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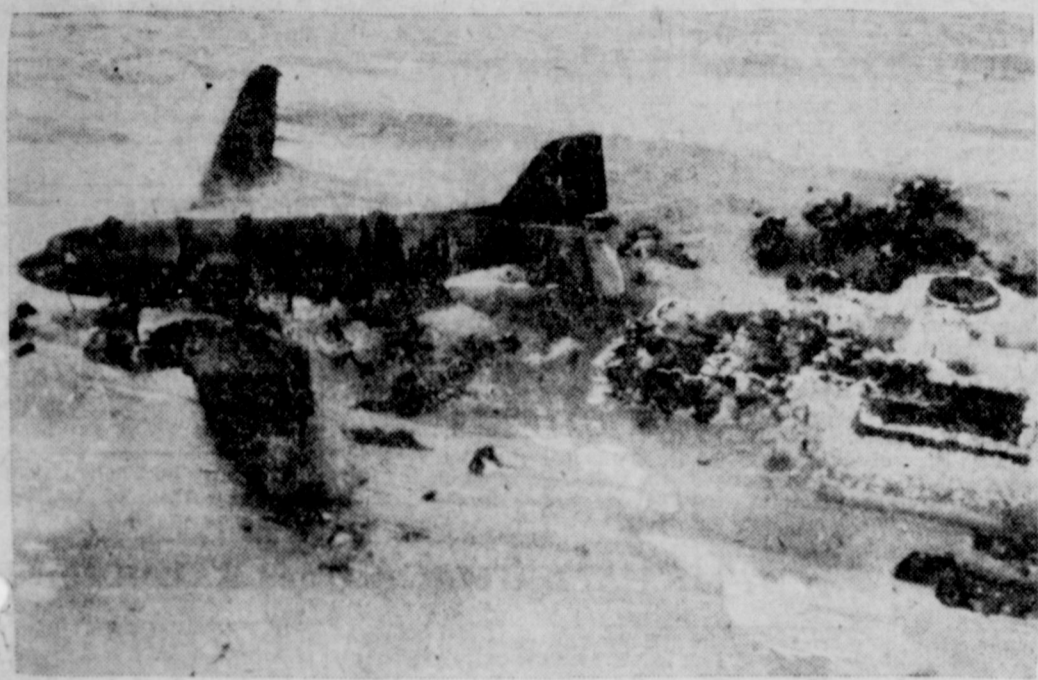
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White Xmas For Them . . . For Sure



The downed C-47 and its seven crewmen that have been marooned on this ice cap in Greenland since December 9 were still right in this spot for Christmas. At the rear of the plane is the ice dug-out or Igloo that the airmen built. Also shown are the supplies that have been dropped to them. — (NTA Telephoto).

Welles Improves After Exposure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP)—Former undersecretary of state Sumner Welles "continued to improve" today from his ordeal of lying unconscious for hours beside a frozen Maryland brook.

Dr. George E. Huffman, the former diplomat's personal physician, said that so far as "complications resulting from exposure are concerned, we'll just have to wait."

Welles' condition was serious but not critical. Dr. Huffman said Welles as yet had not been able to say how he collapsed in the open field about a mile from his Oxon Hill, Mr., estate.

The 56-year-old Welles apparently suffered a heart attack while on a stroll, shortly after midnight Christmas. He was found yesterday about 8 A. M. beside a frozen brook.

Eastland Woman's Brother Injured In Auto Collision

Fred Hall, owner and operator of a grocery and feed store in Comanche, and who is the brother of Mrs. Clyde Fisher of S. Oak St. in Eastland, is recuperating in the Blackwood Hospital in Comanche from injuries received in an automobile collision in Comanche on Christmas Eve. His injuries are not believed to be too serious, but he will have to remain in the hospital for two weeks or more.

DUTCH SURGE OVER INDONESIA AFTER ONE-WEEK CAMPAIGN

By Richard Applegate
United Press Staff Correspondent
BATAVIA, Dec. 27. (UP)—The Dutch Army's one-week campaign against the Indonesian Republic reached the mop-up stage today with Republican forces ousted from all the main cities of Java and broken into disjointed guerrilla bands.

The Indonesians themselves acknowledged the breakup of their army as a unified fighting force. They called by clandestine radio for guerrilla warfare against the Dutch, and said isolated units already were striking at the Dutch in hit-run raids.

The Dutch high command reported that mop-up operations were continuing in scattered sectors of Java. The Dutch were consolidating their positions around the former Republican capital of Jogjakarta.

