

Ginned Cotton Is Near Record High

Childress County gins have baled some 45,000 bales of cotton this morning — smashing last year's record by over 19,000 bales and climbing close to the all-time 49,000-bale record set here in 1937.

Over 500 more bales had been weighed and are awaiting ginning at the ten county gins.

County Agent V. E. Hafner estimated this year's bumper crop would yield considerably over 50,000 bales.

"There are still seven to eight thousand bales unharvested or piled on the ground," he estimated.

Gins, meanwhile, apparently have whittled down the huge backlog which has kept them two or three days behind during most of the season.

Hafner expected that most gins would soon be able to give from "five to 24-hour service" if fair weather prevails during the next ten days.

"Cold weather hasn't hurt the cotton crop yet," Hafner said. "There hasn't been enough moisture to slow pulling, and the wind hasn't been high to blow cotton into the ground."

The county agent thought that mechanical and home strippers would go into action all over the county if the weather stays favorable for another week.

Most of the cotton pullers have moved away from the area, farmers reported, but enough remain to pull the rest of the crop.

Hafner thought the county could not look to a marked slowdown in production until after Christmas.



MISSING ON CHRISTMAS TREE EXPEDITION—In the insert is pretty 15-year-old Ruth Aberle of Longview, Wn., who has been missing three days on a Christmas tree hunting expedition. Crowds of searchers are gathered around a Salvation Army table where they are being fed. (NEA Telephoto.)

Alabama Court Ruling On Racial Issue Will Bring "Turmoil" Mayor Claims

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 14 (UP)—"Strife and turmoil" were forecast for this industrial city today in the wake of a federal court ruling declaring Birmingham's racial zoning laws unconstitutional.

Mayor Cooper Green made the prediction after Federal Judge Clarence Mullins granted a permanent injunction yesterday against the city's enforcement of the laws.

Green, who is president of the U. S. Conference of Mayors, announced that the city would appeal the decision to a higher federal court. But Judge Mullins denied a city request for a "superseas" bond to hold the ruling in abeyance until further court action.

During a two-day hearing on the suit, Green testified that if such laws were not enforced in this city "there would be bloodshed and tragedy." He said "there are some things that go beyond the written law . . . things created by the people and the Lord."

The ruling came on a suit filed by several Negro residents here. The city had denied them permits to build homes on lots they had bought in a North Smithfield area zoned for whites.

In his decision, Mullins said, "I want it understood that I must abide by the rulings of the United States Supreme Court."

He pointed out also that in 1915

the Georgia Supreme Court ruled a similar ordinance of the city of Atlanta unconstitutional.

"That ruling was not a 'carpet-bag' or scalawag' court but was composed of southern judges chosen by southern people . . . 50 years after the war between the states . . . and was handed down in an atmosphere free from the passions created by the conflict and its aftermath."

Warmup Is Slow, But Coming Says The Weatherman

By United Press

Temperature dropped to 7 degrees at Dalhart this morning, and Dallas had a 25-minute snow flurry, but the weather bureau said the season's first cold wave had done its worst.

Slightly warmer temperatures were forecast for the next 24 hours, but most of Texas will still have overcast weather. The process of warming will be slow.

None of the snow at Dallas, which started just before 6 a. m., stuck. It melted as it hit the ground in 36-degree weather.

As usual, the Panhandle was the coldest. Besides Dalhart's low of 7, some other overnight lows from the northern and western sections included Amarillo 17, Salt Flat and Clarendon 20, Lubbock 25, Marfa 26, El Paso 27, Childress and Wichita Falls 28.

Elsewhere, temperatures ranged up to a "high" of 46, the early morning readings at Galveston and Corpus Christi.

Rain fell during the morning hours over a vast portion of South and East Texas on a line from Del Rio to Lufkin, extending through San Antonio, Austin, Waco, and Palestine.

It was a continuation of light showers during yesterday afternoon and last night. Lufkin had the heaviest rainfall in the 24 hours ending this morning, slightly less than three-quarters of an inch. Bryan had a half-inch; Waco and Laredo, 28-hundredths of an inch; Austin, 28-hundredths, and Palestine and Beaumont, 23-hundredths.

The gigantic cold front that (Continued on page Four)

City Schools Face Loss Of \$12,000 In Gilmer-Aikin Aid

A loss of \$12,000 in state aid to the Childress schools was predicted today by Joe Gibson, school superintendent, if the average daily attendance of pupils remains as low as it has been this month.

In a letter to parents, Roe L. Smith, high school principal, said, "We can easily lose \$25,000 if we do not encourage perfect attendance . . ."

Pointing out the situation as a problem directly connected with the parents, Gibson reported the Childress attendance was down to 1300 from September's 1399.

"Under the Gilmer-Aikin school

law," Gibson explained, "state financial aid is paid on the basis of the average number of students attending classes."

Should this average go down, the state aid goes down, he said.

Loss of these 99 students would mean a loss of at least \$12,000, Gibson said, and this would not allow the schools to increase the present teaching staff as had been contemplated.

Letters being sent to parents this week tell of a tightening up of excuses for absence. Pupils receiving unexcused permits will lose two points on each day miss-

ed on each subject for the six weeks, the letter states. Class-ness must be made up, the letter adds, while perfect attendance provides a bonus of two points on each subject.

Perfect-attendance awards will be made at the end of the year, Smith says in his letter.

"If patrons know of school-age children who are not in school," Gibson said "it would be appreciated if their names and addresses would be reported so that parents should be made to get students in school and to keep them coming regularly."

The financial angle, although of immediate importance, is not the only side of the attendance question, Gibson said. Regular attendance on the part of students affords greater opportunities for making good grades and it also seems "to produce a happy situation among student, parent and teacher," he said.

Swift Company Plant Explodes

SIoux CITY, Ia., Dec. 14 (UP)—An explosion smashed through the five-story meat plant and office building of the Swift and Co. Packers today, and first reports from persons at the scene said at least 25 persons were dead.

Three Sioux City hospitals said they had received a total of 96 persons from the explosion. St.

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State's Allowable Oil Production Is Slashed Again

AUSTIN, Dec. 14 (UP)—The Texas Railroad Commission today slashed the state's oil allowable production for January by 83,373 barrels daily in the second straight cutback by the oil governing body.

The January allowable figure was pegged at 2,050,948 barrels a day as the commission ordered an across-the-board one-day reduction in the number of producing days over the state.

Production in the huge East Texas field was restricted to 15 days and the remainder of the state to 17.

However, Railroad Commissioner Ernest O. Thompson pointed out, the allowable was designed to permit an actual production of 1,892,627 barrels daily, counting in under-production.

The allowable figure of 2,050,948 barrels was the lowest set by the commission since July and August, when the allowable was set at 1,871,938 barrels a day.

The commission's order followed its monthly state-wide hearing where oilmen were warned by H. P. Nichols, spokesman for the East Texas Oil and Gas Association, to expect "dark days" in 1950 and to prepare for the enactment of a sales tax to boost the state income.

War Fear Seen To Last Awhile

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP)—The Committee for Economic Development predicted today that "the fear of war may dominate our lives for a generation."

In a 29-page report on "National Security And Our Individual Freedom," the committee said that "we must assume that war is not inevitable, but we must also assume that there is little prospect of genuine peace in the near future."

CHANGE IN TIME IS MADE FOR THURSDAY PROGRAM

The dance and song program to be presented by Mrs. Ward Boyce's students will begin at 7 p. m. instead at 7:30 p. m. at Hotel Childress tomorrow. The public is invited to attend.

Judging In Light Contest To Begin Tomorrow Night

Judging to determine the most beautifully-decorated yard or window will begin tomorrow night and continue through the night of December 23, the Garden Club, sponsoring the contest, announced today.

All are eligible to enter the contest if they turn on the lights by tomorrow night, Mrs. Clyde Martin, chairman said.

Cash has been donated for prizes, and additional prizes have been purchased, Mrs. Martin said. Prizes and donors will be announced later this week.

Children's Xmas Party

Sponsored by the American Legion, VFW, DOKK, Knights of Pythias, Disabled Vets, 40 and 8, and Elks Club. Previously received \$60 W. W. Short \$1.00 Lions Club \$50.00

Veterans Discuss Christmas Party

Details of their duties in the community Christmas party, to be held December 24 at the Elks Hall, were discussed by members last night at a joint meeting of the Childress American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts.

The Legion post will take charge of providing and decorating the tree, and the VFW will help in wrapping gifts.

A dance, featuring Pete Martinez and his Sunshine Cowboys, will be held at Childress Airfield Officers' Club Saturday night, with all proceeds going to help defray expenses of the party.

In other action, the posts also voted to gravel Tenth Street, between avenues B and C, Northwest, at an expense of about \$200.

More Men Join Army Unit Here

Three more officers and three more enlisted men have been assigned to the 4848th ADG Training Unit here, Capt. Paul Smith, personnel officer, announced today.

New members of the unit are Capt. William O. Hamm, 1st Lt. Richard D. Bird, 1st Lt. Wallace Campbell, M/Sgt. Lewis H. Meiner, Sgt. Clark M. Foster, and Pvt. Jas. L. Price.

The unit will meet for another regular meeting at the district courtroom, county courthouse, at 8 tomorrow night, Capt. Smith reported.

Helpy-Selfy Helps Christmas Party

The children's Christmas party received further support from Childress merchants when the Helpy-Selfy Grocery donated candy for each child.

Candy was also donated by the F. W. Woolworth Company, Christmas trees by Frank Ehrle and children's underwear by Elven Watkins.

A meeting of representatives of all sponsoring institutions will be held 1:30 p. m. Friday, December 16 at the Elks Hall.

Farmers To Vote On Marketing Quota

Childress County farmers will go to the polls tomorrow to decide on a cotton marketing quota.

Polls will open in ten separate polling places throughout the county at 8 a. m. and remain open until 7 p. m. A preliminary result of the county's vote will be released shortly after the polls close, Doyle Thomas, secretary of the Production and Marketing Administration, said.

Election judges, scheduled to meet at 2 p. m. today at the courthouse to receive instructions and election materials, will be assisted by two others.

A district courtroom community meeting is scheduled for 7 tonight to discuss the marketing

quota, among other items. Iley Compton, chairman of the PMA committee, Vernon Hafner, county agent, and Thomas will be among the speakers.

Farmers are expected to vote heavily in favor of the quota. It must pass over the nation by a two-thirds majority of all farmers voting to become law.

If it passes, farmers will be assured the 90 per cent parity prices they are now receiving for their cotton. They also will be assured of penalties should they over-plant their allotted acreage.

If it does not pass, no penalty for overplanting will come into effect, but the 90 per cent support price will not be assured.

According to a United Press dispatch, private forecasts by Agriculture Department officials that growers will approve quotas was made in the face of irate complaints from some growers that they will have to take too big a cutback under the control program.

Under the legal formula for parceling out acreage allotments, some growers were asked to reduce plantings as much as 70 and 80 per cent.

To alleviate hardships on some growers, the House Agriculture Committee's cotton congressmen called for quick action from the Secretary of Agriculture Charles (Continued on Page Four)

Dallas Airline Crash Inquiry Ends; Report Is Due Soon

DALLAS, Dec. 14 (UP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board today ended a three-day inquiry into the crash of an American Airlines DC-6 that cost 28 lives November 29 and announced a factual report on the Dallas tragedy would be released in "four or five days."

The final report will not be available until at least 30 days, the investigating board said.

As the board went into the final phase of the public hearing, it sought to learn why the No. 4 engine of the airliner, which was bound from New York to Mexico City via Washington and Dallas, failed to function properly.

Capt. Laurens Claude, pilot of the ill-fated plane, made his second appearance today to repeat previous testimony that he did not know the No. 4 (outside right) engine had been feathered, slicing the craft's power in half as it tried to rise for a new landing approach.

Claude said he would have tried to make the landing if he had known the No. 4 engine was not operating.

The 52-year-old veteran pilot expressed complete confidence in the two crew members who were among the 18 persons aboard who survived the crash.

Capt. Walter Brazzell, director of flight for American Airlines, said that seven attempts to reconstruct Claude's landing attempt were made last Sunday. Claude was at the control during several of the attempts, Brazzell said.

Brazzell said that on each occasion the DC-6 being used in the test made a simulated approach with the No. 4 engine cut out.

On the first attempt, Brazzell said, the No. 4 engine windmilled when the fuel was cut off. At the point, power was increased on the No. 2 and 3 engines. When the fuel was cut back into the No. 4 engine, there was a surge of power.

As power to No. 4 was restored, Brazzell meant that the plane's nose turned to the left. It required full use of the right rudder and aileron to right the plane, he said.

During the first simulated landing, none of the CAA and American Airlines officials aboard could tell when power was restored to the No. 4 engine, Brazzell said.

Another man aboard, who was (Continued on Page Four)

Negroes Are Held On Suspicion Of Shoplifting Here

One Negro man and two Negro women were held by Childress police today as suspects in a shoplifting gang which has been operating in this area.

Two other Negro men escaped from officers when they were arrested on the highway between Henrietta and Wichita Falls late in the night earlier this week.

The suspects had about \$300 worth of clothing crammed in a sack they had at the time of the arrest, Henrietta officers notified Childress officers.

Some of the clothing, Henrietta officers were quoted as saying, had evidently come from several stores in Childress.

At least one local merchant here told police he remembered five Negroes, three men and two women, coming into his store last week.

Henrietta officers said they would turn the suspects over to the Childress police department after they have finished their investigation.

County Farmers Near Cotton Appeal Deadlines

Childress County farmers have until December 23 to make their appeals to the county Production and Marketing Administration committee concerning their cotton allotments, Doyle Thomas, secretary of the PMA, said this morning.

