

New Electric Strike Pends

Westinghouse UEW GM Decision To Be Demand \$2 Daily Wage Increases On Fact-Finding Board Awaited

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The government was given scant time today in which to conciliate a wage dispute in the electrical industry before a strike decision deadline set for January 5.

Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company said it would send representatives to Washington January 2 to talk over the CIO-United Electrical Workers' demand for a \$2 daily wage increase.

US Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren had invited both Westinghouse and General Electric company to a meeting Friday. Warren said General Electric rejected the Friday session, as did Westinghouse, but left the door slightly ajar for meeting next week.

W. G. Marshall, Westinghouse vice-president, said next Wednesday's meeting should not be taken as an indication of any "breach between the parties." The union contends that negotiations with General Electric and Westinghouse broke down last week. Talks are continuing, however, with General Motors, the other unit in the electrical industry's "big three."

After a two-hour conference with the union representatives yesterday, Warren told reporters "I'm afraid it's a serious situation."

The union, in a statement issued in New York, termed a strike "inevitable on the basis of conditions which exist at present."

It scheduled a meeting of its general executive board January 5, to proceed with plans for strike action. The union membership voted nearly five-to-one in favor of a strike.

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Chief remaining point of attention was GM's promised announcement this afternoon as to whether the corporation would be represented when President Truman's fact-finding board resumes its hearings tomorrow.

Vice President Walter P. Reuther of the CIO United Automobile Workers made it plain the union would send a delegation and said insufficient progress was made at yesterday's negotiating session here to justify postponement of the government's panel meeting Friday.

Agreement was reached, Reuther said, on procedure for handling such issues as picketing, seniority and lunch periods by collective bargaining on a local basis in the absence of a contract. GM terminated its contract with the union Dec. 10, four months in advance of its expiration date.

The presidential fact-finders have said they will proceed with their study even if either party should bolt.

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FIREMEN SEARCH BLAST WRECKAGE—Firemen search for victims of a warehouse apartment building destroyed in Santa Barbara, Calif., by an explosion. At least five bodies were recovered from the ruins. Five other persons were injured.

Darnaby Enigma Still Unsolved

Police investigators who brought Floyd Homer Pruitt to town Wednesday in the hope of punching his story full of holes and saddling him with the blame for taking the life of Mrs. Pat Darnaby accomplished the former but made utterly no progress toward establishing the accused party's actual guilt.

Mrs. Darnaby was slain early Tuesday morning on Highway 87 some seven miles west of Big Spring in an automobile being driven by her husband, a local cafe operator. The tragedy occurred, Darnaby told police, when they drove upon a man signalling for aid while standing in the middle of the thoroughfare and stopped to render aid.

Pruitt had orally admitted being in the vicinity of the scene at the time of the shooting. He heard the shots, one of which could have cost Mrs. Darnaby her life. But, he adamantly maintains, it was not he who killed her.

Continued interrogation by members of the sheriff's department has revealed little but that both Pruitt and the victim's husband, who drove the woman to the scene of the crime, could have been in a state of near hysteria as the macabre episode neared its climactic end.

When first approached by officers in an Odessa hospital, where he had admittedly gone to doctor wounds he had received as a result of an alleged attack near the scene of the killing, Pruitt claimed he stopped to regain a hub-cap which had fallen from his car.

Preliminary investigation betrayed the fact that the cap had never been off the wheel.

Pruitt also stated he had been attacked by a negro wearing a military uniform, then proceeded at a later questioning to admit he had not actually seen his assailant. He bore marks about the head and a pistol wound on the left hand to add credence to his claim.

The stories told by Darnaby and Pruitt come into direct conflict when police sought to establish

the location of the gunman who fired the fatal bullet. Pruitt stoutly maintains that the shots came from the left side of the east-bound vehicle. Darnaby is most positive in his belief that the shell was fired from the right side of the road.

Mrs. Darnaby was obviously in the act of dismounting from the car when struck, but it could not be ascertained from which side the death bullet came. The steel-jacketed slug, fired at a distance of more than four feet—there were no powder burns—made no larger hole in the woman's head when it emerged than when it penetrated.

Darnaby claimed he opened the left door of the car to bring his gun—a cal. 45 pistol—into play, blazing away at the alleged killer, who spirited westward up the highway.

What might have been the slug that felled Mrs. Darnaby plowed through a steel brace of the left front door of Darnaby's car and later was discovered under his wife's body in the front seat but Darnaby said he had no knowledge as to its origin nor did he know when it was fired.

Nurses at the Odessa hospital washed Pruitt's hands free of blood before officers arrived on the scene, eliminating the possibility of taking a paraffin test of his hands.

Mrs. Darnaby's body was taken overland to Odessa, her husband's home, for memorial services. Burial rites will take place later in the week in Abilene.

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Hope Dims Miners May Escape Trap

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27 (AP)—At least 13 fires have been spotted and put out by rescue workers attempting to reach from 30 to 50 men entombed by a coal mine explosion more than 24 hours ago but hopes that the men would be found alive grew dimmer.

A. D. Sisk, director of rescue operations outside the Number One mine of the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal company, said no more fires had been sighted but it was not known whether any were farther back in the tunnel. The workers had penetrated approximately one and a half miles back and were about 3,000 feet from the entombed men.

The number of trapped men still was not definitely known today. Estimates of officials ranged as high as 50 but others believed the figure would not exceed 30.

Last hopes of reaching the men alive grew dimmer as 24 hours passed since the explosion which, although not felt or heard above the ground, turned the mine's timbers and walls into a jungle of wreckage.

A company spokesman said there was no indication how much longer it might take to reach the scene of the blast, believed to be near the end of the two to two and one-half mile long tunnel. Some mine men said the cave-in might be reached today, but others said it was doubtful that the area could be reached short of two or three more days.

None of those close to the scene held out hopes that any of the men would be reached alive. The general consensus of experts was that most of the miners could have been killed by the actual explosion or later by carbon monoxide.

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Eight Crewmen Of Sinking Ship Reported Lost

GALVESTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Eight crew members of the Swedish ship Sveaborg, which exploded and sank at Texas City today are reported missing.

Sheriff Frank L. Biaggne, who boarded the vessel shortly after the explosion, said G. Engh, first mate, told him eight men were missing and believed dead in the flooded crew's quarters.

Engh said 12 were hurt, two critically. The ship has a crew of 27 men, 36 Swedes and one Finn.

Biaggne said divers planned to go into the flooded compartment to bring out the bodies unless officials decide to wait until the ship is refloated.

Biaggne said J. P. Cartwright of Houston, a watchman, said the blast occurred at 4:10 a. m. from a donkey engine boiler explosion, located aft to pump out bilge water.

Cartwright, who was making his rounds near the ship, was blown four feet into the air and suffered a head gash when he fell to the deck.

The injured men were taken to hospitals in Texas City and Galveston.

The Sveaborg was loading gasoline at the Pan American Refining Corporation docks at the time. The explosion tore a 15-foot hole in the port side of the ship and flattened the superstructure. The aft end of the ship sank immediately.

Commander of the ship is Capt. S. Johansen.

Child Killed By Fireworks

DAVID Woodrow Seely, 4-year-old son of Pvt. and Mrs. J. E. Seely, was dead today as the result of a freakish fireworks explosion.

The boy, who would have been five years old on Jan. 2, died at 8 p. m. in a local hospital, five hours after his left hand and face had been affected by the unaccountable explosion of a jumbo firecracker. The hand was amputated in an effort to save the youngster's life.

Members

Billie Louise Day Wed Wednesday To E. F. Baldock

In a ceremony performed Wednesday at noon Billie Louise Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Day of Talpa, became the bride of Sgt. Earl F. Baldock of Big Spring. The single ring ceremony was read by Justice of the Peace Walter Grace in his office.

The bride wore a tailored suit of teal blue wool with a hat in the same shade. Other accessories were black.

Mrs. O. E. Baldock acted as matron of honor and wore a light blue suit with brown accessories. O. E. Baldock acted as best man.

The bride attended school in Talpa, Baldock; son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baldock, attended DeCatur schools prior to his entry into the army. He was confined to a Japanese prison camp for four years, and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston. Following his furlough, which ends in March, he will receive his discharge. Present plans are that the couple will live in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gray were in Merkel Sunday to attend a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Sloan's father, Sam Buckman, Sr., on his 83rd birthday.

Visits And Visitors

Cadet Midshipman 4-c Richard E. Arcand is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andre Arcand, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross. He will return to his base at San Mateo, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gable of Long Beach, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Opaouse, La., were weekend guests of Mrs. Mammie Mayfield. The Gables are former residents of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas, Lubbock, were the Christmas guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey. Also guests of the Jeffreys were Lt. and Mrs. Pat O'Connell of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fletcher are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hall. They will return about the first of the year to Birmingham, Ala., where they are making their home. Jack Hall will return to Rifle, Colo., at about the same time.

Guests in the home of Miss Marian McDonald for the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dorsett.

Mr. Elmer Dorsett and daughter, Carolyn, left Saturday night to join her husband who is in the Navy stationed in Yorktown, Va.

