedral tapers.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a blue woolen dressmaker suit with black accessories and a corsage of orchids.

Miss Joan Spencer, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. Frank Spencer, his cousin, was best man and ushers were Wright Grant Boyd and Dale McIlroy.

Miss Mary Frances Barnard was wedding soloist. She was accompanied by Mrs. Weldon Lindsey, who played the traditional marches.

The couple has gone to Dallas for a short trip and will be at home in Lubbock.

The bride attended Texas Technological college this fall and the bridegroom will enroll in Tech for spring semester. He recently received his discharge from the Army air corps.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilhelm and children, James W., C. A., jr., Judith Lynn and Carol Lee, of Houston, are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wilhelm, and his sister, Mrs. James R. Self, and Mr. Self, 2518 Twenty-seventh.

New Dietitian At SMU Is Graduate Of Tech

Miss Bea Heatley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Heatley, 2522 Ruby, is chief dietitian at Southern Methodist university, Dallas. She was graduated from the home economics division at Texas Technological college in 1942 with a major in foods and nutrition. She began work at the university the following month and has divided her time and services between the Navy and Virginia dining halls. Miss Heatley's assistants, Misses Sally Bobbitt and Ara Sue Edwards, also are graduates of Texas Tech college.

Smyer Club Election Is Held In Haught Home

Officers were elected at a recent meeting of the Smyer Sunshine club, which also was a Christmas party, in the home of Mrs. Estell Haught. Mrs. O. W. Pair is the new president; Mrs. Carl Gee, vice president; Mrs. Durington, secretary and Mrs. J. W. Davis, treasurer.

Several Christmas games were played and gifts were presented. Twenty-one members and one guest attended.

Mrs. Duncan Clark will be hostess to the club Jan. 8.

Dinner, Party Given For Hufstedler Employes

Managers and employes of E. K. Hufstedler and Son, agricultural implement dealers, and their wives in stores here, in Plainview, Littlefield and Levelland attended a turkey dinner at the Chicken House Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. After the meal, at which corsages were favors for the women guests, the group went to the home of E. K. Hufstedler jr., 2007 Thirtieth, for a tree party, gift exchange and singing of carols.

The employes and their wives presented watches to their hosts.

Cold Wave

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much of the state yesterday moved into East and South Texas this morning, but was expected to lift there as the sun broke through during the morning.

Only scattered clouds prevailed over West Texas this morning.

Precipitation during the past 24 hours mostly was light, being concentrated in East Texas.

Below freezing was reported at Pampa, with 19 degrees, and Amarillo, with 24, this morning, but elsewhere temperatures ranged up to near 70 in the lower Rio Grande valley.

Homicide Charged In Highway Wreck Death

SEMINOLE, Dec. 24. (Special)—A negro woman was killed, two others were injured and charges of drunk driving and negligent homicide were filed, as result of a highway mispay at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon three miles west of Seminole on highway 15.

Pearl Dero, 42, was killed. Maxine Williams, 33, and Lucille Jackson, 35, suffered body injuries.

Lemmie E. Baker, 48, driver of the car, was charged. All were of Seminole.

According to investigators of the state highway patrol, Baker attempted to "pass three cars at the same time, and some tall dodging resulted. There was no collision, but the negro's car was overturned."

Lubbock Man To Take McAllen Bank Post

McALLEN, Dec. 24. (AP)—W. W. Dees, president of the City State Bank & Trust Co., has resigned that post effective Dec. 31 and will go to Brownwood, where he has purchased a controlling interest in the Citizens National bank.

Wade Cooper, for the past seven years vice president of the Lubbock National bank, will come here Jan. 1 as executive vice president, owners Lloyd and Elmer Bentsen announced Friday. The Bentsens recently purchased the bank here from Dees.