Allotments were mailed out last Friday and the regulations allow 15 days for farmers to make any appeals, Thomas explained.

Protestants Open Meeting Aimed At Unification

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 14 (UP)—Representatives of nearly 20 million Protestants opened a three-day conference today to consider establishment of a united Church of Christ in America.

Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice president of the Congregational Christian Church board of home missions, said the proposal was made in view of lack of church facilities in some communities and the fact that others, where populations had been declining, were endeavoring to support too many churches.

He cited instances where churches were using chicken coops for services.

Aside from economic reasons, (Continued on page Four)

Storms Hit Shore Of Mediterranean

MADRID, Dec. 14 (UP)—Violent storms that lashed the Straits of Gibraltar and its shores left an estimated 80 persons dead and hundreds of injured today.

Fifteen fishing trawlers were sunk off the Spanish Moroccan shore. Many of them went down with all hands. Crewmen on others were not accounted for and probably lost.

Waves along the Mediterranean shore reached unprecedented heights or around 20 feet. The coldest weather in 50 years rode in on the storm, adding to the misery of the stricken people. Snow fell throughout the Spanish peninsula.

Bride Claims Abduction; But Groom Claims Trouble Stems From In-Laws

DES MOINES, Dec. 14 (UP)—A 19-year-old bride of one day charged that her husband kidnapped her and forced her to marry him but he claimed today that she eloped willingly with him.

The bride, the former Helen Herick of Des Moines, accused Des Moines salesman Francis E. Byers, 29, of holding her prisoner at pistol point on a trip across Nebraska to Denver.

Byers, freed on \$3000 bond to await grand jury action on her kidnapping complaint, denied the charge and claimed it was instigated by the girl's parents, who objected to their marriage.

He said his bride willingly consummated the marriage "two or three times" with him during their wedding trip.

"Do you think it would be possible to travel across three states, at restaurants and night clubs, and visit relatives with a girl unless she was doing it willingly?" Byers asked reporters.

"She was very happy about our wedding until yesterday morning when we got back here and saw her parents. I can assure you things were not very blissful after that."

The bride's parents secluded her away from newsmen, saying she was "very tired and under a doctor's care for exhaustion and shock."

The kidnap charges were filed against Byers yesterday after the girl told detective Chief Paul Castellane about her alleged abduction.

She said Byers, whom she "had met only a couple of times before," picked her up last Thursday as she walked to her job at a Des Moines hospital.

Instead of driving her to work, she said, he started West on a long auto drive that wound up in Denver.

She said Byers "always had a pistol handy" and kept her in (Continued on Page Four)

Negro's Murder Trial Continues In District Court

Six witnesses for the prosecution appeared in the murder trial of Leodes Shedd, 23, Negro, in 100th district court here this morning before Judge Luther Gribble.

Shedd is on trial for the murder of Henry J. Fields, 34, in the Tell community November 13.

The prosecution was to continue its case this afternoon after a ten-minute recess at 2 p. m.

Witnesses empaneled this morning were: W. B. Adams, H. B. Morris, Joe Cooper, Paul Rogers, G. W. Adkins, C. T. Bates, Lonnie Longbine, R. V. Jones, W. C. Smith, J. E. Gardner, J. E. Martin and Harry W. Thaten.

Rotarians Hear Rev. Crow Speak

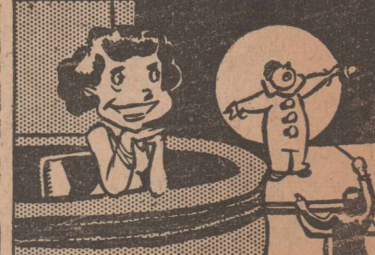
One of the great problems of mankind, Rev. Frank Crow said today before the Rotary Club, is to build a world in which differences would be settled without war.

In the United States, Rev. Crow said, we have outgrown the idea that disputes can be settled only through force—none of the states today would take up arms against a neighbor.

War is still the accepted method of settling differences between nations, the speaker said, adding heavily to the taxpayers' burdens. Rev. Crow was introduced by O. B. O'Dell, Willard Williams and T. L. Lewis were in charge of the program.

Gail Long of Childress and Mac Duff of Plainview were guests.

DAILY DAWDLE SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



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LORETTA'S

Dorcas Class Has Informal Party At Church Parlor

Women in the First Baptist Dorcas gathered at the church parlor for a session of games, Christmas stories and songs Monday night.

The informal meeting opened with a prayer by Mrs. M. H. Turner. A story, titled, "That Night in Bethlehem" was told by Mrs. B. J. Teague, and Mrs. Ada Hensley led the group in singing carols.

Several appropriate games were directed by Mrs. Teague, and Mrs. G. P. Douglas read the favorite yuletide poem, "The Night Before Christmas."

After an exchange of gifts, hot chocolate was served.

Those present for the gift exchange were Mmes. J. H. Glass, Ada B. Hensley, W. L. Roddy, Ila Miller, O. Lambeth, A. H. Williams, A. C. Bennett, V. T. Gibson, S. E. May, M. H. Turner, Bob Collins, C. L. Bain, C. G. West, J. H. DeArmond, J. L. Shelton, B. J. Teague, G. P. Douglas, and Worth Hunter.

Daisy Shields Circle And Guests Enjoy Luncheon

Daisy Shields Circle members and guests met in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday for a Christmas luncheon. Presents were exchanged during the luncheon hour. Rev. Wilson Cole, a guest, pronounced grace before the meal.

Other guests were Mrs. George Sager, a guest from another circle, and Mrs. Cole and Jimmy.

Members enjoying the luncheon were Mmes. L. W. Albertson, W. H. Alexander, J. A. Brewer, H. E. Buster, W. S. Cooksey, Charles Cotten, J. H. Harrison, V. Norris, Joe Rhea, Ben Said, T. A. Ross, A. M. Woods, J. D. Van Sickle, Maude Stewart, Charles Boyd, S. P. Johnston, Mary Alice Mitchell and Misses Sarah Denny and Sybil Alexander.

King Memorial Plans Family Dinner, Program

The King Memorial Methodist Church announces plans for a family "get-together" and Christmas dinner at 7 p. m. Wednesday, December 14, in the church dining room.

After dinner, a Christmas program will be presented. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend. Rev. C. R. Copeland, pastor, said.

Mrs. O. K. Smith Leads Christmas Church Program

Mrs. Orville K. Smith presented the call to worship during the Woman's Society of Christian Service Christmas program yesterday afternoon at the Methodist Church lounge.

"Away In The Manger" was the solo given by Mrs. Fern Payne, followed by the Scripture reading by Mrs. E. E. White. Mrs. Smith, leader, delivered the devotional. Feature of the program was the film, "A Child in Bethlehem," with Mrs. Madge Warren in charge. After Christmas carols by the group, refreshments were served by the Merrick Circle.

Present for the special meeting were Mmes. Tom Huggins, R. M. Trigg, J. B. Barnett, T. J. Rea, R. E. Gentry, F. A. White, J. M. Crawford, Frank Crawford, R. C. Ivey, Watts Leach, E. N. Newberry, H. E. Neberry, O. N. Hill, Pete Goffar, George Faulkner, E. J. King, C. V. Jones, Russell Jones, Percy Merrick, Walter Carter, and Misses Mary McConnell and Oleta Brown.

Wesleyan Guild Enjoys Yuletide Party Last Night

Mrs. John Starkey was hostess last night to the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church, for a holiday party and gift exchange.

The home was decorated with Christmas figurines and pine cone arrangements about the rooms. The refreshment table held crystal candelabra holding red and green tapers.

The members and guests enjoyed a game session, then drew names for the exchange of presents. Mrs. Starkey served cherry pudding topped with whipped cream, olives and tea. The plate contained tiny red Santa Clauses as favors.

Guests were Mr. Starkey and son Mike.

Members present were Mmes. Viola Johnson, Ruth Green, Fay Waltemire, Ola Richards, and Misses Nina Walkup, Hilda Havens, Lois Green, Elleta Harris, and Elizabeth Huggins.

Band To Present Special Concert

Special arrangements of the Lord's Prayer, "Beautiful Savior," and "White Christmas" will be featured in a special concert by the high school band tomorrow night at high school.

The band, directed by Ralph Smith, will give an hour-long program of Christmas music. No admission charge will be made and the public is invited to attend. The first number will be played at 8 p. m.

As a solo, Wayne Webb will play "The Rosary" on the cornet.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

The MacDowell Music Club will hold its holiday party at 5 p. m. at Diggs Studio.

The Junior Sherwood Club will hold its party at 6:30 p. m. at Diggs Studio.

THURSDAY

Ralph Smith will present a free concert by his band at 8 p. m. at high school. Some unusual arrangements of favorite Christmas musics will be given. Everyone is invited.

The Book Review Club will hold a meeting at 4 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. M. Crews. Mrs. James Allen will be co-hostess and Miss Nellie Agnes Kennedy will be reviewer.

Sunshine Sewing Club members and their families are invited to a holiday party at 7 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Silver Stewart.

The Home Economics Club I will stage its Christmas party at 7:30 p. m. at the WDC Building.

Mrs. Ward Boyce will present her students in a program at Hotel Childress. The time has been changed from 7:30 to 7 p. m.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the home of Mrs. Wilson Hardin for a covered-dish luncheon and Christmas party.

FRIDAY

The Home Arts Club will meet at 3 p. m. at the WDC Building for a Christmas program. Mmes. J. B. Johnson and Rush Record will be hostesses.

The Do-Si-Do Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the Community House.

SATURDAY

The High Point Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. F. L. Taylor for its Christmas party.

Annie Houston Women Donate To Children's Home

The Annie Houston Circle of the Presbyterian Church donated \$10 to a children's home in Amarillo during the regular meeting yesterday at the home of Mrs. Emory Sager. Mrs. Charles Barnes was co-hostess.

Mrs. Jim Hankins had the devotional, using Luke 10 as her Scripture reference, and Mrs. Blush Record conducted two Bible lessons.

Light refreshments were served at the close of the meeting to those on the program and to Mmes. R. L. Gully, C. P. Boyd, Frank Buster, Etta Anderson, O. R. Boden, Sterling Buster and H. W. Bremer.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a collie or a cocker spaniel puppy, and a toy television set and a little band set, and some nuts and fruit. I try to be a good girl and I have a little sister. Her name is Becky. She wants some rubber blocks and a doll and some mittens.

Love,
Judy Adams
Becky Adams
205 Avenue H, Northwest

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a doll with a bonnet, a pair of boots, little wagon and a pair of house shoes. Please bring me candy, nuts and fruit, too.

Bring all the other little boys and girls some toys, too.

Love,
Cheryl Jean Bennett

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please bring me a bicycle and a metal airplane. Please remember my little sister, Gerry LaWayne. She wants a doll.

We would like some fruit, candy and nuts.

Love,
Ronnie Wright
611 Avenue C, Southeast

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a gun and holster set, a big truck, merry-go-round, and some new cars and tractors, a little red barn, some new boots.

Don't forget my big brothers and don't forget mother and daddy, and my girl friend, Ann, and Danny.

Lots of love,
Jackie Murphy
602 Second St., Nw.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a dolly and some boots. I want some doll clothes. I saw you yesterday downtown. I liked to talk to you. I live in Midland, and I am going home soon. Please bring two records, "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," and "MacNamara's Band" and lots of records.

Bring some presents to Anne and my mommie and daddy, and daddy James and everybody.

I am three years old.

I'll be seeing you Christmas.

Goodbye,
Mary Cay Kennedy

Dear Saint Nick,

Please bring me a dolly with a little pink dress and coat, a little one and a little pink hat. Bring me some doll clothes too. Don't forget my mommie and daddy and my little sisters, Mary Cay and Ellen. We would like some swings

City Congratulates Its Ernest Kurth, Industrial Pioneer

LUFKIN, Dec. 14 (UP)—The South doffed its hat today to Ernest L. Kurth.

There was holiday atmosphere here as the day of tribute to Kurth, an industrial pioneer, opened. Messages of congratulation were pouring in from everywhere upon the 64-old industrialist, selected as the South's "Man of the year."

Schools were out for the day. Angeline County's plants held open house, to permit visitors to see the miracle of industrial development that has overtaken this East Texas area, not so many years ago a sleepy section devoted almost exclusively to agriculture.

Proudest jewel in its industrial crown today is the huge Southland Paper Mill, generally conceded to be Kurth's greatest stroke of industrial genius.

But also here for the visitors to see were plants making creosote and lumber products, foundry tools, fence factories and others.

The prime force in the Angeline County industrial development was Kurth. Within 10 years, Lufkin has doubled its population and Angeline county is now Texas' fifth ranking industrial area.

Highlight of the celebration is a dinner to honor Kurth tonight. Nine-hundred persons will attend the banquet, at which Sen. Tom Connally will be keynote speaker. Others on the program include Gov. Allan Shivers, ex-gov. W. P. Hobby, and Houston ex-Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones.

An afternoon parade was scheduled, with floats depicting Angeline's rise in the industrial world.

The Lufkin Daily News printed a Kurth appreciation day special section of 12 pages. It had no advertising, because W. R. Beaumier, the newspaper's general manager, said "The tribute being paid to Kurth should in no way be commercialized."

P. S. I would like a ring and some house shoes, too. I am four years old.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy 2 and one-half years old. I help my mommie and daddy and try to be a good boy.

Santa, please see that all the little boys and girls around the world have a happy Christmas.

I would like for you to leave me most of all a choo-choo train, also a pump-a-ball set, robe, and a pair of cowboy boots.

Thank you, Santa,
Gary Brown
100 Avenue I, Northwest

Rescue Ship With U. S. Consulate Sails For Japan

ABOARD LAKELAND VICTORY, Dec. 14 (UP)—This rescue ship carrying Angus Ward and his Mukden consulate staff sailed out of Chinese Communist waters today and headed for Japan.