She has written a letter to Mayor Woodall Rodgers of Dallas asking his help in locating a soldier, Charles Koneba, who fought in France and Germany. She was able to provide only the information that he was a farmer and lived in Texas.

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Eight New Members Of Subdeb Club Have Formal Presentation, Dance

In an archway copying the emblem of the Sub Deb club new members were presented in formal ceremonies Wednesday evening in the ballroom of the Settles hotel.

The girls and their escorts were introduced from the royal blue arch, designed with the club initials in tinselled silver letters, and draped with blue velvet. Silver multi-sized stars completed decorations, and large silver stars bearing the name of each new member was set in wall panels in the ballroom.

New members and their escorts were introduced by Joanne Rice, mistress of ceremonies.

Jean Ellen Chowns, escorted by Jimmie Tamsitt, wore a gown of

white net embroidered with sequins with a corsage of pink gladioli blossoms. Escorted by Richard O'Brien, Mary Louise Davis wore pink net with designs in sequins with which she wore an orchid corsage.

Nina Curry's dress was of white net, frosted with sequins, and her flowers were red roses. Her escort was Jimmy Jones. Dorothy Satterwhite, who was accompanied by James Duncan, was gowned in a frock of fuchsia net sequin trim, with which she wore a hair corsage, and shoulder corsage of white carnations.

Wearing yellow chiffon, Billie Jean Younger was attended by Don Richardson, and her flowers were tallman roses. Patsy Ann Thompkins wore a formal of pale

pink net designed with ruffles on the skirt lines. Her flowers were blue iris for her hair, and a shoulder corsage of the iris. Her escort was Larry Hall.

Blue net with a design of sequins was used by Patsy McDaniel for her presentation gown. Her corsage was of white gladioli blossoms, centered with blue delphinium. She was attended by Paul Schaffer. Beverly Stulting, wearing a white net presentation gown, accented with a corsage of red roses, was escorted by Wendell Strahan.

Members of the Sub-Deb club and their dates included Melba Dean Anderson and D. D. Douglas; Bobbie June Bobb and Wesley Rogers; Mary Nell Cook and Jimmie Shaffer; Betty Lou McGinnis and Johnny Allison; Wilma Jo Taylor and Harry Hurt; Anna Claire Waters and Robert O'Brien; Luan Wear and Charles Lovelace; and Helon Blount and Neil Barnett.

Approximately 200 guests attended the presentation ceremony, which was followed by a formal dance with music furnished by Buddy Arnett and his orchestra.

Mary Astor Marries Chicagoan Christmas

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP)—Mary Astor of the movies and Thomas Wheelock, Chicago broker, were honeymooning today somewhere in Arizona.

They were married the day before Christmas, but the few friends in attendance kept the secret until Miss Astor made the announcement in a telegram to her studio yesterday.

It was the 39-year-old actress' fourth marital venture. Her husbands, in order of their appearance: Film Director Kenneth Hawks, who died in an airplane crash in 1929; Dr. Franklin Thorpe, divorced in 1935; Manuel Martinez Del Campo, Mexico City insurance executive, divorced in 1942.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 27 (AP)—Hospital attendants today reported as "unchanged" the condition of Roy Miller of Houston and Corpus Christi, recovering here after an emergency operation. They said he had a "fair" night.



Top picture, left to right, Patsy McDaniel, Billie Jean Younger, Beverly Stulting, Mary Louise Davis. Lower picture, Patsy Ann Thompkins, Nina Curry, Jean Ellen Chowns, Dorothy Satterwhite.

Shaw Asks British To Draft Alphabet According to Sound

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—George Bernard Shaw appealed today to the British government to appoint a committee to draft a new English alphabet "with which every sound in our speech can be written with one graphic and easily written symbol without even crosses or dots."

Shaw, who has campaigned before for simplification of the alphabet, said in a letter to the Times that adoption of his proposals would soon pay the cost of the war in time saved.

Using the word "bomb" as an example, Shaw said the final "b" was "entirely senseless" and represented "an absurd mispronunciation, as if the word 'gun' were to be spelt 'gung'."

"I can scribble the word 'bomb' barely legibly 15 times in one minute," Shaw said, "and 'bom' 24 times, a saving of 25 per cent."

The result, he argued, is staggering enough to justify a priority for a new alphabet, "no matter what it costs."

Gets Divorce

RENO, Nev., Dec. 27 (AP)—The 13 year marriage of Mrs. Winifred M. Baruch and Bernard M. Baruch, Jr., son of the famed finance and government expert, ended in a divorce court here yesterday.

Baruch was charged by his wife with extreme cruelty.

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Many sufferers relieve nagging backache quickly, once they discover that the real cause of their trouble may be tired kidneys. The kidneys are Nature's chief way of taking the excess acids and waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 3 pints a day.

When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may cause nagging backache, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, putting up with aches, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness. Frequent or scanty passages with smarting and burning sometimes shows there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder.

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Jap Guard Sentenced To Life Of Hard Labor For Abusing Prisoner

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 27 (AP)—A life sentence at hard labor, instead of the death penalty the prosecution demanded, was returned today against the first Japanese to be tried on the soil of his surrendered country as a war criminal.

The sentence, effecting an expression of gratitude for American justice from a Japanese on the defense staff, was passed by a US war crimes commission against Tatsuo Tsuchiya, a prison camp guard.

Among the crimes of which he was convicted was participation in the torture and killing of Pfc. Robert Gordon Teas, of Streator, Ill., a prisoner of war.

The commission, after announcing its decision in the morning, reconvened this afternoon to try Lt. Ken Yuri, charged with directing guards to bayonet to death an imprisoned American soldier while American officers watched.

Gillette Transport May Have To Close

DALLAS, Dec. 27 (AP)—Gillette Motor Transport, Inc., may be forced to liquidate its assets and quit business because of labor difficulties, Delbert Davison, vice-president and general manager, said yesterday.

"It is beginning to look as though we can't show a profit because of the strike which is tying us up, and when a company can't show a profit it is time to shut down," he said.

The corporation has been strike-bound since Dec. 8 when the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Warehousemen (AFL) called its workers off the job.

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VICKS VAPORUB

NEED TO FIND TEXAS FARMER

DALLAS, Dec. 27 (AP)—Texas in area covers 267,339 square miles and has 418,002 farms, according to the 1940 census, but apparently these facts are not known to Mile. J. Paquet of France.

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Rioting In Athens

ATHENS, Dec. 27 (AP)—Rioting broke out today in the suburb of Piraeus when a mob attempted to free two members of the extreme leftwing organization KKE who had been arrested for allegedly disarming a police officer.

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The truth about "take-home"

The demand of UAW-CIO leaders for a wage increase to "maintain wartime take-home" assumes that the wartime work week averaged 48 hours.

That is not true. In General Motors workers averaged 45.6 hours work a week. For industry as a whole the average was a little less.

The demand of UAW-CIO leaders also assumes that the postwar work week will be 40 hours.

General Motors expects to work 45 to 48 hours for a considerable period of time in order to produce enough goods to relieve shortages created during the war. Employees will be paid at the rate of time-and-a-half for hours worked over 40.

General Motors answered the UAW demand for a 30% jump in present rates with the offer of a wage increase that would have averaged 13½ cents an hour. This would have made the average wage increase since January 1941 at least equal to the increase in the cost of living.

A GM worker who earned \$56.93 for a 45.6-hour week during the war would have received \$63.44, under the GM postwar offer, for working the same number of hours.

This offer, aimed to increase wartime take-home pay by at least 10%, was rejected by UAW leaders.

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And He's Just Out Of The Army SON GETS CAR FOR CHRISTMAS— BOUGHT ABOUT TIME HE WAS BORN

By JACK RUTLEDGE
Associated Press Staff
Roy W. Wicker, Jr., got a new car for Christmas but it wasn't just a cut-and-dried business transaction.

In fact, it still has some of the officials of the Lubbock Motor Company a little bewildered.

Roy W. Wicker, Sr., walked into the salesroom and asked if he could get a new automobile.

He said he was getting it for a serviceman, his son.

The automobile dealer asked if he had placed an order for a car. Wicker said yes, he had placed an order some time ago. He pulled out a receipt.

It was dated March 13, 1925 and showed that he had paid cash for a car.

He explained he had just never got around to coming in for the car he paid for. He said his son had come back from service and needed a car and he figured this would be as good a time as any.

A new model was promptly delivered and Wicker, Sr., paid the difference.

Harry Morris, manager of the company, said the company had been unable to locate Wicker and make delivery in the past. He said Wicker had placed his order before Ford quit, making the Model T.

Morris also said there wasn't much difference between the age of the receipt, and the age of Wicker's son who got the new car.

parking meters.
An aged rancher made one of his rare visits to town, noticed the parking meters with approval, said the new city administration was okay.

"It's the first time in 30 years Brownsville has had hitching posts," he said happily.