Lubbock Man Finds $100 Bill In His Car; Asks The Aid Of Police In Finding Owner

A Lubbock man who found a $100 bank note in his car and turned it over to city police today with instructions that they release it to its owner—probably one of two discharged soldiers who had ridden with him—helped to restore in some measure the police's sometimes wavering admiration for human nature.

He is John Steele, former Lubbock attorney who now is on the legal staff of the Veterans administration in Dallas.

Here was the story he told:

He, recently discharged as a staff sergeant who had fought 21 months with the 30th division, much of the time in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany, was driving through Fort Worth Saturday afternoon, en route to visit with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Steele, and a brother, Attorney Sam Steele, both of 1811 Seventeenth, and saw two soldiers near the bus depot.

He asked them if they wanted a ride "out West Texas way." They rode with him to Seymour, where or near where they lived, and got out of his car about 4 or 5 p.m.

Asks Aid Of Police

Sunday afternoon, in Lubbock, Steele found the bank note in his car. It wasn't his. He described the two soldiers—they had been discharged, but had not donned civilian attire—and asked that police assist him.

One of the men was a red-haired private, about 6 feet tall and probably 160 to 170 pounds in weight. The other, a staff sergeant, was "light haired" and smaller—probably 125 to 130 pounds.

The men can communicate with Steele at his Dallas office, and if their identification is right Steele will authorize police here to release the money to its owner.

News Briefs

Lewis E. Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tina Field of Dalhart, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McNabb, 1812 Seventeenth. He served two years in the Hawaiian Islands and was discharged from the Army recently.

Hundreds of Lubbock youngsters got an enjoyable preview of Christmas Sunday afternoon when Santa Claus held parties at the Corral, Sixteenth and Ave. J, and the Community Center, Sixth and Ave. B. An estimated 1,200 children visited Santa at the Corral and 128 at the Community Center. Santa gave a sack of candy and a balloon to each child and permitted them to play with a variety of toys from his Christmas pack. The party at the Community Center was the final of three Christmas affairs for 'teen-agers and younger age groups which got under way Thursday night.

Firemen found a trash barrel blazing when they answered a 10:26 o'clock alarm this morning from 1916 Ave. H.

W. P. Dobratz, 2309 Twentieth, died Sunday afternoon in Lubbock Memorial hospital after an illness of some time. The body is at Rix Funeral home. No definite funeral services have been arranged.

Sgt. Junious F. Ricketts, who has been a patient at McCloskey General hospital, Temple, since his release as a Japanese prisoner of war, arrived Sunday to spend a 10-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ricketts, 423 Ave. M. He will return to the hospital for further treatment.

Members of the Methodist Men's club and their wives heard Mrs. O. L. Byrd review Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" in their first annual Christmas luncheon program at the Lubbock hotel today noon. A total of 120 persons attended. Guests included recently discharged service men and those in service: Hubert Bechtol, Wendell Morrisset, Arthur Earl Gamble, Dr. Milton Adams, Lindsey Telford and Capt. C. P. Poff, Sgt. and Mrs. Richard R. Walters of Clovis, N. M., and Rev. and Mrs. Orion W. Carter of Abilene. Mrs. Byrd was introduced by W. W. Campbell, program chairman.

Ernest Holcomb, 20, of 3920 Twenty-second, was released from St. Mary's hospital early this afternoon after emergency examination of injuries suffered in a car mishap in 3900-block Nineteenth. His car overturned. Investigation was made by state highway patrolmen. X-ray examination of a shoulder was made, hospital officials said. His car and one driven by Ardell Cannedy, 28, of 3920 Twentieth were in collision. Several members of Cannedy's family were in the Cannedy car, but only Holcomb was injured.

Truman Message

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essence of the message of the Prince of Peace, the world would find a solution for all its ills," the president said.

"I do not believe there is one problem in this country — in the world — today which could not be settled if approached through the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount.

"The poet's dream, the lesson of priest and patriarch and the prophets' vision of a new heaven and a new earth, are all summed up in the message delivered in the Judean hills beside the Sea of Galilee.