The Lakeland Victory weighed anchor at 12:15 p. m. (11:15 p. m. Tuesday EST) and began plowing through Chihli Gulf after one last wrangle with Communist authorities who held Ward and his staff virtual prisoners for 13 months.

The disturbance was created by a Communist policeman aboard ship who claimed that one of the 11 newsmen and photographers on the vessel had taken a photograph of him.

The policeman demanded the photograph be given him to be destroyed. The ship's departure was delayed for several minutes while ship authorities argued with the policeman, who finally left and let the vessel depart.

The Lakeland Victory will make one stop at Fusan, South Korea, Friday noon to unload cargo and three Korean passengers. Then the vessel will go on to Japan, probably Yokohama, arriving there Sunday night or Monday morning.

Ward, his wife and the other Americans among the party of 20 are scheduled to sail from Yokohama for the United States December 21 aboard the liner President Wilson.

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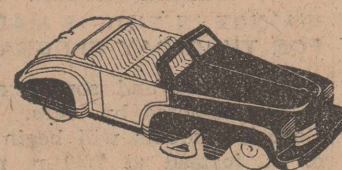
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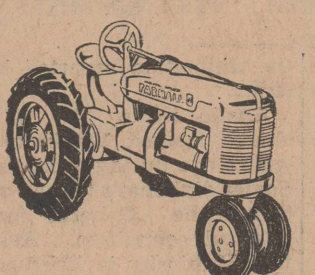


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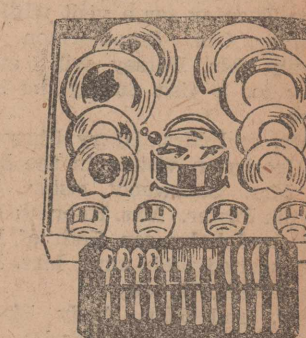
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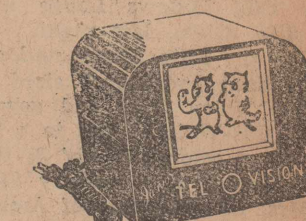
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Woman Industrialist Hits U. S. Acts Of Sending Electrical Gear To 'Reds'

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (UP)—Vivian Kellems, famed industrialist, charged today that the Allied victory was delayed "at least one year" because the U. S. sent Russia large quantities of electrical equipment which the Soviets used to build atomic plants.

Miss Kellems, who won prominence as head of a Connecticut cable grip factory for her fight against federal withholding taxes, made the charge in a luncheon speech here.

"Truly in all history no nation has ever been betrayed by its leaders as was the United States of America," she said.

"Had we concentrated on fighting the war we could have won the war at least one year sooner and thousands of dead American boys would be alive today."

She accused the wartime Democratic administration of diverting U. S. production of electrical equipment during the war so that huge quantities could be sent to the USSR which, she said, used them to build four atomic installations.

Miss Kellems quoted extensively from a speech she made here on September 28, 1943, and from a New York World-Telegram dispatch of September 24, 1949, to support her charges.

In her address today, she said the 1943 speech was "hotter than I knew and it is only recently, since Fulton Lewis, Jr., has been explaining a few things regarding the atomic bomb, that I understood just why it was so hot."

But, she said, it was the front-page story by Leon Dennen, NEA staff writer, in the World-Telegram that made her realize that the Russians had used the electrical equipment for atomic purposes.

She pointed out that in her 1943 speech she had said she was mystified why the United States should be sending the Soviets such huge amounts of electrical equipment, enough "to electrify the whole Trans-Siberian Railway and then some."

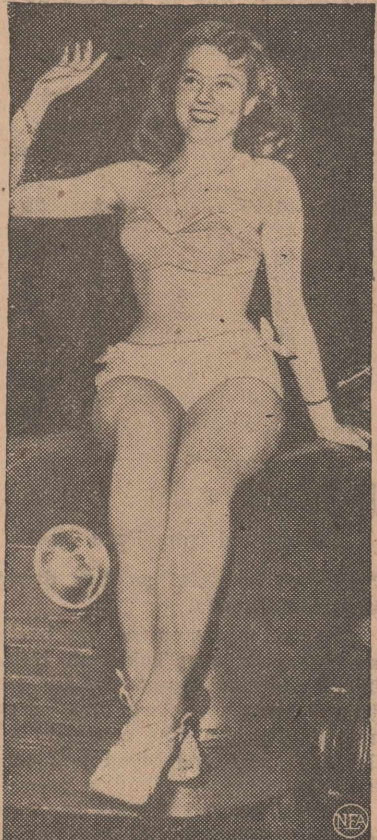
At that time, she said, she feared this country was providing Russia with "equipment to be used AFTER the war" instead of during the conflict.

"To me the matter is so serious," her quotes from the 1943 speech continued, "that I cannot understand why Congress does not start an investigation and while it is about it, why not direct a few pertinent questions to that ubiquitous resident of the White House, Mr. Harry Hopkins."

Hopkins, late presidential aide, was accused by radio commentator Fulton Lewis, Jr., of expediting shipments of atomic materials to Russia via lend-lease.

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Illicit Relations Of Teen-Agers Shock Hoosiers

NEW HAVEN, Ind., Dec. 14 (UP)—Widespread sex orgies involving scores of teen-agers shocked this quiet Hoosier town today and aroused the entire county, including the nearby city of Fort Wayne, to action.

Disclosure of the situation came from Allen County probation officer Walter H. Nagel who told how 37 boys and four girls had engaged in wild parties at which they were intimate repeatedly during the past year.

A six-week investigation was culminated yesterday when six boys—several of them star players on the New Haven High School basketball team—pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of the minor girls.

Circuit Judge William H. Schannen fined the six \$50 each and gave them suspended sentences of six months at the state penal farm. He ordered the boys to stay home every night during the probationary period.

One of the sentenced youths was a 25-year-old married man and the father of two children. The other five were "over 18."

Allen told how one 13-year-old girl admitted that she had illicit relations with 20 boys. Once, she told him, she was intimate with two young men and then

JUST THINKING

BY FRANK HATT

Expected a phone call yesterday but it didn't come. Perhaps today. Anyway, people are very charitable around Christmas time. Political rumors in the air, prospective candidates getting ready for 1950.

This has been a good fall for many in Childress. Why not pass along your good fortune by helping give the less fortunate little fellows a big Christmas?

A number of local organizations have banded together to give under-privileged kids a big children's Christmas party on Christmas eve. Every youngster will get toys and good things to eat.

Send or bring your donations to The Index office. So far \$61 has come in. It should be way over that.

In addition, the Business Men's Bible Class is undertaking to give a Christmas to three families in which eight children, five boys and three girls have no daddy. They want to be a daddy to those kids for one day.

Their ages range from 7 years to 12 years and only clothes and food will be taken to the families. If you have any good used clothing around the house or would like to have a part in giving these children a big Christmas, you may leave your clothes or donation at Writer's Time Service, 300 Main Street.

Each family will get a ham and other groceries and each child will get levis, underwear, pajamas and other clothes they need.

It's tough on orphan children and kiddies without daddies any time, but at Christmas it's double tough. We can help a little. The men in the class are not soliciting help. They will be glad to do the job themselves but if any would like to assist, their aid will be welcomed.

submitted to two others when they threatened to tell her parents.

Another 'teen-aged girl called her boy friend while she was on a baby sitting job.

"I told him where I was and invited him to bring along anyone else loafing around," she told Nagel. "Four others came, one a married man."

She said she was intimate with all five.

Nagel said most of the orgies took place in parked cars or at homes where the girls were baby-sitting.

Nagel's revelations shocked the 3000 residents of this city as well as citizens at Fort Wayne 10 miles west of here where the six youths were sentenced yesterday.

Allen County's civic leaders, clergymen, school leaders and members of the Fort Wayne City Council and Chamber of Commerce planned to meet Monday night to discuss the situation.

Meanwhile, townspeople expected new disclosures when "25 or 35" of the other youths are brought to trial before Judge Schannen next Saturday.

Minister's Trial Continues Today

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 14 (UP)—A jury resumed hearing testimony today in the first degree murder trial of the Rev. George P. Hetenyi, whose mother-in-law denounced him from the witness stand yesterday as a "sadistic monster."

The clergyman is charged with the murder of his wife, Jean Gareis Hetenyi, 25, who was shot twice through the chest and dumped into the Genesee River near here last April.

Mrs. Elsa Gareis, the dead woman's mother, testified she had opposed her daughter's marriage to Rev. Hetenyi.

She said her daughter still was recovering from the shock of her first husband's death in the battle of Leyte Gulf when she met the

Episcopal clergyman in 1945. Mrs. Gareis, a short, white-haired woman, told of receiving two telephone calls from her daughter after the marriage. The Hetenyis were then living in El Paso.

"I left for that city immediately," Mrs. Gareis said. "Jean had a very bruised eye and a bruised cheek and she had lost a tooth."

"I said—'George, how could you do this?' He said he didn't know if he would do it again. He never felt sorry about it."

Mrs. Gareis testified that Rev. Hetenyi once said that "in order to be a good wife, a woman had to have a beating once in a while."

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Mexican "Red" Revolution Plans Said Unearthed

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14 (UP)—Documents discovered in the home of a "Red" labor leader set 1950 as the date for a Communist Mexican revolution, government authorities announced today.

Federal District Attorney General Carlos Franco Sodi said details of a "seditious movement to impose a Communist regime on the republic" were discovered among 3000 documents taken from the Mexico City residence of Valentin Campa, railway union official.

Campa was arrested last month after spending a year in hiding. He is being held in a federal penitentiary on charges of fraudulently using railway union funds for

Communist propaganda. Sodi said the government had proof that Campa had been a member of the Communist International since 1926 and was a high official in the Mexican "politburo" which goes under the name of a left-wing labor group, the Unified Socialist Association.

"The Communist directors planned simultaneous demonstrations throughout Mexico in 1950, using as a pretext the high cost of living," Sodi said.

Sodi charged that the Communist demonstrations were part of a

Pan-American "Red" plot to influence workers in Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Columbia.

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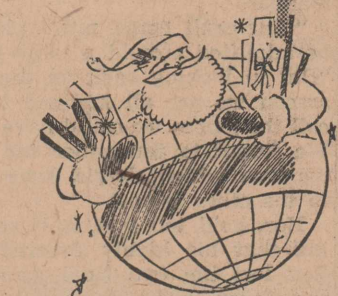
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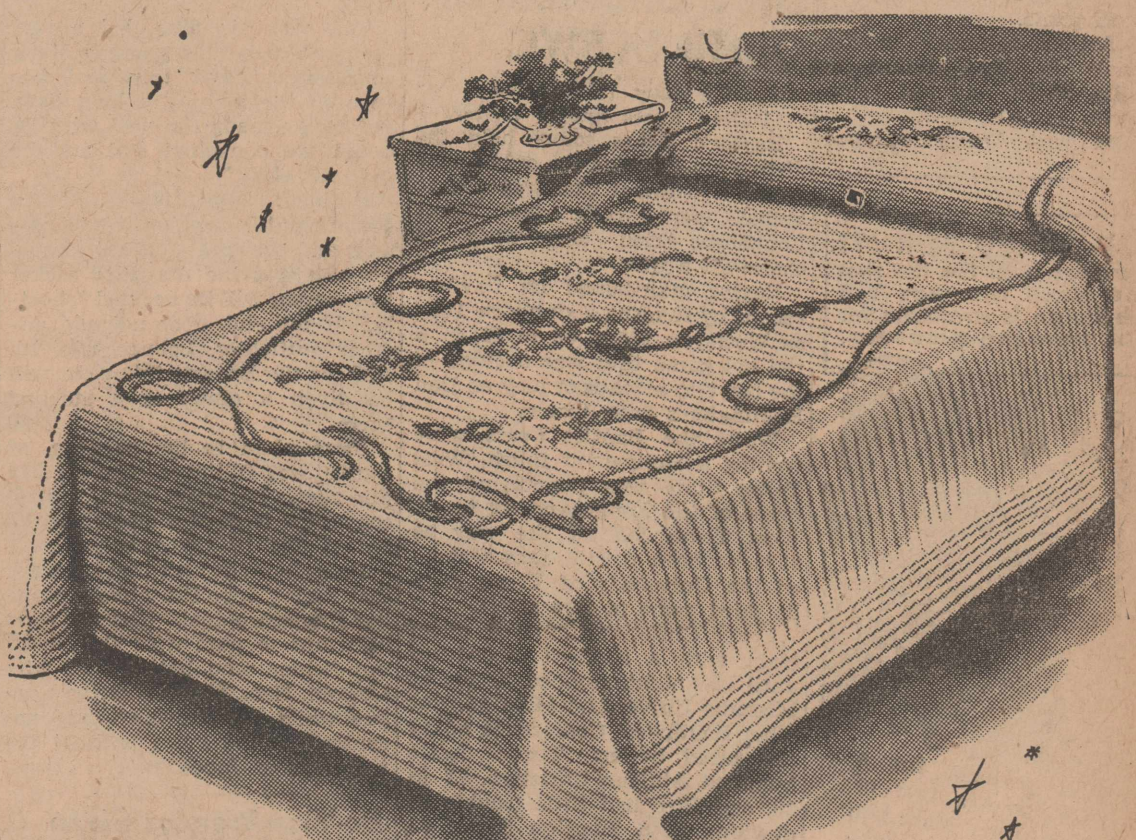
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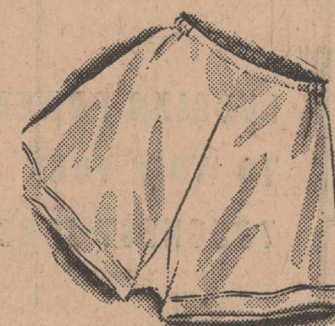
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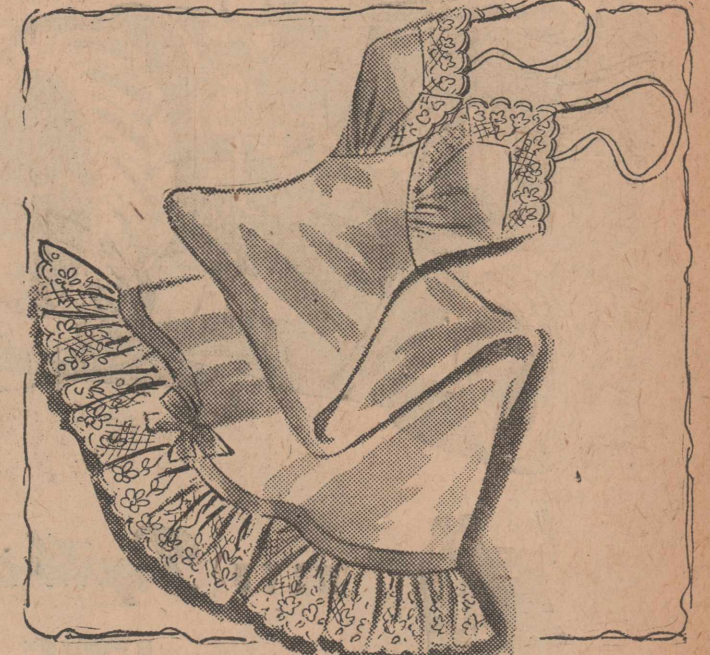
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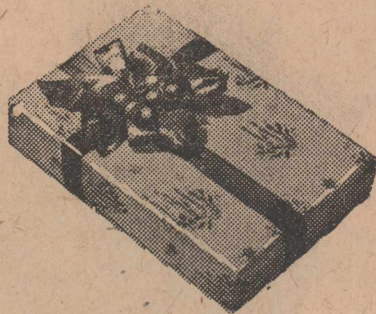
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Four Class AA Semi-Finalists Make Habit Of Getting Into State Playoffs