The Republican radio said Indonesian guerrillas were stabbing at Dutch positions along the north coast of Java, and the Dutch were being harried in East Java.

The radio said the Indonesians attacked the rail town of Djati-barang, 87 miles east of Batavia, for five hours on Christmas Day, but finally were forced to fall back when Dutch reinforcements arrived.

Gen. Sungkono, Indonesian commander in East Java, broadcast directions to all forces in his command to carry out hit-run raids on

MEMORIAL FOR LATE MISS DRAGOO TO BE HELD WED.

Forty-six music students of the late Miss Wilda Dragoo will participate in a musical memorial program in her honor at 8 p. m. Wednesday in the First Methodist Church of Eastland.

The program, which is one the students themselves have conceived and prepared, will include numbers by the Harmony Girls the violin quartet and octet, and organ, vocal, and piano solos.

With the exception of the invocation by Rev. J. E. Plunk, pastor of the First Christian Church of Eastland, the entire program will be musical.

Homer Meek, organist of Mt. Zion, will play the prelude and the offertory. Contributions will be used to purchase chimes or a vox humana for the Methodist church organ as a tangible tribute to the work of Miss Dragoo.

Miss Bilye Beall, violinist who is studying in New York, will play Handel's "Sonata No. 4," accompanied at the piano by her mother Mrs. Wanda Dragoo Beall of San Angelo, sister of Miss Dragoo.

Schumann's "In The Night" will be played by pianist Mrs. Betty Slicker Greaves of Dallas. Miss Barbara Grist of Waco at the piano will accompany the Harmony girls.

Twice on the program vocal music will be combined with that of violin, piano, and organ. Miss Emily Jeanne Grissom, Eastland soprano will sing Gounod's

"O Devine Redeemer," with Mrs. Alma Williamson Moreton playing a violin obligato and accompanied at the piano by Miss Grist and at the organ by Mr. Meek.

Later in the program, the Harmony Girls, the Violin Octet, Miss Grist and Mr. Meek will appear in an arrangement of Franck's "Father Most Merciful."

Miss Martha Pune Morehart of Eastland will direct the 33-girl Harmony Girls choir.

"Suite for Four Violins," composed by Cal Venth for Miss Dragoo, Miss Gloria Graham, Mrs. Moreton, and Mrs. Clara June Kimble Rainbolt, will be played by the octet.

Members of the octet other than Miss Beall and Mrs. Moreton are Mrs. Nancy Seaberry Frost of Austin, Misses Gloria Graham of Dallas, Rose Ann Woods of Dallas, Rosemary Bruce of Ballinger, Glenna Johnson of Eastland, and Mrs. Katherine Carter Wells of Abilene.

Members of the quartet will be Misses Graham, Johnson and Mrs. Moreton. They will play "Nachtzauber," by Slonicko.

A program at this season was deemed an especially fitting tribute to Miss Dragoo, whose annual Christmas program never failed to produce an overflow audience. Her death on March 12, 1948 terminated 19 years of teaching music in Eastland County, during which time over 1900 pupils received the benefit of her instruction.

The public is invited.

Famous Easter Service Founder Dies In Oklahoma

LAWTON, Okla., Dec. 27 (UP)—The Rev. Anthony Mark Wallock, 58, founder of the Wichita Mountains Easter Pageant which has attracted over 100,000 persons annually in the past few years, died last night in an Oklahoma City hospital after an extended illness.

Wallock, a native of Austria, first staged an Easter morning program on a rocky hillside north of the Fort Sill Military reservation in 1926. The natural scenery in the area, he said, provided a perfect background for the dramatization of the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Since that first program, attended by less than 500 members of the local Congregational church and their parent has expanded into a theatrical enterprise calling for a cast and staff of 2,000.

THE WEATHER

EAST TEXAS—Cloudy and warmer with occasional rain this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Moderate east and south-east winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS—Cloudy and warmer with occasional rain this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday.

Funeral Rites For Dr. Isbell 3 P. M. Tuesday

Funeral services for Dr. F. T. Isbell, 74, Eastland County Health officer who passed away at 4:00 o'clock Sunday morning in the Harris Memorial hospital in Fort Worth, will be held at 3:00 p. m. tomorrow (Tuesday) at Hamner Funeral Home in Eastland.

Rev. Loyd M. Chapman, pastor of the Eastland First Baptist church, will officiate. Interment, with the Eastland Masonic Lodge performing the rites, will be in the Eastland cemetery.