Operation Removes Obstructing Pecan

Gayle Ray Watts, 13-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Watts, San Angelo, apparently was recovering Thursday after being rushed here Wednesday afternoon for an emergency bronchoscopic operation.

The baby was suffering from effects of a piece of pecan kernel swallowed three days ago. Given emergency treatment for strangulation, Gayle was making satisfactory progress until pieces of the kernel obstructed the bronchial tubes and caused the right lung to collapse Wednesday morning.

A San Angelo pediatrician, with oxygen equipment, accompanied the child and parents to the Malone & Hogan Clinic-Hospital Wednesday afternoon, when a specialist in San Angelo was unavailable.

The obstructions removed, the baby was able to be returned to San Angelo Wednesday evening.

County 4-H Clubs Enter Stock Show

County Agent Durward Lewter announced entries today of 11 4-H club animals from Howard county for the annual stock show at Houston to be held Feb. 1-10.

Five of the entries will be Herefords, which are now on feed. Others include two Angus steers, three Southdown lambs and one fine wool lamb.

The animals will be carried to Houston on Jan. 28 and are scheduled to be shown on Feb. 2. The Houston affair is the first major stock show of the season in Texas.

Arvie Walker Phones Parents From Jersey
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walker received a telephone call from their son, S/Sgt. Arvie Earl Walker, saying that he had landed safely in New Jersey after braving the North Atlantic storm which old time skippers said was the worst in their experience. He will proceed to Ft. Sam Houston to be mustered out.

In the service for the past three and half years, Sgt. Walker has served with the 82nd paratroopers, making jumps in Holland and pushing across most of Germany. Recently he has been assigned at Frankfurt, Germany, where he was on the 508th Parachute grid team with Hal Battle, another Big Springer.

VERNON VISITORS
Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Rogers, Vernon, were the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ligon Baird.

WITH BROTHER
Mrs. Garner McAdams has been at the bedside of a brother in Winters for the past several days.



Mrs. Julia Wallace To Be Buried Today

COLORADO CITY, Dec. 27 (Sp) Funeral for Mrs. Julia Wallace, wife of C. A. Wallace, Colorado City, has been set for 4:30 Thursday afternoon at Oak St. Baptist church here. The pastor, Rev. A. B. Lightfoot, will officiate and burial will be in Colorado City cemetery under direction of Kiker and Son chapel.

Born in Bonham Oct. 18, 1890, Mrs. Wallace was married on Dec. 24, 1913 and moved with her husband to the Seven Wells community, Mitchell county, in 1925.

Her husband, her mother, Mrs. Hattie Echols of Bonham, three sons and four daughters survive her. Her children are, James W. Wallace, Floyd Wallace, W. J. Wallace, returned last week from two and a half years military duty in the European theater; Mrs. Louis Taylor, Mrs. Roy Lee Brown, Mrs. Roger Grimes and Pauline Wallace, all of Colorado City.

Villain Marries Heroine's Understudy

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (P) — The villain married the heroine's understudy last night.

Principals were Fred Nickson and Jeanne Collins of "The Drunkard," the melodrama that goes on and on. It was the sixteenth marriage among members of the cast in the show's 13 years.

Southwestern Bell Plans Expansions In Big Spring Area

The Southwestern Bell Telephone company expects to spend approximately \$63,000 in 1946 to enlarge the telephone system and to provide service to those who are waiting for telephones in Big Spring, H. F. Fox, district manager, announced today.

This program, said Fox, is designed to enable the company to furnish service to almost 250 families here who are now waiting for telephones.

Big Spring expansion is part of the \$53,000,000 telephone improvement and enlargement program for Texas during the next five years part of which already is underway, according to the district manager. Besides some \$100,000,000 earmarked for normal growth of business, an additional \$140,000,000 has been set up in the five-state region served by the company for the special expansion.

Included in the Big Spring work will be the extension of outside wire and cable where necessary and the addition of two positions of switchboard in the central office. The work will be done as soon as the necessary material equipment can be obtained, said Fox.

As facilities permit, those who have been on lists longest will be served first, said the district manager. When the list has been cleared, the matter of enlarging the system still further to provide normal plant margins to enable prompt furnishing of telephones will be undertaken.

Since 1935 the number of telephones here has almost doubled. Big Spring now has 3,165 telephones. Fox said efforts would be made to "get back to our old peacetime basis and improve on that."

Weather Forecast Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Friday. Slightly colder. Low tonight near freezing. High 55.

| City | Max. | Min. |
|------------|------|------|
| Ablene | 69 | 41 |
| Amarillo | 54 | 24 |
| BIG SPRING | 71 | 35 |
| Chicago | 28 | 12 |
| Denver | 36 | 20 |
| El Paso | 60 | 38 |
| Fort Worth | 65 | 50 |
| Galveston | 60 | 55 |
| New York | 49 | 35 |
| St. Louis | 32 | 23 |

Sunset today 5:49 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:46 a. m.

SONNY CHAPMAN HERE

Cpl. Sonny Chapman, who has been visiting his wife, Helen, here for several days, is scheduled to leave Sunday for Chanute Field, Ill.

Chapman is scheduled to get his discharge sometime in February.

Christmas Round-Up For Cubs Arranged

D. M. McKinney, Cubbing commissioner for the Big Spring district, today reminded Cubs of all packs in the district of the "Christmas Round-Up" affair planned for Friday.

The out-of-doors program will start at 4 p. m. at den No. 1 playground, 100 yards beyond the west end of 17th street.

Dads are especially invited, said McKinney, and Den Mothers are to be guests. Each boy is to bring "his Dad and a pound of steak."

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said McKinney. Funds already on hand will be used to provide food items. A program of recreation has been arranged to precede the steak fry.

Auto Stolen

Marshall Henderson reported to police that his car was stolen about 9 p. m. Wednesday at his apartment at Ellis Homes. The missing car is a 1934 black Ford coupe with Texas license DM-1184.

Other valuables were in the automobile.

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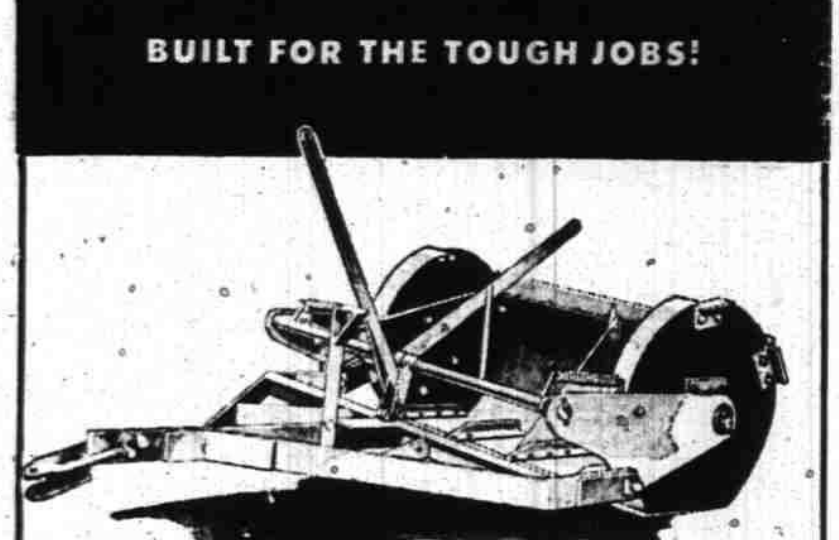
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es, the cost of living will continue to rise during 1946 due largely to increased wages.

16. Providing jobs for returning soldiers at satisfactory wages will be the big political task of 1946. There will be jobs for all, but not at the wages desired.

Retail Sales
17. The volume of retail sales will be about the same as in 1945. Sales of ladies' apparel and general luxuries will suffer, but many items now unavailable will be purchased.

18. The total dollar retail sales

should exceed 1945 with an increased demand for woolen and cotton textiles.

19. There will be a great demand for men's clothing and especially for shirts with honest standard length "tails".

20. Wise shoppers will not buy only what they need and not grab to stock up unnecessary supplies.

Foreign Trade

21. The United States will own over 50 per cent of the world's shipping in 1946.

22. We will make England and some other countries loans provided they will agree to spend a fair proportion of the money in the United States.

23. Both the British Empire and Russia will keenly compete for foreign trade during 1946; but cartels and government monopolies will be frowned upon.

24. Russia, Germany and England may try to "gang up" against the United States but we will fearlessly oppose such actions if they occur.

LABOR

25. The Little Steel Formula will be forgotten during 1946. The year will be noted for strikes and labor troubles.

26. Industrial employment during 1946 will be off both in hours and in pay rolls, labor leaders' efforts not withstanding.

27. Many industries, now operating on a forty-eight-hour week, will return to a forty or forty-five-hour week during 1946.

28. Hourly wage rates will increase, but "take-home" income will be less. Labor will demand better management and closer labor-management relations.

Inflation

29. The Inflation Era which I have been forecasting for several years will be very evident in 1946. The purchasing power of the dollar will continue to decline.

30. Both wage and price controls will gradually be removed during 1946 until the government throws up its hands and lets nature take its course.