By Ed Fite
United Press Sports Writer

If past records mean anything, the four Class AA semifinals in the Texas Interscholastic League's 1949 championship scramble are only doing what comes naturally.

The faces of the players are different, of course, but the teams they represent make a habit of being around when playoff time comes.

Port Arthur's Yellow Jackets have competed in TIL semi-finals exactly seven times. Right behind them are Wichita Falls' Coyotes and Highland Park's Scotties with six appearances. The Scotties, incidentally, have been in six of the last seven semi-final playoffs.

Port Arthur and Highland Park have fought their way into the finals three times. Wichita Falls twice and Austin, the fourth entry this year, once.

Altogether, the four teams have been in the round 23 times since the TIL was formed in 1921.

The Yellow Jackets from Port Arthur 'way have won one undisputed championship and a piece of another. Austin and Wichita Falls have one one-half-fledged title each, whereas the Scotties have shared one championship.

Port Arthur made its first semi-final bid in 1928, winning on penalties from Marshall after a scoreless tie. The Jackets were routed by Abilene in the finals, 38-0.

In 1929 Port Arthur shut out Denton, 13 to 0, in the semi-finals and battled to a scoreless tie with Breckenridge in a Waco storm in the playoff game.

Port Arthur returned to the semi-finals in 1933, losing to Greenville, 32-14, and lost again to Kerrville in 1936, 20-7.

In 1944 Port Arthur whipped

Lufkin 27-19 in the semi-finals and then coasted to a 20-7 victory over Highland Park to take the title.

Waco upset the Jackets, 13-6, in last year's semi-finals.

Highland Park was edged out by San Angelo, 21-20 in the 1943 semis, but bounced back in 1944 to tumble San Angelo, 39-7, only to lose to Port Arthur in the finals.

The Scotties dumped favored Wichita Falls 13-0 in 1945 and gained a co-championship by fighting a 7-7 tie with Waco.

In 1946 Highland Park took a 31-13 licking from Odessa but avenged the defeat the following year 18-6. San Antonio Brackenridge mashed the Scotts, 22-13, in the finals.

Wichita Falls' semi-finals debut came in 1923 when Abilene humbled the Coyotes, 25-0. They came back in 1935 to lose 27-12 to Amarillo, but whipped Fort Worth North Side 27-7 in 1937 before losing to Longview 19-12 in the finals.

In 1941, the Coyotes blanked Dallas Sunset 14-0 and won the championship with a 13-0 defeat of Temple. Highland Park spoiled their last semi-final appearance in 1944, 18-0.

Austin got into the initial playoffs in 1921, losing to Bryan 21-10. The state capital team lost to Tyler, 44-0, in 1944 but won the championship by beating Breckenridge 28-7 in the semi-finals and Dallas Sunset 20-7 in the finals.

Baylor Remains Only Undefeated Outfit In SWC

By Jack Winemiller
United Press Sports Writer

Baylor's Bears today held the distinction of being the only undefeated Southwest Conference basketball team, while the Texas Longhorns tried desperately to shake off a jinx.

Baylor maintained its flawless record by shattering a stubborn Texas Wesleyan team, 52 to 51, in a red hot game that was decided in the last two seconds of play on Don Hastings' free throw.

While the Baptist Bears were writing a Hollywood finish, West Texas State was puncturing the pride of the Longhorns, 46 to 42. West Texas led all the way as 2500 partisan Austin fans watched the University of Texas drop its third game in five starts.

Texas Christian, the only other team with a spotless record up until last night, stubbed its toe at Missouri University, 54 to 45. But other Southwest Conference quintets fared better: Texas A&M humbled Abilene Christian, 73 to 38, and Rice had little trouble in downing Sam Houston State, 63 to 48.

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St. Louis Browns Make Biggest Deal With Athletics Including Dillinger

By Milton Richman
NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP)—

The St. Louis Browns, making a deal "solely because we're desperate for young talent," today sent third baseman Bob Dillinger and outfielder Paul Lehner to the Philadelphia Athletics for \$100,000 in cash and four obscure players.

In exchange for the 31-year-old Dillinger and the 29-year-old Lehner, the Browns received outfielders Ray Coleman and rookie Rocco Ippolitto, shortstop Billy Demars and Frank Gustine, a shopworn infielder who previously served with Pittsburgh and the Chicago Cubs.

"We think those four players will help us tremendously," explained Browns president Bill Dewitt. "Coleman, who was with us before, had a fine year at Buffalo in the International League with a .295 batting average and 28 home runs.

"De Mars, who they tell us is a whale of a shortstop, may get our first string job; Gustine always goes well in the spring when we generally need help and this kid Ippolitto — he's only 21 — is a genuine big league prospect."

The deal, largest engineered at the current major league meetings, was in direct line with the Browns' policy of offering for sale or trade any player 28 years or older, De Witt explained.

"We simply have to get young players," De Witt said, "and all the fellows we got from Philadelphia are under 28 with the exception of Gustine, who is 29."

The Browns consummated the transaction with Earle Mack, assistant manager of the Athletics and the son of manager Connie Mack.

"We want to give dad a real good ball club," the younger Mack emphasized, "and this deal has been in the making a long time. Before we made the deal with St. Louis, we consulted dad and he gave his okay."

Dillinger, added Mack, will be Philadelphia's regular third baseman and the fate of Hank Majeski, who was the A's third sacker last season, will be decided "shortly." If the club does not add another outfielder, Lehner, who hit .230 for the Browns this year, will be given a crack at a starting berth.

Prize plum in the package, of course, was Dillinger, who hit .323 this year. De Mars, like Coleman, comes up from Buffalo where he batted .277 in 109 games.

Both De Witt and Mack agreed that young Ippolitto almost snagged the entire deal. The A's were reluctant to part with the husky out-fielder who batted .320 with Lincoln, Neb., of the Western League while the Browns would not consent to the swap without the inclusion of Ippolitto.

Ex-Vice-Premier Given Death Sentence Today

FRANKFURT, Germany, Dec. 14 (UP)—Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian vice premier, was sentenced to death today, less than 24 hours after he protested his innocence of treason charges in a mass trial at Sofia.

The Bulgarian court verdict was flashed by the official Bulgarian news agency from Sofia.

Former Finance Minister Ivan Stefanov and former deputy construction Minister Nikola Pavlov were sentenced to life imprisonment, the agency said.

TIL Sees Removal Of City Leagues, Adoption Of AAA

DALLAS, Dec. 14 (UP)—A concerted move for the abolition of the Texas Interscholastic League's City Conference athletic setup and substitution of a Class AAA circuit loomed in the making today.

While there has been much opposition to the big city division of the league since it was first proposed, it took a two-year trial period for one of its staunchest advocates, Athletic Director P. C. Cobb of the Dallas schools, to become convinced it was a mistake.

Cobb revealed last night that he now was "opposed to the city conference arrangement" because "the public hasn't taken to it."

"It seems that the people in Dallas feel like they are playing in a minor league — that the conference was formed to keep city schools out of the tough state competition. That was not the idea at all."

The Class AAA set-up proposed for several years, but shunted into the background formation of the big city circuit, would include schools of more than 1000 enrollment, leaving Class AA to schools of 500 to 1000, Class A to schools of 250 to 500.

Smooth-Talking Classmate Stops Fellow's Suicide

CASTILE, N. Y., Dec. 14 (UP)—A smooth-talking classmate prevented Paul Jennings, 26, a ministerial student at Teague, Tex., from jumping to his death from a high peak in Letchworth State Park, police said today.

Police said Jennings, a student at Houghton College, left a note in his room yesterday saying he intended to take his life.

A short time later, they said, a telephone caller informed the state police station here that a man was "threatening to leap from Inspiration Point," which looms over a 300-foot deep gorge.

Accompanied by classmates, including Bruce G. Merritt, state troopers went to the park and hid while Merritt approached Jennings with persuasive tones.

A little later, the two students started walking down a path from the point and police seized Jennings. He was confined today in the college's infirmary.

Police said Jennings had had an argument with his girl friend, that his health had "not been too good" and that his school work was not up to par. They said he also had been notified recently that his mother was ill.

Woman Is Found Beaten To Death

EL PASO, Dec. 14 (UP)—Mrs. Ada Bradford, 63, was found beaten to death in her bedroom early today.

Her daughter, Mrs. Edna Mead, 22, told police she returned to her home and heard Mrs. Bradford screaming. She rushed into the bedroom, she said, and found her mother hitting herself on the head with a hammer and trying to stab herself with a pair of scissors.

Mrs. Mead said she struggled with her mother and then "black-ed out."

Detective Capt. Joe Stoe said three bad bruises had been found on Mrs. Bradford's head, any of which could have been fatal. A bloody hammer and blood-stained pair of scissors were found beside Mrs. Bradford's bed.

There were no stab wounds on Mrs. Bradford's body, but Mrs. Mead was treated for flesh wounds.

Philip Mead, the daughters' husband, was en route from Boston where he had been studying music at Tanglewood on a scholarship awarded him by the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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Joseph's Hospital said that 50 were brought there, and that "quite a few" were dead. St. Vincent's hospital said that one of the 40 taken there was dead.

Detective Chief Harry Gibbons said that he could not confirm the number of dead, and that the cause of the blast was unknown.

At Chicago, Swift and Company officials said that the plant when in full production employs about 1000 persons.

Iowa Adj. Gen. Charles H. Grahal ordered 500 national guardsmen to the scene.

The fire department said a "small" fire followed the explosion but was extinguished.

All windows in the plant were shattered when the blast occurred about 11:30 a. m.

The plant is about one mile from the downtown district, which felt the force of the blast.

RAPID GROWTH

Experimenters have grown oats and spring wheat from seed to head in 35 days in an artificial climate, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

McCarthy Sees Bright Season For His Bosox

Seems To Forget Last Year's Demise

By Oscar Fraley

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP)—Marse Joe McCarthy of the Boston Red Sox ordinarily is a morose and purposely inarticulate man who grimly guards his thoughts and his tongue but from the way he was smiling today the New York Yankees had better worry about their world baseball championship.

Attending the annual major league meetings, McCarthy shows none of the dourness you would expect from a manager whose club blew the American League pennant on the final day of the season. Even his casual cold manner is missing.

McCarthy is looking ahead to 1950, and with a concealed confidence which is betrayed by his manner.

"You can't come much closer," he admitted around a large cigar. "But in looking back on the past season we are all inclined to recall the games we could have won. We forget to remember the ones we won which should have gone to the other team."

Nor, he'll tell you, is it surprising that his highly favored Red Sox lost the two final games of the season to the Yankees to blow the duke.

"Nobody thought we would beat them three straight to take the lead," he explained. "But we did. So why should it be surprising that they should win two in a row."

Only at the inference that his club did an el follo does McCarthy show the sparks which can shower from those steady eyes.

"What about the Cardinals?" the Bosox boss demanded with just a trace of his famed gruffness. "They blew it in the last week and to weak teams, the Pirates and the Cubs. At least we lost to the team which won the world championship."

At 62, Marse Joe is fit and trim and looking ahead to next season. And he confided that nobody is going to be helping his Bosox in the trade marts.

The man, you can see, is dream-ignight bright dreams and it bodes no good for those world champion Yankees or anybody else who gets in the way.

Eight Dutch Seamen Survive Ship Explosion

MIAMI, Dec. 14 (UP)—Eight Dutch seamen who survived an explosion that wrecked their motorship Monday with a possible loss of 10 lives were picked up by a coast guard plane today for delivery to a Florida base.