"Would that the world would accept the message in this time of its great need"

Plea To Americans

To his fellow Americans the president sent a plea for unstinting effort to preserve the peace won at so great a price.

With our enemies vanquished, we must gird ourselves for the work that lies ahead," he said. "Peace has its victories no less hard won than success at arms. We must not fail or falter. We must strive without ceasing to make real the prophecy of Isaiah:

"'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they yearn war any more.'"

When that day comes, Mr. Truman said, be it far or near, "the kingdom of this world shall become indeed the kingdom of God and He will reign forever and ever, Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

"With that message I wish my country a Merry Christmas and joyous days in the New Year."

The Pawnee nation was the only Indian nation in Nebraska that offered human sacrifices.

American Aid Is Protested

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24. (AP)—The Communist New China Daily News urged General Marshall today to set a time limit on the disarmament of Japanese troops in China and the withdrawal of American forces.

The newspaper asserted that any American help to Chungking—military, political, financial or technical — before a coalition government was established would aggravate "the current civil war."

Plunging Into Mission

The statement of the newspaper, which has been speaking authoritatively for the Communist side, came at a time when Marshall was plunging into his mission of peace for troubled China.

After conferring with Chiang Kai-Shek, Premier T. V. Soong and three Communist leaders of the peace delegation assigned here, Marshall had admitted "it will be some time before I can hope to get a picture of China."

This statement by President Truman's special envoy to China, coupled with government suspicion of a Communist truce proposal, strengthened doubt that the civil war would be halted quickly. The Communists had suggested immediate cessation of hostilities and "freezing" of troops in present positions. This would mean government forces would halt their movement into Manchuria.

Policy Made Clear

Marshall said it was unnecessary to restate America's policy toward China, as President Truman had made that clear.

He had conferred with Soong just before meeting newspapermen, and earlier with Chiang. Yesterday he had a "friendly exchange of views" with Gen. Chou En-Lai, deputy chief of the Communist party and leader of the Communist delegation to the political council; Gen. Yeh Chien-Ying, chief of staff of Communist armies, and Tung Pi-Wu, Communish member of the Chinese delegation at the San Francisco UNO conference.

Meantime, the government and the Communists continued their battle of words, each accusing the other of fighting or preparing to fight in North China. The Communists included an unconfirmed charge that government troops used poison gas Nov. 27 in an engagement near Paoting, Hopeh province.

Violent Deaths

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dead at a Palestine hospital from injuries received last week in a collision at Buffalo.

M. M. Cuthberson, Dallas, killed in Dallas when struck by a car.

John W. Dunning, 43, Big Spring, killed in a collision five miles west of Colorado City.

Driver Is Charged

Rudencio Bagotia, 55, killed near Bishop when struck by a car. Charges of driving while intoxicated and murder without malice were filed against the driver, M. Rodriquez, at Robstown.

Miss Mary Johnnie Adams, 24, Houston, killed when her car struck a stalled truck near the Houston municipal airport.

Marvin L. Muirhear, 27, Baytown, killed in a collision that also killed Mrs. W. E. Huffstutter, 29, of Kingsville.

Clinton M. Bates, 47, Fort Worth, killed when struck by a bus in downtown Fort Worth.

Mrs. Sadie Lea Lines, 60, Alpine, killed when a car struck cement bridge railing on Castle canyon highway, 15 miles from Del Rio.

Seven Are Murdered

Murder accounted for seven more deaths during the weekend.

At Refugio, Aidfiel Cisneros, 36, murdered his wife, Mary, 34, and then fatally shot himself, according to a justice of the peace verdict.

Marion N. Turman, 31, of Denison was fatally shot at Denison by a sailor, according to witnesses.

Louis Cases, 50, negro, was shot to death at Palestine. Police filed charges of murder against Robert Phillips, negro, in connection with the killing.