31. Some time after 1946, production will catch up with consumption, people will have spent their money and there will be a surplus of goods. By 1950 there may be much unemployment. Then may come the severest inflation, by Congress attempting to check the decline by printing currency. But this is something we need not worry about for two or three years.

32. If Stalin's health continues good, he will be the world's most powerful man in 1946 and may be a factor in determining world prices as well as production. The markets may even witness a "communist scare" during 1946; but they should recover soon thereafter.

33. The rails will decline some time during 1946. Certain airplane manufacturing, shipbuilding and other wars tocks may decline; but the Dow-Jones Industrial Average will reach higher figures some time during 1946 than at present.

34. The safest stocks to buy—considering value, income and safety—will continue to be the merchandising stocks, especially chain store stocks.

35. 1946 saw a large increase in the demand for inflation stocks with a lesser demand for non-inflation stocks; but 1946 should witness both groups moving more or less together. Switching has been over-done in many cases.

36. Stock markets will continue to witness creeping general inflation, although the stock market as a whole may appear to have reached its peak before December 31, 1946.

Bonds

37. Although bank loaning rates should have an upward tendency, interest rates in general will re-

main low through 1946. The money supply is now 25 per cent above normal and government financing demands continued low rates.

39. The high-grade corporation bonds may hold steady but sooner or later decline considerably. Whether this will start in 1946 I do not know. Investors will give more attention to diversification and staggering maturities during 1946.

40. More public utilities will be taken over by Municipalities and "Authorities" during 1946. Wise investors will consider this possibility when selecting public utility bonds. Some stocks such as "Eastern Utilities Associates Convertible Shares", in which I am personally interested, should be helped by public ownership.

Real Estate

41. Suburban real estate will be in much greater demand with higher prices during 1946.

42. City real estate should hold its own, excepting in the former congested war production areas where declines may set in.

43. Small productive farms will continue to increase in price; but

large commercial farms may sell for less in 1946 than in 1945.

44. Building will show a considerable increase. Contracts will be up with advancing prices due to scarcity of lumber, cement, bricks and labor.

45. Office and residential rents during 1946, may be expected to increase.

46. 1946 may see the beginning of a real building boom. The pessimists will make little money in 1946.

Politics and Postwar Peace
47. President Truman may lose control of Congress, but he will try to take a middle-of-the-road

position. I believe that all wise Republicans and Democrats should support his efforts.

48. Our foreign headaches will become worse and more frequent during 1946. What we are going through to reorganize Germany will be repeated in other countries.

49. The Latin American honeymoon has passed its peak. The attitude of Argentina will extend to other countries. Our South American troubles will increase in 1946.

50. 1946 will see more religious interest, including more church-going, than did 1945. People generally are realizing that without

a Spiritual Awakening no peace or other plans will be much good. Nations cannot be depended upon to cooperate and stick to their agreements unless they recognize God as their real Ruler and Guide.

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Tyler's Bulldog 11 Gaining Strength

Visiting Tutor Expects Lions To Be Tougher

Victors in ten games in as many starts this season and boasting one of the best defensive records of any gridiron eleven in the state, the Tyler Bulldogs will be heavily favored to make it two victories in a row when they tangle with the Lakeview colored school Lions of Big Spring in the Cattle Bowl game here next Tuesday.

The Dogs, tutored by wise old T. V. Glover — a negro football authority in East Texas circles for more than a decade — have limited the opposition to a bare 25 points during the 1945 season. One

of the four touchdowns they surrendered, incidentally, was to the Lakeview club. In a Thanksgiving Day battle between the two contingents, the Tyler troupe made away with a 13-8 decision by rushing across their second score in the final two minutes of play.

Glover is expecting the Big Springers to be much tougher to deal with this time out. The Lions outplayed his Bulldogs during first half play the last time and, with added player strength, Coach Frank Miller's clan is due to be much harder to get along with.

Lee and Spigler, star Bulldog linemen who were missing from the starting aggregation in the last game with Big Spring, will be ready to function, assuring the Tyler club of ample defensive strength.

In the Tyler secondary, Cunningham, Hanks and Anderson have been looking to advantage. The latter two combine their talents to give the Bulldogs a respected passing game.

The New Year's Day bout here, with a 2 o'clock curtain call scheduled, is expected to lure a big crowd to Steer stadium. Sale of pasteboards is moving along at a brisk rate.

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LOOKING 'EM OVER

With ANGUS LECESTER

Manhattan's Madison Square Garden — the House that Rickard Built — has housed 32 championship prize fights since it opened in 1925 but, strangely enough, the boxing game now ranks fourth as a money earner there.

The rodeos lead the way, followed by the circus and ice shows.

Texas' football Longhorns will probably open the 1946 campaign with the University of Southern California Trojans, and meet Purdue before plunging into the Southwest conference schedule, according to Peppy Blount, who returned to Austin from here Christmas day to begin final work for the Cotton Bowl game.

When Dana Bible quits coaching after next season to devote his time to the job of athletic director at the university, he'll try bringing a number of "big" games to the Southwest.

Memorial Stadium will probably be equipped with lights so that most of the games can be played under the lights. It seems most of the teams of the Big Ten frown on coming down this way early in the season because they cannot fight the weather. It is that and not the prospect of small crowds, as is generally believed.

Incidentally, Blount has turned down flat an offer for a screen trout in Hollywood, preferring to remain in school.

He finished as one of four finalists in Monogram's nationwide campaign to find a suitable player for the character "Joe Falooka" and was proffered the opportunity of taking new tests in the movie capital but Peppy vetoed the idea, despite the insistence of his devoted mother.

The Pepper intends taking part in as many sports as the university dads will let him. He'll report for the track squad in the spring and will come out for baseball, if its permissible.

Next summer, the Big Spring product will work for Bible in the coach's famous girl camp in South Texas.

Peppy was accompanied back to Austin by Hubert Bechtel, the All-America end who spent the holidays in Lubbock.

Asked who the toughest lineman he encountered all fall, Peppy replied that without a doubt it was Tom Dean, SMU's great tackle.

"I never succeeded in blocking that fellow down but once. He was always in my hair," Blount replied.

According to Bob Flowers, Big Spring's H. (Harry) C. Burris is one of the most sought-after football players in this broad land. The pros look upon him as one of the greatest offensive ends developed in recent years, potentially in a class with the incomparable Don Hutson.

H. C. has been drafted by George Halas' Chicago Bears but may elect to cast his lot with some member of the new All-America loop.

Not many fans know it but Halas, incidentally, is one of the Rose Bowl immortals. He starred on a powerful Great Lakes Naval eleven that defeated the Mare Island Marines, 17-0, in the 1919 Pasadena classic.

The selling of seats for bowl games has become a highly commercialized racket that could bear looking into.

There hasn't been a public sale of Orange Bowl (Miami) pews since 1939.

One of the better bowling scores racked up in recent days at the West Texas Alleys was the 279 fired by G. G. Runyan, who competes in the Classic league every Monday night.

Runyan wound up with a 279. He had 13 strikes.

Bovines Routed In First Round Play, 69-34

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 27 (AP) — A three-in-one package of explosives will be ripped open tonight by the Oklahoma Aggies and the University of Kansas in the feature semi-final tilt of the tenth annual all-college basketball tournament.

The wrapper reads:
1—Undeclared Kansas vs. once-beaten Aggies.
2—High scorer: Bob Kurland against sharpshooter Charlie Black.

3—A battle of the master coaches, Henry Iba of the Aggies and Forrest C. (Phog) Allen of Kansas. The University of Oklahoma clashes with Baylor in the second

Another Major Football Bowl Game Talked

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP) — It still is supposed to be a top secret that there's talk of another major football "bowl" to be set up at Baton Rouge, La., next year. A group of Louisiana sportsmen has been in touch with the Southeastern conference about signing up the league champion each season and, if that goes through, they'll round out the Louisiana State U. stadium to seat 75,000 customers. The SEC answer is expected in February or March and if it is "No" the whole idea will be dropped. The average major league baseball scout earns about \$3,500 a year with a top salary of about 10G's. . . . Wonder where they learn the financial language they talk to prospects?

Power Of The Press
S. W. Purviance, coach of the "Josingest" high school basketball team, reports his boys ran their string to 49 straight defeats early this season. Then the streak was mentioned in this space and in the next game Boykins whipped a team to which it had lost 16 times in a row.

Tackles Can Swing Issue In Dallas Go

With The Bowl Teams

DALLAS, Dec. 27 (AP) — Next Tuesday's Cotton Bowl game between Texas and Missouri could develop into a battle of giant tackles. But this doesn't mean bone-crushing tackles and teeth-rattling blocks although there will be plenty of that from the two men in mind.

But if it's a kicking duel, most certainly these massive forwards will figure strongly in the ultimate result. Because Jim Kekeris, one of the biggest men in football, does a little bit of everything for Missouri including punting. Then, there's Jimmy Plyler, Texas tackle, who is one of the top kickers of the country.