Four other rescue planes were searching the Bahama Islands and the Atlantic east of the island group for six other crewmen who were reported to have launched a second lifeboat after the explosion.

A coast guard PBM rendezvoused at 11 a. m. at the Bahama island of Abaco with the freighter Sparrows Point which rescued the eight Hollanders yesterday.

The men, one of them in critical condition, were transferred to the aircraft for a flight to the coast guard's Miami base.

Another coast guard plane radioed earlier that it had sighted the flaming hulk of the Dutch ship, the Doros, drifting in the ocean some 300 miles east of Miami.

Wage-Hour Law Clinics Are Set Up For January

HOUSTON, Dec. 14 (UP)—A series of eight wage-hour law clinics will be held in Texas cities next month for members of the Texas Manufacturers Assn. and the general public.

Ed Burris, executive vice president of TMA, said the clinics were being offered because "the new changes in the wage-hour law, which becomes effective next January 25, will have far-reaching effects on many industries and types of businesses."

Dallas-

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blindfolded, said he could not tell exactly when the motor went off and on "just by listening."

When Claude testified at the opening of the hearing Monday, he cried without shame as he tried to tell the board what happened in the final moments before the four-motored plane crashed.

Three CAB engine experts said two gallons of gas were found in the No. 4 tank and that tests following the disaster showed it ran normally at 2800 revolutions per minute, which is full power, but backfired at 2000 RPM. They could not understand why No. 4 failed to respond.

LOCAL NEWS

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are visited friends here last night. Buddy Boone of Chillicothe visited briefly here yesterday with his cousin, Miss Lois Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Plant of Paducah visited in Childress Monday night with friends. Mrs. Plant is a former local resident.

Mrs. Myrtle Compton, Mrs. Iley Compton, Mrs. Fairl McCallum and Mrs. Joe Williams were in Amarillo yesterday to visit and shop.

Glenda Briggs had as recent company Miss Jen Smith of Shamrock, a former local girl. Mrs. Hank Walker, and Mrs. Claude Bowling and her daughter Mrs. George Moore of Paducah, were shopping and visiting here today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bookout of Sherman were visiting friends and shopping here today.

Mrs. J. M. Perkins of Eastland was a business visitor in Childress today.

Jack Noble of Amarillo, and Basil, Jr., of Tulsa were here early in the week to visit their mother, Mrs. B. Noble, Sr., who was receiving medical treatment in a local hospital.

Mrs. Bill Wilson will return to her home in Shamrock this afternoon after a short visit here in the home of Mrs. Floyd Darling and family.

Lee Burton, who has been seriously ill, is improving, it was reported yesterday by relatives.

Protestants-

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he said, a united church would offer a stronger front in attacking such problems as housing, juvenile delinquency and racial difficulties.

Seven denominations, representing 15 million, 140 thousand members, have agreed to a united church and sponsored the conference. They are the Methodist Church, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., Congregational Christian Churches, Moravian Churches, in America, Northern Province and African Methodist Episcopal Zion.

Observers were present from the Protestant Episcopal Church, Church of the Brethren, Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, Augustana Lutheran, Evangelical United Brethren, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (South), and Churches of God in North America.

The ancient capital of Siam, Ayuthia, has been hidden in the jungle for four centuries.

TEMPERATURE

The lowest temperatures recorded during the past 24 hours ending at noon today, was 27 degrees about 7:30 this morning. The highest was 42 degrees at 4 yesterday afternoon.

Temperatures follow:	
Noon	Midnight
Tuesday	Tuesday
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Bride-

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"fear of her life" as they drove across Nebraska.

She said it was on the way back, as they paused at Tekamah, Neb., Monday, that Byers forced her to go through the wedding ceremony with him. She charged that he used a forged blood test certificate.

Castelline said the girl's parents urged her to file the charges against Byers soon after the couple returned.

Byers denied all of the girl's assertions—except "the fact that they had been married. He said the ceremony was performed by a Lutheran minister and was witnessed by three Sunday school teachers.

He said they had been engaged for a long time and had planned their elopement "weeks in advance."

He also denied that he carried a gun on the trip.

"It wasn't necessary," he said. During the trip, he said, they visited his grandmother and other relatives in Denver and vicinity. Several times they stopped along the way to buy the bride clothing and cosmetics, he said.

Salmon fishing annually has more than repaid the original cost of \$7,200,000 which the United States paid for Alaska in 1867.

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Farmers-

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F. Brannan. They asked Brannan to call on growers, who will not use their full allotments, to surrender unused portions so that this acreage may be re-allotted to other growers.

There was no immediate response from the Agriculture Department to this suggestion. In Childress County, the communities, election judges, and polling places will be as follows: Childress, Oran Walraven, PMA office; Kirkland, Arlie Key, Veterans School Building; Community Center, I. H. West, schoolhouse; Arlie, Tice S. Younger, Arlie Store; Olympus, Frank Mitchell, schoolhouse.

Harrel Chapel, O. D. Phillips, Community house; Carey, L. C. Trent, schoolhouse; Tell, Lee Rothwell, schoolhouse; and High Point, Robert L. Murray, schoolhouse.

Ex-Romanian-

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witness requested by Mr. Vishinsky. By my own testimony, and from the stenographic notes taken, I stand prepared to prove to anyone in good faith how Mr. Vishinsky presented the king of Romania with a two-hour ultimatum. "I regret that it was not possible to summon me before the United Nations. But I still hope the occasion may yet arise when, in accordance with Mr. Vishinsky's request, I might testify before the representatives of all countries how Soviet Russia raped the independence of my own country."

Warmup-

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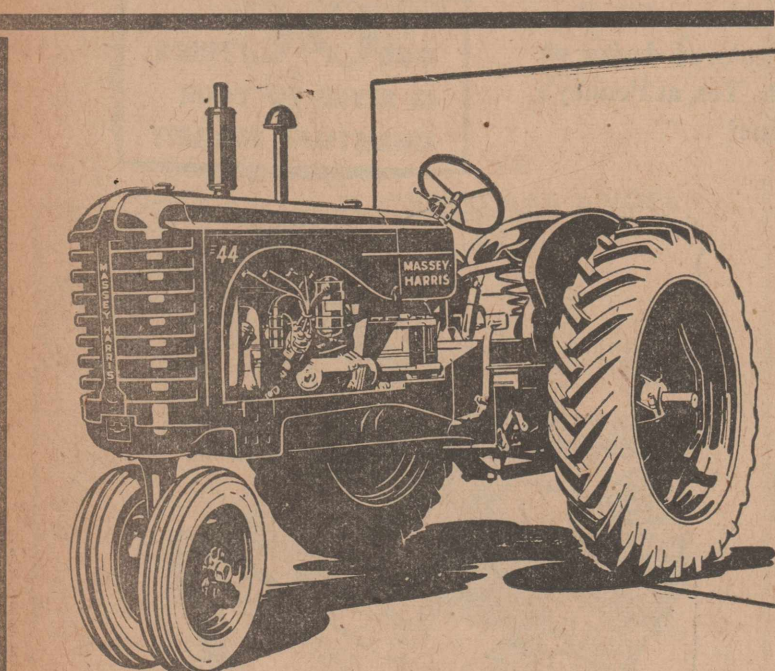
pushed the wintry weather into Texas was still centered in the North-Central part of the nation, and Texans were feeling the effects of clock-wise circulation off the front. It is a big front with a lot of sting, and that, the weathermen said, explains why the warm up will be a slow one.

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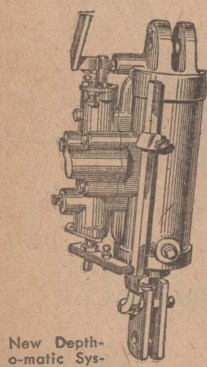
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PLUG AND TRIGGER

By Ronnie Luster

United Press Guest Columnist
There are more gripes along the coast about fishermen disturbing a school of fish than some other chap has been skillful enough or lucky enough to locate.

These intruders see a fellow-fisherman getting a fish on every cast. Without thinking, they crank up the motor, rush over and nine times out of 10 throw out the anchor where the fish were before they scared them away.

The result: no more fish for anybody at that spot.

The fisherman who found the fish is running a temperature of about 110 degrees and in condition for a padded cell.

The offenders, blissfully unaware of how close they came to causing mayhem, soon lost interest in that location and rush away to bird dog someone else who is catching fish.

The offenders usually are entirely innocent of deliberate sabotage. They just didn't think or didn't know any better. But, if some fisherman did the same to them. Wow!

Of the hundreds of good fishermen we know, every one would welcome assistance in holding a school of fish. The more baits there are in the water, the more change of keeping the fish there.

But, he wants you to come in without scaring the fish away.

So, when you see a fisherman in fish, don't rush in: STOP and figure things out.

If he's fishing from a boat, go far around back of him at slow speed. If the wind is right, drift to where he is. If not, paddle there, being careful not to hit the boat with the paddle or make any noise in the boat.

Get as close as you can without interfering with his fishing. As you are coming up on him, see where his anchor lays and come in so that when you anchor you will not drift into or ahead of him.

Ease the anchor over, being sure it doesn't hit the side of the boat and pay the line out until the anchor rests on the bottom. Nothing scares fish quicker than a carelessly thrown anchor.

Do not get closer to the fish than he is. Stay a few feet further away and cast the extra distance. If you cannot cast far enough don't try and get closer. Wait and keep casting. As he catches fish the school will gradually work closer and your chance will come.

Try cutting dead bait up in very small pieces and throw it overboard. It is possible to chum fish right up to the boat at times.

Remember, the smaller the test line you use, the farther you can cast. If you are using dead bait and extra sinker will give you more distance.

If you see fisherman wading and catching fish, check and see if he is wading a ledge and fishing deep water or wading a flat and chumming in shallow water.

If the former, and he is moving alone casting ahead, do not try to get ahead of him and fish water where he has not fished. Remember, he found the fish and is entitled to some consideration.

Land your boat at least 300 feet behind and start fishing in either direction. You will ordinarily catch as many fish following someone as you will ahead of them—if you are equal in ability to be other fellow.

If the fish are out from the drop-off in deep water and the fisherman is standing in one spot, or if he is wading flat and casting ahead in shallow water, move alongside from the rear and fish the same way.

But, come up quietly, suffling your feet easily along the bottom instead of picking them up and laying them down. This might cause a far and the chances are the fish will feel the vibrations and get spooky.

If the water is very shallow, long casts are absolutely necessary. If you can't cast far enough,



DO TELL!—When archer H. B. Umbaugh of Angola, Ind., shot his arrows into the air, they fell to earth on the other side of Angola's towering monument. In so doing, they solved the town's Christmas decoration problem by carrying over pieces of twine attached to strings of lights. Umbaugh will spend the next few weeks figuring how to get the lights down again without having to climb the statue.

don't try to walk the fish down. More than 50 Oklahoma towns have no town taxes because of move away and finally leave altogether.

If you are unable to reach the fish, back away quietly, wish the other fellow luck and go find some fish you can reach.

This method will make you many friends and keep the sulphur content of the air down to normal.

When you first come up to the fellow who has found the fish, he will naturally be a little churlish until he realizes you are not going to spoil his fishing.

After you both have caught a fish or two, his relief will be so great he will do most anything for you in order to make up for his misjudgment at first.

A great many lifelong fishing partnerships have been formed in this way.

Dog Sentenced For Biting Man

DALLAS, Dec. 14 (UP)—"Kaiser," a reddish-brown hound dog, today began a 10-day solitary confinement sentence for biting a postman.

Peace Justice W. E. Richburg sentenced "Kaiser" to solitary confinement tied to a tree in the river bottom yesterday. If the dog gets loose before the 10 days are up, Richburg said the dog's owner, 12-year-old Paul Liscano, would be fined \$100 and costs.

"Such action is needed to end the open season dogs have declared on Dallas postmen," Richburg declared.

Livestock Said In Good Condition Over The State

AUSTIN, Dec. 14 (UP)—Cattle, calves and sheep in Texas are going into the winter in good to above average condition, the United States Department of Agriculture reported today.

A few cattle, the report noted, "are beginning to show some shrinkage, particularly in East Texas." All cattle were reported at 87 per cent condition, one point below a month ago and five points off December's 10-year average.

Sheep were going into the winter in above average condition. Cured feed, the USDA reported, was plentiful. Ewes with fall lambs were showing some shrinkage. Sheep were reported at 87 per cent condition, as compared with 89 per cent a month ago and a 10-year average of 83 per cent.

Branniff Receives Award For Air Safety Record

DALLAS, Dec. 14 (UP)—Branniff International Airways today received an award for outstanding air safety achievements in 1948 from the industrial commission of the state of Colorado.

The Dallas-based airline connects Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo., with major cities in eight states and six Latin-American countries.

Postmaster Wonders At Peculiarities Of Humans

FORT WORTH, Dec. 14 (UP)—Postmaster J. Edwin McKee pondered today over the peculiarities

of human nature.

The postoffice Monday opened its Christmas mailing station in a cattle barn on the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium grounds, where there are acres of parking space.

Business has been slow, however. Instead, McKee said, Fort Worthers persist in trying to jam into the small parking area at the main postoffice where they have to line up to weigh and mail their packages.

