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10 Of 28 On Crashed Plane Still Missing

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An airliner carrying 28 men—23 of them GIs homeward bound for Christmas—crash landed in the icy Monogahela River last night.

This morning 10 men were still missing. Eighteen—four of them crewmen—were saved, some rescued by a human chain. The plane's wreckage was hoisted by a crane and towed to a sandbar. There were no bodies in it.

Walter Ketchel, superintendent of Allegheny (Pittsburgh) county police said both escape hatches of the plane were open but the main exit was locked.

The twin-engined DC3 chartered airliner was en route from the Newark (N.J.) airport to a Colorado and two West Coast forts. It pancaked into the river 15 miles south of here shortly before midnight.

A tower operator at Allegheny County Airport — some two miles from the crash scene — said the pilot reported he was out of gas and was "going to ditch."

Pilot Harold Poe, 33, of Seattle, Wash., one of the missing, skillfully guided the big ship to a crash landing near the shore. It floated for some 15 minutes, while the men scrambled to the wings. Some went back into the ship for their gear.

Then the ship slipped back into midstream — some 300 feet from shore. It was an icy swim to shore in the 18 degree chill and some of the men apparently couldn't make it.

The liner sank in about 12 feet of oily water.

Help came fast from shore. Rescuers formed human chains to pull the oil-soaked men up the slippery river banks.

Motorists on the river bank turned their lights on the scene, spotlighting the way for the chilled-to-the-bone men.

All 18 were rushed to the McKeesport Hospital. There wasn't a broken bone among them and the hospital said the chief ailment was exposure to the cold.

Many of the soldiers were sleeping when the plane crash-landed within two miles of Allegheny County Airport. A few miles away, the Greater Pittsburgh Airport reported the pilot radioed that he was running out of gas. Seconds later the ship pancaked into the water, almost as softly as a feather, said some of those aboard. It didn't sink for about 15 minutes.

Among those reported missing was the pilot, 33-year-old Harold Poe, Seattle, Wash., a veteran of the China-Burma-India theater during World War II.

Capt. Robert Walker, 35, also of Seattle and a civilian pilot employed by the Johnson Flying Service of Missoula, Mont., was one of the five crewmen aboard. Brushing off his own heroics, he praised Poe for his "beautiful handling of the ship."

Walker, one of 18 persons rushed to the McKeesport Hospital, told The Associated Press the ship was making its final approach to the Allegheny County Airport "when we heard some 'birds' in an engine." He said:

"Someone hollered 'Brace yourself.' There was no panic — no excitement. We were buckled down. The pilot made a beautiful landing. She (the plane) settled down just like on an airfield.

"We all got out on the wing. We were wet and cold. Some of the guys insisted on going back for their gear. The plane then wasn't very far from shore but she drifted back into midstream.

"It was a long, cold swim to shore. I helped pull a couple of guys ashore with some other fellows. The people on shore were terrific. They helped a lot."

The public information officer at Camp Kilmer said the plane was bound for Ft.Carson, Colo., Ft.Ord, Calif.; and Ft.Lewis, Wash. It was on the first leg of its trip. An operation officer said the flight was a Civil Air Movement, a service employed by the Army to move troops.

Local Firms Get Awards

Awards were made today to the two Snyder firms winning the Lions Club contest for Christmas decorations of business houses. Rogers Men's Wear won the first prize of $15, and the second prize of $10 was won by the Phillips 66 Super Station and Cafe for decoration of its cafe patio.

The judges were high in their praise of business house decorations throughout the city, according to Charles Wolf, chairman of the club's committee for the contest.

This general praise was in agreement with that of the three out-of-town judges who yesterday announced the winners of the Junior Chamber of Commerce's contest for residences. Six awards and two honrable mentions were made in that contest.

Judges of both contests agreed that the city and also rural homes and oil company camps appeared very well decorated from standpoints of quanity, art, and originality, according to Bob Crowell, manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

The judges of the contest sponsored by the Jaycees made special commendation of decorations on the lawn of the school administration building and the Jaycee club's Nativity scene on the balcony of the Fuller Building.

Most Of State Has Clear Skies Today

By The Associated Press

Mostly fair skies were over Texas Thursday but clouds hung over scattered localities including Midland and San Antonio.

There was no rain and no hint of rain.

Temperatures were up slightly ranging from 21 at Dalhart to 58 at Laredo.

Forecasts included cooler temperatures for Christmas with still no rain.

Overnight Amarillo had a low of 27, Lufkin 30, El Paso 35, Dallas 37, Midland 39, Austin 43, San Antonio 45 and Brownsville 54.

A Warm Beginning

Snyder had more warm weather yesterday, the first day of winter. The temperature climbed to 70 degrees, one of the highest readings in several weeks. Last night's minimum temperature was 28 degrees, with 35 degrees recorded at 7:30 this morning.

CLAIMS METEORITE

Mrs. Hulitt Hodges, 31, shown consulting with Atty. Huel Love, claims a meteorite which struck her in her rented home. Her landlady, Mrs. Birdie Guy, filed suit claiming it belongs to the owner of the property. Mrs. Hodges is holding the eight-pound, eight-ounce object, which is being kept in an undisclosed place.

Ladejinsky To Fight For Job

By RUSSELL BRINES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wolf Ladejinsky fought today to retain his foreign attache post under the Agriculture Department, despite indications the State Department was willing to keep him on its own payroll in a different job.

It was understood that Ladejinsky supporters were preparing to carry the unusual case to President Eisenhower himself.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has ruled that Ladejinsky, a Russian-born American citizen, is not qualified, technically and security-wise, to continue in the $11,000-a-year post which is being transferred from State to Agriculture Department jurisdiction.

But Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn), calling for a "frank and open airing" of the incident, questioned whether it wasn't more a matter of giving the job to a "person of more obvious political persuasion."

Rep. Judd (R-Minn) criticized the method of Ladejinsky's ouster and said in a statement the attache's abilities in land reform measures were needed to help save free Viet Nam. Judd expressed hope the government would continue to use Ladejinsky's services.

Ladejinsky, 55, naturalized in 1928, was Gen. Douglas MacArthur's chief land reform official in occupied Japan and has served as an agricultural attache under the State Department there for the last four years.

A U. S. Embassy official, Dr. William K. Bunce, said he possesses the "highest loyalty to the U. S. government and the objectives for which it stands."

The Agriculture Department announced late yesterday that a review of Ladejinsky's records had raised questions concerning his fitness under security rules. In addition, it said it wanted a man with more American agricultural experience.

State Department officials, obviously irked, said they intended to keep Ladejinsky on the payroll unless new evidence is discovered showing him to be a security risk. The department, however, withheld formal comment.

Ladejinsky himself called some portions of the Agriculture Department's summary of charges untrue. He said most of the points had been raised last spring when he was cleared by the State Department.

The Agriculture Department informed Ladejinsky of its decision last Thursday and made its first public statement on these charges yesterday:

1. "Mr. Ladejinsky was employed as an economist investigator and assistant to the chief of the Bureau of Transportation of the Soviet railroad, later known as Amtorg Trading Corp., during 1931.

"According to testimony of former Communists to have been employed in any capacity by Amtorg Trading Corp. required clearance from the Communist party."

Ladejinsky said in an interview that the job was only that of an interpreter and added that if he required Communist party clearance he knew nothing about it.

2. The department said Ladejinsky has sisters in the USSR and visited that country in 1939. In addition, it said, "his membership in two Communist-front organizations, as well as information contained in classified reports raise questions which preclude the Department of Agriculture from granting Mr. Ladejinsky the necessary security clearance required for the position of attache, which clearance would make available to him the most highly classified documents of the U. S. government."

Ladejinsky said he has not heard from his three younger sisters, living near Moscow, for seven or eight years.

He said he went to Russia in 1939 to visit his family and, at the request of the Department of Agriculture, surveyed Soviet agricultural developments.

Ladejinsky said "I certainly never belonged" to the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, named by Milan Smith, executive assistant to Benson, as one of the alleged Communist fronts mentioned in the charges. Smith declined to name the other, saying the information came from FBI files.

Court Decision Upholds Internal Security Act

Border Patrol Nabs Suspect In Bank Job

LAREDO (AP)—Earl (Kill) Smith, 25, sought in the $124,000 holdup of a bank at the Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, has been arrested at Laredo.

Smith was stopped yesterday at a roadblock set up for a routine check by the Border Patrol. Officers said he had four loaded pistols but made no attempt to use them.

The Andrews bank holdup was the biggest in Maryland history. Smith is one of three men, all Negroes, identified as the trio who forced four bank employes and four customers into a vault at the bank shortly after it opened Aug. 13.

The three escaped in a car that was stopped a few minutes later for speeding. Clarence McGann, 24, was the only one held. The others were let go by a policeman who did not know of the robbery. McGann has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.

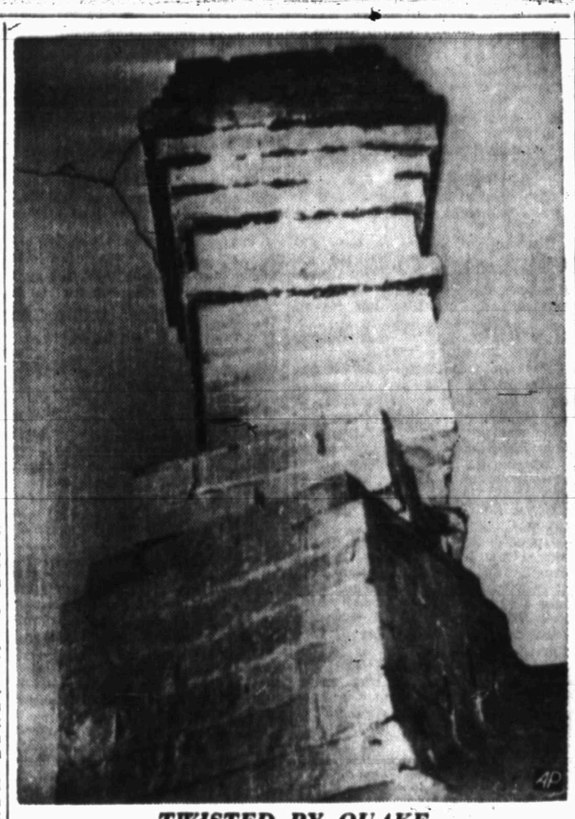
Still missing is Henry Foster, 23, of New York. Smith is from New York also.

Patrolmen who stopped him yesterday said they became suspicious when his birth certificate didn't check with other papers and then noticed he resembled a photograph on an FBI circular.