Dr. Isbell, a native of Arkansas, had been a resident of Eastland for many years and was one of the outstanding physicians of this section. He entered the hospital in Fort Worth some week or ten days ago for examination which resulted in the performing a major operation.

Survivors include the widow of Eastland, one daughter, Mrs. Bob Vaught of Eastland and two sons, Jim and Harrison Isbell.

Dutch Release 14 War Prisoners

PARIS, Dec. 27 (UP)—The Netherlands informed the United Nations Security Council today that it has released 14 political prisoners in Indonesia, but refused to say whether it would comply with a council order for a cease-fire in the Dutch campaign against the Indonesian Republic.

The council decided in a closed meeting to finish its work in Paris Dec. 30 and resume at Lake Success, N. Y., on Jan. 5.

Identities of the 14 Republican prisoners released in Indonesia were not given in the Dutch message to the council. It was doubted, however, that they were the top Republican leaders, including President Sukarno, Premier Mohammad Hatta and others who were captured in a Dutch airborne attack which took the Republican capital of Jogjakarta, in Java.

He's 102 Years Old And Still Kicking

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 27 (UP)—Pedro Melido shuffled slowly out of the building, steadied by the arm of one of his young grandsons.

The tanned and wrinkled little man had come to tell a Houston newspaper he was 120 years old. His birthplace was Monterrey, Mexico. The date, said Melido in his native tongue, was April 27, 1828.

Pedro had no special reason, he said, to come to see the busy newsmen. "He just thought someone might like to know about him," the neatly-dressed grandson explained to a reporter.

Pedro has peddled fruits in Houston many years, and first came to Texas during the war between the states. Now, though, he thinks a retirement might be in order. He'd like a pension.

But he wants to keep busy, he spoke hurriedly. Keeping busy and eating the right kind of food—that's the secret of long life as handed down by the Aztecs. And from his Aztec ancestors, Pedro said, he learned about eating raw meat, roots and food that comes from the ground.

At 90, the white-haired old man avowed, he became a father for the last time. He has had 11 children.

But Pedro has much to look forward to. He hopes to reach the age of a more mature brother in Seguin, Tex., He explained Pedro is 200.

More than 6,000 discharged prisoners in the United States were assisted and given employment by the Salvation Army in 1947, and approximately 3,000 were paroled to its care.

Polling Methods Inadequate Says Research Council

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (UP)—The pollsters who forecast President Truman's defeat last November should never have made a flat prediction on the outcome of a possibly close election in the light of their past record of error, the Social Research Council said today.

"The polling organizations used inadequate methods and were over confident about their ability to do a difficult task with the usual polling methods," the Council said in a report of its committee established to determine what was wrong with the polls.

"The polling organizations failed to inform the public adequately about the limitations of their forecasts. They made flat predictions which gave the impression that the election was a mere formality to confirm a result already settled. Actually they should not have tried to pick a winner in 1948 with certainty."

473 Deaths Mar Xmas Celebration

BY UNITED PRESS
The nation counted 437 dead today in one of the highest Christmas weekend death tolls in its history.

The wettest was a major factor in boosting the toll. Slippery highways and fires spreading from overheated stoves caused most of the deaths, a nationwide survey by the United Press showed.

Accidents on ice-glazed highways claimed 286 lives. Fires killed 77 persons and 110 died in miscellaneous accidents.

The traffic toll compared with 265 deaths which the National Safety Council had predicted for the period from 6 P. M. Friday to midnight last night. Subsequent deaths from fatal injuries will boost the final total even higher.

"This was at least one of the worst Christmas holidays death failed in history," a council spokesman said. "It may be the worst, but we won't know until we check further."

The assessed valuation of Omaha, Neb., is \$276,450,875. Its net bonded debt per capita is the lowest in the country with the exception of Washington, D. C.

As early as 1740, three Marine regiments were recruited in America, assembled in New York and performed valiant service in the West Indies for the Royal British Navy.

GROWING LIST CLIMBS TO 69 DEAD AS TRAFFIC MISHAPS TAKE 37 LIVES

BY UNITED PRESS

Violent deaths in Texas since 12:01 A. M. Thursday had climbed to 69 as of 11 A. M. today — highest in the nation — with 37 of the deaths charged to traffic.

Shootings accounted for 14 deaths; there were eight fatal stabbing; four deaths from fires and one death from over-dose of sleeping power, an oil field accident, chemicals, a beating and one death not specified by the Texas Safety Association.

Houston and Harris county reported the most deaths with 16.