It is unusual to find a football game in which tackles take care of punting chores on both sides. The 240-pound Plyler does all the booting for Texas and in 49 kicks this season has averaged 38.7 yards. Kekeris, under whose 299 pounds the scales groan, is the most consistent punter for Missouri and does most of the kicking when Quarterback Leonard Brown is not in the game.

Kekeris is the most noted player on the Tiger team. He has distinguished himself for three seasons with his sterling line play and his gifted toe. This year he has booted 13 points after touchdowns, kicked a field goal to beat Southern Methodist and took a lateral pass from Halfback Bob Hopkins for a touchdown against Kansas.

The big man from St. Louis was second All-America tackle this year and has been All-Big Six for two seasons. Last January he starred in the East-West game.

Kekeris has been thrown out of two games this season for rough play but he insists "I wouldn't even sweat a fly. I love everybody. They all pick on me because I'm a healthy young man."

Kekeris has been putting on a good show in practice here this week—and also starring in the dining room.

Plyler will come to Dallas Sunday with the Texas squad. The Longhorns will arrive at 3:15 p. m. and hold their first workout at the scene of the bowl game.

Flu Epidemic Over But Alabamans Crippled By Injury To Star Half

semi-final match.

The Aggies, national cage champions, smothered Texas, 69-34, in the first round yesterday while Kansas cleaned Rice, 42-34. They both looked ragged but neither found enough opposition to raise a good sweat.

The tournament scoring feud between Kurland and Black, Jayhawk just out of the army, broke out last night. The seven-foot Aggie center took the lead with 24 points while Black anchored 17. Up until the tournament Black had swished in 91 points in six games while Kurland had marked up 77 in five.

In first round consolation games this afternoon Pepperdine College of Los Angeles meets Texas Christian and Texas plays Rice. Pepperdine fell before Baylor, 40-36, while Texas Christian lost to Oklahoma, 44-30, in first rounds yesterday.

The tournament ends tomorrow night.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 27 (AP)

Alabama's 34-man football squad has a lot of hard work ahead to reach the peak of physical fitness for the Rose Bowl game.

So says Coach Frank Thomas. The Alabamans arrived in nearby Pasadena last night. After a light meal they worked out briskly under arc-lights at South Pasadena High school.

Whether Halfback Lowell Tew plays against Southern California is problematical. The Alabama coaching staff has been trying to get a special headguard for him but has failed. Tew has a broken jaw, an injury sustained in the last day of practice at Tuscaloosa. Now Coach Wally Butts of Georgia informs Thomas that Frankie Sinkwich's special helmet that protected his cracked jaw has been lost.

The nine Alabamans who appeared to have influenza when they left home apparently are over it.

In the Southern California

Kerr Sends East Through Extended Secret Workout

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27 (AP)

East-West football coaches were hoping for clear skies to enable them to whip their football players into top form for the big charity games here New Year's Day.

Coach Andy Kerr and his associates Bernie Bierman and Beattie Feathers took advantage of good weather yesterday to send their charges through five hours of secret practice at Santa Clara.

The Western squad, training at Menlo Junior College, also went through stiff training under Coaches Homer Norton and Orin Hollingsberry.

Standouts during the Western squad practice, coaches reported, were two University of Nevada linemen, Max Dodge, end, and Bob McClure, tackle, and Guards Alf Hemstad, Washington and Harold Jungmichael, Texas.

camp, the ailing seems to be much on the mend. Coach Jeff Cravath's squad will be just about up to par, physically.

Willie Pep Ring's "Boxer Of Year"

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Willie Pep, the stylish Hartford, Conn. fighter, who owns one half of the world's featherweight title, has been named the "boxer of the year" for 1945 by Ring magazine.


The 126-pound king was the only champion to defend his crown during the year, whipping Phil Terranova in 15 rounds and piling up seven victories and one draw for the year.

Pep's chief rivals for the "boxer of the year" honor in Ring's annual copyrighted review and yearling ring ratings were Manuel Ortiz, the bantam champ from El Centro, Calif.; Jake Lamotta, the rock-jawed Bronx middleweight; Ray Robinson, New York negro whose only non-winning effort was a draw with Jose Basora, and Rocky Graziano, a middleweight thumper who flattered six straight rivals to rank as the "best new fighter."

In a surprise move, the magazine declared the "international" world lightweight title vacant, shuffling both Ike Williams, the NBA king, and Bob Montgomery, the New York champ, below the veteran Chalky Wright, Allie Stolz and Willie Joyce.

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Editorial —

Why Not A New State?

With The News

By Dewitt Mackenzie
AP World Traveler

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Britain's King George VI seems, rather paradoxically, to fit supremely well into the frame-work of the new socialist regime. The reason being that he not only is exceedingly democratic by nature but that he is said to have no personal ambitions.

Not to be outdone by my observations, the distaff side of this column team has penetrated deeply into a quarter very close indeed to royalty itself and has emerged with information showing that the king owes a good half of his success and popularity to Queen Elizabeth.

We must record that the royal partnership has been a love match from the beginning, and the home life of the king and queen and their two princesses has been wonderfully happy.

To get the full significance of this, we must know that King George, despite his appearance of smiling tranquility, is high strung. As a counterbalance we have the steady calm of his very Scottish queen.

Because kingship of the British commonwealth is one of the world's toughest jobs, at best, and George was thrown into it by fate without having had full training. Virtually everything had been entered in his elder brother, who became Edward VIII and then abdicated so he could marry "the woman I love."

One of George's hardest tasks of course, has been speechmaking before great assemblages, or broadcasting addresses which have been heard around the world. On these occasions the king always wants his queen with him, for she gives him courage.

She is gentle and sweet but she has a mind of her own and when her Scotch is made up, it is made up. If she is convinced that she has the right of a thing, it's very hard to budge her from it.

Eighteen-year-old Princess Elizabeth, who one day will be ruler of the empire in the ordinary course of events, has inherited her mother's calm, and couples conscientiousness with this sterling quality. She is being tutored in the wide field of learning which a ruling queen must possess, and is beginning to play her part at public functions.

That's the sort of royal family with which the socialist government has to deal, and relations are said to be in utmost harmony.

Harold Ickes has revived the idea of early if not immediate statehood for Hawaii.

Seemingly, the preponderance of evidence is on the side of Hawaii in its bid for statehood. Population certainly cannot be a valid argument since the territory has more population than several states. Public opinion cannot be used as an excuse, if survey polls are to be believed. Hawaii itself voted overwhelmingly for statehood and the surveys show mainland Americans favor the step by a 2-1 margin.

In fact, about the biggest stumbling block in the path of accomplishing the objective is a feeling on the part of many mainland citizens that only those sections contiguous to others should be considered states. Some even go so far as to say the admission of another territory, or even more, would disturb the 48-state arrangement, which seems pretty weak inasmuch as we built to that from 13 originals.

Too, there has been sentiment which holds that insular territories are more liable to attack and hence lay the nation liable to a loss of face or prestige. Well, we got plastered at Pearl Harbor, and we can't see that the damage was any less nor the dead any less dead because it was our territory rather than a state.

Ridiculing Ourselves

Recently, four members of the house of representatives, all of them democrats, announced their resignation from the congress effective January 1. They gave as reasons that they were suffering financial loss, which they could no longer afford, through serving as representatives. If the cost of living keeps on going up, we may be able to get only republicans to serve.

Seriously, this claim by the lawmakers cannot be too lightly considered. If there is a widespread feeling among the solons that they cannot serve except at a financial sacrifice, it is time that we ceased indulging in shallow sniping, and urge that proper adjustment be made. This proposal has been killed or crippled before, thanks in part to a wise-cracking public. What the public doesn't realize is that it is wise-cracking itself—for the people name the representatives. They should elect and demand the best and pay enough to get that calibre.

And Nothing Can Be Done About It



With The AEF: Filipino Family Has Own Version Of Yule

By HAL BOYLE
MANILA, Dec. 27 (AP)—It was night and raining and tiny Gecko lizards were singing in the papaya trees like robins.

Inside "Upper Bedlam," a seven-room Manila journalistic hotel with only three beds and three native servants, everybody was sitting around feeling sorry because they couldn't hang up their stockings at home in America. It was Christmas Eve.

There came a soft rapping at the door and in came several neighbors led by Mr. and Mrs. Jose Siaron.

"It is our first lighted Christmas in five years," explained Mrs. Siaron, who worked 18 years for the Philippine Long Distance Telephone company. "Before it always was dark. We want you to come to our house for a party. Please come."

"It never rains in Manila in December," said Mrs. Siaron with true California spirit before she walked through the dripping night to her-throated home. Star-shaped lighted paper lanterns symbolizing the heavenly beacon that shone long ago in Bethlehem, hung from every doorway.

The Siarons live in the second floor of a simple duplex. The living room was lit up like a grand

opera opening and crowded with relatives. On a center table was a little Christmas tree decorated with tinsel made from tin foil that airmen throw out of their planes to confuse enemy radar equipment. A small pile of Christmas packages lay at the foot of the tree. One of them was a box of American crackers.