In Baltimore, the FBI said guards became suspicious when they spotted five guns and six boxes of ammunition in Smith's car.

With him Smith had $2,500 in cash, which he said was all that remained of his one-third share of the loot.

Smith was put in jail. The FBI said he will be returned to Baltimore to face trial. All three of the Negroes were indicted in Baltimore.



TWISTED BY QUAKE

Held upright by a thin radio aerial wire, this chemny atop the A. M. Lorentzen residence in Mayside, a suburb of Eureka, Calif., teetered threateningly but remained grotesquely intact following the earthquake.

Communists Set To Take Case Farther

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Court of Appeals in a 2-1 decision today upheld validity of the 1950 Internal Security Act which requires the Communist party to register as Russian-dominated.

The law is known as the McCarran Act after its author, the late Sen. Pat McCarran (D-Nev).

The split appellate court decision was the first ruling on constitutionality of the law.

Under it, the Communist party must list its officers and members with the Justice Department and account for its contributions and expenditures. The law also requires registration of "Communist-action" and "Communist-front" groups.

Today's ruling paves the way for the Communist party to carry the case to the Supreme Court. Lawyers for the party said in advance that this would be done if the appellate court ruled against it.

Judge E. Barrett Prettyman, who wrote the majority opinion, held that the law and an order of the Subversive Activities Control Board directing the party to comply with its provisions "are valid as matters of law."

He said a preponderance of the evidence supports the Board's findings that the Communist party "is substantially directed, dominated and controlled by the Soviet Union, which controls the world Communist movement."

Judge John A. Danaher joined Judge Prettyman in the majority opinion, but Judge David Bazelon dissented, saying he would void the law on the grounds of Fifth Amendment.

This amendment provides that no person shall be required to give incriminating evidence against himself.

In argument before the court last October, John Abt, counsel for the party, said the act makes it unsafe for anyone to "express a view on any subject unless it is violently anti-Communist."

Another lawyer for the party, Joseph Forer, said that if the McCarran Act were upheld by the courts, it would mean "suicide by registration or murder for non-registration. What the Act does is to drive the Communist party from the market place of ideas."

David B. Irons, Justice Department attorney representing the government, countered that the Act's basic purpose was disclosure of operations of the Communist party.

He said the government considers it reasonable "to regulate and control an organization found to be dominated and controlled by the world Communist movement dedicated to the furthering of the interests of that movement."

Judge Prettyman took up, point by point, the contentions of the party attorneys that the law violated various constitutional guarantees, including the First and Fifth Amendments. He rejected each of the arguments.

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of speech, among other things.

"Self-preservation is a high prerogative of any sovereignty," Judge Prettyman wrote. And, he added:

"It seems clear beyond question that, if the conditions described in the statute do actually exist, the federal government has power to prohibit within its borders activity of the sort described. It has power to require identification of such activities and to impose conditions short of proscription.

"If there is a world movement for the destruction of all presently existing national governments and for the establishment of a world dictatorship under Communist auspices, and if a given organization in this country is actually under the control of the leaders of that movement and is acting to achieve its objectives, we perceive no reason why the presently existing government in this country should not prohibit the unidentified activity of such an organization or withdrawal from its members protections otherwise afforded by the government."

Poll Taxes Go At 1953 Pace

The total of poll taxes paid so far this season approximately equals that of a year ago, indicating that the number of qualified voters in the county during the next year will be about the same —5,025 besides those exempt for overage who did not reside in Snyder.

By noon today, the office of Jim Ikard, county tax assessor-collector, had issued 1,045 poll tax receipts and 426 exemption certificates, a total of 1,471. By Dec. 28, last year, this total was 1,497, and those were issued in view of the fact that 1954 was a regular election year.

Persons exempt from payment of poll tax are not required to obtain exemption certificates unless they are residents of a city of at least 10,000 population. So the exact number of qualified voters in such a county as this cannot be determined.

The period for payment of poll tax begins each year on Oct. 1. During October, this year, there were 84 more receipts and certificates issued than were issued during October of last year. That seemed to indicate the possibility of more voters next year, but the trend failed to remain.

Deadline for issuance of poll tax receipts is midnight next Jan. 31. Those issued from Oct. 1, this year, through January 31, are to be valid for one year, beginning Feb. 1. Those issued from Oct. 1, 1953, through Jan. 31, 1954, are valid now and will remain so until Feb. 1.

Persons entitled to exemption include Indians, persons over 60 years old, those who have a lost a limb, blind persons, and those who have attained voting age but have never previously qualified to vote in Texas. The poll tax in this county is $1.75.

Six Mishap Victims Remain Unidentified

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP)—Six unidentified persons, five adults and a child, were killed and their bodies were burned beyond recognition today in a headon collision.

State policeman Pete Horcasitas said the accident occurred 17 miles west of Las Cruces around 2:30 a.m., when an auto slammed headon into a westbound truck.

The car bore Texas license plates. It was a 1949 Tudor sedan.

The truck driver, Earl Henderson, 35, of Compton, Calif., was not injured.

Police were attempting to trace the Texas plates to determine the identity of the victims.

Only a few days ago seven persons were killed in another wreck near Alamogordo.

Disaster Prophet Must Prove Sanity

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Dr. Charles Laughead, the ousted Michigan State College physician who received national attention as a prophet of disaster, faced a fight today to prove his sanity.

A petition filed by his sister seeks to have Laughead and his wife, Lillian, committed to a Michigan mental institution.

If the couple are committed, they also will lose custody of their three children.

The petitions were filed in the Ingham County Probate Court at Lansing Tuesday by Miss Margaret V. Laughead of Des Moines, Iowa, the doctor's sister.

"During the past few years," the sister said in her petition, "My brother has become a religious fanatic. He believes that he is to create a new age and that the standing world will be submerged . . . and that he will be picked up by a flying saucer."

Dr. Laughead had predicted that half of the American continent would be wiped away on Tuesday.

He was fired from his $10,000 a year job as staff physician at the MSC hospital after the college president, Dr. John A. Hannah, told administrative officials he was "upsetting" students with predictions of "the end of the world."

Dr. Laughead described himself as a "reporter" for Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Oak Park, Ill., housewife, who declared she received messages from beings in outer space.

Mrs. Martin revised her predictions of doom early Tuesday, saying she had received another message that the disaster had been prevented "by intervention on the part of God."

Probate Judge John McClellan said if warrants can be served on the husband and wife a sanity hearing will be held Monday. He said the warrants can not be served until the couple return to Michigan.

At Oak Park, where he is staying at the home of Mrs. Martin, Laughead had "no comment" on the petition. He said h. was leaving immediately for East Lansing by auto.

The couple have three children, Charlyn, 18, an MSC freshman coed, Charles Jr., 17, and Marilyn, 9.

Judge Accepts Petersen Plea

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP)—Joseph S. Petersen Jr. pleaded guilty late yesterday to one of three charges that he misused secrets entrusted to him as a long-time employe of the National Security Agency.

Federal Judge Albert V. Bryan deferred sentencing and ordered a hearing Jan. 4 to determine the seriousness of Petersen's actions.

The count to which he pleaded guilty charged that Petersen had used secret information "in a manner prejudicial to the safety and interests of the United States." The charge carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

Petersen, 40, may escape trial on two other counts in the indictment: That he obtained secret information to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign government, and that he wilfully and unlawfully removed documents and papers from the secret agency.

WEATHER

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS: Generally fair through Friday. No important temperature changes.

WEST TEXAS: Generally fair through Friday, except some cloudiness Pecos Valley eastward late today. No important temperature changes.

EAST and SOUTH CENTRAL TEXAS: Generally fair and mild except some cloudiness in south through Friday. Gentle to moderate variable winds on the coast, mostly southerly.

Sheppard, Bitter Over Verdict, Gets Adjusted To Life In Jail

CLEVELAND (AP)—Shorn of comfort and prestige, a shocked and bitter young man sits alone today in his tiny county jail cell.

Society has branded him a wife-killer. He has been sentenced to life.

When judgment was passed Tuesday on osteopath Samuel Sheppard, his mortal life was spared. But the real day-by-day life of the once-prosperous, athletic and socially prominent neurosurgeon may be ended, unless his lawyers find a way to undo the product of his grueling two-month-long murder trial.

His church pastor, the Rev. Alfred C. Kreke, says the handsome prisoner, who will be 31 next Wednesday, is still "bitter" over the findings of the jury, which took 102 hours to decide he was guilty of second-degree murder.

Mr. Kreke, who visited the osteopath yesterday, said Sheppard is "just amazed at the verdict." He said Sheppard still wonders how the jury could have arrived at its verdict.

"His social conduct was a very grave error," Mr. Kreke said, referring to Sheppard's admitted extra marital affair with Susan Hayes, 24-year-old medical technician who once worked at the Sheppard family's Bay View osteopath hospital.

During the trial, the state presented the affair as a motive for the murder of Marilyn Sheppard, whose head was crushed by some 35 blows last July 4.

Sheppard, while maintaining resolutely that he loved his wife, told of rendezvous with Miss Hayes in parked cars, in a suburban apartment near Cleveland, and for a week in California.

"He is the first to say he regrets that," the minister said after the visit. "He thinks that and other things gave a twist to the whole picture and made things look bad for him."

But, Mr. Kreke continued:

"He couldn't see how the jury could have reached its conclusion on the basis of the evidence."

For the most part, Sheppard was a calm, unemotional witness who spoke in high-pitched even tones. As a prisoner, he displays like control.

"I was quite surprised he was making an adjustment as quickly as that," the minister said.

According to the sentence imposed, in 10 years from the time he leaves the county jail to enter the Ohio penitentiary, Sheppard will become eligible for parole.

His chief defense attorney William J. Corrigan sought a stay of execution of the sentence and this was granted by Judge Edward J. Blythin.

Corrigan said that probably tomorrow he will file notice of intention to appeal. The judge set next Thursday for a hearing on it.

Courtroom observers expect Corrigan to base his appeal on certain alleged errors in the state's case. Among these are:

That hearsay evidence rules were violated when Mrs. Nancy Ahern, a friend of the murdered woman, was allowed to testify about a private disclosure by Marilyn Sheppard last April that her husband was "considering a divorce."

That the trial should have been held outside Cuyahoga County because of the widespread publicity given the case.

That the testimony of Susan Hayes was irrelevant as a motive for the murder.

That testimony regarding a possible murder weapon was inadmissible. The murder instrument never has been recovered. But coroner Samuel R. Gerber testified an outline in the bloody pillow of Marilyn Sheppard might have come from a surgical instrument.