Latest deaths included:

An unidentified Mexican man, about 55, killed in a traffic mishap in Corpus Christi yesterday; Elton Dale McKinney, 25, Dallas and Olga McKinney, Dallas, traffic accident at Rhome today; Mattie Page, 56, Houston, traffic; and A. B. Cobb, 35, Houston, traffic.

At Houston, Virginia Stephens, 29, was charged with murder today in the fatal stabbing of Lloyd Carter, 41. A Hillsboro man, Staadan Sawyer, 38, was shot to death last night near West, Tex., and Joe Thobodeaux, 28, also of Hillsboro was charged with murder with malice.

In a report issued late Sunday, the state highway patrol listed the following newly-reported violent deaths:

Mrs. Sara Shuford Simms, Jr., 24, Little Rock, Ark., fatally injured in a traffic accident near Lufkin.

James H. Sharp, 44, a motorist whose car collided head-on with another automobile.

Lloyd Robert, 44, negro, stabbed to death.

Buck Winters, Jr., 18, Uvalde, who died Sunday of head injuries received Saturday night when an automobile overturned.

Jerome Thomas, 62, negro, of Troup in Smith county, killed by a hit-run driver on state highway 110 Saturday.

Marshall Ogden, 34, Beaumont salesman, killed in an accident Saturday on state highway 87 near Galveston.

Joshie Hardmon, 4, Dallas negro who died Sunday of burns she received when her dress was ignited from a fire in her bedroom Christmas day.

OTHER DEATHS INCLUDED

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 27 (UP)—Christmas fireworks brought tragedy into two Houston homes yesterday, when an argument over their use resulted in the shooting of a 50-year-old woman.

Cressie Smith died immediately from a shotgun blast in the head. And Ophelia Gooden, 51, told sheriff's deputies she shot the woman. Mrs. Gooden was charged with murder.

Mrs. Gooden said her grandchildren were shooting fireworks when Mrs. Smith, her neighbor, spoke harshly to them and then fired at her with a pistol.

CEAR BAYOU, Tex., Dec. 27 (UP)—Funeral services were to be held in Baytown Tuesday for Gilbert Adam Stouffle, 65, former superintendent of rig builders for the Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Stouffle died at his home here Sunday. He quit the rig-building business in 1938 and starting operating fruit farms in the Rio Grande Valley, which he continued until his retirement.

ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 27, (UP)—Funeral arrangements were incomplete early today for George M. Hunt, 42, whose body was found floating in Little Cypress Bayou Sunday.

Inquest verdict of accidental death was returned. Justice of the Peace Will Fountain said Hunt apparently fell into the Bayou last Tuesday near the place where he body was found.

Development of a new variety of oats called Clinton has added \$42,000,000 to the 1948 Iowa farm income by increasing yields.

A versatile electric pencil sharpener is on the market. It will cut a medium, fine or super-fine point.

Father Of A J. Ratliff Dies; Funeral Today

Funeral services for Samuel B. Ratliff, of San Angelo, father of A. J. Ratliff of Ranger, were conducted this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in San Angelo.

Mr. Ratliff died at his home in San Angelo, Sunday, Dec. 26. He was 93 years of age and had been a west Texas stockman for 47 years. He went to Coleman County in 1893 and nine years later moved to Tom Green County. He had also resided in Reagan county.

Survivors besides the son of Ranger who was unable to attend services because of his illness, are two other sons, O. M. Ratliff of Blackwell, Horace W. Ratliff of Yuma, Arizona, and a daughter, Miss Blanche Ratliff of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ratliff are in San Angelo for the services.

Low Draft Quota For Texas Youths

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 27 (UP)—Only 161 Texans will be called in the February draft induction, Maj. Gen. K. L. Berry, director of the state's selective service system, announced today.

He added that January's call, previously announced for 968 men, had been cut approximately in half.

Gen. Berry said the army's full January request from selective service had been sliced from 20,000 to 10,000, and the February call amounted to only 5,000.

However, he said, local draft boards must continue to use "great care and judgment" in "classifying men. In some ways, he added, he demands of local boards are greater now than under the 1940 draft act, because there are only 137 boards now compared to 351 then.

Gen. Berry said that physical examinations are being given a "reasonably large" number of men to build up a pool of registrants.

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Stop-Look-Listen This Could Be You



Wreckage of a truck lies strewn over the tracks after a collision near San Mateo, California, with a San Francisco bound commuter train. The driver, Clayton P. Hintner, 23, was killed instantly. Fifteen autos parked nearby were damaged by wreckage which was thrown for 300 feet along the tracks. — (NEA Telephoto).