While 17-year-old Josefino Siaron pounded out dance music on an old Leipzig piano several young girls propounded their anxious question:

"Which American company has the best women's styles," and they asked about several well-known mail order merchandising companies.

Then the food came — plate after plate of soup and chicken and rice and french-fried potatoes and wonderful fruit salad.

Among the pictures hanging up on the living room's walls was the familiar painting of "The Sacred Heart of Jesus," showing the Saviour standing with open hands. It is a picture you can find in humble people's homes around the world. A light shone upon it and the inscription beneath:

"I will bless the homes in which the image of my sacred heart shall be exposed and honored."

He has blessed his Philippine home with happiness the year around.

Washington Merry-Go-Round—

Gross Waste Prevalent In India

By DREW PEARSON
WASHINGTON — Congressman Albert Engel of Muskegon, Mich., once was described by General Marshall as the "Gadfly" of the War Department. Never did he justify that name, however, as much as on a recent trip to India when he caught the Army in the act of burning gloves, parachutes and flying jackets, parachuting and flying instruments with an axe, and flying empty Coca-Cola bottles over air route in the world.

Congressman Engel had a rough time getting this and other information over the head of Gen. George Richards, the War Department budget officer who accompanied the Congressional committee on its tour.

Richards did everything in his power to prevent Engel from talking with officers who knew about irregularities and were itching to "spill what they knew. The general even went to the length of threatening to leave Engel behind at Karachi, India.

Richards had laid out a carefully planned schedule of stops that amounted to a cook's tour of officers' clubs, so the investigating Congressmen would hear only what the War Department wanted. But he didn't reckon with the two-fisted Congressman from Michigan.

The sub-committee stopped at Karachi for lunch and were told to get back on the plane at 1:15 to start for Abadan. On his way to the officers mess, Engel stopped to talk to some young Air Corps officers who had been flying transport planes over the hump. Immediately, chaperon Richards rushed over and tried to break up the conversation.

"You'll have to eat right away in order to make the plane, Congressman," he said.

Gadfly Engel

But the Congressman courteously brushed him off, got out a pencil and began taking notes. After the others had eaten, General Richards again rushed out excitedly and tried to hurry Engel to the plane.

"We came here to get the facts, General," declared the Congressman. "And I intend to stay here until I get them."

Richards went off, but returned almost immediately to say that the plane was leaving. He warned Engel bluntly that he would be left behind if he didn't cease his questioning and get on the plane.

"Take you — plane and go," snapped Engel angrily. "I'm going to get this story if it takes me until Christmas. If you want to leave without me, go right ahead."

General Richards turned to a second lieutenant in the group and ordered in crisp tones: "I want you to report to your commanding officer everything you have told the Congressman."

By this time, other members of the Congressional party had returned to watch the fireworks and formed a ring around Richards and Engel, who were glaring at each other fiercely. Unfazed by the general's browbeating tactics, Engel insisted that all officers except those to whom he had been talking leave.

"That includes you, General Richards," he said.

With this restraint removed, the visiting Congressman adduced some astounding facts. About 75 lieutenants and captains, all flying officers who had borne the brunt of the Hump flying, told him in part:

Helping British Trade

(1) They had flown 750 tons (1,500,000 pounds) of Indian cotton across the "Hump" for the British, who sold it to the Chinese. The cotton was worth 15 cents a pound, or about \$225,000. It cost us from \$1 to \$2 a pound to fly the cotton, some of which the com-

New Delhi. He later had it re-shipped to Karachi because he "didn't like the paint job on the car." Also, a quantity of the was flown from Bombay to Karachi to build a patio for the Officers' club. The patio was built after V-J day.

(3) A great deal of equipment was hauled from Africa to India, thousands of miles, only to be burned after it got there. One officer told the Congressman that he personally witnessed the burning of a gross of flying gloves worth \$2 a pair, 75 parachutes and a great many A-2 flying jackets. The same officer saw a "Lieutenant Renshaw," acting on orders, smash aircraft parts and instruments with an ax. An Air Corps major named Griffith, a shipping supply officer, was sent to Karachi from headquarters to get rid of the supplies within a week.

(4) A load of empty Coca-Cola bottles was flown out from China to India. A printing press weighing 8,000 pounds was shipped from Karachi to Agra and thence to Gaya, where it was left unused. An officer at Gaya said it was "the only way he knew to get rid of it," the committee was told.

(5) Among other things destroyed, the sub-committee learned, were 10 beacon lights worth \$3,800 each; 20 Pratt and Whitney engine cylinders worth \$700 each, and 10 magnestos for airplane engines.

Truman's Christmas Present

There isn't any doubt as to which present Harry Truman prizes the most among the vast collection of gifts received this Christmas.

It is a beautiful oil painting of his 92-year-old mother, by the portrait artist Jerry Farnsworth. The painting was presented by Truman's life-long friend, Frank S. Land of Kansas City, Mo., founder and president of the Order of DeMolay.

Land explained to Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, Representative Mendel Rivers of South Carolina and others in Truman's office that it was fitting the DeMolays should offer the gift because she would be in a warehouse waiting to be shipped.

(2) While US forces were sorely in need of essential war goods, some amazing cargoes went over the Hump. For instance, cargo after cargo of springs, mattresses, commodore, bedsteads, dressers, etc., were flown in for the use of top-ranking officers. This material had been shipped by air from Khartoum, Egypt, to Karachi, India (2,000 miles) and from Cairo, Egypt, to Karachi (3,000 miles).

One officer told the Congressman that he had an Austin car shipped to him from Karachi to

cause the order stresses home life and love for parents.

"It's a masterpiece," said the President.

"We asked your mother if there was any special message she wanted us to deliver to you when we delivered the portrait," Land remarked. "No doubt you can guess what she said. She said to 'tell Harry to be careful.'"

This has become a by-word in the Truman family, and the President pointed out that his mother has been telling him that for 80 years.

"She's a great lady, Mr. President," continued Land. "And the only portrait sitter I've ever heard of who could outstep the artist. Farnsworth tells me that she sat for almost six hours one day. Finally he had to give up and take a rest."

"I'm not surprised to hear that," responded Truman. "They don't make them like her any more. She's the pioneer type that is passing out. Despite her years, she has a magnificent constitution." (Copyright, 1945, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

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Broadway—
Montgomery Farmer Out Of Service

By JACK O'BRIAN
NEW YORK—Bob Montgomery was only an occasional saloon society member after leaving service... mostly he tended to his upstate farm... now he's back in Hollywood. When Bob was leaving his job as an ambulance driver before we were in the war, and was returning to this country, he had to stand in line for four and a half hours to arrange his transportation. When he finally

hang out in Toots' elegant saloon when they're in New York. . . . All this glitter, plus the dozens of stage, radio and screen stars who have made it into the main celebrity hangout in New York hasn't he's still the same amiable lug that he was a few years ago when he was a bouncer at Leon and Eddie's.

The attention being paid to motion picture musical backgrounds attested by the scores for "Lost Weekends" and "Spellbound." . . . Both will be put into album form after great public demand. . . . The same sort of public pressure turned "Laura" into a Hit Parade and juke box favorite. . . . It was a lyric-less atmosphere movie tune until audiences started humming it and discussing it. . . . so someone had the glib Johnny Mercer write words to it. . . . and it became a bombastic best seller.

The "Lost Weekend" score, incidentally, is shaped musically around a recurrent note representing a dipsomaniac's craving for alcohol. . . . this musical weirdness seems hardly what the public might get excited about, but it has. . . . Both pictures make most excellent use of music to heighten story moods.

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Hollywood—
Photographer Mourns Longer Skirts

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27 (AP)—Maybe Paris fashion designers have decreed longer skirts, but they're not going to get away with it, says photographer Bob Coburn.

Nylons are coming back and legs will be in their old shape again, moaned Coburn, director of cheesecake art for Columbia Pictures, and now the Parisians are trying to cover them up.

Nudged on by the publicity department, the photographer enlisted Rita Hayworth, Evelyn Keyes, Jinx Falkenburg and other well-pinned subjects to cable French couturiers impromptu.

"We haven't seen good looking legs to advantage in years," wept Coburn. "And now these designers decide to put a bushel over the most interesting subject in photography."

"We have the most beautiful collection of legs in the world here, and covering them at this strategic moment would be—"

At a time when awards are being tossed around, Peggy Ryan would like to throw a bouquet at swooning, clothes-ripping, bobby-soxed youth. She loves 'em. "They're just fans," she said. "And where would many of us be without them?"

From the teen-age front, Peg informs me the body-throwing jitterbug dancing is on the way out and the smoochy type of lindy is on the upsurge.

Paramount employees are the envy of others in town. They had the Christmas holiday off from Saturday afternoon to Wednesday and they'll get the same over New Year's. . . . Jack Benny may

Crossword Puzzle

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1. At a distance
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3. Italian coins
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13. Dilemma
14. Subterranean workers
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16. Pronoun
17. Pulp fruit
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19. In addition
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27. Mechanism
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Odessan Charged In Fatal Shooting

Accused Claims Attack By Negro

Floyd Homer Pruitt, Odessa, was charged here today with the killing of Mrs. Monoree Darnaby, 39.