Man Fatally Stabbed

Clyde F. Mears, recently discharged after six years in the military service and a combat veteran of the war in China, was fatally stabbed when he tried to catch a car prowler at his home in Dallas.

D. Smith Kirkland, 35 year old Colorado City negro, was slain with five shots from a revolver at Colorado City.

A shotgun blast ended the life of P. D. Casey 17 miles west of Corpus Christi. Nueces county's sheriff arrested W. Mitchell and charged him with murder in the shooting.

A negro was shot to death at Fort Worth and another was held by police after being arrested at the scene.

The explosion death was that of John R. Stevenson, 58, a painter, who suffered fatal burns when two air compressors exploded at the Stanolind tank farm in the Spindletop field at Beaumont.

"Green, Five-Armed" Beast Reported Here

What was it?

Police only grinned when they showed newsmen this report on a call early Sunday night from a woman living on Ave. F:

"There's a strange animal out here. Big slick green five-armed animal or mammal. In my front driveway. Hurry out here, will you?"

"Buy A Victory Bond TODAY."

Daily Markets

Livestock Market

KANSAS CITY REPORT

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 (AP)—(USDA)—Cattle 6,500; calves 750; bulk good and choice fed steers 15.25-16.50; medium and good 13.85-15.00; good and choice heifers and mixed yearlings 15.00-16.35; medium short feds 12.50-14.00; medium and good cows 11.50-12.50; good choice vealers and calves 12.50-14.00; choice around 800 lb. white face feeder steers 14.00 and choice around 700 lb. feeding heifers 13.00.

Hogs 5,000; good and choice 170 lb. and up mostly 14.55; lighter weights 14.35-50; sows largely 13.80.

Sheep 7,500; good and choice wheat pasture lambs 13.50-14.00; good and choice ewes 8.35-50; medium shipments 8.50.

Area Servicemen Arrive In U. S.

AT BOSTON on the Exchequer, due Dec. 23—Pfc. Alton H. Ford of Lubbock.

AT SAN FRANCISCO on the Renville, due Dec. 22—Pvt. Warren G. Bailey of Lubbock.

AT SEATTLE on the Arcturus (from Shanghai) due Dec. 22 — Pfc. Darren G. Jackson, route 1, Lubbock.

AT NEW YORK on the John Dickinson, due Dec. 21—Tech 5 Marvin J. Porter of Abernathy; on the Washington due Dec. 23—Capt. Henry B. Machen of Lockney; on the General Hodges due Dec. 23—Tech 5 Mavis K. Christman of Brownfield.

Patton Rites

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folded flag. He saluted with a gloved hand and peered directly into her eyes, exchanging a final message of condolence.

Like the 7,933 crosses around it, Patton's simple white marker held only his name and metal serial number tag, just "George S. Patton, jr." The American Army knowns no rank in death.

A bank of flowers 30 feet long and four feet high formed a semicircle around the grave. The largest wreath was from Soviet Russia, with its Russian inscription in white letters on black silk.

The burial ceremony, attended by military dignitaries of 11 nations, was brief. It was executed as the "spit and polish" general would have wanted, in perfect discipline. Mrs. Patton in black beaver coat, black hat and black galoshes stood to the left of Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, commander of the U. S. Seventh Army.

Rain Fell All Night

The body was lowered at 10:15 a.m. after it had been borne in a half-track armored car through the black-draped streets of Luxembourg. Rain had been falling all night but stopped as soldier pallbearers lifted the casket from the train on which it had been brought from Heidelberg.

Along a narrow road over the Ardennes hills the procession of military and civilian vehicles wound its way toward the cemetery. Somewhere in the hills a French artillery battery of 105-mm. cannon rolled out a 17-gun salute.

Soldiers Line Road

Soldiers lined both sides of the road from the cemetery entrance. The general's saddled brown charger, riderless and forlorn, stood at the head of a 50-foot path leading through the white crosses to Patton's grave.

The general's gleaming riding boots hung backwards in the stirrups, in the tradition of the cavalry he loved.