That Judge Blythin excused a juror who had been impaneled after the man's police record became known.

That the grand jury was pressured into indicting Dr. Sheppard.

That the judge ruled out testimony by a Bay Village youth, Miles Davis, concerning an alleged prowler with whom the boy said he grappled.

STAFF TO TAKE HOLIDAY

The Daily News staff will take a full holiday for Christmas, which means the regular issue for Sunday, Dec. 26, will be omitted.

Christmas Day is the only regularly scheduled full holiday on the Daily News calendar each year. The newspaper office will be closed upon publication of the Christmas Eve issue and will not reopen until Monday morning.

Foes Of German Rearmament Seek To Halt French Debate

By HARVEY HUDSON

PARIS (AP) — Opponents of West German rearmament today sought to choke off debate on the Paris treaties. Premier Pierre Mendes-France immediately threatened to make this an issue of confidence in his Cabinet.

Vincent Badie, Radical-Socialist (Moderate) opponent of the whole series of interlocking treaties to put Germans again in uniform, filed a motion to adjourn debate until the French-West German agreement on the Saar has been clarified.

He made the move as deputies reconvened this afternoon to resume discussions which began Monday.

Mendes-France, who wants deputies to make their decision this week, let it be known at once that he will fight any delay or amendment with a formal call for confidence.

Such a call would mean that debate must be suspended for at least a full calendar day before a ballot to determine the cabinet's fate.

In Rome, the Italian Chamber of Deputies pressed toward a ballot this afternoon, closing 10 days of debate on the Paris agreements to put 500,000 uniformed West Germans into the Western defense line. Rome's independent newspaper Il Messagero predicted a big victory for Premier Mario Scelba's government.

Premier Pierre Mendes-France was slated to make his principal appeal for support near the close of the discussion in the French Assembly.

After the Premier's address, the opposition was expected to introduce a motion calling for postponement of further discussion—the same parliamentary maneuver used to kill off the European Defense Community plan almost four months ago.

The government was believed to have sufficient support to defeat a postponement motion and also to win the final ballot on ratification.

Mendes-France said yesterday that ratification by only a small majority would cripple France's bid for a four-power meeting with Soviet Russia next May—after action on the treaties is completed. He said rejection of the pacts might cost France her status as a big power.

AREA OIL ROUNDUP

Project Starts In North Snyder

Operations have begun on a new project in the Kelley-Snyder field in North Snyder, and location has been staked for a new test in the Fluvanna-Strawn field.

The Kelley - Snyder well is Thompson & Powell Drilling Co. and others of Abilene No. 1 J. A. Clark. Location is 467 feet from south and 335 feet from west lines of the southeast quarter of section 179-3-H&GN. The drilling application says this location is one-fourth of a mile northwest of Snyder. It is probably the nearest well to the city.

The drillsite is on a 65-acre lease, a farmout from Hiawatha. Contract depth is 6,775 feet.

Superior Oil Co. and Intex Oil Co. of Midland are to drill the No. 2-537 W. F. Mathis in the Fluvanna-Strawn field two miles northwest of Fluvanna. Drillsite is 1,980 feet from north and east lines of section 537-97-H&TC. Rotary tools are to be used to drill to a possible bottom of 8,500 feet, with operations starting at once.

SCURRY COMPLETONS

Potential gauges for two Scurry County wildcats have been reported to the Railroad Commission.

In Northeast Scurry, Union Oil of Claifornia and others No. 1 M. I. Simmons was finaled for 79.5 barrels of 43.5-gravity oil plus 45 per cent water on a 24-hour pumping gauge. The well, a Pennsylvanian discovery, is producing through perforations at 6,370.5-374.5 feet where 1,750 gallons of acid had been used. Top of the pay was at 6,370 feet, with total depth 7,320 feet.

The well is 660 feet from east and 1,980 feet from south lines of section 138-2-H&TC.

Texaco No. 226-F P. L. Fuller has been completed as a pumping discovery from a Cisco sand section in North Scurry County.

The strike was finaled for a 24-hour potential of 224 barrels of 42-gravity oil with a gas-oil ratio of 471-1. Production is from the open hole section at 5,309-314 feet which was treated with 500 gallons of mud acid.

Location is 1,986 feet from north and 2,102 feet from east lines of section 551-97-H&TC and in the Cogdell-Canyon field.

KENT COUNTY

General Crude Oil Co. No. 79-3-Percy Jones has been completed as a new producer in the Clairemont-Lower Pennsylvanian field of Kent County.

A 24-hour potential flow produced 134 barrels of 38-gravity oil plus 3 of one per cent water. Gas-oil ratio was 436-1, with tubing pressure 125 pounds and a packer set on casing. The flow was natural through an 18-64th-inch choke. Top of the pay was at 6,750 feet, with total depth 6,751 feet and casing cemented at 6,573 feet.

Location is in section 79-G-W&NW.

DEEPEST HOLE QUIT

The deepest hole ever drilled in Texas has been temporarily abandoned.

The record setter is Gulf Oil Corp. and Jack Frost No. 1 P. G. Northrup, 24 miles southeast of Pecos in Reeves County, drilled to 18,609 feet. This tops the record set by Superior in 1951 at the No. 27 Minnie S. Welder near Corpus Christi, drilled to 17,966 feet.

The No. 1 Northrup was started in December, 1951, and operations were suspended in May, 1953, at a new record of 16,696 feet. The hole was re-entered in May, 1954.

BORDEN EXTENDER

Texaco No. 1-C Clayton has been completed as a short extender to production in the Good-Northeast Canyon field of Southwest Borden County.

Operator reported a 21½-hour potential test of 304 barrels of 41.5-gravity oil. The completion was natural, with production from open hole at 8,166-172 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 812-1. The well is 663 feet from south and east lines of section 30-32-t4n-T&P.

AMENDED LOCATION

Sunray Oil Corp. has filed application with the Railroad Commission to correct the location on its No. 1 W. N. Reed, a 3,600-foot wildcat.

The location was originally said to be in Howard County. It is instead in Northwest Sterling County in section 155-29-W&NW. That is six miles southeast of Forsan.

DRILLING REPORT

Sun Oil No. 1 Hudnall, proposed East Scurry wildcat, has not yet begun operations. Forest Oil No. 1 Eiland, Southwest Scurry tester, is drilling in shale below 5,800 feet.

Shell Oil No. 1 Clayton-Johnson, Southwest Borden wildcat, is drilling in lime and chert below 9,292 feet. Tennessee No. 1 Pambrough reported fair to good shows in a Spraberry section from 7,578-710 feet and will drillstem test that zone. Total depth is 7,710 feet.

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MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM

THURSDAY EVENING

5:55 News
6:00 Twilight Serenade
6:15 Local News
6:20 Musical Movie Card
6:30 Gabriel Heatter News (MBS)
6:45 Eddie Fisher Sings (MBS)
7:00 Three Suns
7:15 Bandstand
7:30 Crime Fighters (MBS)
8:00 News (MBS)
8:05 Evening Serenade
8:15 Mutual Newsreel (MBS)
8:30 Melody Roundup
9:00 Official Detective (MBS)
9:30 Sports Cast
9:40 Chester Concert
10:00 Virgil Pinkley and News
10:15 Night Watch
10:55 Mutual Reports News (MBS)
11:00 Sign off

FRIDAY MORNING

6:00 Sign on
6:00 Family Alter
6:05 Musical Clock
7:00 News
7:05 Market Report
7:10 Musical Clock
7:30 News
7:45 Stinson's Favorite
7:50 Les Paul And Mary Ford
8:00 According To The Record
8:05 Home Edition Of The News
8:15 Hymn of the Day
8:30 Kitchen Kapers
8:45 Designs For Listening
9:00 Cecil Brown (MBC)
9:15 Morning Devotional
9:30 News (MBS)
9:35 Story Time
10:00 Florida Calling
10:25 News (MBS)
10:30 Queen For A Day (MBS)
11:00 Break The Bank
11:15 News (MBS)
11:20 Guest Time (MBS)
11:35 Green Stamp Jack Pot
11:50 Musical Bouquet

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

12:00 Cedric Foster And News (MBS)
12:15 Luncheon Melodies
12:30 News
12:45 Quartet Reverie
12:55 Interlude
1:00 Luncheon With Lopez
1:25 News
1:30 Wonderful City
2:00 Ruby Mercer Show
3:00 News
3:05 Frontier Bonanza
3:20 Interlude
3:30 Bowling Riddle
3:35 Red Ball Express
4:15 Top Tune
4:20 Red Ball Express
4:30 News
4:35 Red Ball Express
5:00 Santa Claus Program
5:30 Wild Bill Hickok
5:55 News (MBS)

TELEVISION LOG

THURSDAY PROGRAMS

KDUB-TV Channel 13 – Lubbock

5:00 Agee the Clown
5:30 TBA
5:45 Community Crossroads
6:15 Betty Martin Show
6:30 World News
6:45 News, Sports, Weather
7:00 Racket Squad
7:30 Shower of Stars
8:30 Famous Playhouse
9:00 Rocky King
9:30 Name That Tune
10:00 News, Sports, Weather
10:15 Rookeship
11:30 Sign Off

FRIDAY

7:55 Sign On
8:00 Weathercast
8:15 News
8:30 TV Sermonette
8:45 A to Z
9:00 Garry Moore
10:30 TV Time Out
11:00 Valiant Lady
11:15 Love Of Life
11:30 Search For Tomorrow
11:45 Songs From The Country Chapel
12:00 News
12:15 Road of Life
12:30 Welcome Travelers
1:00 News
1:15 Shopping Bag
1:45 House Party
2:00 Bertipe Round Up
2:45 Doty On Duty
3:00 Brighter Day
3:15 Secret Storm
3:30 On Your Account
4:00 Letters To Santa
4:15 Children's Theater
4:45 Uncle Duke

KCBD-TV Channel 11 – Lubbock

5:00 Rin Tin Tin
5:30 Sleepy Joe
6:00 Hospitality Time
6:15 News
6:20 Weather
6:25 Sports
6:30 Interlude
6:45 Bernie Howell (L)
7:00 Groucho Marx (NBC)
7:30 Justice
8:00 Dragnet (NBC)
8:30 Mayor of the Town
9:00 Video Theater
10:00 News, Weather, Sports
10:30 Boston Blackie