Mrs. Darnaby, wife of Pat Darnaby, who operates a cafe here as well as Odessa, was shot to death while riding in an automobile with her husband at approximately 2:45 p. m. Tuesday, some seven miles west of Big Spring on US highway 80.

A complaint signed by R. L. Wolf, sheriff, and H. C. Hooser, county attorney, charged that "Floyd Homer Pruitt . . . did voluntarily and with malice aforethought kill Monoree Darnaby by shooting her with a gun."

Pruitt, who had been under treatment at an Odessa hospital, was in custody of the sheriff there. He was to be returned here for further questioning in connection with the events surrounding the death of Mrs. Darnaby.

Pruitt waived himself into the esoteric story when he turned up in an Odessa hospital hours after the shooting took place with the report that he had been attacked near the scene of the tragedy by a negro assailant who wielded both a pistol and a hand axe to rob him of his senses.

In relating the episode to Sheriff Bob Wolf and Special Investigator J. B. Bruton, who went to Odessa upon receiving word of his whereabouts, Pruitt orally stated that he regained consciousness in time to hear the shooting, which obviously originated near the death car.

The stage was set for the killing, the police ascertained on the strength of Darnaby's statement, when the ill-fated couple drove along the highway in the direction of Big Spring and slowed to permit a vehicle in front of them to pass a man who was wildly waving his hands while standing in the middle of the road.

The occupant of the first car ultimately, inspired by the shooting, drove to Big Spring and broke first news of the incident to city police.

Darnaby stopped his car, he said, after the automobile ahead had made clearance and Mrs. Darnaby was preparing to dismount when the man fired into the Darnaby car. As the woman slumped into the seat, mortally wounded, Darnaby said he chaotically picked up a 45 caliber pistol lying in the seat, fired wildly at the attacker, who was racing westward up the highway. Two bullets were later found lodged in the Darnaby car.

A vehicle Pruitt later said was his was parked along the edge of the thoroughfare to the left of the murder scene. Darnaby claimed he first caught glimpse of a man standing beside the vehicle but later stated he could not be certain.

Pruitt claimed that he was regaining consciousness as the tragedy was taking place. He said he later recovered sufficiently to seek out aid at a farmhouse some three-quarters of a mile to the west. Upon effecting repairs at the house, he returned to his vehicle and drove on to Odessa where he went immediately to the hospital.

A doctor's report said he had been shot through the fingers of the left hand with a pistol of large caliber and had suffered superficial wounds made by a blunt instrument about the head.

Members of the Texas Rangers arrived on the scene today to help the local peace officers with the case.

The body of Mrs. Darnaby is being taken to Abilene, a former home, where it will be interred later in the week.

Five Scout Sign Up For Encampment
Five Boy Scouts have indicated they wish to attend the winter encampment to be held at Camp Lewis, H. D. Norris, executive of the Buffalo Council, said Saturday.

Boys who have signed up are Charles Seydler, Jimmy Hobbs, Charles Rainwater, Billy Raymond Lawson and Clarence Schaefer. Others interested in attending the camp are asked to contact Norris.

Boy Scouts from Colorado City and Midland will come here to leave from the court house at 10 a. m. Wednesday. Transportation will be furnished in a school bus. The encampment will continue until Jan. 1st.

Norris said that the group should take the usual camping equipment with the exception of

Man Barely Escapes Crushing By Oil Tank
Albert Knappe narrowly escaped being crushed to death when a 28 foot oil tank on which he was standing toppled over near Fortan about 4 p. m. Saturday.

Knappe was reported as resting well in the Big Spring Hospital Saturday night. He was taken to the Federal Tank Company,

Farm And Ranch News

By WACIL McNAIR

Recent cold weather has had little apparent effect on livestock and small grain crops in the county, although more moisture at the time the low temperatures struck would have been desirable. According to various reports many sections were hard pressed to keep

water supplies for livestock free of ice, and small grain was damaged considerably. Fortunately, this immediate arctic escapade these difficulties.

Cotton still in the fields probably is the greatest agricultural problem brought on by the weather here. Many farmers are expecting trouble in getting the remainder of the crop picked, since migratory workers are leaving with the beginning of real winter. Bulk of the crop is accounted for already, but several farms have a few more bales on the stalk awaiting harvest.

Judging from early reports, a West Texan may have the mechanical cotton picker problem solved. W. K. Mercer, veteran machinist from Stamford, has invented a machine which he says produces results that "are equal to hand-picked cotton and just as clean when brought in." The picker is said to take two rows at a time, and is capable of covering 15 to 20 acres a day. Reports say that farmers who have seen the machine in operation are enthusiastic over its possibilities.

Along the same line we hear that a new flame throwing cultivator has been developed which may eventually take the place of the hoe in cotton farming. This machine is also capable of working up to 20 acres a day, with only one man required to operate it and at a cost of only 49 cents per acre. It burns off weeds and grass, but doesn't harm cotton eight inches or more in height.

Hogs have been in good demand at recent sales here, and nearly all animals offered have brought the ceiling price of about \$14.40. Sales will lapse until after the holidays, however, as the Big Spring Livestock Commission will not hold a sale next Wednesday and the locker plant has announced that no processing will be done there between December 24-25.

Some new construction and a general remodeling program is having its ups and downs with the building material shortage at the livestock commission plant. A new office is being built, new scales are being installed and all barns are undergoing extensive repairs. Much of the work planned has been accomplished. A. L. Cooper says, but shortage of material probably will prolong the project.

Lions Look To Next Year At Luncheon
Lions club took stock Wednesday at their last meeting of the year and looked forward to an invigorated program of activities for 1946.

Jack Smith, president, asked for suggestions and criticisms from the floor and several members gave their ideas on projects which the club might undertake.

Club members were asked to sell tickets for the "Cattle Bowl" football game which will bring the Big Spring Lakeview and Tyler negro schoolboy teams together here on New Year's day.

St. George's Church Damaged By Fire
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 (AP)—Old St. George's church, shrine of American Methodism and seven years older than the nation itself, was damaged by fire last night.

The historic building, dedicated in 1769, is the second oldest Methodist church in the world. England's Bristol Chapel, built in 1739, antedates it.

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Falling Weather Eases, No More Cold In Sight

By The Associated Press

Heavy snowfalls, rain and sleet, which afforded the nation a variety of inclement weather on Christmas, eased up today — and there wasn't a cold wave in the immediate offing.

Fresh falls of snow covered a wide section of the northern half of the country and in the south and southeastern sections skies cleared after sleet and rain yesterday. New England states got a combination of snow, sleet and some rain while rising temperatures and a letup in rain and snow was the outlook for the eastern area. An indication was a rise from 1 to 34 above over night in Albany, N. Y.

The only cold spot on today's weather map was in the area around Bismark, N. D., with the temperature at 3 degrees below zero. Weather in the Florida peninsula cleared and rising temperatures were forecast for Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and other southwest states.

Miami, Fla., and Brownsville, Tex., shared the country's warmest Christmas weather, each reporting clear skies and a high of 78.

County Bond Sales Continue To Rise

Howard county's E bond sales continued to climb last week, but whether it was sufficient to put the county in the first 10 in the state remained to be seen.

On last ratings, as of Dec. 19, Howard county ranked 11th with 131 per cent.

Saturday, Ted O. Groehl, Victory Bond chairman, reported a total of \$23,816.25 for the week, including an allocation of \$4,035. This boosted the total to \$445,048.25 for the Victory Loan drive, or a percentage of 135.

"This is a record of which all of us are proud," said Groehl, "but since we have come this far, it is the hope of the committee that purchases will continue in sufficient volume to put us in the top 10 counties of the state in the final standings."

Sales reported through Dec. 31 will count, said Groehl.

The overall sales record stands at \$1,306,895 against a quota of \$1,020,000.

Bob Laswell Guard For High Officers

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in a fire at a home. Texas led the nation in violent holiday deaths with almost one-sixth of the country's total.

Thirty-three died in traffic accidents, the toll of increasingly crowded streets and highways. There were 15 slayings, two fire-arms accidents and an electrocution.

Only one fire fatality was reported. Sabas Elizalde of Laredo died in an apartment house fire at Beaumont.

Olga Ramirez, 15, of Alamo died yesterday after being struck by a switch engine at Towers, east of Alamo.

A grade crossing accident took the lives of two persons eight miles south of Greenville yesterday. Mrs. Floyd Lewis of Greenville and L. W. Emery of Chilton were killed when the truck in which they were

Jack Dunning Killed In Wreck Near Westbrook

Death apparently came instantly to Jack Dunning, 40, of Big Spring when he was struck by an automobile driven by S. C. Wright, Odessa, on highway 80 about two miles east of Westbrook at approximately 5 a. m. Saturday.

Dunning's body was propelled some 63 feet along the highway and into the ditch from the point where he was struck. A coroner's report said he suffered a broken neck and shattered right leg.

The victim apparently had stopped his eastbound vehicle partly on the roadway and was walking along the thoroughfare when Wright's auto, heading westward, ran him down.