Mrs. Patton glanced at the horse and turned quickly away.

The casket was lifted from the half-track and carried down the walk, preceded by a delegation of foreign generals. At their head was Gen. Pierre Koenig of France and Prince Felix of Luxembourg.

A Third Army band intoned "The General's March" as the casket was borne through the double line of soldiers.

The procession from the Luxembourg railroad station was lead by a motorcycle escort, followed by 21 French armored cars. A group of 17 American jeeps and five American armored cars preceded the half-track carrying the casket. Behind it was a line of black limousines.

Residents Pay Tribute

Crowds of silent residents of the little duchy lined the streets, doffing their hats or saluting as the half-track clanked past. At one point in its great horseshoe course the procession passed along "Avenue Liberte," formerly called "Adolf Hitlerstrasse." At another place it was only two blocks from Patton's command post during the "Battle of the Bulge" one year ago.

Mrs. Patton was to return to the United States immediately after the funeral. She was accompanied to the cemetery by George P. Waller, United States charge d'affaires in Luxembourg, and her brother, Frederick Ayer of Boston.

H. T. Bateman Rites To Be Held Tuesday

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Rix Funeral Home chapel for H. T. Bateman, 49, who died about 4 p.m. Sunday in St. Mary's hospital. He had been taken there Saturday.

Bateman, an employe of the Woody Tire company, had lived in Lubbock about eight years, moving here from Athens.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bateman of Canton; two brothers, Dr. J. K. and C. C. Bateman of Tyler and Athens, respectively; four sisters, Mrs Henry Easley of Athens, Mrs. Lilla Massey of Tyler, Mrs. Howard Ellis of Grand Saline and Mrs. Baker Cox of Canton; two daughters, Mrs. Glen Wages of Lubbock and Mrs. Robert Murphy of Buffalo, N. Y.; and two grandchildren.

Pall bearers will be Glenn Woody, S. M. Hunter, Tom Harlan, Fred Kelly, C. L. Rieger and Joe Rieger.

Rev. Jeff Welch, co-pastor of the Central Baptist church, will conduct services, assisted by Dr. H. I. Robinson, pastor of the First Methodist church. Burial will be in Memorial Park.

Christmas Pageant Is Presented Here

A Christmas pageant, "The Immaculate Conception," written and directed by Bob Murphy, was presented at the First Church of the Nazarene, Fourteenth and Ave. Q, at Sunday night services.

The pageant was presented in six scenes with a cast of 21. Special recorded music furnished the background for the presentation. Buford Tribble was narrator.

"Buy A Victory Bond TODAY."

MIDWAY
★ Irene Dunn ★ Charles Boyer ★ Charles Coburn
IN
"TO GATHER AGAIN"
A Gay Hilarious Comedy

Robbers Busy Over Texas

(By The United Press)

Robberies during the weekend which were reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety totaled 11, of which six were in Dallas.

Not all the robbers used guns. A negro armed with a piece of timber assaulted and robbed Carl W. Baker of Texas City of $15 and several articles of clothing.

State police said a trio, including two women and a man "cased" a San Antonio service station by buying cigarets and later returned to rob the place of $50. The robbery was performed by one of the women armed with a small pistol

Has Sad Visit

It was a sad visit Frank Valdez, 40, of Houston, made in San Antonio. While waiting for a bus, Valdez accepted a ride from two men. They beat him, robbed him of $200, took a $200 check, and tossed him into a creek. He required hospitalization.

A bandit with a three-day beard hijacked a downtown San Antonio liquor store, robbing a woman attendant of $75.

Burglars who took $3,400 in cash and checks from a Waco grocery store also took the store's safe.

At least $1,100 went in robbers' hands in the Dallas holdups, state police said.

Cold Is Moderating Over Nation Today

(By The Associated Press)

Extreme cold had moderated over most of the country today, but sleet and freezing rain threatened to make holiday travel treacherous for midwest and eastern motorists.