FRIDAY

8:55 Program Previews
9:00 Ding Dong School
9:30 Time To Live
9:45 Coffee Break
10:00 Home
11:00 Betty White
11:30 Feather Your Nest
12:00 Norma Raine
12:15 News & Weather
12:30 Serenaders
1:00 Channel 11 Matinee
2:15 Cook Book
3:00 Hawaiian Falls
3:15 Melody Go Round
3:30 World of Mr. Sweeney
3:45 Modern Romances
4:00 Pinky Lee
4:30 Howdy Doody

KMID-TV Channel 2 – Midland-Odessa

5:00 Crusader Rabbit
5:05 Two Gun Playhouse
6:15 News With Bill Richie
6:25 TV Weatherman
6:30 Kit Carson
7:00 Arthur Godfrey Show
7:30 Amos and Andy
8:00 TBA
8:30 Ford Theater
9:00 Favorite Story
9:30 Star Room
9:45 Wemple's Organ
10:00 News Final
10:10 Weathervane
10:15 The Late Show
12:00 Sign Off

FRIDAY

1:00 Test Pattern
2:00 Movie Matinee
2:30 Sharps and Flats
3:30 House Party
4:00 Lookin' At Cookin'

KRBC-TV Channel 9 – Abilene

5:00 Kalvin Keeves (L)
5:30 Kiddie Time
6:00 Kit Carson (P)
6:30 Evening Report (L)
6:45 Football Forecast
7:00 The Best of Groucho Marx
7:30 Justice (NBC-E)
8:00 On The Farm With Harry Bolt
8:30 Ford Theater (NBC-P)
9:00 Badge 714
9:30 Touchdown (P)
10:00 News, Sports, Weather (L)
10:15 Answers
10:30 Movietime
11:30 Vespers and Sign Off

FRIDAY

2:00 Test Pattern
2:15 Matinee Movietime
3:30 Daily Devotions
3:45 Brighter Day
4:00 Homemakers Fiesta
6:30 On Your Account

HOSPITAL NOTES

The following admissions and dismissals at the two Snyder hospitals are only those whose names have been released by the hospitals.

BATTENFIELD-JONES

Admissions: Junior Duke, 2084 Avenue Z; Oscar Sewalt, route 2; Melvin D. Head, 1709 Avenue E; Lagueta Ann Kile, Snyder; Ulda Ruth Moore, 105 Browning.

Dismissals: Terry Roe, 2007 Avenue K; Mrs. James Small, Snyder; Herbert Lee Kenney, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Reed Ashley, 3009 Avenue F, Melba June Foster, route 3; Linda Martin, Snyder; Stanley Martin, Snyder; L. D. Teaff, Hermleigh; Lagueta Ann Kile, Snyder.

COODELL MEMORIAL

Admissions: None.

Dismissals: Phillip Ballard, Monahans; Ben Brooks, Jr., 3806 Noble Drive; Mrs. Norman Neundorf, 3718 Avenue V.

Winter Storm Still Raging

By NATE POLOWETZKY

LONDON (AP)—Winter hurricanes roared over the North Sea for the third straight day today, battering shipping and hurling mountainous waves against West Europe's sea defenses.

At least 24 persons were believed dead in the continuing storm. Weather experts predicted more gales on the way.

Distress signals were received from ships along the British, Belgian, Dutch and north German coasts. Most shipping in the North Sea and English Channel had fled to safe harbors.

It appeared that help would reach most of the ships in danger, but hope was virtually abandoned for the 1,325-ton Belgian freighter Henri Deweert and all 19 crewmen aboard. No word had been heard since the ship reported yesterday morning she was sinking off Holland and unable to launch lifeboats in the mountainous seas.

Another ship feared lost off the Netherlands yesterday, the 1,317-ton Swedish freighter Petra, was located early last night and her 21-man crew was reported safe. Rescue tugs scurried out to help the vessel, reported helpless and leaking.

Four deaths were reported from mountainous areas of Scotland. And one man was killed in north Germany.

Winds up to 88 miles an hour swept the British Isles. The havoc was worst in Scotland, where sleet and hail added to the damage.

Dikes in the Netherlands broke in six places yesterday but were hastily repaired.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne S. Lingle, route 3, are the parents of a son, Donald Lee, born at 3:20 a.m. yesterday in Battenfield - Jones Clinic-Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces at birth.

President Leaves For Holiday In Augusta

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, calling out a "Merry Christmas" flew off to Augusta, Ga., today for the holidays.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower and her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver.

Just before leaving the White House, the President and the First Lady played Santa Claus to members of the White House staff.

Recreation Building Approved For Camp

KERRVILLE (AP)—A $63,143 recreation building and gymnasium were authorized yesterday for the Texas Lions camp for crippled children.

Completion of planning and letting of a contract as soon as possible were approved in a resolution by the executive committee of the Texas Lions' League.

Over 40 per cent of all single women and 27 per cent of all maried women are working, says the U. S. Department of Labor.

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RETIRED WORKER REWARDED

Dawson Moreland, right, is shown presenting a gift certificate to J. A. Morrison, Sr., retired post office dispatcher. The certificate, worth $50 at a Snyder clothing store, was purchased by postal employes here as a Christmas gift for the 63-year-old Morrison, who retired Nov. 1, after 41 years of service as a postman. (Lee Watson photograph)

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I am seven years old. My name is Brenda Gail Rogers. I want a doll, a toilet set, fruit and Christmas candy. Don't forget my two little brothers. One is 2½ years and the other is 1½ years. They want cars, fruit, candy, nuts, a basketball and a rubber ball. I will be a good girl and mind my mother and dad.

Brenda Rogers

Dear Santa:

I am 10 years old. I would like a doctor set and a doll and nurse set, a beauty kit, key, xylophone, telephone. I would like all the candy and nuts and a box of cherry chocolates.

Wanda Eneff

Dear Santa

I am seven years old. I would like a doll that grows hair, a nurse set, telephone, candy and nuts and a box of cherry chocolates.

Linda Eneff

Mishap Victim Moved

Phillip Ballard, who was injured in an automobile accident Sunday night, was to be transferred from Cogdell Memorial Hospital to Midland Memorial Hospital this morning by Bell ambulance. Another youth, LeRoy Selman, also injured in the accident, remains in Cogdell hospital.

Only two groups of Americans still buy buggies in any numbers. The Amish, found in Pennsylvania and the Midwest, and the French-speaking Acadians of the Louisiana's southern rajun country.

National Petroleum Council Session Set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Walter Hallanan called today a meeting of the National Petroleum Council here Jan. 25.

Among committees expected to report is one considering whether the government should continue operation of shale oil experimental work at Rifle, Colo., or require industry to share a major part of the cost.

A survey team months ago recommended to Secretary of Interior McKay that the government discontinue the work unless industry helps foot the bill. McKay asked the council for a recommendation and the committee informed the council at its last meeting that it hoped to report at the January session.

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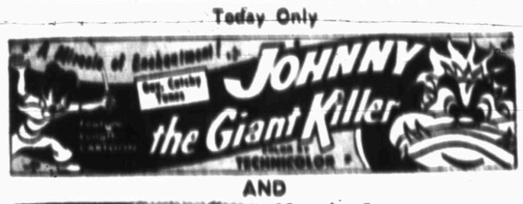

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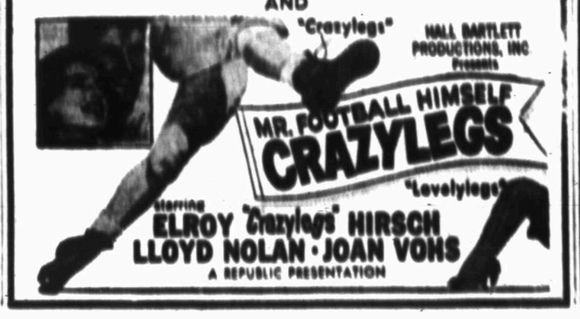

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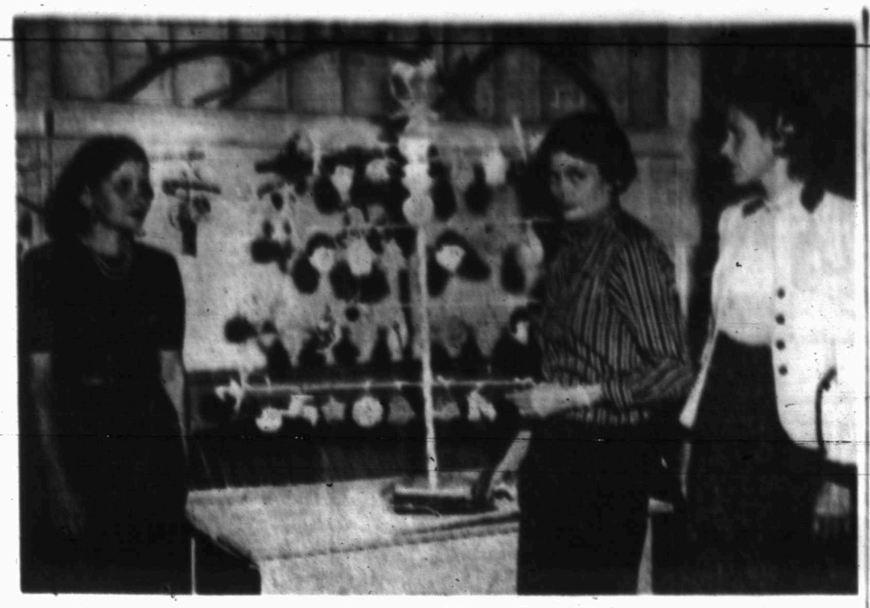

COOKIE CHRISTMAS TREE

Three of the room mothers who helped make this cookie tree for one of the second grade rooms at West Elementary are Mrs. David Young, left, Mrs. H. P. Brown, center, and Mrs. Ralph Lindsey. The trunk of the tree was painted pink and its branches were made of cookies of various designs and colors. (Lee Watson photograph)

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NEWS FROM UNION

By MRS. J. B. ADAMS

Brothers and sisters of the Woolever family met Saturday in the home of Mrs. Maud Davis for their Christmas party. They had lunch at the noon hour and exchanged gifts during the afternoon. Brothers and sisters present were Earl Woolever, Bud Woolever of San Angelo, Mrs. Winnie Bishop and Mrs. Mable Bishop of Ralls, Mrs. Mattie Dixon of Post, Mrs. Audry Miller, Mrs. Owen Miller and Mrs. Maud Davis. Their families and other relatives also attended.

Teddy Joe Floyd was honored on his fourth birthday Monday with a part in his home. Guests were Jimmy and Terry Babcock, Belinda Davis and Fran Floyd.