The body was taken to Colorado City by the Kiker funeral home. It was later picked up by the Eberly funeral home and brought to Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, who was visiting in Clyde at the time of his death; his mother, a Wichita Falls resident; and a brother of Lubbock.

Dunning had resided in Big Spring for the past 15 years. He had operated a barber shop on Third street between Scurry and Gregg until he sold the property this week.

Bureau Will Figure Farmer's Income Tax

The county farm bureau will begin making out income tax returns for farmers on January 1, County Agents Durward Lester has announced.

The work will continue for 15 days, and is free to all farmers who are members of the farm bureau.

"The Defense Rests"

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 22 (AP)—A tombstone with the inscription "The Defense Rests," marks the grave of John E. Goemmel, 79, Rockford criminal attorney for many years, who was buried today in Willowood cemetery.

Goemmel, who died Wednesday, had requested this inscription in his tombstone.

Area Farmers Have Special Discussion

Prominent farmers from Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan and Howard counties met Friday morning for a special discussion on prospects for establishing permanent farm wage stabilization in this area.

The group heard D. A. Adams, executive officer of the USDA wage board at College Station. He said them that their program must be decided on in detail, and then application must be made for establishing the wage program. They are considering setting up a floor as well as a ceiling for farm labor wages in this section, with the figures being based on cost of production and cost of living.

Truman Vetoes USES Return

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—A new and bitter row between President Truman and Congress over the US Employment Service appeared inevitable when the law makers resume work January 14.

The President provided the fuel for the fight yesterday. He announced he was killing — by a pocket veto — legislation to return USES to state control within 100 days.

He said he was withholding approval of the measure because it "would immeasurably retard our re-employment program." He reiterated a request that action be delayed until June, 1947. The government took over the employment services early in 1942 in an effort to channel more workers into war production jobs.

The presidential move brought immediate reports from Capitol Hill that new legislation would be introduced to do away with federal administration of USES.

New legislation would be required to achieve the goal sought by the Senators, because the pocket veto is not subject to overriding by Congress.

The legislation returning USES to state control was a rider on a measure withdrawing \$52,000,000 originally allocated in war appropriations.

Record Here Good In 8 Bond Drives

Combined totals of all war and victory bond sales from July, 1941, through December 20, 1945, show that Howard county has exceeded its overall quota by more than 27 per cent and has gone over the

top by a wide margin in each of the eight drives. Ira Thurman, chairman of the county war finance committee, announced Monday.

Cigaretts Cause Damage To Three Local Dwellings

Carelessly left cigarettes caused damage to three different dwellings Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, H. V. Crocker, fire chief, said Wednesday.

National statistics showing more fires during December than any other month in the year is holding true in Big Spring with 19 fires occurring so far this month. Eleven of these calls were answered over Christmas week-end.

A trailer house belonging to Clay Ezell was damaged slightly at 7:30 p. m. Monday at 800 Main. A cigarette caused total loss to a divan.

Another cigarette placed on a divan at 709 W. 18th at 8:45 a. m. Tuesday caught fire to a wool rug and the piece of furniture on which it lay. Pete Howas was owner of the home.

The garage apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blomshield was smoked during a fire caused by a lighted cigarette left to burn in the wash house underneath. The property is owned by Mrs. Ben Carter at 202 Washington Blvd. and the blaze occurred at 7:15 Tuesday.

A fire of unknown origin caused 25 per cent loss to the wooden building on the old road to the Corden Refinery, better known as Lover's Lane. Firemen were called about 1 a. m. Wednesday.

Snow makes fine insulation.

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SHORT REPORTED BETTER
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, USA, retired, who was Army commander of the Hawaiian theater when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, was reported better today at Walter Reed hospital.

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Still Necessary To Make Old Tires Do, Phillips Says

Headlines that tire rationing would be lifted January 1 may mean little difference in the car life of the average motorist, Ted Phillips, co-owner of the Phillips Tire Service, reminded customers.

Tires will continue to be scarce, he explained, with the demand so great that it will more than absorb the limited increase of the shipments for 1946. Reporting on a recent telephone conversation with the U.S. Rubber company, whose product, US Royal tires, he handles, Phillips said manufacturers were warning motorists to continue to fix up those old tires.

Phillips is equipped to retread, vulcanize and recap 18 different

sizes of tires, all that is in use in West Texas. Six trained men, Phillips and his brother and partner Edgar Phillips, are prepared to give expert service and advice on making tires last longer.

High on the list he places proper wheel balancing. The company is especially equipped to align the wheels and keep them straight, thus avoiding needless strain and pull on tires. It is more important now than ever, since tires are older than ever, to keep them in A-1 condition, he said.

At present the only new tires in stock are a few truck tires and some odd sizes with none of the popular sizes on hand. However, shipments of US Royal, Belknap and Gates tires are expected soon. In announcing his "rationing" policy, Phillips said that those persons who have turned in certificates from the OPA granting them the purchase of a tire before lifting the ban will be served first. Customers who have fairly good tires will just have to wait and make them do a little while longer.

Phillips also said that he had a good supply of used tires on hand now and plenty of batteries. Shipments of seat covers, nearly enough

to meet demands, come in frequently.

In a New Year's message to his customers, Phillips asks that they "be patient; don't get excited. We are going to take care of our patrons just as quickly as possible in the best possible service."

Modern Cleaners Keeps Up High Quality Standard

A continued service has been kept for Modern Cleaners customers even during wartime with perhaps not so fast work but always up to the A-1 condition expected.

Hayden Griffith, owner, thanks each person for his patience and cooperation in the past year. At all times, sufficient help wasn't available, but even so Modern always offered the same quality of cleaning.

Various turn-overs occurred during 1945 which weren't all for the best. Since the war has ended and numerous persons are returning to this area the employment situation has eased somewhat. Therefore, Modern Cleaners expects to return to its pre-war speedy service.

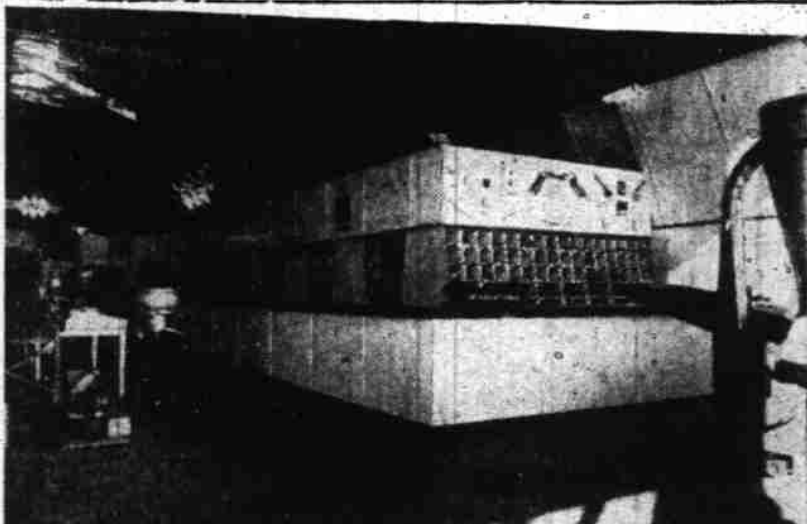
Griffith and his employees worked Christmas eve to turn out promised clothes for the Yuletide holidays. Modern Cleaners employees are to be off Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

The Modern Cleaners is located at 303 East 3rd and as soon as automobiles are available, pick-up service will be handled 100 per cent.

Modern Cleaners wishes all its patrons a prosperous and happy New Year and cordially invite all people who need fine cleaning and pressing to visit them during 1946.



OFFICE SUPPLIES FOR THE COMING YEAR—Now that Christmas is over and New Year's is just next week, Hester's Office Supply is prepared to offer a complete stock of supplies for your office in the coming year. Now is the time to refill on papers, inks, stationery, envelopes and other necessary business equipment at Hester's. (Jack M. Haynes photo.)



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Outlook For Plumbing Supplies Rosy For 1946, Runyan's Claim

The future of plumbing has prospects of being cheerful, despite the fact that the present outlook is one of war-time drabness, Mrs. Edith Trapnell, office manager of the Runyan Plumbing company, said today.

All during the war years, the plumbers and pipefitters worked under extreme handicaps because of serious shortages of necessary metal materials. Although the stocks are pretty low right now, Mrs. Trapnell declared that the outlook for the future is much better, and it is expected that good, durable plumbing parts will be available after the first of the year.

Brass, one substance which was almost non-existent during the war years, is appearing back in the repairman's part bins again, and the fittings, though not too numerous, are of good quality.

Hot water heaters and bath tubs continue to be scarce, but dealers have hopes of receiving stocks

soon after the new year. Chrome fittings for bathroom and kitchen fixtures are expected to reappear on the market soon. Runyan's expects to have floor furnaces available soon for immediate installation.

The repair department is complete, and if Runyan's cannot supply the new equipment it can at least provide experienced repairmen to keep that old heater, pipe or other fixture in usable order.

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