Slippery roads were blamed for eight traffic deaths in Missouri.

A "white Christmas" was assured for the northern United States. Fresh snow was falling in the upper Mississippi valley and New England.

The coldest spot in the country early today was Philipsburg, Pa., where the mercury dropped to 13 below.

Mild temperatures prevailed in the midwest.

Rain drenched the southeast, from Tennessee to Georgia and the Carolinas.

Big Three

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mission. Meanwhile, production secrets on the bomb would be kept until effective controls have been established.

Talks With Stalin

After a two-hour informal discussion by the three yesterday, Byrnes had his second talk in five days with Generalissimo Stalin. Molotov also was reported to be at the conference. Byrnes was accompanied by U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman.

Byrnes, Bevin and Molotov received an ovation when they appeared at the Bolshoi theater for a performance of the ballet "Cinderella."

MIDLAND WOMAN DIES

FORT WORTH, Dec. 24. (AP)—Mrs. Edna Lorene Coker, 17, of Midland, died in a local hospital after being removed from a train yesterday. She became ill while en route with her husband to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lowery of Madill, Okla.

Winchell On Christmas

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symbolizes a welcome to wanderers unable to find shelter at night.

The boar's head, now seen only as part of the decor at colleges and exclusive clubs, was a common sight in medieval days, when every feudal lord had feasts so lavish that the dining boards were set on the tree stumps in order to bear the weight. The boar's head was garlanded, decorated and served on a golden or silver platter.

Christmas pie was made in the shape of a cradle or manger, and in England plum pudding was originally called Hackin because all the ingredients were chopped into it.

Another specialty was—and is—the wassail bowl, whose closest descendant is the apple toddy. The word is from the Anglo-Saxon "Was Haile," meaning "Here's to you" tour Christmas toast to you).

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WHILE the custom of Christmas trees antedates Christmas itself, use of the trees became widespread only in the 19th Century. The Romans had decked their homes with green trees on holiday occasions. It received its Christian symbolism from the legend of St. Joseph of Arithmathea, who settled in Glastenbury and planted his staff in the earth, which is supposed to have borne leaves and blossomed thereafter every Christmas Eve.

The first historical mention of a Christmas tree dates to a Strasbourg, Germany, record of 1605, containing a description of fir trees set up with colored paper roses, apples, sweets and gold foil.

Prior to the introduction of trees to the Christmas celebration, Greeks would give their landlords a pole wreathed in holly, ivy, and flowers—while in England gilded evergreens, apples and nuts, heaped into a pyramid, were carried around as gifts. In other countries, a wooden pyramid was constructed, adorned with lights and paper, to which green twigs were later added, making it look more like the tree as we know it.

Enter Christmas Cards

England introduced the first Christmas card in 1858, when 1,000 copies of the first edition were sold. The first playing cards were also devised in England only as a Christmas season novelty, but they soon developed into all-year and all-night affairs.

The Christmas seal, which is sold by the Tuberculosis association, was first invented in Denmark in connection with a children's hospital which sent a copy to Jacob Riis, the philanthropist, who wrote an article on it in Outlook magazine. The article became the incentive for Miss Emily Bissell of Delaware, who organized the first sale of seals and raised $3,000 for a Tuberculosis pavilion.

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KRISS KRINGLE comes from the German Christ Kind'l or Christchild, and the gifts are Christbundles. Cakes, toys, clothes are tied into a bundle with a twig, called the Christrod, thought to be symbolic of teaching obedience, chastisement and discipline. Santa Claus, known also as Bonhomme Noel and Rupert, found it convenient to come down the chimney about New Year's so good luck could enter—not to mention the draft needed for the fire.

The town of Santa Claus, Indiana, which receives over 60,000 letters per day at Christmas time, got its name as a result of being refused the name of Santa Fe by authorities because of the other Santa Fe. Santaclaus was the original spelling, which was simplified into two words when the children's mail started pouring in.