Mrs. H. G. Moore is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ab Bishop, in Fort Worth.

Cpl. Roy Groves, who is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., has arrived here to spend the holidays. His wife, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore, and their baby, who have been visiting here, will return to Kentucky with him after Christmas.

Mrs. Roy Womble and Mrs. Owen Miller visited the Fluvanna Baptist Church last Sunday. Mrs. Womble spoke on the life of Lottie Moon.

Jan White was honored on her birthday Friday with a slumber party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie White. Those present were Lero Hogan, Helen Carrell, Rovena Carruth and Carolyn Dudley.

Donald Eades from Gravit, Ark., visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moore last week.

A large group attended the Christmas party at the Union Baptist Church Monday night. The Weldon Bills family, whose house burned recently, was presented a shower of gifts for their kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie White and children visited Sunday with his mother in Hermleigh.

Cake baking tip: beat egg yolks, for use in sponge cake batter, until thick and pale colored. This beating prevents the yolks from settling at the bottom of the cake and making a soggy streak.

Helps For Homemakers

Send your questions to "Helps for Homemakers," Snyder Daily News, or call 3-3488.

Last-minute shoppers, who are also family cooks, will like this quick but savory dish.

MATT'S QUICK BAKED BEANS

1 1-pound can New England style pork and beans
¼ pound ground beef
1 1-pound can tomatoes
¼ teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons minced onion
½ teaspoon dry mustard
¾ teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
4 frankfurter or hamburger rolls
Butter or margarine

Empty beans into saucepan and heat until sauce flows. Add beef in small pieces, stir carefully, so as not to mash beans, until meat is distributed and loses its red color. Drain tomatoes and add; strain tomato juice and save for other use. Sprinkle saucepan mixture with salt, onion, mustard, curry powder and Worcestershire sauce. Mix well; heat thoroughly. Split rolls and spread cut sides with butter or margarine; toast under broiler. Serve beans over rolls. Makes four servings.

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Be a time-saving expert on ironing day. The secret is a good, hot starch. It is so simple to do, yet is so often done badly. It is recommended for a sticking, dragging iron. The special trick is to use one small blue section of the little ironing aid for every quart of hot starch. Clothes starched with this mixture are protected by a very thin film that protects the fabric from soil and also forms an especially smooth surface over which an iron fairly races.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Second Lt. Manuel Hedges of El Toro Marine Base, Calif., and Ramon Hedges, a student at the University of Texas, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hedges, West Twenty-sixth Street.

Col. and Mrs. R. L. Bohannon and children of March Field, Cal., visited recently in the home of Col. Bohannon's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Lamb. Col. Bohannon is surgeon for the Fifteenth Air Force. The family left yesterday for Dallas where they will visit other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Boss and son of Denton will spend Christmas day with Mr. Boss' family, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Boss and children, Big Spring Highway.

Clare Shilling of Sweetwater is visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. O. L. Morrow, 1303 Twenty-third Street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Reynolds of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Williams of Fullerton, and Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kenney of Andrews will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Houston, Magnolia Camp.

Mrs. W. M. Anderson of Nucla, Colo., who has been visiting in Dallas, is traveling with her son Steve Blair, 2102 Avenue Z, to Colorado where they will spend Christmas.

Lajuana Rabb of Dallas, a former resident of Snyder, will spend a few days after Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Smith, and daughters, 2302 Thirtieth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Houston, Magnolia Camp, attended a party given by Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kenney in Andrews Tuesday night.

Jay Fish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Collie Fish, 1104 Twenty-sixth Street, is home for the holidays. Jay is studying medicine in the Texas University Medical School in Galveston.

Mrs. S. C. Porter, 300 Twenty-fifth Street, and Mrs. Frank Welch, 407 Twentieth Place, spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Walthall and sons, Max, Jr., and Ricky, of Bellaire arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Walthall's mother, Mrs. Bryan Jordan, Sr., in her new home at 3604 Avenue U. Mr. and Mrs. L. Walthall and Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Walthall of Lubbock will spend Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Jordan.

Weldon Wiley, a cadet at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wiley, 1305 Twenty-eighth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Green, 2711 Avenue V, visited in Big Spring over the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Elmer Green, and with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Leslie Green, a patient in Big Spring Hospital.

Three members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Southern Methodist University are visiting with Joe Dave Scott, 3600 Avenue U, who is pledging the ATO. They are Don Williams, Ray Wilmarth, and Charles Roffino, all of Dallas.

Decision On Trip Is Left Up To Children

CLEARFIELD, Utah (AP) — Mike Katsanevas is expecting word from Greece today that will tell him whether he will spend Christmas with his nine children.

Mike can spend the holiday with the children if he wants—Uncle Sam took care of that yesterday. The State Department said in Washington that passports would be ready tomorrow for six of his children who are in Athens, Greece—but it also denied a passport to his wife because she has an infectious disease.

Now Mike says it's up to the kids whether they want to leave their mother behind and come to the United States. If they decide to come, they can fly here by Christmas.

Mike, 66, is a janitor at the naval supply depot here. He lives with two of his children in Salt Lake City. A son is expected home today after serving with the Army in Korea.

For seven years he has been dreaming of having his family with him in America. Several times in recent weeks he has thought his dreams would come true. But there has always been interference.

First there was not enough money. Then workers at the naval depot chipped in more than $2,500.

Next there was red tape to be cut. Two sailing dates were canceled. Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) was asked to help. Trans World Airlines offered its assistance. Watkins said in Washington yesterday that the State Department would have passports for the six children ready in Athens tomorrow. But there would be none for Mrs. Katsanevas. She has acute amoebiasis, a disease that is infectious, but curable.

When asked if he wanted the children to come on even if their mother had to remain behind, Mike said:

"Yes, I do," he said, but then he added: "But I'm a little blue without my wife. I guess I'd rather have them all come together. It's hard for me to take care of the kids without their mother.

"It's up to the kids now."

Their answer is expected today.

French Cyclist Due In Paris (Tex.) Today

PARIS, Tex. (AP)—A French bicyclist was due here today to spend Christmas in Paris.

Paris, Tex., of course—but 19-year-old Guy Chassagnard faces a lot of Texas hospitality. The Chamber of Commerce is arranging his Christmas visit and he is expected to stay with Dr. J. R. McLemore, president of Paris Junior College and an instructor of French.

Chassagnard is cycling from New York to San Francisco. He headed here from Vinita, Okla., Saturday with a new pair of cowboy boots.

Telephone Company Force Has Parties

About 40 persons attended a Christmas dinner given Monday night for members of the traffic department of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. and their families.

The party was held in the lounge of the telephone company's building at Twenty-seventh Street and Avenue R. Gifts were exchanged during the evening.

At a smaller, informal party Friday afternoon, Mrs. Jewel Newby was presented a 20-year service pin. The presentation was made by Ethel Sturdivant, chief operator, who also presented a corsage and gift. Mrs. Newby is evening chief operator. More than 20 persons were present.

Mrs. Clinton Hosts Junior Music Club

Mrs. Robert Clinton entertained members of the Sharps and Flats Junior Music Club Tuesday night in her home, 3765 Sunset Avenue. Games were played and gifts were exchanged. Jerene Hester, Joan Young and Judy Rogers presented Christmas piano selections.

Refreshments were served by the hostess to Camilla Roberts, Barbara Josephson, Susan Cockrell, Linda Hicks, Kay Nall, Mary Ann Carey, Ramona Odorizzi, Janis Atwood, Dianne Allen, Jann Holladay, Linda Hester and the three girls who presented the program.

Children Are Honored At Christmas Party

A Christmas program and party was given last night for the children of the First Presbyterian Church following a covered dish supper.

Carols were sung by the children and adults attending. Mrs. James Kincaid told a Christmas story. Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children.

Dinner Honors Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Lamb, west of city, honored their guests, Col. and Mrs. R. L. Bohannon of March Field, California, at a dinner party Tuesday night in their home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McClatchy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Makos.

Plainview 4-H Club Has Yule Party

The Plainview 4-H Club met for a Christmas party Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Henry Rogers.

Club members played games and received gifts from a costumed Santa Claus. Refreshments were served seven club members and guests for the party. Karen and Jo Ann Rogers, Mary Ellen Hillis, Mrs. Lowell Thornburg, Gale and Eddie Thornburg and Mrs. Roy Staton.

Club Holds Luncheon

Mrs. W. J. Ely, 3109 Avenue U, was hostess at a Christmas luncheon given recently for members of El Feliz Club. Gifts were exchanged and a turkey dinner was served to all 17 members of the club.

Party Is Given In Honor Of Birthday

Theresa Ann Darby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darby, Jr., 2905 Avenue W, was honored on her second birthday with a party Monday afternoon.

Favors were paper hats and horns. Refreshments were served to Arlie Thomas Ecike, David Lee Sellers, Ronald and Richard Foster, Judy Ann Hagar, Mark York, Cynthia Francis, Jimmy Lynn Hartley, Mrs. Jim Hartley, Mrs. Grady Sellers, Mrs. Seaborn Ecike, Mrs. Robert Hagar, Mrs. Ralph Foster and Mrs. Wendell York.

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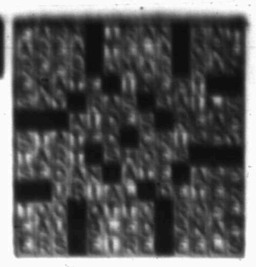

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9. Vigor
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13. Musical work
14. Period
15. Memorize
17. Town in Ohio
19. Repose
21. Sewed joint
22. Extended composition
25. Flower
28. Exclamation
30. Teeth
31. Coat
33. Kettle
35. More modern
36. Sofas
38. Something set in
39. British statesman
40. Concerning
41. Forests
42. Pieces rubbed out
44. Hollow
46. Mascotte
47. Elementary readers
50. Window pane
53. Operate
54. Rip up
56. Female deer
57. Affirmative
58. Magnetic force
59. Nymph
60. Instant

DOWN
1. Poorly
2. Charge
3. Gate finally
4. Everlasting
5. Notes of musical scale
6. Ribbed cloth
7. Uneven
8. Matrix
9. Green Mountain state
10. Wrath
11. Rug
16. Messenger
20. Naked calf
22. An African antelope
23. French river
24. Drain
26. Trap
27. Circuit courts
29. Pretended
32. Wife of a czar
34. Kind of cheese
37. Biblical country
39. Invalid
42. Mistake
43. Prepared
45. Airplane
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48. Bitter herb
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52. Japanese coin
55. Continent abbr.