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ALL-STATE CANDIDATES DOT XMAS DAY BATTLES

By Ed Fite
United Press Sports Writer
The 1948 Texas Interscholastic League football race was almost past history today and only the selection of the official all-state teams remains to remind fans that the championships won by Waco and Monahans last Saturday didn't quite ring down the curtain.
And all-state candidates were plentiful in the two Christmas Day finals in which Waco copped

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Ring Magazine Picks Top-Flight Boxers Of Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (UP)—As the Ring Magazine issued its annual ratings of the world's professional boxers today, it also did the following:

- (1) Named lightweight champion Ike Williams "fighter of the Year."
- (2) Advised welterweight champion Ray Robinson to give up his crown and campaign as a middleweight.
- (3) Named middleweight Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., "Rookie of the year."
- (4) Ranked Bert Lytell of Oakland, Calif., the No. 2 middleweight, right below champion Marcel Cerdan.
- (5) Recognized each of the eight world champions as the genuine top man in his division—a down-the-line concurrence not achieved in many years.
- (6) Predicted that the fight game's current slump would continue for at least another year.
- (7) Lightweight champion Williams of Trenton, N. J., was named fighter of the year because his ring achievements were outstanding and because his personal conduct was exemplary. The Trenton negro achieved 10 straight victories during 1948. They included title defenses against Enrique Holanec, Beau Jack and Jesse Flores. No other champion made more than one successful defense.

Heavy Schedule In SW Conference

BY UNITED PRESS
The heat will be on this week as the Southwest Conference basketball campaign turns into its final pre-title play warmup rounds with nearly all members scheduled to engage in heavy competition.

Only the Arkansas Razorbacks—rated an "also ran" in pre-season dope for the first time in many seasons—will have an easy week with only one game scheduled. That one is against Tennessee Thursday night at Memphis, Tenn.

Three teams—Texas, Baylor and Southern Methodist—will participate in the Oklahoma City Invitational Tournament today, tomorrow and Wednesday.

Rice and Texas A & M play seven games between them on long eastern junkets, while Texas Christian plays three games in the home state against Lone Star, Texas Conference and Border Conference members.

Texas and Baylor will be seeded second and third, respectively, behind the Oklahoma Aggies in the Oklahoma City meet. SMU opens the tourney play against Alabama, Texas against Colorado A & M and Baylor against Auburn.

Overnight deliverise of express shipments by rail is assured from the point of origin over an area 400 miles in diameter, and air express is delivered overnight throughout an area 2,400 miles in diameter, according to Railway Express.

Tigers.
In the class A championship contest, two Lobo backs stood out like sore thumbs to overshadow the more widely-publicized group of New Braunfels ball-carriers that had brought such an impressive record to the finals.

One was wild Waldo Young, a wisp of a back who has run wild all season out of the Mesquite country. Young picked up 88 yards for the day—almost as much as the entire New Braunfels crew could muster—and scored both touchdowns.

The other was his bruising 180-pound fullback teammate, Ray Cathey, who picked up 143 yards for the day and kept Monahans in control of the ball when it wasn't marching for a touchdown.

It was hard to pick a standout from the Lobo front wall that did what no other class A line had been able to accomplish all season: top Jerome Binsell, Jimmy Schmid and the other fleet Unicorn backs. But end Alton Lonne and guard Weldon Boggs may have had a slight edge on their mates.

No Secrets



Jasper Jaskulski, five-foot seven-inch guard, requires a step-ladder to pass the word along to Marquette's six-foot eight-inch center, Frank McCabe.

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Dobie Returned To Cayuga Waters

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 27 (UP)—J. Gilmour (Gloomy Gil) Dobie, one of the greatest coaches in college football history, was to return home today—"high above Cayuga's waters."

"The lank, Scot gridiron tactician who died in a private hospital at Hartford, Conn., last Friday morning, was to be laid to rest this afternoon in Lakeview Cemetery, on a hill overlooking Lake Cayuga near Cornell University.
Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. at the Presbyterian Church.

Although Dobie was born in Minnesota, he adopted Ithaca as his home town during his 16-year tenure as coach of the Big Red football machines. His Cornell years, from 1920 to 1936, were among the most feared squads of that era, running up unbeaten records in 1921, '22 and '23.

North Carolina ranks 12th in the U. S. in industrial development, but in 1947 had less than one per cent of the nation's strikes and seven-tenths of one per cent of its man-hour losses.