Instead of Santa Claus, the Italian children believe in an old woman called Bufana, and in Russia, Babushka takes the place of St. Nicholas. Father Christmas in Finland is dressed as a goat and hands out gifts which traditionally are to include a large package of meat. Belgian children believe St. Nicholas was born in Spain, but our conception of St. Nicholas, a merry little gentleman who lives at the North pole and comes to town on a sled with reindeers, has its birthplace in the poem of Clement Moore, who wrote "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" in his Greenwich Village home in 1822.

9c—ARCADIA—25c
NOW SHOWING
"TIME TO KILL"
and
"Home In Indiana"

9c — TECH THEATER — 35c
LAST TIMES TODAY
"THE CLOCK"
JUDY GARLAND ROBERT WALKER
—ALSO—
2 CARTOONS—LATEST NEWS

Congratulations To:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Lass of Ralls on the birth of a daughter, weighing seven pounds, 13½ ounces, at 3:16 a. m. today in West Texas hospital. The father is a mechanic at South Plains Army Air field.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hernandez, 118 Ave. B, on the birth of a son, weighing seven pounds, eight and one-fourth ounces, at 6:40 p. m. Sunday, in West Texas hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Bartlett of route 2, Lubbock, on the birth of a daughter, weighing nine pounds, four ounces at 2:15 a. m. today in St. Mary's hospital. The father is a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morgan, 518 Ave. M, on the birth of a boy, weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces, at 6:30 a. m. today in Porter-Sistrand clinic. Morgan is employed by a radio shop.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Strickland of route 4, Lubbock, on the birth of a daughter, weighing six pounds, seven ounces, at 10:05 a.m. today in West Texas hospital. The father is a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McCauley of route 2, Crosbyton, on the birth of a son, weighing five pounds, 10½ ounces, at 8:34 a.m. today in West Texas hospital. The father is a rancher.

Quiet Christmas

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Today was just another deployment of the Old Man's efforts to find that last minute gift for his wife, or the wife's picking up the odds and ends for Junior or Mary Some stores were shut down a day early — because of near exhaustion of merchandise, inventories of which were at a five-year low.

Most Christmas programs of the churches were presented Sunday. Almost all denominations offered special music or prayers or sermons. Some others had scheduled special programs today, others for Christmas day itself.

A Christmas tree party will be given at 7:30 p. m. at the Foursquare church; a Christmas Eve candlelight vesper at 7 p. m. at Redeemer Lutheran church and festival services at 11 a. m. Christmas; a program from 6 to 7 a. m. Christmas day at Messiah Presbyterian church.

Christmas will be celebrated in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church with the singing of Midnight Mass followed by two later services at 8 and 10 o'clock in the morning.

At midnight the choir, under the direction of the Rev. Robert Walsh, C. S. P., assistant pastor, with Mrs. Jane Henry at the organ, will sing the Mass of the Shepherds, by Pietro A. Yon. The traditional Plain Chant will be followed during part of the Mass and the Adeste Fidelis will be sung at the offertory. The hymns, Puer Nobis Nascitur (A Child Is Born To Us) and Jesu Redemptor Omnium (Jesus Redeemer of All), will be sung during the Communion.

Beginning at 11:30 p. m. the choir will sing the following Christmas Carols: The First Noel—Traditional; Hark! The Herald Angels Sing — Mendelssohn; O Holy Night — Solo by Miss Poly Syl-man; Silent Night — Franz Gruber; Angels We Have Heard On High — Old French melody.

A special carol service and midnight celebration of the Holy Communion will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church tonight, beginning at 11:15 o'clock. A Christmas message will be brought by the Rev. John A. Winslow, rector.

Theft Charges

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stolen from Arcadia theater. A suspect was described to police.