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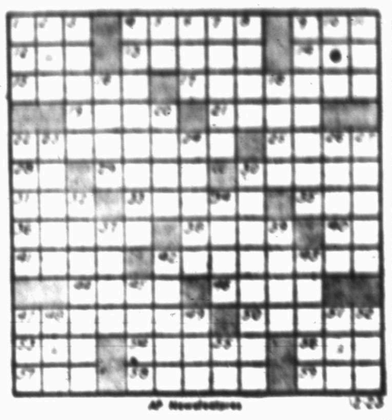

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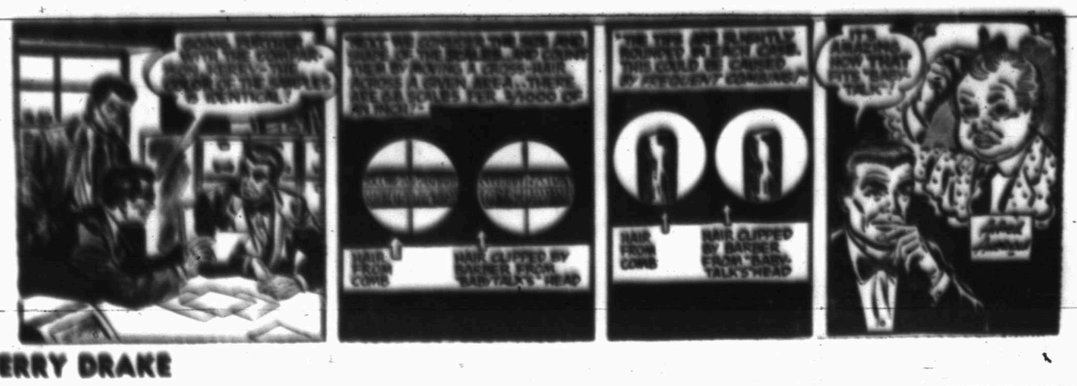

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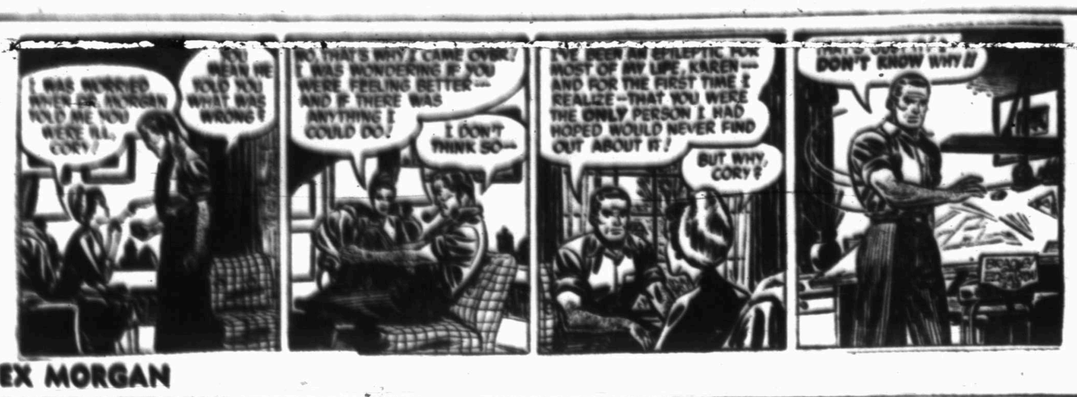

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A DESTROYER SAVES — Survivors of the sinking schooner Able Lady cling together in heavy seas off Norfolk, Va., in October, as destroyer Laffey prepares to pick them up.

MARILYN, EYE-OPENER — Man-made updraft and nature-made Marilyn Monroe figure provide different, but pleasing, September morn picture as star does scene for new film.

WHITE HOUSE GREETING — British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill bows as he meets Mrs. Eisenhower on his arrival at the White House in June for a good-will visit.

A FAN PROTESTS — President Eisenhower objects to the umpire's decision on a close play during a May Washington Senators-New York Yankees game in Washington.

SHADOW FOLLOWS HIM TO DEATH — Both William Failey, 50, and his shadow are fixed in a death plunge from the roof of a hotel in Phoenix, Arizona, in January.

TOPPLED BY 'CAROL' — Steeple of Boston's Old North Church topples to the street during buffeting by hurricane "Carol" which swept through New England in August.

PRODUCER TO CONSUMER — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson samples milk direct from cow at Pennsylvania State University Farm in State College, Pa., in June.

AFTER WRANGLE — Army counsel Joseph Welch weeps during Washington hearing in June after Sen. McCarthy charged Welch associate with "Communist front record."

NATURE CHANGES FACE — Rock slips away from lip of cliff beside American Falls at Niagara Falls, N. Y., in July, during fall that dropped tons of stone and earth into gorge.

SOLDIER'S TEARS — Gen. Christian de Castries, commander of fallen fortress of Dien Bien Phu, weeps on release by Red-led Vietminh at Hanoi, Indochina, in September.

'DOCTOR SAM' — Dr. Samuel Sheppard, who was later tried for wife's death, lies in hospital bed in early June following what was described as fight with her slayer.

STATUE FROM AP PHOTO — A bronze statue, from the famous Associated Press picture by Joe Rosenthal, of Marines on Iwo Jima, is dedicated near Washington in November.

CONTROVERSIAL PHOTO — Sen. Joseph McCarthy, during tangle with Army brass, denies that front photo was altered before being submitted as exhibit at April hearing.

HE HAD BUT HAS NOT — This German skier and his skis part company soon after takeoff at a January Berlin meet. Despite loss of skis, the jumper landed without injury.

DEATH ON A DOORSTEP — Hospital escapee H. B. Long is shot by policeman Gene Smith, right, as Long's hostage, Mrs. A. D. Lynn, spins away at Little Rock, Ark., in September.

Top-Ranked Teams In Nation Taste Defeat

By JOHN CHANDLER
Associated Press Sports Writer

Kentucky was ready to celebrate Christmas in peace today, but several other top-ranked teams, including Illinois and George Washington, can't say the same after another wave of major upsets on the college basketball courts.

Coach Adolph Rupp's Kentuckians bolstered their claims to the No. 1 ranking last night by easily defeating LaSalle 65-45 in the final of the Kentucky Invitational Tournament. It was the 30th straight victory and 128 in a row on the home court at Lexington, for the Rupp men.

LaSalle Coach Ken Loeffler said the Wildcats were better than the unbeaten Kentucky club which won 25 games last season.

San Francisco's surprising Dons rocked George Washington 73-57 in the finals of the All-College Tourney at Oklahoma City, and highly touted Illinois of the Big Ten was blasted 72-68 by Loyola of New Orleans. In the consolation game at Lexington, Southern California upset Utah 54-52, after the Utes once led by 15 points.

The results were rough on the top-ranked teams, for the AP poll this week had Utah No. 2, Illinois No. 3, LaSalle No. 4 and George Washington No. 8.

This was the second year in a row the Kentucky has beaten LaSalle in the Lexington tournament — last year it was by 73-60. Last night Kentucky went ahead at once to a 20-5 lead, and there was never much doubt about the outcome. Billy Evans got 20 points and Bob Burrow 18 for Kentucky, while LaSalle's Tom Gola tabbed 20.

Bill Russell, outstanding player in the Oklahoma City tournament, again was the San Francisco star with 23 points. After a close first half, the Dons ran up a 55-30 lead and coasted the final 10 minutes.

Basketball takes a breather with scattered games tonight, then a rest until after Christmas when a heavy schedule of tournaments will run into the new year.

Bradley beat Southern Methodist 82-73 as Marvey Babetch of the Braves set a school home scoring record of 31 points.

Other Big Ten teams also found it tough sledding. Brigham Young upset Michigan 70-60. Butler downed Northwestern 83-62. DePaul edged Michigan State 76-75 and California took Ohio State 54-50 for the second night in a row.

St Louis, beaten Tuesday night by the University of Washington, came back to whip the Huskies 73-64 and Memphis State upset Nebraska in another intersectional fray 86-79. UCLA walloped New Mexico 106-41.

ABOVE THE BLEACHERS

By DALE WALTON

On Jan. 3, the Snyder Little League will hold a meeting which is important to boys 12 years old and under as well as their parents.

The Little League was recently informed by its national headquarters that it must do one of two things: either form two four-team leagues here or reduce its one league to four teams.

Up to now, the league has been operating with one six-team league. Most workers with the Little League here preferred a six-team league, believing it one of ideal size. Four teams are too few, they believe, and the hope enough persons here want to work and organize a second league.

Whether there will be two leagues will not be decided until the meeting, which is open to the public, is held. Two leagues cannot be operated by the same officials, so a second league would require a whole set of officers, managers, coaches, and directors —at least 15 persons.

If a second league is formed, the present league will give up three of its teams and keep three. That would leave each league one team to form. The main expense involved, then, would be the suiting of one team for each league.

While both leagues would use the same baseball field, each would have a certain area from which to draw its players, probably one-half of the Snyder School district.

We believe both the Little League and Pony League here have done much good for the city. We do not pretend to know what is best for them to do, but we do believe parents who have children participating should indicate their interest by helping league officials decide what to do in this matter.

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Some other coaches in the district probably envy Big Spring's district football schedule for next fall. The admission of Palo Duro High School in Amarillo caused some confusion, and the Steers probably came out of it better than most other teams. Their conference slate alternates home and road games down the line, except for Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 when they catch Monterey (Lubbock) and Vernon in Big Spring on successive weekends.

Snyder's conference slate appears downright atrocious at this stage of proceedings, although it wouldn't do any harm to have those last three games at home if the Bengals should be in the thick of the title chase.

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There are those who believe the Tiger basketballers are not firing at the basket often enough. The boys have been improving in working the ball down the floor, but they have been reluctant to take chances with shots from "Outside." There's plenty of time for that, however, and there is no reason to doubt that, as their floorwork continues to improve, they also can step up their shooting and still maintain a creditable average from the field.

Auburn Backfield Called 'Greatest'

AUBURN, Ala. (AP)—Jacksonville and the Baylor Bears will see Auburn's greatest backfield Dec. 31 in the Gator Bowl Football Game.

The "greatest" label is tacked on by proud Coach Shug Jordan, and statistics seem to back him up.

The combination of quarterback Bobby Freeman, left half Fob James, right half Dave Middleton and fullback Joe Childress is the finest he's seen in 25 years in the Southeastern Conference as coach and player, Jordan says with conviction.