Ben Hogan Top '48 Money Winner

CHICAGO, Dec. 27. (UP)—The Professional Golfers' Association of Pa., Golf's top official money winner for 1948 with a total of \$32,112 won in PGA listed tournaments.

Lloyd Mangrum of Chicago was runner-up to Hogan in official money winnings. Mangrum, however, finished an easy first in over all money won with a grand total of \$45,898.32. Of this total \$31,289.99 came from tournaments affiliated with the PGA. The remaining \$14,608.33 was won in contests outside PGA listings.

Hogan also won the Vardon Trophy and headed the Ryder Cup list with 916 points. He received the Vardon award, which is awarded for the lowest average number of strokes in tournament play, with a 69.3 stroke average.

BABSON KEEPS PACE
WELLESLEY, Mass., (UP)—Roger W. Babson, economist, has a huge chart of the nation's business activity which represents 48 years of effort. He values the chart at \$150,000.

Mustangs, Oregon Return To Work

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 27 (UP)—Southern Methodist and Oregon football players returned to the practice fields today and will work behind locked gates all week in preparation for their Cotton Bowl engagement here next Saturday.

Center Fred Goodwin still was on crutches from a knee injury received in practice as the SMU Mustangs returned to the campus from a four-day Christmas holiday for a morning skull practice. He was almost certain to sit out the New Year's Day battle.

All other Methodist squadmen were in top shape with the exception of end John Milam, who is favoring a bruised elbow, but even Milam was counted upon for action.

Oregon's Coach Jim Aiken promised his charges they would get down to "the serious business" of devising defenses for Gil Johnson's passing and Doak Walker's passing and running.

More citrus juice was canned in the United States during the 1947-48 season than in any previous year.

Sooners In Heavy Pre Game Workout

BLOXI, Miss., Dec. 27 (UP)—Coach Bud Wilkinson today ordered two workouts a day for his Oklahoma Sooners, who arrived here by plane yesterday from Oklahoma City for their New Year's Day battle with North Carolina in the Sugar Bowl.

Wilkinson was pessimistic about his teams chances, pointing out that "the Tarheels have been practicing all along and are way ahead of us."

"The Sooners were granted a five-day Christmas holiday. They will practice at the local athletic field and expect to leave for New Orleans Friday.

WHAT INDEED

CONCORD, N. H., (UP)—Commenting on a proposal to build a railroad in New Hampshire in the 1930's a newspaper demanded editorially: "What can be more palpably absurd and ridiculous than the prospects held out of locomotives going twice as fast as stage-coaches?"

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Oil and Gas News

Ellenburger Wildcat Well To Be Drilled 5 1/2 Miles S-E Ranger

Drilling of a new Ellenburger wildcat well in Eastland County, five and a half miles southeast of Ranger, has been scheduled by Deep Rock Oil Corp., of Tulsa. The test will be the Deep Rock Oil Corp., No. 1 J. J. Hawkins, located 330 feet from the north and 1,655 from the west line of the 650 acre Hawkins tract, or 6,858 feet from the west and 6,864 from the south line of Spire Doolley survey abstract 77. The well is to be drilled to about 3,800 feet with rotary.

Seven miles northwest of Cisco completion as a small discovery well has been made by W. F. Bilsky on the No. 3 G. P. Mit-cham, 330 feet from the north and 1,761 from the west line of the southwest quarter of section 475 SP survey.

On official gauge the well made 13 barrels of 41 gravity oil in 24 hours on pump from the Lake sand at 3,613-34 feet.

On the south edge of Eastland

County, in the Kirk Field, Luling Oil & Gas Company has filed an official gauge of 7.83 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 10.8 barrels of water in 24 hours for the No. 1 J. J. Moates, pool outpost 330 feet from the east and 660 from the south line of the northwest quarter of section 64 block 2 H & TC survey. The production was on pump from 184 perforations at 2,840-60 feet. Total depth was 2,895 and gas-oil ratio was 13, 650:1.

Prices Slightly Off In Gasoline Market

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 27 (UP)—Demand for gasoline is still "seasonal" and prices continued 1-8 of a cent off as a result, refiners said today.

A spokesman for one company said that although demand for gasoline is "still pretty good," poor driving weather has had its effect. The market for kerosene and furnace oils is steady, he said, and will show no change as long as the weather remains cold.

Tank car prices continued firm.

Duty Delays Marriage By Long Distance

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 27 (UP)—Pretty Dina Machetta, 21-year-old blonde, was left waiting at the altar in Milan today by Sgt. John Kent, 0- of Carswell Field, Fort Worth, Tex.