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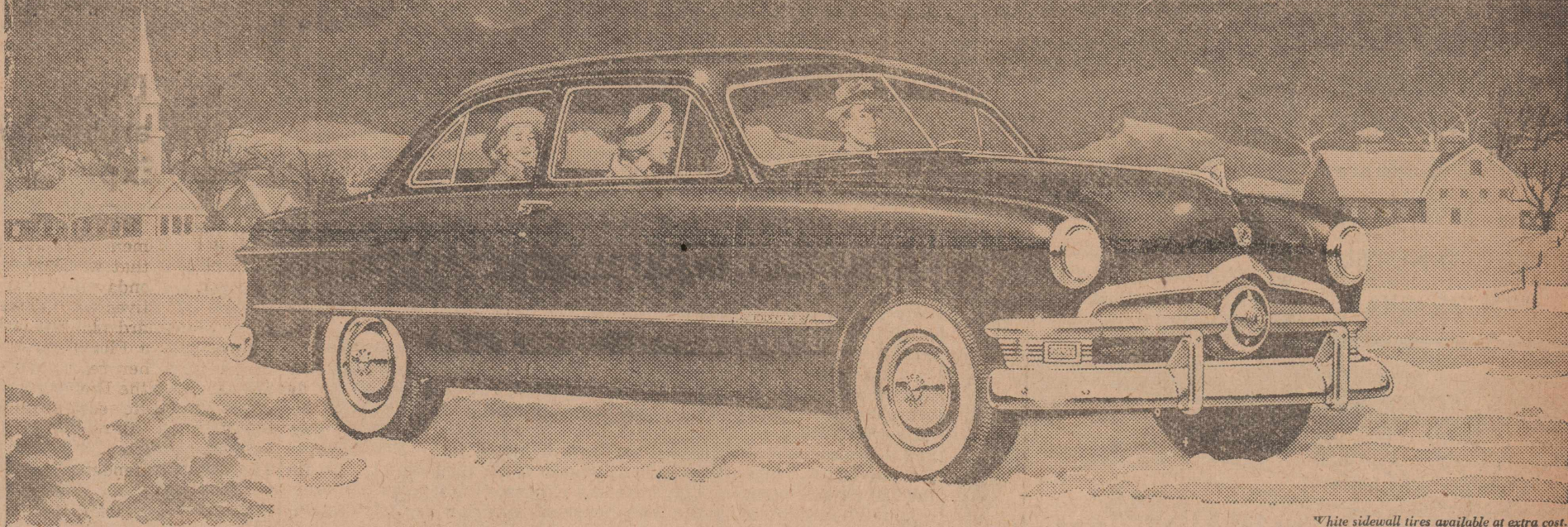
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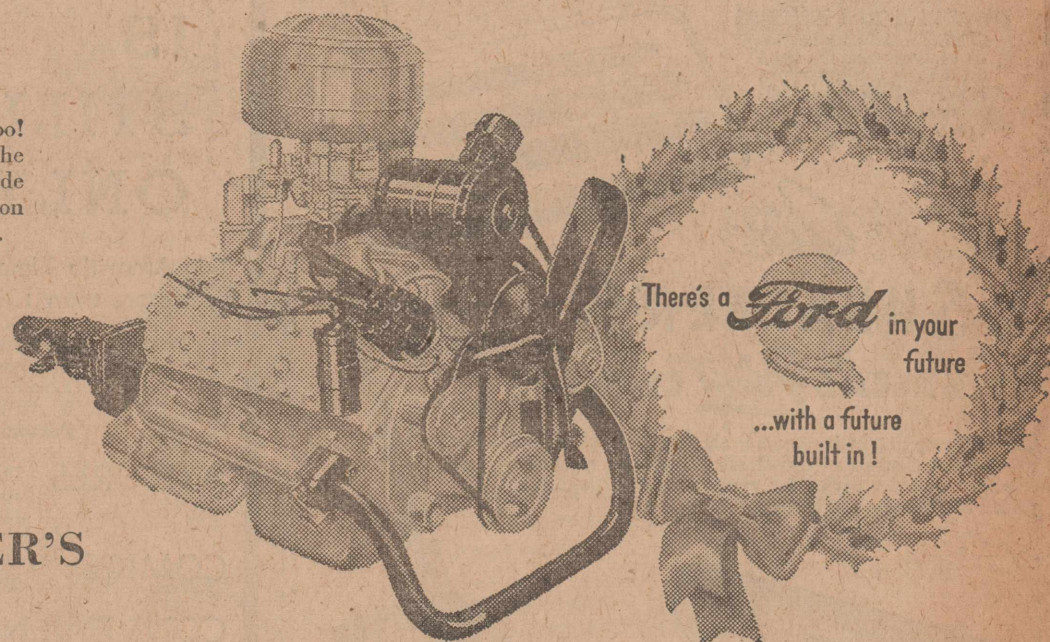
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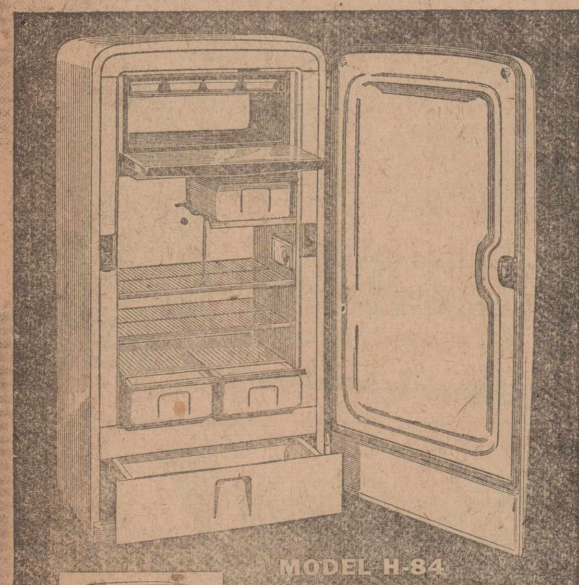
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Farmers Vote For Prices

Like it or not—and most of them do not—Childress County farmers will vote in favor of the cotton marketing quota tomorrow.

It's a "yes" vote or a possible return to starvation prices. There's no certainty prices will fall if the quota is defeated, but that possibility is strong—while a vote in favor of the quota assures farmers of getting 90 per cent parity prices.

Farmers don't like it anymore than any other group of Americans would like regimentation. Newspapersmen would not like having their circulations and editions cut in half; merchants would not like having the quantity of goods they offer for sale cut in half; radio stations would not like their broadcasting time split.

But if the newspapersmen and others, like the farmers, were assured of a high price for their goods by taking the cut in the quantity they offered, and if they had little hope of even making a living otherwise, they would find themselves voting in favor of the cut.

The farm situation goes a bit deeper, however. The nation's economy hinges on the health of the farmer, farm advocates assert. If the farmer is prosperous, the nation is prosperous. Conversely, if the farmer goes broke, so goes the nation.

Past statistics indicate this. It, therefore, is a more or less accepted fact. Thus we have the efforts of the Truman administration to maintain the prosperity of the farmer. This is the basis upon which all this farm price support lies. No one can prove it erroneous, and past data indicates it is true.

True or false, liked or disliked, the government is bound by its own policy to buy the farmers crops—cotton, wheat, corn, rice, wool, eggs, potatoes, etc.—and it takes the tax money of the farmer as well as other citizens to make the purchases.

It bears a great resemblance to FDR's pump-priming. Let us hope it is more successful.

Joe And Mary

His name is Joe, and his wife's name is Mary. Shortly after they were married, they had a bit of a rough time financially. Joe's job had a future, but right then it wasn't paying much. First young Joe came along, then his younger brother.

The result was a little borrowing. Joe needed cash which he didn't have, and he went into debt.

The borrowed money helped them get over the bad spots, then his job began to pay a little better. Gradually his pay increased up to the point where he and Mary and the two boys could live comfortably. Joe was making more money than ever before.

In that solvent condition, they tore into their debt. With Joe's own earning power increased, they were going to erase the sum they owed. Such a move was only natural.

And that's why both Joe and Mary are completely perplexed that the United States, experiencing an era of near-peak prosperity, is adding to its debt instead of cutting it down.

Commuted Life Sentence Is Fatal To Prisoner

MARQUETTE, Mich., Dec. 13 (UP)—Carl Sowka, 58, sentenced

to life imprisonment in 1919, was all set to leave Marquette prison this week.

His sentence for killing a companion in a drunken brawl was commuted September 3, and the parole board issued a parole November 29. Authorities felt sorry for Sowka, who had no relatives in this country and hadn't heard from his wife in Russia for more than three years, and got him a job in Calumet, Mich.

The warden wrote his wife today that Sowka had died from apparent excitement about his coming freedom.

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HEARING OPENS ON DALLAS PLANE CRASH—At the opening hearing, held by the Civil Aeronautics Board in Dallas for inquiry into the American Airlines DC-3 crash at Love Field on November 29, were Capt. W. P. McPhail, left, of Fort Worth, regional operations director for the southern region; Samuel E. Gates, center, attorney from New York; and Capt. Tommy Claude, pilot of the plane. (NEA Photo.)

Government Has Some Slick Ways Of Not Calling A Spade A Spade

By Peter Edson

Federal reserve board chairman Thomas B. McCabe was reading a long-winded, prepared statement on fiscal policy to Illinois Sen. Paul Douglas's Congressional Economic Subcommittee. "We were able in March, 1949, to relax Regulation W (on credit controls) and the automobile industry since that time has been a bulwark to employment during the transition period of inventory readjustment that has prevailed this year," read McCabe.

Senator Douglas interrupted him. "I may be in an imish mood," he said, "but I can't help noticing changes in language in government statements. I now note that you call the recent business 'recession' a period of 'inventory readjustment.' I sometimes wonder how these expressions start?"

McCabe didn't explain.

Biting Labor in the Bargain

American and western European military leaders are putting on increasing heat to have Franco Spain included in defense planning against possible Russian aggression. But the diplomats and the political leaders of the various democratic countries are still stone cold to the idea. One military leader recently propositioned a British politician on the possibility of having Spain admitted to the United Nations as a first step towards military alliance. The politician replied that it couldn't be done because "it would split the Labor Party right open."

"Splendid!" commented the military man. "Splendid!"

Wrong Either Way

One surprising aspect of Russia's recently disclosed wartime request for uranium nitrate "for medicinal purposes" is that the stuff is sometimes actually used as a medicine. The American Illustrated Medical Dictionary lists uranium nitrate solution as a specific in treatment of coryza (colds) and diabetes, as well as in a spray for the throat. The catch is that the 220 pounds of uranium nitrate originally requested by the Russians through Lend-Lease Administration wouldn't have been

enough to cure many colds, while the 10 to 15 tons they wanted later would have been too much.

Side-Stepping Lewis' Booby-Traps

One of the bugs recently discovered by coal operators in the old contract with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers is a provision which says in effect that "benefits may be paid for loss of wages not otherwise compensated for by law." This looked all right at the time the contract was signed in 1943. But the operators' lawyers have now begun to wonder if this meant that the welfare fund might be used for paying wages to miners during a strike? This is one of the many booby traps which the mine operators will attempt to bargain out of any new contract they make with Lewis.

Red Plot Nipped in the Bud

Army Chief of Staff Gen. J. Lawton Collins came back from Japan with the story of a smart gimmick pulled on the Japanese Communists by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Many of the Japanese prisoners of war recently released by the Russians came back home thoroughly indoctrinated by their captors, who had held them for four long years. The Communist plan was that these POW's would be sent into the cities for agitation and propaganda. General MacArthur therefore ordered that all prisoners must return to their families on the farms and stay there. When they got back to the villages, General Collins reports, they discovered for themselves that the Americans hadn't robbed them, raped their women and dismembered their children, as had been told them by the Russians. The result was that even the most rabid of the Jap Communists lost their enthusiasm for spreading the line.

Truman's New Budget Scheme

Recent advance dope stories that President Truman would try to balance next year's budget by trick bookkeeping methods may be way out of line. Behind these reports is an idea that if operating expenses were separated from expenditures for capital investments—like dams and other public works—the cost of federal



RESIGNING.—"White House" sources say that Clark M. Clifford of St. Louis, above, special counsel to President Truman since 1946, will resign early next year. Clifford is reported leaving for financial reasons, to resume private law practice.

government might be made to look much smaller. While it is true that this device might show government income greater than running expenses, don't look for any such proposal in the 1950-51 budget sent to Congress in January. Budget Bureau officials are having a hard time separating all the current expense items from the capital investment items on which some return might be expected.

Helping Each Other Out

The Washington labor union press has started a drive to support the Brannan farm plan, CIO convention in Cleveland last month passed a resolution calling for farm-labor unity and endorsing the Brannan plan. Now the CIO "Economic Outlook" has made an analysis to show that farmers' cash receipts are high only when the income of industrial workers is high. And "Labor," the railway brother-hoods' weekly newspaper, has endorsed the Brannan plan. Though National Farmers' Union is the only farm organization for the Brannan plan, labor union leaders endorse it for two reasons. They think it would mean lower-priced food for city workers, through the Brannan income support subsidies paid to farmers. They also want farm-vote sup-

Despite Crashes, Year's Fatalities For Air Passengers Carried Are Low

By Charles Corddry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (UP)—This year already has gone down in the records as the second worst in history for scheduled airlines in numbers of fatalities. But when the big increase in passenger volume is considered, the 1949 fatality rate may be among the lowest ever.

The Monday night crash of a Capital DC-3 airliner in the Potomac River was the fourth on scheduled airlines this year.

Its four fatalities—two passengers and two crewmen—raised the 1949 death toll to 91 passengers and 11 crewmen. This was exceeded only in 1947, when 199 passengers and 17 crew members perished in five crashes.

Barring further accidents before January 1 Civil Aeronautics Board officials estimate that, the 1949 fatality rate may average about 1.2 or 1.3—passengers for every 100 million passenger-miles flown. This would be among the lowest rates in civil aviation history.

Government investigators still are trying to determine the cause of Monday's crash, in which 18 passengers and one crewman escaped death.

The twin-engine plane, on a flight here from Memphis, missed the fogbound runway of Washington National Airport and crash-landed moments later in the muddy Potomac. Rescue teams in crash boats pulled the survivors from the wreckage.