"This combination is Auburn's greatest, and that includes the 1932 unit of Ripper Williams, Sterling DuPree, Jimmy Hitchcock and Firpo Phipps," he continued.

He also rates the 1954 Auburn Backfield over the great 1946 Georgia backfield consisting of Charlie Trippi, Johnny Rauch, Dick McPhee and Rabbit Smith, which he helped coach.

"Freeman and Childress and James and Middleton have the speed, the blocking ability, and the defensive ability plus the fact that they're wonderful competitors," Jordan claims.

"They have inside running ability, outside running ability, and they can move the ball in the air. What more do you need?"

Jordan is not just talking through his record book. Childress was the conference rushing leader with 836 yards, aside from being high scorer with 65 points.

Middleton was fifth in the conference with 482 yards rushing and James was seventh with 443.

"James can kick it and throw it. Middleton has tremendous speed and drive, is an excellent pass receiver and a great defensive back. Childress has the speed, power and determination.

"Freeman? There's the best all-round back in our league or most anybody's league.

"Put those four together and you've certainly got something," Jordan remarked with a gleam in his eye.

"I might not coach long enough ever to see that good a backfield again," is his only lament.

Significant Trend Started By Braves

By The Associated Press

When Lou Perini picked up the unprofitable Braves in Boston and dropped them in the fertile new territory of Milwaukee, he started one of the most significant trends in recent sports history.

Following the Braves west, the Athletics were shifted from Philadelphia to Kansas City, while the St. Louis Browns moved east into Baltimore, which had not had major league baseball since 1902.

These three changes, the first in the major leagues in 50 years, were just the forerunners of other shifts in the opinion of the nation's sports writers. Soon, possibly in 1955, the majors will move on to the Pacific Coast, the experts say.

In The Associated Press poll the writers were asked: "What was the outstanding trend, characteristic or development in sports in 1954?" A similar question was asked about what is to be expected in 1955.

The answer to both was virtually the same. For 1954 it was the shifting of major league franchises into new territory and the consequent deterioration of the minor leagues. For 1955 it will be further expansion, either by new moves to the West or by taking in new clubs to form 10-team leagues.

Out of about 100 experts who replied to these two questions, 25 saw this realignment as the main development during the year and more than 35 foresaw further realignment as the big movement to come in 1955. Many predicted the jump to the West Coast will be made during 1955.

About a dozen saw the decline of minor league baseball, the drop in attendance and the financial failure of many clubs and leagues as being more significant than the territorial changes of the majors and virtually all expected this decline to continue. Just one said the minors may do better next year because the big leagues realize the damage that is being done.

Other 1954 trends recognized included a leveling-off of strength in college football, improved performances and record-breakers in track, greater interest in sports created by television, the emergence of the National League as superior to the American and "the decline of boxing as a reputable sport."

The last was the gentlest way boxing was mentioned. It also was described as "sickening garbage" and "a dishonest, fraudulent form of televised vaudeville." A few writers looked for improved conditions in boxing next year.

Looking toward the future, there were strong indications in the various answers that the writers expect television to exert a greater influence than ever before.

Richards Hunts For Righthanded Power

BALTIMORE (AP)—Paul Richards will head for Kansas City on Sunday in search of more talent for his revamped Baltimore Orioles.

The Oriole general manager reportedly is interested in A's Vic Power, Bill Renna or Gus Zernial to add some righthanded power to his batting brigade.

Richards already has traded with the New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox and Brooklyn Dodgers since taking over the Oriole reins. Besides the A's he also has talked possible trades with Detroit and Boston.

BASKETBALL SCORES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UK Invitational Tourney
Kentucky 65, LaSalle 54 (final)
Southern California 54, Utah 52 (consolation)

Oklahoma City All-College Tourney
San Francisco 73, George Wash. 57 (final)
Oklahoma City 73, Tulsa 68
(2 overtimes for 3rd place)
Wichita 82, Wyoming 74 (For 5th place)
Houston 57, Oklahoma A&M 48
(For 7th place)

Quantico Tourney
Quantico Marines 69, Wash-Jeff 56 (final)
Wabash 77, Buffalo Univ 61 (For 3rd place)
Springfield (Mass) 74, American Univ 72
(For 5th place)
Belmont (Tenn) 70, Fairleigh-Dickinson 68
(For 7th place)

West Texas (Canyon) Tourney
West Texas 67, Hardin-Simmons 64 (final)
Texas A&M 86, Pepperdine 84 (consolation)

OTHER GAMES

EAST
Fordham 61, St. Josephs (Pa) 52
LaFayette 84, New York AC 74

SOUTH
New Orleans Loyola 72, Illinois 68
Memphis State 86, Nebraska 79
Murray (Ky) 76, Texas Western 69

MIDWEST
DePaul 76, Michigan State 75
Bradley 82, Southern Methodist 73
Detroit 88, Oregon 74
Miami (Ohio) 72, Toledo 70

SOUTHWEST
Texas Christian 97, Austin 65

FAR WEST
California 54, Ohio State 50
Brigham Young 70, Michigan 60
St. Louis 73, Washington 64
UCLA 106, New Mexico 41
Washington State 78, Montana 63

Connie Mack Observes His 92nd Birthday

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—Connie Mack, the grand old man of baseball, is observing his 92nd birthday with a quiet family dinner party today. Actually he was 92 yesterday. At the request of old friends he decided to celebrate this year on the date he thought for so long was his birthday.

The long-time Philadelphia Athletics' manager was born near midnight. Until two years ago he thought he arrived just after midnight Dec. 23. Then an old family friend disclosed the birth was just before midnight Dec. 22. He observed that birthday in 1952 and 1953.

SWC Cagers Take Off For Yule Holidays

By JOE BENHAM
Associated Press Sports Writer

The Southwest Conference quit basketball play Thursday until after Christmas, following Wednesday night play that gave the circuit its best record in more than a week.

After losing 12 of its last 15 games, the loop rolled up two victories in three starts as Texas A&M whipped Pepperdine 86-84 for the consolation of the West Texas State Holiday Tournament, Texas Christian socked Austin College 97-65 and Southern Methodist bowed to Bradley 82-73.

Next action up right in the Southwest Conference Tournament at Houston Dec. 27-28-29. Conference play begins Jan. 4.

TCU center Richard O'Neal set three records and the Frogs set a fourth in the rout of Austin. It was the highest varsity score in the school's history.

O'Neal's marks were 15 field goals, 15 free throws and his total of 45 points. Jim Deatherage paced Austin with 35.

The triumph at Canyon was the first of the season for the Aggies. They pulled even with the West Coast team late in the game and moved ahead five points before time ran out on a Pepperdine attempt to regain the score.

Bill Borphy and John Fortenberry led A&M with 24 and 23 points. Bill Barnes' 26 points led Pepperdine.

SMU led 20-11 at the end of the first 10 minutes of the clash with Bradley, but the Braves' Harvey Babetch began the scoring spree that gave him a 31-point total for the night and the host team forged ahead.

The Mustangs tied it twice late in the game, knotting the score 66-66 and 70-70 with 4½ minutes left. Babetch then hit six straight free throws and Stan Albeck dropped a basket through to sew up the decision. Jim Krebs paced SMU with 22 points.

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Loeffler Says Wildcats Best

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—How good is Kentucky?

The debate centering around that subject, raised annually at this stage of the basketball season, raged anew today.

LaSalle Coach Ken Loeffler started it by solemnly ranking the new Wildcats better than last season's edition.

And Loeffler is good authority. His game Explorers bowed last night to Kentucky 63-54 in the title game of Kentucky's own invitational tournament. In the same tournament a year ago, the Wildcats won from LaSalle 73-60.

"This team has better balance," Loeffler said. "It has great speed, great rebounding, and great floor work. Last year, we could concentrate on stopping Hagan (All America Cliff Hagan), but you don't concentrate on one man with this outfit. You gang up on one man and somebody else will kill you."

Passers Hold Yankee Hopes

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — College football's greatest gainer, fullback Alan Ameche of Wisconsin, will spearhead the North ground attack in the North-South All-Star game here Christmas night, but the Yankees' hopes may ride with their passers.

North coach Ivy Wilhamson of Wisconsin says he expects Ameche to gain plenty of yardage, but he adds: "I think our chances will depend mostly on how well our throwers click."

Florian Helinski of Indiana, Duncan McDonald of Michigan and Tom Gastall of Boston University have been doing the passing for the Yankees in the week's workouts. With ends Bob Long and Bob Heydenfeldt of UCLA on the receiving end, all three looked great.

The South was established yesterday as a seven-point favorite and Williamson said that "by tradition, I suppose the South should be favored." But he hastened to remark, "I think we can stand toe to toe with them."

Dixie has dominated the seven-game all-star series, winning five games and tying one. In the past, the games have been wide-open aerial battles, but South coach Andy Gustafson says the Rebel offense this year will be based on running.

"We don't expect to hold Ameche," Gustafson said. "He'll score a couple. But we will outscore 'em—three touchdowns to two."

Construction To Start On College Buildings

GEORGETOWN, Tex. (AP)—Construction will begin arounds Jan. 15 on a fine arts center and a boys' dormitory on the Southwestern University campus, Dr. William C. Finch, president announced yesterday.

A $750,000 contract for construction of the two buildings was awarded Tuesday to Rex D. Kitchens of Austin.

Police Hunt For New Model Car In Dallas

DALLAS (AP)—Dallas police hunted this car:

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Borden Teams Lose Games

GAIL — Both the boys and girls basketball teams of Borden County High School lost their second conference games to Flower Grove teams in the last post-holiday games.

The Borden boys team lost by a score of 29 to 28 in a close game, while the Borden Girls went down 26 to 62.

E. L. Franklin was high-point man for the Borden team with eight points. Two Flower Grove men tied for high-point honors for their team with eight points each. The score at half-time was 8-15. This loss gives the team a split record, one won and one lost, in conference play.

Ernst tied for high-point honors. Ernest tied for high-point honors for the Borden girls team, each making 10 points. High scoring honors on the Flower Grove were taken with 26 points. The half-time score was 33 for Flower Grove to 14 for Borden. The girls team also lost its conference opener.

Both Borden teams will resume play on January 3 when they meet teams from Dawson in a conference game at Gail.

Scott Setting Fast Pace In Cage Scoring

By The Associated Press

Jim Scott of West Texas State sets a fast pace in Border Conference basketball scoring.

The Buff ace has flipped in 172 points in eight games for an average of 21.5. He has connected on .932 of his free throw attempts to dominate that also.