It really wasn't an altar where she was waiting but a telephone-Milan 7-5830—in the United Press office. Kent was supposed to call her and be married by telephone but reports from Carswell Field said duty interfered.

Miss Machetta set the time of the call at 10 A.M. Milan time, 3 A.M. Texas (GST) time.

(At Carswell field the officer of the day said Kent was out on duty and wouldn't return until 8 A.M. He said Kent was on special duty acting as escort for overseas dead.)

Miss Machetta at first refused Kent's plea to be married by telephone but later changed her mind under a deluge of cablegrams that finally began coming every 30 minutes.

Last Friday she told the United Press: "Now I've changed my mind and am only too ready to marry Johnny by telephone. But we have no telephone here."

It was arranged that she should take the call at the United Press office. Miss Machetta showed up promptly at 10 A.M. today to wait for the call.

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Berlin's Mayor



Ernst Reuter, newly-elected Lord Mayor of the legal Berlin government, wants the three western sectors of Berlin unified. "Complete reorganization of administration in the western sectors is being planned," said Reuter. He also wants the airlift to boost its daily tonnage from 4000 to 8000. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Joe Schuppe.)

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NEWS FROM CARBON

Carbon, Dec. 21—Mr. and Mrs. Neal Wood of California are here visiting his sister, Mrs. W. W. Martin and Mr. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fenter and family of Seminole are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fenter.

Billy Crim Snodgrass and wife of Arizona are visiting his father, George Snodgrass and family.

Gene Underwood of Denton is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Underwood.

Doris Dover, student at John Tarleton College in Stephenville, is visiting her parents, Deovee Dover and wife.

Earl Tonn and family of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bethany, last week-end.

Mrs. B. L. Snodgrass of Eastland visited Elbert Snodgrass and family, Tuesday.

Mrs. D. D. Sandlin and children and Mrs. E. Dunn were shopping Saturday in Cisco.

Raymond Powell and wife of Beeckenridge visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCollough.

O. C. Payne and wife were in Lampasas Wednesday on business.

C. M. Wyatt of Crane visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyatt, last week-end.

Phillip Rhyme and wife of Phillips visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. W. I. Hamilton left Friday night to visit her daughter, Mrs. Boyd Bledsoe and family, in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis of DeLeon spent last Tuesday with her



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Mrs. Fannie Welch visited Baxter Bennett and wife of Eastland last week.

Mrs. W. S. Maxwell and Mrs. L. P. Barnett and children visited last Thursday in Cisco.

Dee Magwell and Lindsey Barnett were business visitors in Breckenridge last week.

Mrs. Charles Stacy of Gorman was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stacy, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Reese has been visiting his mother, who is critically ill in a Ranger hospital.

Minor Townsend of Fort Worth visited his mother, Mrs. Mamie Townsend, last week.

Mrs. Helen Lovett of Fort Worth is visiting relatives here.

Edward Avery and Mr. and Mrs. John Curry of Hale Center, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Speer visited her son, Claxton Speer, and family at Tom B-H, last week.

Mrs. J. F. Moore and Mrs. Paul Moore and children of Brady, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Underwood, last week.

Bessie Thurman of Midden is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thurman.

Dim Your Lights—Save A Life

Strong Quintets Play In Tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 27 (UP)—Eight top teams from the Rocky Mountains, Midwest, Southwest and deep South raise the curtain today on the three-day 13th annual all-college basketball tournament at Municipal Auditorium here.

Southern Methodist and Alabama get things underway at 2 P.M. in the first half of a doubleheader which winds up with University of Texas meeting Colorado A. & M. at 7:45 P.M., Auburn and Baylor meet to open another doubleheader with Oklahoma A. & M., the tourney's defending champion playing Texas Tech.

Losers each day will meet in consolation contest in the afternoon. At night, winners will play with the championship semifinals slated for tomorrow night and the third place playoff and championship finals the last night of the tournament.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mulling Celebrated Their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Satur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mulling held open house in observance of their golden wedding anniversary at their Hillcrest home Saturday, December 25, from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m. Those receiving guests were Mrs. Claud Boies, Mrs. Nella Franklin of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Mulling, their children, Mrs. J. B. Baker and husband of Cleburne, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Mulling, and their son of Galveston, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mulling and daughter of Garland, and Mr. and Mrs. Delman Smith and little daughter of Garland, and Mr. and Mrs. Delman Smith and little daughter of Corsicana. Mr. Smith is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Mulling.