Joseph W. Buell, 26-year-old flight attendant who was the lone survivor among the crew, told newsmen that one engine failed at a crucial moment in the approach to the airport.

He said the plane was flying a level course at about 300 or 400 feet as it came in for an instrument landing. The pilot, he said, apparently was dissatisfied with

the approach and decided to gain altitude—possibly to circle the field again. But just as the plane began to climb, he said, "the right engine sputtered and gave out."

The American Aviation Daily said the crash may have been averted but for the "procrastination" on the part of the Civil Aeronautics Administration about installing high intensity approach lights at National Airport.

The CAA, the paper said, decided to put in new lights in the spring of 1948. But because of "inter-bureau feuding," two winters have gone by with no high intensity approach lights, it said.

An estimated high expansion in air travel this year helped to account for 1949's low fatality rate. CAB officials believe the total travel figure will be 7 Billion 152 Million passenger-miles, the largest in history and an increase of more than a billion over 1948.

Following are fatality rates of domestic scheduled lines since 1938:

1938—4.5; 1939—1.2; 1940—3.0; 1941—2.3; 1942—3.7; 1943—1.3; 1944—2.2; 1945—2.2; 1946—1.2; 1947—3.2; 1948—1.3; 1949 (estimated)—1.2 or 1.3.

Passenger and crew fatalities respectively since 1938:

1938—25 and 10; 1939—9 and 8; 1940—35 and 10; 1941—35 and 8; 1942—55 and 16; 1943—22 and 8; 1944—48 and 8; 1945—76 and 11; 1946—75 and 22; 1947—199 and 17; 1948—83 and 15; 1949 (to date)—91 and 11.

McDonald Urges Farmers To Vote For Cotton Quota

AUSTIN, Dec. 14 (UP)—Agriculture Commissioner J. E. McDonald said today that "demoralization in the cotton industry" will be averted if Texas cotton farmers vote tomorrow for government cotton quotas on acreage allotments for the 1950 crop.

If two-thirds vote favorably in a referendum on the 1950 govern-



"STRONG MAN"—Gen. Pai Chung-hai, above, emerged as China's new "strong man," with the partial retirement of acting president Li Tsung-jen because of ill health. Pai, called the "White Fox" by the Reds, reportedly commands over 200,000 Nationalist troops.

Union Extends Contract, Averts Shipping Strike

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP)—An

East Coast shipping strike, scheduled for tomorrow, was averted yesterday when an AFL ship officers' union agreed to extend their contract with East and Gulf Coast shipping firms for four months.

Federal Mediator William N. Margolis said the extension was the result of a "shift of emphasis" by the 20000-man union from hiring hall demands to questions of seniority and job security.

During the extension, the union will study a new seniority system and job security. The contract, which expired September 30, had been extended three times in attempts to break the deadlock over the hiring hall issue.

ment program, next year's crop will be subject to price supports equalling 90 per cent of parity on cotton produced on the allotted acreage, McDonald said.

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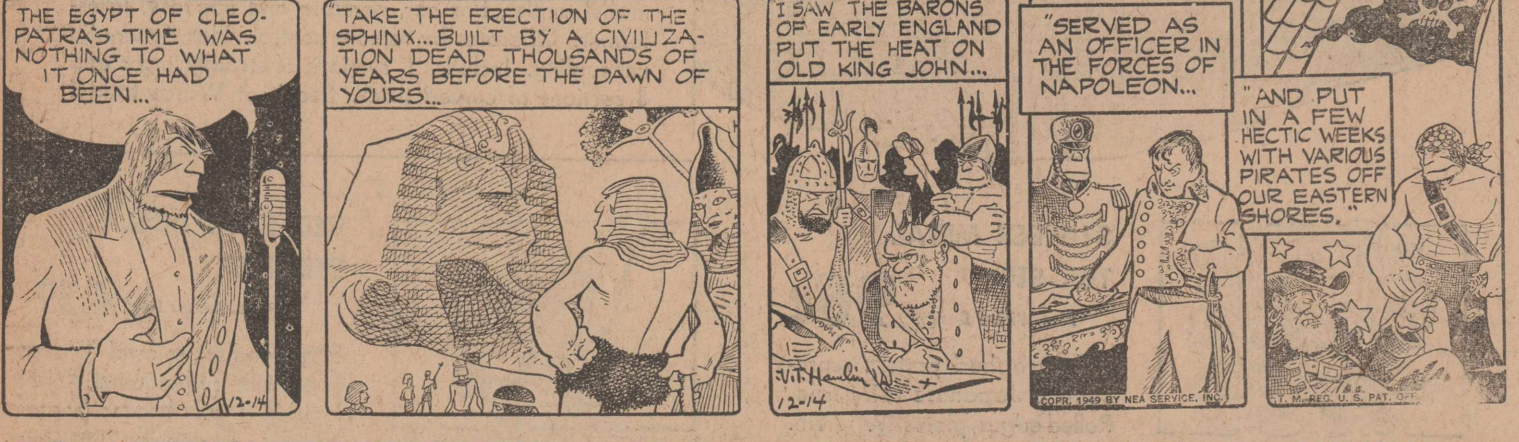
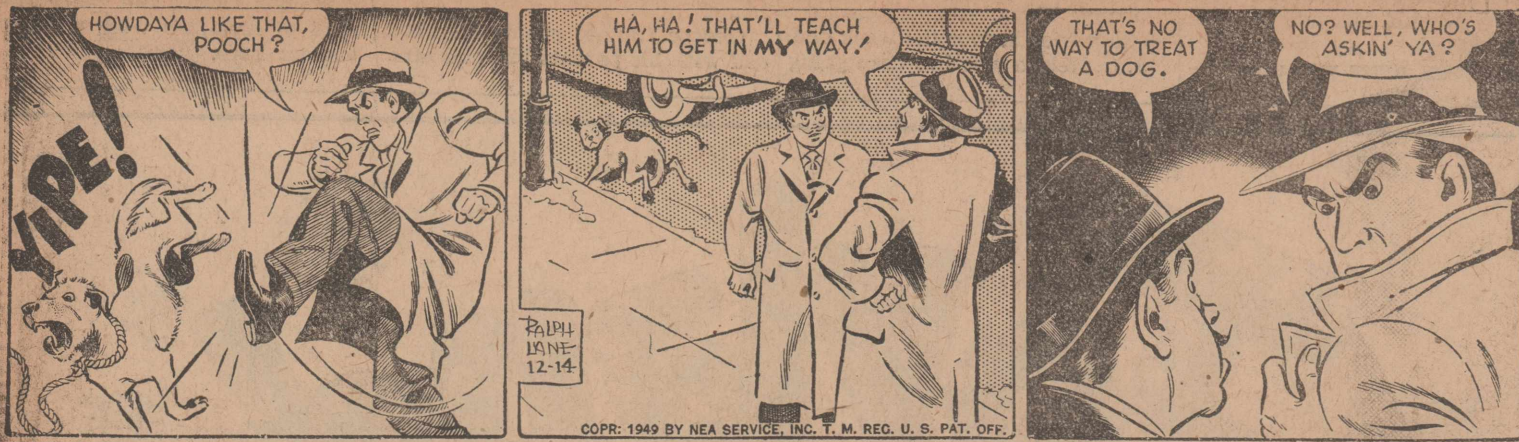
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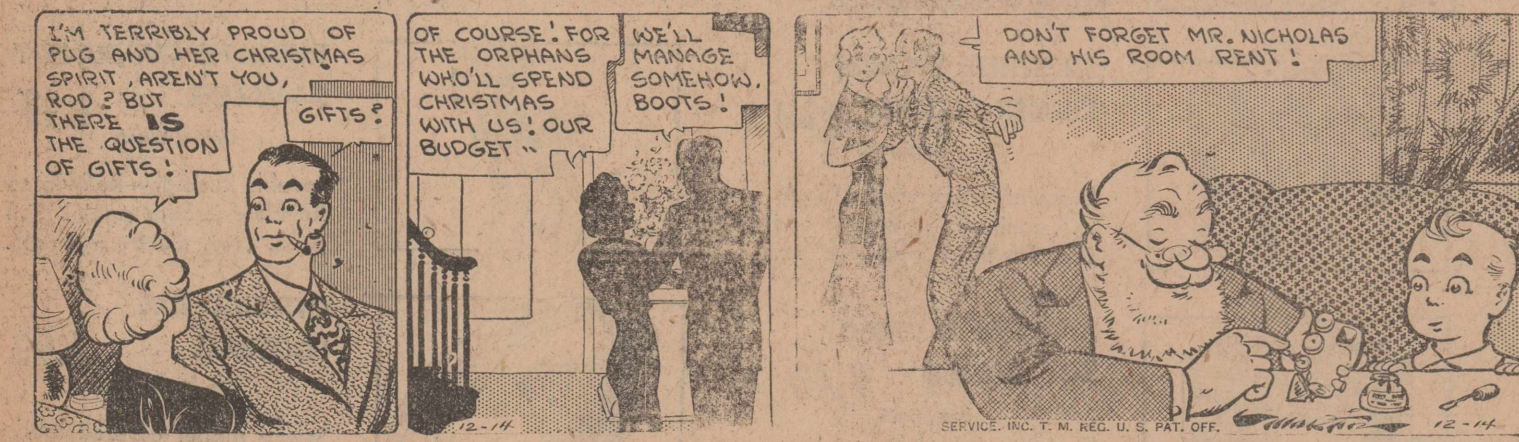
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VISITING U. S.—British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery had a wide smile as he arrived in New York aboard the Queen Mary for a two-week visit. The general sees no immediate threat of war in Europe. "If there were any, I wouldn't be here," he said.

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Nationalist China Purges Political, Military Setups

By Arthur Goul

TAIPEI, Formosa, Dec. 14 (UP)—The battered Chinese Nationalist regime today shook up its military and political arms in the hope of getting American aid for a "live or die" stand on Formosa.

As Chinese Communists rushed preparations for an amphibious assault on Formosa from the Chinese mainland, Nationalist military and political deadwood went into the discard.

Imaginary army group commanders have been dropped from the payroll.

Personnel of various branches of the central government have been whittled down and a blueprint has been drafted to strip quasi-political and military figures of their authority.

When the purge is completed, provincial authorities will be in complete control of Formosa itself with the central government's functions limited strictly to national and international affairs.

All disputes will be umpired by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Gov. Chen Cheng of Formosa will be in command of southeast China military forces.

Chen, preparing for the defense of Formosa, warned Nationalist troops arriving from Shanghai, Singtao and other places on the mainland to do what they were told or be shot. Some already have been executed.

On his own initiative Chen abolished more than 60 army groups and organizations before receiving Yuan approval of his moves.

Twenty "armies," which existed mainly on paper to provide their commanders with a large payroll, were disbanded by Chen.

State Tops Nation For Placing Vets

AUSTIN, Dec. 14 (UP)—Texas topped the nation for the fourth straight year in the job placement of disabled veterans during Oct. the Texas Employment Commission reported.

Of 2149 handicapped workers placed in jobs during the month, the TEC said 1047 were disabled veterans.

Texas led the nation in the total number of handicapped workers employed during the month for the second straight year.



ALASKA TO MAINE VIA DOGSLED—On a 5000-mile dogsled trek, from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Lewiston, Me., is letter-carrier Cecil A. Moore, right. Fairbanks postmaster Maude H. Boyle, left, gives Moore one of 12,000 letters bearing a special Alaska commemorative stamp, which he plans to mail back from Maine. Along the way, Moore will pick up cacheted envelopes from 25 cities, which will be sold in an effort to raise a \$200,000 fund for underprivileged children.

Dallas Expects Traffic Trouble At Holiday Scene

DALLAS, Dec. 14 (UP)—No parking will be allowed for one block on either side of oilman Homer W. Snowden's residence when he turns on the lights tonight for his religious, but traffic-hazardous, reproduction of the nativity.

The city council voted yesterday to ban parking for the duration of the display on fashionable Swiss Ave. between Fitzhugh and Munger.

Snowden's neighbors last week asked the council to prohibit showing of the life-size scene this Christmas season on the oilman's lawn, pointing out that its initial exhibition last year caused traffic jams and made private driveways in the vicinity inaccessible. The city fathers offered Snowden use of Fair Park for his exhibit, but he declined, saying he would erect it on his own property and spend twice as much on it this year as in 1948.

The police department planned to repeat last year's precautionary

Water Committee Begins Study Of Lower Rio Grande

WESLACO, Dec. 14 (UP)—Texas' 21-man water code committee today began a two-day study of water in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

The valley study is one of several being made throughout the state to gather information upon which recommendations to the 1951 state Legislature will be based.

Two groups, the Valley Water Conservation Association and the Riparian Farmer's Association, were scheduled to appear before the committee. The Valley Chamber of Commerce prepared a brief to present and a number of representatives of valley cities and towns were expected to testify. The water code committee was authorized by the 51st Legislature and is headed by state Senator Rogers Kelley of Edinburg.

measure of assigning patrolmen to the area to assure a steady flow of traffic, beginning tonight when the display is unveiled.

WELLINGTON NEWS

By Effie Lee Richards
Mr. Logan Cummings was a business visitor here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Way of Memphis visited friends here over the week end.

Yeoman Second Class Granvill Harrison and wife of San Diego Navy Base visited here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cackron who are attending school at Oklahoma University were here visiting relatives and friends.

Earl Slay of Los Alamos, N. M. visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook of Amarillo spent Sunday here visiting with relatives.

Kenneth Strickland who is attending school at WTSC in

Canyon spent the week end here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Strickland.

Miss Peggy Riggs was a Sham-

rock visitor Monday. Jeanne Way of Canyon was here visiting friends over the week end.