Eugene Carpenter of Texas Tech leads in field goal attempts with a percentage of .694.

Texas Tech is the team leader in offense with 83 points per game, in free throw shooting with an average of .750 and in field goal percentage with .451.

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Solons Divided On Defense Spending

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sampling indicates members of the new 84th Congress, caught in a whirlpool of conflicting desires for economy and for greater military might, are split almost evenly on the question of boosting defense spending.

Participants in an Associated Press poll lined up this way on whether such spending should be increased in comparison with the present level of about 41 billion dollars a year:

No, 40; inclined against, 1.
Yes, 38; inclined for, 2.
Uncommitted, 54.
Total, 135 out of 531.

The lawmakers positively against included 30 Republicans, 10 Democrats. Those definitely for included 31 Democrats, 6 Republicans and independent Sen. Morse of Oregon.

They were questioned before this week's Pentagon announcement that over-all armed services manpower strength will be reduced by 403,000 in the next 18 months.

Not all those who favor putting more money into defense had specific figures in mind. Those who did mentioned increases ranging from "slight" to "about 10 billion dollars."

Several groups of legislators, in almost equal numbers, said the way they vote will depend on what President Eisenhower recommends, what America needs, proof of the needs, the state of international affairs. A few spoke up for stronger atomic defense and twice as many for more air power.

Rep. Wint Smith (R-Kan), a member of the House Armed Service Committee, said he would support increased defense spending "only for air power." Rep. Dorn (D-SC) said he is for more spending "for the Air Force only, by about five billion." Sen. Morse said he couldn't give a dollar figure but "Air Force program particularly requires additional tens of millions."

Only two members spoke of a possibility of cutting defense spending or appropriations.

Rep. Brownson (R-Ind) suggested that "we should press for more economy and efficiency in the military to make existing or reduced appropriations go further." Like Brownson, Rep. Curtis (R-Mo) voted "no" on bigger outlays, explaining: "I believe we need to obtain more defense, but this cannot be done by spending more dollars. Actually, it can be done by spending less, but more efficiently."

There have been indications that for the next fiscal year, the administration expects to spend 63 or 64 billion dollars, including perhaps 42 billions for national security.

Rep. Bolling (D-Mo) was the only congressman to go as high as 10 billions in backing higher defense outlays. Sen. Monroney (D-Okla) called for "about five billions" extra. Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont) urged enough money "to allow for 21 Army divisions, 3 Marine divisions, an adequate Navy, a 137-group Air Force."

There Are Various Ways To Do Good

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Some people who want to do good don't know how.

This story is written to tell only one way. The feeling of wanting to help others often surges highest around Christmas. One way to express your good will is to go down to your local post office and answer a letter to Santa Claus—a letter that except for your effort will go unacknowledged, and perhaps rob a child of his faith.

Your postmaster will probably be glad to help you. Some 60 per cent of letters to Santa Claus are mailed without a postage stamp on them. Since the mailmen are reluctant to return a letter to Santa Claus marked "address unknown" or "insufficient postage," these missives cataloguing childish hopes have to end up in the "dead letter" file. What else can be done with them?

Well, a great number of postal employes personally answer the letters with gifts. So now do a number of other individuals and organizations.

Typical is Newman Broun, middle-aged, Jewish, reasonably prosperous, one of seven brothers (and three sisters); from a family that knew hard times and had to put its young to work while they were young.

"Four years ago my wife, Helen, saw a notice in the paper suggesting that people pick up and answer letters to Santa Claus," Broun recalled. "It was four days before Christmas, and she thought I should help maybe a dozen, particularly those asking for food and clothing."

Now he and the Young Men's Philanthropic League, started in 1925 as a Jewish charity, answer some 1,500 Santa Claus letters a year. The League members, now in their mid-50s, include many prominent businessmen. They raise money each year for some 200 charities, and don't draw a line based on race, creed, or color.

One boy of 12, crippled since birth, asked for an aluminum wheel chair from Santa Claus. He got it, and insisted on hopping downstairs on his crutches from a fifth-floor cold water flat to try it out. His courage so touched the heart of a wealthy associate of Broun that he has underwritten the cost of a series of operations that may make the boy—he's Irish, his patron is Jewish—able to walk. The patron won't let his name be mentioned.

Broun, who says his business ulcer began to dry up after he started worrying about how to help children, now takes five weeks a year off from his advertising firm for the Christmas project. He says it is worthwhile. He and his wife are childless.

"You know, if a child writes an unanswered letter to Santa Claus two years in a row, he is likely to lose his religion," said Broun. "I wish I could make everybody catch fire."

Down One Club

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — A bridge group here calls itself the Down One Club.

Many Helpers Out To Assist Santa Claus

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Santa's helpers are out in force today. A wide variety of business organizations are full of advice about what to buy for Christmas and warnings about what not to do before and after. Even the last-minute shopper is getting aid this week from a push-button St. Nick.

For some children there's aid on the way. For example, the Sonotone Corp. says it has set aside 1,000 free hearing aids for children who can't afford to buy them.

Another team is tackling the holiday traffic accident problem. For the second year Seagram Distillers is distributing free individual packets of instant coffee to bars so they can offer a cup of coffee "for the road" New Year's Eve.

Police chiefs in towns in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts are setting up free public coffee bars sponsored by the Martinson Coffee Co. for motorists during the holiday season.

The push-button Santa is a sort of vending machine made by Giftagraph Inc. and installed in rail terminals here by the Union News Co. It displays up to 20 gifts behind glass. The shopper-in-a-hurry makes his choice, fills out an order form and gift card, puts the purchase price in an envelope and places them in the safe deposit portion of the machine.

A man picks up the deposits and orders twice daily, airmails the orders to the Union News facility nearest the home of the gift's recipient, and the gift-wrapped object ordered is delivered by parcel post.

For those who want their womanfolk to look a little different the hosiery manufacturers are out with stockings with decorated insteps—painted, embroidered or appliqued — the decorations showing buckles, bows, clusters of dots or roses in bloom.

Land Strength Of Soviets Is Great

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Russians would give the Allies something to think about, although perhaps not for long, if they should attack Western Europe simultaneously with the announcement they would use no atomic weapons.

Such a Russian invitation to the Allies to avoid atomic war by trying to stop them in the usual way of old-fashioned wars would have some appeal to the West Europeans who, living near Russia, fear being consumed in atomic furnaces.

But they could hardly survive if they tried to fight an old-fashioned war, judging from the comparative estimates of the ground forces of the Russians and the 14-member North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Present NATO land strength has been unofficially figured at 100 divisions, including forces of Greece and Turkey, ready within a month after mobilization. A month might be too late. The Communists reportedly have 300 divisions.

The aim of the NATO military commanders is not to try to match the Russians man for man but to rely—not only in discouraging a Russian attack but in meeting it if it comes—on new weapons.

Nevertheless, the final decision on atomic weapons will be in the hands of the civilian heads of the NATO governments—not the military commanders—provided they have time to consult and decide.

It was with this new atomic arsenal of NATO in mind that Secretary of State Dulles this week confidently predicted the Russians would be thrown back at the "threshold" if they tried an attack.

Any decision on trying to stop the Russians atomically would fall into two parts, depending on what the Russians did.

The Russians could be hit tactically—with atomic weapons limited to military targets. Or they could be hit tactically and strategically. The latter would include bombing far in the rear, perhaps on Russian cities.

If the Allies hit the Russians with atomic fire tactically but not strategically, the Russians in order to avoid atomic retaliation on their rear, might want to reply with atomic weapons tactically too, but only tactically.

If either the Russians or the West started strategic bombing, the full atomic war would be on since the one so attacked would reply in kind, and in a hurry, if it still could.

At his news conference, Dulles seemed clearly to be saying that if the Russians attack in Europe they will be hit at once with atomic weapons used tactically. But when he was asked if the West would also hit Russia strategically, he declined a direct answer. He said he didn't want to hand the Russians that kind of information beforehand.

Fog Covers Utah Valley

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A heavy fog rolled into the northwestern valleys of Utah yesterday, grounding all aircraft and causing numerous automobile accidents. Weather forecasters said that only a storm front could blow the thick fog out of the valleys.

'54 Good For Some, Not So For Others

NEW YORK (AP) — How were things in 1954? Fine for some, not so good for others. Here are the highlights:

Output of goods and services totaled 356 billion dollars, second only to the 1953 peak of 364 billions.

Personal income about matched 1953's record of 285 billion.

Americans kept on saving at the rate of 19 billions a year.

Life insurance companies sold 47 billions in new insurance, up 21 per cent from the year before.

Electric power output climbed 6 per cent to 472 billion kilowatt hours.

Sales of utility gas surged to 60¾ billion therms, up 7 per cent.

The chemical industry completed another billion dollars of plant and rang up sales of nearly 20 billions.

Housing starts totaled 1,200,000, up slightly from 1953.

Americans consumed an estimated 64 billion dollars worth of food, about a billion dollars more than in 1953.

Construction hit a record at 37 billion dollars.

The value of retail merchandise sold came close to matching 1953's high of 171 billion dollars.

Auto output was off slightly at 5,385,000 cars and 1,015,000 trucks.

Steel production dropped by 25 million tons to 86 million, but was headed upward.

Coal production was down 17 per cent from 1953 at 385 million tons.

Cotton goods output dipped to 9 billion yards from more than 10 billion the year before. Rayon and woolen production was markedly lower than in 1953.

The jobless total averaged about 3 million most of the year, nearly two million more than in the year before.

Farm prices declined three per cent, and farmers' net income about six per cent.

The federal debt climbed to 278 billion dollars from 275 billion.

Bandit Learns Loot Is Not Well Hidden

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP)—A bandit who took $30,000 from the Idaho Bank and Trust Co. yesterday discovered that a garbage can was not a safe hiding place for his loot.

Two small boys told police they saw a man put something into the can—and officers found $23,890 lying in it loose, hidden only by an overturned paper box.

A six-state alarm was sent out for the bandit.

Homicide Charge Filed As Result Of Collision

ODESSA (AP)—Charges of negligent homicide were filed against William Rayford McDowell of Midland yesterday after the death of Odessa businessman Richard H. Pendleton.

Pendleton, 36, died from injuries suffered in the collision of his auto here Tuesday night.

Shivers Ties Record

AUSTIN, Tex (AP)—Allan Shivers today tied the record for length of service as governor of Texas. Shivers matched Coke Stevenson's record-breaking term of 5 years, 5 months and 13 days as governor. And the 47-year-old governor has another full two-year elective term—his third—starting Jan. 18.

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