Mrs. Ida Foster and Mrs. Tom Johnson at the silver coffee service, poured coffee. The cake was served from the dining table laid in a hand-made lace cloth and a center piece of gold mums.

Those in the house party were Mesdames E. S. Perdue, J. H. Parker, John Collins, J. B. Downtain, and Miss Corrine Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulling were married at Gorman in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pearcey, Mr. Pearcey was better known as "Uncle John", by Rev. J. E. McNeely, Methodist minister, November 10. Those attending the

Personals

Visiting during Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stephens were Mrs. Nancy Commander Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson and son, Carl Lynn, all of Dallas, and Charles Fenner, their nephew of Kossex. Mr. Stephens and Mrs. Wilson are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Speck and Grandson, John Robert Leatherman, of Ponca City, Oklahoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Warren for the Christmas holidays. Also Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren were Mr. and Mrs. Aulet Swafford and daughter, Modene, of Pampa, Mrs. Swafford and Mrs. Warren are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephen and sons spent the past week end in Anson with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Womack. Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Stephen are sisters.

D. L. Houle of LaGrange, Illinois, is here for the Christmas holidays at home with Mrs. Houle and other members of the family. Mr. Houle is connected with the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Horn, daughter, Pat and son Cliff, of Houston, spent the Christmas holidays in Eastland with relatives. The Horns formerly resided in Eastland. They have been living in Houston for the past several years.

Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. Ida B. Foster is Mrs. J. Will Temple, of Franklin, Kentucky. Mrs. Temple is a niece of Mrs. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimble Young, Ronnie and Judy, and Mrs. and Mrs. J. A. Hile and Arlene, Tommy and Robert, all of Abilene, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Young during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chesley and three children, and Elwood H. Chesley, left Monday morning for their home in Tyler after a visit with Chesleys' mother Mrs. Frank A. Jones and Mr. Jones and their sister, Mrs. J. E. Harkrider and family.

England is believed to hold the world's non-stop railroad run record, London to Edinburgh, 401 miles in a little over six hours, and the locomotive speed record 126 miles an hour.

Gifts from the company were presented to the employees by Mr. and Mrs. Warren. Refreshments were also served during the afternoon. Ten employees and members of their families were present.

Otters an Eye to Pay Bills



Mrs. Eileen Peters, 21-year-old Cincinnati, O., mother, wants to sell one of her eyes for \$10,000. Medical bills have put the family in debt, and a third child is expected in March. Her husband earns almost \$200 a month, but that's not enough to pay their medical expenses. That's daughter Rita Ann, 2, with Mrs. Peters.

Slim Hopes For Budget Reduction

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, (UP)—President Truman's council of economic advisers today warned against any hope of a substantial reduction in the new government budget.

In its third annual report to the president, the council said major factors against reduced government spending in the fiscal year starting July 1 are the national defense and foreign aid programs.

"Public sentiment firmly supports the foreign aid policy," the report said, and funds for the military "apparently are destined to be a much larger factor for some time than we had supposed would be the case after World War II was 'won'."

President Truman has fixed a \$15,000,000,000 (b) ceiling on military spending but is under great pressure to boost it by several billions.

Firms in New York State get about one-fifth of all U. S. spending for business, personnel and repair services. New York interior decorators and advertisers get almost half of the nation's business in their lines.

The dry-farming areas of New Mexico are mostly in the north-eastern one-fourth of the state and along the eastern border.

For the ninth year, Paul Green's "Lost Colony," a symphonic drama will be presented at Waterside Theater, Roanoke Island, N. C. Over 55,000 persons saw the play last year.

Fort Worth Livestock Report

Fort Worth, Dec. 27 (UP)—(USDA)—Livestock:

Cattle 1100; cows fully 50 higher, other classes strong, spots higher, although most slaughter steers and yearlings unsold at 10:30. Common, medium and good cows mostly 18.00-20.50, canners and cutters 12.00-17.50, load mixed canners and cutters 17.00 and straight canners up to 16.50. Sausage bulls 15.00-21.00. Stocker cattle scarce.

Calves 600; fully 50 higher. Good and choice slaughter calves 22.50-25.50; common and medium 18.00-22.00, culls 15.00-17.50. Stocker calves scarce.

Hogs 400; butchers steady to 50 higher than Friday, sows and pigs steady; good and choice 190-280

lbs. 21.00-21.50, top 21.50. Few 150-180 lbs 20.00-21.00. Sows 16.00-17.50. Common to choice feeder pigs 12.00-19.00. Sheep 700; mostly 50-75 higher.

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