J. C. Nelson who has been going

to ACC in Abilene has returned home. George Christy spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs.

Alva Christy. Windell Orand and Clary Hubbard of Memphis were week-end visitors here.

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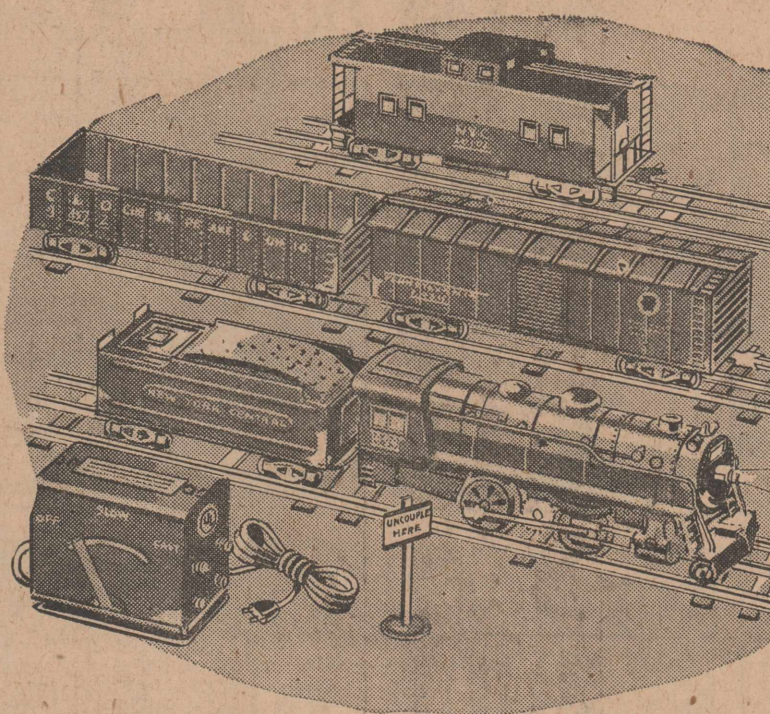
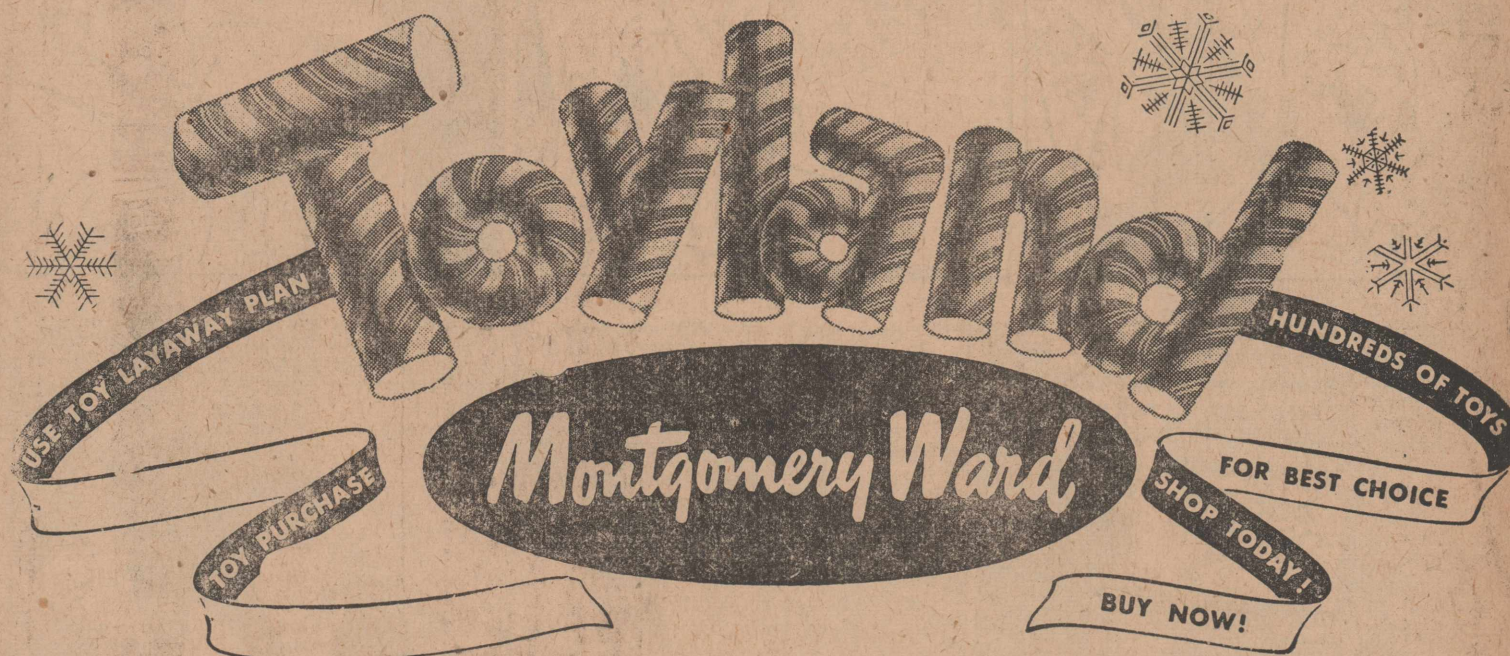


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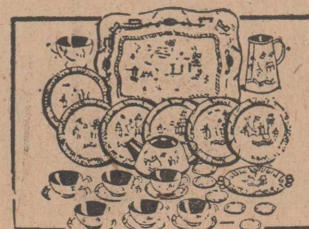
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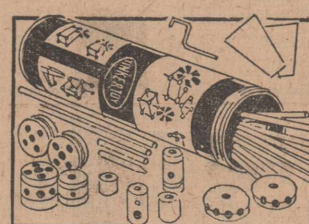
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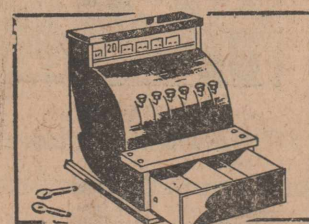
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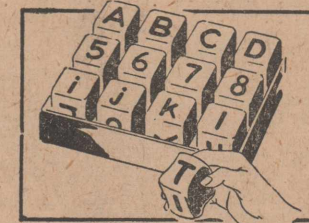
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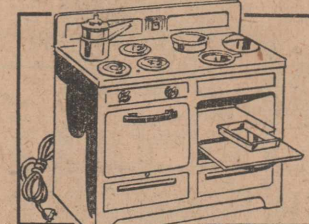
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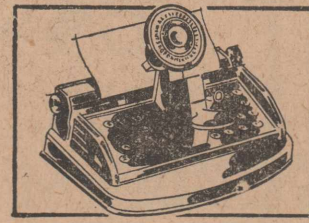
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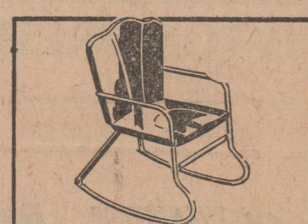
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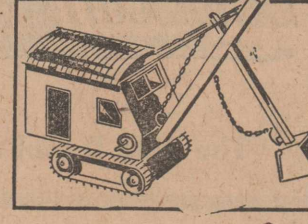
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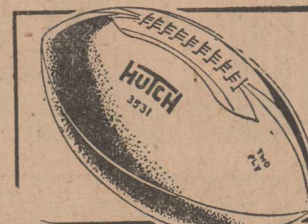
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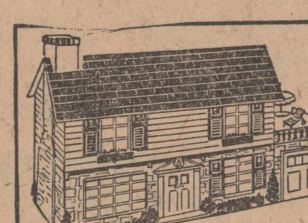
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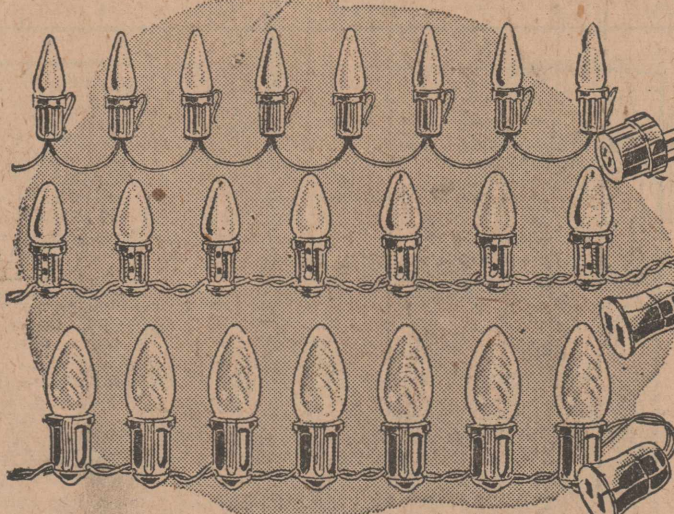
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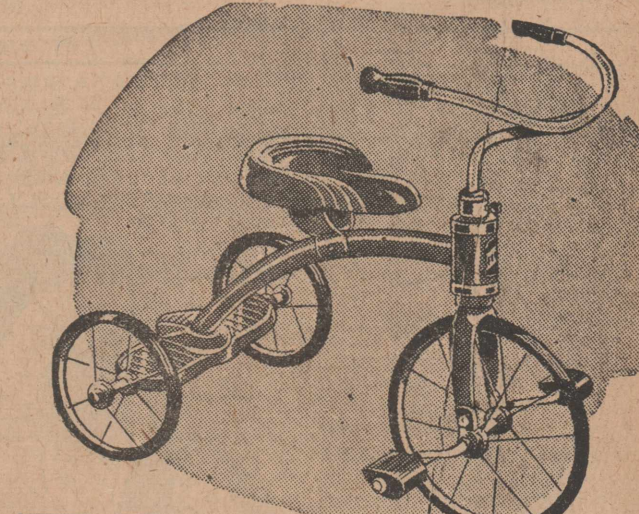
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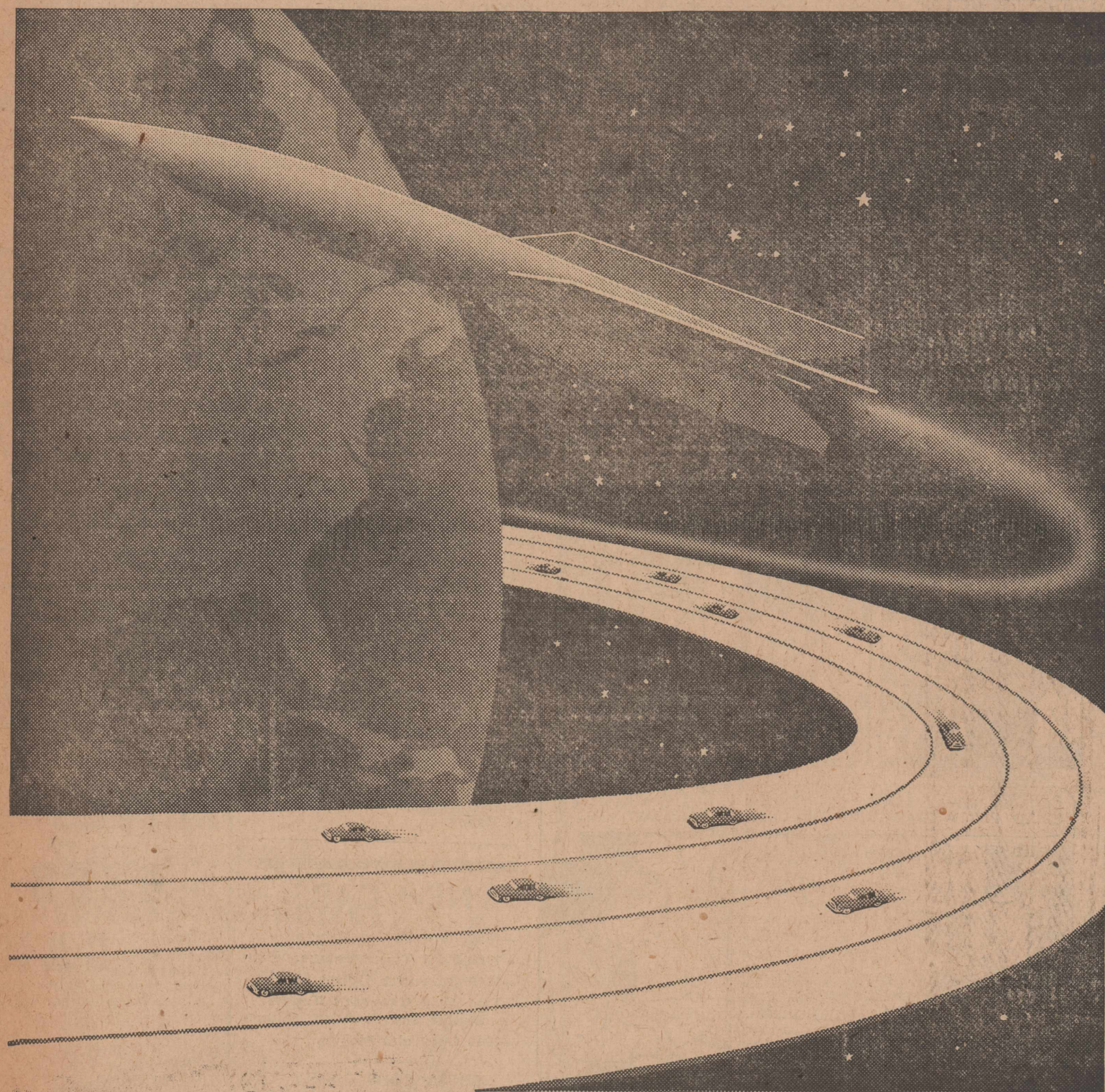
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