Police were investigating the story of a man that he suspected he had been given "knockout drops" and robbed. He said he went to the hotel room of another man, took two "small" drinks and "passed out." When he returned to consciousness, he said, his watch and approximately $120 in money were missing.

Two Being Held

Officials were holding a 19-year-old woman and a 43-year-old man, both of Lubbock, for investigation into adultery.

A 23-year-old Mexican probably will be charged with aggravated assault. He and another Mexican, police reported, made nuisances of themselves by continuing to go to a cafe here and insisting that they be served—over protests that Latin-Americans were not served there.

Finally, police were called. Officers asked the Mexicans to leave before arrests were required on disturbance. One did, but the other made a move toward his pocket that police thought was threatening. They overpowered him and found a "long open knife" in the pocket.

A 28-year-old person arrested for drunkenness also was to be charged with abusive language toward police. He was alleged to have informed a patrolman who was attempting to help him back into a car so a friend could take him home that he once was in the "same racket" as the police official, and allegedly went on to describe what he thought of the police.

Of 18 weekend arrests by police, 13 were for drunkenness.

Funeral Tuesday For Mrs. Lela Boling

Services will be held here Tuesday for Mrs. Lela Boling, 74, of 1908 Ave. J, who died Sunday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock in Lawton, Okla., while visiting there.

Survivors include six sons, L. E. and M. W. of Lubbock, A. A. of Kress, D. A. of Wimblin, North Dakota, L. B. of Roaring Springs and D. H. Boling of Fort Worth; one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Burton of Lawton; and one sister, Lucy Sims, of Paragonld, Ark.

Arrangements, under direction of Byran McDonald and Son funeral home here, have not been completed. Burial will be in Floydada.

LINDSEY
LAST DAY OPEN 1:00
"The Fallen Angel"
—WITH—
ALICE FAYE LINDA DARNELL
PREVUE TONIGHT, 11:30
SHE WOULDN'T SAY YES!

PALACE
LAST DAY OPEN 1:00
"Man Alive"
—with—
PAT O'BRIEN RUDY VALLEE
PREVUE TONIGHT, 11:30
"RADIO STARS ON PARADE"

TOWER
LAST DAY OPEN 1:45
"Captain Eddie"
—with—
FRED MacMURREY
LYNN BARRI

BROADWAY
TODAY—TUESDAY OPEN 1:15
"Anchors Aweigh"
—with—
FRANK SINATRA GENE KELLY
KATHERINE GRAYSON

LYRIC
LAST DAY OPEN 1:15
"Voice Of The Whistler"
—with—
RICHARD DIX LYNN MERRICK

TEXAN
LAST DAY OPEN 1:15
"Tarzan And The Amazons"
—with—
JOHNNY WEISSMULLER
BREND JOYCE

CACTUS
LAST DAY OPEN 6 P. M.
DOUBLE FEATURE
"Objective Burma"
with ERROL FLYNN
"I'll Remember April"
with GLORIA JEAN

Texas Traffic Badly Jammed

(By The United Press)

It still isn't Christmas, but bus and rail terminal workers in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and other busy junctions were ready to call it a day.

Business was so good Sunday in Dallas, for instance, that it looked for a while like there would be no way to handle it. Both rail and bus facilities were jammed during the weekend. Railmen said there was no immediate relife in sight.

Servicemen Get Priority

An official at the Southwestern Greyhound bus depot in Dallas said schedules had been kept with only fair regularity. Servicemen were getting priority, of course, and few were being delayed more than a few hours.

A ticket agent at the Union station in Dallas said passenger train business was a full 25 per cent bigger than ever before in the city's history.

Speaking of the jam, he said, "it's the worst I have ever seen, and I have been doing this for 23 years."

Braniff Airways reported many times more requests for space than they could handle. "We just have so much space, and when it's gone, it's gone," a Braniff traffic agent said.

Texas was not alone with her transportation problems. Elsewhere in the United States, especially on the west coast, the demand for space defied all attempts to cope with the situation.